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## MC Timz special edition

The Michigan Chronicle, considered the newspaper of record for metro Detroit's African American community, and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, which serves 19 suburban communities in the area, are concurrently running this week's edition of MC Timz.

The Timz is the Chronicle's nationally recognized, award-winning section written by and for high school students. Through corporate sponsors and cooperation with the Detroit Public Schools and the Pontiac Board of Education, the Timz goes out free to more than 50,000 young people in the region.

And now, through the widely circulated Observer & Eccentric papers, the Timz will reach a combined readership of more than 650,000.

Appropriately, suburban and city writers in this week's MC Timz tackle race relations, city-suburb conflict and a variety of related concerns.

# Schools get behind Proposal A



The Wayne-Westland school board is not only supporting Proposal A but is forming a committee to lobby for passage of the June 2 ballot issue. For district homeowners, the property tax rate would be cut in half and the sales tax increased by 50 percent.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A proposal that would dramatically slash Wayne-Westland property taxes while boosting the state sales tax won the unanimous backing of the board of education.

Despite some worries about the ef-

fect of Proposal A, the Wayne-Westland board approved a resolution supporting it and announced that a committee of parents and educators will lobby for its passage in local neighborhoods.

"I think Proposal A is good for the community," Superintendent Larry

Thomas said in recommending support for the measure.

School officials see the June 2 state ballot proposal as the last hope for avoiding \$14 million in budget cuts that became necessary when Wayne-Westland voters in April soundly rejected two requests to raise local property taxes.

Proposal A would slash Wayne-Westland's school tax rate from 47.12 mills to 27 mills, saving a taxpayer with house worth \$60,000 about \$600 in property taxes next year, said Ran-

dy Liepa, the district's chief fiscal officer.

If the measure passes, next year only the state would make up the difference with money from a 2-cent increase in the sales tax, which would climb from 4 cents to 6 cents. Wayne-Westland would receive \$16 million — enough to thwart the \$14 million in budget cuts.

However, the measure has some flaws, Liepa said. The district would face higher retirement costs, and it

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## Tax plan endorsed in Livonia

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

When they stacked the worse-case scenario of \$12 million in cuts next year against the best-case scenario of \$3 million in cuts, Livonia Public Schools trustees found an ally in Proposal A, endorsing it Monday by a 5-1 vote with one abstention.

If "A" is approved June 2, the sales tax rate increase would inject enough new money into the district to save

### PROPOSAL A

both the sixth hour and varsity sports next year for middle and high school students, school administrators say.

Both programs are on the chopping block if the district, which serves the northern section of Westland, is forced to cut up to \$12 million from its 1993-94 budget. Parents roundly protested both cuts during a recent public hearing on the budget.

"I would much rather deal with this (the best-case scenario) than this (the worse-case scenario)," said trustee Sue Thompson as she held up documents reflecting both sets of cuts.

Trustees Pat Tancill, Richard McKnight, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters and Thompson supported Proposal A, a state-wide ballot proposal that cuts school property taxes, caps annual property assessment increases and raises the state sales tax from 4 to 6 percent.

While opposed to Proposal A, board president Pat Sari said she would remain neutral during the campaign to promote it. Trustee Joe Laura voted against backing Proposal A.

"What I'm hearing here is an either/or situation, where we either pass Proposal A or face horrendous cutting," Laura said.

### Tax request looms

If the proposal fails, residents most likely will face a millage request this summer.

Administrators told the trustees Monday that the prospects for getting a millage passed this year are bleak.

"We'd have an extremely difficult time achieving this," said administrator Jack Kirksey. "As long as there's the specter of Robin Hood there, people will not increase their taxes to send money to other districts."

Under the Robin Hood approach to school finances, money is funneled from richer Michigan districts to poorer ones. This concept would be killed under Proposal A.

The decision whether to support Proposal A was especially tough for the trustees because Livonia's taxpayers won't emerge as big winners under the new school finance reform

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### MIA not forgotten



STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUELE

**School ceremony:** *Taking part in a Wayne Memorial High School ceremony for MIA Refugio Teran Jr. last week were Scott Rist (front row, from left) of VFW Post 9885 and Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 387 and Larry Wright, chaplain to both groups; Ronald Dillingham (back row, from left), second vice president VVA 387, father Refugio Teran, mother Anna Bertha Teran, brother Rick Teran, sister Monica Macell, and Neil Thomas, Wayne Memorial assistant principal.*

## Missing man not forgotten

BY ANNE SULLIVAN  
STAFF WRITER

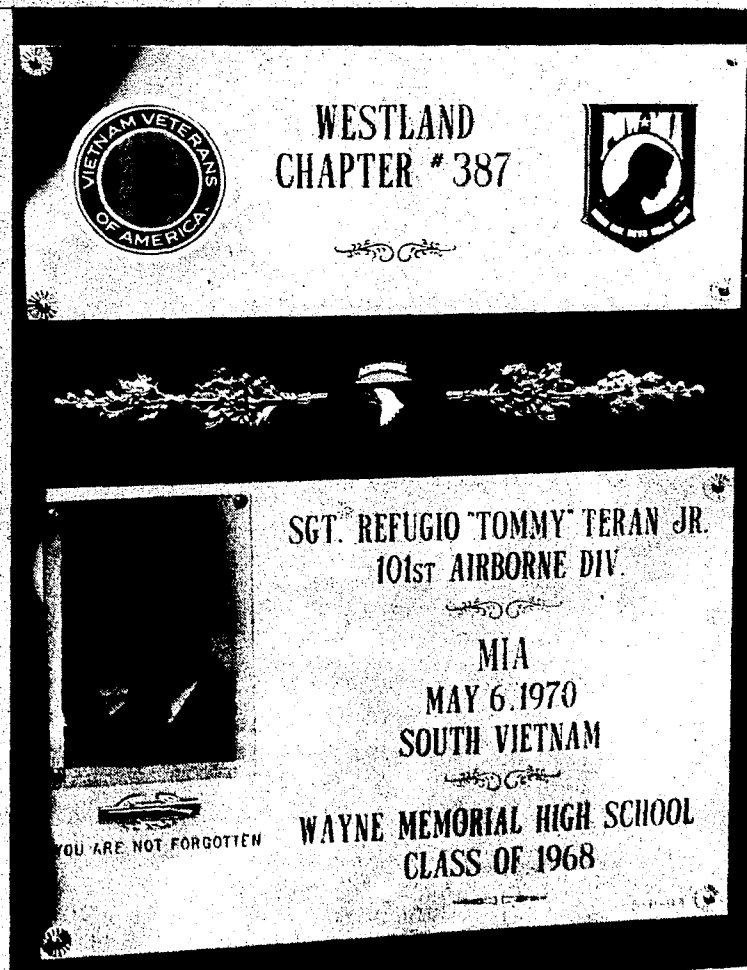
It was a quarter of a century ago when Refugio "Tommy" Teran Jr. graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. Although he hasn't walked the school halls in 25 years, his name is familiar to today's students.

Teran, a 1968 Wayne Memorial graduate who later joined the Army and became a sergeant, is the only local man listed as missing in action from the Vietnam War, and the VFW post 9885 and the Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 387 in Westland, are taking steps to ensure Teran won't be forgotten.

The two veterans organizations combined to present a plaque and POW-MIA flag to Teran's parents Thursday, 23 years to the day Teran was reported missing. His family then turned the plaque and flag over to the school where Teran graduated to be displayed with a memorial there.

The Memorial graduate had plans to go to college, according to his father, Refugio Teran. He took

See **MISSING**, 4A



**MIA honored:** *This is the plaque unveiled at Wayne Memorial High School last week.*

### Top students

Madison Elementary School named its May "students of the month." The selections are based on attendance, displaying courtesy to adults and children, and other factors. The honored students are Tonya Shotwell, Jeff Kline, Falan Turner, Holly Wheeler, Michelle Quick, Bryan Smith, Jessica Saenz, John VanBelle, Olivia Jewell, Diana Piskorowski, Gary Stevens, Matt Barker, Jaime Hendra, April Roderick and Carlee Hines.

### Best welders

Students at the William Ford Vocational/Technical Center did well in the 20th annual American Welding Society/Detroit chapter welding contest,

## PLACES & FACES

held at Schoolcraft College. John Kellar won a \$1,200 scholarship for coming in first as well as a \$400 certification and \$400 for welding supplies. Eric Thomas and Timothy Umbreit won merit awards. Mark Wertz received a fourth place award. Kellar also won overall first place honors in the annual Washtenaw Community College competition for high school students. In that event, Wertz was second in overall competition. Henry Paulich of the Ford center was first in advanced arc welding while Jeff Horn was second. Charlie

Wagner won second place honors in another advanced category.

### New business

Peoples Home Medical, a business which supplies medical equipment and services, has opened a Westland branch at 1147 S. Wayne Road, corner of Glen. The branch plans to offer free health exams the week of May 24-28. There will be free eye exams and eye glass frame adjustments by the Michigan Eye Care Institute from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 24, 24, and 28; free blood sugar tests by registered nurses from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 25; free blood pressure tests from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 27, and refreshments for invited dignitaries on May 25. Branch manager is Jeff Pesci.

# Educators call achievement test a waste

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Union leaders representing 1,150 Wayne-Westland teachers have asked the school board to halt an elementary achievement test that many educators consider a waste of time and money.

Union officials have called for a moratorium on the California Achievement Test, saying it fails to measure what's being taught to the district's elementary pupils.

The Wayne-Westland Education Association's demand has put the union at odds with the administration of Superintendent

Larry Thomas, who wants to keep the test in place until a better one can be found.

"I don't think we throw the baby out with the bath water," Thomas said.

Both sides agree that the California Achievement Test — given to all elementary students — has lost its relevance for measuring what young pupils are learning. It costs \$9,000 a year to administer.

"This test is a waste of time. It's a waste of money," union president William Reece said in an address to the school board Monday. "The test has absolutely

no value."

The district's 22-member curriculum council in March recommended ditching the exam until educational leaders can develop a comprehensive testing philosophy and find a better test.

But the Thomas administration rejected the recommendation, saying the test should be kept until a more appropriate exam can be found. Many teachers still use the test to chart student strengths and weaknesses, administration officials have said.

On Monday, Reece urged the school board to override the ad-

ministration's decision and, in essence, resolve what he termed a labor-management dispute. The board postponed a decision for two weeks and asked Thomas to respond in writing to the union's position.

Thomas suggested keeping the test until his cabinet can upgrade the district's testing program. He wants to involve a new assistant superintendent for instruction, who has not yet been selected to fill the post being vacated June 30 by Norine Blake.

"It's going to be a top priority next year, and it will be changed,"

Thomas said of the California test.

Board vice president Vicki Welty said she fears that the curriculum council sent a strong message "and we're not listening."

But school board trustee Fred Warmbier said he didn't believe the board should "put itself above the administration" and order the test dropped.

The district is now in the second week of giving the test this year. Board member Richard LeBlanc said he knows some teachers who do use the test results to try to improve their teaching.

In addition to opposing the test, union leaders also went further in their prepared statement to say that standardized tests in general are "inappropriate" for students in the first and second grades who come under "unnecessary stress and frustration."

The California Achievement Test is different from another test, the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, which the state of Michigan requires districts to administer. Students don't face the MEAP test, however, until they reach the fourth grade.

## Opposition to school budget cuts mounts

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Opposition is mounting to the proposed \$14 million in budget cuts approved for next school year in the Wayne-Westland district.

Opponents of a districtwide plan to close school libraries have collected 344 signatures on petitions that were submitted Monday to the school board.

"It's inconceivable to us that our students will not have access to a public library in their schools," said Annette Brennan, a media clerk at Wildwood Elementary School.

Brennan submitted the petitions to a board that reluctantly has approved widespread cuts that would eliminate busing for secondary students, halt all extracurricular activities and destroy or gut many other school programs and services.

Although Brennan delivered the petitions, she said the drive was initiated by her sister, Robin Brennan, an Edison Elementary School media clerk. The signatures were collected in a door-to-door effort.

School officials are hoping that Proposal A, if approved in a special June 2 election, could thwart program cuts. The proposal would slash property taxes while raising the state sales tax from 4 cents to 6 cents.

If the proposal fails, then school officials are expected to organize another local election in the wake of a two-tiered tax proposal that failed on a special April 5 ballot.

In the wake of the proposed budget cuts, residents have begun stating their opposition to

some money-saving measures.

In addition to the petition to rescue school libraries, several other residents voiced concerns at Monday's school board meeting.

■ Citing a "serious morale problem," a union official representing custodians, bus drivers and other hourly workers urged school officials Monday to try to improve the mood in school buildings. Union leader Arthur Wood cited a potential "problem with people turning on one another" over possible job losses.

■ Parent Patricia Ducher questioned a board expense of \$1,800 to recondition football helmets when all athletics have been placed on the chopping block.

Ducher, a fine arts supporter, told the board, "I'd like to have \$1,800 that I could use to buy music." She encouraged the board to restore elementary fine arts programs if possible.

■ School board trustee Richard LeBlanc said he would oppose any plan to return "violent" students to regular classrooms from the Cherry Hill Alternative Center, which is slated for closing.

■ Superintendent Larry Thomas has begun talks with union leaders amid hopes that employees will agree to join him in accepting wage concessions.

"We are moving forward," he said, though nothing has been resolved.

■ School board trustee Sharon Felan noted that high school students are concerned about losing advanced courses that help them prepare for college.

## City loses fight to raze old Cooper School

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A judge has indicated that the old Cooper School, on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt, is structurally sound and doesn't have to be demolished.

City officials had hoped to convince Wayne County Circuit Judge Kathleen Macdonald to order the demolition of the boarded-up building, but she apparently has sided with a developer who owns the property.

"It appears that we will have to continue to live with the eyesore of old Cooper School," Mayor Robert Thomas said. "Unfortunately, the judge will not consider our request to force the

owner to tear down the school."

Macdonald toured the school in April and has indicated that developer Robert Asmar won't have to tear down the building, although city attorney Angelo Plakas said the judge hasn't officially announced her ruling.

In a prepared statement, Mayor Robert Thomas said his administration disagrees with Macdonald.

"I have ordered the city attorney to continue to press our position in court to have the building demolished," Thomas said. "I know we are fighting the odds, but we will continue to pursue it."

Macdonald told city officials that it appears Asmar has met the court-imposed conditions for allowing the building to stand, such

as keeping it boarded up.

Thomas, however, said there have been times when children could easily have broken into the building, built in the late 1930s and vacant for more than 20 years, and been injured.

"Some 10- or 12-year-old could get inside that building fairly easily if they wanted to," Thomas said.

The Observer tried to reach Asmar on Monday, but he had not returned the telephone call as of Tuesday afternoon.

Asmar has been trying to get the site rezoned so that he can build a strip mall, which Thomas and some other city officials oppose. Some neighbors also have voiced concerns about the pro-

posed development.

In the latest proposal, Asmar had suggested building a Burger King, a body-building center and a drug store, among other possible stores. But no plan has yet been approved by the city council, Thomas said.

For now, he said, the building will stand as the future of the site remains in doubt.

When Macdonald toured the site last month, Thomas and officials from the police, fire and building departments accompanied her. Several residents also submitted letters to the judge.

"Maybe the place should be in her back yard," Thomas said. "Maybe she would feel different then."

## Inkster man charged in stabbing death

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

An Inkster man has been charged with killing a Westland man who was found stabbed to death March 22 at the Blue Garden apartment complex on Cherry Hill, between Venoy and Merriman.

Christopher Kent Young, 39, was arraigned Tuesday before 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos on a charge of second-degree murder amid allegations he stabbed Jeff Dansby, 41, three times in the chest with a knife.

Young has been accused of killing Dansby during a dispute that erupted in Dansby's bedroom, said Westland police Detective Sgt. Donald Haigh.

Dansby, the former head cook at the Speakeasy Lounge in Garden City, had been dead for two days before friends became worried and reported to Westland police that he hadn't been seen.

Dansby's 1979 Chevrolet Caprice had been missing, too. It had been sold for \$75 at a River Rouge junk yard, Westland De-

partment Sgt. Marc Stobbe said. Dansby also had been robbed of his wallet, a television, a stereo and a videocassette recorder, but those items haven't been recovered.

The keys to Dansby's car were thrown into the Detroit River and the knife used to kill him was tossed on a street in Ecorse, Haigh said.

The knife has not been found, but police found a cloth that had been wrapped around it.

In court Tuesday, a plea of not guilty was entered for Young. He remains in the county jail on a \$250,000 cash or surety bond.

He has been ordered to return

to court May 20 for a preliminary hearing that will determine if he should be tried on a charge of second-degree murder. If convicted, he could face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

According to Stobbe, Dansby had left work on the night he was killed and had picked up a man in Inkster. The two later smoked crack cocaine and drank whiskey before they became embroiled in a heated dispute that resulted in Dansby's being stabbed inside his apartment, Stobbe said.


Dansby died about 4 a.m. Saturday, March 20.

Before his arraignment Tuesday, Young was in jail on an unre-

lated fraud charge stemming from a bad check written in Canton Township.

Young also was convicted in 1988 of unarmed robbery for an incident that occurred at the Dairy Mart at Warren Road and Venoy in Westland.

Dansby had lived in Westland since October of last year. An Ohio native, he had been living in Texas before he moved to Westland.

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**Pushing the pedal**



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**New exercise equipment:** Joan Williams and John Kozleski try out some new cycling machines at the Westland Friendship Center on Newburgh near Marquette. The Schwinn Airdyne exercise bikes were donated along with a treadmill by Physician Hospital Administrative Service Inc., which manages the First Family Health Clinic in Westland.

**Councilman Mehl feels he's earned promotion to mayor**

BY LEONARD POGER  
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Kenneth Mehl, Westland city councilman for 12 years who formerly served six years on the planning commission, feels he has earned a promotion from local voters and wants to be the city's next mayor.

Announcing his candidacy Monday, Mehl said he has a long record of community involvement and is confident he can win this fall.

He is the second to formally announce a candidacy for the Sept. 14 mayoral primary. The top two finishers in the primary will be on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Douglas Noel (see related story on this page) disclosed his candidacy last week, while city council president Charles Pickering is planning to launch his campaign with a fund-raiser tonight (Thursday). Mayor Robert Thomas plans to disclose his plans next week.

Mehl, in saying he wants a pro-

motion from voters, talked about the reasons for his candidacy, why he thinks there should be a change in city hall, and what he would do differently than Thomas, if elected.

In an interview, Mehl talked about his support for an independent city library and improvements of the city's infrastructure, as well as refusing to pick political cronies as city department heads.

In stressing that the city has to be run more like a business, Mehl said:

"Over the years, mayors have run strictly on a political basis," referring to previous officials' backgrounds. "There has been no mayor with a business background since (Gene) McKinney," who was a former newspaper editor and Ford Motor Co. public relations staffer before he served as mayor from 1969-75.

Mehl, 46, and a senior product engineer for the General Motors power train section in Ypsilanti,

said the city's infrastructure of roads and utility lines is "falling apart."

An example of the impact of a deteriorating infrastructure is that the city is losing \$3 million through water system and water meter leaks.

"We should correct the problem and possibly lower (water) rates," he said.

On administrative appointments, Mehl said he would bring in professional, qualified persons, not people who helped him get elected as a favor.

"No cronies," he said of the appointments.

He would also look among Westland residents for possible appointments.

If elected, the first thing he would do is travel to Washington, D.C., to talk to U.S. Rep. William Ford in an effort to get more federal funds returned to Westland.

Mehl also feels that city em-

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**Newcomer Noel seeks job as mayor, says he's not underdog**

BY ANNE SULLIVAN  
STAFF WRITER

Douglas Noel may be seen as an underdog in the upcoming Westland mayoral primary, but the candidate disagrees.

"I don't consider myself an underdog, I'm just another person running for mayor," said Noel.

The 43-year-old first-time mayoral candidate is coming to the race with many ideas and hopes for the office.

"The mayor doesn't represent the city, he represents the people," said Noel, and he has his sights set on changing the approachability factor of city hall in Westland.

"I've seen Westland develop, progress and recently stagnate to where nothing is happening," said the mayoral candidate who would like to see that change.

"Westland is a great place to shop," said Noel who wants to see

the cultural activities in the city on a par with the shopping facilities. "If Livonia can have them, why can't we?"

Noel has been surprised at what he's learned from talking with residents and he has taken notes on the citizens wishes. In addition to accountability, he said the citizens have told him they would like to see increased cultural activities, but they want no tax increase.

He is appalled that the state's 10th largest city doesn't have a library and that the state backed out of a grant because officials didn't complete the proper paperwork on time.

"Everyone knows when you're working with the government there are forms to fill out and deadlines. We need a library and we need cultural activities."

Noel believes Westland can have all these things without rais-

ing taxes through citizen involvement and fund-raisers among other methods. And he believes the quickest and most cost-efficient way to attain these goals is to combine services with the schools in the city.

His goal is to tear down the barriers that have grown between Westland city officials and the citizens.

Citizens have expressed concerns to the mayoral candidate regarding flooding problems in a subdivision where residents fear rats will infest the area, filth along Wayne Road, improper drainage, drug problems in the neighborhoods, and concern over a neighborhood woods where skin heads hang out.

Noel acknowledges that he may not be able to personally handle everyone's complaint. He believes

See NOEL, 4A

**Going On-Line**  
Greg Day of the computer services department says On-Line was designed to be "an extension of the newspaper."



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Folks looking for a quick access to local news plus information to help plan everything from their investment portfolio to tomorrow's dinner can now turn to "On-Line." The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' new information computer network.

O&E On-Line is a potpourri of information kept inside the belly of a computer at the O&E's main office in Livonia. Besides the 12 O&E editions, the bulletin board service also includes two magazines, Associated Press news stories, stock market listings, games, computer programs and more.

You can plug into all this if you have an IBM-type computer and a modem that hooks your computer to the telephone lines. Service for Apple computer users is coming soon.

"The public is relying more and more on computers to gather their information," said Steve Barnaby, O&E managing editor. "We want to help them do just that. We'll offer as many services as possible. Not only can we communicate with the readers, they can communicate directly with us and with each other."

The software to run On-Line is available through the mail for \$5, or free if picked up at one of several locations. These are: Libraries in Canton, Farmington and Livonia, plus the Soft-House Computer Center in Garden City and PC Outlet in Westland. The software is also available at the O&E's Birmingham office.

If purchasing the service by mail, send \$5 to On-Line, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150.

"We designed this system to be an extension of the newspaper," said Greg Day of the O&E computer services department. "We're one of the first newspaper companies to attempt this kind of thing." Other newspapers with "electronic delivery" include the San Jose (Calif.) Mercury-News and the Chicago Tribune.

Eventually, a data base of old stories from all of the Observer & Eccentric newspapers will be built. On-Line users will eventually be able to scan the

system for articles that appeared in past editions of a particular paper.

Bulletin Board services are a rapidly evolving technology which, in the near future, will allow readers to access their local newspaper from handheld computers, said Day.

Although in its infancy, this type of communication already is having an impact on local readership.

Garden City resident Jerry Scott, a Realtor, said he likes the stock market listings and the O&E news stories in On-Line. "It seems like every time I go into it they've updated it and added new things," he said. "For a free service it has an awful lot to offer."

But perhaps the best part of On-Line is that you can meet new people, send electronic mail, have group discussions and write opinion pieces on any subject you chose, all without revealing who you really are.

A recent category, for example, is "What should we do about Canada geese in Livonia?" This one generated several comments including one from "Bubba" saying that there should be a hunting season for geese so our children can learn how to use shotguns instead of pistols.

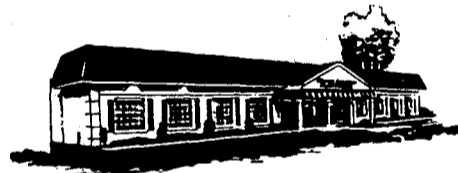
Livonia resident Ted Hillebrand called On-Line "the best thing since sliced bread."

"I'm very happy with it, extremely happy. You get opinions from everybody," he said.

On-Line users can also exchange messages in pairs or with a whole group. You can even write a document on your word-processing program of up to 300 pages and transmit it through On-Line to your new friends.

Southfield inhabitant Andrew Garlick said On-Line is more or less the future of newspapers. "You're not in the newspaper business," he said. "You're in the information business. I support companies that are forward-looking like that."

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# Proposal A

## Your questions may be answered here

Here are answers to some questions about Proposal A on the Wednesday, June 2, ballot. Please call your question to Tim Richard at 953-2047, mailbox 1881. Be as brief as possible.

**Q. I'm a senior citizen paying high property taxes, so I get a rebate on my state income tax. If Proposal A is passed June 2, my property taxes will be cut. But what about my rebate?**

**A.** Your rebate would be cut, too. You may wind up with no net property tax cut at all. You'll have to check your own tax returns.

The rebate, sometimes called the "circuit breaker," is an income tax refund to people whose property taxes are more than 3.5 percent of household income. For example, if 3.5 percent of your income is \$2,000 and your total property taxes are \$2,500, the "excess" is \$500.

Senior citizens get a refund of 100 percent of the excess, or \$500. Others get a 60 percent refund, or \$300.

Obviously if your property taxes are cut by Proposal A, your refund will be, too.

**Q. Doesn't that mean many of us won't get the full property tax cut you're talking about? Is that fair?**

**A.** We've talked it over with Gov. John Engler and state Treasurer Doug Roberts. Their position is that senior citizens and low-income people already are getting some relief through the rebate. Now it's time to give across-the-board relief.

**Q. What happens if Proposal A is rejected? Is it business as usual?**

**A.** No, says Engler. He is targeting out-of-formula districts — those that get no general state aid but do get categorical aid. He and a majority of legislators intend to cut as much of their categorical aid as possible.

That alternative "will be worse because it's not likely we can continue to subsidize the districts

that are spending the most money in the state," Engler tells us.

Engler cites an example: Bridgman, with a nuclear power plant and lots of money. Its tax rate is only eight mills, but that raises a whopping \$6,700 per student, yet the state still gives Bridgman \$400,000 a year.

**Q. Proposal A's supporters say every school district will get a 3 percent revenue boost if A is passed. Why are some districts dragging their feet about supporting it?**

**A.** Because their costs will go up, too. They'll have to pay more of their retirement costs and their categorical costs.

Ask your local superintendent for details.

**Q. It looks as if suburban districts close to Detroit are going to get little property tax relief. The big cuts will go to Detroit, Pontiac, Flint and rural school districts. What will result?**

**A.** Engler says it will benefit older cities by giving them lower

tax rates and helping them recruit industry.

Detroit Mayor Coleman Young says that won't help enough. Detroit's combined property tax rate tops 80 mills. Even with a 19-mill cut, Detroit still is heavily taxed.

Some believe Proposal A will encourage "urban sprawl" into undeveloped rural suburbs. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has deplored urban sprawl but hasn't studied the impact of Proposal A on sprawl.

Engler says Proposal A will actually relieve sprawl by taking pressure off owners of rural land to sell to developers. He says this is so because of the "cap" on assessment increases.

The counter-argument is that low rural tax rates will lure developers to build in greenfields, woods, lake shore and wetlands, and they'll simply persuade owners to sell. Opponents see Proposal A as a big inducement to developers to abandon older areas.

### Engler to address county GOP

Gov. John Engler will be the featured speaker at a reception and dinner Tuesday, June 8, honoring 30 political volunteers from Wayne County's five congressional districts.

The 6 p.m. reception and 7 p.m. dinner hosted by the Wayne County Republican Committee will be in the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive (off Hubbard Drive between Southfield and Evergreen), Dearborn.

Tickets are \$30 per person and available from co-chairs

Cheryl Preston or Donzell Green at 884-9118 or Jerry Wall at 374-0312.

Names of the 30 outstanding volunteers, (six each from the 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th districts), will be elected later this month.

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# Area runners race to help homeless, hungry



In full stride: These runners compete in the 5K Run in the Classic Run at Maybury State Park.

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The planners of Saturday's run at Maybury State Park to benefit the Detroit Rescue Mission hoped it would not rain.

Not only did they get their wish, the weather was almost perfect Saturday for the running and walking events, picnic, and other activities sponsored by Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Proceeds benefited the programs to help the homeless and hungry operated by the Detroit Rescue Mission.

In all, some 600 area runners registered for the Eagle Classic on Saturday.

First-place men winners in the 10K run were: younger than 16, Bryon Young; 16-24, Chad Tibbets; 25-29, Tom Preiss; 30-34, Ioan Froman; 35-39, Rick Drumb; 40-44, Richard Federick; 45-49, Dominick Vella; 50-54, Larry Duggan; and older than 55, Herb Seepert.

First-place men winners in the 5K run were: younger than 16, Justin Carson; 16-24, Heath Kidd; 25-29, Patrick Benedict; 30-34, George Hudock; 35-39, Tim Emmett; 40-44, Julius Aivello; 45-49, Jim Kyle; 50-54, Dave Scarlin; 55 and older, Ron Tobolski.

First-place women winners in the 5K run were: younger than 16,



Clownin' around: Kids had a chance to clown around during the running events.

Colleen Race; 16-24, Jennifer Pfander; 25-29, Laura Raab; 30-34, Sandra Carter; 35-39, Maureen Carter; 40-44, Martha Ricthie; 45-49, Barbara Strong; 50-54, Sandy Urban; and 55 and older, Lucy McDermott.

First-place women winners in the 10K run were: 16-24, Kris Brazil; 25-29, Tracy Faraoni; 30-34, Elise Schubring; 35-39, Carrie Southerland; 40-44, Maggy Zidar; and 50-54, Dannielle DiMeglio.

A picnic lunch was held as part of Saturday's activities. When the day ended Single Point donated some 200 lunches to the Detroit Rescue Mission that were left over from the picnic.

Runs for finish: Jack Carlton, Tom Beresford (left) of Livonia and Sandra Carter of Waterford race for the finish line in the 5K run of the Eagle Classic on Saturday.



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# Alliance of cops strives to capture area auto thieves

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

If there is any doubt that auto theft is big business, look at the annual statistics compiled by the Western Wayne Auto Theft Elimination Effort.

In 1992, the regional team, headed by the Michigan State Police, recovered the stolen vehicles and parts worth just over \$2.3 million.

"Most thefts are related to easily disposable items. Jimmys and Blazers are very popular. The tires, radio and rear hatch are easily disposable," said state police Lt. Sandra Miller, who heads WWATEE. "The manufacturers don't mark those items. You could fence all those for \$600 to \$1,200."

Officers assigned to WWATEE investigate vehicle-related crimes including theft rings, chop shops, re-tagging operations and insurance fraud. The auto theft investigations aren't limited to cars or light trucks but includes commercial trucks, semi-tractors and trailers, heavy construction equipment and motorcycles.

"We have a surveillance team that targets areas. In Northville Township we were having cars taken at Meijer," said Miller. "They'll sit on an area. They followed a group out of there that was obviously shopping (for vehicles to steal). They made an arrest in Livonia and in Detroit a couple times."

Complementing the surveillance team is an investigative crew of officers which works on more complicated investigations such as re-tagged vehicles, those with vehicle identification numbers that have been altered and chop shops.

"It's a two-pronged approach.

It's been very successful," said Miller. "We can see how much impact there has been because they have changed their method of operation. When I first started in auto theft, you could find a chop shop anywhere. You used to walk in and find stripped auto parts around."

These days, she said, most chop shops work on one car at a time and don't keep the vehicle or parts around long.

WWATEE receives funding to reimburse local departments providing officers through the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, which is financed by a \$1 fee on every insured private passenger vehicle in the state.

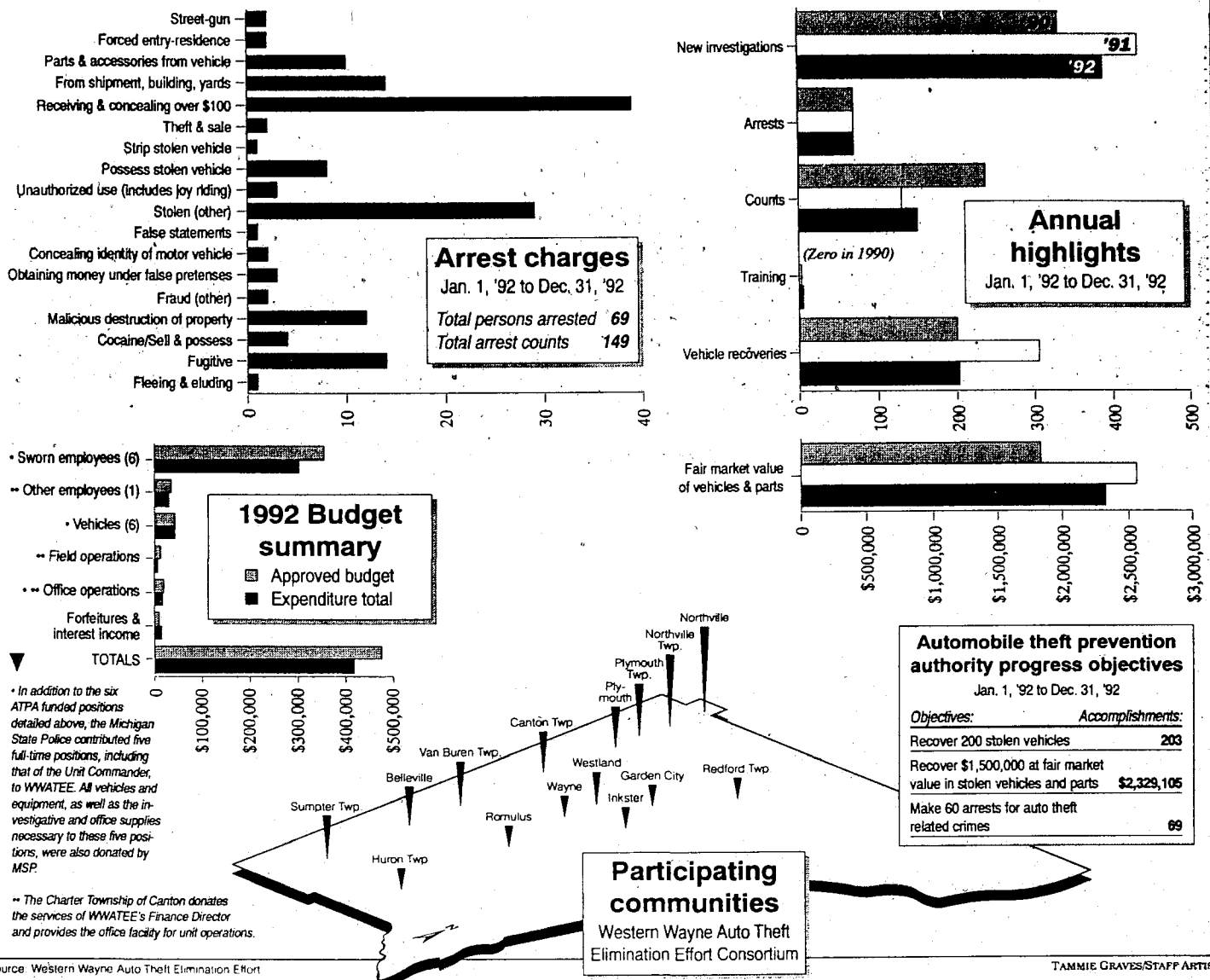
Enforcement has been helped, according to Miller, by the state's part marking law which requires major components to be marked with mylar stickers. Locating a stolen vehicle in a vehicle is prima facie evidence, she said, which allows the person to be charged and their vehicle seized.

"Auto thieves pretty much stick to auto theft. With street thieves, their main activity is drugs or breaking and entering," said Miller. "We target the commerce minded ones who stick to autos and know which salvage yards to use."

The majority of fencing operations pass stolen parts on to legitimate dealers, she said. To keep the honest automotive business clean, Miller said WWATEE officers work with the state Bureau of Automotive Regulation on random inspection.

"We can go into a business on an enforcement action but most are administrative search warrants," she said. "Occasionally we find stolen parts but good thing it's rare."

## Western Wayne Auto Theft Elimination Effort



WWATEE is working closer with the Western Wayne Narcotics Enforcement Team, which shares office space with the auto theft unit, since Miller took over command of NET a year ago.

Head of WWATEE since its formation in 1987, Miller said the dual role was a result of budget reductions and an effort for more efficiency.

"There was not a lot of sharing of information. Command felt that it would be better as one operation," she said. "There have been some benefits for the way we

serve the public. The narcotics people know to call auto theft if they go in a place and see auto parts and vice versa."

In 1992, WWATEE had six grant funded positions filled by local officers and five Michigan State police positions. This year

for the first time, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department is assisting an officer to the unit.

"We're breaking ground. The sheriff's department has never been involved with the state police on a task force before other than at the airport," said Miller.

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# Guest organist to lead hymn fest on May 15

A nationally recognized Lutheran organist and composer will lead a hymn festival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Charles W. Ore of Concordia College in Seward, Neb., will also be the guest organist in the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, May 16, at the church.

The Christ Our Savior Choir, Descant Choir, Brass Quartet and instrumentalists, directed by Jonathan Drake, will participate in the festival.

Ore is a leader in the rise and development of improvisation in organ playing. His improvisations have brought new excitement and interest to hymn singing and organ performance. He has played extensively throughout the United States and critics have praised the fresh, creative and diverse style of his compositions.

Ore will premiere his new organ and choral compositions at the console of the church's newly built 34-rank Casavant Freres pipe organ.

Ore personally appreciated and

played organ literature from all periods in music history, but soon realized that I would live in perpetual frustration if I waited for large historic European organs and rich acoustical environments to be found in the Midwest," he said. "It seemed to me that new literature needed to be written to address the needs of American organists playing modest instruments in relatively intimate neighborhood churches.

"I am interested in all aspects of composition, however, it is primarily in the use of registration, texture and rhythm that I have tried to adapt *cantus firmus* compositions to the American scene."

A 1958 graduate of Concordia College, Neb., Ore was awarded the master of music degree at Northwestern University in 1961 and a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Nebraska in 1968.

He is chairman of organ instruction and professor of music at Concordia College and cantor



**Well-known:** Nationally recognized Lutheran organist and composer Dr. Charles Ore will lead a hymn festival at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia Saturday, May 15.

at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church in Omaha, Neb.

He will also be featured at the Lutheran Church Musicians Guild spring meeting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.

The Hymn Festival is open to the public and a nursery will be provided. A free-will offering will be taken. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 522-6830.

# Gastroenterologist joins St. Mary staff

Peter J. Santogade, M.D., gastroenterologist, recently joined the medical staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

A native of New York City, Santogade received his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison, Wis., in 1978.

He completed his internship at Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia in 1979, his residency in internal medicine at St. Luke Hospital Site, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, in New York, N.Y., in 1984, and his fellowship in gastroenterology in 1987.

Santogade also served as chief

medical resident from 1984-85. He was most recently senior staff physician at Henry Ford Medical Center in Westland. Prior to this position he was the gastroenterology fellowship training director in the combined St. Luke/Roosevelt Hospital Center Program in New York.

Santogade is a member of the American College of Physicians, the American Gastroenterological Association, Physicians for Social Responsibility and Alpha Omega Alpha honorary fraternity.

He is also a diplomate of the American Board of Gastroenterology and the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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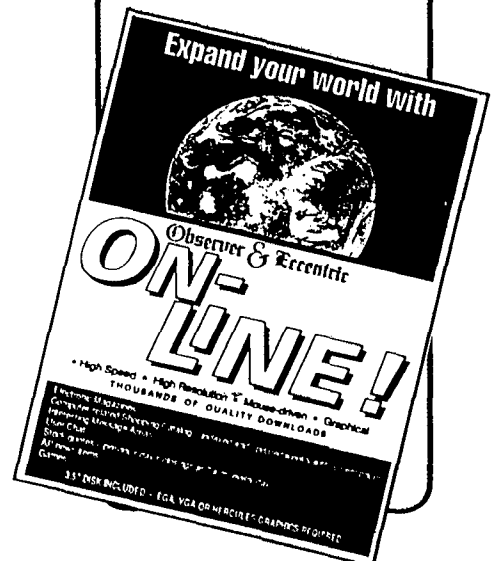
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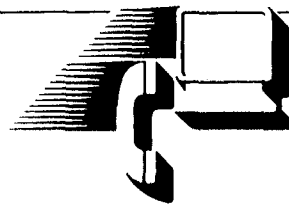


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# New college students need help in math, writing, reading

BY MARY RODRIQUE  
STAFF WRITER

As many as half of all students entering two year colleges in the metro area are not prepared to handle college level course work, an informal survey reveals.

Approximately 50 percent of new students at Schoolcraft, Henry Ford, Wayne County and Oakland community colleges require remedial courses in math, writing skills and/or reading before they're ready to move on.

"High schools are re-evaluating their programs. This is something they are very concerned about," said Sandra Florek, a spokeswoman for Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia.

Florek estimates 45 percent of incoming Schoolcraft students need remedial help in at least one area.

"I think four year colleges are finding this is true for them, too," she said. "I don't think we're taking such a lower calibre student."

Things have become so critical that high schools are looking at

offering two types of diplomas now — one certified for those who meet academic requirements and a basic diploma for attendance, she said. High school exit tests and educational guarantees are becoming more commonplace.

"Some students end up doing fantastic once they've got the basics down," she said. "What happens in high school is that without strong outside influence, many students choose easy options. Then they're not prepared (for college)."

One four credit remedial class at Schoolcraft can cost \$160 (\$40 per credit hour) for subject matter commonly covered in high school, like algebra or writing composition.

Like other metro area community colleges, Schoolcraft requires new students with less than 30 college credits to take the standardized ASSET test which evaluates basic academic skills.

"Fifty to 60 percent of our students need remedial help in reading, math or writing skills," said

**'What happens in high school is that without strong outside influence, many students choose easy options. Then they're not prepared (for college).'**

Sandra Florek  
Schoolcraft College

Terry Foley, a spokesman for Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

"They're just not as well prepared as in past years. I think students today don't read as much as they used to or should," Foley said.

Henry Ford students have access to a learning lab to strengthen math, reading and writing skills.

At Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, winter term tallies show 48 percent of incoming students scored at the remedial level in writing skills, 45 percent in reading, and in math, at least half of all tested scored below the college entry level. Of four math areas tested, students performed worst in elementary

algebra — with 72 percent at the remedial level.

"Developmental classes are not necessarily a sign that someone is educationally deficient," said George Cartsonis, a spokesman for OCC, where 29,000 students are currently enrolled.

"Very often people have been out of school for 20 years. They've long since forgotten algebra.

"Also, basic typing (keyboarding) is a pre-requisite for all computer classes. And many don't have typing skills."

Each college has its own breakdown of basic academic courses — from math focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages to refresher courses on high school algebra and geometry.

Students who don't do well in

the reading component of the test at Schoolcraft take reading power, an individualized tutorial approach to improving reading skills. Schoolcraft also has a class in critical thinking skills.

Adds Schoolcraft's Florek: "Some people just don't test well. We don't place students in remedial courses just on the basis of the test. We look at high school records, too. If a student did poorly in math because he's been away from it for awhile, we take that into account."

John Bolden, director of aca-

demie support services at Wayne County Community College, says the average age of WCCC's students — 29 — plays a big part in the fact that half to 60 percent of all students there need remedial help.

"They've been out of school awhile and need to brush up on the fundamentals. Most students need assistance in one area," Bolden said.

Bolden says the college also plans to start sharing its assessment data with Detroit public schools.

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# Michigan AFSCME opposes property, sales tax plan

AFSCME, the nation's largest public sector union, has announced its opposition to Proposal A, the property and sales tax measure scheduled for a special referendum on Wednesday, June 2.

"Proposal A would shift education funding from one unfair tax to another unfair tax. Both the property tax and the sales tax place a heavier burden on low and middle-income families than on the wealthy," said AFSCME

Michigan area director Leamon Hood, Michigan Council 25 president Flora Walker, and Michigan State Employees Association/AFSCME Local 5 president John Denniston in a joint statement.

The union leaders said that under Proposal A, low- and middle-income Michigan families will lose the Homestead Tax Credit now available to them, resulting in higher state and federal income taxes, in addition to the 50 per-

cent increase in the sales tax. Low- and middle-income families can expect little or no net tax savings under Proposal A, according to the union.

"However, the wealthy will enjoy significant tax benefits under Proposal A. The wealthy have never qualified for the Homestead Tax Credit anyway, and will spend proportionately less of their income on the higher sales tax.

"Proposal A will place a disproportionately heavy burden on the elderly and on renters. In many cases, the elderly now qualify for a bigger Homestead Tax Credit, which will be lost or greatly reduced. Renters do not qualify for the Homestead Tax Credit. Both groups will, however, be subject to the 50 percent increase in the sales and use tax," the union leaders said.

"Because Proposal A lumps to-

gether current categorical aid, it creates the risk that children with special needs may be neglected in the future. In addition, Proposal A provides no consideration for urban districts and those in depressed industrial areas, where income, population and tax bases are currently declining.

"School districts will face a loss of local tax autonomy as control is surrendered to the state, and schools must compete with other local units of government for

funds. Fees for many public services will rise; other public services will be reduced or eliminated."

The union leaders urged Michigan voters to reject Proposal A because "Michigan needs tax reform — but Proposal A is only a tax shift, not tax reform."

AFSCME represents more than 65,000 public workers in Michigan.

## Local PDs like deputy drive plan

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

Area police departments can spend more time crime busting and less time chauffeuring prisoners around now that the Wayne County Sheriff's Department has taken over the latter duty.

A new program that started March 22 makes sheriff's deputies available to drive prisoners to and from court appearances. Until now that duty was performed by the city and township police departments that made the arrests.

"So far it's worked out very well for us," Westland patrolman Carl Glaser said. "It's saving our people a lot of time and saving a lot of miles on our cars. It keeps our cars closer to the city and keeps more cars available in the city."

The way it worked before was that two police officers had to drive to the county jail in the morning, pick up prisoners and deliver them to court. Another trip was usually necessary in the afternoon to return the prisoners to the jail.

In Westland this process was necessary about three times a week, Glaser said, tying up two officers for 45-60 minutes every trip. Now the three officers assigned to prisoner transport can spend more time in Westland tracking down ordinance violators.

In Redford Township, police officers used to transport prisoners every Tuesday at the expense of the road patrol, Inspector William Russell said.

Since the sheriff's department has taken over that job, Russell said, "it allows the (Redford officers) to do their jobs instead of driving downtown."

The program was initiated by Lt. Wayne Wolf of the sheriff's department, according to Sheriff Robert Ficano. It started small, with just five police departments, but is expected to include every department in Wayne County by June 14.

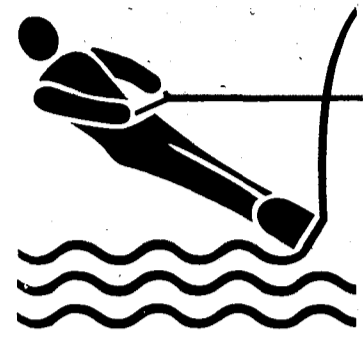
Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Plymouth are expected to come on line May 17. Livonia will be added June 1.

Ficano said that even the newly formed Metro Airport Police Department will get the service, although that department doesn't appear on the start-up list Ficano provided. Ficano opposed the April formation of the airport police, which is comprised of 95 former sheriff's department officers.

Statistics for April show that the sheriff's deputies drove 7,860 miles that month in the course of transporting prisoners. Ficano said no overtime hours are needed to run the program, and no other duties and responsibilities have been cut.

The only negative comments on the program come from Bob Sheldon, president of Local 3317 representing the sheriff's department lieutenants and sergeants. Sheldon believes Ficano is cutting services in other areas to run the new program.

"He's doing this simply as Bob Ficano the politician," Sheldon said.



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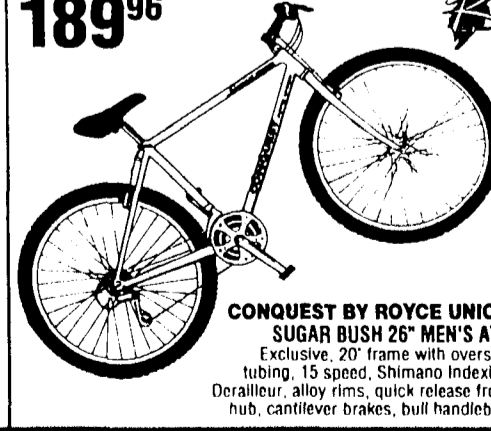
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Titled "Always Able: A Dynamic Conference Designed to Enable," the day is co-sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Council

for Older Adult Learning, and is designed to provide staff development, program ideas, promotional techniques and encouragement to meet the needs of older adult learners for continuing education, employment, community service, volunteerism, wellness and enrichment.

Keynote speakers will be Dr. Jack Minzey, retired director of the center for continuing education at Eastern Michigan University, "Education for all: A necessity — a right"; and Louise

Churches, a noted speaker and enthusiastic senior advocate for life-long learning, "The choice: growing old or old and growing."

The popularity of the conference last year prompted a repeat this year, says Dr. Anita Herman, professor of gerontology at Madonna University.

The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Madonna campus. Preregistration before May 14 for the event, which includes lunch, is \$10 for retirees and \$15 for others.

Participants may also register the day of the conference for \$15, not including lunch.

Topics include: ethnic diversity and older learners; fitness is ageless; computers and older learners; "I forgot where I put my memory"; educational needs of senior immigrants; the three C's of volunteerism; intergenerational learning; and a team approach.

For more information, call Dr. Anita Herman at 591-5089. Madonna is located at I-96 and Levian in Livonia.

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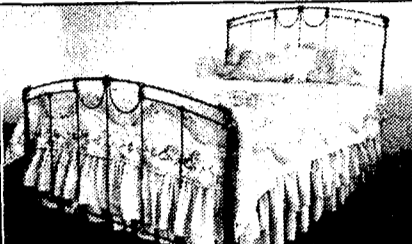
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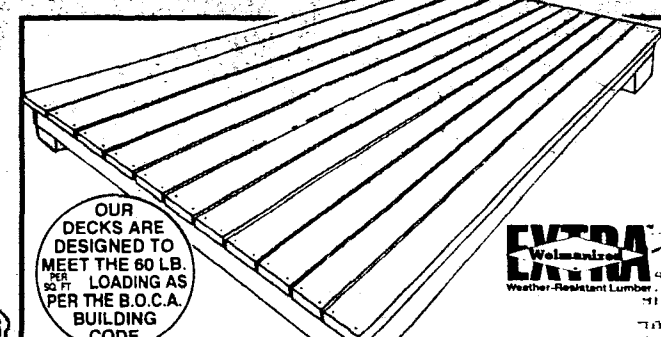
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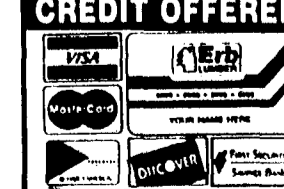
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# Small business group backs Proposal A

The largest small-business organization in Michigan has thrown its support behind Proposal A for property tax relief and school finance reform.

The National Federation of Independent Businesses/Michigan, which represents more than 24,000 members statewide, calls Proposal A "fair, balanced and good for business," according to Will Mudge, NFIB/Michigan's acting director.

Proposal A is essentially a 2 percent sales tax increase to finance property tax reductions and school finance reform. Specific benefits of the proposal include a \$1.9 billion net reduction in property taxes, accomplished by reducing school operating millages for most districts and plac-

ing a cap on property tax assessments of 6 percent on the inflation rate, whichever is less.

The plan also would establish a more equitable method of providing state aid to schools. The proposal goes before the voters in a statewide special election June 2.

"Unlike other options, Proposal A offers relief for all classes of property equally, including business property," said Mudge. "Small-business owners have

been telling us for a long time that business need property tax relief just as much as homeowners."

NFIB/Michigan contends that lower taxes on business will have positive effect on economic growth and job creation. In several recent surveys of NFIB/Michigan members, 64 percent of small-business owners came out in support of the sales tax increase in exchange for significant property tax relief.

While many small-business owners are distrustful of the government's handling of money, Mudge said Proposal A should ensure that sales tax revenues will go to fund education and reduce the state's reliance on property tax revenue.

"It's time the state moved away from a 19th Century method of taxation and toward a more broad-based approach," Mudge said. "We believe Proposal A accomplishes that goal."

# Hines closed to traffic Saturday

Bicycle riders, runners and walkers will rule the Middle Rouge Parkway 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday now through Oct. 2, when the county parks and recreation department, closes six miles of Hines Drive to motorized transportation devices.

Hines Drive will be closed from the Warrendale Picnic Area (west of Outer Drive) to the Nankin Mills Station at Ann Arbor Trail. Parking is available at Warrendale, Merriman Hollow and Nankin Mills. For additional data, call 261-1990.

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dren, teens and adults the basic fundamentals of in-line roller skating. The fee is \$45. Call 462-4413.

# Insurance reform bill stalls again

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan drivers are no closer to getting lower auto insurance premiums and reduced benefits as the state Senate stalled again on a reform bill.

Senators passed the bill 50 days ago but failed to muster the two-thirds supermajority necessary to give House Bill 4156 immediate effect. So the bill can't become law until about April 1994.

"This is Day 48 that the auto insurance bill has been held hostage," Sen. Paul Wartner, R-Portage, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, said Tuesday.

"It's costing consumers \$1.7 million a day by this body's failing to give immediate effect to an auto insurance reform bill we passed 48 days ago."

Wartner said "special interests" — Michigan Trial Lawyers Association and the Michigan Citizens Lobby — benefit because the delay allowed them to seek a referendum to derail the bill.

Wartner made no attempt to force a vote. Instead, he asked the full Senate for "permission to make a comment."

So did many others. Sen. John Kelly, D-Grosse Pointe, said the Senate's inaction isn't hostage taking but "closer to imprisonment of a heinous criminal."

Kelly added, "This would take away from those hurt in auto accidents through no fault of their own and condemn them for life."

The bill would cut insurance premiums 15 percent and cap so-called "catastrophic claims" at \$1 million; motorists could spend more to buy up to \$5 million. The current law mandates unlimited coverage. The reform bill also mandates many cost-cutting measures.

Generally, Republicans and business backed the bill while Democrats and labor opposed it. But sometimes the battle lines are smudged.

The bill's sponsor was Democrat Michael Griffin of Jackson. One of its most vocal opponents was maverick Republican Sen. Fred Dillingham of Fowlerville.

"I've been talking with a lot of groups about Proposal A (school tax reform)," said Dillingham. "Invariably there will be a question from the audience: 'Why does the Legislature expect us to support A when they are forcing down our throats the Son of D (the 1992 ballot proposal) that we defeated overwhelmingly?'"

"The heavy hands of the insurance industry are on this. You may fool some people in here, but you can't fool many people out there," said Dillingham, who voted against the bill.

Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, deplored the lack of an immediate effect vote. "The majority prevailed."

# Social security office to move

The Livonia Social Security Administration office is moving. The move starts Friday, May 28.

On Tuesday, June 1, the office will re-open at 17370 Laurel Park Drive, north, suite 210, Livonia.

Also beginning June 1, all metro area Social Security offices will have new hours. Offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The offices will close one half hour earlier starting June 1.

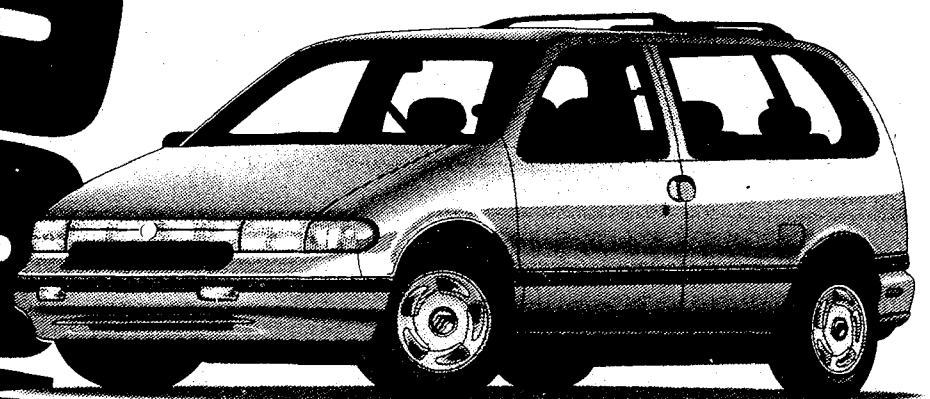
Call Social Security's toll free number before visiting. The number is 1-800-772-1213.

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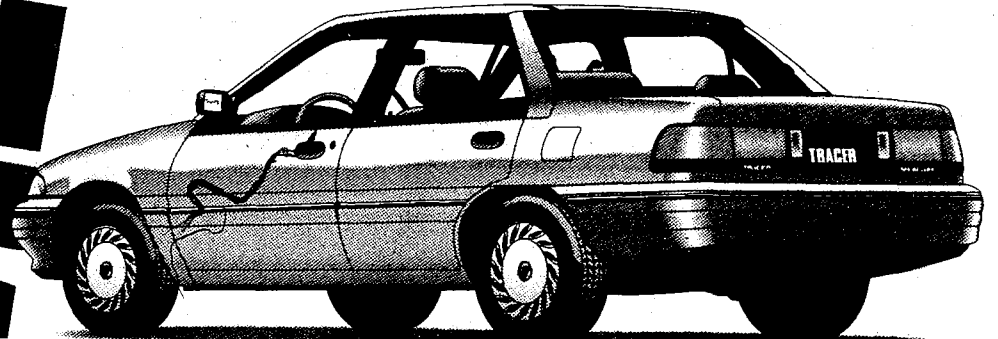
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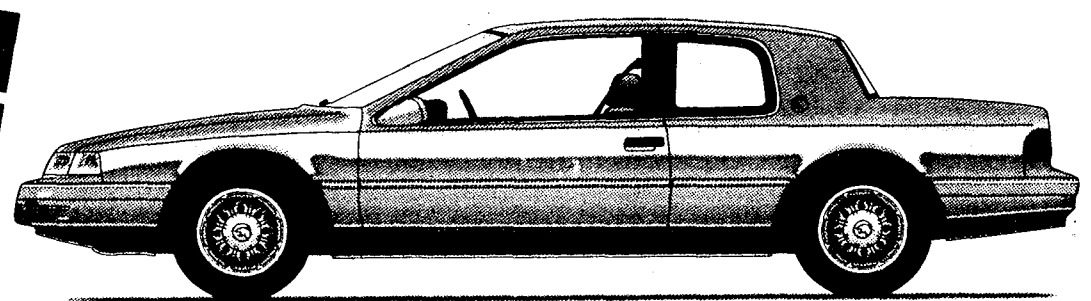
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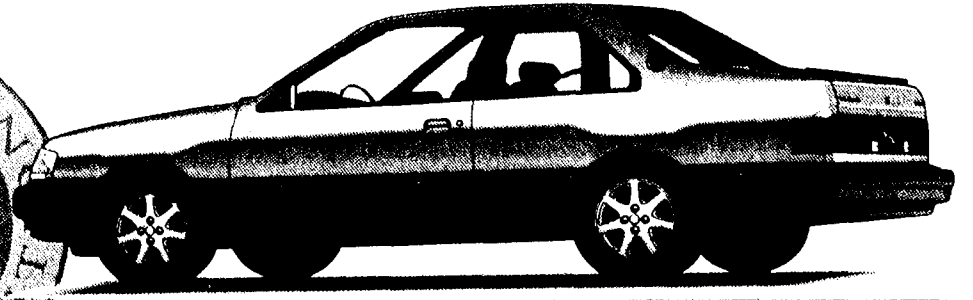


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**Open house**

Annapolis Hospital in Wayne will hold an open house this afternoon and "teddy bear" clinic. The clinic allows children and parents to see what a hospital visit looks like through the button-eyes of a teddy bear. The bears are to undergo diagnosis, treatment and tours through admitting, X-ray, laboratory, special procedures room, operating room and recovery room. The open will be 5-7 p.m. in the hospital on Annapolis west of Venoy.

**Diabetes education**

A series of diabetes education classes will start Wednesday, June 2, in the Wayne County Westland health center, on Merriman north of Michigan Avenue, just south of Annapolis Hospital/Westland Center. The classes will be held 7-9 p.m. through July 7. Topics will be "what is diabetes," "regulating and monitoring diabetes," "using and adapting diet exchange lists," "personal health care," and "physical activity and exercise." The classes are free but persons must register by calling 467-3355 between 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Relatives of diabetics are also welcomed to attend, said a county health department spokesman.

**Benefit coming**

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum will hold a rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday to raise money for the ongoing restoration of the Perrinsville School, on Warren Road west of Merriman. The sale will be at the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

**Political brunch**

County commissioner Kay Beard, D-Westland, will hold her traditional champagne birthday brunch Sunday, June 13, at the New Hawthorne Valley banquet hall for her supporters. Beard, whose district includes Westland, Garden City and Inkster, has been a commissioner since 1978.

**Children's books donated to shelter**

The Westland Business and Professional Women's Club is helping children at the county family shelter with a donation of books.

BY ANNE SULLIVAN  
STAFF WRITER



Learning is an important part of growing up for all children, even the homeless, said Margaret Harlow, president of Westland's Business and Professional Women's Club.

Supporting that value, the club has adopted the library at the Wayne County Family Center in Westland as a community service project.

The BPW recently donated a series of Walt Disney books for the library, housed in the center on Michigan Avenue east of Merriman in Westland.

The books will be available for children at the center. The BPW has also donated the carpet on the floor and the bookshelves in the center's library.

Plans include alphabetizing the shelves to make the center's library more like a public library.

The center has space for 24 homeless families. The facility provides temporary housing while families look for a permanent living place. The average stay for a family is 30 to 40 days.

The center provides job training and placement, child care, counseling to help families deal with homelessness and to get a fresh start, three meals a day, and a residential room for each family.

The majority of the residents at the center are single mothers with children, although there are some fathers with children as well as some couples with children.



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Group helps center: Margaret Harlow (left), president of Westland Business and Professional Women's Club, donated children's books to Lavada Lindsay (center), executive director of Wayne County Family Center, located in Westland, and Michelle Dallos, center housing specialist.

Michelle Dallos, center housing specialist, said the fastest-growing group of homeless people in America is women with children. The center provides a very structured living environment to enable residents to establish a routine for daily living, some-

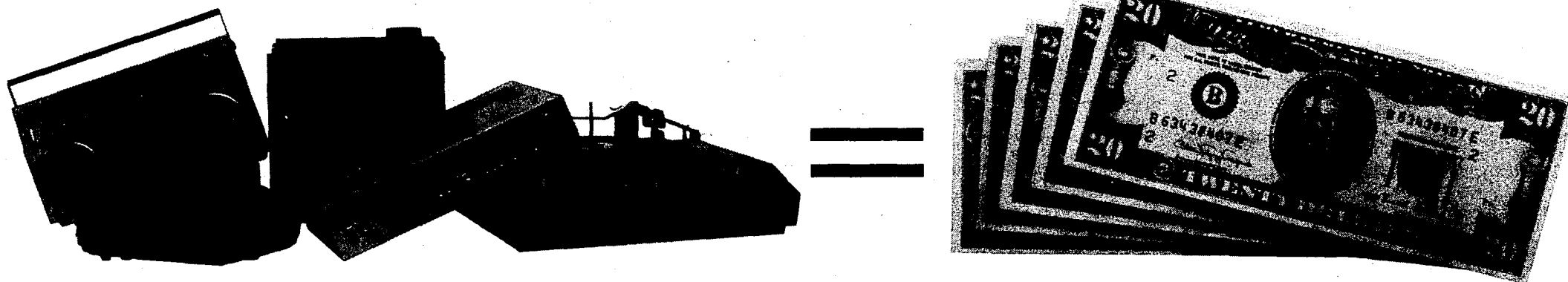
thing many have never had, according to Dallos.

One of its goals is to establish a structure in the family so the family members can succeed when they leave the shelter.

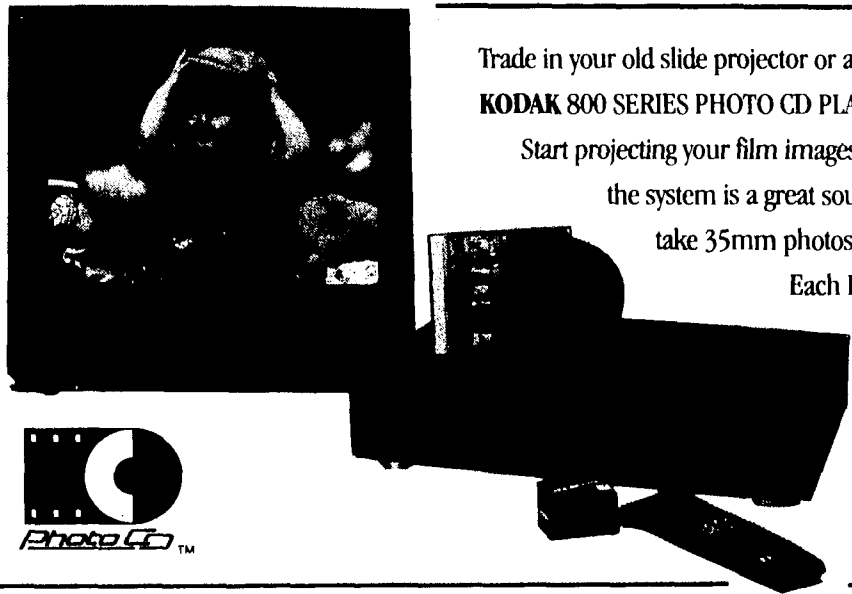
When a family with school aged children arrives at the center, the students are immediately registered at a Wayne-Westland district school.

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# Public invited to Hindu ceremony

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Narendra — Ned — Nagar and Tom Patel understand that many Americans don't know much about Hinduism. But they hope area residents are willing to learn. "It is a mystical religion. We don't even know much about it. But everything we do symbolizes something," said Nagar, president of the Hindu Temple on Chery Hill Road, between Sheldon and Canton Center roads, in Canton.

That lack of understanding Americans have for the ancient religion is one of the reasons the public is invited 8-11 a.m. Saturday, for the murti pratistha, or installation of 10 deities (murti), or statues.

There's another reason the public is invited: "Part of our religion says that next to God is an

invited guest in your home," Nagar said.

The colorfully adorned marble statues, most standing approximately three feet tall, symbolize gods, each representing a certain force. Until Saturday, the statues are considered works of art from India and may be touched.

When Saturday and the installation arrives, the statues are transformed. Hymns and rituals will accompany the installation. Because the more than 2-year-old Canton temple doesn't have its own priest, a Hindu priest from Troy will lead the ceremony.

"We are purifying these. Through all these rituals we are transforming these from stone to god. Where they will then sit will be sanctified and restricted. We start to treat them as god," Nagar said. "Each statue is unique and has its own story."

While waiting for the hand-

carved statues, each made from one piece of stone, the temple's 400-450 families have worshiped replicas, which are framed pictures of the deities. "This is a milestone," said Patel, temple chairman.

It's no surprise that the Hindu Temple is in Canton. More than 1,000 Indian families live in the Plymouth-Canton area. "We are first generation. We are known to be a close-knit family," Nagar said.

In 1988, a few members of the area's Indian community got together and decided they could support a temple of their own. "It had a snowball effect," Nagar said, adding volunteers came forth with a concept and architectural plans.

On Dec. 25, 1990, the families had their first functions in their new home. But compromises had to be made. One of them was that

the temple has no official priest or shastri, and they couldn't immediately get the 10 deities.

Because Nagar comes from a family of Brahmans, who usually become priests, he sort of sits in for a priest until member families can afford to have one full time.

While each of the 10 deities is important, families in the Hindu Temple worship one family of the deities the most because, like the Canton area families, the deities are also from the same western area of India.

"It has a lot to do with where you come from in India," Nagar said.

Patel and Nagar hope Canton residents join them for the special installation. They and other Indian families want Americans to know who they are and what their religion is about. "There are a lot of stereotypes," Nagar added.

# Statues of 10 deities to be installed Saturday

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Here's a glimpse at the stories behind the statues of 10 deities that will be installed at the Hindu Temple of Canton Saturday morning:

■ Ganesh has an elephant head on a human body with four hands. He is a symbol of good luck and God blessing new beginnings. Consequently, he is to be prayed to first.

■ Shanker is the god of force. His wife is Parvati. When the river Ganges came from heaven it was so forceful that no one in the world could stop it. "We think God (Shanker) opened up his hair and had enough power to take in

the whole Ganges in his head," said Ned Nagar, Hindu Temple president. Shanker has snakes wrapped around him and he wears a loin cloth, symbolizing he is a naturalist. Shanker also lived in the Himalaya mountains.

■ The deities Nandi and Shiv Ling are associated with Shanker. Nandi, who is a bull, served as transportation for Shanker. Shiv Ling is another form of Shanker when he is living in the Himalayas.

■ Rama represents the perfection of humans in the form of God. "We believe this is the one person who didn't do anything wrong. Rama is with his wife, Sita, his brother Laxman, and Hanuman,

who has a monkey's face and who served Rama.

The story of Rama is contained in one of many holy books and it is a story of how the ideal life can be lived, Nagar said.

At the command of Rama's father, Rama and his wife had to leave the kingly life behind and live in the forest for 14 years. To be fair, his brother Luxman joined him. While there Rama

met Hanuman, who represents the ultimate in devotion.

■ The story of Krishna and his spiritual companion Radha is narrated in the holy book, Mahabharat. The Hindu Temple in Canton worships these most because they are from the western part of India, where most of the families in the congregation also are from.

# Books from page 13A

"It's the first thing we do when (a parent with a school aged child) comes in. We make sure they have their shots and are enrolled in school," said Dallos. "We're very fortunate that Wayne-Westland Schools bus our students. They come here even if there is only one child."

There is no "typical" homeless family, according to Dallos. Some are there because of a job loss and they can't afford to pay rent, a fire has destroyed their home, or they are escaping an abusive family environment.

The center is run by Wayne County and is funded by private donations and government grants. The center always accepts donations and particularly needs large-sized diapers and donations for transportation for some residents who have no car and need to look for housing.

"The residents need bus tickets, money for gas, or taxi fare so they can look for housing," said Dallos.

All residents go through a screening process at the center before moving in, and if a drug or

alcohol problem exists, the center provides counseling for the problem if the resident is willing.

The center also brings in speakers to address specific needs of the residents, including AIDS awareness, how to locate a home, or how to interview for a job. Dallos said some residents have never interviewed for a job and are very nervous.

The purpose of the shelter is to enable the residents to go out in the community and provide a home for themselves and their family.

Cost for operating the center is \$581,000 a year, according to Lavada Lindsay, executive director at the center.

"One of the goals for the (BPW) club is to put together a wish list for educational material the club will help supply," said BPW president Harlow.

The BPW is an organization of women which promotes the standards of working women and address issues that pertain to women, according to Harlow.

The club is also donating a brass plaque for the library door.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garden City finds that vicious dogs are so dangerous that they constitute a threat to children and others in the City, and

WHEREAS, vicious dogs occasionally escape from the yard or building in which they are kept, by slipping under a fence, jumping over a fence, slipping out through a door or gate temporarily opened or unlatched, breaking the leash, chain, or pulling up the anchor for such chain or leash, and

WHEREAS, children are too young to read and may wander too close to such a dog, even in the presence of a "Beware of Dog" sign.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS THE POLICY OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY that children and others should not have to assume the risk of a vicious dog having an opportunity to attack or kill and this Council finds that the benefits to a dog owner in owning a vicious and dangerous dog are outweighed by the dangers to children and the general public.

**ORDINANCE 93-014**

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Garden City by adding a new section which new section shall be designated as section 90.25 of Chapter 90 of Title IX of said Code, and to also amend section 90.99, the penalty provision of said Chapter of the Code.

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:**

That Chapter 90, Title IX of the Garden City Code be amended by adding a new Section, which new Section shall be designated as Section 90.25 and that Section 90.99 of Chapter 90, Title IX of the Code be amended, both to read as follows:

**Section 90.25 - Prohibition - Vicious/Dangerous Dogs.** - It shall be unlawful and punishable as set forth in the chapter for any person to keep or harbor any vicious or dangerous dog anywhere within the City. A vicious/dangerous dog is defined as any dog that has without provocation, attacked or bitten any person engaged in a lawful activity, and any dog that has attempted to bite any person engaged in a lawful activity and any dog that has on more than one occasion bitten, seriously injured, or killed another domestic animal within an eighteen (18) month period.

**Section 90.99 - Penalty.** - Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall upon conviction be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or both such fine and imprisonment. Upon a finding that a dog is vicious/dangerous, the Court may, in addition to the penalties set forth herein cause said dog to be destroyed.

Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendatory ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

JIM A. PLAKAS  
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
SITE WORK  
STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL  
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN  
BID PACKAGE NO. 6**

The Livonia School Board of Education will receive firm subcontractor and material supplier bids for Sitework trades for the construction of temporary parking area and an asphalt tennis court at Stevenson High School.

Documents may be obtained with a \$25.00/set refundable deposit payable to Livonia Public Schools, at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48343 (313) 334-2000, on or after Friday, May 7, 1993. Plans may be reviewed at the office of the Architect, TMP Associates, Inc., 1191 W. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303, and in the F. W. Dodge and CAM Plan Rooms. A pre-bid meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, 1993 at 3:00 p.m. at the site, located at 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of Mr. Arthur Howell, Director of Operations. It shall be delivered to the Livonia Public Schools Business Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154, or at the office of George W. Auch Co., 735 S. Paddock St., Pontiac, MI 48343, but must be delivered no later than 4:00 p.m., May 25, 1993. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the architect and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder. A bid bond executed by a surety company acceptable to the Livonia Public Schools or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Livonia Public Schools shall be submitted with each proposal payable to Livonia Public Schools shall be submitted with each proposal for \$13,500.

All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Livonia Public Schools Business Office starting at 10:00 a.m., May 26, 1993.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole, or in part and to waive any informalities therein. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

JAMES WATTERS,  
Secretary  
Board of Education

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
BUILDING ADDITIONS AND CLASSROOM ADDITIONS  
TO THREE SEPARATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN  
BID PACKAGE NO. 5**

The Livonia Schools Board of Education will receive firm subcontractor and material supplier bids for Sitework, General Building, Mechanical and Electrical trades for the construction of building additions and classroom additions to three separate elementary school buildings located within the Livonia Public School District.

The three construction proposals are as follows:

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Tyler Elementary

Bids are solicited covering a single site, or all sites; a separate price for each will be required.

The bidding documents consist of separate plans for each site with a common specification. Documents may be obtained with a \$25.00/set refundable deposit payable to Livonia Public Schools, at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48343 (313) 334-2000, on or after Friday, April 30, 1993. Plans may also be reviewed at the office of the Architect, TMP Associates, Inc., 1191 N. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303, and in the F. W. Dodge and CAM Plan Rooms. A pre-bid meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at the Livonia Public Schools Business Office located at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI.

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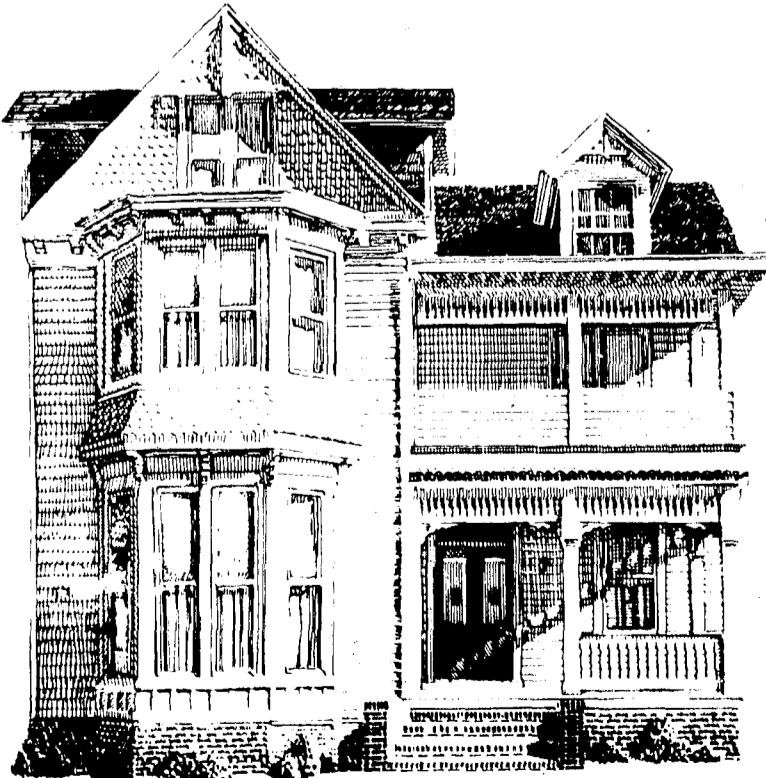
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# Community support

## Hospitals perform key roles

**T**he theme for National Hospital Week, being observed this week, is "Partners for a Healthy America." The observance is a reminder of the partnership that exists locally between the community and the two Annapolis Hospital units in Westland and Wayne for the delivery of health care.

Many ceremonial weeks are observed throughout the year; most of them go by without special notice by the Observer because of that frequency. But this week deserves mention because health care is a current topic and because of the special role Annapolis has in our community. We recognize and compliment the community and the hospital for the reciprocal support system.

The relationship is evidenced by the number of local residents who have become hospital volunteers. Last year the volunteers contributed thousands of hours of their time.

Times are changing, with events at Annapolis being concrete evidence of the changes in recent years. Initially Annapolis was owned and operated by the public Peoples Community Hospital Authority.

For decades the authority ran five hospitals to serve the health needs of western Wayne County. But several years ago, the financial crunch hit the agency. Private health care institutions were able to change, but PCHA, bound

**Hospitals and volunteers have formed a valuable partnership in providing health care for the community at a time when the field is undergoing drastic changes.**

The bottom line was that the authority dissolved and sold the Wayne facility to Oakwood Health Services. Oakwood also acquired the former Wayne County General Hospital in Westland to operate it for non-acute care services.

While there have been traumatic changes in the hospital field, administrators and board members are realizing that they need to continue to share resources to meet America's needs. And, while our health care system has many strengths, there are many questions that need answers, from how to expand access to health insurance to what is a fair balancing of resources between the young and the old, between treatment and prevention.

The Observer takes the occasion of National Hospital Week to salute Annapolis for its contributions to our community and to thank the many residents who volunteer at the hospital to add a special quality to the health care services we receive.

# Court must consider our right

**T**wo wealthy children of the powerful Ford family made a bad investment in 1984, and now they want the public courts to fix it up at public expense.

William Clay Ford Jr. and Sheila Ford Hamp children of the Detroit Lions owner, bought a 2,000 acre tract on the Sturgeon River in Otsego County between Gaylord and Wolverine. They spent their money unwisely because, in addition to trout fishing, they also wanted security and privacy.

Under Michigan law, a river is public if it ever floated a commercial log. The public is entitled to fish and canoe it but cannot trespass the land except to portage around obstructions.

The public has access to the Sturgeon by way of a county road. The Fords want the court to let them close off access to the river and make the heretofore public river their domain. They contend there are litter and security problems.

Old Henry Ford perceived he had such security problems in the 1920s. He bought himself Haven Hill Lake in Oakland County's Highland Township and fenced it off. No navigable river ran through it. The younger Fords should have emulated old Henry.

How valuable is this river?

"The Sturgeon River between Gaylord and Indian River offers trout enthusiasts some of the most challenging brown trout battles they will ever encounter. . . . The Sturgeon is not fished as heavily as many of Michigan's other rivers. Access points are limited in number. . . . one of the few rivers to support runs of anadromous browns. . . . The browns are large enough to bring the water to a boil — five to 10 pounds — and are taken on flies, worms, spawn, spinners and other lures."

— "Trout Steams of Michigan" Vol. II by Janet D. Mehl.

But even if the river were sterile, there's a bigger principle at work: Monkey see, monkey do.

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If the Fords can get away with closing a public river, others will be encouraged to try it on their rivers and lakes. They'll seek to block use of abandoned railroad rights of way for hiking trails. They'll continue to resist public boat launches on "their" lakes.

They have a poisoned mind set that says, "I've got mine, you get out." This poison leads otherwise civilized people to conclude that, in order to use a natural resource two hours a day a few days a year, they need to lock it up 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and are entitled to order officers of the law to enforce their paranoid selfishness.

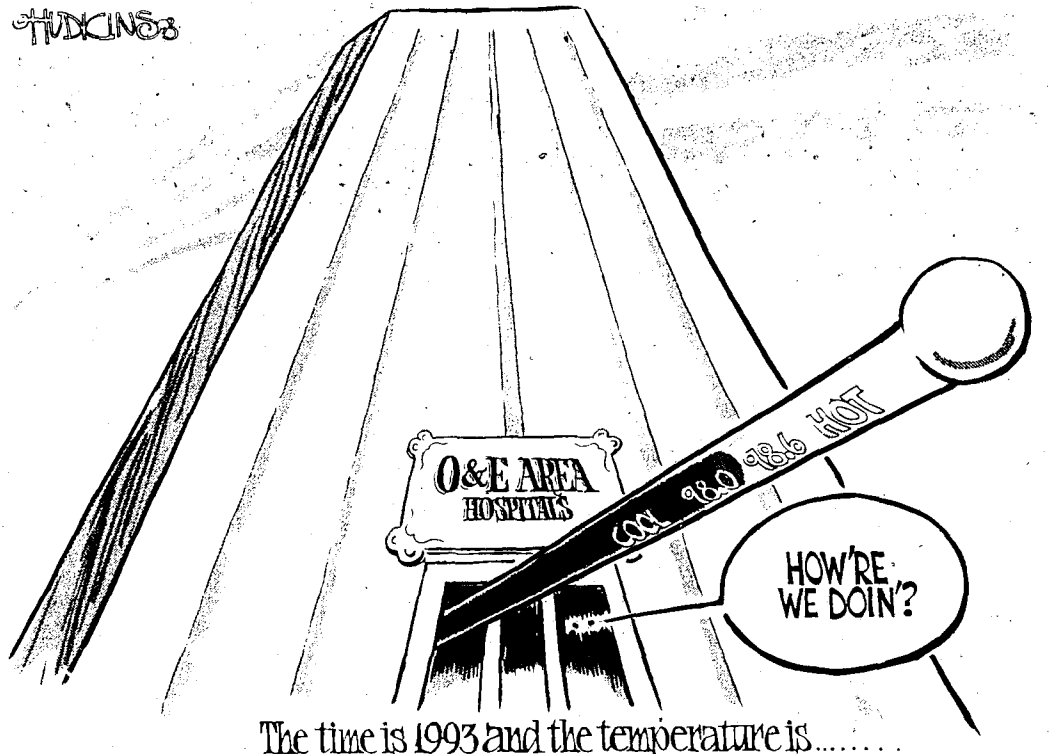
It used to be called the *nouveau riche* — newly rich — mentality, but clearly it's still at work in the fourth generation of Ford wealth.

The attorney general and Michigan United Conservation Clubs are fighting the Fords in circuit court. Judge R.C. Livo has given everyone another couple of weeks to file more briefs.

Then the judge will decide: Should he break a Michigan tradition? Should he let the I've-got-mine types padlock our natural resources? Should he use judicial authority to bail out the younger Fords' bad investment?

If the Fords prevail, all of Michigan has a lot to lose, and not just a portion of the Sturgeon River.

ARKIE HUDKINS



### LETTERS

#### Cutbacks unwanted

**R**ecently I received a letter from a student questioning why we have to cut \$14 million from the school district's budget.

I have attached my reply to Lisa, who is an elementary school student. I want everyone to know and our community to understand that I don't like the identified cuts. We need to be improving our organization. I believe that schooling should be celebrated as a community's commitment to one of the most important aspects in a child's life — learning. The argument should not be over our commitment to do the education — it should be arguing on how to do it better.

I thanked the student for sending a letter about her concerns regarding the school district's budget reduction process. I commend you on taking the time to write.

I am also against everything that is identified to be cut from our schools. I am a former art teacher and believe that art, music, strings and band are all very important programs. The district does not want to make any cuts.

However, we work for the community and the community has directed us to cut \$14 million from our budget. By law, we must follow the directions the community has given us as a result of the April 5 election. I must not only follow both federal and state guidelines, but must follow contractual guidelines. Every department at every level has been reduced, and we still have not reached our goal of reducing the budget by \$14 million. We have also made major administrative cuts.

The girl's letter said she is "just a kid." I am here to help all the students in this district. They are all very important! This is why we did everything we could not to affect the daily instructional program.

I want everyone to know that I will do my best to see that all students get the best opportunity to succeed. Remember, it is the community that tells us how much we can spend on the total educational program.

Larry Thomas, Wayne-Westland school superintendent

#### Columnist disputed

**I**'m writing in response to columnist Tim Richard's educational concept point of view that appeared in the April 29 Observer & Eccentric. I'm one of those "ignorant folks" he referred to.

Mr. Richard has actually made good illustration of just why the new educational techniques are objectionable. I'm assuming, of course, that he practiced the decision-making skills regarded so highly by progressive adults to wind up as a misinformed name-caller.

Responsibility is a key theme here. Mr. Richard must take responsibility for his lack of thoroughness in researching this issue, and our children should be taught to make decisions based on accurate evaluations of all the pro's and con's available on the issue.

In the future, I'd like to encourage Mr. Richard to please be more careful — many of us still depend on his point of view to help us make wise choices.

Linda Sparkman, Garden City

#### Adult, child ability differs

**I** am the "Livonia Father" Tim Richard took to the politically correct woodshed in Points of View, April 29. Tim erroneously compares GM's Spring Hill management system (an adult setting), to elementary school students, which reinforces my premise that some adults attempt to elevate children's abilities and cognition to adult status. The experiences and knowledge adults have, were fostered and developed over a 20-30 year lifetime. Their data base of life experiences is much larger, and their decision-making abilities are much more conducive to making valid decisions. On the other hand, elementary children are just beginning to formulate their own data base. An apples to oranges mentality provides a convenient attempt to rationalize any argument.

"In public education, fads are treacherous. What's proposed is almost always worse than the status quo-itself dismal," states nationally syndicated columnist Don Feder. Change for change sake doesn't take into consideration that change can be bad as well as good. I'll take a stand with many other intellectual columnists criticizing the floundering self-esteem movement in this country. Take, for example, the cover story from Newsweek, Feb. 17, 1992, titled The Curse of Self-Esteem, or U.S. News & World Report's John Leo article April 2, 1990 blasting the program. Then there's William Raspberry's Washington Post April 16, 1990 article entitled, "Self-Esteem or Self-Respect".

George Cantor, Richard Cohen, Don Feder and Thomas Sowell are but a few others who have castigated the movement. John Rosemond, a family psychologist and nationally syndicated columnist, in a column titled, "Respect, Resourcefulness and Responsibility take Precedence over Self-esteem", went on to say, "It's not the schools that need fixing, it's the American family. When the family fixes itself, we're going to find the schools aren't in need of much fixing at all. Likewise, if the American family doesn't fix itself, there's nothing the schools or anyone else can do to truly solve our nation's educational problems." An Atlantic Monthly cover story, April 1993, reinforces Mr. Rosemond's position.

What qualifies me to speak out against this politically correct position? First, and foremost, I am a parent who expects the public school to educate. I expect them to respect the sovereignty and role parents have in raising a family. I am also an American, and a taxpayer. One minor comment: Mr. Richard, I must concede that you were correct on one point. I'm a "meddler." I've been "meddling" in the educational environment for the past 20 years as a public elementary school teacher watching this all play out. I've always taught my students to do their home work.

Fred Seitz, Livonia

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Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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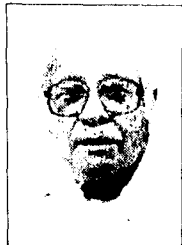
#### QUESTION:

**With warm weather here, how do you like to spend your leisure time?**

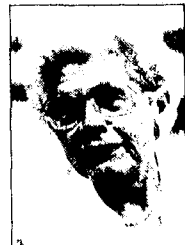
We asked this question at the Westland Friendship Center.



'Playing golf, playing cards and gardening.'  
**Pete Urbanak**  
 Westland



'Golfing with the Westland Friendship Center golf league.'  
**Fred Gallinat**  
 Westland



'I like to garden, play cards and play bingo.'  
**Trudy Allen**  
 Westland



'I'm going to start walking, and I like to work in the yard planting and weeding flowers.'  
**Hilda Neely**  
 Westland

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Community attitudes affect tragedy of AIDS

**QUESTION:** The Huron Valley Schools in Oakland County rejected a gay AIDS speaker, Steven Wood, as a presenter for his group called the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project. Reading what he says in the newspapers about his commitment to helping children understand the tragedy of AIDS, he seems to be a sincere person. Why do you think the school superintendent rejected him as the speaker?

**ANSWER:** The school superintendent didn't reject Steven Woods as a speaker . . . the community did. Boards of education are voted in by the citizens, voted in to represent their values and the board looks for a superintendent who will reflect those values, educational or otherwise.

Most school administrators I know are accepting and tolerant human beings. The successful ones have to be tolerant or they wouldn't last in a job where they have to assimilate the values of diverse groups, with their own group values and group thinking.

In conversations with school leadership on the "gay" issue, I find a rational degree of tolerance and have not found any "straight" school administrator wishing to persecute nor con-

demn a "gay" person as a human being. However, the thin line between having a "gay" speaker in the school (on any subject, AIDS or otherwise) and the fear of that "gay" person subtly promoting their life style in a classroom or in an informal student setting is a nightmare no school superintendent nor board of education can tolerate.

Consider the last superintendent of schools in New York City who supported a curriculum which had 1st and 2nd grade books relating how mother lives with mother (two lesbians raising a child) and daddy lives with daddy raising a child . . . part of what (I believe) is called the Rainbow Curriculum. Whether appropriate or inappropriate curriculum is not the question, the superintendent was fired.

And every superintendent in the country knew that the New York superintendent was fired within a day. And superintendents, some with two or three kids in college, generally want to keep their job.

**Social issue**

This may be considered by the gay community to be the lowest level of rational thought on a critical social issue, but this is reality.



DOC DOYLE

And if a superintendent in a cosmopolitan community such as New York can get the "can tied to him" while in good faith trying to bring about an understanding of the gay community, what ramifications await school administrators in some of the Observer & Eccentric's suburban readership areas, let alone the response "gay speakers" will find in the small quasi-farming communities outstate?

The problem goes beyond a superintendent adhering to the mores of his/her community or trying to stay gainfully employed. It is a reflection of our societal thinking at large.

**Nature of prejudice**

Review what Dr. Gordon Allport, one of the greatest social-psychologists of

all times, says in his classic book, "The Nature of Prejudice." He believes human beings find it most difficult to make judgments on each individual person (such as Mr. Wood in this case).

So rather than extend the effort to consider each person individually, most people use The Process of Categorization. Putting people into categories is easier, it takes less effort. Mexicans are lazy, blacks are ignorant, Germans are all Huns.

And how do many, if not most, of our straight citizens categorize the "gay" community? I believe many envision San Francisco, with two guys holding hands and kissing on the street, or exhibitionists on the Mall in Washington, D.C. (played up by the media) dressed in nuns' clothes . . . interpreted as a general "in your face" by common people.

How people make such a leap of faith from a San Francisco street scene to a guy speaking on AIDS is again clearly pointed out by Dr. Allport.

He says, "People can lump millions into a simple negative category . . . taking the traits of a few of their population and projecting to all in that group . . . allowing them to adopt a rejection for all who make up the group!"

The bottom line is that AIDS is a major health problem and children . . . at an appropriate age . . . must be educated. And the other bottom line, as committed as Mr. Wood seems to be, is that many communities do not believe, or are not ready for an out of the closet "gay" to be the message carrier.

The great irony of all this is that there are gays that are teaching kids in Michigan school districts every day and have been for years. Indeed, one college (gay) classmate from Central Michigan University received the outstanding teaching award in his district in the '80s.

One wonders if Mr. Wood may be triggering an "out of the closet" movement by teachers who could perceive his situation as a cause.

Frankly, I'm a poor philosopher of homosexuality because I simply don't understand homosexuality, its genetic or environmental factors as well as some of my heterosexual peers who seem to have the answers.

James "Doc" Doyle, a former teacher/school administrator/university instructor, is president of Doyle and Associates, an educational consulting firm. To leave a message for Doyle from a touchtone phone, dial 953-2047 mailbox 1856.

## Hall of famer outdistanced others in his own way

Today's column is going to be about halls of fame. More specifically, it's about last month's induction of a very controversial 75-year-old named Bob Luby into Wayne State University's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Halls of fame are mausoleums. Majestically marbled, perhaps, and ivy-covered, but they are mausoleums nonetheless. This is particularly so of the venerable Wayne State hall — which made me its youngest member in 1978 over 20 years after my All-American track days there.

Sharing membership with me are my mentors — the late WSU coach Dave

Holmes, the late Denby High coach Jack Rice, the late Detroit Public Schools League supervisor and Olympian Lorenzo Wright, and the very much alive ex-Mumford High principal Irving "Pete" Petross.

With the addition of Luby, the hall now claims a full five mentors of mine.

Robert Luby — father of concert violinist Richard and brother of Harper Hospital's top psychiatrist Elliott — never was an All-American or Olympian. However, he did dash 440 yards in 49 seconds when that time approached world caliber. In 1937, he returned three punts for touchdowns against



JOHN TELFORD

Hillsdale and scored against Michigan State.

For 18 years he directed Detroit Public Schools' physical educational pro-

grams. He gave me my chance to coach champions and opened a local market among coaches for the first edition of my best-selling book on the quarter mile.

In the 1960s and '70s, Bob Luby and I were the only white men on the board of directors of the Detroit Varsity Club, a group of old athletes who raised money to send indigent kids to college.

It would take 20 columns to list the full litany of Luby's good deeds, including his teaming with Birmingham's Walt Bazylewicz to co-found Operation Friendship, the human rela-

tions cooperative with the Catholic schools. Suffice it to say that he staunchly supported urban youngsters and urban-suburban interplay long before such support became fashionably laudable — so maybe he's a pretty controversial guy after all.

John Telford, a Rochester Hills resident, most recently was an assistant superintendent in the Rochester School District. He previously was executive director for secondary education in the Plymouth Canton district. To leave a message for him from a touchtone phone, dial 953-2047 mailbox number 1879.

## Time to treat the 'shame' of having mental illness

I remember thinking when I saw it in a press release sent a couple of years ago to our newspapers, that if we had been able to attend a group like that, our family's anguish might have been less.

I'm talking about a support group for the loved ones and friends of people who have manic depressive illness.

But back when I was growing up with a mother who about twice a year exhibited behavior so bizarre and unpredictable that I was afraid to bring friends home, there was no effective treatment for the disease much less a support group.

It happened on a cyclical basis — but as a child I couldn't see that. And when as a young adult, I could, it caused me to cancel a wedding shower rather than risk being embarrassed by her behavior.

In those days, her treatment consisted of confinement in one mental hospital or another for the couple of months it took for the manic phase of the disease to run its course, then a return home until the next episode. In her case, there was no major depression.

My mother has been free of the symptoms of the disease for about seven years because of new treatments. What she retains is the shame.

The breakthroughs of modern medicine allow most people who are treated for clinical depression, like most people who are treated for diabetes, hypertension and other lifelong diseases to live normal lives.

What they retain is the shame. Now is the time to relieve them of that shame by breaking through our ignorance.

Monday, the pink and white blossomed trees which line the Wayne State University campus ushered us into a press conference on depression moderated by James Haveman, director of the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

(It's probably no accident that we wait for the state's most beautiful month to deal with mental illness.)

To help us understand depression, Haveman repeated a description told to him by a friend who had tried to commit suicide twice, been successfully treated and had resumed a productive life.

"My friend told me it was like falling into a vat of concrete that hasn't hardened. The concrete starts to harden. He feels things tightening around him. He needs to do something dramatic to break out of that concrete.

"Once he knelt at a train tracks. Another time he jumped from a four-story building."

Here are some important facts: Depression is an illness caused by biochemical changes or chemical imbalances in the brain, and is only, on occasion, prompted by stressful situations. It can affect anyone, but



JUDITH DONER BERNE

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research suggests that individuals whose mother or father has the illness are three times as likely to have it.

Clinical depression affects 18 percent of the population right here in Detroit and its suburbs — that's 600,000 people. Of these, 400,000 never seek treatment. And 60,000 will attempt or successfully commit suicide.

It is highly treatable. Dr. John Greden, chairman of the department of psychiatry at the University of Michigan, and keynote speaker said it "is a disorder that has kind of come out of the closet in the last 10-15 years." Yet, he says, many doctors still treat it symptomatically, rather than recognizing it as the syndrome it is.

If I had to have a mental illness, Greden says, "first I'd grab a phobia. But next, give me a major depression and send me to somebody who knows how to treat it."

Greden also reports that depression affects three times as many women as men.

He said simply: "In this year of the woman, it is time to attend to it."

That means recognizing it; getting yourself or your loved one who is experiencing it professional help; and treating people who have it as if they have an illness, not a weakness.

Otherwise, shame on us.

Judith Doner Berne is assistant managing editor for the Oakland County editions of the Observer & Eccentric. You can reach her at 644-1100, mailbox 242.

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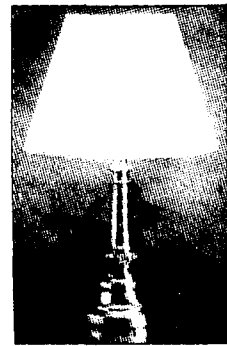
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## ON THE MARQUEE

### "Broadway Bound"

The Birmingham Village Players production of Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound" opens at 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.

### Auditions

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble will hold auditions at noon Saturday, May 15, in Room 132 of Varner Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Call 370-3024 or 652-7198.

### "Steppin' Out"

Troy Players present "Steppin' Out," written by Richard Harris, at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, May 14, 15, 21, 22; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Troy Community Center, 520 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Call 879-1285.

### Classical Bells

The fourth annual Classical Bells in Concert will be presented at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. A kaleidoscope of classical, sacred, and popular music will be performed on English handbells and accompanying instruments. Tickets are \$7 each; seniors over 65 and groups of 10, \$5; call 425-7861.

### Youth orchestra

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic will hold auditions 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15, at Churchill High School in Livonia. Membership is open to young musicians from the Detroit metropolitan area. Call 261-5754 to schedule an audition appointment.

### Jazz

The Ron English Quartet will perform at Laurel Park Place from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, in the North Court. Upcoming Jazz and Pizazz concerts will include Corcovado, June 13; The Johnny Allen Trio, July 10; and the Steve Wood Quartet, August 15. Laurel Park Place is east of I-275 at West Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

### Opera theater

The Verdi Opera Theatre will be featured in Southfield's Concerts in the Garden Series at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 21000 Franklin Road, Southfield. High tea in the English tradition served at 3 p.m. with concert to follow. The program will feature Commendatore Dino Valle, baritone; Christina Romana Lypeckyj, mezzo-soprano; and Peter Antonio Soave, a virtuoso of the bayan. The bayan is a member of the accordion family and has a keyboard range that covers the same range as a grand piano with an overlap. Tickets are \$7.50; call 354-4717 for reservations.

## Lahser student makes MOT debut



MARY JANE DOERR

Wall-to-wall mirrors at the Lascu School of Ballet in Bloomfield Hills reflected ballerina Kelly Knechtel's petite form in black tights and white leggings rehearsing the Grand Pas de Deux with her T-shirted partner, Dmitri Mikhayenko.

The famous dance is from Tchaikovsky's "The Sleeping Beauty" a production in which the couple debut as Aurora and Prince Florimund, with Michigan Opera Theatre in the 10 a.m. Thursday, May 27, student matinee.

Both are longtime students of Jacob Lascu of West Bloomfield. Kelly is a beauty, but, despite the late hour and long rehearsals, she is not sleeping.

"This is the reason we need a ballet company in Detroit," said Lascu seated in front of an old magazine picture of him and Kelly when she was 11. "I teach them and when they become good, they leave and go to other cities." The 20-year-old Mikhayenko, formerly of Southfield, recently joined the Miami Ballet as a principal dancer.

Last year Lascu, who has made his mark in Detroit as the choreographer of the ever-popular "Nutcracker" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, joined MOT to choreograph "King Roger" and "Samson and Delilah." This year he is working on "Aida" and the full scale production of "The Sleeping Beauty."

Drawing his professional talent from the vacationing National Ballet of Canada, whose dancers are available in May, Lascu has Karen Kain alternating with Kimberly Glasco and

### "THE SLEEPING BEAUTY"

**Theater:** Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit  
**Opens:** Thursday, May 27 through Sunday, May 30  
**Curtain times:** 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 28-29, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30.  
**Tickets:** Price range, \$12.50 to \$63.50. Box office, 874-SING, Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

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Margaret Illmann as Aurora (Sleeping Beauty), and Serge Lavoie dancing Prince Florimund (Desire), all from the CNB.

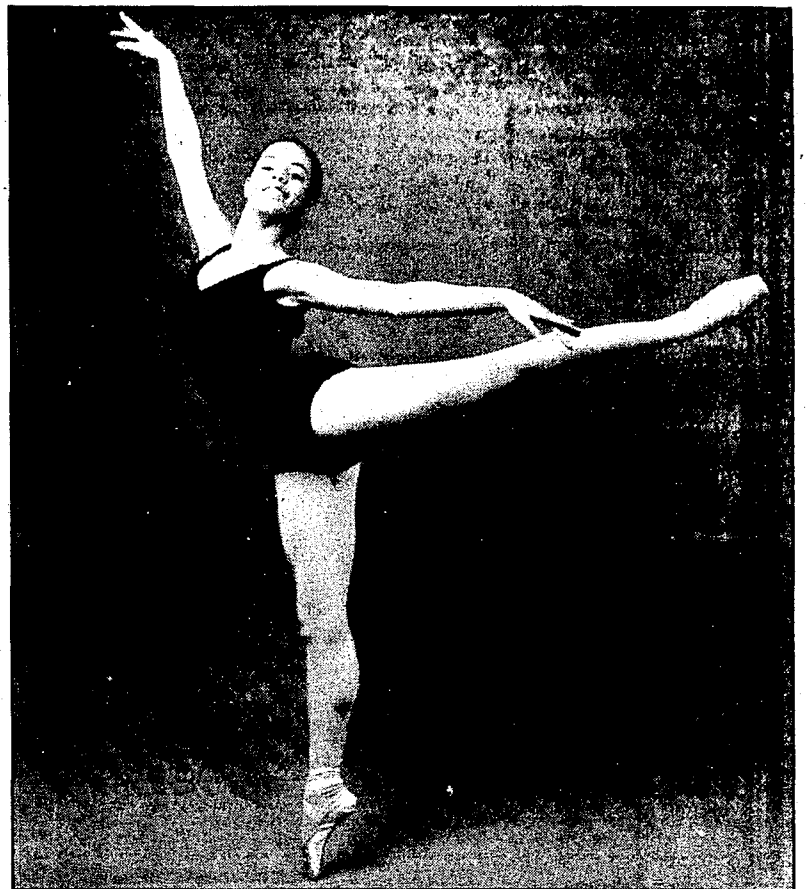
"I am not quite used to the idea of alternating with Karen Kain but I am so honored," said the 16-year-old Kelly, a sophomore at Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills. Since the end of April, Kelly has been going to school for two hours each day and then leaving for all day ballet rehearsals.

"I have to make up all of my work on my own for these five weeks," said Kelly. "It is very hard for me but it is all worth it. It is so exciting for me to be learning these new dances."

Lascu has changed Marius Petipa's original choreography for "The Sleeping Beauty," eliminating many dances from the Vision and the Wedding scenes making this production much shorter than the full length three hours.

"I am trying to emphasize the story," said Lascu. "With so many dances the public loses the focus."

Anyone of the 80,000 people who



Leading role: Kelly Knechtel debuts as Aurora in the student matinee of the Michigan Opera Theatre's presentation of "The Sleeping Beauty," on May 27.

saw Lascu's "Nutcracker" this year will expect him to add his magical tricks and clever buffoonery to this production. One advantage he has at Masonic Temple over the Fox Theatre is the larger stage. "I will use everything technically possible," said Lascu not giving away secrets.

Another advantage Lascu has is Dr. Leslie Dunner, the DSO's expert ballet conductor, (conductor of the "Nutcracker" and Dance Theatre of Harlem) who will conduct the MOT Orchestra for the six performances.

"I am a very happy man to have such a large family in this area who support and appreciate what I have done over the last 20 years," said Lascu about his many successes as a choreographer and teacher at Marygrove College. "I am proud of what I have accomplished."

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a full-time teacher and freelance writer who specializes in opera and musical theater.

## Plymouth Theatre's 'Noises Off' hilarious

BY KRIS SPENCER  
SPECIAL WRITER

In "Noises Off," the Plymouth Theatre Guild definitely saved the best for last. This British farce by Michael Frayn is the height of hilarity. Get ready for a ride.

The physical comedy which drives this PTG production is the secret to the play's success. From pratfalls to mock British mannerisms, the cast pulls in its audience with constant activity and cartoonish energy.

As a play within a play, "Noises Off" benefits greatly from this treatment. With "the director" among them, the audience watches the cast fumble through a dress rehearsal, then two performances of "Nothing On," a situation comedy.

Thanks to a newly built revolving stage (courtesy of PTG member John Jordan), we see "Nothing On" from both sides of the stage.

In Act 1, a dress rehearsal, the cast

bungles both script and choreography, causing "the director" much anxiety.

Act 2, offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse, during which the characters recklessly juggle a performance and backstage shenanigans. In a mostly non-verbal manner, the PTG cast pulls off physical comedy at its finest.

As if there were any stops left to pull, the cast returns for Act 3, with a vengeance. In yet another performance of "Nothing On," this time from stageside, each character contributes to a totally chaotic performance complete with hilarious ad libs and outrageous stunts.

If it sounds like an amusement park ride, then you're right on target. The PTG delivers the laughs.

Bobbie Judd turns in an astonishing surreal performance as the forget-

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ful housekeeper/backstage Pandora. Larry Pelliccioni comes through loud and clear as the egotist director/backstage Casanova.

Ernie Nolan, a sophomore at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, comes on strong as the convincing real estate agent/backstage

jealous lover. Deborah Kandler is absolutely charming as the witless bombshell playing a witless bombshell.

Sally Dubats, co-director of the PTG production with Francine Jo Hachen, gives an ironic turn as the frazzled stage manager/jilted lover.

James W. Dereniak is a stitch as the aristocratic neurotic playing a tax-evading, neurotic aristocrat.

Lisa Brandow's jaded veteran of stage and boudoir is sharp as nails and just as funny.

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# Neil Simon's 'Lost in Yonkers' opens Friday

Set in 1942 Yonkers, N. Y., Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers," opening at suburban theaters Friday, May 14, is a comedy-drama about two young brothers forced by circumstances to live with their grandmother (Irene Worth), aunt (Mercedes Ruehl) and uncle (Richard Dreyfuss).

"... Ever notice there's something wrong with everyone on pop's side of the family?" 15-year-old Jay Kurnitz (Brad Stoll) asks his 13-year-old brother Arty (Mike Damus). "Mom told me that."

will work hard." She teaches the boys the hard lessons life has taught her, but not the compassion that makes them bearable.

Their Uncle Louie (Richard Dreyfuss), a tough-talking gangster, who learned the hard truths of survival from Grandma, will give them lessons in larceny.

Uncle Louie is in trouble with this hoodlum, Hollywood Harry (Robert Guy Miranda), from whom he's stolen money. The ability to defy danger — whether from a gangster or Grandma — is what Louie teaches the boys; that's something they've never seen in their father and didn't know existed.

"They're enamored of him, and he's a romantic figure in their eyes," said director Martha Coolidge. "They don't realize he's a third-rate gangster."

Eccentric and childlike Aunt Bella (Mercedes Ruehl), who has a learning disability, and was over-protected by her mother, will teach the boys the most amazing lesson of all — how to generate and sustain love in an atmosphere where it has never been permitted to exist.

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**Family drama:** Bella (Mercedes Ruehl) and Louie (Richard Dreyfuss) are siblings living in Yonkers, New York circa 1942 in "Lost in Yonkers."

## PREVIEW

cently widowed father Eddie (Jack Lauder) to live with the unforgiving Grandmother Kurnitz while he pursues a job opportunity in the South, learns how right mom was. What they learn will change their lives.

Grandma owns a candy store and comes from the old European tradition of, "You will obey, you

"Lost in Yonkers" is based on Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, produced by Ray Stark and directed by Coolidge from Simon's screenplay.

The executive producer is Joseph M. Caracciolo. Emanuel Azenberg is co-producer.

"I'm always trying to find the human comedy in whatever I write," Simon said. "In this, the

boys provide a lot of it because they're sort of the Greek chorus who look at the family from the outside and say, 'What a crazy bunch.'"

Other characters Jay and Arty encounter include Bella's mentally slow beau, Johnny (David Strathairn), who works as an usher at a movie theater where Bella makes regular escapade expeditions, and their speech-im-

paired Aunt Gert (Susan Mer-

son). "Jay is a nervous guy who wants to make everything all right and take care of Arty," Stoll said.

"He's a lot like his father. He also looks like his mother, which is one reason why Grandma really picks on him and treats him so badly. She didn't get along with his mother too well."

"Arty is almost the complete

opposite of Jay," Damas said. "He's very laid back, doesn't have many worries. He's very sheltered by Jay, who also keeps him from getting in trouble."

## Set in Ohio River Valley

Production of "Lost in Yonkers" began on Aug. 10, 1992. The cast and crew filmed their way

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# 'Dave': at times funny but short on real political satire

## "DAVE"

### FILM CLIPS

Released by: Warner Bros.  
Starring: Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver, Frank Langella and Kevin Dunn  
Directed by: Ivan Reitman  
Produced by: Lauren Shuler-Donner and Ivan Reitman  
Written by: Gary Ross  
Rated: PG-13  
(Parents are strongly cautioned)  
Running time: One hour, 57 minutes  
Rating (out of a possible four):



JOHN MONAGHAN

The exaggerated hand gestures, wire-rimmed glasses and fragmented speeches recall George Bush. The sexual appetite, however, is strictly John F. Kennedy.

When President Bill Mitchell suffers a stroke while dallying with a pretty young aide, the White House staff is anxious to cover it up. They hire look alike nobody Dave Kovic to temporarily step into the oval office.

While the spin is slightly different, "Dave" offers only mildly entertaining presidential hijinks.

There's little here that you haven't seen before.

Actor Kevin Kline resurrects another Hollywood version of the wide-eyed everyman, the Mr. Smith who finds himself in a Washington rife with waste and corruption. One person can make a difference, movies like this say, and Dave is up to the task at hand.

With Dave in charge, popularity polls soar. Where President Mitchell could have cared less about homeless shelters in the past, he now appears to show great compassion.

With the help of an accountant friend, Dave finds \$650 million in the budget to help fund a homeless bill.

"Who does these books?" the

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friend asks while perusing the budget. "If I ran my accounting office like this, I'd be out of business."

Directed by Ivan "Ghostbusters" Reitman, "Dave" works because it does exactly what Ross Perot still harps on. It puts government in the hands of the little guy who, after replacing bureaucratic red tape with old-fashioned common sense, can actually get something done.

Kevin Kline, whose bland theatricality has always irritated me, screams oddball sincerity in every shot. His Dave knovers presidential speeches by heart, yet he's

naive enough to be strung along by an evil Chief of Staff (Frank Langella) who has his own sights set on the top position.

In one of the few funny gags, aides brief Dave over breakfast on the fundamentals of his executive power. A large sign marked "YOU" at the top splits down into the different branches of government.

Sigourney Weaver was born to play the First Lady and she registers passionate hatred for her husband. When she discovers the masquerade, the movie stops dead in its tracks with a predictably plotted love story and climax.

One of the few surprises in "Dave" comes from spotting the

celebrity cameos, probably the largest number in a movie since "The Player." Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jay Leno, Larry King, and Oliver Stone all appear, along with actual senators and news media people.

"Dave," which has already proved successful in its opening weekend, is probably too good-natured to write off completely. Look elsewhere, however, if you want some real fun in the White House. "Dave" delivers toothless, not biting, political satire.

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# Children's show features local talent

The Cotton Candy Theatre Kids of Northville's historic Marquis Theatre at 135 E. Main Street, will be entertaining young audiences with the presentation of "Raggedy Ann and Andy," by Patricia Thackray, May 15 through June 19.

Performance dates and times are — 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays May 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 12 and 19, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays May 16 and 23, 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5. For ticket information call 349-8110. To arrange for special school performance

## 'Raggedy Ann and Andy' is directed by Jeffrey Weiner of Farmington Hills, and Cindy Zeitz of Canton.

times and rates, call 349-8110. Children under the age of 3½ will not be admitted.

America's most beloved folk dolls come to life in this fun-filled story. Babette, a French, porcelain doll has been kidnapped from the playroom by the Loonies! Babette is Marcella's surprise birthday present and she must be re-

turned. To search for her, Raggedy Ann & Andy venture bravely into Looneyland.

"Raggedy Ann and Andy" is directed by Jeffrey Weiner of Farmington Hills, and Cindy Zeitz of Canton. Featured in the cast Carla Freshwater (Raggedy Ann) and Cindy Gontko of Canton; Meghan Nisch and Robyn Ellison of

Plymouth, Ed Lendrum, Emily Liddel, Julia Siciliano, Anna Bonde, Allison Johnson and Erin Martell of Livonia; and Kalli Fortune of Farmington Hills.

The Marquis Theatre is also offering professional theater training at their summer day camps, for children ages 5-16.

Classes will be taught in acting, voice, movement and audition technique.

Two week sessions will be held June 21 through August 20.

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Mark Minken's turn as the over-worked, out-of-his-head stagehand is straight out of Tex Avery.

And last, but certainly not least, is Val Sisto's boozey actor as a slothlike, philosophizing burglar. Sisto gives the most eccentric and engaging performance seen on the PTG stage this season.

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Kris Spencer of Birmingham is a freelance writer who specializes in arts and entertainment.

**"NOISES OFF"**  
Theater: Plymouth Theatre Guild, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road.  
Closes: Saturday, May 22  
Curtain times: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 14-15, May 21-22 and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 16.  
Tickets: Adults \$8 at the door, \$7 advance, seniors and children \$7 at the door, \$6 advance. Call 349-7100.

# Yonkers from page 7B

through three states around the Ohio River Valley — Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana — before finishing on the Sony Pictures lot in Culver City, Calif., on Oct. 16.

"We looked at Yonkers, as well as some other places in and around New York," said executive producer Caracciolo. "But there were more buildings that had the

architecture of that era, without modern buildings either obstructing or in the background, in the Ohio-Kentucky region. It also had the terrain and the river, which we doubled for the Hudson."

Another important set was the theater where Johnny works and Bella goes to escape the severity of life with Grandma. They chose

the historic Murphy Theatre, built in 1918 in Wilmington, Ohio.

"We actually went to the National Historic Register of Theatres," said production designer David Chapman. "We found the Murphy and then fell in love with the town of Wilmington. We wanted Wilmington to represent

'Uptown' where Bella goes to get away from the dreariness of her own neighborhood."

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**UPCOMING THINGS TO DO**

**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. Our Fax number is 591-7279.**

tor, pianist, Virginia Weckstrom, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23 in the Janice Charach Epstein Museum/Gallery at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Tickets, \$10, senior citizens and students \$8, available at the center, 661-1000, Extension 352, Ticketmaster outlets.

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 University, 36600 Schoolcraft. There is no charge for this concert.

**THEATER**

**BIRMINGHAM THEATRE**  
Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" opens a five week engagement at the Birmingham Theatre May 18 to June 20. Call 644-3533 or Ticketmaster for tickets.

**PURPLE ROSE**  
"National Anthems" continues through May 23 at the Purple Rose Theatre Company's Garage Theatre, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. The play is set in a luxury home in Birmingham and examines the lifestyle of Arthur and Leslie Reed, a pair of affluent yuppies. For ticket information, call 475-7902.

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Check out Executive Chef Michael Messing's new spring menu at Sebastian's Grill in Troy's Sommerset Collection. Dishes include sauteed pork loin with pecan crust and plum mustard sauce, sea scallops with orange, basil, asparagus tips and saffron

butter sauce, and wild mushroom ravioli with quad-color pasta.

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# Safe from page 12B

"Small manufacturers probably have the biggest need," Cole said. "Maybe he got tired of working for someone else, put his own shop together and has three or four people working for him. No one told him what to do."

"Part of what we're running into when you get down to very small companies is they don't know they have to have a documented safety plan," he said. "We're trying to get across that they must have a plan."

"Are they going to be visited by MIOSHA? Probably not. But if someone files a complaint or there's an injury, they could have an occupational safety officer at their door," Cole said.

### Plan for safety

A safety plan must address how an employer will provide a safe work place including attention to Michigan's right to know law on hazardous materials.

"We found there's a lot less education about safety than we expected to find," Cole said. "We have to get education out first before they get to the point where they want to talk about doing business."

"Somehow or another, safety got tagged that it's an expensive thing to do, it costs a lot of money," he said. "Some people just can't be bothered. One willful violation and the minimum fine is \$5,000 and willful is considered to mean that you know a condition exists and allow it to continue."

Overhead is fairly low, so the principals don't feel pressured to expand too quickly.

"We'll let it grow as big as the market demands," Cole said. "We went to a Wayne State University seminar. One thing they caution you about is not to grow too fast."

"We'll bring in office people to handle the office end, people to go out and work with people. We'd like to hire a full-time marketing person," he said. "We'll let it happen when it gets here."

And eventually get out of the house and into an office, Hanson said.

Safety seminars and industrial accident investigations also were identified by the principals as areas for potential growth.

Russell said he has no problem with businesses doing their own safety programs, but figures that

more often than not he and Cole can do it better.

"That's our expertise — to read and give them a better understanding of their particular type work," Russell said. "We have the expertise to make that go a lot easier and faster."

"I know there are consultants out there who will train what's in (safety) standards, but they don't follow through and do a specialized program like we do," Hanson said.

Amy Plassins, of Livonia has been named a leading district sales manager for 1992 by I.C. System, Inc., a national collection agency.

Plassins ranked twelfth in I.C. System's President's Sales Club.

The rankings are determined by sales volume, number of sales and collection fees derived from their accounts.

Plassins has represented I.C. System since May 1991. TMs was the first Awards Banquet to which she has been invited. Plas-

sins has also earned an Honor Roll for a monthly sales performance.

Livonia representative Dennis A. Wallot, CFP, regional vice president Frank Kenny, district managers James Tillman, Larry Lumsden, and account executive Russell Navarre, attended the Money Concepts International Financial Planning Congress recently where Wallot was a featured speaker due to his outstanding achievements the past

year.

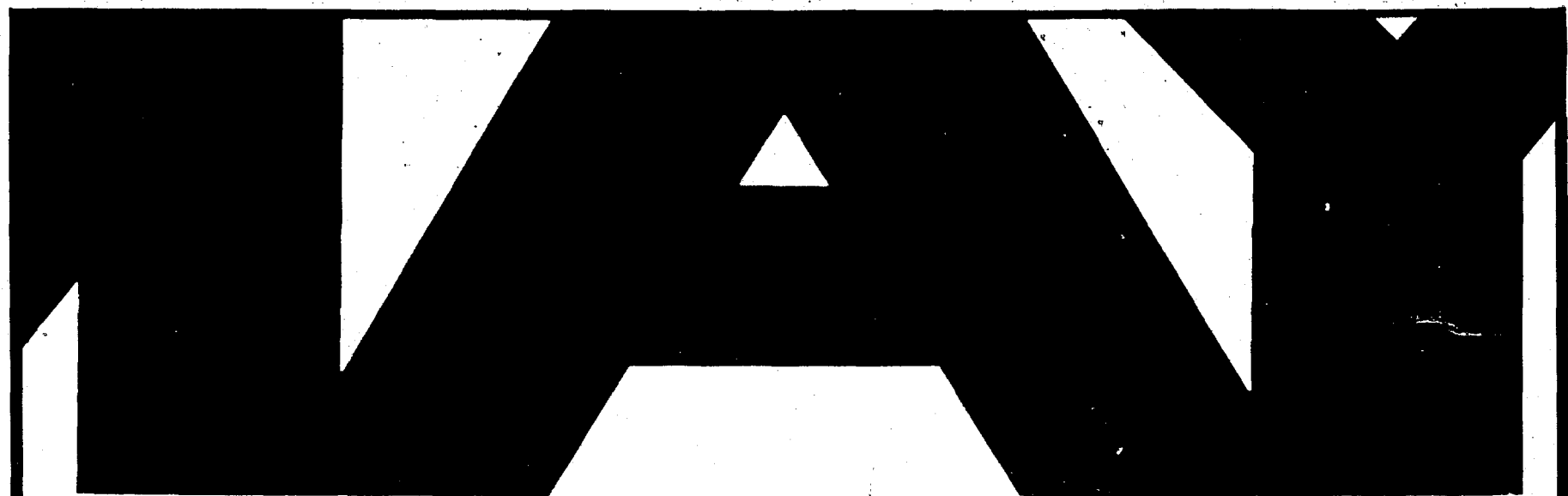
Kenneth R. Hale, CIC, owner of Cambridge Underwriters of Livonia, has been elected a member of the board of governors of the society of Certified Insurance Counselors, a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to professional insurance education.

Lori A. Buhl of Sporns Florists and Green Houses in Plymouth has been certified as a senior designer by Florists' Transworld

Delivery Association. Achieving certification means Buhl has completed flower identification and design style identification tests, and passed a series of tests requiring the design of specific floral arrangements from predetermined categories.

Paul Martin, Pella sales representative in Livonia, has been recognized as a Pella Most Valuable Performer for outstanding sales and customer satisfaction.

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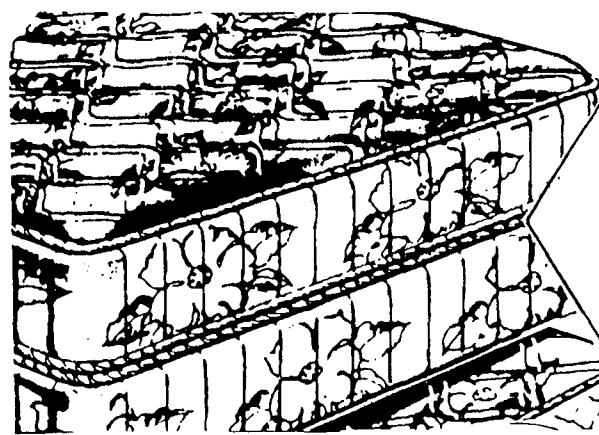
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# Auto investing is risky — want to buy an MG?



**AUTO TALK**

**DAN McCOSH**

With the Meadowbrook Concourse D'Elegance only a couple of months away, I note that the price of a vintage Ferrari has dropped a million or so, according to a note in the Wall Street Journal. This is bad news for Ferrari owners, but good news for the possum living in my garage.

The possum built a nest out of twigs he dragged in and tucked them behind the SU carburetors on my vintage MG. This was discovered the other day when my daughter opened the hood to show the SU carburetors to a friend.

The possum snarled, apparently feeling he was unlikely to be disturbed, considering the declining market for vintage cars. My daughter screamed.

I considered giving the possum the book on how to adjust the SU carburetors, figuring he had as good a chance as anybody to figure it out.

The MG is the last in a long series of cars I have owned with

the thought in the back of my mind that they would be worth a lot of money some day. So far, I have not put down \$3 million for a \$10,000 Ferrari and watched it drop to a paltry \$2 million. I have been more likely to invest an amount in the high three figures in something like a Corvair Greenbriar van, with low miles that runs good. This is a classic, of sorts, which by its scarcity should have surpassed the Ferrari long ago.

The problem with keeping a good Corvair running is getting parts, just like the Ferrari.

My main problem was the fan belt that is about 12 feet long and runs everything on the car, including the cooling fan. The Greenbriar was eventually towed away, and I think I had to pay for that, setting a pattern that seems to have continued to this day.

A Fiat 128; a Volkswagen squareback sedan (the only old VW that nobody is interested in nowadays); a 1971 Pinto; and of course the Gucci Concord squareback were among the vehicles I have owned that never seemed to catch on with the Meadowbrook Concourse D'Elegance crowd.

Then again, there is the MG. It was a bargain to begin with,

since I bought it from a mechanic who had towed it out into a field after it was half-repaired and the owner had died. My wife and I rebuilt the engine in the kitchen sink of a small apartment we were renting at the time, since we were both suffering from a serious case of British sports car disease.

Actually, we drove it for years, back in the days when holding a hand-held window squeegee out the side curtain was an acceptable substitute for an operating window wiper. It started pretty well with a crank, and holding your hand straight up in the air was then legal as a way of indicating that you had applied the brakes.

It was sort of retired to the garage a couple of houses ago. It seems to follow us, like a cat you leave on a country road that never gets the point. We have towed it to two storage sheds, never under its own power.

Regardless, I understand that MGs are a good investment, unlike the risk inherent in Ferraris. Meanwhile, the possum is getting covered with oil from the leaks, and I am considering getting him one of those caps with the belt in the back, if he decides to stick around.

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## SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

Dr. Phillip W. Cohen, DDS, MS has been elected Vice-President of the American Association of Endodontists at the American Association of Endodontists' annual general assembly in Chicago. Dr. Cohen is in private practice in Livonia, Brighton and Canton, Michigan.



Phillip W. Cohen

Sales & Marketing Executives/Detroit, an affiliate of Sales & Marketing Executives International, has awarded its 'Statesman of the Year' award to Ed Gulda, group president of the Worldwide ABS and Controls business of Kelsey-Hayes Group.



Ed Gulda

Gulda receives the award in recognition of his role in the development of an international sales and marketing program for the company's new family of anti-lock braking systems (ABS) -- including new product introductions at major automotive forums in Frankfurt, Tokyo, Detroit, Prague and Paris.

Paul E. Gallagher has recently joined the staff of the Leonard A. Turowski & Son and the Neely-Turowski Funeral Homes in Livonia. Gallagher's duties will include offering the 'Family Considerations' Program, which allows families to prearrange and pre-fund their funeral in advance of need, while protecting themselves from rising costs.



Paul E. Gallagher

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## Be Safe

### Duo rings off Bell for job safety firm.

■ A pair of former Michigan Bell employees are hoping businesses will put their money where their mouths are when it comes to safety issues.

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

It's not state and federal inspectors who present the greatest financial threat to businesses with unsafe working conditions.

It's injuries on the job, loss of productivity and the possibility of higher insurance premiums that cause bigger and more lasting headaches.

That's the conclusion of Michael E. Cole and Frank E. Russell, former Michigan Bell employees who are principals in a fledgling consulting firm, Be Safe Inc.

Cole, 44, a Troy resident, worked at the phone company for 24 years, most recently in technical training. Russell, 52, of Canton, served 26 years, most recently in corporate safety.

Both accepted job buyouts a year and a half ago and went into business for themselves.

"A lot of people figure safety programs take a horrendous amount of time," Cole said. "You can make it take a lot of time, so overbearing, that you have a body to throw at it full time."

"If properly presented, we think we can get people working safely on the job and off the job," he added.

Said Russell: "I really believe that no company has the intention of getting their employees hurt."

**\$20,000 and a dream**

The partners pooled about \$20,000

from their buyout packages to start the business, purchasing computers, facsimile machines, beepers and safety standard books.

They currently have an office in Cole's house.

Cole and Russell found a guinea pig in Lesnau Printing while pulling their business plans together and still working for Bell.

"We were trying to get a feel for how much time is involved in each phase of the project," Cole said. "What we ended up with is a generic package, all the little pieces you would need to implement a program, train people."

"All material went right into a word processor. It will always be customized," he said.

The basic four-point plan consists of an on-premises safety review, correcting violations in the work place, development of a written safety plan, and, if necessary, a training phase.

Costs vary greatly depending on the scope of the job, Cole said. A simple walk-through safety inspection at a small factory could start at about \$250, a written safety plan at \$2,000-\$3,000.

**MCI got the ball rolling**

Russell and Cole picked up their first and, so far, biggest client, MCI, just before launching their business. MCI acquired Western Union and had no experience in manhole safety, Cole said.

The two heard about that development through the professional grapevine, made a presentation and got the job.

Last year, while working out the



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Looking things over: Frank E. Russell (left) and Michael E. Cole, who design and implement business safety programs, check over a press at Paul Lesnau's printing shop.

bugs and scavenging for clients, Be Safe had sales between \$30,000 and \$40,000, Cole said. The goal this year is \$150,000-\$200,000.

The firm has pitched proposals to a soap distribution company in Brighton, a pipe supply company in Livonia and a plastics company in Marine City.

"We do some cold calling, radio advertising, word of mouth. We're in

networking committees," said Cindy Hanson, Cole's wife and the only other person currently involved in the firm.

They also attend trade shows, advertise in business specialty publications and mail out brochures.

Even though their first client was a giant, the prime target group is job shops with a small employee base.

See **SAFE**, 10B

## Conference aims to take mystery out of exporting

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Exporting services don't have to be a mysterious or gut-wrenching experience, as a one-day conference on selling in foreign markets will try to explain.

With Canada just a short drive away from the Observer & Eccentric coverage area, it may be worthy of look-see and the \$95 registration fee.

The conference, scheduled 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at the Radisson Hotel Pontchartrain in Detroit, is co-sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, Comerica Bank, Central Business District Association and AT&T Commercial Markets.

"We're not closing the door on anybody, but it's kind of targeted to women business owners who have a service business," said John O'Gara, an international trade officer with the Small Business Administration.

"Typically, you would characterize an exporter as a manufacturer with an end product. It's appropriate for services as well," he said, identifying architectural and environmental evaluation services as two possibilities.

"It's not really a mystery, it's fear of the unknown," O'Gara said of the exporting process. "It's a foreign country, a foreign culture -- how do you get paid?"

"If you look at it all at once, it looks formidable. What you have to do is take it in pieces. There's steps you go through. It need not be more difficult from domestic business," O'Gara said.

Women have made strides, but still have a way to go in the business world, said Diane Edgcomb, president of the Central Business District Association.

"I don't feel there are a lot of new jobs coming out in the future," she said. "Women have to become independent themselves."

"I think this gives women the opportunity to do things they might not have felt possible before. This allows the opportunity to become a trader. Global thinking is just as important as domestic thinking. You can't isolate yourself," Edgcomb said.



**Export woes? Doing business across the Ambassador Bridge or any other border doesn't have to be tough duty.** A seminar sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration offers useful tips.

Morning concurrent seminars include "Learning to Go International: Seven Steps to Exporting;" "Easy Entry to Mexico and Canada: How Will NAFTA Affect the Service Industries;" and "How to Benefit from Trade Shows and Missions."

Concurrent afternoon seminars include "Getting in Touch with the World: Methods of Communicating with Your Customers;" "Selling Abroad: Creating a Presence in the Global Market;" and "Bridging the Cultural Gap."

A panel discussion during breakfast will feature business owners who have successfully exported their services.

During lunch, Florine Mark, president of WW Group headquartered in Farmington Hills, will share her experiences of entering the Mexican market with the Weight Watchers program.

"I plan to talk about what not to do when you go to a foreign country," Mark said. "I was very successful in the U.S. I was going to take everything I know and do it there. It didn't work until I

learned the culture, understood the people.

"We are different and we have to understand and respect each others' differences," Mark said. "I think learning the language is very important."

All attendees will participate in a closing session "Putting it All Together: Creating an Export Plan," "Preparing for Tax Implications and Learning Financial Options."

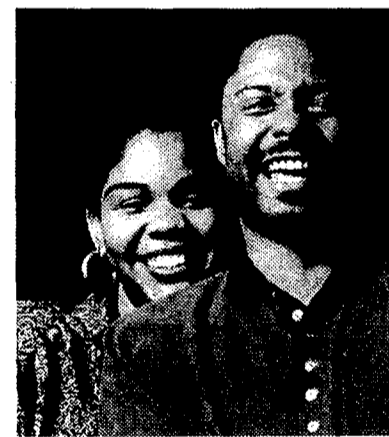
A reception and informal networking session will cap the day.

People may register by contacting Darsi Martin of the CBDA at 961-1403 during business hours.

"We estimate that 40-45 percent of all small businesses by the year 2000 will be woman owned," O'Gara said. "Typically, women-owned businesses are service type businesses."

"I think there's something there for anyone with something to export," he said of the conference. "If we could get 100 and 80 percent are bonafide business owners there, I think we'd be hitting our mark."

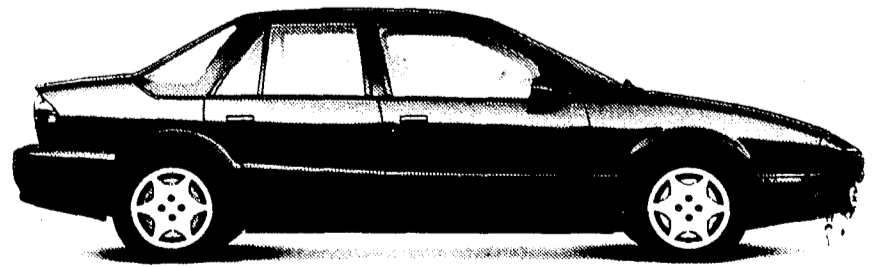
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## FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

### 'Good' talk: 2-way street with children

How well do you communicate with your child? If you're a child care professional, do you tell children what to do rather than what not to do?

Using do's and don'ts is quite difficult especially if adults already have the "don't" habit. Using do's versus don'ts require practice and a concentrated effort to impact children in a more positive way.

Think about it really. Too many don'ts implies to a child, or anyone for that matter, that "I can't do anything right;" "I'm not expected to do anything right;" and "You lack trust in my judgment."

When communicating with children, talk to them as if you're talking to a friend.

Communicating will be more effective if adults view children as unique thinking individuals versus little kids who have little to say . . . little thinking capabilities.

Adults should put thought and consideration into their conversations with a child. The improvement of your relationship with your child or other people's children make it worth it. Let's discuss the do's and don'ts further. Here's a few examples:

(1) Don't talk with your mouth full, or better yet, chew your food first, swallow and then talk.

(2) Don't eat all the bread, or better yet, you can have two slices.

(3) Don't color on the kitchen table, or better yet, you can color on this sheet of paper.

Another winning way to communicate with a child is simply listening. Try it; you might like it. Practice it. Gain from it. Children know when you're not really listening. Your "ah-huh, oh really," weak nods, no eye contact and body language — facial expressions — tell all. The conversation is then one-sided and the child doesn't receive the proper feedback from the so-called "receiver."

The child may feel unimportant at the time and/or what he or she has to say means little to the adult. Listen attentively. Get rid of the distractions, if possible, and pay attention.

You can turn a child off, especially teenagers, by making the mistake of pretending to listen, when, in fact, you're just hearing. When this happens, the "on" button of a teenager may be harder to reach the next time.

Here are five more effective communication commandments to remember when talking to children:

(1) First Commandment — Avoid talking at young people like "Pick up your mess," "Get a hair cut," "You need to do it this way." Instead talk with the child. Too many directives frequently turn into one-sided conversations. You then may be viewed by a child as an authoritarian, a bully. Just because "you can," doesn't necessarily mean you should.

(2) Second Commandment — Criticize less. Criticizing or correcting a child's style or manner in which they present information tears down self-expression.

Children who are creative express themselves in a variety of ways. These children are most likely to try new things and be leaders and good problem solvers. Criticizing is a negative, but positive encouragement and guidance fits winning communication.

(3) Third Commandment — Avoid interrupting a child before they complete their thoughts. Listen, ask questions for clarification, listen some more. Respond — feedback. That's communicating.

(4) Fourth Commandment — Use "I" messages to communicate your (adult) thoughts and feelings and "you" messages to help children reflect their ideas and feelings. For example, "You may feel sad because your bird died." "I need help cleaning the yard." When "you" messages are used inappropriately, it places blame and is directed at the person/child instead of the behavior that may need correcting.

(5) Fifth Commandment — Communicate real acceptance. When a child knows that you accept them as they are, not being judgmental, but fair and loving, then chances are greater for the child to count on your being receptive.

Remember, if a sender sends a verbal message and it is not received by the receptor, it has not been properly communicated or the person and the receiving end is turned off.

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.



WILLIAM HANSEN

Key note: Music director Steve Altman (right) gets to show off his keyboard wizardry to Rudy Coby in "The Rudy Coby Show," now at the Gem Theater in Detroit.

## High-tech gem has local glow



In the three months since opening at the Gem Theater, "The Rudy Coby Show" has developed a cult following. Good news for former Redford resident Steve Altman who not only performs in the show but created its musical score.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Comedian and former Redford resident Steve Altman hoped to sneak into town and perfect his role in "The Rudy Coby Show" before telling friends and family about it.

Perhaps a sign of things to come, Coby's show, which was making its world premiere here, received so much hype before it started that it was impossible to keep the secret.

"I didn't want to tell anyone . . . (but) it really came together great," Altman said.

Three months after the high-tech magic show debuted, "The Rudy Coby Show" is still selling out at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, elevating it to cult status. Last week its run was extended until the end of June and recently the Gem ended a midnight show.

"What's amazing is it's become like the 'Rocky Horror Picture Show.' People see it over and over and over again," Coby said.

In the show's loosely based plot, Coby plays the big-haired "Lab Man," a scientist/magician who accidentally cuts in half his assistant "Nikki Terminator," played by Kristine Bonds of Southfield. Outside of the plot, Coby performs magic tricks with the rest of the cast, while Altman performs digital comedy with his keyboard.

Paul Ebejer, formerly of West Bloomfield, plays Elvis; former "Head of the Class" star Daniel Rosen juggles myriad of items including a "Swiss Army Cat;" Karen Remijan plays Miss Modern; Robert W. Self, who helped develop the TV movies "Sarah Plain and Tall" and "Skylark," is the Hentchman; and John Simone plays the lab assistant. (Rosen is leaving the show at the end of May.)

The three former or current locals — Ebejer, Altman and Bonds — play key roles in the show.

Coby met Altman and Ebejer while travelling with his one-man

mod magic show. Ebejer was touring with his midget "Quiddlers" show. Altman, who wrote all the music for "The Rudy Coby Show," was doing stand-up comedy using strange and some familiar noises programmed in his keyboard.

Coby called Altman, a "late 20th century" graduate of St. Mary's High School, one of the major stars in his show.

"He is a genius. He will be a major, major star. He's brilliant. All the music is original," Coby said. "It's like watching a Warner Bros. cartoon live."

When the show ends its run, Altman's planning to return to California to finish recording a CD of the songs included in his comedy act and an hour-long video.

A Gem Theatre veteran, Bonds was discovered while rehearsing for the "All Night Strut!" in her dressing room. Coby and his manager immediately pegged the graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills as "Nikki Terminator." He even rounded up her father, newsman Bill Bonds, to make a cameo appearance in the show.

"He absolutely loved it," Bonds said of her father's reaction to the show.

Apparently, however, Bill Bonds still doesn't realize his daughter's a cut-up, so to speak.

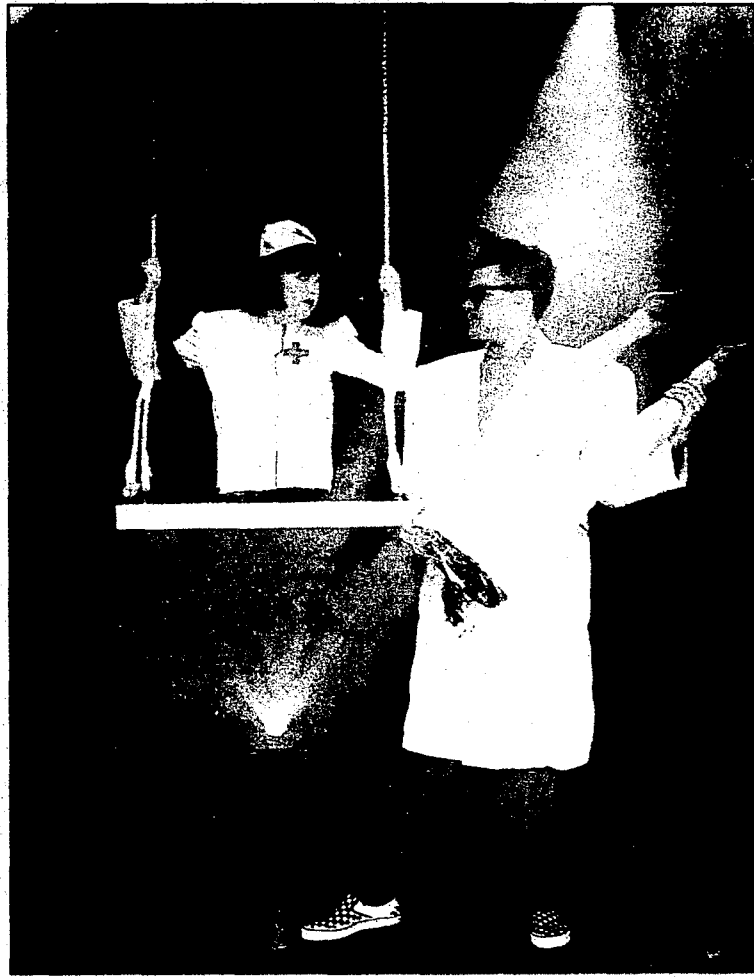
"My dad, he thinks that I could be doing something else," she said grinning.

Ebejer turned his boredom in class at Oakland University in Rochester to create his midget act. Doodling in class, he went home, acted it out and realized the gag was feasible.

"The class was worth something," he said with a laugh.

Since then, he's appeared on television and stage worldwide, including Monte Carlo, Paris, Tokyo (where he first met Coby), Spain, Germany, Montreal and Hollywood.

See RUDY COBY, 3C



Local gems: Cast members include Kristine Bonds (top photo) as Nikki Terminator and Paul Ebejer as Little Elvis.



## Families are first for Family First

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Hulda Piercecchi has a deep, abiding concern about the family — hers and others. As she sees it, the family is the basic unit of society and the strength of the nation rests on the strength of its families.

Maybe that's why she's seen little greatness in the society envisioned by then President Lyndon Johnson in his social reforms of the '60s, referred to as "The Great Society."

"We had the Great Society with LBJ; it was going to eliminate poverty," but when government

gets involved, it only gets worse. This (Great Society) has produced this (today's society), with children having children."

Piercecchi might be considered radical by some in that her views, steeped in tradition, are contrary to the more liberal "do your own thing" fostered in the '60s. In fact, she has on occasion been called that, but name calling hasn't changed her beliefs. It's family first, the same name of the metro Detroit organization she presides over.

The Livonia resident became interested in preserving the family in the 1970s when she took a stand against the Equal Rights Amendment. When

she read the proposed amendment, Piercecchi saw it to mean that "men wouldn't have to be responsible for child support." Her response was to form Women Against ERA.

"It appeared to me to be an onslaught against the family," said Piercecchi who has two children and four grandchildren. "The whole thrust was rights rather than responsibility, do your own thing rather than have a concern for the family and society."

See FIRST, 3C



**Getting help:** Dr. Robert Weaver, a St. Mary Hospital oral/maxillofacial surgeon, attends to a young patient during a three-week medical mission to a remote Micronesian island.

## Surgeon foregoes 'luxury' to treat Pacific islanders

No hotels. No restaurants. No electricity or running water. Not your idea of the perfect vacation?

Well, for more than two weeks dentist Dr. Robert Weaver and 15 others experienced a lack of luxury on a mission to the State of Chunk, remote South Pacific islands in Micronesia.

It was the first medical team from the United States to visit the islands.

"There weren't even any showers or bathrooms," said Weaver, a St. Mary Hospital oral surgeon.

But roughing it is nothing new for Weaver. The son of Wayne State University head and neck surgeon Dr. Arthur Weaver, he has been on missions with his family since he was a boy.

"Every year we used to do a mission project as a family," Weaver said. "Dad saw a brochure on this particular mission, so I called and asked if they needed an oral surgeon."

Canvasback Missions of San Bernardino, Calif., organized the mission, then the group of health care professionals flew to the island of Moen where they boarded a catamaran and sailed to the remote islands of Chunk State. Mission members included three physicians, Dr. Weaver and his wife, Jeanie, a health educator, a general dentist, dental coordinator, medical coordinator, several nurses, a captain, engineer and cook.

The dentists had no X-ray equipment or suction, and only local anesthetic was available. Yet, Weaver extracted 268 teeth in seven hours one day. Each member of the mission saw between 100 and 120 patients a day.

The most common ailments were middle ear infections, intestinal parasites, fungal infections, multiple cavities and abscessed teeth, foreign objects in the feet and adult onset diabetes.

## Singles groups plan benefit for hospital

Six metropolitan singles groups have teamed up to sponsor a benefit dance for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Farmington Single Professionals, First Society of Detroit, Ford Singles, Selective Singles, Metropolitan Single Professionals and Westlake Singles are the groups behind the Singles Coalition Benefit Dance set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, at the Livonia Marriott Hotel, Six Mile Road east of I-275, Livonia.

The idea is for members to

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*Dr. Robert Weaver*

Health education provided to the islanders focused on tooth brushing and general hygiene. Everyone on the island received a toothbrush. All children were evaluated first, then the more critical adults and lastly clinic patients with more general medical complaints. Immunizations were also performed on the children.

The goal of the missions is to establish a clinic with a local medical officer at each of the 23 islands in Micronesia.

"We want them to be self-sufficient medically in five years," Weaver explained.

After sleeping on a catamaran for three weeks and attempting to eat the unusual dishes prepared on the islands, this particular mission was an experience he will never forget.

Last year Weaver was part of a mission to Montserrat, one of the Leeward Islands in the Caribbean. But the mission to the South Pacific took him to the most remote area he has visited. "It was 22 hours flying time," he recalled.

The trip was rewarding because of the amazing courage of the islanders, many whom had never seen a dentist or doctor.

"I treated more than 500 children, and I would say that less than five shed a tear," he said. "They were so thankful."

come together to dance, socialize and form new friendships while raising money for Children's Hospital. Admission is \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. There will be music by a disc jockey, hors d'oeuvres 8-9 p.m. and a cash bar. Attire is semi-dressy.

Tickets are available by sending a check to Farmington Single Professionals, 30739 Shiawassee, Apt. 38, Farmington 48336. For more information, call the information line at 478-9181 or Dave Hulbert, event chairperson, at 478-4919.

# Writer sees and acts on essentials

### GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Mrs. Green,

I am 30 years old, soon to be 31 years old. I have been married for four years. I have no children and not planning on having any children at all. Although I do have a cat which I spoil

like a child. I have recently moved into the Westland area.

Since I have received the Observer I have read your column. I think it's very interesting on how you can analyze someone's handwriting. I'm very interested in what you have to say about my handwriting. Thank you and have a nice day.

L.S., Westland

Scanning today's handwriting we see a young woman who is a practical thinker with intelligence that promotes efficiency and maturity. She can rid herself of extraneous details and then see and act on the essentials.

In her work she likes good equipment. She can readily adapt to products that help her do the job better.

Our writer is self-directed. Her mind is well organized and she can plan ahead. I doubt if we'll ever hear her say "But this is the way we have always done it."

When getting started, she is a little cautious or hesitant at times. However, once into a task, she is a productive worker who concentrates on getting it done in the most effective manner.

At times she can be a little defensive, also decisive. She appears to be rejecting from consciousness certain painful ideas, memories or feelings from the past. Some resentment toward a parental figure is suggested.

Our writer is hypersensitive to personal criticism. I think she received too much of it as a younger person and it has made her self-conscious. It has also caused her to imagine slights and hurts even when they aren't intended. This keeps her on guard with others much of the time. It also makes it difficult to develop long-term relationships with others.

She enjoys compliments and is

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When choosing friends she is selective and limits the number of people in whom she confides to a small number. She is cautious not to reveal things about her personal life that she does not wish others to know. And nosy people turn her right off.

I wonder if she is aware of the dominant manner she sometimes assumes with people. She has a very strong need to be in control.

This is an independent young woman. In some area(s), she seems to feel she has been more successful than her spouse.

She does not have to be surrounded by people all of the time. She needs time by herself to relax and develop her inner resources.

Music probably furnishes enjoyment.

Tastes often lean toward things which are on the plain side. Frustrated does not hold too much appeal for her.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene 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 signature are all helpful. And feedback is always welcomed.

I want to thank Mrs. M. of Plymouth for her detailed feedback. I do appreciate the time you spent on it.

## F&M stages Health and Beauty Days

Get ready to be revitalized.

F&M Distributors has teamed up with "PREVENTION" magazine, Henry Ford Health System and the American Red Cross to offer the "F&M Health and Beauty Days," now through Sunday, May 23.

"Health and Beauty Days" includes free, in-store, health screening and education as well as product sampling and money saving coupons available at all F&M stores as well as free demonstrations and displays 2-8 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun-

days.

In addition, Henry Ford Health System is offering free health checks, including blood pressure, height and weight, as well as information on how to read food labels, Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16 and 22-23.

The event also is showcasing several educational seminars by Henry Ford Health System medical professionals, who will discuss such topics as "Preparing for Pregnancy," "Children, Allergies and Asthma" and "Kids and Drugs: What a Parent Needs to Know."

The American Red Cross will feature several clinics and seminars on preparing for a disaster and premarital HIV/AIDS counseling as well as babysitting clinics, home alone and water safety demonstrations.

In addition, a Safety Fair on May 22 will provide parents, caregivers and children several methods to prevent childhood injuries, the number one killer of children.

And for those who want to look and feel great, "PREVENTION" magazine's beauty editor Pamela

Boyer will show women and men the do's and don'ts to healthy skin.

Locally, Glen Drothler of the Metro Medical Group will discuss "Sports and Fitness for Good Health" at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Livonia F&M, 13505 Middlebelt Road. A "Heart Smart!" cooking demonstration will be featured 1-2 p.m. Sunday, May 16.

Other participating F&M stores are at 42053 Ford Road, Canton, and at 35715 Warren Road, Westland.

### NEW VOICES

**BILL** and **CAROL SAWYER** of Pinckney, formerly of Plymouth, announce the birth of **DANIEL HAY** April 8 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has two sisters, Laura-Beth, 4, and Michelle, 1½. Grandparents are Don and Jane Hay of Plymouth.

**DALE** and **CONNIE STRINGER** of Westland announce the birth of **CHRISTEN LINDSAY** April 14 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

**DONALD** and **TERRALYNN KESKI-HYNNILA** of Canton announce the birth of **KRISTA LAUREN** March 31 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has two sisters, Liisa, 8, and Leina, 3½. Grandparents are Kenneth and Ester Richards of Canton and Eino and Eila Keski-Hynnila of British Columbia, Canada. Great-grandmother is

Myrtle Richards of Sterling Heights.

**CRAIG** and **JODIE STEPHENS** of Garden City announce the birth of **JANELLE MARIE** April 4 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Philpott of Livonia, Mr. and Mrs. S. Stephens of Manistique Lake and Mr. and Mrs. A. Headley of Palm Harbor, Fla.

**SCOT** and **MICHELLE SPEIRA** announce the birth of **AMANDA MICHELLE** March 5

at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are David and Shirley Speirs of Livonia and Joseph and Lorraine Petro of Northville. Great grandparents are Florence Speirs of Canton, Pearl Hebert of Lincoln Park, Joseph and Josephine Petro of Detroit and Milton and Clarra Wittie of Brooksville, Fla. Great, great-grandmother is Augustine Maniaci of Harper Woods.

**JEFF** and **ANN WARD** of Westland announce the birth of **SARAH ELIZABETH** April 9 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

She has two brothers, Matthew and Kyle. Grandparents are Frank and Nancy Ceane of Wayne, Janet and Bill Smouthers of Ypsilanti and Richard and Diane Ward of Hillman, Mich.

**TIM** and **JUDY ROUNSIFER** of New Boston announce the birth of **MARY KATHRYN** Feb. 27 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. She has a sister, Sarah Lorraine, 2. Grandparents are Ron Rounsifer of New Boston, Connie Watts of Jacksonville, Fla., and Reg and Evelyn Hamilton of Garden City.



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**Planning:** As president of Family First, Hulda Piercecchi (left) meets with members of the Board of directors for a planning session.



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## First from page 1C

### God and country

ERA failed to marshal the necessary state support and Piercecchi decided to switch gears, forming Family First, its philosophy based on the principles God, family and country.

Family First supports the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution. It supports the right of families to practice the religion of their choice, noting that "cultivation of a religious atmosphere inspires respect for law and order."

It believes that people owe their existence to a Creator and supports Holy Scriptures as the foundation of moral values. It defines family as those persons related by blood, adoption and marriage and affirms the traditional role of homemaker.

And in support of its philosophy, Family First actively lobbies

for legislation beneficial to the family.

"There has been such a decline in the family," Piercecchi said. "Divorce is up and the fallout is the children. They've really suffered."

She points to article in April edition of "The Atlantic Monthly." Written by Barbara DaFoe Whitehead, it notes that 22 percent of children in single parent families will experience poverty during childhood for seven or more years, while the figure is 2 percent for children in two-parent families.

Family First has some 200 members and a mailing list of 125. Most of the members come from throughout the metro area while the mailing lists reaches supporters living in Lansing and areas further north.

The age of the membership is

varied and both men and women belong. The group meets at Grand River Baptist Church on Six Mile Road in Livonia and has speakers who reflect its philosophy. Recent guests included Elaine Donnelly, a former member of the Defense Advisory Commission on Women in the Service, Women in Combat, and Anna Ebling, a Russian immigrant and researcher.

Ebling looked at American elections from Franklin Roosevelt through Ronald Reagan and found that over the years government has become more involved in people's lives, slowly leading the country down the road that Soviet Union just abandoned.

### Favorite causes

Family First's conservative bent is reflected in other causes it supports. The group favors adoption over abortion — "There are one million families ready and waiting for babies," she said — and has taken to writing letters in support of the DeBoers, the Ann Arbor couple caught up in a legal battle over adoption of their two-year-old daughter.

The group also supports the work of Molly Kelly who travels around the country, speaking to young people about sex respect. Kelly's approach is that if you want the teenage birth rate to drop, you have to tell children what not to do, Piercecchi said.

Piercecchi has been a family activist for so long that it has become a part of her life. Like her husband, she is active in the Republican party and each is supportive of the other's interests.

"When we did the ERA thing, people saw it as a matter of women's rights, but now they see the feminists as radicals," she said. "I think there's a large element of the population that needs a voice and we're (Family First) their voice."

Family First meets at the Grand River Baptist Church on Six Mile between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Child care is available. For more information on meeting days and times, call 591-1980.

## Judges' benefit helps First Step

They'll be singing the blues at St. Andrew's Hall Thursday, May 20, and for a good reason. It's the second annual Judges Against Domestic Violence benefit for First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The benefit begins at 5:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, and will feature the music a leading Detroit rock and blues band. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The tax-deductible tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Thirty-five judges from the area are serving as honorary guests for the event, including Carolyn Archbold of Wayne, C. Charles Bokas of Westland, Richard Hammer Jr. of Garden City and Gail McKnight of Westland.

The First Step Board of Directors believe that domestic violence can be prevented by providing critical support services to victims and by increasing community awareness of the problem. Hopes are that the event will increase that awareness throughout the legal community while raising needed funds for First Step's continued operation.

"Domestic violence is a common problem in our society," said board member Kelly Machado. "Fifty percent of the 47 million couples in the U.S. will experience violence in their relationship at least once — a woman is assaulted in her home every 15 seconds."

"Battering is the single most common cause of injury to women, exceeding rapes, muggings and automobile accidents. Twenty percent of all emergency room hospital visits are domestic violence related."

All components of the criminal justice system, including police, prosecutors and judges have a critical role to play in

detering domestic violence, according to the National Woman Abuse Prevention Project. Unfortunately, the system's traditional response has been one of non-intervention unless severe injury or death was involved.

Reflecting the general attitude held by society, the system viewed domestic violence as a private family problem, not a criminal issue. Offenders were rarely arrested or convicted of their crimes, and victims received little, if any, protection or support.

In recent years, however, the system has begun to take a tougher stance against domestic violence. The current trend is toward the arrest and prosecution of offenders. These changes are largely the result of the efforts of the battered women's movement, which continues to pressure the system into ensuring justice for domestic violence victims.

In 1984, the report of the U.S. Attorney General's Task Force on Family Violence reaffirmed the need for an improved criminal justice response to domestic violence, stating: "The legal response to family violence must be guided primarily by the nature of the abusive act, not the relationship between the victim and the abuser."

First Step provides support services to families experiencing violence in the 35 communities of western Wayne County, including a 24-hour crisis line, temporary emergency shelter, free legal representation, individual and family counseling, support groups and assistance with legal, financial, housing and educational information and referrals.

Tickets for the benefit are available by sending a check, payable to First Step, to 8381 Farmington Road, Westland 48185. For more information, call 525-2230.

## Rudy Coby from page 1C

His character, a midget Elvis, is perfect for Coby's show, he said.

"What I do is so weird that I blend in very easily," Ebejer explained about his act.

Throughout the show, Coby and his cast of eight share some of their magic secrets with the audience. Coby, who has performed in 40 different countries, admits some of his tricks are perfect for scaring parents. After all, he got his start startling his parents with "deep wounds" in his neck and other parts of his body.

"The show will fool people. We use goofy visuals. It's so goofy we go right up to the goofy limit," Coby said.

"It's like 'Ren and Stimpy' live."

The Rudy Coby show continues at the Gem Theatre, 58 E. Columbia St., Detroit, through the end of June. Show times and prices vary.

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# S'craft banquet honors best students

The 21st-annual Schoolcraft College business honors banquet was held last month. Many of the students honored are unemployed auto workers, single mothers, and homemakers who now find themselves needing additional educational background to become more marketable in the tough job market.

Many maintained honors status while working full time, maintaining a home, raising children, or returning for a degree at age 50.

Those honored in accounting were: Kim Cummings, Darlene Defoe, Amy Denstedt, Laura Detloff, Greg Doublet, Linda Hebert, Stephanie Hill, Janice Jacobs, Susan Kowalski and Viola Leung.

Also honored were Victor Ludlam, Maureen Meneguzzo, Michelle Morgan, Stacie Nyschick, Joanne O'Malley, Gayle Parkinson, Nancy Paskievitch, Charles Perry, Lori Pirtle and Lori Reif.

Accounting honors also went to

Patricia Roberts, Christopher Rouland, Derek Rowland, Lori Santelio, Ann Sciberras, Janet Skinner, Denise Smith, Mardell Wilcox and Izabela Zywiec.

Business Administration students receiving honors included Christopher Bailey, Randolph Blackwood, Patricia Bond, Matthew Buhovecky, John Fioretti, Shawn Frentner, Al Gat, Scott Gray, Linda Jones and Jennifer Kolis.

Also honored were Mary Locke, Mark Lulgjuraj, Janet Lumetta, Karen Lynch, Ann Maksimowicz, Michelle Malone, Deanna McCollum, Teresa McConville, Tim Onderko and Russel Patterson.

Other business administration honors were bestowed on Lynn Rogosky, George Ross, Sean Ryan, Jeffrey Schroeder, Daniel Shepard, Marek Sowul, Kevin Terry, Lisa Therrien, Annabell Vickers and Diane Witt.

Computer information systems students honored were Douglas Bergman, Debora Cavill, Linda Cronin, Kathleen Fairchild, Rosemary Fleszar and Heather Harrison.

Also honored in computers were Linda Kendrick, Victoria Lukashuk, Joy Middleton, Ronald Przybylski, James Siebert, Cynthia Stolber, Jacquelyn Swanson, Robert Vanlue, Dennis Weyburne and Barbara Zantop.


Office information systems honor students are Barbara Barona, Diane Bewersdorf, Irene Bludzius, Leanora Fisher, Elke

Harwood, Loretta Koehler, Rosina Kung, Judy Larkin, Mary Mussehl and Pam Pinkerton.

Also honored were Peggy Robichaud, Janet Stevens, Janice Wanamaker, Lisa Wasserman and Louise Wehrheim.

Marketing/Management students with honors were Nancy Allen, Krista Andree, Kathleen Andrus, Deanna Bedard, William Binkelman, Cynthia Branigan, Nancy Bremer, Diane Burnell, Alfred Carbone, Russell Coleman, Diane Costello, Christine Cox, Bobby Desmarais, Laurine Diehl, Kenneth Fanelli, Cori Fisher and Rick Fleming.

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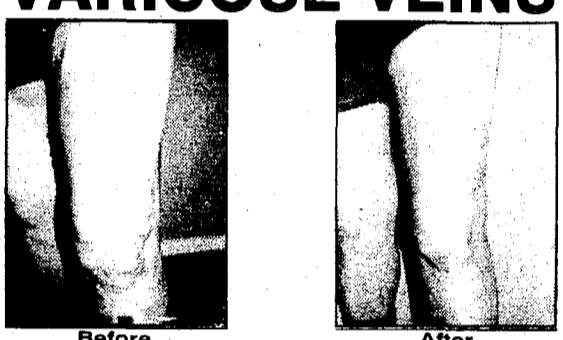
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## Foundation in works to benefit Greenmead

**S**he chairs the Livonia Historical Commission. So Sue Daniel often flirts with structural foundations during restoration work at Greenmead, a historical village boasting the Simmons/Hill farmstead and 14 relocated buildings. The main farmhouse, a museum since 1977, is the mid-19th-century home of Greenmead founder Joshua Simmons.

In light of citywide budget cuts, Daniel now is flirting with a different kind of foundation. She's working with the Livonia Historical Society to create a historical foundation to supplement capital funding for Greenmead — an idea first floated in 1983. She hopes to present a final proposal to the full society by fall.

In 1989, the city sold 3/4 of Greenmead's 98 acres to the U.S. Postal Service for \$375,000. So far, the commission has spent \$150,000 of that on improvements around the village.

That development windfall notwithstanding, this is the first year since the mid-'70s the commission also won't receive a capital allocation from the city general fund for Greenmead. In the past, it received up to \$30,000 a year.

"We need to look for other means of funding," Daniel said. "It's as simple as that. I don't see things getting any better. I'm glad we've made as much progress as we have."

### Multipurpose foundation

Daniel foresees a Greenmead Historical Foundation with three funds. An endowment fund would pay for programs and materials to teach kids about local history. A second such fund would cover major exhibits at the Simmons/Hills House Museum. The third fund, a capital fund, would help finance major restoration projects.

The historical commission has \$60,000 in a development trust fund. But that cache will be gone quickly if forced to be Greenmead's main capital fund.

A historical foundation based partly on endowments would be supported by fund-raisers, mailings, a public appeal and corporate sponsorships.

"It's getting harder and harder for the city to support us. That's no complaint — the city's been very good to Greenmead. But money's getting scarcer all around so we've got to become more self-sufficient," said Livonia Historical Society president Marian Lynch.

Livonia Mayor Bob Bennett lauds the cooperative spirit between the historical commission and the historical society. But he reminds that a citizens committee is looking into forming a community foundation to help finance artistic, cultural and historical pursuits.

Still, two foundations might not duplicate efforts. "In terms of a community foundation's success in developing meaningful amounts of money for purposes of a trust, that remains to be seen, particularly in today's changing economy," Bennett said.

Since its founding in the '50s, the historical society has raised more than \$100,000 for historical preservation and education. It's the leading fundraiser for Greenmead's costliest restoration, the Alexander Blue House, kicking in \$88,000 so far.

Historians hope to turn that 143-year-old house into a self-supporting conference and meeting center and a reception hall for Newburg Church. Period furnishings will reflect 1880 Livonia Township.

Projected restoration costs for the two-story, 12-room house have spiraled to \$500,000. Improvements so far have cost \$73,000. This year, \$55,000 is budgeted for floor, roof, wall, doorway, stair, porch and exterior improvements. Funding sources include Friends for Development of Greenmead, the historical society, the historical commission trust fund and contributions.

Meanwhile, restoration marches on at the Quaker Meeting House (\$148,000), the Alexander Blue Office (\$4,800) and the Newburg Church parsonage (\$1,800). Facing stone is planned for the basement foundations of the Shaw and Kingsley houses (\$15,200).

### Farmstead facelift eyed

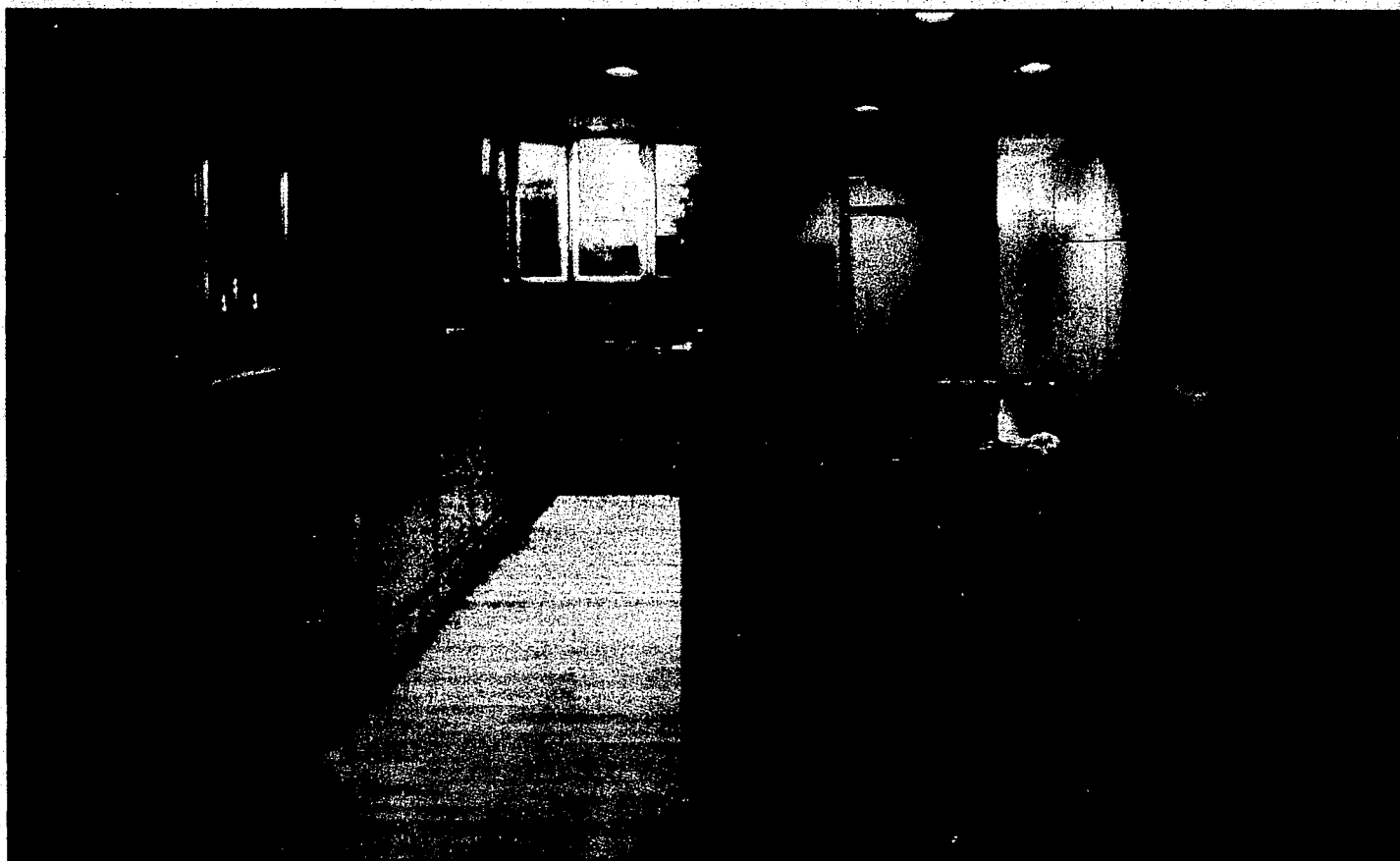
Future plans call for restoring the farmstead at upwards of \$700,000. Work would include rebuilding the now-gone north corn crib and south carriage house, plus restoring the 1829 north barn, 1830s farmhands house, 1841 main farmhouse, north carriage house, greenhouse, caretakers cottage, chicken coop and garage.

To supplement the post office development fund, Mayor Bennett is preparing to ask the city council for permission to sell land adjacent to the Greenmead Post Office and ticket proceeds of at least \$200,000 for Greenmead.

Daniel realizes a historical foundation won't develop overnight. But she's willing to wait it out:

"It's going to take a while, I know that. But I think, in the long run, a foundation is necessary. It's the only way we're going to make it. We'll start out slow, but eventually we'll get there."

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



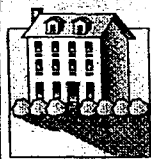
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**Customize:** The Stellas opted for a larger kitchen and a downsized dining room in their new detached condominium. The sleek kitchen, designed for lefthanded use, has frosted oak cabinets, Corian countertops, mirrored backsplashes and oak flooring.

## Home tour to benefit symphony

**■ Plymouth Symphony League's biennial home tour Friday, May 21, will showcase the interiors of seven houses. The theme is "Town and Country."**

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER  
SPECIAL WRITER



Keep it simple. That was Ray and Kathie Stella's philosophy in 1989 when they began decorating their detached condominium near downtown Plymouth. The result is a well-executed home noteworthy for its views and mix of traditional furnishings, collectibles and a scattering of contemporary pieces collected during a 34-year marriage.

Visitors can see the Stella's home and six others during the Plymouth Symphony League's biennial home tour, "Town and Country," 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, May 21. Tickets are \$15 and proceeds help fund the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

See TOUR, 6D



WILLIAM HANSEN

**Antiques:** Hugh Harsha mixes Oriental rugs and American antiques throughout his Colonial-style home. The living room is decorated in rose and blues to blend with a Bidjar area rug.

## Artists turn spotlight on their works

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Basically a self-taught artist, John Davison began to paint in oil more than 50 years ago. At age 81, he has developed basic philosophies for painting and living life to the limit.

Davison and nearly 20 other members of 3 Cities Art Club are exhibiting their work through May 17 at Frame Works, 833 Penniman, Plymouth.

See 3 CITIES, 5D



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Essential values:** John Davison works on a sepia-toned portrait of his mother. The portrait is patterned after a photograph taken in the 1930s.

**Artbeat features vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Write: Artbeat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our FAX number is 591-7279.**

### ■ WINNING WATERCOLOR

Billie Thompson of Livonia won a Michigan Watercolor Society Award worth \$300 for her entry in the 47th annual Michigan Watercolor Society Exhibition.

The 89-piece exhibition from artists across Michigan is on a yearlong tour of the state. William F. Weege III, University of Wisconsin-Madison art professor, juried the works. The 12 cash awards totaled \$5,000.

The traveling exhibition will visit the Oakland County Galleria in Pontiac in June. Call 868-0415 for more information.

## Art Beat

### ■ ENTRY CALL

The Art Store in Canton is looking for entries for its first art contest. All media are eligible. Theme for this year's competition is miniatures (no smaller than 3 by 5 inches, no larger than 7 by 9 inches.)

The first-place winner will be awarded \$100 cash. The second-place winner will receive \$50 gift certificate and the third-place winner a \$25 gift certificate from The Art Store.

Deadline for entries is Aug. 31, 1993. Contact store owner Gerald Macek for details. The store is at 42727 Ford Road at Lilley.

### ■ GREEN THUMBS

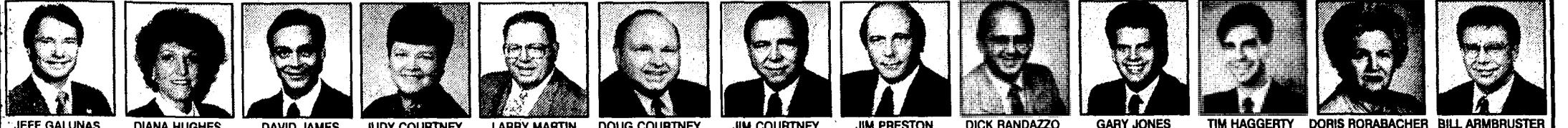
Study gardening at Schoolcraft College. C. Leitzau will teach "Understanding Plants-Botany for Gardener," a four-week class 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays starting May 19. Learn about plant propagation and nomenclature.

Janet Macunovich will teach "Doubling Up in the Perennial Garden," a one-day session 6-10 p.m. Monday, May 24. Learn what to do with the bare space that results by planting another species that "comes on" during the first plant's off season.

Macunovich also will teach "Basic Pest Management," a two-week class 7-10 p.m. Mondays starting June 14. Learn the basic steps to identify and evaluate problems and make decisions.

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# Meet creator of Native American masks



**Ancient spirit:** Chippewa artist Sally Thielen, in a special guest appearance, brings her raku masks to Native West Gallery this weekend.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Chippewa artist Sally Thielen, also known as South Eagle Woman, will make a personal appearance Saturday-Sunday, May 15-16, at Native West Gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Hours to meet the artist are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Thielen, creator of dolls and haunting raku porcelain masks, which seem to take on a life of their own, will display 20-30 masks and six to 10 dolls.

"Sally Thielen is an internationally known and exhibited Michigan artist," said Becky Dodson, who owns the gallery with her husband, Doug.

"We were at the Indian Market in Arizona when her exhibit stopped me dead in my tracks. You feel something coming from these masks. She molds them on the faces of Chippewa."

The concept behind the masks is spiritual, says Thielen. The masks are portraits of American Indians. They are meant to represent "the people."

Looking at the masks, they seem alive with the spirit of an extinct culture. The vacant eyes haunt with untold tales of ancient warriors. "She uses horse hair, skunk fur and turkey feathers. They're definitely one-of-a-kind items," Dodson said.

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Becky Dodson  
gallery co-owner

Thielen creates art with harmony and balance of ancient and contemporary ideas. The dolls are her interpretation of artifacts from an archeological dig. The heads and visible body parts of the dolls are made of porcelain. Each is mounted on a cradle board just as American Indian infants traditionally were fastened to boards and carried on the back, side or front. The heads are adorned with feathers, fur, horsehair or a combination. Many of the dolls are also decorated with Chippewa-style beadwork.

Thielen, a graduate of Michigan Practical Nursing School in

Flint, worked as a nurse for 10 years. Disenchanted with nursing, she sought a path that would combine her cultural heritage and creativity. She found working with clay satisfied this longing. She studied pottery and sculpture at the Flint Institute of Arts for four years. For more than 15 years, Thielen has worked as a professional artist.

She has exhibited throughout the United States as well as in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia. Her work is in the collections of the Museum of Natural History in Denver; Jessie Desser Museum, Alpena; Museum of Mann,

San Diego; and Museum of Folk Art and Museum of Craft, Moscow.

Prices for the masks will range on average from \$250 to \$1,200, the dolls from \$395 to \$900.

Native West also will display the alabaster carvings of Dennis Christy this weekend. Christy is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa tribe. He studied at the Native American Institute of Art in Santa Fe. He has exhibited across the United States. His work is in the collections of the Herd Museum in Phoenix and the Wheelright Museum in Santa Fe.

In conjunction with Thielen's appearance and Christy's carvings, Native West hosts its second annual Home Accessory Extravaganza May 15-24. It features ideas for home decor, including paintings, prints, wallhangings, pillows, baskets, rugs, pottery, furniture and kachinas.

Native West hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Saturday, until 8 p.m. Friday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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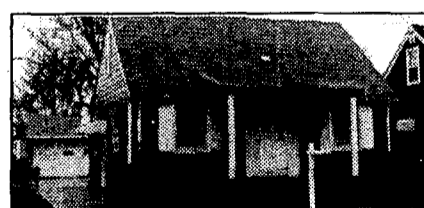
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MARDIGIAN LIBRARY To May 16 — The Fine Art Associates of the University of Michigan-Dearborn will sponsor two exhibitions of glass art through May 16...

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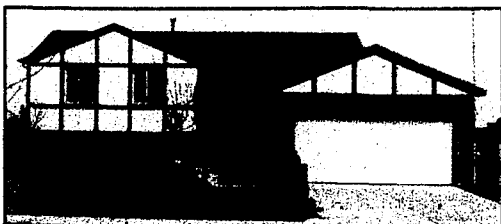


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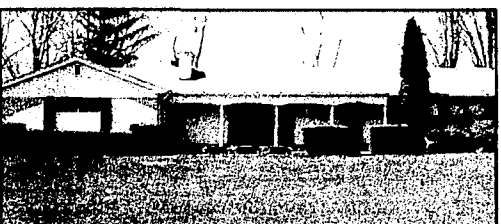
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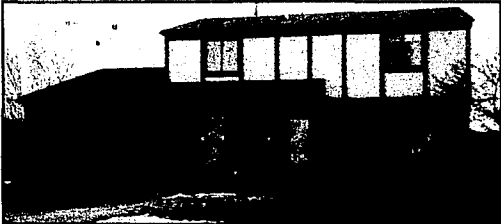
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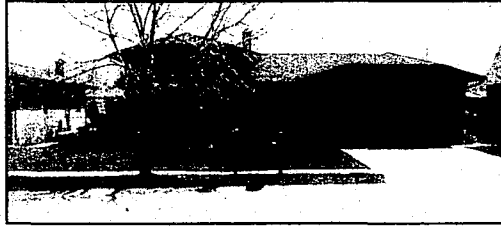
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**GARDEN CITY**  
**LARGE COUNTRY LOT** - Updated kitchen, large garage for the mechanic, large living room, bathroom updated. All copper plumbing, newer siding on home, furnace 10 years old.  
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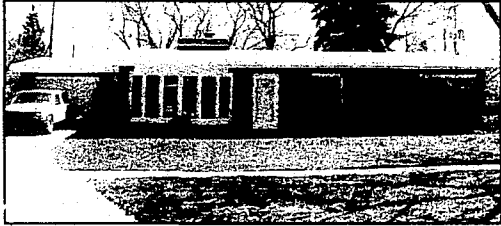
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**SHARP QUAD - GREAT AREA.** Largest model many updates: 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, wet bar in family room and fireplace. Attached garage and above ground pool. Be in by summer.  
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**WILLIAMSBURGH COLONIAL.** Four bedroom, 2½ bath, den, formal living and dining rooms. Family room with cathedral ceiling and fireplace. Glassed sun room, maintenance free exterior and many quality updates.  
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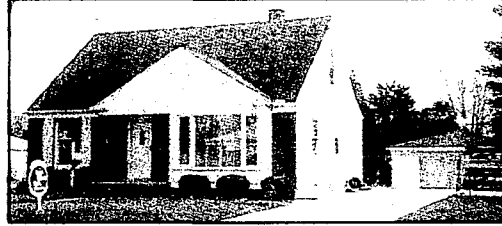
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**GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOME!** Three bedroom brick ranch, nicely decorated, finished basement with bar, 2½ car garage, plus all appliances included.  
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**WAYNE**  
**MRS. CLEAN LIVES HERE** - Three bedroom brick with all the pluses. Newer Pella windows, remodeled kitchen, large living room and dining room with 2 sided fireplace, cathedral ceilings, newer carpet.  
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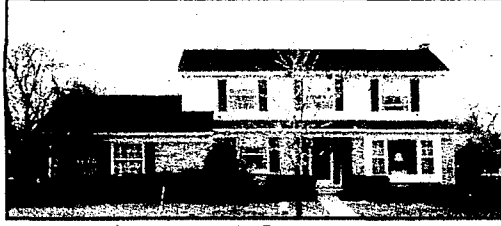
**REDFORD**  
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**GREAT LOCATION!** Beautiful three bedroom, 2 full bath ranch. Newer carpeting in living room and hall. Finished basement with wet bar, great patio with privacy fence. Immaculate, move-in condition.  
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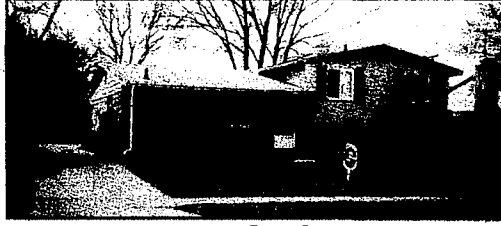
**DEARBORN**  
**A REAL CHARMER** - Cute three bedroom, one bath brick ranch with central air, 1½ car garage, newer water heater and furnace, partially finished basement.  
**\$89,900** WAL 477-1111



**PLYMOUTH**  
**THIS HOME HAS IT ALL!** Hardwood floors, spacious rooms and maintained oh so carefully. Add to that 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, library/den and family room with fireplace. First floor laundry and side entry garage.  
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**CAPE COD** - Hardwood floors, wet plaster, great fireplace, a sitting room off master bedroom, walk-out basement, new windows, roof furnace, water heater and carpeting. VA, FHA terms. On ½ acre lot.  
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**A REAL GEM!** Newer oak kitchen, breakfast room, neutral decor, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and finished rec room in this brick ranch. Mechanics dream garage with hoist and fenced yard with gate and slab for sioring.  
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**FRESH AS SPRINGTIME** - Light and airy, this 2 year old 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial is one of the best. Formal dining room with bay window. Family room with fireplace, central air, 2 tiered deck, court location.  
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**GARDEN CITY'S FINEST** - Three bedroom custom built ranch with 2 full baths and rec room with wet bar, attached garage and second garage. 90x135 lot, remodeled kitchen and newer windows.  
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**UNUSUAL AND UNIQUE** - Garden City offering aluminum Cape Cod. Family room, fireplace, finished basement, mother-in-law apartment, 2 car garage.  
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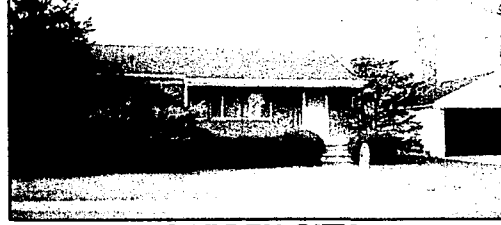
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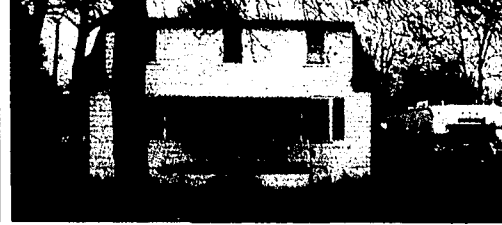
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**LARGE BACK YARD** - Summer fun describes this back yard for you and your family. This home offers 3 bedrooms, finished basement with a wet bar, large garage.  
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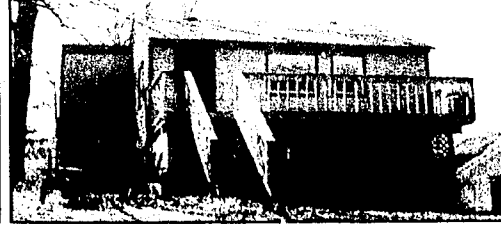
**NORTHVILLE**  
**CUTE 2 BEDROOM RANCH!** Neutral decor, living room with cathedral ceiling and fireplace. Basement can be used for family room. Lovely location!  
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# BUILDING SCENE

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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1993

## Builders face new horizons

The name of the building game is change. Putting the same product on the market year after year is injurious to the health of a building company.

Here's some of the facts and trends builders are dealing with to keep their businesses healthy now and into the next century.

■ Large-scale production in automated factories is a myth; almost all new houses are custom assembled on site.

■ The typical builder produces less than one new house per month operating in a very small geographic area. Housing markets are local in character, and what works in one suburb could very well fail in another.

■ Between now and the year 2000, the United States Census Bureau expects the largest increase in population to be in the 45-54 age group, which will grow 49 percent. This leads experts to predict a tremendous gain forecast for households headed by this age group. And combined with the solid gains that will be scored in the 35 to 44 age group, this represents an attractive customer base for builders.

■ One of the most attractive segment of the market for builders has been married couples with children. But between now and the turn of the century, that group is expected to increase only 1 percent. The traditional nuclear family household, which accounted for 39 percent of total households in 1970, 30 percent in 1980 and 27 percent in 1990 will continue to decline to 24 percent in 2000.

■ Single persons living alone will grow a robust 28 percent by 2000, and then single person households will comprise 29 percent of the total in 2000, up from 26 percent in 1990.

■ Builder's primary market segments are first-time buyers, first-time move-up builders, ultimate move-up buyers, luxury move-up buyers and move-down buyers.

■ The regulatory environment and land and materials cost are seen by the building industry as restricting its ability to serve the entry-level market, which is increasingly opting for the resale market to find affordable, "palatable" housing.

■ The shift toward more single-person households in virtually all age groups and the rising influence of immigration as a contributor to overall population trends are believed to have a strong effect on consumer lifestyle pressures and preferences. These include mellowing, cocooning, time starvation, two-income households, latchkey kids, and elders at home.

Mellowing and cocooning are two sides of the same coin. The shift is becoming evident away from the showy consumption of the '80s toward a quieter, less formal lifestyle characterizes mellow-

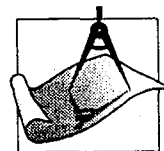
See BUILDERS, 4F



No boxes here: Retail architecture rarely receives the attention that its sibling forms — housing and office — architecture does. Unless, of course, it happens to be a design by Farmington Hills-based James P. Ryan Associates.



## SOMERSET ARCHITECT He pushes mall design envelope



James P. Ryan is helping change the face of retail architecture. In fact, he and his associates have gone a long way in giving it a face. His new Somerset Collection II project will show that retail architecture should no longer be ignored.

BY GERALD FRAWLEY  
STAFF WRITER

When people talk of great architecture, homes and office buildings get most of the attention.

"What a house!"  
"Wow, look at that building!"  
When was the last time you heard someone say what a great mall?

If James Ryan, president of James P. Ryan Associates Architects and Planners P.C. in Farmington Hills, had the time, he might be irritated. He's too busy.

In fact, the architectural firm for the just-announced Somerset Collection II, Somerset Collection renova-

tion and numerous award winning retail architecture designs throughout the country has been remarkably busy despite the recent economic doldrums.

Still, Ryan wonders why retail architecture is often overlooked when compared to its more prominent counterparts.

It is unfathomable to him, Ryan said, that in America — where shopping is king — that retail architecture has been one of the most ignored forms.

"This is an industry that is flamboyant — but for some reason, you just don't hear about it."

### Who is to blame?

Part of the blame rests with developers and consumers who didn't demand more from retail architecture in the past, he said. Architects who didn't stress the importance of good architecture are also partly to blame.

"We should strive for something meaningful, something elegant, something long-lasting," he said.

These are his goals for every project, Ryan said. "We're searching for something customers can walk away from and then talk about it later."

Retail architecture, as he envisions it, should do more than just create space. "It should make people want to spend time there."

Registered to work in 17 states, James Ryan Associates is currently involved in projects in Michigan, California, Virginia, Illinois and New

York and is poised to make the jump to the international scene with several projects that are still in the discussion stage.

Despite this international renown, James P. Ryan Associates maintains a fairly low profile outside of the retail design community.

Ryan said that when he lectures to architecture and engineering students, they're often surprised at what his firm's been able to accomplish in a retail setting.

It's important, Ryan said, to include the "human element" in the consideration of a design.

Ryan says he finds it reassuring that mall managers and owners have begun to realize that it takes more than square footage to make a mall successful. "The malls built in the '50s, '60s and '70s are coming of age

See JAMES P. RYAN, 4F

## Office vacancy rates down, landlords remain cautious

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

The vacancy rate and average asking rent for office space in suburban markets decreased slightly during the first three months of this year compared to the first quarter of 1992, according to the Southfield commercial real estate firm of Cushman & Wakefield.

The survey found a vacancy rate of 18.9 percent compared to 20.8 percent and weighted average asking rent of \$16.75 per square foot compared to \$16.90.

Stagnant new construction and steady absorption accounted for a decrease in the suburban vacancy rate, the report indicated. "Stiff competition for tenants resulted in a general decrease in rents."

The only new office space reported under construction in the metro Detroit area is Bloom-Wood Centre, 145,000 square feet, in the Birmingham suburb.

"It's still a good time to be a tenant," said Keith Sant, vice president and branch manager for Cushman & Wakefield.

"What we're finding is, indeed, vacancy rates are starting to trend downward. But they're not coming down as quickly as you might anticipate... and the reason is the economy."

"People are not in an expansion mode on the office side. They're still in a contracting or holding mode."

"It poses a challenge for landlords to manage and market effectively," Sant said. "I think long-term owners out there are looking to refinance, if possible, and hold on until they can anticipate a move upwards in rates."

It may take four or five years for the

market to rebound to where vacancies are 10 percent or less, Sant said. Meanwhile, it's important that owners maintain their properties to retain tenants.

Different submarkets in the O&E coverage area fared differently, according to Cushman & Wakefield.

**Birmingham:** This market, with leasing activity of nearly 195,000 square feet and net absorption of nearly 95,000 square feet, was described as the top quarterly performer in the area.

Inventory of 5.6 million square feet had a vacancy rate of 14.9 percent, down from 18.1 percent the previous year. Asking rents ranged from \$11-25.50 per square foot with a weighted average of \$18.33.

"Demand for Class B (few services not in prime locations) space was strong and Birmingham is a predominantly Class B market (62.7 percent) which was a benefit," the report indicated. "The stability of the market has kept asking rents relatively unchanged."

**I-275 corridor, Livonia/Novi:** Leasing activity of 73,533 square feet was up by 8.5 percent. Vacancy rates plunged 5.7 percentage points to 13.2 percent, the lowest among O&E communities.

Total inventory of 2.8 million square feet had asking rents ranging from \$12-\$19.30 per square foot. The weighted average was \$16.38.

"Asking rents have experienced only minor fluctuations over the past year and are expected to hold firm over the remainder of 1993 with concessions decreasing," the report indicated.

**Southfield:** This community has the largest total inventory, 15.3 mil-

lion square feet, and the highest vacancy rate, 24 percent, in the O&E coverage area.

Asking rents ranged from \$8.50-\$25.05 with a weighted average of \$16.44.

Absorption improved dramatically during the first three months after going into a tailspin during the comparable period in '92.

"Asking rents in Southfield are declining again after a short increase when the new construction (Oakland Towne Square) was added," the report stated.

**Troy:** Slight improvement was recorded here during the year.

Inventory of 11.5 million square feet had asking rents in a range of \$11.55 to \$22.50 with a weighted average of \$16.71. The vacancy rate was 19 percent.

Most transactions so far this year have been small, averaging less than 5,000 square feet.

"Motives for the slower activity in this market were that there has been no major upturn in the auto industry and that deals and decisions are taking a greater amount of time to consummate," the report indicated.

"With continued equilibrium in the market, asking rates are not expected to change dramatically in the next year."

**Farmington Hills:** All kinds of reshuffling took place in this market last quarter, but net absorption increased by only 18,300 square feet.

Asking rental rates ranged from \$10 to \$18.50 with a weighted average of \$16.72 for an inventory of 4.7 million square feet.

"Competitive rents continued to be the motivating factor behind most activity," the report said.

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# Midwest No. 1 in affordability

AP — Looking for a place where housing is still reasonable? Consider the Saginaw-Bay City-Midland area of Michigan, the most affordable housing market in America, a builders' survey says.

Saginaw topped the list of affordable housing markets as the National Association of Home Builders released its Housing Opportunity Index last Thursday.

Five other Michigan markets were among the 25 most affordable areas. And California accounted for 19 of the 25 least affordable areas.

The index is based on a survey of 330,190 sales of both new and previously owned homes in 187 metropolitan areas during the October-December quarter. It measures the typical family's ability to buy a home — not just the price.

The survey found that the Midwest and South remained the most affordable areas in the nation. The Midwest had 20 of the 25 most affordable markets. Of the others, three were in the Northeast and two were in the South.

In common with Saginaw, Bra-

zoria, Texas; Manchester, N.H., and Greeley, Colo., all were the most affordable housing markets in their regions.

On the other hand, San Francisco, New York City, the Hamilton-Middletown, Ohio, area and Sarasota, Fla., were the least affordable markets in their regions. San Francisco remained at the bottom of the affordability list.

Saginaw replaced the Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul, Ill., area at the top of the affordability index. The Champaign market was not included in the latest ranking because sales there fell below the 200 minimum.

The Housing Opportunity Index records the percentage of both new and existing homes sold in the market during the quarter that could have been purchased at prevailing interest rates by a family earning the area's median income.

The Saginaw area scored 93.5 percent on the index. San Francisco got only a 9.3 percent grade.

The median income in the Saginaw area during the fourth quarter was \$39,700 and the median price of a home was \$63,000. The median means half of the in-

### BEST MARKETS

The 10 most affordable (plus the top-ranking Michigan areas) and five least affordable U.S. housing markets in the fourth quarter of 1992, according to the National Association of Home Builders. The number corresponding to each area is the percentage of the homes sold that were within reach of the median-income household at the prevailing mortgage interest rate.

- MOST AFFORDABLE**
1. Saginaw-Bay City-Midland 93.5
  2. Manchester, N.H. 92.8
  3. Peoria, Ill. 92.6
  4. Muskegon 91.8
  5. Brazoria, Texas 91.6
  6. Lincoln, Neb. 90.7
  7. Rockford, Ill. 90.4
  8. Jackson 90.3
  9. Springfield, Ill. 90.2
  10. Amarillo, Texas 90.2
  11. Grand Rapids 89.3
  12. Lansing-East Lansing 88.4
  21. Kalamazoo 87.2

- LEAST AFFORDABLE**
1. San Francisco 9.3
  2. Santa Cruz, Calif. 14.0
  3. Santa Rosa-Petaluma, Calif. 15.4
  4. Salinas-Seaside-Monterey, Calif. 15.8
  5. Los Angeles-Long Beach, Calif. 21.8

comes were higher and half were lower, or that half of the homes cost more and half less.

According to the mortgage underwriting standards used for calculating the index, at the prevailing interest rate of 7.76 percent, a family could afford to purchase a home costing 3.23 times its annual income, or in this case \$128,231.

In the Saginaw area, 93.5 percent of the homes sold during the fourth quarter were priced at or below \$128,231.

On the other hand, San Francisco's median income was \$49,900 and its median price of a home was \$276,000, meaning that the typical family could afford a home costing \$161,177. Only 9.3 percent of the homes there were priced at or below \$161,177.

The Home Builders said the national median home price during the fourth quarter was \$114,000, up \$9,000 from the July-October period. Households earning the national median income of \$36,800 were able to afford to buy 60 percent of the homes offer for sale nationally, up from 57.5 percent in the third quarter.

"The jump in affordability was due primarily to falling interest rates," said Home Builders President J. Roger Glunt.

# After lull, state building market is back on track

The president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders says Michigan's residential building market is stable and is expected to rebound during the second quarter.

Winter weather conditions in March slowed the progress of home building, wiping out several weeks of production time. But Mike Hofer said that March units of 2,916 represent a 52 percent in-

crease over February. Lumber prices also posed a problem for builders.

"The doubling of lumber prices between October and March compelled many builders to put their

projects on hold until prices receded," Hofer said.

"Lumber costs are receding and builders are moving forward with their housing projects," Hofer said.

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## Home values on rise in Detroit, Midwest

AP — Home values rose in much of the Midwest, South and Pacific Northwest during the first quarter, but stagnated in many of the nation's coastal areas, according to a real estate trade group survey.

For the second straight quarter, the Richland-Kennebec-Pasco market of Washington state led the nation in the price appreciation of previously owned single-family homes, the National Association of Realtors said.

The Richland area had a 24.5 percent increase from the first quarter of 1992, to a median price of \$96,400, following a 26.1 percent during the October-December quarter. The median means half of the homes cost more and half cost less.

The Detroit area saw home values shoot up by 19 percent, to \$92,200. That helped boost the median price in the Midwest by 7.8 percent, to \$83,900.

The South experienced a 2.7 percent increase, to \$90,700, including a 10.2 percent advance in the Fort Myers-Cape Coral, Fla., market, where the median price was \$76,400.

The Realtors survey of 129 metropolitan areas found that home values were unchanged at \$137,400 in the Northeast and actually fell 0.5 percent, to \$142,200, in the West, where much of California remained mired in recession.

The Realtors said many of the price increases occurred in less-expensive metropolitan areas where the lowest mortgage rates in two decades spurred buyer demand in the lower price ranges.

"We are seeing more and more people buying starter homes," said William S. Chee, the Realtors president. That activity also is triggering sales in the move-up market, he added.

Interest on fixed-rate, 30-year mortgages dropped from 8 percent to 7.5 percent between January and March, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. That was about 1 percentage point less than a year earlier.

The Realtors said the cold, wet winter helped hold sales of previously owned homes to a 3.4 percent gain during the first quarter, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.92 million units.

That was considerably below the 18.3 percent surge recorded during the same quarter last year. Sales in 1993 were up in 29 states and the District of Columbia, ranging from 25.7 percent in Hawaii to 0.1 percent in Texas. They fell in 18 others and were unchanged in two. Information was not available from two other states.

Honolulu continued to have the most expensive existing homes. Prices there rose another 1.5 percent during the first quarter, to \$347,000.

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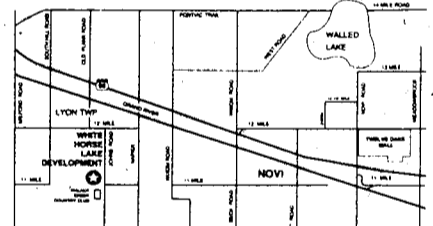


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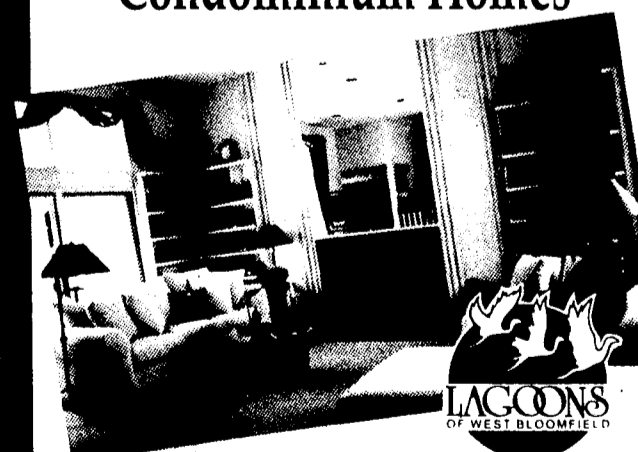
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# Buying power: Older women do, older men don't

AP — Older women spend a larger proportion of their income on housing than older men do, and female homeowners are more likely to borrow against their property to pay living expenses, according to a study by the Older Women's League.

The advocacy group said its study, released last week, found that "Women, especially midlife and older women, find it difficult to keep a roof over their heads."

Many more women than men live alone, and they have much less money with which to make ends meet, according to the report, based largely on data compiled by the Census Bureau and the American Association of Retired Persons.

"And the older they get, the poorer they get — in part because an increasing percentage of their income is tied up in housing," according to the report, entitled, "Room for Improvement: The Lack of Affordable, Adaptable and Accessible Housing for Midlife and Older Women."

The group defines midlife as ages 45-64, and older as age 65 and up.

Older women homeowners have lower monthly housing costs than

men in the same age group, but pay a larger percentage of their income for shelter, the study found.

Of homeowners age 65 to 74, 18 percent of white women, 24 percent of black women and 23 percent of Hispanic women spend 40 percent or more of their income on housing, the study said.

For male homeowners in the same age group, 8 percent of white men, 17 percent of black men and 19 percent of Hispanic men spend 40 percent or more of their income on housing, according to the report.

While older women who own their homes have built up substantial equity in their properties (40 percent of net worth, on average), they have little cash because they tend to be living on fixed incomes.

Older women living alone are also much more likely to borrow against their homes because they need money to live on, the study found. Fifty-six percent of those who have borrowed against their homes are women living alone, 14 percent are men, and 29 percent are couples. The median age of women borrowers was 76; the median age for all older homeowners was 73.

## Homeowners ask, magazine answers

AP — Questions by homeowners, answers by Popular Mechanics magazine:

**Q. My cement slab garage floor is starting to wear and show rough spots. Is there a way I can apply a topping layer to renew the surface?**

**A.** You can top a slab, but you must be careful about getting the topping material too thin. Topping over hardened concrete should not be less than two inches thick at any point.

To top a concrete slab, clean the surface with muriatic acid or concrete cleaner (available in paint and hardware stores). To ensure the topping bonds well, roughen the surface of any slab that has a shiny, smooth surface. Use a wire brush and full-strength muriatic acid to do this.

Next, mix a slurry of cement, sand and water and scrub this onto the surface with a throwaway scrub brush. Apply the concrete topping mix on top of the slurry before the slurry starts to dry.

**Q. We are repainting our textured ceiling and we're having a difficult time trying to get an even finish. Are there special considerations to be aware of when doing this type of job?**

**A.** Yes there are. Here is some background on this type of ceiling and tips to help you with your job:

■ Spray-textured ceilings became the most popular ceiling finish about 30 years ago. Early texture materials were odd blends of taping compounds, perlite or vermiculite and whiteners, all mixed with water. The resulting texture finish was a super-porous material that absorbs paint unevenly.

■ All spray texture finishes are, even today, mill mixes, meaning they are a mixture of powder ingredients that must be mixed with water. Painting such finishes is about equal to painting a sponge: there is heavy and unequal paint suction.

■ To overcome this paint suction you must apply a good sealer. Use an alkylid (oil) sealer and apply it with a long-nap roller.

■ The easiest way to seal — or to paint — a ceiling is to cover the entire floor with a canvas cloth or tarp. Buy a roller and extension handle to apply the sealer or paint.

■ Apply a generous coat of sealer, and check the ceiling from several angles.

## Mortgage rates decrease

(AP) — Thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 7.42 percent this week, down from 7.43 percent last week, according to a national survey released Thursday by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

It was the lowest since mort-

gages averaged 7.38 percent during the week ended April 22. That had been the lowest since the week ended Aug. 4, 1972 when rates also averaged 7.38.

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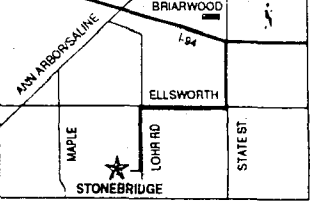


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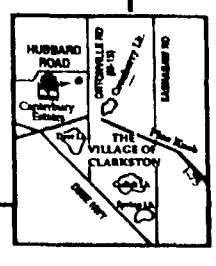
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# James P. Ryan

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— they're getting tired and old.

The owners of these malls and open air centers realize that if they're going to keep tenants from bolting to other, newer malls, they have to improve them.

Ryan said the lion's share of his business in the '90s will be in the rejuvenation of some of the older centers.

## The Taubman-Ryan connection

It's worth noting, however, that even Ryan didn't always give retail architecture its due.

Ryan started out designing office buildings, hotels and it wasn't until he began working with Wah Yee Associates, now in Troy, back in the early '70s that he began to see retail architecture as his niche.

"I can remember Wah Yee asking me if I would like to do retail architecture, and of course, I said yes," he said. "Meanwhile, I'm thinking what the heck is retail architecture?"

It was then that Ryan met someone who would become one of the country's most prominent retail developers, Al Taubman.

"Wah Yee introduced me to him as one of the foremost experts on retail architecture," Ryan said, relating his first meeting with Taubman. It wasn't until years later that Taubman was informed of Wah Yee's "fib."

As an associate and later as a partner at Wah Yee, Ryan designed many of Taubman's ventures until 1978 when he decided to start his own firm in a small office at 10 Mile and Lahser roads — ironically in the same two-story building Wah Yee had originally set up shop in decades earlier.

In the 15 years since starting James P. Ryan Associates, the firm has evolved from a small practice meeting the needs of small retailers to a nationally-recognized retail architect.

## Retail architecture on rise

Ryan is quick to spread the credit for James Ryan Associates' success. Partner and vice president James R. Grigsby, AIA, (who joined in 1983) and William J. Beitz, AIA, (who joined in 1987) are integral parts — as are the other 25 members of the firm — of what the company has been able to accomplish.

Award winning developments like the Plaza of Birmingham, The Gardens of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, along with projects like the Centre at Salisbury in Maryland and the renovation of the Somerset Collection have demonstrated some of what retail architecture can aspire to.

Retail architecture has always been very cost-conscious, he said. "It's taken a while for (retail architecture) to evolve."

"(Now that it has,) the nature of retail architecture has taken us far beyond the mom and pop store," Ryan said.

Cost does remain important, Ryan said, but it shouldn't be the motivating force behind a project. One of the reasons James P. Ryan Associates has developed from a simple architecture firm to full scale project design, planning and construction management firm is to help control costs, he said.

"We know how to control costs, but our first obligation is to make the best design," he said.

Ryan said he has never believed that architects should have a particular style, Ryan said. "We're more interested in quality of work."

Like all good architecture, retail architecture should reflect the area in which it is built, he said.

An area's geography, history and climate is critical in the design of any structure. "You don't put art deco in Utah. We don't want to insult the shopper or the user of the project."

# Selling? Fix up the kitchen, bath

News flash: Home remodeling and addition projects, especially kitchens and baths, can return up to 104 percent on investment.

That's what Remodeling magazine says, anyway. And, naturally, home improvement experts agree.

"Being able to enjoy the new comforts and conveniences of the improvements immediately, however, is the best return," said Jim Sutter, vice president and general merchandise manager of Handy Andy Home Improvement Centers, Inc. "If and when it comes time to sell, homeowners can recoup all or most of what they invested."

There are four Handy Andy locations in the Observer/Eccentric area: Livonia, Westland, Troy and Southfield.

Besides the direct return on investment, the added value of kitchen and bath improvements go beyond dollars and cents. For people selling their homes, well-executed improvements can:

- Increase the market appeal of the home;
- Shorten the home's selling time;
- Put the sellers in better position to name their price.

"Current lifestyle trends are leaning toward more informal dining and entertaining and people are spending more time in the kitchen," Sutter said. "Kitchens are becoming the focal point of a



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home today."

Sutter suggests such projects as new cabinetry, modern, resilient flooring and attractive ceiling treatments.

"At sale time, a home with a kitchen that doesn't need a lot of work and blends utility and visual appeal will attract a potential buyer more than one with an outdated kitchen," he said.

Retailers like Handy Andy offer in-house installation experts for

non-do-it-yourselfers. Design experts are also on staff. Using in-store computers and a specialized software package, Handy Andy and other retail professionals can generate blueprints and layout options based on the basic room dimensions supplied by the customer.

As for bathroom remodeling, "Leisure and glamour are two increasingly popular features that homeowners seek — a room to

work out and relax in," Sutter said. "A bright, spacious look is important; skylights in bathrooms are great additions."

Sutter also advises to pay particular attention to storage. Most older homes, he said, aren't equipped with much space.

Remodeling magazine said the addition of a new bathroom to a home with only one or one-and-a-half baths yields a 95 percent return on investment.

# Builders

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ing. Cocooning reflects the importance of the house as a place to spend more leisure time.

Time starvation is reflected in a loss of time in which to relax and recharge. The trend toward home-centered activities is seen as having tremendous significance for homebuilders.

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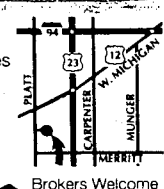
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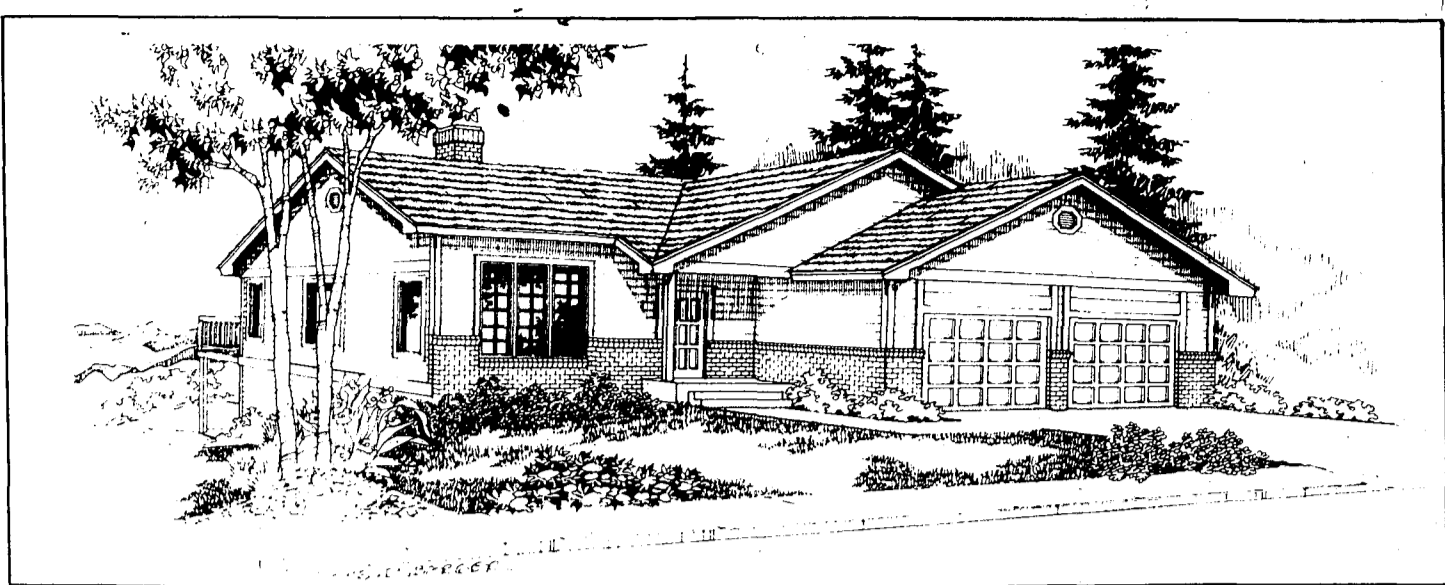
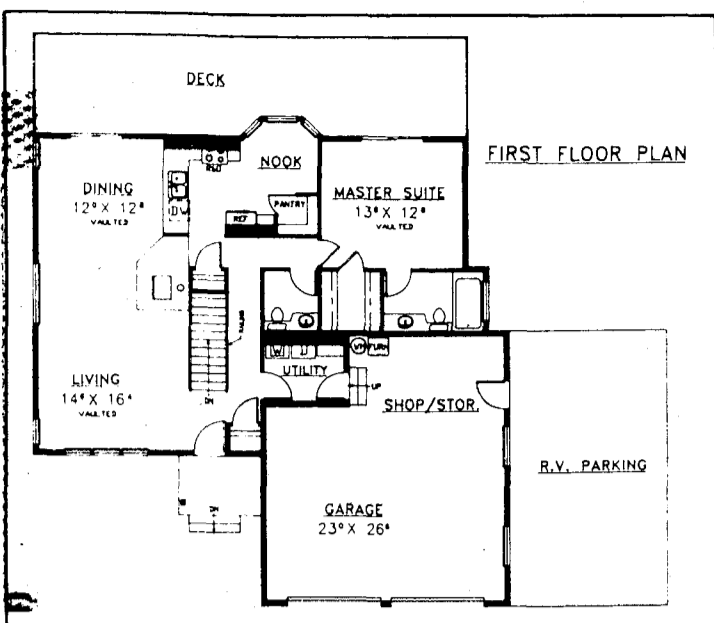


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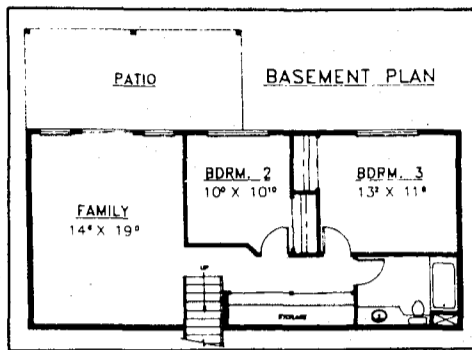
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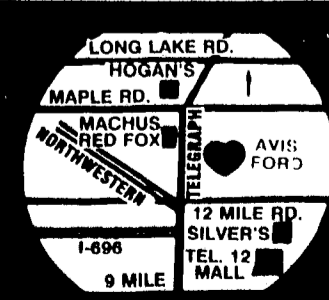
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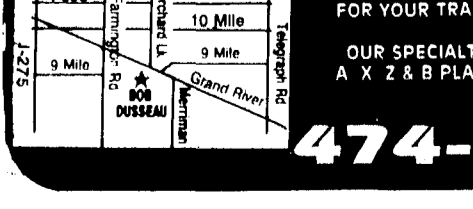
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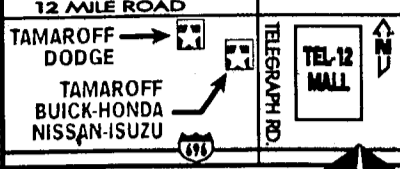
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