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Plan takes city super Krogering



The council agreed to scaled-down proposal which would allow for construction of a large Kroger supermarket and smaller businesses. Deleted from an earlier proposal was a Sam's Warehouse building. Area homeowners are pleased with the council's action.

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BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

It appears Westland residents will be going Krogering, after all, at a super store on Ford Road.

The supermarket giant has won an emotional battle to build a 60,000-square-foot store on the northwest corner of Ford and Central City Parkway, across the street from city hall.

The proposal received preliminary approval Monday in a 5-2 vote of the city council. The decision came after developers dramatically scaled back

their earlier plans and converted once-furious residents to their cause.

Amid strong pressure from residents, the council in December unanimously rejected a proposal for a new Kroger, a Sam's Warehouse and other businesses that would have occupied 35 acres.

Bowing to citizen opposition, Farmington Hills-based developer American Realty unveiled a revised plan Monday calling for 12 acres of commercial development facing Ford Road. The remaining 23 acres have been pegged for single-family houses or condominiums.

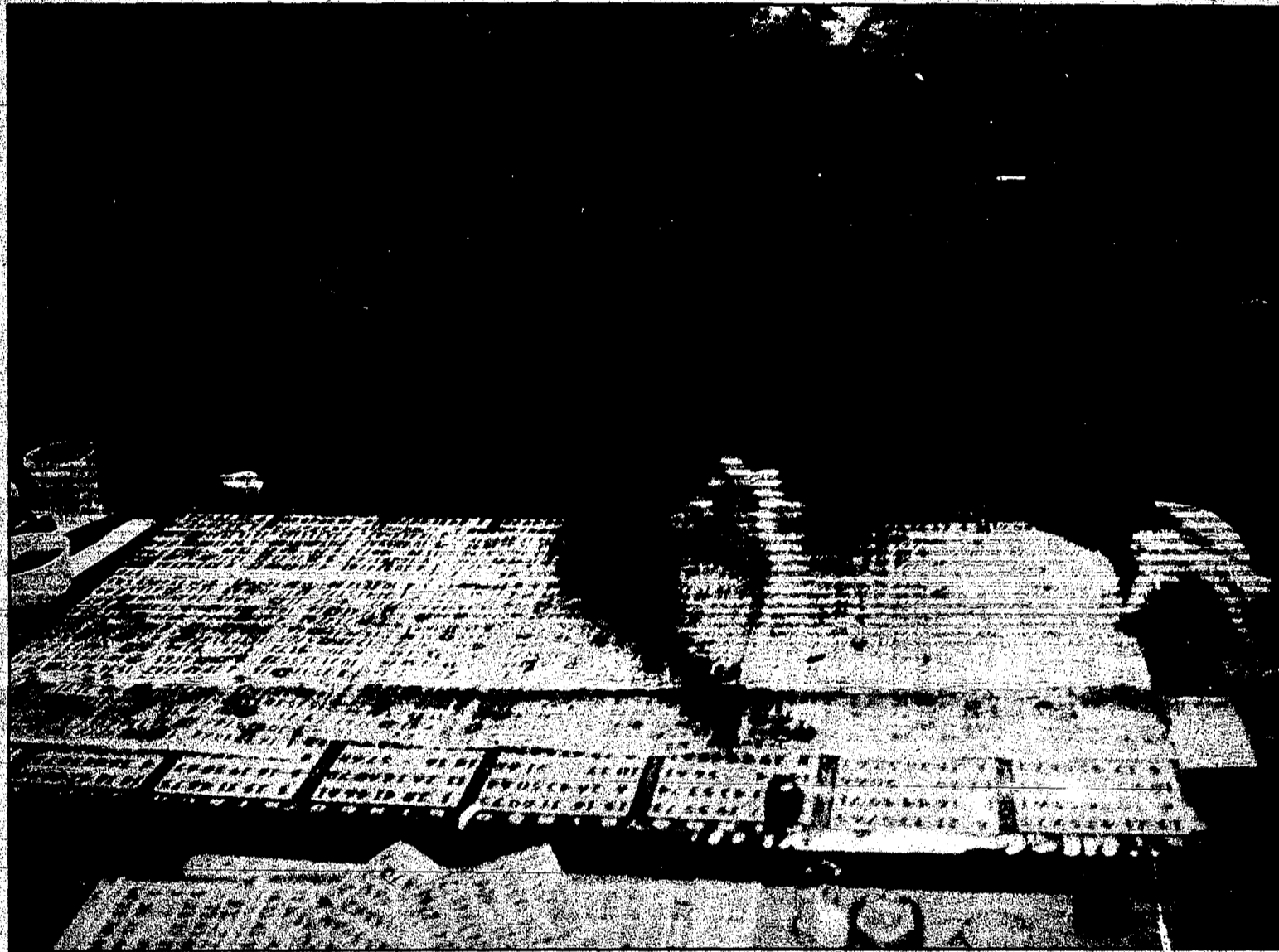
"I would have neighbors — not a parking lot," Dowling Street resident Dale Burns said Monday, addressing the council in support of the project.

Sam's Warehouse has been dropped from the plan — a decision that residents supported. Kroger would be the main anchor for six to eight other businesses, including a Boston Chicken restaurant.

A residential developer will be sought to build some 90 single-family residences on 23 acres of the 35-acre site, said American Realty represent-

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"B" for benefits



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Active player: This woman reflects the popularity of bingo games and the intensity of players. Games are held in several local halls to raise money for civic and service organizations. The proceeds are then used to support community service programs. This woman likes her bingo at the Joy Manor on Joy, east of Middlebelt.

Schools committee launches Proposal A push

BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

A Wayne-Westland school district committee Monday launched its educational campaign to urge voters to support Proposal A in the special June 2 state election.

If approved, the proposal would cut

local school property tax rates, increase the state sales tax rate, guarantee school districts a minimum figure for the next school year and limit future property assessment increases.

The proposal, initiated by Gov. John Engler two months ago, has been formally supported by the

Wayne-Westland school board.

Monday night, the board's leaders met with a campaign committee made up of school employees and others to plan an informational campaign.

Most of the information will be publications and a video provided by

the statewide committee. It will be supplemented by local data.

Co-chairs of the campaign committee are school board members Leonard Posey and Laurel Raisanen. Others discussing the financial and edu-

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3 Glenn seniors appointed to West Point

Three John Glenn High School seniors, including two women, have accepted prestigious appointments to the Military Academy at West Point.

The three are Karen Deschaine, Pamela Kolongowski and Ryan Zantow, announced U.S. Rep. William Ford, D-Ypsilanti, whose district includes western Wayne County and eastern Washtenaw County.

He said the selection to various service academies climaxes a year-long

application process monitored by his office.

The students were picked by the respective academies after Ford included them in a pool of nominees cleared by his military academy screening committee.

Ford said that the common qualities of the successful applicants are top academic grades, community service and leadership in their commu-

nities and schools.

Roy Chestnut, Glenn's counseling department chairman, said that the appointments mark the first time that the school has had three seniors accepted for one service academy in the same year and that two women are among the appointments.

Chestnut said Zantow, ranked first in his senior class, has accumulated a 4.125 grade-point average, is on the track and cross country teams and

completed advanced math classes at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Deschaine, third in her graduating class, has a 4.081 grade-point average, and competed on the track and gymnastics teams.

Kolongowski, with a 3.828 GPA, is student council president and a track team member.

Chestnut added the three are also active in other school groups.

Concert coming

String students at five Wayne-Westland elementary schools will perform in their annual spring concert at 7 p.m. today at Marshall Junior High School, on Bayview east of Wayne Road. The students are from Elliott, Hicks, Stottlemeyer, Lincoln and Monroe Schools and will be directed by music teacher Allan Freeburn. The 80 students will play a range of selections, from classical to country, Freeburn said.

Getting a ride

Wayne-Westland district preschoolers are scheduled for a motorcycle sidecar ride today at the Wilson preschool center, thanks to the Motor

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City Harley Owners' Group chapter. The cycle and sidecar is being provided by Jim Saville of Motor City Harley Davidson, on Inkster Road near Joy, Westland. The preschoolers are in the classes of Barbara Janeczko and Betty Zoumaris.

Joins vets' group

Cheryl A. Vatcher of Westland has been named Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America public relations coordinator and editor of its publication. The MPVA chapter is based in an office on Ford and Henry Ruff, Garden City. Vatcher, who re-

ports to MPVA executive director John Etherton, is a free-lance writer and photographer. She has a bachelor of science degree as legal assistant from Madonna University and associate's degrees from Madonna and Vincennes University in Indiana.

Shelter supported

The Western Wayne County Family Shelter, located in Westland, will receive a gift of new household items, thanks to the Zonta Club of Dearborn. The group will present the items, collected as part of a service project, to the shelter staffers today. In the past year, the club has hosted a birthday party as well as Christmas and Easter parties for children at the shelter, on Michigan Ave. between Merriman and Henry Ruff. The Dearborn group has been active for nearly 40 years.

Split council OKs 'drop-in' day care center

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland parents who need an hour or more away from their children will soon have a new day care business to meet their needs.

Kids Place, a so-called "drop-in" day care center, will be ideal for parents who want time alone to see a movie, go to dinner, or shop, said co-owner Teresa Harmon.

The business is expected to open in mid-June in the Oak Plaza Shopping Center, on Wayne Road, northeast of Wayne Road and Cowan.

Kids Place will be available for children from infancy to age 12. The cost will be \$3.50 an hour for infants and \$3 for older children, Harmon said.

Children will be supervised indoors because Kids Place will not have an outside play area. That, coupled with concerns about increased traffic congestion, prompted a 4-3 vote Monday as the Westland City Council approved the project.

"I have a really big concern about the traffic congestion and the kids not being allowed to play outside," council member Sandra Cicirelli said.

Council members Glenn Anderson and Sharon Scott also turned

thumbs down on the project, but opponents were outnumbered as council members Charles Pickering, Thomas Brown, Kenneth Mehl and Terri Reighard-Johnson approved the proposal.

Reighard-Johnson commended the project and said it will aid parents who occasionally need a short-term day care service. No more than 25 children would be supervised at any given time.

"Parents could drop off their children when they're going shopping or to a movie or to dinner," co-owner Harmon said.

The center's hours will be 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. It will be closed Sundays.

Kids Place will be licensed by the Michigan Department of Social Services, Harmon said Monday. Under state law, the center will not be required to have a playground because it is being pegged as an "hourly drop-in" day care business.

The proposal was sent to the council after the city's planning commission unanimously recommended approval. The administration of Mayor Robert Thomas also had endorsed the plan.

Teen ordered to trial in attack on mom

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

A Churchill High student was ordered Tuesday to stand trial for the March 30 attempted murder of his mother.

But friends and relatives said Mark William Corritore — deeply troubled by his father's death in December — needs psychiatric treatment, not more jail time or the threat of a lengthy prison sentence for the healing process to begin.

"He's spent the night at my house. They're not dangerous or druggies," said Leila Oppenheim of Corritore and her son, who are friends.

"He's got to get help, get rehabilitated so he can get on with his life."

Judge Robert B. Brzezinski agreed only in part following a 45-minute preliminary examination in 16th District Court.

Brzezinski continued a \$500,000 cash bond for Corritore on the original charge and set a June 1 arraignment in Detroit Recorder's Court.

The judge rejected a motion by defense attorney Marvin Blake for lesser charges and a family request to release Corri-

tores, 17, from the Wayne County Jail and send him to a Detroit treatment center pending trial.

Brzezinski said the proposed facility, Aurora Hospital, wasn't secure enough in light of the charge.

However the judge said he would ask the county for a referral to another psychiatric facility.

Brzezinski also ruled Corritore mentally competent to stand trial.

The 11th grader is charged with assault with intent to commit murder for the March 30 stabbing of his mother in their home on the 39100 block of Elsie.

Police say he hid in the bathroom before attacking Lois Corritore, 47, repeatedly with a kitchen knife when she returned home just before 3 p.m.

Moments later he came after her again in the family car as she sought help on a neighbor's porch, according to testimony Tuesday.

The white, 1988 Oldsmobile sedan crashed through Lorraine Konen's front door, knocking both women to the ground.

The defendant was arrested

by police in a nearby park following a brief chase.

Lois Corritore suffered a punctured lung, stab wounds to her back and chest and cuts on both hands in the attack. She was hospitalized for a week.

Konen suffered bruises and a severed tendon in her right foot.

A reluctant Lois Corritore told the court Tuesday she wasn't sure what caused her son's actions, only that he was "not in his right way."

Testifying at first that she didn't know or couldn't remember what happened, Lois Corritore finally said Mark came after her with the knife.

"My son was in a state I've never seen him in before. He was crazy."

"He wasn't talking. He wasn't yelling. I was trying to talk to him and fight him off. I was calling his name... 'Mark. Mark. Mark.'"

Other testimony came from Konen and Livonia Police detective Sgt. Ken Marlow.

Konen — who lives directly across from the Corritores in the subdivision near Five Mile and I-275 — said she opened her door to a bloodied neighbor

screaming "Mark went mad."

Seconds later "we were both on the ground," she told the court.

Marlow said the defendant was "rather quiet" during an interview at the police station, giving a brief statement before requesting a lawyer and asking about his mother's condition.

The defendant appeared unassuming in court as well, dressed in a navy blazer, slacks and round-framed eyeglasses and waving briefly to friends.

Andrew Mikkola, a classmate, said he thinks his friend "just snapped."

He said Corritore is good student with the usual teenage tastes — movies, music and video games. "He's just kind of a regular guy."

Mikkola and Jeff Rubarth, another friend, said Corritore was upset with his father's death but didn't seem unusually depressed in the months before the incident.

Rubarth said it's been difficult for Corritore to keep up with school work because the jail "won't even let us get books to him."

Health food store raid irks shoppers

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Local patrons of a Livonia health food store are surprised that the business was raided last week by federal Customs Service agent who seized drugs, money and records. The raid was part of a nationwide crackdown on stores which allegedly sell illegal drugs smuggled into the United States from Mexico and other countries.

At noon May 12, customs agents closed down Zerbo's Health Foods, 34164 Plymouth Road, and spent the next three hours putting store records and pill containers into plastic bags.

The agents also seized money from the store's cash register.

While the agents worked inside, several customers walked up to the door and found the store closed. Most said they came for vitamins and were not aware of the allegations.

Kevin Przybylowicz of Westland said he had been buying vitamins at the store since he was in the 10th grade.

Marie Kandra of Garden City came to the store to buy tea and herb salt.

"I never heard of them selling drugs," she said.

Chuck Meyers of Plymouth criticized the raid.

"The FDA wants to close all these places down," Meyers said.

As the customs agent spoke, Grant Serrell of Dearborn pulled up to the store in his car and called the raid unfair.

"The store is doing a lot of good," Serrell said. "Harry Zerbo helped my father tremendously."

Serrell said he buys herbs and vitamins at the store.

Business owner Harry Zerbo,

Zerbo's Health Foods, 34164 Plymouth Road, was one of 26 stores nationwide closed temporarily by the customs service last week and the only Michigan store to be raided.

inside his store with the agents, was unavailable for comment Wednesday.

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Rodney Tread Jr., U.S. Customs Service group supervisor who led the raid, said Zerbo's sells new and misbranded drugs that have not been approved for sale in the United States. The search warrant he held contained a long list of items to be seized.

The warrant cited "unapproved drugs and associated prescription drugs, plus documents and records related to Pharmaceuticals International and Al Sanchez."

Tread called the non-approved drugs "dangerous." He said customers buy the illegal drugs to treat such conditions as cancer, foot ailments, ulcers and kidney disorders.

"For some, it's their last hope for treatment," Tread said.

Tread said the drugs get into the U.S. through false invoices or are smuggled into California, notably San Diego.

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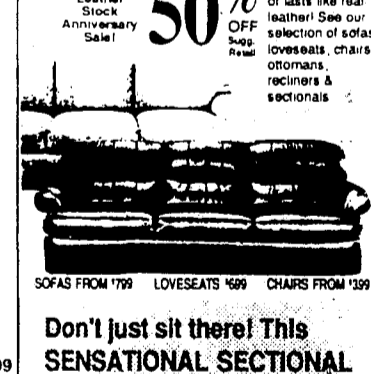


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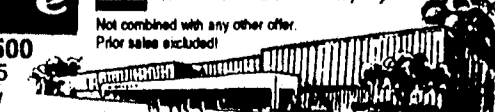
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Pickering: Team player needed in mayor's job

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Citing a need for new leadership, city council president Charles Pickering has announced his bid to unseat Mayor Robert Thomas.

Pickering, who served a four-year mayoral term ending in 1986, announced his political plans this week, becoming the third candidate to enter the Sept. 14 primary.

The 50-year-old real estate broker joins Councilman Kenneth Mehl and Internal Revenue Service employee Douglas Noel.

Thomas hasn't officially announced his re-election bid for a second four-year term, though an announcement is expected soon.

The top two finishers in the Sept. 14 primary will battle it out in the Nov. 2 mayoral election.

Pickering, halfway through his second four-year council term, could keep his seat if he loses his mayoral bid. But he told the Observer in an interview that he believes he has the support to oust Thomas, whom he supported in 1989.

Pickering said he has become disillusioned with Thomas, saying the mayor tries to rule with a heavy hand and has shunned organizations such as the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

"He wants to do it all himself," Pickering said. "I think Westland needs a community leader. I think we need a team player."

Pickering is the first to admit that he, himself, had poor relations with the council when he served as mayor from 1982 to 1986. But, as a council member

since 1988, he said his perspective has changed and that he now realizes the importance of teamwork.

Pickering cited several issues he would like to address as mayor, including a new library, "controlled" development, drawing businesses to fill vacant storefronts, and improving roads and the city's water-sewer system.

Pickering criticized the Thomas administration for failing to use some \$2 million in state grant dollars for a new library. The state has now reneged on the grant, and the city is preparing a lawsuit to try to get back the money.

Pickering admits that a local tax might be necessary to build a new library. But he said he believes that voters should be given an opportunity to vote on the issue, especially if the state money comes through.

Pickering called for "controlled development" in the city. He cited new plans for a Kroger on Ford Road at Central City Parkway as a project that pleased both residents and a majority of council members.

He also stressed the need for a "pro-active program" to try to find new tenants for vacant buildings in Westland, particularly in many strip malls. "We need to keep our community viable," he said.

Pickering said roads and water-sewer lines need to be improved. Water leaks cost local taxpayers \$3 million annually, he said.

The city would have more money for such projects if it eliminated the Tax Increment Finance

Authority, which has used tax revenues in an area around Westland Center and in northwest Westland to pay for specific projects. TIFA still could be helpful if the proposed expansion of Westland Center materializes, Pickering said, but otherwise should be abolished in a year or so.

Among other highlights cited by Pickering:

- He stressed his background as a member of numerous organizations, such as the chamber, and noted that he worked in the city's parks and recreation department from 1971-81.

- He said his experience as a real estate broker has taught him the art of compromise, because his job requires satisfying both buyers and sellers.

- He said the city needs to work with the Wayne-Westland school district to find solutions to money problems, including efforts to win support for Proposal A. The statewide ballot proposal on June 2 would cut property taxes and increase the sales tax.

Thomas drew criticism in 1991 when he openly opposed a local school tax election.

- Pickering accused Thomas of using the city's cable channel for political gain. Thomas has said he only wants to inform the public, but some council members see it differently.

Thomas has appeared on cable for press conferences, town hall meetings and other functions.

"For the mayor to be the producer, the director, the writer and the star is wrong," Pickering said.

Softball tourney to benefit First Step

A softball tournament is being planned next month to benefit First Step, a private non-profit organization that assists area women and children who need help because of domestic violence.

Sponsored by the Friends of First Step, the tournament has been scheduled for June 12-13 at Westland's Central City Park, south of Ford east of Newburgh. Softball teams sanctioned by

the American Softball Association will be asked to make a \$150 donation to enter the tournament. Those not sanctioned by the ASA will pay \$170 per team.



STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUELE
Birthday party: Students Jessica Nichols, 6, and Shawn Siegfried, 7, display balloons Monday as they decorate Lincoln School for its 50th birthday celebration.

School of Lincoln Teacher recalls 1st year

BY LEONARD POGER
Editor

Elizabeth Boyd has fond memories of the first year of Lincoln Elementary School, which will mark its 50th anniversary this week with activities every day.

One of the first teachers assigned to the school when it opened in the middle of World War II to serve children in the just-opened Norwayne housing development, Boyd wrote about a typical teacher's day and the professional environment in the Lincoln classes.

Boyd put memories in a letter to Louise Taylor, a veteran Lincoln teacher who plans to retire next month.

Lincoln School, with a committee chaired by teacher Jan Tomlinson, opened the anniversary celebration Monday morning with a staff breakfast. During the day, students decorated classroom doors with a birthday theme.

Other events will follow throughout the week.

In her letter, Boyd recalled that with no custodians teachers had to do the sweeping and build fires.

"Coal and wood was hard to come by, so the teachers would take the kids on tours of the (housing) projects and collected scrap wood and big cardboard boxes that stoves and refrigerators had come in. The boxes could be used to paint murals or burn them for heat."

The school actually opened in late January 1944. In the fall of 1943, classes were held temporarily in neighboring homes, which had no chalkboards or art supplies. To get clay for art classes, teachers walked to the nearby Rouge River and dug it out.

"Children from Willow Run (bomber plant) and the Romulus air base (which later became Detroit Metro Airport) were from different parts of the country and shared their experiences which were different than the experiences of the Michigan children," Boyd said.



Birthday cake: Lincoln School students Christa Willingham (left), 7, Brandie Fields, 6, and Ron Ramsey, 7, admire the birthday cake board displayed in their classroom Monday.

The school was opened about the same time as Jefferson Elementary School, which also serves Norwayne children.

Boyd also recalled that students were bused into the school with the old vehicle frequently breaking down and teachers forced to walk children on Merriman and Venoy.

This week's celebration included a "Community Cake Day," observed Tuesday with cake served to students at lunch time. Parents and school employees were served in the afternoon 1-2:45 p.m. There are display boards in the gym, made up of old photos and materials relating to the school's history.

On Wednesday, students and employees took part in a "50s Day," with each grade level planning its own activity, pro-

gram or event, Tomlinson said. An estimated 75 people, including Boyd, had been invited to the birthday dinner Wednesday night.

Concluding the week will be a Friday tour of the William Ford Vocational-Technical Center by sixth graders.

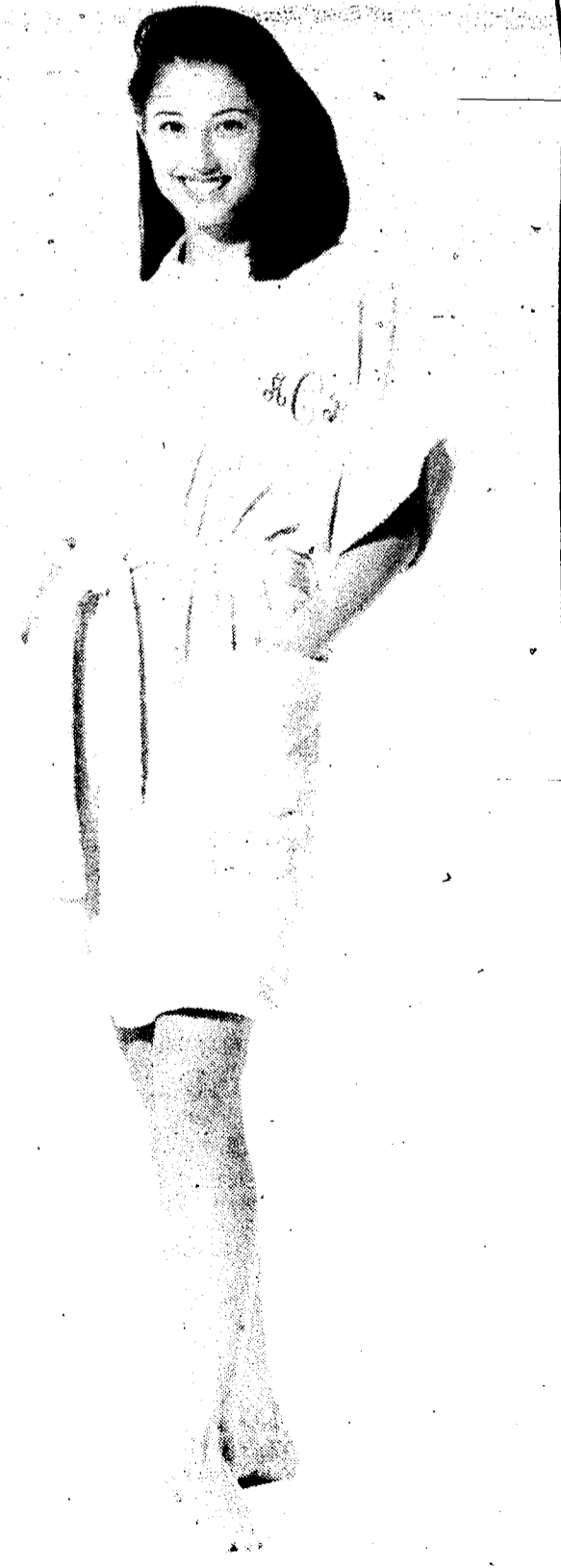
In a related event, students will travel Thursday, May 27, to the Wayne Convalescent Center on Van Born to plant trees, bushes, flowers and vegetables and paint picnic tables for its residents.

One birthday week attraction in the school office is a large "birthday card" signed by Lincoln staffers, board of education members and area residents. In the center of the large poster-sized card is a color print of the entire student body of 450 youngsters.

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atives Richard Walker and Sam Sobel.

"I can live with that," said Charles Winekoff, who has lived on nearby Carlson for 25 years. "They want to put a Kroger there. It's their property, and I guess they have a right to do it."

Not everyone agreed. North Crown Street resident Arthur Barbati, addressing the council, said, "I'm opposed to what Kroger stores are planning for my back yard and my neighborhood."

Barbati raised concerns about vacant strip malls and the collapse of a huge PharMor Co. project on Central City Parkway, south of Warren. The shell of a PharMor building stands abandoned.

"How do we protect ourselves when these things become abandoned and an eyesore in the city of Westland?" Barbati asked. "Why do we allow new projects when so many others are not completed?"

But David Prueter, real estate manager for Kroger's Michigan operations, promised, "We've built every project we've ever committed to."

To remain competitive, Kroger needs to consolidate its two Westland stores into one large store, Prueter said. Otherwise, the company could face losses to Meijer and Farmer Jack in Westland, he said.

Moreover, he said, the Kroger project will keep some 300 jobs in Westland.

Kroger will begin moving ahead with project plans that still must win final approval from the council. Construction could begin in late summer or early fall, Prueter said.

Kroger will move its operations from stores at the Wayne-Ford in-

'How do we protect ourselves when these things become abandoned and an eyesore in the city of Westland? Why do we allow new projects when so many others are not completed?'

Arthur Barbati
North Crown Street resident

tersection and on Warren Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Most council members appeared convinced, however, that those buildings are in attractive locations and could easily be leased to other tenants.

Councilman Kenneth Mehl accused Kroger of threatening to pull out of Westland if it didn't get its way.

"Well, move," he told Prueter, adding later, "In a way, we're having a gun put to our heads."

Mehl suggested the Ford site would be better suited for a mix of residential and office buildings.

Sandra Cicirelli, the only other council member to oppose the plan, voiced similar concerns, but also questioned whether the single-family housing will materialize near Ford and Central City Parkway.

Council President Charles Pickering, however, called American Realty's revised project "a true compromise" that will protect jobs in Westland.

In approving the project, Pickering was joined by council members Glenn Anderson, Sharon Scott, Terri Reighard-Johnson and Thomas Brown.

Proposal A from page 1A

cational impact of the proposal for the 30 committee members who convened Monday were Larry Thomas, school superintendent, and Randy Liepa, the district's chief fiscal officer.

Raisanen said that the best thing in the proposal is that it equalizes school funding among the state's districts:

"It's as close to perfect as you can get," she said. Currently, "we have a nightmare of school funding."

If "A" is approved the local millage rate is reduced (to a maximum of 27 mills), "we won't have to apologize for our high tax rate," which is currently 47.12 mills. (One mill is \$1 per \$1,000 of state-equalized valuation.)

Another advantage of the proposal is that the district would receive at least the same per-pupil funding next year as this school year.

Posey, board president, commented that with public education at a crossroads, "A" is "our last chance."

Published polls show that "it's too close to call" on how the proposal will fare June 2.

Thomas told the committee that voters should consider three options in deciding on how to vote.

One option is to have "A" approved and the school board drop plans for \$12 million in planned educational program cuts, he said.

A second option is to oppose "A" and force the board to make another \$2 million to \$4 million in program cuts.

A third, he said, is to schedule a local millage increase election for August in hopes of gaining more revenues. Even if that proposal is approved, there wouldn't

be enough money and the board would still spending cuts.

Thomas admitted that he's not sure of the financial impact of "A" beyond the first year but that the proposal is the best option for the district today and that it means a lot to local students.

Earlier in the meeting, Posey noted that voters rejected a millage renewal proposal just six weeks ago.

In discussion by committee members, there was a disagreement on the strategy of whether the public information should detail the program cuts announced by the board last month if Proposal A is defeated.

Several felt the community should be told of the specific program cuts that may be implemented next fall while one resident disagreed. He felt that some

voters may feel "threatened" if the proposed cuts are publicized.

One committee member also urged the board members and administration that the entire community should be made aware of the financial and educational impact of Proposal A, not just parents of students.

Liepa said "A" would provide a property tax cut of \$890 for many residents, but pointed out that it would be reduced because homeowners would have a smaller deduction on their federal tax returns and a smaller or no state property tax rebate.

A benefit of the state proposal is that it would provide more fair and equitable school tax rates throughout Michigan and guarantee the Wayne-Westland district per-pupil spending based on the current school year.

Proposal A's property tax reforms listed

If passed on June 2, Proposal A would give the following property tax reform:

- Immediately roll back all 1993 property assessments to a 3 percent increase.
- Cap future assessment increases to the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.
- When the property is sold or

transferred, adjust assessment according to current market value.

■ Establish all school districts' operating charter mills at 18 mills.

■ Allow another 9 mills to be authorized by voters when current authorization expires. For the Livonia district, that would be 1994.

■ Cap total school operating mills at 27 mills.

If passed, Proposal A would give the following school-finance reform:

■ Guarantee \$4,800 per pupil, adjusted and limited in future years by the growth in sales tax and lottery.

■ Guarantee a 3 percent increase per pupil over 1992-93. The district could levy beyond this to 27 mills, with voter approval.

■ Raise the sales tax 50 percent, from 4 to 6 percent with the extra money constitutionally guaranteed for schools.

■ Constitutionally guarantee that lottery funds go to schools.

City teen earns Eagle rank



David Fulker, 16, is a sophomore at Churchill High School and the son of Marilyn and Dale Fulker.

A patrol leader and member of the Order of the Arrow, David earned his Eagle rank by advertis-

ing for and then collecting food, clothing, toys and other items for the victims of Hurricane Andrew. All of the items were packaged and shipped to Florida.

Jeff, 14, is a freshman at Churchill and the son of Vicki and Gary Druchniak.

An assistant patrol leader, Jeff earned his Eagle rank by advertising for and collecting books and then helping at the used book sale conducted by the Livonia Friends of the Library. His scoutmaster is Ken Bourgon.

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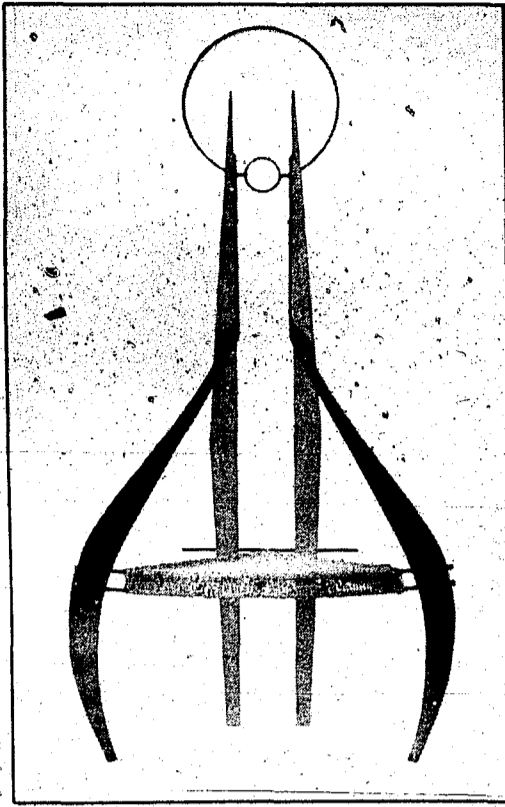
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Young designers furnish imagination for show

Have a seat: Junior Susan Brookshire of Livonia designed this unusual chair, on display tonight in a special student-furnished showroom at Scott Shuptrine Furniture in Troy.



BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Artistry will furnish a special showroom in Troy tonight as Scott Shuptrine Furniture presents unusual furniture pieces by 18 Center for Creative Studies industrial design students, including two from Observerland. Sculptural tables, chairs, lamps and other furniture — both full-size pieces and miniatures called maquettes — will be on display 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Scott Shuptrine showroom, 977 E. 14 Mile.

Visitors will be able to see the steps from initial concept to final production.

Guests will have the chance to buy the maquettes. The full-size pieces will be judged by a panel of furniture designers and buyers and awarded first, second and third place prizes provided by Scott Shuptrine. Swaim Furniture designer John Mascheroni will attend. Admis-

sion is \$35, including wine and hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds will go to the CCS Student Scholarship Fund. For more information, call 589-1100.

Viewers tonight will be surrounded by the fun, the fantastic and the functional.

Junior Susan Brookshire of Livonia designed a chair of steel, cherry and rope. At first glance, it resembles a giant pincers, with the arms flowing out of the tall,

slender back. A round halo is at the top of the back, giving the chair a throne-like majesty.

Among the other students whose designs are in the show is junior Ryan Mee of Canton, who designed a foyer table.

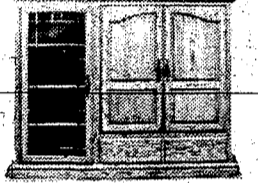
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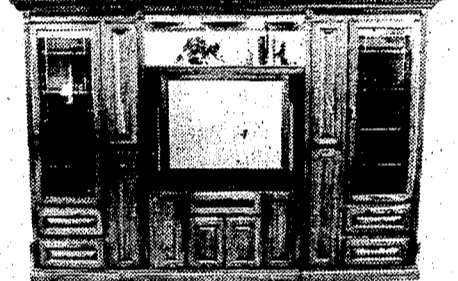
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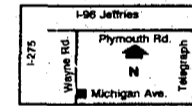
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Budding artist: Sarah Stolarak paints a heart on Kimmie Brodzik's face during the party held to honor New Morning School's 20th anniversary.

Tree marks school's anniversary

Approximately 200 parents and alumni turned out Sunday for the 20th anniversary celebration of New Morning School in Plymouth Township.

With 105 students from throughout western Wayne County in preschool through eighth grade, New Morning is a parent-driven private school with a strong emphasis on parental involvement.

To commemorate the anniversary a magnolia tree was planted on the school's front lawn. A plaque stating the school's philosophy was attached to the shovel used to dig the hole for the tree. "If we had a glass case we'd put (the shovel) in it, but we don't so we'll hang it," said Ruth Hoeprich, a New Morning secretary.

Parents and alumni also enjoyed a pot luck dinner at the event, serenaded as they were by the school's chorus and band. "People who believe in the philosophy of the school came in droves," Hoeprich said. "And there were flowers everywhere."

Donna Williams, a New Morning administrative assistant, started out as a New Morning parent in 1984 when her son, Glenn, started attending there.

Glenn is at Plymouth-Salem High School now, but his mother stayed at New Morning. "He left and I stayed," she said.

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Tree'd: Nick Edgeworth and Aaron Heaven, New Morning eighth graders, help Dale Yagiela plant a magnolia tree to commemorate the school's 20th anniversary.

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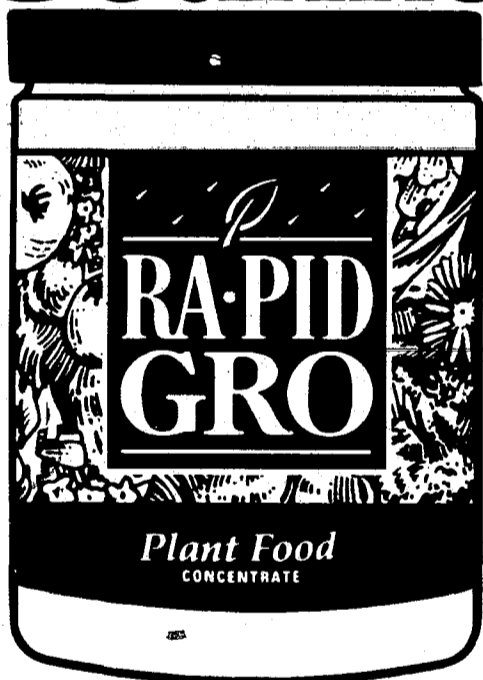
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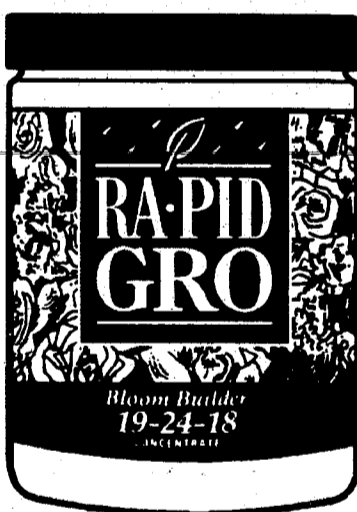
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Winning teachers from the South Redford district are Ann Aliza McCormick, Dorothy

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Senate OKs tougher liquor bill

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Liquor dealers who sell to minors couldn't be prosecuted unless their young buyers also are prosecuted, under a controversial bill in Lansing.

Both parties in the state Senate were deeply divided as they approved tougher penalties under the Liquor Control Act.

"The bill is a shield for retailers," objected Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, an opponent. He said sponsor Gil DiNello, R-Macomb County, "was pimping for licensees and retailers."

"It seriously limits the Liquor Control Commission," added Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison. "The requirement for contemporaneous prosecution (of both seller and buyer) seriously handicaps prosecutors."

The Senate passed SB 482 on a vote of 21 yes and 13 no with four absent. Here's how local members voted:

YES — Mat Dunaskias, R-Lake Orion, Robert Geake, R-Northville, and George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn.

NO — Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, William Faust, D-Westland, and Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

ABSENT — David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

The bill goes to the House.

Ex-cops opposed

Bouchard, a former police officer, was joined by Jon Cisky, R-Saginaw, a former sheriff, and Van Regenmorter, a former prosecutor, in opposing the bill.

"Law enforcement officers don't like this bill," said Bouchard. He compared it to a traffic officer stopping someone for speeding and being required to issue a ticket.

"The unintended consequence," Bouchard said, "will be to keep police from enforcing this law."

"We are trying to curtail minors from even thinking of purchasing alcohol," said DiNello.

He said separating prosecution of dealers and minor buyers "removes the aura of penalty that the minor won't be afraid of. They (underage drinkers) are going to have a field day."

"Some people here who are soft on crime want to nail the businessman," said DiNello, who added the bill was supported by restaurants, package (bottle) dealers and licensed beverage associations.

No deals

The Senate shot down a Cisky amendment that would have allowed police officers to cut deals with minors — act as undercover agents for police.

"This is the real world," said

■ 'It seriously limits the Liquor Control Commission. The requirement for contemporaneous prosecution (of both seller and buyer) seriously handicaps prosecutors.'

Sen. William Van Regenmorter

Cisky. "You're hammering the discretion of the police officer in a misdemeanor case."

But GOP floor leader Phil Arthurs of Whitehall opposed his fellow Republican. "Suppose a kid buys alcohol and is apprehended. The police officer says, 'I could prosecute you, but now I'll let you off if you agree to become a squealer.' I don't think that's right. What we have is a judge and jury on the street. There's no option for the kid. That decision ought to be made in court," said Arthurs.

Cisky's amendment was rejected in an unrecorded vote.

Sponsor DiNello and Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, got into a bruising oral exchange.

Pollack offered an amendment that would require police to seek consent of the parents to use their under-18 child in a sting opera-

tion. "It's a little incongruous," said DiNello, "that (Pollack) wants parental consent on this and not on abortion. You've always denied use of parental involvement."

Pollack, the Senate's most vocal opponent of the parental consent for abortion law, called DiNello's remark "insulting." She called the parental consent for an abortion "reproductive enslavement. Even a 12-year-old should have the right to say 'I don't want to become a mother'."

Here are the bill's other basic provisions:

■ A minor who bought, possessed, consumed or transported liquor could be fined at least \$100 but not more than \$500 and ordered to perform community service, participate in substance abuse services and be subject to a driver's license suspension.

■ An adult furnishing liquor to a minor must be fined \$1,000 and could be jailed for 60 days and ordered to perform community service. If consumption were a cause of the minor's death, the adult could get 15 years in prison and be fined \$5,000. If furnishing led to an injury accident, the adult could be imprisoned five years and fined \$2,500.

■ A retail licensee who sells to a minor could be jailed for six months and fined up to \$500.

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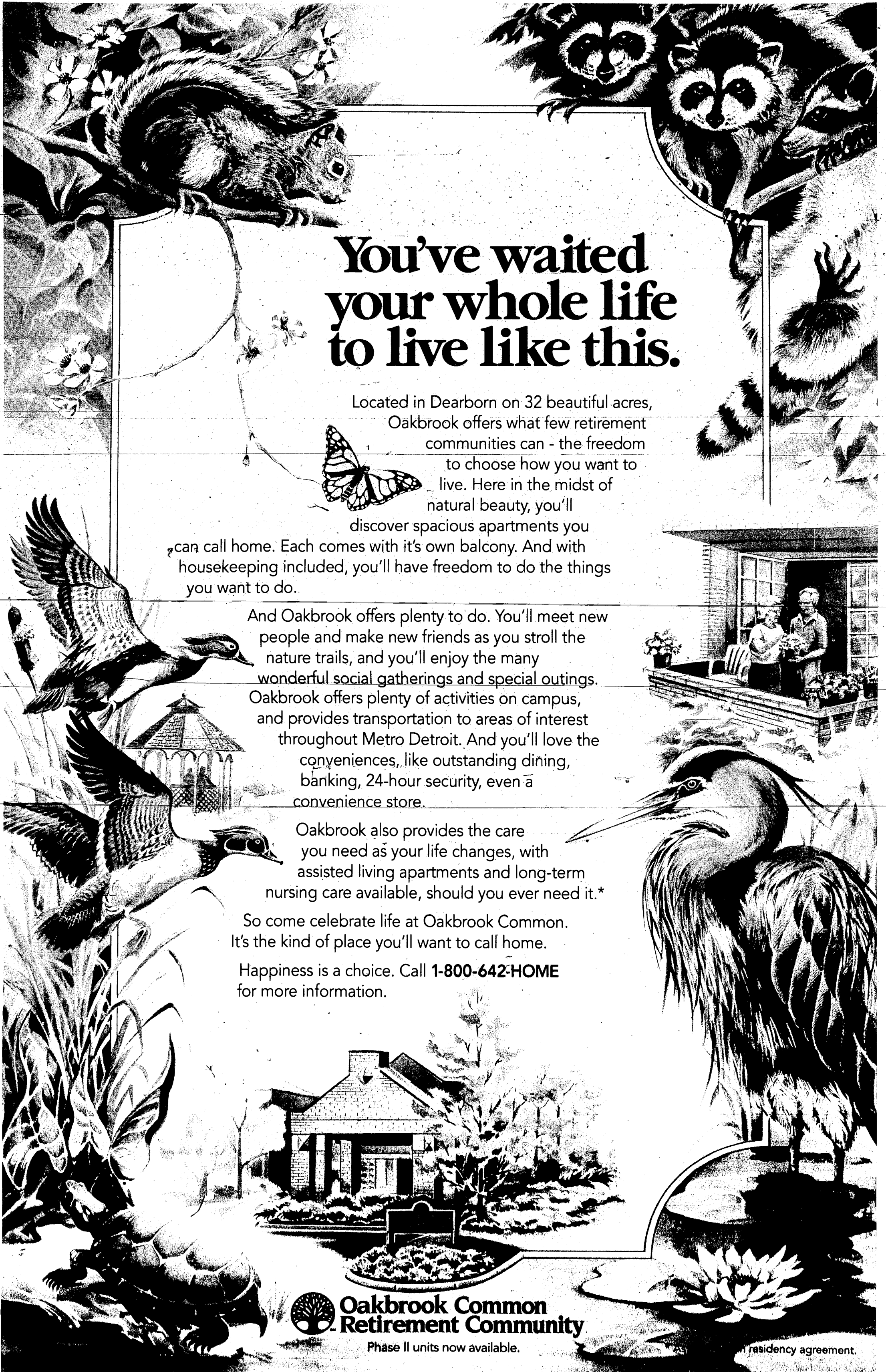
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Help to locate senior in need

The focus during May which is Older Americans Month will be the Eldercare Locator, the nationwide toll-free hotline that informs persons of community resources available for senior citizens based on where they live.

The Office of Services to the Aging, in cooperation with the local Area Agencies on Aging, is pursuing a campaign which highlights the Eldercare Locator by distributing a television public service announcement to television stations across the state calling attention to the toll-free service, and making available informational materials.

During the first quarter of 1993, Michigan callers made 5 percent of the 26,969 calls to the Eldercare Locator. Referrals totaled 74,280. By category, the type of questions asked were General Aging, 61 percent; Legal Services, 7 percent; and Transportation, 8 percent. Sources from which people learned of the 1-800 number were Print Media, 51 percent; Television, 14 percent; AARP, 6 percent; State Units on Aging/Area Agencies on Aging, 5 percent; Brochure/Other Hotline, 4 percent.

Persons using the Eldercare Locator should call 1-800-677-1116. Have the location of the older adult by either county, city or zip code available. A brief description of the problem or type of assistance needed is also requested. The toll free number is available weekdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Eldercare Locator is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Administration on Aging, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the National Association of State Units on Aging.

SC seminar will explain new leave law

Schoolcraft Community College Continuing Education Services and the law firm of Hill Lewis will present an overview of the Family Leave and Medical Act on Friday, June 18, at the Novi Hilton. The conference is aimed at business owners, business managers, human resource professionals and school and college administrators. In addition to the Medical Leave Act, updates on the Americans with Disabilities Act, sexual harassment, and at will employment will be discussed.

Federal legislation, state laws and a multitude of court decisions have affected most Michigan employers. This intensive half-day seminar will overview recent landmark legislation and give management the practical nuts and bolts tools they need to deal effectively with the challenges and changes in labor and employment law that are currently taking place.

The focus of this workshop will be on the Family Leave and Medical Act which takes effect on August 5, 1993, and is applicable to employers with 50 or more employees. Other employment law updates will include preparing for the act, understanding and working with the disabilities act, recognizing and investigating claims of sexual harassment and implementing an effective at will policy.

Attorneys at Hill Lewis have been involved in the labor and employment area for most of its 100 year history. The groups members regularly provide educational presentations to employers aimed at reducing risk and exposure in the employment area.

The conference takes place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The \$50 cost includes materials and refreshments. The Novi Hilton is at Haggerty and Eight Mile roads.

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The Livonia Jaycees' annual spring carnival will be in the Ladbroke DRC parking lot, at Schoolcraft at Middlebelt in Livonia, beginning today and continuing through Memorial Day, Monday, May 31.

The carnival is planned as a celebration of spring and an opportunity for the community to enjoy one of the first outdoor events of the season. The carnival will feature rides, games, and other special events, hosted by Friendly Frank's Wade Shows Inc.

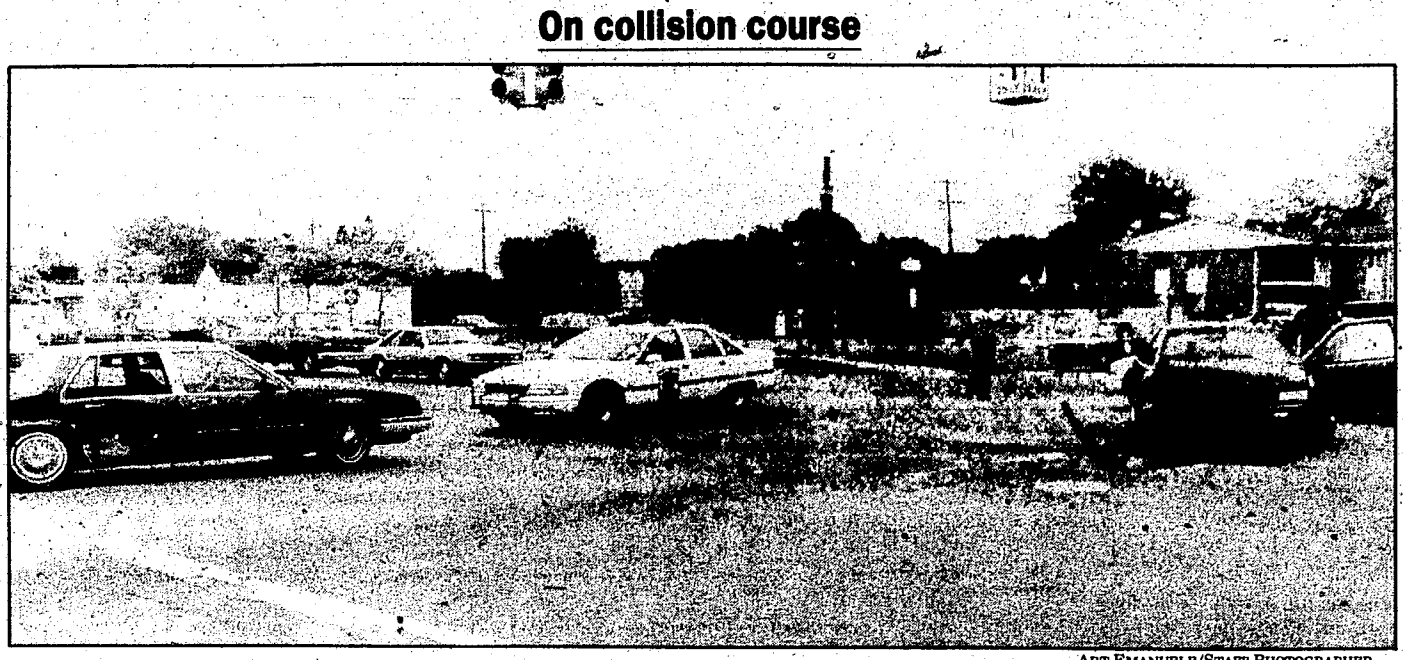
Hours of operation will be 5-11 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 5 p.m. to midnight on Fridays, and noon

to midnight on Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day.

There will be numerous rides. Games for all ages will be available as will concessions of all kinds.

Jaycee membership is for people 27-40. They can obtain training through community involvement and individual development programs.

The Livonia Jaycees, through events such as the spring carnival, raises thousands of dollars each year for local, national and international causes and provides manpower and assistance to benefit the residents of Livonia.



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OBITUARIES

ROBERT O. FREDERICK
Services for Mr. Frederick, 56, of Westland were May 17 from the Uht Funeral Home with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Cemetery. Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 members took part in the graveside services. The Rev. Robert Millar officiated.

Mr. Frederick died May 14 in Veterans Hospital, Ann Arbor. Born June 14, 1936, he served in the Navy during the Korean War and was employed as a printer.

Survivors are parents Richard and Marion Langley and sisters Joan Proch, Ruth Joan Frederick, Vicky Brown and Gail Sloup.

in Redford and Livonia, member of Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia, and took care of children for several years at the former Ridgewood Hospital.

Survivors are daughters Idalyn Edna Smith of Westland, Louan Bouchie of Cohoctah, Mich., and Mary Alice Frye of Livonia; grandchildren David, Russell, Fred, Carol, Barbara, Duane and Dean; one sister and two brothers.

Memorials may be donated to the American Diabetes Association of the Greater Detroit Society for the Blind.

sons Wilfred George, Jr., and Robert; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WILLIAM E. GLENN
Services for Mr. Glenn, 85, of Westland were May 19 from the Uht Funeral Home with burial in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. The Rev. Robert Millar officiated.

Mr. Glenn died May 17 in Westland Convalescent Center. Born Dec. 9, 1907, he was a carpenter.

Survivors are sons Bobby, Jeffrey and Rickey; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were wife Eva; son William, Jr.; brothers Hasten, Herman, Vincent and Marvin, and sisters Elizabeth and Lilley.

Arbor. He donated his body to the university's medical school.

Born Jan. 29, 1919, in St. Katherine, Ontario, he was a truck driver.

Survivors are sons, Clifford Case of Canton, Ronald Case of Westland and Gary Case of Canton and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth.

FRANCES M. GISNER
Services for Mrs. Gisner, 76, of Westland were May 11 from the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial in Newburgh Cemetery, Livonia. The Rev. Gilson Miller officiated.

Mrs. Gisner died May 8 in Westland. Born Feb. 10, 1917, in Carp Lake, Mich., she was a homemaker. She previously lived

WILFRED G. HIND
Services for Mr. Hind, 81, of Westland were May 17 from the Uht Funeral Home with burial in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton Township. The Rev. Drex Morton officiated.

Mr. Hind died May 14 at his home. Born Feb. 28, 1912, he was an underground construction employee.

Survivors are daughters Hazel Tarnowsky and Beverly Bishop;

DONALD FRANCIS VAN KEUREN
Mr. Van Keuren, 74, of Canton Township died May 12 in University of Michigan Hospital, Ann

RHONDA JILL DARNELL
Services for Ms. Darnell, 38, of Dearborn Heights were May 20 from the Santeju and Son Funeral Home, Garden City. Pastor Russell Bone of Parkside Church of Christ officiated.

Ms. Darnell died May 17. She was a Oakwood Hospital registered nurse.

Survivors include: mother, Ruth and sister, Cheryl Darnell. Memorials may be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Suite 304, Southfield 48076.

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Walking for DARE

St. Matthew Lutheran School, on Venoy north of Ford, recently held a walkathon benefit for its Drug Abuse Resistance Education program and school expansion. More than 200 workers and walkers took part in the benefit. Carolyn Shough, school spokeswoman, said that a tricycleathon was also held for younger children in the church parking lot. Several businesses provided conveniences for walkers along the three-mile route. Theme for the walkathon was "walk away from drugs, don't get carried away."

Diabetes classes

The Wayne County public health center staff in Westland will hold a six-week series of diabetes education classes starting Wednesday, June 2, and continuing through July 7. The programs will be held at the center on Meriman, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer, just south of the Annapolis Hospital/Westland Center facility. Classes will be 7-9 p.m. The program is free but pre-registration is required. Interested persons may call the center at 467-3355 between 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Family members and friends of diabetics are welcomed. The classes will be taught by a registered nurse and registered dietitian.

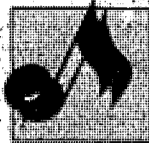
Summer camp

The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, which also serves Garden City, will sponsor its annual summer day camp, starting June 21 through Aug. 27. There will be a different theme each week. The camp will be based at the Y facility on Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill. Fees are \$69 a week for Y members and \$79 for program members. There are also fees for two- and three-day periods. The camp is for children between 6-12. Interested persons may call the Y, 721-7044 for information and to obtain brochures.

Art show & fair

The Friends of Nankin Mill and the county recreation department will co-sponsor their annual art show and fair Sunday, June 6, at Nankin Mills, on Ann Arbor Trail east of Farmington Road. The show, to run from noon-6 p.m., will be followed by a country and western concert at 6 p.m., sponsored by the Westland Cultural Society.

Flutist keys up for state festival



Teri Rae Sankovich, a Wayne State University senior, got her start in music as an elementary school student in the Wayne-Westland district. She will perform Sunday in a state flute festival.

BY SUZANNE CHESSLER
SPECIAL WRITER

Every day seems almost like a flute festival for Teri Rae Sankovich of Westland. A performer, teacher and student specializing in the flute, she even enjoys practicing, which can be for as long as five hours at a time.

Sankovich will have a lot of company Sunday afternoon in a formal celebration of her favorite instrument. She will be among 300 professional and amateur musicians appearing in the "Michigan Flute Festival '93" in Detroit's Orchestra Hall.

The program, to start at 3:30 p.m., was planned by Musica Viva International Concerts, a non-profit organization that presents Michigan and international artists in performances throughout the year.

This will be the group's first program featuring only flutists, and sponsors hope it will become an annual event. The concert honors Ervin Monroe, principal flutist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for 25 years and instructor at Wayne State University, which Sankovich attends.

"I was asked to participate in the professional flute chair, and I asked if any of my students could be in the mass flute choir," said Sankovich, 20, who performs with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, Dearborn Summer Symphony and the Livonia Symphony.

"I thought it would be exciting for them to be part of it. Everyone should have that experience."

The professional group, which includes 30 instrumentalists, will perform "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky-Korsakov.

After practicing individually using sheet music sent to them, they will rehearse together Sunday.

The mass choir, which includes all the flutists attending the festival,

also will have its joint rehearsal on the same day. Sankovich is encouraging her 35 private students, who range in age from 9 to 40, to take part.

Symphony is her goal

Sankovich, who also conducts children's flute classes at Wayne Saturday mornings, will be a senior in the fall, majoring in both instrumental performance and education. Although her goal is to play with a symphony, she has tuned into teaching as a very likable option.

A classroom exercise at Taft Elementary in the Wayne-Westland school district was the prelude to her career.

"We had our general music classes that everyone had to attend, and they introduced the instruments to us through 'Peter and the Wolf,'" she recalled. "We had to listen to what they sounded like, and then we took a test to find out if we could recognize the instruments we heard. That's how I got interested."

"I was debating whether to take the flute or the cello and decided on the flute because it was smaller and more people were interested in it. I liked it so I kept with it. I practiced constantly when I was little."

Sankovich continued with her flute studies at Marshall Junior High School and John Glenn High School, both in Westland, participating in school bands and taking private lessons as well.

She spent three summers at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Muskegon and was soloist in 1989, when a group of camp musicians toured Europe.

On a full talent scholarship at WSU, she also has received a series of activity awards that help pay her way. The awards are based on competitive performances.



Fond of flute: Teri Rae Sankovich of Westland is a performer, teacher and student specializing in the flute.

PEOPLE

Starts teaching

"When I came to Wayne, I met an instructor who told me about a music store in Lincoln Park that needed a flute teacher," she said. "I didn't know that anyone could instruct privately without a degree."

"I started there and later worked with a store in Roseville, too. I also had a friend who was moving, and she asked if I would take her students; she had quite a few back then, and they just multiplied."

Sankovich likes all kinds of music, from classics to rock and appreciates that her family attends her concerts. Her parents, Judy and William San-

kovich of Westland, and her grandmother, Mary Morgan of Wayne, never miss a performance. Brother Joseph, 17, often attends.

Since her hours are so filled with music, she has little time for other activities, although she occasionally gets a chance to enjoy camping and skiing.

Sankovich is very emphatic about the reason she has given so much of her energy to being a flutist and communicates this to her students:

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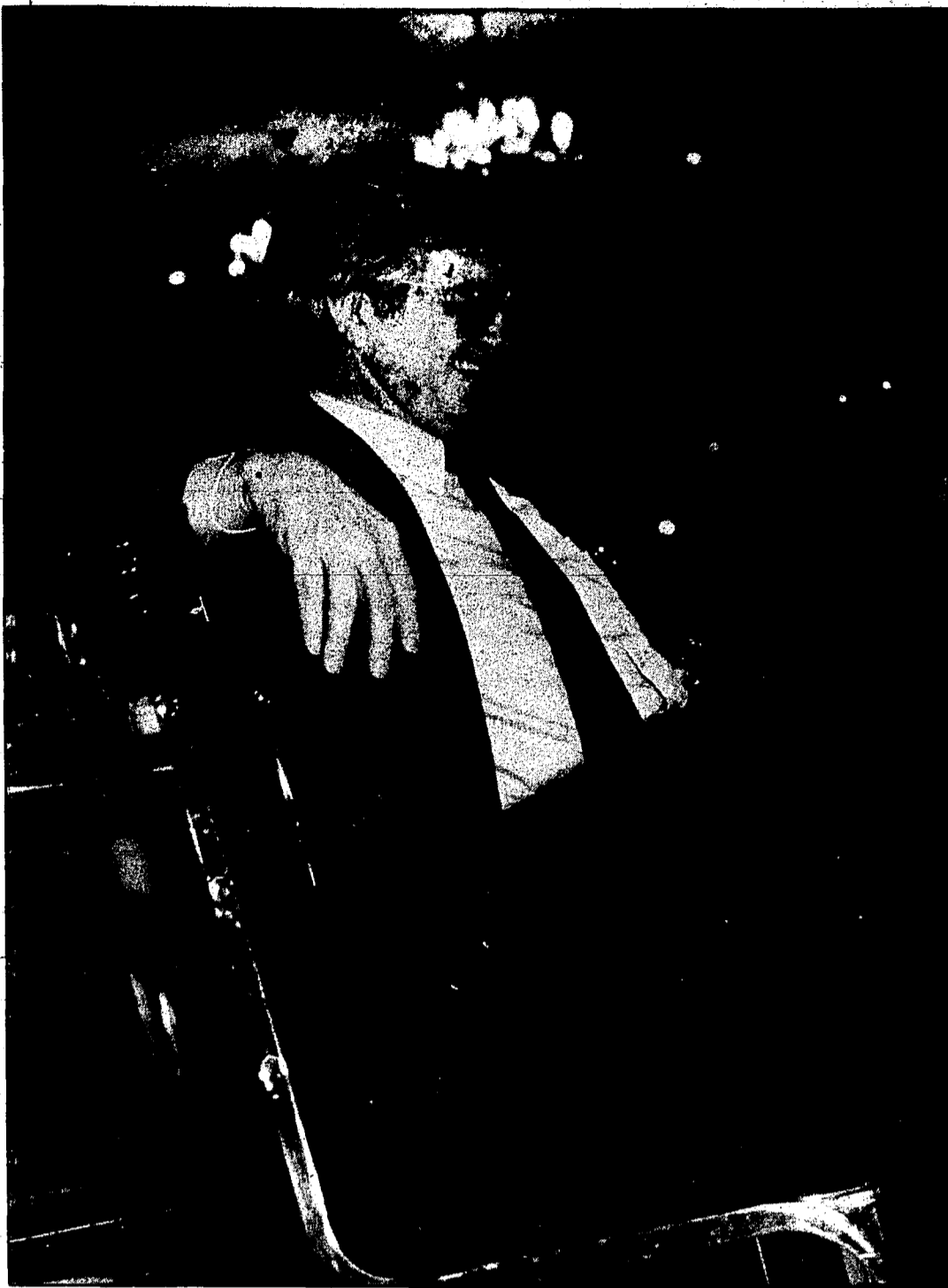
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A good laugh: Dwayne L. Lee, a member of the Livonia Kiwanis Early Risers and Monica Deuby (right) get a good laugh out of speaker Jeff Zaslow's humor

Letter writers' problems Zazz up advice column

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Each of us here are from many different backgrounds but in fellowship we all have a common ground, the Rev. John Boyd of Mt. Hope Congregational Church told the early morning risers who attended a western Wayne County prayer breakfast Thursday.

Perhaps one of the most offbeat backgrounds represented in the room was that of the guest speaker himself, Jeff Zaslow. "Letters, have I got letters," could be Zaslow's theme song.

In his funny, whimsical way, Zaslow regaled his audience with some of the more outrageous problems he has encountered as advice columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times. In 1987, Zaslow beat out 12,000 applicants to replace Ann Landers when she left the Sun-Times.

Zaslow told of the mom who was treated by her doctor son and then got a bill from him.

He told of another mom who had three sets of twins by three different men.

He told of a 12-year-old who had reverted to bed-wetting and his parents made him sleep in a crib.

He told of the homeless woman who lives in a shelter with her daughter and who sold her blood to buy school supplies.

He told of the high school dropout who wanted to know if he should attend his high school's reunion.

He even told a story about mothers-in-law. The letter writer wanted to know if his mother-in-law should sit in the front seat or the back seat of the car.

But the granddaddy of all the letters concerned his own mother, Naomi Zaslow. Thirty-five thousand readers wrote Zaslow for his mother's recipe for chicken soup.

"When I applied for the job, some said, 'you're so young, what do you know?'" Zaslow said. "I



Breakfast: Jeff Zaslow (left) visits with Dick Isham, general manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers; Sister Mary Francilene, president of Madonna University; and Joe Marinelli, Livonia schools superintendent.

told them I had all the wisdom of a 29-year-old.

"I also get inspirational letters. Based on all the letters I get, I know my troubles are few."

Sandy Bazner of the Assembly of God gave the leadership prayer.

"Teach our leaders truth, understanding and compassion," Bazner said. "Lord, give us answers."

Seven nominees for a YMCA Christian Youth Leadership Award were among the 500-plus who attended the breakfast.

Aaron Terry, 17, praised the breakfast for focusing on love and Christian understanding.

Eric Bishop, 16, said he was impressed by the large number of

people who had come for a religious event. "The humor also was a nice touch."

Kelli McBride, 16, said she especially enjoyed the New Testament reading by Clark, who attends her church.

Nathan MacRae, 16, said he enjoyed Zaslow and his humorous approach.

Both Julie Dorony, 18, and Brett Emerson, 15, were especially pleased by the large number of people who had shown up. "They came out to give their support," Dorony said.

Zaslow is married to Sherry Margolis, a TV news anchor with WJBK-TV2.

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Look out for water bugs before dangling your toes in a pond

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TIMOTHY NOWICKI

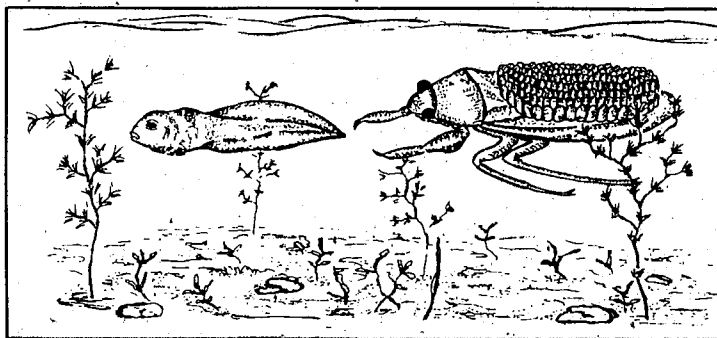
My contact with the public allows me to learn about their many encounters with the natural world. Independent comments from a couple observers a few years ago described large growths on at least two species of birds. I did not know what they were, but being aware of them would allow me to evaluate any major trends.

Recently a patron brought in a large insect that they had captured near their garage. When it flew, they could not help but notice it because it was so big. Even before they brought it in to the nature center, my colleagues and I suspected that it was a giant water bug, just from the description of its size.

As we separated the grass, which was covering the caged insect, we immediately had our suspicions realized. There sat a giant water bug that measured about 2½ inches long and about one inch wide. These patrons had become aware of a giant water bug in much the same way I did many years ago.

Though giant water bugs spent much of their time under water, individuals disperse by flying from pond to pond. The one I saw flew onto a car that several people were gathered around. Many giant water bugs are attracted to lights and are sometimes called electric light bugs.

These large insects have a strong beak that is used for piercing their prey so do not pick one up casually, they can bite and cause a painful wound. Underwater they prey on many types of animals — other aquatic insects, tadpoles, small frogs, snails and even small fish. Some people



Water bugs: These giant insects have a strong beak that is used for piercing their prey.

nickname them fish killers.

Another nickname is toe biter. Evidently people who dangle their toes in the water may have had a giant water bug attack it, mistaking the toe for a frog or fish. Efficient predators like the giant water bug can also become food for many larger predatory fish looking for a tasty tidbit.

Some giant water bugs lay their eggs on submerged vegetation, but some species have a very different place to lay their eggs. Females in the genus *Belostoma* and *Abedus* lay their eggs on the back of the male. Males not only

carry the eggs until they hatch, they also stroke the eggs with their back legs in order to maintain a flow of water over and between them.

Though giant water bugs live in a variety of watery areas, most people will not be aware of them unless they fly around a light or car on their way to another pond.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. You can leave him a message using a touch tone phone at 953-2047, mailbox 1874.

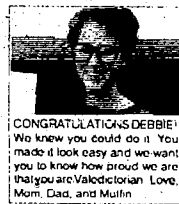


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Oakland beats Wayne in fight over road repair funding

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Rick Fessler, now back at law practice in Oakland County, should be pleased with his successors in the state Senate.

In 1987 Sen. Fessler, R-Union Lake, chaired the committee that put Oakland's name on a pot of highway money — \$107 million since then.

"And Dan Murphy (former county executive) said I never did anything for Oakland," Fessler said in a recent interview.

Last week three current Oakland Republican senators beat down a concerted attempt by neighboring Wayne and Macomb counties to change the formula in their favor. Under it, Oakland got 40 percent of so-called Category C funds, because its road network was greatly affected by new office and industrial growth.

'Power play'

"It was purely a power play by Ed McNamara (Wayne County executive)," said Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion. "He had at least eight lobbyists. He really had a crew up here."

Dunaskiss was aided by Sens. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, and David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, in turning back

the Wayne-Macomb effort to cut Oakland's share from 40 percent to 32, a projected loss of \$2 million a year.

That effort — led by Sens. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, and aided by Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, and Robert Geake, R-Northville — would have raised Wayne's share from 16 to 20 percent and Macomb's from 20 to 24 percent. Genesee and Kent counties would have continued to get 12 percent.

The total pot is expected to be worth \$23.2 million a year over the next five years.

"Oakland is the fastest growing. That's where the need is," Dunaskiss told the Senate. "The counties agreed upon the formula (in 1987). Now Wayne County, in a display of pure political greed, wants the giant's share of the pie."

"Now you're changing the rules in mid-stream," agreed Bouchard. "You (want to) throw the rationale to the wind." He quoted a University of Michigan economists' study that said "Oakland will continue to be a major force propelling Michigan into the 21st century."

"C was for congested roads," Bouchard said.

"Oakland has 58 percent of the

congested road miles in Michigan, and Oakland agreed to accept only 40 percent of the money," said Honigman, who won Fessler's Senate seat in 1990. "On the merits, we should retain the present formula."

Bringing the pork

"This was created some seven or eight years ago when Oakland needed that money," countered Hart, whose district includes Garden City.

Hart and Dingell argued that Wayne, with 2.3 million people, deserved more help on its infrastructure than Oakland with 1.1 million.

Not so, said the Oakland senators. "Oakland has 900 more miles of local roads (than Wayne)," said Dunaskiss.

"Wayne is losing population. Those people are fleeing to Oakland," added Honigman.

Hart had won the change benefiting Wayne and Macomb in committee, but the Senate adopted Dunaskiss' amendment restoring the formula on a 23 to 14 unrecorded roll call vote.

With professional admiration, Sen. Doug Carl, R-Utica, Fessler's successor as committee chair, said, "I commend Fessler and (former Sen. Doug) Cruce for

doing a masterful job of getting pork for their districts."

Davison out

Before sending the transportation funding bill to the House, the Senate also:

■ Stripped out Hart's amendment to have the state take over the Davison Freeway, now maintained by Wayne County. The mid-Detroit freeway connects the Lodge (US-10) and Chrysler (I-75) freeways. An outstate senator complained that the Davison contains five chemically contaminated sites that would drain the state to clean up. (Fessler said in the interview that the Davison, one of the nation's oldest freeways, should have been maintained by the state long ago.)

■ Told Wayne County to use half its share of category C money to maintain county roads in Detroit.

■ Rejected Detroit's effort to locate a railroad tunnel to Canada at Detroit rather than Port Huron, where Grand Trunk Western Railway intends to build. "There will not be a tunnel in Detroit," said Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron. "It's foolish of Detroit to fight or there will be no tunnel at all. Grand Trunk made a decision, with their money, to build it in Port Huron."

Then the Senate gave the bill 27-9 approval. All area senators voted yes, except William Faust, D-Westland, who was absent.

More for all

Despite the tug-of-war over percentage shares, all counties will get more category C money in the next five years. Reason: new federal transportation funds authorized in the dying days of the Bush Administration.

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

Wayne's loss of state funding for the Davison freeway was also a bitter blow. One of the first freeways in the country, the Davison was built 50 years ago by the Wayne County Road Commission and has always been a county responsibility.

Since it has no shoulders, the Davison has caused Wayne County no end of headaches in lawsuits resulting from accidents. "That thing is a dinosaur," said Wayne County commissioner Bryan Amann, D-Wayne. "We get a lawsuit every year. We've settled every one of them (out of court) because we have no defense."

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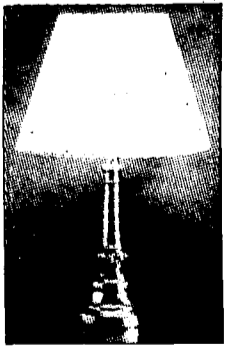
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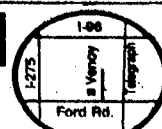
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Vote 'No' on A

Flaws must scuttle tax plan

The massive school finance reform constitutional amendment has too many serious flaws. Therefore we urge a "No" vote to Proposal A on the June 2 state ballot. Here's why.

Property tax cuts are too small. Proposal A was designed by legislators to benefit 70 percent and soak 30 percent, mostly the metropolitan suburbs.

While much of the state gets school operating rate cuts of 14 to 20 mills, the area served by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers gets little. The accompanying chart demonstrates the paltry benefits to people who have been some of the hardest hit by property taxes.

A few suburban districts would be winners — Wayne-Westland 20 mills, Garden City 17.6, Redford Union 17.5. Others would benefit somewhat — Plymouth-Canton 14, South Redford 11, Clarenceville 14.4.

But the overall pattern is bad. Consider the home counties of the three chief legislative sponsors: Livingston gets cuts of 16 to 20 mills, St. Joseph 11 to 19 mills, and Hillsdale 14 to 20 mills. Those sponsors thought in terms of self interest. We suggest our readers do the same.

The tax shift would hurt many. Proposal A would raise sales and use taxes 50 percent. On balance, many, if not most, homeowners in suburban districts would pay more taxes. The harm is compounded by the lack of deductibility of the sales tax for federal income tax purposes.

Senior citizens would get little or no benefit. What little property tax cut they get would reduce their "circuit breaker" income tax rebates. And they'd be stuck with higher sales taxes besides.

Renters would pay higher sales taxes, but unknown is whether landlords would reduce rent to reflect lower property taxes. Renters have reason to doubt they would see any cut at all.

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The assessment cap will be a public relations disaster in 10 years. Sure, assessments are capped at the rate of inflation or 5 percent. But when a property is sold, it's reassessed to half the market value. Neighbors with the same size homes will be paying radically different property tax bills due only to the fact that one family just moved in while the other has been there for some years.

Young couples, people with growing families, mobile people who seek new opportunities — these will all be punished by Proposal A. If those categories include you or your children, vote no.

City taxes shouldn't be overlooked. Property taxes to cities would be capped, and there's

Proposal A: The Bottom Line

Arrows indicate an increase/decrease

▼ Avondale: 6 mills
▼ Birmingham: 0.67 (two-thirds of one mill)
▲ Bloomfield Hills: 0.53
▼ Farmington: 4.5 mills
▼ Novi: 2.2 mills
▼ Rochester: 8.3 mills
▼ Southfield: 7.8 mills
▼ Troy: 4 mills
▼ Walled Lake: 9 mills
▼ West Bloomfield: 7.1 mills
▼ Livonia: 5.8 mills
▼ Crestwood: (Dearborn Heights) 5.5 mills
▼ Dearborn: 1.7 mills
▼ Northville: 4.4 mills

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reason to fear their state aid will be cut. The result would be a blossoming of fees for every conceivable service.

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Proposal A promises equity but fails to deliver. Without question, many rural districts need greater resources. But lawmakers have blindly failed to take account of the fact that the costs of living, building, renting, getting sick, insuring one's car and supporting municipalities vary widely across our varied state.

One simple example out of hundreds: Proposal A gives Engadine in the Upper Peninsula \$5,435 per pupil and Garden City \$5,227. Clearly, equality isn't equity.

The Legislature had other ideas before it which would have taken account of cost of living differences between the metropolis and the backwoods, but it turned its back on the good ideas.

There are other fishhooks in Proposal A. We suspect some of our districts will be harmed by the school aid bill implementing Proposal A which bases promised increases on past revenue rather than expenditure. The effect is to punish districts that kept tax rates low.

We still wonder if the state didn't shift more "categorical" costs to suburban schools than they'll have revenue to cover.

We're not happy to be opposing Proposal A. Property taxes are high in most places, and the state needs to help education more. But the slick political promises in Proposal A don't cover up its substantial flaws. And its most massive flaws won't show up until 10 or 20 years down the road.

Proposal A should be defeated June 2.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Cooper 'dump' knocked

When Circuit Judge Kathleen Macdonald ruled on the vacant Cooper School and determined that it was structurally sound, did she have an engineer with her? Did she climb up to the roof? Did she go down to the boiler room?

Since it was built so long ago, is there lead in the paint? Is there asbestos on the pipes? Are there ceiling crawl spaces to add utilities? Is the electrical wiring up to code? Is it toxic?

I worked at old Cooper (as the city of Westland first senior citizens' coordinator) when it was a community center in the mid '70s, it was a dump then. Half our programs had to be canceled because of lack of heat. It was constantly vandalized.

Water flowed down the walls from the ceilings and roof. One wall was removed and the soundness of that ceiling was always in doubt. The place was the pits and had to be one of the worst purchasing decisions made by the city. Of course the school district was delighted. It got rid of a white elephant.

What possible purpose would be served by letting it stand? Where will the strip mall go? In the school? No vendor would tolerate the conditions. Sorry Asmar, you made a bad deal. And Macdonald should do more research.

Beatrice Scalise, Westland

Don't condone gay lifestyle

Although your columnist James Doyle thinks otherwise (Eccentric, May 13), for several reasons Dollar Bay and Lake Linden-Hubbell high schools of the Upper Peninsula and the Huron Valley School District are to be commended for canceling the AIDS prevention program upon learning that the speaker, Steven Wood, is a practicing homosexual.

First, the structure and activity of bodily organs reveal their true nature and purpose.

Thus, we know that Wood's lifestyle is abnormal, for it involves a perversion of certain parts of the human body and, in turn, nature's plan for the propagation of the human species. To refute this argument Doyle would have to show that an anus is really a vagina. Good luck, Mr. Doyle.

Second, in selecting a speaker a school implicitly condones his lifestyle. That is why few schools would be so imprudent as to invite practicing rapists, neo-Nazis, or Klansmen to speak. Why condone homosexuality, a major cause of AIDS? High school students are extremely imitative. They have no inborn, natural desire to indulge in such perversions as getting high on drugs or sniffing glue, yet many of them do so. By implicitly condoning homosexuality, schools encourage their students to imitate that perverted lifestyle.

Finally, it appears that the Ferndale-based Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, whom Wood

represents, is more interested in promoting the homosexual lifestyle than in preventing AIDS. What other reason could they have for insisting on a speaker who is a practicing homosexual? Surely, there are many straight speakers, including doctors, who are equally competent, if not more so.

In defense of Steven Wood, James Doyle says, "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." Mr. Doyle, Steven Wood has voluntarily and publicly placed himself in the practicing-homosexual category, not I. It is a category that has nothing to do with such irrelevant matters as skin color or race, but rather with perverted behavior. We should treat Steven Wood and all homosexuals just as we do alcoholics and drug users — try to help them but never, even implicitly, condone their irrational lifestyle.

Lewis R. Hayner, Rochester Hills

Where are good kennels?

I didn't know to whom I should address this letter or who handles such strange requests.

I am a widow, 75 years old and the owner of a small dog. My children live out of state and they can't help me out.

Occasionally, I would like to visit one of them but I haven't found a nice place to board my dog. I think I have checked every kennel listed in the yellow pages but the sight of all those dogs in cages makes me ill. Is there any way in which you could print a list of places where people can leave their pets without worrying all the time. Surely, some of the Observer employees have a cat and/or a dog and they have the same problem.

You would really be doing a lot of your readers a great service if you listed some of the better kennels.

Incidentally, I have been a Livonia resident for 33 years and I am not sure when the Observer started up but I do know that I have been a subscriber for all the years it has been in existence. I love your newspaper and I sometimes remember places and people who are in your newspaper.

Sorry to have taken up so much of your time but I am going to continue my search for a nice place to leave my dog when I go away and if you can help, I would appreciate it.

Jeanette Feeley, Livonia

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you support or oppose Proposal A, the state plan to cut property taxes and increase the sales tax?

We asked this question at the Westland Post Office.



'Michigan has one of the lowest sales taxes, and I like that. I'll probably be against it.'

Andi Bennett-Banks
Wayne



'I don't support it. I think it's another way for (the state) getting more of our money. I'm not a homeowner, so the (tax cut) wouldn't affect me.'

Vanessa Baldrige
Westland



'I oppose it. I'm a renter, and a sales tax increase would hurt me.'

Peter Birner
Westland



'I would support it because the taxation would go down a little for us, and my husband is nearing retirement.'

Shirley Gagne
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POINTS OF VIEW

Beep! Beep! High-tech gadgets become noisome

work in Birmingham. In the morning, if the coffee in our office is too weak, I walk to the coffee shop with a colleague.

The shop has an added attraction this year: customers at small tables talking on cellular phones that, closed, are not as large as a pack of those things we all used to enjoy — cigarettes.

At a movie in West Bloomfield, a woman three rows up took a phone call when her purse rang. It was her baby-sitter. After dispatching the sitter's problem, the woman, for the next 10 minutes, brought the sitter up-to-date on where we were in the movie.

At Plymouth's downtown library, an intense young man in a baggy black suit talked to his boss while roaming the reference aisles, looking for a stock quote.

This should bother you. Not the technology — just the people using it.

Technology seems to breed bad manners and rob practitioners of their common sense. Maybe it's all that talk

about the potential danger of electromagnetic fields, first noticed out in the country by farmers who weren't sure, but didn't think cows came with two heads.

Whatever the cause, the effect stinks.

I refuse to have a phone in my car. It is the last place on earth where I can think without interruption. A company I used to work for saddled me with a beeper, against my will. Little known fact: Some beepers are waterproof. I flushed the one issued me, went back to my desk and called the beeper number. The toilet beeped for the rest of that morning and all afternoon.

I do not mind if others have phones in their cars, provided they can drive while talking to the spirit world via the voice activated system hidden in the visor.

Beeps from beepers, in my mind, have been relegated to background noise and receive the same attention I give to sports voyeurs. Those are the people, almost always male, who



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watch, and marinate themselves, in the televised accomplishments of others because they have none of their own to speak of.

That, of course, doesn't preclude them from arriving at the office the next morning with the last word on how those who were doing it should have done it, by god. However, this is getting off track. We were talking about the roaming, the rude and the restless.

Can you think of one place, in any city in this country, where you can go and NOT find a telephone? Sunday's New York Times Magazine had a great article about high tech phones and zeroed in on an impressionist — one who does to impress — desperately talking on his tiny cellular phone, batteries fading, trying to get a message across before his power supply went dead, while he was within eyesight of a bank of 50 public telephones.

It may be important to reach someone at a movie or restaurant. However, the cellular phone didn't come with a license to bother others and be arro-

gant about it in the process. Think of the phone as a screaming child in an elegant restaurant — take it out to the lobby.

And it seems counterproductive to encourage students to respect the library as a place of quiet study while young mercenaries talk to their offices from the reference sections. Nothing is that important.

I suspect it isn't the need for instant communication that causes people to abandon their manners. I think it is their need to impress, the eternal exercise of one-ups-man(person)-ship, that drives them.

Well, relax. Just like with car and cordless phones, they'll be giving cellular phones away with half-gallons of skim milk in a year or two. So give a friend one last call during your vasectomy (don't jump around too much, now) and tell him you might actually have to think about being respected for yourself and your accomplishments, rather than the toys you can lease. Imagine that.

'Old coot' grapples with growing, uh, distinguished

I hope you're happy. Now we belong to three of those so-called warehouse clubs."

"What are you grousing about? You said this one was really nice. Besides, it's a good deal. It only costs 15 bucks a year and we each get a card."

"Right. With *The Discount*."

"Oh, I see. Are you still mad about that?"

"I can't believe she called me an old coot."

"She didn't."

"Did, too."

"No, she didn't. All she said was if we listed you as the primary card holder instead of me, we could get the senior citizen discount and get our cards for \$15 a year instead of \$20. We save five bucks and we each get a card. It's a lot better than that other place where I pay \$25 and only get one card. This way you can go shopping by yourself if you want to."

"Big deal. And since when did they

start calling people over 50 'senior citizens'?"

"Don't be so sensitive."

"And you had to make that crack about the AARP."

"All I said was if you can join the AARP at 50 I guess you should be able to get the senior citizen rate at a discount shopping place."

"Yeah, right. You had to bring it up. Besides, the only reason I joined the AARP was because we get a good deal on their Motor Club. And discounts at motels. And rental cars. Not that we ever go anywhere."

"There you go again."

"And how did she know I was over 50 anyway? I didn't know you put our ages down on the application."

"I didn't."

"You . . . uh . . . didn't?"

"Nope."

"Oh, I guess she got it off my driver's license."

"You didn't show her your driver's



JACK GLADDEN

license."

"I didn't, did I? Then how . . ."

"I guess she could tell."

"Thanks a lot."

"Well, it's nothing to be ashamed of."

"I look old."

"You look . . . distinguished."

"Uh-huh. Maybe I should start putting some of that stuff on my hair. You know, that Grecian Formula or whatever it is."

"Don't you dare."

"I'd look younger."

"You'd look stupid."

"Maybe a face lift."

"Don't be ridiculous. Besides, we can't afford it."

"How did she know, anyway? And in front of all those people."

"Dear, don't worry about it. Just put the stuff in the car and drive."

"Maybe you should put it in. It's pretty heavy."

"Oh, for heaven's sake."

"Maybe you should drive. I'm not feeling too well."

"Good grief!"

"All right! I'll put the stuff in the car. I'll drive. Maybe a little slower than usual, but I'll drive. Uh, you wanna stop for lunch?"

"Where?"

"I was thinking about Denny's."

"Denny's? Whatever made you think of that? We never go to Denny's."

"I know, but . . . they give discounts

to old coots."

"Will you stop it with that old coot business. Let's just go home. I'll make you some mush or something."

"Very funny. Maybe we should start looking for a new place to live. Something on one level. I think they have a waiting list at Presbyterian Village, but there's that new Senior Citizen place in Canton. Or maybe we could move to St. Petersburg. Or . . . do they still have county homes?"

"Look, if it's going to upset you this much, just give me your card. I'll tear it up and we'll pretend it never happened."

"Give up the card? And lose my senior citizen discount? No way. This old coot stuff might not be so bad after all."

Jack Gladden is a copy editor at the Observer & Eccentric newspapers. Until recently he considered himself middle-aged. But now . . .

Lobbyists infest nation's annual political gridlock

Sometimes two entirely unrelated events coincide in a way that provides new insight on both.

So it was last week: President Clinton rolled out his political reform package, and Inside Michigan Politics newsletter published its second survey ranking Lansing lobbyists.

The national proposal would provide partial public funding for congressional races, now overwhelmingly funded by PACs, and limit the financial influence of lobbyists for special interests.

Democratic U.S. Reps. Bill Ford of Ypsilanti, Sander Levin of Southfield and Dale Kildee of Flint said they supported the legislation and expected it to pass. Opposed were Democrat Bob Carr of East Lansing, who said he was adamantly against any taxpayer subsidy for elections, and Republican Joe Knollenberg of Birmingham, who wanted a certain percentage of campaign funding to come from constituents.

The IMP survey was mostly Lansing insider stuff about which lobbyists had the highest "power rating" and which multi-client firms were most effective.

Buried in the report were two sentences that astonished me:

No. 1: "Nearly half of those responding to this year's poll claimed daily contact on a professional basis with a lobbyist or lobbying organization, and three-quarters had contact at least twice a week."

Whether it's 2,000 or so registered lobbyists and assorted influence peddlers in Lansing or the 80,000 (President Clinton's number) in Washington, the survey confirms what I long have argued: Lobbyists literally infest the legislative process.

No. 2: "More than half of the survey's respondents have been employed by or dealt with state government for more than 10 years, and nearly 80 percent for a minimum of three years."

Whether it's a reformist new governor of Michigan or a populist new president, the political facts of life are the same: What really counts is the permanent culture of the capital.

And that culture is erected on the twin realities of our contemporary politics: The main career goal of our professional politicians is re-election, and that can best be financed by thinly disguised bribes ("campaign contributions") from lobbyists representing special interests who have something to gain from the transaction.

We — politicians, citizens, lobbyists — are all trapped inside a political system we all know is rotting at the core. But the system is so all-pervasive that nobody can find a way out.



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Incumbent politicians know full well they are spending far too much of their time chasing money. Challengers realize the deck is stacked against them and swear if they get elected, they'll make sure no challenger ever comes close.

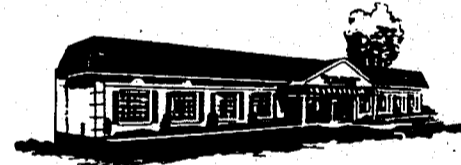
Citizens are furious at gridlock and at their lack of access to a system of unresponsive government. Lobbyists, often very able and experienced people, have a job to do and rationalize their activity on the grounds that everybody does it, so why not me?

I doubt any political-reform legislation will ever eliminate lobbyists or slash the power of special interests. But we must keep trying to find a way to overcome the cynical realism of most people that government as it is presently practiced has no particular interest in responding to the needs of ordinary folks.

That's why political reform proponents, whether in Lansing or Washington, need vocal citizen support.

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Madonna to benefit from Skillman Foundation grant

As one of 14 member colleges of the Michigan Colleges Foundation, Madonna University will soon benefit from an \$85,000 grant recently awarded from the Skillman Foundation.

A non-profit organization which partners the financial resources of Michigan business and industry with liberal arts colleges and universities in the state, the

foundation has raised more than \$44 million to promote independent higher education since its inception in 1949. The Skillman Foundation has funded more than \$1.1 million of this amount since it began making gifts to the foundation in 1972.

"All of us who make Michigan our home will profit from this generous investment in our state's future by the Skillman Foundation," said MCF Chair-

man E.L. Cox, president and CEO of the Accident Fund of Michigan.

The award will also be used to supplement the operating budgets of the foundation's other member colleges including: Adrian, Albion, Alma, Andres, Aquinas, Calvin, Hillsdale, Hope, Kalamazoo, Marygrove, Olivet, Siena Heights and Spring Arbor. All are privately maintained, degree-granting liberal arts institutions accredited by the North Central

Association of College and Secondary Schools.

The Skillman Foundation, headquartered in Detroit, is a private grant making foundation with assets of \$360 million, founded by Rose P. Skillman, the widow of Robert H. Skillman of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company.

The foundation makes grants in the areas of child and family welfare and health, education, ju-

venile justice, youth development, basic human needs, culture and the arts and in strengthening major community institutions.

"Thanks to MCF and generous bodies like the Skillman Foundation, America's dual system of higher education has been preserved and continues to thrive," says Sister Mary Francilene, president of Madonna University.

"All Michigan residents have the opportunity to choose be-

tween public and private higher education when deciding which institution best meets their needs."

During its 44-year history, MCF has involved over 3,000 business leaders and volunteers in statewide campaigns to promote investment in non-tax supported, independent higher education. The current fundraising goal of MCF is \$2 million for the 1993 year.

Hotline draws 600 callers

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano reports that a 48-hour Mother's Day hotline drew almost 600 phone calls reporting parents delinquent on child support payments.

On Thursday, Ficano announced that "child enforcement sweeps" will ensue to arrest the people who were turned in. However, only those who already had warrants out for their arrest will be sought.

Many of the callers, Ficano said, weren't sure how the system to make parents pay their child support works.

It all has to be handled through The Friend of the Court, which is supposed to see that child support payments are made. Information on bench warrants, modifying child support, visitation enforcement or getting assistance on out-of-state support orders can be obtained from Friend of the Court by calling 224-5300.

SC magazine wins award

Schoolcraft College's literary magazine, The MacGuffin, has received an honorable mention in the first annual American Literary Magazine awards.

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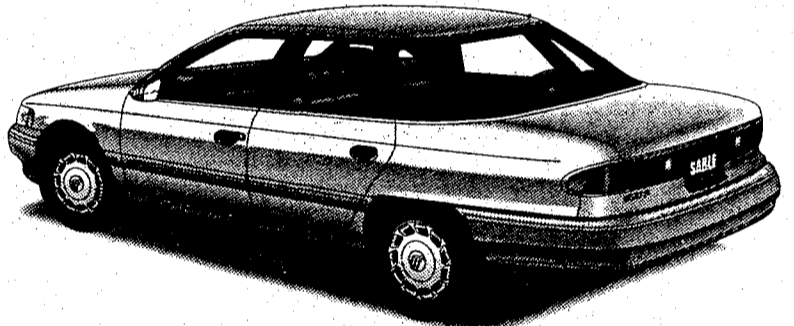
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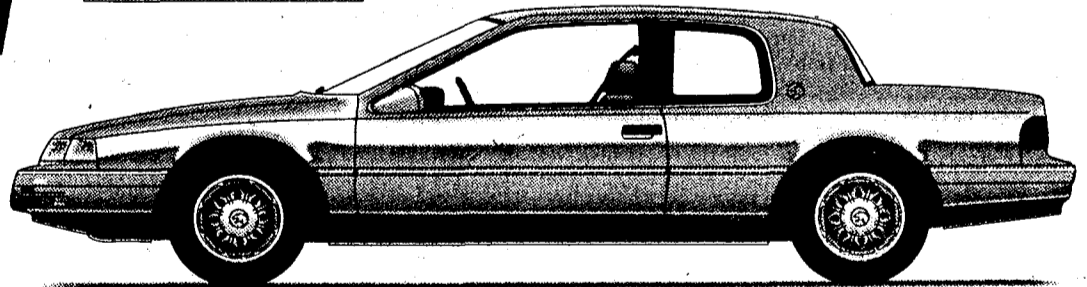


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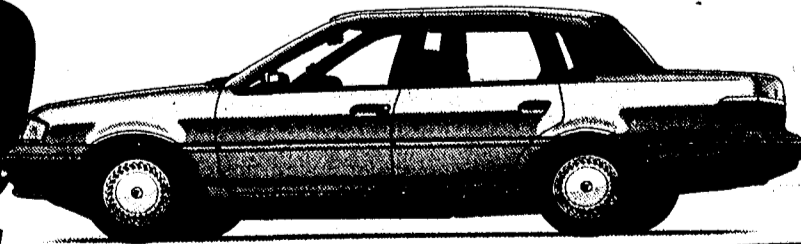
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WESTLAND SPORTS SCENE

Collegiate baseball opens

Defending playoff champion Walter's Appliance opens its Livonia Collegiate Baseball League (20 and under) season, 8 p.m. Friday at Ford Field against newcomer Westland Federation.

Walter's, coached by Mike Keller, loses 16 of its 18 players from last year's team, which finished second in the prestigious All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The opening game, beginning 5:30 p.m. Friday, features Westland against Wendy's.

Collegiate action continues Sunday with a pair of double-headers at Ford Field.

Delwal and Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury square off at noon, with Little Caesars and Westland following at 5:30 p.m.

Also on Sunday, Wendy's takes on the host Tecumseh Green Giants of Ontario. The opening game starts at noon.

Mizuno Classic spikers

The Mizuno All-Star Classic, will be hosted by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association Saturday, July 10 at the Ryder Center at Saginaw Valley State University.

Selected to play in the event are Livonia Stevenson's Patty Diamond and Julie Martin; Liz Gunn, Livonia Ladywood; and Daune Koester, Redford Thurston.

The coaches Association also announced its individual All-Academic squads.

In Class A, Stevenson's Kristen Drabicki (4.1 grade-point average) and Karen Groulx (4.08) were selected. Farmington High's team, carrying a combined 3.36 GPA, was also recognized.

In Class B, Thurston's Deanne Ambrose (4.0) and Sheryl Shorkey (3.82) were named. Thurston's squad, carrying a 3.44 cumulative GPA, was also recognized.

Lutheran High Westland's Jennifer Joyce (3.75) and Amy Siefhoff (3.72) made Class C All-Academic honors. The Warriors also gained the team listing at 3.32 overall.

For more information on the Mizuno Classic, call Pamela Kurtz at 241-0663.

Chiefs top Spartans in soccer final

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton has soccer players with injured knees, sore ankles and other assorted ailments, but there was nothing wrong with their hearts Wednesday.

Despite a roster depleted by injuries, the host Chiefs defeated Livonia Stevenson 4-1 for the second straight year in the Western Lakes Activities Association girls championship game.

"We play with a lot of heart," said Canton senior forward Leah Hutko, who had two goals and one assist.

"We try to keep together as a team and overcome things like injuries that have hit us at the wrong time of year. This team seems to stick together and get up for the big games."

The Chiefs, who have been the WLAA champion three of the past five years, are 14-1-1 and the Spartans 8-4.

Canton's Mandy Salin and Beth Ostach are sidelined with knee injuries, and forward Melissa Tomei and defender Kathy Bahr had other school obligations Wednesday.

Defenders Kara Moylan, who replaced Bahr at stopper, Kelly Reeves, who missed the past three games, and Stacey Miller were still nursing sore ankles but helped to shut down the Stevenson offense.

"They're tough ballplayers; they can play and the girls who went in for them did a good job," Smith said. "This was a team effort."

Canton's championship victory is a tribute to its depth, which has played a key role in the team's continued success.

"I'm very pleased with the 15th and 16th players on up," Smith said. "We talked about picking up the level of play from the eighth to 16th players so we don't lose anything."

"It's tough to beat a team that can play 18 players. If you can play 18, it's hard to run with you. The other team either has to play 18 or get tired."



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Championship game: Canton's Erica Anderson wins a foot race to the ball with Stevenson's Holly Kimble in the WLAA soccer final.

The Chiefs took an early lead when Colleen Connell scored the first goal less than two minutes into the game on a header from a cross by Hutko.

Canton led 1-0 at halftime and outshot Stevenson 5-1 in the first half during which the Spartans seldom crossed midfield.

"Early goals have to give you some incentive, but a lot of times you let down, which we did at the start of the second half," Smith said. "The first 10 minutes we weren't going to the

ball at all, but then we buckled down and got another one."

The Spartans outshot the Chiefs 6-3 in the second half. Stevenson had four early shots and the ball in front of the Canton net a few other times without a shot.

"We could say it would have been a different story (if the Spartans had tied), but we still made some mistakes on defense," Stevenson coach Mary Kay Hussey said. "We had plenty of opportunities; we just didn't

capitalize. "Overall, we played a much better game than we did the first time. It's tough coming back against a team that beat you 7-1. But we came out here to win, and I think we played to win."

Hutko made it 2-0, and Canton stole the momentum when the Spartans failed to clear a corner kick.

The Chiefs took a three-goal lead 2½ minutes later when Julie Majewski's header found the net.

Stevenson surprises city foes

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson baseball isn't all the way back, but the Spartans have something to build on after their conquest Saturday of the Livonia city baseball tournament.

With the potential game-tying run on third and the go-ahead run on second, Stevenson right fielder Rob Marshall snagged Jason Carter's line drive in the top of the seventh inning to preserve the victory against tourney favorite and defending champion Churchill, 7-6.

It was Stevenson's first city title since 1984, but even more surprising was the fact that the 3-13 Spartans, who have struggled in recent years on the diamond, won the tournament as a heavy underdog.

"This is great for our program," Stevenson first-year coach Mike Keller said. "We've worked hard all season long and today the hard work and team effort paid off. I'm proud of these kids and very happy for the school."

The Spartans trailed 5-3 heading into the top of the sixth inning, but rallied for four runs, keyed by Bob Drummond's two-run single. Drummond and teammate Nick Trudell combined for four of Stevenson's eight hits.)

Churchill answered with a run in the seventh, and threatened with two runners in scoring posi-

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tion with two outs.

Carter's shot momentarily handcuffed the right fielder, who lost his footing back-peddling for the ball. But Marshall regained his balance to make the over-the-head grab.

Andy Dattolo, who worked the final 1½ innings, was the winning pitcher. Glenn Pinneo, the starter, lasted 2½ before giving way to Chris Chichila.

Carter, who relieved Mike Marchetti in the sixth, took the loss.

Todd Siedlaczek, Jason Renkiewicz and Mark Rutherford each had two hits in a losing cause.

"We made two big mistakes offensively," said Churchill coach Herb Osterland, whose team fell to 10-6 overall. "We tried to come from third twice and didn't get them in."

"People respect us enough now to play us tougher. We're learning we have to battle tough every game out."

"I've been in this situation myself as the underdog. For us it's important, but for them it's even more important because they (Stevenson) are not fighting for any league or division title."

■ STEVENSON 7, C'VILLE 4: Matt Cogswell's two-run single in the sixth sparked a three-run rally as the Spartans toppled Livonia Clarenceville in the first semifinal at Ford Field. Cogswell was also the winning pitcher.

er, going all seven innings, scattering eight hits and two walks.

Brad Morgan added two hits and RBI, while Bob Drummond contributed a single and triple.

Chris Fryer, Ryan McEwen and Mark Skrelja each collected two hits for the Trojans.

Mark Juncaj, who lasted 5½ innings before giving way to Carl Holston, took the loss.

■ CHURCHILL 9, FRANKLIN 4: Winning pitcher Jason Renkiewicz helped his own cause with three hits, including a double and three RBI, as the Chargers won the other semifinal over Livonia Franklin.

Renkiewicz sparked a four-run first with a two-run single. He worked five innings to pick up the win.

Mark Rutherford contributed two hits and an RBI.

Josh Reynolds tripled twice and knocked in three runs for the Patriots. Brian Crumley and Pat McCormack added two hits apiece.

Dennis Madden, who pitched six innings, suffered the loss.

■ C'VILLE 12, FRANKLIN 9: Ali Nehmeh knocked in the game-winning run with a double, as the Trojans (9-11 overall) rallied for seven runs in the sixth inning to win the consolation final at Madonna University Park. Clarenceville out-hit Franklin, 14-10, as Skrelja went 3-for-4 with five RBI. Holston, Ray Kastl, McEwen each added two hits. McEwen had a triple and a double. Kastl drove in two runs.

Winning pitcher Robbie Ashton worked all seven innings for Clarenceville, while Franklin reliever Rob Jansen took the loss.

McCormack and Crumley each had two hits for Franklin (5-15 overall). Matt Fournier added a two-run single.

Canton's Benedict stymies Chargers

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton baseball coach Mark LaPointe calls his pitcher Craig Benedict "the best kept secret in the state of Michigan."

Who could argue after Benedict's clutch performance Wednesday in a 2-0 eight-inning triumph over host Livonia Churchill.

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound senior right-hander won a championship duel against Churchill ace Mark Rutherford.

Benedict tossed a three-hitter as the Chiefs won the Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"Craig is one of the best control

pitchers that Canton has ever had," said LaPointe, the first-year coach.

Canton, now 15-8 overall and 7-2 in the division, will play the Lakes champion (tentatively set for 4 p.m. May 26 at Canton).

Benedict (5-5) struck out eight and walked only two. Rutherford (5-1) was equal to the task, allowing just five hits and two walks in seven innings.

"I pitched a lot last summer and got a lot stronger because of weights and conditioning in the off-season," Benedict said.

Canton broke open the scoreless battle in the top of the eighth. Catcher Chris Johnson, the ninth hitter in the order, greeted Rutherford with a triple. Pinch-

runner Brian Lemkie then scored on Mark Schankowski's shot to the right-center field gap. Schankowski came all the way around to score when Churchill failed to connect on the relay throw.

The Chargers, who fell to 10-8 overall and 5-4 in the division, missed a chance to win the game in the bottom of the sixth.

Sean Scheuer opened with single and stole second, but the Chargers hit into a double play.

Rutherford, who earlier had tripled and doubled, then filed out to right with the bases empty.

"We've lost a lot of close ball-games where we've gotten good pitching," Churchill coach Herb Osterland said. "Benedict did a nice job mixing up his pitches. He kept us off-balance."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Items for the Sports Roundup must be submitted by noon Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and noon Friday (for Monday edition). Items run once only.

KELLY FINALIST

Livonia Ladywood's Mary Jo Kelly, a standout for the Blazers varsity basketball, volleyball and softball teams, was a finalist for the Catholic High School League 1993 Walt Bazylewicz Female Athlete of the Year.

Birmingham Marian's Stephanie Storen will receive the award Friday, May 28 at Tiger Stadium.

BOZYK LEADS ADRIAN

A comeback effort secured a piece of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's baseball title for Adrian College, it's first-ever first place.

A pair of Redford Catholic Central graduates played key roles in Adrian's season. Junior righthander Keith Bozyk, of Canton, tossed a one-hitter in the Bulldogs' 5-1 win over champion Albion College.

Bozyk struck out nine to improve his record to 7-3 overall, with a 1.43 earned run average. He led the Bulldogs in wins, innings (68%), strikeouts (67) and saves (two).

Brett Welling, a junior first baseman from Livonia, was on his way to a superb season before a dislocated shoulder sidelined him for the final five games of the season.

Adrian finished with a 10-5 MIAA record, 17-15-1 overall. The wins were the most by a Bulldog team ever.

LIVONIA LEAFS 1ST

The Livonia Leafs, coached by Louis Bitoff and managed

by Jill Pence, capped an unbeaten spring soccer season recently by winning playoff games against Livingston (8-1) and Battle Creek (2-1).

Members of the Leafs include: Jason Weier, Justin Bayer, Jay Graundsadt, Jeff Washburn, Heath Marnon, Chris Johnson, Ryan Ossensmacher, Matt Grant, Matt Bieniek, Miles Meibers, Justin Bilicki, Mike Prosyk, Nick Yaris and goaltenders Brian Gale and Louie Bitoff.

Assistant coaches included Davis Yaris, Len Bayer and Bill Weier.

FENCING OPERATION

Roger Buelow, a senior at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland from Livonia Franklin, earned his third letter in fencing. Buelow had a 33-29 record in men's foil and finished ninth at the Midwest Regional.

TEE IT UP FOR TREES

The Friends of Livonia Parks and Recreation fifth annual Tee It Up For Trees, dedicated to the beautification of Livonia's parks and three municipal golf courses, will hold an 18-hole shotgun scramble, 7:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 9 at Whispering Willows.

The cost is \$60 per golfer (includes beverages, food, souvenir and cart). The event also includes a hole-in-one contest, 50/50 raffle, season passes to one or two Livonia municipal courses, golf bags, plus many other prizes and games.

For more information, call 476-4493.

JUNIOR MASTERS GOLF

Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville will stage its 10th annual Great Lakes Junior Masters golf tournament, July 12-14.

The field is limited to the first 244 entrants (54-hole medal play).

The \$85 entry fee (deadline June 23) also includes trophies, food and beverages.

For more information, call 349-3600, Ext. 51.

Churchill's Jose gets well fast in city invitational

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's Karen Jose sure knows when to pick her spots.

The ace right-hander rebounded from her three-day bout earlier in the week with the chicken pox, leading the Chargers to the Livonia invitational softball championship Saturday at Ford Field.

Churchill swept Franklin (7-0) and Stevenson (12-2) to win the title for the second consecutive year.

Jose, a junior, struck out 12, walked three and scattered four hits in going the distance in the championship final.

"She's a very good pitcher, I saw that in her when she was a freshman," Stevenson first-year coach Art Anselm said. "She's the fastest I've seen all year."

Stevenson (4-13) put a fight for four innings. The underdog Spartans, ironically, held a 1-0 lead.

Freshman pitcher Marie Wil-

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son's unorthodox delivery had the Chargers off balance at the plate until the fifth when they erupted for five runs. Junior Carla Karoub delivered a clutch two-run single to send Churchill on its way.

"The first three innings we hit the ball right at them," Churchill second-year coach Dana Hardwidge said. "We were way out in front of the ball. We weren't staying back."

Karoub later added a two-run double as the Chargers went on to score two more in the sixth and five in the seventh.

Jose and Jenny Clulow each had three hits, as Churchill mounted a 17-hit attack. Melissa Sochacki and Chrissy Daly each contributed two, while Alicia December chipped in with a two-run single.

Lori Shingledecker and Chelsea

Brinton each collected two hits, but the Spartans really never solved the hard-throwing Jose.

"Karen was out of school for three days, then came back and pitched on Friday (7-0 shutout of Walled Lake Western)," Hardwidge said. "I thought she was tiring today, but she was able to get through it."

CHURCHILL 7, FRANKLIN 0: The Chargers avenged Wednesday's 13-3 loss to the Patriots (with Jose out) as Alicia December clubbed a three-run homer in the semifinal matchup.

Chrissy Daly also touched all the bases in the first on a shot to left field that was scored a homer by Hardwidge's statistician, but ruled an error by Franklin coach Joe Epstein's scorekeeper.

Angie Cerne added an RBI single as Churchill out-hit the Patriots, 9-5.

Jose, the winning pitcher, struck out 11 and walked three.

"She's a tough competitor to come back from something like that," Epstein said. "We had our chances early. We loaded the bases in the first (with one out), but didn't get anything out of it. I thought we hit the ball, but had nothing to show."

Amanda Hosko and Ann Bagazinaki each collected two hits in a losing cause.

Franklin starter Michelle Averill, who also went the distance, took the loss.

STEVENSON 18, C'VILLE 8: An 11-run third inning proved to be the difference in the other semifinal game.

The victorious Spartans collected 13 hits.

Shingledecker, an outfielder, belted a homer, triple and single. Rachel Allor also had three hits, including a triple.

Michelle Dreger and Lisa Schilk added two hits apiece, while Juli Richardson contributed a two-run triple.

Pam Inzano collected two of Clarenceville's six hits.

Laura Krol, who worked four innings in relief, was the winning pitcher. Jenni Adams suffered the loss.

FRANKLIN 21, C'VILLE 0: The Patriots (13-10 overall) took only five innings to mercy the Trojans (3-11 overall).

Winning pitcher Becky Jansen struck out six, walked two and allowed only two hits.

Wendy Roy, the the Clarenceville starter, suffered the loss. Three Clarenceville pitchers combined for 19 walks.

Ladywood wins playoff opener, gives Chiefs a run

Central Division champion Livonia Ladywood advanced to the Catholic League A-B Division softball semifinals with a 4-0 shutout Monday of visiting Birmingham Marian.

Ladywood, now 20-9-1 overall, will meet Riverview Gabriel Richard in the semifinals, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dearborn's King Boring Field.

Senior pitcher Mary Jo Kelly went the distance, allowing just two hits and two walks. She struck out seven.

Losing pitcher Judy Stuart walked 13 in five innings.

The Blazers scored twice in the third on five consecutive walks and an RBI single by Katie Law.

In the fourth, Liza Rozum walked and scored on a passed ball. Tara Wasiak singled and later scored in the fifth.

On Saturday, Ladywood lost in eight innings to state-ranked Plymouth Canton, 4-2, at the Canton Classic.

Winning pitcher Kelly Holmes threw a one-hitter. She struck out 14 and did not walk a batter.

Kelly scattered seven hits and three walks in going the distance.

Three Ladywood errors, coupled with a double by Michelle Metzger, led to the winning runs.

"We played a real good tournament," Ladywood coach Lisa Parsons said. "Against the tougher teams we played real well. We had a hard time hitting Holmes, but we hung right in there."

Ladywood's behind Rozum's three hits and three runs scored, beat Rochester Adams in the opener, 11-6. Wasiak contributed two hits and two RBI, while Katie Wright chipped in with two hits, including a triple and two RBI.

In Game No. 2, Farmington Hills Mercy downed Ladywood, 4-3 (nine innings), as losing pitcher Liz Scagnetti, making her first start, allowed just three hits. Mercy's game-winning run in the ninth was unearned. Rozum had two RBI in a losing cause, while Stacey Judd knocked in the other run for the Blazers.

Ladywood reached the final by blanking Plymouth Salem, 4-0, on a four-hitter by Kelly. She walked only one and struck out seven.

Kelly and Jennifer Charnley each went 2-for-4, with an RBI apiece.

CHURCHILL 9, HARRISON 6: Farmington Harrison collected nine hits off Livonia Churchill ace Karen Jose (11 strikeouts), but the visiting Chargers prevailed by scoring six runs in the top of the seventh, breaking a 3-3 tie Monday, to gain the Western Lakes Ac-

tivities Association-Western Division win.

Churchill is 12-4 overall and 6-2 in the division. Harrison falls to 3-12 and 0-8.

Five Chargers collected two hits apiece — Chrissy Daly, Jose, Stacey Fields, Carla Karoub and Melissa Sochacki.

Fields, who knocked in three runs, had a two-run triple in the seventh as did teammate Dayna Landry.

Jenny Myslinski led Harrison with three hits and two RBI.

Reliever Erin Lacosse suffered the loss.

CANTON 9, FRANKLIN 1: On Monday, visiting Plymouth Canton (21-2, 8-0) clinched at least a tie for the WLAA-Western Division crown with a lopsided victory over Livonia Franklin (13-11, 6-3).

Winning pitcher Kelly Holmes struck out eight and allowed just two hits in five innings before giving way to Colleen Baker.

Tammy Schaffer knocked in Franklin's lone run.

Pitcher Michelle Averill took the loss.

GLENN 6, SALEM 5: Westland John Glenn evened its overall record at 11-11 overall and 4-4 in the WLAA-Lakes with a win Monday at Plymouth Salem (5-3 Lakes).

Lynn Little (7-11), the winning pitcher, scattered eight hits and four walks.

Jenny Garvey took the loss. Christi Wrybickowski and Norma Hogg each had two hits for Glenn. Nicole Gentry added two-out, two-run dou-

ble in the third.

Dawn Morocco, Jenna Stanton and Lori Thomczek each had two hits for Salem.

On Saturday, Glenn split a doubleheader with visiting Dearborn.

The Rockets took advantage of 10 walks in the opener, scoring an 11-1 mercy-rule (five innings) victory.

Hogg (3-0) allowed just three hits and walked seven in picking up the win. Wrybickowski contributed an RBI single, scored twice and had two stolen bases. Amanda Samkowiak collected three walks, two stolen bases and scored two runs.

Glenn lost the nightcap, 16-9, despite a solo homer by Wrybickowski and two hits by Jamie Cook.

LUTH. WESTLAND 12, KINGSWOOD 2: Lutheran Hill Westland (11-7, 7-5) took just five innings Monday to mercy host Bloomfield Hills Kingswood (5-8, 3-8) in a Metro Conference encounter.

Amy Sieloff collected two hits and two RBI for the winners. Erin Cicero knocked in three runs, while Leslie Turgeon and Suzie Clark also chipped in with an RBI each.

Winning pitcher Amy Gentz struck out five, walked two and allowed four hits over four innings.

C'VILLE 23, LUTHERAN WEST 3: It was no contest Monday as Livonia Clarenceville (4-11, 4-8) romped to victory over Detroit Lutheran West.

The victorious Trojans collected 17 hits, led by Wendy Roy's 4-for-5 outing, including a double, triple and four RBI.

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Shootout win lifts Blazers

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Livonia Ladywood survived its first-round Catholic League girls soccer playoff game on Monday.

The Blazers (9-3-1 overall) won a shootout after 80 minutes of regulation play and two overtime periods against visiting Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 2-1.

Goalie Liz Gunn made two saves in overtime. Ladywood then outscored the Ventures on penalty kicks, 3-2. Gunn made several key saves in the first overtime.

Jean Roy, Val Adzima and Kelli Colliton made shots for the Blazers in the shootout.

The two teams battled to a scoreless draw until the 73-minute mark when sophomore Jamie Colliton found the net with a direct kick.

Foley sent the game into OT, scoring with only 30 seconds remaining.

STEVENSON 10, CENTRAL 1: Livonia Stevenson (8-3 overall) wrapped up the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association by romping past host Walled Lake Central.

Holly Kimble and Beth Dwyer each tallied two goals for the winners, who finished 4-0 in the division.

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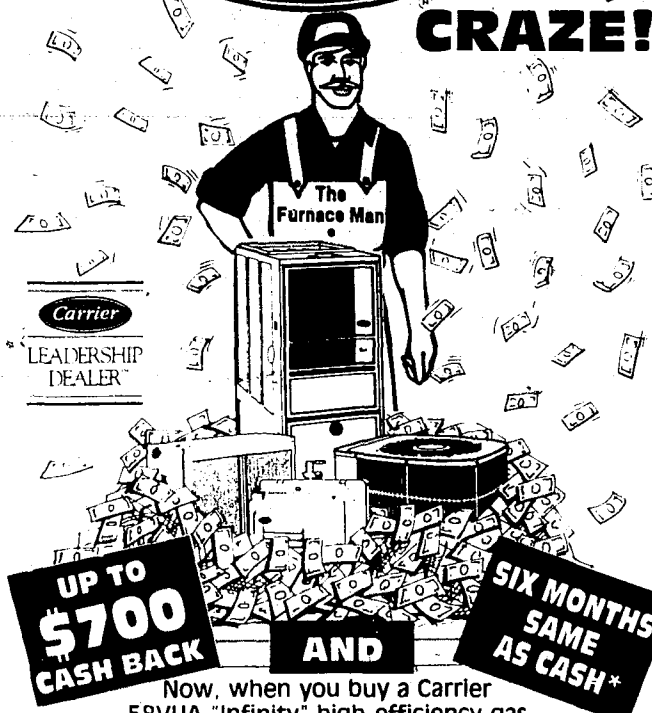
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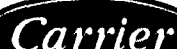
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Mike George will always remember that one play, in the last inning of Madonna University's 1993 baseball season.

A ground ball up the middle Joe Brusseau ranging far to his right to stab it... a quick turn and flick... batter retired.

Seeing Brusseau make that play forced perspective into George's thoughts. His team was losing badly to Aquinas College, a loss that would end the Fighting Crusaders' season.

It would also end Brusseau's collegiate playing career — and the careers of Bill Terski, Rich Roy, Steve Coffell and Shaun Hayward.

The five seniors' seasons came to a close with Saturday's 16-4 defeat suffered against Aquinas in the NAIA District 23's championship game. The Saints advance to host the NAIA Area Tournament, with district champs from Ohio, Illinois and Indiana visiting.

Madonna, meanwhile, must be content with the memories of a record-setting year (43-22) that fell one victory short.

The Crusaders were close — so very, very close. But after three consecutive strong pitching efforts to start the district playoffs, they ran out of steam. They beat Siena Heights 15-13 Friday, but couldn't outscore Aquinas Saturday.

Mound shortage

Their other tournament loss was just as painful: 3-2 to Spring Arbor in their second game Thursday.

"I don't think we got caught with our pants down, without enough pitching," insisted George. "I think we had all the right pieces. We could have gone all the way to the (NAIA) World Series."

Indeed, Madonna got strong pitching efforts from Joe Jentzer in a 10-2 playoff-opening win over Tri-State; from Jeff Kugelmann in the loss to Spring Arbor; and from Hayward in a 4-3 win over Northwood University.

But injuries to Sean Henkel and Mike Grahl, and Mike Coleman's academic ineligibility, handicapped George's mound corps. He went with sophomore Ryan Grabetz against Siena Heights, but he was ineffective. Madonna had to rally from a 9-5 deficit after six innings to win.

Louie McKaig, a seven-game winner for Madonna, tried to provide relief help but he was only moderately successful. Siena Heights hit back-to-back homers off of him, tying the game in the seventh, before Roy won it for Madonna with a solo shot in the eighth.

By the Aquinas game, George had no one left to call upon. He tried freshman Chad Zann, but he couldn't get out of the first inning. Relievers Grabetz and T.C. Raptis weren't much better. Madonna was down 8-0 by the end of the first, a deficit too large to overcome.

Leaders lost

It was hardly a fitting way to end the season, George thought. "Pitching also got us there," he said, defending his staff. "I'm not making any excuses for anybody, but we had to use more people than we wanted to on Friday."

McKaig's coming out of the pen to relieve Kugelmann against Spring Arbor proved costly. Madonna still lost, and McKaig — whom George had tentatively pencilled in to start Saturday's final — was already used. When Siena Heights jumped all over Grabetz, forcing George to bring in McKaig

again, the pitching picture was really scrambled.

It proved too big a mess to straighten out.

George refused to be disappointed by the outcome. "In no way am I disappointed with this team," he insisted. "The only thing I'm disappointed in is that we had five guys that we built the program around, and we didn't win it for them."

Brusseau, in particular, will be a tough loss for George to absorb. Brusseau played for George when he coached at Redford Bishop Borgess prior to starting the program at Madonna. One of his first recruits, Brusseau has proven to be one of George's best: He's been all-district at second base the last three years.

The other four seniors — Terski (Livonia Churchill), Roy (Livonia Clarenceville), Coffell (Garden City/Bishop Borgess) and Hayward — have been productive, too. Indeed, as George suddenly realized on that ground ball up the middle that Brusseau snared in the last game, replacing them won't be easy.

"We're going to be in good shape," he said, noting 22 players who will return. "Part of any successful program is to have players waiting in the wings."

"But they're going to be hard to replace. I'm proud of these kids. They made something out of nothing."

Leadership may be the hardest void to fill, although George thinks this year's seniors instructed the underclassmen well. "Our young kids learned something from them," he said. "You have to learn how to win. I think our seniors taught our younger kids that — how to win."

It will be a year before George knows if this year's juniors mastered their assignment.

Pitching gem

Rockets' Bryan Besco 1-hits Salem

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Besco's no-hit bid was broken up by Charlie Winstel with no outs in the seventh. Besco, a junior, struck out seven and walked only one as Glenn upped its overall record to 17-3 and 7-1 in the Lakes.

Jarrod Hura's two-run single keyed a four-run Rocket first-inning surge. Aaron Scheffer and Derek Besco each contributed two hits on the day.

Dan Quain, the Salem starter, took the loss.

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Ed Kennedy's two-run single, coupled with RBI singles from Brock Goff and Mark Cantor pinned the loss on Churchill starter Sean Scheuher, who gave up just one run over the first seven innings.

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ROUNDUP

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LUTH. WESTLAND 2, CRANBROOK 1: Lutheran High Westland (5-9, 4-8) rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh Monday to knock off visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook in Metro Conference game.

Rick Kidd singled and scored on John Reardon's groundout to knot the score at 1-1. With two outs, Ryan Sleszak's infield single scored Jim Hoefft with the game-winner.

Steve Faith allowed five hits and four walks while fanning seven to pick up the victory.

The Warriors pitcher outdueled Cranbrook's Damon Pierce, whose no-hit bid was broken up by Eric Schilbe's single in the seventh.

WAYNE 19, LINCOLN PARK 2: Wayne Memorial (9-7, 6-5) unleashed a 21-hit attack Tuesday to gain the Wolverine A League triumph against the host Rail-splitters.

Shannon Green went 4-for-4 with three RBI. Jeff Tapp went 3-for-3 with a homer, double, single and five runs scored.

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for-4 with two runs scored; and Bill Romej, three hits and three runs scored. Winning pitcher Tadd Kempainen (6-3) struck out 10, allowed just two hits and walked only two.

DELASALLE 5-2, REDFORD CC 0-8: After losing the first game of Saturday's double-header at Warren DeLaSalle, Redford Catholic Central won the nightcap to clinch first place in the final Catholic League Central Division standings.

CC, 22-8 overall and 12-4 in the Central Division, plays Riverview Gabriel Richard in a first-round Catholic League playoff game at 4 p.m. Saturday at Wyandotte Memorial Park.

Junior left-hander Dave Susalla scattered four hits, struck out six and walked three as CC won the second game, 8-2.

Juan Sanchez keyed CC's 14-hit attack with four hits, three runs scored and an RBI to go with several fine catches in the outfield.

Jeff Gutt had three RBI and three hits and Andy Slankster and Mike Brusseau delivered two hits each. Slankster had two RBI and Brusseau drove home one run.

In the first game, DeLassalle sent CC's ace Brian Paluk from the mound after picking up three runs on four hits and two walks in the first 2½ innings.

The Pilots' winning pitcher Kurt Wilczynski scattered five hits in a seven-inning shutout. Gutt led the Shamrocks with two hits.

W.L. CENTRAL 13, STEVENSON 0: Walled Lake Central (15-6, 6-2) romped to the win Thursday at Livonia Stevenson (5-14, 2-6) to stay one game behind Westland Glenn in the WLAA-Lakes Division.

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onship Drive, Auburn Hills. For information, call 377-0100.
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■ Harry Belafonte, June 27.
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■ Engelbert Humperdinck, July 22.
■ Paul Anka, July 25.
■ Smokey Robinson, August 24.
■ Air Supply, August 30.
■ Anne Murray, September 2.
■ Kenny Loggins, September 3.

Concerts feature vocal jazz groups

Schoolcraft College's S'Cool Jazz Vocal Group will perform their "Swingtime" concert 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, in the college's Waterman Campus Center.

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or in advance by calling 476-3270. The program will include Vivaldi's "Gloria," jazz, ballet and tap numbers, and classical orchestra pieces.

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Also of note is the Mercy High School Spring Concert featuring the Mercyaire, Mercy Dance Company, Mercy Orchestra and all choral groups. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door

As a special feature, the Honorable Myron Wahls and his Jazz Trio will perform. Mercy High School is at 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Barbershop groups 'Spring into Song'

"Spring into Song, Barbershop Style" 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at a concert featuring City Lights at Mercy High School Auditorium, 29300 11 Mile Road at Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Tickets, \$10, available at the door or by calling 625-6211.

men ready to entertain with its outstanding repertoire which includes its package for International Chorus competition this July in Canada. It is a two-time international competitor and was the 1992-93 Michigan chorus champion.

lines chorus, and the Richochet quartet from Ohio, one of the top 15 in the U.S., will also appear.

As a change of pace, a vocal jazz ensemble called the Grunions will give a swinging rendition of its rhythm melodies with jazz flavor.

Jazz groups to present concert

The Southfield Lathrup Music Boosters with the co-sponsorship Continental Cablevision is featuring the renowned Randy Scott and Sasse' in a jazz concert 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26 at the Southfield Lathrup High School Auditorium, 19301 W. 12 Mile

Road, Lathrup Village. Tickets are \$7.25 and available at all Ticketmaster outlets, 645-6666. For more information, call Marilyn Leedom, 552-9078 or the school band office, 746-7293. An accomplished musician, Randy Scott has been inspired by

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Cheers farewell

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Pine Knob

The 2 Iguana's from Earth, Renae Bernard of Livonia, rhythm guitar, singer and composer, and Nancy Douglas of Farmington, lead guitar, will open for Eddie Money at Pine Knob, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21. Tickets \$12.50 pavilion, \$5.05 lawn, available at the Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers. To charge tickets, call 377-0100 or 643-6666.

Trinity House

Trinity House Theatre presents "The Liar," by Carlo Goldoni, one of the masters of 17th century Italian comedy, beginning 8 p.m. Friday, May 21. Shows weekends through June 19, Trinity House, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia, 464-6302.

Readers Theater

The final performance of the 1993 Spring Series of Readers Theater will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$6, IRP members \$5. The production will be preceded by complimentary refreshments at 3 p.m. For information, call 661-1000, Ext. 345.

Flute festival

Musica Viva International Concert Series presents the Michigan Flute Festival, Gala Concert — A Salute to Ervin Monroe, 25 years as principal flutist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Alexander Zonjic, master of ceremonies, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Concert will feature various flute ensembles, the Michigan Flute Orchestra, and mass flute choirs with over 300 participants from all around Michigan. Tickets range from \$10 to \$35 per person, call 833-3700.

Glenn Miller

The Glenn Miller Orchestra swings 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile at Middlebelt in Livonia, on the stage in front of Crowleys.

Kids Concert

Hip Squeak Productions presents "Odd Bodkins," an innovative puppet program 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 22 in Room 115 of the Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. Tickets \$3, call 354-4717 for information.

'Berkshire Night Live' entertaining



SALLY DUBATS

"Berkshire Night Live is a series of comedy skits and song and dance which pulls from the attitudes of "Saturday Night Live," "Forbidden Broadway," and "Capitol Steps," with a smattering of game show spoofs for good measure.

Produced, written and staged by Michael Klier of Farmington Hills, the original material is on-again-off-again; some skits are very funny, crisp and fresh, while others lack refinement and bite.

The many topics covered — politics, Broadway show tunes, local events, and old TV theme songs — occasionally obscure the focus of the show.

Yet, set amidst the cozy surroundings of the Berkshire Hotel in Southfield, "Berkshire Night Live" still proves to be an entertaining evening with a talented cast of five.

The better moments in the show include Paul Riopelle as he pulls off a myriad of fun antics. His animated face adds to the many characters he portrays. Particularly funny is Riopelle's interpretation of "Coincidence? I Think Not!" JFK is compared to Lincoln. Nixon is compared to Clinton — after all, both Clinton and Nixon have two syllables in their names. Coincidence?

Also offered is a talented Marnie Baumer of Garden City singing a comical "Squeeze Me" with campy nostalgic style. Baumer also shines as Hillary Clinton. Unfortunately, Baumer's monologue — "A Confused Critic's Lament," offered exhausted material while listing the alphabet for

"BERKSHIRE NIGHT LIVE"

Theater: The Berkshire Hotel, 26111 Telegraph, Southfield.

Closes: Saturday, June 26
Curtain times: 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Tickets: Per person \$12.95, per couple \$24 from the Berkshire Hotel and all Ticketmaster outlets. Overnight package available. Call 356-4333.

Benefit: For HAVEN, Oakland County's Domestic Violence Shelter and Sexual Assault Counseling Center, 5 p.m. Friday, May 21. Tickets \$59 per person includes dinner, theater, and overnight package. Dinner and show only \$45 per person. Call 356-4333 for information. Tickets still available.



Comedy cast: Terri Ellen (left), Robert Allman, Marnie Baumer and Paul Riopelle, star in "Berkshire Night Live," at the Berkshire Hotel in Southfield.

REVIEW

everything wrong with theater in the Detroit and metro area.

Robert Allman's performance is especially dynamic in the skit "Kelvorian (Our Way)." Portraying a comical suicide assistance distributor, Allman of Southfield, and cast sing "Killer" to the tune of Michael Jackson's "Thriller," as members of the cast are "assisted" one at a time.

Ellen Terri has a terrific musical voice and a respectable amount of stage presence. She adds zest to the show with funny faces and comedy timing. One poor moment, however, is

"Chelsea S'Corner." Rather than impersonating our president's daughter, Terri imitates the late Gilda Radner as Roseanne Rosanna Dana with an irritating monologue.

One new twist to this revue is the use of pianist as actor and singer. Cabaret shows usually leave pianists in the background to accompany, but pianist Jeff Bayson is an integral part of the show.

Bayson's commercial announcements were funny and well timed, and his onstage "Phantom of the 1950s," with the cast was a fun point

of the evening. "Berkshire Night Live," is an evolving show which changes with the news and times. Some of it is fun, some not. But there will be new items and surprises added during its run through the end of June.

Sally Dubats of Madison Heights is an actress, director and teacher, who teaches at community theaters in the metropolitan area. She is artistic director of West End Productions, headquartered in Livonia.

Lots of 'Heart' in war drama

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

They're called the invisible veterans, the women who served in Vietnam. They weren't sent into combat, but it was all around them.

Their story will be told by the newly formed Heartland Theatre Company in "A Piece of My Heart," by Shirley Lauro. The play, based on a book by Keith Walker of the same title, is a compilation of vignettes that capture the indomitable spirit of the women who served in Vietnam.

The play will be presented May 21 through June 5 at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit.

From her tiny office in Birmingham, not much bigger than a walk-in closet, Jan Radcliff, a Birmingham resident for 13 years, makes phone calls trying to impress on people the importance of this play.

PREVIEW

"I've believed in this play for so long," she said. "I've seen all three productions, and kept track of the rights."

Radcliff worked tenaciously for six years to win sole rights to produce "A Piece of My Heart," and said she "pounced on them," when they became available.

"For women, the war was the worst of times, the best of times — extreme pain, and joy. They experienced a spectrum of human emotions," said Radcliff.

The production of "A Piece of My Heart," was strategically planned to coincide with the 25th anniversary year of the Tet Offensive; the dedica-

tion of the Women's Memorial Project in Washington, D.C.; and the unveiling of the design selection for our state's monument by the Vietnam Memorial Commission of Michigan.

Matinee performances on May 27 and June 3 will be followed by talk-back sessions with women who served in Vietnam. These will be moderated by scholars and women veterans involved as both forum participants and consultants to the actors.

There will also be a photo display of photographs of and by women veterans in the lobby of the Hilberry during the run of the production.

"This story is not about war; it is about six women who went to Vietnam," said Radcliff.

"A PIECE OF MY HEART"

Theater: Heartland Theatre Company, at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass at Hancock, Detroit

Closes: Saturday, June 5

Curtain times: Matinees, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, May 27, June 3; 8 p.m. Fridays, May 21, May 28 and June 4; 8 p.m. Saturdays, May 22, May 29 and June 5; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23. Matinees will be followed by talk-back sessions with women who served in Vietnam. Tickets: Range \$10 to \$14. Seniors and students \$10. Call 577-2972.

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GOING TO THE MOVIES



Temptation and vulnerability punctuate 'Sliver'

Sharon Stone, William Baldwin and Tom Berenger star in "Sliver," based on the bestselling novel by Ira Levin.

Presented by Paramount Pictures, the film opens Friday. It's produced by Robert Evans and directed by Phillip Noyce.

Carly Norris (Sharon Stone) is a woman looking for some new excitement in her life after ending an unhappy marriage.

For her new home, she chooses a "sliver," what New Yorkers call the lofty, narrow apartment buildings unique to Manhattan.

PREVIEW

It is one where a succession of mysterious and deadly accidents have occurred.

Among Carley's new neighbors are Zeke Hawkins (William Baldwin), a wealthy young bachelor, and Jack Landsford (Tom Berenger), an author of true crime bestsellers who seems intent on investigating the recent fatal events that have occurred in the building.

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ments that "Sliver" will have the effect of "an electric shock on audiences."

"The story is really a high-wire act about temptation and vulnerability," said screenwriter Joe Eszterhas. "I have always been drawn to the theme of people being intimate strangers to one another."

"I seem to be fascinated with the idea that no matter how intimate we become, there will always be bits and pieces of us that remain estranged. This film goes after those bits and pieces in the most secret psychosexual ways and attempts to draw them out."

"Sliver" novelist Ira Levin's earlier novels are "A Kiss Before Dying," "Rosemary's Baby," "The Stepford Wives" and "The Boys From Brazil."

The movie is rated R (Restricted, no one under 18 admitted without an accompanying parent or guardian).

Opens Friday at these suburban theaters: AMC Abbey, AMC Americana West, AMC Wonderland, AMC Southfield City, Quo Vadis, Showcase Auburn Hills, Star Rochester.



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Thriller: Carly Norris (Sharon Stone) encounters Jack Landsford (Tom Berenger), a tenant in her new Manhattan apartment building in "Sliver."

FILM CLIPS

"LOST IN YONKERS"

Released by: Columbia Pictures
 Starring: Mercedes Ruehl, Richard Dreyfuss, Irene Worth, Brad Stoll, Mike Damus
 Directed by: Martha Coolidge
 Produced by: Ray Stark
 Written by: Neil Simon, based on his play
 Rated: PG (Parental Guidance Suggested. Some material may not be suitable for pre-teens.)
 Running time: One hour, 50 minutes
 Rating (out of a possible four):



JOHN MONAGHAN

"Lost in Yonkers" ranks among the most successfully rendered film adaptations of a Neil Simon play. It's snappy, well-acted and heartwarmingly nostalgic.

I couldn't wait for it to end.

Manipulation, even when it's for my own good, makes me squirm and Simon is a master manipulator. "Lost in Yonkers," another in a series of Swing-era period pieces by the playwright, left me gagging on its carefully prescribed dose of one-liners and nostalgia.

It's wartime and 15-year-old Jay (Brad Stoll) and his younger brother Arty (Mike Damus) must

live with hard-hearted Grandma Kurnitz in Yonkers while their recently widowed father sells scrap iron down South.

The fact that the sourpuss German grandmother (Irene Worth) owns a dream of a candy store and soda fountain is one of Simon's cloyingly clever touches. You might as well have a sign over the counter that reads "irony."

The film, adapted by Simon, doesn't stray far physically from the candy shop and grandma's lodgings upstairs. Both sets are wonderfully evocative, especially the confectioner's metal advertising signs, tall stools and display counters filled with goodies.

Visually, the film is awash in that brown-tinted fog that has become a cliché for any movie that

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deals with the past.

Oscar winner Mercedes Ruehl recreates her Tony Award-winning role of Aunt Bella, a learning disabled woman in her 30s who plows through life in a ditzzy daze. There's a tragic side to Bella because she no longer wants to be the family's version of Gracie Allen. She wants to have children.

And as far as the role can take her, Ruehl is quite wonderful, even though her wackiness, like most everything else in "Yonkers," seems strained and stager.

The larger-than-life quality, however, serves Richard Dreyfuss well in the showy role of Uncle Louie, the second-rate gangster

who hides out at grandma's with a mysterious black bag. As Jay says, "It's like a James Cagney movie come alive in our apartment."

The boys have their share of good lines, more than the average amount (which I've calculated at about 6.5) in a Simon play. We experience life mostly through their eyes. "Perhaps you have learned something while you've been here," grandma says, as if we didn't catch on already.

Ever since "Valley Girl," director Martha Coolidge has based her career on making films about oddball women. Bella, the play's primary focus, has the same level of extreme eccentricity that made the Laura Dern character in "Ramblin' Rose" such a hit.

The film ultimately has a similar message, as both women struggle to restrain themselves in repressive and dysfunctional families. Or, as Uncle Louie might phrase it, "Lost in Yonkers" is about playing the cards you're dealt and getting through life with all the "moxie" you can muster.

"Lost in Yonkers" will have its fans, especially older audiences who enjoy being trotted down memory lane.

Others may find it enjoyable in the short run, but ultimately as heavy and fattening as one of Aunt Bella's hot fudge sundaes.

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"It was strictly a Saturday and Sunday venture," Robert said. "I'd take it on Saturday, he'd do it on Sunday."
 "We thought we were rich," Richard said.
 Flushed with success, they decided to expand. They found an investor through a friend who helped finance eight new vans for the 1970 season, then they quit

their regular jobs.
 "In the interim, we needed a source of supply — popcorn, oils, napkins," Richard said. "The only place we could buy supplies was a tiny place (called) Detroit Popcorn Co."
 "He wouldn't give us a deal," Robert said. "So we said, 'Do you want to sell the whole business?' He said yes."

The brothers obtained a Small Business Administration loan, remortgaged Robert's house and borrowed from a relative of the partner who had financed their trucks.
 Things went well that summer. They decided to send the trucks to Florida for winter, but two vehicles were destroyed in an accident.
 "The mishap put us back financially," Richard said. "We had difficulty running the wholesale in Michigan and the trucks in Florida. The original investor got the trucks. We got the popcorn."

The original owner of Detroit Popcorn Co. had only a handful of regular customers, Richard said.
 "We asked why couldn't we sell to all the churches, schools, fundraisers, all the people who want to have parties? We made a lot of phone calls, sent out brochures," he said.
 The brothers gradually expanded the wholesale end from one popcorn machine, then started making caramel corn over a kitchen stove. They added other products — cotton candy, syrup for ice drinks — and branched into equipment rental and sales.
 They also hooked up with a

manufacturer of popcorn equipment who was starting a business at the time. It's proven to be a good association.
 And they moved twice to larger, more highly visible quarters in Detroit before settling in Redford in 1979.
 Their growth has been so good that the Jagsurs recently moved manufacturing operations and storage from a small building and 14 trailer tractors behind its showroom on Telegraph Road to a 70,000-square-foot facility in Detroit.
 There are no plans to move the headquarters, they said.

The brothers maintain that they perfected the warehouse method of retailing long before the bigger players popularized the concept.
 "We split the case, you take what you want," Robert said.
 They see major growth areas as food product for fund-raising activities, equipment for fund-raisers, and food sales to smaller mom-and-pop stores through route drivers.
 "We used to work out of push-carts," Richard said. "Now, we're working out of vans to large push-carts which are stores."

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pending and expect more in the near future. The firms that we feel will be successful in the branches are professional groups such as law firms, businesses from the service industry, restaurants and real estate brokerage firms.
 There are drawbacks though. Many of the sites are small, ranging in size from 0.5 to 1.5 acres, and some parking lot space will likely need replacing due to drive-up lanes marked off by curbs. In addition, all of the branch sites have large vaults, which maybe perfect for a jewelry store but cumbersome for a fast-food restaurant. The vaults could easily be used for storage space, however.
 Still, Frederick Marx, president of Marx Layne & Co., a marketing and communications firm in Farmington Hills, said the sites do come with a number of advantages, including accessible parking, excellent location and multiple areas for hanging company signs.

"The only minus I see is that many of the sites are free-standing and may be of limited use for retail activity. You don't have the synergy of adjoining stores. It also depends on where they price them but I'm sure they'll find very creative uses for them."
 The buildings range in size from 2,000 to 8,000 square feet and landscaping features have been well-maintained, said Pitton.
 Comerica owns 75 percent of the sites with the rest tied up in long-term leases. Prices for the owned sites range from \$72,000 to \$795,000 while subleases are available for between \$2,900 and \$5,200 a month. Prices are, of course, negotiable.
 Pitton added the branches would not be offered immediately to competing banks, saving-and-loan institutions, mortgage companies or credit unions, though each site will be evaluated on an individual basis.

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We'd suggest a cash-purchase; however, he has little ready cash available. If he can hold off until next year when he will be in a lower tax bracket (15 percent), he could cash in some of the savings bonds or the deferred annuity to make this purchase. Or, he may be able to accumulate enough savings from the \$1,000 monthly debt repayments.
 We agree that his putting additional money in savings bonds is probably not wise. With only a 4 percent rate guarantee — and only if he holds them for five years — he should be able to do better elsewhere.
 Most of his current investments are in fixed-rate, guaran-

teed interest accounts. These do not protect him against one of the biggest threats to his long-term financial security — inflation.
 Taylor's pension is a fixed, flat amount. He needs to realize that he may spend as much time in retirement as he did in his working career. At just 4 percent inflation, the purchasing power of this income will decline by almost half at the time he reaches age 70.
 The solution to this problem is two-fold: First, he must conserve his capital as much as possible to give him the flexibility to respond to future circumstances. Second, he needs to position his portfolio for conservative growth.
 To obtain the needed growth,

Taylor should maintain some stocks in his investment portfolio. Since he has a modest portfolio and a disinclination to follow individual stocks very closely, he is better off investing in well-diversified, conservative mutual funds.
 Rather than put large sums of money into stock funds all at once, he should move into these funds gradually.
 At his relatively young age, he should adopt a buy-and-hold strategy.
 The desire to spend winters in Florida is problematic. Dipping further into his retirement plans is clearly not the best choice.
 Also a problem is his desire to move out of his condo in two

years. The additional cost would be about \$50,000 and his budget clearly could not cover that.
 Depleting his savings by paying cash isn't a good idea, either. Spending one-third or more of his investment assets this early in retirement is not prudent.
 Dan Boyce, a certified financial planner at the Center for Financial Planning in Southfield, has been recognized by Money magazine as one of the top financial planners in the nation. Alan Ferrara is a partner in the Farmington Hills law firm of Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar. Both have served in leadership roles in financial planning professional organizations.

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Krieger

John R. Elkins of Livonia was elected to a fourth term as chairman of the board of directors of Payment Systems for Credit Unions, a national credit card processing firm headquartered in Florida. Elkins is the president and chief executive officer of Dearborn Federal Credit Union.



Elkins

Michael R. Mullen has been chosen to head the Livonia office of CUSTOM-CRAFT, a national full-service trade show exhibit design and production and service company. Mullen, a senior account manager, will be responsible for business development throughout Michigan.



Mullen

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JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

King kernel: Richard Jasgur and his brother, Robert, have done very well with popcorn and other snack products since they acquired Detroit Popcorn Co. more than two decades ago.

A 'popping' good business

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Over the year, the popcorn venture of Robert and Richard Jasgur has sprouted like kernels in a pan of warming oil.

The brothers, who started by peddling out of one truck more than two decades ago, last year reported sales of nearly \$3 million from their wholesale/retail business headquartered in Redford.

The money came from products they made like popcorn, cheese corn and caramel corn; sales and rental of popcorn, hot dog and nacho-making equipment; merchandising of seeds, boxes, cups, containers and napkins; plus a catch-all category of syrup sales, equipment repair services and a little exporting.

If you've purchased snacks at major sports venues in the metro area, local schools, carnivals, mini-marts

or convenience stores, chances are good that their Detroit Popcorn Co. supplied the goodies.

"Life is full of breaks," said Robert, a West Bloomfield resident who worked as a financial analyst for Chrysler before going into business with Richard.

"Some are luckier than others. Some recognize breaks and take advantage. You've got to be in the right place at the right time."

From small beginnings . . .

Richard, who was clerking in a pawn shop, and Robert were fascinated at how much business a popcorn wagon seemed to generate during a downtown flea market in 1969.

They investigated, came across an old, restored truck and took to the streets themselves that fall.

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Retirement plan goes bust

BY DANIEL BOYCE
and ALAN FERRARA
SPECIAL WRITERS

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Our financial profile this month focuses on Rudolph (Rudy) Taylor of Redford. As a divorced, 55-year-old Chrysler employee, he had been looking forward to retirement with great anticipation. When an early retirement option was offered to him, he jumped at the chance.

Taylor's only regular source of income is a pension of \$1,400 per month. When he reaches age 62, this drops to \$700 per month, offsetting the expected income from Social Security. With no debt and a modest lifestyle, he is just able to make ends meet.

His current budget does not allow for periodic big-ticket items such as the new car or any major household repairs. Nor can he spend winters in Florida or sell his condo and move into a \$95,000 home in two years.

Recently, Taylor loaned \$30,000 to one of his children and is being repaid at the rate of \$1,000 per month. He takes those

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Subtotal . . . \$137,000	✓ Desires outstrip financial capabilities
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payments and uses them to buy U.S. savings bonds.

"With the guaranteed interest rate lowered to 4 percent on savings bonds, I am thinking of using this money for a car payment and my winter vacations," he said.

Taylor should realize that using \$1,000 payments for current needs is spending down his principal just as surely as if you were withdrawing it from the bank. If a new car is a necessity, he should buy it. But there should be no illusion that he is using income; he is dipping into principal.

He asks whether he should pay cash for a car or make monthly payments. Our guiding philosophy on this issue has always been that debt itself is not bad, but it should be limited to one's ability to service that debt from income.

In Taylor's case, his lack of debt and consequent low monthly expenses are his biggest financial strength. He should not jeopardize this strength by taking on monthly payment obligations.

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Comerica buildings go on selling block

BY R.J. KING
STAFF WRITER

Looking for an established location to open or expand a business enterprise? Call the real-estate development office of Comerica Bank in downtown Detroit.

Since merging with Manufacturers National Corp. last year, Comerica has completed a consolidation of its branches and is now marketing 51 sites in metro Detroit, 16 of which are in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

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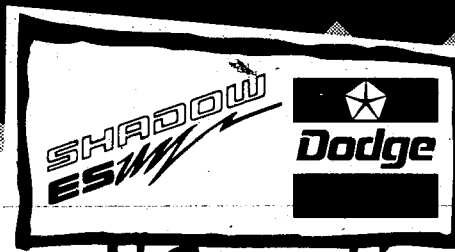
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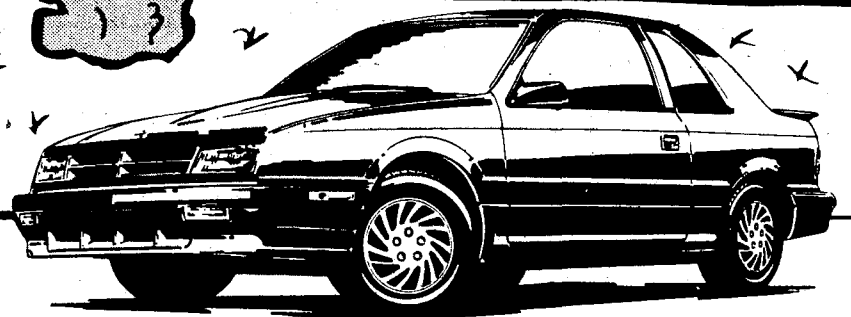
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FAMILY LIFE



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Parents, how much do you really know?

Parents, how much do you really know about child development and appropriate practices for young children? Assess your knowledge with this test:

- (1) A parent can expect a three-year-old to do detailed drawing — people with facial features and connecting body parts. True/False
- (2) Small motor activities are limited to coloring pictures and painting for children three years old. True/False
- (3) What form of play is recognized most among 2½-year-olds? A) Group play. B) Solitary. C) Parallel.
- (4) When children play with blocks they learn: A) Properties of matter. B) Self care. C) Position.
- (5) Which behaviors indicate a child may be ready for toilet training: A) Child can hold his/her diaper in one hand for long periods. B) Child will have bowel movements at regular times. C) Child is dry most nights.
- (6) A child must be physically capable of recognizing the internal signals that he/she is about to expel. True/False
- (7) Play is secondary in a preschool environment. True/False
- (8) Tracing is an age appropriate activity for a 19-month-old. True/False
- (9) A common characteristic of most preschool children is: A) Naughty. B) Egocentric. C) Mature.
- (10) Research indicates that boys are more likely to gain weight during adolescence than girls. True/False
- (11) Good eating habits are not learned by children. True/False
- (12) A good activity promoting motor skills for an eight-month-old infant would be: A) Throwing a small ball. B) Reaching for a colorful shaker toy. C) Pulling a noisy toy behind them as they walk.
- (13) Children should have daily opportunities for exploratory activities indoors as well as outdoors. True/False
- (14) Which would be more important when creating an art project: A) The actual product. B) The process of creating the product.
- (15) It is better to tell a child of four years, who's afraid of monsters in the dark, to simply face his/her fears by turning out the light and going to sleep. True/False
- (16) Routines, such as diaper changing, eating, dressing and toilet training, are superficial and provide little opportunity for learning. True/False
- (17) Most five-year-olds can walk backwards heel-to-toe and print capital letters. True/False
- (18) Competitive sports and activities are suitable for both preschool and school-aged children. True/False
- (19) A child builds self-confidence when he/she is permitted to participate in making decisions or to make choices and decisions. True/False
- (20) Common characteristics of most children age 11 are: A) Mature enough to handle the responsibilities of caring for siblings two-three days without an adult present. B) Dreams of becoming a hero. C) Boyfriend/girlfriend relationships have fully developed.

ANSWERS: (1) False, (2) False, (3) C (parallel), (4) C (position), (5) B, C, (6) True, (7) False, (8) False, (9) B, (10) False, (11) False, (12) B, (13) True, (14) B, (15) False, (16) False, (17) True, (18) False, (19) True, (20) B.



'93 seniors find creativity pays for prom night

The senior prom. It's part of the rite of passing from high school to adulthood. The trappings are many — fancy dresses, stylish tuxedos, a nice car, maybe a limousine. But schools and students alike are finding ways to take the enormous expense out of prom night.

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



It could be said that the hangover the country is suffering from the extravagance of the 1980s has spilled over into high school proms. Where going first class was the motto in previous years, high schoolers are settling for tourist class.

Considering expenses include a dress and the appropriate accessories for the girls and a tuxedo, flowers, transportation and sometimes dinner for the guys, it's no wonder schools and students alike are looking at ways to trim costs.

Tracy McManaman, a senior at Redford Union High School, used her spring break trip to find a break on expensive dresses. She's renting a \$300 gown for \$140 from a rental shop in Florida.

"It's a lot cheaper than having to buy it here," said McManaman.

It's no surprise she's going the rental route. McManaman is a veteran at cost-saving prom measures. Last year she borrowed a dress to attend a prom.

On the other hand, Jodi Buikema, a senior at Plymouth-Salem High School, is buying her dress. She comparison shopped at discount boutiques and department stores like she did last year.

"It keeps getting more expensive," she said about the cost of going to proms.

When it comes to the tux, P.J. Curtis of Livonia Franklin High School came up with a novel approach. He hopes to cut the price on his tuxedo by passing out discount cards for rentals at Russell's Tuxedo at his high school.

Curtis also isn't too keen on spending hundreds of dollars on a limo. He plans on saving money on his transportation for the evening.

"I'd rather try to find a friend of the family who has a nice car," he said. "The only problem is, I don't know too many rich people."

Those planning the proms realize the costs involved and are working

to cut them.

For example, Rodney Hosman, principal at Livonia Churchill High School, moved the location from the Roostertail restaurant in Detroit to the Dearborn Inn. That cut the cost of the ticket by about \$30 per couple. The school also cut back on souvenirs given to the students.

"Everything used to be extravagant," he said. "The ambiance and decorations and souvenirs drove the price up. (So) we moved it closer to the school and cut back on a few other things."

Redford Thurston High School moved its prom as well. The school's prom was at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford, formerly it was at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. This year, the school cut the price per couple from \$68 to \$65.



Trying on: Russell's Tuxedo assistant manager Dennis Turner helps P.J. Curtis with his selection of a red brocade vest with a white wing-tip collar shirt and baggie trousers.



Looking good: Lara Antczak helps classmate Jodi Buikema with a strapless black and white sequined prom dress, one among several she tried on at Jacobson's Laurel Park Place store.

Those who live remember with quilt

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Christina Mackey's close relationship with her uncle has left a lasting impression with her.

When he died of AIDS two years ago, she wanted to share his struggle and her family's love for him. She, friends and family decided to add a panel to the AIDS Quilt in his memory.

"This is my way to say goodbye to him," the Livonia Churchill High School senior said.

Her panel will be on display along with nearly 2,400 others at Cobo Center today through Sunday (May 20-23). It will be the largest national display of the quilt this year.

This isn't the first time she has described her uncle's plight with the disease. She spoke about it during her high school's AIDS assembly this year after all family members were aware of his cause of death.

Her uncle, a former Downriver resident then living in California, contracted the disease through a blood transfusion after he was in a car accident.

Although she had spoken to others about her uncle, Mackey was apprehensive about speaking to the student body. The first time she discussed Doug Mackey's death, it was after a cheerleader made a crack about people with AIDS during a class.

"Some cheerleader said to the class how homosexuals are the only ones who get AIDS and they should be confined to an island so they don't kill off the rest of the planet," she explained.

In response, she stood up and screamed about her uncle. The cheerleader responded with a threat to "beat her up."

From her friends, however, she's had positive feedback. When a sobbing relative called to tell her that Doug had died, her friends rushed over to comfort her.

"I just couldn't stand being in the house; it was almost morbid," she said.

Although Doug Mackey lived in California, she was well aware of his plight through relatives' reports and his letters.

"He was in a lot of pain. They (the hospital) had him on some really big (pain) drug. He would wake up screaming because he hurt so bad," she said.

It's because of that physical and emotional pain that she feels that her 6-by-3-foot quilt panel is an appropriate tribute. She and her boyfriend's mother made the panel out of cotton and Teddy bears.

Other quilt panels are made of Barbie dolls, bur-lap, buttons, carpet, champagne glasses, corduroy, cremation ashes, Mardi Gras masks, photographs, tennis shoes and wedding rings to form it.

The quilt was started in spring of 1987 in San Francisco as a means of creating a visible symbol of the staggering losses suffered as a result of AIDS-related deaths. By the end of 1992, more than three million people have visited the quilt.

Six years later, the quilt fills the equivalent of 13 football fields and weighs 29.4 tons.

Keeping with tradition, the names that appear on the individual panels will be read during the four-day display and the new panels — made during the weeks preceding the display — will be blessed during a ceremony at 6 p.m. Sunday at Most Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter St., Detroit.

See QUILT, 3C



BILL BREBLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Quilter: Christina Mackey holds a photo of her uncle, whom she remembered in the AIDS quilt.

Writer has high intelligence and an eye for aesthetics

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene,
I have a tendency to write very fancy, but often am told that people cannot read my writing. I find that hardly ever I write the same; it seems as if it depends on the pen that I am using and my mood at the time. I am constantly being told that I should sell my writing.

When I write, I find that many times I print and write, sometimes within the same word.

This should be an interesting one for you. Thank you.

E.G.,

Pleasant Ridge

I think our writer has made an important observation without even knowing anything about graphology. She enclosed samples of different styles. This suggests a writer who is subject to vacillating moods and is a versatile person.

Her handwriting also bespeaks talent and high intelligence. An innate eye for aesthetics cannot be missed. I suspect her taste in clothing would be eye-catching. Everything she touches would have her personal flair, probably more fancy than plain.

There's a strong social orientation to our writer. She is outgoing, friendly and helpful. She enjoys people and appears to be restless for activities which enhance her ego. Within her is a desire for distinction, possibly verging on vanity

at times.

In many areas she feels she can do her job as well as or better than anyone else. Still there are times when she is not as self-assured. Then she attempts to cover her inferior feelings by taking over the limelight.

Other contradictions exist within this woman. While she is independent in many areas, she also has times when she feels the need to reach out for security. The family name or the person it represents appears to be quite important to her.

This writer is very aware of the impression she makes on those around her. She wishes to make a place for herself in the sun. In her effort to be visible, she tends to come on strong often.

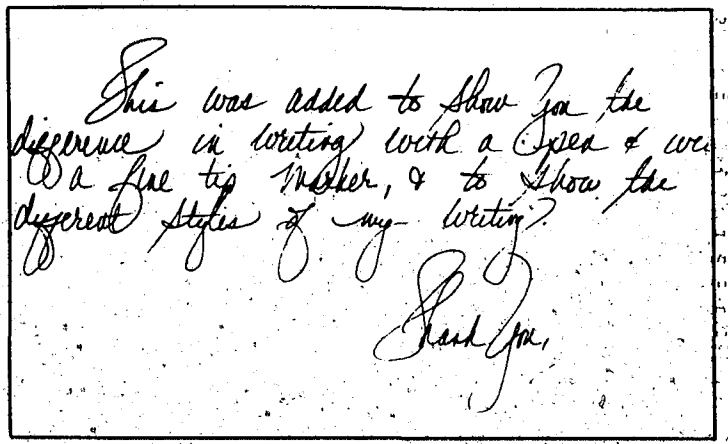
Some might call her a woman's libber. Her need to achieve is alive and well! Seemingly she enjoys competing in a man's world. Creature comforts hold an appeal and she can deal with material exigencies. The determination cannot be missed.

This is a restless young woman. She would not like to work in a sedentary position or in a small office. She needs the freedom to be out and about.

Some resentment toward a family member appears to have its beginnings long ago. Although this can act as a spur to accomplishment, it can also keep her on guard with others. When she feels threatened, she may become defensive and resort to sarcastic barbs.

There is rhythm in this handwriting. It helps her expedite whatever she does. It probably also make her a smooth dancer.

If you would like to have your



Handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist at 3651 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are helpful. And objective feedback is also welcomed.

DAR's Gonterman attends Congress

The director of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was among more than 3,000 delegates to attend the recent 102nd Continental Congress in Washington, D.C.

Jacki Gonterman, who also is state chairman for magazine advertising, was in the nation's capital April 20-24 for the gathering which had a theme of "Continuing the Commitment, Challenging the Future."

Shirley Temple Black, U.S. ambassador to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic 1989-1992, headed a list of speakers who addressed the delegates. Black has been preeminent in such diverse fields as diplomacy, academia, business, health, environment and the arts. The featured speaker

of the DAR's National Defense Evening was Congressman Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., a member of the Armed Services Committee, Government Operations and Standards of Official Conduct Committees.

Gonterman participated in the Michigan-Ohio-Kentucky Tea, held at the Capitol Hilton Inn, and was presented with the national first runner-up award for outstanding junior contest by the chapter, which has members in Plymouth, Northville and Livonia. It was presented by the Junior Membership Committee.

Other honors were the prestigious Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee Award to Army Nurse of the Year Lt. Col. Jane Yaws of Falls Church, Va. The award honors the woman who organized the

hospital corps in the Spanish-American War.

Retired Capt. Lewis Burwell Puller Jr., USMC, of Alexandria, Va., was honored as the 1993 Outstanding Veteran-Patient. Puller, an attorney in the Office of General Counsel, Department of Defense, is a Vietnam veteran and multiple amputee. He was the winner of the 1992 Pulitzer Prize for his biography, "Fortunate Son."

The DAR Congress also awarded \$288,938 in educational scholarships with an additional commitment of \$448,000 to scholarship recipients.

Founded Oct. 11, 1890, the DAR has a membership of 201,307 and promotes the objectives of historic preservation, education and patriotic endeavor.



Jacki Gonterman

NEW VOICES

SCOTT and MICHELLE SPEIRS 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 Clara Witte of Brooksville, Fla. Great, great-grandmother is Augustine Maniaci of Harper Woods.

TOM and CHERIE WILLSON announce the birth of **BRADLEE JOHN** born March 24.

TOM and KIM LeGAULT of Livonia announce the birth of **AUSTIN CLARK** Jan. 23 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Norman and Ila Kremer of Livonia and Tipper Louise LeGault of Gladstone.

JOHN and DAWN CLARK of Garden City announce the birth of **NICOLE SHARA MARIE**, March 31 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has two brothers, John Jr. and Chawn. Grandparents are Les Clark of Westland, Betty DeBoar of Houghton Lake and Jerry Trierweiler of Livonia.

EARL and AMY SPAULDING of Canton announce the birth of **LINDSAY MARIE**, April 1. Grandparents are Earl and Donna Spaulding of Tampa, Fla., and Dorothy Ryckham of Westland.

TODD and AMANDA KENNEDY of Westland announce the birth of **AMANDA CAROLE** April 5 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a sister, Melissa Ann. Grandparents are Frank and Carole Houfley of Westland and Thomas and Susan Kennedy of Livonia.

RONALD and MARY JONES of Westland announce the birth of **CHRISTOPHER JAMES** April 2 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has two brothers, Robert Lewis and Ronald William. Grandparents are Robert Woolsey of Taylor and Floyd and Dorothy Jones of Westland.

CHRIS MANLEY and JENNIFER ZEMOYAN of Westland announce the birth of **ALYSSA NICOLE** April 16 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Stephen and Margaret Zemoayan of Westland and Thomas and Laura Manley of Wayne.

Co-op nurseries benefit kids, parents

When choosing a nursery school, why not consider one that benefits parents as well as children?

Parent cooperative nursery schools, commonly referred to as co-ops, can be one way of introducing 3-4-year-olds to a school environment and help moms and dads become better parents.

Typically, co-ops advocate a hands-on or learn-through-play type of learning in the classroom. A typical school day includes songs, crafts, dances, stories, sports and lots of time for a child's most important work... play. Schools are licensed and teachers are certified by the Michigan Department of Social Services.

But what makes each co-op special are the contributions brought in by the parents. Parents are involved in every aspect of running the school from assisting the teacher in the classroom to serving on the school's board.

"So many school administrators and educators today are saying what we've known

all along, that parental involvement is crucial to a school's success," said Bernadette Hamilton, nursery consultant for the Greater Detroit Cooperative Nursery Council, Inc. "Not only are these parents actively involved in their children's education, but they are able to grow personally and professionally through their co-op experience as well."

Co-ops give stay-at-home parents a chance to sharpen some of their job skills through board or committee jobs, such as publicity, treasurer or fund-raising. Working parents are also changing the shape of many co-ops.

"It's amazing how the skills that working parents bring with them have helped our school," said co-op teacher Beth Cronk. "And these parents do find time to spend with their children at school by job sharing, flexible work schedules and offering to babysit for each other."

Also, having mom or dad at school helps make nursery school a positive experience

for the individual child.

"Having mom or dad there for their first school experience really helps with the separation anxiety," said Cronk. "Sometimes the parents have a harder time letting go than the children."

"Keeping parents informed and educated gives children a real boost to what they're getting out of nursery school," said Hamilton.

By design, co-ops also foster greater accessibility to the teacher and closer relationships among families.

"Because families are more distanced today and because of work schedules, sometimes co-op is the first time parents and children get together to develop friendships," Hamilton said. "Personally, I found my co-op to be a wonderful support system when my children were younger and some of those people I met back then are still my dear friends today."

To find out more about co-op nurseries, call the Greater Detroit Cooperative Nursery Council Inc. at 271-6110.

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Teens heed AIDS victims' message

From a storyline in the television series "Life Goes On" to a hard-hitting public service announcement, America's communications network transmits messages daily about the risks of AIDS to America's lifeblood to the young people who are highly vulnerable to the fatal disease.

But are teens heeding the call? What kinds of AIDS message will cause them to tune in or turn off?

A national study probed teen attitudes and perceptions of AIDS. The independent survey, commissioned by Camp Fire Boys and Girls, asked teens who would make the most difference in their attitudes and behavior about preventing AIDS.

The mail survey of 509 teenagers, conducted for Camp Fire by Fleishman-Hillard Research, has a sampling error of plus or minus four percentage points.

Nearly six out of 10 teens (59 percent) said someone who has AIDS would influence their attitudes and behavior most, followed by a girlfriend or boyfriend (31 percent), their parents (25 percent) and their peers (21 percent). Few teens said they would list

ten to a professional sports figure (8 percent), a professional entertainer (6 percent), a favorite teacher (4 percent), or a political leader (2 percent) regarding AIDS prevention.

"Teens value the opinions of the people close to them," said Corey Van Fleet, executive director of Camp Fire Detroit Area Council. "We urge parents to initiate a dialogue with their children that goes beyond the birds and bees to include AIDS, and we urge teens to arm each other with AIDS information."

"Our only weapon is education, and one conversation can make all the difference."

The survey also revealed a sense of denial among teens regarding their vulnerability to AIDS. In the survey, when teens rated the effectiveness of ways others can protect young people from AIDS, two-thirds of the teens (65 percent) pinpointed more careful testing of blood for transfusions. Yet, blood used in transfusions has been made safer, and the risk of HIV infection from receiving blood products is minimal.

More than half of teens (56 percent) said that having confidential testing for AIDS more readily available for young people would be most effective. Also rated as effective by half of teens were making latex condoms more readily available to young people who are sexually active (52 percent) and emphasizing to young people how all of their personal choices (on sex, drugs, school and friends) make a difference to their future (51 percent).

Nearly half of teens (46 percent) rated preventing people with AIDS from being in school as the least effective way of protecting young people from AIDS, followed by making it a crime to give AIDS to someone else (19 percent).

A majority of respondents believe that abstinence will do the most to help teens control the AIDS epidemic. When asked to evaluate eight different methods, half of teens (51 percent) said they personally can make the most difference in controlling the spread of AIDS by abstaining from sex, while 46 percent said that using latex condoms, if they have sex, will help the most. Boys

were more likely than girls to say that using latex condoms can make a difference (53 percent for boys, 39 percent for girls).

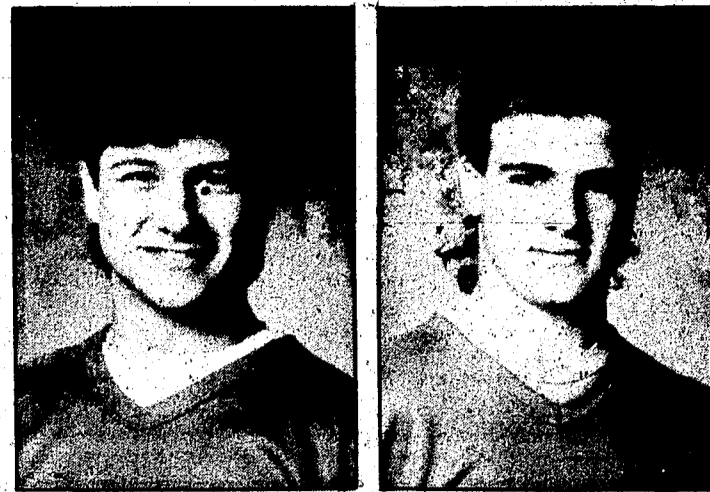
A number of teens (44 percent) believe education is an effective weapon in fighting AIDS. One-fifth of teens (20 percent) believe it would be effective to talk to younger kids about the risks of AIDS, and one-tenth (10 percent) said that joining a group of teens who help each other deal with these issues can make a difference.

Last year, Camp Fire launched a four-year teen campaign to fight AIDS. As a result, the Y.E.S. (Youth Enrichment Source) program, a Camp Fire Teens In Action group provides peer group HIV/AIDS training to Detroit youth.

Other teens have been certified to teach the American Red Cross peer group HIV/AIDS education program at their schools. Seminars are also conducted at Camp Wathana, where on-going peer team sessions on AIDS are discussed.

Teens dispel myths and present facts about AIDS through creative raps, storytelling, puppet shows, and other non-traditional ways that command the attention of peers and younger children.

Camp Fire's "Teens-in-Action" AIDS campaign is supported by the Center for Population Options, the Centers for Disease Control and the American Red Cross.



Junior Wings: Team members Mike Rucinski (left) and Bill McCauley (right) are among models for a Bridal Fashion Show for All Seasons.

Show has fashions for the bride, groom

The Livonia Jaycees have an invitation for brides-to-be. Come to the Bridal Fashion Show for All Seasons.

Sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the show will be 7-9 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Friday, May 21, at the Madonna University Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

This is the second annual bridal show hosted by the Jaycees to raise funds for the Livonia Jaycee Scholarship Fund at the University. The scholarship fund was es-

ablished in 1989 and awards are made annual, based on academic excellence and community service.

Television personality Sylvia Glover will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

Tickets are \$4.50 in advance or \$6 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the Ellen's Bridal, 17370 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia Florist at the Meri-Five Plaza, Five Mile and Merriman roads, and between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Madonna University Info Center.

Quilt from page 1C

When the quilt display closes at 4 p.m. Sunday, the Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton high school choirs will be there. The 37 students will sing "One Voice," a song originally sung during a celebrity AIDS benefit last year.

"We're happy to have them come and sing," said chorale director Don Daniels.

"It's a nice opportunity to go down and help support the whole project."

The Names Project AIDS quilt

will be on display from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 20-22, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, in Cobo Center's Macomb Hall, Detroit. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Names Project at 753-NAME.

ANNIVERSARIES

Simon and Sarah Silver

Simon H. and Sarah E. Silver of Karen Street in Livonia celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary May 7.

The Silvers have lived in Livonia for 34 years. Simon, 86, will celebrate his 87th birthday on Flag Day, June 14. Sarah is 83.

The Silvers, who were married May 7, 1927, in Sarah's parents home in Mount Clemens, celebrated this special anniversary at a family barbecue earlier this month.

The couple have two children, Harriet Waultelet of Livonia and Joseph Silver of Oak Park, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The Silvers are members of

Wonderland Unit 10 Senior Citizens Organization which Simon helped organize. The group will celebrate its 16th anniversary this year.

Simon also is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Khorssan.

The Silvers have been active in Livonia senior citizen activities for many years. Simon was one of two residents in the state named Senior Citizen of the Year for Leadership in 1982. The award was sponsored by the Michigan Office on Aging. Simon also was honored throughout the 1980s for his efforts in raising money for passenger vans to help transport senior citizens.

Vision Institute offers free eye care

In an effort to give something back to the communities it serves, the Vision Institute of Michigan has begun donating eye care to the indigent.

One day each month in its Roseville and Westland offices, the institute has created additional hours and appointments specifically for persons who have no insurance coverage and cannot otherwise afford eye care.

The initial dates of the project, referred to as "Missionary Days," are scheduled for May 21 and June 18 in Roseville and June 2 in Westland.

"This is our way of doing something extra to help," said Dr. Lawrence M. Loewenthal, founder

and medical director of the Vision Institute of Michigan.

"We want everyone who needs eye care to get it. This project is a step in that direction."

Several appointment slots will be made available on each of those days, beginning at 1 p.m. People who have no insurance, including Medicare or Medicaid, cannot afford eye care and would like to see if they qualify for a Missionary Day appointment, should call the Vision Institute of Michigan and schedule an appointment ahead of time.

People walking in without an appointment cannot be guaranteed to be seen that day.

Callers must state that they

can't afford medical eye care, have no insurance, and would like an appointment on one of the Missionary Days.

They also must be willing to document inability to pay by signing a hardship waiver.

If it's discovered a Missionary Day patient has some sort of insurance coverage, such as Medicare or Medicaid, that insurance will be billed, but any out-of-pocket expenses will be waived assuming inability to pay is documented.

In addition to the Missionary Days, the Vision Institute has also committed to donating up to two surgeries per month for per-

sons who could not otherwise afford them.

Any donated surgeries will be performed at the Surgery Center of Michigan in the institute's Sterling Heights facility.

The Vision Institute of Michigan, one of the largest full-service ophthalmology practices in the state, was founded more than 18 years ago.

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Religious drama: "Jesus Was His Name," a dramatic production that tells the story of a young homeless man who dreams about hope for humanity as the result of the Gospels read to him as a child, will be at the Palace of Auburn Hills now through Sunday, May 23. The production combines a 70mm film and a cast of 58 actors and actresses who move between the stage, the film and the audience. For more information, call The Palace at 377-8600.

Missionaries from page 5C

Most of the missionaries from this area are sent to the one in Provo, Utah.

Since Snow has taken eight years of French classes, she hopes it will lessen her time at the training center. While her extensive knowledge of French may have had some influence on the location of her mission, there was no guarantee that she would be sent to France.

"She was choosing whether she wanted to go on a mission, not what country," her mother said. Amy has had a couple of friends who have also taken French and one was assigned to Portugal while the other went to Japan.

The missionaries must be very dedicated and it becomes a real labor of love for them.

Labor of love

"It takes a lot of discipline," admitted Robert Poll, president of the Detroit Mission. "It's strictly voluntary and yet, they enjoy and plan on it."

Poll began a three-year assignment at the Detroit Mission in July 1992. He does receive a living allowance for his position as director, counselor and guide for the 170 missionaries stationed here from throughout the world.

He concedes that "this is a 24-hour-a-day job" for him and his wife.

"You've got 170 teenagers and you're the mom and dad," he said with a chuckle.

He interviews all the missionaries that are in this area each month for about 20-30 minutes each. During those 80 hours of interviews, he checks on any concerns they might have, their health and any problems. There are also 80 apartments that they are in charge of that they must check twice a year.

"Once a month, we have new missionaries coming in and some going; it's on a rotating basis," Poll said. "We're usually getting anywhere from 10 to 15 per month coming and going."

The missionaries are paired up and always travel as partners.

"Every three-four months they get a new companion," Poll said. "They get to meet a lot of people throughout the world, associate with them, learn about their cultures, activities and way of life."

During their missionary service, the young adults lead a very disciplined life.

"They don't do any dating and they can't watch any television," Poll explained. "They get up at six o'clock every morning and they study. They leave the apartments by 9:30 and they go out and usually come back about 9:30 at night. They're very focused in on assisting people."

"We ask them to spend at least four hours a week in community service. They go to different community functions and help out in schools or help with yard work or the libraries. You see 101 differ-

ent things."

According to Poll they have each Monday off where they can write letters, do their laundry, clean their apartments, wash cars and engage in recreation.

They can call home on important holidays but they do not go back home until the end of their service. Poll pointed out that the families understand that policy and that most of the communication will be by letter.

Upon completing their service, most of the missionaries finish their education. "I'd say 80-90 percent go back to college," said Poll.

Snow plans to do just that when she returns from France. A missionary farewell is planned for Snow for 9 a.m. Sunday, May 30, at the Livonia Ward, Six Mile and Merriman roads. Jeff Goldman, a 1991 Stevenson High School graduate, will have his farewell at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at the ward before he departs for his mission in Denver, Colo. They will join more than 40,000 LDS missionaries currently serving around the world.

Some of Snow's friends who are or have been in the field have told her this is the hardest and the most rewarding job that they have ever had, but her mother summed it up best: "They always come home with a love for the area that they've served in, a love for the people. You can't help but love people that you've served."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MERRIMAN ROAD
Merriman Road Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, two blocks south of Ford Road, Garden City. The school is for children age four through the sixth

grade. For more information, call 421-0472.

MEMORIAL
Memorial Church of Christ will hold its vacation Bible School June 28 through July 2 at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, be-

tween Farmington and Levan, Livonia. The school is for children age four through the eighth grade. There will be bible lessons, singing, puppets, missions, crafts, refreshments and recreation. For more information, call the church at 64366722 or 420-045.

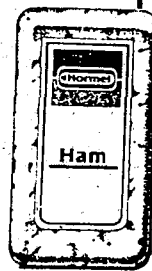
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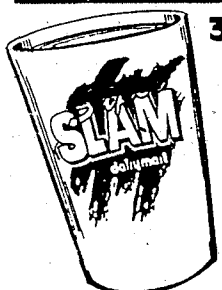
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Volunteers needed for June 5 Rouge River cleanup

Once again, the Friends of the Rouge are preparing to clean up Wayne County's premier river. This year's cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, and volunteers will congregate at several sites. These locations have not been determined yet, but vol-

unteers may call local coordinators to arrange to help.
 ■ In Plymouth and Canton Townships, call Charles VanVleck at 453-3840, Ext. 221.
 ■ In Livonia, call Sharon Sabat at 421-2000, Ext. 221.

■ In the city of Plymouth, call Jim Penn at 453-1234, Ext. 229.
 ■ In Westland and Garden City, call Jay Gilbert at 595-0288.
 ■ In Redford Township, call Karen Hicks at 534-0605.
 The Friends are also planning

to do more than just pull old tires out of the river this year. They'll be:
 ■ Building and placing nesting boxes for small birds, wood ducks and other creatures such as bats.
 ■ Planting trees, shrubs and

grasses.
 ■ Stenciling storm drains with warnings against dumping toxic stuff into drains that flow into the river.
 ■ Removing graffiti from bridges and paved river banks.

■ Building steps and repairing foot bridges.
 More than 16,500 volunteers have participated in the seven previous Rouge cleanups, removing 22,000 cubic yards of debris and clearing 550 log jams.

Senate bill toughens penalty for HIV rapist

By **TIM RICHARD**
 STAFF WRITER

A rapist with AIDS could get an additional three years in prison on top of the rape sentence under a state Senate-passed bill. The bill by Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, would apply to all sex offenders who either have the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or have tested positive for the HIV virus. Senators approved it 33 to 0 and sent it to the House, but not after a battle over an amendment by Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills. Faxon sought to limit the punishment to offenders who actually transmitted the HIV infection to their victims. "We have similar laws on felony firearms. If you use a gun in a crime, you're guilty of a separate felony, even if the gun isn't fired," said the former police officer. Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison, who chairs the Judiciary Committee that reported out Bouchard's bill, called Faxon's amendment "utterly ridiculous. The point is to deter a person with HIV from committing this crime." "Rape is rape," said Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, opposing Faxon's amendment. "Any enhanced penalty you can put on a rapist is not enough, as far as I'm concerned." Faxon's amendment went down on a 5 to 21 vote. No area senators supported it. The Senate passed another Bouchard bill, this one to bring

emergency medical technicians under the Good Samaritan Act in sports emergencies. EMT personnel could not be sued except for gross negligence when acting as volunteers at school and charitable sports events. "This was requested by handicapper groups," said Bouchard. "They were having trouble getting volunteers for Special Olympics." Republicans, on a party-line vote, expanded Bouchard's bill to cover emergency medical technicians in any Good Samaritan situation, not just amateur sports. The amendment passed 21 to 10, but Bouchard later asked for reconsideration and withdrew the amendment. "I see a disturbing trend on the other side of the aisle," said Democrat Virgil Smith of Detroit as he opposed the amendment. "They (Republicans) bring the soft stuff (Special Olympics exception) to us in (the Judiciary) committee and try to make substantive amendments on the floor. Send this back to committee. We had no testimony on this point. We need to hear from the affected interest groups," said Smith. Democrats argued that Republicans systematically have attempted to ease liability rules for medical care providers, limiting chances to sue from patients who are harmed. Bouchard's bill won 35 to 0 approval with all area members supporting it except the absent David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

Area students win merit awards

Four area students have been chosen to receive National Merit Scholarships of \$2,000 each. They are: Canton Township resident Kin Shin Kwak, who attends Plymouth-Salem High School, Garden City resident Kevin Bingham, who attends Garden City High School, Plym-

outh resident Scott Lefurgy, who attends Plymouth-Canton High School, and Plymouth resident Geoffrey Otto, who attends Greenhills School in Ann Arbor. The students were chosen from among more than a million who entered the competition.

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.



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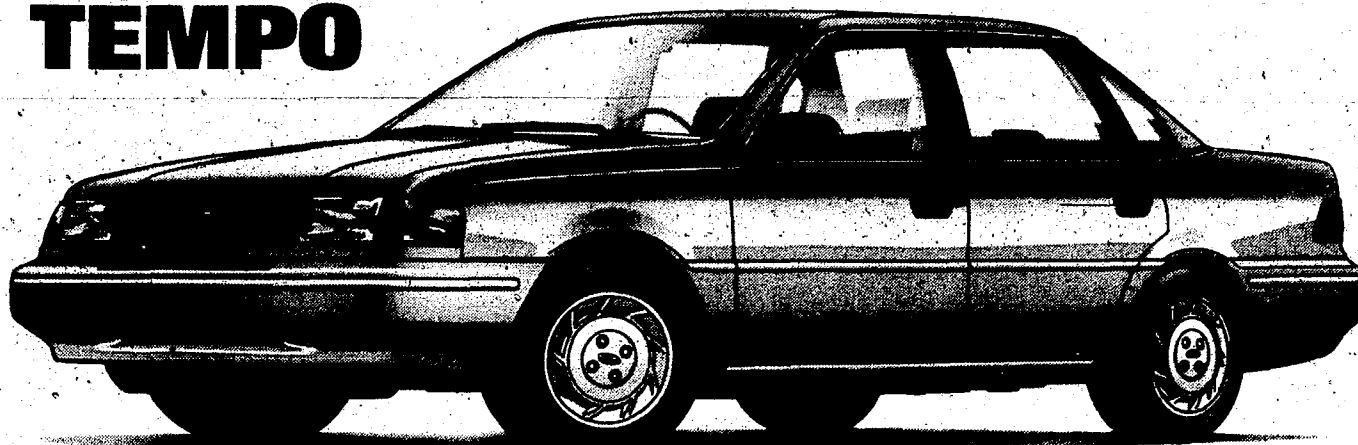
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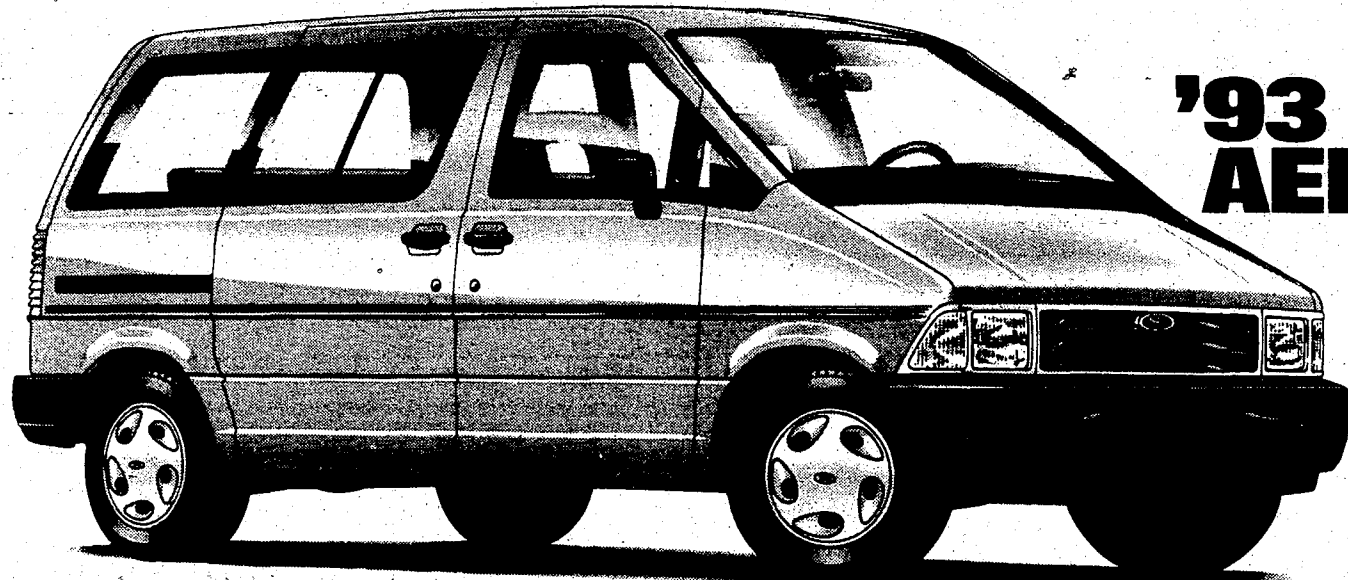


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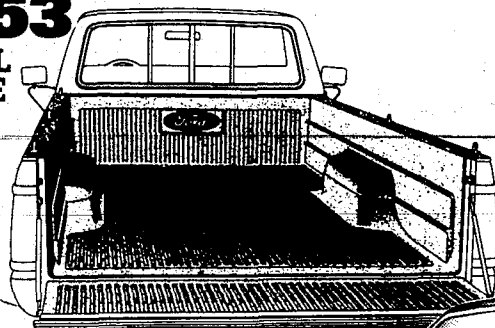
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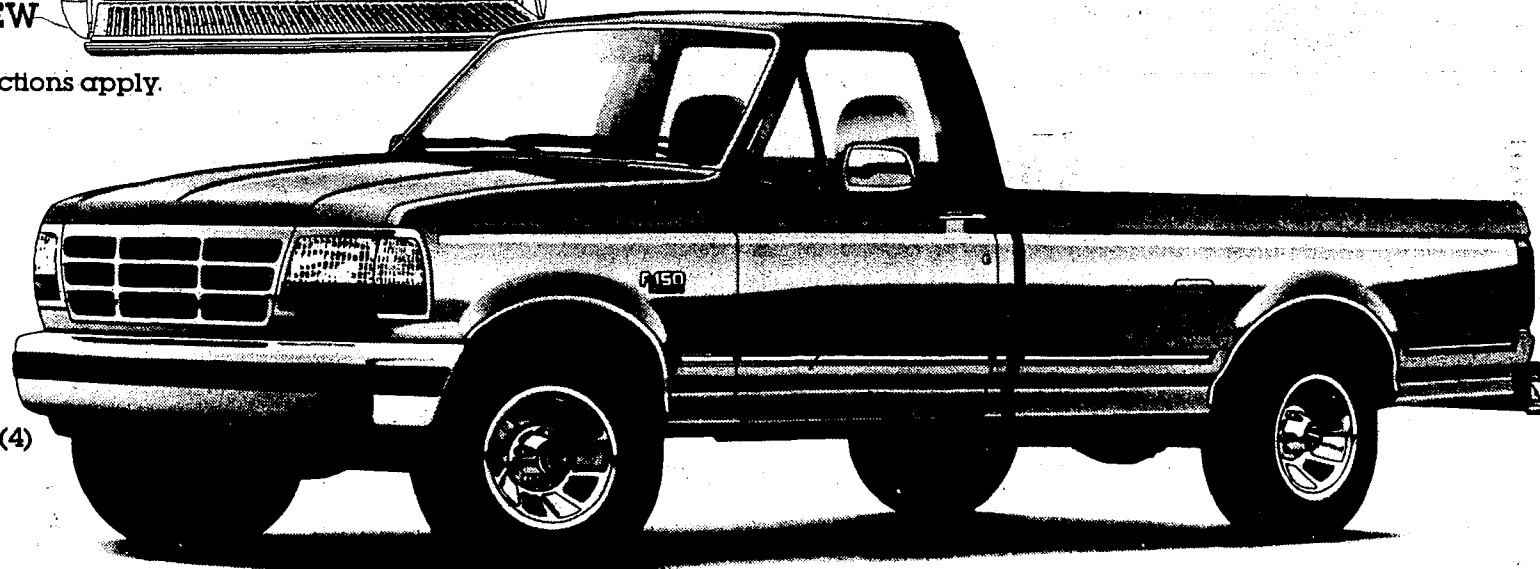
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BOB SKLAR

Spring Elegance aids in mill's restoration

Kathy Myers' ancestors came over on the Mayflower and settled in Wayne County in the late 1700s.

But it was her grandfather, miller Floyd Bassett, who left the greatest family legacy to Nankin Township, now the city of Westland.

Bassett owned Nankin Mills when Henry Ford bought it in 1918. Ford had visited the gristmill as a child and later longed to restore its splendor.

Ol' Henry converted the Civil War-era mill to an auto parts factory as part of his grand plan to offer farmers winter work and preserve the rural way of life by operating country plants along the Rouge, Huron and Raisin rivers. Driven by water and fossil fuel, the mill produced enough electricity to power homes in the area, then called Pike's Peak.

Supported by massive sycamore beams, Nankin Mills, by Nankin Lake at Ann Arbor Trail and Farmington Road, today houses the Wayne County Parks staff.

The mill will be restored to 1930s vintage and the turbine generator again will hum. Ford-era machinery will be worked into exhibits interpreting the history of the building. Since teaming up in 1988, Wayne County Parks and Friends of Nankin Mills have restored the exterior of the original mill and an 1840s Greek Revival tenant house.

To keep public attention focused on restoration, the fifth annual Spring Elegance, a juried art show and country fair, will run noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at the historic site. Late 1800s period clothing sewn by Myers will be displayed.

More than 20 artists and artisans will offer fine art and crafts; some also will demonstrate their skills. Westland artist Sandra Weed will judge the artistry and award ribbons. For space, call Myers: 421-7213 (\$25 for tent space, \$20 for lawn space).

Other activities will include square dancing, round dancing and Irish step dancing — weather permitting. A country hoedown, hosted by the Westland Cultural Society, will kick off at 6 p.m. on the mill's front porch.

Friends of Nankin Mills and Wayne County Parks co-sponsor Spring Elegance. Last year, it generated \$600. "But its main purpose is to bring art into the park for people to enjoy and to boost community interest in the mill," said Denise Mehelich, Friends president.

Major expansion eyed

The county acquired Nankin Mills from Ford Motor Co. in 1948. From 1957 to 1979, Mary Ellsworth's nature center there featured interpretive displays and live animals and served as a haven for sick or hurt animals. Then the budget ax fell and the mill fell into disrepair.

In 1991, the county unraveled plans to restore and double the size of the three-story mill and make it accessible to the disabled. Grants will cover much of the \$1.5 million cost.

The new wing will house the parks staff and a multimedia community room. The original mill again will house a staffed nature center.

Myers grew up across the street from Nankin Mills, in a house once on the mill grounds. She now lives two doors away.

Myers' father, Arthur Trost, maintained the Nankin Mills grounds during the Ford era. Two big pine trees he planted 50 years ago still stand.

Neighborhood hangout

As a student at Perrinville Elementary and Nankin Mills Junior High, Myers remembers taking field trips to the mill.

The nature center quickly became an after-school retreat for neighborhood kids during the '60s.

"Kids loved going there mainly because of Mary Ellsworth," Myers said. "She taught us about nature and how we had to preserve it — and she did a wonderful job."

"She had a gentle manner and was so knowledgeable about every kind of animal, every kind of plant. She really instilled in us all the importance of our natural surroundings."

Even today, people come to the mill in search of the nature center. During the setup of Spring Elegance last year, Mehelich was approached by a man with a small bird that had fallen from its nest. "He had the bird in a box and was looking for Mary Ellsworth. He remembered bringing his kids to the nature center when they were young and seeing how she cared for injured animals."

Historical preservation not only gives newcomers a look at Westland's past but also old-timers a sense of how their hometown evolved.

Said Myers: "We can only consider our future if we know what went on in the past. If we know what was done back when, we can improve on some of it. We can see what mistakes were made and try not to make them ourselves."

Activities like an art show and country fair, a wine and cheese reception and a holiday tree lighting draw folks to Nankin Mills throughout the year. They reinforce its potential as a community jewel.

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



Winners: Left, Irene Kallas won first place in oil and \$30 for this still life, *Tradition Reigns*, with eggs rendered in realism. Below, Switzerland I, a watercolor by V. Janus Benda, won Best of Show and the Livonia Arts Commission Award for capturing the mood of the Scandinavian country.

Bright palette fills exhibit at city hall



Rainbows of color and quality shine like precious gems in the spring art exhibit by Visual Arts Association of Livonia members through May 28 in the Livonia City Hall lobby in the civic center complex.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Street scenes, still life, country landscapes and florals shone in a spectrum of color as the Visual Arts Association of Livonia opened its spring art exhibit May 2 with a reception and awards presentation in Livonia City Hall, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

The show, sponsored in part by the Livonia Arts Commission, Livonia Cultural League and City of

Livonia continues through May 28.

Watercolorist Gwen Tomkow of Farmington Hills judged the 89-piece multimedia exhibition. She awarded Best of Show and the Livonia Arts Commission Award to V. Janus Benda for a recent watercolor, "Switzerland I." The artist was able to capture the mood of the place, Tomkow said. There was "fantastic use of patterns and shadows to pro-

See VAAL, 2D



WILLIAM HANSEN

Heads up:

Fabric sculptor James Gilbert chats with one of his Oakland Community College students, Ken Ferns of Oxford, at the dedication of his aerial sculpture, *Nebulas Terraqueous*, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium.



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Fabric

Sculpture adorns library

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett pulled the cord that sent a plastic cover billowing to the floor as he unveiled James Gilbert's fabric sculpture in the Atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library May 10.

With this act, Mayor Bennett officially accepted the three-dimensional gift from the Friends of the Library on behalf of the city.

"It's great that we're enhancing this magnificent architecture. It's important to bring the arts into this Civic Center Library," said Mayor Bennett, a long-time supporter of the arts in Livonia.

The aerial sculpture, "Nebulas Terraqueous" by Gilbert, was commissioned by the Friends of the Library in May 1992. Gilbert, a St. Clair Shores-based professional artist for 22 years, was selected to create the work from a group of 10 sculptors.

Gilbert earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in ceramics from Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and a master of fine arts degree in fiber from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. He teaches watercolor, painting and life drawing at Cranbrook, and weaving and arts and crafts at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills.

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Mayor Robert Bennett

The six-foot-high woven aluminum stripping and rayon thread sculpture floats two stories above the heads of visitors to the library lobby. Its three lyrical panels run 16, 19 and 21 feet in length.

The varying lengths stand for the developing stages of a child into an adult, Gilbert explained.

"I like contemporary so it appeals to me. It adds an interesting aspect to the atrium," said Livonia arts commissioner Lee Alankas.

A red, yellow and blue sphere serves as the focal point in one panel. On another, the eye is drawn to a green cube.

"As a straight edge turns into a curve, life begins," said Gilbert in a speech at the dedication.

The circle has no beginning, no end. It signifies eternity. A green cube

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HOME TOUR

Plymouth Symphony League's biennial home tour will showcase seven houses with wide-ranging interior decors Friday, May 21. The theme is "Town and Country." Local florists have donated floral arrangements for each home.

About half way through the tour, an outdoor garden boutique will offer lawn statuary and perennial plants.

The tour is a major fund-raiser for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, which begins its 48th season in the fall.

Art Beat

Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person; call Mary Thomas: 453-3016.

ON EXHIBIT

Billie Thompson of Livonia joins three other artists in a display of acrylics and watercolors in the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building at the Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen, north of 10 Mile, through June 11.

Alice Nichols and Shirley Popp of Farmington, Jo Quillman of West Bloomfield and Thompson

are all Farmington Artists Club members. They work together in a Monday night painting group led by Nichols.

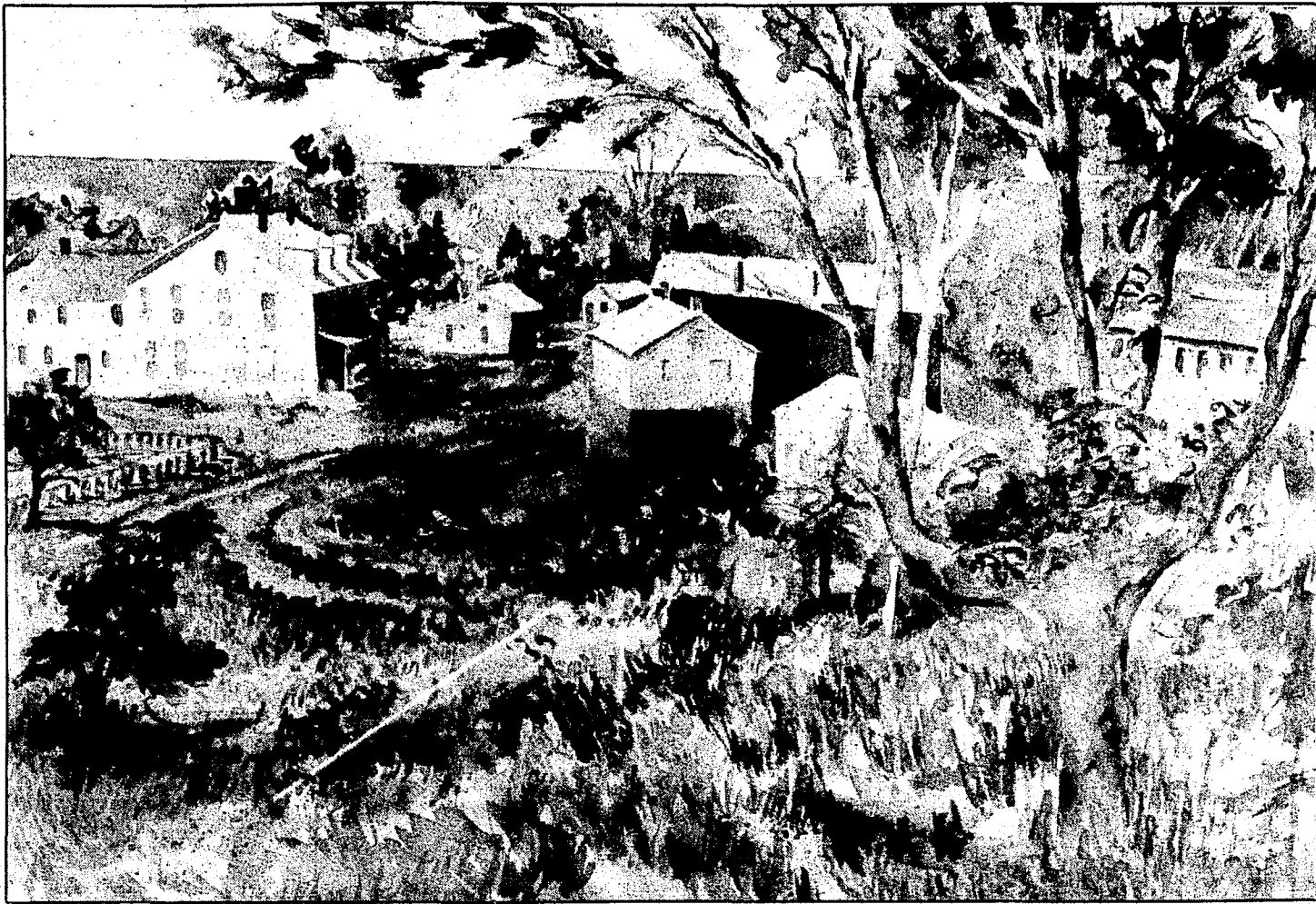
VAAL WORKSHOPS

Visual Arts Association of Livonia will offer workshops in watercolor, oil, water media, collage, mixed media and watercolor monotype this summer.

Sessions run two or three days. Instructors include Connie Lucas of Canton, V. Janus Benda of Farmington Hills and Lily Dudgeon of Livonia.

The daytime workshops run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They start June 5 in Room 24 of Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. For more information, call Marge Masek, VAAL class chairwoman: 464-6772.

Flaming furnaces: Lake Michigan's deep blue lies at the edge of a deserted iron smelting town in the watercolor *Fayette*, which won first place for Eileen Bibby of Livonia.



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duce excellent composition." Livonia Arts Commission chairwoman Betty Newton presented the awards to Benda. "It was nice receiving the awards. It has special meaning because Livonia has a special significance for me. My work has always been so well accepted in Livonia," Janus Benda said at the opening. Janus Benda's winning watercolor, on handmade Twinrocker paper with deckle edges, features violet mountains looming in the background of a rustic village scene. It is similar to watercolors she painted of Alaska. "I still had reminiscences of Alaska. Places I had seen in Alaska but failed to photograph," said the Farmington Hills artist. "I limited my palette to four colors. I love color and get carried away with it." An architectural engineering graduate of the University of Detroit, Janus Benda worked 15

years for the Southfield firm Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates in the structural engineering of commercial building. In 1987, she gave up its security to pursue an art career full-time. Janus Benda teaches watercolor at Bentley Center in Livonia and in the adult education program of Dearborn Public Schools. In July, she will teach a three-week workshop in water media and collage at VAAL. Janus Benda currently has a one-person show on the fourth floor of the old Dearborn City Hall through the end of May.

First-place winner in the oil category was Irene Kallas of Dearborn for her realistic "Still Life with Eggs." First place in mixed media went to Beverly Johnson for "Apples and Turnips." Eileen Bibby took first place in watercolor for "Fayette." The Livonia watercolorist also took first place in the medium at VAAL's show last fall.

Bibby, who started to paint in acrylic in 1984, has had two one-person shows at the Scarab Club in Detroit.

The deep blue of Lake Michigan lurks in the background of *Fayette*, an old iron smelting town in northern Michigan. Red and green dominates this watercolor by Bibby.

"It's a state park. I made sketches and took photos to work from," Bibby said. "Those furnaces are huge."

Second place in oil was awarded to Evelyn Henry of Redford Township and third place to June Weidel of Livonia.

Second in mixed media went to Marsha Weigand, Northville, and third to Gail Smith, Inkster.

Second in watercolor went to Anne J. Atherton, Bloomfield Township, and third to Diane Tasselmyer, Westland.

Honorable mentions were awarded to:
 ■ for oil — Evanthia Samra of Farmington.
 ■ for mixed media — Yvette Goldberg of Livonia, V. Janus Benda and Gail Smith.
 ■ for watercolor — Jean Weber of Plymouth, Audrey Harkins of Livonia, Olga Pawlowski of Dearborn Heights and Diane Tasselmyer.

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Library shows fantasy scenes

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Birmingham-based Gallery Animato will display original production and limited-edition cels. This will be a chance to renew acquaintance with scenes from Snow White, Pinocchio, Beauty and the Beast and other memorable films.

Cels (short for celluloid) from feature films as well as television will be exhibited. Some of the cels are of rare vintage.

Gallery Animato owners Robert and Elaine Athey run Michigan's only gallery to deal exclusively in fine art from the animated film. They have a collection of nearly 200 cels featuring work from foremost animators in film history, including Chuck Jones, Friz Freleng, Walter Lenz and the "imagineers" from Walt Disney Studios.

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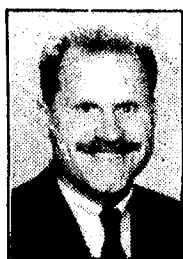
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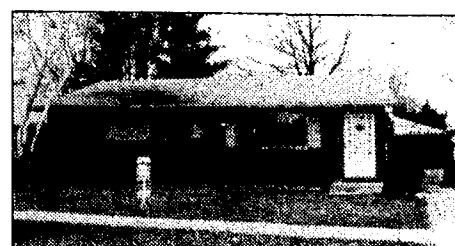
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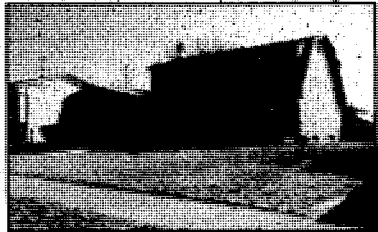
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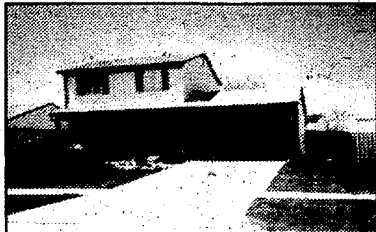
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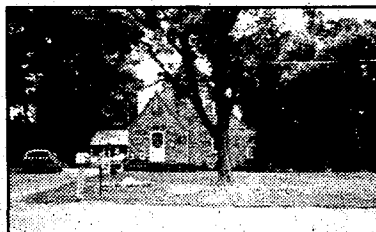
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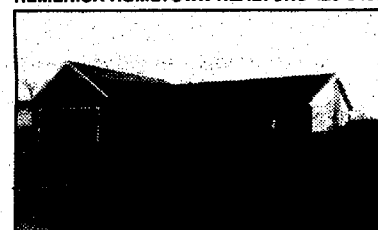
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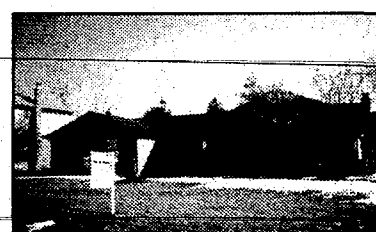
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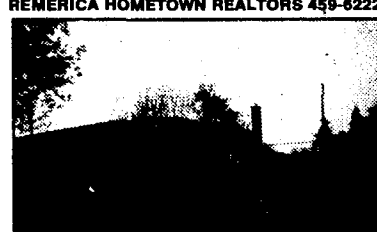
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LIVONIA CITY HALL Continuing — Livonia Arts Commission presents the Visual Arts Association of Livonia spring show to May 28 in the lobby. Graphite and collage. The show was judged by Farmington Hills artist Gwen Tomkow. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Farmington Road and Five Mile.

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DETROIT GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS Friday, May 21 — Michigan artists

Richard Kooymann and Barbara Browning, "Constructions in Wood, Metal and Found Objects." They create everyday objects such as lamps and clocks, challenging a long-held separation between work that's purely artistic from that which has a specific function. 104 Fisher Building. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER AND GALLERY Friday, May 21 — Opening reception for "European Images of Peace," art of Mirsolav Rada and Ondrej Rada of Prague, the Czech Republic, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Mirsolav's prints and colored ink drawings explore human life in all its values and varieties, expressed in biblical and humanitarian images. Ondrej's art, oils, acrylics and lithographs, reflects his father's influence but embodies his own style. 33 E. Adams, on Grand Circus Park, Detroit. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET To May 21 — The 16th annual Michigan Potters Association Juried Show. Tony Hepburn, ceramics professor at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, juried more than 300 entries before choosing the work of 37 artists for the exhibit. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit, 393-1770.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY Friday, May 21 — "Tyronne Mitchell — Sculptures" will continue to July 3. Opening reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday. Mitchell's current body of work continues a provocative dialogue between traditional function and contemporary form. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham, 642-2700.

GALERIE INTERNATIONALE Friday, May 21 — A major exhibition of works by internationally acclaimed artist Laszlo Dus will feature oil paintings, handmade papers and graphics through June 18. Opening reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday. Dus' abstract works communicate about life and the human condition. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sat-

urday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 4066 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills, 644-5870.

URBAN PARK Friday, May 21 — Running through June 21: the juried show "Corpus Mutatio," two solo exhibits and works by Rumanian artists, a display of colorful portraits by Pauline Ender and an exhibit of paintings by Therese Swann. Opening 6-9 p.m. Friday, featuring a live performance by Detroit-based X-Youth. Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, on the third floor at 508 Monroe, Detroit, 963-5445.

OBJECTS OF ART Friday-Sunday, May 21-23 — The gallery will offer a Spring Artscape to help you choose the right piece of art to enhance your deck, flower garden or patio. An impressive selection of unusual, contemporary pieces in metal, wood and clay by local and out-of-state artists will be featured. Refreshments will be served. The gallery is at 6243 Orchard Lake Road, just north of 15 Mile in West Bloomfield. Call 539-3332.

ARTIST'S COOPERATIVE, THE To May 22 — "Recent Works," a group exhibit by Ted Carmody, Jim Slack and Therese Swan, 29 E. Grand River, Detroit. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

SYBARIS GALLERY To May 22 — The gallery's fourth annual Basketry Invitational, featuring contemporary art baskets by 24 artists from the United States and Japan. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, 544-3388.

ALICE SIMSAR GALLERY To May 22 — The exhibits "Jim Dine: Prints 1965-1988" and "Six Pop Artists." The printed work of Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Robert Rauschenberg, James Rosenquist and Andy Warhol. Among the pieces are "Self Portrait," a 1967 screenprint by Warhol that was included in his retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 N. Main, Ann Arbor, 665-4883.

HABATAT/SHAW GALLERY Saturday, May 22 — "Landscapes," an exhibition featuring the work of John Glick, will continue through June 12. Opening reception to meet the artist 8 p.m. Saturday. Glick, one of the foremost ceramic artists of our time, has been exploring landscape imagery for the past three years. The glaze effects and markmaking techniques developed in his functional work are now applied to large extruded wall panels, shown singly or grouped in sets of two or three. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, 851-8767.

HILL GALLERY Saturday, May 22 — Sculpture by Carol Hepper will be exhibited to June 26. Reception for the artist 2-5:30 p.m. Saturday. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or by appointment, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, 540-9288.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART Saturday-Sunday, May 22-23 — "Creativity and Constraint: The Art of Automotive Design" will continue through Aug. 15. Jack Telnack, Ford Motor Co. vice president-design, will give a lecture on "Designing Under Constraints" 6 p.m. Saturday in Angell Hall, Auditorium B. The Friends Spring Benefit, "The Automobile as Art: Our Culture in Motion," will include a daylong outdoor exhibit of rare, collector and special interest automobiles 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday on the museum grounds. Call 747-2064 for reservations and admission information. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor, 764-0395. Summer hours (May 31 to Sept. 6) are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

DONNA JACOBS GALLERY LTD. Saturday, May 22 — "Connecting Spirals: Circles and Spheres in Ancient Art" will be on view through July 3. The exhibit explores the use of the sinuous line as a motif in the art of antiquity. Among the civilizations represented are Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Near Eastern and Pre-Columbian. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 574 N. Woodward,

Birmingham, 540-1600.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Sunday, May 23 — "Dale Chihuly: Installations 1964-1992," to Aug. 15, includes more than 200 works by the person recognized internationally as the premier artist working in glass. The DIA celebrates "May is Museum Month" with a variety of programs for all ages. Also, "The Passionate Observer: Photographs by Carl van Vechten" continues through July 3, showing 76 vintage prints (produced between 1932 and 1964) of leading personalities in the fields of opera, painting, sculpture, fiction, poetry, dance, theater, popular entertainment and public life. Call 833-7963.

HISTORIC TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH To May 23 — The church presents its seventh annual Ecclesiastical Art Exhibit, a national, juried showing. It is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and after the 11 a.m. service Sunday, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. Admission is by donation.

MATRIX GALLERY To May 23 — Drawings, paintings and ceramic tile mosaics by celebrated local artist Julie Bedore. Hours: 5-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday or by appointment, 212 Miller, 1 1/2 blocks west of Main in Ann Arbor, 663-7775.

SANDRA COLLINS GALLERY To May 28 — "The Elegant Drinking Vessel" by gallery artists. 470 N. Woodward in Birmingham. Call 642-4795.

WETSMAN COLLECTION To May 28 — "Quilts as a New Art Form 3," focusing on four leading contemporary quilt makers: Linda Macdonald, Nancy Crow, Elizabeth Busch and Terrie Hancock Mangat. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 132 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-6212.

GALERIE 454 To May 29 — The work of Richard Bogart. He paints soft-edged forms and dissolves details in mist. The gallery is at 176 S. Woodward in Birmingham. Call 646-4454.

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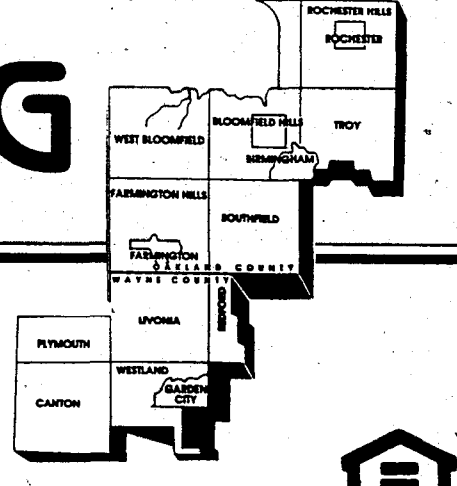
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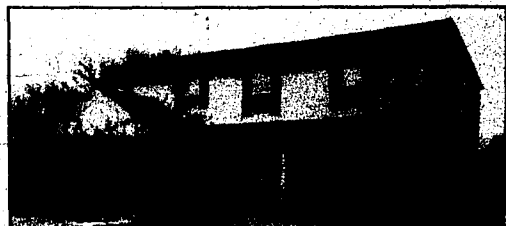


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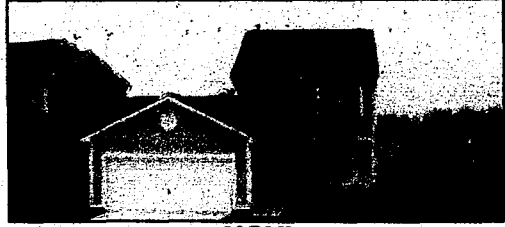


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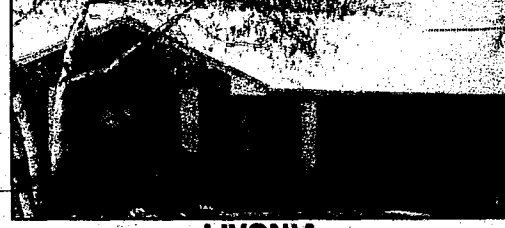
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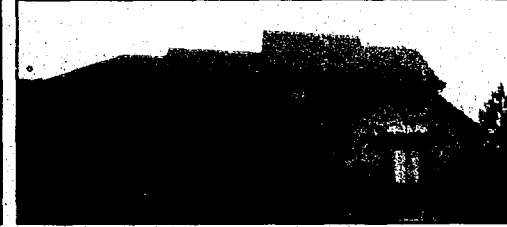
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LIVONIA
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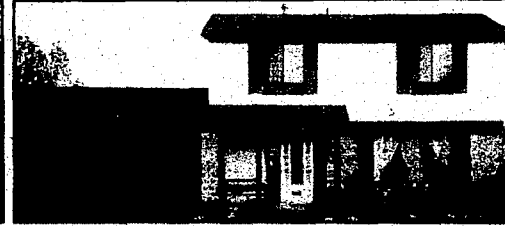
PLYMOUTH
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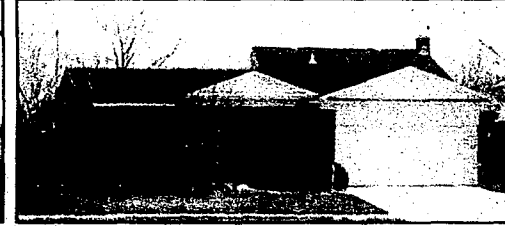
CANTON
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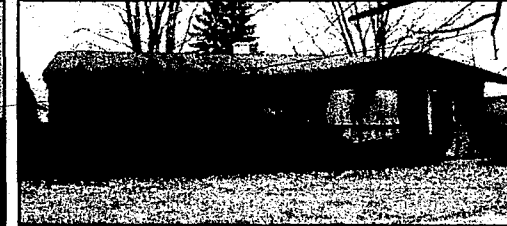
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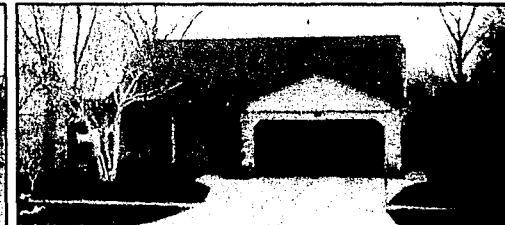
PLYMOUTH
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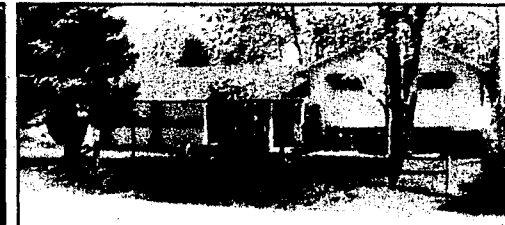
NOVI
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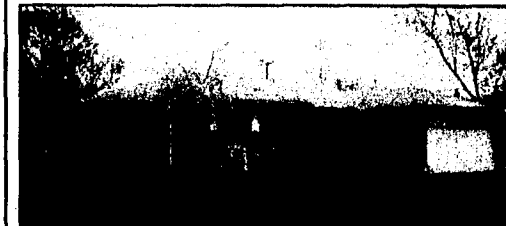
WAYNE
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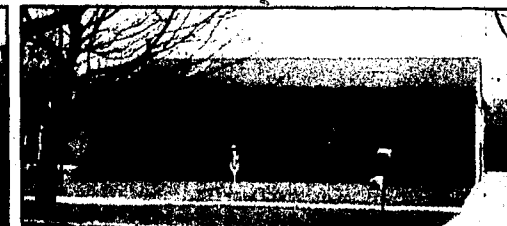
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BUILDING SCENE'S NAMES & PLACES

Ryan appointed

Daniel P. Ryan of Redford, a member of the State Board of Architects and an attorney at Plunkett & Cooney in Detroit, was unanimously appointed by the Board of Architects to represent Michigan at the 1993 National Conference of Architectural Registration Boards in Kansas City, June 23-26. Aside from his duties with Plunkett & Cooney, Ryan, a graduate of University of Detroit and Notre Dame Law School, serves as an adjunct professor of law at Cooley Law School in Lansing and as an assistant prosecutor and assistant city attorney for Northville.



Ryan

Wade elected

Robert C. Wade, chairman and CEO of Plymouth-based Wade-Trim architectural and engineering planning firm, was elected vice president of the American Consulting Engineers' Council. He will be responsible for a series of national committees, helping to set national policy and working with state organizations. Wade, who has served the American and Michigan Consulting Engineering Councils for 20 years, oversees Wade-Trim's nine offices located throughout Michigan and Florida.

Axiom gets IBM pact

Axiom Real Estate Management in Southfield has signed a deal to manage more than eight million square feet of IBM facilities in Kingston and Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Axiom will provide a full range of site services of the 50 buildings which make up the two IBM sites, including engineering, security, mail room and reproduction services and chemical and environmental operations.

New publishers named

Bryce & Palazzola Architects and Associates of West Bloomfield have named Kolka & Robb, Inc., of Bingham Farms, as publishers of "Home and Design, The Home Idea Magazine," a publication that features the work of Bryce & Palazzola and other Michigan-based architectural firms. The magazine is distributed to 50,000 homes and commercial businesses in Metro Detroit with its greatest concentration in Oakland County.

Information for inclusion in this column should be sent to Marilyn Fitchett, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



The Name Game

Builders pick top brands for inside jobs

■ Matching buyer preferences with manufacturers' products can be a tough job for a builder, but failure to make the right choices can cost him the sale of a house.

By GERALD FRAWLEY
STAFF WRITER

Merillat, Wood-Mode, Homecrest Rutt, Pennville, Brookhaven, Fieldstone, Yorktown, Lafata and Pioneer kitchen cabinets . . .

Jenn-air, Westinghouse, GE, Whirlpool, Gaggenau, Miele, Maytag, Kenmore, Admiral, and Frigidaire appliances . . .

Gibraltar, Corion, Formica, Aristokraft, Kohler, American Standard, Delta, Marbelite, and Bertch bathroom fixtures . . .

Du Pont, Lees, Evans-Black, Wear-dated Salem, Armstrong, Congoleum, and Tarkett flooring and carpeting . . .

Weather-vane, Pella and Anderson

windows and doorwalls . . . And you thought you had it tough picking out furniture for your house — just think if you were a builder and had 70 houses to build and had to stock them with thousands of products before the owner ever steps in the door.

Not surprisingly, easily recognizable brand names rank high on builders' lists.

The main reason? Comfort levels.

Frank Bronzetti of Troy-based Estate Builders Inc. — which has houses in development such as Copperwood East in Farmington Hills, Crescent Parc and Wattles Point in Troy — said brands carry high comfort levels for buyers who want to see names

they are familiar with when they're shopping for a house.

"Of course, it depends on what price range you're building in," Bronzetti said.

For example, a buyer isn't going to find Jenn-Air and Gaggenau ranges and ovens in an entry-level or even a first move-up house.

Of course, most builders are flexible and will put in any features the buyer demands — for an additional price — but if choice is left to the builder, he will invariably go with a name brand even if the cost is a little higher.

But if there are two comparable brands, the builder will choose based on a lower price, he said.

Used to be simpler

Builders had it easier when buyers were less demanding. Years ago,

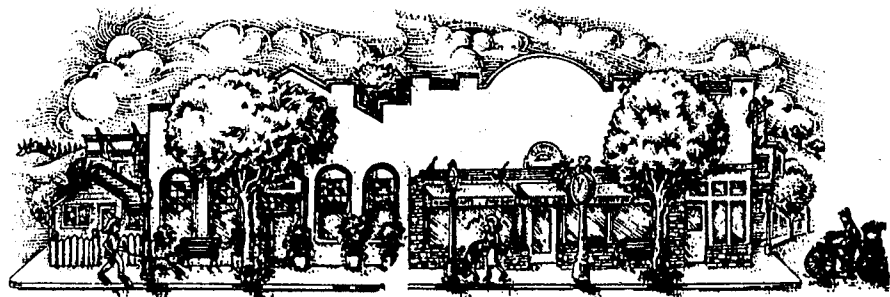
builders didn't include a lot of the features that are standard into today's houses, Bronzetti added. "People bought their own ranges, refrigerators and carpet."

Now people want to be able to move the furniture in and have the house ready to go. As a result, builders have had to do a little extra research and find out what's a good product and what's not, he said.

Bob Cococetta, a sales representative at Fairgrove Manor in Troy, said it never surprises him how savvy customers are when it comes to the products. A no-name, off-market product is going to turn off many buyers even if they have the option to buy more expensive brands.

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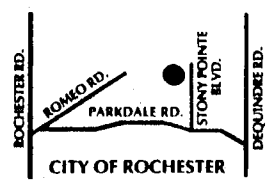


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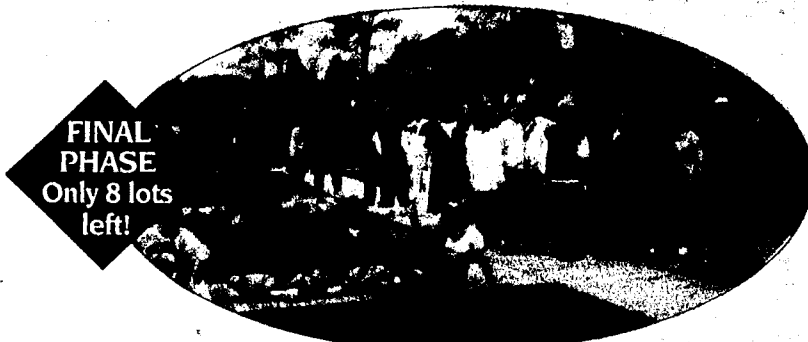
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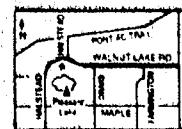
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"They (buyers) want to know who made the windows, what kind of carpeting it is, how good the kitchen cabinets are," he said. Builders are going to respond to that if they want to sell a house.

"Everyone who comes through has a notebook, and they mark down things like such-and-such appliances, carpeting, cabinets. That's what I did when I bought my house," Cococetta said.

How to choose

How does a builder decide what's good and what's not? Same as anyone else — experience, a little research and word of mouth, said custom home builder Ray Hurley of Hurley Homes in Livonia.

Before a product ever goes in one of his houses, Hurley said he'll talk to other builders and contractors, flip through trade journals, take walks through other builders' models and look over the products.

"(Buyers) always want the latest," he said. "I've got to go with what's going on today."

Some of the best places to find new products, Hurley said, are the national builders conventions where manufacturers show new products.

Even so, the builder has to be careful and look past the glitz at such shows, he said.

"Show girls don't make toilets."

Still, such shows offer builders a chance to take a look at some of the new products so he can begin researching them.

Not all products work as well as advertised, Hurley said. "I've got a whole garage full of things that didn't work as well as expected."

That's where experience

comes in, he said. Products that are impractical or that come from manufacturers with poor records aren't going to get a second chance.

If a product turns out to be a stinker, Hurley said, it's best if the builder removes it from his models because buyers will always look at that one thing, and it will drag down an otherwise fine house.

Dependability the key

Builders don't just choose name brands for their familiarity, said Tom Augularo, vice president of Kimron Construction in Novi, a builder at Windcliff Woods in West Bloomfield and Oxford Estates in Farmington Hills. There's a reason name brands become name brands, rather than remain obscure, off-market products — they're dependable, he said.

"They're sound, well-built, dependable products," he said.

The first thing the builder has to do is establish his price range — top-of-the-line kitchen cabinets in a four-room, starter bungalow wouldn't make a lot of sense, he said.

After striking a balance between quality and price, there is an equally important consideration. "What's going to be available?"

The least expensive cabinet isn't going to suit a builder's purposes if he can only get one, he said.

Builders have an edge when it comes to buying products for houses, he said. Unlike buyers hunting for a new range or windows, sales representatives come to the builder and try to hawk the wares.

"Builders have to be careful, though," he said.

Time to fix up patio party gear

"The moment of truth usually comes around Memorial Day," says Kevin Halpin. "People get out the patio furniture and barbecue grill just before their first party of the season, and they don't like what they see."

If the furniture still has an aura of newness, cleaning usually brings it around, says Halpin, vice president of Fortunoff's, a retail chain in suburban New York and New Jersey that has hefty sales in lawn and patio pieces.

Halpin says if you follow a regular maintenance plan, your outdoor furniture can look good for 10 years or more. The plan includes pre-season cleaning and protective coating, occasional care — mainly wiping off spots — during the summer, and a post-season cleaning before storing.

If, however, the furniture is beyond maintenance or the homeowner's expertise, professional refinishing often can restore it to a good-as-new appearance.

One process useful for wrought iron and solid aluminum furniture involves sandblasting and re-coating the framework. The baked-on powder-coat color process is similar to that used for

new metal outdoor furniture. The companies that refinish also replace straps, slings and cushions.

"Professional refinishing is fairly costly, so it makes sense only if you have top-quality furniture," says Tom Martinez, co-owner of Long Island Outdoor Furniture Co. in Bohemia, N.Y. "You might save 50 to 70 percent compared to buying new top-line name brands and about 35 percent for mid-line brands."

In addition to restoring top-of-the-line pieces, Martinez says the process is useful when you've added pieces to the furniture you already have and you want them all to match.

There's hope for even the most unsightly wrought-iron furniture. Patti's Portico in Greenwich, Conn., is one place that restores battered old pieces to newness.

Patti DeFelice, a co-owner, says business is booming because the graceful old furniture, particularly dining sets, has become valuable. Outdoor dining pieces from the 1950s are even being restored for use indoors, she says.

DeFelice says almost every kind of damage can be repaired, up to and including extensive rust



Patio party: The movie "Weekend at Bernie's" may not have exactly revolutionized the patio furniture industry, but this photo does serve as a reminder that, with the weather warming and Memorial Day coming, it might be time to get your outdoor furniture in order.

and broken parts.

Recently, the company repaired a 50-year-old table that was not only a rust bucket but had also been bent when hit by a car. The workshop heated the metal and reshaped it, cut the legs to improve the dining height, spot-welded to repair the lacy pattern,

sandblasted, primed and painted the table white. Finally, new rubber protectors were put on each of the legs to keep the table from scratching a floor or patio.

"The labor was \$450," DeFelice says. "A new table of this quality and design might have cost as much as \$2,000."

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Future shock? 'Flexible' homes

AP — Architect Walter Kroner thinks houses should be like toy Erector Sets, so easy to assemble that two unskilled adults can build them with hammers, screwdrivers and other basic tools. The houses also have to be flexible.

If homeowners need to add a room, they can expand up or out and simply reuse the same roofing. And when the kids are gone, if the house is too big, the owner simply takes a room or two off. "It is very, very simple," said Kroner, a professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and director of its Center for Architectural Research.

"With a few pictures and descriptions you can take all the components — because they are light enough and small enough and simple enough and foolproof enough — and put them together to make a variety of housing designs and housing types," Kroner said.

Kroner's housing concept doesn't stop there. His houses also have to cost up to 30 percent less than conventional housing, be energy efficient, adaptable to any site or climate and be environmentally friendly. A major goal is to provide housing alternatives for people who otherwise might never be able to afford a home of their own, especially young families who were unable to buy homes in the 1980s.

The house's construction utilizes a post-and-beam method with 12-foot-square structural modules. The building rests on piers with no basement, so there's no need for backhoes, cranes and forklifts. By renting an auger, two people can bore holes for piers.

The surrounding environment and water table are not disturbed. The plumbing and electrical systems are so simple that they are installed by connecting hoses and plugging in cables.

But if it's "flexible," is it secure? "It meets code, better than the code that New York state requires," Kroner said. "It's already a higher quality than quality manufactured housing."

Students with no previous construction experience are building a 1½-story prototype of Kroner's house at a site in a technology park about five miles from RPI. So far, 300 hours of work have gone into the panelized structure; the interior work remains. The gable-style house has wooden siding, but Kroner says his homes can be sided with any materials and their styles modified.

Flexi-House

- Some features of the flexible house advocated by Walter Kroner, a professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and director of its Center for Architectural Research:
- Two unskilled adults can build it with hammers, screwdrivers and other basic tools.
- Rooms can be added or removed as the household's needs change.
- Plumbing and electrical systems can be installed by connecting hoses and plugging in cables.
- Variety of materials and styles can be used; some basic features, such as siding, could be upgraded if desired.
- Efficient use of materials and labor can reduce building costs sharply.

Using standard materials, the 1,350-square-foot house with three bedrooms and 1½ baths would cost \$27 a square foot for materials, or \$37,800, he said. The prototype cost \$37 a square foot because of some upgrades, such as oak flooring.

Census figures indicate that the median cost of new home construction in the United States in 1991 was \$49 a square foot and the median home size was 1,900 square feet. Money is saved because of the efficient use of materials and labor, which typically account for up to 50 percent of the cost of a home, Kroner said.

Land price, though, is another story. In the Albany suburb of North Greenbush, N.C., where Kroner's prototype is being built, a half-acre costs at least \$30,000. It's unlikely that Kroner's homes would start cropping up all over North Greenbush, according to Richard French of the town building department. It's not that the building itself wouldn't meet standards, but required lot sizes in the town would probably be too costly for someone building one of Kroner's affordable models.

French, who has inspected the prototype house, says it falls somewhere between upscale and low-income housing. "The young blue-collar couple, in their early 20s, married with no college education... a lot of those kind of people wind up scrambling the rest of their lives for their next apartment," French said.

Kroner's homes could change that, he said. Though the prototype won't be finished until July, Kroner said he already has received hundreds of letters requesting information about the homes.

Kroner's project has its critics, however.

CALENDAR

Building Seminar

Local builder Jim Nawrot will conduct a home building seminar from 12 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the Holiday Inn in Livonia (6 Mile east of I-275). The cost is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. Nawrot offers a hands-on workshop that will answer all of your questions and show you the best ways to construct your new home. Call 462-0944 to make reservations.

BASM Meeting

Home builders can learn to increase new home sales at the general membership meeting of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, from 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 9, at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks Road, (at I-75) in Troy. Tom Richey of Houston-based Richey Resources Company will present "Five critical areas of concern." Richey is a nationally recognized lecturer, author and pioneer in residential home builder marketing concepts. Fee, including breakfast, is \$30 for BASM members and \$60 for non-members. Call 737-4477.

Homearama 1993

The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan's 11th annual Homearama, featuring the latest ideas in home design and building techniques, commences Thursday May 27 and runs through Sunday, June 13 in the Silver Bell Village Subdivision in Orion Township (Silver Bell Road at Bald Mountain, one mile north of The Palace of Auburn Hills). Admission is \$6 per person.

Costly housing? Try to buy in Japan

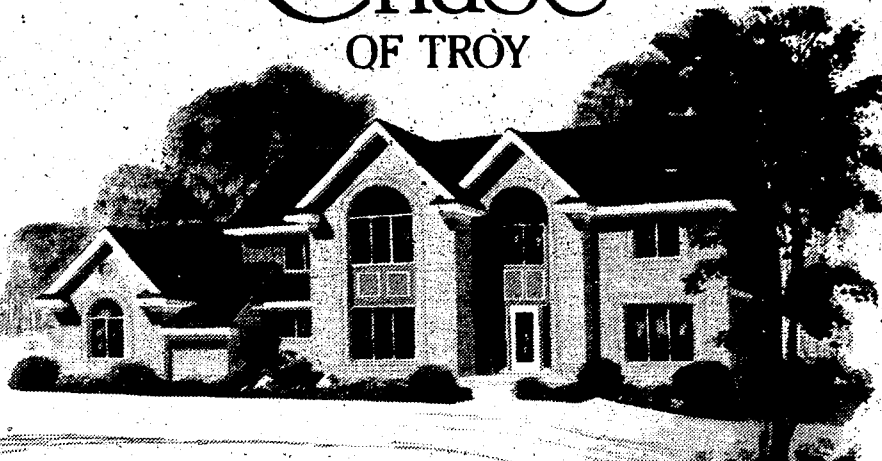
AP — Complaining about the price of building a home? Check this out: Prospective homeowners in Japan pay three times as much as Americans do to build a house, according to a Japanese research institute.

Excluding the cost of the land, the average housing construction cost is about \$5,450 per 36.7 square feet in Japan compared with about \$1,820 in the U.S., the Japan Research Institute Ltd. said. Masaharu Sakuta, general manager of the technical advisory department at the institute, said the report, carried in the institute's monthly report, urged simplification of the construction materials distribution system and the complicated contractual system for housing construction.

But Sakuta said in the report that Japan should not ease current earthquake and fire safety regulations to make the Japanese market more accessible to foreign builders. U.S. officials have pointed out that the regulations create a major barrier for foreign construction firms. The report said Japan needs its regulations, relatively strict by international standards, because of its exceptional crowding, soft foundation soil and frequent earthquakes.

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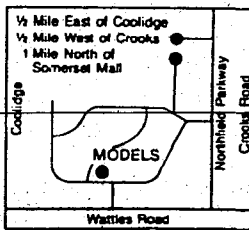
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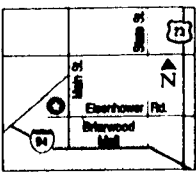
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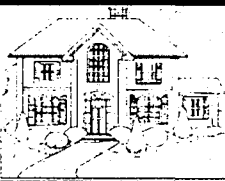
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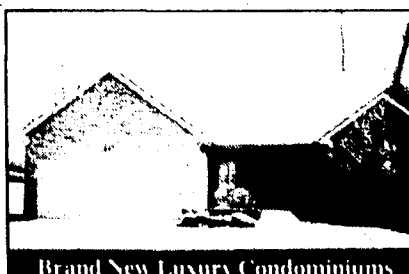
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AIA honors area architects

Victor Saroki & Associates of Birmingham and Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates of Southfield recently received a pair of design and recognition awards from AIA Detroit, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Saroki won in the low budget/small project category for renovating its own offices and an interior architecture award for the Shelter, an alternative nightclub in Detroit.

Harley Ellington won a 25-year award for the south wing addition to the Detroit Institute of Arts and an honor award for the mausoleum and chapel at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

AIA Detroit provided the following descriptions of the award winners:

■ Saroki offices — Generous spreads of clear glass throw light into the window display spaces where images of projects and models invite the close inspection of passersby.

Delicate wood-panel, steel-frame partitions, a glass-block conference room wall extending upward to a skylight and exposed metal mechanical system ducts celebrate their function and presence.

■ The Shelter — One of the hottest alternative nightclubs in town and the starting point for many of the newest members of the music industry... is located in the basement of St. Andrew's Hall near Greektown.

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■ Mausoleum and chapel — Three mausoleum buildings containing 5,000 crypts, a covered circulation gallery incorporating 1,000 wall niches and a high-image chapel are linked by a common roof.

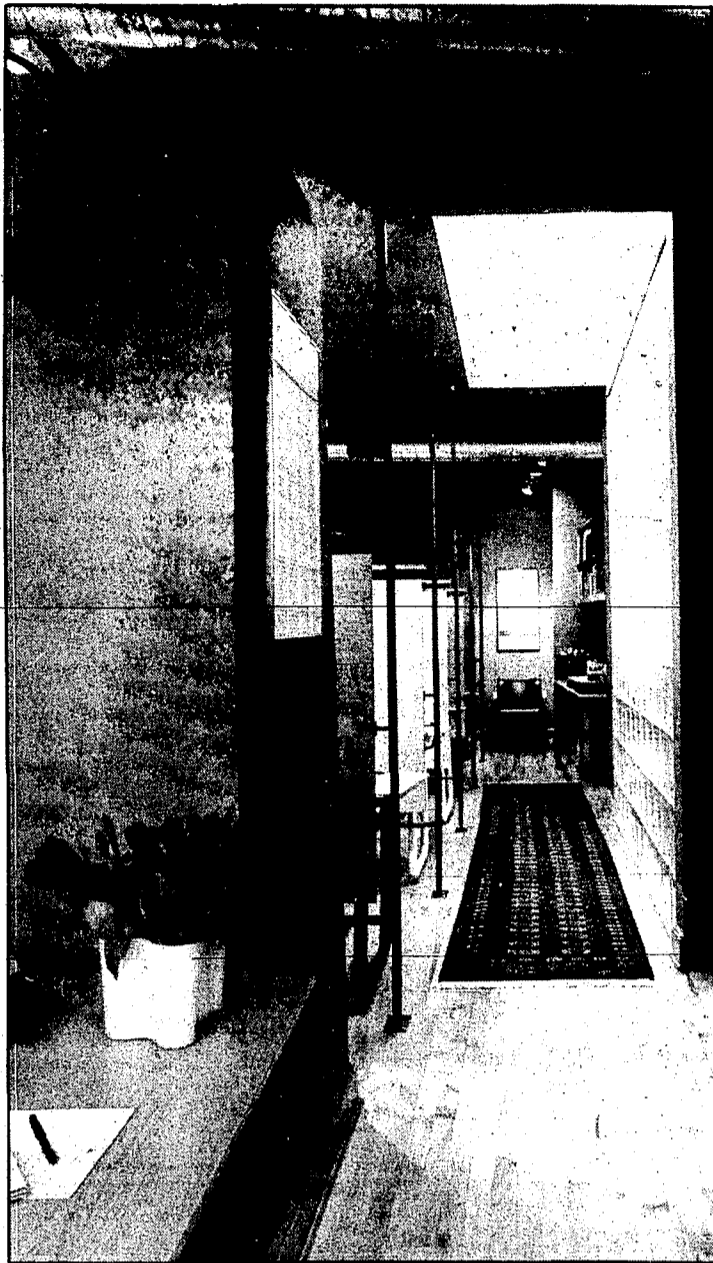
The granite veneer exterior features skylights and a lead-coated copper roof.

■ Institute of arts addition — Highly respectful of the original 1922 neo-classical Paul Cret-designed structure, the design form doesn't touch the existing; its only connection is made with a sheet of glass.

The interior features a skylit atrium and sculpture court. The new structure is clad in highly-polished dark gray granite in dark contrast to and reflecting the existing faceted white marble.

Gunnar Birkerts and Associates of Birmingham collaborated with Harley Ellington on the south wing addition and shared in the 25-year award.

Giffels Associates of Southfield won an honor award for an Amoco research and development facility in Alpharetta, Ga.



Award winner: Renovated offices of Victor Saroki in Birmingham were honored as a low budget/small project award winner by AIA Detroit. The architectural firm used glass blocks, skylights and wood-panel, steel frame partitions in its renovation.

Safety is universal design's focus

AP — Universal design is more an attitude about convenience and safety than about products specially designed for the physically disabled.

A lot can be achieved in kitchen and bath simply by changing cabinet heights and choosing drawers instead of shelves. For hardware, opt for levers instead of knobs and hinges that allow doors to swing wide, says Kathryn George, co-editor of Decorating Remodeling magazine.

George says almost everyone can benefit from universal design: "Children and anyone who is or will be pregnant, injured or old."

To make any home more accessible for everyone, George offers these tips:

■ Make sure all rooms, especially kitchens and baths, are well lit. Lower light switches so wheelchair-bound individuals and children can reach them.

■ Eliminate thresholds, ledges and door saddles or lower to no higher than three quarters of an inch so a wheelchair can negotiate the rise. Bevel the edges to minimize chances of tripping.

■ When remodeling a kitchen, make sure aisles are at least 36 inches wide. Design counters so there are several heights ranging from 30 inches to 36 inches. Continuous countertops, smooth-top ranges and eliminating the ridge between sink and counter allow someone of limited strength to move heavy pots and pans by sliding them.

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Cooktop and ovens are built into the work island and the huge pantry has both walk-in and face-frame doors.

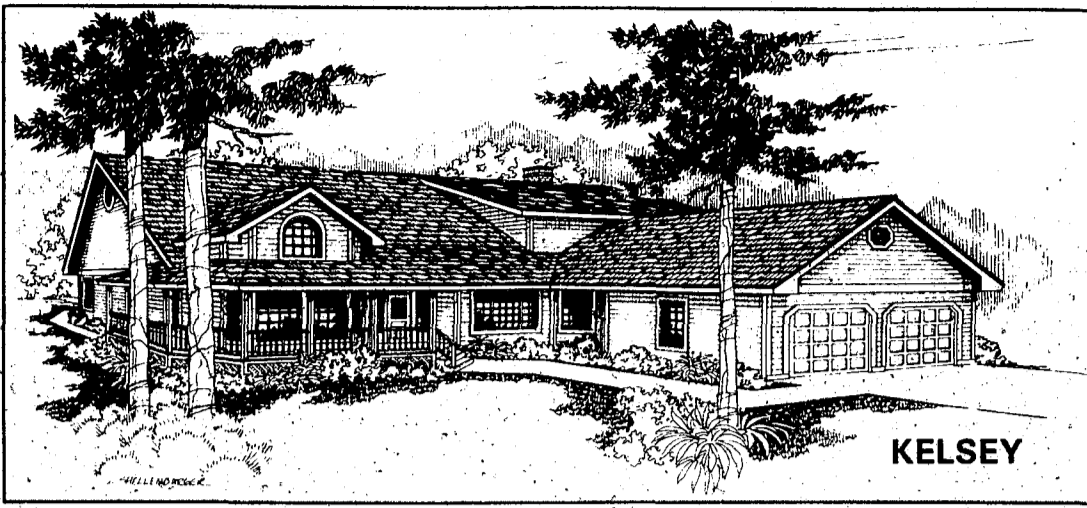
Garage access through the nook comes in handy for unloading groceries. A utility room, large enough to accommodate both a freezer and a fold-down ironing board is close to both the kitchen and garage. Clothes dropped in a chute in the large linen/storage closet upstairs end up in a basket here.

A bar sink is tucked into an alcove between the kitchen and the formal dining room.

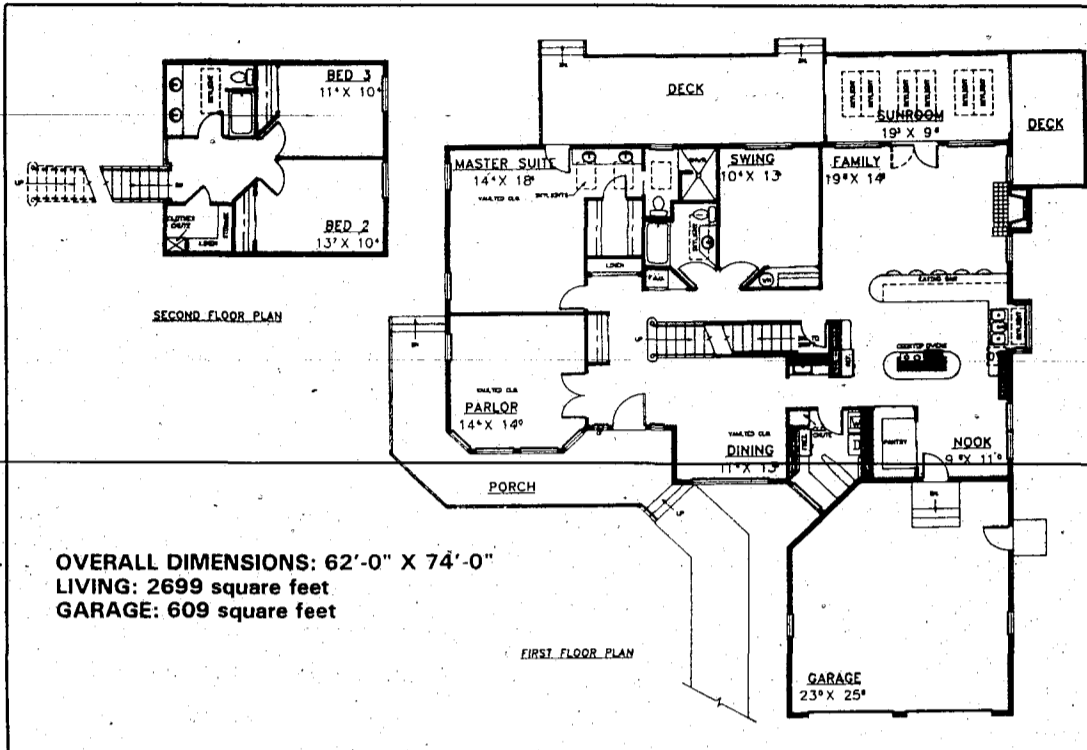
Vaulted ceilings increase the sense of spaciousness in the dining room and parlor. A swing room located between the family room and master suite is a bonus space that can be used as a nursery, home office or hobby room.

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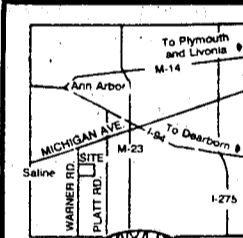
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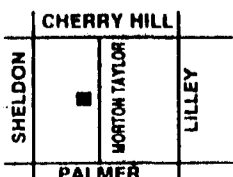


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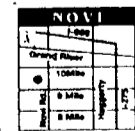
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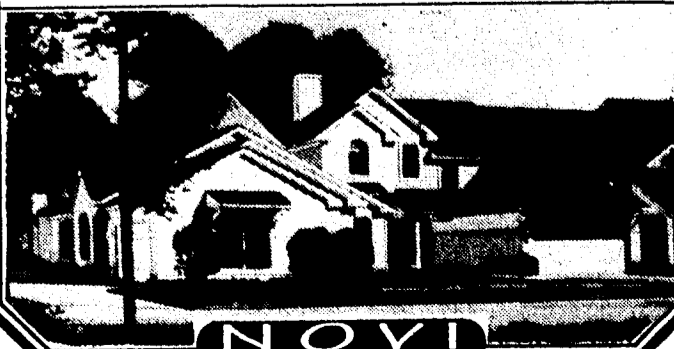
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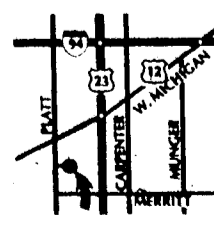


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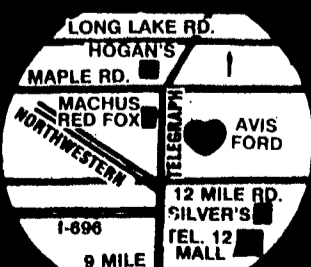
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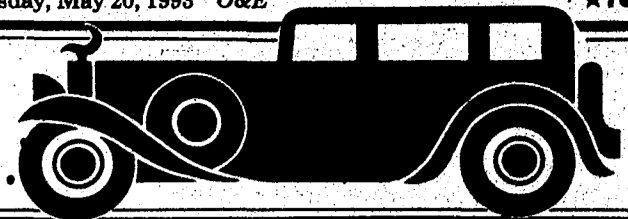
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