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## Election time



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**Primary is Tuesday:** *Wilma Elkins, a staffer in the Westland city clerk's department, displays a sample ballot for next Tuesday's mayoral primary. Voters will narrow the field of six candidates to two for the Nov. 2 general election.*

# Car repair feud fuels mayoral primary race



**With the mayoral race heating up, Mayor Robert Thomas and city councilman Kenneth Mehl are trading accusations of unethical conduct. Mehl is calling for an investigation to determine if private cars have been repaired at city expense.**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
 STAFF WRITER

A Westland mayoral candidate has asked for an inquiry to determine if personal vehicles owned by city officials have been serviced at the public services department — at taxpayer expense.

Councilman Kenneth Mehl, one of six mayoral candidates, wrote in a letter to council President

Charles Pickering, also a mayoral challenger, that he heard of the allegations in phone calls from citizens, newspaper articles and political literature.

"I would hope that this is not true since our tax dollars would have been used to perform this work," Mehl wrote in his Aug. 20 letter to Pickering.

Mehl was referring, in part, to

campaign literature from a political action committee known as ABC, or "A Better Community," that has attacked the Mayor Robert Thomas administration.

ABC campaign fliers accused the mayor and his staff of having "special perks" that include having their cars, trucks and recreational vehicles serviced at taxpayer expense at the DPS garage.

On Tuesday, Thomas rejected any wrongdoing and dismissed Mehl's charges as "more political shenanigans."

In his letter, Mehl asked Pickering to call a special council session

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# Men abduct 2 women outside bar

BY DARRELL CLEM  
 STAFF WRITER

Two women leaving a Westland bar early Sunday were abducted by two men who ordered them into a car and robbed one of them at gunpoint after threatening to spray her with bullets, police reports said.

The women — a 34-year-old Garden City resident and a 33-year-old from Livonia — were released physically unharmed in Wayne about an hour after they were abducted outside of the Ford Road Bar, near the Ford-Wayne Road intersection, police said.

The women reported that they had been drinking until 2 a.m. and were among the last to leave the bar when they were approached in the parking lot by two white males in a red two-door car.

The women told police they didn't know the men, but reported that they had seen them earlier inside the bar. Both men were believed to be in their mid-20s.

The man sitting in the passenger seat stepped out of the car as the driver — saying he had a gun —

ordered the women into the back seat, police reports said. The men then drove the women around and talked about trying to buy some crack cocaine, the reports said.

At one point, the men stopped near a house in what the women believed was Inkster, and the passenger went inside for about 10 minutes, police reports said. The abductors then drove around for several more minutes before the driver stopped again, pulled a small black handgun from the car's glove compartment and ordered the Garden City woman to give up her money.

The woman reported that the driver told her to obey his orders or he would "pump (her) full of bullets."

Police reports indicated the men may have seen the woman earlier, inside the bar, when she was taking money from a bank envelope where she had been keeping it. She had cashed her paycheck earlier, police reports said.

The woman gave the money — totaling \$200 — to the abductors, and then the two women were ordered to

get out of the car on Michigan Avenue in Wayne, reports said. The men then fled in the car, police said.

The men never demanded money from the Livonia woman, nor did they rob the Garden City woman of jewelry that she was wearing, police reports said.

After the women were released, they hid in some nearby bushes, fearing that their abductors might decide to return. After 10 minutes had passed, the women telephoned for police help from a public phone at Michigan Avenue and Winifred in Wayne, where they were let go.

The investigation is continuing.

The driver was described as a white male, in his mid-20s, with dirty blond hair that was short on top and long in the back, with a small ponytail. He was of average weight and height, the women told police.

The passenger was described as a white male, also in his mid-20s, with short black hair. He also was of average weight and height, police reports said.

# Schools get low grade

BY DARRELL CLEM  
 STAFF WRITER

Few voters in the Wayne-Westland school district believe the quality of education is improving in their local schools, a new survey has indicated.

Just 10 percent of the 189 respondents to a district-sponsored telephone survey believe the quality of

## SURVEY

Wayne-Westland schools is improving, while 23 percent believe it is getting worse and 44 percent said it is staying the same, the survey showed.

Three percent said the district is improving in some ways but getting worse in others, while 20 percent had no opinion. The survey was conducted Aug. 10 by volunteers.

The survey, based on a random sample of Wayne-Westland voters, was released Tuesday during a press conference called by school officials hoping to win support for a 6-mill tax rate increase in a Oct. 18 special election. The survey has a margin of error of 9 percent.

Among those who responded, 46 percent had children in Wayne-Westland schools and 53 percent did not. Thirty-five percent considered themselves well-informed about the district, while 38 percent said they were somewhat informed and 23 percent said they were not too well informed. Four percent didn't know.

When asked to assign a letter grade to the district, 6 percent said "A," 29 percent said "B," 34 percent said "C," and 8 percent said "D." Just 3 percent gave the district a failing grade; 20 percent didn't know.

The financially troubled district, which has slashed \$12 million from its budget this year by eliminating secondary busing and many educational programs, needs to do a better job of managing its money, the survey indicated.

Just 1 percent of respondents said the district does an "excellent" job of managing money, compared to 9 percent who said it does a "good" job, 32 percent who said it does a "fair" job and 40 percent who said it does a "poor" job. Eighteen percent didn't know.

Despite the skepticism, 58 percent said the district made the right move by scheduling another tax election on Oct. 18. Forty-two percent disagreed.

When asked what tax rate should have been placed on the ballot, 24 percent agreed with the chosen 6-mill proposal. Another 22 percent supported a 7.75-mill plan, while 10 percent favored 7 mills. Eight percent favored 6.5 mills.

Ten percent said they supported no tax increase, while 23 percent didn't know. The remaining 3 percent split evenly: in their support for 5 mills, 8 mills and 9 mills.

When asked where they get most of the information they use in deciding how to vote in tax elections, the highest percentage of respondents — 39 percent — cited the Westland Observer. The Observer was followed by the Westland Eagle (23 percent), the district newsletter Connections (25 percent), teachers (14 percent) and the school board (10 percent). Even fewer respondents cited principals, support staff and other sources. The totals exceeded more than 100 percent because some respondents use multiple sources.

On Tuesday, school officials and campaign co-chairmen Ted Scott of Westland and Mary Chames of Wayne responded to questions about

See SCHOOLS, 2A

## Swim club benefit

The Hurricanes Swim Club, of which the Westland recreation department is a co-sponsor, will sell Gold C coupon books Saturday and Sunday at the Liquor Garden business, on Ford near Merriam. The club was organized earlier this year by Jim McNellis. The group also plans tryouts for new members from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, Thursday, Sept. 16, and Friday, Sept. 17, at the Garden City High School pool, 6500 Middlebelt, south of Warren Road. Interested persons may contact McNellis, 981-7578.

## Special ceremony

Westland veterans and city officials will take

## PLACES & FACES

part in the community's annual Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Day ceremony, scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at the city's Vietnam War Memorial, next to City Hall, 36601 Ford. Invited to take part are U.S. Rep. William Ford, state Rep. Justine Barns and Mayor Robert Thomas. The ceremony, part of a national observance, is co-hosted locally by the VFW Posts 3323 and 9885 along with Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 387 of Westland. Other veterans groups are expected to take part. The ceremony is open to the public.

## Money matters

Two local groups are planning benefits in the next few weeks. One is the John Glenn High School marching band which will hold its annual "tag day" fund-raiser by selling tags from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday and on Saturday, Oct. 2, in the area bounded by Palmer, Cherry Hill, Surrey Heights and Sutton and in the neighborhood bounded by Wayne Road, Hunter, Venoy and Warren. Starting Oct. 1 and continuing through Nov. 22, the Michigan Metro Girl Scouts will be selling calendar and nuts. The scouts also plan to sell cookies from Jan. 7 through March 13. Both groups had their fund-raisers formally approved by the Westland city council Tuesday night.

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and to use the council's subpoena power to call witnesses and "clear this matter."

"I'm sure we will be accused of this being just politics, but it isn't," Mehl wrote to Pickering. "We have an obligation to ourselves and the citizens to do this. If there was nothing done wrong, we will know. If there was something done wrong, then we would have to take appropriate action."

On Tuesday, Pickering said he had just received Mehl's letter and that the two hadn't had a chance to discuss it. Pickering said he would want to consult with the city attorney about the council's subpoena powers before following through on Mehl's request.

Pickering said he could not yet say whether he would support such a special session.

Mayor Thomas, meanwhile, said he knows of only two personal vehicles of city employees that were serviced at the DPS garage — and those vehicles, which belonged to superintendents, were equipped with city-owned radios that needed repair.

That was proper, Thomas said, because the radios are necessary for their jobs. In one repair, one superintendent had a radio antenna replaced, the mayor said.

The only other city officials' vehicles to be serviced at the DPS garage would be those cars that are leased by the city for the officials. The vehicles, however, are not the officials' personal cars, Thomas said.

The mayor stressed that no rules have been broken "to my knowledge."

Thomas did say that he has used a DPS worker to perform work on his personal vehicles in the past, but the work was done "on the side" while the DPS worker was off the job and not at

## The primary election for the job of Westland mayor is Sept. 14.

the DPS garage.

If improper work was ever performed at the DPS garage during his administration, Thomas said, "I didn't know about it."

Mehl wrote in his letter that the issue "must be cleared up one way or another. The citizens are skeptical about many things, and this only casts more shadows of doubt."

Thomas accused Mehl of a "double standard" for raising strong concerns about the latest allegations, while virtually ignoring an earlier dispute about missing wood at city hall.

More than half the cedar ordered in 1988 for a city hall renovation was found to be missing, and some city officials also used the city's discount with a local wholesaler to buy wood for private use.

A police investigation also indicated that two city workers delivered wood — bought by Mehl — to a local bar partly owned by Mehl. The workers apparently delivered the wood in city trucks on city time, the police probe indicated, but Mehl has denied he had any personal knowledge of possible wrongdoing.

Earlier this year, the controversy sparked some criticism at council meetings and also captured some headlines in local newspapers.

"I wonder where Mr. Mehl's ethics were when that was going on," Thomas said Tuesday.

*A mayoral candidates forum was taped Sept. 8 and will be cablecast on Channel 8 at various times until the primary Sept. 14.*

# Man guilty of shooting his wife

A Westland man was found guilty last week in connection with the January shooting of his wife.

A jury found Harry Wayne Ransom guilty Wednesday of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm and possession of a firearm in commission of a felony. The trial was heard in Judge Warfield Moore's courtroom in Detroit Recorder's Court.

The trial lasted four days and

the jury deliberated for about one day, according to Westland Police Sgt. Donald Haigh.

Janice Ransom testified against her estranged husband, relaying the events which resulted in her being shot in the hip and stomach area with a .12-gauge shotgun.

Six police officers were called to the witness stand during the course of the trial and the defendant provided testimony in his own

defense.

Harry Ransom testified that he took the gun into the Bakewell Street house he shared with his wife hoping to scare her into revealing the name of an alleged boyfriend. He testified that his finger was on the trigger and the gun accidentally went off.

Janice Ransom, 36, spent 33 days in the hospital as a result of her injuries. She will have to undergo future procedures.

There had been several attempts to have the defendant released on bond prior to the trial due to health problems. He is a diabetic and is awaiting a kidney transplant. He also had a quadruple bypass several years ago. His attorneys referred to his health as life-threatening.

Judge Gail McKnight of the 18th District Court refused reduction of his \$250,000 cash bond on two occasions.

## Botsford appoints 3 to area facilities

Three appointments have been made by Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, to its facilities in Livonia.

Leslie Ponessa Arroyo, D.O., has been named family practice residency program clinical director at the health center, 35000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Her areas of expertise include the management of acute and chronic illnesses, urgent care, pediatrics and gynecology.

She earned her doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine in North Miami Beach, Fla., in 1986, completed

her internship at Botsford Hospital in 1987, and her family practice residency at Bons Secours Hospital, Grosse Pointe, in 1993.

Andrew Cykiert and Steven M. Katzman, both a D.O. and an internal medicine physician, have been added to the professional staff of Botsford. Both have

opened the Midwest Internal Medicine Associates, 20317 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Cykiert, a native of West Bloomfield, earned a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1990.

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the campaign. Among the highlights:

■ The campaign is focusing on parents who have children in school, with a special push to win support from parents who don't usually vote or who are newly registered. The district has launched a registration drive.

■ Campaign committees are being formed in all voting precincts to seek support.

■ Officials are stressing that the 6-mill, one-year tax increase is a "one-time shot" because property taxes cannot be used after next year, said board president Francis "Bud" Winter.

■ A 6-mill tax increase would

generate \$7 million and restore busing and most educational programs, officials said. A property owner with an \$80,000 house and a \$40,000 state-equalized valuation would pay an additional \$240 in school taxes.

■ No money has been set aside in the current budget for salary increases, although five employee unions are working without contracts. Some residents have blasted what they consider excessive salaries.

■ The board will soon list its priorities for restoring programs, amid hopes the tax increase will pass. Superintendent Larry Thomas expects to recommend priorities as early as next week.

# Officers pumped about bike patrol

BY BARBARA WILSON  
STAFF WRITER

Police officers in Westland are lining up to be the next officers trained for bicycle patrol in the city.

Police Chief Emory Price said a sign-up list for volunteers netted about 16 names of officers interested in participating in the effort.

"Even with the rain these guys wanted to get on their bikes yesterday," Price said Friday. "We have had a lot of good response from the officers and from the community."

Officers working with the DARE program were originally trained for the detail because there would be no need for them in the schools during the summer months. Now that school is back in session, new officers will be trained to ride the bike patrols through the fall.

Mountain bikes were bought for as little as \$600 each by the police

department earlier this year so that officers might be able to more closely patrol certain areas.

Price said businesses have been very positive about the effort because when on bikes the officers can get closer to the shops. Citizens seem to have a positive response as well.

"The officers say people come out of their houses to offer them cold drinks and just to say hi," Price said. "People seem to think the officer isn't so threatening on the bikes."

Price even credits the bike patrol officers with limiting drug trafficking in one Westland neighborhood.

"I'm sure the officers on bikes made a dent in some drug sales," he said.

Price hopes to continue the patrols as long as the weather holds out. He said the program will be evaluated daily on weather and manpower conditions.

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**WESTLAND MAYORAL ELECTION**

This is a primary election and the top two vote-getters will advance to the Nov. 2 election. The winner will get a four-year term. The primary is Sept. 14.



**Candidate: Kenneth Mehl, 46, has lived in Westland for 24 years**

**Employment:** Senior product engineer, General Motors Powertrain  
**Education:** Bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, Lawrence Tech  
**Civic activities:** Current city council member, Westland festival 25th anniversary co-chairman, Dad's Athletic Club, Westland Youth, Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement, adult softball Wayne-Ford Civic League

**Q.** Should pensions for retired police and fire employees be increased? Why or why not?

► Mehl said he would support a one-time adjustment for retirees who receive small pensions — some as low as \$5,000 and \$6,000. Former city employees who left on a small pension "for whatever reason" need to be considered, he said.

**Q.** How can the police and fire departments be improved with little or no new funds?

► An advanced-type life support system for the fire department would improve it, but some money would be needed for training. Some new hires could be possible if the departments operate as efficiently as possible, he said.



**Candidate: Doug Noel, 43, has lived in Westland for 30 years**

**Employment:** Tax specialist, Internal Revenue Service  
**Education:** Bachelor of arts, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.  
**Civic activities:** Proponent of Westland homeless shelter, involved in aid for flood victims

► "We have a moral obligation to look at this, but we also have a moral obligation to the citizens of Westland," Noel said. Any adjustments would be only for retirees on the low end of the pension system, he said.

► "I'm pretty proud of our police department and our fire department," Noel said. "I don't think that we really have a problem." However, he said he would consider replacing the police department's bicycle patrol with motor-scooters.

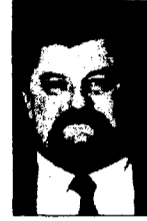


**Candidate: Charles Pickering, 50, has lived in Westland 22 years**

**Employment:** Real estate broker, Remerica Pickering & Associates.  
**Education:** Bachelor's degree in parks and recreation administration, Wayne State University.  
**Civic activities:** Mayor 1982-86, current city council member, Westland Chamber of Commerce, Westland Jaycees, Westland festival, Goodfellows, Breakfast Lions, Dad's Athletic Club, Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Inc.

► "I think it's fair to sit down with those people and discuss it," Pickering said. He said he's "open-minded" to possible adjustments for retirees with low pensions, but those with pensions over \$20,000 "shouldn't be looked at." He said he would support a one-time adjustment for retirees with pensions in the range of \$10,000 and under.

► Westland has very good police and fire departments, Pickering said, but he said the city should continue to be proactive. He noted that he has already been involved in improvements such as DARE and Youth Assistance. He also said the city should hire the best public safety officers it can as positions are filled.



**Candidate: Kenneth Raupp, 47, has lived in Westland his entire life**

**Employment:** Ford Motor Co. test technician, engine development.  
**Education:** Attended Wayne County Community College and is working toward degree in electrical engineering.  
**Civic activities:** Citizens Against Government Waste, volunteer chess instructor at Adams Junior High

► "No," Raupp said, voicing strong opposition to adjusting retiree pensions. "I believe that the council and the administration have to come into the 21st century."

► By eliminating "waste," "abuse" and "fraud," the city can have the same or better services at half the cost, Raupp said.



**Candidate: Louis Telerico Jr., 27, has lived in Westland since just before he turned 1 year old**

**Employment:** Runs an electrical construction company  
**Education:** John Glenn High School graduate, also attended some classes at Henry Ford Community College and some courses on business management through Garden City Adult Education  
**Civic activities:** Donated electrical labor and parts to the Westland Fire House

► "I would have to review the information."

► Telerico said he would assign specific police to specific precincts, instead of having them wander around the city at large. By cutting fat from the city budget, Telerico said he would hire more police officers to patrol the city. Regarding the fire department, he said he believes it operates in a "super-efficient" manner.



**Candidate: Robert Thomas, 42, has lived in Westland for 30 years**

**Employment:** Mayor of Westland  
**Education:** 1968 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School  
**Civic activities:** Thomas listed none on questionnaire

► Retirees left their jobs with conditions that their unions negotiated in contracts, Thomas said. "You can't go back and (fix) all the inadequacies" of previous contracts, he said. He also noted that the average pension for police and fire retirees is \$30,000 — and that very few dip to the \$6,000 range.

► Thomas said both departments do a pretty good job right now, and some needed improvements already have been made. Among them: Placing empty police cars in subdivisions to give the appearance of constant patrols; having some police officers work 12-hour shifts; and a new computer system that has enhanced the response efforts of public safety departments.

# Challengers pan mayor's policy on debate cablecast

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Mayor Robert Thomas has drawn fire for refusing to allow a live debate among mayoral candidates to be shown on Westland's cable television Channel 8.

"Restricting is what it is," Councilman Thomas Brown said during Tuesday's city council meeting.

Mayoral candidates Kenneth Mehl and Charles Pickering — both city council members — had wanted a live telecast on Channel 8 of a debate Wednesday night at Westland's WLND cable station on Warren Road.

Thomas, Mehl, Pickering and mayoral hopefuls Doug Noel, Kenneth Raupp and Louis Telerico Jr. were invited to participate in the debate, which will be taped and aired at various times through Tuesday.

In a Sept. 3 directive to Diane Abbott, a contractor who manages the cable station, Thomas refused to let her show any live debates on Channel 8 and told her to "begin following this policy immediately."

On Tuesday, Thomas stood by his policy and said it helps to ensure that candidates won't overstep the boundaries of fairness on live television.

Even non-mayoral candidates

**Mayoral candidates Kenneth Mehl and Charles Pickering — both city council members — had wanted a live telecast on Channel 8 of a debate Wednesday night at Westland's WLND cable station on Warren Road.**

on the council questioned the mayor's unilateral directive. Council member Sandra Cicirelli voiced concerns about the "dictatorial" tone of the letter Thomas sent to Abbott. Cicirelli indicated that Abbott should be allowed to direct the debates.

But Thomas responded that as mayor, he is in charge of the cable station. The mayor has repeatedly come under fire from his political opponents amid allegations he uses cable for political gain.

The latest dispute came just one week before Westland voters will decide which two mayoral candidates will advance from Tuesday's primary and square off in the Nov. 2 election. (Abbott noted that primary results will be shown on Channel 8 on Tuesday.)

In another dispute involving candidates on cable, Pickering and Mehl continued to criticize the airing on cable of 10-minute segments that give individual mayoral candidates an opportuni-

ty to present their platforms. Thomas, Noel and Raupp were the only three candidates to accept an invitation to tape their own 10-minute segments, which will be shown through Tuesday. Telerico didn't respond, and Pickering and Mehl declined because they didn't consider it appropriate for cable.

The candidate segments amount to political advertising being paid by taxpayers, Pickering said.

Thomas disagreed and said cable viewers "want to know what the candidates stand for."

In yet another pre-primary controversy, Councilman Brown has asked city attorney Angelo Plakas for an opinion on whether city department directors who receive car expense allowances of \$1,800 a year can legally display campaign signs in their vehicles.

"This is not an ethical practice and should be discontinued immediately," Brown said Tuesday.

# Business robbed; purse snatched

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A convenience store/gas station on the southwest corner of Ford and Wayne roads was robbed early Sunday by a man who said he was carrying a gun in his pocket, police reports said.

In an unrelated robbery, a woman leaving a clothing store in the Westland Crossings strip mall on the northeast corner of Wayne and Warren was robbed of her purse Monday afternoon, police said.

No injuries were reported in either incident.

The convenience store robbery occurred shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday when a man walked into

Qwik Stop, warned the female cashier that he had a gun in his right rear pants pocket, and demanded money, police reports said.

The cashier, a Garden City resident, quoted the intruder as saying, "I am having a drug thing, and I need some cash out of the drawer."

The employee complied but never saw a gun, though the intruder threatened that he was carrying one. The bandit escaped with \$93, police reports said.

He was described as a white male, about 25 years old, with short sandy brown hair and a mustache. He wore a white T-shirt and a dark vest, the woman

told police.

The Westland Crossings robbery occurred just after 3:30 p.m. Monday after a 47-year-old woman left the Marshall's store in the strip mall, police reports indicated.

The woman reported that a "large, old, dark brown car" passed by her in the parking lot and that a black male reached out and grabbed her purse.

The woman told police that her purse contained \$200, a calculator, eyeglasses, loose change, a check book, her driver's license and various credit cards.

The robberies remained under investigation this week. No arrests had been made.

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# Top of the scale

## New N.Y. Philharmonic manager has area ties

BY MARGARET O'BRIEN  
STAFF WRITER

Like a crescendo, Stephen Vann has been rising to the top of the orchestra world where he now sits as the new general manager of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

Having reached the position at age 31, it appears that he has worked his way up at a pace faster than a Sousa march.

"It's very exciting, to say the least... I certainly hope I do the position and the institution justice," Vann, a former Oakland County resident, said last week from his old office at the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

"The orchestra recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. It makes you think about the history of music in America and all of the amazing talent associated with the New York Philharmonic," Vann said, sounding a little awed by his new position.

His work for the Columbus Symphony officially ends Sept. 30 when Vann begins his job in New York.

His success in his old post indicates that he is capable of doing more than just justice to his new job in New York, Columbus Symphony Orchestra chairman John Kane said.

Kane attributes major financial gains at the Columbus Symphony during the last two years to Vann's efforts.

"Stephen has been an essential force in the financial turnaround of the symphony," Kane said. "He has put a topflight team in place and has guided the orchestra through a turbulent time to a renewed stability and positive community spirit. He leaves the orchestra a healthier institution,

and better equipped for the future."

Shortly after Vann's arrival in 1991, the symphony reorganized after financial problems nearly shut it down. By June of 1993, the orchestra had a balanced budget due to increased contributions, up to \$2.6 million from \$1.5 million, and rising ticket sales that neared \$2.5 million, up from \$1.9 million.

The financial turnaround grabbed the attention of the community and the orchestra world, Kane said.

"We did it by making people realize the cost of losing something that had taken generations to build," Vann said about his success in Columbus. "Without a great orchestra, you can't have a great city."  
Vann said he has always believed that music is not only important for a city, but also an important part of life.

As a child, Vann spent eight summers at Michigan's Interlo-

chen music camp studying voice and a little bit of piano. Although he majored in English, Vann's belief in and love for music continued through his years at the University of Michigan.

"While I was in college, I organized a series of concerts in the dorms," Vann said, adding that he was also in the University Musical Society Chorus and worked at a music store in Ann Arbor.

"By the time I graduated, I just knew I had to be involved in the arts - in music," he said.

This interest led him to write a letter to former Detroit Symphony Orchestra executive director Oleg Lobanov, who created an administrative internship for Vann.

"The internship with the DSO really opened a lot of doors for me," Vann said. "It showed me how incredibly complex it is to put on so many performances and tours... I imagined that the administrative side of an orchestra would just be people discussing Beethoven by the water cooler."

With this early training under his belt, Vann went on to specialize in the administrative end of



■ 'The orchestra recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. It makes you think about the history of music in America and all of the amazing talent associated with the New York Philharmonic.'

Stephen Vann

orchestras and will be directly responsible for artistic planning, international touring, recording, broadcasting and operations for the Philharmonic, which has a \$30 million operating budget.

This is a big leap for Vann, who has been running smaller orchestras in Evansville, Ind., Omaha, Neb., and Columbus since 1984.

The move to New York will be sort of a homecoming for Vann,

who was born in Syracuse. While young, Vann moved with his family to Michigan where he grew up in Lathrup Village and attended Southfield schools. He was also an Observer & Eccentric carrier for many years.

He is the son of Dr. Carl Vann, a professor of behavioral science at Oakland University, who still lives in Lathrup Village.

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# Prison policy

## Prosecutor hopes to jam revolving door

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County chief assistant prosecutor George Ward is sick and tired of seeing Michigan residents bounce in and out of prison 10 times or more while government makes little, if any, attempt at rehabilitation.

"We just simply re-prosecute the same guy until we're blue in the face," he said of the current system. "The net effect is that we're wasting a ton of taxpayer money."

Recently Ward won what he called a "breakthrough" decision in the courtroom of Wayne County Circuit Judge Cynthia Stephens when the judge agreed to attach conditions to the parole of a habitual offender convicted of five felonies and four misdemeanors.

Ward, a Plymouth Township resident, had been appealing the two-year parole of Bloomfield Hills resident Alex Persichino, who was sentenced in May 1992 to one to five years for auto theft and fleeing a police officer. The parole board recommended Per-

sichino for parole 11 months after he was sentenced.

In the belief that Judge Stephens was unlikely to keep Persichino in prison, Ward requested that conditions be placed on his parole to straighten him out.

Judge Stephens' order says that Persichino "is on parole until he 'earns' his way off parole as evidenced by further order of the parole board."

To wit, Persichino is now required to attend weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings "without fail" for three years, hold steady, full time work for two years and "prove that he has not incurred a single violation of the traffic laws of any state or city," according to the court order.

Ward called Stephens' decision "a strike at the revolving door" and said he will seek similar arrangements in the future. "If we were stockbrokers we'd all be indicted for churning our customers' accounts."

In a sworn affidavit, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano agreed with Ward. "Each year in Wayne County, law enforcement

officers make many arrests for new crimes committed by former prisoners discharged from prior unserved maximum sentences... necessitating repetitive proceedings and repetitive expenses at the local level for the same offenders," the affidavit says.

Ward would like to see the parole board do what it already has the power to do under the law: to throw parolees who commit crimes back in prison to finish out the sentence they were assigned in the first place.

The way it is now when parolees commit crimes, they're tried and convicted, then jailed for the new crime, rather than the old one, Ward said.

This adds to the expense of the criminal justice system because a man is prosecuted, convicted and jailed a second time when he could simply be reincarcerated under the terms of his original sentence for violating parole.

Ward and Ficano agree that parolees should be required to show concrete evidence that

they've become good citizens just as Judge Stephens has required Persichino to do.

"These parolees should be structured with self-improvement terms and conditions," Ward said. "Isn't that good psychology, to make you earn your way in the world?"

So why doesn't the state's 10-member parole board take the advice if it's such a good idea?

Ward believes that the state corrections bureaucracy sees it as an overcrowding problem. If parolees who commit crimes are tossed back in prison, the state's got a problem with too many prisoners.

But if parolees who commit crimes spend six months to a year awaiting trial in the county jail, the problem is the county's, again and again in many cases.

The parole board is "more than happy to have a new case instituted," Ward said. "So they relieve the burden on their system."

The problem is that they're shifting the burden to the county systems.

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# Going to bat

## Sheridan hopes agency's a hit

BY DIANE GALE  
STAFF WRITER

It's going, going and it's out of the park.

You might remember the thrill of watching Pat Sheridan save the day in 1987 with a two-run eighth-inning homerun during the Tigers' American League playoffs.

The outfielder became known for coming through in dramatic moments during baseball history. In 1985, when he was playing with Kansas City Royals, his ninth-inning pinch homer tied game two of the American League playoffs against Toronto and in game seven of the same series he also hit a home run.

"My first big league hit was a home run off of Milt Wilcox," he said.

He was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in 1979 out of Eastern Michigan University. In 1982, however, he pitched his first major league disappointment when he ripped his hamstring during spring training.

He got called back up to the majors in 1983.

"I was pretty nervous for probably the first month," said Sheridan, who also played for the New York Yankees and San Francisco Giants. Sheridan ended his career in 1991.

The 35-year-old star traded in a baseball bat for insurance contracts with Conrad Insurance Agency and opened an office in Canton Professional Plaza on Canton Center three weeks ago.

"We came from Dearborn to Canton," he said. "Dearborn is overgrown and Canton is a growing area."

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**'When you're in baseball you kind of take for granted what you see figurewise compared to the real world. They give you \$55 a day to eat for road trips.'**

Pat Sheridan

Citizens Insurance Company of America. Sheridan holds a 50 percent share of the Citizens contracts signed in Canton. It's only fair considering he signed Citizens through his affiliation with Ernie Harwell, a Citizens Insurance spokesman who lined up the deal.

Sitting behind a desk in a yet to be decorated office, the Farmington Hills resident describes the adjustment of pulling in "checks with a lot of zeros" to selling insurance. He got his insurance license in 1986 when he was still playing ball. It turned out to be a good decision.

After he retired his bat, he took 12 months off to enjoy life, golfing and to take it easy. But that got old and boring.

"All your friends are at work," said Sheridan.

One of the biggest changes is the money.

"When you're in baseball you kind of take for granted what you see figurewise compared to the real world," he said. "They give you \$55 a day to eat for road trips."

Playing the major leagues was a dream come true for a young boy living in the City of Wayne who



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At bat: Pat Sheridan reminisces about his ball days in his Canton insurance office.

played ball every chance he got.

"I played baseball all the time," he said adding with remorse in his voice that youngsters aren't as devoted to the sport as they were when he was idolizing the 1968 Tigers World Series team, especially Al Kaline.

"No one is out there playing," Sheridan said adding baseball can be slow moving and youngsters are probably looking for faster action, like hockey — a sport he enjoyed but didn't pursue, because he wasn't a strong skater.

He decided to give up baseball when "I felt was going backwards."

Looking to the future, Sheridan and his wife, Melanie, are expecting a baby in November. They also have a 4-year-old daughter, Paige.

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# Circuit judges to help clear backlog

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
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There are getting to be too many criminal trials in Wayne County for the 29 Recorder's Court judges to handle.

There are so many defendants awaiting trial that seven Circuit Court judges have been temporarily relieved of their civil dockets in order to help try a backlog of 450 criminal cases, all of them awaiting trial for more than six months.

Since 1987, the Recorder's Court has been aided by five rotating Circuit Court judges who help try criminal cases. But with crime becoming so popular, a logjam of cases has developed at the big end of the funnel. Therefore, the seven additional judges were assigned to clean up the mess.

Circuit Judge Michael Talbot's job was to conduct pre-trial examinations on the 450-

case backlog. With haste borne of necessity, Talbot processed all of these "real hard-nosed cases" in 20 working days. In one day alone, Talbot heard 53 pre-trials. "It was ugly," he said. "We were spinning around."

By convincing defendants to enter plea bargains and waive jury trials among other things, Talbot reduced the number of cases awaiting jury trial by almost 25 percent.

So the idea is that seven circuit judges will try about 340 cases before Nov. 25, Talbot's self-imposed goal. That's about 48 trials per judge, or about six trials per day based on the Sept. 8 starting time. Each judge would have about 1.2 days on average to try each case.

"When Rick Kaufman and I first looked at this we were

scared stiff," Talbot said. "I can say now we should shut this thing down by Thanksgiving."

The circuit judges assigned to hear all these cases are William Cahalan, Michael Callahan, Richard Hathaway, Susan Beike Neilson, James Rashid, Michael Stacey and Edward Thomas.

Kaufman said that only the Circuit Court's efficient processing of civil cases has made it possible to cut seven judges loose for this special duty.

In 1985 Wayne County Circuit Court had more than 17,000 civil cases that had been pending more than two years, Kaufman said. As of right now there are 194.

The administration system Wayne County Circuit Court uses to process civil cases has been "adopted exactly" by the

Washington, D.C., Circuit Court and more recently by the St. Louis County Circuit Court, Kaufman said.

The credit? "It was a team effort. But I hope I played an important role."

It's too soon to tell, Kaufman added, if additional circuit judges should be added to the group of five that helps the Recorder's Court judges, although, "anything is possible down the road."

Talbot said that accelerating the criminal trial process isn't necessarily a matter of adding judges and courtrooms. It might be that the restricted pipeline can be cleared by tweaking the administrative procedures. Besides, Talbot said, no system is forever.

"The systems you put in place probably need a change every five years," he said.

# Madonna hosts taste fest

Madonna University of Livonia is hosting a "Taste Fest" Monday, Sept. 15, in connection with National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Set to occur in the Take 5 lounge, the event will feature a bunch of Columbian, Salvadorian

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The registration fee is \$20 if paid on or before Sept. 21, \$30

thereafter. Checks should be made payable to Wayne County Parks. No on-site registrations will be accepted.

All participants who register before Sept. 11 are guaranteed to get a free T-shirt. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age group, men and women.

The age groups are 1-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 and up.

## Parks festival features cruise

The Wayne County Park System will co-sponsor the ninth annual "Somewhere In Time" festival 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

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For more information, call 261-1990 or 675-7300.

## Entries sought in photo contest

The Ann Arbor Department of Parks and Recreation is accepting entries for the Focus On Michigan photography contest.

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The top three finishers in each division will be honored.

All local winners will automatically enter the statewide competition. State winners will be announced in February.

Deadline for entry is Nov. 1. For more information, call Irene Bushaw at 994-2780.

# Y kicks off MS exercise program

An exercise and support program for people with multiple sclerosis is being formed at the Livonia Family YMCA.

The program, a combination of water exercise, discussion and socializing, will be held Fridays from 6-8 p.m. Water exercise is set from 6-7 p.m. and group discussion from 7:15-8 p.m.

An orientation meeting is scheduled from 6-7 p.m. Friday,

Sept. 17, at the Y, 14255 Stark Road, north of Schoolcraft.

Doris Colling, a former Livonia resident and former employee at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce diagnosed with MS six years ago, is excited about the new program.

It was Colling who approached Y officials to suggest the program.

"I know this group might not be for everybody with MS but I am sure there are lots of others like myself who will benefit," said Colling.

The Livonia Family YMCA is working in cooperation with the St. Mary Hospital physical therapy department to train Y staff. The new group will also provide information from experts about new medication and

new treatment available to those with MS.

"I'm glad that someone out there is willing to offer such a program," said Sue Wilson of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. "We get a lot of calls asking for this kind of program."

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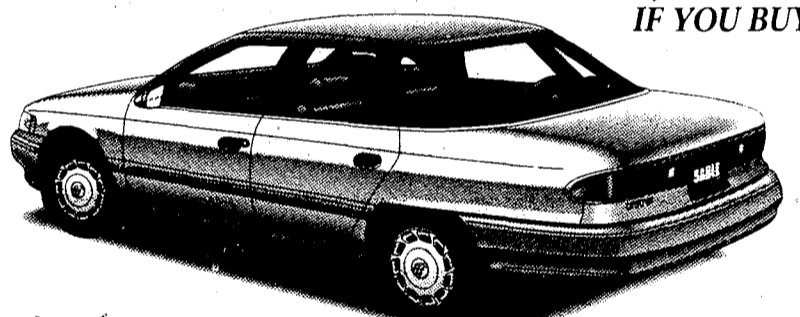


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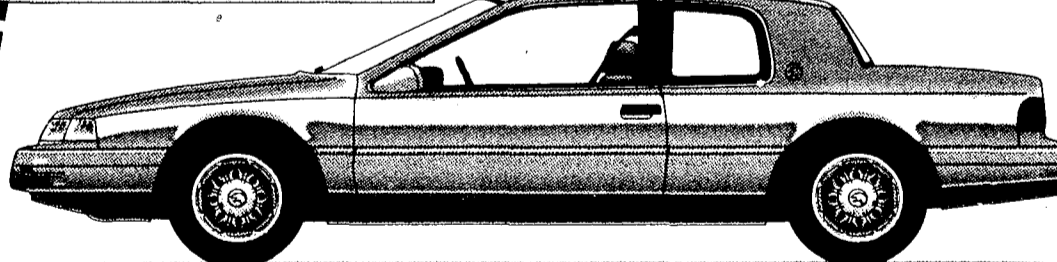
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**Picnic planned**

State Rep. Justine Barns, representing Westland in the state House for 11 years, will hold her annual picnic Saturday at the Lions' Club pavilion in Central City Park, on the south side of Ford, ¼ mile east of Newburgh, behind City Hall. Admission is \$5 for families and \$2 for senior citizens. Veterans and their families will be admitted free.

**Car show**

A car show and swap meet will be held by the Westland Chamber of Commerce Sunday in Central City Park, on the south side of Ford east of Newburgh, behind City Hall. Cars of the 1950s and '60s will be displayed in the annual event to start at 9 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m. Persons interested in displaying their cars or trucks may contact the chamber, 326-7222, during business hours. A free outdoor concert will be held at 6 p.m. in the park, featuring music of the '50-'60s. The concert is co-sponsored by the Westland Cultural Society and the Westland recreation department.



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**First day:** Frost eighth graders returned to school early Tuesday to help their new principal, Carol Schnurstein, welcome the seventh graders. Giving a helping hand (above) were Tim Deuby (left), Rob Shereda, Becky Peterson, Allison Soranno and Brianna Linsted. At right, on her first day as principal of Hoover Elementary, Karen Milton took time out to read to some youngsters.



**1st day not just for kids**

The start of the new school year was especially exciting this week for Livonia Public Schools' two newest principals, Carol Schnurstein of Frost Middle School, which serves part of Westland, and Karen Milton of Hoover Elementary.

**NEW PRINCIPALS**

Schnurstein taught 27 years in the district before being promoted to assistant principal at Emerson and Holmes middle schools.

On Tuesday, she spent time with some eighth graders who had come to Frost to help the seventh graders get through their first day of classes. The first day for the seventh graders included fire drills, tips on proper hallway behavior and guidelines for using the cafeteria.

"We're having a good day; everything's going smoothly," Schnurstein said Tuesday.

For Milton, returning to southeast Michigan signified a return to her roots. She comes to Hoover from Perry Public Schools, between Flint and Lansing, where she was an elementary principal.

"I'm thrilled to be back here," Milton said. "I moved out there temporarily in the early 1980s, when schools were closing. I wanted to be an administrator. I'm pleased to be able to return."

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# Mayoral primary

## Thomas, Pickering best of 6

**W**estland voters will go to the polls Tuesday to nominate two people for mayor.

The choices this fall are more challenging and interesting than in some previous primaries.

While there has been a lot of debate in the recent weeks of the primary campaign, there are clear choices Tuesday.

We recommend the nomination of incumbent Mayor Robert Thomas and Westland City Council President Charles Pickering.

Thomas and Pickering, two of six candidates, offer residents a contrast in policies, management and communication styles.

While the mayor has been criticized by several opponents and the Westland Chamber of Commerce, voters should be aware that this is nothing for Westland politics.

On balance, Thomas has done a good job in providing basic services, looking for new ways to improve police services and controlling city spending in the wake of negotiated pay increases for city employees.

Thomas has demonstrated that despite no prior management background, he can ask the right questions, focus on issues and look for answers to problems.

Though he has been criticized for dominating the city governmental cable-TV channel in the past three years, voters should be aware that

the channel is exclusively designated for government information and programs. Council members also had the same opportunity to get cable exposure and chose not to.

While there has been well-publicized problems with relations with the chamber of commerce and other groups, his mistakes aren't fatal, and the problems can be resolved. He has learned from his mistakes and, if nominated Tuesday, will be an effective campaigner in seeking a second term Nov. 2.

Pickering, whose one term as mayor was in 1982-85, had major fights with the city council — so mayoral-council feuds aren't anything new to Westland.

But to his credit, Pickering came back from his 1985 re-election defeat by Charles (Trav) Griffin to win a city council seat and later was named by his peers to be council president.

Pickering also has shown a political maturity in recent years.

He understands city government and how it relates to its employees and the residents and businesses they serve.

On issues, both Thomas and Pickering agree that a new city library is needed, support improved senior citizens' programs, and public safety services.

On balance, Thomas and Pickering are the best choices of the six candidates on Tuesday's ballot.

# Brace for new school taxes

**T**he celebration is over. Now Michigan taxpayers must brace themselves for a return to reality and paying property taxes for public education.

A delirious party at Greenfield Village, among taxpayers groups and in corporate Michigan, on Aug. 19 witnessed Gov. John Engler signing a law eliminating \$6 billion in property taxes after mid-1994.

But the hangovers have set in. Now it's time to replace that revenue so that public elementary and secondary schools, along with intermediate school districts, don't lose 65 percent of their revenue.

That means new taxes or increases in old taxes. The governor intends not to replace all \$6 billion in lost revenue, entertaining visions of massive cost savings through the magic wand of "privatization."

Privatization of public education is as big of a pipedream for our robust governor as the abolition of property tax is for homeowners. The only realistic and equitable way to fund public education is through the property tax.

We offer these educated guesses as to what will happen between now and Dec. 31.

■ Districts will be allowed to levy local taxes, probably on property, possibly on income. Lansing can't levy \$6 billion in state taxes to replace the lost local revenue.

The mood in the Legislature is to raise the floor on resources per pupil, perhaps to something like \$4,800. Most suburban districts are spending far more — \$5,000, \$6,000, up to \$9,000. They would be ruined if the ceiling were lowered to \$4,800.

So look for suburban districts to be allowed to levy local property taxes. How much? Well, the current statewide average is 34 mills-plus.

Our political/mathematical instincts tell us the new limit will tally in at 17 mills.

Engler has to determine what homeowners will take back without throwing him out of office. It's a tricky game, but when it comes to political chicanery, Engler has proven to be a master magician.

■ Income taxes will likely go up. We all know what happened to the sales tax proposals of 1989 (both) and 1993 (Proposal A). If voters reject still another sales tax hike, the Legislature will have no option but to raise the income tax.

■ The single business tax will have to yield more revenue. Business will get a \$2 billion cut when school property taxes are eliminated. No way can the state get away with shifting the entire burden to individuals and consumers.

Business doesn't even want to think about replacement taxes. At a hearing in the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce building, small business owners told a House Taxation Committee everything wrong with the SBT and that taxation stifles jobs. They displayed an astounding inability to grasp that they'll have to pay something.

■ "Sin" taxes won't do the job. It's fashionable to babble about socking smokers and drinkers, but the state can't drag \$6 billion out of them. Smoking, and tobacco taxes, are declining. Alcohol taxes that are too high will be evaded in the black market.

Party time is over. We need public schools. We need better public schools. We need to prepare kids in public schools for the workforce — which will mean curriculum and equipment changes.

Unless we can find a way to tax dreams at \$1, hallucinations at \$5 and delusions at \$10, homeowners and business people should plan to pay new taxes for their schools.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

### Don't shoot messenger

**W**ayne County Executive Edward McNamara's recent portrayal of Wayne County Auditor General Ramona Henderson as a "political arm of the county commission — who submits unprofessional audits" is undeserving and inaccurate. The auditor general was established by the Wayne County charter and an enabling ordinance.

Ms. Henderson is an apolitical, accomplished professional who plays an important role in the accountability and the integrity of Wayne County government; she offers expert advice for county department managers on their accounting and financial reporting practices, alerting them of any variance that might have significant impact on either the finances or the performance of the department.

Ms. Henderson conducts her audits in a very formal manner without malice or favoritism, identifying the audits to be addressed at the beginning of the year. Selection is determined by county risk, potential liabilities, and/or dollars that might be saved.

Upon approval by the audit committee, the county executive is advised of the plan and the audit list is distributed to the various departments and then becomes public information. Audits are done on a rotational basis, no one is targeted. Departments are given the opportunity to review, discuss and provide correction before an audit is released.

Ms. Henderson's audits of various county departments and her recommendations have not only resulted in more efficiency and professionalism, but have saved the county \$11 million dollars in the past six years. In addition, the auditor general works with the executive branch, providing 1,200 hours to outside auditors (of the CEO's choice) to perform the countywide annual audit (of) approximately \$90,000 in audit fee savings to the county.

Presently, the auditor general has volunteered to provide all resources for the airport tax audit, usually done by the state of Michigan, which will not only save the county immeasurable money but will also bring in tax revenue.

The Wayne County Vehicle Management Operational Audit of May 7, 1993 (released on June 14) which was criticized by the administration, not only addressed the county executive departments but also addressed the county commission. If items in this audit report were addressed by the CEO, the county could credit a \$1 million savings per year.

Kay Beard, vice chair  
Wayne County Commission

### Student tells appreciation

**O**n behalf of all the students in Livonia Public Schools, I would like to thank every citizen who supported the Aug. 30 millage election. By accepting the 1-mill property tax increase, many valuable Livonia programs have been restored for at least one year.

As a sophomore at Churchill High, I had been extremely worried about Livonia's 1993-94 budget and the future of our schools. Had voters rejected the recent millage, Livonia's students would have lost their athletic programs, suffered academically, and been deprived of many activities.

My years in Livonia Public Schools have been indispensable. By becoming involved with several fine programs at Churchill, I have gained significant knowledge and been a part of many beneficial experiences.

Athletically, I have earned four varsity letters and have been appointed as captain for the cross country and track teams. I also was designated as one of Churchill's Scholar Athletes.

As two-year class president and three-time student government member, I am very involved with school and community activities. I am a member of the yearbook staff, the historian of our National Honor Society, and a member of Students Against Driving Drunk, to name a few.

Academically, I am an honor student and enrolled in many accelerated classes. I also have been selected to appear in the 1993 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students," an honor bestowed on only 5 percent of the nation's students.

All of these involvements have helped me develop into a better person and provided me with priceless knowledge and wonderful memories that I will always appreciate. These achievements are proof that "Good things are happening in our schools."

This has been made possible due to the support of concerned, knowledgeable, and dedicated individuals in Livonia's exceptional public school system.

Once again, I would like to thank Livonia's voters. By passing this millage, you have provided me and my fellow students with many well-needed and wonderful opportunities. We will continue to strive for new heights of excellence and appreciate our community. Livonia and the rest of the world will soon be rewarded with well-rounded, intelligent, caring young adults.

Tracy Parker, Livonia

### Don't mention

**M**y name was referred to in an article entitled "They have faith and hope and Zion," dated Aug. 26.

I was not aware that I was going to be listed in this piece, and for personal reasons, I would rather not have been named. Without belaboring the issue, or awarding criticism to anyone involved in this article, I would simply like to make that fact known.

Margaret Kozak

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### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

With the Wayne-Westland school district eliminating busing for secondary schools, did you have any problems getting to school last week?

We asked this question of students at John Glenn High School.



No. I drove.  
Sherry Pitera



I drove, but the traffic was a lot worse.  
Jennifer Brown



Yes. I carpooled with friends.  
Joe White



No problem. I drove to school. But there were traffic problems.  
Shearad Westbrook

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POINTS OF VIEW

Mayor defended

After reading the letter from James Williams from Northville in the Aug. 19 Observer, I felt compelled to respond. He indicates he is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce so he has "gained considerable insight and knowledge of the Westland community." Well, obviously, not as much as he thinks.

Williams indicated Mayor Robert Thomas broke several of his campaign promises. One was to end fighting in government. As the mayor's executive secretary, I have sent numerous letters to the city from the mayor offering information and asking for input from them. Seldom have we received a reply. Without notice, the council president has quit attending bi-monthly meetings with the mayor. Also, there is one councilman who has refused to step foot into the mayor's office since the very first day!

In the 18 years I have been employed by the city, I have never met a mayor who responds to the constituency as Mayor Thomas does. He will block out an entire morning to return calls. This is in addition to personal house calls, Town Hall meetings, his live call-in program and Neighborhood Walks.

The mayor has maintained a good relationship with union members and

citizens alike. Out of several unions, the only one complaining is AFSCME Local 1602, the union of which the mayor was previously a member. When elected mayor, he promised them a fair shake and a better contract to bring them up to par with others. He delivered on both of those and in return expects they be fair with him and the citizens of Westland by giving an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

Mr. Williams, you don't live in Westland. A community consists of much more than businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. The citizens are the heart of a community and they come first where Mayor Thomas is concerned. You said: "Vote, but vote for anyone but Mayor Thomas."

Does that mean if Adolf Hitler were running today, we should vote for him? If that is how you feel, I suppose we should be thankful that you live and vote in Northville, not Westland.

Nora Herbert, Westland

'Outsider' criticized

I have lived in Westland for more than 30 years and have seen and heard some strange things, especially at election time. I usually keep my opinions to myself, but I felt it necessary to voice them after the Observer

published a letter from a Northville resident telling Westland voters who to vote for in the upcoming city elections.

I am referring to the letter by Jim Williams who represented himself as a member of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. However, he and others like him are what's wrong with a majority of Westland businesses — they do business here by day but retreat to their homes in more affluent suburbs like Northville, Plymouth, Bloomfield Hills, etc., when the work day is done. Williams cannot have the pride that Westlanders feel for their city. Why? Because he does not have the personal vested interest in the city that residents do. So it really irritated me when he tried to tell us how to vote.

Westland residents need to ask these questions:

As an outsider, does Williams really care if all our fire stations are open? Does it matter to Williams that our police department's manpower is up and they are better equipped to deal with today's problems? Does Williams have to worry whether the snow is off the sidewalks of Westland so that he can make it to work on time? The answer to all of these is NO!!

If Williams were a smart businessman, he would recognize that things happening in our community are good, not only for our city as a whole but for

the business community as well. Lower city tax rates, better city services, improved public safety resources, decreased apartment/strip mall developments, and new homes going up in many locations are signs of a growing, thriving community.

I only hope that Williams does not speak for all Chamber members because his negative words cast doubt on his (and perhaps the chamber's) motives. Maybe one of the candidates has made Williams "an offer he couldn't refuse" in return for his support and negative comments about Westland.

I can only say that I'm sure Westland residents can look around them and see that their community is a fine place to live and if Williams lived here he'd know that too! Westland voters can look at the track records of the major candidates and make an informed decision as to who should lead this city.

Tom Dunigan, Westland

Mayoral script?

As a concerned citizen, I attended the mayoral candidate debate at the Westland Ford Civic League Sept. 1. I would like to share a few of my observations with your readers.

Were the candidates given these questions ahead of time? It seemed to

me that Mayor Robert Thomas was reading from a prepared written notebook. For every question but one, the mayor only had to flip from one page to the next to be able to read his responses. Too bad his answers were not from the heart but seemed to be staged and planned ahead of time.

The one question asked regarding how many police and fire department employees drove city vehicles home and how much did it cost taxpayers seemed to really catch the mayor off guard, and he did not have a prepared answer. He could only respond that he did not have an accurate figure with him and that he was sure only a few ever drove city vehicles home.

Thank goodness Ken Mehl had a chance to respond and let the taxpayers know that several (approximately 35) police employees plus fire department employees and directors do drive city vehicles home and that it is costing the taxpayers an estimated half million dollars for gas, insurance and maintenance.

Let's hope the other five mayoral candidates will take (candidate) Charles Pickering's challenge and have a real unrehearsed debate so the real truth can be heard! We don't need to hear the same staged garbage but find out what each candidate really has to offer the citizens of Westland.

Rick Korzon, Westland

Brochures show continuing ed is alive and well

Everything's up to date at the local community colleges — Oakland and Schoolcraft. You can tell from the catalogs from OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus and Schoolcraft's two campuses for their "continuing education" classes.

They don't call it "adult ed" any more. Some courses are for kids. Moreover, many older adults take regular credit courses to earn associate degrees. Half the graduating students at our community colleges have grey temples and bifocals.

When he was chancellor at OCC, Steve Nicholson used to say that community colleges enroll more people with bachelor's degrees than graduate schools.

Looking at the brochures, you can see why.

OCC's Womencenter has a series that is realistic if depressing: legal clinic, divorce support group, incest survivor support group, math anxiety for women, "mended and moving on,"

"transitions" and domestic violence.

There's a page of social and religious consciousness activities: work in a soup kitchen, nonviolent conflict resolution, global awareness lectures, even retreats conducted by Catholic priests.

A series of concerts features artists from Spain, France, Brazil, Germany and Israel. That would be eye-opening. In the U.S., our classical music tastes are oriented toward northern Europe, and we neglect a lot of superb Latin American music.

The "distinguished speakers" series has no great orators but three people who are in the thick of Michigan government: state Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Democratic gubernatorial hopeful; L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive; and Joe Knollenberg, a freshman congressman with decades of political experience.

There are long lists of courses in the real estate and insurance fields; personal finance courses; and the inevitable computer courses on systems, word



TIM RICHARD

processors, spread sheets, graphics and publishing.

Besides the traditional arts and crafts courses, OCC has one on "marketing your arts & crafts."

There are a couple of pages of gourmet dinner offerings and culinary arts courses that seem to add inches to your waistline just reading about them, followed by two more pages of fitness and recreation classes.

Traveling? Study Italian and Russian.

Schoolcraft, under President Dick McDowell, is keenly aware of how many people are getting out of the corporate rat race and into their own businesses. Four new courses are: employment law, creating employee handbooks, discrimination in the workplace, sexual harassment in the workplace and the Family Leave and Medical Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

That's followed by a column on starting a business, what it takes to "make it big," franchising, finding capital and (get this) "taking your business global."

Schoolcraft's folks must have been reading our Barry Franklin's fitness columns. The culinary basics has new offerings on European bread making and pasta cooking along with the reliable courses in wild game preparation, vegetarian cuisine and "chocolate, chocolate, chocolate." I don't dare even look at the gourmet dinners.

Schoolcraft's most famous personage

may well be Don Morelock, who teaches piano teachers. The music program has a youth piano project, guitar, opera and community choir courses. There are free faculty recitals and an artist in residence who is a top chamber musician.

We don't cover it much in a community newspaper, but there's a big harness racing industry out here, so Schoolcraft has 11 appropriate courses, including hoof care.

Yes, there is a Womencenter and many of the same offerings as OCC. The language offerings are extensive: Polish, Japanese, Italian, German, Russian, French, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. My Spanish teacher last year was a former Peace Corps volunteer who had worked in Bolivia.

Your brochures should have arrived during August in the mail. If you lost it, call OCC's continuing ed office at 471-7520 and Schoolcraft's at 462-4400. You'll want to look at both.

Summer's end sheds light on mistrust of lawyers

Labor Day in Michigan always gives me a slightly sad feeling, a regretful look backward at summer's coming to an end.

The corn may be ripe, the tomatoes luscious. But the rich gold light we get at this time of year always comes to me tinged with the hollow sound of the cicadas.

And for those who shut down their cabins Up North over the weekend, the last slap of the screen door closes out another summer season.

I spent some time this summer at our cabin in the Upper Peninsula, five miles from the nearest phone. Returning to the hurly-burly of the real world reassured me that life hadn't changed that much while I was out of touch.

The politicians still are fussing and fuming about taxes and school quality. The UAW and the auto industry still are negotiating. The Tigers still are not quite in contention.

And thanks to Dick Aginian's auto accident in Florida, I know trial lawyers still infest the land.

Dick is president and CEO of the company that owns this newspaper. A perverse fellow, he took part of his vacation this year in Florida, where an elderly gentleman swerved his car across the median and slammed into the front end of Dick's.

Dick and Diane, his wife, are a bit bruised but OK. Upon their return to Michigan, they started getting a lot of mail from the Florida ambulance-chasers. Dick shared some with me.

One outstanding example was a slick, four-color brochure featuring a smiling lawyer standing before what looks like a law library.

The accompanying letter urged Dick to retain the lawyer: "My job as YOUR Accident Attorney is to quickly obtain compensation for such expenses as ambulance bills, hospital bills, doctor bills, lost wages, rental car expenses, and property damage. . . Except for costs, I receive no attorneys fees unless YOU RECOVER DAMAGES!"



PHILIP POWER

Another letter ended in boldface type: "Protect your rights, speak to no one but an attorney. Do not hesitate to call!"

Evidently, the good ol' boys in Florida have quite a system worked out. A publication called the Florida Reporter scans newspapers and other public records and prints the names and addresses of people who have had accidents. Then the ambulance chasers go to work.

(For the record, the correct term for the activity of encouraging people to sue others is "suborn." For most lawyers, it has a fairly unethical ring to it, evidently unheard in parts of the Florida bar.)

Persistent readers of this column will recall my general views about lawyers in general and the plaintiff's bar in particular. I'm glad to see the problem is, if anything, worse in Florida than it is here in Michigan.

Let the record also show that Dick and Diane survived a head-on collision with only minor scrapes and bruises, thanks to seat belts and an air bag.

Buckle 'em up! Hope you had a safe holiday. It's good to be back.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His voice mail telephone number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

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# Voucher supporters say public schools overspend

By TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

In the challenger's corner were voucher fans calling for schools of choice, lower teacher pay, Latin and Greek, parental control.

In the defending champ's corner were Michigan business and the current educational establishment pushing employability skills.

In center ring were the referees — six Republican state senators and a representative — studying education reform in the wake of their repeal of \$6 billion in local property tax revenues.

"I have very mixed emotions about 'choice' or voucher," said Rep. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, whose district includes part of Troy. Citing her own father (fourth grade) and mother (eighth grade), the veteran lawmaker asked: "How do you have schools of choice and include all children? Not all parents care. And those that do care can't always provide transportation."

The GOP hearing drew more than 300 combatants and spectators Tuesday evening to the steamy auditorium of Royal Oak's Kimball High.

## Focus: vouchers

Center of discussion was the voucher system, prohibited in 1970 when voters amended the state constitution. With vouchers, state money would follow a pupil

into any school, public, proprietary or religious. Supporters see it as a way to keep kids out of the state's employability curriculum and away from outcomes based testing.

"I'm disillusioned," said Birmingham mother Carol L. Pope, chair of Friends of Michigan Schools in Oakland County. She deplored public schools' emphasis on "attitudes, not cognitive skills; social-behavioral and attitudinal outcomes. It's more political than educational," she said, charging the Michigan Education Association union had taken over school reform. "Get that solid core curriculum," Pope told lawmakers. But she was hooted when she charged public school teachers are making "\$43 an hour for part-time work."

"Go back to classical education — Greek and Roman philosophers, logic, math, Tacitus, Plato, Aristotle, Plutonium," said Troy mother Charlene Femminine.

She said the state should assign schools \$2,000 and reward successful schools whose pupils exceed minimum state assessments with more money.

Countered Dante Lanzetta, former Birmingham mayor who works in survey research: "Ask any parent if he really wants a child to go into the world with a 16th-Century education. They won't make it. We kid ourselves if we think otherwise."



Joseph Marinelli

"Teachers are the only people I know who have a large advisory group — people who would not dream of telling a surgeon or auto mechanic what to do, but will tell the teacher how to teach."

## Progress already

"We've already made major educational reforms," said Dorothy Beardmore, former Rochester school board member now in her second term on the State Board of Education.

Business, industry and university educators contributed to the massive research base that went

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into the model curriculum, she said. "The employability skills profile was developed by business," Beardmore added.

Beardmore, one of the GOP's chief movers and shakers on educational change, said Michigan has moved toward recertification of teachers every five years and identified entry-level standards for new teachers.

Asked why so many community college students need remedial work, Beardmore said, "Those students do know the basics — add, subtract, multiply, divide. But to use that knowledge — they haven't learned. They may not know which they should do. That is why the MEAP tests have been changed."

MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) has been changed to emphasize problem

solving rather performing individual steps.

John Richter, a Southfield employer who has interviewed 40 job candidates, agreed with Beardmore that job seekers often don't know which step to perform. "They can't think logically," he said.

But to LeAnn Goldman, a Birmingham mother, the state's model core curriculum "places increased emphasis on non-academics, social views, emotional health. There are lessened factual academic assignments, no European history, no American history before 1860" and too much modern pop literature with "undesirable role models."

Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, questioned her about the teaching of values: "I get complaints. What values are we supposed to teach? Aren't we supposed to teach kids it's bad to lie and that democratic government is good?"

Goldman quoted her daughter as saying that if she writes about "a particular view on euthanasia, she'll get a better grade."

Honigman: "That's the teacher, not the state. Who determines the values to be taught?"

Goldman: "If we can't come to agreement, let's drop it."

Honigman didn't drop it: "I don't think you really want a value-free education."

## New money

Voucher fans generally attacked public schools for overspending but offered no ideas on how the state should replace the 65 percent of school revenue after the property tax is repealed in mid-1994.

Former teacher Lynn Ehrle of Plymouth advocated a graduated income tax (7.5 to 9.5 percent), a higher use tax on hotels and a higher sales tax on restaurant meals.

"Every state has higher hotel-motel taxes. Eighteen have 12 to 15.75 percent," Ehrle said. "Michigan's restaurant tax is 4 percent. That's unheard of elsewhere. They charge 7, 8 — 11 percent."

Joseph Marinelli, Livonia superintendent of schools, asked the state to give all schools a "foundation grant" and a limited local revenue source for districts that want to spend more.

Beardmore said the State Board advocates:

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Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents Wendy Wasserstein's "Isn't It Romantic," at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, through Oct. 3. Call 733-2900 for ticket prices and show times or TicketMaster, 645-6666.

Plymouth Theatre Guild

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present Neil Simon's "God's Favorite," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 17 through Oct. 2, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, Northville. Call 349-7110 for tickets. Advance tickets also available at Sir Speedy Printing, 485 S. Main, Plymouth and Hevenly Bakery, 43053 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville.

Avon Players

Avon Players open their season with the musical comedy "Baby," 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at the playhouse, 1185 Washington Road, Rochester Hills. Shows 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 9. Call 375-1290 for ticket and season information.

Birmingham Theatre

Season opens 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, with "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." Show runs through Oct. 17. Tickets range from \$19.50 to \$35, available at the Birmingham Theatre, 211 S. Woodward, 644-3533 and all Ticketmaster outlets.

Jazz pianist

Sasha Burshtein, internationally acclaimed classical and jazz improvisationist will perform 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend, Birmingham. Tickets \$20 per person, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Call 642-7900 Ext. 7159 for information.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- Find out what our theater critic has to say about Jewish Ensemble Theatre's season opener — "Isn't It Romantic."
- Armando's opens a new Mexican carry-out restaurant in Livonia.

'Evita' revolutionary wins battle of odds

Dan Cooney grew up in Westland, graduated from John Glenn High School, and stars as the revolutionary Che Guevara in "Evita."

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER



In high school, he was "hell on wheels. He would change stuff in concerts," said Bruce Graden, his vocal music teacher at John Glenn High School in Westland.

Like the character Che Guevara he plays in "Evita" opening Sept. 14 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit, Dan Cooney has done some pretty revolutionary stuff.

"He's really paid his dues. He worked a lot of crappy jobs for years, just barely making it. He had great luck. He loved to sing, he's a very hard-working kid, very talented and a good actor," said Graden.

Cooney grew up in Westland, and launched his career doing dinner theater in Florida. It was the start of his battle against the odds to become an actor.

Two of his friends, John Sartor of Dearborn, and Kent Dalian of Plymouth went with him. "We all came home with our tails between our legs. We kept trying and now share an apartment together in New York. We're best buddies, and we're all doing well."

"EVITA"

Theater: Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, 3011 West Grand Boulevard, at Second, Detroit  
Curtain time: Show opens 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 and continues through Sunday, Oct. 3. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday through

Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday.  
Tickets: Range from \$25 to \$42.50 Tuesday through Thursday; Saturday, Sunday matinees and Sunday evenings. Tickets \$30 to \$47.50 Friday and Saturday Evenings. Call Ticketmaster, 645-6666. For more information, call 872-1000.

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With good friends, and a supportive family backing him, Cooney kept going to auditions, trying to get parts. "My mom encouraged me," said Cooney in a phone interview from his apartment in New York. "She was real supportive, even when things were tough. I was ready to give it up when she bought me a plane ticket to go to an audition for 'Jesus Christ Superstar,' in New Hampshire."

Cooney got the part. He performed the role of Jesus and Judas in two separate productions of the show. Other parts followed. When things got tough, his family and friends stood behind him. "My brother sent me money in New York," said Cooney. "I would eat macaroni and cheese for three weeks."

Cooney was last seen performing the role of Marius in the Broadway company of "Les Miserables." Getting the part was a lucky accident, according to Graden.

"He was trying out for 'Cats' and there were a lot of people at the audition. On the way he passed a room where they were auditioning parts for

'Les Miserables.' There wasn't anyone there so Dan asked if he could audition. He did, and got the part."

Cooney has been on the road with "Evita" portraying Che Guevara for the past four months. The show is booked through May of 1994.

"Evita," is based on the rags to riches story of Eva Peron who was born dirt poor and became one of the richest and most powerful women in the world when she married Juan Peron, president of Argentina in the 1940s. Eva Peron died of cancer at age 33, and her legend lives on.

"Evita" is like a documentary put to music," said Cooney. "We're going moment by moment to piece together pieces of Eva Peron's life. It's an amazing story, set to fantastic music."

Cooney read Eva Peron's, and some of Guevara's biography to help prepare him to portray Che. "It's a fantastic role," he said. "His range is immense, he's very passionate and angry about what Eva has done to her country. He's all over the stage, there's a huge emotional range. It's really a blast to do, but it's very demanding. I've got to be in good shape, I'm constantly singing and running."



Revolutionary: Dan Cooney, a John Glenn High School graduate, portrays Che Guevara in "Evita," opening Sept. 14 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

Valerie Perri portrays Eva Peron. She premiered the role on the road in the First National touring company of the show in 1982; David Brummel plays Peron.

In the show, Che ranges in age from 17 to 24. Cooney is 25. He said he's looking forward to coming home, to visit his mother and father, brothers, and their families.

"My dad was more skeptical of my career choice," said Cooney. "In a very caring and loving way he encouraged me to do something more grounded. When I didn't, he said 'do your best kid.' Now he's very excited and has all friends coming to the show."

Event offers taste of popular restaurants

Mark your calendar for the feast of the season when the Schoolcraft College Foundation presents its second annual "Culinary Extravaganza" 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in the college's Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia.

Joe Muer of the popular Joe Muer's, Detroit, is the Extravaganza's honorary chair for the second year, along with co-chairs Betty Jean Awrey of Awrey Bakery in Livonia, and Jean Shapero of Northville. All proceeds from the event will fund culinary arts scholarships.

Tickets for the extravaganza are \$35 per person, and can be reserved by calling Schoolcraft's Institutional Advancement office at 462-4417. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and personal checks are accepted.

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open for lunch, noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

New to the restaurant this fall is the offering of French and Russian culinary selections, in addition to its traditional American cuisine. A variety of tempting entrees are offered daily, with prices ranging from \$6-\$10. Each Friday the regular menu is cast

aside in order to present an extensive gourmet buffet of appetizers, entrees, and desserts for \$8.25 per person.

Seating is limited to 50 guests per day. Reservations can be made by calling American Harvest at 462-4488. The American Harvest Restaurant is located in the Waterman Campus Center.

Night out at Porterhouse benefits Plymouth Symphony

The Plymouth Symphony League and Porterhouse Meats will present "A Night Out At The Porterhouse," 5-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, to benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Porterhouse Meats is at 1058 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Donation \$5 per person. For information, call 455-6770.

Sample fine gourmet foods, meats and seafoods from the Porterhouse, and gather ideas for the holidays from Kristin and Jack Trabue, owners of Porterhouse meats.

Over 50 members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will present a short Pops Concert under the direction of Russell Reed.

This will be the kickoff for the new season which begins 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Belleville High School Auditorium, 501 W. Columbia.

For season ticket information, call 451-2112.

The Oct. 9 concert, "Magnifique," will feature guest artist Flavio Varani and Grieg's "Piano Concerto, Op 16," plus selections of Wagner and Berlioz. "An Orchestra Safari" follows Nov. 14. This is a family concert with young Joshua Cullen, piano, and orchestration from "Beauty and the Beast," Disney, Muppets, and a trip through the orchestra with Britten's "Young Person's Guide."

Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant, featuring gourmet specialties prepared by the school's award-winning Master Chefs and Culinary Arts students, is now

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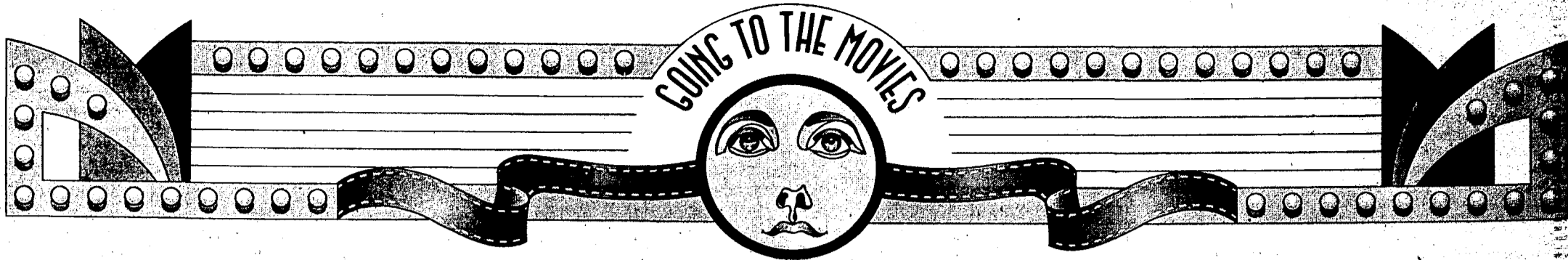
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# 'True Romance'

## Negotiation, adventure propel it



Clarence Worley (Christian Slater) had experienced very little romance in his life before he met Alabama Whitman (Patricia Arquette).

A loner who worked in a comic book shop and spent most of his spare hours watching old kung fu movies in shabby cinemas, Clarence was in his own world. Then Alabama walked into the Lyric Theatre and changed that world in the name of love in "True Romance," opening Sept. 10 at suburban movie theaters.

"True Romance" tells the story of the two unlikely lovers whose whirlwind romance propels them into a dangerous game of high-stakes negotiations and high-speed adventure.

After a whirlwind courtship, Clarence commits a crime defending Alabama's honor. His noble act spins the couple onto a collision course with both gangsters and police in an adventure that takes them on a feverish flight from Detroit to Los Angeles.

The pair find themselves in unexpected possession of a suitcase full of valuable Mob contraband,

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which they decide to take from Detroit to Los Angeles. There, they plan to sell their booty and begin a new life, but the gangsters — and police — have other ideas.

Directed by Quentin Tarantino, "True Romance," a Morgan Creek Production distributed by Warner Bros., takes the two young lovers to the dark edge of their lives as they fight to stay together in a violent world.

"Alabama has had a more difficult life than most people," said Arquette. "But she's a romantic at heart. She knows how to defend herself and fight for what she loves, even if that means dying for her man."

Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette both underwent major changes in appearance. Slater had his normal light brown, longish hair cut spike-short and colored jet black. Patricia Arquette's long, sandy brown hair was cut into a short 1970s bob with butterfly waves dyed platinum blonde.

"There are two sides to 'True

Romance,'" said director Tony Scott. "It's a bittersweet movie. I had actors such as Christian and Patricia who have charm as well as a darker side that suits this story well."

"Violence is integral to the piece but it is not gratuitous. It is the nature of the beast. I want to show that although true romance can survive, it does so in a very dangerous world."

"True Romance" is rated R, (Restricted, under 18 requires an accompanying parent or guardian.)

"True Romance" opens Friday at these suburban movie theaters: AMC Old Orchard, AMC Southfield City, AMC Wonderland, General Cinema Canton, General Cinema Novi, Quo Vadis, Showcase Auburn Hills, Showcase Dearborn Showcase Pontiac and Star Rochester.

To let us know what you think about "True Romance" or any other newly released film, call Keely Wygonik Taste/Entertainment editor, 953-2105, fax comments to 591-7279 or write Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.



Explosive story: Clarence (Christian Slater) and Alabama (Patricia Arquette) are two unlikely lovers who double-cross the Detroit mob in "True Romance."

RON PHILLIPS

# 'Witchboard 2' a supernatural murder mystery

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

"Witchboard 2: The Devil's Game," opening Friday at suburban movie theaters, is "not just a straight horror film, it's fun," said Ami Dolenz, one of the leading characters.

"It won't save the world. It's like going on a rollercoaster. It's fun to get scared."

"Supernatural murder mystery" is how Laraine Newman, who stars with Dolenz, describes it.

"Witchboard 2: The Devil's Game" tells the story of Paige Benedict (Ami Dolenz).

"She's someone who's always been taken care of — first by her father, then by her boyfriend," said Dolenz in a phone interview.

Paige wants to become an

artist and leaves her boyfriend, a cop, who still wants her back. She innocently discovers an ouija board in the closet of her new apartment left by the former tenant.

"Paige opens the closet door and it falls out," said Newman, who plays Elaine Loudon, Paige's landlady. "She whimsically picks it up and starts to play with it. She becomes intrigued, then entrapped. Almost immediately, the pointer starts spelling out words."

Through the ouija board, Paige is contacted by the spirit of Susan Sydney, the former tenant who claims she was murdered in the apartment.

Unsure of herself, but fascinated by the seductive power of the board, Paige returns nightly to the ouija board to investigate the mystery — unaware

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that her contact is opening the door to powerful evil that she can never control.

"I befriend Susan. She's a very strong woman. She helps bring out some of my stronger traits. I trust her, but then she turns on me," said Dolenz.

Paige's dreams are soon filled with horrible visions of Susan's death — and a series of brutal murders that has the whole building gripped with panic.

Each nightmare is more terrifying, each murder is more shocking than the last — and each is taking her one step closer to solving the mystery and confronting the ultimate terror face to face. "Susan

wants to possess me," said Dolenz.

The dialogue in "Witchcraft 2" is what attracted Newman, best known for her work on "Saturday Night Live!," to the script.

"There's not an excess of horror and gore," said Newman in a phone interview. "I thought the dialogue was funny. It was very unique. Elaine lives in the 1960s. She's kind of the comic relief in the story."

Newman and Dolenz both praised writer/director Kevin Tenney. "He's very creative, he's an actor's director," said Dolenz.

"Kevin develops the characters. Paige is someone who needed a change. The ouija board is used as a tool for change. Elaine is forced to deal with certain realities. She was

traumatized by her parents death and got stuck in the 1960s," said Newman.

"Witchboard 2" a sequel to the cult classic "Witchboard" released in 1986, is a Republic Pictures release. Tenney said his goal was to capture all the imagination and terror of the original, and at the same time do something totally new.

Instead of a gothic house in the suburbs, Tenney chose a gritty downtown loft; instead of college students, young professionals. But, like the original, the heart of the story is the strange and supernatural powers of the ouija board.

Dolenz, 23, is the daughter of actor-turned producer/director and famed "Monkee" Mickey Dolenz. She made her big

screen debut in a feature role in 1987 with Patrick Dempsey in "Can't Buy Me Love." Her debut in a leading feature film role was in 1990 when she starred in "She's Out of Control," with Tony Danza. Her latest film credits include "Rescue Me" and "Miracle Beach."

"Witchboard 2: The Devil's Game" is rated R (Restricted, under 18 requires an accompanying parent or guardian).

"Witchboard 2: The Devil's Game" opens Friday at these suburban movie theaters: AMC Southfield City, Showcase Auburn Hills, Showcase Dearborn, Star Rochester, Northwest, Quo Vadis, United Artists Oakland, United Artists 12 Oaks and United Artists West River.

# This journey to 'Kalifornia' fascinating but flawed



JOHN MONAGHAN

It begins as a simple auto tour of famous American murder sights and turns into a living hell.

Jason and Freddy no longer populate these locales but the strangers who come along for the ride with a writer and his photographer girlfriend provide nothing but trouble.

As the sloppy serial killer and his teenage girlfriend in "Kalifornia," Juliette Lewis and Brad Pitt have their best roles to date. They're the most exciting things about a thriller, which has plenty of energy but the subtlety and panache of an axe murderer.

"If there was a definition in the dictionary of White Trash, there would be pictures of Early and Adele," notes writer Brian in voice-over narration.

They have hooked up through a bulletin board posting, agreeing to share expenses and turns at the wheel on the cross-country trip to California.

Brian can't hide his fascination with the couple, especially Early, who is like some strange and exotic animal. Brian shoots pool with him and enjoys blasting out the windows of an abandoned building with Early's handgun.

Girlfriend Carrie, meanwhile, grows increasingly apprehensive.

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Girl-talk reveals that Early beats Adele regularly, but, according to the girl, "only when I deserve it." Carrie doesn't like the idea of guns and even less the idea of Brian getting mixed up with them.

At the heart of "Kalifornia" is the American preoccupation with psycho killers, fueled in part by the mainstream success of "Silence of the Lambs."

Jonathan Demme, the director of "Lambs" and the road picture "Something Wild," could have done wonders with a movie like "Kalifornia."

Here instead, we have music video director Dominic Sena, who confirms all of our worst fears about young directors in the wake of MTV.

Walking in during the opening credits, I had to ask the person seated next to me if this was the right movie. An aerial camera, surveying a warehouse area on a lightning-streaked night, looked like something out of "Blade Runner."

Sena offers more shots from high above, whether it be building or blender, and we soon realize the visual acrobatics add up to absolutely nothing.

He does best when the travelers actually make it to a handful of the murder sights. Brian, writing a book on serial killers, wants the experience of actually standing

where the murders occurred. These locales — a farmhouse, a meat packing plant, a warehouse — take on eerie lives of their own, especially when captured in Carrie's camera flashes.

Pitt is almost unrecognizable behind the scruffy beard and greasy hair, a far cry from the James Dean-style characters he played in "A River Runs Through It" or even "Cool World." For the waifish Lewis, this is almost a

**Suspense thriller:** Photographer Carrie Laughlin (Michelle Forbes) and writer Brian Kessler (David Duchovny) are a couple who embark on a cross-country trip to document America's most famous serial killings in the new release, "Kalifornia."

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sequel to "Cape Fear," answering the question of what would have happened if she had run away with Robert DeNiro's slimy ex-con.

As fascinating as it is flawed, "Kalifornia" ultimately veers off onto a psycho-killer highway too often traveled.

"Kalifornia" is now showing at these suburban movie theaters:

General Cinemas Canton, United Artists Fairlane, AMC Southfield City, General Cinemas Novi Town, Showcase Westland, Showcase Auburn Hills, United Artists West River, Star Winchester 8 and Showcase Pontiac.

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## "KALIFORNIA"

Released by: Gramercy Pictures  
Starring: Brad Pitt, Juliette Lewis, David Duchovny, Michelle Forbes  
Directed by: Dominic Sena  
Produced by: Aris McGarry, Joni Sighvatsson, Steve Golin  
Written by: Tim Metcalfe  
Running time: 125 minutes  
Rated: R (Restricted, Under 18 requires an accompanying parent or guardian)  
Rating (out of a possible four)



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**UPCOMING THINGS TO DO**

**Deadline for the Upcoming entertainment calendar is three weeks ahead of publication. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment editor, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.**

**AUDITIONS**

**■ PLYMOUTH YOUTH CHORALE**  
Plymouth Youth Chorale rehearsals and auditions begin Monday, Sept. 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Call 455-5304 or 451-1200 for information.

**■ JACKSON CHORALE**  
Auditions 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene St. Call 651-3085 after 5 p.m. for information.

**■ MARQUIS THEATRE**  
The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville, is looking for boys and girls ages 9-15 years old to audition for the musical, "Aladdin," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at the theater in Northville. Performers must provide their own sheet music, and be prepared to sing a song in their vocal range. Accompanist will be provided. Auditions for boys and girls 11 to 18 for the comedy "Halloween Madness," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the theater. Call 349-8110.

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**■ BEL-CANTO**  
Bel Canto Choral Society is holding auditions for women who read music and enjoy singing. Call Doris August, 851-8714 to arrange an audition.

**■ DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY**  
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**■ VILLAGE PLAYERS**  
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**CONCERTS**

**■ GROUP DU JOUR**  
Group Du Jour, the Farmington area Philharmonic, opens its season 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 at Farmington High School, 32000 W. Shiawassee. Call 478-2075 for ticket information.

**■ DSO**  
Season opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 with a concert featuring music by Wieniawski and Beethoven at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Concerts 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. Call 833-3700 for concert information or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

**CONCERTS**

**■ CLASSICAL EVENT**  
Members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will present a concert, 7-9 p.m. Friday at Conant Elementary School, 4100 West Querton Road, Bloomfield Hills. A brass quintet and string quintet will perform. Bring a blanket to sit on. Tickets are \$30 a family, adults, \$10, students, \$6, children age 6 and under free. For information, call 855-9151. Proceeds to benefit the DSO endowment fund.

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**■ GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE WALL**  
"The Soap Opera Murders," continue 7 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, at Genitti's Hole-in-the Wall, 108 E. Main, Northville. Call 349-0522.

**FOLK**

**■ LA CASA**  
Third annual La Casa Music festival, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 featuring Leslie Smith, Alan Rhody, an Lynn Miles at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward. Call 646-4950 for ticket information.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**■ DINNER DANCE**  
Reservations are now being accepted for the David Lincoln Naumoff Memorial Dinner Dance at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Cocktails 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Music and dancing. Tickets \$35 per person. Proceeds to fund scholarships for Redford Union graduates who plan to attend Schoolcraft College. Call 537-4810.

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**■ THEATRE GUILD**  
Meadow Brook Theatre Guild will hold their 2nd annual juried arts and craft show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25-26 at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on the Oakland University Campus in Rochester. Admission is \$2, free parking. Call 656-9370 or 370-3316 for information.

**■ FALL FESTIVAL**  
Southfield Parks and Recreation Department will present its Fall Festival, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at the historic Mary Thompson Farm, 25630 Evergreen, Southfield. Entertainment, fun for all ages. Call 354-4717 for information.

**Madonna to perform at the Palace Oct. 21**

Michigan's favorite Material Girl has included a show at The Palace of Auburn Hills as part of her quickie six-show U.S. tour. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday for Madonna's Thursday, Oct. 21, "Girly Show" at the venue near her one-time home town of Rochester. Tickets are \$35. A limited number of \$75 Super Fan tickets will also be available. The wristband policy will be in

effect. Fans may go to any Ticketmaster outlet or The Palace's box office to pick up a numbered wristband. They must return to the same outlet at 9 a.m. Friday. The outlet will then randomly choose numbers and the person holding that number will be first in line. Those without wristbands are last in line. For more information, call 645-6666 or 377-0100.

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Gary Oullette of Redford was recently honored as being a master foreman for eight years with the Davey Tree Expert Company. Oullette has demonstrated a record of quality performance and advanced skill and knowledge coupled with superior attendance and a concern for the safety of crews and the public.

Steve Kenney has joined Standard Paints & Coatings as financial controller. In this position, Kenney is responsible for the financial support, budgeting variance analysis, strategic planning accounting and treasury services for Standard's national operation.

Morten Smedstad has been named president and Tracey L. Szerlag has been named supervisor-marketing communications and at Nederman Inc. in Westland, a subsidiary of AB Ph. Nederman Inc., a Swedish manufacturer of workplace enhancement products.

Wayne County Associations for the Retarded has named Mitchell Howard as fund development director. WCAR is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoted independence, self determination and human dignity for adults with developmental disabilities through community participation and employment opportunities

Jal Shah of Toronto has been named manager of financial services for the Livonia-based Diversy Corp.'s Finance Group. Shah will soon be relocating to the Detroit area.

Edward Seidl of Lathrup Village has been named director, planning and financial analysis for Diversy Corp.'s Cleaning Systems Division.

Charles H. Roy, sales representative in the Garden City district office of the American General Life and Accident Insurance Co., has marked five years with the firm.

The Rose Cottage Banquet House and Restaurant in Northville has promoted Holly Parsons to the position of banquet consultant. Kimberly Ellen Barker will assist Parsons.

# Lopez 'adjusts' to business in Germany



DAN MCCOSH

Waking up to the sound of FBI agents rummaging around in the office downstairs is not a familiar experience to many U.S. auto executives, but that is pretty much what is going on in Germany these days, the aftermath of former GM purchasing czar Ignazio Lopez eloping from GM to Volkswagen at the beginning of the summer.

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and demanding price cuts from suppliers, rankled more than a few, which would be expected.

In retrospect, it also wasn't too surprising that he ended up tearing up one last contract — his own — in a bewildering exit from GM in favor of a juicier job at Volkswagen.

All that would have been a minor blip in GM corporate politics, save for the significant number of executives who chose to follow Lopez to VW. The brain drain was quickly followed up by GM charging that along with the loyalists, Lopez had taken along some top-secret GM documents.

Now, in a country like the U.S. that merely writes off a trillion or so in questionable bank loans as

part of the 'national debt,' the idea of prosecuting for a couple of missing papers seems ludicrous. The Germans, however, aren't laughing.

For one thing, VW is at least partly a state-owned company, with a separate board of directors representing the public investment. Lopez reports to a management board, and that board, is, if not in turmoil, at least unsettled.

Secondly, the track record of Germany enforcing the integrity of its banks, and by extension, it's major corporations, is a hard line indeed, with prison sentences commonplace for charges that in the U.S. would be marginal civil suits.

The German government is in-

terpreting GM's charges against VW as something that ultimately will affect German national interests, not the least of which is the pending U.S. trade pact with Mexico, where VW currently manufactures most of its cars bound for the U.S.

GM itself is also nearly as important to the German economy as VW, mainly because of its extensive Opel operations.

All of which begins to explain the involvement of the German government and the police investigation of GM's charges.

As for Lopez, he finally admitted he did see some strange papers when he unpacked his stuff, but he didn't read them and shredded them immediately.

Like he didn't inhale.

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

## SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

### MICROCOMPUTER CONFERENCE

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants is presenting a Microcomputer Conference on Friday, Sept. 10 at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy beginning at 8 a.m. Call 855-2288 for reservations and information.

### PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

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### DIRECT MARKETING

Bernie Goldberg, president of Direct Marketing Publishers, Inc. in Yardley Pennsylvania will address the Direct Marketing Association meeting at the Clarion Hotel in Farmington Hills. Topic: The Five necessary elements of direct marketing and the four most important ingredients required in designing successful marketing programs. Call 258-

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### SUCCESSFUL SALES

The Five Habits of Successful Sales People, a seminar sponsored by the Robert Morris Associates of Southeast Michigan Group will be the the Clarion Hotel in Farmington Hills on Sept. 23 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Call 473-4235.

### WOMEN ACHIEVERS

The YWCA Of Western Wayne County is seeking nominees for its second annual Women of Achievement awards luncheon on Friday, Nov. 5, at the Fairlane

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# BUSINESS

## SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

**Ronald Harris**, formerly of Livonia and a graduate of Bently High School, senior vice president of the Family Channel and former Turner Broadcasting corporate vice president is leaving his position at International Family Entertainment to become president, CEO, and an equity owner of MOR Music TV, Inc.



Harris

**James W. Parks** of Redford has been named assistant account executive at Eisbruner Public Relations in Troy. Parks will be responsible for copywriting, media relations and account planning.



Parks

**Frank W. Audia, CPA**, of Garden City has been named an associate at Plante & Moran in Southfield, the largest Michigan-based accounting and consulting firm.



Audia

**James P. Rutkowski** of Livonia has been named president of the human resources consulting firm HR ONE, Inc. in Southfield. Prior to joining HR ONE, Rutkowski was director of human resources for Follmer, Rudzewicz and Company.



Rutkowski

**A&W Restaurants, Inc.** in Livonia has recently added a new member to its management team, naming **Tom Stegeman** director of Franchise Sales — Eastern Region. He teams with **Bryon Stephens**, director of Franchise Sales — Western Region.



Stegeman



Stephens

**Dennis Lepper** has been promoted to customer service manager at Livonia-based United Parcel Service. Lepper was previously customer service area manager for UPS in Southern California.



Lepper

Livonia resident **Dale D. Schacht** was recently named a John Hancock Super Achiever, an award given by John Hancock Distributors for outstanding mutual fund sales performance.

**Cheryl Litton**, manager of the 56-unit Ridgewood Apartment in Westland was recognized for outstanding performance by the property's contracted management company, Cardinal Realty Services, Inc.

**Terry L. White**, founder and president of MacGroup-Detroit has been chosen to serve on the Apple Computer USer Group Advisory Council. To submit materials to this column, please send a brief biographical summary along with a black-and-white photo, if possible, to: Business Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. There is no charge.

## Friendly skies takeoff point for charter company

**■ Flying at the drop of a hat to an out-of-the-way destination can be a tough find for business travelers unless they hook up with the entrepreneur offering a charter service from Oakland-Troy airport.**

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Not many commercial aircraft depart at a moment's notice on your command.

Clement Levy's will. Not many pilots carry a passenger's baggage from the plane to the terminal.

Clement Levy's will. Not many planes offer several seats for the price of one.

Clement Levy's will. It took 2½ years to receive FAA approval, but Levy finally got the air charter arm of L&W Flying Services off the ground in February. The 55-year-old Troy resident may be short on assets, but he's long on enthusiasm and dreams.

"An airport as important as Oakland-Troy right in the middle of the Golden Corridor deserves a charter operation," he said. "Over the last three years, people have come in from Pontiac and Detroit and taken customers away from Troy. There's a need."

### Filling a niche

Levy, manager of the small airport for several years, decided to step in and fill the void.

The charter service is a natural progression of his varied business interests, and, as things shook out, didn't necessitate a large infusion of capital.

Levy, owner of a machine shop in Warren, is a recreational pilot who already owned a twin-engine Piper seating six. He used it for business trips to places like a Caterpillar plant in Peoria, Ill., and a General Dynamics facility in Lima, Ohio.

Levy already owned a hangar at Oakland-Troy and employed a couple of pilots on a contractual basis to provide flying lessons and a mechanic to take care of his plane.

Friends helped prepare the charter application/manual required by the FAA. Levy figures he spent \$40,000, less than half of what that process could have cost.

His biggest upfront cash operating expense so far is \$5,000 for a liability insurance policy. He anticipates spending about \$14,000 for pilot training, \$14,000 for fuel and \$8,000 for pilot fees this year.

"Economically, I'm very strong, stable," Levy said. "The corporation isn't debt heavy. It's not top heavy, either. Yours truly is working gratis without a salary."

### Market-oriented

Levy expects that the bulk of his business customers will come from southeastern Oakland communities like Troy, Birmingham and Southfield.

Mark Stavropoulos, owner of Wolverine Carbide across the street from Oakland-Troy Airport, has used the service upwards of a dozen times for business and pleasure.

"I had to go to Rochester, N.Y., and checked around and found it would cost around \$700," Stavropoulos said. "I chartered the whole plane for \$950 and two of us went. It left when I wanted to leave and returned when I wanted to come back."

"Parking at Metro — all this adds up," he said. "Granted, going to Chicago probably would be cheaper going commercial, but for some of these smaller towns, it (L&W) is really economical."

Time is money in the business world, Levy said.

"If you have to go from Point A to B immediately — right now — an airline is not at your disposal," he said. "We are. We serve 24 hours a day. We don't give you just one seat."

"Charges are based on miles and waiting time," Levy said.

"If you were to call an airline and tell them you want to go to Buffalo



JIM RIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Up and flying:** Clement Levy (center) and pilots Bob Nadelberg and George Gorial are working to make a go of an air charter business at Oakland-Troy Airport.

right now, they'd probably quote you a figure of \$500. By the time you got to Metro, we'd probably be there (in Buffalo)." All at a cost of \$933 round trip plus \$30 per hour for waiting time, he said.

### Convenience sells

"This becomes addictive, the only way to travel," said Bob Nadelberg, a Farmington Hills resident and pilot for L&W. "Typically, you're going to find a charter comes in best when you have to make your own timetable or go to an out-of-the-way place."

Levy is eyeing another plane, an eight-passenger, twin-engine model, and one day hopes to have as many as five planes in service. He intends to pay cash for a second aircraft and, if

necessary, would rather take on private investors than take out loans for future expansion.

"You don't make money owing money to a bank. That's my philosophy," he said.

"Our break even point is about \$50,000, but we project sales of \$100,000 after we're established," he said. "Once we're all equipped with proper aircraft, there is a half million dollars in charters in Troy."

So far, Levy said he averages about two charters per week. He hasn't done much promotion yet but expects to start knocking on doors of potential business customers soon.

The Oakland-Troy Airport is his biggest selling point, Levy said.

## Future of business may depend on will

BY MARY RODRIQUE  
STAFF WRITER

More than a third of Detroit area executives who manage small and medium size businesses don't have a will, a national survey reports.

"From a planning standpoint, having a will is critical," said Dan Boyce, certified financial planner with the Center for Financial Planning in Southfield.

"Business is very illiquid from a planning standpoint. Without a proper plan of disposition, business could be worth substantially less, leaving the family in jeopardy."

In a survey of 79 executives representing business organizations with up to 1,000 employees, 38 percent of all participants admitted they don't have a will. The study was conducted by Grant Thornton, a national accounting and management consulting firm with offices in Southfield.

"An attorney should be involved; it's not a do-it-yourself operation with business involved," said Boyce.

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Dan Boyce  
financial planner

"A planner certainly should be involved in other aspects of planning — how should the estate plan be structured?"

"A third player is the insurance professional and finally, an accountant to establish the value of the business."

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Local findings are consistent with Grant Thornton's national survey of 1,469 companies, in which 25 percent

have not prepared the document. Robert Albright, benefits specialist with Grant Thornton, calls these percentages "shockingly high."

"I would have never guessed that so many business people who are accustomed to making decisions affecting the futures of their organizations and employees would neglect their families by not having a current will," Albright said.

The study also found that only 15 percent of Detroit area executives purchased life insurance to cover estate taxes, which can be as high as 55 percent of the estate's value. Insur-

ance can be particularly critical for family-run businesses, which are sometimes forced to sell off assets simply to pay the taxes.

Just 22 percent of local respondents have set up estate plan trusts to provide for their surviving spouses and families. One fifth (20 percent) have drawn up living wills.

The majority have not taken steps to enable others to make legal decisions on their behalf by signing a durable power of attorney or health care power of attorney.

"One of the great mysteries of life is the length of it," said Boyce. "Why not get (a will) into place and not worry about it?"

"Also if there are minor children involved, the question of guardianship comes up if both parents die. If there are assets and both parents die, the question is who handles the assets and for how long. State law says the money goes to the survivor at age 18. The majority of 18 year olds probably couldn't handle it."

## Magazine awards kudos to Workout Company

The Workout Company exercise studio in Bloomfield Hills has been selected as one of the top fitness studios in the country by Self magazine.

The magazine's list of top fitness, health, nutrition and beauty specialists, experts and services was featured in the August issue of Self. The Workout Company was named one of the top 25 studios in the country in the magazine's first list in 1991.

The business is owned by Barbara Schiff and Myrna Partrich, both of whom are guest commentators on local television and radio shows.

"This recognition is well deserved for our teachers and staff," Schiff said. "Our operation is truly a labor of love and an expression of our deep interest in physical and psychological health and well being."

"Considering the depth and effort put into the survey, it shows that we're a studio with heart and soul, not just glitz," she added. "This vote of

**■ 'Considering the depth and effort put into the survey, it shows that we're a studio with heart and soul, not just glitz. This vote of confidence from Self also shows that we can compete on a national level with bigger clubs on the east and west coasts.'**

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co-owner of Workout Company

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The two partners write weekly columns for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers — Partrich on

exercise and Schiff, a psychotherapist, on psychology.

Partrich has been a member of the President's Council for Physical Fitness since 1990 and also serves on Gov. John Engler's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports.

During the past 12 years, the Workout Company and its certified teachers have won numerous national and international fitness awards and contests.

Located in the Bloomfield Plaza mall on Telegraph at Maple, the Workout Company features a floating wood floor known as a "Russian dance floor" climate control and fresh air ventilation system, a new sound system, two levels of surrounding mirrors reaching toward the ceiling, a ballet bar, private showers and dressing areas.

Open 365 days a year, 1,500 people exercise during the 65 classes scheduled weekly, not including the private classes with trainers that teach at the work site and in people's homes.

# SUBURBAN LIFE

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1993

## FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

### Picture this: A profile of your child

While many child care providers prepare for the return of children enrolled and make way for new preschoolers, don't forget to draft or update child profile sheets.

Child profile sheets give specific information pertaining to each enrolled child's special interests, favorite toy, toileting and other habits, as well as some key factors regarding the parents' view of child care practices. For child care providers, it's a gem of a reference which provides essential information that's beneficial when meeting individual needs.

This handy sheet can be a life saver for substitute care givers. Profile sheets should be kept in each child's file. It will be necessary to update the sheets as you, the child's parents or guardian, observe his or her growth.

Include the sheet in the center or day care home application-enrollment packet. It's OK to give parents a copy for their records. It may serve as a reminder to parents of their responses and brings it to their attention when reviewed for changes.

Here are some sample questions that should be included on the child profile sheet. (Some questions to include can also profile parents' child rearing techniques.)

Questions for parents can include:

- (1) What would you like most for your child to experience with us?
- (2) What does your child enjoy doing most?
- (3) Does your child have any particular fears?
- (4) Do you consider your child shy or outgoing?
- (5) What are your child's favorite toys?
- (6) About what things does your child express the most curiosity?
- (7) Does your child play with other children?
- (8) What is the marital status of the child's parents?
- (9) List the names and ages of other children in the family.
- (10) Who also cares for the child?
- (11) What language is spoken in the home?
- (12) What words are spoken in the home for toileting?
- (13) Does the child take naps? For how long?
- (14) Does the child have allergies? Explain.
- (15) How is the child disciplined?
- (16) Has the child had previous preschool experiences?

For the child care provider, fill in the blanks works well in communicating to parents feelings and thoughts about such things as rest times for the children, messy activities and child cleanliness and what and how much children should eat.

Other areas that should be covered are out-of-door play and exercise, quiet, indoor activities for children and how children should be disciplined when they do something wrong. Be sure to include, and encourage, comments on other subjects.

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

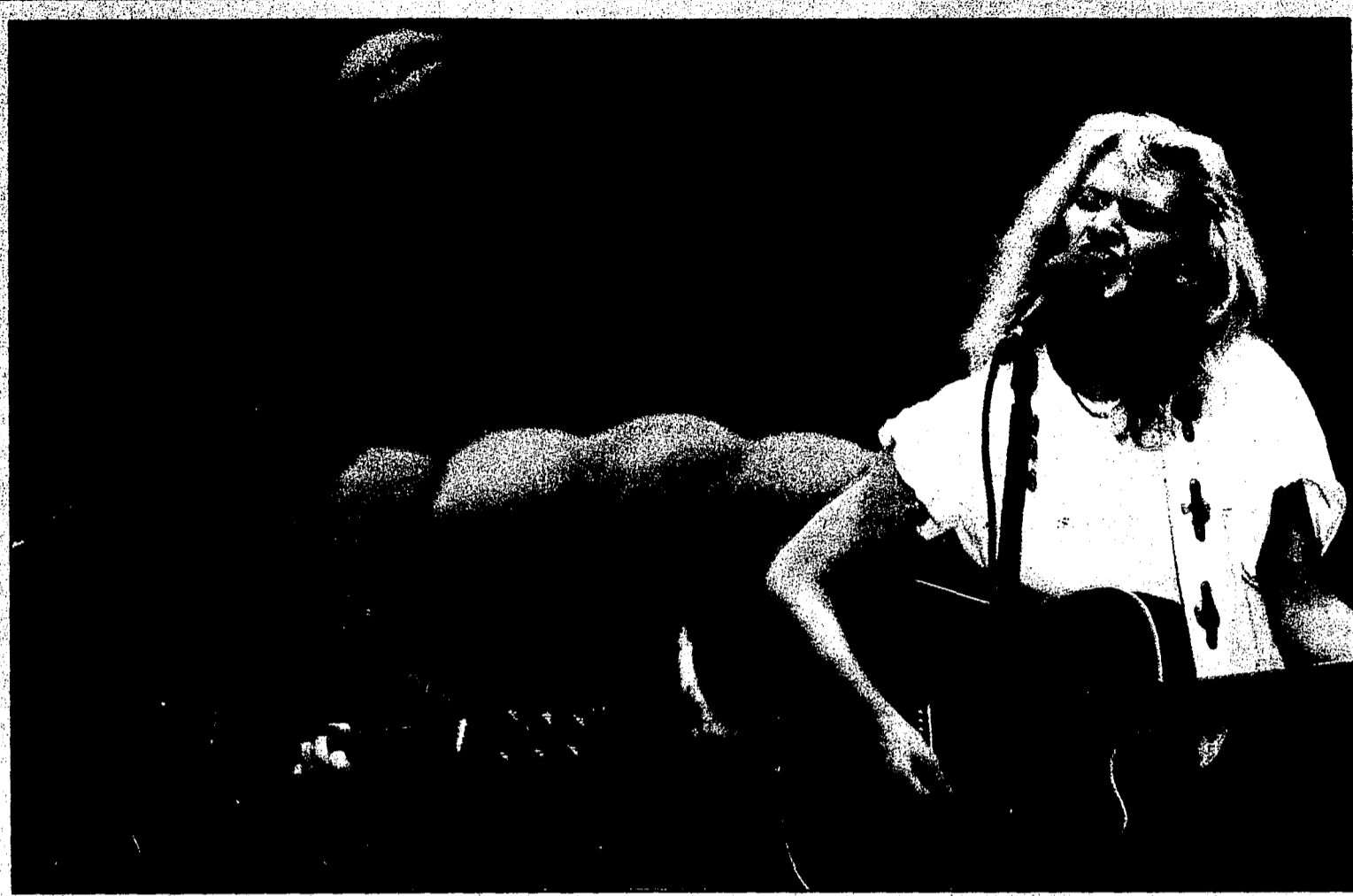
## Mathaei sets training for new docents

Persons interested in becoming docents at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens (Conservatory) and the Nichols Arboretum can sign up for a joint training program that will be offered this fall.

The training program enables docents to lead insightful tours at each of the institutions for visiting groups and individuals. Persons who enjoy plants and nature and are enthusiastic about sharing their interests with children or adults are candidates for being a docent.

Kathy French, interpretive botanist at the gardens, will teach the training course, which provides a base of fundamental botanical knowledge, plant information, technique and practice opportunities needed for participants to become effective docents.

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Iguanas at work: The 2 Iguanas from Earth — Nancy Douglas (left) and Renae Bernard — perform at The Grand Cafe in Farmington.

## Lounge lizards

### These 'Iguanas' dig playing clubs



A couple of strange animals are on the prowl in downtown Farmington on Tuesday nights. The 2 Iguanas from Earth perform at The Grand Cafe in the basement of the Cook Building.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

One has chased a dream from New York to Los Angeles. Her partner has charted a course of life experiences from Farmington to Miami.

Time and direction dictated that their paths would eventually cross. A joint love of music would lead them to sing about it as The 2 Iguanas from Earth.

Just as diverse as the band's name and their experiences, though, are the venues Renae Bernard and Nancy Douglas find themselves in.

The pair has performed their edgy acoustic music before leather-clad hordes in dimly lit, smoky bars sandwiched between thrash metal acts.

They've opened for pop star Eddie Money at Pine Knob, a converted ski slope, and sang the National Anthem Aug. 11 on the diamond at Tiger Stadium.

On Tuesdays, the gem gig has been playing above the din of clattering coffee cups and pinging silverware at The Grand Cafe in Farmington.

"I love to play, and I love to get out there," said Bernard, who is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High and the chief songwriter. "Coffeehouses just started popping up, so..."

Added Douglas, a Farmington High graduate, "Farmington's never had a venue for entertainment. Fads and fashions kind of passed through Farmington, but they never stayed."

The 2 Iguanas from Earth are staying for a while, though. The duo's engagement lasts through September at the recently opened coffeehouse.

The relaxed, reflective atmosphere punctuated by the aroma of cappuccino coincides with The 2 Iguanas' own state of mind.

The return home is a respite from forays for fame and fortune.

Bernard went to New York and Los Angeles on modeling and acting jobs. She had cameos in films such as "Night Hawks" and "Marrying Man," and even had a bit role in a rock music video. "I was a hooker in the video," Bernard said with an embarrassed laugh.

Her main passion has always been music. Bernard has been writing since she was 16.

That pursuit sort of got waylaid until, at a friend's urging, she picked up the guitar and started playing again recently.

Bernard put an ad in the Metro Times looking for a partner.

Douglas was in a similar state. She lived in Miami for a while, and played in a band called the Ruby Cadillacs.

She came back to the area in 1989.

"I had a bad situation with one individual (musically) for 10 years," Douglas said. "I never thought I'd pick up a guitar again."

Douglas saw the ad, and the two clicked musically. They've since moved in together and have aspirations for a recording contract.

For Douglas, returning to downtown Farmington brings back memories. During a recent performance, she dedicated a song to a couple she recognized in the audience.

Her stepfather was Howard Thayer of the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. She recalls a pleasant childhood.

"I was around dead bodies all the time," said Douglas, who can resemble the Addams Family's Cousin It when her long hair dangles in her eyes while performing. "When they ran out of room, they would put a body in my room, and I would go and stay with my grandma."

Douglas even boasts of having pictures of the Farmington fire in the 1930s that gutted a part of downtown.

"I won't give those up... I'm sure (local historian) Lee Peel would like to get his hands on them."

The java bean circuit is not new to them. The 2 Iguanas have performed at Gotham City in Ferndale, Rabbits and the Java House in Rochester.

Audiences are different. Bernard said she's careful not to start off with harder edged material at the coffeehouses.

Between the wafting smell of international coffees and pastries, there's also the scent of a dream still brewing.

"If you believe strong enough," Bernard said. "You know it's going to come."

## Double trouble? No, doubly blessed

Doubly good: Carol Palaian, 37, and husband Steven enjoy playtime with twin daughters, Maria (left) and Angela (second from right), 6, and a 9-year-old daughter, Lisa.



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY ARLENE FUNKE  
SPECIAL WRITER

It's no wonder Gayle McGinty is so exhausted these days.

McGinty and her husband, Sean, of Garden City are parents of triplets, born last December.

"You don't get much rest," said McGinty, 32, a registered nurse. "You are going to do 24 hours of baby."

But the exhaustion is forgotten when McGinty sees her tots — Shannon, Julie and Ryan — "carry on" by laughing and grabbing one another's hair.

Having two or more children exactly the same age brings both challenge and reward.

"I always hate it when people say 'double trouble,'" said Carol Palaian, 37, president of Livonia-based Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples, a support group for approximately 125 moms of twins and triplets. "I feel doubly blessed."

Palaian and her husband, Steven, of Farmington Hills, have twin daughters, Maria and Angela, 6, and a 9-year-old daughter, Lisa.

Multiples — twins, triplets or more — tend to draw mobs of delighted, inquisitive people. Multiples are often treated like a "package," without distinction.

See **MULTIPLES**, 3C

# Writer sets goals to challenge herself

## GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Hi, Ms. Green, What a beautiful day. I hope it's a pleasant one for you.

I was reading your column this morning and I would love an analysis of my handwriting. Is there any hope for me? (Only kidding!) If I may, I'd like to tell you a little bit about me. I am 30 years young. I have a wonderful job working as a legal secretary to a district court judge. I am divorced but am currently involved in an extraordinary relationship with a very special man whom I love deeply.

In closing I would like to thank you kindly for offering me your analysis. I can't wait!

L.R.,  
Oak Park

Our writer is an intelligent young woman who can see and act on the essentials. She has set goals for herself that are challenging. In routine matters she works with speed and efficiency. Perfection is often her aim to avoid cen-

sure.

Outwardly, she assumes a posture of poise and calm. Her thoughts are often repressed and emotions are held in check. Spontaneity is limited as she keeps a cautious distance from others.

This is a very independent thinker! She rigidly adheres to her personal philosophy and is not too receptive to the ideas and/or opinions of others.

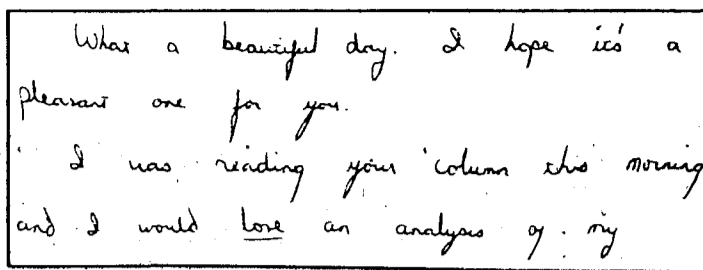
This young woman is disinclined to take risks. She feels more secure with what she knows best. She can be intimidated by situations that do not conform to patterns of her past. Security is a high priority of hers.

To understand her we must consider her early training. Unfortunately, not everyone in her past was loving and accepting of her. She perceives some emotional deprivation from the formative years, which has caused her to be somewhat distrustful of people.

Our writer is observant and a tad suspicious. Not too much escapes those watchful eyes of hers.

Friendships do not come easily. She is clannish and carefully chooses both projects and people as a way of protecting herself.

She seems to enjoy having her



way and wants to control those she cares about. Her true motives may sometimes be hidden.

An aversion to authority figures is seen in this handwriting and probably started very early. Included here might be a parent, boss, religious adviser or almost anyone who tries to enforce strict obedience. Her dislike of authority may have a way of creating problems for her. My next statement may sound contradictory, but she sometimes adapts to the demands of the moment to avoid having to make decisions.

Orderliness along with deliberate patient attention to details was drilled into our writer and are a residue of early discipline.

This is a sequential thinker who leaves as little as possible to

chance. She relies on practical methods more than hunches.

Presently, she appears to be experiencing some anxiety with regard to herself. She may feel unappreciated and apprehensive about something happening in the future.

Nature's grandeur provides enjoyment for her. Each new season brings beauty and wonder.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, signature and handedness are all helpful. And feedback is always welcome.

## NEW VOICES

**DANIEL and LINDA CORN** of Canton announce the birth of **REBECCA MARIE** July 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Robert and Ann Corn of Dearborn and Jerald and Carmeline Chappel of Jackson.

**PHIL and LAURA PAIRITZ** of Livonia announce the birth of **MARAGRET CAROLINE** July 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

**CHRIS and JIL JENSEN** of Northville announce the birth of **LEAH KATHLEEN** Aug. 7. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Zoladz of Canton and Mary Jensen of Livonia.

**KENNETH and KRISTIN FURMAN** of Plymouth announce the birth of **JOSEPH JEFFREY** June 4 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He has a sister, Ashlianne Marie, 3. Grandparents are Joseph and Pamela Maraviglia of West Bloomfield and Ronald and Barbara Furman of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Virginia Dowdey of Royal Oak and Katherine Franel of Detroit.

**EDWARD and LAURA WRIGHT** of Canton announce the birth of **BRANDON MICHAEL** May 29 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He has a

brother, Erik Alan, 3. Grandparents are Larry and Joyce Arnold of Canton and Jerry and Margie Wright of Lansing.

**JAMIE and KELLY ROGERS** of Canton announce the birth of **JUSTIN LEE** July 17. He has a brother, Eric James, 3. Grandparents are Darrell and Diane Fletcher of Garden City and Ellen Rogers of Westland. Great-grandparents are Helen Perkowski of Garden City and George and Marion Simpson of Belleville.

He also has a new cousin, **BRITTANY MORGAN**, born May 4 to **JOHN WILLIAMS and PAULA FLETCHER** of Canton. Grandparents are Darrell and Diane Fletcher of Garden City and Cathy Williams of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Helen Perkowski of Garden City and Herman and Darlene Cutshaw of Plymouth.

**RON and EVY BERGMAN** of Westland announce the birth of **MICHELLE VICTORIA** Aug. 2 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Leonard and Virginia Bergman of Garden City and William and Ruby Kozak of Dearborn.

**JAMES and AMY GRAHAM** of Canton announce the birth of **JENNA MARIE** Aug. 4 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has two brothers, Aaron and Jared. Grandparents are Bob and Faye Schwartz of Detroit and Jim and Janet Graham of Canton.

**ZACH BOZANIC and LANA BRUNTY** of Westland announce the birth of **CORA BRITNEY BOZANIC** Aug. 7 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Larry and Florence Bozanic and Carley and Kathy Brunty, all of Westland.

**BROOKS WILLIAMSON and PAMELA COMSTOCK-WILLIAMSON** of Plymouth, formerly of Milford, announce the birth of **KOLIN CHASE** Aug. 3 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Phyllis Comstock of Plymouth and Jack Comstock and Esther Huesner of Sarasota.

**GREGG KUNDRICK and CYNTHIA GODDARD** of Westland announce the birth of **MICHAEL JOSEPH-WAYNE** July 30 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Joseph and Audrey Kundrick of Livonia and Frank and Helen Goddard of Brooklyn, Mich. Great-grandparents are Hiram F. and Nellie Knight of Hamilton, Ala.

## Docents from page 1C

The class will meet weekly — 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays — beginning Oct. 2 for approximately 20 weeks, excluding the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Beyond the successful completion of the course, a two-year commitment to give tours is expected of each new docent.

A required orientation session will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Gardens. The orientation will cover the scope and cost of the program, the training involved and the commitment required. Questions and concerns about the program also will be addressed.

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# Multiples from page 1C

And, of course, the costs of raising multiples can be stiff. On the other hand, they usually become lifelong friends. When a couple finds out they are going to have twins, they often feel overwhelmed, Palaian said.

The multiples group meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month at the Civic Center Branch of the Livonia Public Library. Members come from all over metro Detroit.

A few years ago, the group had two dozen members and met in people's homes. Today, the organization has at least six members with triplets.

Palaian attributes the growth to the increased use of fertility drugs for women who have difficulty conceiving or carrying to term. In addition, some women are having babies later in life, which sometimes results in multiple births.

Lisa Mollenkamp of Redford and McGinty both had taken fertility drugs because of prior miscarriages.

Mollenkamp and her husband, Brian, have four children, the oldest of which are 8-year-old twins, Andrea and Brandon.

"Because they are boy and girl, many people don't know they are twins," said Lisa Mollenkamp, 32. "Sometimes I forget they were both born the same day."

"Andrea is the little mother. She likes to plan things for them. She keeps an eye out." Brandon is easy going, a bit shy and fond of sports. They are devoted to each other, but have many separate friends.

At Vandenberg Elementary School in Redford, Andrea and Brandon are in the third grade and are assigned to different classrooms.

"Every one of their teachers have been just exactly what they needed," Mollenkamp said.

To help keep track of permission slips, notes, projects and special school days, Mollenkamp purchased bulletin boards for each child.

Other Mollenkamp siblings are Jordan, 6, a first-grader, and infant brother, Evan.

Brian Mollenkamp is an executive at a home-medical equipment company. Lisa is a homemaker. Both are active in their church

and Lisa also volunteers at a homeless shelter for women and children.

Both try to make special time for each of their children. Family members have been helpful.

"There were always arms available," Lisa said. "I do treasure those times."

As children get older, they want to assert their individuality. Andrea and Brandon don't like "together" birthday parties.

Palaian, too, has encouraged her twin daughters to develop their own tastes. They don't dress the same. And, like the Mollenkamps, they have blossomed by being in different classrooms. Palaian makes sure Lisa doesn't get overlooked. All three girls attend Eagle Elementary School in West Bloomfield.

Mollenkamp and Palaian look for ways to economize. Both have traded used clothing. Mollenkamp shops at the Eastern Market in Detroit for bargains on fruits and vegetables and spaces out shopping trips for back-to-school supplies. She takes her children to Wayne County Health Department clinics, where immunizations are free.

Both Palaian and Mollenkamp receive discounts from their pediatricians for their twins.

Parenting twins is hard, but "a wonderful experience," Palaian said. "I wouldn't change it for the world."

McGinty considers her go-go schedule a small price to pay for a household of babies.

"When you go through fertility problems and have trouble, it's all worth it," McGinty said.

McGinty spent much of her pregnancy confined to bed, battling toxemia and high blood pressure. The triplets, born prematurely, needed special care.

For more information about Mothers of Multiples, call 851-0859. The group also will hold its fall/winter clothing equipment and toy sale 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Ingher Road, Livonia. The sale is open to the public and will feature more than 40 sellers and a bake sale. Admission is 50 cents for adults. Due to limited space, parents are asked not bring their children.

# Beauty Days includes Miss USA

It might be the ultimate beauty program for the '90s. Now through Oct. 3, dozens of the nation's leading manufacturers of cosmetics, fragrances, skin and hair care products, have teamed up with "Cosmopolitan" magazine and area F&M Distributors stores for Cosmopolitan Beauty Days.

Cosmopolitan Beauty Days demonstrations will provide hundreds of tips on the latest trends and techniques in personal beauty care along with money saving coupons on products available at F&M stores.

In addition, free makeup con-

sultations, manicures and nail care, hairstyling and fragrance, skin care and other product sampling are being held in F&M stores 3-8 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

"This event will bring the newest ideas in beauty concepts and products from nationally renowned experts to Detroit area women," said "Cosmo" publisher Tony Hoyt.

Nationally and locally known celebrities and personal care experts such as Miss USA Kenya Moore and actress Vera Flood will

make special appearances to discuss their experiences.

Moore, whose special appearances are being sponsored by Procter & Gamble, will sign autographs, answer questions and share her life experiences with local fans.

A native Detroit, the 22-year-old is the second African-American to win the Miss USA title. She will make appearances 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Livonia F&M, 13505 Middlebelt Road, and 2-4 p.m. that day at the Westland F&M store, 35715 Warren Road.

Recruited to model by her aunt to model for her boutique's fashion show, Moore has gone on to appear in fashion layouts in "Ebony," "Essence," "Glamour" and "Black Elegance" and appear in television commercials for Domino's Pizza and Chrysler.

Another native Detroit who made her motion picture debut as Vera Flood in "Jungle Fever" and has also appeared with Denzel Washington in "Malcolm X," Veronica Webb, model, actress and writer, will also be at the Livonia store 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, to promote breast cancer awareness.

Webb, who has joined Revlon Cosmetics in its efforts with the National Breast Cancer Coalition in the war against breast cancer, will sign autographs, answer questions and encourage shoppers to sign petitions to President Clinton to implement a comprehensive national strategy to end the breast cancer epidemic.

"I believe there is a large segment of the population which is at particular risk — the underserved and uninsured," Webb said.

# 'B. Cool' promotes reading, education

Youngsters will be able to "Wiggle and Squirm" with a big orange and green readin' and rappin' worm, B. Cool Bookworm, at Wonderland Mall in Livonia Saturday, Sept. 11.

The musical show — at 11 a.m. and 2, 5 and 7 p.m. in the mall's Center Court — is fun for the whole family while promoting the importance of learning to read, staying in school and getting a good education.

The characters invite the audience to sing-along, dance and share in the fun of learning to read. The song and dance narrator, Michael Page, sings "The Joy of Reading" and sets out to write his story. But, he gets writer's block and turns to the kids in the audience to help him create his story.

With the help of the children in the crowd, he brings to life a new funny green friend and central character, B. Cool Bookworm.

B. Cool jumps out of his oversized book and joins Michael in a song-and-dance number, "B. Cool Support Your School!" They also do newest dance sensation, the "Wiggle and Squirm."

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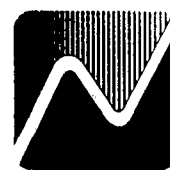


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# Flying ants attract dragonflies, hawks



**NATURE TRAILS**  
**TIMOTHY NOWICKI**

As a naturalist spends more and more time in the field there is a much greater chance of encountering natural phenomena that are particularly interesting. It also affords the observer a chance to compare and contrast events from different areas and different animals.

Recently I had the opportunity to watch 30 dragonflies circling in an area the size of a large car. They circled back and forth at a very slow speed. If they flew much slower they would not have been able to stay aloft.

Such a concentration of five-inch long dragonflies was hard to miss and certainly attracted my attention. When I first saw them I did not understand why they were concentrated in such a small area. Then as I watched them I saw something light colored, backlit by the sun, rise into the air only to be grabbed by a dragonfly.

As I approached closer to get a better look, I saw more of these rising objects get plucked from the air. Upon closer examination in the midst of the circling dragonflies, it turned out that small, red colored ants developing wings were rising into the air. During this time of the year male and female ants develop wings for their courtship flights.

Ants with wings are not proficient at flying and as soon as one took flight it was grabbed by a dragonfly. There was no competition between the two combatants. It was like spitfires shooting down hot air balloons.

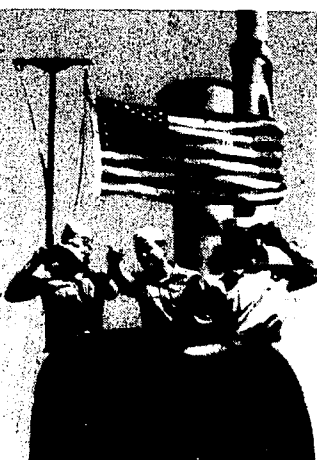
While standing among the dragonflies fluttering by, I could hear their wings beating and a couple times I saw two dragonflies collide as they tried to grab the same ant.

The concentration of the ants attracted this group of dragonflies that are typically territorial. But since there was so much food for them, why spend time trying to chase others away.

This event reminded me of a similar situation I wrote about in August of 1986. Down the block from our house my family and I watched several migrating nighthawks concentrated at a neighbor's home. Ants with wings were emerging from the lawn and rising into the air. As they flew up, the low flying nighthawks grabbed them out of the air. They too were attracted

**Ants with wings were emerging from the lawn and rising into the air. As they flew up, the low-flying nighthawks grabbed them out of the air.**

## ON WATCH FOR AMERICA

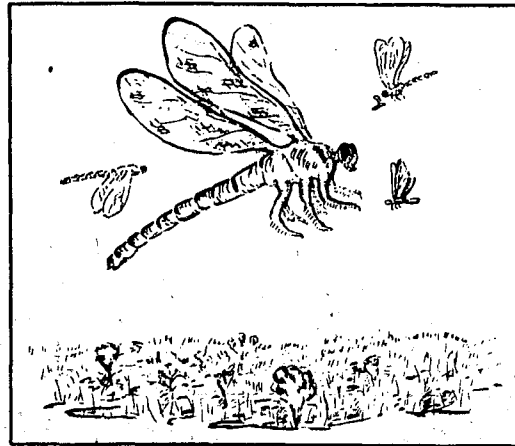


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by such concentrations of court-ing ants.

*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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## CREATIVE ENCOUNTERS



BOB SKLAR

### Livonia gallery tracks local winds of artistry

She's not an artist, only an art buff. She's not a headline seeker, only a doer. But to be an art buff and a doer is to be someone special.

Laura Hardy runs Nelson's Gallery, a Livonia fine art and custom framing gallery. She specializes in works by Michigan artists, including lithographs by Kathleen Chaney Fritz of Grand Rapids and Rick Burger of Rochester. Both capture water scenes in watercolor.

But works by local artists dominate her small gallery at 16376 Middlebelt, tucked in Terrence Corners, between Five and Six Mile.

Gwen Dietrich, Diane Mitchell and Dan Collins of Canton, John Shannon of Wayne, Christine Wong, Jeannie Poulet, Ed Ferguson and Russ Bloomfield of Livonia, Roger Hardnock of Westland and Randy Lentz of Redford are just some of the Observerland artists whose images have graced the gallery.

"I added the fine art gallery four years ago, after meeting so many promising new artists," said Hardy, who joined the staff in 1987. "I not only wanted to help them gain exposure but also build a consignment base for the business."

### Sales climbing

Since 1990, Hardy has withstood stiff competition from higher-end galleries, a lagging economy and road construction on Middlebelt.

Thanks partly to a longer mailing list, more calendar listings and increased referrals, sales are starting to rise.

"They're up 15 percent compared to the same time last year," Hardy said. "Framing orders are way up and consignment sales are growing. It'll take a while to build back up but people seem to be willing to spend again on art. I've noticed a distinct change from the past 2 1/2 years."

Her livelihood's at stake so she's not about to sit back and wait for patrons to just walk in.

A believer in spurring opportunities, Hardy held a summer sale to move lithographs, serigraphs, posters, framed prints, even scrap matboard.

The Artist of the Month will resume in October with Carl Angevine, an award-winning surrealist painter who teaches art at the Redford Senior Center. His acrylics feature sporting and structural themes.

An art instructor in many community education programs, Angevine says he "hopes to renew public interest in many forms of fine art by teaching students how to enjoy art while developing their personal talent."

"His work is very introspective," says Observer arts writer Linda Ann Chomin. "You see a lot of different thoughts in it. He uses a lot of windows to give you insight into different subject matter."

### Art As Gift

Ever the improviser, Hardy plans to host another Art As Gift this fall. It'll be patterned after her 1992 multi-week celebration of the arts, which included art demonstrations in several media. She's also considering a winter children's art event.

Meanwhile, Hardy continues to offer a variety of artwork on consignment: landscapes, flowers and geisha girls by Livonia watercolorist Christine Wong; paperweights, glass vases and petroglyph-adorned bowls by Livonia glass artist Joe Wisniewski; pet portraits, people and country scenes by Redford oil painter Laura Bird; European scenes and local landscapes by White Lake photographer by Mari Flynn.

There's even folding screen furniture by Robert Mekus of Redford. "Our in-house artist, Janel Agar, will custom design a piece of his wood furniture and give it to him to make if a client so chooses," Hardy said.

A Livonia painter, designer and airbrusher, Agar renders custom abstracts in oil, watercolor and acrylic. "She also paints in realism and surrealism," Hardy said. "She's pretty versatile in her subjects."

Prices at Nelson's range from \$100 to \$1,200. Works might not be from the hand of nationally known artists. But if quality's a gauge, some of the artists Hardy has teamed up with well might have national audiences in 15 years.

See LIVONIA, 2D

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- A feature on a Japanese wood block print collection on exhibit at Madonna University in Livonia.
- A feature on a Michigan landscapes watercolor exhibit in the Livonia City Hall lobby.
- Bob Sklar's Creative Encounters column.
- Victoria Diaz's Book Break column.
- Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.

## Painting releases her inner artist

Funding the arts takes on a festive air this weekend when Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its primary annual fund-raiser, the Artists and Craftsmen Show.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER



Sharon Dillenbeck went to a florist to buy flowers for a friend. Before leaving the shop, she bought an African Violet

for herself. That simple flower renewed her enthusiasm for watercolors and breathed new life and determination into making her dream of painting a reality.

The Canton artist will bring her latest series of watercolors, "Value in Violets and other Whimsies," along with oils from "The Child and her Environment" series to the 22nd annual Artists and Craftsmen Show Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12, at Central Middle School, Main and Church streets, Plymouth (See related story, Page 2D).

"I've always had a love affair with violets," said the Art Institute of Pittsburgh graduate. "If you're looking at violets, do you see yellow? Do you see green? I see yellow, green, blue and gray. When I go to paint them, my whole palette is filled with color."

Dillenbeck's initial series of paintings, begun nearly seven years ago, consists of impressionistic oils. "The Child and her Environment" focuses on daughters Kristen and Erin. Dillenbeck has pictured them riding carousels and browsing pumpkin patches.

Watercolors soon mesmerized her brush. She originally used a technique called glazing, where layers of color are applied separately. Light tones went down first followed by darks.

The sheer translucency of spontaneous watercolors won her over the minute she bought that violet. Until six months ago, Dillenbeck had felt unfocused. Her father's death nearly two years ago brought deep soul-searching to light.

Dillenbeck realized she had spread herself too thin. As owner of D & M Art Studio in Plymouth, she has spent untold hours teaching art instead of making it. That simple living violet rekindled her enthusiasm for painting.

"I need to paint," Dillenbeck said. "It's what's inside me. I call it my inner artist."

This fall, Dillenbeck will curtail



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her heavy teaching schedule, including classes through Our Lady of Victory in Northville, Plymouth-Canton Community Adult Education, Canton Parks and Recreation, Plymouth Parks and Recreation and D & M Art Studio.

As with all dedicated artists, time spent working in the studio is essential. She'll have plenty of subject matter awaiting her to put them to canvas. Family outings like a trip to Maine this summer with husband Larry and two daughters will provide plenty of inspiration for her work.

Basic rules for painting still apply nonetheless.

"I work from still life, or experience it, like the whale watching off the coast of Maine. I

See PAINTING, 2D

Painting: Canton painter Sharon Dillenbeck, one of the featured exhibitors in the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Artists and Craftsmen Show during Plymouth Fall Festival, says, "The inner artist is a personal statement and must be respected."



Garden favorites: At left, Sharon Dillenbeck painted these peach irises in watercolor on location in her Canton back yard. "Peach Iris" is one of the art instructor's newest works.



JIM JAGDELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hot artistry: Joseph Wisniewski creations — a yellow crackle vase (left) for his "Petroglyphic Series" and a clear glass globe sporting oval shapes of color within color.

## Glass art sparkles in Livonia display

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Nelson's Gallery glistens with a 30-piece exhibition of free-blown studio glass, ranging from crystal clear to a rainbow of colors, through Sept. 30.

Vessels, vases and paperweights shine in "Heart of Fire-Art Glass by Joseph Wisniewski" at the gallery, 16376 Middlebelt, in Terrence Corners, Livonia. An artist's reception will take place 5-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. The public is invited.

Purple, red and yellow peacock-like feather shapes color the bottom half of a clear glass globe. Flip it upside

down and suddenly a six-petal flower appears as if pulled from a magician's hat. Variance in light source changes a yellow to amber, metallic brown or copper.

"This is the first time we've had mouth-blown glass. Joe has some classy, classic pieces," said Laura Hardy, gallery director. "There are the more elegant pieces and some fun pieces with faces."

An opaque yellow slender neck vase and a turbulent-looking paperweight with swirls of green, purple and red

See GLASS, 4D

Artbeat features vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Write: Artbeat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 313-591-7279.

### BOOK SIGNING

Jamaican-born author Marva Allen of Ann Arbor will sign copies of first novel, "Protegee," from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Books Connection, 19043 Middlebelt, just south of Seven Mile, in Livonia.

Her pen name is C.C. Avram (Marva spelled backwards).

"Protegee" is woven with international intrigue and sensuality as protagonist Andrea Jacobson travels from New York to Europe, Jamaica and the Orient. Jacobson, nearing mid-life, searches for spiritual fulfillment after

achieving material success, according to the publisher.

"I have rarely seen a book that has more ways to attract the reader and one that will challenge someone who is intellectually curious," says Darlene Dobrin of Shields Publishing of Ann Arbor.

An international entrepreneur, Allen has appeared on radio and TV as an expert in management and information technology. "We are looking forward to supporting a new local talent," said Elizabeth Jamieson, Books Connection marketing director.

## Art Beat

### ANTIQUÉ FEST

Plymouth Symphony League's 31st annual fall antique show to benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra runs Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

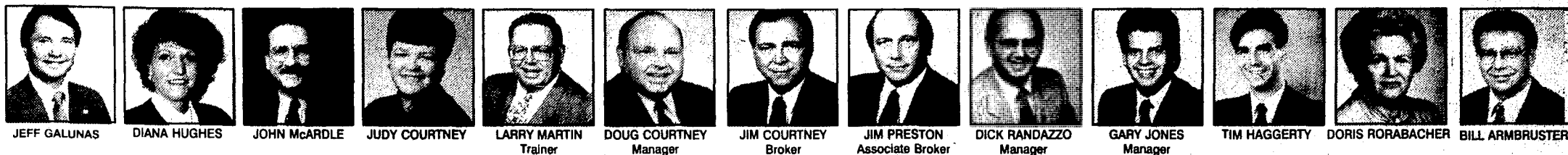
A preview reception will be held 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9. Admission to the reception is \$15.

Regular show hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. General admission is \$3; seniors, \$2.50.

The 25-dealer show coincides with Plymouth Fall Festival.

The show will feature American, European and English furniture, folk art, maps and prints, primitives, estate and antique jewelry, linens, china, children's toys and items, lamps, clocks and glass along with small and medium accessories.





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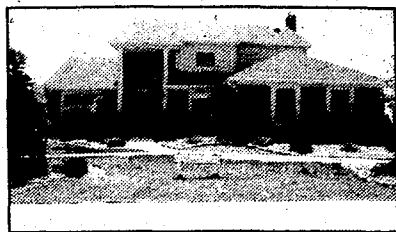
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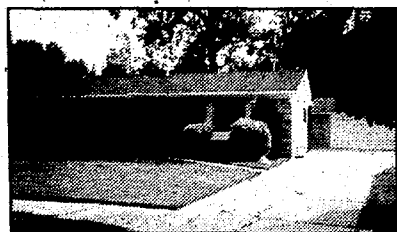
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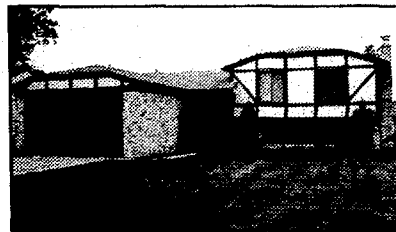
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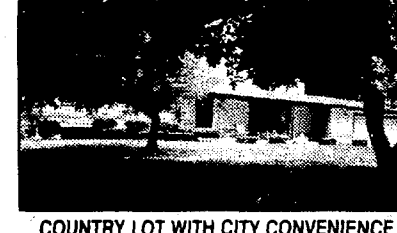
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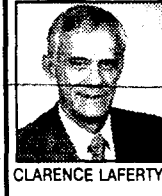
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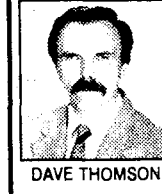
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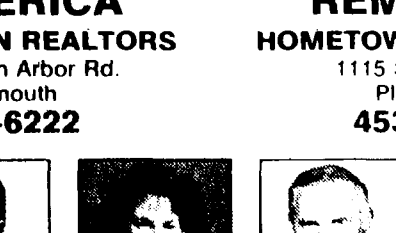
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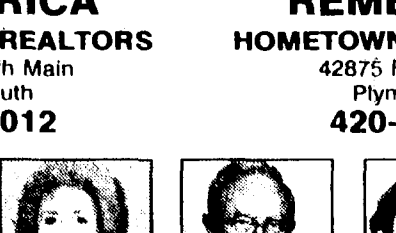
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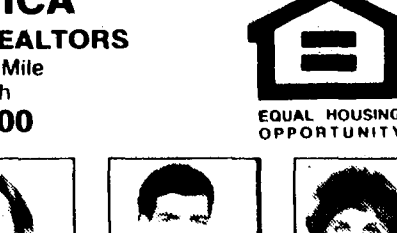
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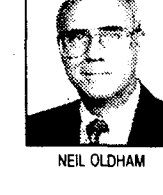
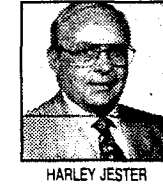
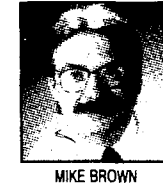
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# Glass from page 1D

strongly contrast each other. One is delicate, the color of hope. The other is solid and heavy with lyrical lines forming abstract designs meant to induce meditation.

"I like to try and get some feeling into it," Wisniewski said. "I hope people get the same kind of peace and joy from my glass that it brings me."

Wisniewski's blown glass begins in the glory hole of a furnace heated to approximately 2200 degrees Fahrenheit. From the fire, he gathers a blob of molten glass onto the end of a steel blow pipe.

He proceeds to slowly blow the

glass while turning and working it with a variety of tools into the desired shape and size before placing the final piece in an annealing oven. The oven ensures the glass cools evenly without shattering or cracking.

"Glass is very spontaneous. I like using colors which react and become beautiful combinations," Wisniewski said. "Even knowing how it's done, it's magical."

Four very thin layers of clear-cased glass envelop a scene of petroglyphic hunters tracking wolf like animals, painted with powdered glass onto an inner lay-

er.

"I've always loved the petroglyphic figures," Wisniewski said. "I've been to New Mexico and other places out West, staring for hours trying to figure out what they mean."

Employed by day as an electrical engineer for Ford Motor Co., Wisniewski at night honed his glass-working skills the last three years under the tutelage of John Fitzpatrick (Touch of Light Studio and Gallery in Ferndale).

Wisniewski's first exposure to actual manipulation of glass occurred in junior high school, where he learned to fuse glass in a kiln. His high school days furthered his respect for glass as he learned scientific glass blowing or flameworking skills. However, a different source sparked his love for the medium.

"When I was a kid, any piece of art glass would fascinate me. My grandmother had a glass collection and it became a childhood love to spend hours staring at it."

Wisniewski's grandmother eventually gave him an amber-colored crackle vase from her collection. From then on, it was only a matter of time before he took to working the red hot matter.

Spirals of blue wind their way through a clear glass pyramid like mound. Bubbles lend a winter theme to another piece.

"The bubbles are trapped air," Wisniewski said. "They were done with a board I pounded 200 nails into. It's the poor man's way of creating trapped air cavities."

Nelson's Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

# Get to work to find exciting subjects for photographing

## FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTE NAGLER

Work goes on all around us, and even if we're not doing it ourselves, it touches our lives constantly.

From early morning newspaper deliveries to late-night factory shifts, people are earning their livings in ways that can be observed and photographed and subsequently shared with others.

The fascination everybody has for the details of how others work and are employed in a productive task means a whole range of exciting subject matter is available to anyone with a camera.

People working offer good subjects for photography because their attention most likely is directed toward their job and not at you. This is a great opportunity for candid. A telephoto lens will enable you to "move in close" for an impact-filled shot while not being observed by the worker.

Try to fill the frame with your subjects so that the task being performed is clearly shown. This is exactly what I did in the photograph shown here taken on a recent trip to Korea. The fan maker was absorbed in his work, so with a telephoto lens at a comfortable distance, I was able to make this picture of the skilled artisan.

People in foreign lands often

have unusual jobs not seen in America that present fine opportunities for your camera. Such pictures help you to bring home a more complete story of your vacation abroad.

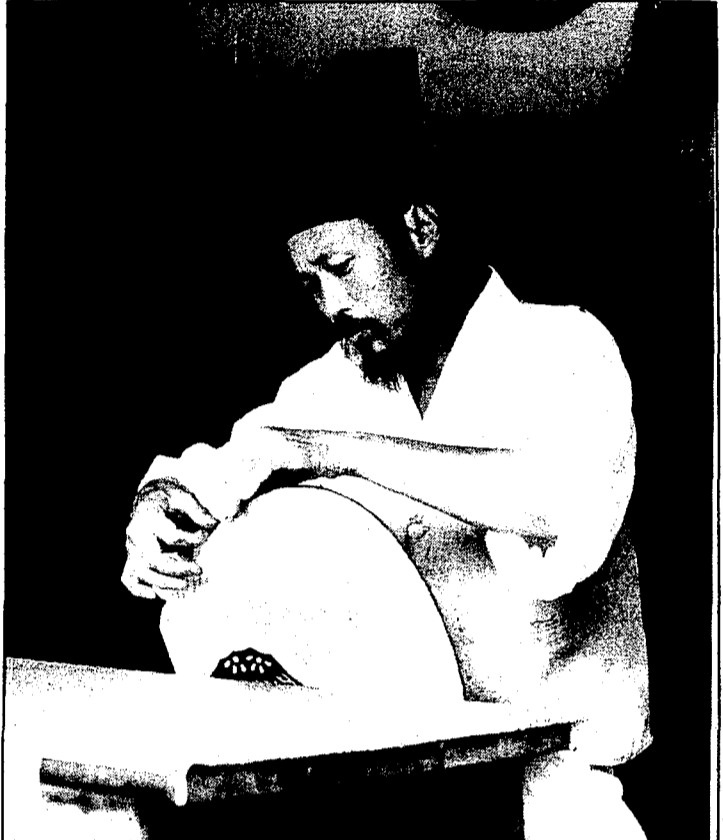
There are other people-at-work photo possibilities. Move in close for a shot of a potter's hands as clay spins on the wheel. Visit a construction site to photograph steel workers on beams silhouetted against the sky. Snap a police officer directing traffic through a busy intersection. Or stop by a fishing wharf as the day's catch arrives. All of these and many more offer endless photographic

potential.

Try some wide angle shots of people at work, too. This way, you can bring the environment into view to show the worker in his or her surroundings.

Whatever you choose, take advantage of the photographic possibilities of people at work. Go to work on it!

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is 644-1314.



On the job: Suwon, Korea, is where Monte Nagler came upon this fan maker. A telephoto lens enabled Nagler to keep his distance yet "move in close" for a photograph showing not only the work itself but the concentration of the worker.

Free blown: Nelson's Gallery presents "Heart of Fire-Art Glass by Joseph Wisniewski," an exhibition of paperweights, vases and vessels.



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Continuing — Livonia Arts Commission hosts "Pewabic Students, Faculty and Staff," an 84-piece exhibition, featuring pottery, sculpture and wall pieces...

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Continuing — Livonia Arts Commission presents pottery by artist Debbie Liberman of Southfield to Sept. 29...

LIVONIA CITY HALL

Opening — Michigan landscapes in watercolor by Ruth Cullum Luce of Green Oak Township and George DeAngelis of South Lyon...

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Opening — Japanese wood block print exhibit from collection of Dr. Sheldon and Heather Siegel...

KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE

Thursday, Sept. 9 — "Images on Paper," a one-person show by Birmingham artist Emma Eschauzier Marzer...

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY

To Sept. 9 — "The Art of Collecting III: The Jewish Collector's Experience." Repeating the success of last year's exhibition...

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Friday, Sept. 10 — The annual fall all-media juried exhibition will continue to Oct. 8...

DETROIT GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS

Friday, Sept. 10 — "Coming Home," accents for living, including new work in furniture, lighting and mixed-media wall pieces...

THE SPACE GALLERY

Friday, Sept. 10 — "Full Circle: cycles, spheres, loops," Johnny DeKam and Kelly McCormick...

MATRIX GALLERY

Friday, Sept. 10 — "Spirit and Place, landscape as meditation." Art as a contemplative encounter...

BUNTING GALLERY

To Sept. 11 — An exhibit by contem-

porary Japanese printmakers continues. Featured artists are Tetsuro Sawada, silkscreen; Clifton Karhu, woodblock; Toko Shinoda, lithograph; Syuji Wako, fabric and lithograph; and Katsunori Hamanishi and Takeshi Katori, mezzotint...

GROOVE GALLERY

To Sept. 11 — An exhibit of fine art photography by Douglas Fogel, "Telephones, Sex, Love, Relationships, Passion, Sacrifice..."

MICHIGAN GALLERY

Saturday, Sept. 11 — "The Man-Kin Series," artists Connie Christy and Brian Holewinski explore use of various photographic techniques and processes...

GALLERY BIRMINGHAM

Monday, Sept. 13 — The frame art of German artist Karl Wissing will be presented through Sept. 18...

PARK WEST GALLERY

To Sept. 15 — The love of nature is the theme with an exhibit by Harold Altman, one of America's premier printmakers...

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION

To Sept. 18 — The First International Colored Pencil Exhibition, the first juried show worldwide dedicated exclusively to the colored pencil medium...

Colored pencil makes artistic point

By MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

Artists working exclusively in colored pencil really get the lead out.

Colored pencil's versatility equals or surpasses that of any other medium. It produces works with sharp focus, vibrant hues and apparently smooth textures.

The International Colored Pencil Exhibit, through Sept. 18 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road...

Mum sale nearing

Volunteers at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Estate Greenhouse are having their annual hardy mum sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11...

The mums will be \$3 or four for \$10. All proceeds will go to the preservation and restoration of the historic greenhouse.

The unusual greenhouse, built in 1914 by automobile pioneer John Dodge, has seven rooms with a basement under three rooms and features a goldfish pond...

in Birmingham, invites viewers to "witness the power of the pencil." Sponsored by the Colored Pencil Society of America, it is the first juried show worldwide dedicated solely to the colored pencil medium.

Colored pencil is an underrated medium, said CPSP founder Vera Curnow of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

"That's why we created the society," she said. "Everyone tends to associate (colored pencil) with children's art. They see it as a tool to get to an end product."

The CPSP, started in Michigan, is 2 1/2 years old and has 1,000 members from 11 countries. The BBAA exhibit was juried by Ellen Sharp, curator of graphic arts for the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Works in the show are paintings, not drawings, Curnow emphasizes. Artists mix and blend the pencils to achieve various colors.

Viewers are often startled by the works and think the paintings are done in a medium other than pencil.

"They just can't believe it's really pencil."

The pencils work at the BBAA have the richness of oil painting and the clarity of photography. Still lifes, abstracts, portraits and realistic and fantasy settings are among the subject matter.

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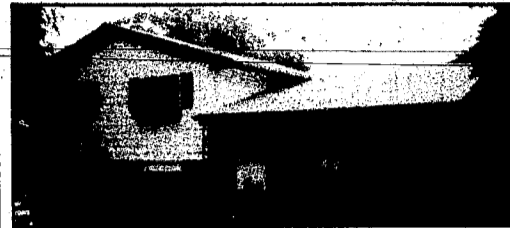
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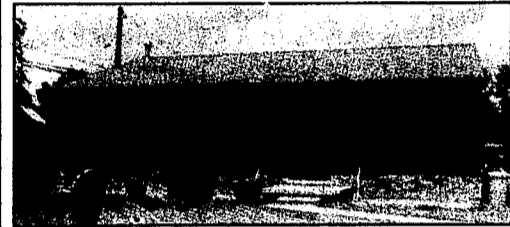


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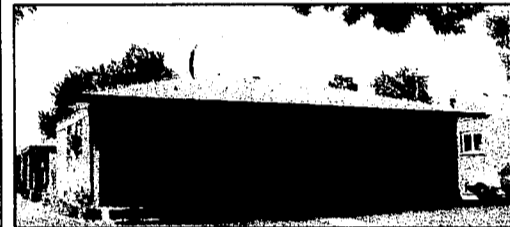
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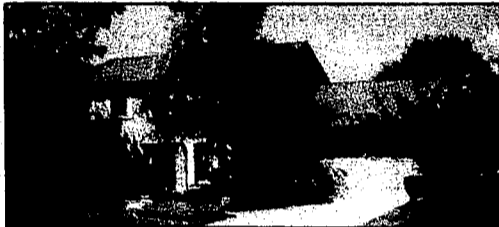
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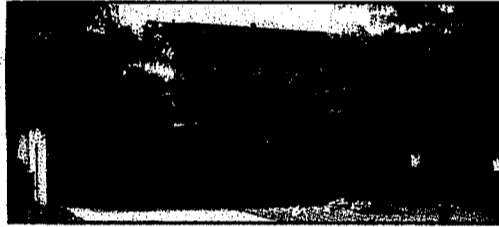
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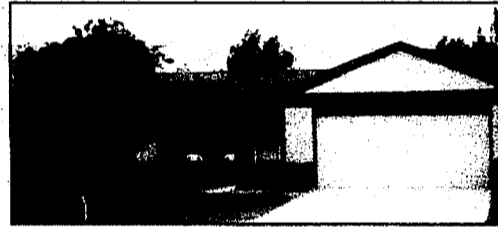
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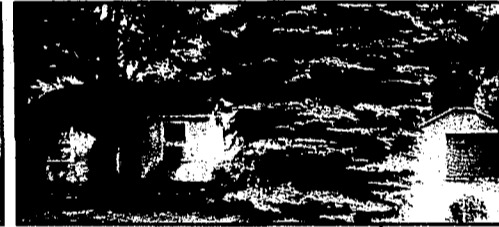
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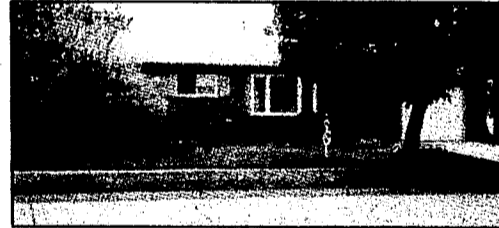
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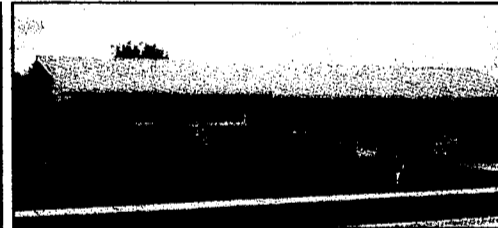
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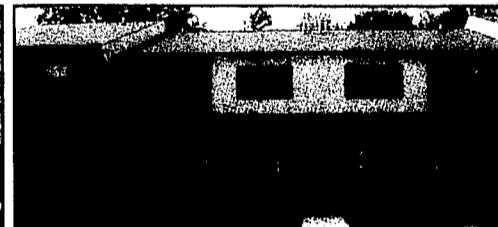
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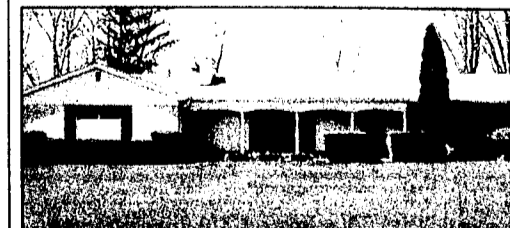
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# BUILDING SCENE

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## BUILDING SCENE'S NAMES & PLACES

### Contract changes

**S**everal personnel changes have been made recently at Contract Interiors, Southfield. Joan Griffin has joined the office interiors firm as senior project designer for the design and facility services group.

**Griffin** Three project designers also have been hired. They include Laura Weller of Farmington Hills and Janice Barr Mies for the design and facility services group; and Kate Stewart of Plymouth for the recycled office Interiors division.

**Lints** Christine Lints has been promoted to account executive for the health care services group. Eric Meyers and Ray Davis have been named account executives for the business development group. Teresa Jarratt joins the floor covering group as an account executive.



Weller Mies Stewart



Meyers Davis Jarratt

### Vert to Argos

**W**ayne E. Vert of Birmingham has been named director of commercial facilities at the Argos Group, Southfield. He is a former project manager at Etkin Construction. Argos is a wholly owned subsidiary of Barton Malow Co.



From the bottom up: Carpenters begin at the beginning by preparing the wood basement foundation.

## Going underground with wood

■ While concrete basements still rule the roost, wood has a vocal contingent of backers lauding its strengths.

By CHRIS MCCOSKY  
STAFF WRITER

Jim Nawrot has nothing to gain by pushing the virtues of wood basements and foundations. Although the Livonian has built 180 of them in the past, he no longer makes his living as

a builder.

He teaches people how to build now. Nawrot is the person to answer this question: Can you think of anything bad about wood basements? Is there anything that makes them dangerous, unsafe or otherwise unattractive to perspective house builders?

"No," Nawrot said after several moments of reflection.

Do they rot or warp?

"No," he said. "Water-soaked ground has no ill effect on them."

Are they dry?

"Completely. Just like any room in the house. There is no dampness or mustiness like you get in concrete basements."

Are they safe and strong?

"Yes. They are completely engineered and designed, and there is no settling or racking with wood foundations. And I truly believe the wood is stronger because it's pliable and has movement. Experts say they will last at least 120 years."

Are they more expensive to build?

"No, they are easier and quicker to build and the cost is about the same. Studies have shown that houses with wood foundations cost about 35 percent less in heating costs than the concrete ones. And with concrete, you have to figure about an extra \$2,000-\$4,000 to prepare it for finishing. Wood basements are ready to finish."

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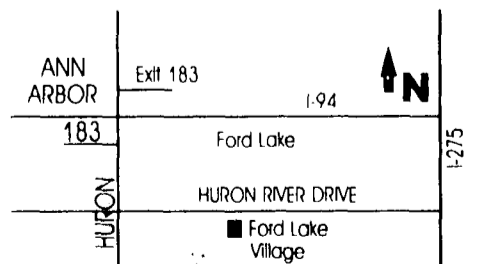
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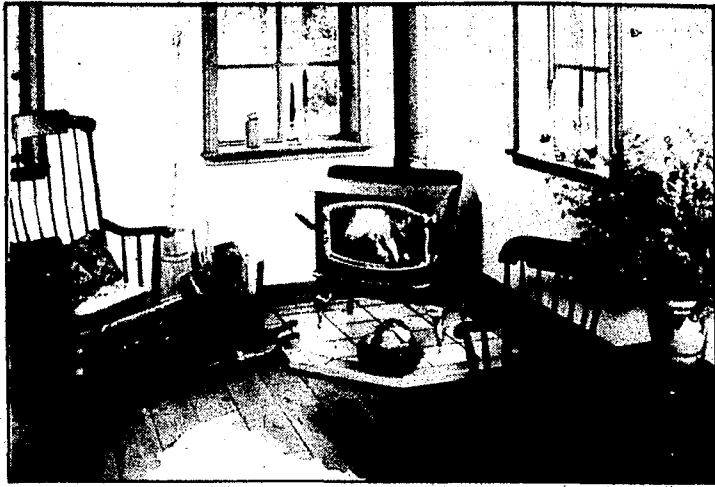


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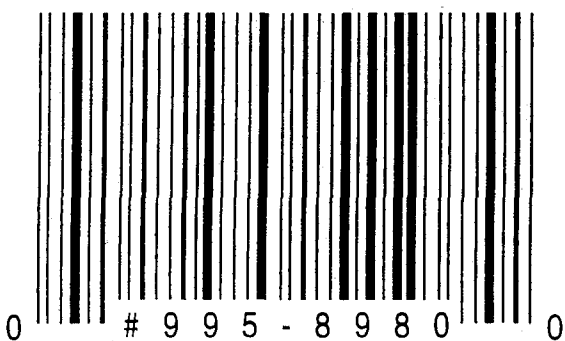
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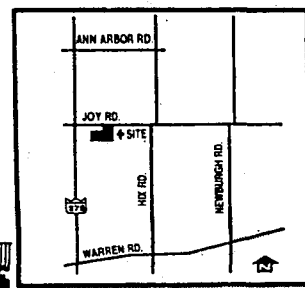


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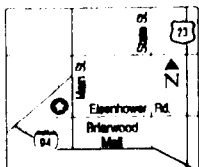
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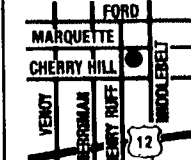
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## Why the big secret?

Getting carpenters to learn this craft has been tough, he said. But there's more to it than that. The concrete industry has lobbied against them, and the wood industry has done almost nothing to promote and market them, he said.

"The key is education," Nawrot said. "Once people hear about these foundations, once they see them and see how wonderful they are, they don't want anything else. They'll never go back to concrete foundations."

The No. 1 national source on wood foundations lives in Rochester. Warren Koch, who owns Permanent Wood Foundations Systems and has been involved with wood treatments for more than 40 years, built the first wood basement in Michigan in 1973 and has been designing them across the country ever since.

"That first one was in Calhoun

County on a piece of land between a lake and a swamp," he said. "And that house is still dry."

Koch admits that he could talk for a month straight about all that goes into the designing of wood foundations and never repeat himself. But he'll break it down into a few key concerns:

### Why doesn't it rot?

The biggest misconception is that water destroys wood.

"That's an old wives' tale," Koch said. "You need three factors to destroy wood: water, air and temperatures above 40 degrees. You could submerge a stud in water and leave it for 1,000 years, pull it out and still use it. It would be water-logged, but it would still hold up. The reason: no air."

Fungi and insects are what eat at and destroy wood. For them to exist, fungi and insects need water, air and temperatures higher than 40 degrees. The design of

wood foundations eliminates all the conditions necessary for wood to be destroyed.

The foundation is built onto eight inches of pea gravel and a sump that provides an unobstructed drainage system. There is no hydrostatic pressure on the walls or floor, thus there is no liquid water.

The system consists of structurally engineered, treated stud and plywood walls fastened with stainless steel nails, caulked at the seams and wrapped with a plastic vapor barrier. Koch also uses metal framing straps to bolt the foundation to the rest of the house, making it better protected against wind than traditional poured foundations.

With the studs already in place on the inside, finishing chores like wiring, plumbing, insulating and dry-wall are much easier.

Only three kinds of wood can be treated for foundations, Koch

said: Southern yellow pine (used most because it is the strongest), Ponderosa pine and red pine.

In Michigan, the wood is treated with a water-soluble chemical CCA (chromated copper arsenate), which is forced into the wood at high pressure. Other areas of the country can also treat wood with either ammonical copper arsenate or zinc ammonical copper arsenate.

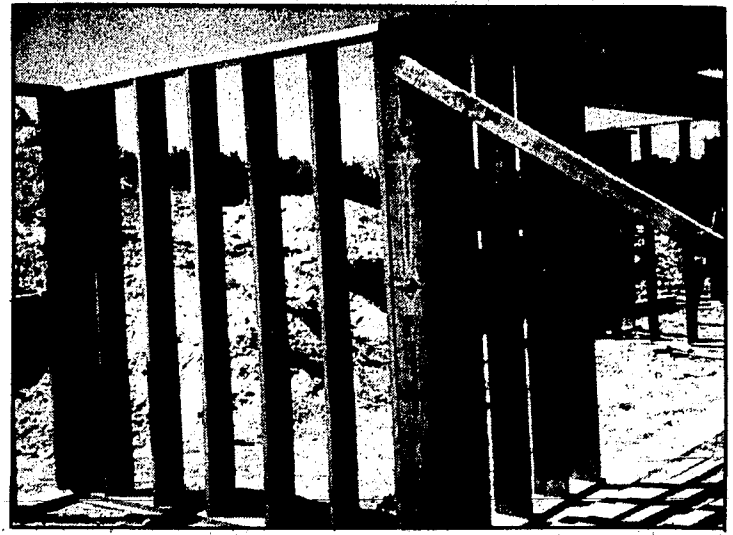
"As long as that chemical is there, the wood cannot rot," Koch said. "It preserves it."

### Is it safe?

The chemically treated wood brings out two other concerns: Is it flammable? Is it toxic?

The treated wood, Koch said, is actually harder to burn than ordinary wood. Plus, it is backed by a non-combustible material: the soil.

"Wood foundations carry the same insurance rates as poured



Going up: What looks like the framing for an above-ground room is really the basement framing.

concrete foundations," Koch said. "It is very difficult to burn."

As for being toxic, Koch laughs. "These foundations are completely environmentally safe," he said. "There are no off-gases, no odors, no arsenic. If you were to eat a complete shell-fish dinner, you would take in more arsenic

than if were to eat a two-by-six board 12-feet long. You might die of splinters, but not arsenic."

For more information about wood foundations, contact Koch (651-4207) at 3890 Ellamae Road, Oakland 48363; or Nawrot (462-0944) at 16380 Aldrich Court, Livonia, 48154.

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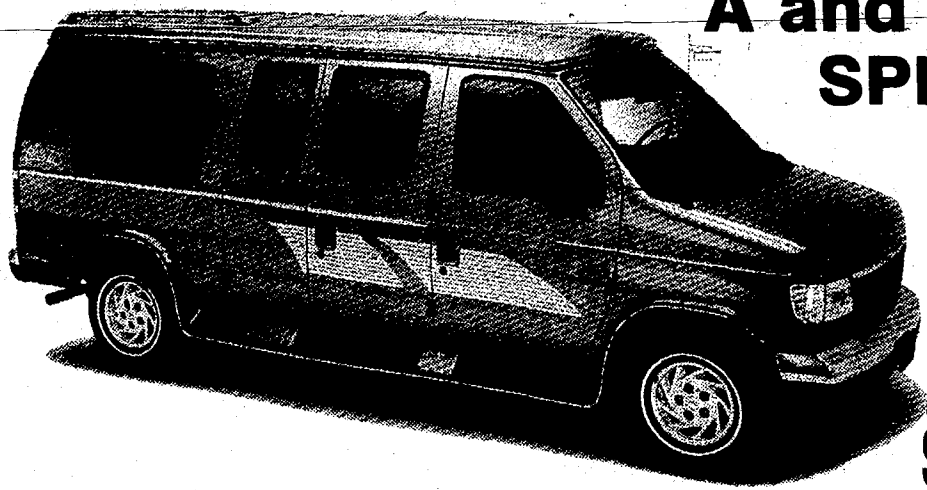
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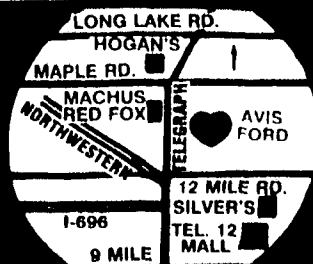
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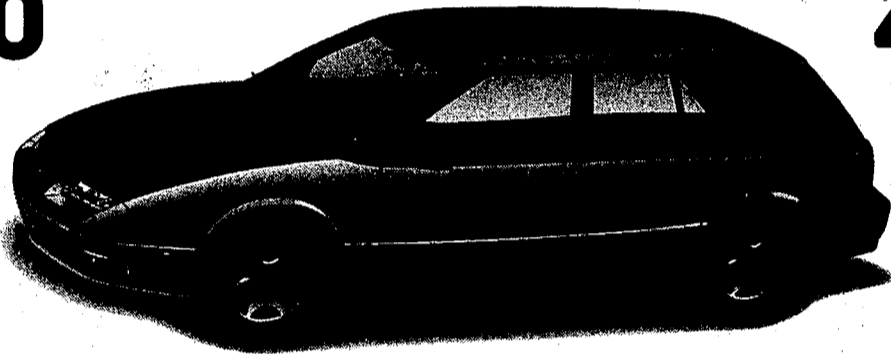
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