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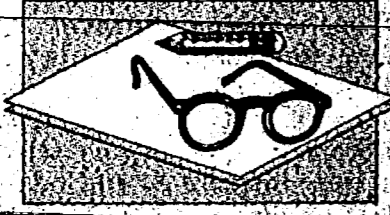
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Tougher sentencing strains city budget

By LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

If the Westland community wants its district court to be tough on criminals, it will have to pay the soaring costs of housing and feeding prison inmates, District Court Judge C. Charles Bokos told the city council Monday.

Bokos, elected chief judge of the two-judge court earlier this year, and police Chief Emery Price joined the city administration in asking the city

council to approve a budget transfer to cover increased prisoner care costs.

The council will consider the request Tuesday. If approved, the transferred money will likely come from police department employee health insurance premiums and other areas of the budget where spending has been lower than expected. Last month, the council approved a \$30,000 transfer to cover prison costs.

There are several factors accounting for the increased number of pris-

oners and related costs, Bokos, Price and court administrator David Wlaczek told the council.

One is that the police department, whose budget includes prisoner care costs, and the court are getting tougher on criminals, particularly those with prior police records.

To help control those costs, the city has been sending prisoners to jails in Iosco, Hilldale and Shiawassee counties, whose costs are less than half of those charged by Wayne Coun-

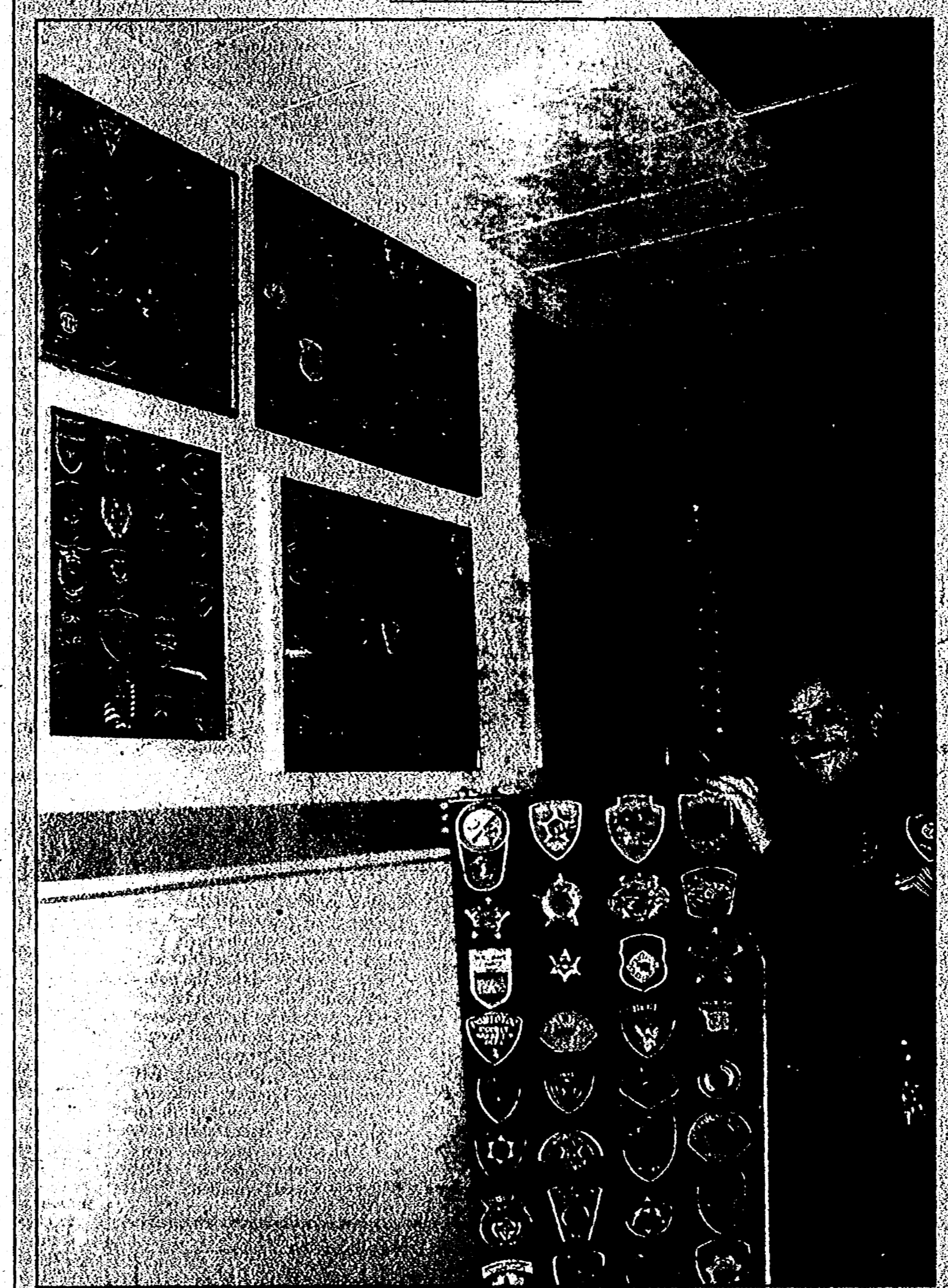
ty. In addition, those out-state counties even arrange for the pick-up of local prisoners, Bokos said.

Wayne County's per-day prisoner costs increased to \$71.29 as late as 1992, when the city decided to "shop around" for lower costs. Now it pays \$55 a day in some counties and \$30 in others.

"That's the cost of a Motel 6 and buying dinner," Bokos said.

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Patching it up



Colorful collection: Sgt. Jerry Ostapowicz has become the curator of a police uniform patch collection at Westland Center's private police force headquarters. The collection includes 638 patches. For more, turn to the story on Page 2A.

Teens found with guns

■ Three more Wayne-Westland students have been suspended for having weapons in a high school and two junior highs. The school board is seeking more information before deciding if the three should be expelled.

By DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER



Three students accused in separate guns-in-schools incidents face possible expulsion from the Wayne-Westland district, as fears of school violence continue to plague educators and parents.

The incidents, school officials said, include:

■ A loaded .38-caliber handgun found in a John Glenn High student's duffel bag Jan. 14.

■ A .45-caliber revolver brought to Adams Junior High by a student who, police said, had earlier tried to rob a neighborhood woman. The incident, previously reported, occurred Dec. 1.

■ A BB gun incident at Stevenson Junior High that is expected to result in a second expulsion. One student was expelled in January for the Dec. 2 violation, in which the weapon was discharged in a lunchroom.

No injuries were reported in the incidents.

Still, increasing incidents of gun-toting students have rattled nerves in a district that has turned to metal detectors and an armed guard at Wayne Memorial High to try to make schools safer for pupils and employees.

"The potential for tragedy is always there," said Greg Baracy, assistant superintendent for general administration.

See GUNS, 2A

Judge dismisses case against mother

By DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne judge dismissed a criminal case against a Wayne mother who was on trial charged with assaulting an elementary school principal.

Ruling that Theresa Waterkamp didn't intend to harm Taft-Galloway principal Jose Muller, 29th District Judge Carolyn Archbold honored a

defense attorney's motion for a directed verdict to dismiss the case.

Archbold's ruling Friday suddenly ended a jury trial in which Muller and his secretary had already testified against Waterkamp, accusing her of assaulting Muller during a Sept. 8 incident in the school office.

"I think it's a crying shame that I had to go through this in the first

place," Waterkamp said Tuesday.

Her attorney, John Brady, agreed and said, "I think this was an incredible waste of taxpayers' money."

Muller declined to comment on the case being dismissed.

The controversy erupted when Waterkamp went to Taft-Galloway to complain that no one made sure her 6-year-old daughter got on the after-

noon school bus to go home.

Waterkamp, who was in a high-risk pregnancy at the time, admitted she was upset when she told Muller that his school was "run like a . . ." but she denied assaulting him.

Waterkamp's version is that she smacked Muller's hand when he

See MOTHER, 2A

Chewing the fat

Paper Backs 'n Things, on Wayne Road south of Joy, will host authors of a new low-fat dessert cookbook 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Martha Schaefer and Linda Hazell, authors of "Sweet Nothings Ultra-Low-fat Desserts," will bring their own "goodies" for visitors to try. The bookstore is in the Oak Plaza strip mall between Arby's and Wendy's, said owner Joan Adlo.

Hear this

The Westland Senior Resources Department will offer a free educational class for people concerned about hearing loss. The class will start at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119

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N. Newburgh, near Marquette. A specialist from the Deaf, Hearing and Speech Center will be the instructor for the class. For more information, call 722-7632.

Senior honored

Nancy Alkman has been named the Senior of the Month by the Westland Senior Resources Department. Alkman, 77, has lived in Greenwood Towers for 18 years and is active in that apartment development's organization. Although she has been legally blind for 23 years, she didn't let

that stop her from being active with other seniors. She is chairwoman of the committees for the ice cream social, sloppy joe luncheon and the Halloween party for children in the complex. She has been active in the city's senior resources department for 23 years. Alkman joined the Young at Heart Club and was active until 1989 when it was disbanded. She served as group president for five years.

Student honored

Dominic Criscuolo of Westland, a senior at Northwood University in Midland, Mich., has won the Menghini Private Donor and Auto Service scholarships for this academic year. He is the son of Margo Criscuolo of Westland and Gaetano Criscuolo of Lansing.

Patch work keeps cops in touch with colleagues

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Called the Wall of Honor, it recognizes police departments in 46 states and seven countries.

It's actually a collection of 638 police uniform patches — a colorful array enclosed in glass cases on the wall of Westland Center's private police offices.

From Alaska to Florida and from Maine to California, police patches from small towns and large cities, alike, adorn police headquarters in the basement of Westland's busiest retail center. The countries of Australia, Ger-

many, England, Mexico, Canada and the Bahamas also are represented.

Sgt. Jerry Ostapowicz, an 18-year veteran of the 21-member mall police staff, was drafted as curator of the impressive collection after the effort was started during a remodeling project 1½ years ago.

The collection began with only a few patches.

"We wanted to honor those people who had worked here and gone on to other departments," said Ostapowicz, a 48-year-old Sumpter Township resident.

'We wanted to honor those people who had worked here and gone on to other departments.'

Sgt. Jerry Ostapowicz

"Those officers sent patches, and then it just snowballed."

Letters soon began going out to police departments in Michigan and abroad, seeking patches to add to the collection. Mall police employees learned there was a huge following of people who col-

lect, buy, sell and trade the uniform patches. There's even a newsletter published on the hobby.

"There's a whole underground," Ostapowicz said.

The police force needs only four more patches for the collection to

represent all 50 states. Authorities eventually hope to include those states — Massachusetts, Vermont, Mississippi and Utah.

Ostapowicz said there's no single patch that's considered a favorite.

"It's hard to say if one is more special than the other," he said. "But the ones we feel the most pride in are the ones from departments that we sent officers to."

Though the collection inside the mall police headquarters is not on public display, it is revealed to the public during a Police Week celebration sponsored

at the mall during the first weekend in May, said Michael Sedmak, the mall's police force director. Other police departments, including the city of Westland, Garden City, Canton Township and Detroit, also participate in the event.

On a larger scale, there's an annual Detroit-area Police Collectors swap meet and exhibit for buying, selling and trading patches and other police memorabilia. This year's event will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at Madonna University in Livonia, Sedmak said.

Guns from page 1A

The latest three students — all males, all suspended — have not been named publicly because their expulsion votes were delayed Monday during a Wayne-Westland school board meeting. Board members asked for more information on the incidents.

Due process hearings have been completed for all three students — none of which appealed the school administration's recommendation for expulsion. The board could vote to expel the students within two weeks.

The board, hoping to send strong anti-weapons message, has routinely expelled students who bring guns onto school property. The Adams and Stevenson in-

cidents were reported in the Observer in December, but the Jan. 14 incident was first made public by school officials on Monday — exactly one month after it occurred.

Baracy released few details of the incident, choosing to say as little as possible prior to the expulsion hearing.

He confirmed that the student had a loaded .38-caliber gun in a duffel bag and that another student saw it. The second student reported the gun to officials, Baracy said.

The incident remains under investigation, and more expulsions could be recommended.

Man chases off burglars from home

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Three young men who allegedly broke into a Westland house while they knew the homeowner was in court have now found themselves in court — facing criminal charges.

The defendants were arrested after the homeowner — in court for an unrelated matter — saw someone associated with the suspects, became suspicious and returned home to find the intruders there, police Sgt. Steve Ryskamp said.

The incident began at 9:45 a.m. Feb. 7 in the 35200 block of June, near Wayne Road and Palmer. The suspects aborted their effort and fled on foot, leaving the Ford Bronco that they drove to the scene in the driveway, Rys-

kamp said.

One suspect was captured three blocks away and two others were later apprehended, separately, during a foot chase in Wayne.

The suspects were caught off guard when the homeowner returned, Ryskamp said. "They didn't have a chance to get away with anything."

He credited Westland animal control officer Dewey Frady with helping to capture the suspects in Wayne, saying Frady chased them and caught one near Newburg and Glenwood with help from Wayne police.

Westland Deputy Chief Robbin Crosby helped catch the other suspect in Wayne, and an arrest was made on Michigan Avenue, near Wayne Road.

All three suspects were arraigned Feb. 8 before Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokus on charges of breaking and entering. They were identified as Aaron Michael Thomas, 18, of Livonia, Ryan Donald Morrison, 18, of Canton Township and Jeffrey Brian Parsons, 20, of Auburn Hills.

The defendants have been ordered to appear in court Thursday for a preliminary examination that will determine whether they should be ordered to stand trial. All three could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

The three were jailed following their arrest, with Parsons' bond set at \$25,000, Morrison's at \$10,000 and Thomas' at \$15,000.

Mother from page 1A

came toward her with his finger pointed at her face, warning her not to use profanity in his building.

"I felt threatened," she told the Observer before the case went to trial. She has since given birth to her new son — her fifth child.

Waterkamp has said she was assured by Muller that her daughter got on the school bus at one point. She said the school was remiss in caring for the girl.

On Monday, Waterkamp addressed the Wayne-Westland school board and continued her criticism of the way Taft-Galloway is run. With the criminal case in her favor, she said, "I want no

repercussions on any of my children."

Superintendent Larry Thomas assured Waterkamp that "there will be no repercussions on your children."

On Tuesday, she said, "I'm scared for my kids."

According to Wayne police reports filed by Muller, Waterkamp was "verbally abusive and irate" to Muller's secretary. When Muller intervened, Waterkamp "started yelling obscenities at him," the reports said.

But Arehbold, in dismissing the case, ruled that Waterkamp meant no harm to Muller when she smacked his hand away from her face.

Teen pleads guilty to attempted murder

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Garden City teen has pleaded guilty to attempted murder and armed robbery charges stemming from separate incidents in Wayne and Westland, a Detroit court spokesman said.

Jason Krasson, 18, could face up to life in prison when he is sentenced Feb. 28 by Recorder's Court Judge Dalton Roberson.

Krasson pleaded guilty Feb. 8 to assault with intent to murder in connection with an incident in which a Wayne apartment was sprayed with bullets from a .22-caliber rifle and a 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun. He also pleaded guilty to a felony firearms

charge that carries a mandatory two-year term.

Several people inside the lower-level apartment at 35550 W. Michigan Ave. reported no injuries during the Dec. 6 gunfire.

Krasson also has pleaded guilty to armed robbery charges stemming from a Nov. 28 incident in which a 14-year-old Westland boy was robbed at gunpoint of his \$150 Miami Hurricanes coat. The incident occurred near Wayne Road and Fairchild.

The guilty pleas were confirmed by a spokesman in Roberson's courtroom. Krasson will be sentenced on all charges on Feb. 28, he said.

Two of Krasson's friends also face charges in the incidents.

Michael Elkins, 17, and Christopher Boyd, 18, both of Westland, also face charges of assault with intent to murder and felony firearms in connection with the Wayne apartment incident. In addition, Elkins was charged in the Westland robbery, but Boyd wasn't.

Neither Boyd nor Elkins has pleaded guilty in the attempted killing case. Boyd faces a pretrial hearing today; Elkins — the last to be charged — is scheduled to be arraigned in Recorder's Court on Feb. 23. Their trials haven't been set.

During earlier hearings in Wayne District Court, Krasson and Boyd waived their right to

testimony — a decision that automatically sent their attempted murder cases to Recorder's Court for trial.

Last week, Elkins decided to proceed with his hearing, prompting testimony from people who were in the gunfire-sprayed apartment. The testimony resulted in Elkins being ordered to stand trial on four counts of assault with intent to murder — compared to only one count against Krasson and Boyd.

In the armed robbery case, Elkins, like Krasson, has pleaded guilty. But Elkins' sentencing is to be in March, not February.

All three defendants could face up to life in prison.

Budget from page 1A

The city administration projects that prisoner costs will reach nearly \$300,000 for the fiscal year that ends June 30. Last year the costs were \$191,414.

With more prisoners being sentenced to jail, some monthly increases have nearly tripled since last year, according to a study compiled by the city's finance department.

The major factors leading to increased jail time for criminals convicted locally are:

■ There are more police officers on the street, which leads to more

arrests, an increased caseload and more criminals being sent to jail. A study by the court showed that Westland has the second highest misdemeanor caseload among Detroit suburbs, just slightly under Dearborn. The court's felony volume is third behind Warren and Romulus.

■ The court has updated criminal histories of defendants because of more efficient use of the state's computerized system of police records. This leads to the local judges being better informed when sentencing prisoners.

■ Improved collection procedures have resulted in some defendants being jailed for failing to pay court fines.

■ The court has gotten tougher on certain types of criminals, such as spouse abusers, shoplifters and repeat offenders.

Bokus told the council that "it's not a great pleasure to send people to jail, but sometimes there is no alternative." But, he said, tougher sentencing is prompted by a concern for the public safety.

"More jail time is in response

to the court's position (of being tougher)," Bokus said. "The community wants us to be firm. People don't feel safe in their homes."

Price also vowed that the police force would enforce tough law enforcement policies and expressed the hope that the council would support the department.

During brief questioning, city councilman Charles Pickering criticized the administration for asking for the budget transfer now when, he said, the increased costs were apparent when the 1993-94 budget was being prepared.

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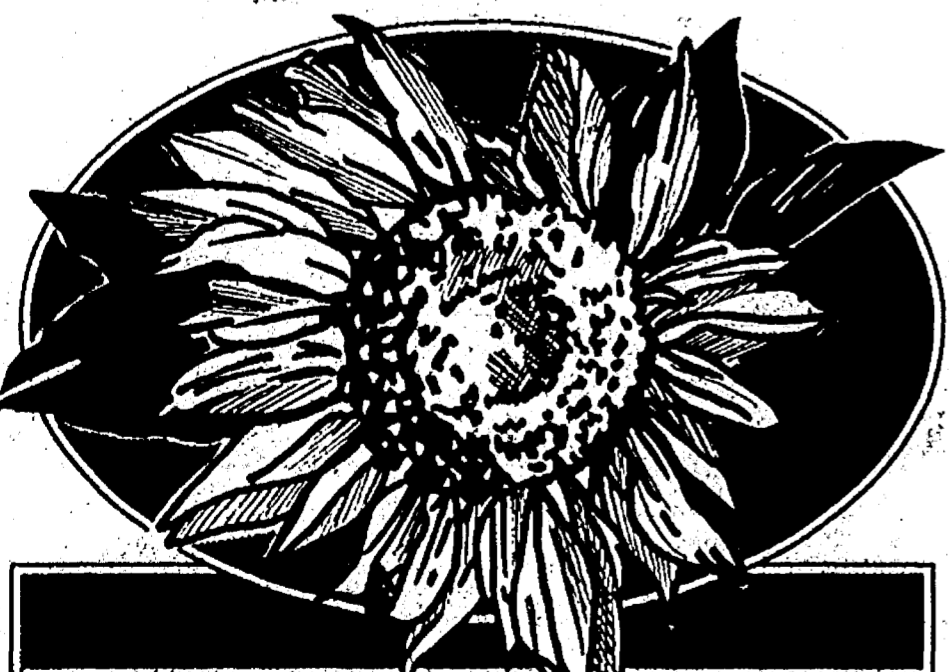
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Display reflects winners

"If I could give the world a gift

Each of this year's winners in the Livonia PTA Council's 17th annual Reflections Contest finished that sentence in their own artistic way.

The winners were all honored Tuesday in a special display of their work at Churchill High.

The PTA council serves the schools in the northern section of Westland.

Reflections is a PTA program that is conducted at the local, council, state and national levels of the PTA. Started in 1969, it is designed to promote an interest in the arts outside the classroom.

Award-winning entries will be displayed at the Founder's Day celebration Feb. 23 at Churchill.

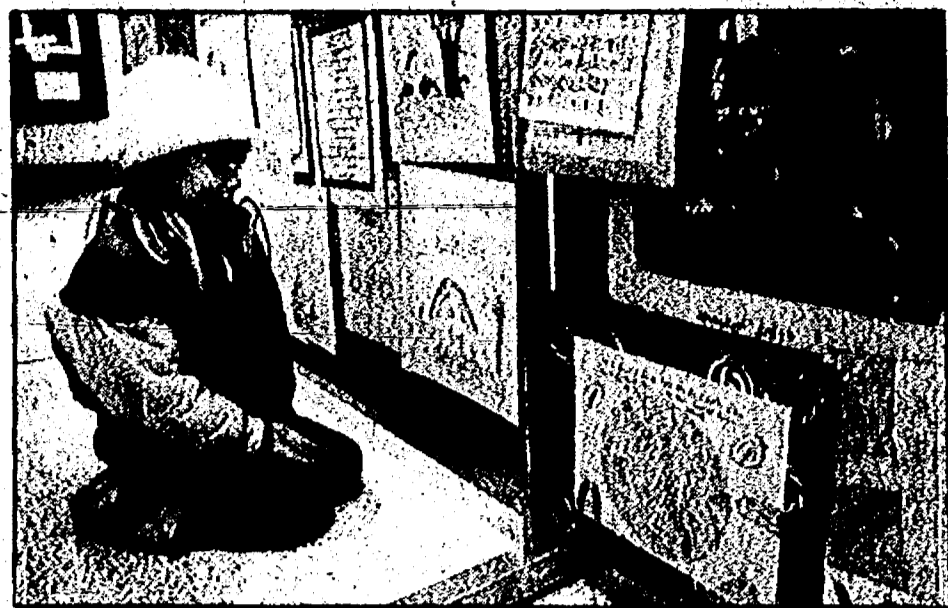
After Founder's Day, local units may submit up to four entries in each of the four divisions (literature, music, photography, visual arts) to the Michigan PTA Reflections contest. Winners here will go on to the national contest. In past years, students have won at both the state and national levels.

The winners in literature are:
 ■ At the primary (K-3) level: Michael Kotowski, Webster, 1st place; Brian Foster, Coolidge, 2nd place; and Amy Sarafian, Taylor, 3rd place. Honorable mentions went to Joselyn Renee Keyser, McKinley, Robert Moran, Randolph, Casey Ray, Grant; and Brett Wheat, Randolph.

■ At the intermediate (4-6) level: Sandy Vasher, Taylor, 1st place; Andrea Wilcox, Coolidge, 2nd place; and Rachel Jarsky, Grant, 3rd place. Honorable mentions went to Shelley Aretz, Hayes; Andrew Franczak, Randolph; and Lea Medlen, Webster.

■ At the junior high (7-9) level: Beth Guenzel, Holmes, 1st place; Michelle Skelton, Holmes, 2nd place; and Bud Beumel, Frost, 3rd place. Honorable Mentions went to Jamie Adamson, Riley; Karen Savage, Emerson; and Dana Seror, Riley.

■ At the senior high (10-12) level: Tracey E. Parker, Churchill, 1st place; Diana Lehman, Churchill, 2nd place; and Tracey E. Parker, 3rd place. Honorable mentions



Winning picture: Laura Marietti, a first grader at Hull, is one of three sisters who had artwork exhibited in the show, along with Maria and Rene.

went to Jenny Patry, Churchill; and Carey Sepanski, Churchill.

Winners in the music category are:

■ At the primary level: Nicholas J. Fugedi, Grant, 1st place; Jessica Haddad, Randolph, 2nd place; and Emily Beam, Webster, 3rd place.

■ At the intermediate level: Melissa Harrison, Webster, 1st place; Sabrina Ficano, Tyler, 2nd place; and Katie Russom, Tyler, 3rd place.

■ At the junior high level: Lalit M. Jellick, Frost, 1st place; Debie Pyrkosz, Riley, 2nd place; and Derek Lee, Frost, 3rd place.

■ At the senior high level, the first place winner is Toney Steca, Churchill.

Winners in the photography category are:

■ At the primary level: Don Morgan, Randolph, 1st place; Melanie Wood, Grant, 2nd place; and Conner Good, Taylor, 3rd place. Honorable mention went to Tricia Scanlon, Taylor.

■ At the intermediate level: Sarah Jones, Kennedy, 1st place; Kristen Oliver, Kennedy, 2nd place; and Sandy Vasher, Taylor, 3rd place. Honorable mention went to Andrea Parker, Cass.

■ At the junior high level: Angela Grueska, Holmes, 1st place; Eve Williams, Emerson, 2nd place; and Katie Rosenthal, Holmes, 3rd

place. Honorable mention went to Brad Hamme, Frost.

■ At the senior high level: Tracey Parker, Churchill, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention.

Winners in the visual arts category are:

■ At the primary level: Elizabeth Kline, Cass, 1st place; Jennifer Allen, McKinley, 2nd place; and Brook Jacoby, Randolph, 3rd place. Honorable mention went to Kristen Boven, Cooper; Megan Brancheau, Taylor; and Ashley K. Luke, Taylor.

■ At the intermediate level: Matthew Demgen, Cass, 1st place; Jeannine Eng, McKinley, 2nd place; and Tim Kaminski, Kennedy, 3rd place. Honorable mention went to Kevin Beahon, Hayes; and Jessica Waskiewicz, Randolph.

■ At the junior high level: Brad Nawrocki, Frost, 1st place; Carolyn O'Keefe, Frost, 2nd place; and Kelly Mitchell, Riley, 3rd place. Honorable mention went to Beth Guenzel, Holmes; and Melissa Williamson, Holmes.

■ At the senior high level: Bryan Sliik, Churchill, 1st place; and Peter Morris, Churchill, 2nd place.

Winners in special education are:

■ At the primary level, Eric Kukan, Buchanan.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDELD

Look, Mom! At the art fair at Churchill High, Meghan Griffith, a first-grader at McKinley, points out a work of art to her mother, Toni.

Parents question schools' attendance, testing policies

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland educators need to fine-tune a policy that lets high school students avoid taking final exams, depending on their attendance record, two parents said Monday.

The policy is not only implemented differently at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools, but some teachers within the same building also treat the issue in different ways, parents Sandra Barrow and Kathy Green told the school board during a meeting Monday.

"I think it needs to be clarified for the sake of the children," Green said.

The parents pointed out that Wayne Memorial students have generally been allowed to opt out of finals if they have perfect attendance, while John Glenn pupils can avoid exams if they miss no more than two days.

Greg Baracy, assistant superintendent for general administration, noted that attendance policies can vary among schools, depending on rules set by site-based school-improvement teams.

But Barrow said her 11th-grade daughter, Ecole, nearly lost academic credit at John Glenn when she stayed home Jan. 17 to observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday — even though she hadn't missed any other days.

"It saddens me to think that you would make her take a final exam on this most important day and not exempt her because she decided to stay home," Barrow told school officials.

Barrow said she had to write a letter to the school before her daughter could make up the exam — even though the girl hadn't missed the two days that John Glenn students are generally allowed. Her daughter's teacher required all students to take the test, Barrow said.

Parents said students are confused by a policy that has its share of supporters and critics. Some

■ 'A lot of these kids are coming to school sick or whatever because they don't want to take a final.'

Kathy Green

say the policy helps to keep students in school, while others believe no pupil should be exempt from finals.

"A lot of these kids are coming to school sick or whatever because they don't want to take a final," Green said.

Another parent, Colleen Haskamp, told the board the policy is "a fabulous incentive to keep these kids in school."

Board member Richard LeBlanc was among those who said all students should be forced to take finals — regardless of their attendance record.

"I fail to see how attendance can take the place of academic achievement," he said.

Meanwhile, Barrow said officials should consider making King's birthday a holiday for the entire district, which has a 13-percent minority student population that is growing.

Superintendent Larry Thomas said the holiday would need to be negotiated in teacher contract talks.

"Martin Luther King happens to be one of my mentors, and I believe we should honor that holiday," he said.

However, he pointed out that other ethnic groups also have special days that don't result in school holidays.

Regardless, Barrow said students shouldn't suffer for observing King's birthday.

"If a kid is going to stay home in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday, they shouldn't be penalized," she said.

Scott wants to fire up winter

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth boasts its international ice show, and Wayne has its winter festival. But winter in Westland is, in the word of City Councilwoman Sharon Scott, rather "dull."

Hoping to fire up some enthusiasm for winter fun, Scott suggested during a recent city council meeting that Westland officials pursue some kind of "winter carnival" in coming years.

"I think it would be great for the city," she said.

Though short on specifics, the proposal gained immediate support from Mayor Robert Thomas, who called it "a good idea" and pledged to discuss it with Charles Skene, the city's parks and recreation director.

Westland has an abundance of summertime activities, such as its annual city festival and a concert series in local parks. The popular summer events — particularly the festival — draw large, fun-loving

crowds of people.

But Scott has aired her concerns that the fun comes to a halt in the winter, leaving Westland residents with no big-league, home-based events to attend until summer returns.

The closest Westland comes to a winter celebration is a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in front of City Hall. That draws a few hundred people — not to mention Santa Claus — but it's over in about 30 minutes.

On Monday, Scott suggested that the mayor and council President Thomas Brown consider jointly appointing a committee to discuss possible city-sponsored events for the bleak months of winter.

The mayor immediately seized on her comments, suggesting that Scott herself should serve on any winter festival committee that might be formed.

Don't expect immediate results, however. It could be months — even longer — before a specific proposal is ready for serious discussion — if, in fact, one is recommended at all.

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Television study guide available

Westland's parents are getting help on how to better control what their children watch on television.

Continental Cablevision said it offered a free "Better Viewing" publication to help educate parents on how to select TV programming for their children — especially in view of a national debate on the impact of TV violence on youngsters.

The 32-page publication is free on request, available at Continental's office, 2800 S. Gulley, Dearborn Heights. The office number is 277-1050. The guide will also be distributed to local schools, libraries and parent-teacher associations.

"TV plays an important role in children's lives — teaching, entertaining and influencing them," said Kay'elen Perry, Continental's general manager for the Westland and Dearborn Heights systems.

She said that from Washington to Hollywood, political leaders and program producers are "grappling with how best to address such issues as TV violence."

"We believe Continental's role is closer to home and that we can best fulfill our responsibility by giving families tools to help manage and get the most of the powerful resource that our service brings into their living rooms."

The "Better Viewing" guide is a first step in a comprehensive company plan to help create a "media-literate" generation capable of functioning effectively in the emerging information age, Perry said.

In the guide, parents are offered:

- Help from media education authorities on how to teach children to watch TV more selectively, actively and critically;

- Advice on how programming choices, discussions, and a deeper understanding of TV can reduce the impact of violence and commercialism;

- Tips on using TV as a springboard for family discussion and reading.

The guide, which includes programming recommendations for February and March, is being distributed through local schools, library, and PTA groups.

Perry stressed that the guide is more than just a TV listing for children. "It's a hands-on tool parents can use to take charge of their family's TV viewing."

In a related action, Continental will distribute "A Different View," which it describes as a "complete toolbox" of media literacy resources into the hands of parents, children and teachers. It will be available later this spring, Perry said.

Another candidate seeks Keith's state House seat

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

A new candidate has announced plans to run for state representative while another has made his candidacy official.

"I've been complaining about what has been happening for some time," said Jack Wynne Jr. of Inkster. "I know (retiring state Rep.) William Keith. He only appears at election time."

There are many people in the district who need to be represented, he said.

Wynne, 43, who grew up in Garden City, said people are not involved, and he wants to put people back into government.

A toolmaker, Wynne said he has been active in local politics for many years, including running a 1980 state representative campaign for Garden City councilman Ronald Tyszkiewicz. Wynne has also been active in the Jaycees.

"I was thinking of running even if Bill Keith was running again," said Wynne. "Inkster has a whole new council and mayor. So does Garden City. People are tired of things as usual. People are being forgotten about."

Married with one child, Wynne said he has worked on a lot of campaigns in the district over the years and will look for support in those areas.

Meanwhile, David Keith has made his candidacy official, as expected, with an announcement that he will seek the seat being vacated by his father. Employed by the Wayne County Private Industry Corporation, Keith, 37, served two years on the Garden City council before being defeated in a re-election bid.

Although he delayed his announcement until after his father made his plans public, it had been clear the younger Keith was going to seek the house seat. David Keith has been recently squired by his father on visits to state officials in Lansing.

In his announcement, David Keith said that crime, drugs, business and community development — along with a commitment to high-quality education for children — would highlight his campaign.

Married with one son, David Keith lives in Garden City.

Among his past activities, he cited work as a Garden City cable commissioner and in the Youth Assistance program.

Rep. Keith's district includes Garden City, Inkster, Wayne and the southeast corner of Westland.

Veteran Wayne city councilman Tom Kelly, a former schoolteacher currently working as an aide to county commissioner Bryan Amann, was the first candidate in the race.

Garden City councilman Gregory Blaine has also indicated interest in the seat. Another council member, Edward Juarez, is also testing the waters, two years after he made an unsuccessful bid to unseat Keith as the Republican candidate.

Pupils wins essay contest

Three Emerson Middle School eighth-graders have been named local winners in the 25th annual "America and Me" essay contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Erin Hubbard won first place, and her essay now advances to state competition.

Kerrie Moss won second place, and Elizabeth Lewis won third place. All three students will receive award certificates for their achievement.

As Emerson's first-place winner, Erin's name also will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

The top 10 statewide winners will be announced in May. The 10 will receive plaques and U.S. Savings Bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. They also will be honored at a banquet in Lansing and at a meeting with Michigan's top governmental leaders in late May.

Several thousand eighth grade

students from nearly 450 Michigan schools participated in this year's essay contest. The students wrote on "My Roots in America and How I Can Nourish Them."

Started in 1968, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Career club wins state honors

Twelve students in two Livonia Career Center clubs recently won top honors in a statewide marketing competition held in January at Monroe Community College.

The students are in the center's tourism and lodging club and in the fashion merchandising club.

The winners were honored for both outstanding test results and oral role-plays in specific occupational areas.

The contest was sponsored by the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), an academic games club for high school stu-

dents interested in careers in marketing and business management.

At the January regional conference, about 500 students participated in 13 occupational categories.

Career center students who were over-all finalists and who now will go on to state competition are: Gianina Acete, Agata Kubicka, Amanda Anderson and Danielle Sant, apparel and accessories; Amanda Liske, retail merchandising; Dan Baligian, food

marketing; Diana Klaus, full serve restaurant management; Bridget Gribb, quick serve restaurant management; Stephanie Glaser, gold meritorious award project; and Erin Pushman, Melissa Jurkowski and Danielle Eldrige, hospitality and tourism marketing.

Nicole Rocker was chosen to be a delegate at leadership workshops.

The statewide competition will be held March 11-13 at Dearborn's Hyatt Regency.

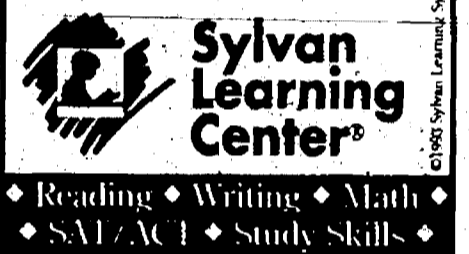


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Former Livonia school trustee named to SC board

BY SUSAN ROSIEK
STAFF WRITER

Carol Strom, a past president of the Livonia Board of Education, has been appointed to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

"I'm thrilled, honored to serve," said Strom, upon learning about her appointment late Wednesday. Strom emerged as the front-runner on the fourth ballot. Trustees then cast a unanimous ballot for her appointment. She will be sworn in Feb. 23.

Schoolcraft trustees voted on the appointment after interviewing the final four of 13 candidates. Strom was among the final four interviewed Wednesday.

She will serve the remainder of Michael Burley's term, which expires June 30, 1995. She plans then to seek election to the board.

Burley of Canton Township submitted his resignation in October. His resignation was effective Jan. 26. Burley was elected to the board in 1979 and re-elected in 1985 and 1991.

Strom, who was a member of

the Livonia Board of Education for 16 years, said the skills she acquired — consensus building, strong belief in lifelong learning, knowledge of the legislative process and finance — in her local board tenure will help her serve Schoolcraft.

"As I have watched its growth, I have often thought that it would be an exciting challenge to serve as a Schoolcraft College trustee," Strom wrote in her application for the Schoolcraft appointment.

Strom holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. She took graduate classes at U-M, WSU and U-M Dearborn. She is a partner in a Livonia retail business.

Strom in her interview told trustees the Schoolcraft "open door policy serves the college well."

She told the board her "long-term goals (for the college) are not any different from what is currently happening at the college."

Strom stressed that she enjoyed her tenure on the Livonia board but "this is at a different level."

"Being a board member is something you continue to grow in," said Strom.

The Schoolcraft vacancy attracted candidates from Canton Township, Plymouth Township, Northville and Westland.

Others seeking the appointment were Matt Berg of Canton Township, director of administrative services at Cranbrook Schools; Carolyn A. Blanchard of Northville, an attorney in private practice; Linda B. Chuhnan of Canton Township, a cost accountant at General Motors Powertrain Division; Michael Dani of Canton Township, a self-employed CPA; William C. Fried of Livonia, CPA, attorney and owner of Fried & Associates, P.C., in Livonia, and Bernadine M. Horan of Livonia, a nurse at Botsford General Hospital.

Also applying for the board seat were: Harriet B. Larson of Livonia, a retired school teacher; John J. Pantalone of Westland, a retired school principal and present owner of a travel agency and motivational seminar firm; Kath-

leen E. Payne of Plymouth Township, a professor at Detroit College of Law; Michael A. Reynolds of Livonia, an attorney; Mary Y. Sieggreen of Northville, a clinical nurse specialist/case manager at Harper Hospital; Detroit Medical Center; and Luis A. Torres of Livonia, a mechanical engineer working for a Livonia firm.

In addition to Strom, board members interviewed Berg, Blanchard and Payne Wednesday.

Berg, who has lived in Canton for the last five years, stressed his interest and expertise in financial and operational forecasting, information technology and college operations.


He holds bachelor's degrees in communication and business and a master's in business administration.

Blanchard holds a law degree from the University of Detroit Law School, a master's of education from Tufts University and a

bachelor's degree with a major in nutrition from Edgewood College.

Payne, a law professor, said she sought the appointment because of her "lifelong interest in education."

"Most of my life has been spent in schools, either as a student through four degrees or as a teacher in the public schools and now at the professional school level," said Payne, who holds degrees from Michigan State, EMU, Detroit College of Law and U-M.



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House twisting travel bureau's arm to promote parks

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A reluctant Michigan Travel Bureau would be ordered to promote state and local parks under a bill before the House of Representatives.

"Our position is reasonably neutral," Travel Bureau director Tom Altemus told a House panel promoting it.

"We're concerned about being locked into supporting constituency groups rather than re-

sponding to needs of tourists. We approach it from a marketing point of view."

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch, bawled out the Legislature and Department of Natural Resources for neglecting state parks in both money and promotion.

"Fat cats" take care of the Waterways Commission and Mackinac Island Commission, Alley said, but no one fights for recreational opportunities for

plain families.

"DNR is not boisterous and does not fight for appropriations. DNR itself allowed the parks to slide. We (legislators) have been as negligent," Alley said.

A simple policy statement, the Alley bill is the first of a dozen pieces of legislation to beef up state park funding in a heavy campaign as the park system celebrates its 75th anniversary.

All members of the House Recreation and Tourism Subcommit-

tee, including Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township, voted to send the bill to the House floor for debate.

The bill declares it's the Legislature's intention to promote "recognition of state and locally managed recreational opportunities including camping, hunting, fishing, boating and other outdoor recreation experiences."

It tells the Travel Bureau to include that policy in its master plan.

Altemus, however, said the administration should be guided by public demand rather than suppliers' desires to sell.

"We've got to be careful the marketing program isn't so fragmented. We have changed our focus to be customer and demand oriented," he said, citing requests to promote bed & breakfast houses, urban tourism and local theater groups.

Altemus said the Travel Bureau already promotes state parks

"enormously."

In other testimony, Rick Jameson of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs urged lawmakers to establish an endowment fund whose interest earnings would pay for state park operations.

"MUCC has made this a priority — to get our state parks back into shape," said Jameson, chief lobbyist for the conservation and environmental group.

See PARKS, 7A

Students need homes

High school students from Germany, France, Spain, Holland, Brazil, Poland, Hungary, Russia and Hong Kong will arrive in Michigan in August to spend five to 10 months studying in area high schools.

Plymouth resident Lynne Levenbach is seeking host families for these boys and girls, 15-18 years old. Call 453-8562, or 453-6851.

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Trees, shrubs offered for sale

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WC3 truck driving class cruising along

Wayne County Community College corporate services director Kathleen Gilevich reports that 245 graduates of the college's truck-driving program went to work for the J.B. Hunt trucking company in 1993.

Ninety-seven percent of them were still working after 12 weeks, she added.

Ron Horn, the director of safety at J.B. Hunt's New Boston, Mich. terminal, said, "Out of our 15 training sites, Wayne County Community College's students are No. 1 in job retention and in promotions to first-seat driver status."

WC3 also trains drivers for KLLM Transport Services on contract.

Staff members in WC3's contracted training department are developing a generic truck-driving curriculum that meets recognized safety standards and regulations for the industry, Gilevich said.

The curriculum design will allow flexibility so that employers can add their own company specifications. In addition, instructors will be cross-trained in classroom, road and range curriculum.

The preceding information was taken from the Jan. 26 report from WC3 President Rafael Cortada to the college's board of trustees.

MU offers course

A Madonna University course called "Managing Voluntary Organizations" will meet 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 31.

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MU teachers awarded for excellence

Six Madonna University teachers have been given 1994 Faculty Excellence Awards.

They are Sister Jacqueline Anderson and Timothy Brennan of Livonia, Father John Sajdak and Donna Kallie of Plymouth, Kevin Eyster of Lincoln Park and Joel Hearschen of Oak Park.

Anderson is credited for strengthening Madonna's journalism and English departments. She also won the University of

Michigan's Thorpe Dissertation Award for writing "Deaf Student Mis-Writing, Teacher Mis-Reading: English Education and the Deaf College Student."

Brennan is noted for his ability to "make economics come alive for students," according to school of business dean Charlotte Neuhauer. Brennan has a master's degree from Wayne State University and a doctorate from the University of Detroit.

Sajdak, an assistant professor of religious studies, is an expert on medical ethics. He has a bachelor's degree from Marist College, a bachelor of sacred theology and a licentiate of sacred theology from Gregorianum, Rome, and a master of theology from the Western School of Theology.

Kallie, a flute player, is a part-time music teacher. She has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Eyster is a part-time English teacher. He has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from Ohio State University and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky.

Hearschen, an 11-year MU veteran and part-time history teacher, is described by the history department dean as "indispensable." A Red Cross volunteer, Hearschen has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from WSU.

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Parks

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"Natural resources are a defining aspect of our state," said Jameson. MUCC wants an \$800 million fund set up to be fed by \$40 million from sale of the State Accident Fund, a state-owned workers comp insurance firm, and annual contributions from oil and natural gas taxes.

Critics say that in the last 10 years, general fund support of the 100 state parks has slipped from 70 percent of their operating budget to 30 percent. The difference has been made up from higher user fees. Critics say many parks have deteriorated and that poorer people are being priced out.

The tourism policy bill is House Bill 5247. The endowment fund bill is House Bill 5064. Refer to bill numbers when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Free diabetes course offered

A free Wayne County Department of Public Health diabetes education class meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, March 9 to April 13, in the Westland Health Center on Merriman Road next to Annapolis Hospital.

Call 467-3355 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to register.

Topics include definition of diabetes, regulating and monitoring diabetes, using diet exchange lists, personal health care and physical activity. The class will be taught by a nurse and a dietitian.

Health coverage to be discussed

The subject will be health-care reform at the third annual "Day at the Capital" symposium 7:30 a.m. to noon, Thursday, May 19, at the Lansing Center Exhibit Hall.

Gov. John Engler and Jack Faris, president of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, are expected to speak.

The program is tailored to appeal to small-business owners. For additional data, call (617) 485-3409.

Montessori Center holds open house

A Dearborn Heights Montessori Center open house will occur 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24.

The center is a private school for children 2 1/2 to 12 years old, located at 4950 Madison, four blocks east of Telegraph between Annapolis and Van Born.

Tours of the building, opportunities to talk with staff and students, videos and refreshments will be offered.

Call 291-3200 for more information.

Cartoon class offered

"Cartoon Capers for Youth," offered by Schoolcraft College, meets 9-11 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 19 to April 9, in the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

Fee is \$41. Call 462-4448.

The course is designed for kids 8-13 years old who would like to learn to draw animals, robots, space ships, super heroes and specialized letters.

Toughen domestic violence laws, women tell legislators

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Area women surprised a key lawmaker by asking the definition of "domestic" violence be expanded to include "intimate" relationships where two people haven't lived together.

The women asked a Senate committee to toughen already-tough bills designed to deal more harshly with husband-wife violence.

"We need to include intimate relationships," said Virginia Nicoll of Farmington Hills, "where people are not necessarily living together. I have only anecdotal evidence," said the leader of the Older Women's League (OWL).

"We're looking at homosexual and lesbian partners," added Clementine Rice, who teaches psychiatric nursing at Oakland University.

"There's a lot of date rape and date violence, especially on university campuses," said Rice, adding that 19 to 25 percent of injured adult women in hospital emergency rooms are domestic violence victims who claim "I fell down the stairs."

Hedy Nariel, executive director of the Haven in Oakland County, agreed the definition should be expanded to "dating violence" and to cover women who "have children in common with someone they haven't lived with."

"That (expanding the definition) may prove difficult," replied Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison. Author of the Michigan Crime Victims Rights Act and constitutional amendment, Van Regenmorter agreed to study suggestions for a broader definition.

Senate Judiciary Committee, which Monday brought its series of public hearings to Farmington Hills. Reps. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, and Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, sponsors of some of the bills, joined him.

Fourteen bills are designed to make police and prosecutors treat charges of domestic violence more seriously. They limit the number of dismissals, stiffen penalties for what are now short-sentence misdemeanors, provide for more civil penalties such as court orders, and require that domestic reports be entered into the statewide Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN).

In southeastern Michigan suburbs, the situation is improving, but "not fast enough, witnesses said.

The Haven's Nicoll praised the 52nd District Court in Walled Lake for referring an increasing flow of violators to her group. "It's not counseling. It's not therapy. It's re-education. It (domestic violence) was a learned behavior, and they have to be retrained."

"Are police becoming more responsive?" asked Rep. Dolan.

"No. I wish we could say yes," Nicoll replied. "Police don't ask, 'Can't you come out and train us (to deal with domestic cases)? We have to force the issue. It's not happening."

Laws needed

Andrea Solak of the Wayne County prosecutor's office urged prompt adoption of the bills.

"In Wayne County, some of your proposals have been implemented as policy. We will not drop a case," Solak said, adding that the policies need to be made law everywhere.

"There should be automatic prosecution of assault," said Lenore Dunn of Livonia. "It (the law-enforcement system) didn't work in my case, but it's really, really important."

Sandra Abbott, a Redford resident active in First Step, said she fled her abusive husband, now deceased, and spent two months in a shelter. "My spouse filed a missing persons report and told detectives I was abusing my child," she said.

Suzanne Fabian, of the Junior League of Birmingham, said her group has worked in several areas, helping the Haven expand its program to a new Novi location serving southwestern Oakland County.

"People have died," said Jean Prokopow, West Bloomfield resident active in Women's Action for New Directions. "Their lives might have been saved. Use all deliberate speed in moving forward."

"We want to move as quickly as we can," said Van Regenmorter, announcing another hearing at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, in 110 Farnum Building, Lansing.

For a synopsis of the domestic violence bills, contact the clerk of the Senate Judiciary Committee, 1-517-373-6920.

DCL eyes moves to Oakland

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit College of Law has approached Oakland University about moving the college to the Rochester Hills campus, which would give Oakland County its first law school.

"Should these initial conversations prove fruitful, subcommittees representing constituent groups, on and off both campuses, will be formed to

develop specific details of a possible collaboration," said OU board Chairman James Sharp Jr. in a press release.

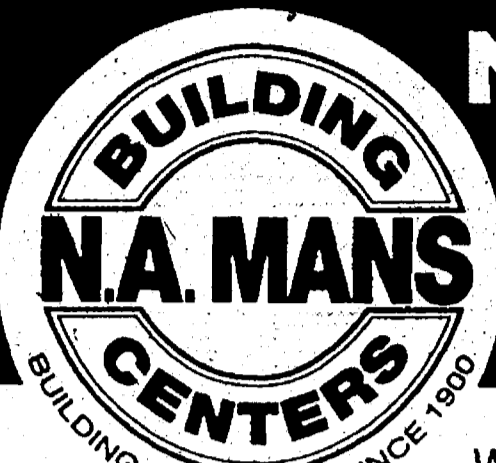
Sharp and trustee Rex Schlaybaugh Jr. are the only members of the exploratory committee.

Schlaybaugh said DCL officials definitely want to move the college's entire operation to OU. DCL Dean Dave Favre has worried aloud that a new Tiger Stadium built near DCL's

campus in downtown Detroit could make it difficult for night students to attend classes.

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The society shelters are located at 3600 Auburn Road in Rochester Hills and 37265 Marquette in Westland. And don't forget the Paw Pourri gift shop at 817 N. Main St. in Royal Oak.

County sends out 'user friendly' tax forms

Regardless of whether Proposal A is approved by voters March 16, property owners still must fill out a form to get a big property tax cut.

March 1 is the last day to file Form T-1056, an "Affidavit for Homestead Exemption," with your local assessor. The form allows taxpayers to obtain homestead status for their principal residence and avoid higher school property taxes.

Taxpayers who don't submit the form by March 1 could pay four times more in school taxes.

If you own and occupy your principal residence, and you register your home as a homestead, it will be exempt from a part of the new education finance authority tax.

If Proposal A passes, the state's education tax on homestead property will be 6 mills. If Proposal A fails the tax will be 12 mills.

Vacation homes or income property do not qualify for the exemption. Renters are not eligible, but they may take advantage of a higher renters' credit on the 1994 Homestead Property Tax Credit Claim to be filed in 1995.

Wayne County government has prepared user-friendly homestead forms for registered homeowners in each of its 43 communities. The forms were mailed Friday, February 11. Unlike the forms

mailed by the state, these forms are personalized for each homeowner, including name, address and property tax identification number.

All cities and townships in Wayne County except Dearborn, Detroit and Livonia have turned over computer tapes listing all registered homeowners so that the County can directly mail forms to these households.

Network class at Madonna

Madonna University in Livonia is offering three courses on networking computers with Novell Netware.

Level I will meet 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, March 8-11. Fee is \$725. For more information, call 591-5188.

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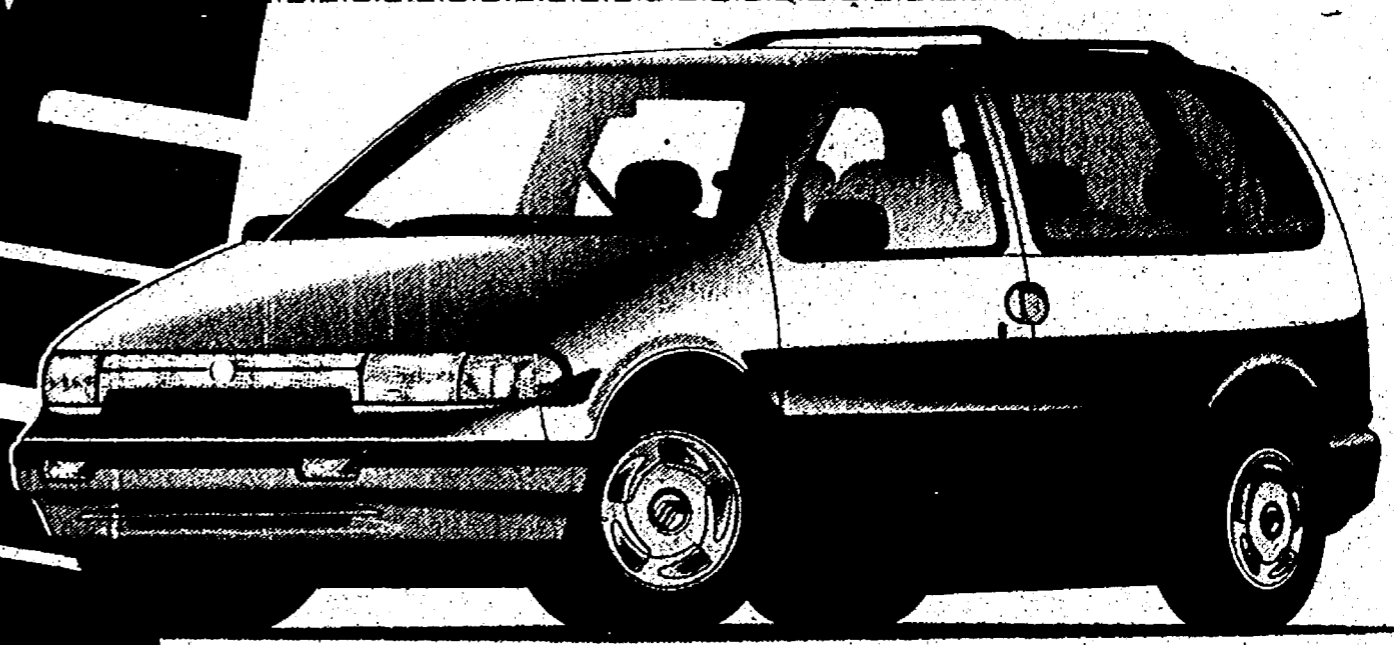
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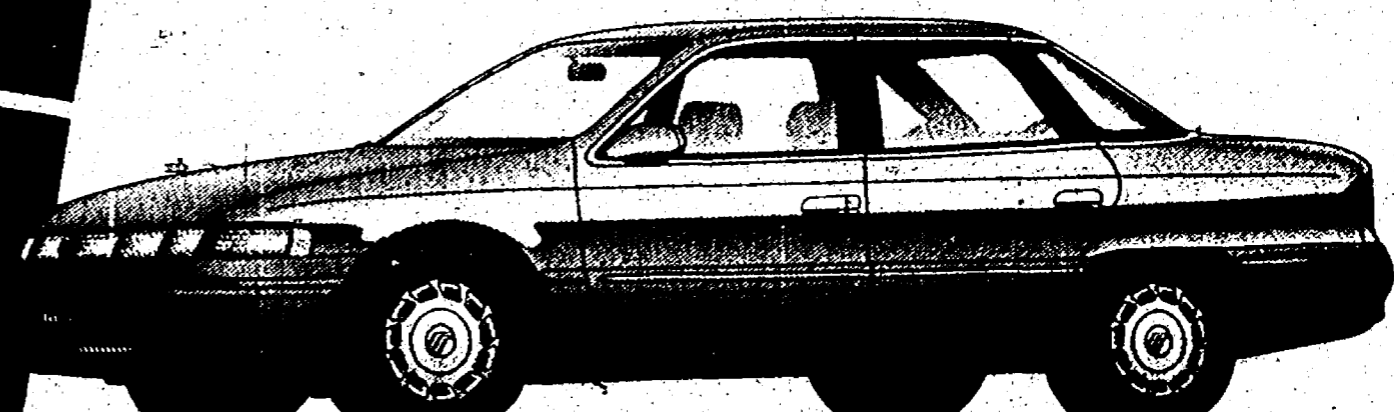
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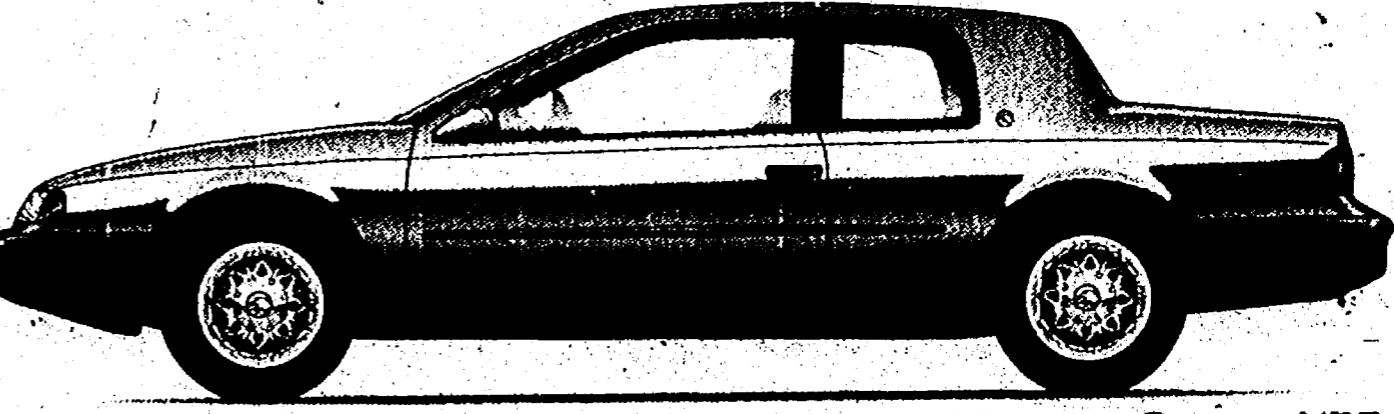
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AROUND WESTLAND

Posey honored

Leonard Posey was honored at a public reception Monday night by his former Wayne-Westland school board colleagues...

Cutting stress

How to reduce the stress level in the family will be the topic of a free program planned for Wednesday night in the Wayne Community Center...

Employee honored

Colleen Hickey of Westland was recently honored by United Parcel Service for her 20 years with the company.

Rehearsals start

Wayne's World YouTheatre group, which includes Westland youngsters, has started rehearsals for an original production...

Man convicted in tot's auto death



A 30-year-old Westland man faces life in prison for his role in the auto accident death of a 3-year-old girl. Donald Gimotty was found guilty by a jury Tuesday of first-degree felony murder.

By JAY GROSSMAN, STAFF WRITER

Even Donald Gimotty's mother admitted her son was something of a con man, complete with a flashy smile and a quick line.

"But he's not some hardened criminal," said Judy Bullock. "He's as gullible as they come - he's not street-wise. There's no way he's going to survive life in prison."

Life in prison is what Gimotty faces after a jury found him guilty Tuesday of first-degree felony murder. The 30-year-old Westland man led police on an eight-mile chase July 24 when he ran a traffic light at Maple and Dequindre and killed a 3-year-old girl.

Police were chasing Gimotty and another man, Calvin Billingslea, 44, of Detroit, for stealing six dresses from Winkelman's clothing store at 13 Mile and Woodward.

"Don got caught at everything he does," said Bullock. He was on probation at the time of his arrest for stealing a Walkman radio on Christmas Eve. Police say he and Billingslea were snorting heroin prior to stealing the dresses.

But Gimotty also held a steady job as an iron worker at the Ford Wixom plant. He lived with his sister, had a girlfriend and always ran errands for his friends, according to his mother.

"He used to take a co-worker to the hospital for dialysis treatments," said Bullock. "He just liked to help people."

Oakland County assistant prosecutor Greg Townsend said Gimotty and Billingslea stole the dresses to buy more heroin. Police were called to the Northwood Shopping Center when a saleswoman saw Billingslea run out of Winkelman's with the merchandise.

Gimotty was waiting in the parking lot. The license on his 1984 Ford Thunderbird was covered with black duct tape.

When he took the stand in his defense Tuesday, Gimotty told jurors he had no idea Billingslea planned to steal the dresses. According to Gimotty, he thought he was only giving Billingslea a ride to collect some money from a friend.

Gimotty testified he was waiting in the parking lot when Billingslea jumped in the car with the dresses and ordered him to drive. When he didn't start the car, Gimotty said Billingslea smacked him on the side of the head and ordered him to go.

"I was scared to death," he told the jury. "He hit me once on the side of the head and he was telling me to drive. You should look at the guy - he's intimidating. I wish he were here so you could see him."

A trial date has not yet been set for Billingslea, who faces similar charges.

Gimotty said he wasn't familiar with the area and got lost right away. Rather than flee on Woodward, he mistakenly went southbound on Coolidge. Berkley police first caught up with the pair near 12 Mile and Coolidge.

Police testified throughout the trial that Gimotty drove at a high rate of speed during the chase, ignoring traffic signals and stop signs. Gimotty said every time he tried to stop, Billingslea punched him and told him to continue.

"I was shaking like a leaf," he testified.



Faces life: Donald Gimotty is handcuffed and led from the courtroom by an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy Tuesday after an outburst during his testimony.

"I didn't want to kill anyone, and believe me, I didn't want to kill myself. But CB (Billingslea) kept yelling at me and hitting me. He kept saying he'd kill me if I stopped."

Gimotty said police were still on his tail when he approached Maple and Dequindre. He said he was traveling around 65 mph and could see the light was about to turn red.

The defendant began crying on the witness stand when questioned about the accident.

"I knew it was going to turn red, I knew it was going to turn red... then I hit the car."

Gimotty's Thunderbird crashed into a brown Oldsmobile driven by Lisa Ann Sarles, 35, of Warren. She was driving northbound on Dequindre. Witnesses report seeing her car fly 10 feet in the air upon impact.

Her daughter, Nicole Thibideau, died shortly after the accident.

Sarles sat quietly in the courtroom next to her boyfriend when the verdict was announced. It took jurors less than three hours to reach their decision.

"I don't have anything bad to say about anyone," was the only comment she made to reporters.

Defense attorney Lawrence Kaluzny said Gimotty's family plans to appeal the verdict right away. They have 42 days.

Gimotty's sentencing is scheduled March 21 before Oakland Circuit Court Judge Fred Mester. Along with the murder charge, jurors found him guilty of retail fraud, felonious assault and fleeing and eluding police.

Because of the murder charge, he faces an automatic sentence of life in prison without parole.

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Couple say we need more rituals

Gay and David Williamson, authors of "Transformative Rituals: Celebrations for Personal Growth," will present their book at the Sunday services and an afternoon workshop on Sunday at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile.

The Sunday services begin at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., and the workshop will be from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

In "Transformative Rituals," the authors provide 25 exercises in personal transformation that they can use themselves, with

their clients, or with groups. "Our society is myth-deprived, ceremony-deprived, and ritual-deprived," said Stanley Krippner, professor of psychology at Saybrook Institute. "This engaging book tries to redress this imbalance in a way that is both inspirational and practical, both concrete and profound."

Gay Williamson, M.A., is a psychotherapist and licensed Unity teacher based in Detroit. She is a retreat/workshop leader, counselor, filmmaker, television producer, and host. She uses Trans-

formation Rituals in her private practice and with spiritual, educational and recovery groups. She expresses her joy by playing guitar and leading group songs, chants, and moving meditations.

David Williamson, doctor of ministry, a Unity minister for more than 30 years, was senior minister of Detroit Unity Temple, where he served 6,000 families for 18 years. A retreat/workshop leader, counselor and broadcaster, he had his own daily radio show in the Detroit area.

Lecture explores women, cancer

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will sponsor a community lecture and discussion on "Women's Cancer Prevention for the '90s" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the hospital auditorium.

Dr. H.A. Piraka, M.D., obstetrics/gynecology, will be lecturer/moderator. Other physicians to speak include: Dr. R. Mohindra, M.D., oncology/hematology; Dr. N. Sultani, M.D., gastroenterology; and Dr. M. Yousuf, M.D., pulmonary disease/critical care.

The lecture will focus on the most common types of cancer af-

fecting women, providing the latest information on methods of prevention, detection and treatment.

The presentation is a Marian Women's Center Educational Program. Pre-registration is encouraged, and refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the lecture.

To register or for more information, call St. Mary Hospital at 591-2922.

In other news from St. Mary, the hospital is offering a six-session course on "Basic EKG for nurses."

Topics will include basic concepts, sinus and atrial arrhythmias, junctional and AV block, ventricular arrhythmias and a rhythm strip workshop, followed by a test.

The program will be 1-3 p.m. or 4:15-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays, March 2 through April 6, in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room off the Levan Road entrance.

There is a \$45 fee and registration by Wednesday, Feb. 25, is required. For information or to register, call 591-2922.



The past: Dave Thomas of Canton, a geologist who teaches at Washtenaw Community College, will talk at the Canton Public Library about his work excavating the bones of an 11,000-year-old mastodon and discovery of an ancient mastodon trail near Saline.

Talk on mastodon planned

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Imagine uncovering tracks of an ancient mastodon.

"You can see where the mud dripped off his foot," said geologist Dave Thomas, who teaches at Washtenaw Community College.

The Canton resident will talk about his experiences excavating the bones of a mastodon and discovering an ancient trail. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Interested people may register for the presentation either in person or by calling the library at 397-0999.

With the help of slides and bones from other ancient animals, Thomas will explain the excavation in 1992 at a farm west of Saline where the mastodon was found.

"I'm also going to talk about dinosaurs. I want the public to know there's a lot of prehistoric animals that are not dinosaurs," Thomas said.

In January 1992, as workers at the Harry and Lillian Brennan farm and soil business west of Saline were digging a site, they came across bones. The Brennans called in professionals, such as Daniel Fisher, professor of geological and biological sciences at the University of Michigan.

Thomas assisted Fisher. By the end of the excavation — in an area on the farm that was a glacier-formed lake in another era — Fisher, Thomas and others unearthed the bones of an adult male mastodon.

"We excavated about two-thirds of him," Thomas

said. "You rarely get 100 percent of the bones in an old peat bog like this."

Scientists found a jawbone with molars, half a pelvis and two vertebrae, a rib, and half a limb bone as they dug deeper through layers of the land. It's believed the mastodon was about 21 years old, stood eight feet at the shoulder, and weighed about five tons.

"Halfway through the excavation in July (1992), we began to find small depressions in the sand that resembled footprints," Thomas said. "We set up a separate team and indeed we found a set of footprints some 20 inches in diameter. They were not of the same animal that we excavated."

Thomas and other scientists developed a theory about the trail. It's believed the mastodons were hunted by Paleo Indians in the same general area where the bones were found. After killing the mastodon, it's theorized the Indians removed part of the animal and left other remains under the ice of the ancient lake for future retrieval.

"These were old lakes or old ponds," Thomas said. "Bones buried in water are preserved much better."

The trail also gave the scientists some idea of the mastodon's behavior simply by studying the footprints. "We found the prints also at a different place. We found a log. We theorize he either hit the log or stepped over it," Thomas said.

Though the mastodon looked similar to a modern elephant, they aren't the same. "The modern elephant isn't a direct descendant of the mastodon. It's closer to the woolly mammoth. But they are all in the same family," Thomas said.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES MENDREA

Services for Mr. Mendrea, 81, former Garden City resident who later moved to Howell, were Jan. 31 from the MacDonald Funeral Home and St. Joseph Catholic Church, Howell with interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Howell.

Mr. Mendrea died Jan. 28 at home. Born Nov. 4, 1912, he lived most of his life in Garden City.

Survivors include: wife Blanche; daughters Jean Baumgartner of Garden City and Carol Kuehl of Pickney; sons Charles of Traverse City and David of Greenville; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

past president of Gator Creek Homeowners Association, both in Sarasota. She was also a member of Sarasota Opera Society.

Survivors include: husband Mick; sons Cary of Tardon Springs, Fla., and Chris of Sarasota; brother Robert Behrendt of Scottsdale, Ariz.; sisters Joyce Szainer of Cadillac, Mich., and Millie Yanosh of Bloomfield Hills; father and stepmother, Robert and Mary Behrendt of Garden City; and mother, Mary Behrendt of Pontiac.

EMMA RUTH ANTHONY

Services for Mrs. Anthony, 83, of Inkster were Feb. 11 from the Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

Mrs. Anthony died Feb. 8 at home. Born Feb. 15, 1910, in Atlanta, Ga., she was active in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Association for Retarded Citizens, Inkster Library and Historical Commission, Inkster Recreation Center as a volunteer music teacher, and in the Democratic Party.

She was a retired Westwood School District music and math teacher and was active for many years in civil-rights groups. For

her decades of involvement in social-justice groups, she was honored last week by the Inkster City Council.

Survivors include: husband David; daughters Leilah "Boni" Hudson and Barbara Kreeger; stepchildren Jerry Anthony, Linda Barnstable, Tim Anthony and Denise Hawkes; grandchildren John Hudson III, Edward Hudson and Holly Patenge; step-grandchildren Kevin Anthony, Angela Anthony and Gene Barnstable; seven great-grandchildren; and brother G. Glenn Harling. She was preceded in death by son Charles Kreeger and Truman Bryan, and four siblings.

Memorials may be donated to the Michigan Cancer Foundation, Sheridan High School Library Fund, or to the donor's choice.

BARBARA VORBECK

Funeral services for Mrs. Vorbeck, 56, of Sarasota, Fla. were held Feb. 11 from Toale Brothers Funeral Home in that city.

Mrs. Vorbeck, who died Feb. 8, was born in Detroit. She was an interior designer for many years in Sarasota. Born April 4, 1937, she attended Schoolcraft College, lived in the area for years, and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Vorbeck was past president of Myakka Valley Homeowners Association and

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POINTS OF VIEW

There's no news like no news

Local broadcast media should tune out the hype

Am I the only one who's a little bit offended by the implied stupidity of the viewers of broadcast media or are there others who think TV news coverage of events is just this side of ridiculous and absurd?

In recent weeks, it seems that every event, no matter how varied its public interest, is framed into some kind of "Team Coverage" of late-breaking developments in "today's top stories" plot.

Regular programming is interrupted routinely.

"Special Report" graphics that used to indicate that some major event of national interest had just occurred now float across our TV screens to give us "up-to-the-minute" information on the temperature of the air outside our homes.

During the first real snowstorm of this winter, we were treated to five consecutive hours of interrupted television programming, with "Team Coverage" reports from all around the Detroit area, telling us just how much snow had fallen, how much more to expect, where the snow fell the hardest, how it was affecting driving conditions, how it was affecting business, how we should dress if we had to be out in it and of course, a medical team report on what would happen to

us if we didn't dress properly when out in it.

To fill in the empty spaces that are sure to occur during such broadcasts we were treated to "expanded coverage" reports of how many snow shovels, snow blowers and ice scrapers were being purchased, personal advice and store inventory reports from area merchants and my personal favorite... touching reports from field correspondents of the specific tragedies that had already occurred to people who had apparently not heeded the instructions of earlier broadcasts.

This event was quickly followed by the recent ice storm coverage which was again expanded to include all of the specifics of the storm and we were at one time given reports of rising temperatures in the Detroit area, degree by degree!

It was truly exhilarating to watch "via News Star 7 Satellite" as the thermometer slowly made its way up from the negative degree numbers, to near the freezing mark to at the freezing mark to over the freezing mark and of course safety for all mankind once again.

I was so relieved!

Had it not been for such diligent and public-minded reporting on these events, my family and I would have surely suf-

GUEST COLUMNIST



KATHY KANABLE

■ "Special Report" graphics that used to indicate that some major event of national interest had just occurred now float across our TV screens to give us "up-to-the-minute" information on the temperature of the air outside our homes.

fered greatly.

Left to my own common sense, I would never had thought to fill up the gas tank in the car, park so that the engine was sheltered against the wind or put extra provisions into the trunk.

I might have been able to discern from the thermometer hanging on the side of our garage that it was indeed very cold, but I would never of my own volition think to dress more warmly, bring my outdoor animals in or just stay home if my trips weren't absolutely necessary.

Had they not closed the schools, thus preventing me from making a terrible mistake, I might have sent my children out to wait hours for a bus that could not travel the icy roads in weather that would surely have cost them their fingertips in less than 60 seconds.

How would I have known? The absolute greatest moment, however, came one evening during a "Special Report Update" on the "Team Coverage Report" at an "Expanded News Conference" where they took us "Live, via satellite" to an "event in progress" where Detroit deputy chief of police Benny Napoleon was holding a press conference to report the fol-

lowing with regard to the Nancy Kerrigan/Tonya Harding skating incident:

- We are not ready to make any charges in this case.
- We are not ready to make any arrests in this case.
- We are not in a position to divulge any further information in this case at this time.

I appreciate up-to-date, precise and specific information as much as the next person.

But come on guys, in your quest to attract the largest viewing audience and receive the highest ratings, let's not lose focus or diminish the importance of historical events by assigning the same priority to local weather as you would to the walk on the moon.

That's my "EXCLUSIVE" opinion

I now return you to your regularly scheduled program!

Kathy Kanable is a Garden City resident, homemaker and mother who likes her TV news straight — without the hype.

Legalization of drugs presents danger to society

John Telford's advocacy of drug legalization (in previous columns) illustrates how uninformed even the literate can be.

That's sad because he fails to recognize the incongruity of what he deems "a gamble worth taking."

History shows the odds of his side winning are insurmountable.

For example: Today, most of us agree the increase in the consumption of our two legal addictive drugs, tobacco and alcohol, is responsible for enormous social and individual damage and therefore steps are being taken to limit their use.

In the face of this social damage, Telford wants to compound the problem by making the illegal addictive drugs — marijuana, cocaine and heroin — legally available.

Telford overlooks, or is unaware of, some very significant pharmacological and historical studies.

Any advocate of drug legalization must understand that the distinction between licit and illicit addictive drugs is not arbitrary, for while both types of drugs have properties in common, they also have basic differences. It's these differences we should be aware of.

While legal addictive drugs, the nicotine in tobacco and ethyl alcohol in moderation do not alter the thought processes.

Cocaine, heroin and marijuana do — even in the smallest quantities. Moreover, the addictive power of the latter is far greater than that of the legal drugs and they are also mind-altering and therefore dangerous.

With a little homework, Telford would learn that studies show the use of illegal drugs affects behavior — even in minute amounts.

It takes very low exposure to cocaine or heroin to become addicted to these drugs.

GUEST COLUMNIST



BOB COPLEY

■ With a little homework, John Telford would learn that studies show the use of illegal drugs affects behavior — even in minute amounts. It takes very low exposure to cocaine or heroin to become addicted to these drugs.

Epidemiological studies on drug-consuming populations show that among those who drink alcohol in whatever form worldwide, only 8 percent drink enough in daily amounts that is damaging to their health and to society at large.

On the other hand, studies of populations of marijuana, hashish, cocaine and opiate consumers show that about 50, 90 and 95 percent, respectively, will use these drugs daily in doses damaging to the user's health and to society — when these drugs are readily available, as would happen if these drugs were legalized per Telford's gamble.

In the 15th century, all restrictions on hashish were lifted in Moslem medieval society and the general debasement of the people followed.

In the mid-1800s, opium was introduced into China and 50 years later, 90

million Chinese were addicted to the drug. In the 1920s in Egypt, the unrestricted commercial availability of cocaine and heroin resulted in a drug epidemic.

In the 1960s, Japan experienced a major epidemic of heroin use when it became readily available.

The uninformed intelligencia who advocate the legalization of drugs are tampering with a trigger that, if ever pulled, might well blow us all away.

Telford is a lousy gambler.

Bob Copley is affiliated with various anti-crime and anti-drug groups, including serving on the advisory council of a community Families in Action organization and is a member of the board of trustees at the state level for the Michigan Communities in Action for Drug Free Youth, with offices located in Birmingham. Research data for this article came from the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy.

Winter runs ragged over Michigan's fish, wildlife

I caught a mess of fish — enough for two meals — through the ice. With my bare hands. Just like Robert Redford tries to do in the opening scene of "Jeremiah Johnson."

Kirsten the Norwegian elkhound is my witness. All dog fanciers know an elkhound never lies.

It happened one balmy, 22-degree day in mid-February when I took Kirsten out on a picnic in the Island Lake State Recreation Area. To an elkhound, 22 degrees is balmy. Besides, elkhounds are a bit balmy.

Island Lake has lots of oak trees, and dead-fall oak branches make quick, hot-cooking fires. We cooked diet-busting breakfasts of bacon, chopped onions and eggs, mopped up with fire-toasted bagels and the help of a dog tongue.

Kirsten used to catch her own warm meals of field mice and sometimes a bunny, but 13 summers, 12 winters and arthritis have slowed her down, so she mainly consumes dog biscuits and polishes the frying pan.

But about the fishing: It actually is a sad story known as "winterkill."

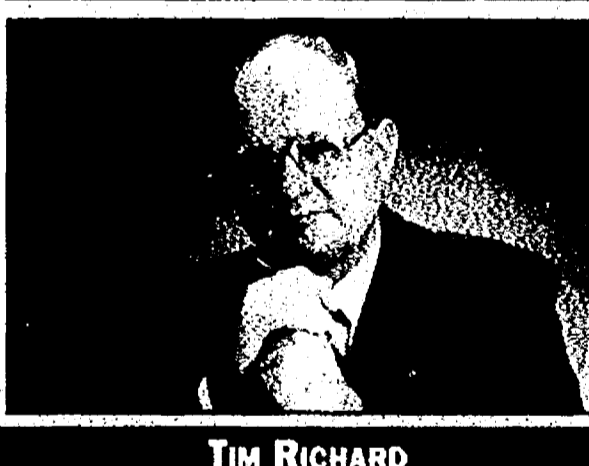
There's a pond about the size of a hockey rink, five feet at its deepest. It drains a large swamp and flows through a narrow channel into the Huron River. I've written about it before. The swamp is where Kirsten found two bodies of beaver that the park rangers didn't even know lived as far south as Livingston County.

The pond was ice-covered except for the upstream end, where a tiny creek oozes out of the swamp and fills the pond. In six feet of open-water were dozens of bluegills, some dead, the others gasping at the surface for air.

Winterkill occurs where ice freezes deep in a tiny pond, and snow blocks rays of sunlight that nourish plants. Plants supply oxygen to the pond water. Lack of oxygen suffocates the fish. I had read about it but never had witnessed it.

The fish were going to die, so with a bare hand I scooped up some of the nicer pan-sized bluegills, dropped them in my knapsack and threw in some snow to keep them cool.

It's legal. The DNR fishing rules (page 7) prohibit use of firearms, explosives and poison



TIM RICHARD

to catch fish, and limit netting, but nowhere does it say a guy can't use his bare hands.

Since then, I've heard of an angler who visits the area each year during winterkill. He chops a large hole in the ice with an ax and takes out a bucket of dying ones.

Winterkill is a sad phenomenon, but part of nature. Vast proportions of our wildlife populations die during winter. In Wisconsin DNR literature, I've read that 75 to 90 percent of fish populations die in the course of a year. One fry in a million grows into a trophy-sized lunker. First-born fawns of young, inexperienced does have a poor survival rate. Rabbits have several litters a year because so many predators feed on them.

Bluegill are a pretty fish, almost as pretty as the angel fish you see in tropical fish tanks. On the hook, 'gills turn their slab sides perpendicular to the angler and put up a stiff battle on light tackle.

Kirsten likes her 'gills raw — head, fins, scales, bones and all. The rest of us like 'em coated with cracker crumbs and pan fried. Their flavor is sweet and pleasant, unlike the bland packaged fish you get from the supermarket freezer.

Eat your heart out, Robert Redford.

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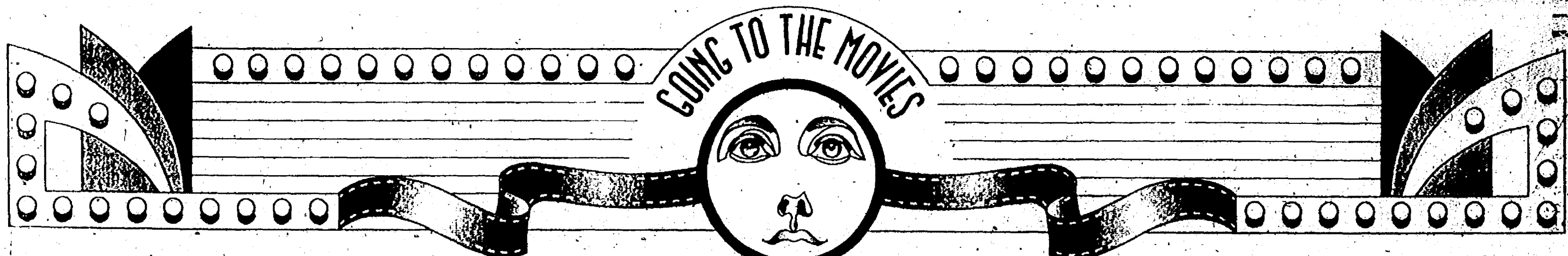
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Coach bets on 'Blue Chips' to turn his life around



Coach Pete Bell loves his work. He loves the game. He loves the boys he transforms into disciplined men on the basketball floor. He loves to win.

Under pressure, Bell and the school's athletic director (Bob Cousy) begin a search for players who can turn their ailing program around.

Bell is tipped to the availability of some bona fide prospects: Neon Bodeaux (Shaquille O'Neal) in New Orleans, Butch McRae (Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway) from a parochial academy in Chicago, and Ricky Roe (Matt Nover) from the Indiana cornfields.

While wrestling with the ethics of using readily available alumni funds to compete for these athletes, the voice of his conscience is echoed by that of his school teacher ex-wife Jenny (Mary McDonnell) who knows his failings don't include a willingness to corrupt the game he loves.

What is less certain is whether his respect for the rules or his desire to win—even at the price of his principles—will determine his actions. A local reporter (Ed O'Neill) is trying to prove he's already lost the battle, and a powerful alumni booster (J.T. Walsh) is waiting to cover the spread that will ensure that loss.

"There are two reasons I'm incapable of cheating," coach Bell explains. "One is, I might get busted and thrown out of coaching—which means I won't be teaching these kids how to play basketball and how to become men."

And the second reason? "I might not get caught."

"I love basketball," said Friedkin, who has worked out with the

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Boston Celtics for each of the past 17 years. "For a long time now, I've wanted to make a film set in that world. And 'Blue Chips' was simply the best basketball script I'd ever read."

First written 12 years ago by Ron Shelton, "Blue Chips" dealt with themes of corruption, morality and ambition that have been at the heart of much of Friedkin's work, from his Oscar-winning "The French Connection" and "The Exorcist" to "To Live and Die in L.A."

These conflicts as represented in the world of sports—specifically in basketball—had previously caught Friedkin's attention in "The Killer Instinct," a book written by basketball legend Bob Cousy. In it, Cousy explores his own incessant drive to succeed in a business whose unremitting pressure often compels its most passionate champions into alliances with the very forces that corrupt the sport they cherish.

In the central roles of the "Blue Chip" recruits, the filmmakers decided to hire athletes who had some acting ability rather than actors who could perform on the court with lesser skill.

"I wanted to look at the players in this film and know that these guys are really playing," said Friedkin. "I wanted there to be no doubt that you are watching great athletes in competition."

"Frankly, I didn't know if we could have found good enough ac-



BOB GREENE

Basketball: Coach Bell (Nick Nolte, center left) recruits Blue Chip athletes Neon Bodeaux (Shaquille O'Neal, left), Butch McRae (Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway, right) and Ricky Roe (Matt Nover) to the Western University Dolphins in "Blue Chips."

tors in the sports world," said Michele Rappaport. "Now I'm convinced we couldn't have gotten anyone better than Matt (Nover) and Anfernee ("Penny" Hardaway). And Shaquille's smile just lights up the screen."

Explosive thriller marks Seagal's directing debut

Warner Bros. new action thriller, "On Deadly Ground," starring and directed by Steven Seagal, opens Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters. In addition to Seagal, the film stars Michael Caine and Joan Chen.

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an explosive battle of wits and muscle.

After starring in five hit films and becoming one of the world's most popular action stars in recent motion picture history, Seagal now expands his skills as a director on a story which appeals not only to his sense of adventure, but also responsibility to our fellow human and natural surroundings.

As a first time director, Seagal would have to contend with a script that called for Alaskan blizzards, explosions, oil fires, dogsleds and horse chases.

Chen traveled to Alaska before production began for "On Deadly Ground" to understand her character.

"I tried to learn the Inuit language and something about their culture," said Chen. "Their way of life is so beautiful. It's a simple, basic life, with a complete

lack of greed. They have big families and are content to live in and around the same area. They are a very cooperative people, and that's a great learning experience."

Prior to stating the film, Chen had never ridden a horse. "At first I was scared of the horses," recalls Chen, "but after we got to Alaska we started riding three or four hours at a time and they made a rider out of me. I enjoyed it so much, I'm in the process of buying one!"

For Robert Watts, the opportunity to produce an action film with a conscience was too great to resist. "What really appealed to me about "On Deadly Ground" is what underlies the basic action

adventure story. I look at it as a film about human responsibility, and that's my reason for doing it. However, Steven's action-adventure fans are not going to be disappointed in the least. This movie is crammed with a great deal of very exciting action."

"We have helicopter explosions, martial arts battles, gun battles, mountains exploding, oil wells blowing up," adds A. Kitman Ho, one of the producers. "The action is exciting, but the majestic Alaskan setting will really remain in people's memories. Watchign this gorgeous—and fast-disappearing landscape, we're all reminded of how priceless our environment is, and how easily we can lose what we take for granted."

Comedy hard on the ears

Here is what some of your friends and neighbors had to say about recently released movies.

Barb Iovan of Redford faxed us these comments about "I'll Do Anything."

"If a relaxing night away from screaming kids is what you seek—don't see 'I'll Do Anything,'" wrote Iovan. "My ears actually hurt from listening to this child—the female lead—scream repeatedly. In the days of films like 'Blank Check' and 'Home Alone' sequels I guess we are to find whining, spoiled kids endearing."

"Here is proof that if you expect a certain type of movie when you walk in the door, you may be disappointed. Although I was aware the plot involved a child, I did not know that she was one of the main characters. There is one totally unnecessary adult nude scene which flashes across the screen."

"On the bright side, Julie Kavner gives a solid supporting role, and Nick Nolte gives a fair performance."

Betty Jean Awrey of Plymouth Township agreed with Iovan, and said "I'll Do Anything," was "awful, horrible, terrible, I wouldn't

REEL TO REEL

If you've seen a new movie lately, either good or bad, we want to hear from you.

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recommend it to anyone." Awrey left her comments on my voice mail, and recommends—"Tombstone," "Philadelphia," "Grumpy Old Men," and "Mrs. Doubtfire." She said "Shadowlands" was excellent.

The next time you go to the movies, give us a call and let us know what you thought about the film. See Reel to Reel for information on how to submit your reviews.

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UPCOMING MOVIES

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:

Opening Friday, Feb. 18:

- "Reality Bites" — Funny irreverent take on love and life for post-Baby Boomers in the 1990s. Stars Winona Ryder, Ethan Hawke, Ben Stiller, Janeane Garofalo, and Steve Zahn.
- "Body Snatchers" — A new telling of the classic science fiction tale of alien invasion. Stars Gabrielle Anwar, Meg Tilly, Terry Kinney and Forest Whitaker.
- "Sugar Hill" — A powerful saga about redemption, love and the price two brothers must pay to fulfill their destinies in a high stakes game of death and profit. Stars Wesley Snipes, Michael Wright, Theresia Randle, Clarence Williams III, Abe Vigoda and Ernie Hudson.
- "You So Crazy" — A one man stand up comedy show starring Martin Lawrence, star of the hit Fox series "Martin."
- "8 Seconds" — Based on the true story of Lane Frost, a champion rodeo bull-rider and his meteoric rise to fame.

Opening Friday, March 4:

- "With Honors" — The true story of Harvard University students who befriend a homeless man.
- "The Chase" — A romantic comedy about a falsely convicted bank robber who takes a beautiful heiress hostage and makes a run for the Mexican border. Stars Charlie Sheen, Kristy Swanson, Henry Rollins, Josh Mostel and Ray Wise.

Opening Friday, March 11:

- "Guarding Tess" — Tess is the beloved former first lady who is running her secret service detail ragged. Tired of being at the mercy of her imperious will, one young agent squares off with her in a class of wits as unremitting as it is hilarious.

Opening Wednesday March 30:

- "Thumbelina" — Animated feature based on the beloved Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale about a tiny girl "no bigger than your thumb," and her adventures as she follows her heart.

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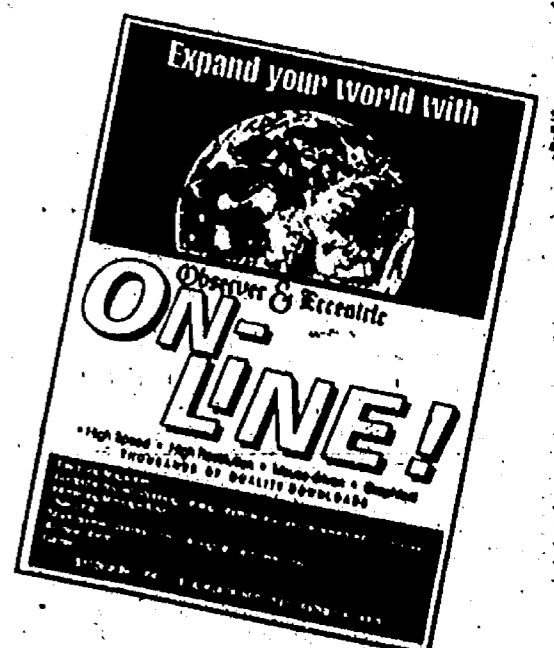
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New Morning School



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Open house: Robyn Ellison shows off her theater display at the Plymouth Township school's student museum. New Morning's students in kindergarten through eighth grade created displays for the museum. New Morning also conducted a preview Sunday, Feb. 6, for its fund-raising auction, Saturday, March 26. Among the items to be auctioned are a 27-foot sailboat. Auction tickets are \$45. Call 420-3331. New Morning is a private school where parents get a discount on tuition if they do volunteer work at the school.

Cadillac wins award from women's group

Cadillac Motor Division was honored with this year's Women in Communications Diamond Award, which recognizes companies, organizations and individuals for actively communicating the progress of women as equals in the work force.

WICI also awards annually a Dog Award, good-naturedly citing organizations that are in the dog house because of their communications concerning today's women.

Cadillac's 1994 Auto Show exhibit entitled "He Says, She Says" employed a "sensible and balanced positioning of both man and woman," said WICI President Susan Schwandt. The exhibit featured a female narrator who informed a male narrator about Cadillac innovations.

Cadillac, a former Dog Honorable Mention award winner, was represented at last week's awards dinner by Rory Gambrell, senior sales promotion specialist, who

said the company is "going to continue to support women in communication efforts in the future."

Gillette Razor Blade Co. was named winner of the Dog Award. The company charges almost \$2 more for its women's Sensor Replacement Razor Blades than for its men's replacement blades. "The blades for both men and women are the same and can be used interchangeably. The only difference is packaging and price," said Schwandt.

The "Doggone Shame Mention" went to Kevin Joyce's WJR Radio program for the talk show host's "countless insults on Hillary Rodham Clinton. He also earned this award for his Jan. 4 show in which he suggested that women on ADC and their children should work in order to receive money.

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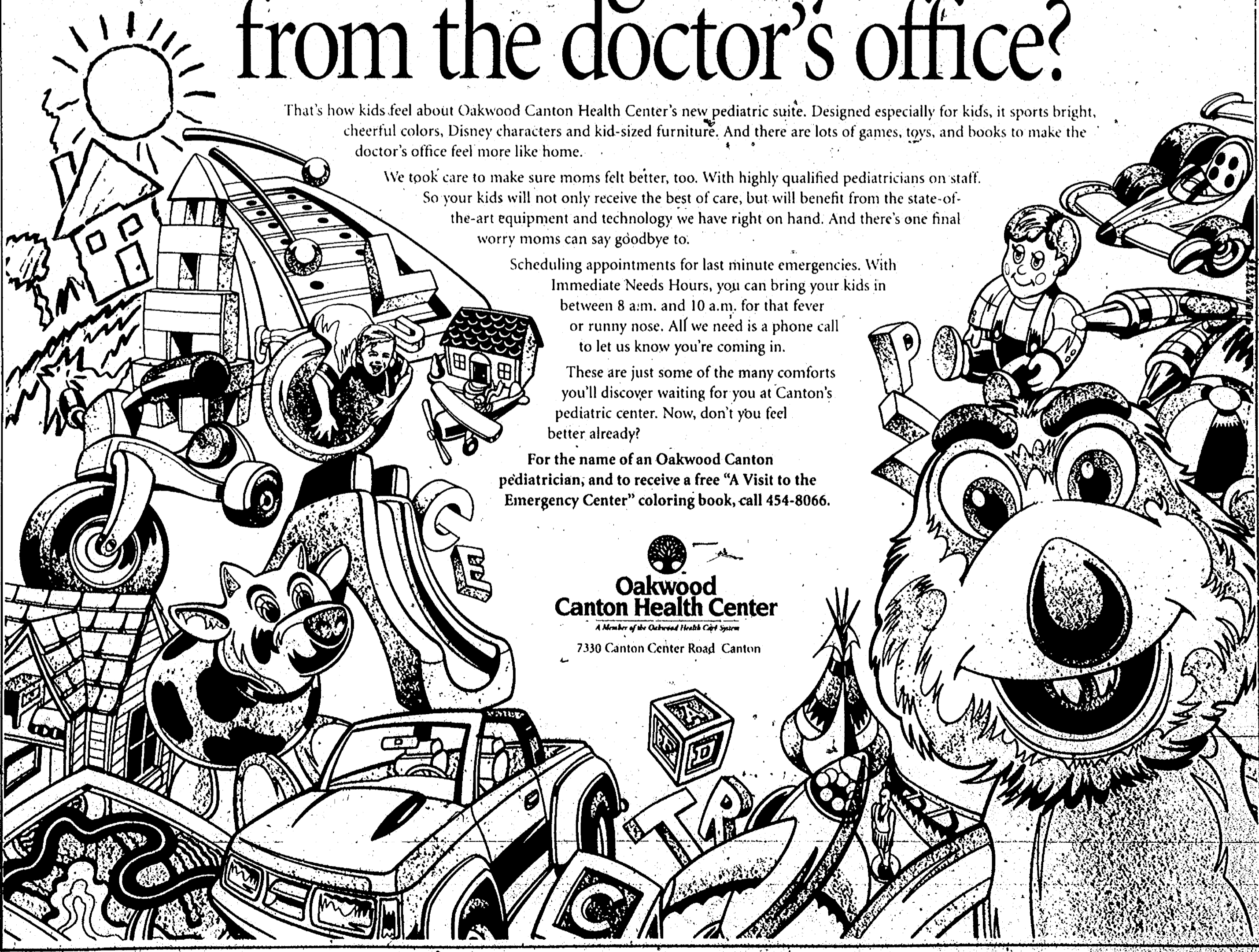
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Dems showcase candidates, Kennedy fires up crowd

Buoyed by an impassioned speech by keynote speaker U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy, son of the late Robert Kennedy, area Democrats gathered Sunday at the 34th Annual Phil Hart Dinner at The Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills.

Several contestants for Don Riegle's soon-to-be vacated U.S. Senate seat and gubernatorial hopefuls attended along with 650 other area Democrats.

"They're (Republicans) going to throw everything into this Sen-

ate election," said Frank Garrison, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO. "They're going to throw everything but a good candidate."

Democratic U.S. Senate contenders in attendance included state Sen. John Kelly, former state Rep. Bill Brodhead of Bingham Farms, state Sen. Lana Polack of Ann Arbor, U.S. Rep. Bob Carr and Macomb prosecutor Carl Marlinga.

They only received encouragement — not an endorsement —

from Riegle, who spoke after receiving an honor for his public service.

Riegle's swan song turned to thunder as Kennedy set the tenor of the program.

Without a prepared text, Kennedy expounded on traditional Democratic themes of social equality and working-class concerns.

He chastised large companies for "gutting the best jobs working people can hope to get" in return for higher returns for investors.

He also came down on the banking industry for not providing loans to minority businesses.

In terms of touchy subjects, the Massachusetts congressman was the only one to broach the subject of Riegle's involvement in the savings and loan scandal.

"I have seen all the personal attacks Don Riegle has been through," Kennedy said. "I want to tell you something, I serve on the House Banking Committee and I know the kind of influence the banks in this country have."

There is no one who stood up against the banks and for the people than the way Don Riegle has."

Kennedy, while outlining the social ills plaguing the country, also provided a few lighthearted quips.

He said his "uncle Teddy" wanted him to find out who exported Mitt Romney to Massachusetts. Mitt Romney, son of former Michigan Gov. George Romney, is a Republican running against Ted Kennedy.

On his own wealth and influ-

ence Kennedy said, "I made my money the right way; my grandfather gave it to me. I highly recommend it."

Vicki Barnett of Farmington Hills thinks Kennedy's message fit the audience.

"I think the key thing he said is that you don't have to be poor to understand there are people out there who need government assistance and help," said Barnett, who is 11th District Chair for the Oakland County Democratic Party.

SC prof hosts East Coast trip

Schoolcraft College history Professor Stuart Bloom will host a tour of New England July 10-18.

The tour is designed to show participants the foundations of American history. Boston will be the departure point for the trip, which costs \$1,195 double occupancy or \$1,395 for single occupancy. Cost includes accommodations for eight nights, bus transportation leaving from and returning to Boston, informative lectures and tour guides as needed. Meals along with transportation to and from Boston are not included in tour charges.

Reservations must be accompanied by a \$50 deposit. Deadline is March 1. Mail deposit to Genine Ruokolainen, Forum Building, Room 500, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, 48152-2696.

The tour will include historical places in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The transformation of American society from agriculture to industry will be explored through visits to a series of national historic sites. Included are the Plymouth Plantation where immigrants landed attempting to civilize a wilderness and create a "New" England.

In addition, tour participants will visit historical waterfront, ancient vessels and museums. The tour includes a stop in Newport, Rhode Island, one of Colonial America's seaports as well as the late 19th century playground of the rich.

To register or to obtain more information, call Continuing Education Services at 462-4448.

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A Madonna University course called "Understanding Alternative Dispute Resolution" meets 1-5 p.m. Friday, March 4.

Fee is \$75. Call 591-5188.

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FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

Slow meals are good for fast families

You sure can get a lot out of a good meal besides a good burp. Food is one thing, but juicy conversation is another. Simmering pepper steak and rice can get tongues wagging at my house. It's great when teenagers talk about what's going on in their lives and about friends, school, teachers and the special help available from counselors during crisis situations.

Like many other parents of teens, I find it's a precious and sometimes rarer occasion when your schedule and theirs connect, especially around dinner time. At my house, either my husband and I eat together, alone or with one or more of the children or the children eat together.

Getting all the family to sit down to dinner together during the week is an accomplishment. Weekends, usually Sunday, is our breakfast and dinner time together. Cheerleading practice, track, football, basketball and work make it quite difficult for those "Brady Bunch" family dinners. Even my oldest son's part-time job after school keeps him busy on top of being a senior.

But as wonders never cease, just this week there we were, all five of us together, same time and table - and on a week day. Wow! What did we talk about between chewing and swallowing? As if there was nothing to say. Teachers first - characteristics about teachers teens can respect.

One thing I found out as I reached for more rice was my youngest son of 13 years experiences displeasure when a teacher makes statements like "Someone in this class is talking and being disruptive." To Brandon, as he explained it, "it's not being upfront" on the teacher's part. "Say who it is that's being disruptive."

He indicated that it didn't make sense, especially when the teacher knew who was yapping it up. In his opinion, kids take it better, respect a teacher's straight-up approach rather than use what he calls a kindergarten statement. Surely they don't expect us to say who it is?

'Getting with them'

A statement, such as this one made by a junior high instructor, even I know can tickle students and cause more good than harm. As Brandon put it, "Give us more credit than that, come to our level." His comments reinforced in my mind the real in connecting with teens, "getting with them," so to speak, and doing away with the hopscotch way of communicating.

Because teens are on the pathway, fast approaching adulthood, already coping with adult problems, adults must step up to the plate and be ready to get to first, second, third base and home in relating to teens.

Another teen and teacher relation tip, according to both Brandon and my 15-year-old daughter Andrace, is for the teacher to use age-appropriate speaking voices for teens. My younger son balked about one teacher talking in a voice suitable for second graders. I didn't get the impression he didn't like teachers being too nice to kids or even too fair. His concern was "know your audience" - a school load of 12- to 14-year-olds, not second graders.

My daughter joked about a teacher who so sweetly told a student doing one of the latest dances in the classroom, "It's not time to boogie your knees down." Andrace thought her teacher's statement was so funny and sweetly out of touch. I thought it was funny, too, but kind of witty.

A Little character

As my husband, my oldest son John and I listened with great interest for more on what's happening on the school front, something else was said. (Oldest son John was less talkative, giving the floor - table - to the two younger ones.) What both teens shared with us was about a 14-year-old peer who they addressed as Little before his first name. Little is described by the kids at school as being quite a character - not so friendly, irritating and outspoken. He got the name Little because he's extremely short and small in size for his age.

Little kicks chairs and tables, throws ketchup in the lunchroom and disrupts the class. He's a regular visitor in the main school office. His not so friendly attitude and expression of displeasure, kids say, come from not liking as well as his inability to change his physical size and height. Compared to his peers, his size is marked well below other kids. His football uniform had to be altered to accommodate his small frame. Even then a belt was needed to hold his pants in place. The belt end, I was told, met his knees.

See FAMILY, 3C

Zoo's gardens get Burton touch

■ Barry Burton's previous jobs didn't quite prepare him for his new position. The landscape architect for the Detroit Zoological Park, he's taken on the task of restoring the once famous grounds to their former splendor.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



If Barry Burton had his way, the Detroit Zoo's gardens would once again flourish.

"Ideally, my overall goal is to make the grounds as famous as the zoo itself; I'd like to make it as famous as it used to be," said Burton, the zoo's landscape architect.

When the zoo moved to its present location in 1928, the park was known for its memorial flower garden, honoring military personnel killed in the line of duty. Another section of the park was a successful transplanting of a Northern Michigan woodland habitat. Native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and ferns grew along a trout stream.

Through the years, however, ideologies clashed. Weeds and grass were allowed to grow freely because previous zoo directors felt it would create the "natural" look the original planners designed.

That, however, has done more harm than good and will take a lot of work to restore the gardens to their original beauty, according to Burton, Canton Township's landscape architect from September 1990 to December 1992.

The park, modeled after the Hagenbeck Zoo Gardens in Hamburg, Germany, was the first zoo in the United States to be designed with barless exhibits. Instead moats and wells create the safe borders between the animals and zoo visitors.

"Landscaping was a low priority for a long time; there were vines covering specimen trees," Burton said. "I'd like to make it lush... balance horticulture and design."

Important asset

Ron Kagan, director of the zoo staff, said that it's thoughts like those that make Burton an important asset to the zoo.

"Barry is extremely qualified, and I think he has exceptional potential. He's very creative; that's important for everything at the zoo," Kagan said. "He has a very profound understanding of people places and natural places and how the two need to come together."

Burton started working at the zoo in July 1993. He has begun replacing the weeds with ornamental grasses and flowers. His design will create privacy for the animals. Zoo visitors will be able to see the animals but grasses will keep viewers on the opposite sides of the exhibit



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

from seeing each other.

Burton's landscape architect position at the Detroit Zoo is his first at a zoological park. Aside from his position in Canton Township, the Michigan State University graduate has worked as a landscape designer for Grosse Pointe Farms, as a city planner in New Rochelle, N.Y., and as a planner and landscape designer in Winnetka, Ill. The Grosse Pointe native said that Detroit is where he belongs.

"I really do like Detroit," Burton said driving through the zoo. "I get to be a part of the Detroit Zoo which plugs me into the rest of the world."

"Although I never thought I'd end up at a zoo, it's the crux of my career."

His former jobs couldn't prepare him for some of the problems he has

faced during his tenure at the zoo. Because of the animals, Burton and his 12-member staff stay away from using pesticides and herbicides to kill weeds and bugs.

"When most people want to kill weeds, they take weed killer and spray it. We can't do that. There's so many issues other than just horticulture," said Burton, who has studied in Finland and Japan. For example, in the zebra yard he had to mix grass seeds so the grass could withstand the animals' stomping.

Some play

At times he also gets to be playful with the animals - sometimes without trying. Once while pulling out a mulberry tree he got into a tug-of-war with a sloth bear.

"I tried to yank it, and I got pulled back and I thought, 'hey, what's going on?'"

Commingling with the animals is an unexpected surprise for Burton.

"I didn't think I'd grow as fond of the animals as I did. I didn't think I'd be as interested to learn about wildlife conservation."

Now he rides around the zoo on what he calls his "wicked witch of the west bike" complete with a basket and a bell. He rides through the zoo feeding the animals vegetation from the zoo's plants. Sometimes he just drives around and rings the bell to perk up the sleepy animals.

Contrary to popular belief, the winter season doesn't give Burton a

See GARDENS, 3C

Cookie game: It's sales that matter

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Who would have ever thought that ordering Girl Scout Cookies would be confusing?

Sometimes it can be if you're ordering cookies from Girl Scouts on different sides of town. It turns into a name game, What's a Carmel De-Lite in one area is a Samoã in another. Meanwhile some may be ordering Do-al-Does as others prefer Peanut Butter Sandwiches.

The reason is the two area Girl Scout Councils - Michigan Metro and Huron Valley - use different bakers. Girl Scouts in the Westland, Plymouth and Canton areas use ABC InterBake Foods Inc., chosen by their Huron Valley council. Michigan Metro groups, which includes Redford, Garden City and Livonia, use Lil Brownie Bakers.

Huron Valley's cookie committee chose ABC for business and taste reasons.

"We have a committee that has presentation given to them. They felt that ABC had a better product and better support material," said Lisa Miron-Wack, spokeswoman for the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.



JIM JACOFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cookies: Showing off this year's cookies are Rebecca Wynohradnyk (back row, from left), Rachel Poremba and Amanda Szabelski of Troops 107 and 127, Jenny Fisher of Troop 483, Erin Marquardt of Troop 3305 (front row, left) and Meghann Naber of Troop 534.

See COOKIES, 3C

4 area residents are winners in county's award program

Four Observer-area men were among 21 Wayne County government employees awarded recently for outstanding job performance.

The winners are Donald Lawrenchuk and Keith Tait of Livonia, Anthony Cavilli of Westland and Steven Gold of Garden City.

Lawrenchuk and Tait were given the Meritorious Service Team Award for their effort in creating the first school health manual in the state. A two-year project, the manual is designed to help schools educate students and staff on health issues.

Lawrenchuk is the medical director for the Wayne County health department. Tait is the director of the health department's Disease Control Division.

Gold received an Outstanding Performance Award for snaring a \$175,000 grant for the immunization action plan and a \$201,000 grant for the breast and cervical cancer prevention programs. Gold is the health



Winners: From left are Donald Lawrenchuk of Livonia, Steven Gold of Garden City, Keith Tait of Livonia and Anthony Cavilli of Westland.

department's director of planning and evaluation.

Cavilli received a Meritorious Service Award for his work in maintaining and updating bankruptcy petitions. As a result, the treasurer's department has been able to collect more money for county politicians to spend.

"I look forward to the em-

ployee awards presentation," said county Executive Ed McNamara in a press release.

"It gives us a chance to recognize those employees whose service to this county often goes unnoticed. We want them to know that we could not function as a vital resource in our communities without their efforts."

Fly fishing expo set for March

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club 1994 Exposition is planned 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 13, in the Southfield Civic Center.

Admission is \$8 for anyone 13 years' old and up. Everyone else gets in free.

The Southfield Civic Center is at 26000 Evergreen, between 10 and 11 Mile roads in Southfield. For more information, call

Mark Ratajczak, 641-7256.

Conducting seminars will be steelhead experts Jim and Donna Teeny, Alaskan guide Tony Route, Pere Marquette guides Jim and Tom Johnson and Great Lakes tributaries guide Rick Kus-tich.

Seventy-eight booths will feature more than 80 exhibitors featuring fly rods of all materials, fly reels, fly tying materials out-fitters, books, videos, antique

tackle, conservation organizations and more.

Two casting ponds will be available to test equipment and round table discussions will provide guest an opportunity to meet with speakers and exhibitors.

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TIMOTHY NOWICKI

During the past 12 years or so we have had relatively mild winters. This winter has been more like the ones we had 15 or 20 years ago, causing us to pull out our heavy winter coats that help insulate us against the cold.

Animals must insulate themselves too. They don't go down to Kmart and pick out a new coat, but they do grow new coats. In winter, mammals, like deer and squirrels, grow additional fur. Those additional fibers of hair help to trap air warmed by the body. In the case of white-tailed deer, each hair is hollow like a straw. Warm air is trapped between hairs and inside each, air provides double insulation. A deer's coat also is darker in win-

ter, which allows more heat to be absorbed.

Birds do much the same only they grow more feathers in winter. Some of our winter finches may increase the numbers of feathers on their body by 50 percent. A feather's filamentous features allow air to be trapped easily. By fluffing feathers, birds can control the layer of warm air they trap from escaping to the outside.

Odd as it may seem, snow is a very good insulator. Mammals and some birds burrow into the snow and remain much warmer than if they were on the surface of the snow. Like the air spaces between the hairs of a mammal, or the feathers of a bird, air spaces between snow crystals reduces heat from being drawn away from the animal. As snow gets old and becomes more dense its insulative qualities decline.

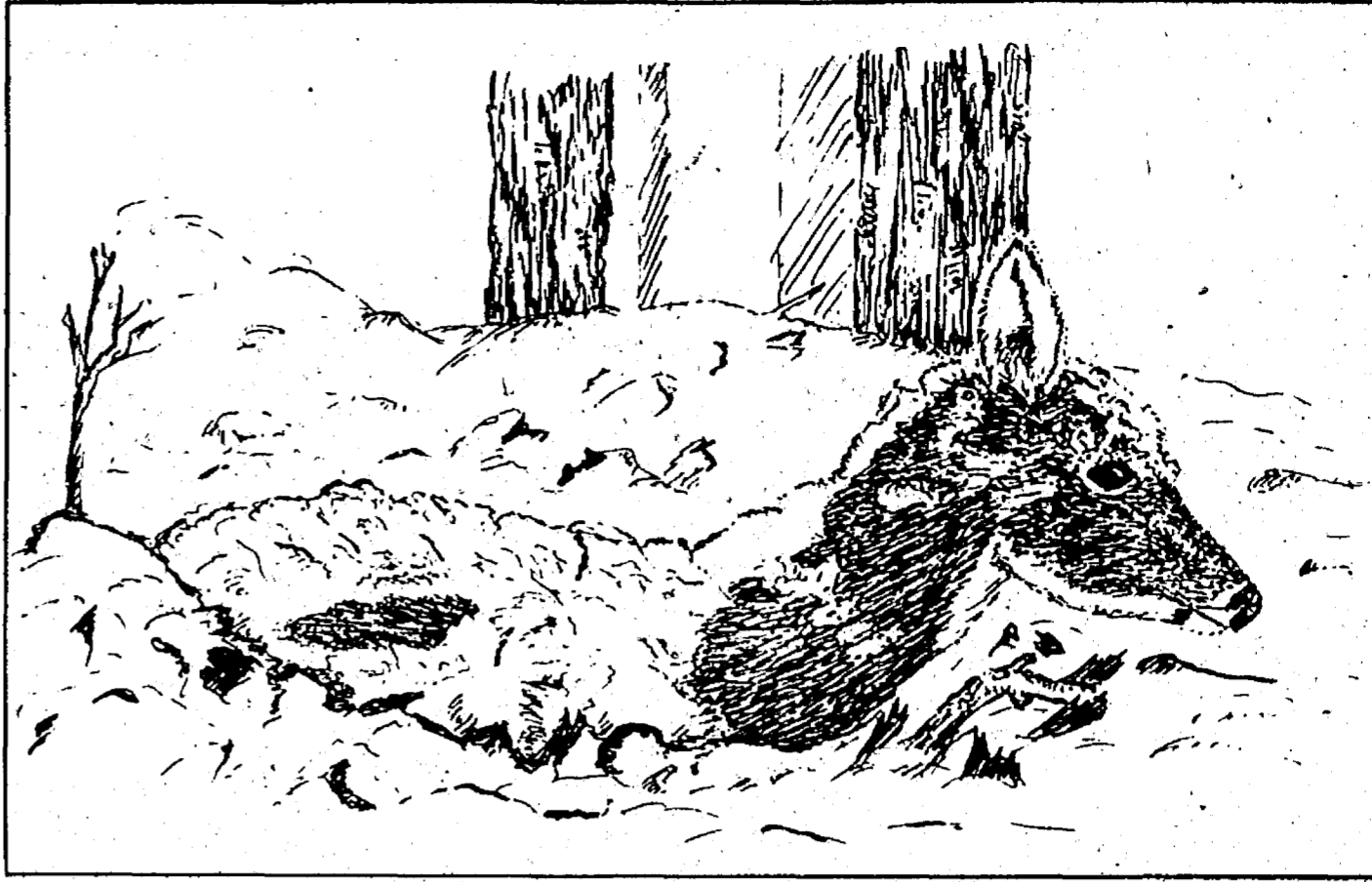
Cottontail rabbits and ruffed grouse in southeastern Michigan frequently burrow under the snow for warmth and protection. Tem-

peratures may be 30-60 degrees warmer under a layer of snow. Predators, such as hawks and owls, would not be able to see them under the cover of snow. Some small mammals also group together under the snow to help conserve heat.

Fat on mammals can be beneficial in insulating the animal from cold.

Some species that may have survived during our mild winters may not be able to tolerate this cold winter. Those that can survive are those that can insulate themselves from the cold.

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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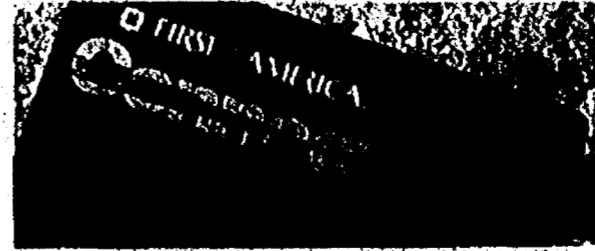
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BOB SKLAR

Plymouth arts walk holds lots of promise

Look for an evening arts crawl in downtown Plymouth when the weather warms up — if a volunteer coordinator steps forward.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council envisions a spring crawl. "I threw out the idea at our January board meeting and it generated high interest," said council president Karen Tripp.

"It's an exciting concept. But we're as strapped as any organization relying solely on volunteers. It's just a matter of getting a committee together. The bulk of our volunteers right now is working real hard to put us in a permanent home. A gallery crawl may have to wait till next year."

If a volunteer from the chamber, DDA or arts council served as coordinator, the arts council board definitely would lend support, Tripp said.

An arts crawl is a great idea — what with Kellogg Park, an historic downtown, two cappuccino bars and springtime as the backdrop. Like Art in the Park, Fall Festival and the International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, it would draw out-of-towners to Plymouth's central business district.

The thought is to spotlight the variety of downtown spots with original artwork while staging a fund-raiser for local arts programming. The accent would be on fine art, fine crafts, and arts and crafts.

There'd be a leisurely stroll embracing nine or 10 stops after regular business hours. A program and map would be provided. One stop could include the best of Plymouth-Canton student art.

Participating merchants would offer special exhibits, giveaways and hors d'oeuvres. The Kellogg Park bandshell could showcase hometown talent like the Plymouth Symphony or Plymouth Community Chorus. Artists — a glassblower, a jeweler, a sculptor, a painter — could do demonstrations at the new Michigan Art Exchange at Forest Place Mall.

Stops would include the council's Art Rental Gallery in the Dunning Hough Library. The gallery houses 400 original paintings, reproductions and limited-edition prints. Themes include landscapes, florals, country scenes and abstract realism. Most of the artists are from Michigan.

"We rent framed pieces for a two-month period for \$6 per picture per month with an option to buy on pieces in the collection at least a year," said Therese Gall, gallery co-chairwoman.

Many renters choose seasonal pieces. "It's a good way to change the art in your home or to see how a piece might fit in," Gall said. "There's nothing worse than spending \$400 on a picture, then getting it home and saying, 'Oh, God. It's awful.'"

Gallery pieces that are sold bring \$250 to \$600; profits go toward buying new art. Rental fees are applied toward communitywide arts programming.

Gall is upbeat about an arts crawl: "There are people who have lived in Plymouth 20 years and still don't know we exist. It takes events like this to bring our gallery and others into focus."

A merchant for 11 years, Scott Smith sees promotions like a crawl as "essential to this community moving ahead."

"It's something that'd portray Plymouth in a different light, something that'll bring it into the '90s," said Smith, owner of Penniman Showcase of Arts and Crafts, which features "three-dimensional handmade work with a human touch" from around the world, especially the United States.

"We have several galleries here that don't necessarily have the recognition they deserve," he said. "A crawl also would portray Plymouth as something other than a so-called provincial town, which some people think it is."

Smith took part in a 1991 arts crawl that took place in November and involved a trolley tour of 10 Plymouth and Northville galleries. The arts council assisted but two gallery owners organized that crawl.

Smith sees a Plymouth crawl as a sort of "personalization of shopping in town. My philosophy of retailing in the '90s is that shopping is entertainment. Galleries are one aspect of that. They're multigenerational, appealing to all ages and income levels."

"When clients walk in, they come to be entertained. What I offer isn't something they can't live without nor something that's vital for survival."

"But this type of gallery makes life more interesting, exciting and fun. One of the rewards of hard work is to come here, or any other gallery, and spend your money."

Bob Sklar is special projects manager for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave a message, call 953-2113.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- Marty Figley's Garden Spot column.
- Monte Nagler's Focus on Photography column.
- Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.



DAN DEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bountiful Islands: Artist Audrey DiMarco captures the vibrance of Virgin Islands culture in "Young Warriors," an earthy gouache painting. She refers to her work as a collaging together of texture and color.

Virgin Islands color artist's paintings

Audrey DiMarco brings the islands home in a series of paintings on exhibit to March 6 in a Livonia Arts Commission show of 30 vibrantly colored pieces in the Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER



Audrey DiMarco visited the Virgin Islands for 10 days three years ago.

The people, their customs and legends fascinated the

West Bloomfield artist so that she spent the last year painting them.

DiMarco exhibits these brilliantly colored works Feb. 20 through March 6 in the Art Gallery on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

The public is invited to an opening reception to meet the artist 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, courtesy of the Livonia Arts Commission, sponsors of the monthly art exhibitions.

Just as primitives of the Polynesian islands inspired Paul Gauguin in the late 19th century, the natural beauty of natives in the Virgin Islands fires DiMarco's acrylic, gouache and mixed-media paintings.

See ISLANDS, 2D



Abstract expressions: Audrey DiMarco lets loose, breaking all the rules and putting down what she feels in this mixed-media painting.

Schoolcraft seminar blooming with ideas

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

A one-day conference blooming with ideas for horticulturists and gardening buffs alike may ease you over the mid-winter hump.

"Gardening From the Ground Up" runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5, in Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile), Livonia. The \$85 registration fee includes workshop handouts and a buffet lunch.

The fourth annual conference is co-

sponsored by Schoolcraft's continuing education services and Perennial Favorites, a landscape design firm in Waterford.

Local horticulturists, naturalists, professional gardeners, landscapers and floral designers will conduct forums that encourage gardeners to exchange ideas, said Deborah Dani, a continuing education staffer.

Classes cover a range of topics — from providing year-round color in the garden, to brick paving, garden sculpture, edible plants and garden

photography.

"The workshop gets wonderful response. People have been cooped up all winter, so by the time this comes around, they're ready for change and ready to think about gardening again," Dani said.

Last year's conference drew 221 attendees, but Schoolcraft expects up to 250 participants this year, according to Dani.

Conference-goers will choose three of the workshop's 10 seminars and attend a closing session with master

landscape designer David Michener, who's the curator at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

Other instructors include Janet Macunovich, Perennial Favorites co-owner, author and garden designer; Barbara Deegan, residential gardener; Rick Rohl of Birmingham Lawn Maintenance, and Deborah Davis, head horticulturist at SeaWorld of Ohio.

Between sessions, conference-goers

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HAMMELL'S A WINNER

Steinway & Sons, the legendary American piano maker, presented Livonia-based Hamell Music with its sixth annual Advertising and Public Relations Award.

An exclusive authorized Steinway dealer, Hamell was honored as the dealer that has best communicated news of its activities as well as that of Steinway in general.

A brass lyre, representative of the famed Steinway logo, was presented to Hamell at the National Association of Music Merchandisers Jan. 22 in Anaheim.

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"It gives us great pleasure to publicly recognize Hammell Music for their exceptional efforts and achievements," said Bruce Stevens, Steinway & Sons president. "Their great success has qualified them as deserved recipients of this prestigious national award."

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Arts and crafts, all made in America, will be featured at Westland Center, 35000 W. Warren, Westland, Feb. 17-20, during regular mall hours. Professional artisans from any states will demonstrate and sell their work, including paint-

ings, pottery, stained glass, wood crafts, jewelry, decorative painting, needlework, soft sculpture, floral designs and toys. Raab Enterprises of North Royalton, Ohio, will present the show.

EYEING WATERCOLORS

Observerland residents are eligible to enter slides for the Michigan Water Color Society's annual exhibition June 12 to July 1 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. Paintings are limited to watercolor on paper.

Awards totaling \$5,000 will be presented. Juror is Al Loving, a Michigan native now living in New York City and a faculty member in City College of New York's art department. He earned his MFA from the University of Michigan.

Deadline for postmarked entries is March 1. For entry forms, call 313-665-8924.

Islands from page 1D

"I found their culture absolutely fascinating," said the 35-year veteran of painting, motioning to a work featuring five young warriors. "I asked them why their stomachs were protruding. It's a sign of bounty, they said, there's plenty of fish in the waters."

Several of the paintings speak to the dark side of island traditions. "Danger at the Gate," an acrylic-based mixed media, illustrates the culture's tradition of sacrificing the first-born girl child to the God, Pele. A man with a knife in his hand appears ready to appease the God so the island's volcano remains silent. Vibrant island colors cast shadows over the event about to occur.

Initially, DiMarco "laid out the paintings in her head" two summers ago, after hurting her back while golfing.

"I did the masks because I wanted to do people. I decided I wanted to paint expressions of where I'd been. I had to put down emotion. I had to put down what I felt," said the 1988 winner of the prestigious Scarab Club Gold Medal.

"The people there are so wonderful, gentle and kind. The world we live in is kind of scary. I found a gentleness there that is something lost for us."

Fellow artist Jeri Fellwock of Farmington Hills followed the development of DiMarco's island and mask paintings over the last year. "Her colors are vibrant, her brush strokes are energetic, the way she paints in layers, the way she lets her colors show through, the story she tells," Fellwock said.

As a 9-year-old girl, DiMarco learned the most valuable lesson of her life, one that guides not only how she lives that life but how she approaches her art.

"It was the last time I saw my mother before she died. I wanted to do something but backed away from it saying I couldn't. My mother said, 'Always try. If you have an idea no matter how abstract, how do you know you'll fail if you don't try. Always try. Not to try is to fail.'"

DiMarco learned from the best. Studies at Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts (now Center for Creative Studies) under Sarkis Sarkisian and Guy Palazzola, and at Eastern Michigan University, gave DiMarco the knowledge necessary to develop her drawing abilities.

Portraits sketched from life re-

'Art doesn't have rules but you have to study to understand color compatibility. Some people call me a colorist, but I not only use color, I know the capability of color . . .'

Audrey DiMarco

fect much-practiced skills in the human form as well as the ability to manipulate the media of pencil and pastel.

An active member of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association and Scarab Club in Detroit, DiMarco has taught multimedia painting at the Birmingham Community House, Visual Arts Association of Livonia and privately in her own studio 15 years.

On March 4, she begins teaching a series of three workshops in pastel at VAAL.

"Art doesn't have rules but you have to study to understand color compatibility. Some people call me a colorist, but I not only use color, I know the capability of col-

or, how to place fuchsia next to red separated by only a thin black line and offset by the coolness of Raku," she said, referring to "Masks," an acrylic painting that incorporates pieces of ceramics.

DiMarco is proud of the many awards and prizes she's received but says she doesn't keep track of them anymore. That isn't why she paints.

"If I'm not involved in a painting, I'm kind of down but if I have something in progress, I wake up happy as a lark," she said. "I enjoy painting. I need to paint. I have to."

DiMarco has exhibited at the Belian Art Center in Troy, Birmingham Community Center,

Edee Joppich's Bay Street Gallery in Northport, Detroit Artists Market, Detroit Institute of Arts rental gallery, Farmington Community Library, Livonia City Hall and Atrium Gallery in Northville. Her work is in collections across the United States as well as Canada, Germany, Japan and England.

DiMarco likes to have three paintings in the works at any given time. The beginnings of her newest series focusing on impressionistic sunflowers raises its head for the first time in this show. Energetic bursts of gold light play on the canvas in all their magnificence.

Other paintings in the show continue a theme that thrives on social and psychological mores. "From the Caves" deals with the fact that women have always submitted to men's needs and wants.

On the other hand, "Masks in the Men's Room" toys with the premise that "men don't show their feelings the way women do."

"Most of the things I do, have to do with people. I want to emotionally and psychologically get the

viewer involved with the painting."

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.



Ritual fire: As a colorist, Audrey DiMarco shines in "Masks," an acrylic painting daring in its use of warm, red colors.

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will get a look at landscaping models and new gardening products displayed around hallways. Gardening books will be on sale and printed information will be available in the registration area.

Representatives from 14 local nurseries and gardening groups, including English Gardens, McFarland's Florist & Greenhouses, Plymouth Nursery & Garden Center, Michigan Master Gardeners, Ray Wiegand's Nursery and Highland Tree Farm, will be on hand to help participants apply ideas learned in class

to their own yard.

Here's a rundown of workshop offerings:

- On a Small Scale — Plants in Containers.
- Nature's Way — Gentle on the Earth.
- Setting the Light — Mood in Your Garden.
- The Festive Garden — Four Seasons of Atmosphere.
- Everlasting Flowers.
- Managing Your Time in the Garden.
- Using Sculpture and Other Non-Plants.
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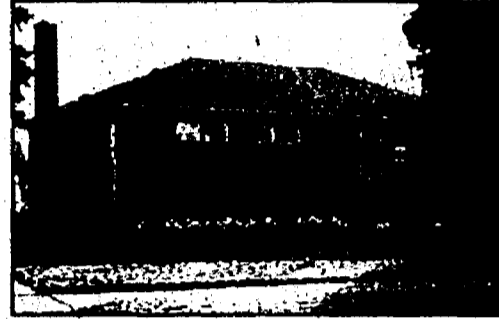
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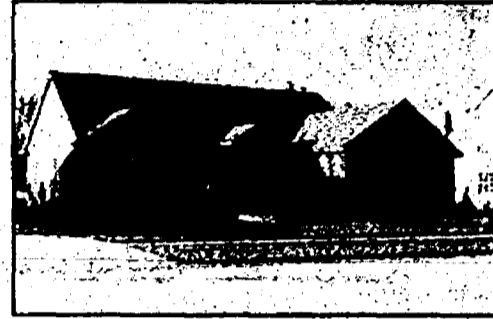
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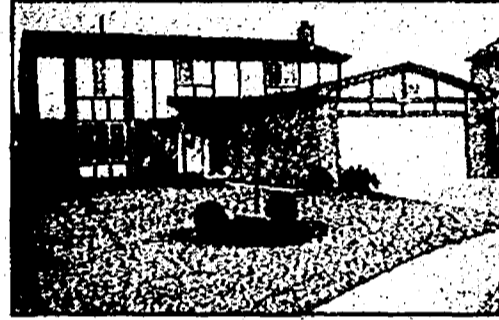
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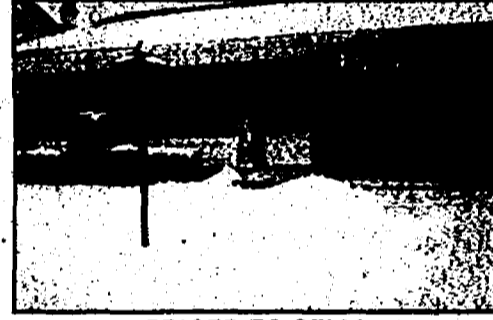
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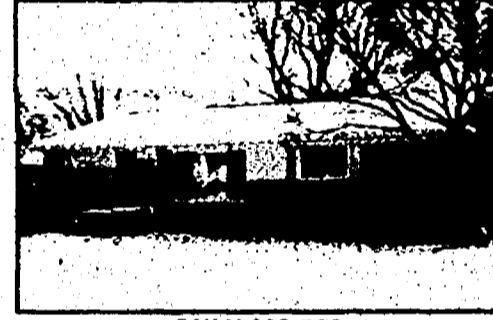
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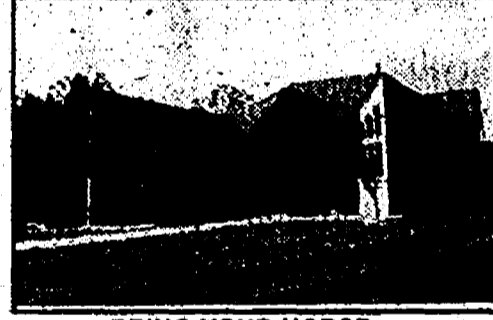
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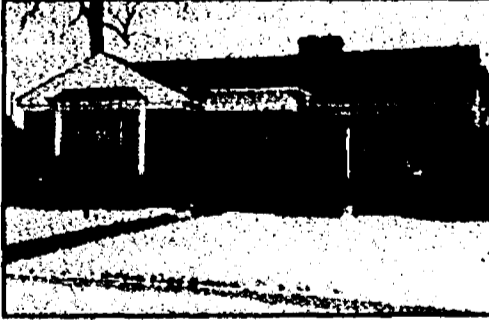
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Dietrich's daughter pens provocative biography

BOOK BREAK



VICTORIA DIAZ

"If you live with people like my mother, who are utterly powerful simply because they are famous, you come to know that they can say anything or do anything, and will never be questioned," says 69-year-old Maria Riva, daughter of the late Marlene Dietrich and author of the just-out-in-paperback biography, "Marlene Dietrich" (Ballantine, \$14).

"After a while, you simply want to scream the truth."

It's difficult to imagine the petite, soft-spoken Riva screaming about anything. Nevertheless, via her written words, she has gained the attention of thousands of fascinated readers worldwide.

The book's original hardcover edition from Knopf last year became a blockbuster bestseller. And with its paperback re-release this month, audiences are sure to grow.

Stopping off at Borders Novi last week in the midst of a

whirlwind U.S. tour to promote the paperback re-issue, the trim, blonde author (who resembles her famous mother only slightly) emphasized that she could hardly remember a time when she didn't want to write a book about the woman she still refers to as "Dietrich."

"When I finally sat down to write (the book), I felt, in a sense, as if I'd been researching it all my life," she said. "There were all the conversations I remember. My mother, you see, trained me to remember and repeat to her entire conversations when I was very young and so I have an especially retentive memory. Then, there were all her letters and diaries that I had access to. My greatest problem was that I had so very much to say."

Actually, Riva (who was never permitted by Dietrich to attend school) ended up saying a lot. The memoir is 700-plus pages (with more than 200 black-and-white photos included) and apparently, as the New York Times pointed out on its 1993 release, "leaves no sequin unturned."

Riva, who did not want the book published until after

Dietrich's death (in 1992), insists, however, that her story is not just another literary event in which yet another glamorous "movie mommy" is trashed by her offspring. On the book's original release, a number of major reviewers agreed with her.

The San Francisco Chronicle called the memoir "extraordinary," adding that "the greatest tribute to Dietrich may be that Riva . . . is . . . fair and decent." The Chicago Tribune declared, "Riva does not attempt to take over the narrative, parading in-ventives, exhibiting hurts . . . She actually has much good to say about her mother."

True, Riva does give the great star her due, especially when it comes to her professionalism.

"My mother was beautiful and utterly fascinating," she commented recently. "And, professionally, she was greatly disciplined. But I have no regard for my mother as a human being. She simply had no conscience, and the cruelty she directed toward others was outrageous."

As an example of this singular cruelty, Riva recounts in the book a story of a time when Dietrich spotted a news photo of an emaciated, dying Yul Brynner, a former lover who had long since rejected the great star. "Goody," she scrawled across his photo (and sent it to Riva). "He has cancer! Serves him right!"

"Sometimes, I'm rather frightened of my gene pool," Riva said, recalling the event.

Dietrich's cruelty was not just directed toward lovers whose ardor had cooled but toward "anybody and everybody," according to Riva.

"I was always fascinated by the fact that people — even people with great minds — were always willing to take the cruelty almost as if it felt good to be beaten by the great Dietrich."

Riva's written words do, indeed, provide luscious bits of grit for a gossip mill — in addition to Brynner, Dietrich's lovers included such diverse types as Adlai Stevenson, Frank Sinatra and Edith Piaf — but "Marlene Dietrich" goes a lot farther than just movies, movie stars and gossip.

This story about an individual,

who was a legend in our time, is a highly provocative comment on that time as well.

It's also a carefully detailed, vivid portrait of self-destruction. Though played out against a starry, glittering background, it may be one of the darkest tales you'll ever read.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia, a long-time member of Detroit Women Writers, tracks the books and literary industry for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She says she "has a lifelong interest in reading, everything from great novels to cereal boxes." You can leave a message for her on a touch-tone phone by dialing 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1854.

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- "Creating a Kitchen that Reflects Your Decor," 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and March 20. Find out how to coordinate kitchen decor with the areas of your home that open up to the kitchen

space. Learn about appropriate window and wall treatments as well as selecting other kitchen products.

- "Creating the Kitchen of Your Dreams," 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, March 6. An overview of design considerations to keep in mind when planning a functional, beautiful and efficient kitchen. Cabinet selection and costs will be covered.
- "Turning an Ugh into a Wow!," 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, March 13. Learn design tips for updating the look of an existing kitchen and how to make what exists more functional.

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Training will take place Monday mornings. Applicants should be interested in architecture, historic preservation and Cranbrook in general, and be comfortable speaking in front of groups of 10 or more. For an application, call associate curator David D.J. Rau at 810-645-3323.

Saarinen House is considered by many to be one of the pre-eminent residential interiors in the United States. It was designed in the 1930s by Finnish-American architect Eliel Saarinen, who was responsible for designing most of the architecture at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

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Over the years the house was "modernized" and in essence, altered considerably from Saارين's presentation. Current president Roy Slade, with Gregory Wittkopf, curator of collections, have spent six years restoring the house to its original glory.

In May, the newly restored Saارين House will be open to the public for the first time.

Cranbrook Academy of Art with its contemporary art museum is a division of Cranbrook Educational Community, which also includes Cranbrook Institute of Science and Cranbrook Schools. Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum activities are supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. For more information, call 810-645-3314.

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Symposium to shed light on shade gardening

BY MARTY FIGLEY
STAFF WRITER

"Understanding Shade Gardening" is the title of a symposium on design, plants and garden style sponsored by Horticulture magazine and the Cranbrook Educational Community, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Cranbrook Science Museum auditorium.

"The Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary is very excited at the thought of having the prestigious group from Horticulture magazine selecting Cranbrook to have their seminar," said Rita Mason, president of the Gardens Auxiliary. "The Science Museum is an excellent locale."

Registration fees are: \$89, Cranbrook members; \$99, Horticulture subscribers; \$109, non-members; and \$58, students with proof of full-time status. The fee includes all handouts and refreshments, and a box lunch (except for student rate).

To register, write Horticulture, 98 N. Washington, Boston, Mass. 02114-1913, or call 1-800-370-1730 or fax 617-367-6364. Indicate regular or vegetarian box lunch. MasterCard, Visa or check accepted. Early registration is encouraged, since space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome if space permits.

To reach the Science Museum, use the Cranbrook main entrance at 1221 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills, just north of Cranbrook Road and south of Long

Lake. The gate attendant will direct you.

Finding suitable plants and other uses for shady gardens is sometimes quite a challenge. At the symposium you will learn to appreciate the many possibilities in such an area, whether you choose to grow shade-loving wildflowers, enjoy the subtle textures of foliage or elect other options.

Starr Foster of Lake Angelus was very instrumental in bringing these programs to this area.

"It's wonderful to have these speakers," she said. "I'm thrilled that new, fresh ideas from all over the country are being shared here."

Nan Sinton, director of horticultural programs, Horticulture magazine, was formerly in charge of programs at the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard. Since coming to Horticulture she is doing a fine job of expanding their program. She is very good at finding the most current and knowledgeable speakers.

Topics

Four excellent speakers will participate in this symposium. Vicki Ferrenia, former director of horticulture for the New England Wild Flower Society, and author of "Wildflowers in Your Garden," will explain how she designs and maintains a woodland wildflower garden from the earliest spring bloom to the end of fall.

Author and lecturer Tom Wirth, landscape architect of PBS's "This Old House" and

"The Victory Garden," will demonstrate how selective tree pruning will enhance shady areas. He will also explain how the addition of arbors and pergolas can create shadow patterns for added enjoyment.

Stephen Morrell, a graduate of the New York Botanical Garden School of Horticulture, a horticultural designer specializing in Japanese-influenced gardens, will show ways to create a path through the shade by the judicious placement of stones, foliage plants and moss.

Charles Cresson, author of several books including "Charles Cresson on the American Flower Garden," will share his thoughts about combining native and exotic plants and how to merge the edges of shade gardens with sunnier areas.

A design forum with the speakers will round out the program. Attendees are invited to submit questions with their registration. Questions from the floor will also be encouraged.

Books

One of the two of the books available for purchase will be Ferrenia's "Wildflowers in Your Garden" (Random House \$35). This is a practical guide that explains how to mix wildflowers and other plants to create natural areas and includes 10 landscape plans for many types of gardens.

Plant lists are arranged in three sections: stalwarts, intermediates

and specialty plants, then each section is further divided into plants for shade or sun. Color photos are excellent. Horticultural information will guide the gardener to success.

The other book will be "Charles Cresson on the American Flower Garden" (Prentice Hall, Burpee series, \$20).

His method to gardening is "understanding how to combine the various types of flowers, how

they interact as a plant community, and how to manage them so that you work with the community rather than fight it. This book is about how to put together and maintain such a garden, whether it be large or small."

Cresson explains the importance of knowing your property, and the plants you wish to grow, how to combine them, and their care — staking, pruning and more. The encyclopedic section

includes pertinent information, such as how each plant can be used most effectively in the garden.

Cranbrook House and its 40 acres of gardens are a part of the Cranbrook Educational Community, which also includes Cranbrook Academy of Art and Museum, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Cranbrook Schools and affiliated cultural and educational programs.

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Arts Midwest, in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Arts, is accepting applications for visual arts funding.

Grants are available to organizations through Artworks Fund and to individuals through the 1994-95 Arts Midwest/NEA Regional Visual Artist Fellowships. For more information, call Bobbi Morris, Arts Midwest director of funding programs at 612-341-0755.

Visual Arts, a new Arts Midwest publication, contains images by and information on the 30 1993-94 NEA Visual Artist Fellowship recipients in sculpture, photography and crafts; plus an application form for Artworks Fund. The publication also includes the application form for the 1994-95 round of NEA Visual Artist Fellowships in the categor-

ies of painting and works on paper.

Artworks Fund provides matching grants of up to \$1,000 to non-profit exhibition spaces including galleries, museums, schools, art centers and educational or community organizations. These grants may be used to work with the 1993-94 NEA Visual Artist Fellowship recipients.

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hibitions or installations; or educational activities including residencies, seminars, lectures and workshops. Artworks Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to qualifying applicants.

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Club focus — unusual plants

The Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan will meet 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak.

Penny Sturman of the Bonsai Center will discuss unusual in-

door plants. The public may attend. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served. The church is at about 1 1/4 Mile, one mile west of I-75.

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LIVONIA CITY CENTER LIBRARY ART GALLERY Opening - The artistry of West Bloomfield painter Audrey DiMarco, a Visual Arts Association of Livonia faculty member, fills the Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery Feb. 21 to March 6...

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY SHOWCASES Continuing - To celebrate Black History Month, Livonia Arts Commission presents its collection of African artifacts to Feb. 25 in the second-floor showcases of the Livonia Civic Center Library...

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY Continuing - Artwork of Jim Puntigam of Detroit, who works in mixed media (painted found objects) Show runs to Feb. 25 in the lobby of the city hall, Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

NATIVE WEST Opening - "Rain." Celebrate nature's gift to the Earth. Rain symbols are everywhere in Indian culture - songs, baskets, bowls, water jars, sculptures, textiles, jewelry, clothing, rattles, bangles, paintings. Rain is linked to the powers of healing, to returning ancestors who bring life to the living, to the origin of weaving.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS Saturday, Feb. 19 - "History/Faith," an exhibit of paintings and sculptures by Matthew Hanne in the Main Gallery; an installation by Marcia Freedman in

Artsight; and recent works by Sunmi Yu in Artists' Corner continue to March 18. Opening reception for all shows 7-9 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 407 Pine, Rochester, 810-651-4110.

CIRCLE GALLERY Tuesday, Feb. 22 - "Meditations and Magic," an exciting exhibit of vibrant, colorful works by Judith Bledsoe, will continue through March 20. Currently on a visit from Paris, Bledsoe will be at the opening reception 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Bledsoe's rich, luminous works convey her passionate love affair with life and reflect a playful fascination with the world around her, and also include lively, imaginary landscapes inhabited by fantastic animals and magical people. Also, to Feb. 28: "Hearts and Flowers," an art-filled tribute to love, continues; and the newest release from the gallery's Comic Art Classics collection is offered at its prepublication price. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, in the Somerset Collection at Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy, 810-649-1779.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART Sunday, Feb. 20 - "James Tissot: Prints from the Aldrich Collection" continues through March 6. Tours 2 p.m. Sunday. Call 764-0395.

SOUTHFIELD CIVIC CENTER To Feb. 18 - Abstracts, graphics and super block paintings are featured in a premiere showing by architect, attorney and artist Seymour Mandell in the north side entrance of the Civic Center Building, Parks and Recreation Lobby, east of City Hall at 26000 Evergreen. The artist will be in attendance 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MESA ARTS To Feb. 18 - The Southwest gallery presents a collection of hearts, featuring Don Lucas, whose signature heart design jewelry includes pins, earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin, 851-9949.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY To Feb. 18 - "Division of Space," an exhibit by artist Charles Bird, continues. The delicate watercolors of Gwen Hazlett are featured. New works by gallery member artists on display in Main Room Gallery. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, 810-334-6716.

SIBSON GALLERY Through Feb. 18 - "Six Approaches to Still Life" continues. The exhibit features 20 works and vividly demonstrates a variety of contemporary approaches to traditional still life painting. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and by appointment, in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, 313-845-9814 or 313-845-9634.

BACKDOOR GALLERY To Feb. 19 - The exhibit "Winter Spirits," by Carol Stygles, Susan Maples, Julie McCollough, Kath Lathers and other gallery artists, showcases the spirit of winter in non-traditional doll form. The Backdoor Gallery Box of Wishes gift registry is in place for reminders of the perfect present. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and by appointment, 37220 Eight Mile, Farmington, 810-474-8306.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Through Feb. 20 - "Warped Notions: Traditional and Contemporary Basketry Forms" continues in the ground floor gallery W104, featuring 20 examples of basketry from the DIA's permanent collection. Call 833-7900.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA Through Feb. 25 - "Waterford Winterfest: Elementary School Art Work from the Waterford School District" continues. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, in the Executive Office Building at the County Service Center, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. For more information, call the Oakland County Office of Cultural Affairs at 810-858-0415.

PRESTON BURKE GALLERY Through Feb. 28 - New limited edition serigraphs by Henri Plisson and Don Hatfield are exhibit-

ed. These artists work in the neo-impressionist style and are considered to be among the finest artists in the world working in this genre. Both have exhibited widely in this country and in Japan. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, to 8 p.m. Thursday, to 5 p.m. Saturday, 37622 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, 810-488-0200.

THE ART GALLERY During February - Ruth Allen and Thalia Schunk are featured. Allen's expressive floral creations and framed collages are renowned in the Rochester area. Schunk works in contemporary oils, stoneware, raku and metals. Also featured are works by Charlotte Hudack of Rochester Hills. Hudack works in watercolor. In the fall she won honorable mention at Arts 'n Apples. She also took second place at the Friends of Polish Art and first place at the POSA Invitational Art Show at St. Mary's College Gallery. Her approach may be described as representational with a contemporary flair. The gallery of the Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists is at Great Oaks Mall, Walton and Livernois in Rochester Hills. Call 810-651-1579.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY Through March 2 - A group exhibition of painting and sculpture by important gallery artists con-

tinues. Artists included are Helen Frankenthaler, Larry Rivers, Harry Bertoia, Sam Gilliam, Paul Giovanopoulos, Martin Maddox and Dennis Wojtkiewicz. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 107 Townsend, Birmingham, 810-642-3909.

WARREN CITY HALL GALLERY To Feb. 28 - Oil paintings by Harold Hoskins are exhibited. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 29500 Van Dyke.

URBAN PARK GALLERY Through March 6 - A four-person group show continues. Therese Swann and Stephanie Sarris present recent oil paintings and works on paper, and Mark Chatterly and John Murphy show recent works in clay. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, 608 Monroe, third level, Detroit, 963-5445.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET To March 11 - "A Feast for the Eyes: Artful Dining," at 300 River Place, Suite 1650, in Detroit, features objects that elevate the experience of dining into an art experience. These objects are connected to eating, whether at a one-of-a-kind table with hand-blown goblets or picnicking with the collaboration of a textile artist and a ceramist. This show, in which artists have chosen their collaborative teams, is curated by

architect Jim Luckey. Call 313-393-1770.

HILL GALLERY To March 12 - A sculpture exhibit by Catherine Lee continues at 163 Townsend in Birmingham. Call 810-540-9288.

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY To March 13 - "Hidden Faces," an exhibit by Elaine Redmond, features color photographs of the antique pieces in the storage rooms of a mannequin factory. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, in Orchard Place Mall, 30905 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, 810-855-8832.

PIERCE STREET GALLERY Through March 30 - "Mood and Movement: Israeli Dance Photographs, 1936-1951, by A. Himmelmreich" continues. This is Himmelmreich's first show in the United States. His work has been shown throughout Europe and has appeared in many publications. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Pierce, Birmingham, 810-646-6950.

ATRIUM GALLERY Through March - Suzanne Bauman of Bloomfield Hills exhibits American Indian portraits in pastel and watercolor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 109 N. Center, Northville, 810-349-4131.

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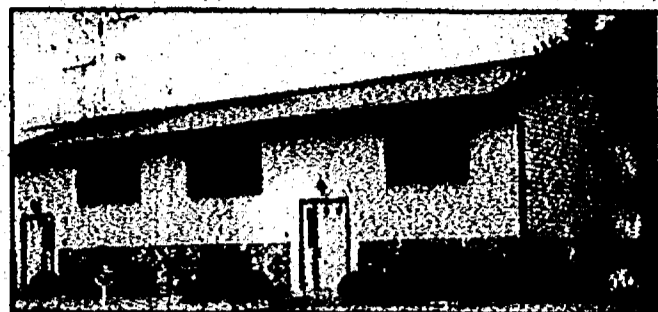
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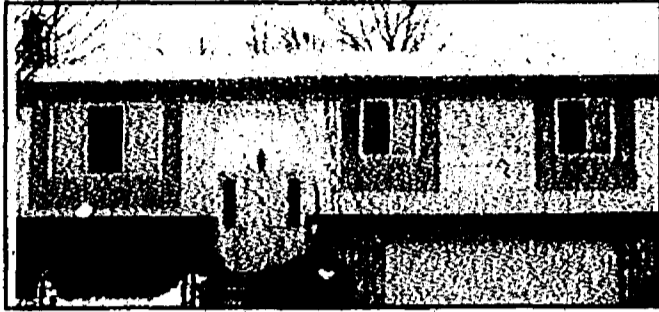
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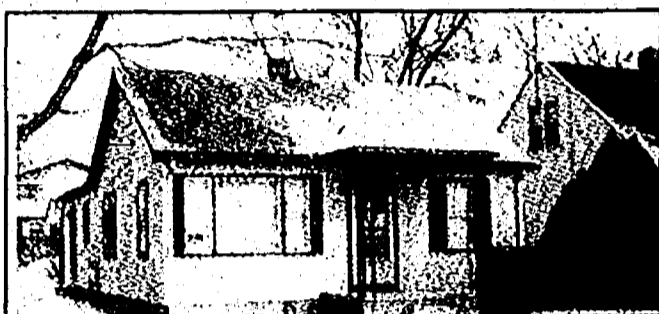


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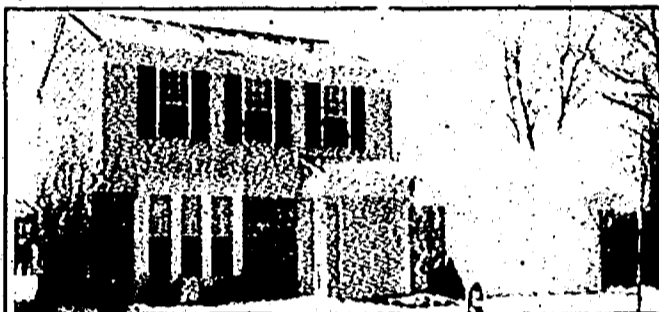
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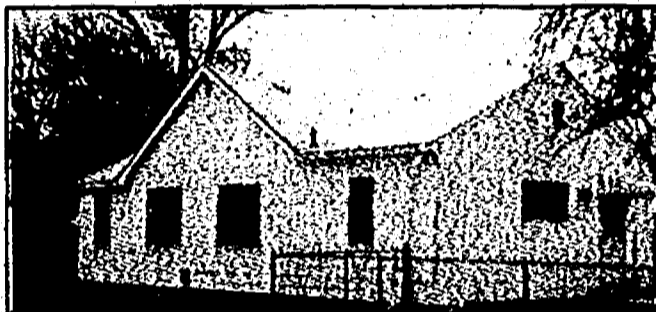
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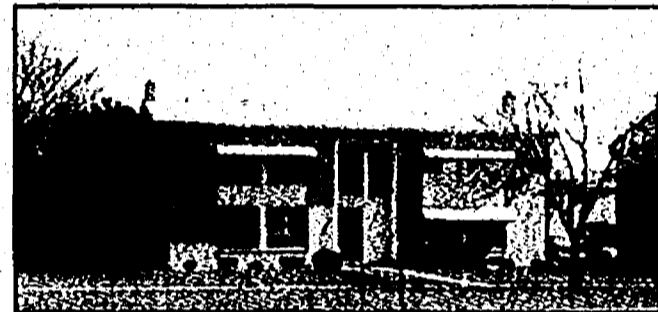
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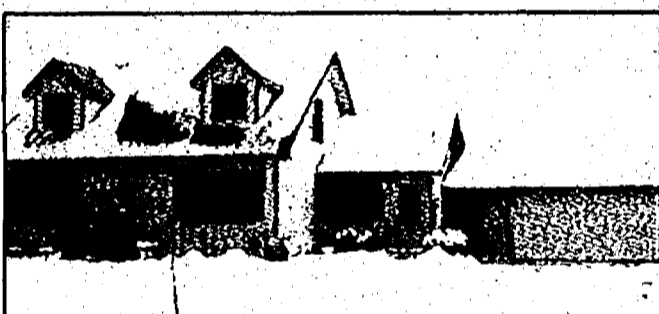
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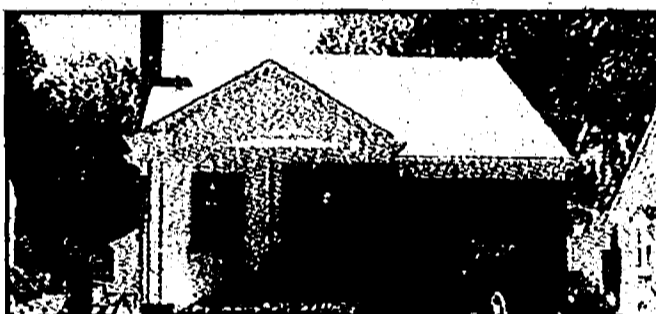
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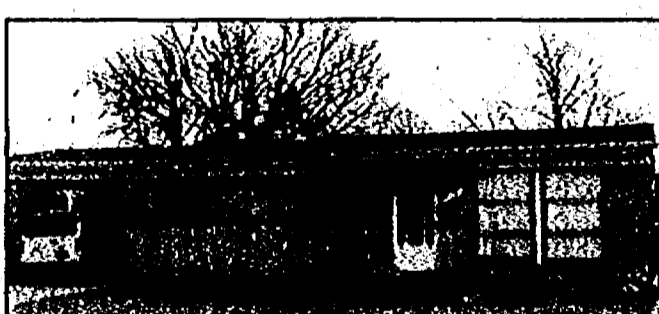
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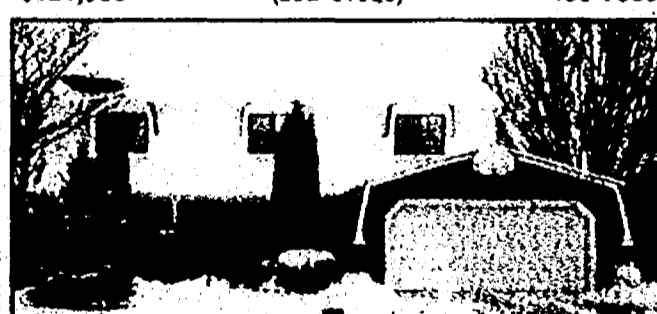
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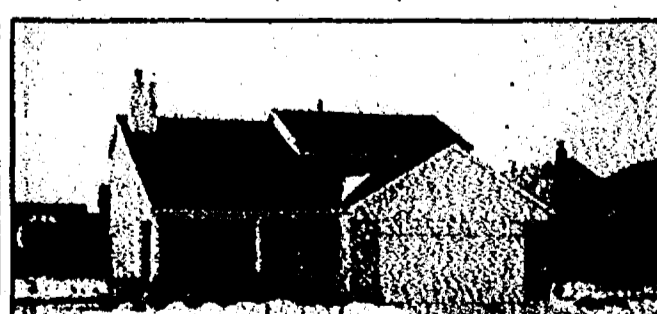
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Robert N. Olsen of Rochester Hills was promoted to senior vice president-corporate development at Detroit-based Comerica Inc. He has been with the bank 24 years.



Olsen

Doris Carter of Livonia has participated in an Association of Bridal Consultants seminar, "The Business of Brides," held in Nashville. The theme was ethnic and specialty weddings. The professional bridal consultant and wedding planner operates Carter's Creations in Livonia.



Carter

Dr. Mark Bocknek of Farmington Hills, a Highland Township pediatrician who formerly practiced in Livonia, was named Physician of the Year at Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Township. He serves on the hospital's joint conference and medical executive committees.



Bocknek

Kristin Shaffer of Birmingham was elected vice president at Young & Rubicam, a Detroit advertising agency. She's a strategic planning manager on the Diversified accounts.



Shaffer

Ron Goldsberry of Bloomfield Hills was elected a Ford Motor Co. vice president and was named general manager of Ford Customer Service Division. He'll oversee the division's customer service efforts, parts sales and marketing and merchandising. He joined the division in 1991 and Ford in 1983.



Goldsberry

Terese M. Jozwiak of Livonia was promoted to tax department senior manager in the Detroit office of Deloitte & Touche, an accounting and consulting firm. The CPA specializes in state and location taxation.



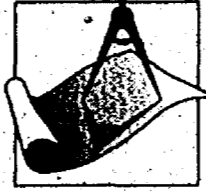
Jozwiak

Mara M. Leticia of Rochester has joined the board of directors of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a Midland-based research and education organization. She is general counsel for Leticia Corp..

See STARS, 2F

Complete access

Barrier-free house offers teen a new start



A teenager paralyzed in a 1990 auto accident looks forward to a fresh beginning. This month, the 16-year-old moves into a new home specially designed by a Bloomfield Township architect.

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

Like other architects, Michael Trautman started his latest project by looking at structure and space.

But this undertaking, started a year ago, called for a third element that is essential to his work as a designer of barrier-free buildings - sensitivity.

The president of Trautman Associates in Bloomfield Township began specializing in barrier-free architecture for people with disabilities, many confined to a wheelchair, about two years ago.

For an architect like himself, who runs a small practice, the work is more challenging and more satisfying than designing conventional buildings, he said.

This project, ready for occupancy in a few weeks, is a tightly planned, 1,700-square-foot ranch style house in Lake Orion. It's designed for Beau Wern, the architect's youngest client, a 16-year-old Lake Orion youth, who suffered a traumatic brain injury in a 1990 auto accident.

Beau has been in a wheelchair since an eight-month stay at University of Michigan Hospital following the accident, which left him with limited use of his left side, but otherwise paralyzed and unable to eat or speak, said his mother, Beverly Wern, a registered nurse.

"Beau's excited when we drive past the house. It's very frustrating to see what he goes through to entertain himself (in the apartment where they're staying). We've been able to make some alterations here for the wheelchair, but basically it's like living in a prison for him," Beverly Wern said.

Trautman started the house's preliminary design by looking at the home's core - Beau's bedroom, study and bath.

Beau can park his wheelchair under countertops in the study, where he'll have an Apple computer with a left-hand control board.

The house sits vertically on a large treed lot backing to Paint Creek, so Beau has views from his bedroom and adjoining study. He has access to the main living area through wide double-action doors in the bedroom. A wrap-around deck, whose construction is similar to conventional decking, runs from his room to a second bedroom.

"Emotional well-being is a subtle thing, but it's as important as the functional parts of the house. After my first trip to the lot and after meeting Beau, I knew we needed to take full advantage of the site. He

'Beau's excited when we drive past the house. It's very frustrating to see what he goes through to entertain himself (in the apartment where they're staying).

Beverly Wern
Beau's mother

likes what we've done and even gave me a thumbs-up sign when we designed the computer area," said Trautman, a University of Michigan graduate, whose first assignment with Albert Kahn Architects in 1965 was to the design team of Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

Trautman's latest undertaking presented two giant challenges: Giving Beau complete access to all areas of the house and sticking to a budget of \$150,000, an insurance settlement earmarked for the lot, architect's fee and construction.

The builder is Daniel Olmack of Olmack Builders Inc. in Rochester Hills.

The cost for most new home construction runs \$100-\$125 per square foot; this house cost about \$70-\$75 a square foot, Trautman said.

To stay on budget, the architect whittled down original plans by 300 square feet by taking out all single-purpose areas. Since Beau can't eat regular meals, Trautman designed a great room in place of a separate dining area. The galley-sized kitchen is large enough for storage and some meal preparation for Beverly Wern.

"We tightened things up and developed the house without sacrificing spaces that are important to Beau's lifestyle. Waste was minimized by eliminating places that he can't use, like hallways that would be impossible for him to navigate in a wheelchair," Trautman said.

The garage opens to the street and is designed around a side-loading van that requires eight-feet to load and unload the wheelchair. A cement walk leads to a courtyard that is sheltered on three sides, so Beau be outside through late fall.

Trautman adhered to Building Officials & Code Administrators of America (BOCA) rules and to local codes for barrier-free building, but he made alterations along the way. For example, the exterior door off the courtyard is flush with the ce-



WILLIAM HANSEN

Making plans: Beau Wern (seated) looks over floor plans with Michael Trautman, the Bloomfield Township architect who designed Beau's barrier-free house in Lake Orion.

ment deck because Beau can't boost the chair over a conventional three-quarter-inch threshold. To keep out moisture, the builder added flashing around the opening behind the vinyl siding.

A bright laundry area overlooking the courtyard has front-loading appliances that Beau can operate with his left hand; awning-style windows are operated with a left-hand crank. Windows are 39 inches from the floor, so he can see outside from the wheelchair.

The all-ceramic bath has separate shower and toilet areas, a change made after the room was framed.

"We altered the bathroom after seeing how Beau could get around in the wheelchair. He needed extra room to park the chair and to turn himself around in front of the toilet. You can't anticipate these things without driving through," said Trautman, who made changes before costly plumbing and drywall were installed.

All light switches are operated by remote control and electrical

outlets are placed over countertops, giving Beau some control of the house. In place of an entertainment center, the architect used countertops that Beau can reach.

Trautman believes the lower level walk-out will add to the home's value. A chair lift gives the teenager access to the 1,600-square-foot room, which may be finished later.

The architect used low maintenance materials, such as vinyl windows and siding, and altered the height of stock cabinets and closet fittings instead of buying custom.

He splurged on four skylights around Beau's living area because they create a bright, pleasant environment, said Trautman, who made a video of the construction for use at University of Michigan Hospital.

"I'm happy with the way we've solved problems and I wouldn't have done anything differently," the architect said. "It's difficult getting beyond the emotional part of this, but your attention must be on how much you can help, not on how tragic the situation is."

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BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

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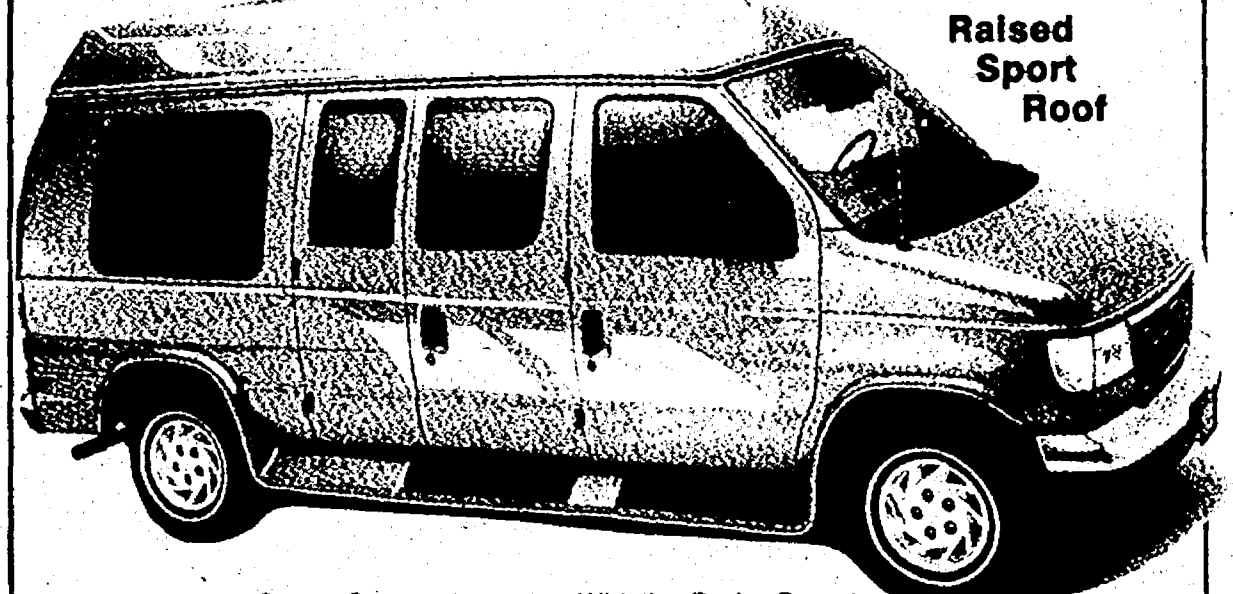
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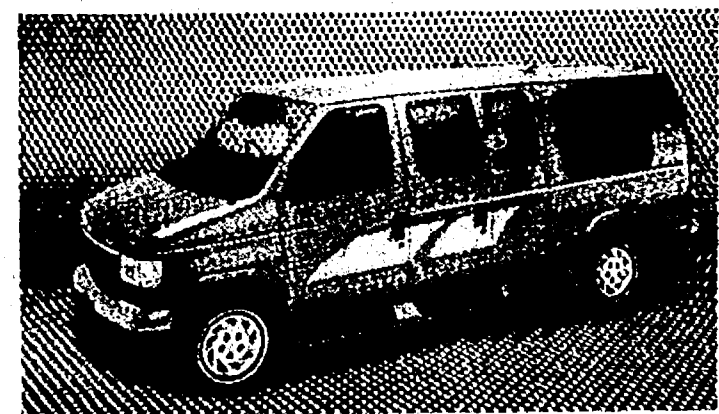
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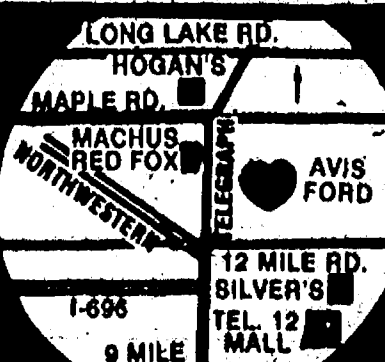
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