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Robberies, assaults rise in '93



The police department reported that crimes against people increased last year over 1992, while other types of crimes were down. Police said that some gunmen, seeking money to buy drugs, were robbing retail businesses more frequently.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Crime rates for robberies, assaults, rapes and murders increased in Westland in 1993, but incidents involving burglaries, car thefts, vandalism and larcenies showed a decline.

"Property crimes are down, but

crimes against people are up," said Lt. Al George, who heads the Westland police department's detective bureau.

Robberies increased 15.6 percent from 1992 to 1993, with gas stations, convenience stores and one bank among the businesses targeted by

bandits. Guns were used in 42 of the 96 robberies, newly released crime statistics show.

Losses due to robberies amounted to \$94,861 in 1993 — a significant increase over the previous year's \$67,288.

Rapes increased 18 percent, with 59 incidents setting a one-year high for the 1990s. Aggravated assaults jumped 15.8 percent and also reached a new high for this decade, with 343 reports.

Westland had three murders last year, compared to none in 1992 and

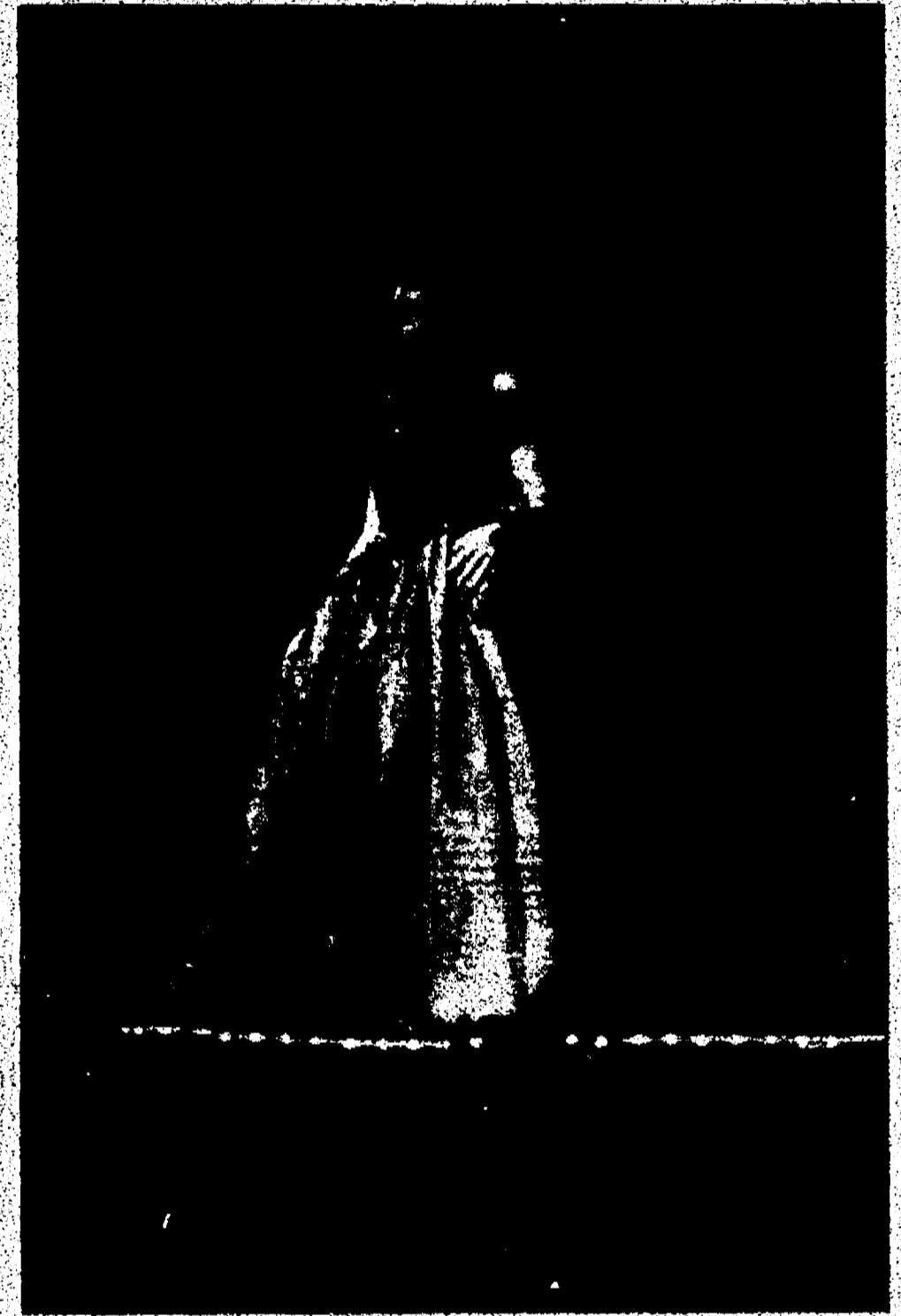
three in 1991, the statistics showed. Some crimes against people, particularly robberies, can be attributed to offenders seeking money for drugs, George said.

"I'm sure the economy has something to do with it, too," he said. "The economy has been slow."

Property owners can take some comfort in an 8.3 percent drop in burglaries, which decreased for a second consecutive year. Burglary reports totaled 666 in 1993, compared to 727 in 1992 and 928 in 1991.

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All dressed up for the prom



A preview: Seniors at Churchill and Franklin High Schools got a preview of the senior prom recently at Prom Fashion Show '94 at Churchill. Among the 52 individual seniors modeling are these two, Christopher Meyer of Franklin and Lenay Truchan of Churchill. For more information on the show, see Page 3A.

Barns to step down

BY LEONARD POGOR
EDITOR

State Rep. Justine Barns, whose political career covers more than 30 years, will retire from public office when her term ends in 8½ months.

Announcing Monday that she will not seek a seventh state House term this fall, Barns said she intends to renew her community volunteer career at Jefferson Elementary School, Salvation Army, public library and "probably paint my bedroom for the first time in 22 years."

Barns, 69, served in her first elec-



Justine Barns: Steps down

tive office in 1964 when the city charter commission was formed. Two years later, she was elected to West-

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Fireworks expected in school board race

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school district voters can expect a lively campaign as four candidates compete for one school board seat in the June 13 election.

Candidates who beat Monday's filing deadline are:

■ Sharon Felan, a former board appointee who served nearly one year before she was defeated in her election bid last June. Felan, a longtime volunteer and PTA president, was also passed over for a board appointment in January.

■ Debra Fowlkes, a school volunteer who won the appointment over Felan. Fowlkes is serving out the remaining six months of former board member Leonard Posey's four-year term. Po-

sey quit his post because of an out-of-state job promotion.

■ Gary Green, a retired 32-year Wayne-Westland educator whose last job was assistant principal at Franklin Junior High School. He also sought the board appointment in January.

■ Roberta Paquette, a part-time bank teller and sales clerk who has previously campaigned unsuccessfully in board elections and appointments. She, too, sought the post to which Fowlkes was appointed in January.

The four-way race is expected to spark interest, in part, because Felan was embroiled earlier this year in a court battle with current board mem-

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Observer seeks readers' input

The Westland Observer is looking for residents to serve as members of our Reader Advisory Board. The first session will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, in the Observer Newspapers' main office, on the southeast corner of Schoolcraft and Lavan.

Observer Publisher Steve Barnaby and promotion director Sandy Boulton will present an overview of the newspaper. Boulton will discuss research that provides a picture of who are Observer readers. Barnaby will address recent changes at the

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Woman abducted, beaten, robbed

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman was abducted, beaten and robbed during a carjacking at The Landings Apartments on the south side of Warren Road near Central City Parkway. Detective Sgt. Donald Hicks said.

The woman, 32, was robbed of her purse shortly before 1 a.m. April 4 and then released along with her car at a Westland location. Hicks declined to disclose a lone white male suspect in the incident remains at large.

In other robbery-related reports:

A 17-year-old boy was robbed of \$2 and a Walkman radio as he was walking along a back path near Johnson Elementary School on Dunes. Police reports said the boy reported being punched in the face by a male bicyclist, 30, who was accompanied by a young boy, 7, 10 years old, who rode on the handlebars. The man stopped and initially claimed to be an undercover police officer before committing the robbery at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

A 67-year-old woman leaving the Target store on Warren Road was nearly robbed when a man reached into her car and tried to grab her purse at 4:30 p.m. March 29. The woman screamed and the man fled. Police expect to arraign a suspect this week, Haigh said.

A Garden City woman, 32, reported being robbed of her purse outside of Perry Drugs, 31162 Warren, at 9:40 p.m. Monday. A

man approached her from behind and grabbed her purse as she was walking to her car, police reports said.

A Garden City man, 43, reported being beaten by four male suspects who tried to rob him as he was walking on Michigan Avenue near Merriman, at 12:30 p.m. April 1. The man had no money with him, but he told police he believed the incident stemmed from a 4-year-old debt he owed for

drugs, Haigh said. No arrests have been made.

In the carjacking incident, The Landings resident reported being attacked as she was getting out of her car in Lot 14 to walk to her apartment, Haigh said. An assailant approached her and revealed a knife, which he put to her throat as he ordered her back into the car, Haigh said.

The man drove around briefly with the victim in captivity.

"He did beat her up a little bit, and he punched her in the face," Haigh said. "He also knocked her down at one point."

The assailant dumped the woman and her car at an undisclosed location, robbing her of her purse and its contents, Haigh said.

The man was described as a 5-foot-8 white male, 170 pounds, 25 to 30 years old. The incident remains under investigation.

Robberies from page 2A

Of the 666 burglaries reported last year, 481 occurred at residences while 185 happened elsewhere.

Larcenies dropped a significant 21 percent last year, dipping below the 3,000 mark for the first time this decade.

Motor vehicle thefts showed an even more impressive decline, decreasing 14 percent during the one-year period. In fact, car thefts have dropped 33 percent during the last two years.

"We're taking a more aggressive attitude toward car thefts," said Sgt. Timothy Speir, who investigates such incidents. "We're also working more with other police jurisdictions."

In other crimes:

Arson reports increased 29 percent, marking the biggest increase among major index crimes. Fire

officials have previously noted a rash of fires set by youth gangs in the city's southeast section.

Vandalism declined 9 percent in 1993, dropping to 1,263 incidents from the previous year's 1,389 reports.

Sex offenses remained virtually unchanged; 1993 saw an increase of only four incidents, from 141 to 145.

Drunk driving cases continued a slow but steady decline, with 311 incidents in 1993 compared to 343 in 1992.

With the ups and downs in various categories, crime reports, overall, remained virtually unchanged, with 10,360 crimes reported in 1993 and 10,261 in 1992. George noted that crime rates typically fluctuate from year to year.

"For the most part, you just can't predict it," he said.

WESTLAND CRIME STATS		
A comparison of 1992 and 1993 figures (not all crimes are shown)		
Crime	1992	1993
Murder	0	3
Rape	50	59
Robbery	83	96
Aggravated assault	296	343
Burglary	727	666
Larcenies	3,031	2,692
Motor vehicle thefts	575	494
Arson	37	48
Vandalism	1,389	1,263
Sexual offenses	141	145
Drunk driving	343	311
Total crimes reported	10,261	10,360

Source: Westland Police Department

School evacuated after student prank

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

John Ganan High School was evacuated Tuesday and eight people were sent to local hospitals after "pepper gas" was sprayed by apparent pranksters in several hallway locations, school and fire officials said.

Seven students and one staff member were treated, but no one was hospitalized following a series of spraying incidents that sent the student body home shortly after 1 p.m., Superintendent Larry Thomas said.

Early leads centered on a possible chemical spill in a photography lab, Thomas said, and some parents phoned the Observer to inquire about unfounded rumors of a gas leak.

Investigators expect to

were called in to investigate, but Westland fire Chief Larry Lane confirmed Tuesday afternoon that pepper gas, or a Mace-like substance, had been sprayed in several areas of the school.

Some of those who received hospital treatment were given oxygen, Thomas said. Typical symptoms caused by pepper gas include watery eyes that itch or burn.

"It was strong enough that we evacuated the school and sent everybody home," Thomas said.

No suspects had been apprehended or identified as of Tuesday afternoon.

"We are working on it," Lane said.

Thomas said school officials also would launch an investiga-

tion Wednesday.

The first spraying occurred about 10:30 a.m. in a hallway near a photo lab, which prompted fears that chemicals might be causing the fumes, Thomas said.

Fire officials and hazardous materials experts were called in to check the air, Thomas said.

"There was nothing that we could detect in the air, at all," Lane said.

Students were moved to other areas of the building and classes continued, Thomas said.

But "two or three" more spray-

ing incidents were reported shortly after 1 p.m., prompting the school-wide evacuation, Thomas said.

Experts eventually determined that the substance had been pepper gas, Lane said.

Fire and school officials believe the spraying was done by pranksters who had no apparent motive, other than disrupting school.

There were no school-wide achievement tests or similar exams planned that the pranksters might have wanted to interrupt, Thomas said.

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Woman accepts plea agreement in stabbing case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman charged in her husband's stabbing death is scheduled for sentencing Friday after accepting a plea agreement that would put her in prison for five to 15 years.

Leslie Jill Hicks, 34, has pleaded no contest to involuntary manslaughter, reduced from an original charge of second-degree murder. She is accused of killing Teddy Lynn Morris, 35, during a domestic dispute at a residence on Linville, where the couple lived with relatives.

Despite her plea, however, Hicks may decide as late as Friday to withdraw from the agreement and to proceed with a jury trial on the original murder charge, said a clerk for Detroit Recorder's Judge William Lucas.

Morris was stabbed in the chest with a kitchen knife during an argument in which he accused Hicks of having sex with another man, police have said. The incident happened

about 3 a.m. Sept. 18 on an outdoor deck at a residence in the 5800 block of Linville, near Wayne Road and Ford.

Morris died an hour later at Annapolis Hospital, Wayne.

In a statement that she allegedly made to Westland police, Hicks reported that an argument escalated into a shouting match and that Morris fell backward off the deck. Hicks said she fell on top of him, police have said.

"I didn't stab him on purpose. It was an accident," she is quoted in a statement to police. "I had the knife in my hand when it was in his chest. It must have been in deep because when I pulled it out, it took a long time to come out."

Morris, who was unemployed, was stabbed with a 6 1/2-inch kitchen knife, police said.

A man related to Hicks by marriage was at the house at the time of Morris' death and witnessed portions of the dispute. He is expected to be called to testify, if Hicks decides to proceed with a trial.

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newspaper along with emphasis on local news and circulation.

The subsequent meetings will be held on the following two Thursdays, May 5 and 12.

The May 5 meeting will cover what kind of information the board wants on candidates for the upcoming school board and state legislative races.

On May 12, board members will discuss what kind of information readers want on community organizations which provide direct

or indirect services to local residents.

Each session will be 60 to 90 minutes long and held in the Observer Newspapers' main office. Group members will be encouraged to think about the planned topics in advance and come to the meetings prepared to discuss them.

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Spooky spiders: Children listen intently to youth services librarian Linda Baum reading a spider book during the program held every Monday night at the Bailey Recreation Center.



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Craft project: Youngsters made spiders during a craft exercise at the program sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Public Library.

Crafty

Youngsters explore the world at Bailey

Some 30 youngsters are enjoying their Monday nights in a craft and storytime program at Bailey Recreation Center. They are enrolled in the monthly program for children between 4 and 8 years old, sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Public Library. Kids meet for one hour each week in April, said Linda Baum, youth services librarian. The April program is filled

with storytelling, finger plays, sharing of books, and crafts designed by the Westland Frank's Super-Crafts as part of the program, she said.

A family storytime program is planned for one hour on the second Monday of each month during May, June, July and August, Baum said.

Call Bailey Center, 722 7620, for information.

Frank Kelley wants billboards banned

BY LEONARD POGER
Editor

If Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley had his way, there would be no billboards near state freeways.

Several business persons who heard him criticize the "great terrain robbery" Tuesday agreed.

Kelley, who wants more restrictions on freeway billboards, spoke before an estimated 80 persons at the monthly Westland Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon Tuesday.

Peggy Ellenwood, business office director for the Westland Convalescent Center, said she "strongly agrees" with Kelley's position.

She especially vocalized her support after hearing Kelley describe the increasing number of tobacco and alcohol billboards.

Echoing her comments was Allen Brooks, who owns his photography studio, who said that a billboard ban would make the state look more attractive.

But he commented that he "would hate to see the billboard industry go down the tube."

Kelley said there are numerous reasons for his pushing for billboard elimination along freeways with the "most obvious one being that they are intrusive assaults on our most valuable asset — the scenic beauty of our state."

He was particularly upset that more and more billboards are targeting black and low-income neighborhoods to push alcohol and tobacco products.

"We are spending millions of dollars a year trying to educate our young people about the perils of these substances, and yet we allow billboards to expose our children to the sex appeal of smoking and drinking in the most visible and intrusive of all advertising media — billboards," he said.

He said a Detroit city planning department study in 1989 found that 56 percent of billboards in low-income and minority neighborhoods promoted alcohol or cig-

arettes, compared with 38 percent in other areas.

A similar study in Baltimore showed a more striking contrast — 70 percent of ads in minority neighborhoods plugged alcohol and tobacco, compared with 20 percent in white neighborhoods.

Kelley said traffic safety is another reason he wants billboards dropped since they are designed to distract motorists' attention.

The attorney general disputes the argument that billboards promote tourism and business in the state.

"Only 15 percent of all billboards advertise products and services directly related to travel," Kelley said. "Four states, Maine, Vermont, Hawaii and Alaska, have totally banned billboards and most of the country's premiere vacation spots likewise have no billboards."

In their place, states have installed smaller logo signs which tell of food, auto and lodging services at the upcoming exit.

Kelley stressed the importance of improving the state's tourism industry, the second largest in Michigan, behind only the auto industry, through controlling billboards.

The attorney general said he supports a bill now in the state legislature which would ban all tobacco advertising on billboards and encourages residents to urge their local state legislators to back the bill.

But he made it clear that he would prefer to have a bill that would immediately ban all new billboard construction and phase out existing ones.

"Michigan will never realize its full potential as a tourist state until we eliminate these outdoor billboards," he said.

If the legislature fails to enact billboard controls, the next potential step is to initiate a petition campaign to have a proposal put on the ballot. Michigan voters went that route nearly 20 years in enacting a "bottle bill," which requires a deposit on beer and soda cans.

Seniors get lowdown at Prom Fashion Show

Students learned almost everything there is to learn about planning for the senior prom at the Livonia school district's 14th annual Prom Fashion Show '94.

The show featured seniors modeling prom dresses, tuxedos and accessories and learning about alterations, makeup, hair styles, flowers, photography, and places to eat.

The prom fashion show in the Churchill High School auditorium was presented by Churchill's junior class and the Creative and Performing Arts program. There were 10 couples modeling from

Churchill, eight from Stevenson and eight from Franklin.

Churchill and Franklin serve the northern section of Westland.

For the second year in a row, the grand prize of a free limo ride for three hours was won by a senior from Stevenson. Many other prizes were given away during the evening.

Churchill models were Dannon D'Ortenzo, Kim Gruska, Jennifer Jenkins, Sharon Lee, Rachel Mohr, Erin Murley, Kristen Sanders, Julie Sucharski, Renee Tomlinson, Wendy Westover, Matt Fodaro, William Morris, Jedd Thorderson, Gregory Koehler, Goran Rauker, Tony

Steca, Gary Dlugosz, Steven Gonzalez, Mark Stackpole and Chris Vitarelli.

Franklin models were Tanya Elliott, Holly Fountain, Dawn Hunt, Andrea Kwasky, Becky Sampson, Lenay Truchan, Carly William, Jaimee William, David Igeliski, David Binkiewicz, Jason Buclow, Scott Simpson, Christopher Meyer, Victor Rodopoulos, Dom Gilette and Denny Hall.

"Many local merchants helped us out in many ways," said William Lytle, activities director at Churchill. "We certainly want to thank all who helped make this night such a success. The students really had a great time."

Forum will address gangs

A public forum on how to organize a grassroots approach to curbing gang activity will be held for local parents Tuesday morning, April 26, at the Salvation Army's new community service center, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

The meeting, free to persons who register by Thursday, April 21, is open to parents from Westland, Garden City, Wayne, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Romulus.

The program, called "Keeping

Kids and Street-Safe," is planned by the Community Housing and Neighborhood Growth Exchange (CHANGE) Committee, a subcommittee of the United Community Services/Metropolitan Detroit Wayne Division.

The group said the speakers at the forum "will discuss approaches communities can take to address the problems of gang activities. The discussion will be about the positive steps communities can take to reduce gang activities."

Making up the panel members will be representatives from law enforcement, the court system and community organizations. Following the panel discussion, audience members will be able to take part in roundtable talks on solutions to their community's problems.

There is an \$8 charge for persons who register at the door.

For free advance registration, persons may call Lee Barrett of UCS at 563-3900.

PLACES & FACES

For movie buffs

David Newman, author of the "Movie Quiz Book" and radio talk show host, will be at Westland's Harvard Books, 6551 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, at 3 p.m. Saturday to autograph his book. Newman can be heard on the WXYT-AM talk show. The book store is in the Westland Plaza retail center.

Pilot program

A new child-care program is being piloted at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School in Wayne. Judy Hughes, the program's director and one of its teachers, said the program will help parents who need care for their school-aged children before and

after school. Special activities will be planned. Piloting the program are Carl Fry, Helena Constantine and Christy Robson. The school and child-care center is on the corner of Glenwood and Hannan. The Lutheran school has students from pre-school through eighth grade. Interested persons may contact Elaine Rauch, 728-0126, or the school, 728-1950.

Reopening planned

The Hope Nursing Care Center, 38110 Cherry Hill, will hold a "grand reopening celebration" 4-6 p.m. Thursday, April 21. The center said the public is invited to the event, at which refreshments will be served.



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Spouses square off in House race

BY LEONARD POGOR

Eileen DeHart, assistant to state Rep. Justice Barns for seven years, wants to succeed her boss.

So does Eileen's husband, Ben, a former Westland city councilman.

Both disclosed their candidacies this week following Barns' announcement that she won't seek a seventh term. Both are Democrats. Barns' current two-year term will expire Dec. 31.

Ben admitted that "it might be an unusual situation" to have spouses running against each other for an elective position.

"She's Eileen wanted to run for office," Ben said, noting that she has been involved in politics for many years.

Ben served 12 years on the city council before declining to seek reelection in 1992 because of health problems.

In a telephone interview Tuesday morning, Ben said he has received his doctor's clearance to resume political activities.

Ben, 54 and a 51-year resident of the community, is a staff representative of Council 25, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. With the organization for 26 years, he previously worked for the Nankin Township, Westland public services department for nearly 10 years.

He declined to publicly outline his campaign platform at this time.

Eileen said she intends to mount a door-to-door grass-roots campaign for the Aug. 2 Democratic primary.

In the upcoming campaign, Eileen said she would put a high priority on welfare reform, but added that there must be national health care reform first. She also said support for public education is a major issue for her. Her chief strengths include

having a strong labor background, being secretary in the 13th Congressional District Democratic Party, and being an elected precinct delegate.

The candidate said her campaign managers will be city councilwoman Sharon Scott and her brother Bill Johnson.

A Westland resident for 25 years, Eileen was born in Wayne and raised in Belleville, graduate

ing from Belleville High School. She attended Michigan State University on a scholarship but left to marry and raise a family.

The candidate was a Michigan Bell Telephone Co. payroll clerk for three years before serving as a secretary at Elliott, McKee and Kettering Elementary Schools in the Wayne-Westland district from 1972-87. She then joined Barns' staff in the capital.

The House district includes

most of Westland and three precincts in the northeast corner of Canton Township.

The only other announced candidate is Republican Michael Novak of Westland.

Candidates have until May 10 to file a nominating petition or submit a check to get on the Aug. 2 ballot. The nominee will advance to the Nov. 8 general election.

Barns from page 4A

land's first city council, serving until January 1983, when she was sworn in as a state representative.

The Westland Democrat represents the 18th House district, which includes most of Westland and three precincts in the northeast corner of Canton Township.

Her announced retirement means that Westland residents will have two new representatives in the state House next January. Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, whose district includes the southeast section of Westland, announced in early February that he will not seek reelection. Keith has been in the House for nearly 22 years.

In an interview Monday, Barns said she decided several years ago not to seek another term. That decision followed Michigan voters' approval of term limitation for elected state officials.

Though she could have served through 1998, Barns made a decision to step down after her current term.

Her announcement comes about a month before the May 10 filing deadline for candidates to get on the Aug. 8 primary ballot.

"I've had my turn," Barns said of her long tenure in public office.

She is co chairwoman of the House senior citizens public retirement committee and member of the House committees on K-12 education and economic development.

In detailing the reasons for her retirement, Barns said that when questioned in 1992 on term limits for elected officials, she preferred a 12-year limit, although voters later approved a six-year limit.

"I developed my opinion by comparing my own experiences with those of former Rep. Thomas Brown (who preceded Barns in the House). After 12

outstanding years in Lansing, Brown chose not to run for reelection. When I reviewed what I had accomplished in my first six years as a representative, I felt in 1992 and I still feel that a representative doesn't really have much influence in Lansing until after five or six years (in office).

"After expressing that opinion in 1992, and even though under the term limitations amendment, I could have continued to serve through 1998, I made a personal decision that if voters approved the term limitations ballot proposal, I would not be a candidate for representative after serving 12 years."

Barns hopes "my action will encourage the writing of a new ballot proposal that will give the voters an opportunity to change the term limits on representatives from six to 12 years." That would bring the term limits in with the 12-year limit for U.S. senators.

In reflecting on her House tenure, Barns said she will mostly miss the people she has worked with. The frequent drives to and from Lansing are what she will miss the least. Barns had rented a studio apartment in the state capital when there was inclement weather or it was too late in the evening for her to drive back to Westland alone.

Listing her accomplishments, Barns pointed to her co-sponsorship of the Indoor Clean-air Act, tougher laws for drunken drivers, prescription benefits for low-income retirees; providing double-bunking in county jails, more local control for municipal police departments; sponsorship of the crime forfeiture law, early retirement program for state employees to reduce the workforce without major layoffs; state aid for the city of Westland; her staff's work on constituents' problems and being chief sponsor for the Michigan Strategic Investment Fund.

School trustee unopposed in re-election bid

BY MARIE CHESNEY

STAFF WRITER

There is no mystery who will win the June 13 Livonia school board election.

Trustee Joe Laura is unopposed for a single four-year term following Monday afternoon's deadline for candidates to file petitions.

The big question on the Board of Education for the district, which serves the northern section of Westland, will be who will be named to replace Sue Thompson when she resigns June 30.

With Laura facing no opposition, all suspense over the Livonia Public Schools' board race has fizzled. The election still will be held, but Laura is now a shoo-in to return for four years.

Last year, the district fielded nine candidates in the annual school election. The plunge in number of candidates leaves board president James Watters perplexed and puzzled.

"After 30 months of budget cuts, changes in administration, public budget hearings and the issue of Cooper school, I would have thought we would have had someone come out," Watters said. (The board closed Cooper, on Ann Arbor Trail between Inkster and Middlebelt in Westland, nearly two years ago after toxic wastes were found under the surface of its playground. Students were transferred across the street to the former Whittier Junior High School.)

Laura's daughter, Kami, is a fifth grader at Marshall Elementary. His son, Jay, attends

'I would have thought we would have had someone come out.'

James Watters
board president

Detroit Country Day on a scholarship.

"Like Watters, Laura is surprised by his lack of opposition. And he's worried that few will bother to vote on June 13, so he plans to wage a mini-phone campaign.

The lack of candidates is given more weight because of the post-election vacancy that will occur on the board because of Thompson's June 30 resignation.

On that day, Thompson will have finished two years of a four-year term. Her term expires June 30, 1995.

After her resignation, the trustees have 30 days to appoint a person who will fill her seat for a year, until the 1995 school election.

With no other candidates in the June 13 election, the trustees will have no one to turn to who showed an interest in the district by running, Watters said.

"The board has a seat to fill," Watters said. "They could have appointed a person who ran for a seat. That would be an appropriate way to select someone. Without any opposition to Joe, the board is free to look at a candidate without being criticized for not selecting someone who ran for a seat."

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ber Patricia Brown.

Brown, who defeated Felan in last June's race, filed a complaint with Westland police late last year after accusing Felan of shoving her in a hallway during a dispute at a school board meeting. Felan has flatly denied the accusations.

Brown dropped the complaint before Felan went to trial on the assault charge. Felan's attorney, Michael Ostrosky, accused Brown of filing the complaint to discredit

Felan as she sought the school board appointment in January.

The election also counts as the school board is embroiled in a political struggle that could have potentially long-lasting effects. The board is split on whether Superintendent Larry Thomas — in the second year of a three-year contract — is effectively leading the district.

The winner of the June 13 race could become the swing vote on issues that will chart the district's future and determine its leadership.

Nature site cleanup planned for Earth Day

A citizens group dedicated to protecting a scenic nature area northeast of Palmer Road and Westland is planning to clean the area on Saturday, April 23, in honor of Earth Day.

The cleanup of Sassafas Trails will begin at 9 a.m. with a meeting at the nearby Wilson School in Westland, north of Palmer.

Community volunteers are invited to join

the effort and may phone one of the organizers, Theresa Robbins, at 326-2309 for more information.

Robbins and others who live near Sassafas Trails became alarmed when the Wayne Westland school board, which owns the property, indicated several months ago that the land could eventually be sold to developers.

School officials have given the citizens group until Sept. 1 to proceed on an alternative plan. Citizens hope to seek grants to transform Sassafas Trails and Wilson School into a nature education center.

Other board members, such as Mathew McCusker, have said they want to protect the land.

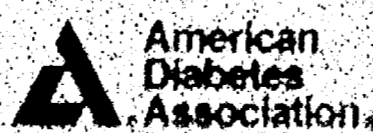
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Ex-Pursell aide announces Congress candidacy

Cynthia H. Wilbanks, president of Michigan's Children and former district coordinator for U.S. Rep. Carl D. Pursell, is seeking the Republican nomination in the race for Congress from the 13th District.

Wilbanks began the campaign Tuesday among supporters on the campus of Cleary College in Ypsilanti.

Observer communities that are part of the 13th District include Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Westland, Garden City and part of Livonia.

She promised to run an aggressive, positive, grassroots campaign and to communicate with voters in every community of the district.

"Wayne and Washtenaw counties deserve leadership in step with the concerns of area residents," said Wilbanks. "We live in a rapidly changing world which demands that our elected representatives in Washington employ new ideas and seek innovative solutions. Yesterday's tired approaches to today's fast-paced

problems simply no longer work," said Wilbanks.

Wilbanks, 43, lives in Ypsilanti Township. She has more than 20 years of involvement in southeast Michigan, ranging from grassroots volunteer work to managing a congressional district staff to heading a statewide nonprofit child advocacy organization.

"I bring a solid record of proven leadership, one which will build toward the future while recognizing the past. I am committed to providing a new style of representation for our district, which reflects the firmly held beliefs, interest and hopes of the people of our congressional district."

"My personal experience was gained here in the communities which comprise the 13th District," she said. "My knowledge of the federal government comes from years of acting on behalf of constituents, not from years of manipulating the system from inside the Washington beltway," said Wilbanks.

Wilbanks is currently on leave from her position as president of

Michigan's Children, a statewide nonprofit, advocacy organization. She served as district coordinator for former Congressman Carl D. Pursell from 1979 to 1992. Before becoming district coordinator, she served as a field representative for Pursell from 1977 to 1979. She was a staff assistant for former Congressman Marvin Esch from 1973 to 1976.

"I know what issues are important to our district's voters," said Wilbanks, outlining economic growth, a balanced budget, crime and safety education and concern about high taxes as items to be addressed.

"I also understand what's at stake. I understand the consequences of uncontrolled government spending; I understand the havoc wreaked on families due to increased violence; I understand the need to prepare our children to be competitive and successful in a world marketplace and the

need to strengthen families in our communities," said Wilbanks.

"I have the ability to lead and work toward resolution of these issues. I don't intend to sit on the sidelines in Congress. Wayne and Washtenaw counties need a member of Congress who is informed, concerned and qualified," said Wilbanks.

A graduate of Redford High School, Wilbanks holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. She is married to Roy Wilbanks and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor.

She was a Republican nominee for the University of Michigan Board of Regents, has served as president of the Ann Arbor Republican Women's Club and is the vice chair of the Washtenaw County Republican Executive Committee.

Wilbanks' community activities include: Glacier Hills Retirement

Center Board of Directors (1992 to present), advisory council chairperson for the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce-Innovation Center (1989-1990), board of directors of the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce (1988-1989), government relations co-chair for the Michigan Technology Council (1986-1988). She is a graduate of the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program (1986) and has worked as a volunteer for the local Meals on Wheels program.

She is a Rotary member and has served on the Volunteer Council for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

She was selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1981.

Wilbanks is the second Republican to enter the race. John A. Schall of Ann Arbor, formerly of Livonia, announced his candidacy last year.



Cynthia H. Wilbanks

David Geiss of Wayne, a former aide to U.S. Rep. William Ford and Fulton Baglin, an attorney from Ypsilanti Township, are seeking the Democratic nomination.

Filing deadline is May 10. The primary is Aug. 2.

Power line warning issued

Consumers Power is asking school principals for their assistance in helping children understand the danger associated with electric power lines and substations.

The request comes after a 12-year-old Comstock boy was fatally electrocuted when he touched a 46,000-volt power line while climbing a utility tower after school on March 28. The boy had climbed over a six-foot, locked fence topped with 18 inches of barbed wire to gain access to the tower.

"I am calling on you as a school principal to help our children understand the danger associated with electric power lines and substations," said Paul Elbert, the utility's senior vice president for energy distribution, in a letter distributed to elementary and

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The letter included an electric safety message aimed at young audiences to be reproduced and distributed to students. Consumers Power also has films, videos and teacher guides available to schools for use at no charge.

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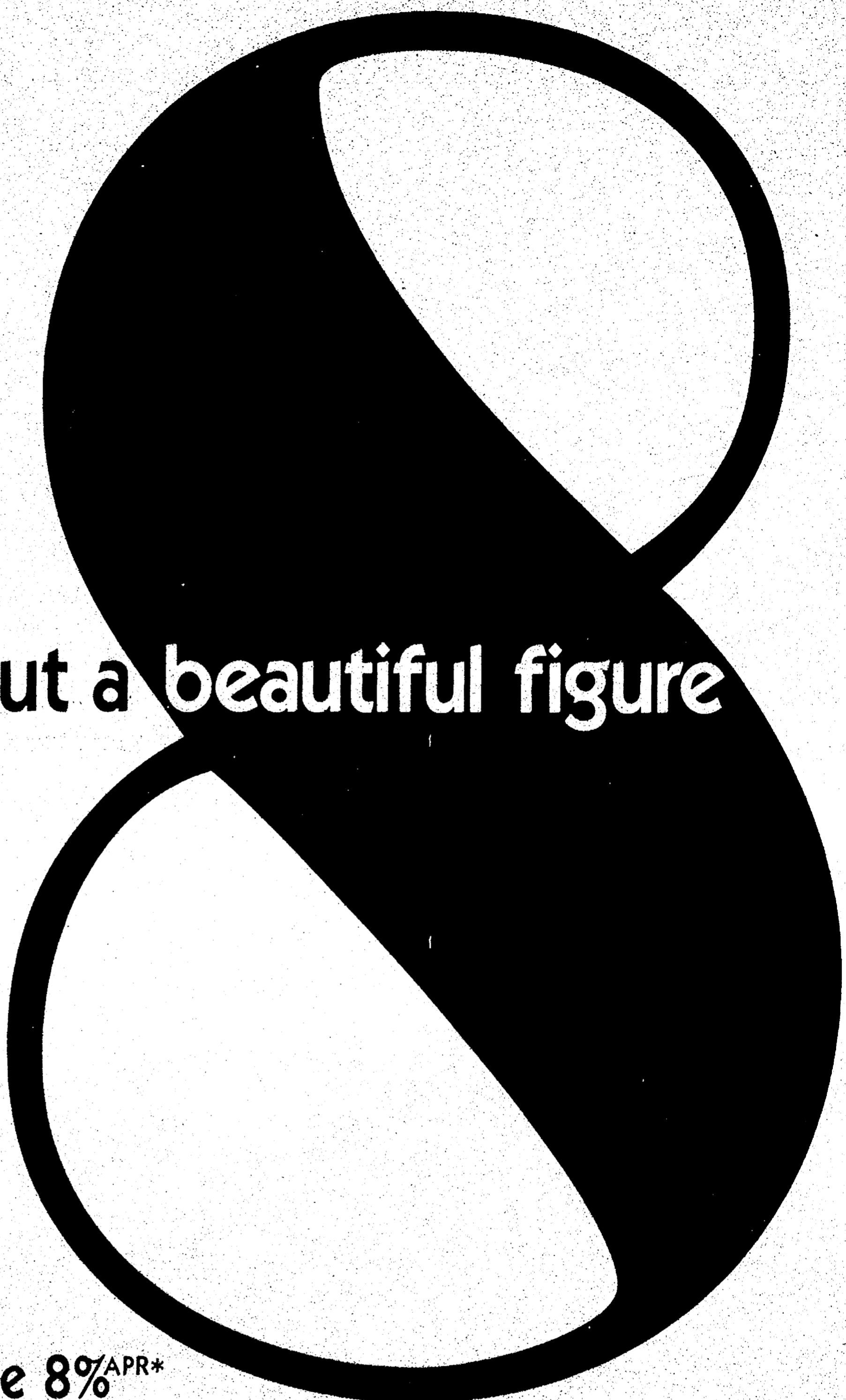
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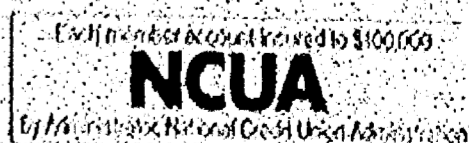
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State report recommends 12 more appeals judges

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

State lawmakers groan whenever Marilyn K. Hall issues one of her State Court Administrator's reports.

Hall recommended the Court of Appeals, which now has 24 judges, get "a minimum of 12 new judgeships no later than 1997."

Her report last November added: "The Michigan Court of Appeals' docket is growing faster than that of any of the other large comparison states. Criminal appeals increased by 122 percent in Michigan between 1988 and 1992. Civil appeals increased by 34 percent."

The Legislature, occupied with school reform and budget woes, responded by:

■ Creating four new judgeships and redistricting the court.

■ Placing Proposal B on the Nov. 8 ballot to cut down appeals by about one-third. The proposed constitutional amendment would eliminate the automatic right of appeal of convicts who had pleaded guilty, permitting appeals "by leave" (permission).

For years the court administrator has recommended a major expansion of the Court of Appeals, which handles 95 percent of appeals from trial courts. The caseload, she said, justifies 54

judges. The backlog is about three years. Each year 1,500 more appeals are filed than are disposed of.

The second-highest court was created by the 1963 Constitution with nine judges. By 1986 it had doubled to 18. The current 24 judges work in panels of three.

Meanwhile, court watchers are predicting the Court of Appeals will turn more conservative because all the new judges will be added in the southwest portion of the state. No new judgeships are scheduled for the metropolitan Detroit area, where incumbents, never beaten, will be seeking re-election to six-year terms.

Wayne County was in the first district with five other counties, stretching west to Jackson. The new first district has just three counties — Wayne, Monroe and Lenawee. It will lose one judge, Thomas J. Brennan of Dearborn. His post will be eliminated because he is past 70 and may not run for re-election.

Incumbent Judges Roman S. Gribbs of Detroit and Maura Corrigan of Grosse Pointe Park have filed for re-election.

Oakland County was in the second district with 14 other counties stretching west to Lansing and north to Arenac County. The new second district has four coun-

ties — Oakland, Macomb, Genesee and Shiawassee.

Incumbent Judges Michael J. Kelly and Marilyn J. Kelly, both of Bloomfield Hills but not related, and Kathleen Jansen of Harrison Township have filed for re-election.

The excitement will be in the new third district, which gets all four new appeals judges. That U-shaped district starts in Muskegon on the west, goes down to Berrien County and across southern Michigan, ending in Livingston County. Legislative elections indicate it's the most conservative section of the state.

Depending on the number of votes, the four winning candidates will have terms of 10, eight, eight and six years. Court watchers already refer to it as Gov. John Engler's "court packing plan."

The fourth district, northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, will gain Brennan's seat.

Hall sticks to her guns — more judges. Among 29 states with appellate courts, the average number of filings per judge was 205. In Michigan the average was 493 per judge.

Cost of adding four judges this year: \$2.2 million in operating and a one-time expense of \$428,000 for office equipment and furnishings.

Court employees unload on senators

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

They're in the middle of the battle of the sexes. They deal with people in divorce — the most stressful human experience next to the death of a spouse or parent. They explain legalisms to non-readers. They come to work early and leave late.

They're Friend of the Court employees, and it was their turn

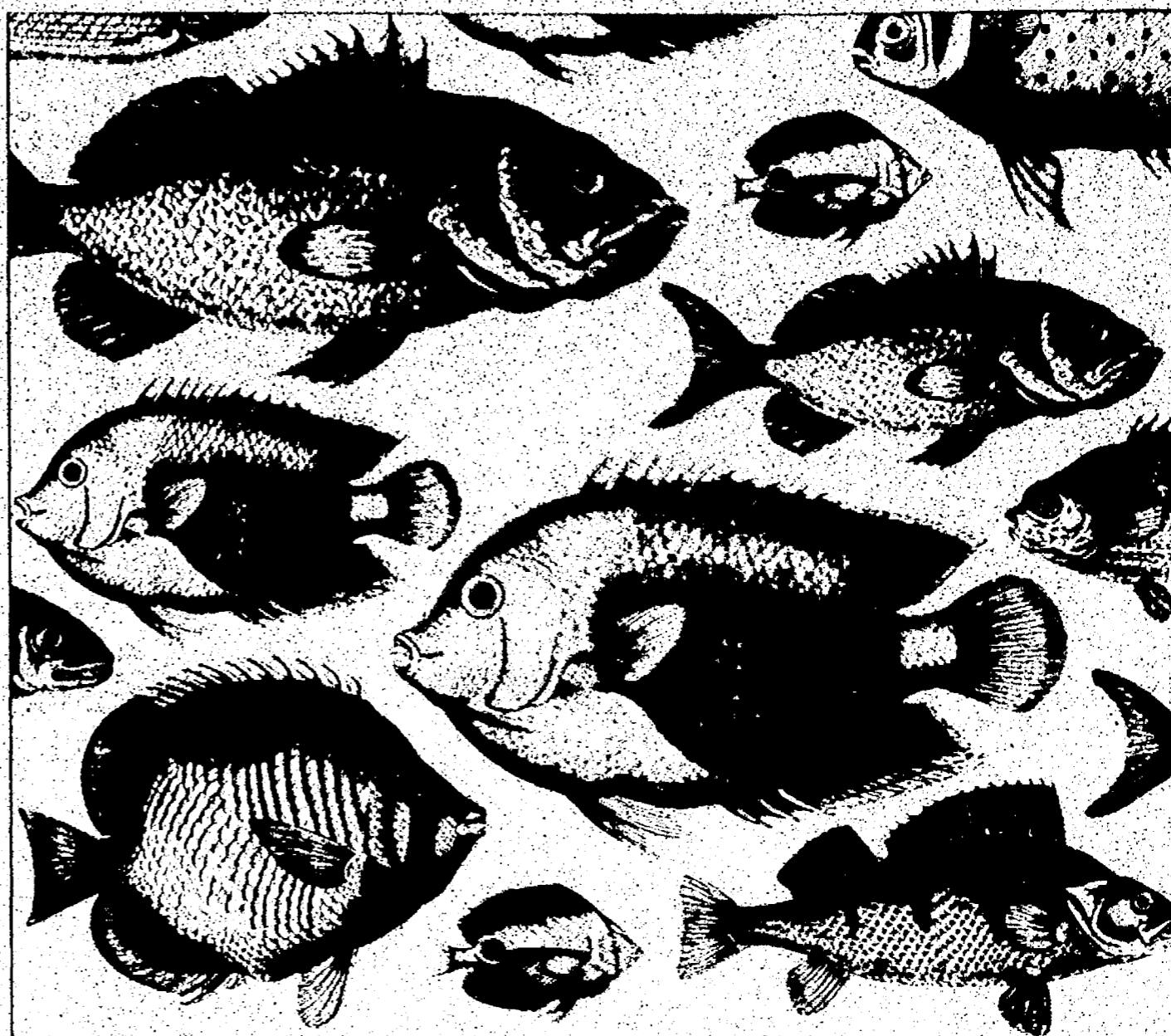
Thursday to complain to state senators about how shabbily the public treats them.

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JA to honor civic leaders in business hall of fame

Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan will give out four "academy awards of business" at the second annual Business Hall of Fame on April 28 at the Rita Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

The winners are John Barfield, founder and chairman of Barfield Companies of Livonia, Walker Cisler, retired chairman of Detroit Edison, the late Eugene Power, founder of University Microfilms International, and the late Alfred Sloan Jr., former president of General Motors.

Tickets to the Business Hall of Fame are \$150 and may be purchased by calling (313) 255-3000.

Barfield, 60, started the Barfield Companies in 1954 with the founding of Barfield Cleaning Company, which was sold to International Telephone and Telegraph in 1969. In 1974 Barfield established Barfield Building Maintenance, followed by Bartech Personnel Services in 1977 and Barfield Manufacturing in 1978. In 1990 Barfield incorporated Utility Support Services, which provides meter reading and other field support services to investor-owned electric and gas utility companies.



John Barfield



Walker Cisler



Eugene Power



Alfred Sloan

Cisler, 98, grew up in rural Pennsylvania and graduated from Cornell University in 1922 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

After many years with New Jersey's Public Service Electric and Gas, Cisler joined Detroit Edison as chief engineer of power plants in 1943. Almost immediately, he was given a leave of absence to serve in the Army overseas. Originally commissioned a lieutenant colonel and assigned to the rehabilitation of utilities in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, he was appointed chief of public

utilities by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower and given responsibility for directing the restoration of utility services in Germany.

Returning to Detroit Edison after the war, Cisler was elected executive vice president in 1948, a director in 1951 and president later that year. In 1964 he was elected chairman of the board, a position he held until his retirement in 1975.

Power, who died last year at the age of 88, attended the University of Michigan, where he got a bachelor's degree in 1927 and a mas-

ter's degree in 1930. From then until 1938 he worked with Edwards Brothers, an Ann Arbor publishing firm, and engaged in experiments with microfilm techniques for reproduction of research materials.

In 1938 he founded University Microfilms International and began offering microfilm editions of rare books to the scholarly market as a way to preserve and disseminate data that would not otherwise be available. The next year he established a dissertation publishing program with a pioneering

goal: Doctoral candidates could make dissertations available to others on microfilm on an economical "on demand" basis.

Power was instrumental in the growth and development of the micrographic industry. He founded the National Microfilm Association and the International Micrographics Congress, organized the first large microfilming project for libraries, and helped procure a core group of German scientific journals and disseminated the data therein to the

western scientific community during the war.

UMI was purchased by Xerox in 1962 and then acquired by Bell & Howell in 1986. Today UMI is a major information publishing company with headquarters in Ann Arbor and offices around the world.

Sloan, who died in 1966 at the age of 91, received an electrical engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before the turn of the century and began his career with Hyatt Roller Bearing in New Jersey. Sloan ran the bearing company as general manager from 1899 to 1916, when William Durant persuaded him to become president of United Motors, a new combination of parts suppliers to the auto industry. Two years later United Motors became part of General Motors and Sloan became a director and vice-president in charge of accessory operations.

Sloan assumed the presidency of GM in 1923, a time when the corporation accounted for about 10 percent of new car sales in this country. When he retired in 1956 the corporation had become the largest producer of cars and trucks in the world.

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heard or to proceed with a career path. Lesinski told a subcommittee chaired by Sen. Robert Grady, R-Northville.

"These are fierce battlefields," said Eaton Circuit Judge Thomas Eveland. "These are outrageous and unfounded attacks. Disagreements turn to diatribes. There are complaints of gender bias on both sides."

"Emotional people plus an adversarial process result in an explosive situation," Eveland said.

Grady chairs a subcommittee of the Senate Family Law Committee. In eight hearings around the state, starting with Livonia and Pontiac, he has heard Friend of the Court staffers take "hours and hours of brutal beatings from people with very serious complaints."

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Friend of the Court is an arm of circuit courts, half of whose case load is divorce suits. FOC processes child support and alimony payments, deals with child custody squabbles, and holds conciliation conferences. One FOC employee after another cited evidence that Michigan's system is the best in the nation, the envy of many states and even foreign nations.

"Our operation needs attention, resources and direction," said James Rashid, chief judge of Wayne Circuit Court, whose FOC operation has drawn the bulk of the criticism.

"Make SMILE mandatory," said Rashid, referring to an Oakland County program of three-to-six-month meetings with people going through divorce. The acronym stands for "Start Making It Livable for Everyone."

Rashid urged lawmakers not to limit a judge's authority to order custody and visitation. "Resist the temptation to make hard-and-fast rules for decision makers."

"You heard people who purport to have complaints against the Friend of the Court," said Ellen Abbott, FOC for the Oceola and Mecosta counties circuit. "The bulk weren't."

Abbott cited complaints Grady heard about unenforced court orders, failure to make pickups on bench warrants, failure to prosecute bad checks, failure to prosecute kidnappers, stalking, lies by the other party, and just bad parenting. "all the duties of judges, police, prosecutors and ex-spouses, but all blamed on FOC staffers."

Funding is inadequate, said Clinton County FOC Terry Clarke, because county general funds are the primary budget source. "Our revenues go to county general funds. Then we have to compete with other needs."

"There was a strong consensus among FOCs that they should continue to be accountable to circuit judges rather than being to prosecutors at the county board."

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The keynote speaker will be Peg Treacy, an award-winning corporate image consultant and president of Churchill Associates. She will discuss why perception is more influential than reality, i.e. the way others see you is the way they believe you are. Participants will see how clothing styles and colors ultimately influence the "personal package" they present. Treacy's corporate clients include

General Motors, McDonald's, Ameritech and First Federal of Michigan.

The seminar comprises 44 workshops, including making bridal gowns, beading, working with luxury fabric, heirloom sewing, serger techniques, couture trims, leather and suede, flat pattern design and duplicate stitch embellishment.

Sewing books recommended by the seminar's teachers will be available for purchase, and creative displays featuring the latest in sewing technology will be presented.

Society seeking foster families

The Methodist Children's Home Society is looking for foster families for children up to the age of 14. The society contracts with Wayne County to put kids in foster homes until they are adopted.

To hear more about being a foster parent, call LaTonya Shephard at 531-4060. The next information session will occur 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at MCHS headquarters, 26645 W. Six Mile in Detroit.

Madonna registering for spring

Madonna University's on-campus registration for the spring and summer term runs through April 22. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday and Thursday. Classes begin May 9. Call 591-5038.

County seeks soil pollution control

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Industrial and commercial development of polluted land in Wayne County would likely accelerate if a change in state law requested by county government is approved.

County officials want to take over many of the key oversight responsibilities of the state Department of Natural Resources, which has been criticized for being slow in processing the pollution remediation permits that developers need to build on contaminated land.

"We have too many problems with the DNR," said county commission vice chairwoman Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City. "They don't seem to understand (urban problems). They're heavily weighted with rural people."

Last December, Wayne County government got Lansing approval to regulate air pollution. A new county Department of the Environment was formed, and now county officials are trying to get authority to regulate the issuance of ground contamina-

tion remediation permits. This would come with \$22 million from the state government to pay for everything.

The DNR currently issues these permits, which tell developers just how clean they have to make their property before building on it.

However, some developers have waited more than two years for the DNR to act on a permit application. Wayne County deputy executive Michael Duggan told the mayors and supervisors of 18 communities at the Conference of Western Wayne meeting April 8 that county government would have answers to permit applications within 60 days.

The CWW passed a resolution supporting Wayne County's efforts, and the county commission seems unanimous in support. "This is a practical approach to protecting the environment and the people of Wayne County," said Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township public services director.

The next major hurdle is expected to be a public hearing the

morning of Tuesday, April 19, in the state House's Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes Committee. The hearing will be on the fourth floor of the Capitol building in Lansing. The public is welcome.

Committee members will listen to public opinion and discuss the three House bills (5303, 5304 and 5305) that would give Wayne County the responsibility to administer ground pollution laws.

"If we get this thing out of committee, we're going to be in business," Duggan said. "If we don't, it's going to be a long process."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack asked Duggan who would "watch you guys" so that the law is administered fairly.

Commissioner Michelle Plawecki, D-DeARBorn Heights, who also represents Redford Township and part of Livonia, supports the county government's aim, but recommends caution. "I don't think we should get in too deep too quickly," she said.



Pitches: Duggan asked the Conference of Western Wayne to support the county effort to take administrative control of soil contamination.

Commissioner Phadden McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township, takes a practical view of protecting the environment.

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County's health care plan can benefit local employers

By RALPH R. ECHLINAW
Staff Writer

President Bill Clinton's public health care plan might be stalled in Congress, but Wayne County's contribution to medical insurance pools will begin next month.

"We think this is going to bring a medical program when this thing is passing," said Edward J. Kelly, director of Wayne County's Public Health Administration System.

Once operating in earnest, the system is supposed to provide health coverage for over a million workers in Wayne County and their dependents. The maximum number of people the system can serve is 1.2 million.

There's a lot of money. Area hospitals and health care providers contribute \$4.5 million a year to the system, which covers one-third of the cost of the health coverage, and the remainder is paid by employers and participating individuals.

Two companies called Armadillo Fencing and A Fence Change Agency will administer the program for \$1.8 million a year, plus a 2 percent fee on all bills they pay.

Employers must pay at least one-third of the cost of an adult's health care. Employees may choose to pay all or part of the cost themselves. Employees pay the rest.

At least five employees per employer must be enrolled.

None of them can have had health coverage within the past year.

The average rate of pay for participating employers is no more than \$10 an hour.

Bob Ciavarella, owner of Evonima's Affordable Dry Cleaning, was one of the first employers to sign up.

Ciavarella has six employees and says that providing health coverage ought to help him retain good employees. It's tough enough competing with the guys who have it properly licensed and insured, let alone providing health insurance, he said.

"If you have somebody who's any good, and they get an opportunity to move on, they'll do it without health care."

But Ciavarella is skeptical enough to say he'll "participate enthusiastically and see if it works out. We could always bow out gracefully and hook up with some other plan."

Other employers contacted by the Observer were in the process of deciding if they qualified for the program.

Roger Hussack, a Plymouth attorney, sought health coverage for himself and a secretary, but was turned down because he doesn't have five employees. "I constantly have my ear to the ground when it comes to health insurance," he said. "There's no good system out there."

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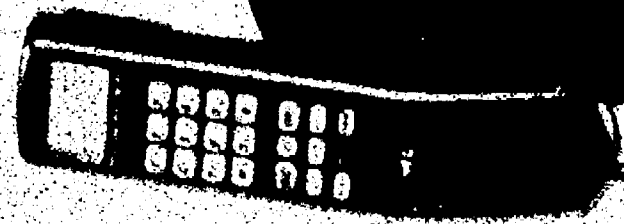
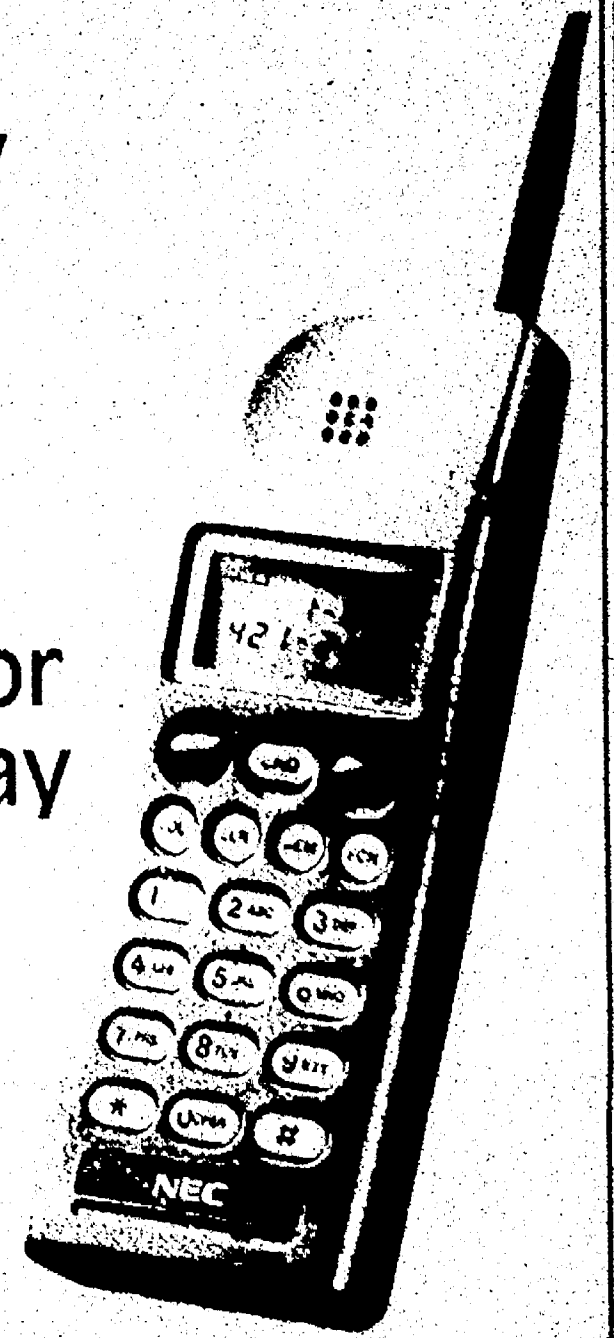
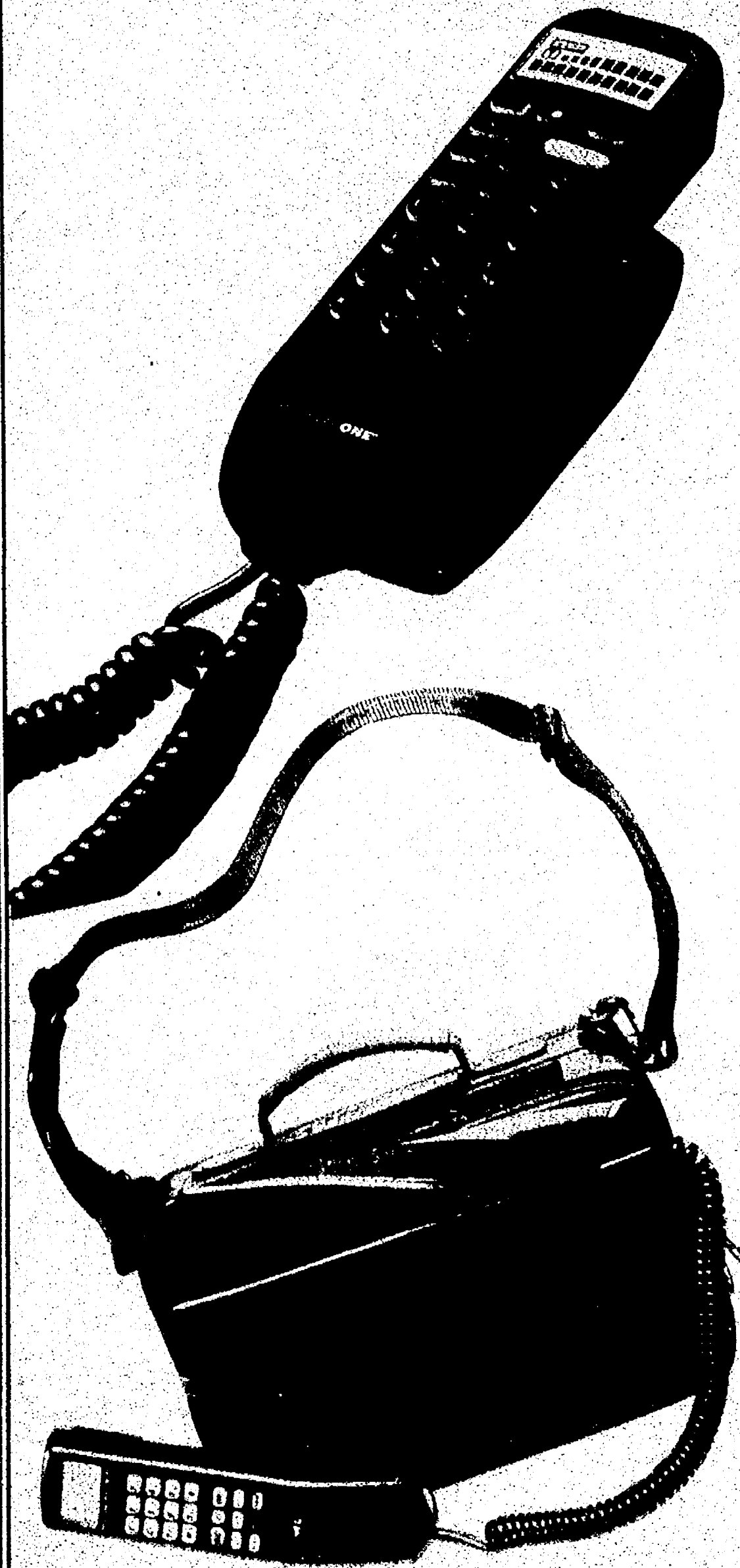
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Attack on MEA

Teacher union would suffer with House plan

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Republican lawmakers this week are trying a showdown move to clip the wings of the powerful Michigan Education Association.

Democrats call it "anti-union, anti-teacher, anti-local control."

House Republicans intend to discharge their pet bill from the House Labor Committee, bringing it directly to the House floor where they have a 55-52 advantage and a chance of passing it in April.

"That bill has an anti-strike provision, management rights and required bidding on things like health insurance," said Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, who supports the discharge.

"The governor stopped by our caucus. He thanked us for keeping up the issue, and for showing courage and true leadership," Vorva said.

Gov. John Engler proposed those measures in his Oct. 5 special message on education, but they were little discussed during the months-long debate over finance in Proposal A.

The big political question was whether all 55 Republican representatives would hold fast to force the bill to the floor and pass it. Vorva said there were "minor items" of disagreement but



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wouldn't reveal the closed caucus discussion.

Under the shared leadership system, a Democrat chairs the Labor Committee this month while Republican co-speaker Paul Hillegonds presides over the full House.

Democratic co-speaker Dennis Hertel appointed Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, and seven other Democrats to a task force which will conduct public hearings on the bill. The first is at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the 13th floor auditorium of the City-County Building, 2 Woodward,

Detroit. MEA represents some 120,000 teachers, administrators and school employees in most districts outside Detroit.

"The bill would provide sanctions against teacher strikes, strengthen administrators' powers, and require school boards to bid out health insurance and other contracts instead of letting MEA bargain on behalf of its subsidiary, MESSA, an administrator of benefits.

"There is strong support for such legislation in the Senate, controlled 21-16 by Republicans.

The Senate, however, is waiting for action from the House, where support is weaker.

"There's a 60 percent chance we'll get something," predicted Sen. Mat Donaskiss, R-Lake Orion.

"The amendments would also affect higher education," said Jack Nightingale, a faculty member at Eastern Michigan University and president of the Michigan Conference of the American Association of University Professors.

"It may be that Republican supporters of Proposal A already see that it will result in a serious financial shortfall in funds for education and are looking for ways to control costs by placing the burden on the backs of teachers and professors," said Nightingale.

The AAUP chief and Democrats said anti-strike sanctions are aimed entirely at teachers, not against boards and administrators who fail to bargain in good faith.

Hertel said Republicans are attempting "to punish the unions for not supporting the governor's school finance plan or to head off the predicted shortfall in K-12 funding."

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Youth Living Centers, a private, non-profit organization which provides a variety of child-protection programs and services, is looking for a male volunteer mentor to be assigned to a 12-year-old boy. The youngster likes sports, baseball cards and music, said YLC spokeswoman Dorothy Murphy. "There is no male at (the boy's) home and the boy's foster mother feels a mentor would be a good role model," she said. Anyone interested may contact Murphy, 728-3400.

Classical music

Classical musicians are scheduled to perform within the next four weeks as part of the city of Wayne's series at the Stage IV, housed in the State Wayne Theater, on Michigan Ave., west of Wayne Road.

Brian Morris, a classical guitarist, will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30, followed by Szeozar Ivanov, who will perform a Chopin piano recital on Saturday night, May 14. Morris has performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Central Michigan University, and Cal State University-Fullerton. Ivanov has appeared as a soloist with several orchestras in Europe and now studies at the University of Michigan. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for students and senior citizens, are available at the theater, the Wayne Community Center, and through Ticketmaster.

Councilwoman runs for judgeship



Sandra Cicirelli, elected last fall to her second four-year term on the Westland city council, is mounting another political campaign. She is opposing District Judge C. Charles Bokos, named to fill the remaining two years of a term.

By DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Sandra Cicirelli, in her second Westland City Council term, announced Monday that she will campaign for the 18th District judge's seat occupied by appointee C. Charles Bokos.

Cicirelli's announcement, which was expected, came just eight days before Bokos plans to kick off his campaign with a fund-raising reception at the city's Hellenic Cultural Center.

Cicirelli and Bokos are the only confirmed candidates seeking to fulfill the remaining two years of former Judge Thomas Smith's unexpired six-year term. Gov. John Engler appointed Bokos as interim judge in August 1992, after Smith retired early.

In another judicial race, 18th District Judge Gail McKnight is seeking re-election to a six-year term. No other candidates have announced their intention to oppose her.

Cicirelli, in the first year of her second consecutive four-year council term, is a Westland attorney and a former teacher who is teaching part time at Schoolcraft College. Bokos served as Westland city attorney for 16 1/2 years before he was appointed to the bench.

Cicirelli issued a press release that stressed her involvement on local boards and commissions, Westland Business and Professional Women, the Wayne-Westland YMCA's board of directors, the Westland Jaycoes and the Youth Assistance advisory council.

She also is a former vice chairwoman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, a former religious education instructor and a former member of the alumni board of governors for the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education.

Cicirelli said the court cases she has handled, coupled with her experience as a teacher and a mediator

in Garden City's 21st District Court, make her "well-qualified for this seat on the bench."

Cicirelli had sought the bench appointment when Engler chose Bokos in 1992. She has indicated all along that she would seek election to the seat.

Among the highlights of her press release:

■ She said she "will bring fiscal responsibility to the court" by using more volunteer workers, by trying to recoup prisoner care costs from prisoners themselves, and by declining a car that is provided to judges "at taxpayer expense."

■ She labeled herself an advocate for "alternative dispute resolution," in which volunteers try to resolve some cases out of court. The program would reduce the court docket and save money, she said.

■ Saying she is "alarmed by the increase in violent crimes," Cicirelli said citizens have told her that they support a "tough-on-crime policy." Bokos has said that he, too, has been tough during his stint as judge.

■ Cicirelli pledged support for Youth Assistance and DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) programs that provide early intervention for troubled youths. Bokos has noted in the past that he also supports such



Sandra Cicirelli, judicial candidate

programs.

Bokos is currently chief judge of the court. In a three-page announcement in January, he cited youth gangs, drug abuse and domestic violence as among the problems he wants to address as chief judge. To do that, he said he hopes to improve upon the court's relations with the Wayne-Westland school system, the Westland Police Department and the community.

Students try to solve problems of the future

A team of students from Churchill High School has been invited to participate in the 15th annual Michigan Future Problem Solving Program State Bowl.

The school serves the northwest section of Westland.

Junior Amanda Barrett and seniors Becky Smedley, Niray Shah and Lizzie Kostielney from Stevenson High and coach Christine Smedley will meet in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan April 23-24 to compete with 140 teams - the top 30 percent of teams from throughout Michigan.

Coach Smedley also will be taking a team from Frost Middle School to compete in the state bowl. Frost students Lindsay Noechel, Josey Mascaro, David Gibb, and Matthew Franczak - together with alternates David Seltz and Garrett Wheat - will participate in the intermediate division for grades 7-9.

The state bowl is the culmination of a year-long program where students are taught to creatively seek, attack and solve problems related to projections into the future.

More than 14,000 Michigan students worked on three problems

during the 1993-94 school year (robotics, Antarctica and extinction of animals) which were critiqued by trained evaluators.

Based on the third program, the top 30 percent of Michigan teams from each of the three grade divisions (4-6, 7-9, 10-12) have been invited to participate in the state bowl.

While teams know the general topic of this year's bowl - space law - they will not know the specific nature of the problem they will attempt to solve until the bowl begins.

Solutions will be evaluated on clearly established criteria and the

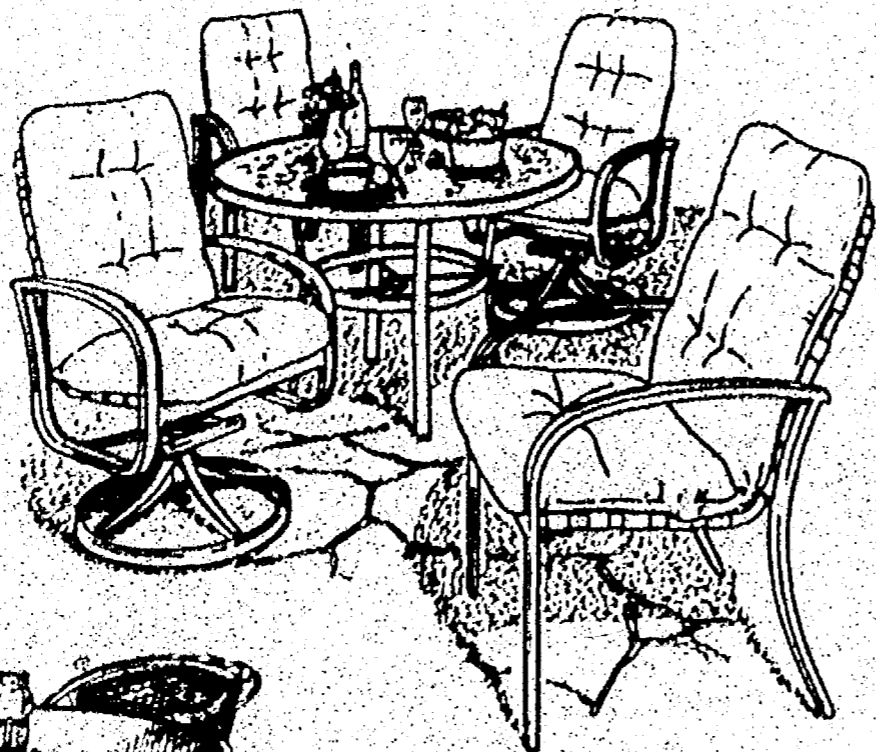
top four teams from each division will receive trophies. State champions also will be invited to represent Michigan at the 1994 International Conference June 10-13 at U-M.

In the past 10 years, Michigan participants have won 18 championships at the International Conference. Last year the conference was at the University of Wisconsin and Churchill's team won second place in the senior division.

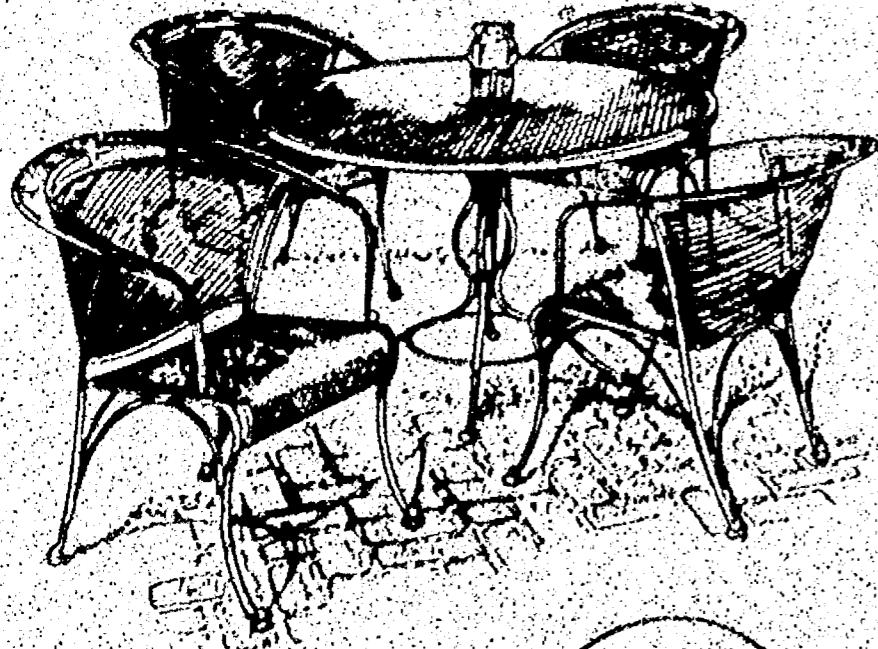
The future problem solving program is sponsored by the school of education at the University of Michigan.

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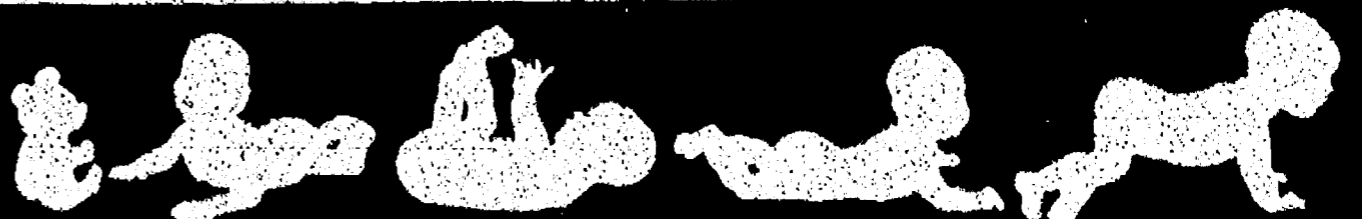
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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

DIAL FOR DATES
For updated events in the area, call 953-2005.

THIS WEEKEND

SPAGHETTI DINNER
An "all you can eat" spaghetti dinner will be 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, at the VFW Post 3885, 6440 Hix, south of Warren Road, Westland. Music by the Wright Sounds. 728-3287.

RUMMAGE SALE
United Methodist Women will hold its annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Garden City United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman Road, Garden City.

TWINS CLUB
Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples Club will hold its clothing and equipment sale from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at Roma Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill between Venoy and Mezzman, Garden City. Admission is 50 cents. Checks are not accepted. No strollers.

CRAFTS/BAZAARS

RUMMAGE/CRAFTS
There will be a rummage, craft and bake sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 28-30, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28650 Cherry Hill, near Harrison, Garden City. Lunch will be available. 427-3820.

CLUBS

BETA SIGMA PHI
Preceptor Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at the home of Dana Everden, 6399 Farmington Road, Westland.

MARINE CORPS
Northwest Detroit Marine Corps League meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at the Old Novi Fire Hall, Novi Road south of Grand River, Novi.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road south of Five Mile, Livonia. Jeanette Holtman will speak on the "Preservation of Family Photographs and Documents." 425-6932.

CAMPING CLUB
Moonlighters Camping Club meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Cardinal Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages, have scheduled camp-outs during the camping season. Harvey and Mattie Grigg, 421-3069.

WEEKENDERS
The Weekenders Family Campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman, 531-2273.

TOASTMASTERS
Toastmasters International Club No. 6094-28 meets 6 p.m. Thursdays at Denby's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland, for people who want to practice and develop public speaking skills. 421-0254.

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS
The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets 6 p.m. Thursdays in Denby's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, 455-1635.

DEMOCRATS
Garden City Democrats meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Maplewood Community Center, Room 5, Alice Leclercq, 421-1169, or Bill Pate, 427-2344.

UNITED WE STAND
United We Stand, America's Michigan 13th Congressional District, meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Thursday of the month at the Roman Forum, on Ford, west of I-275 on the south side, Canton. A social gathering begins at 6 p.m. Maggie Sutton, 485-0998.

GARDEN CITY LIONS
The Garden City Lions meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Silver Saloon, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Contact Ivan Nunneley, 422-6656, or Henry Tolk, 421-4954.

HOST LIONS
The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Red Lobster Restaurant, on Wayne Road, north of Ford.

CHILD BIRTH ASSOCIATION
Classes for childbirth preparation are being offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean preparation also offered. 459-7477.

WESTLAND JAYCEES
Westland Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Nova VFW Post, on Hix south of Warren. Hotline, 722-1690.

CORVETTE CLUB
The Corvette Club of Michigan meets 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn. Glenn Simms, 675-5633, or Paul Jenkins, 981-4251.

CAMARO BUFFS
The new Eastern Michigan Camaro Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at Gordon Chevrolet, on Ford west of Merriman, Garden City. 326-5658.

FUN-SEEKERS
Fun-Seekers adult group meets the first and third Saturdays of each month for activities such as whiffleball, moonlight bowling, splitball, riverboat dinner cruise and theme parties, wallyball, volleyball, softball and pool league, camping trips, canoeing, tubing. 522-2109.

AMBASSADORS
Ambassadors Junior Civitan is seeking people ages 15-18 for community service activities. The club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 36773 Marquette, east of Newburgh, 721-5409.

SCHOOL GROUP
The Wayne Westland Citizens for Education Committee meets 7:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House (formerly the Nova



Rummage, craft show coming

Church benefit: Good Hope Lutheran Church will hold a rummage and craft show (like the one shown above) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 28-30, in the church on Cherry Hill near Harrison. A bake sale will also be held. Lunch will be available all three days.

House). The group informs people of issues regarding the community schools. 729-1748.

PURPLE HEART
The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford, west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

RECREATION

SOFTBALL
Women's Softball League is looking for women 30 and older to play Monday and Wednesday mornings. All games to be played at Moeller Field, Garden City. Fran, 464-0936 or Kathy, 326-1903.

FOR DISABLED PERSONS
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. 722-7620.

OPEN SWIM
The Wayne Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 7-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Family swim is 8-8:45 p.m.

Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. 721-7014.

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

LIFEGUARD COURSE
A lifeguarding course will be 2:15-5 p.m. through May 14, at Wayne Westland YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road. Upon completion of the course participants must be 16 years of age and have a current CPR and first aid certificate. Cost \$45 for Y members and \$60 for program members. Bring swim suit to each class. 721-7014.

DULCIMER CLUB
The Mixolydian Mountain Dulcimer Music Club meets 7-10 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Patchin Elementary School, Newburgh south of Warren Road. This is a new group with players of all levels. Marie Naster, 981-3772.

SCHOOLS/PRESCHOOLS

KIDS PLUS
Wayne-Westland school district preschool program, "Kids Plus," is accepting registration 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 18-29, by appointment at Roosevelt/McGrath Elementary School. This is a free preschool program to those who qualify. Children must be 4 by December and need two "at risk" factors to qualify for this Michigan Department of Education preschool. 595-2660, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ST. DAVID'S
Applications are being accepted for next September's classes at St. David's Nursery School, 27600 Marquette, Garden City. There are openings for 3-year-olds in morning classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Betty, 427-6916.

GARDEN CITY
Garden City Cooperative Nursery is accepting applications for next fall's class for 3-year-olds. The school is located in the Garden City Presbyterian Church,

1841 Middlebelt, Garden City, Dine, 425-4549.

MCKINLEY
McKinley Cooperative Preschool, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne, is accepting applications for children ages 2-4. Call Donna at 522-8501 about 4-year-olds, Frances at 425-4654 regarding 3-year-olds and Jennifer at 458-6195 about toddlers. The preschool is not church-affiliated.

BENEFITS

GARAGE SALE
A senior citizens' garage sale will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 14-15, at the Berwyn Senior Citizen Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights. There will be baked goods and refreshments for sale. 277-7054.

RECOGNITION BANQUET
Harris-Keber VFW Post 3323 and its Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring their annual "Recognition Banquet" at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Police officers and fireman of the year from Westland and Wayne will be honored as well as officers and firefighters who deserve special recognition. Tickets are \$10. Send checks to the Auxiliary 3323, c/o Wanda Boice, 32759 Hazelwood, Westland 48185. 595-8890.

CARDS AND LUNCH
VFW Ladies Aux. Post 7575 will hold a luncheon card party at noon Tuesday, April 26, at the post, 33011 Ford Road west of Venoy. 422-5360.

METRO WAYNE DEMOCRATIC CLUB
The club holds bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, two blocks east of Middlebelt, Westland. Proceeds go to help needy people and senior citizens as well as sponsoring two Little League baseball teams every year, and support for the Penrickton School for the Blind. Call Cliff, 729-8681, or Carol, 422-5025.

BINGO
Westland Jaycees hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. 525-2962.

HISTORY ON VIEW

GHISTORY
The Garden City Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays in the Log Cabin on Cherry Hill east of Merriman. Admission is free.

VOLUNTEERS

BLOOD DONATIONS
The American Red Cross will accept blood donations:

Friday, April 15 - 2-8 p.m. at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35551 Cherry Hill, Westland. Mildred Cook, 721-4749.

Friday, April 15 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lutheran High School, 33300 Cowan, Westland. David Koenig, 422-3100.

Thursday, April 28 - 2-8 p.m. at St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 16460 Belton, Garden City, Francis Toffi, 562-0263.

A PLACE TO LIVE
Youth Living Centers are looking for families for

abused and neglected teens who are in immediate need of a place to live. All teens are supervised by Youth Living Centers staff and are in school or working. 728-3400.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
Youth Living Centers are looking for people interested in being an evening receptionist, a youth mentor or people to work with the youth assistance program. Dorothy Murphy, 728-3400.

FOSTER PARENTS
Youth Living Centers offers classes for people interested in becoming foster parents, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a two-week session. Noreen Green, 728-3400.

FOOD DELIVERY
Volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to deliver meals to homebound, disabled, elderly people in Westland one hour or more per day, one or more days per week. 320-4444.

GIRL SCOUTING
Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council and Huron Valley Council are looking for girls and adults who would like to be involved in Girl Scouting. Michigan Metro, 961-4475. Huron Valley, 483-2370.

SENIORS

DINNER-DANCE
The Wayne Ford Civic League Seniors will hold a dinner-dance noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of each month at the Nova VFW Post, on Hix, south of Warren Road. Admission is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Live music to be provided by Mark Berryman and Band. 721-0871.

LINE DANCING
Line dancing lessons will be offered to senior citizens at 10:45 a.m. each Friday at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, at Marquette. Fee is \$2 per session. 722-7632.

CARD GAMES
Wayne Ford Civic League Seniors hold card parties 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the last Monday of each month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, near Marquette. Admission is \$2, which includes a light lunch. 721-0871.

DYER CENTER
The Wayne Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads.

Monday, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.
Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

HAWAIIAN DANCE
A Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kamia Orlis. Sign up at the front desk or call 722-7632.

DYER CLUB
The Dyer Seniors' Center Travel Club meets the first and third Thursday of each month in the center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 26251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 313 591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2107 if you have any questions.

Event:

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Use a different sheet if necessary.

Bills would end prisoner 'good behavior' option

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A Senate panel listened to the murdered girl's mother — "the issue is loss, not cost" — and advanced two bills that could add \$100 million to the cost of Michigan prisons.

"I circulated petitions, and I expected their (signers) concerns would be the increase in taxes," said Alana Hoeft, whose daughter, Cynthia Marie Jones of Milford, was among the victims of serial killer Leslie Allen Williams.

"I could count on the fingers of one hand the number of people concerned about an increase in taxes. The issue was loss, not cost," Hoeft told the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"He (Williams) was not made to serve his minimum time in prison," said Hoeft, who helped collect more than 23,000 petition signatures asking for "truth in sentencing" laws.

"Who would oppose this except criminals?" added Linda Clark, Flint widow with two children. Her husband, Kevin, was murdered last spring by five teenagers. "We know their sentence will be substantially less than what we hear in that courtroom."

"If there is anything that speaks soft on crime, it is 'time off for good behavior,'" said Patrick G. Urbin, Fenton father of two of Williams' young victims.

The Senate group heard only one dissenting voice as it gave 3-0 approval to two bills Tuesday and sent them to the full Senate. The bills would:

- Assure that felons who commit assaultive crimes would serve at least the minimum sentence in secure confinement. Currently some may be paroled or released to half-way houses.

- Eliminate "good time" which can reduce an inmate's sentence by seven days per month and replace it with "bad time" under which an inmate's sentence could be lengthened beyond the minimum for prison infractions.

Committee chair William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison, said the

state may need 9,000 additional prison beds (currently 36,000 felons are behind bars). The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated a one-time construction cost of \$90 million and annual operating costs of \$98 million. This year the Corrections Department budget is \$1.1 billion.

The dissenter was Barbara Levine, director of the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel Office, who nevertheless admitted, "Truth in sentencing is a wonderful slogan."

It's wrong, Levine said, to lengthen a prison sentence for minor institutional infractions such as disobeying an order, insolence, fighting with another prisoner and unauthorized occupation of a cell.

By eliminating "good time," Levine said, "You're taking away time (lengthening the sentences) from people who aren't misbehaving."

Michigan could have truth in sentencing, she said, if judges explained disciplinary credits at the time of sentencing. "Seven days a month isn't hard to compute. They would have to serve at least 77 percent of the minimum sentence — no less," Levine said.

Prosecutors have the power to lengthen sentences by (1) selecting how they will charge a defendant, (2) not plea bargaining down too far and (3) and appealing light sentences.

Levine drew the committee's ire when she said spending more on prisons "takes money away from social programs."

If enacted, the bills would apply to those convicted of first- or second-degree murder; kidnapping and hostage-taking; drunk driving or drunk boat that caused death or long-term injury; burning a house, buildings, woods or mines; assault; armed robbery, unarmed robbery and bank robbery; disarming a police officer; breaking and entering an occupied house; first-degree child abuse and sexually abusive activity.

Refer to Senate Bills 40 and 41 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48913.

Local host families needed

The International Education Forum is looking for 30 host families to give free room and board to foreign exchange students from France and Spain.

The French students will be here July 1-21. The Spanish students will be here Aug. 1-28.

Local coordinator Alice Anderson

has planned many activities for the students that the host families are welcome to participate in. The students have insurance, spending money and speak English. Their ages are 13-18.

To volunteer, call Anderson at (810) 698-9651.

Managing a family business

The Family Business Council has scheduled a seminar called "Resolving Intergenerational Conflicts and Managing Sibling Rivalry" aimed at family business owners.

The seminar will occur 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at

the Radisson Hotel in Southfield. Mary Whiteside, former director of the Family Firm Institute, will be the featured presenter. The seminar is free for Family Business Council members. For additional data, call Rick Segal at (810) 353-5600.

Area YWCA receives endowment

The YWCA of Western Wayne County has been chosen to receive the Van Dusen Endowment Challenge.

The Y will get \$13,500 over three years from the Kresge Foundation, plus \$33,000 that must be

matched by another \$100,000 that the Y has to raise.

The Y has three years to raise the money. If they don't raise \$100,000 they don't get the \$33,000. For additional data, call Corinne Vincent at 561-4110.

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Members steam over health club's closure

By **TED SCHNEIDER**
Staff Writer

A change in ownership at the Laurel Park Place mall health club has some members steaming and state officials investigating possible misconduct.

Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley has issued a cease and desist order against United Health Spas Inc. and its registered agent, Thomas Bossi, for alleged improper business practices before and after the ownership change.

Filing a lawsuit against the business under the state Consumer Protection Act "is a real possibility," a spokesman said Tuesday.

"We're also looking into the matter of whether they (old ownership) are just setting up shop again under a different name," said Chris DeWitt, director of communications for the attorney general's office.

The United Health Spa on the west end of the mall shut down briefly last week before reopening as Laurel Park Place Spa. New owners are Mellon Associates, a Southfield-based financial services company.

Former United Health Spa members are crying foul over Mellon's refusal to honor "lifetime" memberships sold as recently as Feb. 25.

Instead, the company is charging former members a \$35 monthly fee to use the facilities, they say.

About 10-15 disgruntled members carrying picket signs staged a protest in the mall parking lot, Six Mile at Newburgh, on April 4.

Police called to the scene said the picketers were acting peacefully and within the law.

"They knew they were going out of business and they continued to sell" memberships, said Shayla Weston, a two-year member.

Weston said her fiance, Jason Hater, purchased a "lifetime" membership for \$650 on Feb. 25, three days before the club stopped selling them.

Also, the condition of club facilities has deteriorated badly in recent months, according to members. There are no guarantees that maintenance will be better under new owners, they said.

Showers were missing handles, the whirlpool didn't work and the club floor "just wasn't picked up" the last few times he worked out, said Jim Kelly of Livonia.

Kelly said he returned last Wednesday under the new ownership only to be "pressured" into paying the additional fee.

Neither Bossi nor Mellon Associates returned phone calls for this story.

The cease and desist order, issued March 21, required owners to respond within 10 days. DeWitt said a meeting has been scheduled between state officials and the health club.

The order asks United to stop certain "unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive" business practices

and refers specifically to contract clauses that prohibit additional monthly charges to "V.I.P." or "lifetime" members.

However, the contract states such memberships are good only as long as United operates the club.

DeWitt and other consumer advocates routinely caution people against signing long-term or "lifetime" contracts with any service business.

Chorus prepares for spring concert

The Livonia Civic Chorus is preparing for its 29th annual Spring Concert, this year entitled "Curtain Up" to be presented next month.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 6-8, in the auditorium of Clarenceville High, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

The evening will offer a musical variety spectacular including

such familiar tunes as "Side by Side," "Second Hand Rose," "My Funny Valentine," and a medley of favorites from "My Fair Lady."

Noted for its lively interpretation of choral music, the Livonia Civic Chorus hopes to delight music lovers of all ages. "Curtain Up" will feature full chorus choreography, solos and ensembles, and novelty numbers.

Tickets are \$4 for senior citi-

zens and students and \$7 for general admission and are available in advance at the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department, at Five Mile and Farmington Road. Pickets also will be available on show nights at the door.

The Livonia Civic Chorus, directed by Kevin J. Bylsma, is sponsored in part by the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department.

OBITUARIES

AGNES S. QUIGLEY

Services for Mrs. Quigley, 89, of Westland were April 13 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. The Rev. John Graham officiated.

Mrs. Quigley died April 9 in Garden City Hospital.

Born June 28, 1904, in Canada, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughters Maureen Johnson, Ann, and Patricia Burns; grandchildren Ann, Kathleen, Thomas and Michael; and nephew the Rev. John Graham.

PHILIP PIERCE HOSKINS

Services for Mr. Hoskins, 64, of Wayne were April 12 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Middlesboro, Ky. Pastor Eugene Reitz officiated.

Mr. Hoskins died April 10 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. Born April 2, 1930, he was a mechanic.

Survivors include wife Betty, sons Philip III and Michael, grandsons Philip Hoskins IV, Jonathan Hoskins, Peter Hoskins and Raymond Hoskins; one brother and five sisters.

PHILLIP A. ROMAN

Services for Mr. Roman, 72, of Dearborn Heights were April 12 from the Northville Christian Assembly Church with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia. The Rev. Peter Zanoni officiated.

Mr. Roman died April 9 in University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. Born Oct. 10, 1921, in Gdaiwan, Mich., he was a truck driver.

Survivors include wife Mary, daughter Rochelle Duncan, one brother and two sisters.

Arrangements were by the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

PHYLLIS DILLOW

Services for Mrs. Dillow, 70, of

Wayne were April 10 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with Pastor Bob Moran officiating. Interment was in Morgan Cemetery, Simon, W. Va.

Mrs. Dillow died April 9 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. Born Feb. 12, 1924, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughters Yvonne Craver, Yvonne Smith of Plymouth and Diane Garner, son Terry Morgan, four stepchildren, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and brother Junior Kennedy. Preceding her in death was her husband, Eddie.

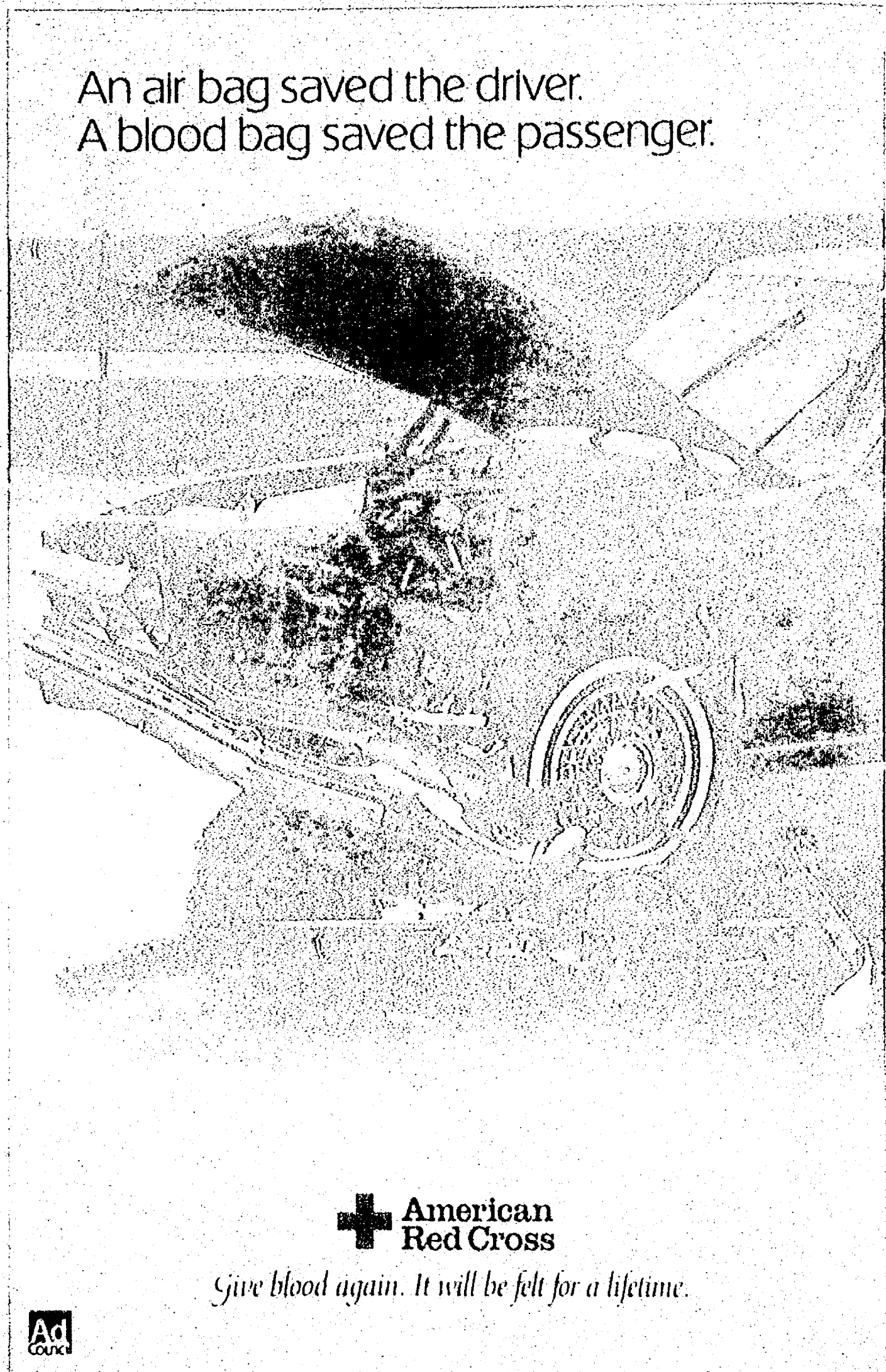
ANNA KOPECKY

Services for Mrs. Kopecky, 96, of Traverse City were April 13 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland. The Rev. Leonard Partensky officiated. Remains were interred at the Evergreen Mausoleum, Detroit.

Mrs. Kopecky, a former Detroit area resident, died April 10 in Traverse City. Born Oct. 9, 1897, in Czechoslovakia, she was a homemaker and member of the Sokol Center, Detroit.

Survivors include several great-nieces and great-nephews. Preceding her in death was husband Louis.

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Area students put up houses

Six Madonna University students traveled to Wichita, Kansas, during spring break to build houses for low-income families as part of the Habitat Collegiate Challenge.

The students are Angie Moloney of Livonia, Emily Litynski and Rachael Larose of Redford Township, Anne Mondro of Westland, Dawn Phillips of Detroit and Steve Dorohek of Lincoln Park.



Building: Front left are Emily Litynski of Redford Township, Anne Mondro of Westland, Angie Moloney of Livonia and Rachael Larose of Redford Township.

Hotline is for racing wrongs

The Michigan Racing Commission has a new toll-free, confidential hotline for reporting rule violations and safety hazards on the state's eight horse racing tracks. The hotline, 800-873-5000, is open 24 hours a day. Callers will reach a recording message that instructs them to read information pertaining to the commission or other information they wish to report. Available only to callers.

Opera theater holds Mom's Day contest

This Mother's Day, children can give their female parent the royal treatment by voting her Cinderella for a weekend.

In honor of Mother's Day and Michigan Opera Theatre's production of Prokofiev's 'Cinderella' ballet May 6-8 at Detroit's Masonic Temple, there will be an essay contest for children age 5-12. They are asked to express in 150 words or less why their female parent deserves to be treated like Cinderella.

Included with all entries must be the mother's name, child's name and age, address, phone number, grade and name and location of school.

The winner's female parent will

receive a dress and shoes from Hudson's and a make-over. Then she and up to six people may eat dinner in The Grille at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Then the gang will be chauffeured to and from the Masonic Temple for the 8 p.m. performance of 'Cinderella'.

The female parents of the runners-up in the contest will get prizes, too.

The winner will be announced 2-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, on WQRS-FM. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, April 22, and mailed to Michigan Opera Theatre, Cinderella For A Weekend, 6519 Second Ave., Detroit, MI 48202. For additional data, call (313) 874-7850.

School board members get kudos for extra studying

Ten area school board trustees and eight boards of education are among 78 trustees and 40 boards that will receive Keys Awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards April 21.

The trustees earn points toward Keys Awards through formal instruction, workshops and seminars on education issues, through service to their communities and on-the-job experience.

The winners of awards of merit are Bloomfield Hills Public Schools trustee Deborah Macon, Clarenceville Public Schools trustees Lisa Burr and Linda Ahnert, Livonia Public Schools trustee Susan Thompson, Troy School District trustee Rebecca Rader and Farmington Public Schools trustee Joseph Svoke, who also

won a certified board member award.

Awards of distinction were given to Avondale School District trustee Gerald Sack and Rochester Community Schools trustee Darlene Woolsey-Lantini.

Certified board member awards went to Avondale School District trustee Janice Pohl and Livonia Public Schools trustee Kenneth Timmons.

Standard of excellence awards, which go to boards on which at least half the members have received the award of merit, were given to the following school boards: Bloomfield Hills, Clarenceville, Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, South Redford and Troy.

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An embarrassment

All suffer from divided board

The Wayne Westland Board of Education, in particular some members, is an embarrassment to the community. It supposedly serves. More important, the board is an obstacle to progress in a district that desperately needs it.

Who suffers? Primarily, the students, of course. The sad truth is, voters in the Wayne Westland district have suffered for long at the hands of inept school boards who, if it seems, would rather trade personal interests among themselves than discuss real issues.

Board president Francis "Bud" Winter has the power to control the board, and the board, that leave community residents shaking their heads with good reason. Instead, he seems to be communicating selectively with his colleagues before meetings, alienating members Laurel Rasanen, Richard LeBlanc, and Vicks Welty. A good board president should communicate with all board members.

The actions of Winter and trustees Patricia Brown and Matthew McCusker are becoming increasingly transparent. Because of their own agenda, they seem intent on embarrassing and discrediting Superintendent Larry Thomas and making his job even more difficult. Instead, they embarrass and discredit themselves.

Board member Debra Fawkes, appointed in January, is harder to figure out. The Observer had high hopes for her. Unfortunately, there are mounting fears that she has been swept under

the wings of the anti-Thomas forces. At the very least, she erred, as did McCusker, by going to a New Orleans convention at taxpayer expense, when the board's general fund is virtually depleted.

We've said it before, but it appears the board is fighting the same old battles. McCusker and Brown, in particular, were strong supporters of former Superintendent Dennis O'Neill, who was ousted and replaced by Thomas.

O'Neill's departure was not Thomas' fault. Thomas only applied for the job after the vacancy occurred. He is not perfect, and he has stumbled in some areas, but he does have a vision for this district. Though no board should be a "yes" board for the superintendent, Winter, Brown and McCusker must work with the administration, not against it, if progress is to be made.

Thomas has increased the number of highly qualified minority administrators to reflect the student population, and his administrators, including curriculum director Jane Kuckel, are hard at work in many areas, such as curriculum.

We applaud Rasanen, Welty and LeBlanc for at least giving Thomas a chance. We only wish that that McCusker, Brown and Winter would focus more on the needs of children, rather than the divisive politics that leave a community even more cynical about its supposed leaders.

A welcome limit on appeals

On state Court of Appeals, like the funny poster they sell in their supply stores showing a harried worker with his legs spinning like a wheel as he runs. In the caption, he says:

The heavier I go, the more I weigh.

The more appellate judges we add, the farther behind the court gets. The case backlog grows faster than the taxpayers' ability to pay for new judges.

In 1965, the Court of Appeals first bill year in business, there were nine judges. By the 1980s there were 18 judges. Since 1987 we've been blessed to have 24 judges.

This year we'll add four more judges for a total of 28. And that's a pitiful number, says Marilyn K. Hall, the state court administrator. Her conservative recommendation for 1997 is 12 more judges, and she adds that we really ought to have 24 to keep the workload the same as other states.

Meanwhile, Michigan's population has been virtually flat. We have seen a flight of manufacturing jobs, we have seen farming shrink, and our school enrollments are falling, but the number of appellate judges just grows and grows.

The culprit: more case filings, more appeals. Hall's numbers are mind numbing, so we'll keep it simple: 5,200 filings by 1980, then 10,000 in 1990 and more than 130,000 in 1992 — generally a 13-percent increase a year.

Well, instead of adding more Court of Appeals judges until half the state is hearing judicial appeals from the other half, let's examine the problem afresh. Is there a way to cut extrajudicial appeals without harming the quality of justice?

Yes. Voters should consider supporting Proposal B on the Nov. 8 ballot. It would cut the Court of Appeals' workload by 25 percent or so by denying convicts who plead guilty the automatic right to appeal.

The Michigan Constitution (Art. I, Sec. 20) grants "an appeal as a matter of right." Proposal

In real life, the Court of Appeals almost always affirms lower court decisions when the convict says he had a bad attorney, should have been charged with a lesser crime, or uses other jailhouse-lawyer malarkey. But it will send a few cases back for resentencing when the judge has departed from sentencing guidelines.

al B would add: "except that an appeal by an accused who pleads guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) shall be by leave (permission) of the court."

In other words, a convict still could appeal if he has a good case, but it wouldn't be an automatic right.

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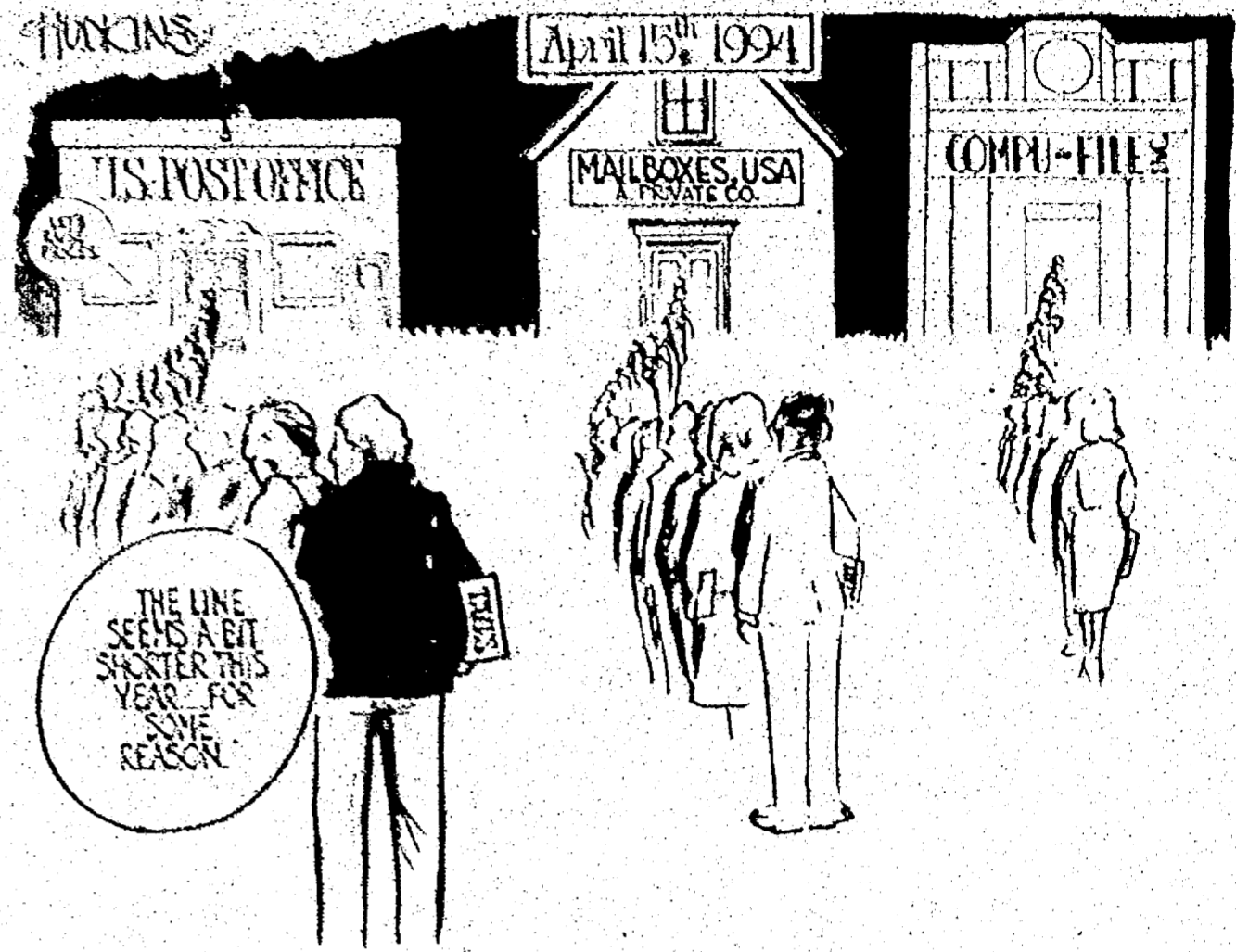
But it will send a few cases back for resentencing when the judge has departed from sentencing guidelines by imposing too long a prison term without a good reason stated on the record.

Michigan's sentencing guideline system, based on actual judicial experience, is only a few years old. It's a common-sense system. The guideline's work to save many an offender from an overly harsh sentence imposed by a vindictive judge having a bad day.

Proposal B — to eliminate automatic appeals by those who have pleaded guilty — is also a common-sense solution to the cancerous Court of Appeals docket.

To weary taxpayers, Proposal B makes more sense, and costs, than adding dozens of new judges at \$103,000 a year apiece.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Mayor is knocked

This letter is written regarding the former Nankin Township dump, located off Cowan Road, in Westland. As we now take yet another contamination crisis in our city, I can't help but notice the absence of Mayor Robert Thomas. Should he not be one of the key players in this tragic but true game?

While attending the recent informational meetings held by the EPA and Wayne County, I couldn't help but recall similar meetings during our early days with the Cooper School situation. I wondered then, as I wonder now, where is the mayor?

Only once since 1991 has the Mayor met with our group, Concerned for the Health and Environment of our Community's Kids. That was hardly enough. What's he afraid of? Not being able to answer the resident's questions? Or is he afraid to take the heat for mistakes made in the past that are affecting Westland citizens today?

While the Mayor always sends a representative, this is no longer acceptable. The seriousness of this problem demands that he take a more active role in answering our concerns. We're talking people's health, safety, financial security and emotional well-being.

I am aware of two separate occasions where the Mayor met with the PRP privately. Prior to the March 29 public meeting, our mayor found the time to meet with this same group of individuals at 5 p.m., yet he could not stick around till 7 p.m. to meet with the affected residents.

Mayor Thomas — it's time to come out of the background and back rooms, to take on the responsibility for our health, safety and welfare which you were elected to protect.

Ron Graunstadt,
Concerned for the Health
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else to put our money.

So as long as the economy basically stinks — with low interest rates, a poor job market and real estate, gold and other hard assets in the dumps — the brokers figure you and I will buy "financial assets" like stocks and bonds — sort of by "default." Not really because we like stocks and bonds so much, but because everything else looks so lousy.

But, once the economy starts picking up, and people start setting up new businesses and buying houses, cars and other big ticket items — Wall Street figures that we'll drop them like a "bad habit."

Why is this? Well, if the economy starts to perk up — interest rates will have to be raised to help stop inflation from getting started. And if interest rates go back up — you and I can move our money out of the volatile stock market and back to the banks were, at least, it's insured by the federal government. In other words, if interest rates are "decent" who needs Wall Street!

So please try to control your enthusiasm about this economic recovery. This market can not handle very much more "good news." Any more increases in consumer confidence could throw us all into the "Great Depression of the 1990s." If you can't muster some outright gloom — at least try to show a little "fashionable pessimism." It might help ease the frayed nerves of our increasingly jumpy Wall Street stock brokers. You might also want to rent the movie "Catch-22."

Walter Warren, Westland

Stop police chases

How many innocent people will have to die before lawmakers put a halt to police chases?

One was enough for me. Apparently, we must reach a particular number before we become enraged enough to demand a halt. What is that number — 20, 100, 1,000?

What are the stats so far? How many innocent lives have been lost in police chases to date? What's our limit? How many will be killed before our legislators act?

Beatrice Sealise, Westland

Good vs. bad news

Feeling good about the economy? Got a job? Are things "looking up?" Well — stop it! And wipe that silly grin off your face! Your economic optimism is killing our all-time record-setting 12-year-old "bull market" in stocks and bonds.

According to the wacky wisdom of Wall Street's stockbrokers, "good news" about the economy is "bad news" for stocks and bonds. And conversely, "bad news" about the economy is "good news" for stocks and bonds. To fully understand this concept it would help if you saw the movie "Catch-22." But let me try to explain.

At this point you may be asking — How did Wall Street's thinking get so screwed up?

Well, it's a long story. But Wall Street seems to have an "image problem." You know, sort of like "low self-esteem." Wall Street brokers have figured that you and I will avoid the stock market "like the plague" if we had any place

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Have you filed your tax returns? If so, when?

We asked this question at the Westland Post Office.



"I've been about a month ago."
Thomas Nadolski, Westland



"I'm waiting for my accountant to finish them."
Betty Maustley, Westland



"Yes. I'd get 'em done in five days."
Gary Clark, Westland



"Yes. It's been about four weeks."
Jan Paterson, Westland

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POINTS OF VIEW

Parking problems need cure at charity race

Pleasant Ridge turned out to be not so pleasant.

Some of us who participated in the Race for the Cure at the Detroit Zoo early Saturday morning found that out the hard way.

When the zoo lots filled, we headed for nearby streets, including those in the community of Pleasant Ridge.

A bunch of no parking signs greeted us, and were reinforced by a policeman. No parking here, he said, go a few streets further south.

Ready to follow his directions, although getting a little frantic about the distance back to the zoo and the time, we came upon the Pleasant Ridge Community Center, and its buttoned-up-tight outdoor municipal pool.

Its empty parking lot beckoned invitingly, although it was clearly marked "Parking restricted to authorized vehicles."

No one would be using an outdoor pool, we speculated, and we won't be cluttering their streets, so we pulled in, then scampered the several blocks to the zoo.

It was a gorgeous day. And thousands from all over metro Detroit had turned out for what has become the largest race in Michigan.

Along with 300 cancer survivors, many ran in memory of grandmas, moms, daughters, friends and co-workers who had died from breast cancer.

But the atmosphere couldn't have been more upbeat.

Registration was efficient. Music played as people "grapevined" in an aerobic workout. A rainbow of balloons beckoned us to the starting gate. People were turning fear and grief into something positive.

They had paid anywhere from \$13 to \$20 to run, walk or race/walk the 5K distance. And through the donations of corporate sponsors and dedicated volunteers, none was tapped off for administration. All that money will go directly to research, education, detection and support for fighting breast cancer.

A spirited group of volunteers offered water, verbal support and time splits as we wended our way around the zoo through the friendly streets of Huntington Woods.

Crossing the finish line, we were greeted with pink carnations and legs!



JUDITH DONER BERNE

pan. An assortment of fruit, bagels, muffins and juices awaited — supplied by those corporate sponsors.

So we headed for our cars on a high, the combination of the endorphins, people and day itself. As we approached the lot, we noted that our car had been joined by maybe 20 others, neatly lined up.

And they had one thing in common — a rectangular piece of paper attached to the windshield. Yes, a ticket.

In our minds, Pleasant Ridge was capitalizing on the parking overflow. It would cost us \$25 more to have participated in the race.

A dispatcher at police headquarters wasn't sympathetic. "We have our orders," she said.

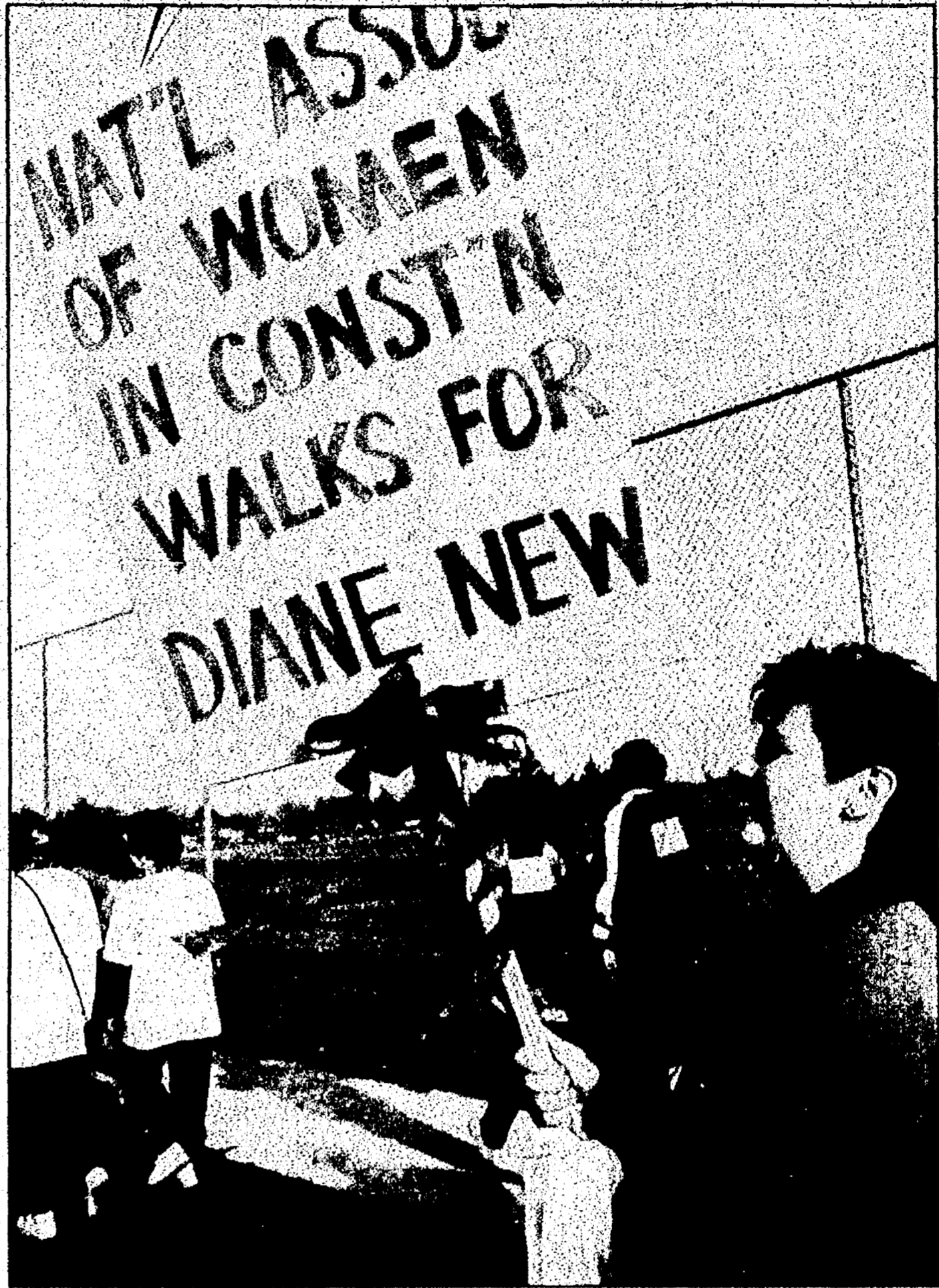
A call to the Pleasant Ridge Community Center confirmed that they did not use the facility until 1 p.m. that day. So our parking did not interfere with any activity.

It somehow doesn't seem right that people should end up paying more for a parking ticket than for a cure for cancer.

I suggest that Pleasant Ridge donate at least half of the parking ticket money collected to the Race for the Cure. And that race officials work toward that community's future cooperation.

After all, the city of Huntington Woods allowed thousands of people to run through its streets. Pleasant Ridge could endure a few cars on its roads and in its unused community center lot — for such a worthy cause.

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Remembering: Karen Myers of Livonia was among those participating in Saturday's Race for the Cure.

WOLF computers byte into patrons' patience

I thought I had it bad until I listened to Friend of the Court staffers tell their woes about handling child support payment.

My problem is vexing, but it won't make me go hungry. It's the computers in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation (WOLF). They are very slow and very inaccurate.

I wrote about those miserable computers a few years ago. I pointed out that where you used to see one or two people standing using the old-fashioned card catalog to look up books, you now see a dozen people sitting at computer terminals for 20 minutes at a crack.

No longer can you flip through a drawer of the card catalog like a deck of cards and glance quickly when one interests you. Instead, you have to (a) type in a key word, (b) scroll down, (c) stop at what you think is the correct entry, (d) call up the entry, (e) read it, (f) exit the entry and (g) print out the information.

It's user-hostile, and I said so in print. I implored the WOLF pack not to extend the computer system. In reply, I got a dumb letter from Alpha WOLF, the director, telling me how great computers were for libraries.

The dummy totally missed the point. What about the library patrons?

Against my reasoned advice, WOLF expanded the use of computers. Recently I had to hunt for a classic play, "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, for my Great Books group. The computer indicated no copy in my local library, but there was a copy at "ORIN," their abbreviation for Ortonville, Nuts. I thought, that's 35 miles away.

Distrusting the computer, I walked over to the 822 section of the bookshelves, and guess what? Not just one or two copies of "The Importance of Being Earnest," but 13! Best, a dozen plus one.

On the occasion of National Library Week, April 17-23, I renew my plea that WOLF scrap its idiotic computers and go forward to the card catalog, and I add the testimony of Ellen Abbott, who does Friend of the Court (FOC) in rural Osceola and Mecosta counties.

FOC works on divorce cases. It accepts child support payments from (usually) dads, and writes checks to custodial moms, so the kids can eat. Michigan is installing a new computer system in FOC offices, starting in smaller counties.

"My own office is lousy because of the new



TIM RICHARD

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computer system. The state-mandated computer system is a nightmare," Abbott said, calling it "not user-friendly" and complaining that state experts "won't listen to the product users."

Gosh, that's exactly what I said about WOLF's computer.

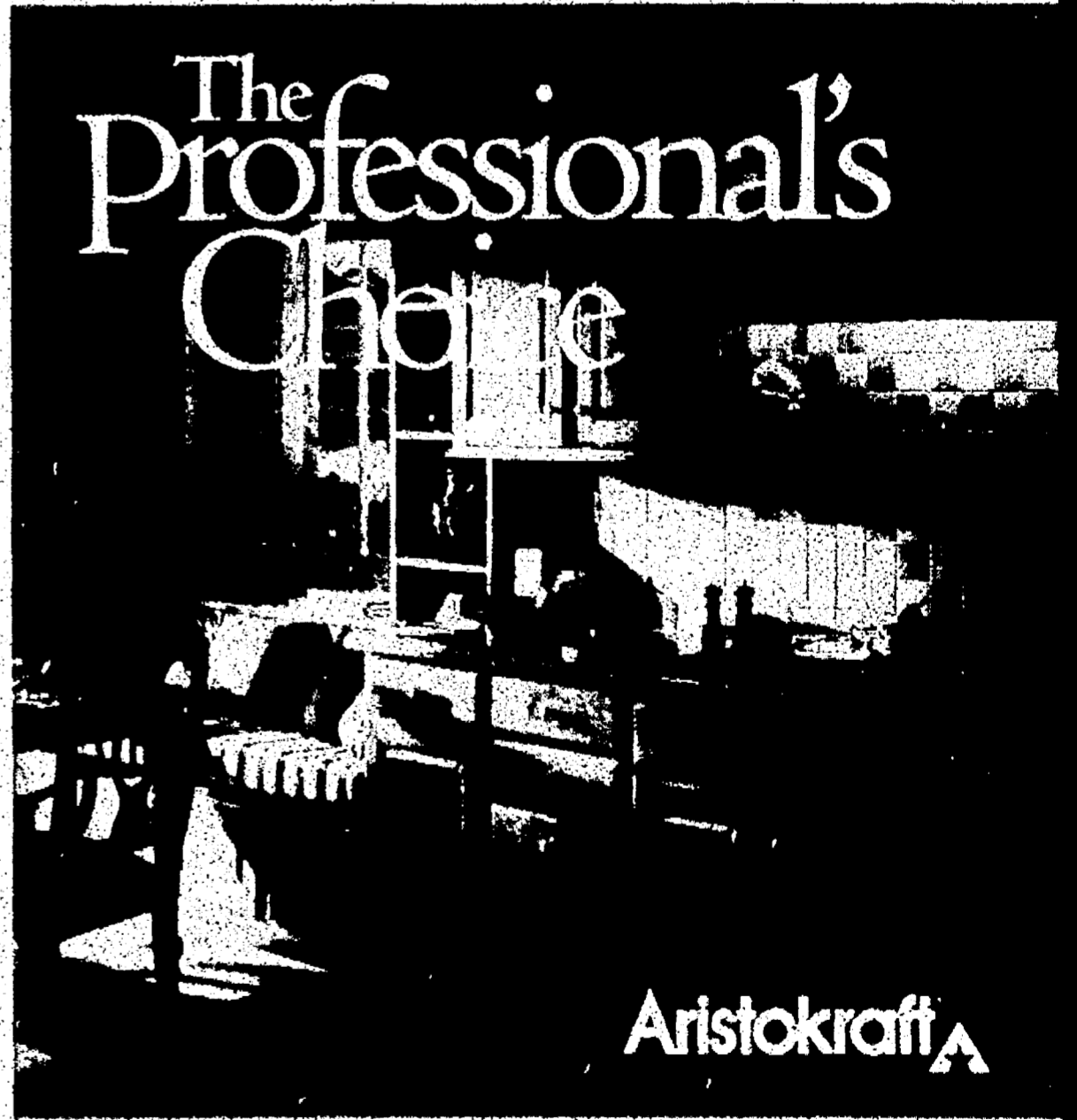
"My office has taken a giant step backwards in enforcement," Abbott told a state Senate panel headed by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville. "Now I'm lucky to issue checks once a week. I used to have a payment history. Now I have (from the computer) a financial history, which even I can't understand."

Abbott warned that in May larger counties will start having the state computer system inflicted on them.

Sounds like state bureaucrats don't pay any more attention to the users than the head of the WOLF pack does.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

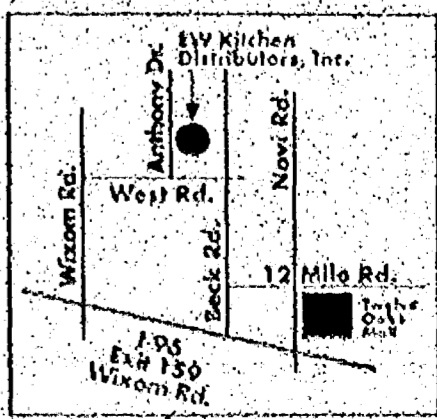
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Dale Boye

S'craft teachers win national awards

Two Schoolcraft College teachers have received the 1994 National Institute for Staff-Organizational Development Teaching Excellence Award.

The teachers are Dale Boye of Schoolcraft's Haggerty Road campus and Patricia Rubio of the Madeliff campus in Garden City.

Schoolcraft will pay the way for Boye and Rubio to attend the International Conference on Teaching Excellence in Austin, Texas,

in May to receive their awards. The cost to taxpayers will be \$2,000.

"Basically, these are two very good teachers," said Conway Jefferson, Schoolcraft vice president of instruction. "And they've been doing it for a good while. They've been good teachers for a long time."

Boye, a math teacher and Livonia resident, joined Schoolcraft in 1984 as a part-time instructor. He

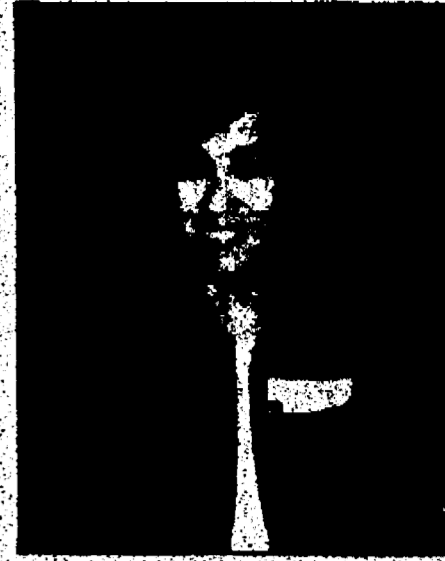
has been a full-time teacher since 1970. Boye's professional publications include an elementary algebra text, an intermediate algebra text and a handbook designed to teach scientific calculator use.

He has been active in his profession as a member of the National Association for Developmental Education, the American Mathematics Association for Two-Year Colleges and the Na-

tional Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Boye has likewise been involved with the Schoolcraft Developmental Education Task Force, Faculty Search Committee and Faculty Senate. He was active on the Athletic Committee and has served as golf coach.

For the last 16 years Rubio has been a consultant for the Michigan Department of Mental Health.



Patricia Rubio

Plumbing seminar coming

Industry experts will share the latest data about installation and code requirements of advanced plumbing systems at a seminar April 21-24 at the Holiday Inn, Livonia West.

This seminar will provide a comprehensive examination of advanced plumbing systems. It is ideal for contractors, designers, inspectors and engineers. Topics will include steam and condensate systems, medical gas systems, high-rise plumbing, cross-connection control, corrosion and cathodic protection and specification wiring. Emphasis will be put on installation and inspection of systems for conformance with code requirements.

Cost for the seminar is \$385 and includes continental breakfast each day and lunch on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Attendees must bring a copy of the required text, the ASPE Data Book, which may be ordered for \$110. Call 540-1511.

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Track listings set

The Observer sports staff will compile the lists of area best times and distances for boys and girls track and field this year. Here are the guidelines coaches should follow in reporting information.

Dan O'Meara is the contact person for girls track. Steve Kowalski for the boys.

Coaches can fax their updates to the Observer (591-7279), call Monday night between 8:30 and 10 p.m. or deliver it personally to the Livonia Observer office, Schoolcraft and Levan roads.

Girls coaches should call O'Meara at 953-2141; and boys coaches should call Kowalski at 953-2106. Coaches can leave the information on voice mail if necessary.

Whether calling (especially if using voice mail) or faxing information, first and last names of athletes should be spelled out or written clearly. Please indicate what school you are representing. Times must be converted to meters.

The deadline for the Thursday paper is Monday night. No updates will be taken Tuesday. The first list will run Thursday, April 21.

U-D Mercy honorees

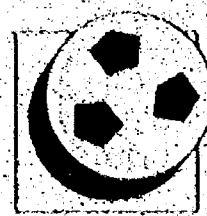
The University of Detroit Mercy recently honored its top student-athletes at the first-ever President's Academic Athletic honors luncheon.

Named to the Midwestern Collegiate Conference and President's honor rolls (cumulative 3.25 grade-point average for at least three semesters): Rebecca Willey (Livonia Ladywood), women's basketball; Matt Boland (Plymouth Canton), men's track; and Brigitte Dery (Farmington Hills Mercy), women's track.

Also named to the President's honor roll (3.0 GPA for at least two semesters): Laura DiBasio (Livonia Stevenson), women's tennis; Dario Rauker (Livonia Churchill) and Scott Wiggins (Stevenson), men's soccer.

The UD Mercy men's golfers won the team excellence award for a 3.1 GPA led by Eric Granata (Plymouth/Dearborn Divine Child) and Brad Paskievitch (Canton).

Churchill's late goal tips Salem



No coach likes opening the season against a league powerhouse, but that's just where Livonia Churchill's Nick O'Shea found his team Wednesday at Plymouth Salem. The result: a tense, up-and-down match either team could have won, filled with as many mistakes as great plays.

By C.J. RISAK
Staff Writer

As Marie Spaccarotella jogged off the field with five minutes left in the match, she announced to her coach, Nick O'Shea: "I'm sick. I'm sorry, but I'm about to throw up."

However sick the Livonia Churchill sophomore forward might have felt could not have compared with the ill feelings she spread among her Plymouth Salem soccer opponents.

Spaccarotella got the Chargers' season off to a bright, if somewhat erratic, start with two second-half goals that proved more than Salem could overcome. The 2-1 setback Wednesday at Salem evened the Rocks' record at 1-1.

"She loves to score goals," said O'Shea of his star forward, who shattered Churchill's single-season goal-scoring record by netting 28 — as a freshman. "She just goes hard and at the net, all the time. And that's hard to stop."

Salem's Ken Johnson wouldn't disagree: "She's a one-man wrecking crew."

Churchill came into the game as a big favorite because, although Salem had the advantage of already having played a game, the Rocks had just two returning starters from last season's squad.

O'Shea wasn't about to paste a rebuilding tag on his opponent, however. "Salem always has a good JV," he declared.

If Wednesday's match was any indication, the Rocks will indeed be a force to be reckoned with. The two teams were evenly matched throughout, with one player serving as the tie-breaker — Spaccarotella.

The game was scoreless at the half, and the play through the first 40 min-

utes was just as even. O'Shea preached the same philosophy at the break that he had through the first half: "Keep it simple. They were trying to do too many things. I think they were nervous."

Churchill owned the first five minutes of the second half, and the result was Spaccarotella's first goal, punched in from about 15 yards out with 35:30 left.

The lead didn't last, though. The Charger defense could not contain the Salem forwards. With the Rocks applying pressure, Churchill cracked; Jaimie Marinos crossed the ball to Heather Buchanan, and her shot deflected past Charger keeper Kristen Kammer to knot the game at 1-1 with 28:36 left.

In the last 16 minutes, Churchill began to assert itself. A poor goal kick by Salem keeper Julie Bucezek resulted in a chance for Michelle Zawislak, but Bucezek recovered and deflected it over the bar. Then a perfect cross from Lizz Szkrybalo eluded Bucezek, but three Charger forwards charged right past the ball.

Two minutes later Spaccarotella centered the ball into the box and Zawislak deflected it — wide of the net. After that, Spaccarotella got control of the ball in the middle of the box with her back to the net and fed Aimee Cousino, but Bucezek made a great diving stop.

The frustration finally ended just 20 seconds after Bucezek's save on Cousino. Spaccarotella took a pass from Jenny Wysocki 18 yards out; Bucezek came out to challenge her, and Spaccarotella rolled in the game-winner with 8:17 left.

"I knew coming in, with the talent they had up front, it would be tough," said Johnson.



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Possession battle: Livonia Churchill's Kari Buzewski and Salem's Leah Retherford tangle in a race for the ball. Wednesday's match had several similar engagements, but the Chargers got the better end of the score, 2-1.

Dawn to dusk

Warner works way into full-time role

By BRAD EMOSS
Staff Writer

Dawn Warner knew she had big shoes to fill when she took over the starting point-guard position last season for Western Kentucky University.

There were times, however, when the former All-Stater from Livonia Franklin High felt like she was bogged down wearing combat boots.

"It was a learning experience the whole year," said Warner. "We were losing our starting point-guard (Renee Westmoreland) and this year I felt the pressure of taking over. There were times when I was not confident in myself. It became more of a mental game than anything."

The 5-foot-7, Warner, ever the perfectionist, may have been too hard on herself in evaluating her 1993-94 performance.



Dawn Warner

team and you can't fault her for that."

Prep stats impressive

Warner put up big numbers under coach Dan Freeman at Franklin, averaging 27 points, 12 rebounds and four assists her senior year. She scored a season-high 47 points her final high school game against Detroit Murray-Wright.

"But things don't come as easily when you're going against the big girls."

"It's been different," Warner said. "The hardest part the first year was the physical aspect. I think I can hold my own speed-wise, but you need that experience to face reality."

"Being consistent is the other thing. I was up and down this year. It was like my freshman year all over again."

While away at school in Bowling Green, Ky., Warner had more things on her mind than just a busy schedule, which included a full load of classes, basketball practice, study table and travel.

Family matters most

What made things even tougher this year for Warner was concern about her mother Barb, who became ill during the Christmas holidays after a relapse with Hodgkin's disease.

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"Right before Christmas, the team peaked and I was playing well," Dawn said. "But then my mom got sick and I just couldn't get focused. My mind just wasn't into it. It took two weeks, then I got back into the groove."

Thoughts of transferring to a school closer to home to be with her mother, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments, entered Dawn's mind.

"We discussed it and my mom wants my career to continue," she said. "Right now I don't see it happening, although I wouldn't hesitate to go home."

Added Sanderford: "It's been a tough year from that standpoint, but Dawn's hung in there well."

Proves she belongs

Warner bounced back and proved she could hang with the best when she scored 14 points, dished out five assists and had only two turnovers in 39 minutes of action in a nationally televised 87-82 overtime loss to NCAA runner-up Louisiana Tech.

She's also done well in the classroom, carrying a 3.6 grade-point average while majoring in elementary education.

Next weekend, Warner will travel to Champaign, Ill., to compete for a spot on the North team for the upcoming U.S. Olympic Sports Festival. She is one of two Western Kentucky players invited to the trials.

"We have a new strength and conditioning coach, and we're lifting weights three times a week and I can't tell already it's helping out," Warner said. "Next year is going to be make me or break me. I'm going to come home, play all summer, and really tie into basketball."

Warner feels she's prepared for the challenges ahead.

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Knowing the system

"They've recruited two point guards and I'll have to compete," she said. "But I think I have an advantage because I have two years experience and two years on the weights. Plus, I know what the program is all about."

"It's all about the mental aspect. It's waiting your turn and paying your dues. It was hard to sit my freshman year because all I did was play at Franklin."

But now Warner figures prominently in Western Kentucky's program. Eleven of 18 players return, including four starters.

"She played well in several games at that level, she did a good job for us," Sanderson said. "Dawn can play a key role the next two years, she already has. Her future is bright and she has the skills to take us to the next level."

Maybe these shoes are starting to feel like slippers.

LACROSSE

CC nips Country Day, 9-8

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior Jon Wolfe should have no problem washing dirty clothes next year when he goes away to school.

Wolfe gets enough experience taking his dirty uniform home after a day in the rain and mud on the CC lacrosse field. Take Tuesday afternoon, when Wolfe left the field muddy from head to toe after marking Detroit Country Day's leading returning scorer Phil Higuera.

Wolfe held Higuera to one goal and one assist as the Shamrocks beat the two-time defending state champion Yellow Jackets, 9-8, at home.

Wolfe took his dirty uniform, once white and now covered with mud, home to put in the wash.

"When I started playing football in seventh grade, my mom showed me how to use the washer," said Wolfe, who plans on playing lacrosse at either Michigan State or Northwood next year. "She said, 'If you're going to play, you're going to have to learn to use it. I love the mud. It reminds me of playing football.'"

"The player today for us was

Wolfe," CC coach Jim Ryan said. "It doesn't matter who he's against. He comes out and is the most intense player on the team."

CC beat Country Day last year in the regular season but the Yellow Jackets bounced back and beat the Shamrocks in the state championship game, 9-8. Country CC wasted a four-goal lead allowed Country Day to score the winning goal with eight seconds left in last year's state final so Ryan wasn't comfortable with a 6-2 lead at halftime Tuesday.

The Shamrocks, still looking for their first state championship in lacrosse, led 7-4 after three quarters but the Yellow Jackets had a 4-2 scoring advantage in the fourth quarter. CC had to fight off a Country Day power play in the last 24 seconds to go home victorious.

The Shamrocks improved to 3-1 overall. This was Country Day's season opener.

"Every time we play these guys it goes down to the wire so you can't feel safe," Ryan said. "The state championship game was on my mind."

Senior midfielder Jeff Lachapelle and junior midfielder Jason Hubenschmidt scored three goals

each to lead the Shamrocks. Junior midfielder Gary Galvin and senior attackers Matt Griffin and Chris Teller scored one goal each.

CC's senior goalkeeper Alex Alvarez stopped 18 of Country Day's 26 shots on goal. Country Day goalie Sasha Stewart made 11 saves.

Senior midfielder Joe Navaleza led Country Day with three goals. Junior attacker Dan Russo had two goals, while Higuera, Tom Lall and Dan Morrison contributed one goal each. Lall added three assists.

The Shamrocks in the past have used the muddy CC field to slow down a traditionally fast team like Country Day.

But Ryan isn't so sure if his players can call the muddy field an advantage this year.

"It would be if we were a lot slower than them but this year I think we're faster," Ryan said.

"To open up against the state runner-up is tough," Country Day coach Bob Dowd said. "CC has a great goalie, good defense and a nice scheme. I'm happy how we played in the second half and we hope to see them again."



JIM JAGWELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shamrock goal: Redford Catholic Central senior attacker Matt Griffin celebrates a goal in Tuesday's 9-8 lacrosse win over defending state champion Detroit Country Day.

Frosh scores twice in 4-1 Spartan win

Despite heavy rain Tuesday, the Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team opened the 1994 season on a bright note with a 4-1 non-league victory at Brighton.

The Spartans were powered by freshman forward Nicole Tobin, who netted a pair of goals.

Junior midfielder Misty Heath opened the game's scoring for the Spartans, who also received a goal from junior midfielder Laura Fedrigo.

Rola Khoury and Heath split time in the nets for the Spartans.

Stevenson, which enjoyed a 4-0 halftime advantage, had its shut-out attempt ruined when Brighton scored with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

"I'm very impressed with the way we played considering it was our first game," said Stevenson

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coach Mary Kay Hussey. "All 17 of our players got in the game. We were able to jump on them quickly and were perhaps a little faster than they were. Brighton is a good team and I don't think the final score reflects what type of team they are."

■ **BENNY FOLEY 4, LADYWOOD 0:** On Monday, defending state Class B champion Madison Heights Bishop Foley scored all four goals in the opening half to beat visiting Livonia Ladywood.

Nancy Dankert made her first varsity start in goal for the Blazers, who beat Foley three times last season.

Bridget Slesky came on in the second half to blank the Ventures.

"We had spring-break-itis and they were fired up to play us," Ladywood coach Ron Prodnicky said. "We were all over them the first four minutes, but then they scored four down goals in the next 30 minutes. We played them even the second half."

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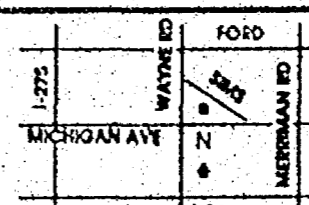
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Monday at Garden City

Shot put: Chris Altschuld (SS), 42 feet, 11.5 inches; Mike Kays (CC), 121-11; High jump: Matt Stevenson (SS), 6-10; Long jump: Mike Pothack (CC), 18-4 1/2; Pole vault: Andy Ehrns (SS), 9-0; 110 meter hurdles: Mark McCand (CC), 18.3; 300 hurdles: McCand (CC), 44.3; 100 dash: Eric Ross (SS), 11.8; 200: Steve Knauth (CC), 33.7; 400: Ross (SS), 55.4; 800: Scott Crossin (SS), 2:13.1; 1,600: Jason Bell (CC), 4:52.0; 3,200: Bell (CC), 10:34.0; 400 relay: Stevenson (Don Carroll, Justin Demeter, Stevenson and Kevin Berger), 4:07.8; 800 relay: Garden City (Tim Tuziak, Ian Baxters, Pothack and Hynoch), 1:40.0; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Tony D'Astolfo, Ned Snow, Stevenson and Ross), 3:48.9; 3,200 relay: Garden City (Brandon, Jon Davis, Steve Walters and Ryan Mangini), 9:08.7.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-0; Garden City, 0-2.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 68
FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 62
Tuesday at Mercy

Shot put: Bianca Accio (FHM), 31-6 1/2; Discus: Accio (FHM), 93-11; High jump: Julie Angel (FHM), 4-6; Long jump: Melissa Mercado (LH), 14-2; 100 hurdles: Amy Ryan (FHM), 17.7; 300 hurdles: Ryan (FHM), 57.2; 100 dash: Lindsay Soter (LH), 15.3; 200: Tonia Smith (FHM), 28.0; 400: Dawn O'Connor (FHM), 1:04.2; 800: O'Connor (FHM), 2:37.3; 1,600: O'Connor (FHM), 6:02.0; 400 relay: Livonia (Kara McCaskey, Nicole Gannon, Janie Van Dine and Heidi Clemons), 1:35.0; 800 relay: Livonia (Kara McCaskey, Nicole Gannon, Heidi Clemons and Christine), 1:59.7; 1,600 relay: Livonia (Kara McCaskey, Nicole Gannon, Heidi Clemons and Sarah), 4:39.8; 3,200 relay: Livonia (Christy Kivon, Sarah Dixon, McCaskey and Sarah), 11:02.0.
Dual meet records: Livonia, 1-1; Mercy, 1-1.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 108
GARDEN CITY 82
Monday at Livonia

Shot put: Rachel Cook (SS), 32-3 1/2; Discus: Cook (SS), 101-9; High jump: Corren Leticola (SS), 4-10; Long jump: Cathy Bock (SS), 14-10 1/2; 100 hurdles: Janelle Brooks (SS), 18.7; 300 hurdles: Stevenson (SS), 51-11; 100 dash: Andrea Reynolds (CC), 13.0; 200: Reynolds (CC), 29.4; 400: Reynolds (CC), 1:03.4; 800: Sarah Hill (SS), 2:53.0; 1,600: Kelly Hill (SS), 6:02.7; 3,200: Nicole Lall (SS), 13-21.4; 400 relay: Stevenson (Tim Flay, Molly McHoson, Jessica Christ and Leva Kigoran), 63.8; 800 relay: Stevenson (Flay, McHoson, Christ and Kigoran), 2:02.9; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Flay, Flay, D.M.M., Stevenson) and Flay), 4:37.2; 3,200 relay: Stevenson (Corren Cooksey, Hill, Kigoran, Coleman and Flay), 11:33.0.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-0; Garden City, 0-2.

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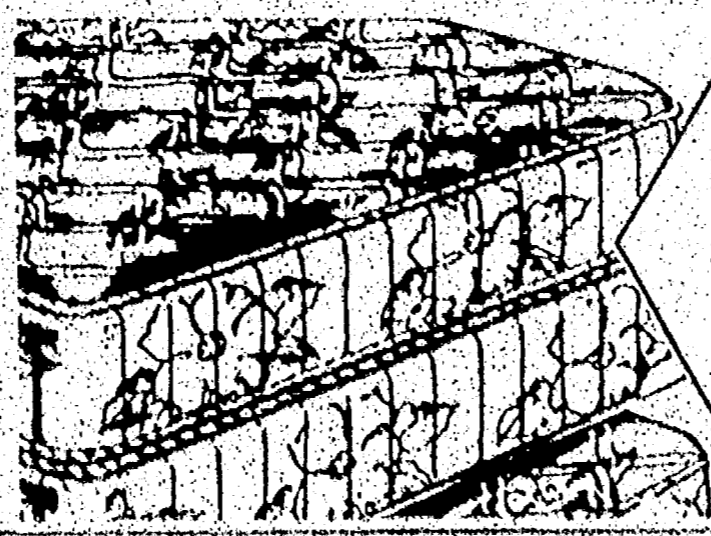
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Stevenson banks on exchange rate

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Don't compare him with Bjorn Borg or Stefan Edberg, but to Livonia Stevenson boys tennis coach George Croll, he's the next best thing.

Swedish foreign exchange student Henrik Ellstrom was to make his much-awaited debut Wednesday (weather permitting) against Southfield-Lathrup.

And with his arrival, Croll is bubbling about the Spartans' chances in the Western Lakes Activities Association even though defending champion Northville is the clear-cut favorite to repeat.

Ellstrom's credentials back in Sweden are not quite clear, but Croll calls him "potentially as good as anyone I've seen."

Mark Findling, whose family is hosting Ellstrom for the year, was Stevenson's No. 1 singles player as a sophomore.

Ironically, Findling has been pushed back to the No. 2 spot this season to make way for Ellstrom.

"Henrik is a fine young man and speaks English very well," Croll said. "He was ranked quite high in the juniors, maybe in the top 10. I don't know for sure."

It may be too early to tell if Ellstrom compares with Northville's Mark Schwagle, who won an unprecedented four-straight WAAA No. 1 singles titles before moving on to Michigan State.

"He plays a finesse game, but he's very competitive," Croll said.

The Spartans will also be competitive at the Nos. 3 and 4 spots.

Senior Bill Hensley, a Class A regional champ and WAAA runner-up last year at No. 3 singles, returns, as does No. 4 Class A regional runner-up Tom Pham, also a senior.

Croll is also excited about his No. 1 doubles team of junior Kosta Mihajlovski and sophomore Chad Crosby.

Last year, Crosby teamed up with Mark Magnusson to place second in the WAAA's No. 4 doubles spot.

Stevenson, however, must replace league doubles champions Mike Miller and Ben Moricz, the No. 2 team, along with regional and league winners Scott Sibel and Ryan Schmidt, the No. 3 team.

It appears Stevenson should equal or even better last year's second place showings at both the WAAA and regional meets.

Livonia Churchill

The Chargers, under sixth-year coach Denise Berg, have a veteran team that could beat last year's fifth-place showing in the WAAA.

Churchill recently finished second to Dearborn by one point in the Press & Guide tournament.

Taking home singles titles were senior Martin Knecht (No. 1),

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senior Todd Estes (No. 2), sophomore Matt Estes (No. 3) and senior Jeff Durling (No. 4).

Estes was the WAAA runner-up at No. 2 singles last year to Northville's Matt Schwagle (brother of Mark).

In doubles, seniors Dave Kazlak and Mike DeShetler, the No. 1 team, took second in the March tuneup tournament, as did the No. 3 team of senior Dan Merten and junior Matt McBride.

Juniors Kyle Schaefer and John Webster will be the No. 2 team.

"We have some depth on this team and this group is the most dedicated I've had as far as playing year-round," Berg said. "They all made improvement over the winter."

Westland John Glenn

Roger Cromwell is back coaching the Rockets again. His last stint was 1984 and '85.

Despite the \$167 pay-to-participate fee, Cromwell has an 18-member squad, including three freshmen.

"It will help to develop the ninth-graders and let them play a couple of years," Cromwell said. "But this game requires hitting year-round."

Senior Brian Pitera steps into the No. 1 singles spot.

Brazilian exchange student Bernie Bauer will play No. 2 with Rajan Dasharya and Dave Mruk filling the No. 3 and 4 positions.

Freshman Deepak Dasharya will also play.

The Rockets will try and improve on last year's 1-9-1 dual meet record in the WAAA.

Livonia Franklin

Coach Frank Dotson hopes the Patriots can better last year's 12th-place WAAA finish (0-10-1 dual meet record).

The No. 1 singles spot is a battle between senior Scott Simpson and sophomore Scott Metzger.

Senior Andy Bianchi returns in doubles along with junior Jeff Neville.

Lefty Bill Green, a sophomore, is a returning letter winner who has shown improvement, according to Dotson. He could fill the No. 3 or 4 singles spot.

"Last year, with pay-to-play, we barely had enough kids," said Dotson, who finished the season with only 10 players.

Wayne Memorial

The Zebras will rely on its singles performers, as only three players return this season.

"Everybody on our team, except for three players, are juniors, and it's basically a whole new squad,"



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Spartan netter: Mark Findling will play No. 2 singles this year at Livonia Stevenson.

said Wayne coach Mike Hairbedian, now in his 31st season.

David Pfeiffer, who played doubles last season, will hold the No. 1 singles spot, and Nick Fournier, a French foreign exchange student, will occupy the No. 2 position.

Basketball player Courtney Howard, the only returning Wayne player with singles experience, will open at No. 3, while Jeremy Vereen will be No. 4.

Howard and Vereen are the only seniors on the squad.

Farris Saleh and Jim Behnwagner combine to form the top doubles pair. The remainder

of the doubles teams are still in question.

"Everyone except Farris on doubles is new," Hairbedian said. "Farris and Jim do make up a good team and communicate well with each other."

Even though Wayne defeated Romulus 5-2 in Monday's season opener, Hairbedian isn't getting his hopes up.

"We have pay to play in Wayne and that's a problem for us," he said. "We are limited to what we have to work with and that's a shame, but it's reality. I feel like I've been rebuilding a team for 30-plus years."

Touring pros join local tournament

BY CHRIS MAYER
STAFF WRITER

An unusual brand of tennis will be served up at The Sports Club of West Bloomfield today.

The Novi Auto Mall \$10,000 Professional Tennis Challenge kicks off this evening and for the next four days will showcase a special mix of Detroit's top professional and amateur players and ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) ranked tour pros.

"I think this is one of the strongest fields put together in this area that I've ever seen," former University of Michigan star and Sports Club instructor Ed Nagel said. "I've been around this area's tennis scene for years, and I think I have a pretty good idea what will make a strong tournament."

"I think that people will come out and be really interested in this. I work at The Sports Club and when I'm practicing I've gotten a few comments about it."

The event will feature a 16-player singles draw — \$3,000 goes to the winner — including amateurs Brook Blain of West Bloomfield, Arvid Swan of Troy and Michael Russell of Bloomfield Hills. There will also be a doubles competition involving local pros Armando Molino and Phil Norville. Molino, the tournament director, is scheduled to team with Nagel, the current Midwest United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Pro of the Year.

"I think it will do well," tournament chairman Glenn Healey said. "The special part of this event is that we think it's what people want to see. You have players with a big local flavor tee-ing it up against guys who make their living at this game. Last year we had a very small event, and it's not really comparable to this."

The tour contingent is led by 29-year-old Jimmy Arias, who was formerly ranked No. 5 in the world. He will be joined by Kenny Thorne, ranked 199th in singles and 165th in doubles; Donnie Isaak (325th in singles, 242nd in doubles); Ty Tucker (479th in singles, 286th in doubles) and Gabor Kovacs (398th in doubles). Mark Greenan, who's played Davis Cup four times and is ranked No. 16 in Canada, completes the field.

The Detroit contingent has two tour players of its own in Steve Herdoiza of Bloomfield Hills and

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Steve Campbell of Detroit.

Herdoiza, a two-time All-American at Northwestern and an NCAA singles quarter finalist in 1990, is currently playing the pro tour at the Satellite and Challenger levels.

Campbell played high school tennis at Redford Catholic Central where he was a state champion. He later starred at Rice University where he was an NCAA indoor singles runner-up.

Local pros Nagel, Mark Pinchoff of Farmington Hills, Brett Beattie of Beverly Hills and Brian Veillette and Scott Smith of Bloomfield Hills will also test their skills against the tour competition.

"We're real excited," Molino said. "We have a good field. There are no ranking points involved, but they (the tour professionals) like the opportunity to come around to a smaller event where they can work on their game and maybe win some money."

Molino is also familiar with Blain, Swan and Russell. He coaches Swan, a senior at Troy High School, and has worked with Blain, who is in his senior year at West Bloomfield.

"I think it's a significant step for them," Molino said. "Of the three, if Brook plays up to his capabilities he will be very competitive. He plays at this club, he's used to the (hard-surface) courts and he's very, very comfortable on these surfaces."

Blain, who won a Class A state singles title last season and will attend the University of Florida in the fall, is the nation's 29th ranked junior singles player. Swan, who's won three national junior tournaments this year and is headed for the University of Michigan, is ranked No. 34 in singles. Russell, a 16-year-old sophomore at Detroit Country Day High School, won the recent Easter Bowl tournament in Miami.

Play will be from 7-10 tonight and Friday, 12-8 p.m. Saturday and 12-6 p.m. Sunday at The Sports Club, at 6343 Farmington Road, just north of Maple. For more information call 626-9880.

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Marlins dive over rival Marian, 1-0

Farmington Hills Mercy finally got a right bounce of the ball Monday and used it to defeat rival Birmingham Marian in girls soccer.

With only 20 seconds left in the game, Emily Lawrence's corner kick deflected off teammate Jena

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Kluska and Theresa Cisco put the loose ball in the Marian net for a 1-0 victory.

"We were getting frustrated because we dominated the offensive

part of the game," Mercy coach Deepak Shrivraman said. "We should have had a few other goals, but we either hit the crossbar or just missed."

The Marlins outshot the Mustangs 10-4 in the first half and 14-8 in the second, according to Shrivraman, who on the other hand was upbeat about his team's defensive effort.

Beth Chmielewski played the entire game in goal for Mercy and got credit for the shutout. She was supported by defenders Laurin Hendrickson, Lawrence, Lynn Drowniak and Sienna DeAgostini.

"The plus part of today's game is the way the defense and goalkeeper played," Shrivraman said. "(Marian) had a couple opportunities, too, so the game could have gone the other way."

"Beating Marian is such a big boost to our team's confidence and morale."

Forward Heather Richards also played well for the Marlins (2-0), who were without veteran midfielder Flannery Campbell again. She missed the first game because of illness and hurt a knee on spring break. Marian is 1-2.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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

COLLEGE NOTES

Northwood Institute's Rhonda Saunders, a junior shortstop from Livonia Clarenceville, recently broke the NU single-season records for runs scored (43) and singles (43).

Saunders, who is hitting .421 on the year, earlier broke the school single season stolen base record. She has 49 thefts on the season, just three shy of the Northwood career mark of 52 held by Dawn St. Martin.

Western Michigan University junior Kurt Roth (Livonia Churchill) recently placed ninth in the open hammer throw with an effort of 162 feet, 1 inch at the prestigious Sea Ray Track and Field Relays in Knoxville, Tenn.

A week earlier in the Miami Open in Oxford, Ohio, Roth won the javelin (190-11) and was sixth in the hammer (167-1).

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREF BASEBALL
Thursday, April 14
 Redford Union at Clawsonville, 3:30 p.m.
 Westland Glenn at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.
 Py. Canton at Farmington, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Py. Salem, 4 p.m.
 Liv. Franklin at Bellevue, 4 p.m.
 D.H. Crestwood at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Oak, Catholic, 4 p.m.
 Py. Christian at Fairlane Christ., 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Oak, Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
 Gib. Carlson at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.
 Liv. Church at Northside, 4 p.m.
 Westland Glenn at Liv. Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Py. Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 Py. Salem at H. Farmington, 4 p.m.
 Farmington at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
 Liv. Franklin vs. Farm. Harrison at Livonia's Bicentennial Pk., 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Whitmore Lake, 4:30 p.m.
 Py. Christian vs. Bloomfield Rooper at Canton's Griffin Park, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
 Liv. Stevenson at Redford Union, 10 a.m.
 Wayne Memorial at Red. Thurston, 11 a.m.
 Det. Henry Ford at Farm. Harrison, 11 a.m.
 Troy High at Farmington High, 11 a.m.
 U.D. Jesuit at Redford CC, 11 a.m.
 Py. Canton at Westland Glenn, noon.
 St. Agatha at R.D. Shrine, 3 p.m.
Sunday, April 17
 Borgess vs. C.L. St. Clement at Redford's Capitol Park, 11 a.m.

Saturday, April 16
 Taylor Tournament, 9 a.m.
 Miss Tournament, 10 a.m.
 Redford Union at Liv. Stevenson, 10 a.m.

BOYS TRACK
Thursday, April 14
 Westland Glenn at Liv. Church, 3:30 p.m.
 N. Farmington at Liv. Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
 Liv. Stevenson at Northside, 3:30 p.m.
 Livonia Park at Redford Union, 3:30 p.m.
 D.H. Crestwood at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.
 Garden City at Southgate, 4 p.m.
 Py. Christian at Liv. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Py. Canton, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
 Py. Christian at G.P. Uggert, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
 Eka Relays at Dearborn High, 11 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 14
 Liv. Church at Westland Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
 Northside at Liv. Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
 Py. Canton at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
 Farm. Harrison at Py. Salem, 3:30 p.m.
 Liv. Franklin at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
 Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 3:30 p.m.
 D.H. Crestwood at Red. Thurston, 3:30 p.m.
 Garden City at Southgate, 4 p.m.
 Py. Christian at Liv. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
 Py. Christian at G.P. Uggert, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
 Plymouth Canton Relays, 9:30 a.m.
 W. Bloomfield Invitational, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 14
 Wayne at Westland Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
 Farm. Harrison at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
 Farmington at Py. Canton, 4 p.m.
 Py. Salem at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 Vianova at Borgess (Koyette), 4 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Wyand. Mt. Carmel, 4 p.m.
 Liv. Westland at D.H. Crestwood, 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Oak, Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Py. Christian at Zoo Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
 Northville at Liv. Church, 4 p.m.
 Liv. Franklin at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.
 Liv. Stevenson at Westland Glenn, 4 p.m.
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 N. Farmington at Py. Salem, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Farmington, 4 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Farm. Seaholm, 4 p.m.
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 Liv. Ladywood at Farm. Mercy, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 14
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Friday, April 15
 Redford Union at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.
 Southgate at Farm. Mercy, 4 p.m.
 Garden City at Bellevue, 4 p.m.
 Farm. Harrison at Py. Salem, 5:30 p.m.
 Farm. Harrison at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Liv. Church, 7 p.m.
 Liv. Franklin at Liv. Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Py. Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Thursday, April 14
 Madonna at Ferris State, 1 p.m.
Friday, April 15
 Madonna at Concordia, 2 p.m.

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

CLASSES/SHOWS

FISHING FUN
Joe Derek, host of the radio program Naturally Michigan Afield, again will present a seminar entitled Michigan Fishing Fun Monday at 7 p.m. at the Farmington Community School. Registration fee is \$18, 489-3333.

LORAN NAVIGATION
A five-week class on Loran GPS navigation begins Monday at Blossfield Hills Andover 1 S Coast Guard Captain Tom Kipke will present a class. 431-0885. A similar class begins Wednesday in Troy. 573-7582.

BOAT SHOW
The second annual Hands On Boat Show, offering buyers an opportunity to test drive products on the water, will be held June 17-19 at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. 539-0108.

SHOTGUN CLASS
The Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will offer a series of classes on pistol safety and marksmanship beginning on Monday, May 9. 532-0285.

ARCHERY

3-D SHOOT
Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3-D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday with its walk-through range in Lake Orion. 693-1369.

3-D LEAGUE
A 10-week 3-D league begins Thursday, April 28, at Royal Oak Archers. 693-1369.

FISHING CLUB MEETINGS

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. 477-3816.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. 420-2233.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders, a non-profit club dedicated to educating the public on improving, preserving and promoting anadromous sport fishing, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School. 420-2965.

SEASONS

WILD TURKEY
April 25-May 29, by special license in designated areas throughout the state.

DIP NETS
Through May 31 in non-trout waters in the Lower Peninsula.

SMELT
Through May 31 south of M-72.

TROUT
Opens April 30 on trout streams and designated trout lakes.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. 1-800-47-PARKS.

OAKLAND

COUNTY PARKS

AMPHIBIAN AMBLE
Learn about amorous amphibians during an evening hike to celebrate spring in this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

MAY DAY MAGIC
Eco-explorers age 6-8 will learn about the ancient tradition of the May Day celebration through crafts, songs and games in this program which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

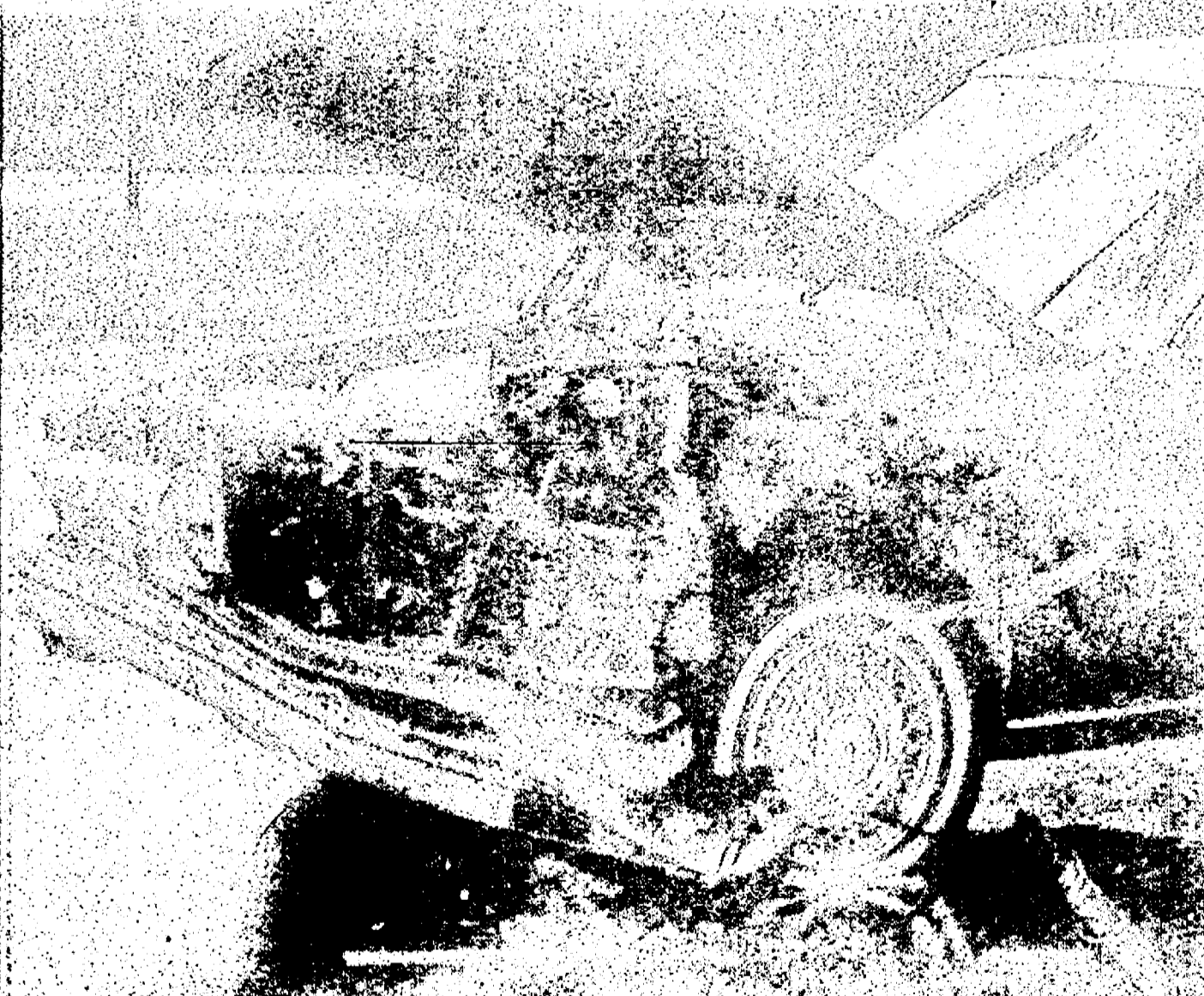
COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all Oakland County Parks programs. 625-6473.

Sportsmanship award



Deaf team competes: Madonna University recently captured fifth place out of nine teams and brought home the sportsmanship award at the Waubesa Invitational Tournament in Sugar Grove, Ill. Madonna, coached by Leann Allvin, scored wins over St. Louis Community College and Northern Illinois University before losing to Harper College and NIU. Members of the squad include (front row, from left) Stephanie Sams (Plymouth), Jennifer Sumington (Westland), Jenni LaBuda (Livonia), David Lauffman (Westland); (front row, from right) Jeff Pollock, Robin Green (Westland), Karen McDade (Westland), Chris Thorpe (Westland) and Shane Campbell (Westland). Not pictured are Bret Laframboise (Westland), Felisa Wumbold and Jeff Furler (Westland).

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ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

Toast Chuck Muer at tribute to his memory

The public is invited to join the family and friends of Chuck Muer 7 p.m. Friday, April 15, in a tribute to his memory in support of the Chuck Muer Memorial Scholarship Fund for Culinary Arts and Hospitality Students at Macomb Community College.

Muer, Betty and another couple were tragically lost at sea in a storm March 13, 1993, their sailboat was never found.

Bill Kruse of Kruse & Muer Quality Foods in Rochester Hills, Kruse & Muer on Main in Rochester and the Rochester Chop House and Oyster Bar in Rochester, will act as master of ceremonies. Among the family and friends of Chuck and Betty Muer who will speak at the tribute are Certified Master Chef Milos Cihelka, restaurateurs Joe Muer and Charles (Rocky) Rachwitz of Livonia, and Susan Muer.

The event will be at the John R. Dimitry Student and Community Center of Macomb Community College and begins with an hors d'oeuvre reception, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. A tax deductible donation of \$5 to the scholarship fund is included in the \$25 ticket. Call (810) 286-2222 for tickets.

Chuck Muer was a wonderful man who touched many lives. I'll never forget meeting him at "Big Fish" shortly after a cookbook of favorite Muer recipes was published.

"I'm glad to be the master of ceremonies because I spent 17 years learning in the Muer organization," said Kruse. "I was lucky to be involved with a man who had as much vision, and entrepreneurial skill and people skills as Chuck. We were very good friends, and my kids felt as badly as I did when I told them that Chuck was missing."

Give mom the royal treatment by making her Cinderella for a weekend. In honor of Mother's Day and Michigan Opera Theatre's production of Sergei Prokofiev's Cinderella ballet May 6-8, MOT, Hudson's and the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn are sponsoring an essay contest.

Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to express in 150 words or less why they think their mom deserves to be treated like Cinderella this Mother's Day weekend. Included with all entries must be

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- What's new at the movies.
- Upcoming plays and concerts in your community.

Drama questions artistic themes



CATHIE BREIDENBACH

"discovered" by the media and dubbed a visionary.

One art critic called Jonathan "either a genius or a charlatan" and the play's tension rides on that central ambivalence as it simultaneously juggles theoretical questions about art for arts sake versus the commercialism of art with parallel questions about whether Jonathan is a man of integrity and genius or an arrogant opportunist. The Jewish Ensemble Theatre's richly layered production debuts for Michigan audiences the acclaimed play that was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

When Jonathan travels to London to launch a prestigious show, he decides to visit his ex-wife, Patricia, now living in Norfolk with her English archaeologist husband, Nick.

Excavating Roman latrines and ancient waste dumps are Nick's passions as he "studies the past to make sense of the present." When Jonathan visits his ex-wife 15 years after their break-up, he is also studying his past to make sense of his present, and the play's scenes move back and forth in time -- beginning in the present and ending in the past, on the day Jonathan met Patty in art school when she modeled nude for his painting class.

John Lepard as Jonathan, Dan C. Bar as Nick, and Susan M. Arnold as Patricia keep the tensions perco-

ON STAGE

"Sight Unseen"

Jewish Ensemble Theatre at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield.

Performances through May 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:45 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays.

Tickets range from \$8 to \$19.50 with discounts available to senior citizens, students and groups. Call 788-2900 or 645-6668.

REVIEW

ating as the three expert actors snipe at one another about pushy Americans who complain of being cold in English houses, the mediocrity of English cooking, and the brashness of modern art. Their verbal parries barely conceal the jealousy, frustration, and regret of the three who try to put a civilized face on long-submerged emotions.

Director Nicholas Calanni superbly paces both Margulies' excellent dialogue and the play's five scene changes. Two revolving sections of set designed by Russell Smith capture the rustic simplicity of Patricia's house with its field-stone fireplace.

Jon's boyhood bedroom in Brooklyn, and the opulent black and white sophistication of the London gallery where a German journalist (Eden Cooper Sage) assaults Jonathan with comments on his Jewishness and with criticisms disguised as a reporter's questions.

She hones in on the central dilemma of the play and attempts to



Drama: John Lepard as Jonathan and Susan M. Arnold as his ex-wife, Patricia, keep tensions percolating in "Sight Unseen."

prove that the acclaimed Jonathan Waxman is more a self-serving genius at promotion and packaging than a man and artist of integrity. Playwright Margulies leaves the question unresolved, because art, as

Jonathan explains, take place in the eye and mind of the beholder. Cathie Breidenbach of West Bloomfield teaches college writing classes and works as a freelance writer.

Local orchestras present spring concerts

Be sure to make time for music this weekend. Celebrate spring with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony on Sunday, or introduce your children to the classics Saturday afternoon at a concert to be presented by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will showcase the winner of the their young artist competition Saturday night. Here are details.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents "Grandiose" with great artists soprano Glenda Kirkland, and alto saxophonist Shizuo Kuwahara of Novi, winner of the symphony's Youth Artist Competition, 8 p.m. Friday, April 15, at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North

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Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens and \$5 students K-12. Call (313) 451-2112.

On April 29 the symphony will present a Pops Concert of Andrew Lloyd Webber favorites at the Golden Fox, Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. Cash bar 6 p.m., silent and live auction, dinner served 6:30 p.m. followed by concert at 8 p.m. Gourmet coffee and dessert will be served at intermission. Tickets are \$35 adults, \$25 children. Concert and dessert \$15 adult, \$10 child, call (313) 451-2112.

Frank DiBlasi leads the Livonia

Symphony Chamber Orchestra in a program which includes music by Telemann, Debussy, and Haydn, 8 p.m. Friday, April 15 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The children's concert 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, also at the Livonia Civic Center Library is titled "Old-Time Movie Mania." Narrator Rob Mason will explain how music from 1920s and 1930s movies creates a mood.

Tickets are \$12, general admission, \$8 seniors (age 62 and older); students (age and older) \$6, and children (under 12), \$3. Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 464-2741 for tickets.

DiBlasi will lead the full Livonia

Symphony Orchestra in a special concert with the New Reformation Dixieland Band and winners of the Young Artist Competition, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30 in the Carli Auditorium of Churchill High School in Livonia. Call 421-1111 or 464-2741 for tickets.

Theodore Oien, principal clarinetist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will join the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra at the last concert of the 1993-94 season, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at Temple Beth El 14 Mile at Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$15, and available by calling 645-2276. Tickets will be available at the door.

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beginning at 7 p.m. the night of the performance.

The program titled "Picture This" includes Moller's "Concerto in A for Piccolo Clarinet," and Weber's "Concertino of Clarinet and Orchestra."

Other works planned for the concert are Hanel's "Music for the Royal Fireworks," Surinach's "Sinfonietta Flamenca," and "Pictures at an Exhibition by Mussorgsky."

Kaleidoscope Concerts "Collaboration Series" to benefit Hospice of Southeastern Michigan and Rose Hill Center continues 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 17 at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. The concert will feature Marcy Chateaux on cello, Donald Baker on oboe, Pauline Martin on piano, Patricia Terry-Ross on harp and Johanna Beth Bowers on flute. Works include "Lullabies to the Wind," "At Dusk" by Arthur Honegger and "Voice of the Whale." Call (810) 855-9229 or 855-0458 for tickets.

Musica Viva International Concerts presents piano duo Yuki and Tomoko Mack 8 p.m. Friday, April 22 at the Smith Theatre for the Performing Arts, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, off Orchard Lake Road south at 12 Mile and I-96. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Call (810) 337-0700 or (810) 471-7700.

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Yuki lives in West Bloomfield and Tomoko in Walled Lake. Born in Tokyo, the sisters came to the U.S. in 1977. They have studied with many of the same teachers including Misako Yamaguchi, Julius Charles, Ruth Burzyak, Flavio Yamamoto and Leona Nagel. The duo is currently being coached by Joyce Weingarten-Adelson. They received bachelor degrees in piano performance from Oakland University and have gone on to graduate school at the University of Michigan.

Their program will include works by Paganini, Liszt, Bartok, Chopin, Beethoven and Debussy.

Make plans to attend the grand finale of the Musica Viva series, the second annual Michigan Flute Festival, Oct. 16-17, Sunday.



Duo pianists: Sisters Yuki and Tomoko Mack will perform at the Musica Viva International Concert Series concert on April 22 at the Smith Theatre for the Performing Arts in Farmington Hills.

May 22 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Call (313) 833-3700 for tickets.

The Liturgical Engagement and Resource Network presents David Haas, Jennie Cotter, and Stephen Petrasak in a concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22 at St. Thomas More Church, 480 N. Adams.

Troy. Tickets \$8 adults, \$1 children, \$20 family. Call 544-8957.

Balcom and Morris bring their kaleidoscopic repertory of contemporary American music to the Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30. Call 288-3953 or 647-4632 for ticket information.

Irish poet visits



Enjoy an evening of Irish poetry and song at 7 p.m. Monday, April 18 at Brother Rice High School, 7101 Laliser Road, Birmingham. Admission is \$10 and tickets will be available at the door.

Maedara Woods, an internationally renowned Irish poet, will join local artists Mary Callaghan Lynch, soprano, Patrick Lynch, tenor, and pianist John Foster Callaghan for "An Evening of Poetry and Song."

"Anyone who has heard Maedara Woods read his poetry live knows the enchantment of his voice: musical, resonant, perfectly timed, infused with a love of the sound of every syllable," says Michael Smith of "The Irish Times."

Local artist: Soprano Mary Callaghan Lynch of Birmingham will join internationally renowned Irish poet Maedara Woods in a program of poetry and song April 18 at Brother Rice High School.

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the mother's name, child's name and age, address, telephone number, grade and location of school.

Entries should be mailed to Michigan Opera Theatre, Cinderella for a Weekend, 6519 Second Ave., Detroit, MI 48202. All entries must be postmarked by Friday, April 22. The winner will be notified on April 27. Call (313) 871-7550 for information.

The winner's mother will be treated to a weekend of well-deserved pampering that includes a new dress, dinner at the Ritz for up to six people in her immediate family, and tickets to the ballet.

Rixshaw Inn, 6407 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 851-6400 will host a winemaker's dinner with Scott Harvey, winemaker and owner of Santos and Renwood Winery, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19. The cost is \$40 per person and includes tax and gratuity.

The Water Club Grill, a new restaurant at 9500 Ann Arbor Road, scheduled to open April 22, has named Tommy Keshishian,

executive chef and Jay Fox as general manager.

Keshishian served as a chef with the Italian Cucina Restaurant and also in Farmington Hills, since 1988. He was also a chef with Maxwell's Restaurant in Farmington Hills. A resident of Farmington Hills, he is a graduate of Washtenaw Community College's culinary arts program.

Jenkins, of Livonia, joined the Italian Cucina Restaurant in Plymouth in 1984 as general manager. The Water Club Grill will feature steaks, pasta and some meat specialties.

Merchant of Vines is presenting a special tasting of Robert Kaehler selections with the guest, Robert Kaehler himself, Friday, April 22 at Summit Manor, 15000 Lakeside, \$25 per person includes wine, a round tasting of 10 wines and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Tickets available at all Merchant of Vines stores, including 254 W. Maple, Birmingham 324-9325, Northwestern, Southfield, and 4000 Rochester Road, Troy.

Dynam of Paris at a French Champagne dinner hosted by the Lark, 6450 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield, 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 25-26. The cost is \$97.50 per person, not including tax or gratuity. Call (810) 661-4466 for reservations.

Cayuse aficionados will have an opportunity to sample a wide variety of this delicacy, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at the Golden Mushroom, 18100 West 10 Mile in Southfield. According to supporters, the Golden Mushroom is just more savory than any other restaurant in Michigan. Each sampling will be accented with a different beverage. The cost is \$95

per person, not including tax or gratuity. Call (810) 559-4230 for reservations, information.

Chuck Muir's Meriwether's, 25485 Telegraph, Southfield, is offering buckets brimming with seafood delicacies from the original Charles's Crab menu. Prices range from \$22.95 to \$28.95, additional favorites include Stuffed Lobster Larry, Whole Dungeness Crabs and one pound King and snow-crab legs. For reservations, call (810) 358-1310.

Kerly Wigonak is editor of the Taste and Entertainment sections of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She welcomes your calls and comments.

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"A Midsummer Night's Dream," April 29-30, May 6-7, 13-14 with the CAPA students at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. Call 538-5678 for ticket information.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
"Isn't It Romantic" opens 8 p.m. Friday, May 6 and continues weekends through May 21 at the playhouse in Northville. Call 349-7110 for ticket information.

STAGECRAFTERS
"Jesus Christ Superstar" continues through Sunday, April 17 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Call 541-6430 for tickets.

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"Les Liaisons Dangereuses" opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 29 and continues Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through May 21 at the playhouse, 32332 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington. Call 553-2955 for tickets. This

play includes adult situations, viewer discretion recommended.

HFCO
"Alice in Wonderland," 7 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, April 15-17, 22-24 in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on campus, 6101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Stars Robb Rhone of Redford. Tickets \$3.

VILLAGE PLAYERS
Fifth annual Theatre Arts Ball 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at the Birmingham Community House. The "Country & Western Jamboree and Silent Auction" will feature line dancing (instructors will be on hand), a Country & Western band and the "Village Voices." Tickets \$75 per person are tax deductible. All proceeds will be used for building renovation. Call (810) 643-8084 or (810) 646-0040.

BONSTELLE THEATRE
Murnie Baumer of Garden City appears in Bonstelle Theatre's production of "Charley's Aunt," through April 24 on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturdays, April 15-16, 22-23 and 2 p.m. Sundays April 17 and 24. For tickets, call (313) 577-2960.

PROFESSIONAL

BIRMINGHAM
"The NOT Mikado" continues



Musical: Courtenay Collins stars as Yum-Yum in "The Not Mikado" a satirical musical examining the complexity and absurdity of today's pop culture now playing at the Birmingham Theatre.

through April 24 at the Birmingham Theatre, 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Call 644-3533.

MEADOW BROOK
Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound" opens April 21 and continues through May 15 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Call 377-3300 or 645-6666.

MC MANUS PLAY
"A Fine and Pleasant Misery: The Humor of Patrick F. McManus," a one-man show starring Tim Behrens, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 22-23 at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser

Road, Detroit. Call 645-6666 for tickets.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

SCHOOLCRAFT
Performances by the wind ensemble, community choir, chamber singers, SCool Jazz, and Mat's Midi Band at "Collage" 8 p.m. Saturday, April 23 at Schoolcraft College-Radcliff, 1751 Radcliff Street, Garden City. Call (313) 462-4417 for more information.

CLASSICAL BELLS
Southfield Cultural Arts Concerts in the Garden Series will feature Classical Bells, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at St. Ives Church, 29350 Lahser, north of Twelve Mile Road. The \$7.50 ticket includes a 3 p.m. High Tea. Call 354-4717 for tickets.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Twentieth anniversary concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 23, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 24 at Canton's Plymouth-Salem High School at Joy and Canton Center Roads. Tickets \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Call 455-4080.

CHAMBERWORKS
The Austrian Connection, music from Esterhazy, Salzburg and Vienna, 8 p.m. Friday, April 15 at First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh St., Royal Oak. Call 643-7788 for tickets.

TUESDAY MUSICALE
Family Day featuring the Michigan Flute Orchestra 3 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at Central United

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STELLAR CONCERTS
Detroit Symphony Orchestra pianist Delra Payotian in recital with pianist Maria Meirelles, violinist Patricia McCarty and guest violinist Jennifer Ross, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Call 5597 for tickets.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY
Tokyo String Quartet performs 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Ticket range from \$16 to \$27. Call 646-833-3700. Dinner with music will follow concert at the Whitehorns. Dinner is \$60 which includes a \$25 donation to the Chamber Music Society. Call 362-2623.

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BANJO CONVENTION
April 14-16 at Holiday Inn Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Service Drive at Ford Road, Dearborn. Concerts 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Call 282-6635 or 651-6200 for information. Admission \$5 per person.

LA CASA
Barry and Holly Tashjian, 8 p.m. Friday, April 22 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, N. Woodward at Lone Pine. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, call 646-4950.

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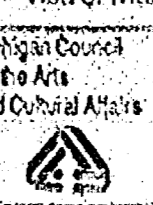
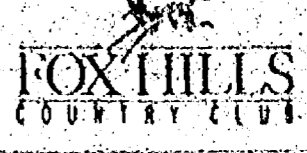
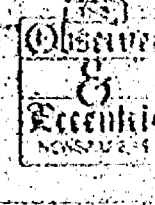
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Cops invade suburban household in comedy

Preview
 The Robbersons... very model of a '90s suburban family...
 Chase, a mild mannered accountant who lives a normal married midwestern life every day. His only hobby is his 100-watt ham millly addicted to TV shows.

PREVIEW

Fax Masterson and Miko Hughes...
 Chase on the trail of a mobster named Ostorn Davis, finds out that the crook is holed up at the suburbs. Taking along his favored movie palates (Gray Fox becomes Ostorn's new moll), staking out the gangster's hideout from the house next door. The trouble is, Jake is being stalked out by Norman, Miko and the three Robberson kids. Is their house a movie set and Jake soon discovers that his 20 years on his hands then just of being a bad guy.

He has to deal with Helen, who...
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Jake also has to contend with a budding romance between his young partner and the Robberson's 15-year-old daughter, Cindy Masterson...
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when the kid thinks of himself as a vampire.

But Jake's biggest problem is Norman. From "Policewoman" to "Hawaii 5-0" to "Highway Patrol," Norman is a walking encyclopedia of detective drama from the past 30 years, able to quote verbatim Sgt. Joe Friday or Kojak and to instantly recall obscure plot lines. Norman's goal is to play "cops and robbers" for real, and he's determined to use all the best TV crime-fighting techniques to help Jake crack the big case.

"I think people in the '90s want to see family pictures," Chase said. "There aren't many movies that will make adults laugh and also keep the kids entertained that aren't salacious or violent. That's the kind of movies I want to make, and that's what this movie is."

Fax Masterson, who plays Cindy, a teenager on the verge of a major hormone explosion, comes from a serious dramatic background in her native England and might seem an odd choice to play an 18-year-old American girl in a comedy film, but "Fax plays this teenage to perfection," said director Michael Ritchie.

"We had a good time making this film," Ritchie said, "and that made for a congenial arena which encouraged the actors to try things with their roles."



Model family: Fax Masterson (left), Miko Hughes, Chevy Chase, Jack Palance, Dianne Wiest and Jason James Richter star in "Cops and Robbersons," a comedy in which a suburban family is thrown into pandemonium when a grizzled cop (Palance) moves into their home during a stakeout.

'White Fang' faces new challenges in adventure sequel

In the classic tradition of Disney family entertainment comes the adventure filled sequel to the 1977 motion picture, White Fang.

Settling in the harsh and unyielding wilds of Alaska takes strength, determination and courage. For White Fang, the brave and spirited half-dog half-wolf, a careful journey down river to civilization turns into an extraordinary encounter with a peaceful

tribe of Native Americans known as the Haida.

Now, an age-old Indian prophecy is about to lead White Fang into a new world of danger and adventure, and he must rely on his sharp, cunning instincts for survival as he risks his life to save these people and his beloved master Henry Casey (Scott Bairstow), and bring the legend of White Wolf to life, in Walt Disney Pictures' new live-action sequel.

PREVIEW

White Fang 2 Myth of the White Wolf

Charisma Craig, Alfred Molina and Geoffrey Lewis also star.

"White Fang 2" is the directorial debut for Ken Olin, star of the television series "thirtysomething." The screenplay was written by David Fallon and produced

by Preston Fischer. The co-producers are Justin Greene and David Fallon. Buena Vista Pictures distributes.

Filmed on location in Aspen, Colo., Vancouver, Squamish, Whistler and Hope, British Columbia, "White Fang 2" evolved from the classic tale by Jack London but introduces a new character, Henry Casey.

Principal photography for the film began in July in Colorado,

where the company shot scenes involving a herd of reindeer at an altitude of more than 10,000 feet. In a remote spot an hour north of Vancouver, a replica of a Haida Indian village was built on the banks of the Squamish River. After consultation with the chiefs of the Squamish nation, an area was chosen that didn't interfere with the native fishing on the river.

Animal trainer Joe Camp and his partner, Tammy Maples, had

their hands full during the shooting with more than 20 dogs, a Kodiak bear, mountain sheep and a raven. There were five dogs playing the role of White Fang and two playing his love interest, Cinnamon. More than 14 other dogs were used, with varying degrees of wolf breeding, to play pack animals in the film.

"White Fang 2 Myth of the White Wolf" is scheduled to open in theaters this week.

UPCOMING MOVIES

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

Opening Friday, April 15
 ■ "Surviving the Game" — A homeless man discovers he has been recruited as a human hunting target and must use his street

smarts and instinct in order to survive.

■ "Serial Mom" — A black comedy about the "perfect suburban family" and the possibility that "Mom" may have segued from car-pooling into serial killing.
 ■ "Night of the Demons 2" — Freddy watch out and Jason

beware — sly, sexy and outrageously campy, Angela, the Queen of the demons is back, and this time she's more evil than ever.

■ "Savage Nights" — Main Art Theatre exclusive. Shocking portrait of reckless youth in the age of AIDS is based on the autobiographical novel by the late Cyril Collard.

Opening Friday, April 22
 ■ "Brainscan" — Teenage boy faces a living nightmare when his playing of an interactive fantasy game might in fact be responsible for real murders.

■ "Chasers" — A couple of "Chasers" (the Navy equivalent of MPs) retrieve an errant enlistee, woman and find themselves well over their heads on an eventful trip back to their base.

■ "Bad Girls" — Four women of the Old West become gunfighters to win back their money, their

rights and their dignity.

■ "The Inkwell" — On Martha's Vineyard circa 1976, a shy black teenager discovers love for the first time while dealing with the emotional and familial conflicts of the era.

■ "Backbeat" — The story of a young rock quintet who came to be known as the Beatles, and fifth member Stuart Sutcliffe's relationship with photographer, Astrid Kirchherr. Opening Friday, April 29.

■ "PCU" — Tom Lawrence is about to get his first lesson in politically correct behavior as a freshman at Port Chester University when he moves into a renegade dorm that sets out to defy the rigid and "correct" behavior of its fellow students.

■ "With Honor" — True story of Harvard University students who befriend a homeless man. Stars Joe Peack.

Reader gives drama, comedy good reviews

Share your comments about any newly released movies with your friends and neighbors on our movie page.

We're interested in hearing from readers of all ages — your comments are important to us. See Heat to Reef for details on how to share your views.

Betty Jean Awrey of Plymouth called with these comments about "Guarding Tess" and "On Deadly Ground."

REEL TO REEL

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

Call Kelly Wagoner, Entertainment Editor, 953-2165, for a comment on newly released movies. If you reach her voice mail, leave your comments, name, city and day time phone number. To fax comments, dial 691-1279. Or write: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 36261 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

"I'll give 'Guarding Tess' a three on a scale of one to four," said Awrey. "Shirley MacLaine was great. The film is comical, but there are some serious parts."

"Guarding Tess" also stars Nicholas Cage and tells the story of Tess Carlisle, the beloved former first lady who is running her secret service detail ragged. Tired of being at the mercy of her imperious will, the young agent (Cage) squares off with her in a clash of wits. The film is rated PG-13: Parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for young children.

Awrey would give "On Deadly Ground" starring Steven Seagal and Jean Chen a 3½. "It's an environmental movie, very action packed with a lot of different scenes," she said. "It's entertaining."

"On Deadly Ground" tells the story of an oil rig worker who joins forces with an Inuit activist in opposition to his former employer's toxic disposal drilling program and finds himself in a battle of survival. The film is rated R (Restricted Under 18 requires an accompanying parent or guardian).

Parents, how do you decide if you'll let your children see a movie? Do you call other parents? Do you agree or disagree with how movies are rated? What movies have you seen lately, and recommend?

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Events cater to film fans

■ Talk Show host David Newman will be autographing copies of his new movie quiz book 3 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at Harvard Books, 6551 N. Wayne, Westland.
 ■ "Let's Talk Movies" at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 26. Go see the movie "In

the Name of the Father" on your own, and join the group to discuss it. For information, call Boris Roby 661-7648.
 ■ Barry Baker will play Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ at the Senate Theatre, 6424 Michigan Ave. in Detroit 7 p.m. Saturday, April 16. Tickets \$10 at the door. Call 894-4100 for information.

White Fang 2
 MYTH OF THE WHITE WOLF

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Prices for the celebration are \$50 per person for the reception, \$20 per person for the seminar, \$100 per person for the gala dinner. A seminar/gala dinner combination ticket will be \$110. A special weekend room rate is also available.

For ticket information, call the Ritz-Carlton at 441-2000.

Drama brings legend of Wyatt Earp to life

Mark F. McPherson introduces "The Last Knight" — the true story of my life and career in the great American West as told by Marshal Wyatt Earp, 8 p.m. Friday, April 15, in the Lila R. Jones Johnson Theater on the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington.

Tickets are \$10 and include hors d'oeuvres by Durango Grill. Call (313) 544-4903. Tickets will also be available at the door, the evening of the performance.

Since his death in 1929, the controversy over Wyatt Earp's character, frontier experiences and career as a famous and somewhat brutal Western gunfighter and lawman has continued.



Staging history: Mark McPherson brings Wyatt Earp to life in an April 15 production at OCC's Royal Oak campus.

Addressing the issue of "who was Wyatt Earp" is McPherson, an actor, playwright and historical investigator.

Portraying Wyatt Earp is McPherson's newest project. He is known locally for his series of other one-character dramas in which he has become such individuals as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Winston Churchill, George Bernard Shaw, and Charles Dickens.

"The Last Knight" will be illustrated with an extensive

BPW program addresses mom, daughter relationship

Learn how to get along better with mom and to appreciate how special she truly is at the April 21 Garden City Business and Professional Women's meeting at Maplewood Community Center in Garden City. The meeting begins 6 p.m. followed by dinner and presentation. The cost is \$10. Call Keely Wygonik, 953-2105, for reservations.

Patti Briggs, director of the Womencenter at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills is the guest speaker. The topic is "Don't Blame Mom."

Before joining the staff at OCC two years ago, Briggs was a counselor at First Stop in Westland, a program that helps abused women.

PREVIEW

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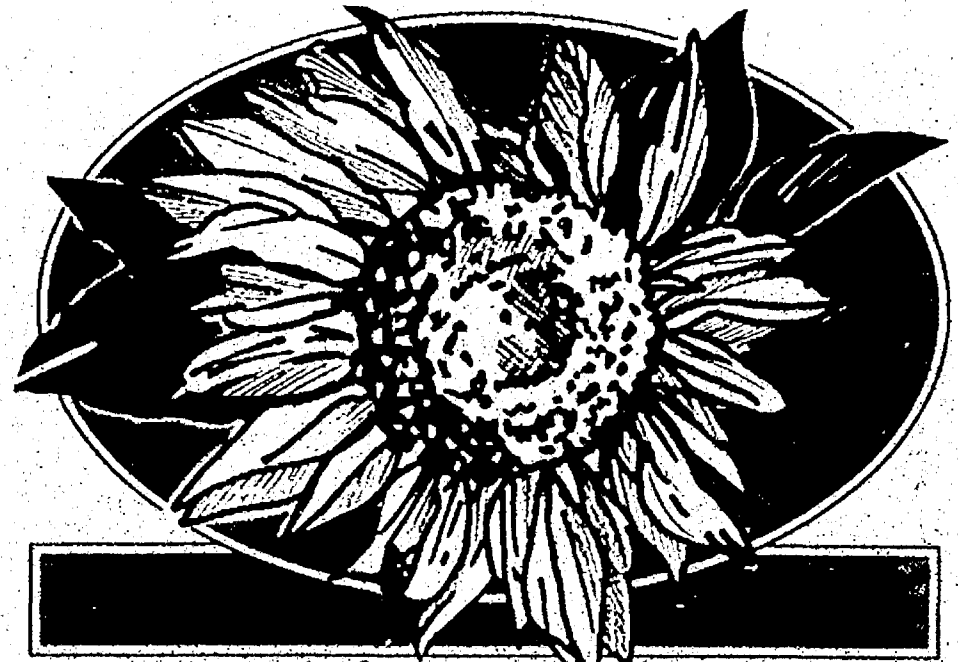
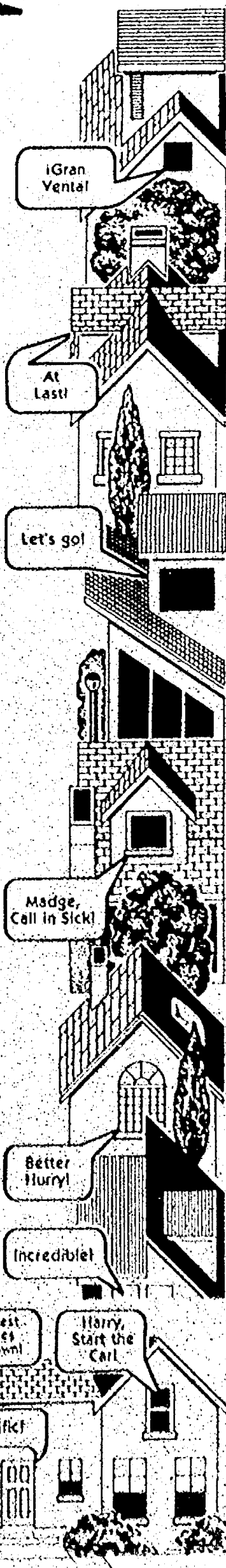
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Ducks in trees seem as incongruous as fish walking, yet both exist. Mud skippers found in Australia and walking catfish introduced into Florida both walk on their front fins across land.

And more than one species of duck or merganser nest in tree hollows. Just the other day my children and I watched a pair of wood ducks exploring the tree tops in our backyard.

Both the male and female landed among the branches and peered into cavities created when branches broke away. Some cavities were too small, some were not deep enough, and some may have been occupied by squirrels.

Female wood ducks may choose a cavity for nesting a mile away from water, if necessary. Typically they prefer nest sites near a lake

or stream, or in a swamp. Most sites are about 30 feet off the ground, but may range anywhere from 5 to 50 feet above the ground.

The opening of the nest cavity must be at least 4 inches across to allow the female to enter. Inside, the opening must be about 5 inches square. An extremely deep cavity is rejected, but a depth of 22 inches is frequently used.

A cavity much deeper than 30 inches would make it very difficult for the young to leave the nest. Only hours after hatching, following a 28-day incubation period, the young climb up the inside wall to the cavity opening. Coaxed by calls from the female on the ground, the young jump from the opening to the ground. Though the opening may be 40-50 feet high, young fall to the ground and often bounce two or three times, shake themselves and then walk toward their mother. Their bones have not completely hardened and this helps prevent breakage.

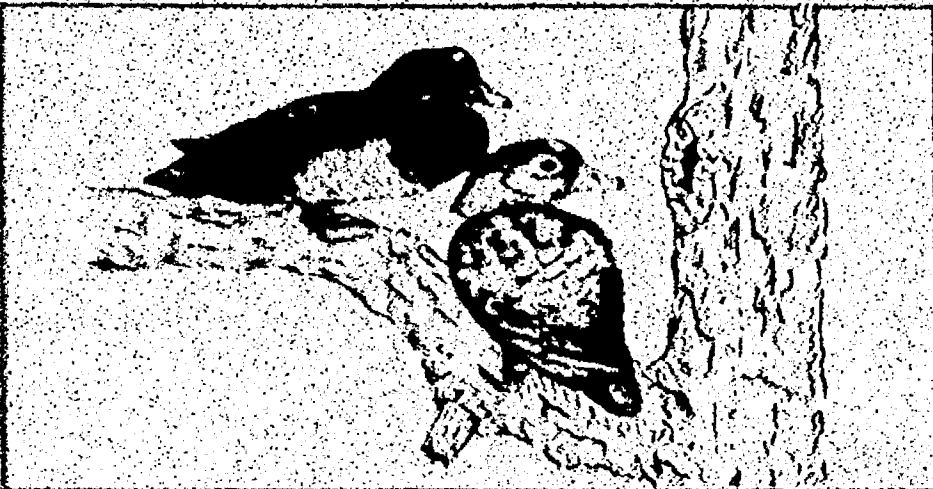
Females then lead their brood

of nine to 12 young to water. There they will learn to eat aquatic plants like duck weed, seeds from sedges, smartweed and others. Frogs, snails, minnows and small salamanders are eaten occasionally.

In summer, adult males will molt their beautiful multi-colored feathers and look much like the gray-colored female. Males in this plumage lack the white ring around the eye found in females.

If you don't have any trees with cavities, try putting up a wood duck box, 24 inches high with a floor size of 10 inches by 18 inches and a four-inch entrance about 14 inches above the floor. Put 2 1/2 inches of small wood chips in the bottom to simulate a natural cavity.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. You may leave him a message using a Touch-Tone phone at 933-2047, mailbox 1571.



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EARTHA DE YAMPERT

Talking helps children deal with violence

Last week, I discussed violence, predominantly on television, at the movies, on video and in music and its impact on children and teens. Briefly mentioned was violence that hits home.

What do you do when a child witnesses horrible violence - beatings, shootings or even a traumatic accident, such as an automobile accident or a drowning? First of all, recognize that violence does have an impact on children. Make-believe TV violence has far less emotional impact than being actually involved in or witnessing it. To witness violence for one child can affect him or her differently than another, but there will be some stress or post-traumatic effect.

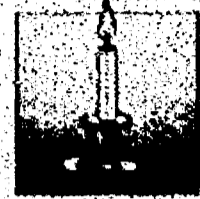
When a child suffers from the trauma of violence which in and of itself is a heavy emotional burden, accompanied by some physical injuries or physical illnesses, patience is essential. Along with patience is a loving, watchful eye of an adult. These are signs to watch for.

(1) Nightmares about the violent event or events. Children experience recurring nightmares about awful tragedies and violence. Being afraid to go to sleep or being left in a room alone is a common sign.

(2) Re-enacting the violent scene through play or drawing pictures. Children's artwork may fre-

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Project keeps church in stitches



Georgia Beckwith has a cardboard box she'd like to fill to the brim by May with clothing that will be sent to Somali refugees living in camps in southeastern Ethiopia.

By SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The box isn't quite running over with stuff, but Georgia Beckwith figures that by the time it's mailed to Ft. Wayne, Ind., in May there will be at least 30 pieces of clothing.

Beckwith, Church Life coordinator at St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Livonia, is leading a drive to sew clothing for 12,500 Somali refugees living in camps in the southeastern border area of Ethiopia.

"We felt we wanted to make the garments for them," Beckwith said. "Some are donating money; we decided to give the gift of time."

Loose-fitting shirts in bright stripes, pants with sashes to hold them up and sheath dresses in wild prints are packed in to the two-foot square box that eventually will be sent to Project Mercy. Five women, including Beckwith, have been making the clothing, using patterns designed specifically for Project Mercy by McCall's.

Making clothing for Project Mercy isn't new to the church. About five years ago, members made shirts for the program after receiving an appeal from its co-founder, Marta Gabre-Tsadick. That time Project Mercy provided the material and eight members of St. Matthew's did the sewing.

This time, Project Mercy is providing the patterns for the shirts, pants and dresses in men's, women's and children's sizes. The seamstresses at St. Matthew's are providing the material. Some use remnants, some use fabrics they have on hand, and some buy the brightly colored fabrics - and donate their talents with a sewing machine.

"Some are more American look-

ing," Beckwith said, pulling a pale green pinstripe shirt and pant set from the box, then snagging a dress to show off. "But we have some with African prints."

Each McCall's pattern comes in three sizes. When Chuck Sondquist, the pastor, asked Beckwith if she could make use of old wedding runners, she was quick to say yes. The runners have been recycled as copies of the original patterns.

The girl's dress takes 1 1/2-2 yards of fabric, women's sizes about 3 1/2 yards, Beckwith said. The men's shirt takes about 2 yards. While the patterns call for elastic waists, volunteers are being told to make sashes instead. Fitted clothing can be uncomfortable in Africa's tropical heat, Beckwith said.

Some of the extra material also has been turned into matching bags.

"They're displaced people who need something to carry their stuff in," Beckwith said.

The sewing project started in November 1993 and Beckwith has used the church bulletin to spur interest. More people inquire about it with each new request for help, but that fades out quickly when they see the patterns. Beckwith believes it is the set-in placket on the shirt that scares tentative volunteers off.

The clothing isn't the only sewing project at the church. Volunteers are also making ABC (At-risk Baby Crib) quilts that are given to the youngest victims of AIDS. In fact, a dedication was held before the church sent 11 handmade quilts and 12 crocheted quilts to the Wellness Network.

"A larger number are working on the AIDS quilts, I guess because

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Colorful: Georgia Beckwith shows off the colorful clothing that has been made for Somali refugees living in Ethiopia.

It pays to plan for D.C.'s 'hostess with the mostest'

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Washington parties look glitzy and overwhelmingly glamorous, but the city's "hostess with the mostest" says they are actually very telling of the politicians and their families.

Washington hostess Allison LaLand told a recent Northville Town Hall audience that her research of past presidents has shown that many hosts were not inconspicuous about their motives.

William Howard Taft, for example, subscribed to the belief that "all guests were not created equal." Using his wife's parties to sway votes, he would serve vintage wines to those who backed him. Everyone else was served a lesser brand, she said.

At other times, the presidents' wives would be the sly ones, LaLand explained. Martha Washington, who was known for not exactly having the most exciting parties, had her finger on the pulse of her guests.

"Her parties were just plain dull but Martha did have the answer to a fairly universal problem," LaLand said. "She knew how to get people to go home."

She would announce that her husband liked to retire at 9 p.m. and she liked to precede him.

LaLand learned these quirks from the White House social files which she was allowed to research in the late 1970s while strengthening her status as a respected hostess. Since then, her regular guests have included Washington social leaders, ambassadors, Cabinet members, White House officials and members of Congress.

Behind the scenes

At the Northville Town Hall luncheon at the Holiday Inn West in Livonia, LaLand shared the history of parties from a behind-the-scenes view.

The United States' third president, Thomas Jefferson, personalized his parties.

"He was a great host; he had a great image. He even had birds flying around and served dinner himself," she said. "He also used a round table because he thought it was undemocratic not to see the faces of the people you were dining with."

During the country's more than 200 years, get-togethers ranged from the lavish to the Jane Ulysses S. Grant and his wife went all out for his friends. His parties featured a 29-course dinner with six wines, LaLand said.

Generally, a period of success was followed by the return to simplicity, she said. Rutherford B. Hayes' wife Lucy was known for her down-home approach. Dubbed "Lemonade Lucy," she organized morning prayers at the White House along with Sunday evening hymn sings.

Lady Bird Johnson followed somewhat in the same vein almost 90 years later. She held the first outdoor barbecue on the White House lawn.



JILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Mostest': Washington hostess Allison LaLand has plenty to say about entertaining in Washington, D.C.

Eleanor Roosevelt also took a casual approach at times, choosing to serve hot dogs to British royalty at one party, LaLand said.

Jackie Kennedy, however, preferred an elegant touch. She cut meals down to four courses to allow time for Shakespearean plays and the ballet.

The wildest parties, perhaps, were thrown by Warren G. Harding. His wife tended bar while her husband played poker with the boys upstairs.

Entertaining goal

LaLand uses this historical trivia in accomplishing her lifelong goal as an entertainer of the Washington elite. Upon moving to Washington via Georgia and California, she was dubbed the "hostess with the mostest."

Her secret recipes and open mind are what has made her successful. At the urging of the audience, she shared a few of her secrets. For example, she once fooled her guests with a non-alcoholic punch that many said made them "tipsy." Her secret in-

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redients? Ginger, ale, soda water, tonic and catalpa juice.

Parties should be planned with everyone's social calendar in mind, she said. In advance of scheduling her parties, she checks with a variety of sources to make sure that there are no major parties within a week's time. Among her sources are the State Department, journalists and friends. She also checks calendars for religious observances.

"One of the secrets to getting important guests is to have the party in a central location," she said, that Washington folks have "too much to do" to drive outside of the city for a party.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, she offered hints on how to hint politely to guests that the hostess would like them to leave.

"Tell them, 'I have a present for you at the door. You can get it on the way out.'"

Or: "My husband wants to play his favorite tune so we can all sing it before you leave," she said to roaring laughter.

She doesn't use those hints, however. Due to scheduling, she rarely has a problem with guests who have worn out their welcome, she said.

"The parties take place during the week. It's considered an extension of the week day. There is a mass exodus at 11 o'clock," she said.

Many of the nearly 100-member audience were curious about how Latana funds her parties. After giggling nervously, she revealed that in her free time she is also a successful real estate agent with Sobky's International Realty. The two careers go hand in hand, she said.

"All these people I feel have become good real estate clients," she said with a laugh.

Latana is also very money-conscious.

"If I am to accept a non-paying role at least I was going to get credit for it," she said.

Although she has hosted a variety of guests, one particular party doesn't stand out in her mind.

"I've enjoyed all of it. At all of them I have had a mix of people from the White House, (however) I have friends from the Hill from both parties."

Tickets are on sale for next year's Northside Town Hall series. Scheduled speakers are Sen. William Proxmire on Oct. 10, pianist Victoria Solonina on Nov. 14, wine connoisseur Michael Ashington-Pickett on March 13, 1995, and NBC correspondent Fred Frates on April 10, 1995. Season tickets are \$60 for the lecture and \$85 for the lecture and luncheon. Both held at the Holiday Inn West, Livonia. For more information call (313) 949-8855.

Writer has serious, thoughtful nature

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Ms. Green, I'm very interested in the area of graphology and I was wondering if you could analyze my writing. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope.

I am a 38-year-old white female. I possess a master's degree in personnel administration and two bachelor degrees in the social science field.

I would greatly appreciate any input regarding my left-handed writing. Thank you for your time.

M.W.,
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with more female influence than male.

Although independent, intelligent and capable, her past continues to have quite an influence on her. She would like new opportunities and to break with the past, but has not been able to free herself from it completely.

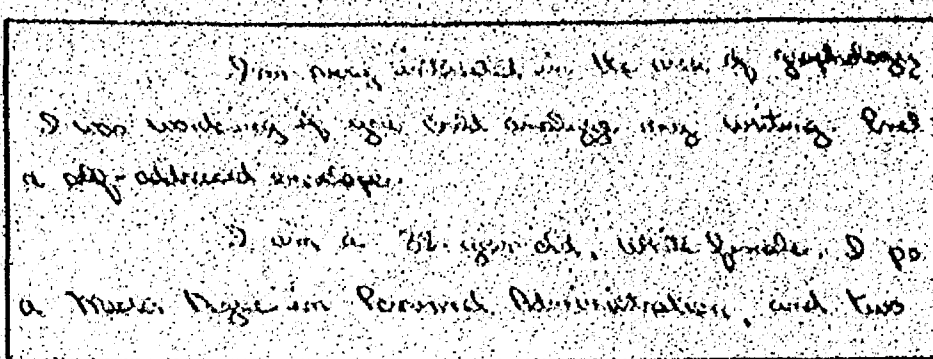
Few people really know this person intimately. She is reserved and reticent about what she is willing to reveal to others. Confidantes probably are few in number.

She places emphasis on a proper code of behavior as she perceives it. Rudeness in others is difficult for her to tolerate.

Let us turn to her spacing, which is a little on the wide side, but quite good otherwise. She maintains distance between herself and others, so she is not easily influenced by another's thinking or actions. She is well-organized and takes on those involvements she can readily complete.

Organizational skills are much in evidence. She is self-directed and functions in an orderly manner. Satisfaction comes from methodical accomplishment.

Time is a precious commodity. She may become impatient with schedules that are wasteful or procedures that lack efficiency. She operates with a sense of pur-



pose and budgets her time so that she gets done as much as possible.

Her desire for efficiency is woven throughout the handwriting. She wants practical information which will help her to attain her purposes as effectively as possible. It is not easy to mislead her. She can cut through red tape to get to the heart of a problem.

Our writer's balliwick would be neat and tidy. She has a place for everything and wants things in their proper place.

Her taste for clothing and interior decorating is probably more on the plain side than fancy or ornate.

Manual dexterity is suggested in her handwriting. She is creative and may have art aptitude. She can probably work well with machines or musical instruments also.

Her giving is carefully calculated. She will usually take care of

her own needs before venturing out and doing for others.

The downslope to many of her lines suggests she was feeling tired or depressed on the day she wrote. However, I would need writing done at other times to see if this is temporary or a pattern.

Our writer enjoys the beauty of nature. With spring beginning to paint its beautiful colors on the flowers, bushes and trees, her spirits should also bloom.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48160. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful and objective feedback is always welcomed. Time does not allow Lorene Green to mail out personal replies.

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quently display sad faces, scenes, disturbing graphic scribbles or more detailed work that highlights violence — scenes of spurting blood, gore or dead people.

(3) Being easily startled and having crying spells.

(4) Distrust of people — even people they trusted in the past or before the violence occurred.

(5) Being afraid of sirens, flashing lights, hospitals and other things related to violence or the incident itself.

(6) Watching more violent television programs as opposed to programs more suitable that were once of interest.

(7) Becoming more aggressive in their play — starting to hit other children or destroy property.

(8) Paranoia — suspicious of other people's actions, their environment, a sudden sound, faint noises, even lack of memory as to where they put things.

When these warning signs continue for more than a week or so after the violent event, it is wise to consult professional help. Children need to talk about what their feelings are in order to get the help they need.

On the other hand, if a child displays no obvious warning signs that help is needed, this also could be a problem. Bottled-up feelings are like a ticking time bomb, ready to explode. The time and place when the emotional explosion will occur is less predictable. Bottled-up feelings can trigger such problems as stomach pains, bedwetting and severe headaches.

Children who witness or are a victim of violence should be persuaded to see that what happened was one incident and that they can feel secure in knowing that the world is pretty much predictable. They should feel free to talk about it over and over again, if they need to.

Young children aren't prepared for violence. Therefore, adults must prepare for them . . .

Usually, their talking about a violent incident is their way of sorting it out in their mind — coming to an understanding that fits into their own scheme of things. They have to sort it out in an age-appropriate manner to bring closure to it and thereby move on.

James Garbarine, author of "Children in Danger," suggests that if a child's home is secure, that's a big plus. The road to recovery from violence is made easier. Young children aren't prepared for violence. Therefore, adults must prepare for them — not in a way that makes a child fearful of the world and/or afraid to explore and interact in his or her environment.

Prepare by teaching children conflict resolution skills early on and encourage them to practice resolving even small problems. Children should be taught good judgment and to trust their good judgment.

Violent tendencies are the deep, dark side of man we care not to witness, or be a part of our lives. Even while living in a world where violence shows its ugly face from time to time, children should know a more peaceful, pleasant face awaits around the corner. Just look and greet accordingly.

If you have a question or comment for Katha DeYampert, call her at 888-2047, mailbox number 1888, or a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48160.

NEW VOICES

TOM and DIANE ACCURSO of Livonia announce the birth of AARON PHILIP Nov. 30 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He has a brother, Brent. Grandparents are Jerome and Gloria Accurso of Taylor, and Philip and Shirley Robinson, also of Taylor. Great-grandmother is Kathleen McHugh of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

EMIL and LAURIE CHOU-

NARD of Canton announce the birth of MARIA ELIZABETH Feb. 13 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

MICHAEL and ZINA TEMPERLEY of Plymouth announce the birth of JENNIFER LYNN MAY Dec. 13 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins sisters Dawn and Mary as well as brother Michael

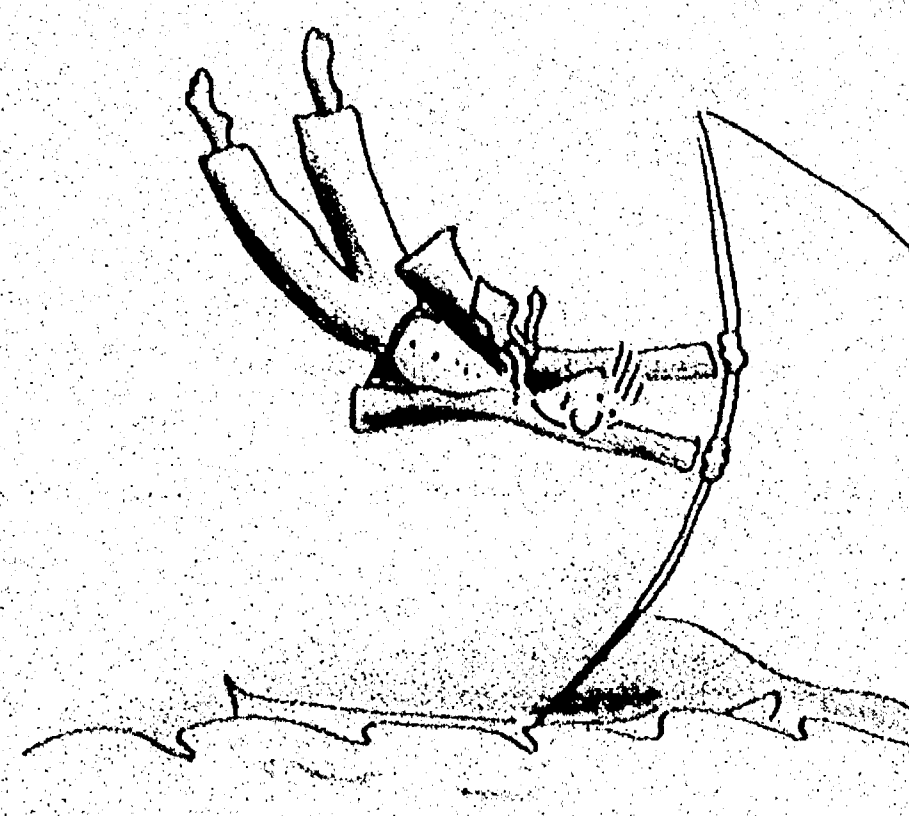
at home. Grandparents are John Young of Canton and Thomas and Marilyn Temperley of Novi.

LAURA and MITCH PARENT of Westland announce the birth of JESSE TYLER RYAN Feb. 14 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has two brothers, Shawn, 7, and Daniel, 3. Grandparents are Marilyn Murphy of Westland, Nancy Parent of West-

land, Rye and Joie Parent of Cedar, and Harvey and Barb Murphy of Eastpointe. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Oldfield of Ellenton, Fla.

CHRIS and KAREN McKEON HOLSTAD, formerly of Plymouth, announce the birth of BENJAMIN LEWIS Feb. 3 in

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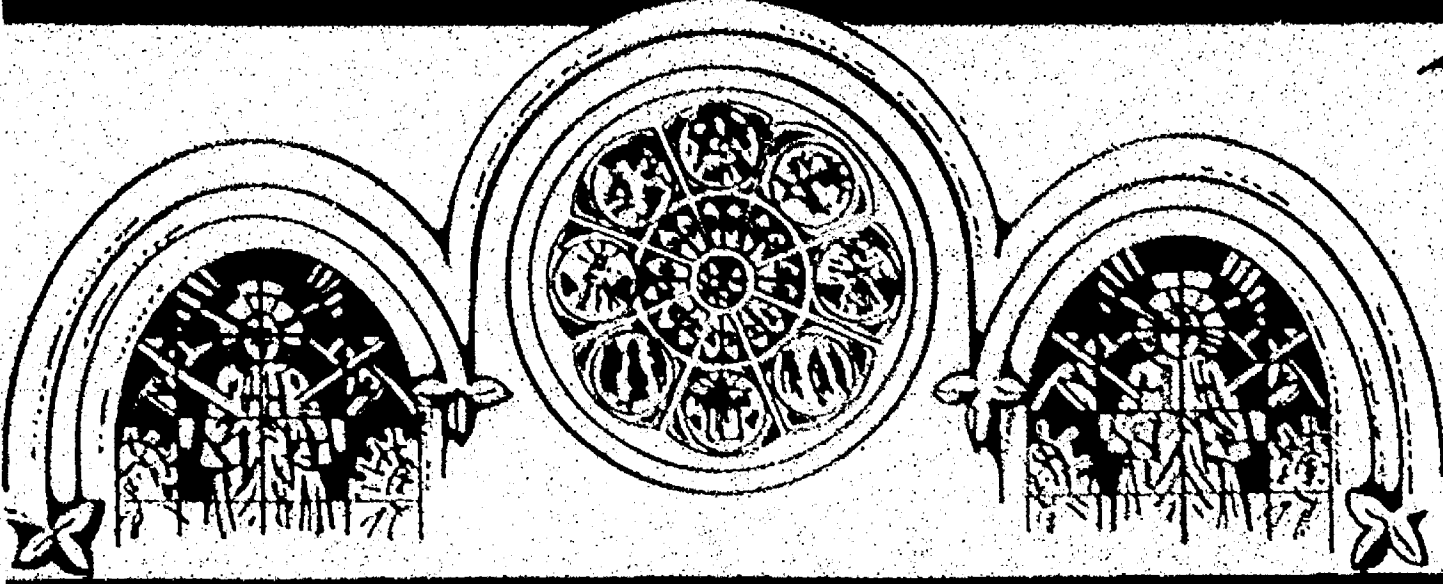
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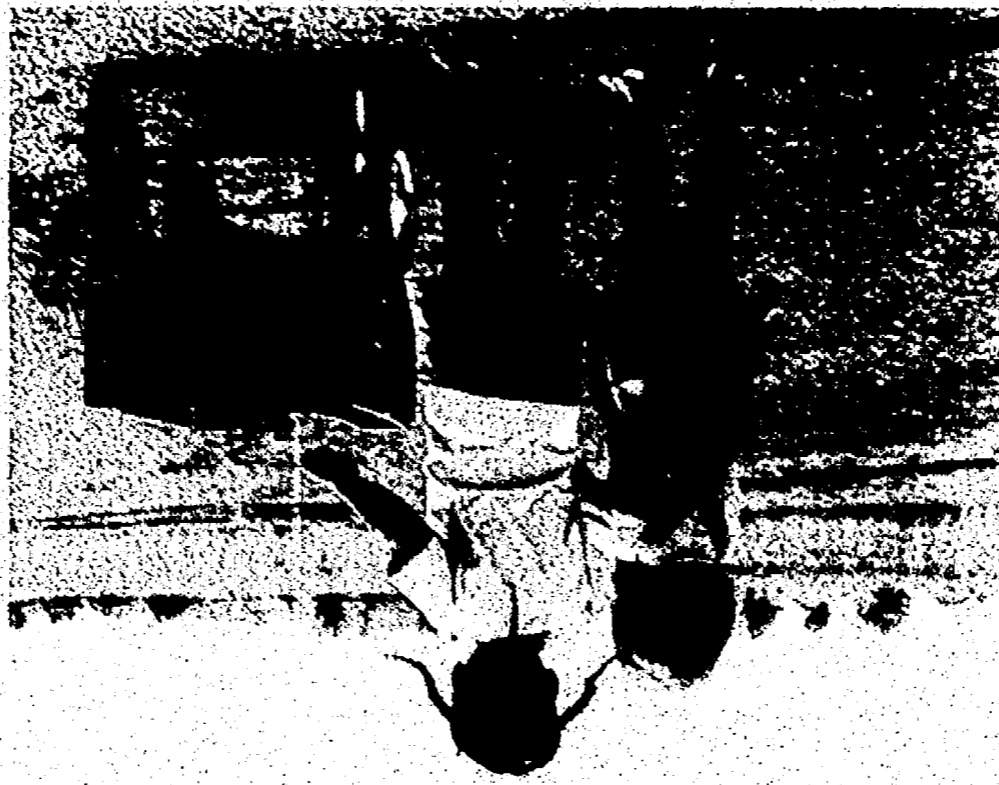
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Traverse City. He joins siblings Andrew, 4, and Erin, 2. Grandparents are James and Shirley McKeon of Plymouth and Louis and Marge Holstad of Traverse City.

GREG and KARYN SCHIOTMAN of Canton announce the birth of ALEC WALTER Jan. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has a brother, Erik, 6.

JACK and TRISTA WILLIAMS of Westland announce the birth of DEVON ALLEN Feb. 26 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has two sisters, Joie and Elyse. Grandparents are Joyce Williams and Ronald Krutzer, all of Shreveport, La.

ROGER and KATHY DOOLEY of Plymouth announce the birth of twin sons JOHN MICHAEL and ERIC THOMAS Dec. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. They have a sister, Brittany, 21 months. Grandparents are Thomas and Pat Dooley of Plymouth and Edgar Birmehmer of Ann Arbor and the late Annie Birmehmer.

JERRY and JUANITA KURKICHIAN of Plymouth announce the birth of MORGAN ELIZABETH Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 30, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are John and Betty Mason of West Bloomfield and Ed and Evelyn Kurkichian of New Port Richey, Fla.

DONALD and DENISE LYNN of Garden City announce the birth of ASHLEY MARIE Feb. 6 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Jimmie and Constance Lynn

of Wayne and Earl and Jean Kent of Westland.

SCOTT and DEBBIE GREFFE of Garden City announce the birth of RACHEL LEFITA Feb. 7. Grandparents are Mathew and Connie Latch of Wayne and Bruce and Sue Greffe of Ormond Beach, Fla., formerly of Garden City. Great-grandparents are Clare and LeFitta (Pinky) Bierbaum of Westland, Martin and Rose Latch of Dear-

born and John Baumert of Florida.

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DON and PATTI MULLINS

of Bloomington, Ind., announce the birth of CONNER PATRICK Jan. 22 at Bloomington Hospital in Bloomington. He has two sisters, Kristin, 8, and Katie, 6. Grandparents are Robert and Eleanor Mullins of Garden City and Bernard and Patricia Clark of Harbor Springs, Mich.

JOHN and JILL HAR-

GROVE of Milan announce the birth of ANNA KATHERINE Feb. 6 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are James and Marilyn Broome of Redford.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES PAUL BERTRAM of Redford announce the birth of CHARLES

JERNER Feb. 25 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandmother is Dorothy L. Bertram.

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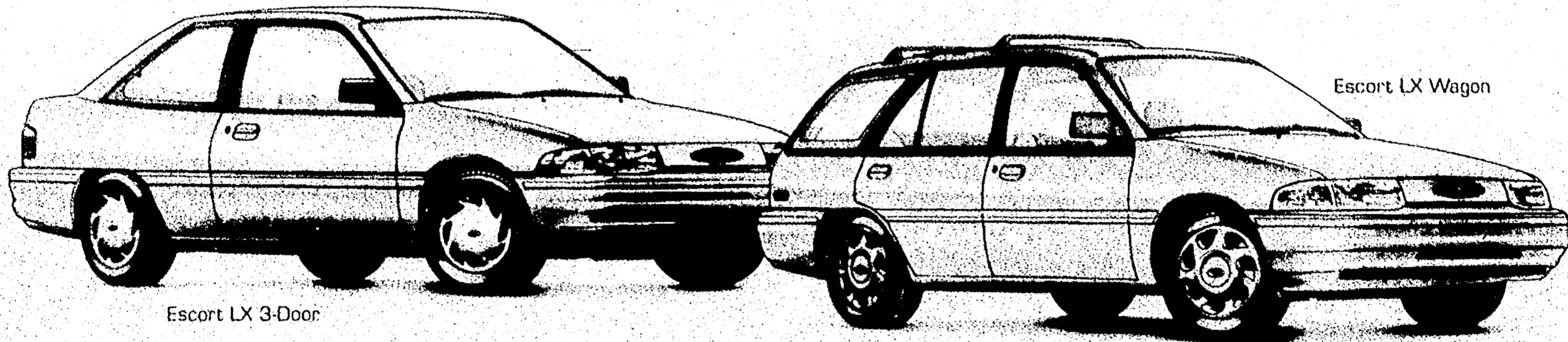
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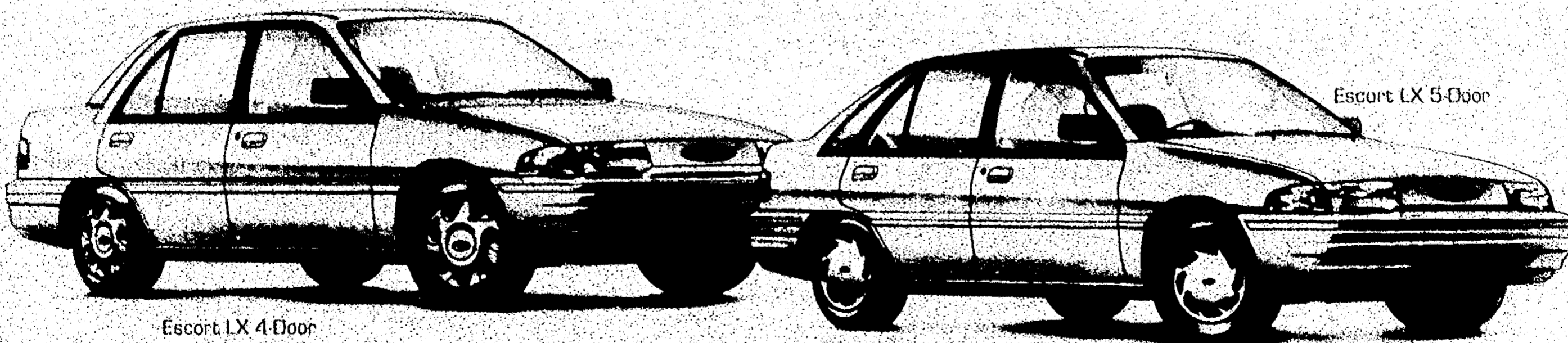
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GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Easter lily: It's not just holiday bloom

The Easter lily (*Lilium longiflorum*) is the classic symbol of the Easter season with its stately demeanor and white blooms. Perhaps this beauty graced your home for the occasion and now you want to keep it in good condition until time to move it outdoors.

To prolong the bloom, keep it in a cool room in low light (reading level) and out of drafts and keep the soil evenly moist - don't let it set in a saucer of water. If you remove the pollen-bearing, yellow anthers as the flowers open, they won't decline so readily.

After the flowering, place the plant in a bright window (indirect sun) and continue to care for it with regular watering, then begin light applications of fertilizer. Continue until the foliage yellows.

You may then wish to plant the bulb outside where it will flower every summer, or leave it in the pot and set it outside, then bring it back indoors in late November. Be sure to guard against an early freeze. High light and warmth will force it to flower again.

Garden reference

Because April is National Gardening Month, here is a year's supply of garden tips for you to save for future reference.

January: Fertilize houseplants with a liquid fertilizer when they begin showing new growth. Turn them to the light for even growth and pinch back wayward branches to keep them in shape.

February: When planning a garden, decide first what its purpose will be - beauty, entertaining, play, etc. Determine how much maintenance will be required and who will do it. Also, whom are you pleasing?

March: To keep houseplants watered when vacationing, place a block of floral oasis in a container such as a baking dish. Add water to just below the top edge of the block. Push the plant pot into the foam for good contact, so that the water can then be transferred to the soil in the pot.

April: Before planting wildflower seeds, put them in the freezer for a day or two, thaw for a day and repeat a few times just before planting, to improve the germination rate.

May: When selecting plants at a nursery, choose those that are compact and not yet flowering. For tall growing perennials, put the support in at planting time.

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MARTY FIGLEY

Spring sight: Easter lilies are a stately symbol of the season.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

View the honored photography of Monte Nagler and Tony Spina in the Livonia Civic Center Library's Expo Art Gallery.

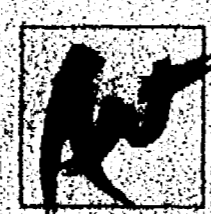
Victoria Diaz's Book Break column.

Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.



Garden of Love: Peter Paul Rubens painted this 9-foot-wide canvas on oil in celebration of his marriage to Helene Fourment. The concept for a garden full of young lovers dates back to medieval times and the elaborate precepts of aristocratic courting.

'The Age of Rubens': a visual treat



Observerland artists praise the Dutch old masters whose paintings comprise a major touring exhibition. Organized by the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the exhibition continues to April 24 at the Toledo Museum of Art.

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

The Age of Rubens, a magnificent exhibition of more than 100 paintings by 17th-century artist Peter Paul Rubens and 57 of his colleagues and collaborators, resurrects the golden age of Flemish Baroque painting through April 24 at the Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe.

"It's a fantastic survey of Dutch painting. It really is a visual treat. It gives you an idea of what Dutch homes might have looked like in the 1600s. There's kind of an aristocratic flavor, the content," said Redford Township artist Sergio De Giusti after viewing the exhibition.

He should know. De Giusti taught art history at Wayne State University, sculpture at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and life drawing at the University of

Michigan and Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association.

"The majority of them were paintings to decorate opulent homes. The paintings are truly formalist, clearly defined, not a lot of turmoil in the work."

This exhibition is the first comprehensive survey of Flemish Baroque painting in the United States.

Splendid modeling of musculature on Rubens' male figures, the luminous flesh and beauty of his women and energetic nature of his dogs invite visitors to linger while viewing the monumental assemblage of works that tell a tale of life in an era colored by dramatic political, social and artistic development in Northern Europe.

"It really is an outstanding view of Flemish paintings. Anyone who enjoys painting is going to enjoy this exhibition," said Ralph Glenn

of Bloomfield Hills, Art Department chairman at Madonna University, Livonia.

Organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, "The Age of Rubens" pulls together paintings from more than 70 major museums and private collections around the world. Focusing on the painters of Flanders (Belgium) in the 1600s, it features 27 major paintings by Rubens, also works by his pupils Anthony van Dyck and Jacob Jordaens as well as collaborators, Jan Brueghel the Elder and Frans Snyders.

Figures and animal paintings dealing with mythological and religious themes, portraits, genre scenes, landscapes and still lifes rendered lush in rich oils fill 11 of the museum's refurbished west-wing galleries.

"There was a great head of Medusa with snakes. There's a lot of bar scenes that are exciting. Near the end of the exhibition what they did was take down the permanent collection and install it in one gallery," said the Italian-born sculptor, who earned bachelor's and master's of fine arts degrees at Wayne State University.

"It looks like a great salon, where they would exhibit hundreds and hundreds of paintings. It's wall-to-wall paintings from their private collection."

This is the first time some of the paintings including Rubens' "The Garden of Love" from the Museo del Prado in Madrid have crossed the Atlantic. Rubens painted this 9-foot-wide work in honor of his marriage at the age of 53 to the 16-year-old Helene Fourment in 1630 after the death of his first wife, Isabella Brandt, four years before.

Born in Siegen, Germany, Rubens (1577-1640) returned to his mother's native Antwerp after the death of his father in 1587. In later years, he was known as a well-traveled man of many talents. Master of five languages, he played an active role in political affairs due to the fact his art allowed him entrance to high places. Kings and princes treasured his diplomacy skills as Rubens worked to bring peace on behalf of his homelands, the Spanish Netherlands.

However, Rubens is best remembered for creating one of the

See RUBENS, 2D

Redford sculptor gives art to Italian consulate

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

After two years of collaboration with the consul of Italy in Detroit and miles of Italian red tape, Sergio De Giusti of Redford Township finally realized a dream.

The Italian-born sculptor's gift of three hydrostone reliefs and a charcoal drawing to the Italian consulate were unveiled at a reception Feb. 11.

On hand for the ceremony honor-

ing De Giusti's contributions were: Giuseppe Mistretta, Italian consul in Detroit; Stefano Stefanini, consul for the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C.; and Timothy Nasso, public affairs director, along with a host of other dignitaries.

"We're excited about getting this under way," said Nasso of Royal Oak before the reception in the Buhl Building.

"It's the first Italian works of art done by not just a local artist, but by

a local Italian artist given to the Italian government ministry of foreign affairs. There's no way we would have been able to do that. We worked to land a combination of classical and contemporary elements to the recently renovated conference room where the art is installed."

Through the Italian consulate offices, Mistretta says, he hopes to bridge the Old World with the new. De Giusti's artworks, together with

the contemporary furnishings, unite the past, present and future of the Italian community in the Detroit area.

"When we expanded the consulate, we had a conversation. We wanted to put something of value in this room, to have significance. Nothing could be more significant than having pieces by an Italian artist, to put bureaucracy with art

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GLASS AN ART

Judy Shellhaas of Plymouth will team with Bonnie Clark of Dearborn to present a variety of stained glass styles as part of Michigan Glass Month during April at the Michigan Guild Gallery, 118 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call (313) 692-0339 for information. Shellhaas' specialty is combining stained glass with carnel wood. Her original media being wood. She has taught wood carving classes since 1974 at various places, including

Art Beat

Greenfield Village in Dearborn. She only recently began to add stained glass for additional color to her carvings.

Among the pieces she is displaying is the prototype of the Christmas tree ornament she made for the White House's display commemorating 1993 as the Year of the American Craft.

Clark is a more traditional stained glass artist who likes to use a variety of kinds of glass in her work. She has an exhibition a number of small stained glass objects in the gallery including boxes, a kaleidoscope, and two dimensional panels.

The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans is a national non-profit arts organization that sponsors the Ann Arbor summer Art Fair.

ART ON DISPLAY

Visual Arts Association of Livonia will host its spring art exhibit of member artwork May 1-27 in the Livonia City Hall lobby, Farmington Road and Five Mile. There's no admission charge.

A reception to meet the artists will take place 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

Judge Nancy Thayer will judge the works tonight. The Livonia Cultural League, the city of Livonia and the Livonia Arts Commission are co-sponsoring the show.

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EXHIBITIONS

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PLYMOUTH FRAMEWORKS Continuing — An exhibit features contemporary artist Barbara Wood. "An artist who communicates with the viewer" and "emotional energy" are descriptions of Wood and her work.

April, Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 833 Pennington, Plymouth, (313) 459-3355.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY FINE ARTS GALLERY Continuing — Livonia Arts commission features photography by two internationally award-winning photographers, Monte Nagler of Farmington Hills and Tony Spina of Bloomfield Hills.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY SHOWCASES Continuing — Livonia Arts Commission will present stained glass in contemporary and art deco style by Royal Oak artist Marsha Filipiak to April 29 in the second-floor showcases of the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY Continuing — Artifacts Art Club mixed media exhibition of fine art to April 29 in the lobby of the city hall, Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

CREATIVE FRAMEWORKS Signing — Detroit artist William Moss, whose works focus on Michigan traditions like Olympia Stadium, Briggs Stadium, Detroit City Hall, Bob-Lo Dock, Edmond Fitzgerald, Rose Terrace will sign limited-edition prints 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 853 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

JEAN PAUL SLUSSER GALLERY Thursday, April 14 — A bachelor of fine arts exhibit by Liz Davis, Moneka Hewlett, Elizabeth Wilson, Christine Delroario, Carolyn Lawrence, Nicole Daiguant, Lisa Taffe and Jennifer Bonin continues to April 15, opening reception 7 p.m. Thursday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday in the University of Michigan Art and Architecture Building in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 764-0397.

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM Friday, April 15 — Student Degree Show I will take place April 16-24, featuring work by 31 artists from the departments of metalworking, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Members' reception 5-7 p.m. Friday. The shows are annual exhibitions of work by current candidates for master of architecture or master of fine art degrees at the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

ARTFUL GARDEN Friday-Sunday, April 15-16 — A show emphasizing artistic design in outdoor living is presented by the Association for Retinopathy of Prematurity and Related Diseases. Seventeen Michigan artists will exhibit and sell works in garden settings built by landscape architects and engineers.

Maple Place Woods Condominium Clubhouse Sunday, April 17 — An exclusive showing of art by Zinovy Leyzeruk will take place 1-5 p.m. Sunday in the clubhouse at 7923 Woodlingham, east of Haggerty and between 14 Mile and Maple in West Bloomfield. Leyzeruk was born in 1937 in the Ukraine and worked as an artist and designer of the theater. He emigrated to Israel in 1990.

WOODS GALLERY Saturday, April 16 — "Glass: Form and Function," the gallery's 1994 Michigan Glass Month exhibit, continues to April 30. Reception to meet the artists 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. The exhibit highlights some wonderful varieties in which glass artists exercise their medium, from artistic vases to sofa tables.

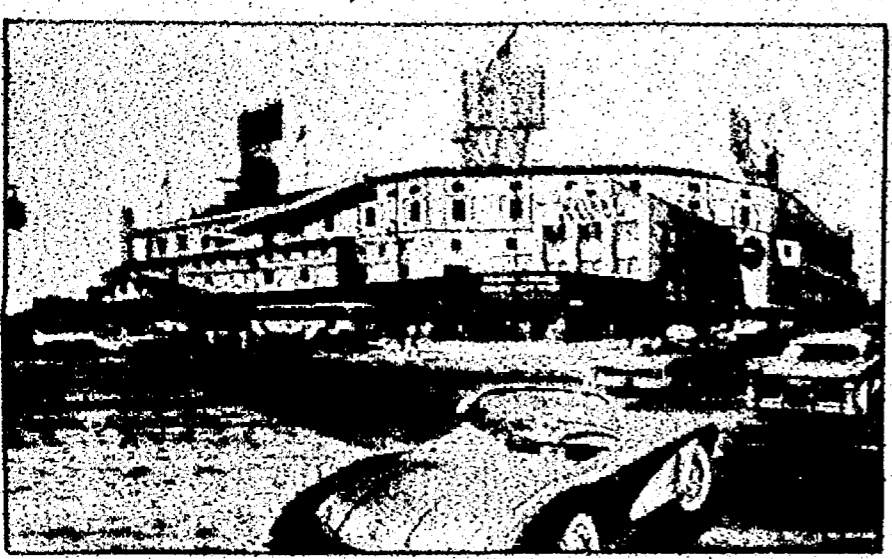
GROOVE GALLERY Friday, April 15 — An art exhibit by Will Pugsley will continue to May 14. Tax-free tea party and opening to meet the artist 6 p.m. Friday. Pugsley's art is emotionally charged. Each piece is expressionistic and deals with human roles in life.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Saturday-Sunday, April 16-17 — "Art of the American Indian Frontier: The Chandler-Pohrt Collection" continues through June 26 at 5200 Woodward. Related events in Lecture Hall include a symposium on American Indian art traditions 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and a lecture and slide presentation, "The Collector Speaks: Recalling the Roots of Chandler-Pohrt," 2 p.m. Sunday.

RACKHAM GALLERIES Saturday, April 16 — A Medical Illustration Exhibition by masters of fine arts candidates Michael Austin, Matthew Bohan, Lisa Petkun and Tanya Leonello continues to April 18 at 915 E. Washington in Ann Arbor. Opening reception 5 p.m. Saturday. Call (313) 764-0397 for information.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY Through April 14 — "Feast of Freedom," an acclaimed exhibit of Passover ritual items from around the world, continues on the main level of the gallery. Also, "Written with Light," a one-man exhibit highlighting Eric Freedman's innovative color photographs of Israel, continues on the upper level of the gallery. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield, (810) 661-7642. Accommodations upon request for the vision and hearing impaired.

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Memories: Artist William Moss' circa 1959 lithograph of Briggs Stadium is among the landmarks in his "Detroit Traditions" collection of limited-edition prints.

Detroit artist at Plymouth gallery

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
Local historians and art buffs call William Moss the "artist of Detroit." His detailed lithographs — Briggs Stadium, Detroit City Hall, Michigan Central Depot and the like — show the city he remembers as a youth. The native Detroitier will sign his colorful, limited-edition prints 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Creative Framing, 853 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. The artist, who has relocated to Tennessee, grew up on Detroit's east side in the 1940s. He says his affection for Detroit, its skyline and architecture began during his daily ride to Cass Technical High School. His works, as detailed as architectural renderings, are the result of keen observation, fond memories and historical research, said Christine Burke, Creative Framing co-owner. "I can't wait to meet him," Burke said. "I grew up in Detroit and know all of the places he did. I think it'll be interesting for customers who know Detroit to meet and talk to this artist." Custom Framing sells 12 of Moss' limited prints, among them, Olympia Stadium, Edmond Fitzgerald, Detroit's Traditions, Detroit's Holiday Traditions, Detroit City Hall, City of the Straits, Briggs Stadium, Michigan Central Depot, Detroit's Riverfront Memories and Delphine. The price range is \$80 to \$150; museum framing runs around \$175, Burke said. Two prints come with a bonus: Detroit Traditions, a 1954 print of a riverfront dock and downtown street, comes with a Bob-Lo T-shirt. Delphine, a boat docked at Rose Terrace off Dodge mansion, comes with a tape describing the estate. Burke and partner Pat Korona generally don't speculate about art, but they think the demand for Briggs Stadium, a 1959 print of Tiger Stadium at Michigan and Trumbull, will increase if the ball field is replaced. Moss is the second artist to visit the Plymouth shop this year. Kathy Jacobsen, a contemporary folk artist from Connecticut, signed a whopping 1,350 prints of downtown Plymouth's ice festival during her eight-hour stopover in January.

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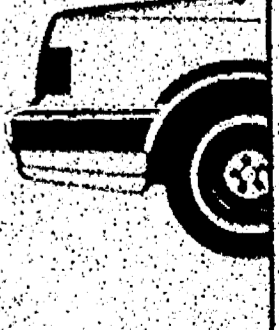


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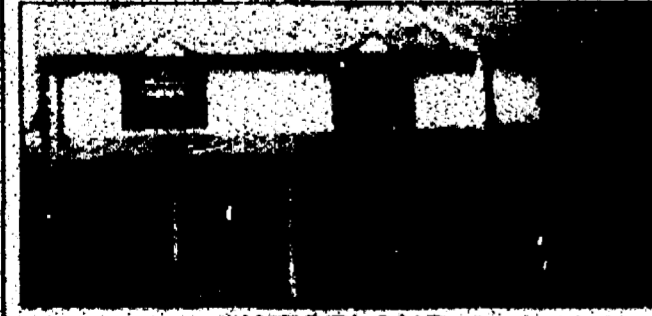
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BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary -- including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired -- to: Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Blaine M. Moloney of Auburn Hills was named corporate counsel for Lawyers Title Insurance Corp.'s national division in Troy. Her primary responsibility is the commercial division.



Moloney

Terry Reese of Canton was named director of operations for McDonald's Detroit region. He joined the fast-food restaurant chain in 1973 and most recently was staff director at McDonald's headquarters in Oakbrook, Ill.



Reese

Terrence E. Keating, an attorney from Bloomfield Hills, joined Michigan National Corp., Farmington Hills, as vice president, personal trust business development. He previously specialized in estate planning and employee benefit plans for a Detroit law firm.



Keating

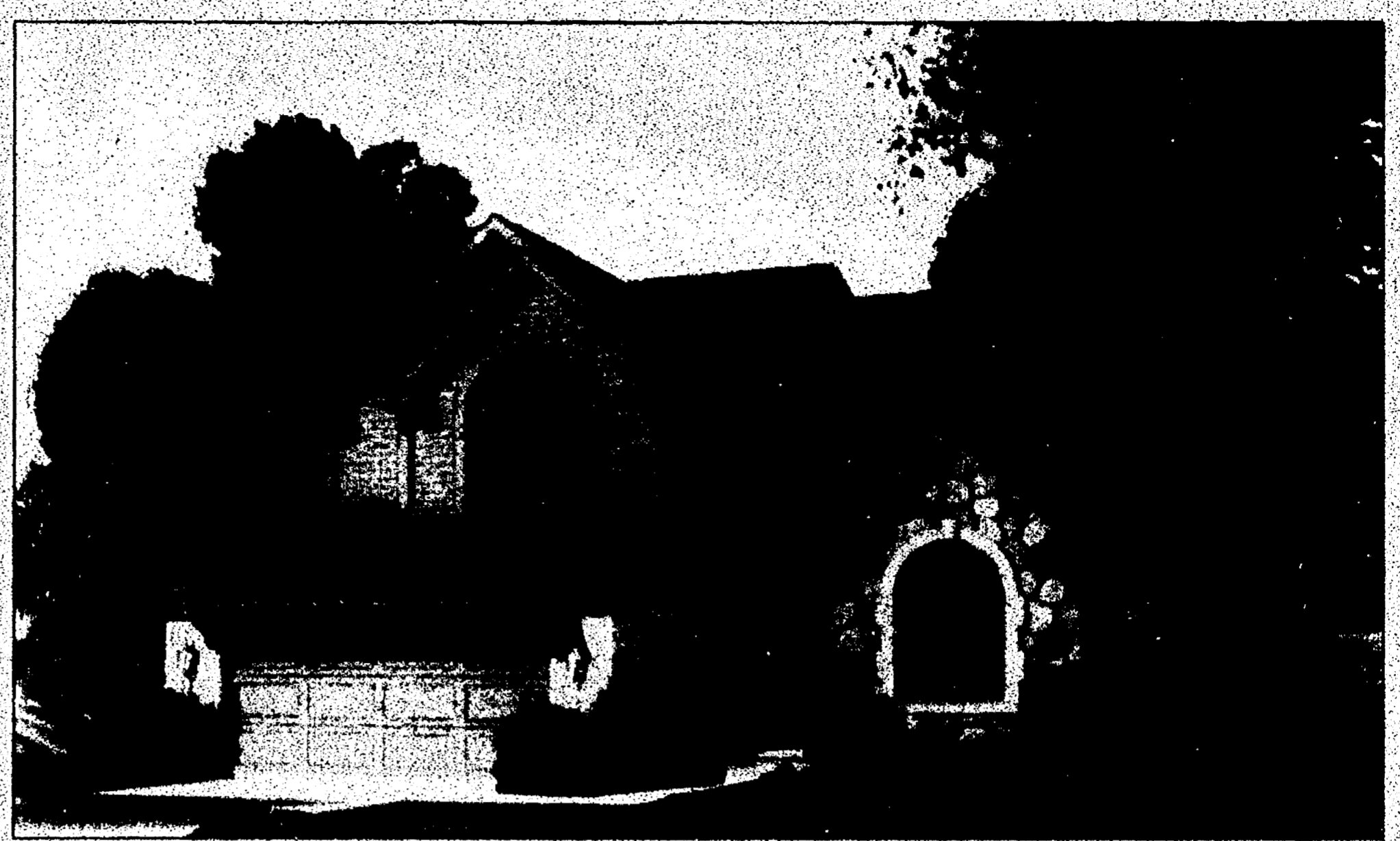
Lawyers Title Insurance Corp., Troy, elected Linda E. Lakatos of Troy vice president-national division manager. She joined Lawyers in 1983 as a sales representative in Dayton, Ohio.



Lakatos

Richard R. Wilson was elected vice president and secretary of the board of directors for Cable Access Management, Troy. The Waterford resident

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The Essex: This model, a three-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath colonial, is expected to be the choice of many buyers at Heritage Village.

Heritage Village lures: location, price



Two Southfield builders have combined to provide what they say is a tremendous opportunity for families looking for a new house -- Farmington Hills for less than \$170,000. A quality school system and access to shopping are major attractions.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Kaftan Enterprises, more widely known for involvement in the apartment field, and Richter-Rosin, a second-generation residential building company, have joined forces to create Heritage Village in Farmington Hills.

Work already has begun on the initial phase, 48 houses off Drake Road, north of Grand River. The subdivision is nestled between Hillside Estate Condominiums and Farmington Research & Industrial Center. It backs up to Heritage Park.

"Location and price -- you can't

beat it," said Dennis Yashinsky, partner at Richter-Rosin.

Kaftan developed the parcel. The two companies will build for buyers on a rotation basis.

"I envision a family-oriented development, although we do have a lot of empty-nesters looking," said Mel Kaftan.

Six models are available, ranging from a two-bedroom, two-bath ranch of 1,360 square feet priced at \$149,900 to a four-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath colonial of 1,900 square feet at \$164,900.

The most expensive model, the

Essex, also expected to be one of the most popular sellers, is a 1,800-square-foot colonial with three bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths priced at \$169,900.

The Essex features a two-story foyer, nine-foot ceilings, a living room/dining room combination and a kitchen/breakfast nook that opens to a family room.

Upstairs, the master bedroom contains a cathedral ceiling and its own bath. The two other bedrooms share a bath.

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Entrepreneurial spirit succeeds

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Mark A. Taylor perceived himself as a master salesman blocked from corporate advancement by his relative youthful age.

He continued to work hard for several years, then channeled his unhappiness into action. Taylor and his wife, Vera Angelico, started their own company customizing and selling computerized shipping systems.

It was a struggle at first. But now, nearly 4 1/2 years later, EVCOR, headquartered in Plymouth Township, has topped the \$1 million mark in annual sales while employing 10.

"This is beyond my wildest dreams," said Taylor, 38, who isn't about to rest on his laurels. Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview.

What exactly is EVCOR?

Taylor: The way I would explain it is computer shipping systems. Our niche has been integrating our system into existing business platforms.

It's like a franchise, with no rules to follow. There are 18 EVCOR owners with 34 offices around the U.S. We all have our own corporations. We pool a portion of our sales for national advertising, trade shows. We're a buying group. It's a network.

We have a computer software development firm that writes a basic program for all our offices. It's a separate company we have an exclusive contractual relationship with.

How do your financials look?

Taylor: According to my CPA, we paid all our bills and the federal government. We started on a shoestring and provided for all our growth internally.

Last year, we had sales between \$1 million and \$1.6 million, about \$1.2 million. At the end of the year, we had 6 percent left over. I think that's good.

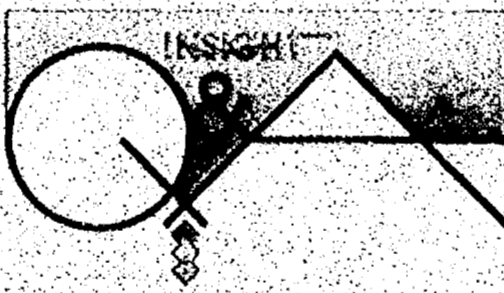
Our aim is to grow 60 percent this year. Last year, we grew 33 percent.

How did you happen to link up with EVCOR?

Taylor: I was working for Pitney

Bowes at a trade show in Chicago. I'm standing and looking at 10 or 12 people at a little booth and wondering, "What does he have?" It was computerized shipping systems, really high tech compared to what we had. I thought, "They'd kill us in Detroit." I started talking with the rep, he saw that I worked for Pitney

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Simplifying shipping: Mark A. Taylor has established a company that designs and sells computerized shipping systems.

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All models have several different elevations. Standard material is brick belt line, then vinyl siding. However, brick and fieldstone upgrades are available.

"What's exciting here is it's Farmington Hills, we have 100 lots and it's custom houses at affordable prices," basically," Yashinsky said. "It's accessible to everything. Twelve Oaks is a couple minutes away, expressways, schools."

"The developer thought, so much of it, he took half for himself. He's honest, hard working. He does what he says he'll do. When we had the opportunity to do business with him, we jumped at it," Yashinsky said.

"We have a Farmington Hills address, Farmington Hills schools and we're priced from \$150,000 to \$170,000," Kaftan said. "That's what sets us apart. There are a lot of lovely areas in Farmington Hills with the same amenities, but they're over \$200,000."

"We're offering homes at a price you'd have to move 20 miles away to get," Yashinsky said.

Kaftan shields Heritage Village from the research/industrial park to the south with a large berm, a wooden fence and pine trees.

"We'll do custom building for people if they want changes," said Jim Rosin.

"We're going to be doing side-walks in here," Yashinsky said. "We want to create a neighborhood. Most people we talk to have children."

Standard features in all the models at Heritage Village include two-car garage, basement, first-floor laundry, and range, dishwasher and garbage disposal.

"We meet with every single customer who buys in this subdivision," Rosin said. "We give them the same amount of attention personally in details as we do in our 3,500-square-foot houses."

Dana and Janet Wald will move into a three-bedroom colonial from an apartment in Farmington Hills.

"My wife wanted a new house. I wanted to be closer in, Livonia or the Farmington area, rather than Canton," Dana said. "This subdivision was priced in our price range. The builder had a quality reputation. This was a good deal."

The Walds were especially attracted by the floor plan — the dining room/living room on one

side of the foyer, the kitchen/eating nook on the other side flowing into the family room — and the spaciousness of the bedrooms.

"I was surprised to find such a good location," Dana said. "The subdivision backs up to Heritage Park. I'm a runner and I've run it a few times. I'll be able to get in pretty easy."

Glenn and Kim Greff are buying an Essex, their first new house.

"It's more open, has nine-foot ceilings, a lot of big windows," Glenn said. "You get a lot of light. I really like the Farmington Hills area," he said. "We started

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Bowes and he asked if I had ever decided to go into business for myself.

And then? Taylor: I began to research them, saw the technology was a lot more advanced.

Why were you unhappy with where you were?

Taylor: I worked for Pitney Bowes since '78. I was in the top 5 percent in the country in terms of field sales. I had been in the top 5 percent as an area manager. I was the first guy to do it both ways.

I didn't get promoted. I think it was my age. Everyone in my position was in their 40s and 50s. What Pitney Bowes was at that time was an old boys' club.

During that time frame, I was reflecting what I wanted to do with my life. I was disappointed, frustrated, resigned.

I visited a friend in New York and met Dr. Aurora Callicot. She coached me into having the courage to open my business.

Was it an easy decision?

Taylor: I talked it over with my wife. She was working in an architecture office. We didn't have a nest egg saved up. We were in our middle 30s. I went to four or five banks, the Small Business Administration, SCORE. They all said, "We don't provide venture capital."

Dr. Callicot said, "Just do it. So you did?"

Taylor: We quit at the same time. We took every dime we had in the bank, everything, to become part of the (EVCOR) network. It was over \$10,000. I had my computer and a piece of dem-

onstrator software and brochures.

Verba was going to answer the phone all day, beep me prospects, type proposals. I'm doing cold calls, direct mailing. I'm talking to anyone who would talk to me. Finally, I found a couple people interested and got a few sales.

I would think that most companies of any size would already have their shipping department computerized.

Taylor: In the shipping area of a company, you have blue-collar people there, high school grads. A lot of time people don't want to pay attention to it. It's hot, dirty, not as glamorous.

We're right in the middle of a transition now. At first, the biggest objection was it was too complicated that no one would use it. We'd have to design it so easy, anyone could walk up and use it.

What's the savings with a computerized shipping system?

Martin: Every time you scan a parcel, an invoice is created immediately. Inventory is relieved immediately. A (shipping) label comes out with all the bar codes. Through rate shopping, what

the system can do is increase profit. You're affecting cash flow. Who do you sell now?

Taylor: Our clients are mostly in manufacturing and distributing. They ship out at least 50 packages a day.

UNISYS and Ford Motor are two of our biggest accounts. They certainly have the resources to develop a computerized shipping department internally.

UNISYS, not only are they a software development company, but they're in a domain we specialize in. They finally gave us an order. The only thing we're able to think of is we're able to do it cheaper than they could or build better than they could. Maybe both.

About one third of our business comes from referrals, about one third from existing customers expanding systems, opening other offices. The other third comes from the efforts of sales people and direct mail.

What's your current staffing situation?

Taylor: We have four in sales, three in engineering — they customize software to meet the exact needs of our prospective clients — and three in administration, an office manager, controller and receptionist.

I'm looking for more account managers, which means another engineer and probably another support person.

What about immediate goals?

Taylor: My plans are to go out to the East Coast and expand there, northern New Jersey. I have that area, too.

Other projects with the Richter-Rosin stamp include Woodland Ridge and Mission Springs in West Bloomfield and Three Oaks and Country Oaks in Farmington Hills.

Kaftan has constructed Westbury Apartments in Auburn Hills, Fox Pointe in Farmington Hills and Oakbrooke in West Bloomfield.

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is program coordinator the company. CAM manages the municipal cable television operation for Royal Oak, Troy, Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Franklin and Bingham Farms. Jack A. Wilson of Royal Oak was elected board president and treasurer. He's an assistant vice president of the National Bank of Royal Oak.

Bruce A. Brock of Northville becomes vice president, total quality management for AlliedSignal Automotive, Southfield. He had been vice president, corporate quality, manufacturing and material for Honeywell.

Richard Millgard, executive vice president of The Millgard Corp., Livonia, was elected president of International Association of Foundation Drilling. He's been on many association committees and has served as its vice president and treasurer.

Joe Ryan of Plymouth, a plant health care technician for The Davey Expert Co., attended the central region Davey Institute of Horticultural Sciences training session in Toledo. The five-year employee works from Davey's residential-commercial office in Detroit.

Gov. John Engler reappointed Anthony Villa of Livonia to the Board of Health and Safety Compliance and Appeals. Villa is president of Corona Construction.

Alan C. Harnisch of Bingham Farms, Federal Bar Association president-elect, attended the American Bar Association's Bar Leadership Institute last month in Chicago with emerging leaders

of lawyer organizations across the country.

At Hazell Worldwide Advertising, Southfield, Beth Larson of Royal Oak returned as senior planner after a year at PentaCom as media planner, John Sparrer of Walled Lake and Marl Williamson of Farmington Hills were promoted from assistant planners to media planners and Kelly Broadway of Rochester was named associate media planner.

Jennifer Grant, a recent Michigan State University graduate from West Bloomfield, joins Young & Rubicam Detroit as a traffic coordinator for the agency's diversified accounts.

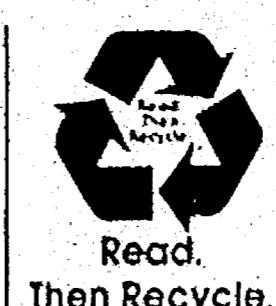
Bob Brewer of Farmington Hills becomes director of human resources for Center for Creative Studies, Detroit. He had been director of compensation for Manufacturer's Bank.

Auritech Cellular and Paging named ambassadors from various divisions to represent the firm at events throughout southeast Michigan. They are Tracie Whitaker of Southfield, quality assistant, Lisa Gall of Bloomfield Hills, sales representative, Teri Woolley of Troy, payment services representative, Michael C. Anderson of Canton and David Gates of Farmington Hills, business consultants.

Rod Hurton, vice president of Stone & Simons Advertising, Southfield, was re-elected chairman of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, founded in 1954 to develop relationships between area sports legends and today's youth. This year's members will be inducted Thursday, May 19, at Cobo Conference Center, Detroit. The group is supported by the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings, Pistons and Lions.



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Keith A. Paul, who started his

'The honest contractor is out there, however, they can be hard to find.'

Keith A. Paul

own lawn service when he was 16, founded the referral service in 1993 as a way to help senior citi-

zens from losing money from dishonest contractors. It's now helping new and current homeowners.

"The honest contractor is out there," Paul said, "however, they can be hard to find."

According to the "Council of B.B.B. Annual Inquiry and Complaint Summary 1992," the number-one reason people call the Better Business Bureau is to inquire on home-improvement con-

tractors. The number-three reason is to inquire on service firms.

"With these kinds of figures, we trusted consumers needed this type of service," Paul said.

Home Advantage is supported through the membership of approved contractors and service firms. It's free to homeowners.

The Rev. J.D. Landis of United Methodist Church Romulus has used Home Advantage several times for his church and home.

"As a church," he said, "it is a challenge to find quality workmanship with reliable prices. Home Advantage provided us with names of contractors and service firms and proved they do both."

Home Advantage Referral Service can be reached at (800) REFERS-U or 1 (800) 733-3778. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

DATEBOOK

Datebook features upcoming events around the suburban business community. To list an event, write: Datebook, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

BOARDROOM NOOD
The Women's Economic Club presents a seminar "Unlocking the Door to the Boardroom: How to Get on a Non-Profit Board" 6 p.m. at Michigan National Corp, headquarters, 2777 Inkster Road, Farmington Hills. Members are free, guests \$10. For information, call 963-5088.

BROCHURE DEVELOPMENT
Women in International Trade Detroit Chapter hosts Diane Wilke, president of Northwest Graphics, who will discuss "Developing a Corporate Brochure" 6:30 p.m. at Stewart's Restaurant, 4265 Woodward, Detroit. Cost, which includes dinner, is \$20 for members, \$25 for guests. For reservations, call JoAnne Doby at 540-8476.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

AD-CRAFT LUNCH
Mayor Dennis Archer and Soupy Sales will speak at "Ad-Craft Lunch: Detroit Producers Association Day" 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield. Cost is \$13, payable at the door. For reservations, call JoAnne Goldberg at 737-4240.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

SEED MONEY
Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services presents a program "Finding Money for Your Business" 6:30-10 p.m. on campus in Livonia. Participants will learn how to package their financial needs to present to an investor or banker. Cost is \$24. To register, call 462-4448.

MONEY MANAGEMENT
Cindy Burger, investment executive with Independence One Investment Group, presents a free program "Money Management in the '90s" 7-8 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Reservations requested at 525-3890.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

BUSINESS STARTS
Kan-Go-Roo Publishing presents its second in a series of four seminars "Starting a Business: How to Plan and Organize It" 8-10 a.m. at the Holiday Inn-Southfield. Cost is \$35. For information, call Sheila Morrow at 535-2555.

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW
Dean Witter Reynolds hosts a free financial planning and investment overview seminar 7-9:30 p.m. at the Fairlane Club, Dearborn. For reservations, call Rene Stephan at 963-5623.

GLOBAL MARKETS
The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone and the U.S. Department of Commerce co-sponsors a seminar "Positioning Your Company in the Global Market" 8-11:30 a.m. at the Southfield Radisson. The seminar is designed to provide CEOs, business owners and marketing directors with practical information about building or expanding business. Cost is \$35, \$25 for additional registrants from the same company. To register, call Virginia Henrick at 496-7548.

APPRAISERS MEET
The Detroit Chapter of the American Society of Appraisers hosts a panel discussion "Fannie Mae & Freddie Mac Guidelines" 7 p.m. at the Botstford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Panelists: Richard Greene, Washtenaw Mortgage Co., and Paul Zaccagnini, Republic Bancorp Mortgage. Cost is \$25. For reservations, call Mike Kurschat at 528-3366.

ESTATE PLANNING
Financial Stewardship hosts a free seminar "Probate and Estate Planning" 7-8:30 p.m. at its offices, 5435 Corporate Drive Suite 100, Troy. For reservations, call 641-2681.

HEALTH CARE
The Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and Johnston Lewis Associates host State Rep. John Janan who will give an overview on the changing health care field at 11-30 a.m. in the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$18 for chamber members, \$22 for non-members. To register, call 644-1700.

BUSINESS CONFLICTS
The Family Business Council, a non-profit association created solely for family-owned businesses, presents a program "Resolving Intergenerational Conflict and Managing Sibling Rivalry" 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Southfield. The meeting is free to Family Business Council members. For information, call Rick Segal at 353-5600.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

BANK LOANS
The Farmington Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce presents a seminar "Indoctrination for Small Business on How to Obtain a Loan from a Bank" 8-10 a.m. at the chamber office, 33000 Thomas Street. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Reservations requested at 474-3440 by April 19.

PAINT SEMINAR
Mercury Paints hosts a free faux finishing clinic 1-2:30 p.m. at its Livonia store, 28192 Schoolcraft Road. Advance registration requested at 421-6830.

RETIREMENT STRATEGIES
Rochester Community Education presents a four-part seminar "Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement" 7-9:30 p.m. on consecutive Wednesdays at Rochester High School, 180 S. Livonia. Instructors are professional planners from Focus Financial Group. No products or services will be promoted or offered during the seminar. Cost is \$49 for two people plus a \$25 materials fee payable to the instructor at the start of the course. Rochester senior citizens receive a 25 percent discount. To register or obtain information, call the continuing education office at 651-6210.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
Triple Check Business Services, a national business consulting company, hosts a seminar "Financial Management: The Key to Business Success" 7-9:30 p.m. at Comfort Inn, Orchard Lake and 696, Farmington Hills. Speaker: Daniel J. Zigo, CPA and business consultant. Cost is \$50 in advance, \$75 at the door. For information, call 960-0001.

COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS
The Michigan Practice of Deloitte & Touche sponsors a seminar "Competitive Analysis" 9 a.m. to noon at the Livonia Marriott, 1-275 and Six Mile. The seminar will teach participants basic and creative ways to obtain competitive information and practical ways to use it. Cost is \$45, which includes a light breakfast buffet. To register, call Stephanie Christel at 769-6200.

DATABASE TRENDS
The Detroit Chapter of the Data Processing Management Association will host a seminar "Trends in Relational Databases" at the Skyline Club, 2000 Town Center, Southfield. Networking starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

p.m., the seminar at 7:45 p.m. Dinner is \$22 for members and students, \$27 for guests. The seminar is free and open to the public. Call 696-2707 for dinner reservations.

SEAL THE DEAL
The Remodelers Council of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a seminar "How to Get the Contract" 8-9 p.m. at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks, Troy. Leader: Chuck Breidenstein, educational director, Michigan Association of Home Builders. Cost, which includes dinner, is \$20 for BASH members, \$35 for non-members. To register, call 737-4477.

CAREER PLANNING
The American Society of Employers offers a seminar "Proactive Career Planning" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Cost is \$195 for members, \$225 for non-members. Advance registration requested at 353-4500.

HOME BUYING
Mutual Financial Services, ERA Quality Realty and HouseMaster of America sponsor a free seminar on buying a house 7-9 p.m. at the Redford Library, 15150 Norborne. Topics include agency, writing an offer and inspections. To register, call 474-8470 or 937-0450.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
The Institute of Real Estate Management Michigan Chapter hosts Timothy J. Grunski, director of property management, and Michael Buescher, marketing director, from Laurel Park Place at a breakfast meeting 8 a.m. at the Marriott Hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Cost for members is \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, guests \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Reservations due by April 18 at 747-2235.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

INVESTING FUNDAMENTALS
The Financial Analysts Society of Detroit sponsors a two-day seminar "The Fundamentals of Investing" this date and April 22 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Presenter: Lillian L. Conrad, CFA, former president of The Security Analyst Society of San Francisco. Cost is \$200. For information, contact Richard Platte at 644-8500.

BALDRIDGE STANDARDS
The Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce presents a seminar "Using the

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Criteria to Improve Your Operation" 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Dearborn Inn. Cost is \$50. To register, call Geri Stanic at 596-0345.

PAYROLL TAXES
The Business Enterprise Development Center and the accounting firm of Collins, Burt and McConkey sponsor a seminar "Payroll Taxes for Businesses" 8 a.m. to noon at the BECC offices, 1301 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Several federal and state tax forms will be covered. Cost is \$35. To register, call 952-5800.

SEEPAGE SEMINAR
Professional Association Services (Board of Realtors) hosts a seminar "Basement/Foundation Seepage" 1-2:30 p.m. at its offices, 4145 Dublin Drive, Bloomfield Hills. Topics include what inspectors are saying, determining if seepage is serious, causes and possible solutions. Cost is \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. For reservations, call 646-2963.

INCREASE SALES
Transamerica Title Insurance Co. and Investaid Corp. sponsor a free seminar for real estate professionals "Peak Performance Selling: How to Increase Your Sales by 70 Percent Within Six Weeks" 8:30 a.m. to noon at Washenaw Community College. Presenter: Kerry Johnson, president of International Productivity Systems. To register, call (800) 683-2993 or (313) 429-2993.

MICROSOFT TOUR
Microsoft Corp. hosts a free demonstration of its latest system software including its new "Chicago" technology 7-9 p.m. at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

MARKETING BASIS
Excel, a business networking and support organization for women entrepreneurs, offers a seminar "Marketing Basics for Non-Marketing Professionals" 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River.

Redford. Topics include objectives, environmental analysis, competition, positioning and public relations. Cost is \$75. Advance registration required at 396-3576.

LEGAL SEMINARS
The Oakland County Legal Secretaries Association hosts two seminars "Violence Against Women" 8:30-11:45 a.m. and a live jury trial on the Michigan Statute Law 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Troy. Cost is \$25 apiece. For reservations, contact Laun School at 651-4114.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS
The National Lawyers Guild, Detroit Chapter, presents a seminar on employee rights 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Topics include wrongful discharge, age discrimination, handicap issues and whistleblowing consequences. Cost is \$75 in advance and \$80 at the door. For reservations, call 963-0843.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

COMMUNICATORS CONVENE
International Business Communicators District 7, which includes Michigan, hosts a one-day conference "Changing the Way Business Communicates with Employees" 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Lovell Hall at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. Cost is \$99 for members, \$130 for non-members. For reservations, call (800) 783-6338.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

TAX IMPLICATIONS
Bob Sheppard, vice president of Roney & Co., conducts a free seminar "The New Tax Laws and Their Impact on Your Investments" 7:15 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. Other financial experts will participate. A complimentary tour of the estate will be offered at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call Sheppard at 373-5760.

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NEW BUSINESS



Smith and Schade

Timothy Smith of Northville and Peter Schade of Waterford have opened The Design League, a full-service marketing and communications firm, at

21411 Civic Center Drive, Suite 109, Southfield. The telephone number is (810) 357-0190.

Smith, director of marketing and account services, has 10 years of marketing/advertising experience on the client side. He had been vice president of advertising/marketing for a national organization headquartered in Detroit, where he was responsible for the creative division.

Schade, director of design, has 11 years of design experience gained at Pangborn Design, Ltd., Detroit.

The firm manages a range of projects, among them, corporate annual reports, corporate brochures, retail catalogues and merchandising point-of-purchase pieces.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

A newly formed Executive Committee of the Michigan Coalition for Positive Health Care Reform is pledging to work more closely with state officials to devise a health care system.

Local employers appointed to the committee include:

■ Karl W. Albrecht of West Bloomfield, vice president of Action Benefits, a Southfield firm providing support to medical insurance purchasers.

■ Brian A. Burns of Farmington Hills, a nationally recognized group insurance expert. His firms have served over 7,500 small insurance groups since 1981.

■ Ralph W. Moore of Livonia, a partner in the Royal Oak firm of Boychey and Moore, a benefits consultant to small- and medium-size firms.

The coalition includes health insurance experts, trade associations and small businesses.

STRONG SALES

Keating's Home Town, which displays nine model homes for sale inside a two-acre showroom in Farmington Hills, expects to complete home sales worth \$15 and \$21 million by the end of April with customers from its first 60 days in business. Home prices start at about \$69,000, depending on the model and cost of the lot.

The ability to shop for a home during the cold of winter by touring his 72-degree, indoor neighborhood of homes helped attract 15,000 people over eight weeks to the high-ceilinged showroom, the size of a football field, said Howard T. Keating III, company founder.

The new company recorded \$988,800 in mortgage-approved sales on eight new homes bought in the two months since it opened Jan. 15.

The ranch, colonial and cape cod homes and land purchased range in price from \$37,900 to \$152,000. They are being built in Sterling Heights, Genoa Township near Brighton, Lyon Township, Clarkston, White Lake Township, Sumner Township, London Township near Milan and Algonac. Three of the buyers owned land; the rest found their lots through the Michigan Lot Exchange, a land company affiliated with Keating's Home Town.

The company's actual and projected home sales from customer traffic during its first two months in business represent about 25 percent of the minimum first-year goal of 1,000 home sales and 33 percent of the minimum sales goal of \$100 million, Keating said. At Keating's Home Town, buyers select from ranches, cape cods, colonials and a vacation chalet, ranging in size from 1,100 to 2,200 square feet, displayed a long a tree-lined and landscaped indoor cul-de-sac surrounding a small waterfall and pond.

CAR BUYING TIPS

A new book written by Garden City native Mark Neracher, a former general manager of a large automobile dealership, tells new

Direct Deposit service moves money quickly

As of the fourth quarter of 1993, 35 percent of U.S. employees receive their payroll payments by Direct Deposit, almost tripling since 1989, according to the Troy-based National Automated Clearing House Association.

More than 300,000 corporations now use the ACH Network to make payments. The Social Security Administration reports that more than 56 percent of benefit recipients receive their benefit payments by Direct Deposit.

Consumers can now also pay practically any kind of bill through electronic methods. Automatic Bill Payment can be used to pay for such items as monthly utility bills, health club memberships, newspaper and magazine subscriptions, mortgage payments, insurance premiums even charitable

organizations.

Charities that have initiated the automatic payment programs have seen donations increase significantly -- in some cases, as much as 40 percent.

MACHA's new Joint Utility Authorization Program allows consumers to sign up for Automatic Bill Payment with Ameritech, Consumers Power, Detroit Edison, and Michigan Gas Utilities -- using one simple form.

"A novelty just a few years ago, Direct Deposit and Automatic Bill Payment programs are now experiencing widespread acceptance, as more consumers and companies are becoming exposed to the many benefits the services offer," said Michigan Automated Clearing House Association president William Thornton.

Chrysler Corp. awarded a Gold Pentastar Award to Bozell/North Advertising, Southfield, for supply excellence in the areas of merchandising and collateral for the 1993 model year.

The agency creates and produces Chrysler's annual report, Jeep and Eagle division catalogues and other Jeep and Eagle merchandising materials.

To qualify for a Pentastar Award, a supplier first has to win a Quality Excellence Award, which Bozell/North also picked up for the 1993 model year.

FAMILY VENTURE

Laimbeer Packaging has purchased the assets of Chicago-based Stone Container's corrugated container facilities in Detroit and Melvindale, which employ 250. Comerica Bank, Detroit, will finance the venture.

Florida resident Bill Laimbeer, Sr., a packaging industry veteran of more than 30 years and former Stone Container executive vice president, will be managing director of Laimbeer Packaging. His son, former Detroit Pistons star Bill Laimbeer, Jr. of Orchard Lake is president. Birmingham resident Bill Fullmer, general

manager of the two plants, is chief operating officer.

"If my son works as hard at being a winner in the box business as he did winning in his old job, Laimbeer Packaging will be an enormous success," said Laimbeer, Sr.

"My father and I have discussed working together for many years," Bill Jr. said. "With my basketball career now over, I want to learn from him the knowledge he has acquired over 30 years in the corrugated box industry."

Stone Container is a multinational pulp, paper and paper packaging company.

SMALL BUSINESS BANK

Michigan National Bank, Farmington Hills, has launched a new banking unit to serve the financial needs of small business owners.

The Small Business Banking unit will expedite loan applications and offer expanded financial services developed specifically for small business owners and people seeking start-up funds.

Also, a new product called Business Class Banking offers growing businesses working capital lines of credit, overdraft protection, flexible reduced-cost commercial checking accounts and enhanced customer service.

Business Class Banking offers Michigan National customers some exclusive features: Business ExpressCheck and Business Michigan Money cards, which gives customers instant access to cash and to account information, 24 hours a day. Bank On-Line and Pay On-Line lets customers automatically reconcile accounts, send E-mail to bank personnel and make payments via personal computer and Microsoft (R) Money 3.0.

By the end of the month, the bank said more than 25 small business specialists will be assigned to selected branches.

FINE TUNING

John E. Levis of John E. Levis Associates, a Livonia-based information broker specializing in health and medical information for consumers, attended the annual meeting of the Association of Independent Information Professionals in Baltimore.

Participants explored "The Practicalities of Running an Information Business." AIIIP members are owners of

firms providing information-related services such as online and manual research, document delivery, database delivery, library support, consulting, writing and publishing.

Independent information professionals operate out of a more isolated setting than those employed by large corporations and academic institutions. So it's a goal of AIIIP to provide a forum where members can share ideas and learn about new resources and trends.

GOOD JOE

Southfield-based WJBK-TV2 and Joe Ricci Automotive Group are introducing a community salute to the everyday person who demonstrates extraordinary values, commitment and initiative.

Four Good Joe honorees will be selected and profiled in 30-second salutes airing exclusively on WJBK-TV2 during the campaign. The spokesman is TV2's Jerry Hodak. He'll invite viewers to submit nominees during a series of promotional call-to-action spots.

Anyone can be nominated for the Good Joe Award except those who are paid for the service they are being nominated for.

Nomination forms are available from any Joe Ricci dealership, the TV2 lobby or by writing: Joe Ricci's Good Joe Award, WJBK-TV2, P.O. Box 2, Southfield, 48037.

Nominations must be postmarked by May 12. Honorees and their families will be invited to a reception in June. The grand prize winner will receive a one-year lease on a 1994 Jeep provided by Joe Ricci Automotive Group.

Joe Ricci Dearborn Dodge is at 14765 Michigan Avenue, between Greenfield and Schaefer. Joe Ricci Jeep/Eagle is at 18201 Mack Avenue, near Moross, in Detroit. Joe Ricci Imports Saab and Volkswagen is at 17181 Mack Avenue, near Cadieux, in Grosse Pointe.

DEVELOP ARTWORK SYSTEM

Southfield-based Goldfarb & Company, the national advertising agency for AT&T Consumer Products, said it has developed a high-definition artwork program that will allow AT&T retailers to create print ads and flyers featuring specific AT&T products. AT&T has more than 200 retailers nationwide.

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OPHTHALMOLOGY
EYE CARE

502 Help Wanted Dental-Medical
DENTAL ASSISTANTS
DENTAL OFFICES

504 Help Wanted Office-Clerical
ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT
ACCOUNTING CLERK

504 Help Wanted Office-Clerical
DATA ENTRY CLERKS
GENERAL OFFICE

504 Help Wanted Office-Clerical
200 CLERICAL OPENINGS
TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

504 Help Wanted Office-Clerical
DATA ENTRY CLERKS
GENERAL OFFICE

504 Help Wanted Office-Clerical
DATA ENTRY OPERATORS
GENERAL OFFICE

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GENERAL OFFICE
DATA ENTRY OPERATORS

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QUALITY ASSURANCE UTILIZATION REVIEW COORDINATORS
The Quality Assurance Utilization Review Coordinator is responsible for...

ULTRA SOUND TECH
Non-invasive imaging techniques for medical diagnosis. Seeking experienced technicians...

AD AGENCY SECRETARY
We are seeking a highly motivated and organized individual to serve as a secretary for our advertising agency...

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PEOPLEMARK
We are seeking individuals for various positions including clerical, administrative, and technical roles...

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ADIA THE EMPLOYMENT PEOPLE
We are seeking individuals for various positions including clerical, administrative, and technical roles...

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RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGIST
We are seeking a highly motivated and organized individual to serve as a radiology technologist...

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RN, LPN, MA
We are seeking individuals for various nursing and medical assistant positions...

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300 Help Wanted Sales
ACCEPTABLE APPLICATIONS
Full time position available for
Sales Representative in
Metro Detroit area.

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CHAMBERLAIN
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You can realize unlimited income
potential. Our full training program
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will get you started on the right
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SALES PERSON
Need commission salesperson who
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industry. Call for appointment.

AGGRESSIVE EDUCATIONAL
Company is looking for knowledgeable
Personnel for sales and training
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Company is seeking sales and training
personnel. Must be a self-starter with
experience. Draw commission plan
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A PHARMACEUTICAL Manufacturer
is seeking experienced individuals
for sales and training positions.
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If you've been laid off because
of a recession, now is the time to
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sales is a growing industry with
unlimited income potential. Call
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package available.

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Livonia
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Century 21 Premiere
Real Estate Co.
Thursday, April 21, 1994,
6:30pm to 7:30pm
Topics:
State Requirements Approved
Schools Realtor Responsibilities
Post License Training
Income Potential
Seating is limited
R.S.V.P. June or Mary
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7125 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 100
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Michigan's largest Cellular
Wholesaler is seeking a dynamic
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cellular industry or related
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Madison Heights, MI 48071-0433

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Systems Corporation
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Work with some of Michigan's highest
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needs two full time power window
personnel, willing to work hard,
able to sell, and have a minimum
of 2 years experience. Please send
resume to: 333-4455

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If it's a career move, we can help.
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Call Robert Watson
Remerica
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NATIONWIDE! - New Division of
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REAL ESTATE SALES
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individuals for sales and appraisal
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opportunities for recruitment. Salary
\$20,000-\$30,000. Call for more
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PERSONNEL
SOUTHFIELD 659-0560

AUTO SALES
Town & Country Dodge has an
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Must be a self-starter with
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accessories. Call for more
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an ambitious, hard-working,
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CALL NOW
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Customer Service Position with
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WE ARE GROWING
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Employment and highly motivated
Sales Reps to join our growing
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FRESH START
\$36,000+
Looking for people who are a
self-starter, hard-working, and
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FURNITURE SALES
Employment & motivated sales
person needed for full time position.
Experience preferred. Full commission
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SALES ENGINEER
Join respected functional O.E.M.
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Must have college degree in
mechanical engineering and
sales/marketing. Call for more
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SALES PERSON
Experienced inside sales person in
the automotive industry. Must be
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Draw commission plan with 10%
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SALES PERSON
Full time for long jewelry & gift store
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SALES PERSON
To sell papers & cellular phones
part-time. Located at Paper Booth at
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To handle phone, process orders
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**THEY WANT MORE MONEY
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TRADE-INS
A Lot More Money**

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FORD MARK III** *Mark III*
Luxury Van Conversion



- Running Boards
- Luxurious Push Pile Carpeting
- Scratch Resistant Finish
- Three Vista Bay Windows w/Tint
- Coordinated Custom Molded Sofa
- Flush-Mount Overhead Lighting
- Graphics Package
- Preferred Equipment Pkg. 743A
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- Automatic Transmission
- 4-Wheel Anti-Lock Brake System

Stock #1651T
SALE PRICE \$18,637*

**NEW 1994 FORD ELITE
★ VAN CONVERSION ★**



QUALITY THROUGHOUT!

- 1994 Ford Chassis - Crystal Blue
- 7 Passenger Enhanced Conversion
- Admiral Blue Interior
- Fiberglass Running Boards
- Aluminum Mag Wheels
- 4-Way Electric Tri-Fold Sofa
- Soft Shade Pleated Blinds
- Passenger Illuminated Visor Mirror
- 14" Remote Control Color TV
- VCP with Remote Control
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NEW 1994 ESCORT
Stock #2046

WAS \$9795 IS \$8401*

**NOW IN STOCK AND ON
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The all new 1994
**ASPIRE, MUSTANG
AND 1995 WINDSTAR**



NEW 1994 ESCORT LX
4 dr. Wagon, Stock #1284

WAS \$13,130 IS \$9664*



NEW 1994 ESCORT LX 3 DOOR
Sport Appearance package, Stock #1699

WAS \$12,065 IS \$9714*



NEW 1994 ESCORT GT
Stock #1282

WAS \$14,150 IS \$11,311**



NEW '94 TEMPO GL
2 door, Stock #0511

WAS \$12,645 IS \$9504*



NEW 1994 TEMPO GL
4 door, Stock #0280

WAS \$14,040 IS \$10,741*



NEW 1994 TAURUS GL
4 door, Stock #0041

WAS \$19,830 IS \$16,121*



NEW 1994 TAURUS LX
4 door, Stock #0332

WAS \$21,030 IS \$17,121*



NEW 1994 PROBE
Stock #0767

WAS \$15,770 IS \$12,903*



NEW 1994 PROBE GT
Stock #1418

WAS \$20,320 IS \$16,418*



NEW 1994 THUNDERBIRD LX
Stock #1560

WAS \$18,245 IS \$15,260*



NEW 1994 RANGER XLT
Stock #1448

WAS \$12,860 IS \$9313*



NEW 1994 AEROSTAR XL PLUS WAGON
Stock #1994

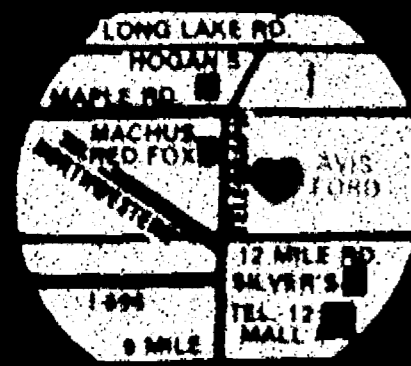
WAS \$20,222 IS \$15,701*



NEW '94 F-150 PICKUP TRUCK
Stock #1932

WAS \$15,599 IS \$12,901*

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PERSONAL Scene

YOUR PERSONAL PEOPLE CONNECTION

1-900-454-8088
COST: \$1.49 PER MINUTE


1. Call 1-900-454-8088. Respond to an ad that appeals to you by pressing 1.
2. Or browse through a selection of new and current greetings by pressing 2.
3. Leave a message. You'll hear a recorded greeting. Then you may leave your private message for the person you are looking for.
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620 Men Seeking Women AFFECTIVE...	620 Men Seeking Women BRIGHT...	620 Men Seeking Women HANGOVER...	620 Men Seeking Women ROMANCE...	620 Men Seeking Women SINGLE WHITE MALE...	621 Women Seeking Men ALL THINGS...	621 Women Seeking Men DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE...	621 Women Seeking Men SINGLE WHITE FEMALE...
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You Can Use Personal Scene To Find Someone Special.



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Appearing Every Monday & Thursday In The Observer & Eccentric Newspaper
For Details Call 591-0900

To place your own PERSONAL SCENE ad, call 591-0900/FAX 953-2232 or Mail us this coupon:

I am placing this ad in the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper on _____ (Date) _____ (Day) _____ (Time) _____ (Page) _____ (Section).

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ DAYS _____ EYES _____

I am looking for _____ (Gender) _____ (Age) _____ (Height) _____ (Weight) _____ (Hair) _____ (Eyes) _____ (Complexion) _____ (Build) _____ (Occupation) _____ (Education) _____ (Religion) _____ (Marital Status) _____ (Children) _____ (Pets) _____ (Interests) _____ (Hobbies) _____ (Sports) _____ (Travel) _____ (Diet) _____ (Drinks) _____ (Smoking) _____ (Alcohol) _____ (Drugs) _____ (Tobacco) _____ (Guns) _____ (Cars) _____ (Boats) _____ (Houses) _____ (Furniture) _____ (Decor) _____ (Clothing) _____ (Shoes) _____ (Accessories) _____ (Jewelry) _____ (Glasses) _____ (Contact Lenses) _____ (Hearing Aids) _____ (Prosthetics) _____ (Medical Conditions) _____ (Disabilities) _____ (Other) _____

I am willing to pay _____ (Amount) _____ (Frequency) _____ (Method) _____ (Date) _____ (Time) _____ (Page) _____ (Section) _____ (Other) _____

I agree to the terms and conditions of the Personal Scene ad.

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers/Classified
PERSONAL Scene
36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

PERSONAL SCENE recommends:
Meet in a well lit and public place for your first encounter and do not give your last name or address until you are comfortably doing so.
PERSONAL SCENE Ads containing explicit sexual or anatomical language will not be accepted. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers reserves the right to reject any advertisement. PERSONAL SCENE is a feature designed for individuals 18 years of age or older, who are seeking individuals with similar interests.

Men seeking women: 620 Sports interests: 622 Travel companions: 624
 Women seeking men: 621 Seniors: 623



AUTOMOTIVE



Grid of automotive advertisements including sections for Insurance, Trucks For Sale, Jeeps & Other, Sports & Imported Cars, and Buick. Each section contains multiple listings with vehicle details and prices.

619 Auto Services - Financing. Advertisement for BAD CREDIT NO PROBLEM, offering car financing services.

Farmington Hills LeBaron Convertible advertisement. Features the text 'Farmington Hills' in a large script font, 'LeBaron CONVERTIBLE', and 'APRIL'S GREATEST LEASE PROGRAMS EVER'. Includes a coupon for a free 1 year sports club membership and contact information: 24315 Haggerty Road, 476-7900.

CHRYSLER • PLYMOUTH OF NOVI MICHIGAN advertisement. Features images of a Chrysler LeBaron and a Plymouth LHS. Text includes 'OPEN MON.-FRI. 9-9 SATURDAY 9-4' and 'Announcing the Novi Auto Mall \$10,000 Professional Tennis Challenge'.

INFINITI Of Farmington Hills advertisement. Features a 1994 G20 and 1994 J30. Text includes '229* 36 mos. 2000 Dn.', '259* 36 mos. 1000 Dn.', '289* 36 mos. 0 Dn.', and '4 YEAR 60,000 MILE WARRANTY'. Includes contact info for 24355 MERRITT ROAD.

Chernock Olds advertisement. Text includes 'At Chernock Olds Over 125 '92, '93 & '94 Oldsmobiles In Stock', 'NEW '94 88 Special Edition', and 'NEW '94 Special Edition Cutlass Ciera S Sedan'. Includes contact info for 24555 Michigan Ave.

Village Ford advertisement. Text includes 'IF I ONLY HAD A BRAIN I'D GO TO Village Ford', a list of vehicles like '90 AEROSTAR 4x4' for \$7980, and contact info for 25565 Michigan Ave.

Continuation of Farmington Hills advertisement with coupon details and contact information.

858 Cadillac
 SEADON CADILLE 1987 4 door, air, power windows, leather, 16,500 miles. Call 432-2342.
 SEVILLE 1984 4 door, 87,000 miles. Call 432-2342.
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1990 BUICK LESABRE LIMITED
 Air, full power.
 Sale Price \$9800

THIS WEEK'S MANAGER'S SPECIAL
1994 BUICKROADMASTER LIMITED
 Air, full power, leather interior.
 Sale Price \$23,900

1990 GRAND PRIX
 Automatic, air, power steering & brakes, power windows, etc.
 Sale Price \$7900

1991 GRAND AM
 Air, power steering & brakes, power windows.
 Sale Price \$6800

1991 DYNASTY
 Air, automatic, power steering, brakes & windows, power locks, cruise & etc.
 Sale Price \$6995

1991 FAIRLANE FORD
 Sale Price \$52-1172

1991 HINES PARK LINCOLN MERCURY
 Sale Price \$15,995

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 with every test drive

WE NEED TRADE-INS!
 TOP DOLLAR FOR YOUR USED CAR, TRUCK OR VAN.

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Congratulations JACK AUSTIN LEASING SALES Leader of the Month MARCH 1994

and

Congratulations DOMINIC WIECZOREK Salesperson of the Month MARCH 1994

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 32570 Plymouth Rd, Livonia
 425-6500

Grid of car listings including models like Oldsmobile, Plymouth, Pontiac, Saturn, Toyota, and Chevrolet with their respective prices and features.

Advertisement for 'BIG SAVINGS' featuring a cartoon character and listing prices for various Chevrolet models like the '91 COUGAR LS and '93 LUMINA Z34.

Advertisement for 'HINES PARK LINCOLN MERCURY' featuring a variety of vehicles such as the '91 Saturn SL1 and '92 Saturn SL.

Large advertisement for 'Crestwood' featuring a grid of car models and prices, such as the '90 Escort LX for \$139 per month and the '91 Pontiac Grand AM for \$179 per month.

Large advertisement titled 'HOME RUN PRICES' for 'TAURUS LX' and 'RANGER SPLASH PICKUP'. It includes detailed pricing, lease options, and features for both vehicles.

Advertisement for 'UNIVERSAL VAN CONVERSION' by Varsity, offering a \$1000 rebate and \$16,990 factory price for a conversion. It includes contact information for the Varsity Michigan's 'A' Plan Headquarters.

Showers Of Savings

 <p>1994 CHEVY CAVALIER SPECIAL EDITION Stock #3541</p> <p>\$227⁹⁶ per mo.</p> <p>36 MONTH SMART LEASE Credit and lease to GMAC. \$2000 down payment. 15,000 miles per year. 15% per mile excess plus over 45,000 miles. Lessee has no obli- gation to purchase vehicle at lease end. Lessee has option to purchase at price to be determined at lease inception. Lessee responsible for excess wear & tear. Total lease payment under lease is \$227.96. All taxes, title, license, and dealer fees are extra. Stock #1043</p>	 <p>1984 CUTLASS CIERA SPECIAL EDITION Stock #3615</p> <p>\$235⁶¹ per mo.</p> <p>36 MONTH SMART LEASE Credit and lease to GMAC. \$2000 down payment. 15,000 miles per year. 15% per mile excess plus over 45,000 miles. Lessee has no obli- gation to purchase vehicle at lease end. Lessee has option to purchase at price to be determined at lease inception. Lessee responsible for excess wear & tear. Total lease payment under lease is \$235.61. All taxes, title, license, and dealer fees are extra. Stock #1135</p>	 <p>1993 DEMO 88 ROYALE Loaded. Stock 3394</p> <p>List \$23,872 Discount.....\$4,670.83</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$19,201¹⁷*</p> <p><small>*Plus Tax & Title</small></p>
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 <p>BRAND NEW 1994 SENTRA E</p> <p>5 speed, electric rear defogger, tinted glass, 120 air & much more! Stock #1043</p> <p>36 MONTH LEASE ONLY</p> <p>\$122²²* per mo.</p>	 <p>BRAND NEW 1994 ALTIMA GXE</p> <p>Air conditioning, 5 speed transmission, power windows/locks, tilt cruise, dual airbags, cassette, plus more! Stock #1135</p> <p>36 MONTH LEASE ONLY</p> <p>\$216⁴⁹* per mo.</p>	 <p>BRAND NEW 1994 MAXIMA GXE</p> <p>Air conditioning, automatic transmission, power windows/locks, tilt cruise, alarm, stereo cassette, 8 speakers, 4 door, steering power brakes, alloy wheels plus more! Stock #1917.</p> <p>36 MONTH LEASE ONLY</p> <p>\$232³⁴* per mo.</p>
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gation to purchase vehicle at lease end. Lessee has option to purchase at price to be determined at lease inception. Lessee responsible for excess wear & tear. Total
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NEW 1994 GEO PRIZM 4 DOOR
BUY \$12,198⁹⁷
~~\$170~~



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BUY \$16,988⁰⁴
~~\$355~~



NEW 1994 CHEVY CAVALIER 2 DOOR VL
BUY \$9999⁰⁴
~~\$232~~



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~~\$290~~



NEW 1994 BERETTA
BUY \$11,564⁰³
~~\$253~~



NEW 1994 CORVETTE
BUY \$30,399⁰⁴
~~\$379~~



NEW 1994 LUMINA 4 DOOR
BUY \$13,431¹⁸
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72 Month Financing Available

*All prices are plus tax. The destination and air fee of applicable vehicle lease payments are on approved credit. 24 month lease and lease with \$1000 customer cash down (15000 on Corvete, 15000 on AstroVan, 10 per mile for excess mileage. All payments are plus 4% use tax. The month payment security deposit equal to 1st month payment rounded to nearest \$50. Payment due at delivery. Tax and title fee due at lease inception plus applicable sales tax. Tax not collected at purchase at lease and vehicle may be purchased for residual value plus 10% of lease and 75 per cent collection monthly with no time 24. Lessee responsible for excess wear and tear.

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