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— Steve Barnaby,
publisher



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Charitable: A busy weekend of fundraising was successful. Thousands of dollars were raised for Westland and Garden City charities this past holiday weekend. And many people had fun doing it. /3A

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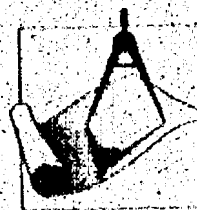
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Cooper site now just a memory



A new Arbor Drugs and a Burger King will be taking the place of the long-closed former Cooper School at Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail. Workers have already demolished the building, and the clean-up is underway.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland's old Cooper school, long considered an eyesore on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt Road, has been demolished in preparation for new development.

Twisted metal, concrete chunks, dirt

and several uprooted trees lay on the ground Tuesday as demolition crews continued to clear the site where a Burger King and an Arbor Drugs-anchored strip mall are to be built.

Neighbors had complained to city officials for years about the boarded-up Cooper school, which became an easy

target for vandals. Some residents feared that children would inevitably be hurt or accidentally killed if the building remained.

The school, built in 1938 and expanded in the late 1940s, was closed when a newer Cooper school opened in the mid-1960s, though it later became a center for senior citizens. It had been vacant for 14 years before crews began tearing it down Friday.

Developer Robert Amar is planning a 46,000-square-foot strip mall named Arbor Town Square. It will also include a meat-and-produce store and a video-

rental business, among other retailers, Westland planning director Tod Kilroy said Tuesday.

The strip mall will face Ann Arbor Trail. The meat-and-produce market, alone, will account for 21,000 square feet of space.

The 3,400-square-foot Burger King will be built separately and will face Middlebelt Road, Kilroy said.

No timetable is certain for construction because developers must first conduct environmental tests on the site, Kilroy said. Preliminary soil

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Big hugs



Labor Day festivities: Brandon Mann gets a big hug from Sassy the Clown at a charity benefit over the Labor Day weekend in Garden City. For more details, see Page 3-A.



KEN GARDNER

Dog that bit boy returned to owner

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A pit bull-terrier mix that lunged at a 7-year-old Westland boy, biting him in the face, was released to its owner Tuesday and won't be destroyed, according to police.

The 2-year-old female dog, Lady, was confined in a 6-foot-tall privacy fence during the 11:25 a.m. Sunday incident, and she bit Michael Scott Ray only after he climbed atop a dog house in an adjacent yard and leaned over the fence, officer Dewey Frady said.

A small part of the boy's upper lip was bitten off, and he received numerous stitches when he was treated Sunday at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, said his mother, Sherry Ray. Doctors reconstructed the child's lip, and he was released the same day, she said.

The incident occurred while the boy was visiting at a Mason Court residence next door to where the dog lives. Frady said Michael Ray and another boy had apparently been taunting Lady.

"They were prying the dog and throwing things at it," he said.

Sherry Ray's story differed in that she denied the dog was being teased. But she labeled the incident "an accident" and said her son was "in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Westland Police Chief Emery Price dispelled rumors Tuesday that Lady was going to be destroyed.

"We don't have anything that says we can automatically destroy these animals," he said.

Even the boy's mother said she didn't want the dog killed.

"I do not want the dog destroyed. I just do not want it in the neighborhood," Sherry Ray said. "This is not a vicious dog."

Lady's owner, Diane Heisner, has been ordered to keep the dog quarantined for 10 days, according to the mayor's office.

The Rays live on Grand Traverse, and Michael Ray was visiting on Mason when the incident occurred. Both streets are in Westland's Norwayne neighborhood, in the city's south end.

Heisner's husband had asked his next-door neighbor to move the dog

house from the 6-foot privacy fence so that no children could climb on it and tease Lady, Frady said, but the neighbor refused.

Lady has received her shots but didn't have a tattoo that she was supposed to have, Frady said. The owner has said the dog will receive a tattoo this Friday, Frady said.

The officer said he was told by Michael Ray that the boy didn't want Lady killed.

"He feels bad about it," Frady said. "He plays down there in the neighborhood."

"The dog was confined at the

time," Frady said. "The dog wasn't running loose or anything."

The owner has received no citations for Lady, and no problems have been reported in the past, Frady said.

The dog was released to Heisner about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, three days after the incident occurred. It had been held at the Michigan Humane Society office on Marquette, east of Newburgh.

Frady said the dog gave him no trouble when he went to its residence to apprehend it.

Sherry Ray said what happened "is nobody's fault. It's one of those curiosity-killed-the-cat kinds of things."

Modern love? She ran over fiance

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 23-year-old woman ran over her fiance with her car in a Westland Burger King parking lot Sunday, but he got her out of jail the next morning and they walked away arm-in-arm, police said.

The incident occurred at 5:16 p.m. Sunday when the Romulus woman went to the Burger King at Merriman Road and Cherry Hill during a dinner break from her job at a nearby Farmer Jack, police said.

While she was dining, her 21-year-old fiance from Lincoln Park walked in, accused her of cheating

on him and pushed her, Westland Detective Sgt. Marc Stobbe said.

The woman went outside and got into her 1994 Honda Civic to drive away when the fiance followed her and began kicking the front of her car, Stobbe said.

"He jumped in front of her car," the detective said. "She ran him over."

The car's wheels ran over the fiance's buttocks, and he was taken to Garden City Hospital, where he was treated and later released, Stobbe said. Most of the man's injuries stemmed from burns he received when he was dragged for several feet by his girlfriend's car.

Stobbe said.

The woman was held overnight at the Westland Police Department, but she was picked up Monday morning by the fiance, police said. The man, who showed up at the police station on Ford Road with bandages on both arms, refused to prosecute his girlfriend, Stobbe said.

"She said it was an accident and that she only meant to scare him," Stobbe said, based on statements that the woman made to him.

The couple left the Westland police station hand in hand after telling Stobbe that they still intended to marry, he said.

YMCA program meeting

The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will an informational meeting for parents interested in its Indian parent-child program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Canton Township Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. The Y will explain the program, aimed at parents with children between 5 to 10 years of age. The Y will also introduce a new Papoose program for parents of 4-year-olds. Interested persons may also contact the Y's Steve Tucci at 721-7044.

Skating medals

Jessica Saban, 8, of Westland won two first place and a second place medals in the Ice Skating Institute of America's recent competition held in Chicago. Jessica, who practices at the Westland

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Sports Arena, was first in the footwork and interpretative free style in her age category and second in the freestyle. Her coach is Paige Neumann.

Ice skating

The Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood and Hunter, will have open skating from 1-2:45 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday now through April 15. Tammy Humburg, arena manager, said admission is \$2.50 for persons 17 and younger, and \$3 for others. Skate rental is \$2. For more arena programs, persons may call the arena, 729-4560.

Director named

Barbara Fahrenkrug has been named director of programs for Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County. In her new post, she will oversee the parent-infant beginnings and the community development and training programs in Detroit as well as the Michigan Training and Resource Center in Westland. Fahrenkrug was previously the program manager for the center.

Announcements for this column are welcomed from individuals and groups. Information must be in writing, contain a daytime phone number, and be directed to the Westland Observer Editorial Department, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An eyesore demolished: The old Cooper school at Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt Road has been torn down, leaving concrete chunks, twisted metal, dirt and a few uprooted trees. A new strip mall will be built on the site.

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boings have indicated no problems, he said, but a more extensive study will have to be completed.

The project sparked controversy in June, when the Westland City Council approved it in a 5-2 vote. Some nearby residents opposed the project, citing concerns about increased traffic and other potential problems, and they asked city officials to maintain the current

zoning that calls for low-intensity commercial and offices on the site.

Brody Street resident Ruth Dale said 500 citizens signed petitions opposing the rezoning.

"The biggest thing was the Burger King. There will be increased traffic and littering," she said. "I think there are going to be problems."

The council rezoned the land to accommodate the strip mall, but

Mayor Robert Thomas vetoed the measure.

The mayor said the rezoning "would be detrimental to the public interest," because of the potential for "over-building" on the site. He also said the project wouldn't be compatible with nearby residential neighborhoods.

To thwart the mayor's veto, the council called a special session and voted 5-2 to override his action.

Only council members Glenn Anderson and Sandra Cicirelli opposed the override.

Council members who favored the strip mall were Charles Pickering, Sharon Scott, David Cox, Thomas Brown and Charles "Trav" Griffin. They saw the project as a viable way of getting rid of the old Cooper school and replacing it with a new shopping area.

Library budget gets council OK

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

As plans move ahead to build a Westland library, the city council Tuesday approved a \$576,000 budget for the Westland Public Library Board.

The budget includes money to hire a library director, which the board hopes to choose from three out-of-state candidates who will be interviewed in late September.

The library board's first-ever budget — for the 1994-95 fiscal year — was approved by the city council in a unanimous vote Monday night. The decision came as city officials move closer to choosing a site for the city's first public library.

"We were looking at five sites," library board member Sharon Clark said Wednesday. "We have narrowed it down, but we're still negotiating."

The city council has scheduled a closed-door session on Sept. 12 to discuss buying property for a library. An architect also is showing progress in designing the building.

The bulk of the library budget revenues come from city coffers, including \$300,000 from the general fund. Another \$147,000 comes from the city's unallocated fund balance, leaving that fund with \$1.1 million, city Finance Director Michael Gorman said.

"That's not as much as we would like to have, but it's more than a lot of cities have," he said Wednesday.

The remaining \$129,000 in revenue comes from penal fines, state aid and local fines.

On the spending side, most of the budget, \$443,000, will be used to pay the Wayne Oakland Library Federation based on Westland residents' usage of library

services at the Wayne-Westland Library in Wayne, the Garden City Library and Livonia's Noble Library.

The city council had overseen those expenses in the past, but the new library board has assumed the responsibility.

The remaining expenses, \$82,000, are pegged to hire a library director and pay fringe benefits and to set up an office for the top library official. An office site hasn't yet been chosen.

Library board member Richard Lallanc said he is encouraged by the finalists who will be interviewed for the library director's post.

"I feel that they are more than qualified for the position," he said. The top three candidates are all out-of-state applicants, serving as head librarians, who have "lots of experience," he said.

The library will be built with state grant money and with taxes collected in a special Tax Increment Finance Authority district in Westland. The long-discussed project has rapidly gained momentum during the last year.

The city council's action on the library budget came three weeks after the library board adopted the proposed budget. Marjorie Kay Daniels, library board president, submitted the three-page proposal in writing to the council.

Despite the latest moves, much work remains to be done before the library is built. The council is expected to eventually approve a millage to pay for library operations.

The city can levy up to 1 mill without seeking voter approval. A 1-mill tax represents \$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation.

Library offers series of programs for kids

Wayne-Westland Public Library is offering a variety of storytelling programs beginning this month.

Preschool storytimes will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The six week series of programs begin the week of Sept. 19 and continue through October. Registration will begin Sept. 12 in the library, on Wayne Road at Sims, and be limited to 25 children per session. Preschool storytime is recommended for children ages 4-5.

Toddler storytime is scheduled for Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The six week series of programs begins Sept. 21 and contin-

ues through Oct. 26. Registration will begin Sept. 12 in the library and will be limited to 10 children plus their adult partners. Toddler storytime is recommended for children ages 2-3.

A four week series of outdoor storytimes in Wayne's Goudy Park, on Wayne Road south of Michigan Ave., is scheduled to begin Sept. 22 and continue through Oct. 13. Programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. and in the event of poor weather will take place in the library.

Registration will begin Sept. 12 in the library and is limited to 25 children. This activity is recommended for children in kindergar-

ten through third grade.

The library will present the Junior Great Books Read-A-Loud program for the first three weeks in October on Tuesday and Thursdays at 5 p.m.

"This is a unique program recommended for children in kindergarten through second grade," said Linda Baum, youth services librarian.

"The program develops the ability of students to think reflectively and independently through interpretive reading and discussion."

Registration begins Sept. 19 in the library and is limited to 10

children. A materials charge of \$3.50 for the program workbook is payable at registration.

For more information on the programs, call 721-7832.

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Teen on probation

A Westland teen accused of forcing a 13-year-old girl to have sex with him at a Feb. 26 party has been placed on probation for five years, a court clerk said.


Jamie Kendall Bell, 17, was sentenced on Wednesday of last week after pleading guilty to a charge of attempted third-

degree criminal sexual conduct.

His sentence by Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Terrance Boyle came six months after he was accused of inviting the girl into a bedroom and forcing her to have sex during a party on St. Joe Street, near Newburgh and Palmer.

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Busy weekend nets thousands for local charities



Dancing with Barney: Little Megan Czarnowski dances with the big purple dinosaur celebrity of the preschool set, Barney. Barney was one of many entertainers performing during the weekend charity benefit in Garden City.

The annual Muscular Dystrophy telethon wasn't the only organization to benefit from local generosity last weekend. The Garden City Charity Weekend raised \$18,300 for local organizations over the Labor Day weekend.

"We haven't decided yet which groups will receive funds," said organizer Jeri Hunt. "In the past,

■ The three-day event featured continuous musical entertainment — with all performers playing for free — as well as lots of food. There were magicians, singing groups, and others who entertained the hundreds of party-goers.



PHOTOS BY KEN GARNER

Drumming the beat: Dick Evang holds Sammy Schaefer during festivities at charity weekend in Garden City.

Preparing food: Rod Laity cuts sausages that will be sold during charity weekend festivities.



the Mayors Committee for Underprivileged Children, Association for Retarded Citizens, Muscular Dystrophy Association, among others, benefited."

A center for the blind, Wayne/Westland Special Olympics, Westland Civilians and the Mike Vincenza Memorial Fund were other beneficiaries in the past.

The three-day event featured continual entertainment — all performing free of charge — as well as food. Magicians, singing groups, dancers and other groups entertained the hundreds of party-goers who filled the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall. A train transported by the American Legion in Riverview was available for tours on Sunday.

The amount raised fell short of the record-breaking \$21,000 collected several years ago, but was an increase from the last two years.

Rockin Rhythm: Cloggers take a break. They include: (front) Annie Cortez and Vikki Landis; (back) Iris Kancler, Mary Cortez, Anita Schenk and James Whitaker.



Man faces felony charges for pointing guns at senior

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been charged with threatening a 70-year-old grandmother at gunpoint after she used his driveway to turn her car around, police said.

No shots were fired during the 10:20 p.m. incident last Thursday that prompted the arrest of Ronald Atkinson, 59, who is accused of threatening the woman in front of his residence in the 1900 block of Williams Circle, near Palmer and Dix.

Atkinson was arraigned Friday in Westland 18th District on charges of felonious assault and felony firearm, Westland Detective Sgt. Marc Stobbe said. A \$5,000 cash bond was set by

Judge C. Charles Bokos, who scheduled Atkinson for a preliminary examination today to determine whether he should stand trial.

Not-guilty pleas have been entered for the defendant.

The woman had been visiting her grandchildren and her son on Williams Circle before she left their residence and turned her car around in Atkinson's driveway, Stobbe said.

The suspect "came running out of his house with a shotgun and aimed it at her head," Stobbe said.

The woman continued to back up in her car as the suspect followed her, with the 12-gauge shotgun aimed at her, according to po-

lice reports.

"He didn't fire," Stobbe said.

The woman pulled away as her family members watched, and the suspect then returned to his house and came outside waving a black-powder handgun and a .22-caliber revolver, Stobbe said.

He pulled the triggers of both weapons — one of which had bullets in it — but again no shots were fired, Stobbe said. The suspect told police that he was "so drunk that he didn't know what he was doing," the detective said.

Atkinson could face four years in prison if convicted of felonious assault. He will serve a mandatory two-year term if found guilty on the felony firearms charge.

Westland airman helps guard important Korean peninsula

On the surface, Osan, South Korea's American air base about 45 miles south of the capital of Seoul seems laid back.

A busy shopping district just outside the main gate attracts service members from throughout the Pacific. On base, American fast food restaurants do a thriving business, a large base exchange and commissary provide the comforts of home, and there's even an 18-hole golf course for weekend hackers.

But for Sgt. Glen Burrick, son of Willard and Carole Burrick, of Westland, and the other men and women stationed here, life is anything but tranquil.

Located less than 100 miles from the demilitarized zone that separates the communist north from the democratic south, Osan is the United States' northernmost air base in South Korea and one of only two permanent bases in the country.

With 12 million North Korean soldiers providing a threat, Scud missiles aimed at the area and special operations forces expected to infiltrate the base during the

■ For the Air Force men and women stationed in Korea, reactions range from acute culture shock to minor adjustments. But just about everyone comes away with experiences they won't soon forget.

start of a conflict — readiness is not so much a word here as it is a way of life, said an Air Force spokesman.

"In a wartime situation, I would be assigned to the unit's command and control center, coordinating all logistic support," said Burrick.

Burrick is assigned to the 544th Red Horse Squadron as a communications information manager. "I provide computer support by establishing new data files, and improving and upgrading current data base programs."

For many, Osan is an unaccompanied tour where airmen spend 12 months away from family and friends. Tensions caused by constantly training for alerts and readiness exercises can make life

here seem like a remote tour, the spokesman said.

"The reason I think this is a remote assignment is because I am separated from my daughter," said Burrick.

For the Air Force men and women stationed in Korea, reactions on life in a foreign country range from acute culture shock to adventure to minor adjustments. But just about everyone comes away with experiences they won't soon forget.

"Korea has some interesting traditions. The food is different from what I'm used to, but I haven't disliked anything I've tried so far. There are still many dishes I would like to sample. The biggest difficulty I've had with the food was learning to eat with chopsticks."

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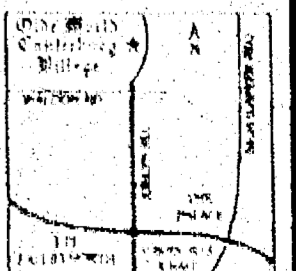
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Hands-on museum

Physics night features force fields

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum has scheduled several activities for kids in the coming school year.

Family Physics Night is planned 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26. Families with children age 5 and older will explore electricity, magnetism, force fields, trick bikes and shattering bananas. The fee is \$15 per family.

A program called Football Physics will continue throughout September. See football practice film footage and learn a few center-of-mass tricks. Demonstra-

tions are set at 1 and 3 p.m. every Saturday, 2 and 4 p.m. every Sunday.

Thunderstorm Detectives is an interactive exhibition documenting how a team of scientists, mathematicians, engineers and policy-makers worked together to create a system that detects and warns aircraft pilots of dangerous weather conditions.

A video loop shows airport microburst footage and an animated graphic representation of how aircraft may be affected.

Thunderstorm Detectives also highlights programs designed to

train air traffic controllers; aviation meteorologists and pilots.

Thunderstorm Detectives will be at the museum Sept. 27 to Nov. 7. The exhibition was developed by the National Center for Atmospheric Research with a grant from the National Science Foundation and additional support from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The museum is located in the renovated historic firehouse on East Huron Street at North Fifth Avenue in Ann Arbor.

There are 250 participatory exhibits that invite visitors to learn

about science, art and cultures.

Interactive exhibits interrelate concepts of physics, mathematics, biology, physiology, botany and geology with art, history and technology.

The museum also offers classes and workshops, weekend demonstrations, special events and other informal educational programs.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$4. Call (313) 995-5437.

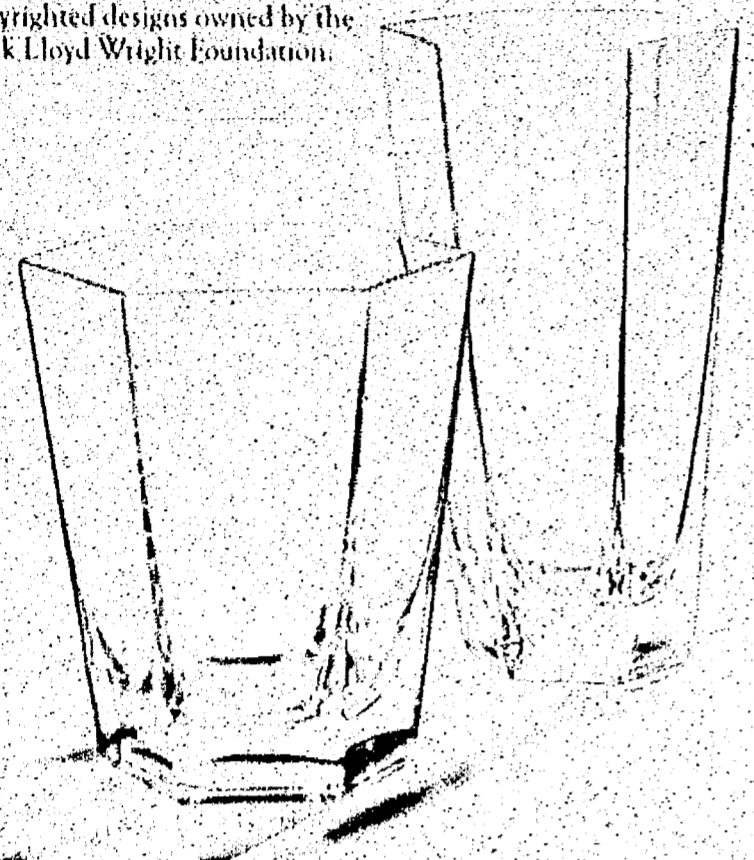
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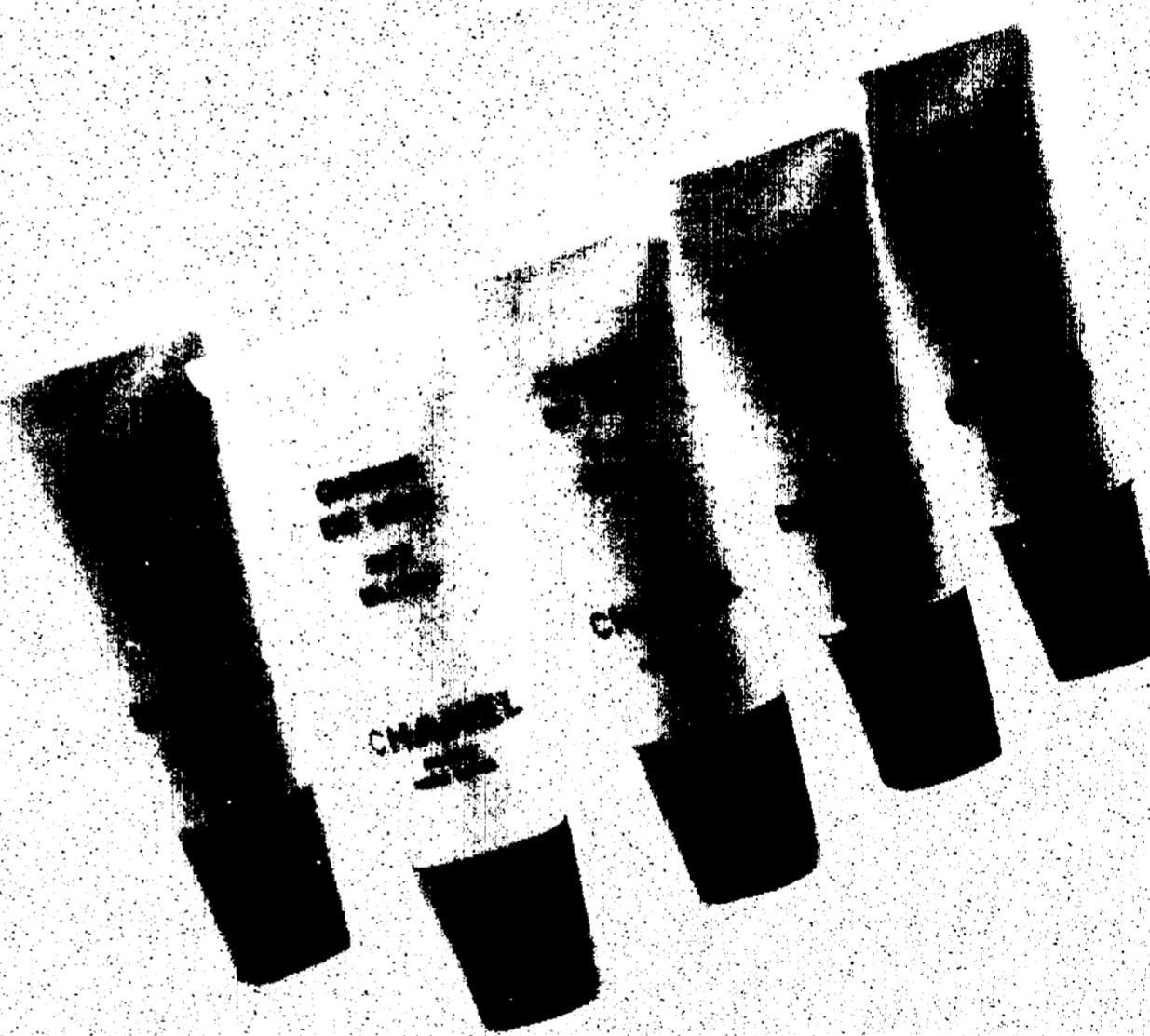
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Pastor to retire from Garden City Presbyterian

BY LEONARD POGER
Staff Writer

Rev. Gareth Baker will leave Garden City Presbyterian Church this month with 21 years of pleasant memories.

While some churches are going through highly publicized disputes among members or their pastors, the Garden City congregation and Rev. Baker have had more than two decades of religious peace and accomplishments.

Baker, usually called Gary by congregants, plans to retire Friday, Sept. 30, with his last sermon to be delivered Sunday morning, Sept. 25.

Church members are planning a retirement dinner for Baker and his wife, Evelyn, for Wednesday night, Sept. 28, at the Garden City High School cafeteria.

"Endings and Beginnings" is the title of his farewell sermon.

Baker, who will be 62 years old on Sept. 23, said he will talk about what his retirement means to him and the congregation.

Baker, ordained 37 years ago, is only the church's second pastor in 56 years. He came to Garden City in 1973, succeeding the Rev. R. Robert Rives, who led the congregation from 1933 to 1972.

The church, at 1841 Middlebelt, is one of the city's oldest.

That history and relationship with the growth of the community was reflected in Baker's observations about his 21 years in the city and the accomplishments of the church.

He said that a survey disclosed that a large proportion of the church's members have been involved in community and governmental groups.

In an interview in his office last week, Baker talked about his first days at the church and how he has watched the congregation volunteer time for many of its physical improvements.

"When I came here, we were \$100,000 in debt," he said. "Now, the debt has been wiped out and the church infinitely upgraded."

He cited the paved and expanded parking lot, new roof, elevator for the handicapped, and renovated social hall and restrooms.

■ Tickets for the retirement honoring Rev. Gareth and Evelyn Baker are \$12.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children between 6 and 12. Children 5 and under will be served free. The event, scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the Garden City High School cafeteria, will begin with beverages at 6 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. dinner and a short program. For tickets, persons may contact Barbara Keough, 422-8663.

Part of the social hall improvement was paid through a donation from a will, but most of the work in the church was done by volunteer labor, Baker said.

A major accomplishment he cited is the congregation's record of peace while many others are going through stress and division.

"We were always able to work things out and talk it through."

Baker said some church feuds may be caused by people who have other complaints over which they have no control, and so they take it out at their church.

Another factor for the Garden City congregation having a long history of peace and calm is that "there was a lot of good relationships within the church — they (members) have a lot of friends here."

The church provides important fellowship and isn't just a "filling station" at which people come in for weekly services.

"Without fellowship, you don't have anything," he said. "People have to care about, inspire each other — and they do."

Baker was proud to talk about the church's longstanding practice of inviting election candidates to the Sunday service and social period shortly before an upcoming election.

That practice was started in the early 1980s, with candidates on the upcoming ballot introduced during the service and then allowed to chat with congregants afterward.

He is also proud to be named a charter member of the city government's Downtown Development Authority's board of direc-

tors in the early 1980s. He was also a member of the school superintendent's Key Communicators group for nearly 20 years.

The major disappointment during his tenure in Garden City is the decline in membership, which is now about 425 people, down from a peak of 500.

He noted that the decline parallels the drop in the city's population and the school district's student enrollments over the past two decades.

Baker and his wife, who served as the church's Christian education director for 12 years, plan to spend the first portion of their upcoming retirement "travelling" around the country and Canada.

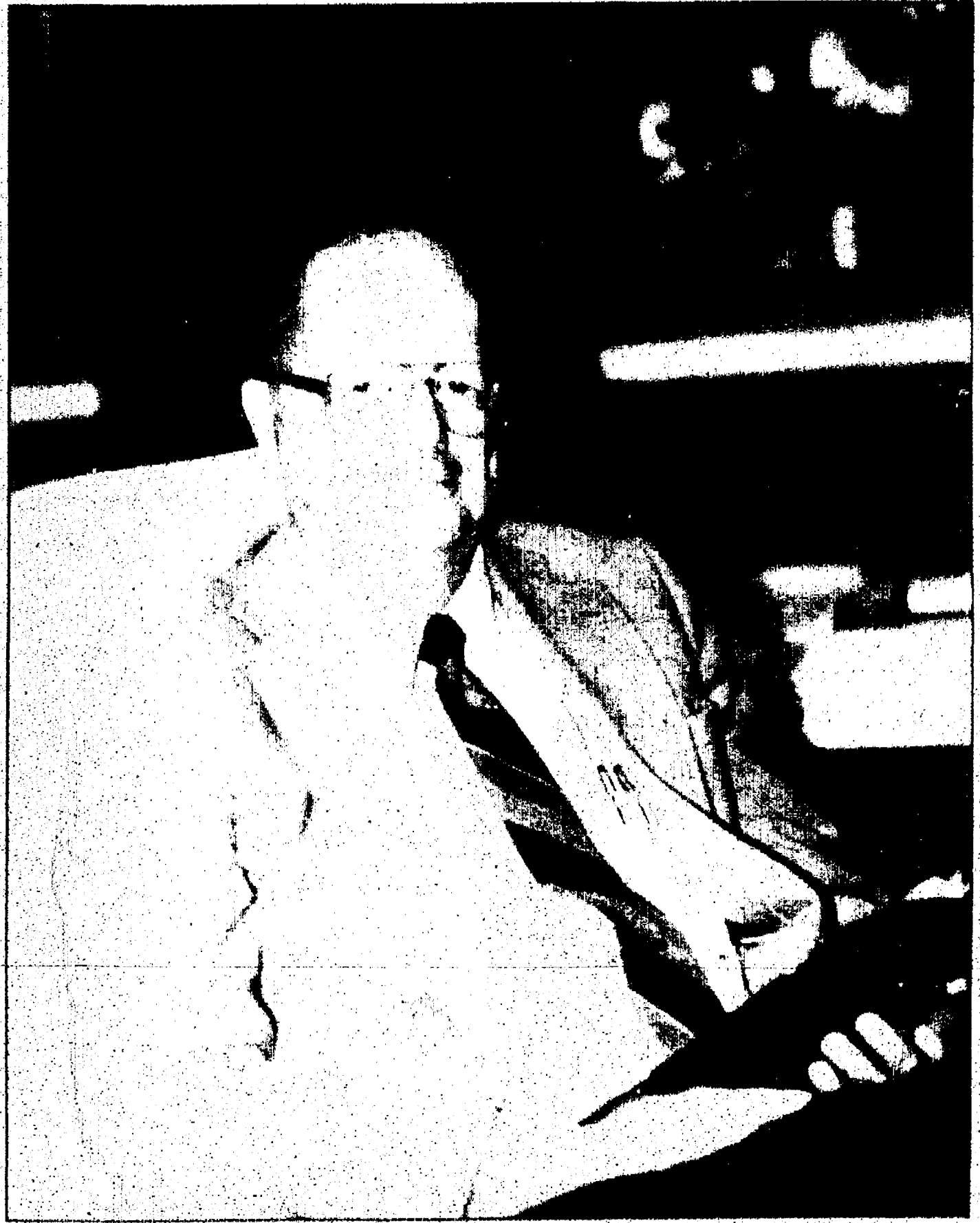
Mrs. Baker, now the Detroit Presbytery's resource center director, plans to retire in a few months. She also has an active background with the church and the Detroit Presbytery.

In 1975, she formed the city's first FISH organization, which provides emergency non-medical help for residents. She is still involved in the group.

Over the years, she was moderator of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Detroit for two years and moderator of the same group for the Garden City church; served as editor of Prism, a newsletter for the Detroit Presbytery Women; and served as Christian education advocate for the Detroit Presbytery.

The Bakers have a grown daughter and son, and three grandsons, and one expected.

His successor won't be named until late next year.



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Retiring: Rev. Gareth Baker, 62, says he will retire from the pulpit with many pleasant memories. He is leaving Garden City Presbyterian, one of the city's oldest churches, this month. Baker was ordained 37 years ago.

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Youth Living Centers aims to help children

Youth Living Centers has many other programs besides the newly created Safe Stay program.

Founded in 1975 as the Counterpoint Runaway Shelter, YLC today has 10 programs offering residential, prevention and community-based services for individuals from birth through age 21 and their families.

Based in Inkster, YLC serves all of southeastern Michigan.

The agency gets 93 percent of its money from state, county and federal governments. Its annual budget for fiscal year 1994 is \$3.5 million.

More than 600 children a year are served in YLC's residential programs. More than 5,000 children and family members are

reached through crisis cells, drop-in counseling, school presentations on drug prevention and other community programs.

A summary of YLC's programs follows:

■ The Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers a 10-bed shelter where runaway teens can stay for up to two weeks. In addition to daily individual, group and family counseling, Counterpoint offers 24-hour crisis phone counseling, information and referrals. Call Counterpoint at 663-5005.

■ The Youth Assistance Program aims to prevent seriously at-risk youth from entering the formal juvenile justice system. Last year, 93 individuals participated in the program. Educational services to

families include parenting, stress reduction and adolescent development classes. Tutoring, mentoring and recreation are made available for kids. Call 728-3400.

■ The YLC Drug Abuse Prevention Program annually counsels about 400 individuals ages 11-21. The program works with individuals who are currently runaway or homeless, or who have been runaway or homeless for at least 24 hours within the past year.

■ The Operation Rebound program helps homeless men from Detroit find jobs and housing. Homeless individuals ages 16-21 may be placed in boarder homes, apartments, or with family. Employment counselors work with the participants, helping them

schedule interviews and arrange transportation.

■ The Future Works program, scheduled to begin in October, will put formerly homeless men to work renovating three abandoned, dilapidated houses in Inkster. Upon completion of renovation work, the houses will be used as transitional housing for a minimum of 20 individuals.

■ The Supervised Independent Living program helps homeless individuals ages 16-19, who are wards of the state, to make successful transitions to adulthood. Participants take classes in personal budgeting, health and hygiene, cooking and shopping, job skills, legal rights and interpersonal relationships.

■ Youth Living Centers is also

one of several agencies the county government contracts with to provide adoption services for children taken away from their parents.

Volunteers needed

YLC has a paid staff of more than 70, but depends heavily on volunteers.

The following types of volunteers are needed: mentors, special events assistants, youth sponsors, maintenance workers, painters, clerical workers, tutors, foster grandparents, furniture repairmen, public speakers, art directors, graphic artists, writers, calligraphers, typesetters, computer

operators and receptionists.

Also, YLC is always on the lookout for donations of cash and goods. Some of the goods needed are diapers, baby clothing, baby furniture, disposable cameras, tickets to events for children, children's books, children's art supplies, birthday cards, personal care/hygiene kits, toiletries for men and women, household goods, new or lightly used furniture, non-perishable food items, Christmas gifts for teens, new computers, typewriters and adding machines.

For more information, call 728-3400.

New YLC program focuses on prevention

BY RALPH R. ECHINAW
STAFF WRITER

The Youth Living Centers social service agency will add a new program aimed at preventing the formation of dysfunctional families.

"Safe Stay Crisis Nursery and Family Respite Care Center" begins Sept. 15. Under the program, YLC expects to house up to 16 children — from infants to 9-year-olds — for as long as 30 days each in two houses in Westland, near Newburgh and Palmer.

A full-time staff of 19 and numerous volunteers will care for the children of families in crisis, plus drug-affected infants, medically fragile infants, and abandoned babies.

The idea is to give folks a place to put their children while they sort out their problems.

"The parents need the kids to be in a safe place while they take care of that crisis," said Melinda Clynes, assistant development director.

The aim is to stop the development of dysfunctional families before parents start neglecting or

beating their kids.

Established in 1975, YLC focuses most of its effort in the area of treatment. Prevention is not so easy to get funding for, said Ouida Cash, executive director of YLC.

"It's a little like pulling almost-drowned children and families out of a river for years, then deciding to go upstream and keep them from falling in," she said.

Many people who get into treatment programs, Cash said, are "practically unsavable," so pre-

vention programs make sense. The treatment system, she said, "is a wonderful system if you need it, but it's very tough to get out of."

The program is funded for a period of two years by a grant of \$666,000 from the Skillman Foundation and \$964,000 from Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health.

YLC plans to keep the Safe Stay houses open 24 hours per day and to serve at least 200 chil-

dren per year.

The children will receive physical, developmental, psychological and behavioral assessments, medical exams and health care.

Families will receive support services, including 24-hour crisis intervention, counseling services, parenting classes, and psychological evaluations.

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George began offering the

shots in 1992. One patient who took advantage of the drive-thru immunization was Troy resident Teryl Watch.

"I was grocery shopping at the Meijer behind the Royal Oak Medical Center and saw the sign," said Watch. "Even though I seem to get the flu every year, I never before took the time to be immunized. Since I was right there, and it was so

convenient, I decided to get the shot," she said.

Who should get the flu shot? George said flu immunization is recommended for people, like Watch, who are prone to flu and for those with chronic illness like diabetes, asthma, hypertension, emphysema or bronchitis and for the elderly.

Flu shots cost \$15 for individuals 17 and younger, \$20 for in-

dividuals 18-59 and \$15 for individuals 60 and older.

The Royal Oak Medical Center is located at 5130 Coolidge at Meijer Drive.

American Family Care is located at 19900 Haggerty Road, south of 8 Mile near Target.

For more information, call (810) 288-9500, or (313) 462-1990.

Junior Achievement hosts bowling classic

Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan hosts its ninth annual Bowling Classic fund-raiser at two locations in October.

■ 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, in Cloverlanes Bowl in Livonia.

■ 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, in Cloverlanes Bowl in Livonia.

■ 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday,

Oct. 23, in Troy Lanes in Troy.

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KAREN MEIER

Laughter eases anyone's soul

I'd been busy that afternoon. I mowed the lawn, bathed the baby, ironed great heaps of my husband's shirts, scrubbed the floor (washerwoman style), tended a knee boo-boo, swept grass clippings, laundered, folded, and put away underwear and socks, iced a bloody nose, concocted a spaghetti dinner for the children and, finally, ushered in the babysitter. I, though, was not ready, I was late. I'm always late. Late, late, late. Late Karen Meier. Hmmm, that sounds rather obituary-like. Well, so be it. I was about to die of embarrassment anyway. I was heading out to be the after-dinner speaker for the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club.

Once I'd arrived (late), I kept hoping a chicken bone would find its way into my plate of food and lodge in my throat and I would have to be carted away. Lots of drama AND I could save face, too, even if I passed on in the process. Anything would have been better than what I was facing.

A few weeks earlier, Mary Brooks, Plymouth Township's treasurer, had spoken on the phone with me. She'd read my columns and enjoyed them and so was inviting me to be the speaker at this dinner meeting. And, as I so often do, I spoke way before I thought. I was so flattered,

See FAMILY ROOM, 12A

Volunteer's knits warm patients

Since Edith Shatto's husband died nine years ago, she has been knitting lap blankets for hospice patients. The experience has fulfilled the lives of all involved.

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

The AIDS patients at the Franklin Care Center don't know Edith Shatto of Westland, but the lap blankets she knits for them provide some warmth for the body and soul as visitors are scarce and home is an ideal most of them can no longer remember.

Most of the patients at the Detroit center, operated by Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, don't have family members to keep them company and they don't have homes to go to, but they wear the brightly colored lap blankets sent by Shatto like a gift made with love by "mom."

Since her husband's death from cancer nine years ago, Shatto has been knitting the lap blankets for hospice patients. She makes 12 to 14 blankets each year, always choosing the brightest colors she can find.

"I just cannot say enough about what hospice did for me and my husband when he was sick. They never asked how much money we had, they were just there to help," Shatto said. "This is a small thing I can do to show my gratitude."

Shatto's husband of 35 years, Norman, developed a fast-spreading cancer and decided against chemotherapy. Because he was not receiving conventional hospital therapy he was sent home.

"A nurse at the hospital gave me a paper on hospice and suggested I contact them," she said. "I didn't look at it for a long time and then I knew I would need some help."

A hospice worker came to their house four hours each day and a nurse and doctor visited each week. Two days before Christmas in 1985, Norman was checked into a residential Hospice Center in Southfield - the center was later closed. The day after Christmas he died.

"In the short time he was in the center, he kept saying his feet were cold or his arms were cold," Shatto said. "I went to a few of the support groups (sponsored by hospice) after his death, but then I felt I would be OK as long as I could keep busy."

She then put herself on this mission to warm-up the lives of dying men and women. The lap blankets were better than full-size afghans, she said, because they could be used in the wheelchairs.

"Edith is one of just two volunteers we have who make things for our patients," said Lynne Rutherford, community relations specialist for Hospice of Southeastern Michigan. "It's really wonderful for these patients to have something that is homemade and feels homey. They have so little contact from outside the center."

Rutherford said they sometimes ask residents of nursing homes to do odds-and-ends projects for them such as coloring invitations to the children's hospice benefit. "One time when we had a group of these elderly people working on the invitations a man turned to me and said it had been so long since someone asked him for help and it felt so

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JIM JACQUELYN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Knitting kindness: Edith Shatto of Westland knits lap blankets for patients of the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan center in Detroit as her way of thanking the hospice for its support when her husband became terminally ill.

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WEDDINGS

Di Ponio-Mattson

Katie Sue Mattson and Anthony James Di Ponio were married May 28 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ewen, Mich., by the Rev. Frances Dobrzanski. She is the daughter of Bonnie and Brian Mattson of Ewen, Mich., and he is the son of Catherine and Tony Di Ponio of Redford.

The bride is a graduate of Ewen-Trout Creek High School and Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is employed by BDDO-Detroit advertising agency.

The groom is a graduate of St. Agatha High School and Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in construction management. He is employed by Allied Trades Construction.

Jeanine Mattson served as her sister's maid of honor with bridesmaids Angela Pish, Tracy Niemi, Janet Pogliano, Jennifer Johnson and Gretchen Cipriano.

Peter Pagett served as best man with groomsmen brother of the



groom John Di Ponio, Dino Grossi, Robert Iafrate, brother of the bride Timothy Mattson and Jason Tonti.

Ronald Cipriano, Steven Schelb and Robert Clark served as ushers.

The couple received guests at Paul's Supper Club in Silver City. They are making their home in Farmington.

Azeez-Goodwin

Nancy Jane Goodwin and Christopher Joseph Azeez were married Aug. 13 in Guardian Angel Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Rev. Tom Nolker. She is the daughter of Sue Goodwin of Marietta, Ohio, and Jack Goodwin of Charleston, W.Va., and he is the son of Dave and Joan Azeez of Redford Township.

The bride is a graduate of Miami of Ohio and the groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Both the bride and groom are employed by the Fidelity Investment Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

For their honeymoon, the couple cruised the Caribbean Is-



lands. They are making their home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Decker-Ammon

John and Judy Decker of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Robert Ammon, son of Jack and Barbara Ammon of Bonita Springs, formerly of Grosse Ile.

The bride-to-be is employed by Decker's Flowers and Gifts in Westland.

Her fiancé is better known as Bobo The Clown through his professional business.

A June 1995 wedding is planned in St. Paul of the Cross in Detroit.



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Buyak-Berry

Arthur and Bobbie Buyak of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Troy Joseph Berry, son of Clifford Berry of Manton, Mich., and Renee Steele of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and is employed as an artist at North American Photo in Livonia. She also teaches modeling classes to students at Barbizon Modeling School and does modeling for other agencies in her spare time.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Redford Union High School and is employed by Special Projects Inc. of Plymouth as an automotive prototype technician.



A September wedding is planned in St. Valentine Church of Redford.

Thayer-Squire

Marilyn J. Thayer of Livonia and Charles E. Thayer of Ypsilanti announce the engagement of their daughter, Marnie, to Brad Allen Squire, son of O'Dell Squire of Las Vegas, Nev., and Donald Squire and stepmother Rose Squire of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Madonna University with a degree in social work and Wayne State University with a graduate degree in social work. She is employed by Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in psychology and is pursu-



ing a chemistry degree at the University of Michigan. An October wedding is planned in Greenmead Historical Church, Livonia.

Homick-Diaz

Joseph and Barbara Homick of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheri Noreen, to Tyrone Alfred Diaz, son of Alfredo and Beverly Diaz of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is employed at Ameritech Cellular in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights. He is employed by Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

An October wedding is planned in St. Michael Church, Livonia.



Jacob-Jarzembowski

John and Mildred Jacob of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia, to Stephen Jarzembowski, son of Raymond and Patricia Jarzembowski of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. She is pursuing a master of science in industrial engineering. She is employed by Auto Alliance International of Flat Rock.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a master of science civil engineering degree, and a bachelor of science



in civil engineering. He is employed by Stante Excavating of Canton. An October wedding is planned in St. Priscilla's of Livonia.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bunk

Congratulations are in store for former Livonia residents John and Jeanette Bunk, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 31.

He is the former Livonia fire chief, while she spent many years helping out as a "lunchroom mom" in the Livonia Public Schools.

Home for the Bunks is Elk Rapids — and Elk Lake specifically — north of Traverse City. They also winter in Florida with many of their Livonia friends and colleagues.

He is still an avid fisherman, and is out at dawn on Lake Michigan in hopes of hooking yet an-



other big one. They have fond memories of the years spent in their home on Ann Arbor Trail with their daughter Michelle, now of Roseville, and son Michael of Boston, Mass.



Gateman

Fifty-seven guests joined with Wilbur and Velma Gateman recently at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills to celebrate the

couple's 60th wedding anniversary. The Gatemans — he is age 89 and she is age 83 — have lived in Redford for 42½ years.

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good that there was something he could do," Rutherford said. "Everyone has a skill that could be used to help someone else."

Shatto, a 16-year resident, learned to knit at Hudson's department store in Detroit. They used to offer lessons in various crafts from time to time. She doesn't have family members nearby; there are three stepchildren in Arizona, so she doesn't really have anyone else to knit things for and this allows her to pass the time.

"If I can't sleep or have nothing

to do, I'll sit down and knit," Shatto said. "I can make one blanket in about two weeks."

Shatto also continues a charitable activity that her husband began before his death. She makes rosaries to be distributed to foreign missions. Beads are threaded onto wires and then made into colorful rosaries.

Shatto is a member of St. Theodore's Church in Westland. She worked 28 years for Union Local 900. She still enjoys bowling one day a week.

Life for Down man on upswing

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Steven Kloc was born 29 years ago with Down syndrome. Even so, his parents always dreamed that he would lead an independent life. When he turned 16, his parents believed that meant putting him in a group home.

"Our dream has been that he would not spend his whole life living with us. We wanted him to have the opportunity to leave home and lead a life like his brother and sister. The only (question) was how we wanted that to happen. When he was 16, we thought a group home would be a place to go," said his mother, Sylvia Kloc, who is an advocate with ARC, an organization that works with mentally handicapped children.

As he grew older, Steven Kloc, who communicates through sign language, and his family realized that group homes and institutions wouldn't be best for him.

"Five or six years ago I realized that living in a group home isn't exactly what most people do," said Sylvia Kloc said. "Living in a group home is like going off to college and living in a dormitory. People do that for a time but that's not how you spend your whole life."

So together they made a decision that would seem unfathomable to most people.

They let him get his own apart-

ment near the family's home in Livonia. He got to choose where and with whom he lived. He was even able to help choose his staff.

That was two years ago and Kloc has seen remarkable progress.

"He seems to be much more of a person. He's very opinionated about what he will wear, as opposed to when he lived at home and mom laid out all his clothes. Turning on the stove was a frightening thing for me to see him do. (Now) he's doing that, doing the laundry, doing a lot more with the shopping and stuff."

The Kloes, the Mental Health Association and Wayne Community Living Services feel that this is an appropriate living arrangement. To prove this to other parents, the Mental Health Association is filming a documentary about alternative living arrangements that are available for people with developmental disabilities or mental illness. For the project they enlisted the help of "Life Goes On" star Chris Burke, who was also born with Down syndrome. The production team, along with Burke filmed a segment at Kloc's Livonia apartment last week on the suggestion of Allen Gruenke of WCLS.

An advocate for people with Down syndrome, Burke was overjoyed that project coordinator Scott Walker asked him to participate.



Taking a break: Actor Chris Burke of "Life Goes On," left, takes a break with Steven Kloc of Livonia during the filming of a documentary about alternative living arrangements for people with disabilities.

"Scott got me involved with this. I think it's really great," Burke said as Walker patted him on the back. "Filmmaking is my career. I'd love to do behind the scenes work."

The goal, Walker said, is to make the videotape available to community organizations so that caregivers won't have to go to large organizations, which can often be intimidating, to seek information. Sylvia Kloc said it will also show two sides of Down syndrome.

"When people in Michigan think of people living in independent living programs, they think of someone like Chris Burke who's articulate and appears to be very competent. They don't think of Steven who is non-verbal and appears to be not able to do very much but who really does."

"I really think that this is how most people with mental retardation should be able to live," Kloc added.

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you see, so star struck, that I said, "Of course, I'll do it!"

Once I got off the phone I scooped 2-year-old Joe up in my arms and charged around the family room yelling, "I'm gonna do!" Then I stopped, dead, plunked Joe down, threw my arms straight out in front of me and screamed hysterically, "How'm I gonna do that?"

From that moment on, I couldn't bear thinking about this commitment I'd made. Now it's not that I'm a shrinking violet or wallflower, or any other type of scared-flora, it's just that this was too horrifying. This group consisted of professional and business women who wear pantyhose and pumps on a daily basis. And have

initials — GEO, MBA, Ph.D., J.D., VIP, I would need CPR.

Oh why, oh why, did I ever lose my marbles like that on the phone and accept?

But accept I did. And one thing I'm not, and that's a quitter. If I said I'll do it, I'll do it. Unless a chicken bone in my throat does me in first.

That night, before I spoke, everyone there introduced themselves by way of giving their name and their business. I figured since I was the guest and not a member I would be excluded from this. But, oh no. The woman next to me stood, introduced herself, sat down, and nudged me. What was I going to say? What would you say? Remember you're surround-

ed by women who have been in their offices all day, answering phones, going to meetings, writing memos, hiring people, doing lunch, preparing briefs. And there you are, all day washing briefs.

I did introduce myself and I did speak. I also perspired as I've never perspired before. I was the Mother of Perspiration. I felt like the deer in the wild who accidentally bounds across the road and the lights of a car freeze it and its eyes roll back in its head. That was me.

I stood at the podium (me, standing at a podium, with a microphone attached no less, what a thing) and they laughed. The jury is still out on whether they were laughing with me or at me. But

the point is, they laughed. And that's good. I hear it heals all things, except maybe a chicken bone in the throat.

Note: The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club grants scholarships to single heads of households pursuing their education. The group will be sponsoring Bingo Night at Plymouth's Fall Festival 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, in The Gathering. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, call her at (313) 953-2037, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer News-papers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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LORENE GREEN

Lorene, I have been reading your column for some time now, and I'm certainly curious to know what you can tell me about myself. I've turned 30 years old recently, who's a right-handed female. I'm always open to different forms of self-analysis, which has, and always will be a part of my life. I'm looking forward to your response.

ity and knows how to get it. Boredom may also be present. She has a natural desire to relate to other people. However, she is often quite reticent, not willing to divulge information of a personal nature. Protection of her own interests is a priority item.

This is a peace-loving person. Her dislike of unpleasantness and her need to get along smoothly with others may go back a long way. To promote a peaceful atmosphere and gain approval from others she has learned to please and appease them.

Other people may not always understand our writer. Often she can be friendly and talkative, but other times quiet and possibly moody. This behavior can be confusing and also makes it difficult for her to develop close friendships.

When relationships or situations do not progress as she might like them to, she can become defensive and come up with a quick retort. At this point, sarcasm may be used to drive her point home.

Our writer appears to be a bit of

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a rebel. She wants to be independent and does not wish to be held back, by either past roots or traditional norms. Seemingly, some emotional deprivation from the formative years has not been completely resolved.

Many signs in this handwriting suggest feelings of insecurity just beneath the surface. She often feels threatened. She wants to mature and move on with her life. Being open to different forms of self analysis should be most helpful in this pursuit. An open mind is always a positive asset.

Long-range planning is not her forte. She may be setting goals

that she is comfortable with, but not challenging enough. I'm reminded of a cliché that might be worth considering: "Aim for the moon; if you miss, you'll still fall among the stars."

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to: Lorene G. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48160. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. Objective feedback is always welcome.

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Plymouth
Today's sample is written large, with most of the movement in the middle zone. So, at this time, we see a young woman with a strong interest in social life and herself. Mundane events of daily living are all-encompassing. She may make large issues of trivial matters. Seemingly, she needs room for the expression of her personal-

NEW VOICES

JOHN and ALLYSON TODD of Garden City announce the birth of **SHELBY LEE** July 1 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a brother, Jacob Henry. Grandparents are Ray and Ruth Hanchett and Billy and Shirley Todd of Garden City.

ANDREW DILLON and CAROL OWENS DILLON of Redford announce the birth of **AUSTIN JAMES** July 16 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He has two brothers, Matthew, 2, and John, 1. Grandparents are Judge and Mrs. John Dillon of Redford and Mary Shell, also of Redford. Great-grandparents are Marjorie McGrorty, James and Irene Dillon and Andrew and Hilda Golata.

KEVIN and ROBIN BOWLING of Westland announce the birth of **BRANDI LYNN** Aug. 1 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has two brothers, Jason Charles and Sean Michael, and a sister, Megan Elizabeth. Grandparents are Bill and Alice Rogers of Wayne and Billy and Selda Bowling of Plymouth.

FRANK KREN and KARAN BOCKZKAY of Livonia announce the birth of **SABRINA ELIZABETH** Aug. 6 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are John and Sarah Bockzky of Livonia, Frank and Janet Kren of Lin-

coln Park and Gary and Marilyn Jordan of Dearborn.

TOM and GWEN MARCHESANO of Plymouth announce the birth of **ANNA ROSE** July 1 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has a sister, Claire. Grandparents are Thomas Marchesano of Glenolden, Pa., and Roger and Joyce Rehfeld of Guntersville, Pa. Great-grandparents are Rose Marchesano of Philadelphia, Pa., Helen Wells of Aldan, Pa., Geraldine Rehfeld of Friendship, Wis., and Oscar and Dorothy Liston of Albertville, Ala.

RICHARD and BARBARA SKAGGS of Plymouth Township announce the birth of **PETER ERIK** June 30 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has a brother, Andrew, 4.

TODD GAGNEAU and DIANA RUSSELL of Garden City announce the birth of **NATHAN RUSSELL GAGNEAU** July 27. Grandparents are Anne Gagneau of Garden City and Bob and Pat Russell of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Isabelle Maker of Livonia.

GREG and CHRIS ETIENNE of Canton announce the birth of **JOHN RUSSELL** July 5 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. He has three brothers, Wil-

liam, 5, Thomas, 4, and Joseph, 1. Grandparents are Bill and Audrey Brennan of Canton and Clint and Audrey Etienne of Charlevoix.

ROBERT and DEBORAH HINZE of Livonia announce the birth of **JACOB EVAN** July 21 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Little of Wayne and Elizabeth Hinze of Westland.

CHUCK and JENNIFER MORNINGSTAR of Farmington Hills announce the birth of **JAKOB CHARLES** July 6 at Providence Hospital. Grandparents are Bob and Karen Charlier of Westland and Charlie and Pat Morningstar of Livonia.

STEPHEN and DONNA BOBACK of Livonia announce the birth of **ANDREW NICHOLAS** Aug. 3. He has one brother, Patrick, 3. Grandparents are Anthony and Vivian Risott of Lakeland, Fla., and Margaret Boback of Livonia.

TOM and LORI MOESTA of Hartland announce the birth of twins **MYLES BRANDON** and **SAMANTHA LYN** June 3 at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Bob and Bonnie Meyerand of Canton and Don and Nan Moesta of Wix-

MICHAEL and MARY HOWARD of Canton announce the birth of **SARAH ROSE** July 11 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She has a brother, Nathaniel, 2. Grandparents are Everest and Katie Lucas of Dearborn and Gary and Phyllis Howard of Lincoln Park.

TIM and TERRI PROBEN of Livonia announce the births of **BENJAMIN CHARLES** and **NICHOLAS JAMES** May 19 at University of Michigan Hospital. The twins have a brother Joshua, 4, and sister Samantha, 3. Grandparents are Madeline Lantto of Livonia, and Adam and Madeline Proben of Detroit.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1994

At summer's end A time for defensive refocusing

The end of summer means the return of school buses on our roadways and children as pedestrians on sidewalks en route to school.

And that calls for all Observer readers who also drive cars to be extra careful and adjust driving habits within the next couple of weeks. During the summer months the eyes of defensive drivers have been trained to look for certain predictable occurrences on the roadways and sidewalks. Now that vacation has ended and the school doors are reopening, we need to retune our visual fields and be prepared to watch out for other occurrences.

Student pedestrians, school bus drivers, and motorists alike have been cautious in recent years and tragedies have been averted, for the most part. There is a need for alertness because of the road widening and paving projects going.

But drivers aren't the only ones who need to be alert with the opening of school.

Students also bear some responsibility.

Youngsters who are en route to school often are running behind schedule and, fearful of being late, may throw caution to the wind and dart across the street. Darting leaves little time for motorists to react, especially when the motorist was not watching students walking along the sidewalk.

Second, high school students walk to school in early morning hours when visibility is limited. Darkness also reduces the driver's reaction time.

Motorists usually expect students to cross at lights and crosswalks. A high school student darting across at an unexpected location in darkness or near-darkness leaves little opportunity for the motorist to react in time.

In this scenario, we might be tempted to con-

clude that the responsibility to prevent an accident lies with the student. But that is not true if the motorist is exceeding the speed limit, which happens too often on our mile roads. Speed limits are established with several factors in mind, including visibility, braking distance, etc. To exceed a speed limit is an invitation to tragedy in school zones. The drivers also must share responsibility if they are approaching a school zone and are not driving defensively.

In all areas of our community, motorists must remember to react defensively when approaching a school bus. If the bus slows down to stop and puts its flashing lights on, motorists from both directions must stop and remain stopped until the flashing lights are turned off. It's a good habit to note whether the bus is loading or unloading and, if unloading, to watch which way students are walking before pulling away.

Elementary and middle school students are probably even more impulsive than high school students and so motorists must remain alert when students are seen walking along a sidewalk. At any moment, a young student might see a classmate walking on the other side or recall an item forgotten at home (lunch bag, homework, etc.) and dash across the street. Expect the unexpected.

Also, when approaching a school zone visually scan the area to identify crosswalk stripes. Keep an eye open for crossing guards or safety patrolers and be ready to respond to their direction. Be courteous and be patient.

Tragedy can be avoided. Let's all remember to refocus, be alert, anticipate, and be ready to react. And a happy and safe school year to all.

Keep local music, theater alive

The Observer's new section, Let's Go!, is a reminder to area residents that live music and theater are an integral part of what makes our communities so special.

While putting the new section together, editors and reporters talked to many local residents involved in the operation of and fund-raising for the Livonia, Redford and Plymouth symphony orchestras, the Farmington Philharmonic, and many community theater groups.

The list of local groups is impressive, but it also sends a message that in order to maintain the number and quality of the groups, the community must support them. The "arts" have struggled the last few years in the wake of budget cuts at the state and federal levels.

Community orchestras—like those in Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth and Redford—have varied degrees of experience in terms of musicians and in terms of history. They play music with individual flair and emotion and they appeal to different audiences.

What area community orchestras all seem to have in common, however, is that financial support is difficult to come by.

Community theaters also require a wide range of talents to produce their shows. The lights, sound, scenery and performances you see on stage are only the tip of the iceberg.

There are ads to place and tickets to sell, programs to write, posters to design, newsletters to mail, buildings to maintain, insurance to obtain and costumes to sew. All of this work is done by volunteers.

You can help in many ways. The music and theater groups need an audience, so buy a ticket and enjoy yourself. A season schedule appears on page 2B of the new section, Let's Go! You're sure to find a concert or play to suit your taste.

Also, stay tuned for information on fund-raisers for local groups. The orchestras sponsor at least one major fund-raising activity a year.

The LSO Symphony Society presents "Sunday, Songs and Symphony" on Oct. 2 in Laurel Park Place Mall. Tickets at \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door feature food from area restaurants and bakeries, music, prizes, and a silent auction. Proceeds help support the orchestra.

Support these local groups and make sure we keep the music alive and the stage lights shining.



Trumpet solo: Brian Moon performs with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra during an outdoor concert at Civic Center Park.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
With the Labor Day weekend gone, will you be happy or sad that summer is nearly over?

We asked this question at Big Boy restaurant.

I love summer. I'm sad that it's over. Mary Boehme	It's sad that it's over. I have to return to school. Jennifer Trombore	A little of both. I like the hot weather but I also hate to think of snow. Virginia Trombore	That's hard to answer. I'm not sure, but I like warm weather more than cold weather. Ann Spears



ARKIE HUDKINS

LETTERS

Support not an option

As the teacher-school board talks intensify in Livonia, please allow me to assist in clarifying which points (enumerated by Nancy Shaw) are truly within the realm of such negotiations. Specifically, Shaw, as a representative of the LEA, asserts that among the unresolved issues is that "the board will not guarantee that support personnel can assist teachers with special needs students who are mainstreamed into regular classrooms."

Whether or not support personnel are required by any student is an issue decided on an individual basis by a committee made up of parents, teachers and administrators. It is a process mandated by federal law to assure a free and appropriate education for all students with all degrees of disability.

If any "policy" set by the board, the education association, or a collaboration thereof interferes with the provision of appropriate services to a child with a disability—that is, if the board says they won't guarantee support personnel as needed—then a violation of Section 504 in the federal law has occurred.

The provision of services (support personnel or adaptive materials) to special needs students is by federal mandate and not up for negotiation. I am dismayed that the issues of class size and specials such as art, music and gym are by implication lumped together with that of students who require assistance because of their disabilities.

The Livonia Education Association should be aware of the distinction as well as the harm brought to students with disabilities before the law rejected their supposed expendability.

Pride and quality in Livonia Public Schools will be achieved by overall school improvement. When the individual needs and abilities of all students are respected and accommodated, then teachers, administrators and we parents can truly congratulate ourselves for doing our jobs.

Kristine Copeland, Livonia

Remove striking teachers

Lawbreakers abound as the ideal role model for our children. Ever since the founding of our Republic of sovereign citizens, we have held teachers as the epitome of appropriateness for our young people to emulate. Today, public school teachers of Livonia and Ann Arbor are clearly proclaiming that

they believe in the principle that lawbreaking is good. Can we have an orderly, law-abiding society if our education system teaches that lawbreaking is good?

When I first raised this point I was told, "you're just being a nit-picker!" but that our teachers are teaching that lawbreaking is good was not refuted. In fact, we agreed that the nit-picking comment was a tacit agreement with the lawbreaking-is-good principle but "only in this very limited" situation.

Specifically, teachers in our public schools have explicitly accepted as a condition of service the fact that strikes are illegal. Having served in the public sector for more than 20 years, where not only were strikes illegal but where membership in a collective bargaining organization also was a felony, I totally sympathize with the teachers' efforts at the collective bargaining process.

Sympathy aside, the law and its application are the greatest teachers in our society. To the school boards of Livonia and Ann Arbor I say, you have only one choice: Remove from any further consideration any and all teachers who are in violation of the law, or run the risk of increasing the rate of lawbreaking among all the students under your charge.

This removal of lawbreakers from the role of teacher should be permanent and irrevocable until such a time as the Legislature of Michigan takes action to make "strikes by public employees" a legal part of the collective bargaining process.

Russell J. Hesch, Redford

Griffin praised

I travel in my business throughout the county and in particular along the western part of it.

The proliferation of political signs just amazes me. Every intersection has become a political commercial. I suppose that these signs do have their place in the political spectrum, if managed correctly by the candidates. That is why I must compliment Charles (Trav) Griffin.

I have noticed he has removed all of his signs, while others still litter the roadsides. Griffin obviously has some sensitivity toward the environment and the citizens he would like to represent. With more than two months to go before the November election, do we really need those signs dominating our landscape?

I would like to urge other office seekers to follow Mr. Griffin's lead.

Dennis LeMaitre, Westland

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POINTS OF VIEW

Forever PLAID

Cultural awareness group seeks involvement

PLAID (People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity) is a group of people concerned with fostering respect, understanding, and diversity. This Livonia grass-roots organization, founded in June 1992, has members of various cultural, religious and racial groups.

PLAID is reaching out to other people in the area who share an interest in coming together to address issues of diversity in our community. We recognize that because we live in a society with pervasive biases, it is our responsibility to foster anti-bias development. If we do nothing to counteract these biases, then we silently support them by virtue of our inactivity.

Biases can be very subtle. They can be based on differences in religion, language, style of dress, social class, dis-

ability, color, sex, size, shape, ethnicity, or anything that makes someone appear to be different than you. In other words, these biases are based on one's appearance, not on one's character or personality.

The goal of PLAID is to assist others as well as ourselves to learn to understand and appreciate our similarities as well as our differences. . . . to learn to judge others by who they are and not what they look like.

As our city and neighboring communities become more diverse, we owe it to ourselves and to our children to become more aware of our attitudes toward others.

One way to manage diversity is to learn about other cultures and to encourage constructive communication about similarities and differences. In

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the Jan. 6, 1994 Observer, the editors argued that "Now is the time to act. We should not deny ourselves the opportunity to change by placing all hope in the future generation. Each individual can examine his or her attitudes, knowledge and reactions and alter undesirable behavior and thought."

We herald the Observer's words, and we invite the community to an opportunity to learn about another culture.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 pm, PLAID and the Madonna University Department of Multicultural Affairs are co-sponsoring a forum on "Dispelling Myths about Arab-Americans in our Community." The event will be held in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, and the guest speaker is Terry Ahwal, executive assistant for Wayne County and a Livonia resident.

Another opportunity for awareness is the TRUTH (Together in Racial Unity, Trust and Honesty) workshop series beginning on Monday, Sept. 19. TRUTH combines elements of the "Dialogue Racism" program developed by the Institute for Healing Racism of Houston, Texas, with the concept of racial "pairing" to share discussion.

PLAID meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in Room E-19 (east wing) of the Bentley Center. Everyone is welcome. For more information on PLAID or TRUTH, please call Donna Pomerson at 523-9356 or Ronalee Bowman at 467-7904.

This guest column was written by Donna Pomerson, Pam Guarneri and Ronalee Bowman. All are members of PLAID.

We must start acting to recycle used oil

By P.A. DANIEL, GUEST COLUMNIST

Imagine a big sponge. Think bigger. Think biggest. Imagine this sponge is able to take on fluids and to give them up, for years, for thousands of years. And imagine that this huge sponge works great.

Well, what you've just imagined is here now. It's the earth, that wonderful space ship we live on. It takes on water as rain and snow and gives it up later as the water evaporates and rises up into the sky.

The earth has other fluids, too; oil and gas, which formed thousands of years ago from decaying plant life. The gas and oil are now in large deposits in the earth and provide man with a useful source of portable energy.

Now imagine an oil tanker, running aground and spilling 11 million gallons of oil into the water. Imagine the public outcry, the massive cleanup, the

lawsuits. Well, the spill happened with the Exxon Valdez and so did the cleanup, public outcry, and lawsuits totaling \$5.5 billion so far.

The last thing you're to imagine is another 11 billion gallons of oil, pouring on the earth, directly on the land. And again imagine the public outcry, the cleanup, and the lawsuits. Same as with the Exxon Valdez, only this time it's not an accident.

This 11 million gallons of oil is spilled every year, on Michigan land, by DIY (do it yourself) oil changers.

DIYs are those people in Michigan who change their own oil in their cars, boats, and motorcycles. They usually then dispose of it improperly, gallon after gallon, by pouring it in cracks in their driveways, in sewers, or in containers in their trash, which end up in landfills, seeping into the earth.

And this is not an accident. They do it intentionally. And no one seems to

GUEST COLUMN

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care, because the sponge isn't full yet.

The oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez was bad oil. It killed thousands of fish and millions of other aquatic life. It cost many fishermen their livelihoods and, thereby, lowered the quality of life of thousands of people.

But the DIYs' used oil is far worse. It contains many dangerous chemicals

and various poisonous metals, including lead, zinc, and copper. Just how much of this contaminated oil the

earth sponge can take on before it seeps into our ground water and begins to poison us is unknown for now. But, everyone agrees, there is a limit.

Recycling has caught on lately for paper, bottles and cans, and some plastics. Hundreds of communities in America have begun curbside pickup, increasing their collection amounts. It's part of a responsible way of maximizing the use of our resources.

Less than three dozen communities in the U.S. have curbside pickup of used oil. It's a shame because used oil is also a valuable resource. It can be reprocessed into motor oil. It can also be used as an energy source as heating oil. Curbside pickup increases the amount of goods collected and recycled by a factor of six, when compared with the local drop-off site method.

Curbside pickup makes it easier for people to recycle, so participation increases. What we need to do is expand

our municipal curbside pickup programs to include used motor oil. This will lead us to less and less oil pollution of Michigan's lands. Of course, this isn't the only thing we need to do. But it is a major component.

The alternative to recycling all of our used oil is land and water pollution. How long can our sponge absorb 11 million gallons per year before a "disaster" strikes? Can we afford to wait any longer?

Guest columnist P.A. Daniel of Livonia has long worked behind the scenes for curbside recycling of used oil; he now "goes public." Other readers who want to "go public" may submit their guest columns to: Community Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48185.

Battles rage on over government home rule

Fred Warner, a former Farmington village president, was governor of Michigan in 1908-09, when the state adopted one of the great reforms of the 20th century — municipal home rule.

Local governments are creatures of the state and have only the powers the state gives them. Across the U.S. in the 19th century, however, state legislators had abused their control. Cities demanded home rule so they could experiment with new forms of governance, such as city managers, at-large councils, nonpartisan elections, appointed clerks and treasurers, higher taxing and bonding authority, and so on.

Yet the tension between state and cities continues. Covering the school reform action of 1993-94, I had to bypass a few good stories about home rule. Let's catch up:

DAY CARE — The Senate passed SH 162, sponsored by Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, which limits cities' abilities to zone out day-care centers. The Michigan Municipal League, composed of cities and villages, is battling it because "In its present form, the bill amends the City and Village Zoning Act to allow a day care facility with up to six children to locate in any residential zone."

Snob zoning is a fairly familiar abuse of home rule powers, particularly in newer suburbs. At MML's request, Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, a former mayor, will offer an amendment exempting "a city or village whose zoning ordinance makes a good faith inclusionary provision for family day care homes and group day care homes in all residential zones."

Many lawmakers distrust the vagueness of the Dolan amendment. What is "good faith"? We should see a dandy floor fight during the House's fall session.

RESIDENCY Senate Bill 679 would prohibit cities from requiring that police and fire personnel live within their boundaries. It is sponsored by Sen. David Honigman of West Bloomfield.

Honigman's purpose is not "Detroit bashing." He sees the restrictions as out of date, disrupting the homes of married couples who both work but in different jurisdictions. He plans to report the bill out of the Labor Committee this fall.

MMI promises "to vigorously oppose the bill." It will be a fight. Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, has introduced an identical measure, HB 4650, in the House, and it has gone



TIM RICHARD

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nowhere. **POWER LINES** — Senate Bills 814-821 would allow the state Public Service Commission to designate when a high-voltage power line is a public necessity. PSC would issue a "certificate of public convenience and necessity."

MMI objects: "This certificate renders all local zoning ordinances along the proposed power line unenforceable."

Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, sponsored the bills after Consumers Power Co. lost a court battle to extend power lines into Indiana. The utility said a single township stymied the project by objecting to a small portion of the entire line passing through its jurisdiction.

Michigan runs into such problems constantly. Should a single local unit be able to stymie a power line? a landfill? a boat launch? a hiking trail? a prison?

These local-state struggles are constant, and they are necessary — just like the struggles between police powers and defendants' rights, between labor unions and management, between individuals and the collective will.

If this newspaper is still publishing 100 years from now, my successor will be writing about these tensions. That is good. If one side ever entirely wins, the other may explode.

Tim Richard reports 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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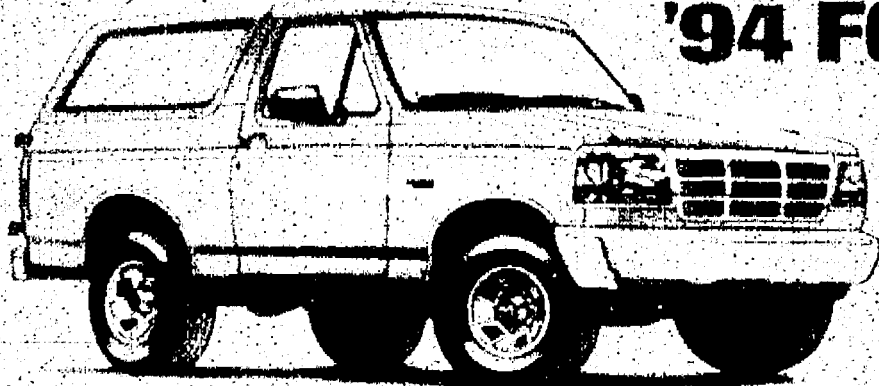


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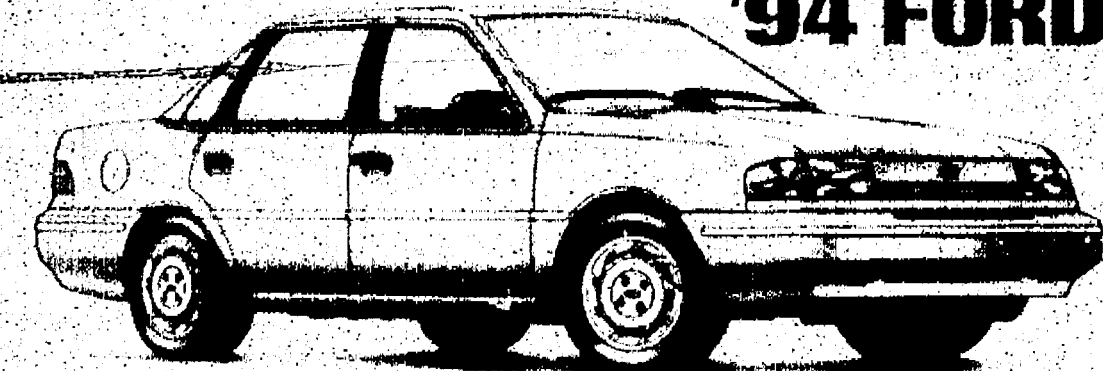
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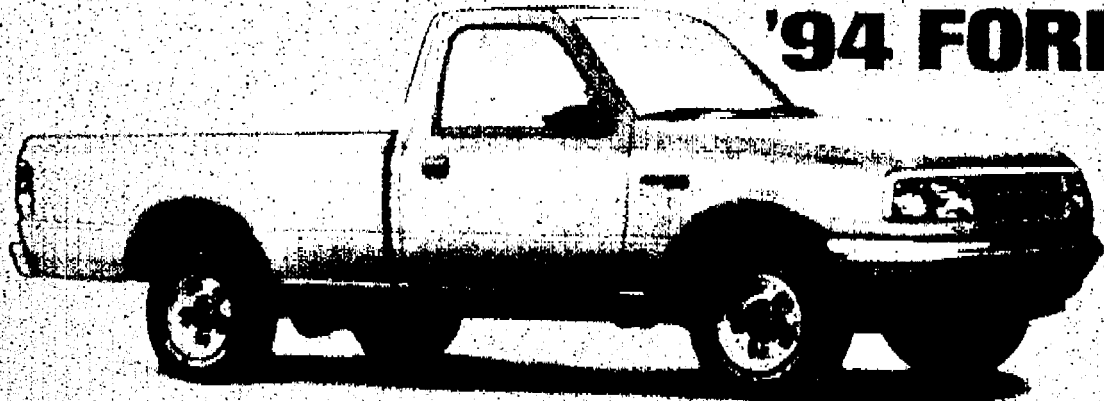
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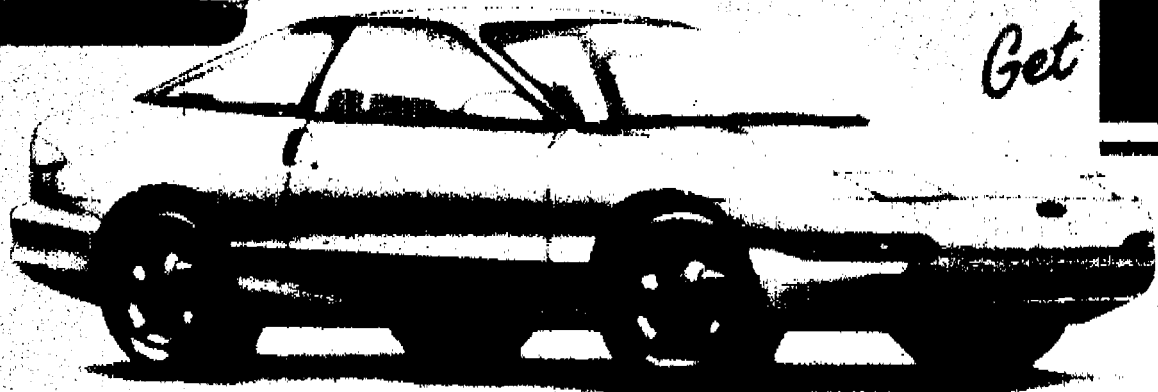
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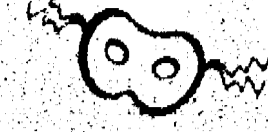
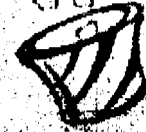
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ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

Welcome our newest addition to the paper

Let's Go! We're off and running with our first new section devoted to suburban entertainment. You'll find news here that you won't find anywhere else — community theater reviews, previews of upcoming local orchestra concerts, suggestions for family trips, and features about new and improved restaurants in your community.

We'll be writing about your friends and neighbors, people you pass on the way to work and see in the grocery store. Your input is what makes this new section so special.

In August we asked you take us on vacation and snap a photograph of your family holding the newspaper in a scenic spot for our new "Wish You Were Here" feature. The response has been tremendous!

John and Nancy Hayden of Livonia hand-delivered photos from their recent trip to Russia. The Fischer Family of Redford Township shared pictures from their trip to Yellow Stone National Park. Tim and Amy Boes of Canton Township sent pictures of their family enjoying a vacation at Houghton Lake. Saree, Steve, Scott and Bradley Hantler of Farmington Hills sent pictures taken on their visit to East Coast beach towns in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

Betty Liss of Westland sent us a picture of herself and three friends at the Houghton Lake Canoe Livery.

You'll find the "Wish You Were Here" feature on Page 6. Please keep sending us your photos. We'll return them after they've appeared in the paper.

We now know that our readers love to travel to places near and far.

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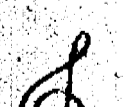
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Community Overtures

Orchestras strike a chord with growing audience

BY BARBARA WILSON
SPECIAL WRITER

Music plays a powerful role in our lives. It sets the mood at mealtimes. It makes the rush-hour commute bearable and it calms us after a strenuous day on the job.

But none of these individual experiences with music played on a stereo or radio can compare with the heart-pounding emotional impact of being a part of an audience at a live orchestra performance.

Community orchestras — like those in Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth and Redford — don't fit a mold. They have varied degrees of experience in terms of musicians and in terms of history. They play music with individual flair and emotion and they appeal to different audiences.

What area community orchestras all seem to have in common is that attendance at concerts is climbing and although financial support is difficult to come by, they work ardently to maintain quality and develop concert programs that will excite and entertain.

As the 1994-95 concert season is being planned, rehearsed and marketed, local community orchestra boosters are hoping for a boom from more than their percussion sections. Even larger audiences and a more ardent base of community supporters are what they are after.

The season

As the more established orchestras of Plymouth, Redford and Livonia prepare for their seasons, they have looked to past schedules that have been crowd-pleasers and then added on some challenging new works and exciting new soloists. The Farmington Philharmonic, just three seasons old, set their schedule on marketable themes that would appeal to a wide age group with diverse musical preferences.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

In concert: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra kicked off its season Aug. 25 with a concert at Heritage Park in Canton. They are busy rehearsing for their Grand Opening concert on Oct. 15.



Playing along: Plymouth Symphony Orchestra members James Myers and Robert Benson concentrate on their music during the Aug. 25 concert.

Marking its 49th year, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Russell Reed will present two showings of their incredibly popular family concert. The performance will feature 8-year-old violinist Al Takeuchi and an orchestra safari to Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf in which youngsters in the audience can walk among the musicians as they perform.

Reed said his musicians will be challenged this season by the Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3 with soloist Pauline Martin in the first concert of the season and by the collection of English compositions being performed at the November concert.

The Livonia Symphony marking its 22nd year has dotted its season with "special effects" to draw a more diverse audience. Conductor Francesco DiBlasi has compiled to music to complement a light show at their "Family Affair" concert in February. The concert will feature exciting, classical tunes that are re-

cognizable to young people and narrator Paul Russell will present Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra."

The Farmington Philharmonic Orchestra has struck a real balance between marketability and exposing audiences to fine music by providing three themed concerts during their season. Buckaroo Holidays is an event for families with audience in jeans and cowboy shirts and bails of hay and red-and-white-checked cloths decorating the multi-purpose room where the concert is staged. Karen Nixon, music director for the group, said the themed concerts really bring the families out for a fun evening. Rhapsody in Red, White and Blue will feature some rousing ragtime music and "America Ballads," a piece composed by Morton Gould for the Bicentennial, Nixon said.

The musicians As the itinerary sets the mood for See SYMPHONIES, 2B

Theater groups get the show on the road

BY BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

The upcoming 1994-95 playbill for Observerland community theaters has the ingredients to satisfy a wide range of tastes. Take a classic comedy or two, stir in contemporary drama, blend with a spell-binding thriller, sprinkle generously with music and spice with some original work — and viola! you have a playgoer's gourmet delight.

Community theaters require a wide range of talents to produce their shows. The lights, sound, scenery and performances you see on stage are only the tip of the iceberg.

There are ads to place, and tickets to sell, programs to write, posters to design, newsletters to mail, buildings to maintain, insurance to obtain and costumes to sew. All of this work is done by volunteers. Two groups, the Theatre Guild, and Plymouth Theatre Guild pay their show directors.

Many members never appear on stage. "More than half of our 120 members don't appear on stage," said Jack Grunkle of the Farmington Players. "They work backstage or in the business end of the operation."

Membership in these groups is mostly confined to adults. Trinity House and Plymouth Theatre Guild, however, often use students, and the Theatre Guild sponsors a complete production by the Creative and Performing Arts students at Churchill High School in Livonia.

"The phone is already ringing off the hook with parents asking about our production of 'The King and I,'" said Karen Groves of the Plymouth Theatre Guild. "With all the children's roles, we hope to have lots of tryouts."

Members come from wide-ranging occupations, theater backgrounds, and interests. They range from professionals to blue collar workers — from young adults to retirees. Some are new to theater, others have lots of experience.

Some of the people who started the Farmington



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The gang: Bill Alton (left to right) of Livonia, Kamryn Wolf and Amy Law of Canton rehearse a scene from "West Side Story," for the Plymouth Theatre Guild's musical revue, "Spirit of Broadway," opening Sept. 23.

Players in 1950 are still active today. Until recently, Plymouth Theatre Guild's oldest member was Dr. Ford Suherland, 76. He retired to Florida and passed the mantle on to Richard Brown who has been with the guild since 1962. Brown is one of those members who seldom appears on stage. He operates an accounting firm and has been taking care of the books for many years. Finances are a critical part of a community theater's success, even though they are non-profit organizations. Plymouth Theatre Guild, for example, has bud-

getted over \$35,000 just to produce its four shows. Money is especially important to the Farmington Players, Theatre Guild and Trinity House because they own their own theaters. The Theatre Guild budgets \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year to operate their 100-seat theater.

All of the groups use "open casting" which means that anyone can audition for a role. The Farmington Players, Plymouth Theatre

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the concert, the quality of the presentations rests on the musicians and the musical directors who make up these community orchestras.

Most of the community orchestras combine professional, paid musicians with volunteer music lovers who make a living doing something else.

From the professional realm, orchestras pull in members from as far away as Toledo and the far east side of Detroit. Many of the musicians come from Ann Arbor and still others come right from the community served.

Like William Holsker, a bassist from Detroit playing with the Plymouth orchestra, most of them come from other music-related fields. Holsker is the music librarian at Wayne State University. Brian Moon, a trumpet player from Birmingham who plays with the Livonia and Farmington group, also teaches private lessons.

Moon's father Benny is also a guest conductor with the Redford Symphony Orchestra.

The Farmington Philharmonic (the name was chosen because it means "Lovers of music," according to Nixon) draws musicians from the Detroit Symphony as well as the Michigan Opera Theatre orchestra.

While these are fine musicians who propel these orchestras to great musical heights, credit must certainly be given to the engineers, dentists, magistrates and doctors who fill in the gaps and prove that involvement in music doesn't end when you outgrow the high school orchestra.

Dr. Joseph Lewis, a heart surgeon at Henry Ford Hospital,

None of these individual experiences with music played on a stereo or radio can compare with the heart-pounding emotional impact of being a part of an audience at a live orchestra performance.

finds time to guest conduct the Redford symphony and Magistrate Winston Churchill has been playing with the Redford group for about 30 years.

"We don't turn people away," said Conductor John Gajec. "We are known for re-stimulating people's interest in their music. It is generally a really good experience for them."

The audience

The old questions goes, "If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?"

If the question is asked about community orchestra, the answer is a hearty "yes." Whether the audience is a dozen people or 800, the show goes on and the musicians give their best. Local musical directors, however, are pleased to report that their audiences are growing.

Nixon reports that in the three years since the Farmington Philharmonic organized, the audience has tripled and with even more of their popular themed events this year, they expect the numbers to soar.

The Plymouth symphony has had to turn people away for some of their more popular season concerts.

Livonia, Plymouth, and Farmington report audiences of between 500 and 600 people on a regular basis, while Redford has a

slightly smaller following. Younger families are coming to concert events which pleases all involved.

All area orchestras are learning that it is a combination of pop and classical concerts that will secure community support.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Felix Resnick, divides their season between the two genres of music. This season they are even incorporating the art of quilt-making into their concerts with antique quilts.

"Music is an expression of the time and the originator just as quilts are," said ticket chairman for the orchestra, Carla Lamphere. The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony marks their 20th season this year. Their first concert is Oct. 23 at Temple Beth El. Call (810) 645-BBSO for information.

The Rochester Symphony Orchestra also mixes pop concerts into their season, but the Southfield Symphony will maintain a purely classical tone.

Rochester Symphony Orchestra opens its season on Oct. 14 at Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus, call (810) 651-4181. Southfield Symphony's first concert of the 1994-95 season is on Sunday, Nov. 6 at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. Call (810) 354-4854 for ticket information.

1994-95 Symphony Schedule

Farmington Area Philharmonic (810) 478-2075

- "Rhapsody in Red, White and Blue," featuring ragtime pianist, William Albright, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, North Farmington High School.
- "Buckaroo Hilaritys II" family concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, Mercy Center.
- "Cheerful" British concert featuring DSO violinist Hart Hollman, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, North Farmington High School.
- "The Nutcracker and other Sweets!" family concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Mercy Center.
- "Winter Fantasies 3," 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, Mercy Center.
- "Love Stories!" 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, Mercy High School.
- "Tcherevich Tchaikovsky!" 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, Mercy High School.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra (313) 421-1111 or (313) 464-2741. Concerts at the James P. Cawill Auditorium, Churchill High School, Newburgh at Joy Road.

- "Double Your Pleasure" featuring guest artists Ralph and Tina Votapek performing Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos" 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.
- "The Nutcracker Ballet" with Contemporary Civic Ballet Company, guest artists Kaitia Waldo and Mikko Nissinen of the San Francisco Ballet Company, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.
- "Home for the Holidays" with Clarenceville High School Choir. Concert ends with audience singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.
- "A Family Affair," guest narrator Paul Russell presents Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra." High tech moving light show with special effects to the music of Marcel, Beethoven, Rossini and others, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4.
- "Winds of March" features Mozart's "Overture to Magic Flute" and highlights from "Miss Saigon," 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11.
- "Jazz with Class" New Orleans jazz and swing featuring James Dopogry's Chicago Jazz Band, music by Brahms, and other composers featuring, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6.
- "Cabaret" at Burton Manor in Livonia, 7 p.m. Friday, April 7.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (313) 451-2112

- "Grand Opening" features pianist Pauline Martin, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, Salem High School Auditorium.
- "English Variations" featuring DSO trumpeter Ramon Parcels with enchanting sounds of the English countryside, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, Belleville High School Auditorium.
- "Nutcracker Ballet!" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Salem High School Auditorium.
- "Chamber Concert" and performances by PSO Youth Artist Competition winners, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, Canton Little Theatre.
- "Americana" patriotic program includes Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, Salem High School Auditorium.
- "Family Concert" featuring eight-year-old violinist, Al Takeuchi and Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Plymouth-Canton High School and Sunday, March 12, Novi High School.
- "Pops Benefit" 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, Fox Hills Country Club.

Redford Civic Symphony (313) 538-1652. Concerts at Thurston High School, 26141 Schoolcraft.

- Christmas concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18
- Family concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19
- Cabaret concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16
- Spring concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21.

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Guild, the Theatre Guild (Livonia-Redford) and Trinity House (Livonia) all have script reading committees which analyze and recommend the season of shows. Over the last few months, the four groups have read over 200 scripts.

Farmington Players opens its 44th season with the classic comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner" on Oct. 28. This Moss Hart/George S. Kaufman favorite about the irascible Sheridan Whiteside who arrives as a visitor — then becomes an invalid and takes over a household is already in rehearsal.

Farmington performs in a 173-seat playhouse on 12 Mile road, 1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road.

Plymouth Theatre Guild performs at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville State Hospital at 41001 West Seven Mile. Guild president Karen Groves reports that the Guild has spent about \$3,000 to improve the sound system and eliminate audience ebbles.

Plymouth opens its 48th season with an original musical revue, "Spirit of Broadway." Written and directed by guild member Francine Haehem. The show opening Sept. 23, presents samplers of songs and dance numbers from many classic Broadway shows including "West Side Story," "Gypsy," "Chorus Line," "Miss Saigon," and "Annie."

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford continues its tradition of performing thoughtful fare with A.R. Guernsey's "What I Did Last Summer." Auditions are 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25 and Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Guild's playhouse on Bech Daly just south of Five Mile. The show opens Nov. 4.

Trinity House Theatre on Six Mile, just west of I-275 in Livonia, occupies a special niche in local theater that they only perform plays which emphasize ethical or moral values.

Their full season begins Sept. 8 with Timothy Campos performing his original comedy, "Trapped in the Rubber Room."

What's on Stage

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

32332 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills (810) 553-2955. Curtain time: 7 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays.

- "The Man Who Came to Dinner" - Oct. 28-30; Nov. 4-6, Nov. 10-13, Nov. 17-19.
- "What I Did Last Summer" - Jan. 27-29; Feb. 3-5; Feb. 9-12; Feb. 16-18.
- "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" - April 28-30; May 4-7, May 11-14, May 18-20.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville (810) 349-7110. Curtain time: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 6 p.m. Sundays.

- "Spirit of Broadway" - Sept. 23-24, Sept. 30; Oct. 1-2; Oct. 7-8.
- "The Foreigner" - Nov. 18-19, Nov. 25-27; Dec. 2-3.
- "The King and I" - Feb. 24-26; March 3-5, March 10-11.
- "Deathtrap" - April 28-29, May 5-7, May 12-13.

THE THEATRE GUILD (LIVONIA-REDFORD)

15138 Beech Daly, Redford (313) 538-5678. Curtain time: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

- "What I Did Last Summer" - Nov. 4-5; Nov. 11-12; Nov. 18-19.
- "Marvin's Room" - Feb. 17-18; Feb. 24-25; March 3-4.
- "The Miracle Worker" - April 28-29; May 5-6, May 12-13.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia (313) 464-6302. Curtain time: 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 7 p.m. Sundays.

- "Trapped in the Rubber Room" - Sept. 8-11.
- "The Frog Prince" - 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24; 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25.
- "Common Room" - Sept. 30; Oct. 1.
- "Farmhouse" - Oct. 21-22.
- "Things We Couldn't Say" - Nov. 4-5; Nov. 11-12.

Schoolcraft presents two shows

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This year, they will present Peter Weiss' "Marat/Sade" — (The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as performed by the Inmates of

the Asylum of Charenton under the direction of the Marquis De Sade) Oct. 21-22, Oct. 28-29, Nov. 4-5.

During the winter semester they will present Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple." Show dates are March 17-18, March 24-25, March 31 and April 1.

Auditions for "The Odd Couple," are scheduled Jan. 24-25.

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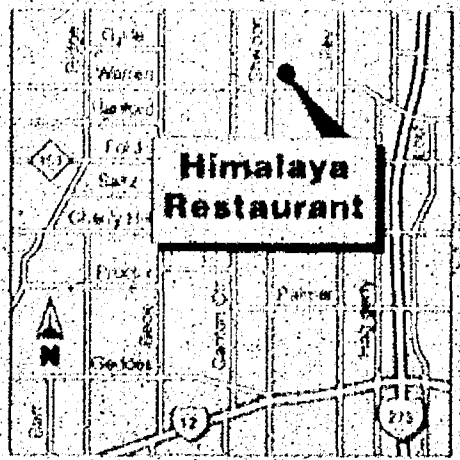
'Hot' new Indian restaurant works to please customers

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
SPECIAL WRITER

The area melting pot has been stirred, and some rather distinctive ethnic restaurants are beginning to surface to the top. The Himalaya, near the intersection of Warren Road and Sheldon Road in Canton, is certainly one of them.

Since its opening in December of 1993, its Indian-South African cuisine has spiced up the adventurous diner's choices of interesting eateries. Owner Jeff Nadasen, 31, boasts using over forty different spices in his kitchen, which prepares an exotic assortment of vegetarian, seafood, chicken and lamb dishes.

"Our most popular dishes are the vegetarian, along with Lamb Curry, Chicken Curry, and Peri Peri Chicken," said Nadasen. Peri, Peri, which simply means "hot, hot" (and that's exactly what you say when you taste it!), is a sauce of fresh green peppers, tomatoes, onions and green onions. It represents the South African influence in the Himalaya's Indian cuisine and is part of the house specialties. In consideration of both Western and Eastern palates, all menu items, including the Peri Peri's,



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are prepared mild, medium, hot or extra hot.

The Himalaya also offers a small, but inclusive, selection of western dishes, some of which Nadasen learned how to prepare when he worked at the Steak and Ale. Of that experience he said, "I worked in the kitchen, dining room, everywhere I could be. I know how to make a very good New York strip steak."

He's also aware of today's health-conscious diners, and his chefs use very little oil in their food preparation. "The oil is not for the vegetables, but to cook the spices, which are fresh," he said.

Nadasen, who came to the United States from South Africa with his parents and two sisters in 1972, has lived in Canton with his family since 1982. Choosing a

Canton site for his restaurant was quite natural for him. "I like Canton because it is a growing community. I knew this area and I felt comfortable here. I knew it was going to grow." Most of his staff come from the immediate area.

Nadasen's family is doing everything it can to make sure his restaurant takes root and flourishes. His mother, Yanum, greets customers or works behind the handcrafted white-oak bar. His father, Aruna, takes care of the books. Nadasen himself renovated the interior, which housed a former auto parts store. "I built everything, the walls, the kitchen, the floor, the bar," he said. The bar took three weeks to finish.

"This family approach to running the restaurant extends to the staff. When asked how he trains



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Indian fare: Jeff Nadasen, owner of Himalaya Restaurant, shows off two popular dishes, Chicken Makhni and Vegetable Biryani. From (left to right), G.S. Sandhu, head chef, Darshan Singh, Tandoori Chef, Yanum Nadasen, (Jeff's mom), Indrini Chetty and Renita Nadasen.

his waitstaff, Nadasen said, "Not only do they taste the food, they comment on it. They have a certain amount of leeway. This is

their food." Tell us about your favorite new or improved restaurant. Call Keely

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LET'S GO! MOVIES

Mom faces moral dilemma in 'Trial by Jury'

Movies Valerie Alston (Joanne Whalley-Kilmer) is a young divorced mother, raising a seven-year-old son and running her own business in New York City. She's successful, yet still an idealist.

Her convictions are put to the test when she is selected to serve as a juror in the trial of a notorious New York mob boss in "Trial By Jury," opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

When jury duty calls, Valerie rearranges her schedule to comply.

Mob boss Rusty Pirone (Armand Assante) is on trial for a host of crimes, including the murders of 11 people. Public opinion against him is overwhelming, yet he exudes charm, confidence and the unmistakable swagger of a man in control.

Pirone and his men murder the star witness in his prosecution on

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the eve of his trial. Now U.S. Attorney Daniel Graham (Gabriel Byrne), obsessed with convicting his nemesis, will try the case on little more than circumstantial evidence. Nevertheless, Pirone knows every member of the jury will believe he is guilty.

When Rusty Pirone's eyes meet Valerie Alston's across the crowded courtroom he formulates a new plan to win his freedom. And for Valerie, his plan is the start of her imprisonment.

Ex-cop Tommy Vesey (William Hurt), now on Pirone's payroll, uses the tools of his trade: intimidation and threats — to coerce Valerie into voting for Pirone's acquittal, and even more, into swaying the beliefs of the other jurors.

With no option but to cooper-

ate, Valerie soon learns to lie and manipulate, and she gets a taste of the power that comes with it. And she can never go back to the life she once knew.

"Trial By Jury," from Morgan Creek Productions, is distributed by Warner Bros. It is directed by Heywood Gould and written by Jordan Katz and Gould.

The moral dilemma of the story plays itself out on a courtroom stage. "The justice system is essentially a struggle between two opposing teams — airties, if you will," said Gould. "It's supposed to be a system that serves us all impartially and it doesn't. It's used and manipulated by all parties — in this case by both the prosecutor, Graham, and the criminal Pirone."

"There's a real rivalry between Pirone and Graham," explains Armand Assante, who portrays Pirone. "They grew up in the same neighborhood; it's just that their life paths, for whatever rea-



Courtroom thriller: Juror Valerie Alston (Joanne Whalley-Kilmer) and ex-cop Tommy Vesey (William Hurt) in "Trial By Jury."

The film is rated R — (Restricted. Under 18 requires an accompanying parent or guardian.)

'Fresh' offers another view of ghetto life



"Fresh" has arrived with a lot going for it: a high-profile premiere at the Detroit Film Theatre, some strong reviews, and the distributing muscle of Miramax, which has opened it on 3,114 screens.

But if I'm honest I saw it with is any indication of the movie's word-of-mouth success, then "Fresh" should look to a very short run. The low-key story of a 12-year-old boy on the mean streets of Brooklyn doesn't look much like other movies about the hood, which is both its salvation and downfall.

There's no booming rap music, no quick-cut bursts of violence, and nothing at all to cheer about. It's here, known as Fresh by the dealers who use him for drug deliveries, shows absolutely no emotion. Whether it's because of the inexperience of actor Sean Nelson or the toll the streets have taken on his character is left up to the individual viewer.

You see pretty early on the duality in this boy's life. Backpack slung over his shoulder, Fresh conducts his early-morning pickups of drug packages, but he wor-

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ries about being late for school a second time that week.

He hangs out with buddies, who spend most of their time bragging about things they obviously don't have. For one, it's a father. For Chuckie, a chunky Latino kid and Fresh's best friend, it's a job in the drug trade.

Fresh is smart enough to keep his mouth shut. Although the dealers know that he has the guts to demand what he's owed, they don't know how intelligent he really is. After a tragic shooting on a neighborhood basketball court, Fresh realizes that the world doesn't always reward you for your talents.

The boy's estranged father, who spends his days playing chess in the park, teaches valuable lessons through the game. The resourceful Fresh uses these strategies to pit his boss against rival dealers.

Unlike the chess board, there is no clear distinction here between black and white. The charismatic dealer Esteban treats Fresh like a member of the family, trusts him implicitly ("you're my stand-up little G"), and pays well for his loyalty. But the boss also has a creepy fixation on the kid's older

sister and uses drugs to keep her pliable.

The performances here run the gamut, highlighted by Giancarlo Esposito's flamboyant Esteban and Samuel L. Jackson's understated father. Most of the other performers (including star Nelson) make their acting debuts and it shows, especially when you're trying to decipher the slang.

Writer/director Boaz Yakin (he penned the Clint Eastwood/Charlie Sheen actioner "The Rookie") isn't immune to cliches. His slow pacing even translates to the music, with cool jazz sax blasts reminiscent of the quieter moments in Spike Lee's movies.

One or two moments hit you with their cleverness, such as an

opening sequence that shows a street devoid even of buildings. Tenements pop up one by one, then street lights, mailboxes, and finally the trash and graffiti. This could be the ghetto in any American city.

Ultimately, however, the fresh ideas in "Fresh" just don't stand up. I left the movie scratching my head the same way I did after the aggravating "Straight Out of Brooklyn," which this movie resembles in far too many ways.

If you have a comment for John Monaghan, call him at (313) 953-2047, mailbox number 1866, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write him care of Street Scene, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Coming Attractions

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

Opening Friday, Sept. 9
 "The Next Karate Kid" — Miyagi, the wise karate mentor is brought together with the teenage granddaughter of an old war buddy who saved his life. Stars Noriyuki "Pat" Morita and Hilary Swank.

"A Good Man in Africa" — Drama about a frustrated diplomat posted in Africa, who develops a friendship which is pivotal in changing his life and deciding the fate of a nation. Stars Sean Connery.

Opening Friday, Sept. 16
 "Princess Caraboo" — Romantic story of a beautiful young woman who, in 1817, mysteriously appears in an English village, wearing a turban and speaking a language no one there had ever before, but manages to convey that she is a princess from a faraway land.

Opening Friday, Sept. 23
 "The Shawshank Redemption" — Tim Robbins is a banker questionably convicted of murder, and Morgan Freeman is a seasoned lifer in this tale of hope, survival and friendship within a maximum security prison.

Opening Friday, Sept. 30
 "Little Giants" — Comedy about families football and how

the game of life should be played.
 "The Scout" — When a baseball scout travels to Mexico in search of the next Babe Ruth, he finds a player who has amnesia. Stars Albert Brooks and Brendan Fraser.

TOP 10 VIDEOS

Having trouble deciding what videos to rent? These are the top 10 movie rentals for the week ending Sept. 4 from Video Jack, 34785 Grand River, Farmington and 36400 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

- 1. Schindler's List
- 2. D2: The Mighty Ducks
- 3. Philadelphia
- 4. Grumpy Old Men
- 5. Intercession
- 6. Sister Act II
- 7. Blue Chips
- 8. The Ref
- 9. Major League II
- 10. Blank Check

Here's the list of new video releases at Video Jack: "The Chasers" "P.O.U."

Screen Scene

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE
 Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5)

"Spike and Mike's Festival of Animation," 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9-10; 4, 7 p.m. Sept. 11. Two California crazies have compiled this selection of recent animated shorts. Including the 1993 Oscar winner "Mona Lisa Descending a Staircase" and Nick Park's "The Wrong Trousers."

MAGIC BAG THEATRE
 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-1991 for information. (\$3)

"Harold and Maude" (USA - 1972), 8 p.m. Sept. 8 - 10. Hal Ashby's cult favorite about a death-obsessed teenager (Bud Cort) and the eccentric old woman (Ruth Gordon) he falls in love with. Full of quirky moments and memorable Cat Stevens songs.

MAIN ART THEATRE
 118 N. Main St. (at 11 Mile), River

Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Mi Vida Loca" (USA - 1994). Los Angeles gang life from a woman's perspective, directed by Allison Anders ("Gas, Food, Lodging")

"Barcelona" (USA - 1994). Whit Stillman, who made such a splash with "Metropolitan" a few years back, brings droll humor back to the movies. The story finds a pair of preppy suburban Chicago cousins dealing with fashionable American-bashing in 1950s Spain.

REDFORD THEATRE
 17300 Lahser, Detroit. Call (313) 537-2569 for information. (\$2.50)

"High Noon" (USA - 1952), 8 p.m. Sept. 9; 2, 8 p.m. Sept. 10 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). Gary Cooper plays a retiring sheriff who takes one last stand against a gang of outlaws. Grace Kelly co-stars

Vacation was wild

P.F. Grossman of Southfield is the winner of our "Wagons East!" contest.

Grossman told us about a wild vacation adventure to win four tickets to "Wagons East!" a comedy about a group of settlers who do the unthinkable — they form a wagon train and head back east.

Our winner, and runner-up, also received a "Wagons East!" T-shirt.

Here's the winning entry: "My husband was fishing in the Little Pigeon River in Tennessee when I saw him running rapidly toward the car I was reading in. A big brown bear was galloping behind him. He dropped his fishing pole and we took off in the car leaving all our fishing equipment for a safe escape."

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Comedy: James Harlow, (John Candy) leads a wagon train of "unsettlers" in "Wagons East!"

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LET'S GO! TRAVEL

Climb aboard historic trains for a rail adventure

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

The days of the Wabash Cannonball, the Orango Blossom Special, and the Chattanooga Choo-Choo may be over. But if you're a railroad buff — or just interested in old-fashioned fun, combined with a bit of American history — there are still plenty of memorable train rides waiting out there.

For starters, here are on-track trips that can take you and your family over the river and through the woods, as summer changes into the blaze of autumn, and autumn into the jewel-like glitter of winter.

Climb aboard any of them either within Michigan or not far from its borders.

Board the Star Clipper Dinner Train in Walled Lake and enjoy a delicious, three-hour excursion that includes a five-course gourmet meal, plus Broadway revue or murder mystery play (you solve the crime). You'll travel round-trip through southeast Michigan. The Star Clipper operates year-round, with two-hour lunch excursions also available at selected

times through early October. Coach cars, circa 1917, once carried passengers on the Erie Lackawanna line.

On a similar tour, the Murder Mystery Express — also a dinner train — embarks from the Blissfield Station on Saturday and Sunday evenings year-round. The train crosses the River Raisin, then chugs through Lenawee County farm land to Lenawee Junction, where the world's only full-sized Lionel locomotive is turned around for the return trip.

You might want to set aside several hours to explore Blissfield (take U.S. 23 to Exit 5) and its many antiques and crafts shops before your departure.

In the mood for nostalgia? Hop aboard the Ohio Central's Sugar-creek Service, and explore the state's Amish countryside.

As the big-steam locomotive (built more than 80 years ago) pulls out of the village of Sugar-creek, the whistle blows, and a uniformed conductor begins his stroll through the vintage passenger coaches to punch all tickets. Before long, you're traveling past pristine Amish farms and homes. The one-hour trek through this colorful area known as "The Switzerland of Ohio" is 12 miles round trip.

Travelers can enhance their visit back in time by exploring the charming streets and shops of Sugar-creek afterward.

Round up kids of all ages and, via the Huckleberry Railroad out of Flint's popular Crossroads Village, soak up some Michigan color. The train, powered by a historic Baldwin locomotive, carries up to 500 passengers on the 35-minute excursions, and is made up of refurbished open-and-closed-platform coaches, many of which transported passengers throughout Mexico in bygone days. Huckleberry Railroad is Michigan's only narrow-gauge line.

The Bluewater Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, based in Royal Oak, can bring it all back for you, in style. Echoing the days when passenger trains regularly transported thousands of resorters to points north, the Society annually sets up several rail trips as "living history demonstrations." And you don't have to be a member of the nonprofit organization to join in the fun.

On September 23, The Resorter will depart Battle Creek and other stations, and travel the meandering rail route to the Little Traverse Bay area and Petoskey's former Pennsylvania Railroad Sta-

tion. Return trip is September 25.

If you're crazy for color tours, you might prefer the Society's Autumn Leaf Circle tour which departs from the Royal Oak, Birmingham, and Pontiac stations for one-day trips, October 1 and 2.

Agaway Canyon Tours, headed north into the vast Canadian Wilderness are waiting just for you at the Algoma Central Station, 129 Bay St. in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

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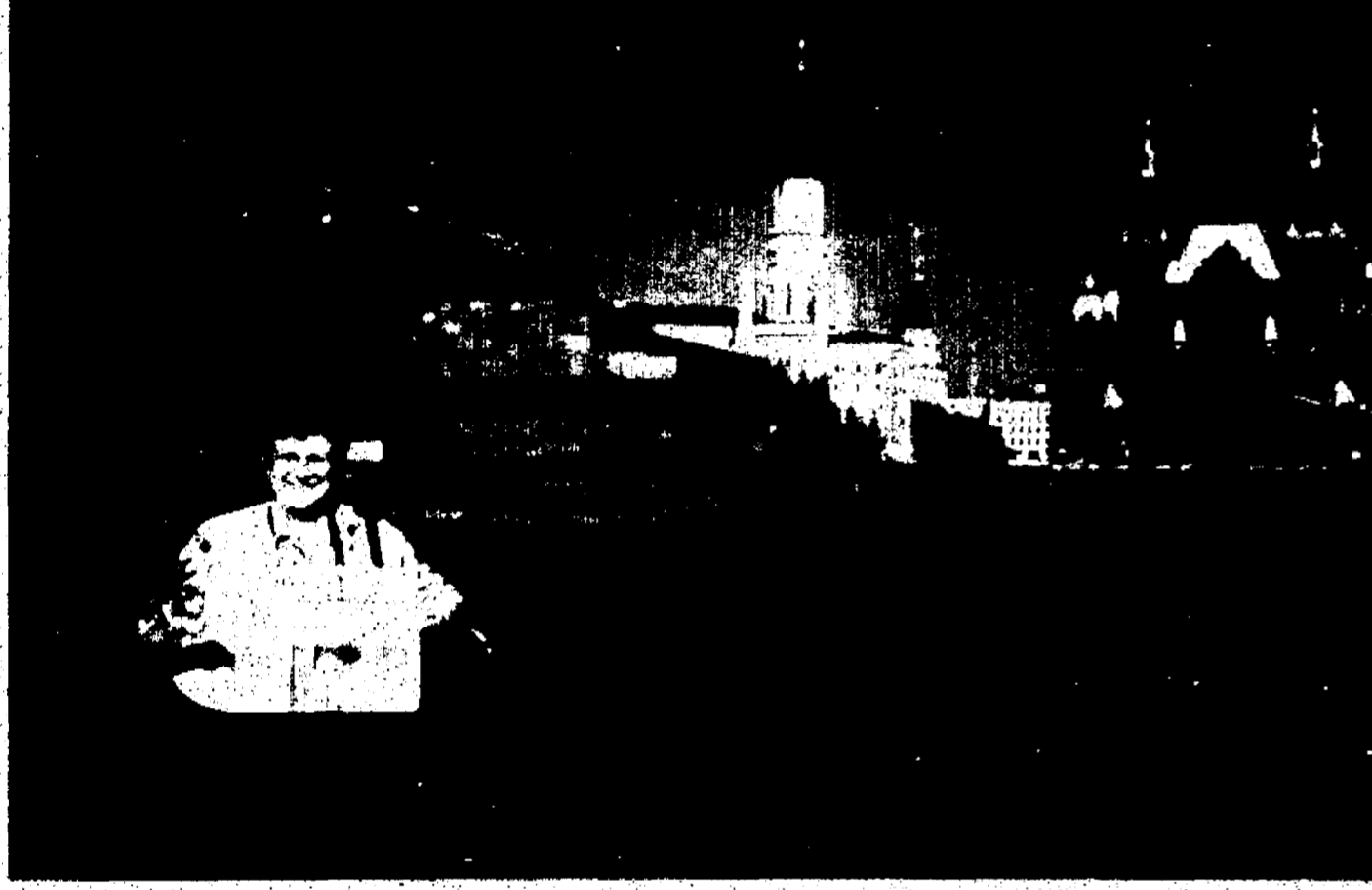
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• Autumn Leaf Circle departs from Royal Oak, Birmingham, and Pontiac stations for one day trips Oct. 1-2.
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Wish you were here

Touring Russia: Nancy Hayden (left) of Livonia at Red Square, in Moscow. The Kremlin Wall, Lenin's Mausoleum, St. Nicholas Tower, and the historical museum are in the background. Her husband John (right) is standing in front of St. Basil's Cathedral. The Haydens said their trip to Russia was very interesting and educational.



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Farmington Singles Professionals will join First Society of Detroit for a benefit dance 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Red Run Golf Club, 2030 Rochester Road, north of 12 Mile on the east side of the street. Proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Detroit. Tickets \$20. Checks payable to First Society of Detroit and mail to: First Society FSD, 9341 Latona, Livonia 48150. Admission at the door \$25. (313)478-9181.
Wendy's singles

FOR SEPTEMBER, WESTSIDE SINGLES will hold dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

every Friday at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft west of Inker Road. Admission before 8:30, \$2, 21 and older, dressy attire. (313)882-3180.
Wednesday Dance
Wednesday Singles will hold a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays in September at Valley's, 28125 Grand River at Eight Mile, Farmington. Age 21 and over, pepper attire, no jeans. Cost is \$3. Hot line: (313)822-0443, or (313)477-6350.

MEGADANCE
Megadance, singles dance party, will be 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Riviera of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill. Dress is snappy, age 21 and over. Admission is \$3. Call 292-0760 or Riviera's, (313)425-1430.

Ballroom dancing
Beginner Dance Class
A BEGINNER BALLROOM DANCE CLASS will be 7-9 p.m., starting Monday, Sept.

19, in Jane Addams Elementary School, 14023 Beryon, Redford. Fee for the 10-week session is \$20. (313)471-4188.
Strollers
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Singles groups
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The U.S. Singletons (Dearborn-Livonia Chapter) hosts their next dinner social 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, in Founte De Amore

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Farmington Professionals

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Newburg Singles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 35500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. For information, call Dave Burley, (313)663-0014, president

of Newburg Singles. Light refreshments served.
Expressions

AN ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS 7:30-11:15 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month in First United Methodist Church, 1917 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those age 21 and older. For more information, call the hot line at (313)990-0141. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2 for volunteers. Snacks are served at each meeting.

Selective Singles
A "Singles Mingle" will be 7-11 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the Leaning Bull Inn, on Farmington Road, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Cost \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. Conversation, cash bar, order food off the menu. Selective Singles sponsors a variety of activities and outings throughout metro Detroit. (313)953-5852 or (313)330-0910.

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MUSIC NOTES



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Courtney Love meets her fans

Hole lead singer Courtney Love started out her Sept. 2 Pine Knob show by saying that her band and Detroiters probably won't get along. But the usually reclusive widow of Nirvana's late lead singer Kurt Cobain came out into the audience anyway to greet her fans during headliner Nine Inch Nails' encore.

Appearing shaky, Love kept her head down while signing a handful of autographs before battling her way through the crowd to the backstage entrance way. Love looked a long way from the photos of her looking embattled after the deaths of her husband and her bassist Kristen Pfaff.

Hiding herself in a mid-thigh-length black winter coat, Love looked healthy and actually sort of glamorous — contrary to recent reports that she has shown up on stage drunk and topless.

Ethereal, keyboard-based altmapopsters Stereolab was taken aback during their recent stint on the Lollapalooza tour. Angel-voiced lead singer Laetitia (pronounced Latissia) Sadier said playing in front of 20,000-30,000 new people everyday was kind of scary.

"It just made me think loads of things," she said in her strong French accent. "Like, 'God, there's so many of us (bands) and who's pulling the strings?' It made me think more deeply into what people think and why this is happening."

"Stereolab will have a much more intimate affair at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, on Sunday, Sept. 11, in support of their second album "Mars Audiac Quintet." Call (313) 961-MELT for more information.

The music of the Detroit-based band Crossed Wire will make its big-screen debut Sept. 10 when the film "Sleep With Me" opens in Toronto.

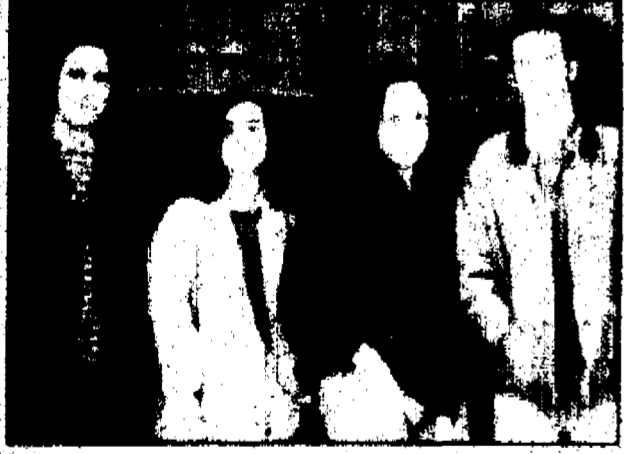
According to lead singer Chris Moore, the film's editor was looking for a "roots/alternative sort of sounding band."

"We thought it was a good opportunity to get our music to where no one's ever heard it." Even if the film doesn't do well, "it's a lot better than nothing," Moore said.

Crossed Wire's next show is an acoustic set Thursday, Sept. 15, at P.J. Records in Ann Arbor.

If you have a question or a comment for Christina Fuoco, call her at (313) 953-2017, mailbox No. 2130 on a touch-tone phone, or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Sound bites



Lollipop Guild

Members:
■ Kristin vonBarnthal: singer, acoustic guitar
■ Jeff Mapp: drummer
■ Zach Shipps: bassist
■ Dave Root: guitarist

Release:
Six-song EP "White Knuckle Days"

Formed in 1992, the acoustic-driven altmapop band has made a name for itself opening for the likes of local favorites The Verve Pipe and Spank.

Although happy with "White Knuckle Days" the Oakland County-based band is trying to lessen the pop influences.

"I'm leaning toward more of an overall mellow (sound) but heavy when it needs to be," vonBarnthal said. "Subtle when it needs to be and heavy when it needs to be, like (Sub Pop band) Sunny Day Real Estate. They know when to just really chill and it make the more energetic parts that much more energetic."

Catch the band **Thursday, Sept. 8, at Cross Street Station, 611 Cross St., Ypsilanti, (313) 486-8060; and Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Blind Pig, 306-308 S. First St., Ann Arbor, (313) 996-8555. For more information about the band, write them at P.O. Box 4009, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-4009.**

— Christina Fuoco

Insults, opulence return to clubs

■ Martinis and living "fabulously" aren't the usual fare at St. Andrew's Hall. But thanks to bands like Love Jones and Combustible Edison, it's all the rage. Raise your glass to the latest trend — lounge music.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Die-hard alternative rock fans who thought it was cheesy to see the cast of "Beverly Hills 90210" wearing flannel, upper-class

department stores selling Doc Martens, and album rock stations playing punk music haven't seen anything yet.

Matching polyester suits, martinis and finger-snappin' beats are slowly edging their way into clubs as "lounge music" becomes the rage of fashionable hipsters.

At a recent Love Jones show at the Burns Room in St. Andrew's Hall, women in little black dresses slinked around the room as men in polyester snapped their fingers to the beat. A yuppie-looking couple did "the swim" through the hazy, muggy air. Even guys who looked like they belonged at a sports bar — presumably closet lounge fans — were getting into the groove.

Love Jones crooner Jonathan Palmer said it's all about having fun. He started Love Jones because he was tired of hearing down-trodden grungy musicians who are "preoccupied with discussing their personal problems and their mental illnesses." (They even poke fun of grunge in the beginning of the song "Paid for Loving" on their Zoo Records release "Here's to the Losers.")

"It really is to the point where 'entertainer' is a dirty word," he said. "We wanted to do something more focused. We wanted to entertain people without making them feel guilty about it."

Palmer and guitarist Chris Hawpe down play the "lounge" label describing their music as more along the lines of Style Council with a little funky bass, lush harmonies and Everything But the Girl thrown in.

Between songs

Nonetheless, "entertaining" live is what Love Jones does best. In between songs, Palmer and co-crooner/percussionist Ben Daughtrey take turns insulting the audience and themselves. What once started out as a way to pad out their show has now become Love Jones' trademark.

"The bong-playing Daughtrey, a former member of the Lemonheads, even has the goofy jokes down pat. During Love Jones' set, he advised the audience on the dangers of drinking and driving: "If you must drink and drive, please use a coaster." (En-



BILL HANSEN

Lounging around: California's Love Jones — Stuart Johnson, Ben Daughtrey, Barry Thomas, Chris Hawpe and Jonathan Palmer — is bringing the word "entertainment" back with their lounge-style pop music.

ter obligatory rim-shot drum tap here.)

"We didn't have enough material to play an entire set, so we'd pad it out by talking a lot," Palmer said about the band's antics. "Then it grew into a musical tribute to Don Rickles. We have perfected the art of insulting the audience and everything in sight."

Combustible Edison's "The Millionaire" scoffs at bands like Love Jones. The Boston-based band is the real thing. They live the opulent, sophisticated cocktail lifestyle complete with polyester clothing, he said.

"Being fabulous is a lot more than just dressing up," he said via telephone from his Boston-area home. "It really has to do with your attitude, sort of having the nerve to be yourself, which in itself is a very nerve-racking decision . . . to do it in an extravagant and hyperbolic way with no apologies."

Not camp or retro

He warns that Combustible Edison's "Metropolitan" sound is not camp, not kitsch, not retro nor revivalist.

"The implication is that it's just sort of like you put on your Halloween masks for one night a year. It's more than just a novelty. I don't think there's anything retro about well-written, well-played music."

Musically, Combustible Edison

uses less vocals and more hypnotic instruments. Double basses, extravagant piano, harpsichords, vibraphones, trap drums and various other percussion fill their Sub Pop CD "I, Swinger."

"Chanteuse" Miss Lily Banquette makes a few appearances on "I, Swinger." She sums up her band's attitude best in "Millionaire's Holiday." "If your pad is a wax museum, be a swinger if you dare. Join the ranks of the young and exotic following a Millionaire. A glass and a shaker, our host is a real scene maker. The Millionaire's holiday."

The Millionaire can talk all he wants, Love Jones' Palmer said, but even though his band doesn't live the "cocktail" lifestyle, there's one part of it that Love Jones strictly adheres to.

"Talk about being a part of the cocktail nation. We could drink them under the table. They seem to be more concerned about how to mix the drink than drinking it," he said with a look of disgust on his face.

Combustible Edison performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Burns Room at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$9. Call (313) 961-MELT for more information.

Concocting an Edison

Yes, there's even a drink called a Combustible Edison!

After spending "many sleepless hours researching and practicing" Combustible Edison's The Millionaire came up with this:

In a shaker full of cracked ice, combine 1 ounce Campari and 1 ounce fresh lemon juice. Shake and strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Heat 2 ounces brandy in a chafing dish. When warm, ignite the brandy and pour in a flaming stream into the cocktail glass.

If the brandy is chilled and shaken rather than ignited, the drink is known as "The Edisonian." However, that takes away from The Millionaire's original idea.

"From the name, it had to have something flaming in it."

—Christina Fuoco

Slot: A band in a depth all of its own

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Bassist/singer Sue Lott came to a stark realization recently about her 3-year-old band Slot.

"We just decided two weeks ago that we were definitely not make out music," Lott said with a giggle.

Even so, passion is definitely a part of the Ferndale-based band Slot. The smooth combination of Billy Rivkin's and Jimmy MacMillan's seductive guitar work along with Lott's entrancing bass lines

Rare appearance:
The Ferndale-based band Slot will play the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor on Friday, Sept. 9, with Outrageous Cherry.



and Eddie Alterman's backbeat is mesmerizing. The ethereal Lott and aggressive MacMillan (who has since left the group) share vocal duties giving the band more depth than any body of water.

That sound, personified on their brilliant debut domestic EP "Fiver" (Third Gear Records), has earned them notoriety throughout the United States. Alternative Press named them one of the bands to watch in 1994. Meanwhile Raygun and College Music Journal have given them rave reviews. But in their hometown, the only people hip to them are music industry insiders.

"Detroit is really hard on its own, as far as bands go," Lott said.

One thing that Slot refuses to do is get attention by playing countless shows in the Detroit area.

"We like playing Detroit just fine," Lott said. "It's just real easy to play Harpo's every weekend. It's real easy to saturate."

Instead they play gigs that mean something. When an injury to Screaming Trees' vocalist Mark Lanegan made the band unable to open for Alice in Chains at St. Andrew's Hall, Slot stepped in. They've also shared a stage with the Afghan Whigs, Tar, L7, the Cows, Tool, and the Rollins Band. During their last East Coast tour, they were invited to perform on Lollapalooza's second stage.

Besides the fact that it's cool to play with bands like that, Slot knows the headlining band's crowd will like them — not that they're trying to take away anyone's fans.

"We try to cross reference, not necessarily steal their crowd."

Slot and Outrageous Cherry perform Friday, Sept. 9, at the Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 996-8555. "Fiver" is available at most local independent record stores.

In Concert

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Shamrocks rout Grosse Pointe South, 9-0

BY SIVK KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The rain let up Tuesday afternoon, but the Redford Catholic Central boys soccer team didn't.

The Shamrocks, playing on their new field west of the school, gained a 5-0 halftime lead and finished with a 9-0 non-league victory over Grosse Pointe South.

It rained for about 10 minutes during the game before the sun came out, but it had already set on South.

Junior forward Dan Mulvihill scored three goals and added two assists and junior forward Chris Kennedy added two goals and two assists to lead the Shamrocks.

Mulvihill said he enjoys playing on the new field, which absorbed the water well.

"We're happy with it, it's a

ROUNDUP

change of pace," he said. "It's a little small and rough, but once we get used to playing on it, we should be all right."

The Shamrocks, who have two shutouts, improved to 3-0 overall. They blanked Dearborn 3-0 and beat Northville 2-1 in their first two games.

CC is using a new attack this year, featuring only three defenders instead of four. The Shamrocks' top defender from last year, senior Brian Collier, has been moved to midfield.

"No matter where he is — on defense, at forward or midfield — Collier is the one who motivates everyone else," Mulvihill said. "He gives 110 percent every game

and when people see that, they do, too. He has the respect of everyone and he deserves it."

Collier, senior forward Jeff Buckley, sophomore forward Mike Martin and junior defender Brian Nemes picked up one assist each.

Scoring single goals were Buckley, senior midfielder Dan Kogut, Martin and sophomore midfielder Tony Moucoullis.

Senior Jeremy Podolak started in net, before being relieved in the second half by senior Josh Yeager.

CC coach Phil LaJoy likes the progress of his team, which begins play in the Catholic League Central Division at 1 p.m. Sunday at University of Detroit-Jesuit.

"We've improved a little bit over the last time we played on this field," said LaJoy, referring

to the Dearborn game in which CC was tagged with 16 offside calls. "We had problems (the first game) adjusting to the length of the field. Bell Creek Park was nice but this is our home and it feels good getting used to this field."

"I'm happy with the guys in the back (Kahanec, senior Jon Zugel and senior Andy Gignac). Zugel and Gignac both started last year."

PCA 4, HURON VALLEY 0: Plymouth Christian Academy (2-2 overall) collected its first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win Tuesday against Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-2 overall) at Illinois Park.

The Eagles, 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the league, scored two goals in each half. Senior Ryan Thomason opened the scoring at the 22-minute mark with an unassisted goal.

Thirteen minutes later, Shaun Walker fed Thomason for his second goal. The duo combined again to make it 3-0 seven minutes into the second half when Walker scored off a feed from Thomason.



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Air Collier: Redford Catholic Central senior Brian Collier leaps high Tuesday to head the ball away from a Grosse Pointe South opponent.

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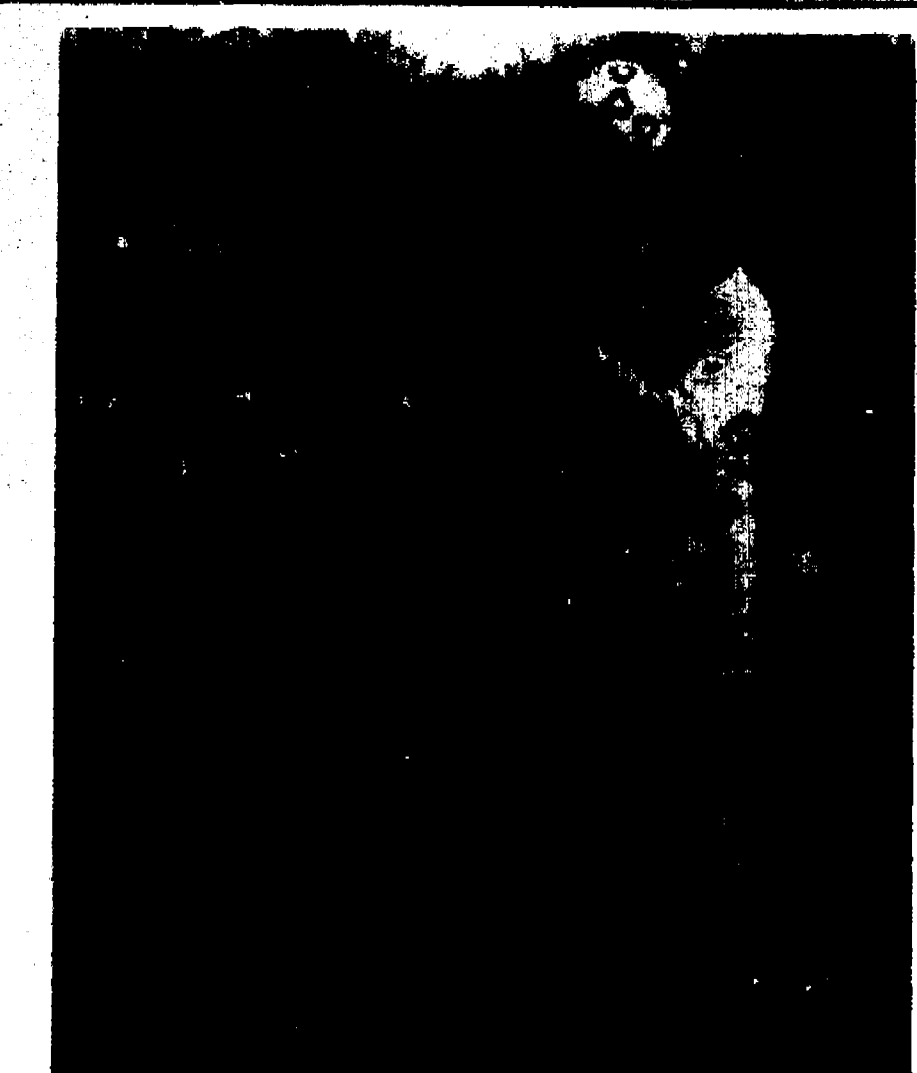
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Ladywood upsets Flint N'western

Even though Lisa McPhee has been coaching Livonia Ladywood for just two games, there was little question in her mind that Tuesday's 41-36 win at state-ranked Flint Northwestern was something special in her brief Ladywood career.

"I'd have to say it was the biggest so far," said the first-year coach. "This was a very good win for us."

With the win, the Blazers improved to 2-0 and avenged a 67-63 setback at home to the Wildcats (1-2 overall) last season. Northwestern is the defending Class A state champion.

After falling behind 11-4 at the end of the first quarter, Northwestern came back to take a 20-17 lead. Ladywood held the Wildcats to just four points in the third quarter and took a 28-24 lead entering the final quarter.

The score remained close throughout but the Blazers held on for the win despite making only nine of their 27 free-throw attempts.

Senior guard Melissa Campeau paced Ladywood with 14 points and four assists. Senior center Anne Poglitis chipped in with 11 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots. Senior guard Becky Bliecki played a fine all-around floor game by collecting nine points, four steals and four assists.

Larecha Jones led Northwestern with 15 points.

LAKELAND 28, STEVENSON 26: Livonia Stevenson wasn't able to hold on to a six-point lead with four minutes remaining Tuesday, while falling to visiting Millford Lakeland. Leading 24-18 midway through the fourth quarter, Stephanie Ubalde scored six consecutive points to tie the game. Lakeland then hit four straight free throws.

The Spartans came back to close the margin to two with 28 seconds remaining and got the ball back when Lakeland failed to inbound the ball, but Stevenson couldn't take advantage of the turnover.

BASKETBALL

The Spartans had to play without junior center Stacy Nichols who has a broken hand. Jeany Smith, replacing Nichols, and Ann Marie Aquino, both suffered foul trouble.

"We played an outstanding defensive game, except for a few lapses in the fourth quarter," Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said. "Bill Mulford had only 18 points with four minutes left in the game. But offensively, we missed Stacy and the foul trouble hurt us."

Ubalde scored a game-high 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Lakeland (2-1). Jill Van Tinn led Stevenson (1-1) with eight points and eight rebounds.

WAYNE 27, YPSILANTI 24: Wayne Memorial won its season opener Tuesday by overcoming a 15-9 halftime deficit to beat the visiting Braves.

The Braves scored only two points in the second quarter and converted only 2 of 14 free-throw attempts, but used an 11-5 fourth quarter advantage to hold off the Braves (1-1).

Wayne's Sandy Jackson led all scorers with 12 points and five steals. Lisa Barge added seven points.

Pauline Valvo and Terisha Gibson scored eight and seven points, respectively, for Ypsilanti.

DEARBORN 61, CHURCHILL 46: Livonia Churchill couldn't recover after falling behind 35-18 at halftime Tuesday at Dearborn.

Despite making only six of 21 free throws, the Pioneers won their season-opener. They put the game out of reach with an 18-6 second quarter rally.

"We made mistakes and threw the ball away against their press," Churchill coach Dave Balog said. "We played them even in the second half and I was happy with that."

Senior forward Patti Maldonado led the Chargers (0-2) with 10 points and senior guard Mary Daly netted eight. Senior forwards Zita Vassallo and Jamie Clark grabbed 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Senior forward Julie Kalfelisch paced the Dearborn attack with 17 points. Sophomore center Kristy Kecharoff added 14.

THURSTON 60, JOHN OLSON 35: It was too much for Yvonne Melawski Tuesday as the center poured in 26 points to lead host Redford Thurston over Westland John Glenn.

Melawski scored 17 in the third quarter, but the game was probably decided before that as the Eagles led 32-13 at halftime. Heather Whiffell added 12 for Thurston (2-1).

Katy Duncan scored 10 for the Rockets, who fell to 0-2.

"They stepped up their game in the second quarter and we were a little flat," Glenn coach Pat Bennett said. "We had trouble stopping Yvonne. She's a great player and when she wasn't scoring, she did a good job creating things for the rest of her team."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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

UNDER-20 SELECTIONS

Eight girls from the metro Detroit area were selected to the Olympic Development Program's under-20 national soccer team pool at a camp held in San Diego last month.

Local players named to the team are Ragen Coyne (from Livonia Stevenson/University of Notre Dame); Mari Hoff (Plymouth Salem); Kara Nance (Troy/Boston College); Natalie Neaton (Detroit Country Day/William and Mary); Kate Sobrero (Country Day/Notre Dame); Shannon Poole (Troy); Julie Johnson (Ann Arbor Huron/University of Wisconsin-Madison); and Amber Berendowsky (Brighton).

Players from the 32-member national team pool will be selected to represent the U.S. in various national and international tournaments.

Another national team tryout will be conducted the week of Thanksgiving in Boca Raton, Fla. Three teams from Region II (which Michigan is part of) will compete: under-16, under-17 and under-19. Among those on the under-17 team are Hoff, Poole, Berendowsky, Marie Spaccarotella (Livonia Churchill) and Laura Pedrigio (Livonia Stevenson).

SOCCER RUNNERUP

Playing in their first tournament of the season, the Livonia Meteors '84 boys soccer team finished second recently at the Dearborn Invitational.

Coached by John Cioma and Roger Stacey, the Meteors outscored their opponents 12-3, while winning pool and semifinal matches.

Members of the Meteors include: Matt Austin, Matt Banks, Andrew Bais, Brad Burke, Giuseppe Campo, Brad Cioma, Ryan Davis, Ryan Drolet, Matt Esper, Jim Hayes, Steve Khoo, Mike Kotowski, Nick Ramirez,

Tim Ross, Adam Stacey and David Stewart.

PAYNE IN ACTION

Livonian Craig Payne returns to the ring Saturday night against heavyweight contender Alex Stewart in a bout scheduled for Laughlin, Nev.

LOW NET HONORS

Livonian Pat Hurick took low net honors with a 74 in the first flight at the Women's Suburban Golf Association tournament Sept. 2 at Carlton Glen Golf Course.

In the second flight, Livonia's Joe MeVicar won low gross honors with a 95. The low net was a three-way tie of 75 between Mary Allen (Wayne), Sue Beaton (Livonia) and Dolly Vettese (Plymouth).

In the third flight, Westland's Mary Cunningham and Dearborn's Alice King tied for low net with a 76.

GIRLS SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Mid America Motion, a girls 16-and-under travel softball team, will hold tryouts at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Wayne-Ford Civic League fields.

For more information, call Mike Flynn at 981-7214.

TRIBUTE TO BERNIE

A tribute to former Redford Catholic Central High basketball coach Bernie Holowicki will be Thursday, Sept. 22, at Knights of Columbus Monahan Council, 19301 Farmington Road, Livonia (between Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads).

Cost of a ticket is \$30 (includes open bar).

The program kicks off with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. The tribute starts at 8 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to: Coach Holowicki Tribute, 137 N. Center Street, Apartment A, Northville, Mich. 48167. (Please respond by Sept. 12.)

For more information, call Kevin Holowicki at (313) 446-6341 or Joe Chops at (313) 464-6430.

Catholic Central rules London at Silverdome

Redford Catholic Central opened the 1993 football season with a 39-14 victory over London, Ont. Catholic Central in Saturday's Kickoff Classic at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The Shamrocks outgained London CC, 317-176, in total yardage and finished with 20 first downs compared to the opponent's nine. CC led 15-0 after one quarter and pushed the lead to 25-0 at halftime. Each team scored two TDs in the second half.

Senior fullback John Spolsky led Redford CC with 78 yards on 16 carries and scored two touchdowns, each from 1 yard out. Senior running back Paul Tibaldi scored on a 1-yard run and Craig Wasen and Chuck O'Connor each had TD runs of 3 yards.

Senior quarterback Gary Galvin made an impressive debut, completing five of seven passes for 78 yards and no interceptions.

Sophomore running back Miam Brooks had 75 yards on 12 carries, all in the second half. CC's defense also contributed

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to the scoring with a pair of safeties in the first half. The first safety came after a London CC snap on a punt sailed out of the end zone; the second safety was earned because of an intentional grounding penalty on London CC in its own end zone.

Defensive back Jeff Gajewski returned an interception in the first quarter 29 yards to the London CC 14. Three plays later, Spolsky scored the first of his two TDs.

Jay Listerman also had an interception for the Shamrocks.

London CC scored twice in the second half on drives of 72 and 75 yards, respectively, against the Redford CC second and third-string defenses.

Senior punter/placemaker Ron Bialobrzski made all five of his extra point attempts and two of his kickoffs reached the end zone for touchbacks. He also punted twice for a 35.5 yard average.

Warriors pound St. Al's

Lutheran High Westland is off and flying for the 1994 football season.

On Saturday, the host Warriors held Dearborn St. Alphonsus to a total of 15 yards rushing en route to a 24-6 victory.

Jason Bayush, an inside linebacker, paced the Warriors' defense with nine tackles. Nathan Soos added seven tackles.

Gino Williams, a junior tailback who racked up 2,600 yards over the last two years on the ground for the Arrows, was hemmed in all afternoon. He was held to 13 net yards.

Senior defensive tackle Chris Clark-Hensel set up Lutheran Westland's first touchdown when he recovered a fumble.

Soos, a senior, scored on a 1-yard sneak to make it 6-0 with just under four minutes to go in the second quarter.

The Warriors took a 12-0 half-

time lead when Jelani Kyles returned a punt 16 yards and caught Soos pass inside the Arrows' 10, setting up senior Jon Smolka's 2-yard TD run.

In the third period, Smolka scored on a 1-yard run. Junior Ryan Crawford capped the Warriors' touchdown parade with a 58-yard punt return in the final quarter.

Crawford also had two interceptions on the day.

Leading rushers for the Warriors included Mat Baltz, 51 yards on eight carries; Smolka, 47 on 12; and Kyles, 41 on nine.

"We were a lot larger than them," Lutheran Westland coach Dennis Tuomi said. "It was a game of field position."

"Offensively, we made a lot of errors." Lutheran Westland missed three of four extra point attempts and fltered on a two-point try.

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Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

FALL PROGRAMS
The fall season will kick off with a camp-out Friday-Sunday, Sept. 9-11, at the Pinery in Canada for members of St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Redford.

Also starting Thursday, Sept. 15, will be the Cantus class for youth in grades 5-7, at 5 p.m., the Senior Ensemble Choir for grades 8-12 at 5:30 p.m., and a church dinner for the congregation at 6:15 p.m., followed by a Bible study class and Handbell Choir at 7 p.m. and the Chancel Choir at 8 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, the senior high youth (grades 8-12) will meet for B.A.S.I.C.

(Brothers and Sisters in Christ) to explore Christian ideals and values.

The men's breakfast discussion group also is meeting at 8 a.m. Wednesday and the church picnic is Sunday, Sept. 18, following the 10 a.m. worship service. St. James is at 25350 W. Six-Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

TEEN DANCE
Junior high and senior high school students are invited to attend "Saturday Night in the Park" from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 10. School identification cards must be shown. For more information, call Newburg United Methodist Church at (313) 422-0149.

NEW SERVICE
Augsburg Lutheran Church,

24801 W. Chicago Road, Redford, will add a new Saturday worship beginning at 5 p.m. Sept. 10. This will be an informal service with contemporary liturgy accompanied by live guitar music. For more information, call (313) 534-6389.

INTEREST GATHERINGS
Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts of New Life Lutheran Church will conduct interest gatherings for the new mission beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. The gatherings are intended for persons interested in this mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The church is the only new congregation started by the ELCA in Michigan and has targeted northwest Plymouth Township. The interest gathering will be repeated on Sunday, Oct. 9. The gathering is a 90-minute casual meeting in a living room. For directions and more information, call (313) 420-1023.

RADIO SHOWS
WAAM 1600 AM's radio show, "What is This Christian Science and Who are These Christian Scientists?" continues through at 9 a.m. Sundays. Upcoming shows will be "Media Coverage of Christian Science" Sept. 11; "Why don't Christian Scientists take medicine?" Sept. 18; and "Is it possible to heal without medicine?" Sept. 25.

HOLIDAY SEMINAR
Learn how to keep Christ as the center of holiday activities during a "for women only" seminar with Emilie Barnes 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at Berean Baptist Church, 38303 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. She will also give tips on gift wrapping and holiday decorating. The \$15 charge includes lunch. For more information, call (810) 477-6365. Pre-registration is required.

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Montreat veterans to present concert

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Young singers from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia have always looked forward to their junior-high and senior high years in the youth choir program.

They look forward to travel and participation in mission trips and attending the Montreat Conference on Music and Worship at Montreat, N.C., as a part of the

program. For 10 days, the teens are involved (even in their free time) in listening to and making various types of worshipful Christian music. They also have the opportunity to meet other Presbyterians of all ages who think like them, but don't always sound like them.

The usual group separates by age to sing in large choral ensembles made up of youth from all around the eastern United States and then combines their own talents to perform at a very special youth variety show. They also serve by singing at several area churches.

June 1995 will see St. Paul's youth choirs "on the road again," a trip that will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, with an opening event for the public.

Two past St. Paul's choir members who each spent 13 years in the youth choir program will return to present a light concert of musical theater and movie themes.

Kevin Barton and Anne Hutchinson, now both studying vocal music and theater in Kalamazoo, will join their talents to bring their listeners music and scenes from "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables," "The Secret Garden," "The Fantasticks," "Baby" and "Sleepless in Seattle."

Barton and Hutchinson are

products of the Livonia Public Schools and appeared in many productions associated with Churchill High School and the Creative and Performing Arts Program and theater productions at St. Paul's. Both attended Montreat and performed on stage in its open air auditorium.

They hope that at the conclusion of their concert, a number of Montreat veterans will join them in singing several songs from their conference years.

Barton and Hutchinson also will be joined by friends of the program — Walter Cory on piano, Mark Adams on drums and Donald Stramberg, who will sing with Kevin.

A free-will offering for the 1995 Montreat trip will be collected at the end of the performance, and a reception will follow. Child care will be available.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is at 27475 Five Mile Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-1470.

INFORMATION CLASS
Questions about faith-related issues can be answered in an adult information class that begins Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The 12-week classes will be 7:30-9 p.m. and will help clarify God's word and beliefs of the Lutheran Church. The course may also be used as part of the membership process of Christ Our Savior, but there is no obligation to join. For more information, call Barb D'Ambrosio at (313) 522-6830.

FALL PROGRAMS
"The Power of United Prayer 24 Hours" will kick off a new series of programs sponsored by Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The church will have "Friendship Sunday" at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, while "A Course in Miracles" will run 1-3 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12. The Rev. Maurice Williams will discuss the "Healing of Paralyzed Hearts" 9:30 a.m.

and 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. The "41 Prosperity Program" will be for 12 weeks beginning 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27. For more information, call (313) 421-1760 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP
Friendship Connection, a personal growth and support group, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 13439 Marlon, Redford, for discussion, questions and answers, fellowship and Bible study. Call (313) 534-2065.

ALCOHOLICS
The Alcoholics for Christ, Meet Your Needs Group, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Tri-City Christian Center, Michigan Avenue at Hannan in Canton. Alcoholics for Christ is a nondenominational, nonprofit Christian fellowship for alcoholics and their families. The group's chief goal is to direct alcoholics, family members and other concerned people to a dedicated, sincere relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information, call (313) 326-0330.

In concert: Kevin Barton and Anne Hutchinson will combine talents in a special presentation at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Sunday, Sept. 11.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1994

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Now is the time to transplant perennials

Several years ago I was given the rhizome of a Blackberry Lily (*Belamcanda chinensis*), also called Leopard Flower because the bright orange blossoms are sprinkled (with red spots) like the spots of a leopard. I was new at this gardening vocation so gave it to my neighbor to plant. If it could talk, it would have a story to tell!

When the flower bloomed in early August, we were both pleased with the delicate-looking blossoms. Several years later, after the plant had increased, they were inadvertently dug into the soil. We thought they were gone, but much to our surprise, one appeared the following spring, which attests to its will to survive.

That one little plant was then transferred to my garden where it has again multiplied and is blooming splendidly, where it is treasured. The planting is given no special care other than the occasional fertilizer I give when feeding that section of the garden.

Blackberry Lilies grow from 24 inches to four feet tall and like full sun or light shade and well-drained soil. They are members of the iris family so have the same spikey foliage. Soon seed pods will form, then split open to reveal shiny black seeds, which are pretty in dried arrangements.

Plants can be started from seeds (sown in warm, moist conditions) or they can be propagated by division. My neighbor, Glynn, will soon have another Blackberry Lily to enjoy.

Take a look at your perennials to see if some will benefit with a new location in the garden. Many can be transplanted and divided now and will have enough time to develop strong roots if you don't wait too long.

At this time of year the soil is more easily worked and is still warm from the summer heat. They will also have a head start when spring arrives. A general rule to follow is to divide the early flowering plants now and the later blooming ones in early spring. A good book will give instructions for specific plants.

Place to visit

Many groups are planning programs for the coming year and I am often asked about speakers, gardens to visit, etc.

The Garden Park of Holly is ready for visitors to see the first of many gardens planned for this 77.7-acre site. It is 100 by 75 feet in size and consists of four quadrants intersected with wide walkways, planted with colorful annuals and perennials.

A statue centers each garden and paths allow visitors a close-up view. A fountain is a focal point at one end, while the other leads to the portico of the conference center, constructed to look as though it has been there for many years. Three sides of the garden are enclosed and covered to provide shade and a place to eat while enjoying the garden.

The building contains a library, large entrance hall, brides room and conference room, suitable for study and meetings.

Owner Jim Hilty will escort visitors and point out sites of proposed gardens - herb, maze, follies, butterfly dome, moss, Japanese and more.

A catered box lunch is offered, prepared by the Holly hotel; a nominal entrance fee will be charged. Hilty has set aside Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings for visitors. He can be reached at (810) 634-9300.

TIMELY GARDEN TIPS

- 1994 is the Year of the American Liberty Elm, available only through the Elm Research Institute, Harri-ville, N.H. 03450 (Attention: J.P. Hansel, Executive Director). This tree is most like its native parent tree.
- Apply a winter fertilizer to your lawn.
- Set out new transplants of broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage.
- Witch hazel blooms in February or March and will add an early spot of color in the landscape.
- Start a compost pile if you haven't done so.
- When your vegetable or annual flower gardens are bare for the season, plant a cover crop such as rye grass, alfalfa or clover. Till into the soil about a month before planting in the spring.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week

■ A visit to Observerland plant nurseries in search of fall garden design.

■ Livonia resident, Agnes Hilliard displays Michigan Depression Glass in the Livonia Civic Center Library showcase.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDELL

Loveable Lady: Debbie Malek creates fantasies and dreams in the garage/workshop of her Livonia home. Pictured here is a child's Adirondack for two crafted by husband, Ken, and hand painted in a cottage-like theme by Debbie.

Artist paints storybook scenes



Livonia crafter Debbie Malek has turned her home into a storybook cottage. Her whimsical creations raise crafting to the level of art. Her work will be displayed at Laurel Manor on Sept. 18.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Entering the purple door of Debbie Malek's Livonia home is like walking into a cottage from a storybook. Whimsical characters such as roosters, giraffes, cats and witches along with walls sprouting painted pink roses bring smiles to the sternest of faces.

Malek is a crafter who has taken paint to a higher plain of art. Like a wand, she waves her brush to create furniture, floor canvases, bird houses, soft sculpture dolls including little people dressed in the millie, and pets made of broken tea cups.

Homespun Traditions hosts Malek and her magical artwork in its crafts marketplace 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft west of Newburgh in Livonia.

Admission to the show produced by Livonia resident, Bonnie Jurcin is \$2.

"It's nice to do something you love and make a living at it," said Malek. "Most of my artwork leans toward whimsy. I try to take life as

light-hearted as possible, look at it through a child's eye."

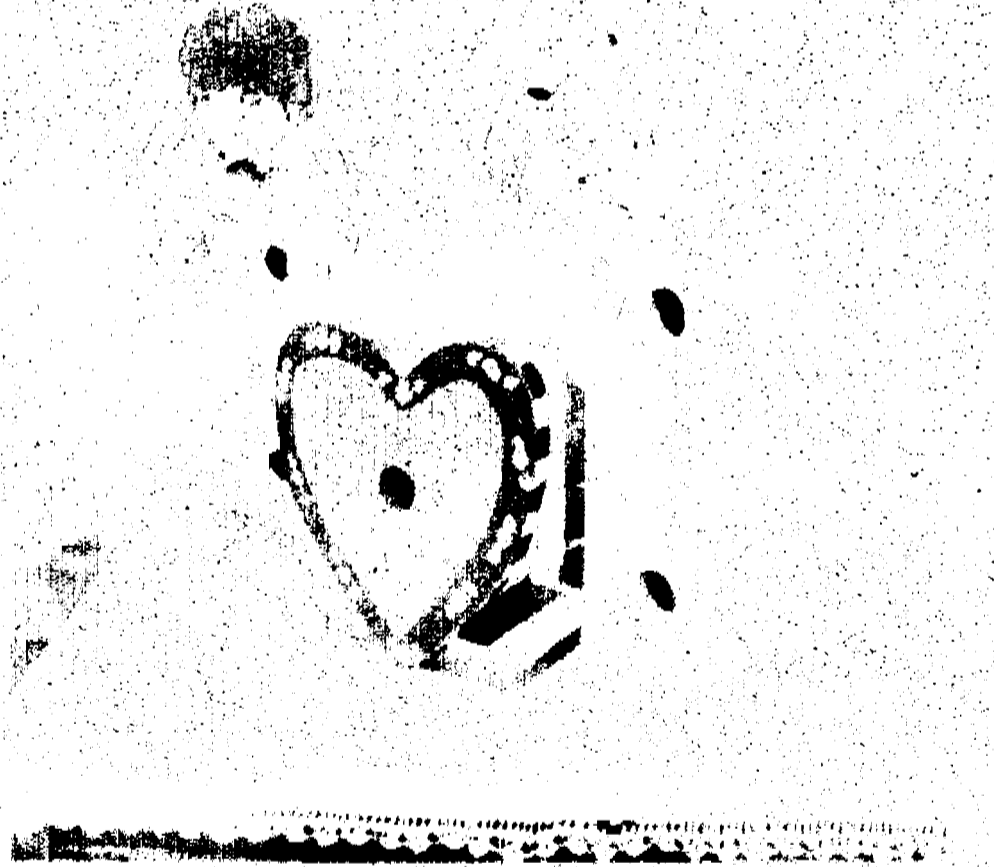
Scattered around the workshop/garage where Debbie, husband Ken and his brother, Mike Malek do all the woodworking is furniture in various stages of completion. A baby's crib and chest of drawers leans against waiting projects like stiff unpainted soldiers.

In an adjoining room where paint turns wood to dreams, tall blue angels hover protectively around the entrances of large bird houses while helping hands and loving hearts guard other residences for feathered friends.

"I always like doing different things. I'm a night owl. I get some of my best ideas in the middle of the night. It's kind of hard for me to tell someone what I'm going to do next because I don't know till I start."

Up until today, the Malek's 23 year marriage has withstood Debbie's jewelry making, pottery, and painted clothing. What began as a hobby 20 years ago, now occu-

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Whimsical Wonders: Angels guard the entrances of Malek's bird houses perched on a table in front of the family's hollyhock painted garage.

Porcelain Doll: Internationally known artist Yolanda Bello brings Ming and Mei-Mei, her latest dolls, to Georgia's Gift Gallery in Plymouth Saturday, Sept. 10.



Dollmaker to visit Plymouth gallery

Internationally known doll artist Yolanda Bello makes a special appearance to introduce two of her latest creations 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Georgia's Gift Gallery, 575 Forest in Plymouth.

Her arrival is part of an eight-week tour to meet doll collectors and sign dolls at stops in 23 different cities in the U.S. and Canada. Sponsored by Ashton-Drake Galleries, a division of the Bradford Exchange, the second annual "Yolanda's World of Love Doll Tour"

will introduce "Ming" and "Mei-Mei," brother and sister dolls dressed in Oriental costumes celebrating the boy's first birthday.

"There's a series of 11 of them, affordable but high quality dolls. The molds are broken. People buying them are collectors, gift givers, and those using them as an accent piece," said Michelle Suttle, gallery co-owner with brother Michael McCarty.

"They're so popular, the public

See DOLLMAKER, 3D

ANTIQUE TOY SHOW

Westland collector Dave Hudson and Livonia exhibitors Tom Hill, Tim Janson, Ken Peters and George Oakes display their wares in the third annual Dearborn Michigan Antique Toy Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Dearborn Civic Center 15801 Michigan Ave. west of Greenfield.

Admission is \$4 for adults. Children under 12, free. Tables for dealers will be available until 9 a.m. the day of the show.

More than 150 exhibitors featuring toys from the 1800s to 1970 will offer wind-up and battery operated toys, promo cars, penny toys, Barbie dolls, GI Joe's, Disney, pedal cars, Star Wars items and memorabilia associated with antique toys including buttons, pins and

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"If you played with it as a kid, it'll be there," said show producer, Kevin Hauser of Hauser Antiques in Royal Oak. Hauser will exhibit turn-of-the-century penny toys from France and Germany.

"If anyone has any old toys to sell, they should bring them and let the dealers look at them. Toys are becoming big to decorate homes and businesses. From 1970 to 1980 toys went up 400 percent in value according to Richard D.

Brien's book, "Collecting Toys No. 6."

Four antique toy shows are planned for 1995 at the Dearborn Civic Center. For more information on this weekend's show contact Hauser or co-producer, Eric Dibrich at (810) 399-3491.

WINNING ARTISTS

Observerland artists keep winning awards for their work. Plymouth watercolorist, Toni Stevens most recently was honored in an exhibition at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. The show featuring more than 50 pieces by members of the Palette and Brush Club continues through Sept. 15. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Media includes watercolor, pastel, oil and sculpture.

Institute celebrates Arab-American art

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Institute of Arts, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) and the Arab American Arts Council will present Fann Wa Tarab, a celebration of Arab American art, music and poetry beginning Saturday, Sept. 10, at the DIA, 5200 Woodward.

"It's bringing people from all different Arab American communities together and helps expose their music and art forms to a broader audience," said DIA department of education spokesperson, Michele Koch of Rochester Hills. Fann Wa Tarab, "art and sublime music" festivities open with a 6 p.m. reception in the DIA's Prentis Court and the debut of an exhibition continuing through Sept. 25. Curated by Elsie Peck, department of Ancient Art, and MaryAnn Wilkinson, department of 20th century art, the exhibit features the work of artists Hashim Al-Tawil, Lila Kadaj, Sari Khoury, Kathleen Rashid and Athir Shatoya. The paintings, according to ACCESS cultural arts director Sally Howell, "reflect the seemingly

distant worlds of classical Islamic traditions and European-based modernism."

The reception will be followed at 8 p.m. with a reading by poet David Williams, and a concert featuring Simon Shaheen, oud (ute) virtuoso and National Heritage Award recipient, and singer Ghada Ghannem with the Dearborn Traditional Arabic Ensemble. Tickets for the Sept. 10 events are \$25 per person, with a select number of patron seats at \$50 each. For tickets and additional information call the ACCESS Cultural Arts Program at (313) 842-7010 or the DIA at (313) 833-2323.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, Dr. Ann Rasmussen will present a lecture entitled "Music and Community in Arab America: The History and Contemporary Life of a Musical Subculture." Rasmussen, a leading authority on musical traditions of the Middle East and professor of music and ethnomusicology at the College of William and Mary, will talk about the Arab American musical subculture and explore the dynamic role music plays in the creation of new ethnic identities.

Tour showcases historic homes

The 22nd annual Ann Arbor Old West Side Homes Tour featuring seven, late 19th century homes takes place noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18.

Presented by the Old West Side Association, it is the nonprofit organization's primary fund-raiser. Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 the day of tour and available at Anderson's Design Studio, Border's Book Store, Crown House of Gifts (Traver Village), Little Professor Book Company, Peaceable Kingdom, Partners in Wine (S. Main and Kerrytown Markets), Washtenaw Milk and Ice Cream (The "Dairy"), and the West Side Book Shop.

Entertainment by the Division Street Blue Grass Band, and refreshments will be on-hand at Waterworks Park on Eighth Street. No children under age 12 allowed on the tour. Child care, at \$2 per child, will be available at tour headquarters, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 520 W. Jefferson. A free shuttle bus will run between the homes.

"It's a self-guided tour. You go in whatever order you want," said OWSA spokesperson, Grace Shackman.

"One of the gems is a home built in 1888 by German contractor, C. John Walz for himself and his family. So it's a dream home with stained glass windows, marble fireplaces, and Lincrusta-Walton wallcovering, a cross between wallpaper and linoleum."

The home is on the tour for a third time because of its popularity with tour goers. It also includes a set of back stairs for servants. Three generations of Walz's owned the home before it was purchased by its present owners.

Originally settled by German immigrants, the Old West Side is a historic neighborhood of architecture, streetscape, history, and environment characteristic of

19th century mid-western America. Contributing to its special ambience are front-gabled roofs, open porches, and intricate wood detailing, all in a pleasant setting of tree-lined streets. Inside the houses on this year's tour, you will see how Old West Side residents gracefully fit their older homes to the demands of modern times.

"The homes on the tour are all very nice," said Shackman. "There's a very nice home with a clever addition on the back that made it bigger. There also will be

people available to answer any questions about the homes."

Founded in 1967, the Old West Side Association promotes neighborhood conservation. Through its efforts, the Old West Side Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic

Grace Shackman
OWSA spokesperson

Places in 1972. The following year, the OWSA sponsored its first Homes Tour to demonstrate the desirability of living in and preserving an older neighborhood. For more information call Shackman at (313) 662-2187, or Pat Hackley at (313) 665-4087.



Historic Tour: Built in 1888 by German contractor C. John Walz, this Ann Arbor home is one of seven on a tour of Old West Side homes Sunday, Sept. 18.

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pics her full time. Not even a bout with thyroid cancer five years ago could slow this lady down. On a recent family vacation to New England Malek took along her dyed purple garden gloves, to stitch on such wisdoms as "I never promised you a rose garden" along the way.

"It started out as a craft, painting clothing and taking classes. Now it's evolved into a full time business selling to stores and by word of mouth," said the 40 year old mother of Jennifer-Suzanne, 18 and Broc, 9, an artist in her own right as evidenced by the framed painting in the family's kitchen.

"I do very few shows. It's usually people who want a wall painted or a piece of furniture who contact me. One thing I've learned about my artwork is the people who like it have children, or are teachers or relate to children in some way."

People just seem to flock to Malek for painting. They stop

their cars in the middle of Joy Road to watch her brush roses onto plain brown wood turning so-so surfaces into a rainbow of wonders. Once a customer even left their furniture in her driveway with a name and note attached that read, "when you get around to it."

In the past Malek has exhibited her hand painted furniture, and mail boxes customized to represent customer's dogs at grooming-tails in West Bloomfield. From Toronto to Sideways Gifts in Plymouth people find Malek's footstools, chairs, tables, mirrors, flower pots, and floor canvases as well as seasonal whimsies for Halloween and the Christmas holidays, irresistible.

"Debbie's so original. You give her an idea and she goes with it. She will work with customers on color. She's a very creative person," said Sideways' manager, Barbara Jeffries.

"Most everything we've put in here of hers sells out."

Art classes stimulate imagination

BY LINDA ANN GHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Part one of a series.

Fall arts and crafts classes begin Sept. 15 in Observeland. In addition to the regular painting and drawing classes offered, an exciting array of other topics including the art of the carousel will bring out the creativity in you.

Learn a variety of wood carving techniques while crafting a carousel animal in a six-week class taught by Judith Shellhaas at the Michigan Art Exchange in Plymouth. Although she creates three dimensional stained glass sculpture now, Shellhaas is best known for her miniatures. Between 1974 and 1987 she turned them into a business that sold over 4,500 pieces of limited edition fine scale furniture.

Cost for the carousel class is \$54.

From amateur to advanced carvers, students will create their choice of animals: a horse, rooster or ostrich. There is an additional charge for the kits priced at \$22-

30. Included in the kit is a precut blank or block of wood, complete set of instructions, and a color photograph of the finished animal, the largest of which is six inches high by seven inches long. The kits are from a series of 21 animals. Each is designed to teach a different wood carving skill.

"Wood carving is a technique that anyone can do. Everyone can be taught. The animals are a vehicle for learning to rough-out, shape and accomplish fine detailed surface work at the end. All you really need is a sharp pencil, a ruler, and an X-acto knife and blade," said Shellhaas of Plymouth.

"In a separate four-hour class, students will be encouraged to paint their finished animal. So if a mistake is made the paint will cover it. There isn't anything we can't fix or cover up with paint."

In addition to the wood carving class with Shellhaas, a variety of subjects from painting to clothing

embellishment and Oshabana, a framed pressed flower art will be taught by artist members of the Michigan Art Exchange. Prices range from \$36 to \$72. To register call (313) 453-1906.

Create a late summer, garden painting in workshops with Marge Chellstorp at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia in the Jefferson Center. The first watercolor workshop 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16-17 by the Farmington Hills artist costs \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members. Membership is \$20 a year. To register call (313) 464-6772.

"Sometimes students have paintings in progress. Sometimes they paint from set-ups. I work with them on composition and technique. I will demonstrate or bring in a painting in progress and show them how to solve the problems," said Chellstorp, whose studies include the Chicago Art Institute and earning a master of fine arts degree from the University of Iowa.

VAAL offers classes and workshops by professional artists Edee Joppich, V. Janus Bendis, Donna Vogelheim, Ann Loveland, Else Pedersen and Lily Dudgeon. A second two-day workshop with Chellstorp takes place during the same hours on consecutive Fridays, Oct. 7 and 14. Resolving those summer landscapes explores scenes, changing light directions, and creating morning and night themes.

"We'll be working from paintings they've done this summer. I like to encourage them to take a different time of day, change the light source and shadows. With a landscape, it's important to know where you're light source is coming from," said Chellstorp, an associate professor for the last 11 years at Madonna University in Livonia.

Chellstorp will begin a two-credit-hour class in watercolor at the university in October. For more information call (313) 591-6052.

Dollmaker from page 1D

recognizes one or all of them."

The porcelain pair are the 1994 issues in Yolanda's World of Love series available exclusively from Ashton-Drake dealers including Georgia's Gift Gallery, winner of the Ashton-Drake Doll Dealer of the Year Award for a second consecutive year.

The two doll set comes with several accessories associated with a traditional first birthday ceremony in Oriental families. According to legend, the child's

future is determined by the item he or she selects from a group of objects symbolizing different professions.

"Through my dolls, I try to visually communicate my belief that all children, the world over, are unique, each one sharing their own message of love," said Bollo.

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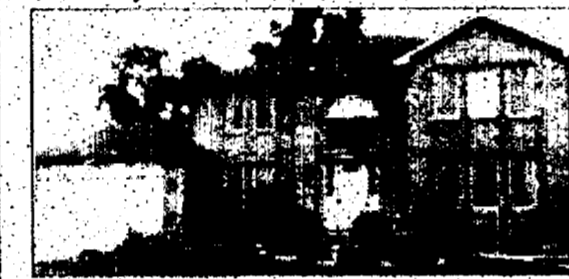
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The South Oakland County Board of Realtors awarded scholarships to 46 students from 20 high schools within the board's jurisdiction at a ceremony sponsored by Troy-based Standard Federal Bank.

SOCBOR's scholarship fund trustees also awarded seven students from four Michigan universities.

This year's winners, selected from 122 applicants, achieved a 3.7 or higher GPA. Ten students with a 4.0 GPA were class valedictorians, reports the board's newsletter, Outlook.

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Caroline McGuire becomes a full partner at RE/MAX Professional, 1415 Walton, Rochester Hills. She had been a broker associate with the agency.



Douglas Whitehouse: Birmingham-Bloomfield Realtor of the Year



Jane Griffin: South Oakland Realtor of the Year



Gladys Corbin: Rochester Area Realtor of the Year



Bill Bonkey: Rochester Area Realtor Associate of the Year

Peers single out Realtors of the year

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER SPECIAL WRITER

Becoming Realtor of the Year means more to Observer & Eccentric area Realtors than a plaque and dinner at the Westin Hotel in downtown Detroit.

Unlike other real estate industry awards, this one is particularly special because it's not based on an agent's sales volume. Instead, voters in all but one Realtor board look at a candidate's involvement with the Michigan Association of Realtors (MAR) and National Association of Realtors (NAR), public recognition and ethical standing in the community, community service, and continuing education.

The Rochester Area Association of Realtors names its president as Realtor of the Year and its American Home Week chairperson as Realtor Associate of the Year.

"I was flabbergasted, it's a tremendous honor to be recognized by peers," said Douglas Whitehouse, broker/owner of Hannett, Wilson & Whitehouse in Bloomfield Hills, and the Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors' Realtor of the Year.

"It's a humbling experience to have a group of people you like recognize

you. I'm at a loss for words and that usually doesn't happen," he said.

The Lathrup Village resident entered the real estate business in 1930, after working in manufacturing for a Dearborn food processor for 16 years. He has a business administration degree from the University of Michigan and has earned several real estate designations, including certified residential specialist (CRS) and certified real estate broker manager (CRB).

The South Oakland County Board of Realtors' top vote-getter is Jane Griffin of Chamberlain Realtors in Royal Oak.

"Realtor of the Year was a real surprise because I tend to think of many board members who do more. I was pleased," said the Berkley resident, who's also board president.

Griffin, a former Detroit-area elementary teacher and mother of three, has been a Realtor since 1980 and a broker since 1985. She's also a delegate to the state and national Realtor boards and a director for PAS, the firm that manages three Oakland County Realtor boards.

Former Avon Township trustee Gladys Corbin is the Rochester Area Association of Realtors' Realtor of

the Year. Bill Bonkey is Realtor Associate of the Year.

"You don't receive commendations every day, so I'm thrilled," said Corbin of Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke in Rochester.

The Rochester Hills resident, a mother of five and a former Rochester-area teacher, has been in real estate and property management since 1972. She's the association president, a PAS director, a MAR delegate and a director of Rochester Hills' Economic Development Corp.

Corbin has a political science degree from the University of Michigan and is a past president of the League of Women Voters.

"It's a prestigious award and I'm honored," said Bonkey of Century 21,

East, Inc., Rochester Hills.

The Shelby Township resident was director of non-institutional services for L'Anso Creuse Public Schools in the Mt. Clemons area before starting his real estate career more than seven years ago.

He's chairman of American Home Week activities, which includes the "Draw Your Own Home" art contest for Rochester-area students. Bonkey has served on MAR's education committee and equal opportunity in housing committee.

Winners of this coveted award will pick up a plaque at MAR's annual conference/dinner at the Westin in October. Winners statewide will compete for the State Realtor of the Year award.

ERA hosting Success Day

International relocation is the theme of ERA Success Day, co-sponsored by ERA Real Estate and Countrywide Funding.

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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) 691-7279.

Todd A. Wyatt of Birmingham was promoted to vice president and general counsel for Arbor Drugs Inc. in Troy. Wyatt began his career with the drugstore chain in June 1993 as general counsel. He assumed the additional responsibilities of secretary in December 1993.



Wyatt

Mark Guleff of Livonia was promoted to senior vice president/media director with W.B. Doner & Co. in Detroit. In 1990, Guleff was promoted to vice president/associate media director. He joined Doner in 1983 as an assistant media planner. Before that, he was with Leo Burnett.



Guleff

Rinaldo A. Maffezzoli was promoted to vice president-commercial real estate leading manager for First of American Bank-Southeast Michigan in Birmingham. Maffezzoli began his career with First of America Bank in 1988 as assistant vice president-commercial loan officer.



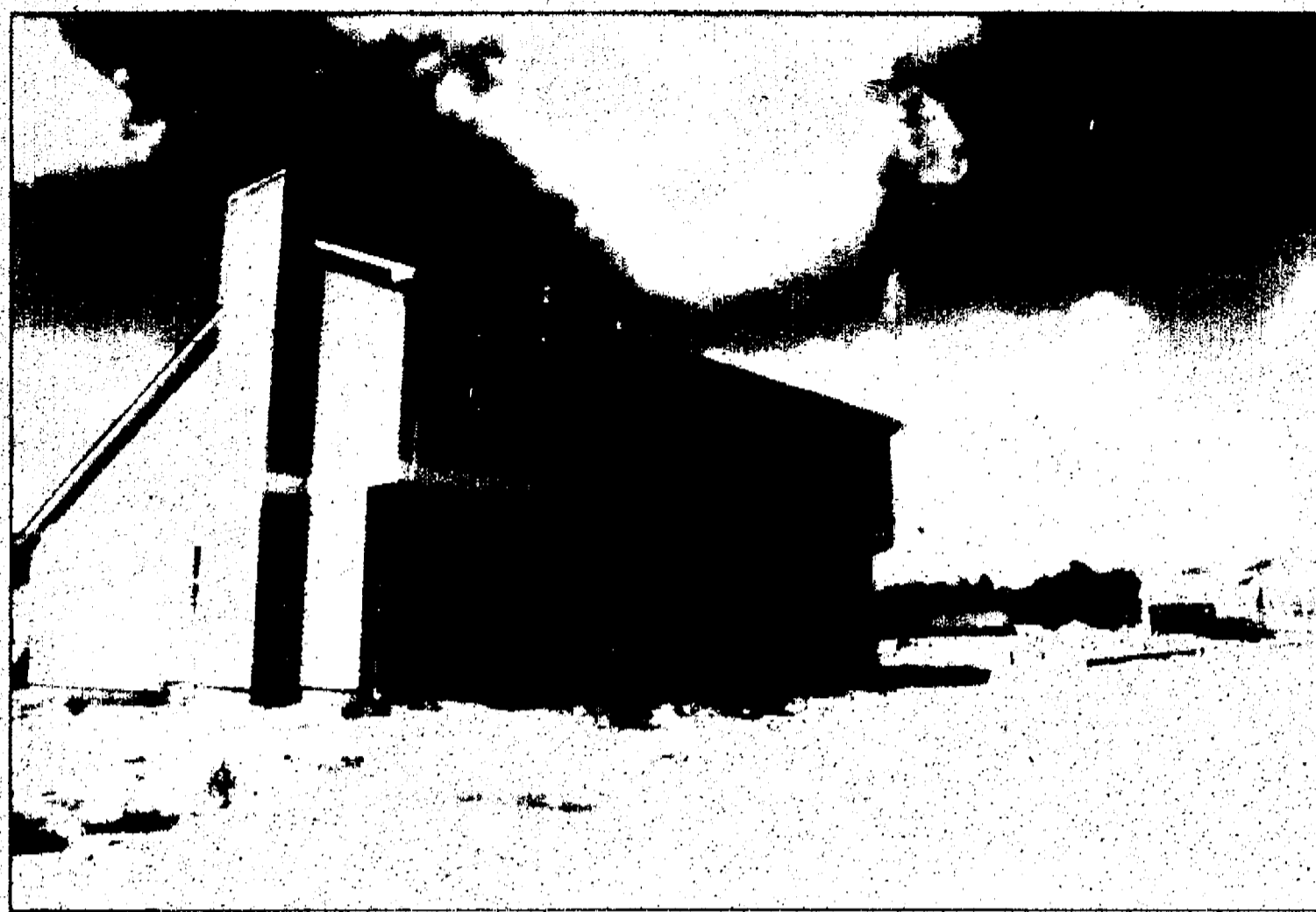
Maffezzoli

Kay Beard of Westland was elected to a two-year term on the board of trustees of Montgomery Hospital in Westland. Before joining the hospital board, Beard served as a member of its citizens advisory board for five years. Beard also is vice chairwoman of the Wayne County Commission.



Beard

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Windows galore: The Evergreen at Hunters Pointe has a bright, open appearance, thanks to a liberal placement of windows on the model. This is the view from the back.

Price is right in Hunters Pointe



A Farmington Hills builder who used to focus on custom-design houses a few years ago has gone back to the more affordable end of the pricing spectrum with a subdivision, Hunters Pointe, in Livonia.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Judging from buyers' responses, Hunters Pointe off Plymouth Road west of Newburgh is the right residential subdivision in the right place at the right time at the right price for a bunch of people.

Five months after the models opened in March, 25 of the 42 single-family building sites had been snapped up, said Craig S. Corbell, president of Hunter Homes in Farmington Hills, developer/builder.

Prices range from \$136,900 for a 1,430-square-foot ranch with three bedrooms and two baths to \$145,500 for a 2,050-square-foot colonial with four bedrooms and 2½ baths.

"They get the most house for their money here. It's that simple," Corbell said.

"The second major factor besides price is Livonia. We have people moving from Northville, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City and other parts of Livonia due to the (Livonia) school system and Livonia municipal services," he said.

The typical buyer at Hunters Pointe is a family with children under 10 years of age acquiring a first brand-new house, Corbell said. They're going with the basics and choosing few upgraded options such as air conditioning and ceramic tiling.

"The important thing is they don't want to be house poor," Corbell said. "Everyone we're deal-

ing with is buying at a ratio where they can afford 15-20 percent more house. They try to get as much house as they can for the money, but not maxing out."

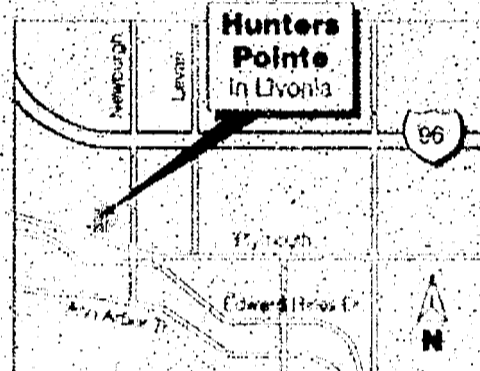
A second kind of buyer, much to his surprise, also is turning up at Hunters Pointe, Corbell added.

"It's the person five to 10 years away from retirement," he said. "They're looking for a house they can be comfortable in until the day they die. They want a yard. They don't want a condo. Also, they want something manageable for size and maintenance."

About half of the buyers so far have chosen a colonial, half a ranch, Corbell said.

The Evergreen model on site, a colonial with 2,350 square feet, offers four bedrooms and two baths upstairs. The main level features a living room, dining room, kitchen/eating nook, family room with fireplace, laundry and powder room.

The house has a certain brightness to it, Corbell said, and for



good reason. "We put in a larger dining room window. In the living room, we put in an extra side window to give it more light. Same thing in the family room. All three secondary bedrooms have large windows that really brighten them up. It really makes a big difference in the feel of a room."

Other standard touches pointed out by Corbell include linen closets in both upstairs baths as well as in the hallway, coat closets at both

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Career placers:
Mark R. Angott (left) and Fred Bawulski, franchise owners with Management Recruiters, see opportunity in good times and bad.



Recruiters: Don't change job just for larger salary

Slightly more than one out of three hiring executives polled in the north central states, including Michigan, plan to add middle managers and professionals to their staffs by the end of the year.

That's an increase of 2.6 percentage points from the first of the year, according to a survey conducted by Management Recruiters International.

Of 2,088 hiring executives surveyed nationally, 37.5 percent indicated plans to increase staff. Here, it was 37.8 percent.

Not since late 1989 have companies planned to add such large numbers to their workforces, Management Recruiters reported. Fred Bawulski, owner of a franchise in Bingham Farms, and Mark R. Angott, a franchise owner in Rochester, said business is booming.

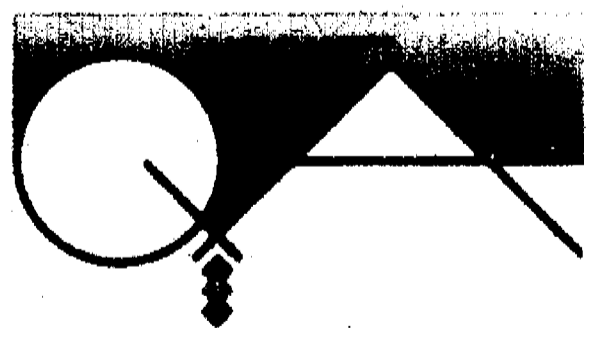
Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview with the pair.

What should people do who have lost their jobs in corporate downsizings?

Angott: I would network everywhere. You have no confidentiality problem. Call associates, call recruiting firms. I'd make sure I'm calling a lot of them and make it a full time job.

Network as much as possible. Not just potential hirers but friends and associates who may know someone else.

Years ago, this economic lagoff used to



be a big stigma. In this age of mergers and corporate downsizings, it's not a stigma.

Bawulski: You'll find out who your true friends are. Contact them. Don't be embarrassed. Make a list of all your strong points. Write it down.

Go to a good recruiting firm while you're making rounds. We have good access (to potential employers).

What about if you're currently employed but looking for a job change?

Bawulski: Don't tell anyone. It's got to be very confidential. If companies hear that John's thinking of leaving, they'll say, "We've got to protect ourselves." They'll start looking for your replacement.

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make phone calls.

Angott: You may selectively respond to ads in newspapers or try to find the right search firm that might be able to help with expertise in the field.

If you're employed, what are good reasons to look around and maybe not good reasons to move?

Bawlski: Don't change for just money. That's third or fourth in line. What you change for it's a better position. It's a better company, you can enhance your career.

If you're grossly underpaid, you can tell an employer that. Tell that's one reason you're looking. But you have to be very careful about money.

If an employer thinks you're changing for money, he'll think the next person who comes along and offers \$5 more, you'll be gone.

Angott: I think we're in a day and age where middle management has to look out for itself more than 10 or 15 years ago. Corporate loyalty has changed dramatically.

People felt secure when they

joined a company. Now, they've got to look out for themselves. People now listen when we call.

Bawlski: It's always a compliment to them.

Who can you help in the job market?

Bawlski: We deal with people who have an engineering degree and two or three years minimum experience. Financial people, same prerequisites. And also in the health care field. There's never a fee to the candidate.

The client always pays the recruiting charge. That's usually 30

percent of total first-year earnings.

Why wouldn't companies do their own searches?

Angott: Small companies don't have the resources. Some might not even have a trained human resources person. Larger companies may have specific needs they can't find on their own.

How are things going locally?

Angott: I think a lot of companies sat on the sidelines hiring new managers even though they knew times were better than two or three years ago and they were

making money.

It was put on hold, put on hold. They will admit they waited too long. They just wanted to make sure they were out of the recession, then it exploded.

The question is, 'What am I going to spend time on?' I have 10 openings. What two or three am I going to spend time on today?

How are things different now than before the last recession?

Bawlski: When things slowed down, companies used that as an excuse to get rid of people. Now, they've got people who produce. They're getting back to where

they were (in terms of numbers). There's a difference in hiring. People had better cut it.

Angott: I don't think we'll ever see companies fat, stacked with overhead again.

How is this area perceived nationally in terms of a desirable place to work?

Angott: We recruit outside. If they've travelled through, have relatives or friends here, it's not tough at all.

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the front and rear entry, pantry in the kitchen and tub in the laundry.

The most popular ranch model, the Mallard, features three bedrooms, a formal dining room, kitchen/eating nook and family room.

All floor plans at Hunters Pointe include attached two-car garage, basement and fireplace. A dishwasher and range are included as standard items.

Brady and Shelly Mangas, along with children Brian, Bradley and Shelby, were the first to move into the subdivision. They relocated from another part

of Livonia and made several changes to the basic floor plan of a four-bedroom colonial.

"We wanted something with a big yard and a three-car, side-entry garage," Shelly said. "They worked with us really nice."

"For the price for a new home in Livonia, I think it's really reasonable. I've been told it's mostly couples our age with young kids moving in. We're real happy," she said.

Michael and Barbara Brooks purchased a ranch.

"The price attracted me," Michael said. "The reason we preferred a ranch was only two of us are living there and it came with a large country-kitchen look and nook all in one."

Brooks said his concerns about a meat processing plant upwind just west of Hunters Pointe were put to rest by plans to install berms, trees and a privacy fence.

"The positive feedback is it's an excellent price in Livonia," said Roy Lee, sales associate for Re/Max Great Lakes Realty. "I'm not even sure we have competition in that price range."

"They (prospects) like the nice, open

floor plans and the fact we're giving such a variety — three colonials, all have a fourth-bedroom option, and three ranches," Lee said.

The property tax rate for a house in Livonia serviced by the Livonia Public Schools is about \$32 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value.

That means the owner of a house in Hunters Pointe worth \$140,000 would pay about \$2,240 annually for municipal, school and county taxes.

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Sherril Fletcher of Canton, director of volunteer services at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, assumed responsibilities for fund development. Fletcher has been with the hospital since 1986. Before joining the hospital, Fletcher was administrative assistant to the director of the Farmington Community Center, where she assisted in the development of the center's capital fund-raising campaign.

Gloria Platek of Livonia was named executive director of Royal Home Care Inc. A registered nurse, Platek had been clinical care manager at Maternal Child Healthcare Services and before that a neonatal intensive care unit nurse at Grace Hospital.

Joseph Ferrario was appointed president of Rofin-Sinar Inc. of Plymouth. He joined the company in January as general manager.

Dr. Mark R. Mortiere received the Academy of General Dentistry's Fellowship Award during the academy's annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Mortiere maintains a private practice in Livonia, is on the staff at St. Mary Hospital and is the dental director at Marywood Nursing Home.

David R. Colwander was promoted to senior associate with Fusco, Shaffer & Pappas Inc. in Southfield. Colwander has been with the firm since 1986 and is a graduate of Lawrence Technological Institute.

Trael Stafford and Jay Laney were promoted to account executives with Goldfarb & Co., a Southfield advertising agency. Both are graduates of Michigan State University. Laney had worked for Young & Rubicam in Detroit.

Wendy Sang-Kelly joined Stone, August, Baker Communications Cos. in Troy as a copy writer. Sang-Kelly, who will work on the Weight Watchers and Autoworks accounts, was a copywriter at Ross Roy Communications.

Kevin J. Harsch joined the marketing department of MVP Communications Inc. in Troy.

Timothy Turner, a 1987 graduate of Madonna University and a former member of the Livonia police force, was named president of Crump Insurance Services of Illinois. Turner is one of the Crump Group's top 10 brokers.

Randall Copo of Rochester Hills attended Prudential's three-day estate planning seminar in Minneapolis. Copo is a special agent in the company's Motor City Agency in Troy.

Jan Hayhow, president and general manager of Michigan Inc., was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Michigan Retailers Association. Michigan operates a store in Birmingham that offers gifts made in Michigan or about Michigan.

Christopher E. Campbell of NTH Consultants Ltd. in Farmington Hills accepted best overall chapter award at the annual meeting of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers. Campbell accepted the award on behalf of the Oakland County Chapter.

Esther M. Posner, an associate of Allmerica Financial of Southfield, received the Certified Financial Planner designation from the college of Financial Planning in Denver, Colo. Posner is a founder of the Women's Financial Planning Center.

Mark C. Dixon was promoted to associate with Plante & Moran Financial Advisors in Farmington Hills. Dixon, a certified public accountant, joined Plante & Moran's accounting in staff in 1989. He transferred to Plante & Moran Financial Advisors in 1991 and became a certified financial planner in 1992.

John Stankrauff joined Brass Craft Manufacturing Co. in Southfield as sales manager, eastern region. Before joining Brass Craft, Stankrauff worked for Olsonite as director of sales.

Diane R. Jones of Troy was named vice president community lending group manager for First of America Bank Southeast Michigan. Jones joined the bank in 1991 as vice president-private banking representative. She is a member of the Birmingham/Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and the Urban Bankers Forum.

Andres McCubbin was promoted to manager in the management consulting department of the Southfield office of Grant Thornton, an accounting firm. McCubbin had been a senior consultant in the management consulting department.

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Unemployment rates low

Michigan's unemployment rate showed little change in August, edging up by three-tenths of a percent to a seasonally adjusted 6.3 percent, F. Robert Edwards, director of the Michigan Employment Security Commission, reported.

"Although our unemployment rate rose slightly last month, it remained below the August 1993 level of 6.7 percent. While auto industry employment remains strong, our monthly survey of employer payrolls revealed some employment losses in construction and in the finance, insurance and real estate industry," he said.

Also employment gains occurred in the retail trade and among other service producing industries. According to estimates prepared by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of unemployed Michigan workers rose by 14,000 to 297,000 in August but was down from 316,000 a year ago.

In July 283,000 were jobless, accounting for 6.0 percent of the workforce. Across the state, employment dropped by 18,000 in August to 4,447,000, while the labor force showed little change, dropping by 1,000 to 4,744,000.

A positive sign for the state's workforce in

August was a 21 year low in the volume of unemployment claims. "The number of claims for state unemployment benefits fell to 71,000 in August, which is the lowest level since 62,000 claims were registered in November 1973," Edwards said.

In addition to the drop in jobless claims, MESCC reported earlier in the week a 10.3 percent increase in the number of job openings filled by the agency for its recently ended program year. "Our Job Service filled 108,568 job openings for the 12 months ending in June," Edwards reported.

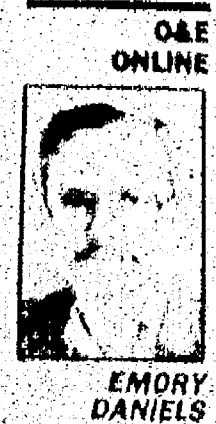
For the three months ending in August, Michigan's jobless rate averaged 5.9 percent, down from 6.0 percent for the March to May period and down by more than a percentage point from the June to August 1993 average of 7.0 percent.

Among the nation's 11 largest states, California had the highest August rate at 8.9 percent, followed by New York (6.9 percent), Texas (6.6 percent) and Michigan. North Carolina had the lowest rate at 5.2 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from July to August at 6.1 percent.

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Readers pass along their online tips and queries



O&E ONLINE

EMORY DANIELS

Before moving on to our next area of exploration, I'd like to take time out from "how to" to respond to inquiries and share ideas from PC users who regularly access O&E Online.

Alan B. wonders why when printing a message from Pine he gets a blank page added. Pine automatically places a form feed at the end of each message. I have the same thing happen to me off-line when my software will add an unwanted form feed and unwanted blank sheets occur. I just recycle the blank sheets back through my printer, as I'm sure Alan does too.

retrieving, saving and printing using Veronica, Gopher, FTP or Telnet. That's a great idea that I'm working on for a column in the very near future.

Joe S. has a son living in Ohio who now has a commercial on-line service but is paying too much and has to pay for e-mail. Joe asked whether his son could use a freenet to send e-mail to him, and vice versa. The answer is yes. There's a Cleveland Freenet and a Dayton Freenet. I checked on Dayton and found a post office site that allows a user to send and receive e-mail. Joe's son merely needs to contact the system operator and apply for an e-mail address and he's in business. Joe's message sent through O&E Online is free and very likely the call his son places through the Freenet also will be free, except for maybe a unit call charge.

Janice C. was kind enough to point out an error I missed. When writing about our Pine mail deliv-

Correction: There is no "from" line in pine. E-mail messages automatically print the name of the sender and the sender's e-mail address on the top of the message and so a "from" line is superfluous. By the way, users can add a "signature line" to their e-mail by going to the file manager area and choosing that option.

ery system, I referred to filling out the "from" line. As Janice knows, and the rest of you discovered, there is no "from" line. E-mail messages automatically print the name of the sender and the sender's e-mail address on the top of the message and so a "from" line is superfluous. By the way, users can add a "signature line" to their e-mail by going to the file manager area and choosing that option.

Mike M. asked if there was a printed user guide for O&E Online. There is an O&E Online Guide that's available as one of

the nine choices when users first arrive onboard. The Internet Dummies Guide also is available at that site. On the main menu, under "files," there also are some text files on the Internet and how to use it, some more complicated than others.

Some users sign in only to be greeted by unreadable gibberish. The cause, almost every time, is that the wrong terminal emulation is being used. The best terminal emulation to use is VT100. Not all communications software supports VT100, though, and so our system has chosen ANSI as the default choice. Here's your choices: 1. If you communications software has chosen VT100 then

type VT100 at the terminal (TERM) prompt; 2. Go through the option choices of your communications software and select VT100 if offered; or 3. If VT is not offered, then accept the ANSI default by hitting RETURN—do not type in VT100.

When downloading software or files, the best protocol to select is Zmodem. If you access us through a Merit number (a non-Livonia or non-Birmingham number), however, the downloading and uploading protocol to use is Kermit.

Although we have added several phone lines at our Livonia and Birmingham sites, there still are busy signals during prime time (8-11 p.m.). We are conducting an ongoing study of busy signals to monitor the problem. There is a solution, though. You likely will have better luck calling us through a Merit number (such as Dearborn, Detroit, Southfield).

The Merit access points, however, use the 7E1 parity setting rather than the 8N1, which Livonia and Birmingham use. If that setting is not entered on your dialing directory for those numbers,

then change the settings before you dial. Otherwise there will be a screen full of garbage.

When connecting with Merit, you will be asked for the terminal type. Choose VT100 (even if you are using ANSI). When you arrive at O&E Online, you then can choose ANSI if that's your option. Dialing in through Merit is the best way to gain access during prime time.

If ANSI is your only choice, then dial in and download one of the communications software we offer on the first menu. Each terminal program we offer supports VT100. You will get far better performance with e-mail, chat, and while out on the Net with VT100 emulation. Errors occur when using ANSI for these functions.

You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by e-mail with emory@oeonline.com, at voice mail at 953-2047 then dial 1910, or fax number 591-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313)591-0903, at "log-in" prompt type "new" and at "Access:" prompt type GL6NY2.

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.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

EDSA Micro Corp. presents a two-day seminar on its present and future computer product applications: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. this date and Sept. 13 at the Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Cost is \$300. For reservations, call (800) 228-8769 or (810) 643-7800.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

LANDSCAPE LIGHTING

The Michigan Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society hosts a meeting to discuss design considerations and techniques of landscape lighting 5:30 p.m. at Stephenson Haus, 25200 North Chrysler Freeway, Hazel Park. Presenter: Lloyd Reeder, vice president, Greenleaf Lighting. Cost, which includes dinner, is \$20. Reservation requested by Sept. 9 at (313) 544-8790.

WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

The Greater Detroit Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development presents a program "Diversity: An Alternative Approach to Managing a Diverse Workforce" 6:15 p.m. at Guest Quarters Suite Hotel, Troy. Cost, which includes dinner, is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. To register, call (810) 332-2080.

DETROIT OPPORTUNITY

The Southeastern Michigan Venture Group, a business network for entrepreneurs, hosts a presentation "Detroit Today: Opportunity Abounds" 8 a.m. at the Omni International Hotel, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Speaker: Robert Keller, president, Detroit Renaissance. Cost is \$25 up to Sept. 9, \$30 afterwards. To register, call Jack Lewis at (313) 596-0402.

MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes, including corporate name changes, new products, office openings, new affiliations, new positions, mergers, acquisitions and new ways of doing business. Write: Marketplace, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

HOSPICES COMBINE

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, headquartered in Southfield, and Hospice of Western Michigan in Grand Rapids have formed a statewide organization, Hospice of Michigan.

Hospices provide comfort care for terminally-ill patients and support for their families. The Hospice of Michigan organization will create cost reductions and efficiencies by reducing duplication of services and combining resources, particularly on the business side with billing, accounting, insurance verification, data collection and medical records.

WIND POWER SYSTEMS

Vickers Inc., a designer, developer and manufacturer of power and motion control systems with offices in Troy, has prepared a brochure "Where There's Wind, There's Vickers." The brochure, available at no charge, explores typical utility grade wind power applications and provides an overview of advanced hydraulic technologies used in wind power systems.

To get a copy, call Vickers Marketing Communications at (810) 641-4411 or write Vickers Inc., 6445 Corporate Drive, P.O. Box 302, Troy, 48007-0302.

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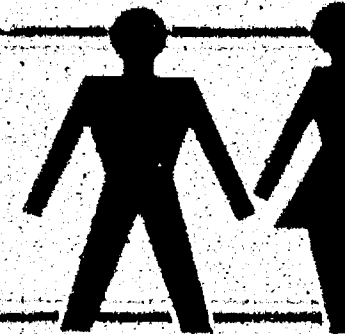
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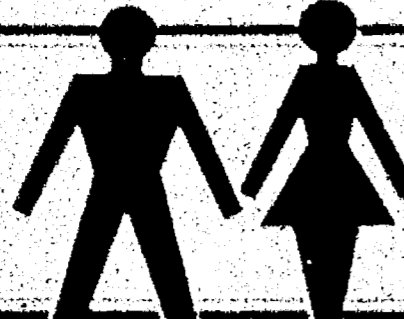
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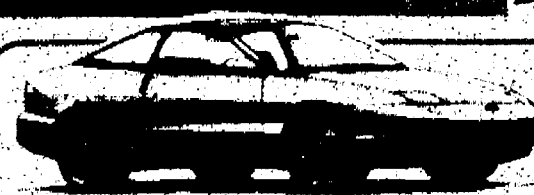
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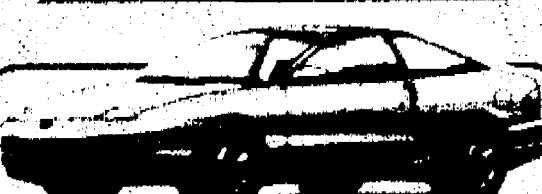
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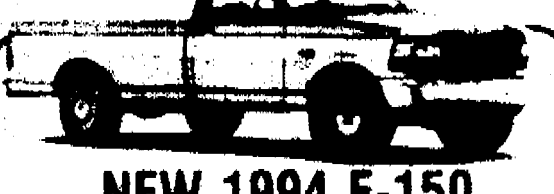
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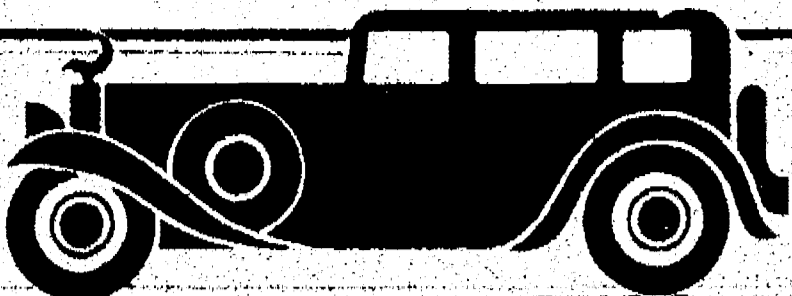
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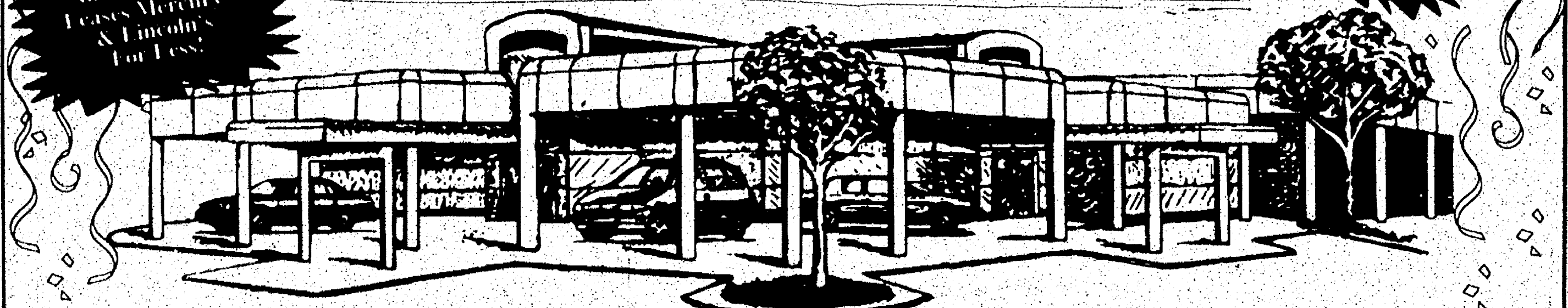
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