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## Revised tax issue on ballot



**A ballot proposal seeking higher taxes for public safety improvements is now ready to go to Westland voters. City council members have revised an earlier, flawed version.**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

In a hastily arranged special session, Westland City Council members Monday morning revised an Aug. 6 ballot proposal seeking higher taxes to strengthen the police and fire departments.

Council members called the meeting because a ballot proposal,

approved one week earlier, failed to state that the city wanted to levy the new tax for six years.

Council members, administration officials and the city attorney's office had failed to notice the oversight. The Observer caught the mistake while studying the ballot language on the morning after it was

approved.

The revised ballot proposal provides a six-year time frame for a charter amendment that would raise the general operating millage ceiling from 8 mills to 9.5 mills.

The 1.5-mill increase would raise \$11.5 million over six years to pay for public safety measures such as implementing a community policing program, training all firefighters as paramedics and renovating all four city fire stations.

A typical residential taxpayer with an \$80,000 home would see taxes increase about \$60 a year.

Council members split 6-1 on the

ballot proposal that will coincide with the August election primary. Opponent Councilman Charles Pickering has said the city hasn't exhausted other possible ways of paying for what is called Project 2000.

The ballot proposal states that the 1.5-mill increase would be levied for six years beginning July 1, 1997.

The money would be used "for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the implementation, operation and maintenance of public safety programs, including, without lim-

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### Students test Rouge water quality



**Nitrate test:** Adam Davidson (left) and Shaun Peters test a Rouge River water sample for nitrate levels. The two are from Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland. They and other class members conducted a variety of tests on the river water last week at a site in Westland.

## Schools collecting data on Rouge River

#### Supplement, editorial inside



BY BOB NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

The Rouge River is carrying local students to places around the area and around the world.

As part of the Rouge Education Project, students in elementary, middle and high schools last

Thursday studied and tested about 100 sites on the Rouge River, learning about its condition and its importance. Schools share the resulting data throughout the Rouge watershed, and can even compare it to rivers in other countries, via computer.

"It's an excellent project. It integrates different sciences," said Steve Grosinske, a science teacher at Westland's Huron Valley Lutheran High School. "They (the students) can see how they're all interconnected."

"They're concentrating on what

is the water quality, and how did it get that way? They're really learning cause and effect on the whole issue of water pollution," said Jim Graham, executive director of the Friends of the Rouge, which oversees the project.

Activities vary depending on student age, but possible actions include chemical tests such as pH, temperature, amount of dissolved oxygen, and presence of fecal coliform bacteria; a stream survey recording the site's physical characteristics; and a search for benthic macroinvertebrates, also known as

water bugs. "Those are good, strong indicators of water quality," Graham said, since the students look for insects which do not tolerate pollution well.

"We take a snapshot of the Rouge River," said Mark Mitchell, one of the program coordinators. "It's like one day in the life of the Rouge."

The classes study their results and boil them down to a single number, with 100 being the top. Mitchell said this water quality index typically varies from around

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## Judge Bokos unopposed for a full term

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Incumbent 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos will be unopposed for a six-year judicial term in November.

Potential challenger Sandra

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Cicirelli, a Westland City Council member who tried to defeat Bokos two years ago, said Monday that she has decided against seeking a judicial seat.

Her decision ended speculation about whether Bokos, former Westland city attorney, would be challenged for his first six-year judicial term.

In another local political race, incumbent state Rep. Eileen

DeHart, D-Westland, will face no opposition from her own party in her bid for a second two-year state House term.

DeHart emerged as the lone

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### Banding together again

The bands and track boosters clubs at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools will benefit this weekend from the annual Westland Center "Band Together for Education" fundraiser.

Starting with a parade by the bands at 11 a.m. Saturday, the center and school groups will hold their third annual T-shirt sales to raise money for their programs as well as planting flowers around the mall.

The combined marching bands will start from the southeastern corner of the mall parking lot, next to the Kohl's store, and later perform in the mall's center court.

Students and adults will plant donated flowers around the shopping center with musicians play-

### PLACES & FACES

ing musical tributes Saturday and Sunday to urge shoppers to buy promotional T-shirts and hopefully buy \$5 discount cards. The discounts will be available Saturday through Nov. 1. Local businesses have also been invited to sponsor a flower bed. Interested businesses may contact the mall's management office, 425-5001, for information. All contributions will be donated to the school groups.

#### Reader on the roof

Mary Goedert, Madison Elementary School principal, will "hit the roof" on June 10 to per-

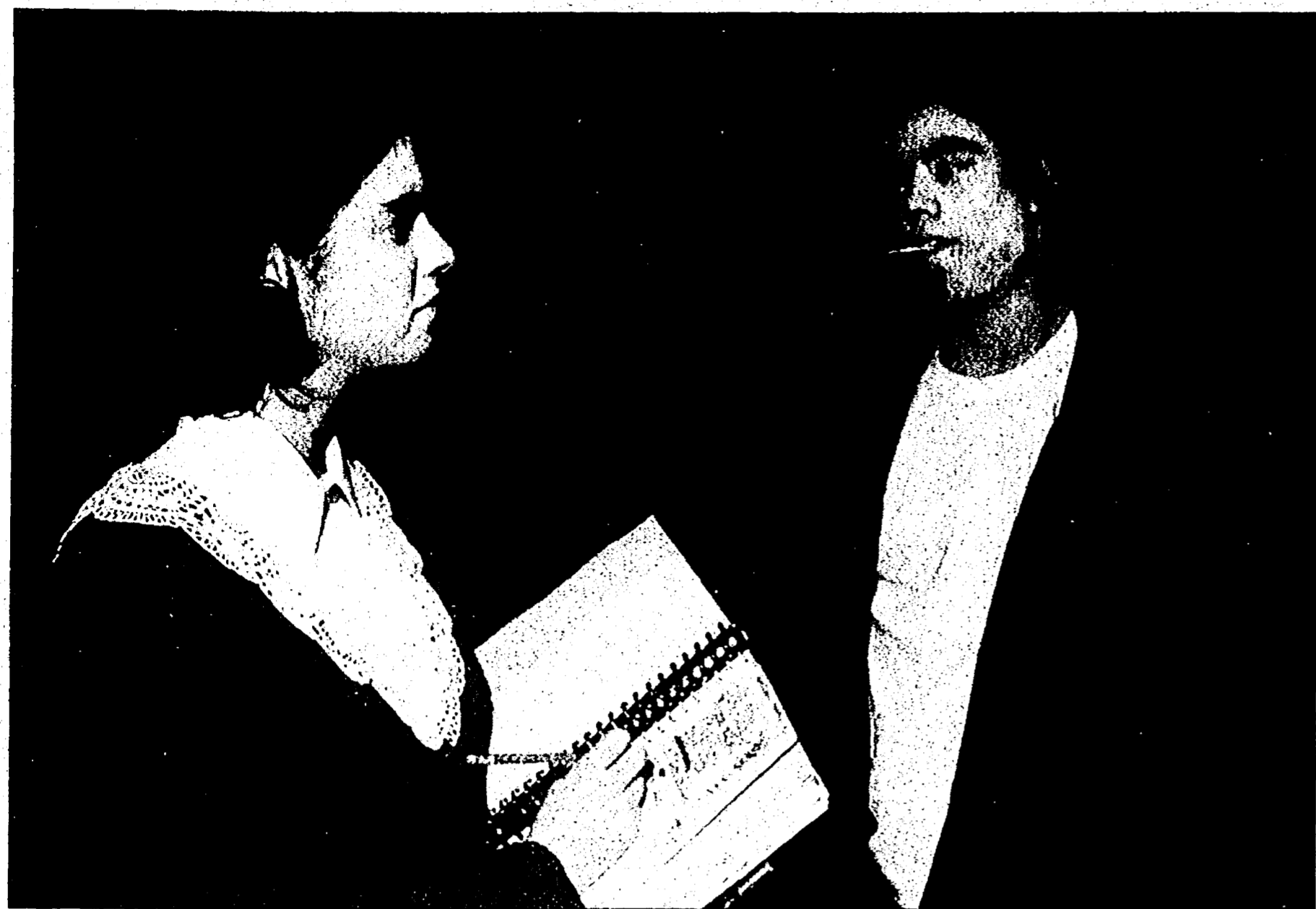
form the hokeypokey routine on the school roof. It's all part of the fun and "payback" of a challenge to students who read a specific number of books during National Reading Month in March.

#### Musician studying in Germany

Westland's Andrew Gloster has been studying in Germany for most of the past year as part of Boston University's Study Abroad Program. The music major is a senior majoring in music history. A 1992 graduate of Churchill High School, he is the son of Thomas and Susan Gloster.

While in Germany, Gloster has been living and studying in Dresden and performing with the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra.

'Educational' drama



Franklin High School drama students will present "Up the Down Staircase" 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, in the school auditorium, on Joy east of Merriman. Tickets at \$4 each can be purchased at the door. The play is about a young high school teacher who is confronted with the harsh reality and pure joy of teaching. Shannon Fitzgerald plays Sylvia Barrett and Jeremy Byrnes plays Joe Ferone.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

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itation, an Advanced Life Support rescue program and a community policing program."

The city attorney's office drafted the language following numerous telephone conversations with the state Attorney General's Office, which has to approve the ballot wording.

The proposal indicates that the millage wouldn't necessarily be limited to the Advanced Life Support (paramedic) program and community policing. However, city officials have said they intend to use the money for those purposes.

In an April 26 letter to Mayor Robert Thomas and council members, City Attorney Angelo Plakas noted that, in addition to the two specific public safety programs, the tax "would also provide the city with flexibility when making future financial decisions."

Plakas also wrote in his letter that the city wouldn't be obligated to levy the full 1.5-mill amount.

On Monday, Thomas said the city will soon begin trying to sell the millage proposal to voters.

Officials will explain the proposal on the municipal cable station during programs that will allow callers to phone in their questions, Thomas said.

City officials also plan to meet with police and fire department unions, whose members will be involved in a door-to-door campaign for the millage, he said.

"They will knock on the doors

and put out the literature," he said Monday. "They will probably put in the bulk of the money for the actual campaign."

Administration officials also will meet with homeowner associations, civic organizations and other community groups to discuss the ballot proposal, Thomas said.

The mayor has stressed that the 1.5-mill increase would pay to enhance public safety and that current levels of services would continue regardless of the election outcome.

The new revenue would be used to hire 10 new police department employees, including seven new police officers, one lieutenant, one sergeant and one secretary. Each of the seven new officers would be assigned to a specific geographic district in the city.

Nine new police cars and bicycles also would be bought to accommodate the new program, intended to foster closer ties between the police department and city neighborhoods.

The city also would hire eight new fire department employees, including six new firefighters, one captain and one secretary. All firefighters would be trained as paramedics (some have already been trained), and all four fire stations would be renovated.

Fire officials have said the program would save lives because firefighters would be better-prepared for emergencies.

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Democratic candidate for the 18th District state House seat as Tuesday's filing deadline passed.

On the Republican side, Westland business owner Dennis LeMaitre and Livonia police officer Michael Novak will compete for the GOP nomination in the Aug. 6 election primary.

Novak unsuccessfully challenged DeHart in 1994, garnering 48 percent of the vote to DeHart's 52 percent.

The 18th District covers most of Westland except for the far southeast end, which is part of the 17th District.

In the 17th District, incumbent state Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, is unopposed in the primary but faces Republican Diane Dore in November.

No other Democrats and no Republicans had filed for Kelly's seat as the deadline passed.

In the 18th District judicial race, Bokos had begun gearing up to campaign against a potential challenger by having a \$100-a-ticket fund-raiser Monday night at the city's senior citizen Friendship Center.

Bokos and his supporters campaigned heavily two years ago, when he received 10,342 votes to Cicirelli's 9,169.

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88, in the headwaters near Walled Lake, to 45 far downstream.

Grosinske took 22 Huron Valley Lutheran students to a site behind the school, near Nankin Mills. This is his seventh year in the program.

"What we have found ... is many of the testing parameters test good," he said, including nitrate and phosphorus. Fecal coliform is usually one of the more negative results, he added.

The macroinvertebrates showed positively this year, he said, with students finding good numbers of mayfly and damselfly larvae. "This year we found more than usual," he said.

"There has definitely been some improvement," he said. "We see some positive results. The kids are usually surprised, because they expect everything to be bad."

Jim Ridgway of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project - a governmental restoration effort helping to fund the education project - said the student results seem accurate.

"We're taking (professionally collected) data and laying it next to the data collected by the schools," Ridgway said. "That data collected by the children is fairly good data."

Once students finish analyzing their results, they share data over the Internet. Stacey Hoffer, another coordinator of the program, said it provides a good way for urban and suburban kids to interact.

The city-suburban ties get stronger with a student congress at the Detroit Science Center, scheduled for 4-7:30 p.m. Monday. All participating schools are

invited to send representatives to the event, which includes displays, fair exhibits, videos, murals, posters, skits, and songs. Grosinske expects a couple of his students to attend.

"It's a great chance for them to share and meet each other. It's just an incredible evening," Graham said.

The project doesn't end there, however. The Friends encourage students to develop plans of action to improve the river, and to participate in the annual Rouge Rescue, set for June 1.

Schools also compare local results with rivers around the world. Modems link students here with their counterparts in 136 other countries, including Australia, Brazil, Italy, Japan and France.

Most of the overseas schools have studied their own river using the same materials and equipment as the Rouge classes, Hoffer said. The Rouge Education Project served as a model for all these other efforts.

The local program began in 1987 with 16 participating schools, and has expanded to around 100. "This is actually the largest student water quality monitoring program in the country," Hoffer said. It aims to weave together several different school subjects, including math and social studies, in addition to science.

Graham said the education project really raises students' awareness of the river, its problems, and what contributes to them. He said they come away with a new realization of how they can affect the river; "It really is amazing when you see the way the kids' attitudes change."

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Newlyweds high-riding into marriage



**Happy landing:** Kelly Sullivan and Greg Towler, both of Westland, skipped the traditional limo ride from their church ceremony Saturday afternoon to the reception at Hawthorne Valley banquet hall on Merriman north of Warren Road. They had a family friend, Patrick Mullen, pilot his own helicopter to carry the newlyweds to ninth hole of the nearby golf course and drive to the reception in a golf cart. The idea for the high-flying ride to the reception came from Jerry Towler, the groom's father and a commercial copter pilot. Helping out at the landing was Frank Moutos, Hawthorne's general manager. The bride works for Ryder trucking while the groom is a CAD/CAM operator.



Chamber honors Gwen North as city's top business person

Gwen North has been honored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce as its annual Business Person of the Year.

She was presented plaques and certificates Tuesday at the chamber's monthly membership luncheon.

North, customer relations manager for North Brothers Ford, was praised by the chamber for her dedication, hard work and leadership not only in the chamber but for her efforts in raising money for numerous community organizations.

The honoree, who became a new mother March 17, was cited for her high business ethics and professionalism, particularly in her field of customer relations.

"She not only works to better her business but also to strengthen other local businesses by referring customers to them," said a legislative tribute.

"She has taken that extra step, has been a visible leader in the community and has an enthusiasm which is contagious to others in the many projects she is involved in."

Outside the chamber, of which she is president, she is also president of the Westland Business and Professional Women's chapter.

In fund-raising, North helps the Wayne County Homeless Shelter, First Step, Youth Assistance Program, Perrinsville School Restoration, Drug Abuse Resistance Education, and Friends of the Westland Historical Museum.

Before an estimated 75 people at the chamber luncheon, North teared up in thanking her parents for instilling a strong work ethic in her.

Commenting on her volunteer involvement, North said that she "loves being in the middle of everything."

Besides the chamber, North received formal tributes from Mayor Robert Thomas, the city council, staffers of the state Senate and House, and the Westland Police Department's DARE officers.

The woman said she became interested in career within the car industry when as a 16-year-old high school student, she had a co-op assignment at a Downriver auto dealership.

Chamber board director Joseph Benyo also said that North's decisions "come from the heart" and that she has a "selfless dedication to community involvement."

He cited her role in helping local groups, specifically the DARE program's golf outing which received a major percentage of its budget from North Brothers.

Many other communities are aided by her and by North Brothers, which donates "seed" money which groups then use to receive matching funds from other sources.

Thomas praised North for helping being a catalyst in improving the relations of the chamber and the mayor's office.

Man pleads guilty in carjacking

A Garden City man has pleaded guilty to a Jan. 9 carjacking that occurred at a Westland gas station.

Roger Steven Thomas, 30, was charged after he tried to steal an unoccupied 1983 Ford Mustang and then fought with the owner, who caught up with him as he drove away.

Thomas pleaded guilty to a carjacking charge when he appeared in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge William Cahalan on May 8, a court clerk said.

Thomas is scheduled for sentencing May 22. Carjacking carries a maximum sentence of life

in prison.

The incident occurred at 10:10 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Mobil station at Merriman Road and Cherry Hill.

During a Jan. 25 preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court, the carjacking victim identified Thomas as a suspect who tried to steal an unoccupied car that was idling at a gas pump.

The 30-year-old victim left the car running while he went inside to pay for gas, Westland police Sgt. Scott Hall has said.

The owner was returning to his car as Thomas began driving away from the pump, and he ran

toward the fleeing suspect and caught up with him, Hall said.

With the car door open, the two men struggled as the suspect began driving away. The attempted getaway was stopped when Thomas pulled onto east-bound Cherry Hill and stalled the car, Hall said.

The suspect was having problems driving the car because he wasn't skilled at operating a manual transmission, Hall has said.

The car's owner managed to subdue Thomas, who was arrested and charged with carjacking.

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# One Livonia school program gets life; another faces fight

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

One Livonia Public Schools' program is expected to get a big financial boost Monday while another begins its fight to survive.

Parents who enroll their child in the alternative-to-kindergarten class at Jackson Center will no longer have to pay for the "5+" program - the district, which represents the northern section of Westland, will pay the bill with state funds.

And employees and students at the Bentley Center will spend the next few months wondering how deep cuts will be at the center once the state makes good on its promise to cut adult education.

The tab for the "5+" program will be picked up by the state because the district is expanding the program from three days a week to five to meet state guidelines.

The state will pay \$6,750 for each of the 57 students now enrolled.

"We'll be able to enrich the program and collect the money

from the state," said Superintendent Ken Watson.

"This will put us at the breakeven point for Jackson Center."

To make it eligible for full time equivalent funding from the state, the Board of Education Monday is expected to make the "5+" program a part of the district curriculum.

For 12 years, the district has run the program for kindergarten-age children as a fee-based, three-day-per week program operating out of the community services department.

"The staff has put together the curriculum to meet guidelines," said Paul Derwick, assistant director for instruction.

"When we were an out-of-formula district, it didn't matter. But with the funding change, now it does."

This good news hits the Jackson Center at the same time Bentley Center employees are afloat in bad news.

Next year, funding from the state for the adult education programs held at the center are expected to fall dramatically. The drop in income means dras-

tic changes in adult ed programs and a major reduction in staff, said Jay Young, director of community services.

Young and Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business, estimate adult education funding will fall from \$1.9 million to somewhere between \$412,000 and \$812,000.

"Adult ed as we know it is gone, and the new program is coming in," Watson said.

"We can't replicate what we use to do. There are no general ed dollars to subsidize this program. We might go on a tuition basis for what we can offer."

Board president James Watters said the district should explore every way to make programs at Bentley pay for themselves.

"Is there any way to turn this around, to turn this into a business opportunity?" Watters asked.

"If a program is priced right, we might find we have something workable."

The irony of getting new money for one program while at the same time losing money for

another didn't escape trustee Sue Clulow.

"A program that use to cost something now will cost nothing. And we provide adult ed for nothing to people to better themselves and who probably don't have money to pay us tuition. They use to get this school for free."

Bentley Center employs 65 teachers and about 15 support staff. Programs include: alternative education through adult education; high school completion; general education development; vocational education; adult basic education; English as a second language; and continuing education for senior citizens.

The Jackson Center class is for children eligible to attend kindergarten but whose parents believe they are yet ready.

The half-day class is currently filled to capacity.

"It's the same program we've had for 12 years but it's now two days longer, and parents won't have to pay anything," Young said.

"This will greatly enhance the program."

## OBITUARIES

### HOMER F. WHELOCK

Services for Mr. Wheelock, 69, of Garden City were May 16 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. The Rev. Gil Odendaal of Grace Chapel Evangelical Presbyterian Church officiated.

Mr. Wheelock died May 13 in Royal Oak. Born Dec. 3, 1926, in Detroit, he was an instrumentation technician.

Survivors include: wife, Joyce; daughters, Ruth (Dave) McPherson and Linda (Tom) Ploucha; sons, Robert (Deb) Wheelock and Michael (Lisa) Wheelock; six grandchildren, and sister, Lillis Raylean.

Memorials may be donated to Community Hospice Services, Huron Valley Girl Scout Council or the Detroit Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

### MARY W. GETLEY

Services for Ms. Getley, 99, of Westland were May 13 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City, followed by cremation. The cremains were interred at Acacia Park, Southfield. The Rev. Wendy Bailey of St. Paul Presbyterian Church officiated.

Ms. Getley died May 10 in Westland Convalescent Center. Born Dec. 3, 1896, in Glasgow, Scotland, she was a clerical employee.

The aunt of William and Mary Anne Sloan, she is also survived by several grandnieces and grandnephews.

### BETTY HOUGHTLING

Services for Mrs. Houghtling, 81, of Caseville, Mich., were May 13 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City, with burial in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. The Rev. Arthur Wilde of Good Hope Lutheran Church officiated.

Mrs. Houghtling died May 9

in Pigeon, Mich. Born Oct. 2, 1914, in Bay City, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: son, Raymond Boehring of Garden City, a former city council member and police officer in the Garden City police department, George Boehring and Robert Boehring; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren, and sisters, Opal Zumbach and Pearl Sehl. Preceding her in death was a daughter, Betty Burgy.

### MARGUERITE (MARGIE) LINCOLN

Services for Mrs. Lincoln, 65, of Westland were May 13 from Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Kinyon Cemetery, Canton Township. The Rev. Steven Lowe officiated.

Mrs. Lincoln died May 9 in Westland Convalescent Center. Born Oct. 26, 1930, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughters, Terry Wood of Westland, Cathy, Marilyn Joseph and Linca Mercer; son, Stanley and Jerry; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Janice Parsell and brother, John Parsell. Preceding her in death was a brother, Jim Parsell.

### ROBERT M. SCULTHORPE

Services for Mr. Sculthorpe, 75, of Wayne were May 13 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland, with burial in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. The Rev. Daniel Appleyard officiated.

Survivors include: daughters, Susan of Wayne and Lisa (Bryan) Baker of Garden City; sons, Bruce (Tina) of Canton Township, Dan of Chicago and Richard (Rebecca) of Wayne; six grandchildren; sister, Mary Socall of Dearborn Heights, and brother, Thomas of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

## Crafters wanted

The Friends of Nankin Mill group is seeking artists and crafts exhibitors for its eighth annual show to be held Sunday, June 2, at the picnic area of the historic mill, on Ann Arbor Trail just east of Farmington Road.

There is space available for inside and outside locations, said chairwoman Denise Johnson.

"We are raising fund to cover costs of the display areas in the Nankin Mill interpretive center," she said. "The series of displays which are in the final planning stages, will allow visitors to take a walk through history from the time of the Native American through the days of the grist mill, Henry Ford and the nature center to the present with a hopeful look at the future."

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# Candidates begin run for county jobs

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Let the campaigning begin. The race to make the filing deadline ended at 4 p.m. Tuesday and now the race to win the primary and general election begins as many candidates met that deadline to make the Aug. 6 primary election ballot for county races.

County offices including prosecuting attorney, sheriff, county clerk, county treasurer, register of deeds and county commissioners will be elected this year.

The August primary will narrow the field to one candidate from each party for the general election, Nov. 5.

## Prosecuting attorney

In the race for county prosecuting attorney, state Senate Democratic Floor Leader Virgil Clark Smith of Detroit has filed to challenge incumbent John D.

O'Hair of Detroit on the Democratic ticket. Thomas Esordi of Wyandotte, Donald Knapp Jr. of Livonia and Gregory Bill of Dearborn Heights filed as Republicans.

The prosecuting attorney's post carries a four-year term and the annual salary is \$105,778.

## Sheriff

Seven Republicans and three Democrats have filed in the race for the Wayne County sheriff's seat. Incumbent Sheriff Robert A. Ficano, a Democrat from Livonia, faces two Democratic challengers: Art Williams of Detroit and DeWayne Hayes of Detroit. The Republican challengers are: Edwin V. Nassar of Dearborn, Timothy John Olszewski of Livonia, Mike Roberts of Detroit, Kenneth Kline Jr. of Canton Township, Daniel Glenn Tackett of Taylor, Timothy Adams of Dearborn Heights and Ronald Nozicka of Dearborn. The sheriff's job carries a four-year term

and the annual salary is \$88,148.

## Clerk

Democrat Teola P. Hunter of Detroit, the incumbent, and Republican Sandra K. Wallace of Detroit have filed for the Wayne County clerk's job. The clerk's post is a four-year term with an annual salary of \$88,148.

## Treasurer

Democrats Raymond J. Wojtowicz of Hamtramck, C. Edward Gordon of Detroit, Joseph C. Brule of Dearborn, Beverly Walker of Detroit and Pat O'Hara of Detroit and Republican John Wazney of Detroit have filed for the office of county treasurer. Wojtowicz is the incumbent. The county treasurer's job carries a four-year term and the annual salary is \$88,148.

## Register of deeds

Five Democrats have filed for the office of county register of deeds: incumbent Forest E. Youngblood of Dearborn Heights, Willie D. Hall of Detroit, Reginald Fluker of Detroit, Ron Cleveland of Detroit and John A. Bernard of Detroit. Republican Tony Spearman Leach has also filed. The register of deeds serves a four-year term and the annual salary is \$82,272.

## County commission

All 15 county commission seats are up for election this year. County commissioners serve two-year terms and make an annual salary of \$47,012. The vice chair makes \$53,012 and chairman, \$59,012.

## District 9

The four local districts include District 9 in which Democrat Michelle A. Plawecki of Dearborn Heights has filed for re-election and faces Republican Margaret Horvath of Dearborn Heights.

District 9 includes Redford Township and Livonia east of Middlebelt. Plawecki is seeking her third term.

## District 10

In District 10, which includes Livonia west of Middlebelt, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, and Northville Township, Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, and Jeff Schroder of Northville have filed as Republicans. Democrat R. Karl Burnett of Livonia has also filed. McCotter is the incumbent. He is seeking his third term.

## District 11

In District 11, which includes Canton Township, Wayne, Belleville, Van Buren Township, Romulus, Sumpter and Huron townships, incumbent Republican Bruce Patterson of Canton Township and Democrat Paul G. Citkowski of Canton Township have filed.

Patterson is seeking his second term.

## District 12

In District 12, which includes Westland, Garden City and Inkster, commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, a Democrat from Westland, is being challenged by Republican Bhagwan Dashairya of Westland and Carol Juarez of Garden City. Beard is seeking her 10th term.

Candidates who wish to drop their names from the August primary ballot must file a withdrawal by 4 p.m. Friday, May 17.

## Judicial races draw 23

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen judges will be elected in a countywide vote this year, including 14 to the Third Circuit Court and three to Probate Court.

### ■ The deadline to file for county judicial races was Tuesday.

The deadline to file as a candidate was 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Twelve judgeships, which carry six-year terms, will be decided as well as two terms which will end Jan. 1, 1999.

The two shorter terms are to fill terms vacated by an elected judge.

### Probate court

Three probate judgeships, which carry six-year terms, will be decided.

The three incumbents have filed for re-election: Frances Pitts of Detroit, David J. Szymanski of Grosse Pointe Park and Martin T. Maher of Canton Township. Robert L. McClinton of Detroit has filed as a challenger.

Among the things probate court has jurisdiction in are settlement of estates, trusts, appointment of guardians and name changes.

### Circuit court

Circuit court judge candidates for 12 full six-year terms include: incumbents Susan D. Borman of Detroit, Michael James Callahan of Belleville, William J. Giovan of Grosse Pointe, John H. Gillis Jr. of Grosse Pointe, Pamela Rae Harwood of Detroit, Richard P. Hathaway of Grosse Pointe Park, J. Phillip Jourdan of Plymouth, Arthur J. Lombard of Grosse Pointe, Susan Bieke Neilson of Grosse Pointe, Roland L. Olzak of Grosse Pointe, Edward M. Thomas of Detroit, Brian Zahra of Grosse Pointe.

Seven challengers have also filed: Bill Callahan of Detroit, Donald Coleman of Detroit, Paula Georgette Humphries of Detroit, Bill Lucas of Detroit, Laura McMahon Lynch of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sheila Gibson Manning of Romulus, and Isidore B. Torres of Detroit.

Running for the partial terms are: incumbents Sean F. Cox of Canton and Kirsten Frank Kelly of Grosse Pointe.

Cox and Kelly were appointed by Gov. John Engler to fill vacancies.

Challengers include: Jane Ellen Gillis of Grosse Pointe Woods, Ken Hylton Jr. of Detroit, and Kerry L. Jackson of Detroit.

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# Area leaders named to Dem delegation

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

It was almost as easy as Michigan Democratic leaders made it look.

This year, all candidates for national convention delegates and alternates were for the incumbent Clinton-Gore team. No hassle over what proportion a minor candidate would get or who would pick them.

Altogether, 317 of the party faithful sought 47 at-large delegate slots and six at-large alternates. The problem of how to winnow them down was resolved Saturday in Brighton High School when party chair Mark Brewer unveiled a "unity slate" for the Democratic State Central Committee to adopt.

The unity slate was elected unanimously and without dissent. Michigan will send a total of

158 delegates and 21 alternates to the largely ceremonial national convention in Chicago Aug. 11-15. Brewer, a Mount Clemens attorney, will lead the delegation since Democrats don't own the governor's office.

"I have good news," Brewer told the assemblage. "The Democratic National Committee is making Doug Ross a super-delegate to the platform committee. That gives Michigan seven seats instead of six."

Ross is the former state senator from the Southfield area, Commerce director under Gov. James Blanchard and now job training idea man in President Bill Clinton's Labor Department. Now a West Bloomfield resident, Ross often has been mentioned as a gubernatorial possibility.

"We've exceeded our affirmative action goals," Brewer told a questioner. Michigan's delega-

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tion must include at least 37 minorities and actually has somewhere in the mid-40s, he said, adding, "I know the president appreciates it."

Democrats held caucuses March 16 in which Clinton got about 6,000 votes against a handful of opposition votes. And the Democratic State Central Committee, instead of a state convention, picked the at-large delegates.

The state central meeting was held in the Republican bastion of Livingston County because Brewer wants "to rotate meetings around the state. It was Brighton's turn. And this is a targeted seat," he said, referring to the 8th Congressional Dis-

trict, where Democrats hope to unseat freshman Republican U.S. Rep. Dick Chrysler, a local product.

Here are local persons in Michigan's 47-member at-large delegation:

Unpledged add-on delegates (2): James Blanchard, former governor and ambassador to Canada, Beverly Hills; state Rep. Maxine Berman of Southfield.

Pledged party leaders and elected officials (17): state Sen. John Cherry of Clio, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara of Livonia, Wayne County Com-

missioner Kay Beard of Westland, party treasurer Barbara Rom of Bloomfield Hills, state Sen. Alma Wheeler-Smith of Salem.

At-large delegates (28): Michael Duggan of Livonia and Freeman Hendrix of Detroit, both deputy Wayne County executives; F. Thomas Lewand, former state chair and an attorney, and Kathleen Lewand, Bloomfield Hills; Carolyn Forrest, Bloomfield Township; Jennifer Granholm, Wayne County corporation counsel, Northville.

At-large alternates (7): Ron Thayer, former Blanchard administration official, now with the Wayne County executive, Bloomfield Hills; Pamela Dobrowski, Wayne.

The rest of the delegation was

selected from 16 congressional district caucuses by party delegates May 4. Among area delegates:

11th District - Al Holtz, West Bloomfield attorney; Paul Policcchio, Service Employees International Union executive vice president; Terry Ahwal, Livonia, aide to the county executive; Vicki Barnett, Farmington Hills councilmember; Gail Nolin, Sylvan Lake, MEA leader; alternate, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, Livonia.

13th District - Cliff Johnson, Wayne; Bob King, Ypsilanti; Richard McKnight, Westland attorney; Donna Clark; Carole Herron, Ypsilanti; Carmen Mitchell, alternate, Gus Amaru.

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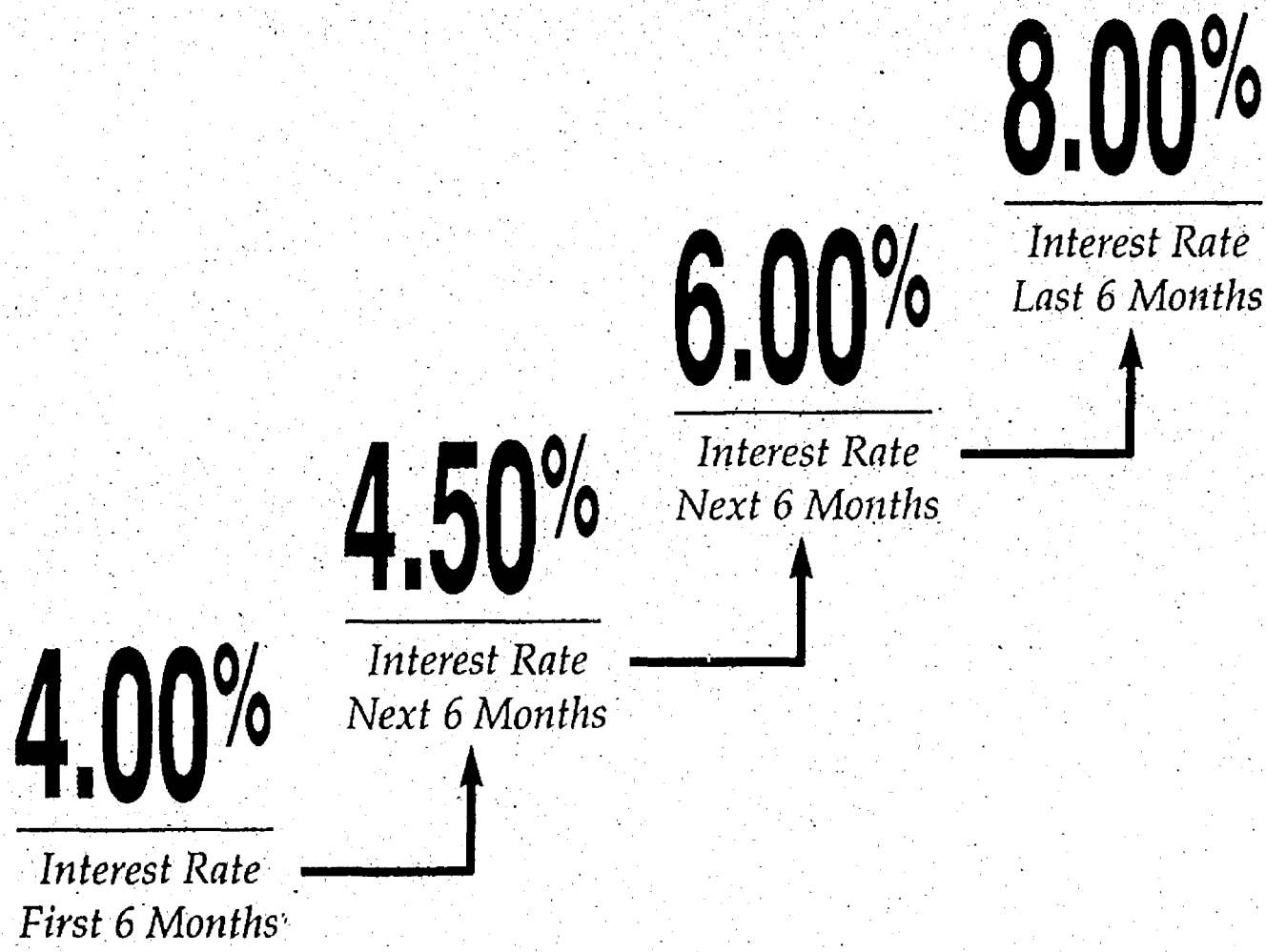
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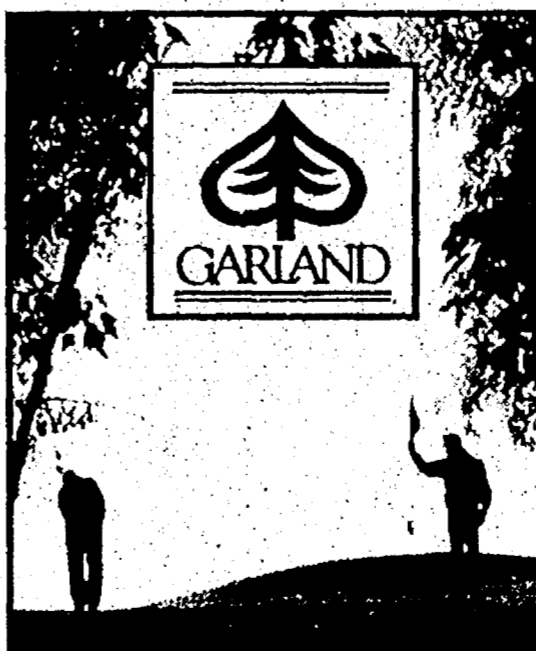
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# County land targeted for sale

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

If all goes well Wayne County will sell its Northville Township property by the end of the year, according to a county official.

A preliminary meeting on plans for the Wayne County-owned Northville Township property will be held next week, according to county officials.

A planned unit development proposal for the more than 900 acres owned by the county in Northville Township is nearing completion and county officials hope to bring it before the township's planning commission on June 18, according to Michael R. Prochaska, director of the Business Development Division of the county's Department of Jobs and Economic Development.

After the plan goes through the approval process, sales of parcels will begin, Prochaska said. "We're moving with deliberate speed," he said.

"We would like to have it all sold this year," he said at a meeting of the county commission's Economic Development Committee, held in Northville Township Hall last week. The

property is between Five and Six Mile at Beck Road, extending east of Sheldon Road.

The goal is to enter into a planned unit development, negotiate sales and then submit the proposals to the county commission for approval, Bill Eisenberg, project team leader of the Farberman Group, said.

The county has a team working on plans for the property. Two concepts are being presented — one including a golf course, the other without.

Single-family housing, senior housing, apartments, a research and development area and a commercial area are among the uses included in the plan.

Keeping the rural flavor and saving the forests on the property are among the goals in the project, according to Barry Murray, principal of Johnson Johnson & Roy/Inc., which is working on the project.

"Open space has been a real important component. It is something that is helping us frame the project," he said.

Private open space as well as common open spaces, and recreation areas including an 18-hole golf course and play area are

also envisioned, Murray said. With a golf course, plans include 1,500-1,600 homes and without, 1,700-1,800 homes.

The research and development site would be 60 acres next to the current Optical Imaging Systems site at Five Mile and Beck. OIS bought the property it owns from the county.

A commercial site, containing smaller scale retailers such as a grocery store and drug store, would be developed at Five Mile and Sheldon under the plan.

The site, a self-contained sub-watershed area, will be part of a state-of-the-art storm water management system as a part of the National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. "This storm water management program is a very exciting part of this," Prochaska said.

"I personally like the golf course plan because it preserves more open space, but not a county-owned or township-owned golf course," Sue Hillebrand, Northville Township clerk, said.

"That's the direction we're taking," a private development with covenants that it has to be open to the public, Eisenberg said.

Hillebrand said she expects the plan to come to the township board in June or July.

"We do have a long process out here," she said.

A majority of the township board is not interested in the commercial site included in the proposal, but most think a golf course is OK, she said.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the county's 21st Century Fund, which will make loans to financially distressed areas of the county.

The county owes more than \$1 million in taxes on the site. Taxes are owed on the land because a ruling by the Michigan Tax Tribunal went against the county last year. The county had appealed a ruling that government-owned property not being used for public purposes can be taxed.

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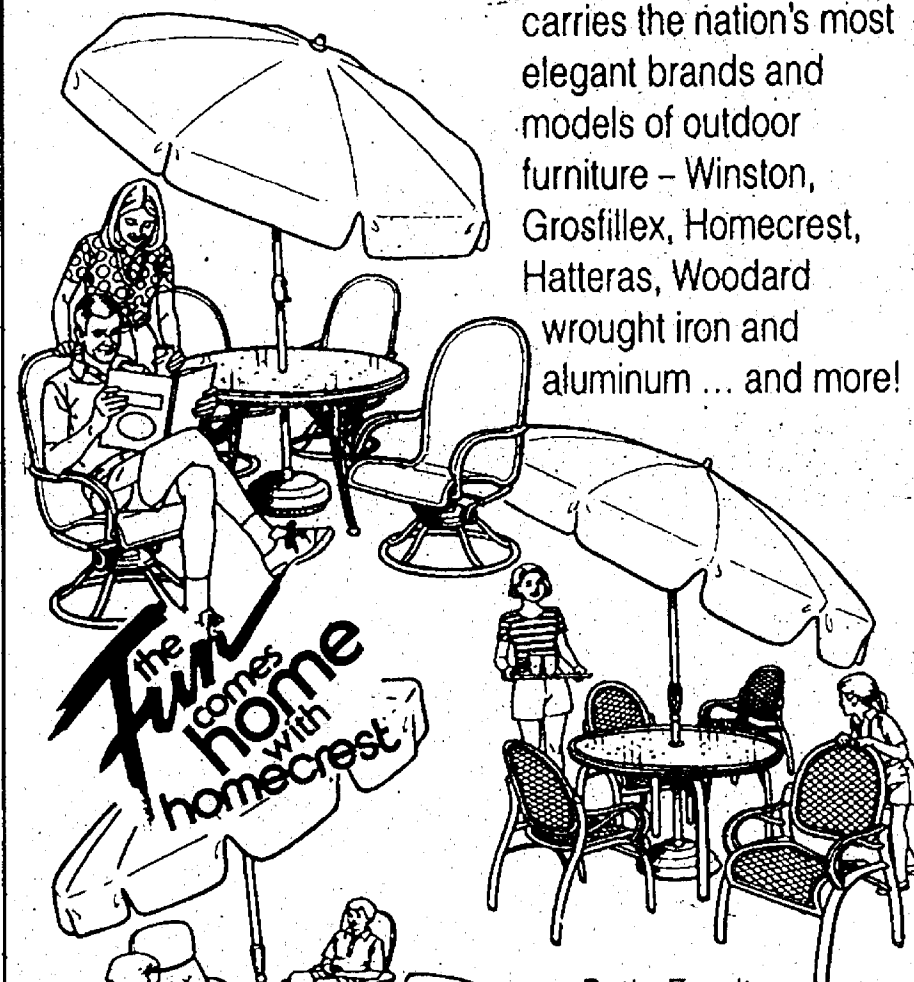
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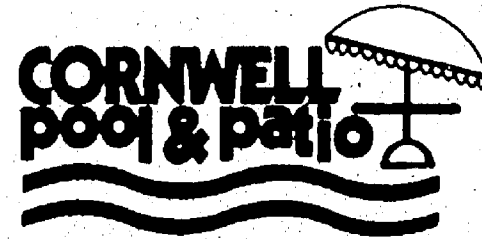
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## Happy 30th City celebrates anniversary

The city of Westland is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a series of activities that started last week and which continue today.

The anniversary is more than an academic exercise in civic boosterism for those who lived in the community for the past three decades and the leaders who played major roles in the building of a new city government.

At the time Nankin Township was incorporated as Michigan's 10th largest city, the township was the largest in the state, with more than 73,500 residents.

Tom Brown, then the city's first mayor, and his successors, deserve credit for building the foundations of a modern municipal government.

On this date in 1966, there was no municipal police department — the township relied on the Wayne County sheriff's department for road patrol and traditional police services.

Under Brown, the first 33-member department was organized and opened its doors for business on Oct. 24, 1966, housed in cramped offices in the lower level of City Hall.

There have been a number of ups and downs in city government since then under the administrations of Mayors Gene McKinney, Thomas Taylor, Charles Pickering, Charles (Trav) Griffin and Robert Thomas, now halfway through his second four-year term.

While there were some basic municipal services under the township government, including the fire and recreation departments, the quality of life has certainly been enhanced in the past 30 years.

Residents and public officials can be rightfully proud of the Bailey Recreation Center, the 99-acre Central City Park, the 21-year-old police station, four fire stations, a much-improved road system, an economic development department, and the start of the city's first library, being built without borrowing, among others.

But city government is more than just some 350 or more municipal employees providing public services.

Over the years, at least six major senior citizens' complexes have been built for all levels of independence.

Those elderly persons also have easy access to the city-operated Senior Resources Department's programs and the Seniors' Friendship Center.

For youths, the recreation department has expanded its facilities and programs.

The beauty of the city's special anniversary today is that the city government has been responsive to the varied needs of the community, not just for now but well into the 21st century.

## Rouge has made real progress



The Rouge River has made tremendous progress, but it still has a long way to go.

Inside today's newspaper is a special section called "Changing Currents" which takes a look at the ongoing recovery efforts focused on the Rouge. Ten years ago this week we published a similar section on the conditions of "our river."

We're happy to report that restoration programs have made considerable — in some cases, incredible — progress. The success of Rouge Rescue clearing-out efforts, expanding recreational opportunities, and the elimination of many sewer overflows into the river all indicate the start of a remarkable turnaround. It's only a start, however.

That the Rouge still needs saving is self-evident. That it deserves the resources required to do so seems almost as obvious.

For one thing, we have a responsibility to correct past abuses.

We — our communities, our businesses, the people of this area — brought the river to its degraded condition. It's our mess, so we're the ones to clean it up.

Beyond that, it makes logical and economic sense to restore the Rouge. The river impacts this entire area's quality of life. A cleaner river means a nicer place to live, with better recreational opportunities. That translates into higher property values, more tax revenue, and happier residents.

Business benefits from a restored Rouge as well. A healthy river makes the entire area more desirable as a place to locate or expand. It demonstrates a commitment to the community that doesn't exist everywhere.

So, if the restoration deserves to continue,

what still needs to be done? Continuing problems include actions by individuals, the rest of the sewer overflows, and pollution from storm water runoff.

As for individuals, we all need to remember our place in the watershed. At home and at work, we should all be aware of how our actions affect the river, and try to limit or eliminate our negative impacts.

The other two major concerns — remaining sewer overflows and storm water runoff — are in large part issues of government spending. Current construction will only take care of a third of the sewer overflow problems; beyond that, funding becomes uncertain.

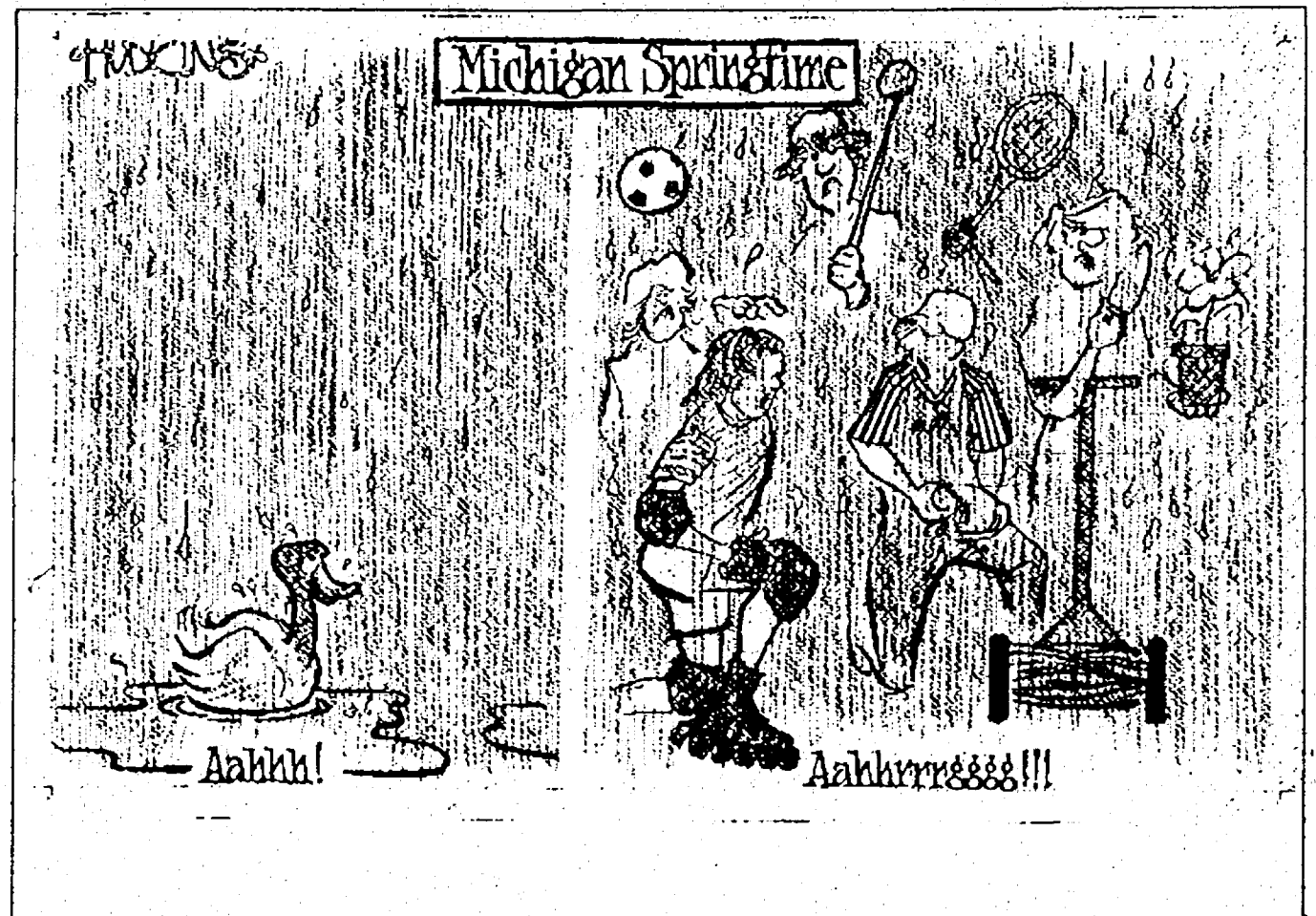
Local, county and state governments have spent lots of money on the Rouge and will surely continue to do so. However, federal money has been key to this entire effort, and it will probably take more to see it through to completion.

Led in particular by U.S. Rep John Dingell, Congress decided years ago that the Rouge deserved funding because of what it could teach the rest of the country. It would be a shame to cancel the class halfway through the term.

The Rouge restoration is the kind of thing that only government can do. Not government alone — participation by groups and individuals is critical — but without government, this would never be happening. Of course, the "how clean is clean" question needs to be hashed out, as is currently happening. But the bottom line is the Rouge needs more government money, at all levels, and we believe the river deserves it.

The volunteers and officials who have cooperated to bring the restoration this far have earned the thanks and congratulations of everyone living in the watershed. It's up to all of us to finish the job.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

### Support legislation

There's a saying, "relationships almost always end badly, or else they wouldn't end." Divorce is an unpleasant fact of life like death and taxes, but our current system of no-fault divorce is grossly unfair to many mothers and their children.

Women in our society are not yet equal with men, earning equal pay, and men in our society are not yet equally responsible for the time-consuming, arduous task of rearing children.

Yes, there are exceptions, but until there is true equality in these vital areas, there is no justification for a "50-50" settlement, which is what no-fault actually means.

Homemakers who forgo lucrative careers to care for children and make a safe, healthy environment for their families are especially wronged.

We must somehow get divorce out of the hands of greedy attorneys, who manage to prolong the process for their financial gain, and get it into the realm of fairness and the best interests of the children.

This includes both their financial and emotional best interests. Far too many children of divorce are needlessly forced to live in poverty or with deprivation.

I urge all of you who wish to see reform in this area to contact the lawmakers from your district.

C.L. Kurth  
 Plymouth

### Wrong choice made

I am thoroughly disgusted with the process used for naming a new athletic director at Churchill High School.

This person has only been with Livonia Public Schools five years and has never been a head coach. From the information I have gathered, this decision was a "gimme," no one else had a chance.

Is the district trying to tell the taxpayer that there is no other qualified person with the district — that this is the best?

What about the long-term employees who have been or are head coaches, who have experience as athletic directors (even if it is in the middle schools)? Isn't some experience better than none?

Furthermore, if the district needed a new athletic director, why wasn't a woman considered? Why do all three high schools seem to need a male athletic director? I'm positive that a female could be trained just as easily as an untrained male. Or, as my neighbor contends, this is simply a case of the successful candidate having kissed the right backsides.

Anne Johnson  
 Livonia

### Candidate knocked

As a concerned and active parent in the Wayne-Westland school district, I was very stunned to have read that a parent whose child attends a private school is running for the board of education.

It seems that anyone who doesn't have their child in the public school cannot possibly begin to understand the frustrations and concerns that we, as public school parents, face.

I have grave concerns entrusting my children's educational matters to one whose interest can only be power and prestige, since her child's education has not suffered, such as losing buses, closing libraries, using outdated educational materials and the lack of funds for educational programs.

I can only hope that the concerned school district parents will take a moment and evaluate their child's needs in the public school and not the aspiration of one candidate.

Arlene Ursem

### Too much MEA influence

It is my opinion that a conflict of interest currently exists on the Livonia school board.

Diane Nay, who is an elementary school principal at the Dearborn Heights Crestwood District, is on the Livonia school board, an appointee to fill a vacancy.

Nay is currently running for a seat on the Livonia school board this coming school election, June 10.

Is it realistic to have persons affiliated with other school districts on our school board decision issues?

Also, should we allow persons who are MEA members to vote on whether or not to have millage elections for the purpose of raising taxes?

This type of voting, in my opinion, is like voting oneself a raise since most of our tax dollars usually go toward teachers wages.

Arthur Gutowski  
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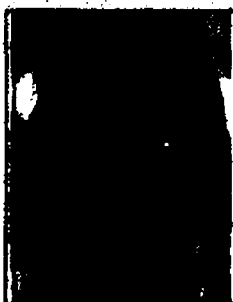
Should parents be held responsible for their children's crimes?

We asked this question at a suburban library.



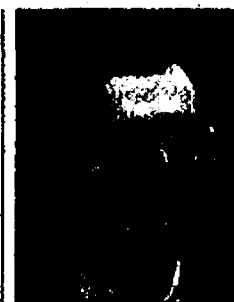
"No. The problem today is that no one is responsible for anything. We always want to blame someone else."

Linda Neff



"Yes. I think it will encourage parents to be more involved in what kids are doing."

Susan Helmer



"Up to a certain age, parents are responsible. But after the teens, no, they are not responsible for children's actions."

Chuck Smith



"Parents should be responsible, and kids responsible, too. Both are responsible."

Matt Rose

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Rouge offered days full of fun, adventure

**Changing Currents**

When I was a youngster growing up in Southfield, the physical landscape was much different from the concrete jungle of today. I grew up on 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Mile Road, now Civic Center Drive, between Telegraph and Lahser.

In the late 1960s, my street was a dirt road with large old houses set on four-acre lots. Behind the houses on the north side, and stretching all the way to what is now the I-696 service drive, was a great expanse of fields, woods, streams and ponds — a perfect place for kids to spend hours exploring, building tree forts and playing simulated war games.

Another favorite play spot back then was the Rouge River, which near my neighborhood wound its way along Telegraph Road, feeding the streams and ponds to the east and flowing to heaven knows where to the west after

crossing Telegraph. The "Rouge" offered year-round fun for our gang. In the winter it provided a great ice skating track; with the spring floods came a swollen river perfect for float trips in homemade Huck Finn-like rafts; and summer and fall saw lots of fishing and swimming. And the Telegraph and Civic Center overpasses provided perfect hunting grounds for my next-door neighbor Robby Cornacchini's raids on pigeon nests to supplement his coop.

Now, before you think I'm crazy, let's remember we are talking nearly 30 years ago here, and even if the Rouge pollution horror stories were around then — which I don't remember them being — we were just a bunch of kids. We didn't care about pollution or anything else; we were just looking for ways to pass the time.

Time has a way of blurring one's memory, but I still remember where the best fishing spots were, as well as our favorite swimming hole. During



JOE BAUMAN

high-water periods, we used to jump off the Civic Center bridge into the water below, and I am happy to report that not a single serious injury was recorded during these leaps of faith (foolishness?)

You could catch fish in most stretches of the river, usually a combination of suckers, small carp and some sunfish. But the really big fish hid out in shady spots caused by big tree branches hanging over the river, and the previously mentioned bridge overpasses.

Which brings me to a favorite fish

story. I was fishing one day with my brothers and some friends, and had camped out at the Telegraph overpass while the rest of the gang searched for fish further down shore. I was casting a big worm into the dark reaches of water flowing under the bridge and letting the current carry the bait to what I hoped was a lunker waiting in ambush.

I hadn't had a single bite and was ready to give up when I noticed that my line had stopped dead in the water. Thinking I had snagged a rock I gave it a slight tug. Instead of flowing back downstream, my line started heading upstream and I knew that I had hooked one of those lunkers.

Well, the fight with the mighty carp was long and intense. It would pull out line, and I would reel it back in. After what seemed like hours, I finally fought the behemoth to a spot directly below my feet. Standing on a rather high bank, I was faced with the dilemma of trying to lift the monster out of the water and up the bank.

With no help around, the task proved impossible. Halfway up the bank, our eyes met, the fish gave a shake, and the line snapped, plopping the 10-pound beauty back into the river.

No one else saw that fish, but I will never forget it. And it saddens me every time I drive down my old street that almost nothing of my childhood remains. The houses have given way to a sea of apartment buildings, and the fields and ponds I so dearly loved were filled in and now support huge office buildings.

But one thing does remain. And who knows, if efforts like the Rouge Rescue and pollution controls are successful, maybe one day other kids will have a chance to share some of the good times that I enjoyed on the river. And there may even be another giant carp lurking under that bridge.

*Livonia resident Joe Bauman is editor of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric who spent the first 18 years of his life in Southfield.*

# Kmart shows folly of unearned business bonuses

Here's a pop quiz to see if you can think like a business mogul. Pretend you're a corporate director serving on the compensation committee.

Corp. A reported a 13 percent sales increase, hiked the dividend 12 percent to 19 cents a share, opened 259 new stores and added 53,000 jobs.

Corp. B reported a 5.8 percent sales increase, lost 23 cents a share, discontinued the dividend, closed 214 "underperforming" stores, sold off four entire subsidiaries, and either hid or didn't report employment in 44 pages of gray type in its annual report.

One chief executive got a salary of \$660,300 plus a \$1 million bonus.

The other chief executive got a salary of \$1 million but no bonus.

Question: Which company paid the \$1 million bonus? Remember, you are

to think like a corporate mogul, not a working-class peon.

Answer: Corp. B, with the shrinking assets and red ink, paid its CEO the \$1 million bonus.

Corp. B is Kmart, the troubled Troy-based merchandiser. The CEO is Floyd Hall, on board since last June after Joseph Antonini bit the dust.

Hall's compensation is listed on page 7 of Kmart's proxy statement. (The profitable firm is Wal-Mart, which lists CEO David Glass' compensation in its proxy statement.)

In fairness to Hall, let it be pointed out he didn't trundle off with \$1 million cash. He "voluntarily elected to use 100 percent of this cash bonus to purchase restricted shares of company common stock ..."

Recall that Kmart stock, which



TIM RICHARD

traded in the \$20s a few years back, bottomed out at \$6 last year. The day this was composed, it was at \$10.

But Kmart's proxy statement (page 11) also tells us that Hall got "an effective 20 percent discount under the Company's Management Stock Purchase Plan." In other words, the stock Hall acquired in the \$5 ballpark

has doubled in price. He may not peddle it for two more years.

The page 7 salary chart says Hall's base salary was \$660,300. Correction: He worked only part of 1995 for Kmart. On page 11, we find his annual base salary is \$1 million. The proxy statement reveals him to be a warm-hearted soul: "At his request, Mr. Hall did not receive a salary increase for fiscal 1996."

Instead of soaking up \$1.4 million in bonuses, Hall's team could have kept 25 workers aboard at \$30,000 plus benefits.

Many left-wing writers say the issue is "people versus profits." Not so. The shared enemies of both stockholders and workers are executives who milk the corporation for unearned bonuses.

The Kmart board has a mushily-worded alibi for its generosity to the top of the heap: "In the circumstance of hiring new executive officers during the past year — in order to compete in the marketplace for executive talent — initial compensation was of necessity less performance based than executive officer compensation has been on an on-going basis."

Well, Kmart's annual shareholders meeting is coming up at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, in a new setting — the Fisher Theater, 3001 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. It should be quite a show.

Anyone who thinks Sam Donaldson and Mike Wallace are savage inquisitors never has been to a stockholders' meeting — particularly Kmart's.

*Tim Richard reports on the local implications of regional events.*

## Parental responsibility laws just might do a little good

Just to get the wheels turning, here's a selection of quotes about last week's conviction of Anthony and Susan Provenzano for violating the St. Clair Shores parental responsibility ordinance after their son, Alex, got into repeated trouble with the law:

• "We did the best we could. We taught him right from wrong from the day he was born. There's only so much you can do. Once they are outside the home, they are really making decisions on their own." — Susan Provenzano.

• "You don't ask your son to go (into counseling, which Alex had refused to do). You tell him what he's going to do." — An unidentified juror.

• "Should every act that a child does become part of the parent's responsibility? I don't know if it sends fear into the heart of every parent that their neighbor will be watching." — Jim Murphy, village manager in Holly, which is considering an ordinance.

• "We spend an awful lot closing the door after the horse is gone. I think anything that puts the family on notice about responsibilities of parenthood is a positive thing." — Gov. John Engler.

If your house is anything like mine, parental responsibility has been a hot topic around the kitchen table.

My wife, Kathy, is pretty strict about discipline, but she feels passing laws forcing parents to be responsible for their kids' behavior is, well, socialistic. "It's just another way for the government to stick its nose into places where it has no business," she said, putting her coffee mug down firmly.

Not only that, but "how in the world are they going to enforce ordinances like that? Lots of kids get into trouble, and who's going to decide which particular parents to prosecute?" she says. Indeed, vagueness of the St. Clair shores ordinance may well be the basis for appeals, according to Howard Simon, Michigan director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

As I sat mulling the matter, it occurred to me that what really has happened over the past 30 years or so is a significant shift in the definition of the American family.

In the old days (whenever that was), the traditional family was regarded as the basic module of social behavior. Sins or offenses committed by one family member were regarded as



PHIL POWER

responsibility of the entire unit. This old doctrine led to demands for family vengeance, feuds between families that lasted for generations. And it defined people more as family members than as independent individuals.

But beginning in the 1960s, the idea grew and flourished that members of a family should be defined as individuals, fundamentally autonomous and therefore ultimately responsible for their own behavior. In this definition of a person, membership in a family was secondary to one's own individuality.

I suspect that in a subtle way, this shift in the relative conception of individuals in relation to families has undergirded the breakdown of the traditional family. And it is this breakdown that lies behind the concern for "family values" and is expressed today in fascination with parental responsibility ordinances.

Certainly, the rise in juvenile crime is alarming. In Oakland County, for example, violent juvenile crime jumped 256 percent over the past 12 years, and national estimates suggest an increase of 100,000 violent juvenile offenders over the next decade.

Will parental responsibility ordinances have much weight in the mind of a bad kid like Alex Provenzano? I doubt it very much.

But properly written and applied with care, will they provide parents and police with a tool of last resort to suggest that people are, at the end of the day, family members and that their behavior needs to be affected by the family as a whole? I believe they will.

*Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.*

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Michelle McGann

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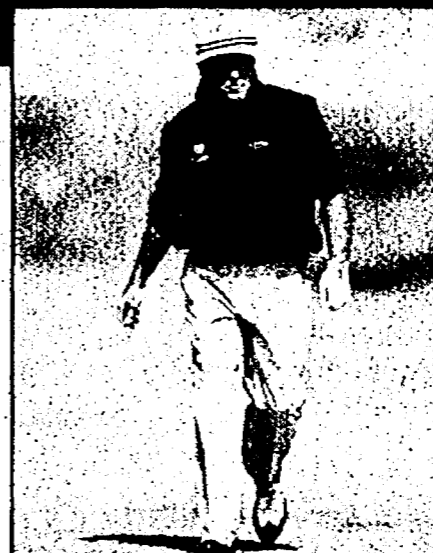


Liselotte Neumann

Michelle McGann earned her first LPGA Tour victory in 1995 by winning the Sara Lee Classic and in the same year won the Youngstown-Warren LPGA Classic. 1995 was her most successful year, finishing seventh on the money list with \$449,296.

Liselotte Neumann has six LPGA Tour victories to her credit, including the 1996 Tournament of Champions and the 1996 Standard Register Ping. Neumann is currently number two on the money list.

Lanny Wadkins has 21 PGA Tour victories in 24 years on the Tour with over \$6 million in career earnings. Wadkins was the 1995 Ryder Cup Team



See the First of America Challenge, Memorial Day at the Golden Fox.

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Bob Murphy

Bob Murphy joined the senior tour in 1993 and has eight victories. Fourth on the money list in 1995, he won over \$1.2 million and had four victories in that year alone.

Jim Colbert was named player of the year in 1995 leading the



Jim Colbert

money list with over \$1.4 million in earnings, winning four major tournaments. Colbert has an early jump on 1996 with a win at the Toshiba Senior Classic.

If you're looking for something special to do on Memorial Day, load up the family and enjoy a great day of golf. Advance tickets are available at all Southeast Michigan First of America offices or at the Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth for just \$7. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets at the gate are \$10 and a portion of the proceeds from the event will support Michigan Special Olympics. For more information, call 810-901-2050 today.



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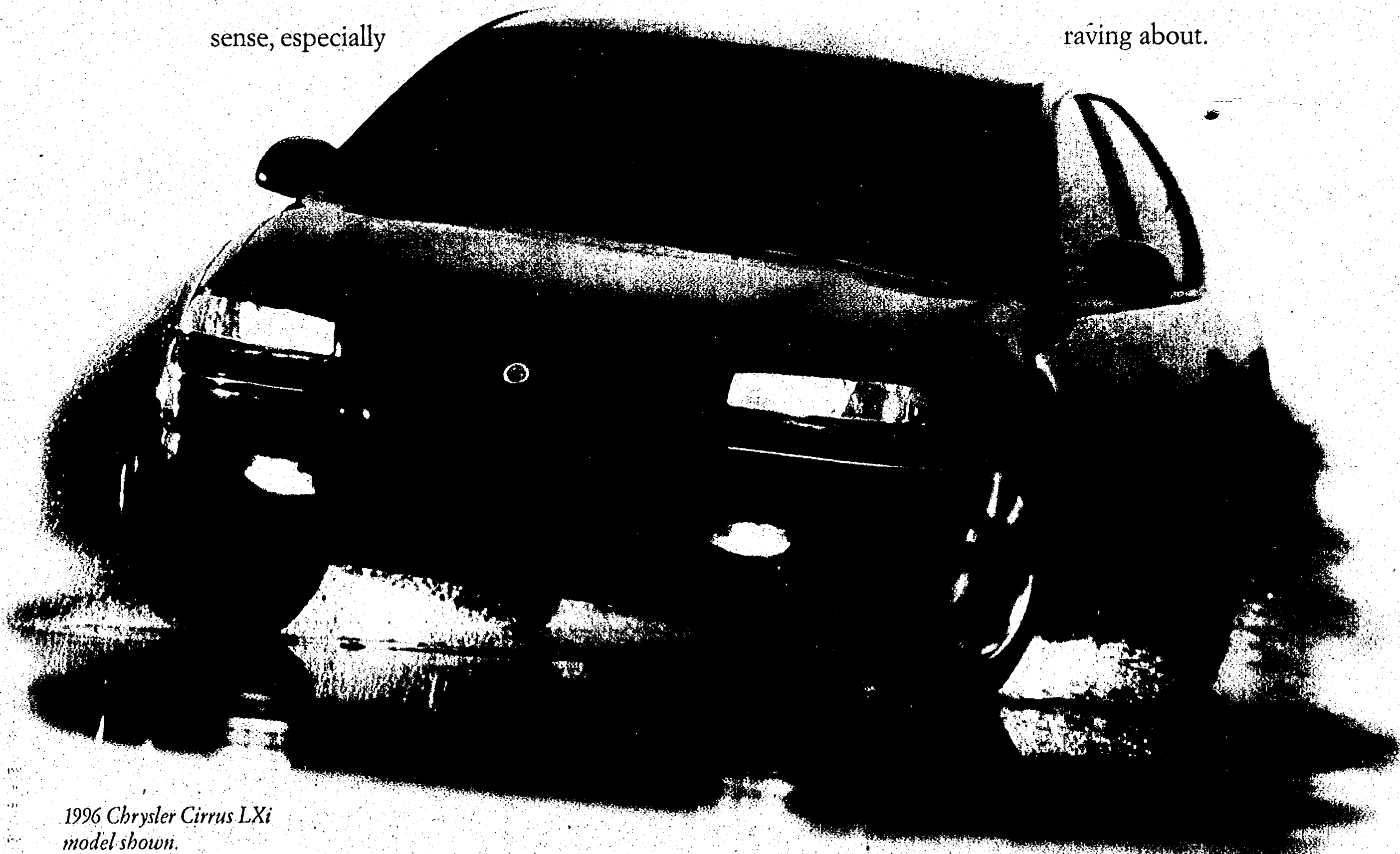
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# COMMUNITY LIFE

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## FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

### A 100th salute to our families

Here it is! The 100th "Family Room" column! As promised, today's column has been written by "Family Room" readers. But first, I'd like to say something. Thank you! Thank you to all who called or wrote this past week for so kindly opening the doors to your lives and your families.

And for those of you simply reading along today, I think you'll find kinship and camaraderie here. You'll be comforted to see you're not alone in the daily trials. The socks are unmatched in other laundry baskets, the bathroom floors are not always spick-and-span, and moms will be moms and children will be children, no matter where you go.

So here they are, the glimpses into other lives, other families. Each glimpse mentions family, mentions the number 100, and gets it done in about 25 words. Those were the rules. Here are the results.

Jon and Kathy from Livonia called to say, "Everyone said how sweet Allison's first words would be, but if you really listen (and Kathy told me to underline really) the 100th time, they're even sweeter."

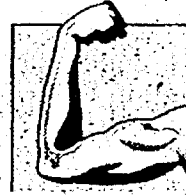
Chris L. relates this wonderful family tradition: "After moving from a subdivision to five acres, we plant 100 trees every year. Rabbits and neighbors, snowmobiles and four-wheelers have killed a few, but we as a family keep on

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

## Workshop helps women stay safe

**Nick Colling and Bruce Miller and a group of their female karate students feel strongly that an ounce of prevention can keep women from becoming crime statistics. That's why they're offering a "Women's Personal Protection Workshop" this weekend.**

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER



The key to not becoming a crime statistic is to prevent yourself from becoming a victim in the first place.

Nick Colling and Bruce D. Miller, co-owners of Martial Arts America studio in Livonia, and their female black belt students, believe this so strongly that they have scheduled a "Women's Personal Protection Workshop" this weekend.

"I just got my black belt two months ago," said Julie MacGillis of Westland. "I thought there were so many things I have learned that you don't need a black belt to learn. We decided maybe we should put on something and see how it goes. Hopefully we can start something and do this every once in a while."

The free workshop is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the club, 37621 Five Mile, Livonia. If the demand is there, the studio will host another seminar 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 9. Students should wear loose-fitting clothing.

Colling, a master instructor, came up with the idea when he opened the studio in 1991, but waited to hold the class until he had enough female



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

black belts to help teach the seminar.

"I wanted their opinion, their input," Colling said. "The females at the seminar will be able to relate to the women black belts better, instead of a man standing up there saying you should do this or do that."

"Bruce and I, we're both males and although we're very sympathetic to the needs of women, obviously we can't put ourselves in their shoes."

The class is going to teach three break holds that can be used in many situations, explained Colling, a Plymouth resident. He and his students will keep the seminar simple by working with the most typical attacks and showing the responses.

"One of the things that I've heard is some of the ladies in the studio say they've taken a self-defense class and there was so much information that it was difficult to remember or recall all of it," he said. "So by taking a similar movement or action and applying it to a number of different situations it makes it easy for them to remember."

The seminar has a two-fold effect, MacGillis said. Besides teaching personal protection techniques, it will help boost self-esteem and assertiveness.

Colling, a seventh-degree black belt, knows that firsthand. He began taking martial arts classes at age 12 to overcome personal problems.

"I had a stuttering problem; I used

to be picked on a lot," he said. "I took 11 different styles until I met Professor Roza. He helped me to work on my personal problems along with martial arts."

He started teaching in 1981 through local parks and recreation departments and 10 years later opened the studio.

At Martial Arts America, he has seen a variety of students at his club — doctors, police officers, homemakers and schoolchildren. But he hopes to see the prime targets of crime at his course.

"The people that need (the class) the most are young people and women," he said. "If you think about it, who is the person who is a victim

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## Family Room from page 13A

planting."

Jeanette P. of Canton is a busy mom with five children between the ages of 5 and 10 and from what I gathered from her message many of her five are boys. "Our family of seven can relate to your stories. I wipe the bathroom floor 100 times a day. When will their aim improve?"

Trichia, a Canton mom, looks at her family in another room in the house, the family room. "Watching my three children share 100 laughs and giggles as they build yet another fort in the heart of our home, the family room."

From Livonia is the voice of Allison J.: "One hundred diapers, 100 'wait a minute, Ben,' 100 percent blessed to stay at home and raise Ben and Lilah ... well, almost."

Mary from Livonia sounded a bit exasperated when she left this on the voice mail and I don't blame her. "I just bought about 100 juice boxes in the flavor all three of my kids crave and fight over. They just announced they no longer like that kind." And then I heard her quietly sigh.

I also detected a bit of exasperation in the message from Diane in Westland: "My five-member family schedules 100 activities into each and every week. Seem impossible, but we manage to accomplish each and every one. Amen! Alleluia!" That is cause for celebration.

From Aileen S. in Plymouth: "I have cut out most of your 100 'Family Rooms' and sent them to our daughter, Lynne in Mary-

**'After 'Happy Birthday,' our family sings, 'Stolat, Stolat,' the Polish birthday song that wishes you a lifetime of 100 years. I imagine the year 2053 and my children and their children licking the frosting off 100 candles.'**

*Kay, K.*

land, a stay-at-home mom with four children." Thanks, Aileen. That's a very high compliment. I hope Lynne enjoys the most difficult and the most rewarding and the best job in the whole world ... mom.

Maggie Z., also from Plymouth, writes: "Last August, when the temperature was near 100, our family packed 100 boxes (or more) and moved to Plymouth. Since then, 100 good times!" Maggie, I live in Plymouth, too. And 100 good times is right! It's a 100 percent wonderful place to raise a family.

Nancy and John H. in Livonia sent a postcard with a beautiful picture on the front and these beautiful, moving words on the back. "Twenty-five words aren't enough to tell about daughter Gail Cavanaugh and husband Jim. She had a kidney transplant in 1992 - Gail's father was the kidney donor. I gave her birth; he gave her a new life without dialysis. Gail and her husband are now in Russia

adopting two children. Gail and Jim will be giving a new family life to 6-year-old Kelsey and 19-month-old Austin. We hope they'll be home in Troy May 15."

Kay K. from Plymouth writes this with a song in her heart and an open admission of her age, "After 'Happy Birthday,' our family sings, 'Stolat, Stolat,' the Polish birthday song that wishes you a lifetime of 100 years. I imagine the year 2053 and my children and their children licking the frosting off 100 candles."

Tony M., like Kay, openly admits his age. He's 12 and he writes, "My sister makes me mad for 100 reasons. Maybe more. She is always trying to pick a fight or make me mad ... I love her anyway."

Edna V. of Westland says: "I'm a grandmother of 16 and I'd love to have 100. I love to hear from them and receive pictures and letters. Praise the Lord!"

To that I say, "Praise you!" Praise all of you! You are to be commended for your enthusiasm, for your zest, for your love of family and life itself. I hereby declare this celebration of 100 100 percent successful! Thanks again everybody! Here's to the next 100!

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



**Great sales:** Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 373 show off the 54-inch stuffed panther they won for selling more than 1,800 boxes of Girl Scout cookies and which they are donating to the First Step Shelter for the victims of domestic violence.

## Girl Scouts give prize to First Step's shelter

Families staying at the First Step shelter for victims of domestic violence will soon have a new stuffed animal to cuddle, thanks to Junior Girl Scout Troop 373.

The scouts won a 54-inch stuffed panther, which they named Daisy, by selling more than 1,800 boxes of Girl Scout cookies this year.

More than 70 troops qualified for the drawing, held by the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, by selling at least 1,800 boxes of cookies.

Troop 373 began doing service projects for the First Step shelter five years, when most were Brownies.

The troop is made up of 12 fourth and fifth graders from three schools: Lincoln and Schweitzer Elementary in Westland and St. Michael's Elementary in Wayne.

Each year, they have chosen First Step as their service project, according to troop leader

Virginia Smith.

"The girls spotted the stuffed panther at the Cookie Kickoff event in January," said Smith. "When I told them about the contest, they were determined to try to win the prize and to give it to the kids at First Step."

The Florida panther was cho-

sen as the national mascot for the 1996 Girl Scout Cookie Sale to make people aware of endangered species.

Once found throughout the southern states, today, there are only about 30-50 now living mostly in the Everglades and the Big Cypress regions of Florida.

## Girlstown needs foster families

It takes a special person to be a foster parent, and the Girlstown Foundation is looking for a few special people.

Girlstown Foundation currently has eight children placed in foster homes, both single parent and family homes, and is seeking a foster homes for boys and girls birth to 19 years of age.

The basic component to being a good foster parent is to have a caring heart and the desire to help children who need guidance and love. The other part is patience. For children who have

been neglected and abused most of their lives, trusting people is almost always a struggle for them.

Prospective foster parents must attend 12 hours of training, specifically designed to provide a better understanding of what fostering is and how to do it. The training covers such topics as behaviors to expect, consequences and discipline and dealing with the biological families.

Girlstown Foundation is a private, non-profit agency founded by the General Federation of

Women's Club in 1958. It began with one residential facility in Belleville, and now includes two facilities - Loch Rio with 14 girls ages of 12-18 and the Transitional Treatment Facility with six girls ages of 15-18.

The facilities provide treatment to the delinquent, abused and neglected as well as services to the families of these victims. Girlstown's goal is reunification.

For more information about becoming a Girlstown foster parents, call (313) 697-4804.

## Tigers' Bell speaks at FS meeting

Detroit Tigers Manager Buddy Bell will be the keynote speaker at the Family Service Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

The luncheon will be Tuesday, June 11, at the Westin Hotel in Detroit.

Bell is the 29th manager in Detroit Tigers' history. Three generations of the Bell family have been involved in professional baseball.

His father, Gus, excelled for 15 seasons in the National League. His two sons, David and Michael, both play professional baseball.

Bell also is a five-time American League All-Star and earned

six consecutive Gold Glove Awards from 1979 to 1984.

Individual tickets for the event are \$30 and include lunch. Sponsorships are available at several levels, including corporate (\$1,000), patron (\$500), table (\$3

00) and meeting (\$100).

Proceeds from the event will benefit Family Service programs for families and children.

For reservations or information, call Sue Voyles at (313) 961-1584, Ext. 15.

## Self-defense from page 13A

of violent crime? It's young people and women."

For more information about the "Women's Personal Protection Workshop," call Martial Arts America: The Family Club

at (313) 953-2553.

The club is open 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 4-9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

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Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Board of Education in the Purchasing Department.

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Any questions regarding this bid project may be directed to Mr. David Watson, Director of Operations at (313) 523-9156.

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Dr. MacMartin is board certified in Family Practice and a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. She practices with Dr. Nancy J. Rancour who is also a board certified family practitioner and a graduate of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Both doctors are committed to the prevention, detection and treatment of osteoporosis.

May 13-17 is Michigan's first Act Against Osteoporosis week, so call the Osteoporosis Detection Center today at (313) 427-3500 for an appointment. Dr. MacMartin and her staff can help you maintain your independence with an evaluation for osteoporosis.



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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Wojtak-Selear

Joseph and Janet Wojtak of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Marie, to Brett Daniel Selear, the son of Daniel and Sherry Selear of Kenosha, Wis.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Dearborn, where she majored in history, and completed her graduate studies in history at Wayne State University. She is employed as an administrative coordinator at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin where he majored in business management and finance. He is employed as a financial manager with Computer Mail Services Inc. in Southfield.



An October wedding is planned at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Ann Arbor.

Polidori-Miller

Raymond and Kathleen Polidori of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Marie, to Patrick Joseph Miller, the son of Robert and Maureen Miller of Redford.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor's degree in 1992 and her master's degree this year from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as an educator with the Waterford Public Schools.

Her fiancé received his bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit in 1991. He is employed as an insurance and investment broker.

A June wedding is planned for the University of Detroit Mercy Chapel.



Roe-Wood

Glenn and Lillian Roe of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to David Michael Wood, the son of John and Rosemary Wood, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia-Stevenson High School. She is employed as an assistant teacher at Children's World Learning Center in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed in Loss Prevention by Meijer's Inc. in Commerce Township.

A July wedding is planned for Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford.



Rostash-Dimitriou

James and Linda Rostash of Monroe announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Elaine, to Robert James Dimitriou, the son of Van and Helen Dimitriou of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of St. Mary Catholic Central High School and a 1994 graduate of Albion College with a bachelor of arts degree in English and elementary education. She is employed as a sixth-grade teacher at St. Stephen's School in New Boston.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Albion College with a bachelor of arts degree in biology and French. He is currently a third-year medical student at Wayne



State University School of Medicine. A September wedding is planned.

Wilson-Drazen

Amanda Jean Drazen and Noel Robert Wilson were married Jan. 13 at the Laurel Wedding Chapel in Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Rick and Vicki Drazen; the groom is the son of Mike and Dale Boves and Robert and Debbie Wilson.

The bride asked Tina Torres to serve as her maid of honor with bridesmaids Tina Shelton, Tracy Oliver, Deanna Murphy and Kristen Drazen.

The groom asked Marty Pearson to serve as best man with groomsmen John Austin, Dale Barkley, Joel Wilson and Eric Turbiac.

The newlyweds received guests at a reception at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland before leaving on a honey-

moon trip to Tucson, Ariz. They are making their home in Redford.



Giertych-Heine

Leonard and Phyllis Giertych of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lynn, to William Charles Heine, the son of Charles and Peggy Heine of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1994 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She currently is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing, also at Madonna University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed as a systems consultant for Hovinga Business Systems in Novi and as a professional magician.



A June wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.



Hacala-Greskowiak

Denise Greskowiak and Jeffrey Hacala were married Aug. 12, 1995, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor, by the Rev. Joseph Hacala.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Greskowiak of Plymouth and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hacala of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Ladywood High School and 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. She received her juris doctor degree from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law this year and has been admitted to the State Bar of Michigan.

The groom is a 1979 graduate of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources. He works as an environmental consultant for Booz-Allen & Hamilton Inc.

The couple received guests at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn. They are making their home in Washington, D.C.



Taylor-Achor

Thomas and Sally Taylor of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jody Ann, to Richard Todd Achor, the son of JoAnn Achor and Richard Achor, both of Toledo, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Santa Monica College. She is employed as an executive assistant for a spinal orthopedic surgeon in Los Angeles.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ball State University. He currently is employed as the manager of the national accounts program for Network Courier Services in Los Angeles.

A June wedding is planned for the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn.

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# Writer is self-motivated, likes to be in control of life

Dear Lorene,  
I am a 68-year-old woman, who always reads your column. I am right-handed and ordinarily print my letters as I'm sure they are more legible. Never could write very well. I'm not sure how accurate graphology is, but always find your comments interesting. Thanks for your contribution to the paper. God bless.

S.S.,

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This is the handwriting of a woman who likes to be in control of her life. She may seek to have her own way, possibly driving to take charge in a relationship.

## UCP holds annual 'Casual for Cause'

Casual Day in Detroit has been made over, thanks to United Cerebral Palsy Association of Metropolitan Detroit.

Casual Day has moved to a Monday and UCP has designed a new T-shirt especially for casual Detroiters.

The fifth annual UCP/Casual Day will take place on Monday, June 17. Employees can get casual on June 17 or any other day by contacting United Cerebral Palsy at (810) 557-5070 to register their company in the fifth annual event.

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the ability to work energetically. Many of her goals are set high and require challenge on her part. However, she may hesitate or procrastinate when she feels unsure. Once her confidence is in place she moves forward.

A direct and resourceful approach to life is seen here. She can get down to work without prodding from others. This may sound paradoxical to the above paragraph. However, both patterns appear in her handwriting and can result in indecision at times.

This woman has a good mind. Presently, it appears that she is actively seeking information in the spiritual or metaphysical realm.

She does not want to be held back by traditional norms or past roots. Creative talents, intuition and leadership ability are part of her personality. She might want to guard against becoming too domineering.

While she has a desire for peace, don't think of her as a pushover. She can become aggressive where matters of importance are concerned. Feelings of resentment regarding past happenings also come into play at times.

Protective defenses are ever alert to disapproval from others. Perhaps she does not have the ability to recognize constructive criticism. The little green-eyed monster may give her problems at times.

Occasionally, the writer needs time to recharge her batteries. At times, she appears to be friendlier than at other times. This can be confusing to others,

causing them to wonder where they stand with her.

Research tells us that printers are inclined to conceal a great deal, so few people probably know this writer intimately. Possibly, she is not as self-confident as she would have others think. There appears to be a sense of inadequacy here that has been with her for a long time. On the positive side this can act as a spur to greater things.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please write a few paragraphs about yourself, using a full sheet of white, unlined paper and writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies are not possible.

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# Religion from page 17A

On Sunday, the Rev. Charles Slayton will meet with the youth during Sunday School and speak at the 10:45 a.m. worship ser-

vice. The Rev. Charles Wood will be the guest song director. Slayton grew up in the Plymouth-Canton area and is

returning to his home church to be the guest speaker. He attended Anderson University and after graduation served as youth

minister in Owosso and is now associate at the Kittanning, Pa., Church Of God.

There will be an all-church dinner, followed by Slayton's "Charge to the Congregation." A reception will be held in the Fireside Room.

For more information about the anniversary celebration, call (313) 464-0990.

#### ONWARD BY FAITH

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Onward by Faith campaign will culminate in a celebration Sunday, May 19. Contemporary singer Celeste Cross will perform "Celebration," an original song by Ward's own Steve Swanson, during worship services at 8, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Children of the congregation also will ceremoniously enter the sanctuary to construct a wall with their brick banks, containing donations for the new church building.

For more information, call the church at 422-1899.

#### 'GOD WITH US'

The adult choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present its spring musical, "God With Us," during a combined worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 19, in the multi-purpose room of the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The dynamic arrangement will feature familiar hymns as well as popular contemporary choruses. A fellowship time will follow in the gymnasium with coffee, doughnuts and bagels. For more information, call the church at (313) 464-6722.

#### SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

A broad spectrum of music appealing to all ages will be presented by duo-pianists Dawn Pilat and George Osius at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Music spanning the 1600s through the 1900s will include Pachelbel's "Canon in D," Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag" and "The Entertainer" and the refreshing "Sonata in C Major," written by Mozart when he was a young boy.

A student since age 9 of famed concert pianist Gizi Szanto in Detroit, Osius earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1958 and his master's degree from Wayne State University in 1962. He has taught at the Michigan Conservatory, Shaw College and Wayne Community College. A pianist at Christ Our Savior, he teaches piano and judges piano competitions with the American Guild of Music and Michigan Music Association. Pilat is a piano teacher in the Richmond-Emmet area of the Thumb. She also is active in the Michigan Music Association and is currently studying piano with Osius. The public is invited to attend the free concert. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

#### HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worship services at 2 p.m. Sundays at 1075 Venoy Road, Garden City. The Rev. G. Diaz officiates. For more information, call (519) 973-8487.

#### ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

New Life Lutheran Church, a forming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, gathers at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays at its temporary home in the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, Plymouth. For

more information, call Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" a weekly program to answer questions about the religion, is being broadcast 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. Topics include "Just What Is a Christian Science Entertainer?" on May 19 and "Christian Science and Marriage and Family Life" on May 26. The series also can be heard at 1:30 p.m. Sundays on WQBH-AM 1400. It is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science churches. For more information, call (800) 886-1212.

#### A.C.T.I.O.N.

A.C.T.I.O.N., an organized support group for individuals in career transition, holds informal meetings with speakers in the parlor of Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads. On Monday, May 20, Arnold Morrison will speak at 7:30 p.m. on "The Unconventional Job Search." There is no charge and no reservation required. For more information, call the church office at (810) 626-3620.

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

The Rainbow of Promise music ministry of Don Baker will be at the Church Street Baptist Church, 670 Church St., Plymouth, at 8 p.m. Friday, May 31. A former police officer, private investigator and night club performer, Baker turned his entire life over to Jesus to do an inspiring Christian testimony and spiritual music performance. The concert is free of charge.

#### SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church holds BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) at the Livonia Family YMCA on Stark Road north of Schoolcraft 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children. Volleyball is played at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. For more information, call (313) 422-1854.

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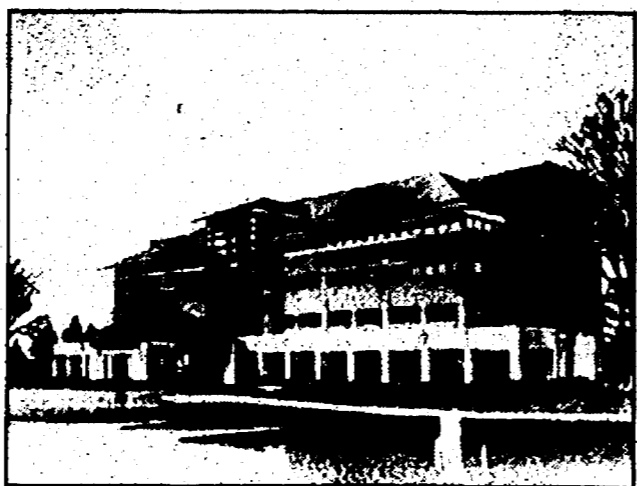
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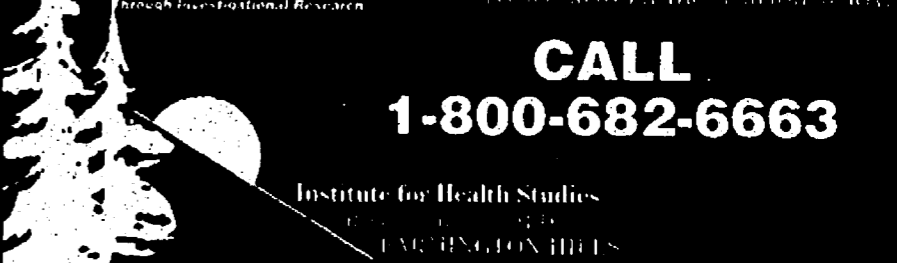
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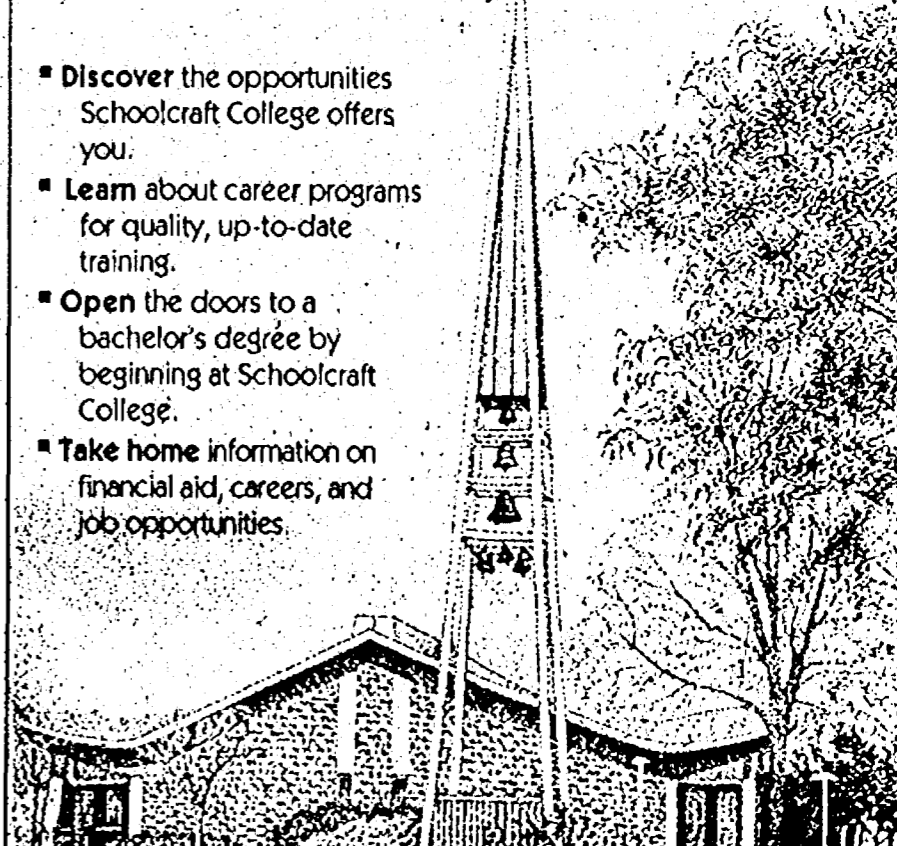
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**BRADLEY and LINDA BENEY** of Livonia announce the birth of **SAMUEL ROBERT** Jan. 22 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Samuel and Sheila Boney and Robert and Wilma Van Lue, all of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Dimple Van Lue of Evansville, Ind.

**JAMES and DEBBIE OLMSTED** of Detroit and Plymouth announce the birth of **SARAH HILJA** and **KATHLEEN JOHANNA** March 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. They have a brother, Tyler James, 2. Grandparents are Tom and Faye Moss of Plymouth and Gene and Betty Olmsted of Detroit.

**BUTCH and MICHELE KEPHART** announce the birth of **ALLANA ARIELLE** Aug. 10, 1995, at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. Grandmother is Virginia Patyna of Livonia.

**WILLIAM KORDPEL and CRISTAL JACKSON** of Westland announce the birth of **CAITLIN JADE** March 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Mary Jackson of Westland and Sue Guidot of Canton.

**KEVIN and LORI TIPTON** of Westland announce the birth of **MEGAN LYNN** March 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has two brothers, Scott and Cody. Grandparents are Pat and Wilma Tipton of Westland and John and Bonnie Put of Lenox Township.

**BRIAN and JULIE WILLIAMS** of Lake in the Hills, Ill., announce the birth of **BREANNA LAUREN** March 3 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Ill. Grandparents are Bill and Sherri Rees of Livonia and Bob and Lynda Williams of Baltimore, Ohio. Great-grandmother is Sally Bender of Jackson and Pearl Hutton of Zanesville, Ohio.

**LONNIE and BRENDA WADE** of Canton announce the

birth of **BRENNA STORM** March 21 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Anna Roberts of Belleville, Harold Roberts of Mississippi, Kathy Wade of Belleville and Daniel Wade, also of Belleville.

**GARY and NANCY ANDERSON** of Canton announce the birth of **SARAH IRENE** March 9. She has a sister Sherri, 4. Grandparents are Delores Anderson of Redford, Don and Karen Anderson of St. Helen and Carl and Barb Naudi of Ann Arbor. Great-grandparents are David Hauser of White Lake and Elise Johnson of Florida.

**DAVID R. KINNEY and CHRISTINE A. WARNECKE** of Redford announce the birth of **NIKOLE ASHLEY** March 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Karen Kinney and Debra Warnecke, both of Redford.

**TIM and MICHELE WILSON** of Westland announce the birth of **JOSHUA TIMOTHY** March 3 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Karl and Carletta Brooks of Westland and Kathleen Wilson of Dearborn Heights.

**KEN and COLLEEN MacDONALD** of Plymouth announce the birth of **MEGAN MARIE** Feb. 5 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has a sister, Stephanie, 3. Grandparents are Charles and Patricia Reilly of Westland and Donald and Beverly MacDonald of Plymouth.

**LARRY ALLEN JACOBS and KELEE ANN TOMPKINS** of Wayne announce the birth of **JESSE ALLEN** March 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister Mikayleh Tompkins, 2. Grandparents are Sandra Kessab of Westland, Lawrence Jacobs of Dearborn and Gail Bosker of Belleville.

**DIANE POPLIN** of Wayne announces the birth of **DYLON**

**MICHAEL** Maerch 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Thomas and Carol Poplin of Westland.

**GORDY and LAURI ERLEY** of Plymouth announce the birth of **GORDON ALEXANDER** Feb. 8. He has two sisters, Jennifer, 4, and Emily, 2. Grandparents are Duncan and Kay Erley of Brighton and Dick and Donna Caleb of Rocky River, Ohio.

**LEO and MARY DEMAREST** of Livonia announce the birth of **OLIVIA MARKEY DEMAREST** March 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Terry and Janice Markey of Westland and Caren Demarest of Inkster.

**DOMINIC SARANAS and CYNDI JONES** of Westland announce the birth of **BLAIRE ELIZABETH** March 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Rory and Julie Jones of Westland and Elaine Saranas of Wayne.

**MICHAEL and BRIDGET RABEL** of Redford announce the birth of **KAITLYN ELIZABETH** Feb. 21. Grandparents are John and Rosemary Wood of Livonia and Nancy Rabel of Westland.

**DAN and MARSHA EGELTON** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **JAMIE BRINEE** March 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has a brother, Corey, 3. Grandparents are John and Norma McGerman of Dearborn Heights, Bob and Gloria Ellis of Taylor and Mike and Jody Egerton of Canton. Great-grandparents are John and Alice Dostert and Naomi Ellis.

**LOUANN GIDDINGS** of Westland announces the birth of **LLOYD EUGENE** March 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Carulus Eugene Giddings Jr. and Brenda Kay Giddings, both of Westland.

**DINO and DAWN ANAG-**

**NOSTOPOULOS** of Livonia announce the birth of **ALEXIA MARIE** March 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ray of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. Demetrios Anagnostopoulos.

**MARC and DIANA LUNDINE** of Canton announce the birth of **COLETTE NOELLE** March 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has two sisters Anjelica, 3, and Michaela, 2. Grandparents are Leo and Ann Duford of Garden City and Gordon and Sandy Smith of Standish.

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**Chitchat:** A Wayne State University professor, Janet Langlois entertains the Women's Resource Center luncheon series audience about women, folklore and their connection to the needle arts.

# Women's gossip: Call it history's own 'shop talk'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMEN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Janet Langlois knows how to entertain her audience with tales about women, folklore and gossip, and their connection to the needle arts.

A professor of literature and director of the folklore archive at Wayne State University, Langlois explores the history of women and folklore by looking at its place in embroidery and textile arts.

For hundreds, perhaps thousands of years, women have sat and sewn together. Folklore and gossip flourished in royal courts as well as in the sewing circles of American pioneers, providing a forum for women like Susan B. Anthony who gave her first suffragette speech at a quilting bee.

Men's gossip or "shop talk" is considered a part of corporate culture and being in the know, said Langlois. However in most world cultures, women's folklore and gossip carries a negative connotation like relayed in the old Japanese saying "that a woman's tongue three inches long can kill a man 6 feet high."

Langlois prefers to think of gossip in a more positive light. She views women as keepers of the oral tradition.

"We usually define gossip as malicious words spoken at someone who is not there," said Langlois, who closed out the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center's Winter Luncheon Series April 12. "But opinions are changing. There's a whole realm of positive gossip that hasn't been talked about. There's gossip that's talking about someone in a caring manner."

Langlois is quick to point out the irony evidenced in the topic

of woman gossip.

"When women talk about their daily lives, it's considered gossip," she said. "When they write about their daily lives, it's considered literature."

### Recognized value

According to the New York Times, many people now recognize and value women's domestic arts like quilting and embroidery. In fact, there's a revival of quilting bees by American women. One of the benefits of these group needle sessions is the social outlet that's provided.

"There's a sense of intimacy building through gossip and there's gossip as therapy," she said. "Quilting is therapy during which there is mild social criticism like what they didn't like about their spouses. The quilting process is people talking together and enjoying each other's company."

"There's a connection with quilting and story-making. Many quilts have pieces of their family stories."

"Quilts are a form of language," said Nancy Swanborg, director of the Women's Resource Center afterwards. "It's like Janet Langlois said, old quilts tell a story like the friendship quilt hanging in the Women's Resource Center. It was assembled by women who have been helped by the center."

Nancy Remick is a volunteer at the center. She attends the luncheon series regularly because of the thought provoking speakers.

"I thought it was interesting that she was talking about gossip as a form of socialization," said Remick, who is a Plymouth resi-

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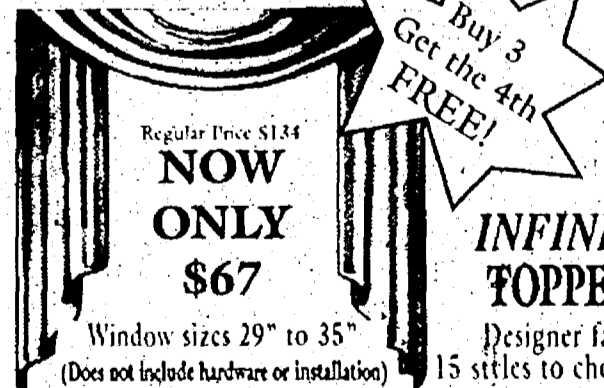
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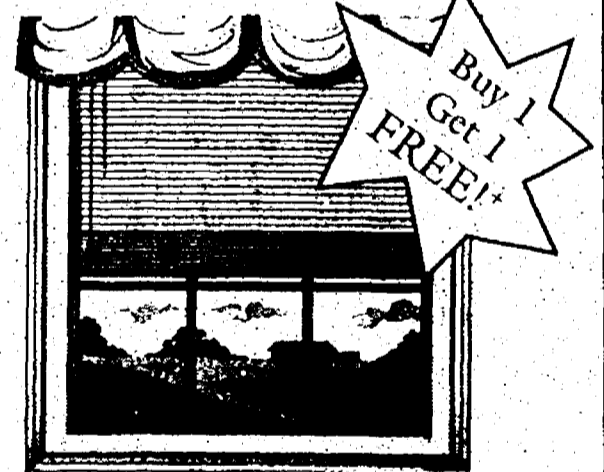
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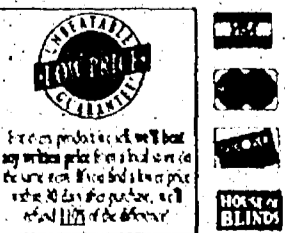
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# Scott aims for state honor

Members of the Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club have plenty to celebrate about. Their 1996 Young Careerist, Kimberly Scott, is on her way to the state competition.

Scott, a Livonia resident, recently was selected as Young Careerist at District competition in April. She will represent District 9 at the state judging, which will be held during the state convention later this month.

The Young Careerist Program is sponsored by BPW/USA to highlight the achievement of men and women ages 25-35 who have been employed in business or the professions with at least one year of experience in the career area.

The nominee must live or work in the area served by the state federation and support the goals and objectives and legislative

platform of the BPW/USA.

Scott, 27, is a detective sergeant on the Garden City Police Department, earning the rank in the minimum number of years (five) needed for promotion.

She currently is the department's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer, providing a "structured education program" to sixth-graders in the Garden City Public Schools.

Scott is a graduate of St. Alphonsus High School in Dearborn. She will graduate later this month from Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in police administration.

Prior to becoming a police officer, she was employed by the Dayton Hudson Department Store Company as a loss prevention investigator.

Goals Scott has set for herself include getting comfortable with



Kimberly Scott

her new position before pursuing graduate studies. She also would like to seek advancement within the police department.

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dent. "And as a form of support," added friend Connie Fitzner, also of Plymouth.

From professional photographers to storytellers and gardeners, the WRC Luncheon Series not only serves up a delicious meal prepared by the Schoolcraft College Food Service but a diversity of topics focusing on a closer look at the lives and stories of women. Between 60 to 100 women per luncheon take advantage of the special afternoons held during the fall and winter terms for the last 10 years.

### Community service

"The luncheon series is held as

a service to the community and to show off Schoolcraft College and the Women's Resource Center," said WRC office manager Elaine Tomalty.

The Women's Resource Center provides support for exploring educational, financial, professional and personal plans for women in transition. Founded in the late 1960s, WRC assists single parents, widowed and divorced women, and displaced homemakers with counseling, support groups, grief and coping seminars; career information and financial aid to return to school.

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Chips" program is a 16-week course in assertiveness training, identifying job-related skills, resume writing, interviewing techniques, job placement assistance, and educational counseling and help in applying for school-related financial aid.

Last fall this grant program enrolled nearly 130 students, including single parents, single pregnant women, homemakers, and displaced homemakers who lacked skills necessary for self sufficiency for themselves and their families.

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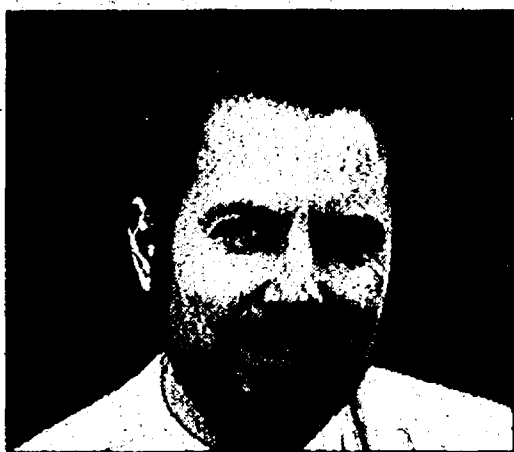
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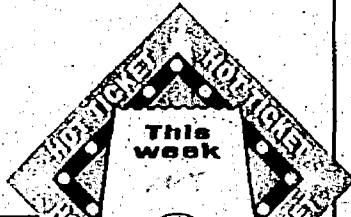
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**Punking out:** The Suicide Machines — from left, bassist/backing vocalist Royce Nunley, guitarist/vocalist Dan "Suicide Machine" Lukacinsky, singer Jason Navarro, and drummer/vocalist/keyboardist Derek Grant.

**Who:** The Suicide Machines with special guests The Skolars and Apocalypse Hoboken.

**What:** All-ages record release party and performance for "Destruction by Definition" (Hollywood Records).

**When:** Friday, May 24. Doors open 6 p.m.

**Where:** St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit.

**Cost:** \$5 in advance. Call (313) 961-MELT for more information.

## Local band PUNK by definition

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

**C**ompliment Jason Navarro on his black stud earrings and you might get more than you bargained for.

Saying that the hole is getting a little dirty, Navarro reaches up and pulls out one of his earrings to reveal a dime-sized hole in the lobe of his ear.

Punk is all about attitude, but the earring hole, and nose and eyebrow rings are superficial enough proof of Navarro's ethic.

There's no questioning Navarro's beliefs just like there's no second-guessing that The Suicide Machines, the band he fronts, is rooted in punk. Because it's so obvious, it frustrates guitarist/vocalist Dan "Suicide Machine" Lukacinsky that his band keeps getting mislabeled as a ska group.

"We're definitely not ska," said Lukacinsky, 26, of Redford. "That's one thing that's always bothered me. If you want to label us with anything, I would definitely say we are a punk band."

The clarification comes at an important time for The Suicide Machines, who are releasing their debut album "Destruction by Definition" (the Walt Disney-owned Hollywood Records) on Tuesday, May 21.

Recorded in California, the album tears through 16 songs at breakneck speed with 14 of the three-chord anthems clocking in at under 3 minutes. It peeks into the "the vulnerable state of being young and dissatisfied," as reflected in the title.

"The name kind of speaks for itself. There's a lot of people in the scene who are punk, who are this, who are that. It's kind of destroying itself and separating people," said the 23-year-old Navarro, formerly of Livonia and Redford.

In the Lukacinsky-penned "No Face," Navarro sings "Every time

that I hear that another kid died through a senseless act of violence it makes me want to cry."

"It's true. Every time I heard that some kid was killed, it makes me sad," Lukacinsky said when asked about the inspiration behind the song. "Younger kids are killing each other over stupid (stuff)."

"What inspires me is there's a lot of stuff that needs to be said. I'm doing it for a purpose. If I'm not conveying a worthwhile message then I don't think I'm doing anything."

The band didn't pull the plug on its sense of humor for the album, however. "The Vans Song" urges listeners to "worship Jeff Spicoli/not Chris Cornell." (Spicoli is the Sean Penn surfer dude in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" and Chris Cornell is the lead singer for Soundgarden.)

"I wrote that song four years ago. It's silly but it's meant to be. I don't think you'll find us writing and playing songs like that now. Back then I didn't know what I wanted to write about. After awhile you just figure out what your music is all about."

For the recording of the album, Hollywood Records offered a crack team of punk geniuses to bring out The Suicide Machines' big sound.

Julian Raymond, the band's artist and repertoire representative, produced "Destruction By Definition" along with Phil Kaffel, Jerry Finn, who has worked with Green Day and Rancid, mixed it. Bim Skala Bim's Vinnie Nobile stopped by the studio also to throw in his trombone on "Hey."

"We went in there with the idea of what we wanted to do and we came out with exactly what we wanted to do. It was a big success as far as I'm concerned," Lukacinsky said.

Formed in March 1991 by Navarro and Lukacinsky, The Suicide Machines — which also includes drummer/vocalist/keyboardist Derek Grant, 19, of Westland, and bassist/backing vocalist Royce Nunley, 20, of Redford — originally billed itself Jack Kevorkian and The Suicide Machines. They subsequently shortened the name due to convenience and obvious other legal problems.

"We were just avoiding any problems in the future," Lukacinsky said during an interview last year. "Besides I always thought that the name was too long. I hated saying the name."

Following a debut gig in a friend's

basement, the group opened for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones in 1992.

The next year, The Suicide Machines opened Rancid's first Detroit show at Grounds Coffeehouse at the University of Detroit Mercy. In the fall of 1994, the band rejoined Rancid on stage in front of 900 people at St. Andrew's Hall.

Inspired, The Suicide Machines set up their own tours, including a 1994 west coast stint and last year's nationwide trek with fellow ska punks Buck-O-Nine.

In the meantime, The Suicide Machines released two demos "Green World" and "The Essential" along with a 7". The band's big break came in 1995 when The Suicide Machines released a split CD "Skank for Brains" with San Francisco's Rudiments on Dill Records.

A song from the album, "New Girl" weaseled its way onto Detroit radio creating a buzz in the city. Hollywood Records sniffed around and swept up the band.

"What drew me to them was the songs and the energy in which they played them. They fused punk and ska, instead of doing just punk or just ska, which I thought was interesting, fresh and cool," Hollywood's Raymond explained.

The Suicide Machines will hit the road once again the morning after their Friday, May 24, show at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. The quartet will tour the west coast with Guttermouth and then join with the Specials in New Orleans in June. Also on the menu this summer are selected dates on the "Warped" tour which includes No FX, Pennywise, Mighty Mighty Bosstones and Bad Religion on some dates.

Raymond has high hopes for The Suicide Machines.

"We were expecting a good record but, man, they really just delivered the goods."

### Spring Art Show

**What:** Exhibit of paintings by Visual Arts Association of Livonia members.

**Where:** Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

**When:** Through May 31. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

## Art blooms in vivid color at Livonia City Hall

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

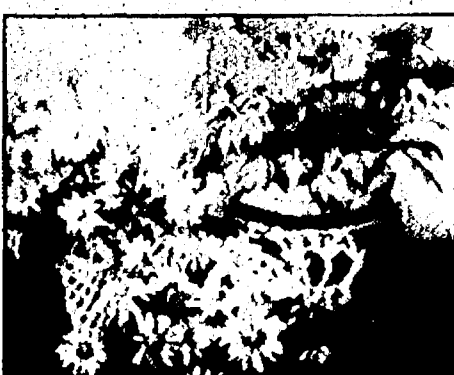
Jo Griffing remembers when the Visual Arts Association of Livonia functioned as an educational subgroup of the Livonia Arts Commission in the 1970s. Griffing was one of the original arts commissioners. Although now a separate entity, VAAL remains dedicated to the advancement of knowledge in the visual arts by offering classes at the Jefferson Center.

From a watercolor of bright yellow daffodils to a pastel of purple coneflowers, the VAAL Spring Art Exhibit at Livonia City Hall serves as a showcase for its workshops and classes. Excitement filled the air May 8 as 34 members installed their artworks in the lobby.

"There's a real variety of artists and styles. There's literally something for everyone," said show co-chair Judy Granata. From 115 entries 83 works, representing mediums ranging from oil to montotypes,

were juried into the exhibit by artist/sculptor David Messing, owner of the Art Store and More in Livonia and a former art columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Messing, who earned a bachelor in fine arts in sculpture from Wayne State University, Detroit, was commissioned for paintings and sculptures by the Detroit Historical Museum, Kalamazoo Valley Science Museum and the Monroe Museum. He presently designs sets used in commercials and print advertisements for Ford Motor Co., Chrysler Corp. and General Motors.

Messing awarded Griffing the Grumbacher



JIM JACQUELLE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Prize winner: Irene Kallas won first place for "Summer Flowers."**

Award for Best Use of Color for a watercolor of a red chair and flowers. Griffing painted the work in Edee Joppich's Color Theory Workshop at VAAL.

"I love flowers," said Griffing, an employee of FTD in Southfield.

Regina Dunne took Best of Show for a pastel created in an independent session held weekly with a live model at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. Dunne won Best of Show four years ago in a VAAL exhibit, also for a pastel.

Born in Cuba, she immigrated to this country in the 1970s to study fine art. Dunne compromised her dream when an aunt with whom she lived suggested studying commercial art

to ensure a stable income. In her fourth year at Society of Arts and Crafts (now Center for Creative Studies) in Detroit, Dunne accepted an illustrator position at J.L. Hudson in downtown Detroit. Fifteen years later, she shelved her art career to raise four children. Five years later, she began freelancing for major metro Detroit retailers. In 1987, she quit to study fine art at VAAL, the BBAA and Center for Creative Studies. Red and purple color the background of her winning piece.

"I like things bright. I use a lot of bright colors in my work. I think it comes from my culture," said Dunne.

Susan Aitken won the Livonia Arts Commission Award for a heart-touching watercolor of a little girl living in squalor in Mexico. A former art teacher at the Plymouth Christian Academy, Aitken is currently a painter of arts candidate at Eastern Michigan

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University. She has illustrated six children's books published by the Centering Corp. The books are used in therapeutic situations to assist children facing personal and social difficulties.

"A painting which combines all the basic elements of art and is technically well executed can be considered good art.

But the most successful, poignant paintings are those that find meaning beyond the two-dimensional surface.

I see my work as a catalyst challenging the emotion, intellect and experiences of the viewer," said Aitken.

The VAAL exhibit was judged in three categories. In oil: First and Second Place went to Irene

Kallas, and Third to Gerald Flannery. Watercolor: Al Weber won First Place; Beverly Johnston, Second; and Jan Clark, Third. Mixed Media: Regina Dunne was awarded First Place; Sandra Weed, Second, and Helen Lewicki, Third.

Honorable Mentions went to Gerald Flannery, Helen Kryson, Louise Dorman, Susan Aitken, Barbara Anderson, Billie Thompson, and Linda McVicar. Prices for the work range from \$125 to \$600.

Not to be missed is the pastel

of purple coneflowers by Evelyn Henry of Redford. Henry recently won First Place in the Farmington Artists Club exhibit that took place as part of Farmington's first Festival of the Arts.

Also worth a look are Louise Dorman's monotype of the Grand Canal in Venice, and a mixed media work incorporating calligraphy by Linda McVicar.

Dorman is a former medical librarian at the University of Michigan who paints because she's "driven to it and wants to share with others the pleasure"

she receives from looking at various subjects.

Dorman says, "every city has its own exquisite light" as is evidenced by her canal scape. McVicar teaches calligraphy at CCS and the BBAA.

One of her works was accepted into an exhibit at the National Cathedral in Washington opening June 15.

"I hope people think of calligraphy as more than addressing envelopes," said McVicar. "Calligraphy can be used to enhance other art forms."

Nankin Mills show seeks crafters

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to Linda Chomin in care of Keely Wygonik, Arts & Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

CRAFTERS WANTED

The Friends of Nankin Mills are looking for crafters to exhibit in their eighth annual show noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 2 in Edward Hines Park, Westland. Proceeds will benefit the development of an interpretive center in Henry Ford's historic Nankin Mills. Booth fees are \$30 for a space inside the tent, \$25 outside. Deadline for application is May 25.

"We need anything and everything. All crafters are welcome," said show co-chair Kathy Myers.

To apply call (313) 421-7213 or Denise Johnston (313) 261-3633.

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART

If you have an interest in Polish history, culture or music and the connection between music and history, you will want to attend a general membership meeting of the Friends of Polish Art 7 p.m. Friday, May 24 at St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, (one block north of Six Mile) Livonia. Guest speaker Frank Koscielski will share a presentation entitled "Music or Mayhem? Exploring Penderecki's Threnody for 52 Strings" in which he will reveal the connec-

tion between Krzysztof Penderecki's composition and the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima at the end of World War II.

Koscielski teaches at Wayne State University where he is a Ph.D. candidate in history. He has a long-time interest in history, especially the history of World War II and the post-World War II era. He acquired his love of music from his mother who taught piano. She introduced Koscielski to the compositions of Penderecki, who conducted the Warsaw Symphony Orchestra in Ann Arbor last year.

The meeting is open to guests. There is no admission charge. For more information call Edward Wojtan at (313) 425-2727.

DIA celebrates May museum month

May is Museum Month celebrations continue with special family activities throughout the University Cultural Center and Eastern Market in Detroit on

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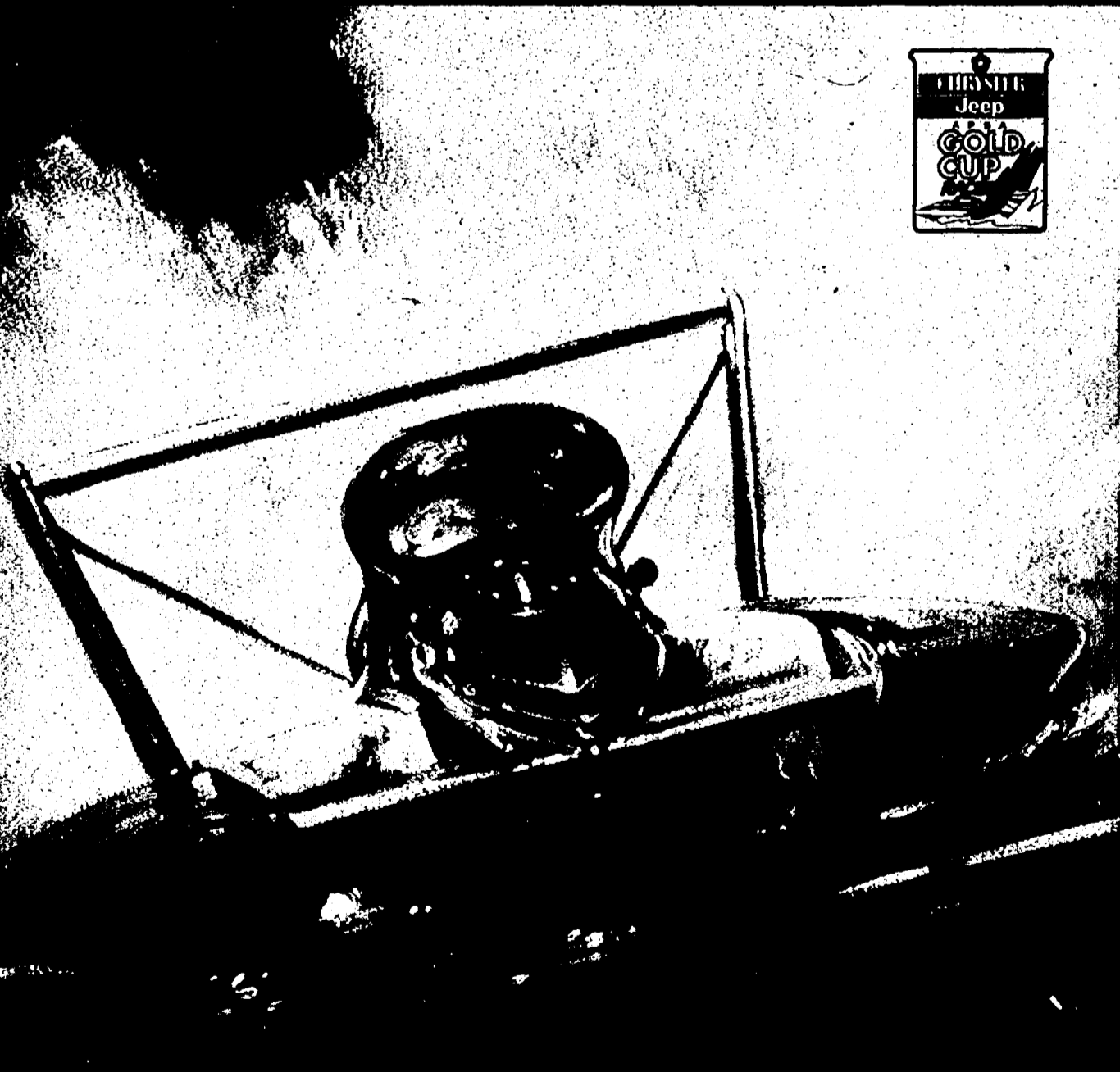
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# Journey through 'Time, Mind and Space'



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

The multimedia production of Sojournus Antiquitus: Paleolithic Journeys through Time, Mind and Space presented by Schoolcraft College May 17-19 promises to be the arts experience of a lifetime. Performances will run 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday in the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$7 and available at the door before the performances, or in advance by calling (313) 462-4409.

Thirty minutes before the performances, the audience is invited to walk through a gallery of paintings, photographs and drawings produced by Michael Todoroff of Westland; Shekinah Errington, Garden City; Sharlet Di Giorgio, Birmingham, and Monte Nagler of Farmington Hills, among others.

Nagler, who studied with Ansel Adams, is a nationally recognized fine art photographer as well as a columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

In addition to demonstrations of stone tool construction by the Michigan Flintknappers, artifacts on loan from the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills exhibited in the pre-show gallery, add an air of authenticity to the production.

Created and composed by John Feliks of Garden City, Sojournus Antiquitus utilizes original art, photography, video, music and the performing arts to delve into what life was like during the Upper Paleolithic period 40,000 to 10,000 years ago.

Divided into 25 vignettes or short stories, the show progresses from an awakening of life to courtship and hunting rituals, a Shaman dance, and death. There is even a tribute to the animals who inspired the Lascaux cave paintings in France.

"The show is going to be pretty unusual for most folks. There's everything from poetry about subjects that pre-historic people may have thought about, to a funerary rite for a much loved woman in a clan. I made up all the language and lyrics so it's a combination of English and this other language. Elaborate program notes guide the audience through it," said John Feliks.

"There's a lot of variety in it. Lots of well-known artists and musicians and different kinds of music from classical to folk, Native American, and New Age. While it's not a New Age show, it



Stone Age: This photo of the falls at Ash Cave in Ohio by Monte Nagler is one of 65 Nagler images projected during Sojournus Antiquitus.

does have some of those elements in it."

Sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Office of Instruction and Student Services and the Multimedia Team of Bradley Bloom, Gayle Stanek, Sharon Szabo and graphic design professor Stephen Wroble, the production evolved over the last year thanks to cooperative efforts of Feliks, and members of the faculty, staff and students of the Schools of Music and Art, the Media Center and Computer Information Systems at the college.

"We've never done anything like this before. It's been a learning experience. We're basically ground breaking, taking 21st century technology and journeying it back in time," said Gayle Stanek in an interview before a technical rehearsal last week.

"It's totally a student originated production and takes multimedia to another dimension."

Bloom, professor of music at Schoolcraft College and visiting lecturer at the University of Michigan Centre for Performing Arts and Technology, is musical director and conductor of Sojournus Antiquitus. His recent work

centers on the application of the computer to music education. As a result, Schoolcraft College is a leader in this field and maintains one of the finest electronic music labs in the state.

Jim Posante, who has staged productions for the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre and Performance Network in Ann Arbor, is theatrical director and choreographer.

"It explores what might have been if we could drop in on this era and visit the various cultures. The actors are behind a scrim (or screen). So everything will be seen as shadows," said Posante, a faculty member of the independent Greenhills School in Ann Arbor.

Feliks originally was inspired to create Sojournus Antiquitus three years ago as a project in the now defunct Academic Options independent study program at the college.

A student of Bloom's since 1990, Felix said it was Bloom who first supported the project and promoted the college's involvement. Additional inspiration came from an art history

class with Robert Dufort.

The production involves more than 60 volunteers who provided hundreds of hours of labor. Wroble's computer graphics class designed all of the flyers, posters, program, tickets and gallery catalog for the event.

They also assisted in creating video and scrim shadow templates.

"It's been a logistics nightmare trying to coordinate everything," Wroble said.

Linda Ann Chomin of Canton Township is a freelance writer specializing in the visual arts. Her Artistic Expressions column appears weekly in the Arts & Entertainment section of The Observer Newspapers.

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MUSIC

Bob Dylan boogies down with roaring crowd

By Hugh Gallagher Staff Writer

Bob Dylan tore it up Tuesday at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater.

Looking healthier and friendlier than he has in years, Dylan and his tight rock band gave an all-out, boogie down concert of blues and rock. The esteemed poet king of rock put the emphasis on the music this time.

A short acoustic set, featuring a croaking but sweet "Mister Tambourine Man" and a scorching "Masters of War," was just a break from the wall of sound music. Dylan's own guitar work and his always spirited, but this time inspired, harmonic play-

ing were more in touch, more driven than they have been in recent years. And his voice, though showing the wear of age and overuse, was clearer and more expressive than recent outings.

This was perhaps the most diverse audience this side of a Grateful Dead gathering, ranging from grandparents to 12-year-olds. Toward the end of the evening, as Dylan and the band roared through an encore performance of "Highway 61," the crowd got out of hand and took the mosh pit onto the stage, with some female audience members kissing the rock idol and others just touching the "sacred" silver

sport coat. The lax security people finally woke up as Dylan had to slip away to preserve his safety and his dignity.

Surprisingly, Dylan returned and gently chastised his audience with a song, "It Ain't Me Babe." Dylan has always loathed hero worship ("Don't follow leaders, avoid the parking meters.")

He then continued to sing, playing to the audience with a final encore of "Rainy Day Woman" ("Everybody must get stoned.") The crowd was dancing up a frenzy by this time.

In final salute to his new young fans Dylan, as he had at several earlier points, went to the edge of the stage and shook hands with the adoring crowd, playing them like Bill Clinton

two weeks before the election.

But, of course, Dylan has already been elected. He is the greatest living rock star, and even Elvis and John Lennon would yield to Dylan as the greatest songwriter in the history of rock music.

Dylan's caustic, allusive, densely packed lyrics have been the sounding board of now three generations. My own sons couldn't understand why I listened to that odd croaking voice when they were listening to the irritating drivel of rap. Now they are as in awe of Dylan as I am.

Dylan changed popular music. He sang about love, yes, but in apersonal, even wrenching and bitter rush of words (Tuesday he was electrifying on "Just Like A

Woman"). But he also sang about a changing, disturbing world.

He took protest singing from the tiny world of the leftist movement and made it a genre, albeit one he works at sparingly.

But, most peculiarly, he sang about God and man's relationship to God, not just in his "born again" phase but from the very beginning of his career.

His songs are rich with Biblical allusions and a very personal, Judaic give and take with the deity as any careful listening to

"Highway 61" will attest. Tuesday the band ripped through a Jimmy Hendrix style version of "All Along the Watchtower," one of Dylan's great apocalyptic visions, both a deviously simple and stunningly complex take on biblical prophecy.

Dylan plays this area again tonight at Pine Knob. He is playing at his best in years and is not to be missed!

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PSO ends season with pops concert

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will perform popular music from the past five decades at its pops concert featuring composer James Lentini on May 17. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and college students, and \$6 children. Call (313) 451-2112 for information.

The concert at Fox Hills Coun-

try Club on North Territorial in Plymouth begins 7 p.m. with a silent auction. Prizes include airline tickets, golf packages and season tickets to the symphony. A live auction will take place during intermission. Coffee and dessert will be served.

The Symphony will play music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, the Carpenters, Beatles, Beach Boys, and Big Band music. A special piece "Sinfonia Di Festa" (Overture in Celebration) commissioned by the PSO to commemorate the 50th season will also be performed. The piece, composed by James Lentini, an associate professor of music composition at Wayne State University, is composed for large orchestra. The work is intended to capture the spirit of a celebration, opening with the full orchestra playing a fanfare-like theme. Gradually, the piece journeys through several melodic passages, including solos for many instruments. "It's fantastic that the Plymouth Symphony is celebrating 50 years," said L. John Miller, a retiree from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth, and auctioneer for the evening. "We need to keep this polished jewel going as long as we can. We don't want to let it dull or die out."

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BOOK BREAK

# Detroit novel has more gore than sense

"Scare Tactics," by Elizabeth Manz (St. Martin's Paperbacks, \$5.99, 329 pages).

This gory, body-strewn debut novel starts out at a Detroit-area writers' conference, and ends up in never-never land.



VICTORIA DIAZ

I think. Perhaps its main reason for being is to illustrate that hell hath no fury like a writer who goes unpublished.

But I'm not really sure

about that, either.

Obviously, "Scare Tactics" left me pretty confused.

It starts out well enough. At the aforementioned writers' conference on the campus of a local university, best-selling horror novelist Nicholas Cross is just winding up his after-dinner, keynote speech. He's feeling maybe better than he's felt in five years - since the day his wife, Linda, was brutally, mysteriously murdered. He's written his first novel since that traumatic event, and already, the book is on the New York Times Best Seller List. His teenage son, Jeff, a traumatized ear-witness to the murder, appears to be getting on with his life. And here at

the conference a large number of writers have gathered in to listen to him, "looking for that one piece of information that would change them from unpublished hopefuls to published novelists."

Surely, Elizabeth Manz has attended a conference or two. Her opening scenes paint a clear and involving picture, for instance, of the faint desperation that often colors the behavior of many literary aspirants gathered together under one roof, their hands "clutching" or "grabbing eagerly at the empty air."

"It takes a lot to scare me," Nicholas Cross replies to a question from a member of the audience.

Uh-oh. Right away, we suspect that old Nick is going to regret this rather noncommittal answer. Right away, we guess that, pretty soon, "a lot" is going to come along and scare the living daylights out of this Stephen King-like character.

But then, just about the time it's starting to get good, this tale of terror begins to disappoint.

First, Cross encounters a threatening "occultist" at the conference, who issues a warning: "You dabble in dark forces you don't understand." (Haven't we heard this song just a few too many times before?)

Shortly afterwards, the president of Cross' Michigan fan club is found dead at the famous

author's desk, in a kind of bloody reenactment of his wife's murder earlier. Then, a psychic writer starts to receive urgent messages from the dead Linda. Then, a psychic child falls into a coma. Next, other violent deaths occur. Somewhere in all of the difficulty, Cross' son vanishes, and the policewoman who is in charge of the case falls for the author. He finds her pretty much irresistible also. Hey, a guy needs comfort and joy when his son is missing and may be dead or dying a terrible death, and when his home is practically awash in the blood of various murder victims.

Several other implausible and sometimes vague events occur before this hodgepodge of horror reaches a conclusion. A lot of "between two worlds" stuff figures in - the real world and the one that's created by and in the imagination. There's an endless snowstorm in a place that's eternally dark, where some shape-changing, wolf-life beasts prowl around in the shadows. Plus a tattoo that changes into a writhing, lethal reptile makes an appearance.

Of course, it's not that, in a successful work of fiction, events have to be plausible. One hopes, however, that they would seem credible, that one's disbelief could be willingly suspended. Here, past the first few pages,

that rarely happens. What doesn't seem faintly confused seems all-too-contrived, and this story ultimately reads more like a shopping list of horrors than an effective tale of terror. The reader keeps hoping to be swept away. But "Scare Tactics" never spreads its dark wings and leaves the ground.

Last Words:

• Author Terry McMillan will sign copies of her new novel, "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" at Borders Dearborn 7:30 tonight. She can sign only one book per customer, and each customer must have a number. Numbers will be available at the store at 9 a.m. Call (313) 271-7701.

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## Schoolcraft College 'Author' series continues

There's still time to register for Schoolcraft College's "Author" series, led by successfully published authors including Loren Estleman, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays to June 11. Programs are open to the public and interested writers and aspiring writers can register for one program or the entire series of five. The cost is \$20 per individual session. Call (313) 462-4448 to register.

Program participants will have an opportunity to learn how each author works in his genre as well as acquire writing techniques and publishing tips.

For beginning, as well as advanced writers, the series includes authors:

- Paul Stawski, "Writing for Children," May 21;
- Loren Estleman, "Writing the Mystery," May 28;
- Ruth Ryan Langan, "The Romance Novel," June 4;
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Well-known author Loren Estleman was first published in 1976 and his latest book, "Stress," is now on the market. Best known for his Amos Walker detective series, Estleman is author of historical westerns and the Detroit series "Whiskey River," "Motown," "King of the Corner," and "Edsel."

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(both contemporary and historical) has also completed four feature length screen plays. Victoria Diaz, a University of Michigan graduate, publishes short fiction in such literary journals as the "Ann Arbor Review," "Pierian Spring," and "The MacGuffin." She teaches creative writing and works as a freelance writer.

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## OCC hosts conference for writers in Waterford

A Writer's Conference and Book Fair will be offered Saturday, May 18 at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus in Waterford.

The conference is open to the public and begins at 9 a.m. with keynote speaker poet Richard Tillinghast. After Tillinghast's address, conference participants may choose to attend three workshops. All sessions are conducted by professional writers, and are designed for anyone interested in writing. Registration is \$50; \$35 for students and senior citizens, and includes lunch. For an additional \$15, conference attendees may have their writing critiqued by profes-

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Tillinghast, author of five books of poetry, is a professor of English in the Master of Fine Arts program at University of Michigan. He writes regularly for the "New York Times" Sunday travel section, and is a book reviewer for "The New York Times Book Review," "Washington Post Book World," and "Partisan Review."



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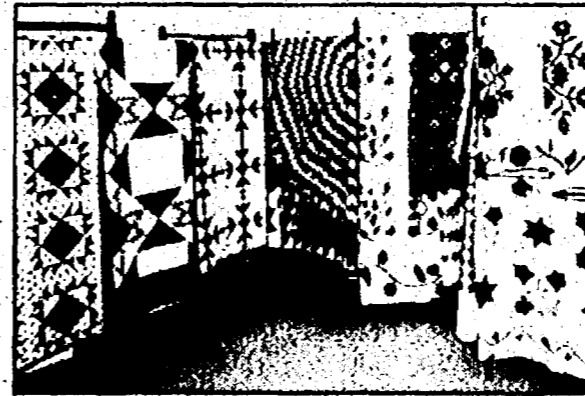
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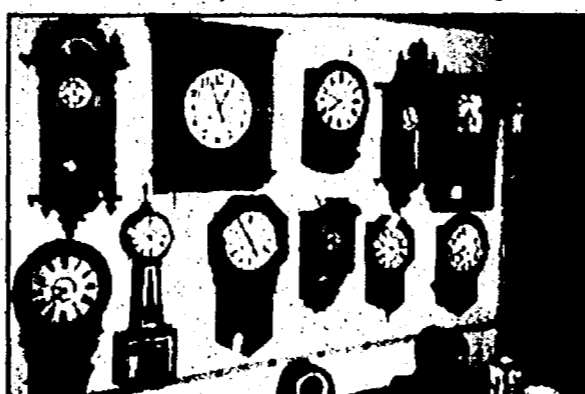
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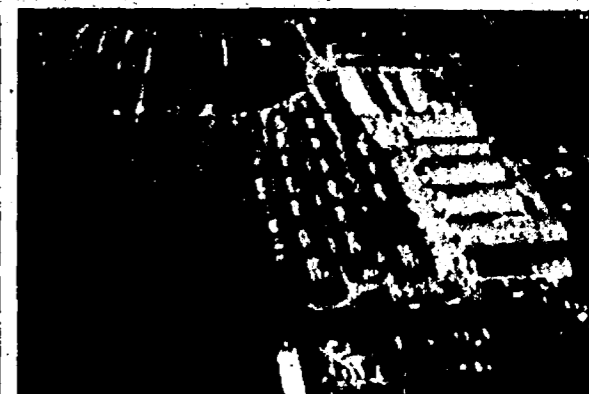
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# Band puts best foot forward for record deal

**CHRISTINA FUOCO**

For the California ska/punk band Goldfinger, getting a record deal with Mojo Records was as easy as selling a pair of shoes.

"He came into the shoe store that I worked in at the time. I sold him a pair of shoes. I gave him a demo tape and he gave it to his boss," said lead singer/guitarist John Feldmann.

Within six months, the band was recording its self-titled debut in between rounds of the popular video game Mortal Kombat.

"Darrin (Pfeiffer, drummer) and Simon (Williams, bassist) are the best players. I hated it at first because I'm 'Mr. Non-Violence Sonic the Hedgehog Video Guy.' But it's addictive."

The hobby has gone out on the road with them.

"We've been playing some. We have a little thing hooked up in our van. When I play, I get so stressed out that I have to get up and walk around afterward. It's hard to do that in a van."

For a group that was snuffed by major labels, Goldfinger is doing all right for itself. The plucky first single "Here In Your Bedroom," about a couple's first sexual experience, receives airplay on alternative rock stations throughout the United States. Feldmann said some guys who hear him sing lines like "when I wake up tomorrow/will you still feel the same?" think it's so sensitive that it has to be written from a female's point of view.

"A lot of guys don't think it's a guy's perspective. It was a little song I wrote after my little experience one night. It's just a song, really."

Love songs prevail on the album that unexpectedly jumps from ska to punk to reggae. "Mable" sings the praises of a new-found relationship. "I kissed her once and now I'm able to walk the mile, crack a smile, she makes me want to kiss all the babies/hug the puppy dogs/she makes me feel like my mom/Smell the flowers and plant a tree/I gotta say that Mable/She's the bomb."

It's not exactly romantic, but "My Girlfriend's Shower Sucks" shares the sentiment of plenty of guys who have bathed at their girlfriends' homes. "It makes me grumpy and/Sometimes I lose hope/The water's hard so I can/never rinse the soap."

After wrapping up a headlining tour that comes to St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on Sunday, May 19, the band will hit the road on different occasions during the summer with No Doubt, the reunited Sex Pistols, the Buzzcocks, and Dog Eat Dog. Goldfinger also jumps on "The Warped Tour" for a few dates. This year's ever-changing lineup includes: No EFX, Bad Religion, Pennywise, Civ, and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

Feldmann is thrilled with his summer touring schedule.

"It's all my favorite bands. I just told Jay (Rifkin of Mojo Records) if he can get the Replacements back together, or (the original) Specials, I can quit music. I'll have all I ever wanted."

In the studio: Restroom Poets and Howling Diablos ... Better Than Ezra is working on

its sophomore effort with new drummer Travis Aaron McNabb. It's due out in the middle of August. Fans can keep in touch with the via through its Internet site, [Ezra.org/premier.net](http://Ezra.org/premier.net), e-mail [Eezra@aol.com](mailto:Eezra@aol.com), or through traditional snail mail P.O. Box 15083, New Orleans, LA. Meanwhile, the band record-

ed "Conjunction Junction" for the Schoolhouse Rock album on Atlantic records.

Misc: "Swank!" an 18 and older dance night of space-age bachelor pad, swing and cocktail music, comes to the 7th House 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, every Tuesday at 9 p.m. For more information, call (810) 335-8100. ... Tom

Petty is writing the score for "She's The One," the new film from Edward Burns, writer/director of "The Brothers McMullen." In addition to the original score, Petty has written six songs to be used in the movie. The Warner Bros. soundtrack should be out early summer. The romantic comedy stars

Jennifer Aniston, Burns, Cameron Diaz, Maxine Bahns, John Mahoney and Mike McGlone. ... Cast, featuring former members of The La's, had to postpone its show set for Saturday, May 18, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall after guitarist Liam "Skin" Tyson broke his shoulder.

If you have any questions or comments for Christina Fuoco, you can write to her care of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or via e-mail at [cf10@co@aol.com](mailto:cf10@co@aol.com), or you can leave her a message at (313) 953-2047 ext. \*2130.

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The competition is open to students age 25 and under. First prize is \$1,000 to the winners in each category. Second prize is \$500 each to the winners in the same three categories. Contestants will perform a memorized composition not exceeding 15 minutes in length, and supply their own accompanist.

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Stevenson pulls upset against Falcons

Todd Smith's RBI single to right with two out in the seventh Monday gave Livonia Stevenson a 3-2 victory over Farmington and tightened up the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

BASEBALL

while Kevin Yuhasz scored Mark Dietrich with an RBI single in the fourth for the Spartans, now 8-5 overall and 3-3 in the Lakes Division. Farmington is 4-2 in the division, 10-5 overall.

in the division. Eric Bowman, Wampler and Ed Kruschka each got two hits for Franklin, Wampler driving in two runs. Chris Hillie went 2-for-3 for Churchill.

Crusaders' coach George reflects on missed opportunities

By C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't a lack of hitting that doomed Madonna University's baseball team to an early exit - at least for them - from the NAIA Sectional Tournament last week.

the players. They had some pretty lofty goals that they didn't achieve.

"We just didn't get the breaks when we needed them."

To drive that point home, George noted that Madonna's last eight losses were by a single run.

Was that a lack of pitching? Hardly - the staff had a 2.60 earned run average.

A lack of hitting, then? Every starter hit over .300, so that's out.

Was it that lack of senior leadership? Perhaps so, although several of Madonna's players have playoff experi-

ence.

"This is a team that was capable of winning it," the Madonna coach said, referring to the Sectional. "We were a base hit away from (victory) in two games. I think we just came up short. We just didn't get the hit when we needed it, like we did last year.

"And it wasn't due to a lack of effort from the players or coaches."

Bad breaks, then? Well, Madonna did lose its one true power hitter - Aaron Shrewsbury - to ligament damage in his elbow prior to the tournament. That hurt. Shrewsbury led the

Crusaders in home runs (eight) and runs batted in (33).

It also confirmed for George what his team would need to get over the hump, from contender to champion in the Sectional.

"We need a lefthanded pitcher, a lefthanded power hitter and better overall team speed," he listed.

He also believes that this team can achieve the goals it has set, with no real changes. "They realize how close we were," he said. "And they'll use that as motivation next year."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

AAU HOOPS TOURNEY

Schoolcraft College will host the Sweet 16 and quarterfinal rounds of the state AAU boys 19-and-under and 17-and-under championships this weekend at the Physical Education Building.

Action starts at 6:30 p.m. Friday followed by 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday tip-offs.

Some of the state's top players including Mateen Cleaves (Flint Northern) and Winfred Walton (Detroit Pershing) on Team Michigan, coached by former Schoolcraft coach Rocky Watkins.

Wayne's Lorenzo Guess will be playing for the Detroit Mustangs, along with Greg Grays (Southfield-Lathrup).

Admission is \$2 per person.

SC SIGNS NELSON

Schoolcraft College men's coach Glen Donahue announced

the signing of 6-foot-6 Kevin Nelson of Detroit Communication and Media Arts.

"Kevin is a very versatile player," Donahue said. "He's a good passer and he rebounds the ball very well. He reminds me a little of Vernon Carr (who Donahue coached at Highland Park and later played at Michigan State)."

"He's very mobile and agile."

METEORS WIN TITLE

The Livonia Meteors, an under-10 boys soccer team, won its division last weekend at the 14th annual Midland Invitational with a 1-0-2 record.

Daniel Poulos scored a pair of goals, while Chris Austin and Brett Toporek also had goals.

Goalkeepers included Douglas Burke, Austin, Alex Vincentini and Josh Dwyer.

Other team members include Philip Calleja, Andrew Curl, Jeff

Grendel, Jason Kliman, Jon Kolodziczek, Christopher Kovacinski, Jimmy Michael, Jeff Mies, Patrick Miller, Adam Myrold, and John Michael Peters.

The head coach is James Michael. His assistant is Thomas Mies. The team manager is Michael Poulos.

BULLDOGS WIN THRILLER

The USA Bulldogs, a Pee Wee Reese travel baseball team, overcame a six-run deficit with six runs in the sixth inning to earn an 8-8 tie against Novi.

The rally started when Ryan McKee singled, Billy Marsack walked and Eddie Conz was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

Ryan Wroblewski walked to force in a run and Cliff Carlson followed with a two-run single.

Chad Rutherford then doubled in two runs and Kevin McKee's RBI single tied it.

Pitcher Leanne Long pitched three scoreless innings for the winners, while Marsack added a two-run triple in the third inning.

Andrew Herpich had two hits

and scored twice for Novi.

COACHES WANTED

Livonia Franklin High School has several coaching vacancies including varsity boys and girls tennis, JV boys soccer, JV and freshman cheerleading, freshman boys basketball and freshman volleyball.

For more information, call (313) 523-9317 or send a letter of interest to Dan Freeman, athletic director, Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150.

5K FOR CASAZ

The first annual 5-kilometer Run From The Heart, honoring the memory of Caryn Casaz, who was killed by a drunk driver while running last summer in Hines Park, will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 15 at Merriman Hollow in Hines.

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# Area hosts conference on disabled workers

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year history of the conference that it will be held in Michigan.

The conference will be held May 22-24 at the Westin Hotel in Detroit.

There are more than 49 million people with disabilities in the United States, of which 1.7 million live in Michigan. More than 70 percent of people with severe disabilities who are willing and able to work, are unemployed.

**'This issue goes beyond doing the right thing. People with disabilities want to be productive, self-supporting and taxpaying participants in society.'**

*Tony Coelho, President's Committee chairman*

The conference theme, "Investing in Ability," mirrors the mission of the ADA, the civil rights legislation designed to help create economic, social and political equality for those with disabilities.

"The bottom line is that we must eliminate discrimination in the workplace. In the disability community that means focusing on what people can and are able to do, not what they can't," Coelho said.

"This conference is designed to bring together businesses, people with disabilities and labor to stimulate them to work on issues related to employment of people with disabilities," said President's Committee Chairman Tony Coelho, a former congressman from California who introduced the Americans with Disabilities Act in Congress.

"This issue goes beyond doing the right thing," Coelho said. "People with disabilities want to be productive, self-supporting and taxpaying participants in society."

The conference is expected to attract about 2,500 business, labor, political and disability rights leaders. The three-day event will feature workshops and seminars focusing on legal, technological and social issues related to the employment of people with disabilities.

John Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO, and G. Richard Wagoner, executive vice president of General Motors and president of GM North American Operations, are among the speakers at the 49th annual conference.

For more information, call the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns at 1 (800) SAY-ABLE. On-site registration is \$100.

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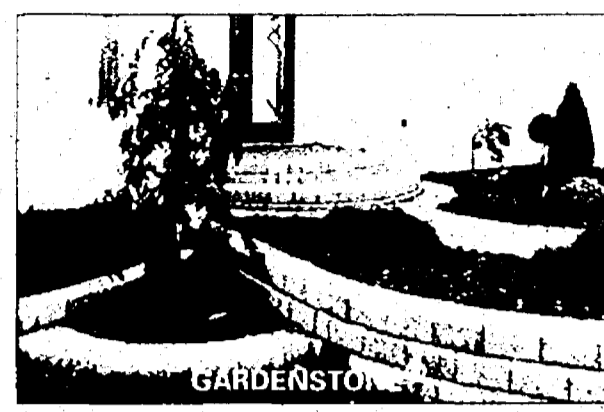
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During the next year, the Cancer Center will grow in size and services. New space is being constructed at Oakwood DeARBorn, increasing capacity for outpatient multidisciplinary clinics, bone marrow transplantation, radiation oncology, 24-hour acute cancer care, and chemotherapy administration.

The Cancer Center is pleased to reaffirm its commitment to deliver high-quality cancer services to the communities we serve.

Dr. Manuel Valdivieso, director, Cancer Center of Excellence, is responsible for overseeing all Oakwood Healthcare System's Cancer Center programs. He is nationally known for his work in lung cancer and has an outstanding reputation as a bedside clinician.

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**BUSINESS PEOPLE**

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 residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: *Business People*, *Observer News-Papers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

The law firm of Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner & Kenney has promoted 12 attorneys within the firm.

Promoted to associate principal are: **Stephen R. Brzezinski**, a medical malpractice attorney and graduate of the University of Michigan and the Detroit Law School; **Sharon A. DeWaele**, a catastrophic damages attorney and graduate of Wayne State University and Wayne State University Law School; **Kenneth G. Frantz**, a corporate benefits attorney and a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Law School; **Linda M. Garbarino**, an appellate attorney and a graduate of Michigan State University and the Detroit College of Law; **Richard J. Joppich**, a medical malpractice attorney and a graduate of Bowling Green State University and the Detroit College of Law; **Ellen M. Keefe-Garner**, a medical malpractice attorney and graduate of DePaul University

and the John Marshall Law School; **Carol A. Tarnowsky**, a corporate health care attorney and a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Detroit Law School; **J. Mark Trimble**, a general insurance defense attorney and a graduate of Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo Law School; **Mark A. Wisniewski**, a medical malpractice attorney and a graduate of the University of Michigan and University of Detroit Law School.

Promoted to senior associate are: **Richard P. Cuneo**, **Joseph P. McGill** and **Lauri A. Read**.

**Tom Stevens** has been promoted from senior copywriter to associate creative director of the Berline Group Inc.

In his new capacity, Stevens will be responsible for the creative direction for all advertising and communications campaigns for the agency and its clients.

Prior to joining the Berline Group, Stevens was head of design, production and marketing for Tomo Designs of Canton, where he was responsible for writing and producing all print and display ad materials.

Stevens has a bachelor's degree in journalism and communications from the University of Michigan. He lives in Canton Township. The Berline Group is an adver-

tising and public relations agency.

The nonprofit Accounting Aid Society has selected **Cynthia Tanner** as its new president, succeeding **Jeanne Vogt**, who is retiring June 30.

Tanner, who joined the society May 1, will work with Vogt until her retirement.

Tanner served for five years as director of development with the Detroit-based Visiting Nurse Association, an independent home health care provider.

**George Warner** has been named director of human resources at Foodland Distributors Inc.

Prior to joining Foodland, Warner was director of labor and employment law with Fleming Companies Inc.

"My goal as the director of human resources at Foodland is to use my expertise and knowledge to create a department that is responsive to the needs of the organization and its employees. I also want to develop a work environment which promotes the continued success of Foodland," Warner said in a press release.

Warner, an attorney who graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law, lives in Plymouth with his wife Jerris. They have two grown children George Jr. and Jennifer.

Foodland Distributors Inc. is a food wholesaler.

**Vickie VanSteenkiste**, a graduate of Madonna University in Livonia, has been promoted to senior consultant in the employee benefit services department at Gallagher ABOW Inc. in Troy.



VanSteenkiste

VanSteenkiste started at Gallagher ABOW in April 1993 as an underwriter in the group benefit planning department. In January 1989, she joined the employee benefit services department as an associate consultant.

VanSteenkiste holds a bachelor's degree from Madonna University. She and her husband live in Macomb.

**Mary Lee Corrado** has been promoted to vice president of member services for the American Society of Employers, a nonprofit organization that provides human resources information and services to 775 member companies in southeast Michigan.

Corrado has also been elected to the board of directors of HR Management Group Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the American Society of Employers.

She joined the society in January 1990 and has held positions as a research analyst, compensa-

tion and benefit survey specialist, director of member services and as executive director of member services prior to her promotion to vice president.

A 1990 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, she is a certified assessor and is active in Women's Economic Club, Society for Human Resources Management, American Compensation Association, American Society of Association Executives, Human Resources Association of Greater Detroit and Michigan-Ontario Compensation Association.

Corrado is married and lives with her husband and two children in Canton.

AAA Michigan honored its top 20 travel agents at a recent ceremony at the Novi Hilton.

Travel agent **Colleen Howard** of the Laurel Park office, travel director **Bill Best**, travel agent **Diana Forde** of the Laurel Park office, and travel agent **Renee Wheat** of the Laurel Park office were among the honorees.

Veterinarian **Paul Bloom** of Bloom Animal Hospital/Allergy and Dermatology Clinic for Animals in Livonia was recently appointed an adjunct faculty member of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University.

Bloom is on staff in the dermatology service with dermatology resident **Annette Peterson** while the regular staff dermatologist is on sabbatical leave. The position includes patient care, training veterinary students and consulting services for veterinarians throughout the state.

"I'm honored to receive the appointment," Bloom said. "It's exciting to work with the future veterinarians, and dermatology is an interesting field."

**Mary Kay Inc.** beauty consultant **Ann King** of Livonia has qualified as a team manager and earned the use of a red 1996 Pontiac Grand Am.

To qualify as a team manager, King had to meet sales and recruiting requirements. In this position, King will provide leadership to personal recruits and will work with the unit's sales director in meeting sales and recruiting goals.

King is completing her first month of director qualifications. Once the directorship requirements are fulfilled, King can win the use of one of Mary Kay's pink Cadillacs.

King has been an independent beauty consultant for more than three years and was number one in sales in her division in 1995 and has twice been honored with Mary Kay's "Go-Give" award. In October 1995 and January 1996, she earned gold and bronze medals, respectively, for her recruiting efforts.

She and her husband, **Stephen**, will fly to Dallas to attend Mary Kay's national seminar in July, where King will debut as a new director. King formerly worked in the marketing and development division at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Local shop manager **Kenneth Saylor** has been chosen to receive Speedy Brake & Muffler's PRIDE award.

Saylor lives in Westland, where he manages the Speedy shop at 1803 N. Wayne Road.

The PRIDE award program has honored Speedy employees since the early 1980s. Saylor is one of 13 recipients in the U.S.

"PRIDE award winners demonstrate a level of skill and dedication that distinguishes them as outstanding role models," Scott Pool, Detroit area market manager for Speedy, said.

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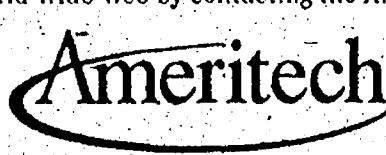
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**HEALTH News**

# Local hospital introduces registration, lobby area

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia recently opened the registration area and lobby of its new Diagnostic Services Center, located on the second floor of the Pavilion of the hospital at Five Mile and Leyan roads.

The new center, which opened for patients in early March, provides centralized registration for patients requiring diagnostic services, such as laboratory, radiology, respiratory care, cardiovascular services, EEG, nuclear medicine and pre-anesthesia evaluation.

The computerized registration area features a lobby designed

with patient service and comfort in mind. Patients and staff benefit by combining registration and diagnostic services into one centralized location on the second floor. Convenient access to the new area is from the Levan Road entrance at the south end of the hospital.

In related news, renovation of the hospital's Pavilion Lobby is currently under way in preparation for opening of a new south entrance this spring. The two-story lobby is undergoing a facelift to include removal of the stairway, removal of the tile flooring and recarpeting. During

the four-week renovation of the lobby, entrances and elevators will remain open and signs will direct patients to offices in the Marian Professional Building, Main Hospital, Diagnostic Services Center and Michigan Eye Institute.

The new Diagnostic Services Center and South Entrance are part of the \$36 million expansion project at the Livonia hospital. The entire project is slated for completion in spring of 1997 and will include a west addition, housing a new maternity center, women's center and surgical suites.

## MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from all Observer-area hospitals, physicians, companies and residents and professionals active in the medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Briefs, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

### Coordinating research

Dr. Edwin M. Monsell, head of Otolaryngology and Neurology at Henry Ford Hospital, was recently appointed coordinator for research for the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Foundation.

He was also elected as a member of the foundation's board of directors.

As coordinator for research, Monsell is responsible for overseeing and coordinating all foundation research activities. Monsell received his medical degree from the University of North Carolina and his doctorate in Neuroscience and Cell Biology from Duke University. He completed his residency training in otolaryngology at Northwestern University and his fellowship training in otologic surgery at the House Ear Institute in Los Angeles.

He joined the Henry Ford Hospital staff in 1988 and is a resi-

dent of Rochester Hills.

### Manager appointed

Raymond E. Langham has joined Henry Ford Health System as vice president of employee and labor relations for Corporate Human Resources. He is responsible for directing labor relations, employee relations policies and initiatives, human resource audits and regulatory compliance.

Prior to joining Henry Ford, Langham worked in executive position for several health care facilities, including the Eastern, Mid-Atlantic and International divisions of Columbia/HCA Healthcare in Nashville, Tenn. which included 100 locations and 65,000 employees.

He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and holds memberships in the Society for Human Resources Management and the American Society of Healthcare Human Resources Administration.

### Staff member named

Beverly High is the newest staff member at United Home Health Services, Inc. Before coming to United, she worked for Huron Valley Visiting Nurses (formerly Visiting Nurses of Huron Valley) as well as Children's Hospital. High received a diploma in Nursing from St.

Clair College in Canada.

### Nurses honored

Four nurses at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Ann Arbor have been recognized by their peers and supervisors for their professionalism and compassion, receiving both national and local awards.

Medical Center Director Edward L. Gamache presented the VA Secretary's Awards for Excellence in Nursing to: Dawn Guswitus, Medical Intensive Care Unit and a Redford resident; Shirley Freshney, from the medical/neurology unit 5 North and a Pinckney resident; and Nancy Gray, a nursing care technician in the operating room and an Ann Arbor resident.

Nominated by their co-workers, the national award-winners are recognized for effectively putting current nursing standards into practice, working positively with their co-workers to provide excellent care to patients and for keeping up their nursing skills through continuing education.

The medical center's Chrysalis Award was given to Gary Curry, head nurse of the inpatient substance abuse treatment unit and a Garden City resident. He received the award for positively demonstrating behavior which reflects the art of nursing.

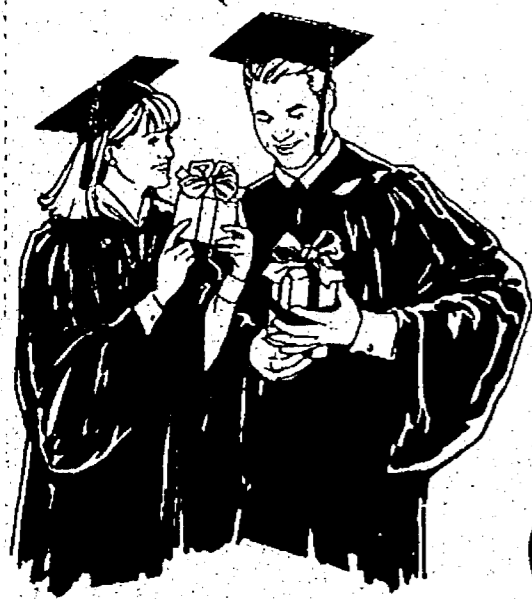
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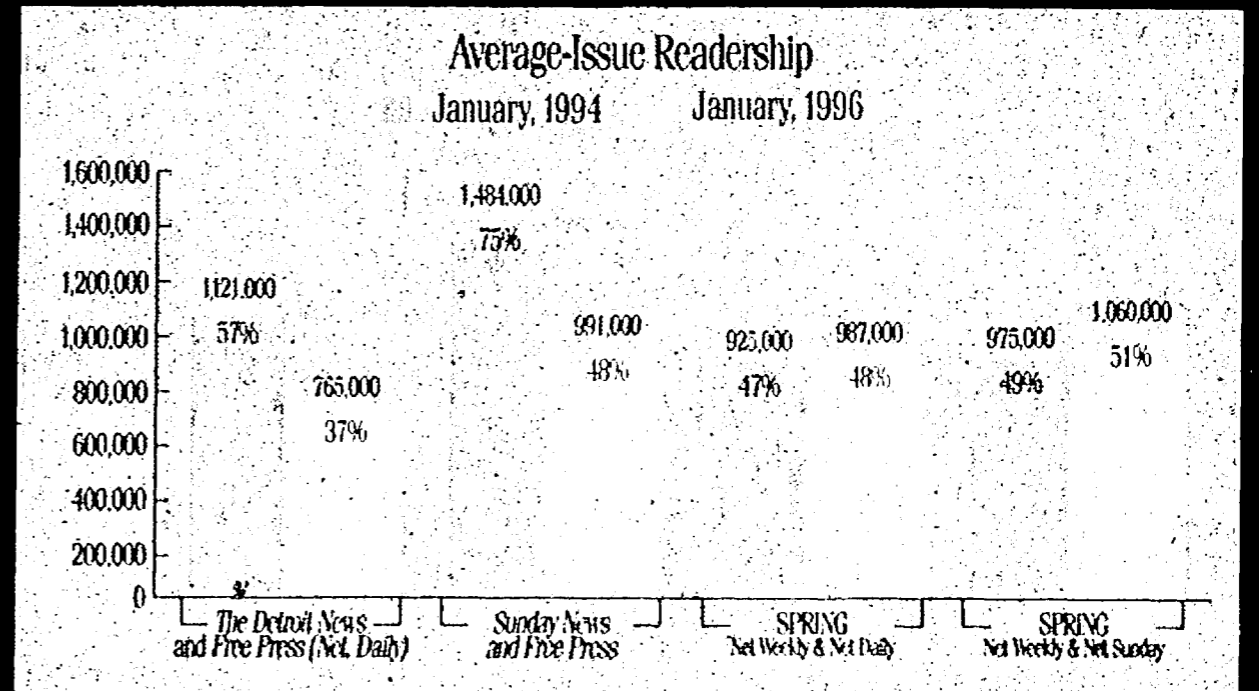
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**Hearing and Speech** - Because May is "Better Hearing and Speech month," Botsford Hospital's ENT Surgical Associates are offering free hearing tests to seniors, as well as counseling concerning management of hearing problems. An appointment is required. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call (810) 478-8616.

**Breast health clinic** - A Breast Health Clinic will be held from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, May 22 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Registration is required; call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

**Culture and health** - The Oakwood Healthcare System Transcultural Committee will sponsor an all-day conference, "Exploring Cultural Issues in Health Care," from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 17 in the Kalman Auditorium at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. The conference on cultural diversity will focus on the needs of African-American, Arab, European ethnic and Hispanic patients and their families. Cost is \$10 for the general public. Call Father Richard Leliaert at 593-7200 or Lindsey West at 278-2672 for information.

**Touring event** - The 1996 Detroit Receiving Wolverine 200, the longest-running bicycle touring event in Michigan, will be held this weekend, May 17-19, with pledge proceeds going to the Burn Center at Detroit Receiving

Hospital. Bicyclists of all capabilities are encouraged to participate in the event and can ride as little or as far as they choose along the five-mile automobile-free route over 14 hours. Registration is \$22 per rider. For more information, call Detroit Receiving Hospital and University Health Center at (313) 745-4717.

**Considering pregnancy?** - Great Expectations is a seminar for couples thinking of having a baby, or who are newly expecting. Pregnancy, lifestyle changes, choosing a doctor and handling stress are all discussed during the seminar which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 18. Fee \$15 per couple of \$7.50 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Call to register (810) 442-7986.

**Childbirth seminar** - "Childbirth for the '90s" a one-day seminar explores the mechanisms of the birthing process and techniques for managing the birth experience. Cost \$75 and registration is required. Call Botsford Health Development Network for more information and to register: (810) 477-6100.

**Development conference** - Children's Center of Wayne County will host its 17th annual Professional Development Conference on May 21 at the University of Detroit Mercy, Ward Conference Center, 8200 W. Outer Drive. The conference is open to the public. Keynote speaker is Channel 7 news anchor Frank Turner. Registration is \$65 including lunch; parking is free. Call (313) 831-5535 for information.

**Diabetes support** - A diabetes support group meeting on the topic: "Vitamins and Minerals - Do We Need Them?" will be held at 7 p.m. May 21 at Bots-

ford Health Department Network, 39750 Grand River, Novi. For information, call (810) 477-6100. Sponsored by Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

**Stroke support** - Garden City Hospital is sponsoring a stroke and aneurysm support group for those who have had a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members are welcome. Group will meet on May 21 at 7 p.m. at the hospital for a presentation and to share experiences. Call (313) 458-4396 for information.

**Sibling class** - A special night will be held at 6 p.m., May 22 at Garden City Hospital to help prepare siblings for the arrival of the family's new baby. Class time is two hours and is recommended for children three to eight years old. Call (313) 458-3330 for information and to register.

**Breast health** - St. Mary Hospital is hosting a Breast Health Clinic from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, May 22 in the Marian women's Center. Registration is required. A physician will perform a complete breast exam for a fee of \$21, and provide instructions on performing a breast self-exam. If indicated, a mammogram will be done at additional cost. For more information, or to register, call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

**First aid** - The first of a two-session first aid course will be held on May 28 at 6 p.m. in Classrooms 1-2 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. This American Red Cross class is designed to help people learn to respond in emergencies. Registration required: (313) 458-4330.

**Exercise a benefit** - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will

present a free lecture on "The Benefit of Exercise is Ageless" from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, in the hospital auditorium at Five Mile and Levan. Guest speakers will be Livonia Family YMCA fitness experts Robin Grace, Mark Papineau and Chris Campbell. Register by May 24; seating is limited. Call (313) 655-3933 or (800) 494-1650.

**Newborn Care** - A two-session class meets for the first time Wednesday, May 29 at 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital. It is designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes child and infant CPR conducted by the American Heart Association Instructors. To register, call (313) 458-4330.

**Health festival** - St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor is sponsoring a Health and Safety Festival Saturday, June 1

from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event includes free pediatric immunizations, foot bare and diabetes clinics, bicycle safety checks, decorating and safety parade for kids. Other events include crime and fire prevention programs, healthy cooking demonstrations, live music, giveaways, food and much more. The event will be held near the Senior Health Building at St. Joseph. For more information about the festival, call (313) 712-5099.

**Cancer Survivors** - A special celebration will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 2 for National Cancer Survivors Day at St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The program includes a tree dedication ceremony outside the Pavilion lobby at 1:30 p.m. and a program featuring a survivors' panel. Pat Sachs of the Karmanos Cancer Institute will be the guest speaker. To register, please call (313) 655-2929 by May 31.

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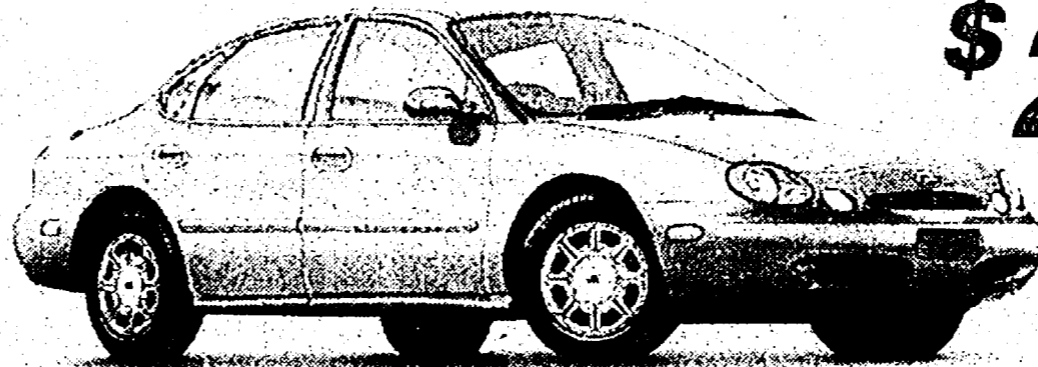
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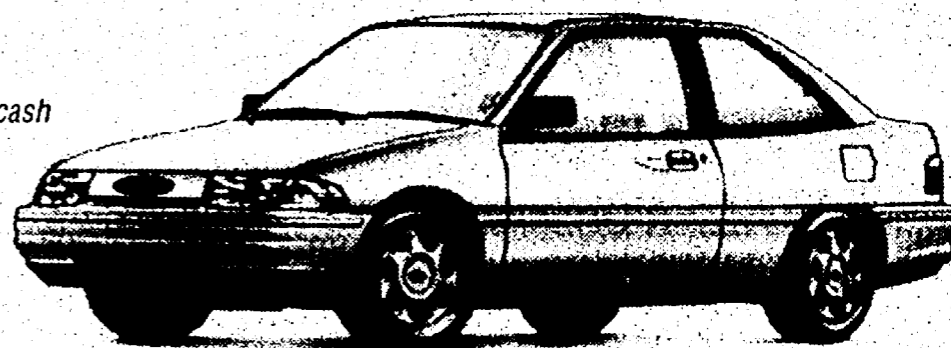


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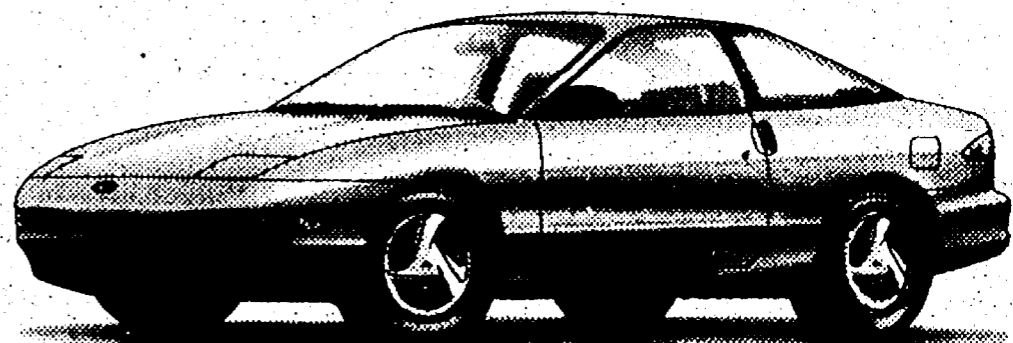


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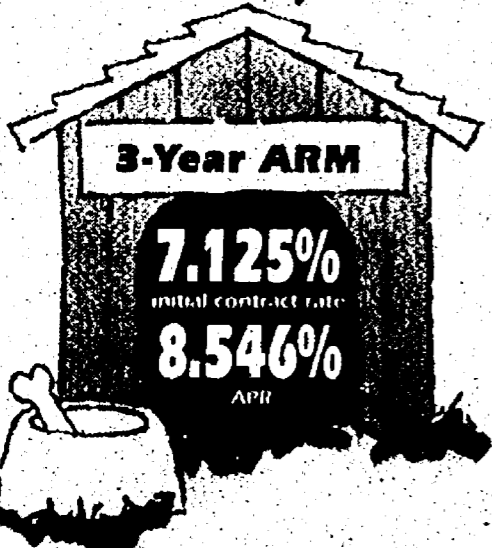
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## Columnist helps TV uncover a scam



JOE GAGNON

During Friday's 11 p.m. news, the Newshawk reporter Joe Ducey aired a story about appliance repair on WXYZ-TV. That story and my involvement are the subject of today's column with assurance that there is more to happen in the months ahead.

The TV station rented a fully furnished house in Madison Heights and installed several hidden cameras throughout. I was asked to inspect the refrigerator and to create a problem which would need diagnoses from a qualified service technician. Much to my amazement and the camera which was watching my every move, I didn't have to create a problem, because there already was one occurring with the refrigerator.

This 20-year-old top mount refrigerator has a plugged drain and it was obvious that it had been plugged for quite some time. The crisper drawers in the bottom of the refrigerator section had been removed and two large towels placed on the floor of the refrigerator to absorb the water. This had been happening for so long that the floor paint had been eaten away and plenty of rust

was showing. The existing problem with the refrigerator was so obvious that I didn't think a technician would try to deceive a homeowner.

The station's legal people thought it best to just leave it as is and go on with the rest of the story. I also felt sorry for the homeowner, she apparently does not read my column or sent for my free booklet which describes this problem in detail and how to correct it with a turkey baster. My point is we did not have to create a problem with the refrigerator, it already had one of the most common problems which occur with top mount refrigerators.

I then began the process of checking the operation of the product and found the temperatures in both sections to be adequate for good food preservation. I found the compressor to be doing its job even under the strain of a very dirty condenser. It will have to be cleaned before the hot summer temperatures arrive or serious failure will take place.

I removed the back wall inside the freezer and found the evaporator coil to be free of accumulated frost indicating any kind of a defrost problem. The defrost timer, the defrost heater and terminator all functioned properly through more than one defrost cycle. Those in attendance, plus the camera, all agreed that the refrigerator was

working properly except for the two obvious problems. I also pointed out that a qualified technician could take care of these problems and be in and out of the house in less than half an hour. I also made mention that because this service call done honestly would not create much income for the service company, the technician might add to the existing problem of a plugged drain by saying that the defrost timer was defective as well. According to the story on television, that is exactly what happened.

A service technician charged this supposed homeowner almost \$200 for replacing the defrost timer. This is a part you can buy for \$33 and install yourself in less than half an hour. If a service call plus a half hour labor equate to \$160 per half hour, that's \$320 per hour. Give me 10 men who do this 10 times a day and I'll show you a very rich man.

When the service technician was finished with replacing the defrost timer, he took it with him and wouldn't give it back to the supposed homeowner. He said it was an exchange part, which I doubt to be the truth. I don't know anyone who is paying for old defrost timers and if they are I'm losing thousands of dollars. I suspect there might be another reason why a company would want

to keep the customer's old parts.

The company sent the old timer back to the customer's house along with a letter from the station. There was nothing wrong with the timer, except that it had a wear factor involved. Was it the same timer returned that was removed from the refrigerator? There must be a way to find out - stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

## Cactus slide show set Sunday in Royal Oak

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GARDEN SPOT

# State gardens offer rich displays



MARTY FIGLEY

Last month I visited two Michigan gardens that I highly recommend, if you are traveling west in our state this summer.

The first has been in existence since 1964 and is named Fernwood. The founders "dreamed of Fernwood becoming a place of beauty and a learning

center for the public to enjoy forever," and that dream has been realized as "tens of thousands" of visitors arrive to enjoy the 105 acres. Nearly 10,000 people learn through their educational programs.

A 40-acre arboretum and eight acres of demonstration gardens contain more than 2,000 species and cultivated varieties of plants that suit their environment. We took a stroll through the grounds and the woods in late April and many wildflowers were in bloom as were both the Christmas and Lenten roses. Soon the sensory and herb garden will be greening up and visitors can delight in its beauty where bees and butterflies will be in abundance.

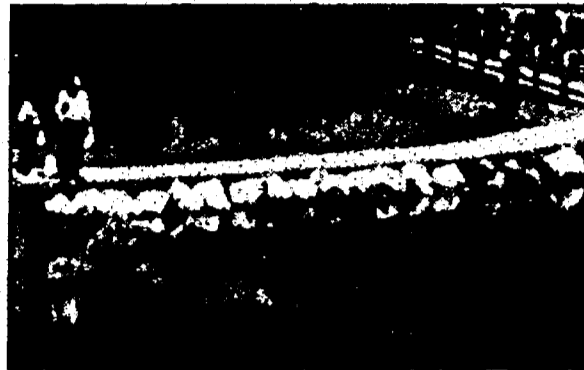
A special room, a library/study, has a

glass window wall that enables visitors to view the wildlife, especially many species of birds, closeup. The Nature Preserve is five acres in size and contains several ecological systems or habitats such as upland forest to bottom lands woods, streams and ponds and a prairie. Because of this, any time of the year is a good time to visit.

Art exhibitions take place in the conference center. You will find a gift shop, a cafe and the Fern Conservatory. Some of the facilities are available for rental.

To reach this interesting Botanical Garden/Nature Preserve, take I-94 west and exit at Exit 28 (south), which connects with US-31. Continue on to US-31 bypass (south).

Watch for the Fernwood sign and turn right (west) to Range Line Road to



MARTY FIGLEY

On the boardwalk: The boardwalk recently opened at the Frederik Meijer Gardens.

the entrance. Call (616) 695-6491.

On the way home, I drove to Grand Rapids and spent some time enjoying the quiet ambiance of the Frederik Meijer Gardens. A reception area, a dining room, a gift shop, classrooms, a library and an auditorium are housed in this large structure.

This Lena Meijer conservatory, 15,000 square feet, is the largest tropical conservatory in the state. It features tropical plants from five continents, waterfalls and more. It's just beautiful!

Just recently butterflies were brought into this tropical area and were a great success. When I was there just a few remained. This exhibit will be repeated yearly during the middle part of March. The Arid Garden features plants from the deserts of North and South America, an area called the Vic-

torian Garden Parlor is reminiscent of "garden rooms" of the 1800s. Afternoon teas and private parties often take place there.

The Gardener's Corner is filled with garden items as well as plants that are sold by Kent County Master Gardener volunteers. They also answer visitors' gardening questions. Greenhouses where new and rare plants will be grown from seed for eventual displays are adjacent to the front of the building. Soon an outdoor garden with a formal yew hedge and an English Perennial garden will highlight this area.

More than 50 bronze sculptures by artists Marshall Fredericks, Andre Harvey, Kirk Newman, Gary Pride and others are exhibited both outdoors and in the building.

I enjoyed a walk on the just-completed boardwalk, which is constructed along a wildlife/bog area where many habitats for wildlife can be observed and sounds of birds and other creatures can be heard. This is connected to the nature trail; a printed guide identifies particular trees and other points of interest along the way.

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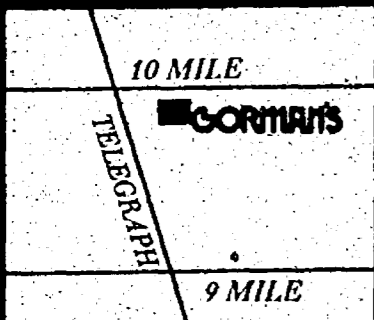
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**A:** The identification of asbestos as a potential indoor air quality problem has been with us now since the mid 1970s. The major area of concern lies in the potential for latent manifestation of asbestos related diseases, which have been extensively documented in numerous studies of this material in its former usage (i.e. insulation products). The past wide spread usage of asbestos in an estimated 2500 products has caused extensive public health concerns. The first step is to determine whether or not asbestos (or ACM's-materials which contain 1 percent of greater asbestos by volume) does in fact exist in the plaster.

Several small, random samples of the suspect ACM need to be secured from the materials in question for analytical testing by a number of EPA recognized methods. These are tested as a certified



laboratory. The reason for several samples is that, especially in plaster, there was not always a homogenous mixture of asbestos fibers in each batch of plaster. Consequently, a single sample could result in a negative test result.

While the homeowner could secure and submit the samples for testing, this is not highly recommended due to several reasons: 1. The complexity of submitting proper documentation along with the samples to a lab. 2. Accidental release of asbestos fibers into the home. 3. This may not convince the contractor (who is obliged by OSHA to protect his workers and subcontractors) that suffi-

cient testing was conducted.

It is preferable to procure the services of a qualified third-party which should be a state-licensed asbestos inspector for the collection of samples. A qualified inspector would be able to identify any other suspect ACMs which may be overlooked by the lay person, but which could have an impact on the projected improvement plans.

Once the material has been tested and confirmed, it is time to seek out a qualified, professional and licensed asbestos abatement contractor.

In selecting this contractor, I suggest the following:

- Contract the licensing board of the Michigan Department of Public Health, Asbestos Program at 517-335-8246. They can tell you if the contractor has a current license and whether there are any existing complaints or violations.

- Insurance is a must in dealing with hazardous materials. Look for occurrence type coverage, versus claims made. You may want to ascertain the viability of the insurance issuer.

- Determine ahead of time, with the abatement contractor how or where the

ACMs will be disposed. In closing, the potential impact of future negative health consequences (when dealing with hazardous building materials) fully warrants a cautious approach to the suspect material, as well as the expenditure of resources.

*Mark Mastrangel, Control Engineering & Technology, Franklin, 810-338-8388.*

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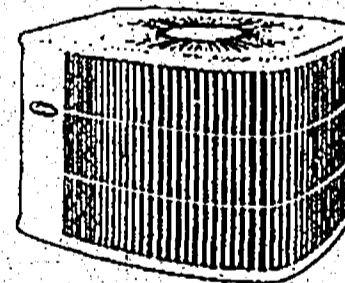
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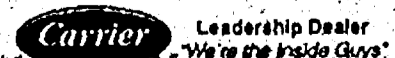


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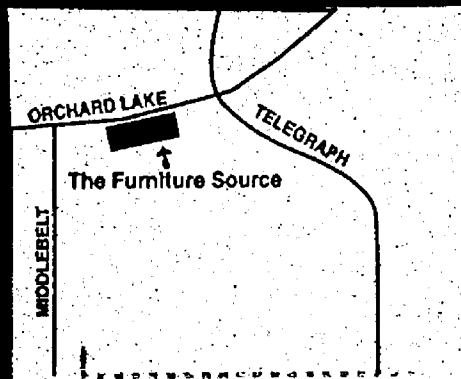
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## COVER STORY



**Bedroom in bloom:** The master bedroom in the Junior League of Detroit Designers Show House by Perlmutter-Freiwald of Franklin is full of colorful blooms.



**Carriage house:** Scott Shuptrine of Troy gave a touch of the '40s to the living room in the carriage house.



**To the manor:** Paint treatment in the "Lady of the Manor's Office" by Sharon A. Holton Interiors of Plymouth gives the walls the look of stone.

## DESIGNERS TONE UP SHOW HOUSE



**On the cover:** La Belle Provence of Birmingham featured a giant globe in the Junior League of Detroit Designers Show House bedroom it designed. Staff photo by Dan Dean.

BY MARY KLEMIC  
AT HOME EDITOR

Being neutral could mean not taking or advocating any particular course of action.

In the case of the Junior League of Detroit Designers Show House, being neutral means going all out for style.

Some of the 34 area designers who put their talents on display at the show house, 340 Lakeland in Grosse Pointe, opted for such neutral colors as taupe and oatmeal when decorating their rooms. The results are still grabbers, as welcoming and uplifting as the areas done in bright tones.

See for yourself by visiting the show house now to May 25. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. Meet the Designers Day is every Wednesday. Tickets, available at the door, are \$15. A gourmet cafe, a greenery with unusual garden accessories and plants, and a raffle are featured, and on the third floor art works by Center for Creative Studies and Cass Tech students are displayed. Call (313) 881-0040.

### Statements

The grand foyer by DMJ Interiors Inc. of Rochester is gracious as well as grand; the upper level shows romantic scrolling in the doorway molding on the floor and the railing across the top, the colors are whispery soft.

The master sitting room on the second floor, designed by Rick Carmody of Au Courant of Royal Oak, makes you feel at home among the tree branches visible from the windows. The room fea-

tures birch bark wallpaper, black wooden floors and a woven mat. Birdhouses are accents, as are buttons - big buttons in a glass table, and a fish covered with buttons.

With white and off-white Linda Golden made a colorful statement in her design for a bath and closet, which she coordinated with the room by Carmody. Golden, of Socially Yours Design of Bloomfield Hills, worked with artist Linda Soberman. Soberman created an interactive art installation called "The Shoe Project" for the room. The motif of the room is women's shoes. They are everywhere, actual and artistic, three-dimensional and photo - mostly white ones, but a sparkling ruby pair can be seen - and quotes about shoes travel over doorways and across shelves. Tiny white plastic shoes line a frame.

The "youth bathroom" by Prior-Evans of Birmingham suggests a little castle, with such touches as the commode resembling a throne and the bathtub moat.

### Colorful

Sharon A. Holton Interiors of Plymouth designed the "Lady of the Manor's Office" on the second floor. This sitting room features plaid drapes under a floral valance; a floral area rug is over a woven floor covering. Topping the valance is a thick rod tipped by large glass orbs that echo the crystal light in the center of the ceiling. The dark green chair in the corner gets light from the windows on one side and the floor lamp on the other. Furniture, including a table and cabinet, bears dark, rich burl wood, some with gold trim. Taffeta fabric lines the closet. A paint treatment makes the walls resemble stone.



**Shoe and tell:** Linda Golden of Socially Yours Design in Bloomfield Hills worked with artist Linda Soberman, who created an installation with a motif of women's shoes.

The ceiling and trim are white.

In the "small living room," Keenan & York of Birmingham placed small antique fireplace chairs and a large painting. A paper fiber woven rug rests on the bleached wood floor. Joseph Keenan designed and hand screened the wallpaper.

Red, white and blue make a warm showing in the living room by Hudson's Interior Design Studios of Southfield. A blue and white area rug covers some of the wooden floor. The furniture is red, or black and white spotted. Cream drapes are pulled back and resemble soft columns, letting light from the

windows pour in. Also in the spacious room, the ceiling is cream, accessories are blue and white, and the interiors of the shelves are red.

Outside this room is the loggia by Gregg Petty Interiors of Bloomfield Hills. The loggia contains sculpture done specifically for it, and can be divided into sections like rooms or left open.

Scott Shuptrine of Troy added a touch of the '40s to the living room and bath in the carriage house. The living room displays a lively assortment of patterns in the goldenrod hue in the walls and ceiling and two area rugs.

### Imagine this

The master bedroom by Perlmutter-Freiwald Inc. of Franklin is like a giant bouquet, with large, colorful blooms in the canopy, curtains and armchair, a floral pattern in the carpeting and painted on the bedposts, and a gentle design of flowers in the yellow wallpaper. Framed illustrations of flowers line the walls. Dark green chairs face each other at the fireplace, with a matching footstool between them.

La Belle Provence of Birmingham calls the bedroom it designed "A Child's View of the World from the Treetops." A giant globe was painted in the room, with the top of the world on the ceiling and the bright continents arranged around the walls over vibrant stripes. Zebras painted on one wall appear to be charging out of Africa in clouds of dust, and a giant stuffed toy giraffe greets visitors. The bedpost is covered in woven material, and woven baskets instead of drawers line a cabinet.

Georgia & Associates of Birmingham mixed taupe and gold leaf to elegant effect in the butler's pantry. Painted freehand circles echo the circles on

the chair backs. Gold silverware pieces adorn a curtain. A boldly painted message across the perimeter of the room urges visitors to EAT, DRINK, BE MERRY.

Next to the pantry is the kitchen by Joie de Vie of Birmingham. The room features a pine hutch, tile on part of the walls, blue wallpaper

and fabrics, and a glass-topped table with a base painted to resemble terra cotta. The rug gives a splash of color to the cool country tones.

Other participating designers include Brian Killian & Co., Charles Oliver Interiors, P.D.C. Design and Sara Scott Cullen Designs, all of Birmingham.

The house was built in 1928 and measures 9,400 square feet. It features eight bedrooms, nine fireplaces and nine bathrooms. The two-bedroom carriage house measures 750 square feet.

Proceeds from the 1996 Designers' Show House will benefit the programs and projects of the Junior League of Detroit, including the Junior League of Detroit/Police Athletic League Tutorial Project.

**Red, white and blue:** The living room by Hudson's Interior Design of Southfield features cream drapes that look like columns, and red and blue furniture and accessories.

# Enjoy special bounty of Garden Park

BY MARTY FIGLEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

How does one plant a 70-acre-plus garden? Jim Hilty and Evelyn Raskin, with the help of his family, Loren, Monroe, Alon and Sandra, have been doing just that! Since 1990 they have been planning and planting this 77.7-acre parcel of land, transforming it into an unusual garden to be enjoyed by all. Now the Garden Park of Holly is ready for your visit.

So much has been done: Thousands of

trees and tons of earth have been moved, mounded and graded; large boulders, weighing thousands of pounds, have been set in place; ponds, lakes and streams have been dug and innumerable plants have been set into the ground.

Last year, during the summer season, 15 weddings took place in the outdoor walled "Secret Garden," and many conferences were in the specially designed building. Wedding guests sit around the perimeter of the colorful garden, which

is intersected with walkways to allow a closeup look at the plants. Statuary and water features add to the ambiance of this lovely place.

## Historic look

The building adjacent to this garden was designed by Hilty and Raskin and is reminiscent of Tuscany in style. The pale green stucco walls and the care taken with details inside and out led three building inspectors to think it was an old structure.

This building contains a large conference room, library, reception hall and much more. Furnishings include a 19th century handwoven Chinese rug, English cathedral choir chairs, a 17th century tapestry and many other museum-quality antiques.

The conference room is dedicated to Frederick Hill Meserve, who saved a great number of photographic images on glass plates, many of Lincoln. These, along with hundreds of photos of Lincoln and all the generals of the Civil War, and other displays will be rotated in this room.

This is an excellent facility for off-site meetings and is equipped with audio-visual and other amenities. Paneling in the rooms came from a 19th century Ohio bank; many other architectural details have been recycled from other landmarks.

Dinners and lunches are catered by the Holly Hotel.

Evelyn Raskin, an artist, has painted wonderful murals on two walls of the building that form an alcove from the garden, imbuing it with a romantic Italian look.

Fifty dogwood trees planted near the building are in full bloom each spring and many Michigan wildflowers have been moved into a section of this large acreage. Another section is comprised of a hardwood forest, including a Wye Oak, hickories and other trees.

Now to the gardens. As you approach the building, a series of ponds cascades from an underground spring and against one wall of the Secret Garden, a large, 25-year-old espaliered apple tree 22-1/2 feet wide that has been transplanted from Oregon. Iron gates lead into the walled garden.

At the present time several gardens are under construction. An Italian Follies garden, filled with oversized animals, mythical beasts and gods, will consist of a couple of acres.

"A two-layer amphitheater will be built up through the follies garden to enable visitors to see the actors on a stage that will be behind one of the garden walls," Hilty said.

This will be the site of a youth theater.

Nearby a miniature forest of black oak, white oak and wild Michigan cherry will be kept to a height of six to eight feet and will serve as a transition between the follies garden and a Japanese moss garden.

Cherry poles will hold up the black pine trees because, as Hilty said, "The Japanese use cherry and we're trying to maintain the spirit of it." Petrified wood has been found that Hilty said "must be 3 million years old." A little pool of water will be constructed nearby and



MARTY FIGLEY

**Treasure trove:** Many antiques have been used throughout the Garden Park of Holly.

the wood will be placed so that the lengthening afternoon shadows of the forest will grow toward the Japanese garden.

Eighteen varieties of mosses have been identified and grow on the property. Most were found beneath native trees where they thrive in their natural location. A wooden walkway will be elevated above the mosses to encourage visitors to view them without damage.

Another future project is a domed-over butterfly garden where these ephemeral creatures will fly freely and feed on tropical plants.

Nearby an overlook will be built to enable visitors to enjoy the views of a spring-fed lake and see for one-eighth of a mile across to sunken gardens.

An old-fashioned croquet lawn will also be built. A pair of arbors on either side of the croquet lawn will be festooned with hanging baskets from the ceiling with a serpentine walk meandering through.

This area will be cared for by physically impaired people, so serpentine tables at wheelchair height will enable gardeners to lower the baskets of flowers to train and care for them.

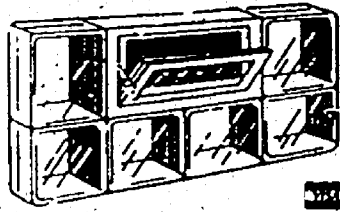
This large parcel of land also contains wetland areas. A wooden walkway, wide enough for two wheelchairs to pass, will be built so that this part of nature can be enjoyed by all.

A handrail to guide sightless visitors will enable them to traverse this walk unaided. A cassette tape will point out specific things of interest on this walk.

Master gardener volunteers have been a great help to the Hilty family in its endeavor. The Garden Park of Holly is at 976 E. Maple, Holly. Take Exit 98 west from I-75. The garden is on the south side.

The garden is open May through October. At the present time, reservations are required to visit this one-of-a-kind garden. Call (810) 634-9300 to reserve your day for a personal tour of the grounds. Admission to the gardens is \$3.50; an optional catered box lunch is available for an additional \$6.50.

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## INTERIOR MOTIVES

# Make library personal space



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The library or book room becomes your very special personal space. Anyone who loves to read wants to house their collection of books in a room in which they can relax.

Obviously the seating pieces must be exceptionally comfortable. Situating the seating in the center of

the room instead of around the perimeter allows easier access to the books. Usable, not just decorative, side tables are essential. A bowl of fruit, candy or nutmeats should be nearby. Juxtaposition of great reading light is helpful. Accordingly -- your private library.

I cannot possibly describe the warmth and personality that emanates from shelves of books. They needn't be in costly bookcases; mere open shelves are sufficient. Gilding a lily sometimes helps, but isn't always recommended. The bindings themselves resonate their own charisma.

If you plan to build in shelves I love to see the top shelf continue across the top of doorways, around the perimeter of the entire room. This creates significant alcoves for the doors. You can embellish the book room look with all manner of moldings. Build up a strong crown molding and add "egg and dart" or "dentils" available at lumber yards by the foot and very tasteful.

You are free to select your preferred finish, from woods such as light pine, walnut, mahogany or ebony. You can also paint any suitable color. Dirty mustard yellow, barnyard red or old blue are a subtle spectrum. I like to have the painter rub a "glaze" over any of the preceding. It adds another dimension to brush "fleyspecks" over all. Having said all of the above, you have created a library.

If you prefer to buy prefinished bookcases and place them against the walls you can do these in multiples if space is available, or as a single if limits are set. I needn't tell you how to arrange the books, but if you discuss this with a librarian he or she will give you remarkable advice -- there is a better way.

Make room for periodicals. Many people own back issues of National Geographic in their traditional yellow covers. Quite an addition. These can stand

on their own. Other periodicals must lie flat.

Underplay the upholstery colors. The books themselves are sufficiently colorful. Custom-made lamp shades of bookbinders paper are charming. One word of caution: This paper isn't translucent and does cut down on the amount of light. Don't use more than two, perhaps on a pair of brass candlestick lamps. The rest of the shades should be of sheer natural linen.

Speaking of brass, use a lot of it! It is vibrant, and there are many accessories available. A singular choice is a twisted column floor lamp with a three-way 50/200/250 bulb. There are tobacco boxes, bowls, paperweights and even a brass trivet/table. I wouldn't be true to myself if I didn't tell you antiques out-class reproductions. However, new ones are better than none. Use some vinegar to remove the too-new look.

All of the foregoing are quite traditional in character. You readers who are contemporary minded need to translate whatever I have discussed in the space above into a modern mode. The colors won't be nearly so muted. Lighting is best if supplied by recessed ceiling lights (called hi-hats in the trade) and the use of table and floor lamps.

An eminent architect I know divides his bookshelves into equal size box squares, and paints them white, oftentimes edged with stained wood. The library suddenly has a very contemporary look. If there is a fireplace it must be extremely simple, the hallmark of modern. The surround should just be straight slabs of granite or marble with no ornamentation.

Accessories in this venue will be sparse. There can still be antiques mixed with 20th century creations. Undoubtedly the tables will be fashioned of glass, marble or very simple wood designs. Art work for either environment must be carefully chosen -- even the picture frames become important. Add a piece of sculpture for further impact.

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## Cemetery, tree tour set Tuesday

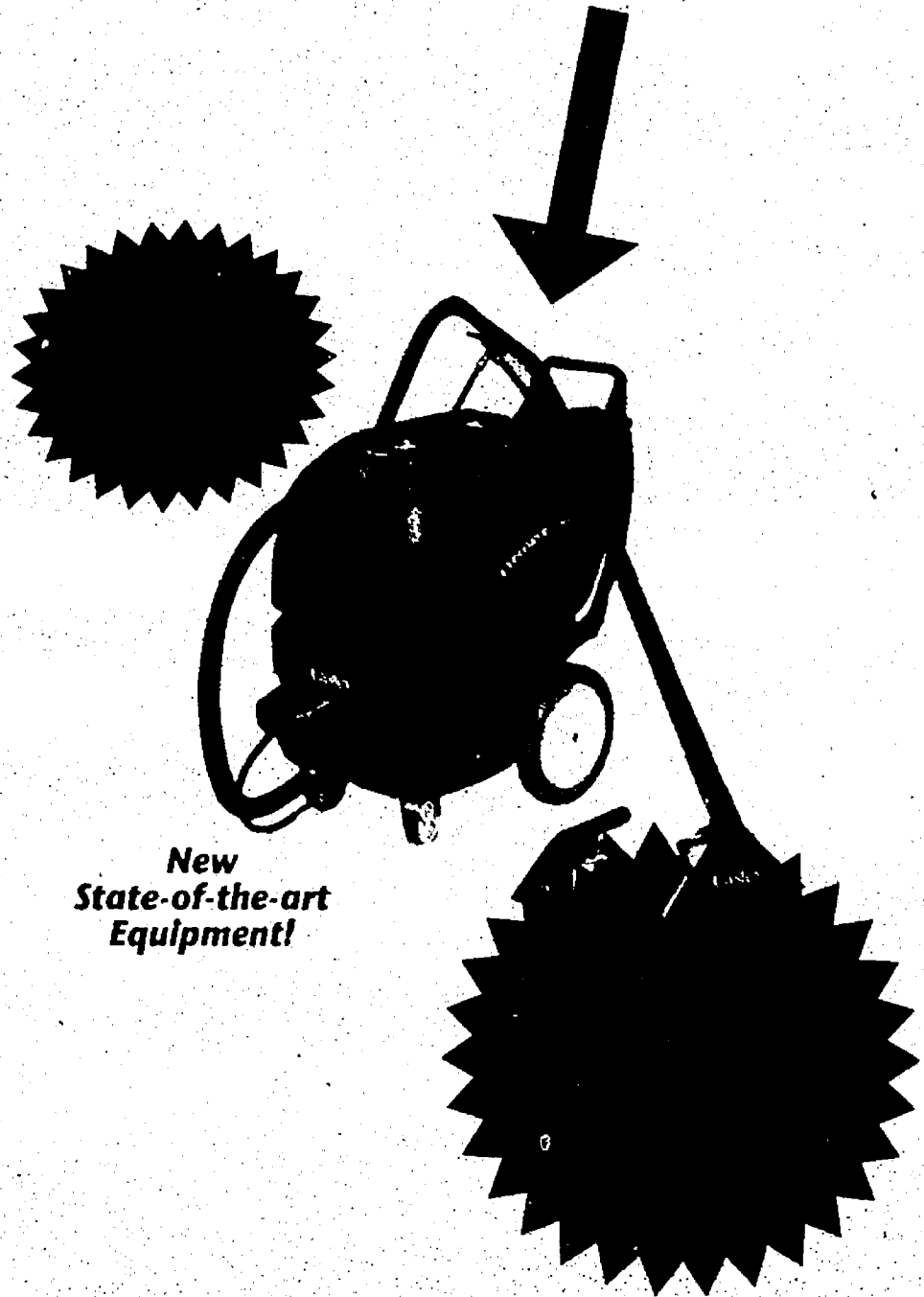
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INVITING IDEAS

# Get into the 'swim' of summer with a friend



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

With the weather finally beginning to break, most of us are starting to panic about the weight we've put on during the winter - swimsuit weather has a tendency to initiate that kind of panic. Summer clothes are not just as kind as the heavy woolen ones, and now it's time to do something about it.

With all that is available - specific diets, diet-related foods, including diet sodas, appetite suppressants, and exercise equipment, why does it seem so difficult to lose weight on your own? For whatever reason, it seems to be much more palatable to lose weight with another person - a spouse, friend, or family member.

Several years ago, while complaining to a friend that I still hadn't lost the weight from giving birth - my standard line was, "I just had a baby" (11 years earlier). My friend totally lost sympathy for me and talked me into joining Weight Watchers with her. We both stuck to our diets and lost a considerable amount of weight. My friend being 10 years younger, 5 feet 10 inches tall,

and gorgeous to begin with, made me a bit crazy by losing the weight a lot quicker than I did - but it worked! Losing weight in whatever method you choose, works well when you do it with someone - there's something to be said for dieter's camaraderie.

Get a group together, or just one friend, and walk on scheduled days - then plan to have a low-fat lunch together. By making it an event you won't feel punished - deprivation does not work well for me. If you plan to go on a specific diet with your weight-reduction partner, it is best to check first with your family doctor, and make sure the diet is safe for you.

'Tis the season for lots of fresh vegetables, salad greens and fruits - incorporate them into your specific plan and make watching your weight fun - get some exercise, and change your lifestyle to a healthy one - you'll be surprised how quickly you get into that swimsuit, and are able to stay in it.

"Craig Claiborne's Gourmet Diet Cookbook" by Craig Claiborne with Pierre Franey (copyright 1980, Times Books) with an introduction by Jane Brody, contains some of my favorite recipes. The following is very low in fat and calories.

**DILL AND YOGURT SOUP**

- 4 cups unsalted chicken broth (homemade or prepared)
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 teaspoons flour
- 1 1/2 cups plain yogurt
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

Combine about 1/2 cup of broth, the egg yolk and flour in a mixing bowl. Beat with a wire whisk until smooth.

Put the yogurt in a mixing bowl and beat in the yolk mixture. Add a generous grinding of pepper.

Bring the remaining broth to a boil. Spoon about 1/2 cup of the hot broth into the yogurt mixture, stirring. Pour and scrape the yogurt mixture into the broth, stirring vigorously with a whisk. Bring just to the boil, stirring constantly from the bottom. Do not boil or the soup will curdle. Stir in the dill and serve hot, or chill and serve cold. Serves 6.

I am always looking for scallop recipes, my husband loves them, and they are low in cholesterol. The following recipe is from one of the newer Weight Watcher cookbooks - "Quick Meals in 30 Minutes or Less!" (published by (Macmillan, a Simon & Schuster Macmillan Company, 1995).

**SCALLOPS WITH HERB SAUCE**

- 1/2 cup packed fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1/2 cup packed fresh basil leaves
- 3 tablespoons low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 15 ounces sea scallops

In a food processor or blender, combine parsley, basil, broth, thyme, lemon juice, oil, garlic, salt and pepper; puree until smooth. Set aside.

Spray large non-stick skillet with non-stick cooking spray; place over medium heat. Add scallops, cook, turning once, 2-3 minutes on each side, until golden brown and heated through. Remove from heat; transfer scallops to medium bowl. Let skillet cool slightly.

Pour reserved herb mixture into cooled skillet; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, 1-2 minutes, until heated. Pour over scallops; toss to combine. Serves 4.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin.

# Protect high tech equipment from power surge

With millions of people now working at home, many American residences are becoming high-tech havens. Besides computers, printers and modems, home offices frequently accommodate fax machines, scanners, copiers and other equipment.

Although a home office provides flexibility and convenience, it is just as susceptible to power problems as a traditional office. And one of the most common types of power problems is a power surge.

A power surge is a sudden increase in voltage and current that lasts for just a fraction of a second. But it can cause gradual deterioration and sometimes immediate damage to all types of micro-processor-controlled equipment.

"Potentially damaging power surges occur on a regular basis in the average home and office," said Mike Einstein of Intermatic, a manufacturer of surge protection products. "They're caused when the power company switches substations, by motors and fluorescent lights switching on and off in your home or office, and by lightning strikes."

This unseen threat can be controlled with a device called a surge protector. When a power surge occurs, the surge protector responds immediately by absorbing the overload and permitting normal voltage to flow through the equipment. After the disruption occurs, the surge protector automatically resets itself.

Surge protectors are packaged individually for specific applications, as well as in kits that protect a typical home or business.

Another option is a whole home surge protector that provides protection for electronic equipment throughout the home. It is wired to the incoming power line on the home's main panel box, and can be installed by either an experienced do-it-yourselfer or electrical contractor.

One of the latest innovations is Intermatic's line of surge protectors with built-in timers. Not only do these units secure home office equipment from power surges even when the power is turned off, but they can be programmed like a timer to eliminate warm-up

delays. Three different options covering virtually every office equipment application are available.

To accommodate electronic phone systems, answering machines and fax machines typically found in home offices, some manufacturers have added built-in jacks on their surge protectors. For offices with little space around the electrical outlet, there are new space-saving side-entry models. Other popular features include indicator lights and audible alarms.

While you're determining which type of surge protector you need, take a look at your home's electrical system. Make sure it can handle the increased load of your equipment so that you don't create an overload and possible fire hazard.



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# Your simple shots can KISS and tell



MONTE NAGLER

As my photography students all know, I like to promote the idea of the KISS theory in my classes. No, it doesn't mean smooching with the student next to you! KISS means to "keep it smartly simple," to be smart and to maintain a simplicity in your photographs.

Good writers, for example, don't clutter up their work with superfluous words. They get right to the heart of the matter, which makes their writing easier to understand. You'll also find a simplicity of style and content in many of the great paintings that we all enjoy.

Similarly with our photography, keeping things simple will often result in impact shots that will capture our attention.

One of the best ways to apply the KISS theory in photography is simply to move in close and express a single idea.

A closeup of a rusted latch on a weathered barn door can tell a lot about the barn as a whole. A well-executed intimate shot of a single bud will usually have more impact than a picture of an entire garden of flowers.

How about a simple photo of a flower-laden window ledge in a small French village? Such a picture can convey the feeling and charm of all of Europe.

As in all good photography, watch your backgrounds. Simplifying your compositions also means simplifying the background. Look for backgrounds that are uncluttered or select a background that complements the subject.

Remember, a well-done shot that uses the KISS theory and contains the essence of the whole will reward you with a photograph of which you'll be proud.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.



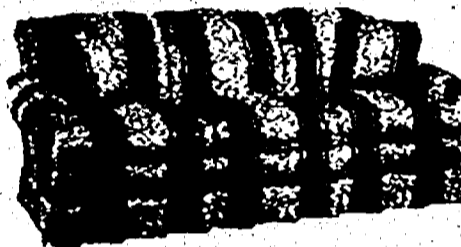
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# Get your refrigerator ready for summer

(AP) — Your refrigerator and freezer work harder than ever during the hot, humid days of summer. Here are tips on general use and maintenance, anticipating summer stress.

Locate your refrigerator or freezer away from direct sunlight or from a heat source such as range, dishwasher or heating vent. Don't put your refrigerator in an unheated space either. Food will not be kept properly cold in a refrigerator or freezer kept at temperatures below 60 degrees Fahrenheit, which can easily happen if you put an old refrigerator or freezer in an unheated laundry room or a garage.

Always plug a refrigerator or freezer into a 15-amp circuit with no other appliances. The outlet should accept a grounded three-prong plug. If you must use an extension cord, it should be a heavy-duty three-wire type.

A refrigerator or freezer operates most efficiently when fully loaded, but

be sure to leave enough space between items for air to circulate. Don't cover vents that send cold air to the refrigerator compartment.

Keep a refrigerator between 34 F and 40 F. To check it, put a refrigerator thermometer in the center of the food compartment overnight. If you can't maintain this temperature by adjusting the refrigerator's thermostat, check for clogged coils under the refrigerator or on the back of the unit. Keep a freezer close to zero degrees. To check it, put the thermometer on top of a carton of frozen food and leave it for a day. Note: if ice cream is firmly solid without being brick hard, the temperature is fine.

Clean the drain system in a self-defrosting refrigerator. The drain holes are at the bottom of the refrigerator and freezer compartments. Insert a piece of stiff wire to unclog the drain, then flush it with water from a basting

syringe. Wash the drain pan in soapy water.

To see if a refrigerator door gasket is forming a tight seal, close the door on a dollar bill at several points. Look for slight resistance when you pull the dollar out. Or put a 150-watt outdoor floodlight in the compartment and look for a light leak in a darkened room. Try the light at different angles with the floodlight's cord coming out a side you are not checking.

You can often fix a small crack in the gasket around a refrigerator door with silicone caulk. Use your fingers to roll back the gasket and apply the caulk to the inside. Be careful not to apply too much. Use only a caulk whose label's fine print indicates it's safe for contact with food.

A tripped circuit breaker could turn the food in your freezer into a spoiled mess before you discover it. To avoid this, put a low-wattage night light in

the same outlet as the freezer. You'll see immediately if it's off.

If your area has power outages, keep your freezer full, packing empty spaces with packets of picnic-cooler artificial ice or plastic bottles of frozen water.

Do ice cubes stick to your automatic ice-maker? Take out the ice-maker unit, wash the tray and let it dry. Lightly coat the inside with nonstick cooking spray and wipe off any excess. The cubes will slide right out and there will be no taste from the spray.

Have an old refrigerator that must be defrosted manually? To help melt the frost in the freezer, reverse the airflow on a canister vacuum and direct the stream of warm air into the emptied freezer.

By Reader's Digest Books for AP Special Features

## The push is on, reel lawn mowers make comeback

(NU) — As real estate prices rise and lot sizes shrink, more and more people are rediscovering the practicality, simplicity and proven reliability of reel lawn mowers.

Lot sizes of new single family homes now average about 13,600 square feet, a 23 percent decrease from their peak

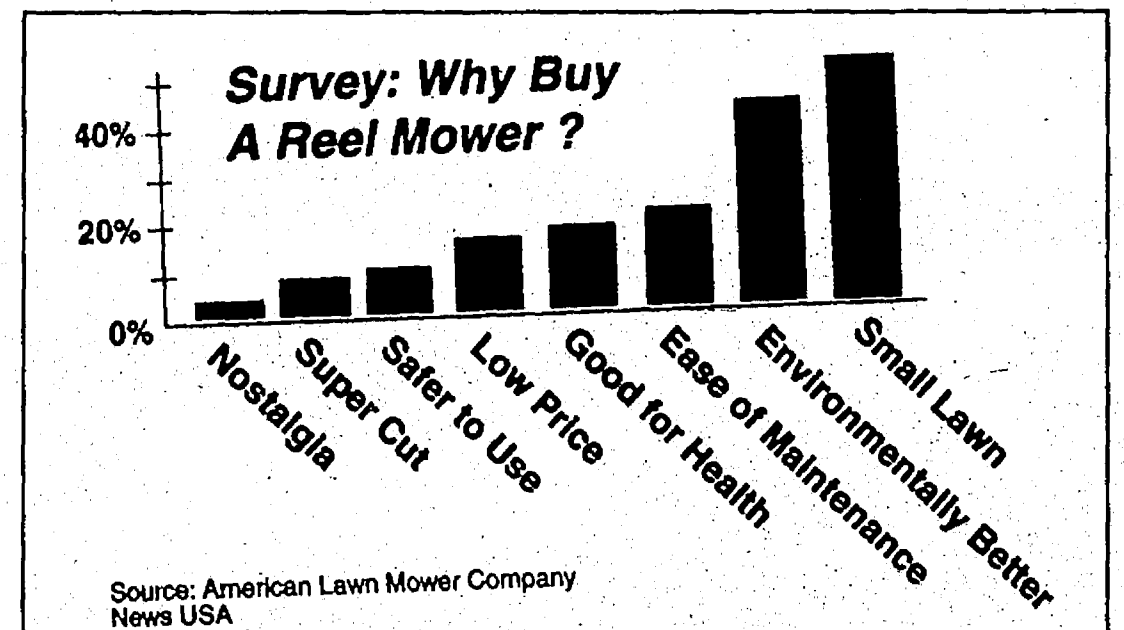
size in the late 1980s, according to statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The result is smaller lawns. And lawn size is the No. 1 reason more and more people are choosing reel mowers over powered rotary mowers, according to a survey by longtime reel makers American Lawn Mower Co./Great States Corp. in Shelbyville, Ind.

Of 2,013 customers surveyed, 64 percent said they used their reel mowers on lots of less than one-quarter acre. Another 24 percent said they used reel mowers on lots ranging in size from one-quarter acre to an acre.

American/Great States, which has built and refined the quiet, user-friendly machines for more than 100 years, found that customers also prefer reel mowers because they're: better for the environment, easier to maintain, better for health and fitness, less expensive, safer and superior at cutting grass. And some said they just couldn't resist the reel mower's nostalgic charm.

Reel mowers have become almost universally popular, according to the survey. Purchasers are nearly as likely to be women as men and buyers range in age from 19 to 60. Half live in subur-



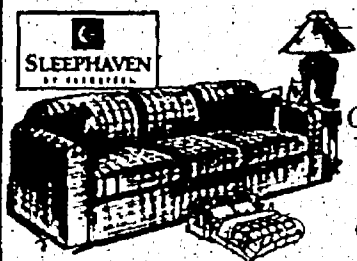
ban locales, but many also live in rural and urban areas. And although one strong selling point is price, as many people making more than \$75,000 a year buy reel mowers as those making \$25,000 or less.

The reel mower's proven reliability helped push annual sales up to about

250,000 units last year — nearly three times the amount sold in 1985.

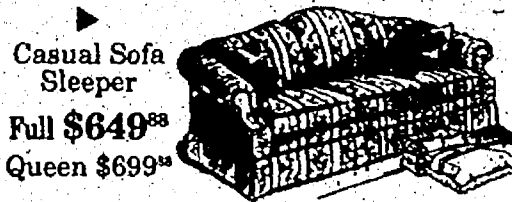
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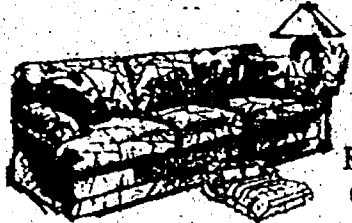


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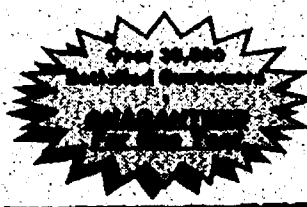
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The library is at 26000 Evergreen, between 10 and 11 Mile. Registration is required. For registration or more information, call (810) 948-0470.

Cameron has been collecting buttons for eight years. One of the rarest and

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Hear about the changes in buttons over the years. The 18th century was the "Golden Age" of buttons. Then came the 19th century with mass production of buttons. In the 20th century, synthetic materials began to replace horn, ivory and mother-of-pearl.

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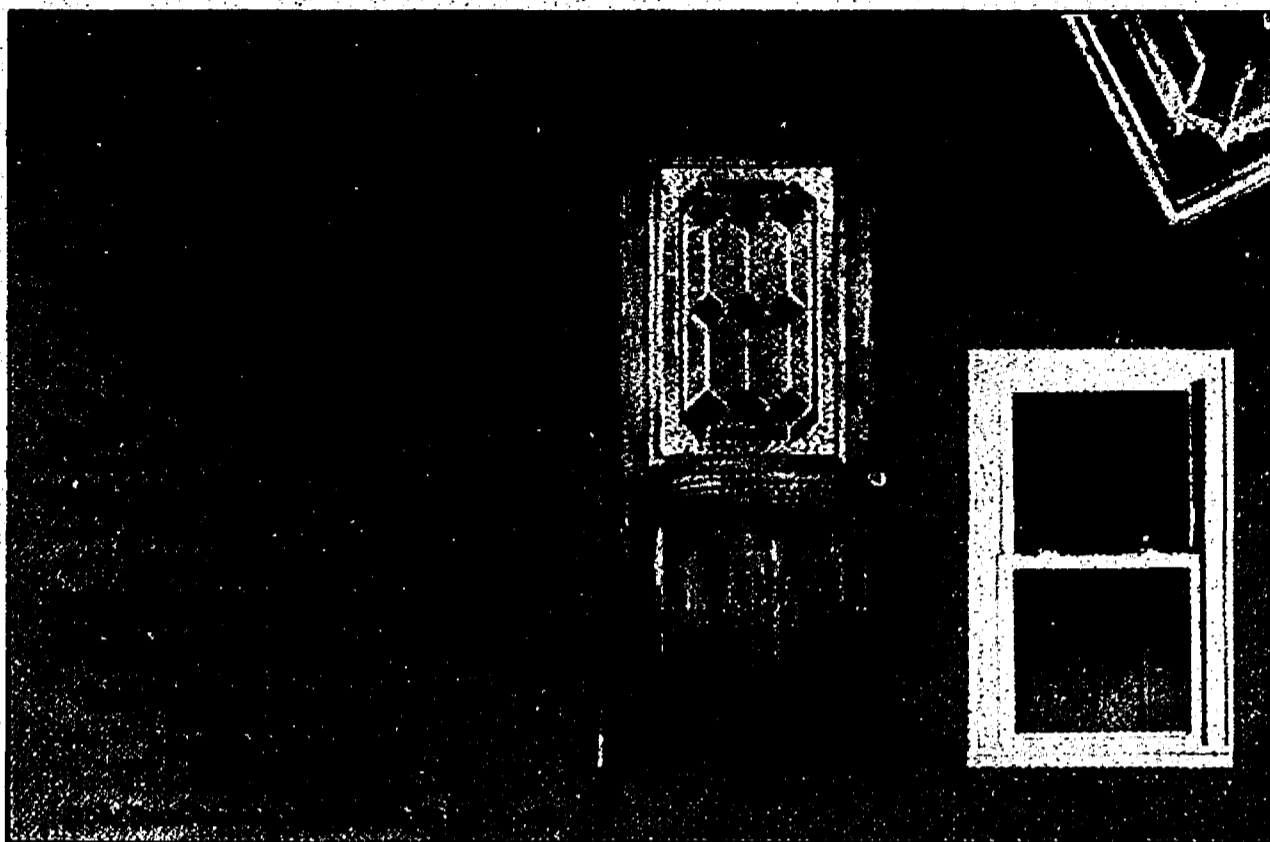
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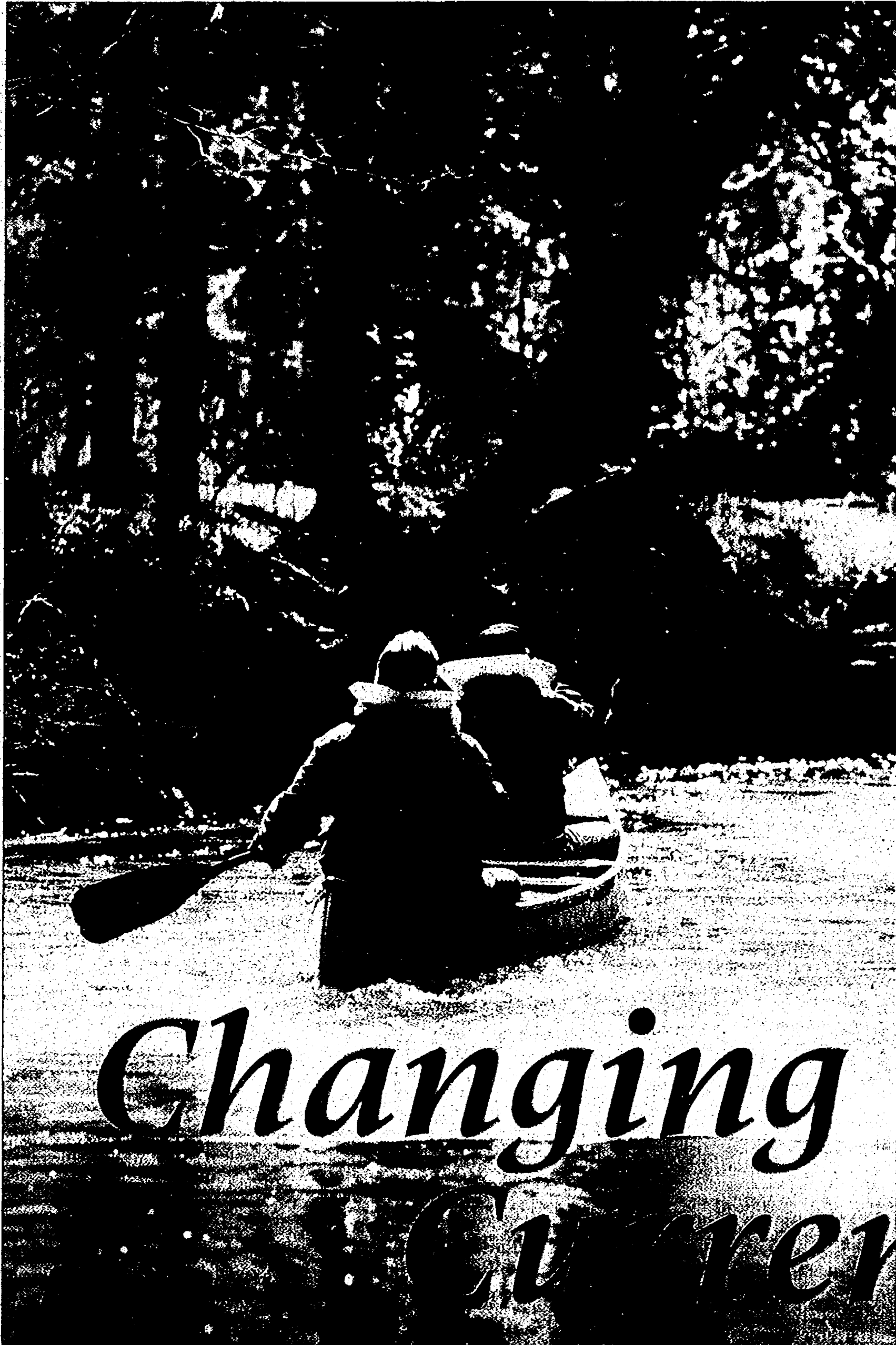


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# Changing Currents

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*Changing Currents:*  
Introduction

# Rouge cleanup making progress

BY BOB NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

It's everywhere you turn.

Drive, bike or walk through north and west greater Detroit, and if you look for it, it's there.

It's that creek running through the park down the street, that drainage ditch behind the grocery, that lake you drive past on the way to work.

It's home to a surprising amount of wildlife, and a growing number of recreational possibilities.

It's historically the most polluted watercourse in the state of Michigan. But the Rouge River is also the focus of a massive, multifaceted push to bring it back — an effort unmatched anywhere in the nation. And although it has a ways to go, that effort has shown considerable results.

## A river runs through us

"This has been the largest watershed project in the entire country dealing with urban problems," said Jim Murray, a key figure in Rouge efforts. "We've really become the nation's laboratory."

Contributing to the uniqueness is the large amount of park land along the river, he added: "It's one of the most accessible urban rivers in the country."

Reversing decades of abuse and neglect is a tall order, but officials believe in the river coming back.

"The Rouge is never going to be the way it was back in the 1700s," said Cathy Bean, state coordinator of the Rouge Remedial Action Plan. However, "The river is worth saving."

The river needs saving in the first place because of years of pollution — industrial discharges, overflows of raw sewage, and all kinds of assorted junk tossed in by those mistaking the river for a landfill. The tide started to turn in the early 1970s with the dawning environmental movement.

"People said, 'We've had enough,'" Bean said. Eventually, Rouge Rescue sprouted and grew, with thousands of volunteers turning out each spring to do a lot of the heavy physical work.

"There was a fundamental change in the way this country regulated pollution in 1972," said Murray, director of Wayne County's Department of the Environment. Congress passed the Clean Water Act, and one goal was to

see the Rouge River completely clean in four years.

"Here we are 25 years later and we haven't quite achieved that goal," Murray said.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency sued the Detroit waste water treatment plant in 1977 for polluting Lake Erie, and federal Judge John Feikens — in a relationship with Rouge concerns which continues today — ordered the EPA and state Department of Natural Resources to address point-source pollution — that which, unlike storm water, can be traced to identifiable sources.

State officials started working on a Rouge cleanup strategy. Meanwhile, the U.S.-Canadian International Joint Commission identified 43 "areas of concern" for Great Lakes pollution, including 14 in Michigan, one of which was the Rouge watershed. The resulting Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement required each area of concern to

develop a remedial action plan, or RAP, to address its own situation.

Bean explained that the Rouge cleanup strategy already under way got transformed into a formal RAP. It called for control of combined sewer overflow points, limits on "nonpoint source" pollution, and analysis of sediments. The nine-volume RAP won adoption in 1989, with a major update in 1994.

As plans moved further ahead, cost estimates mounted. In 1991 the U.S. Congress, led by Reps. John Dingell and Bill Ford, identified the Rouge River as a national demonstration project, a

situation so unique it deserved federal attention — and money. It would restore the river and, in the process, provide an example of how to address similar situations elsewhere. Murray said the funding came in part because Congress was impressed by the breadth and dedication of the volunteer efforts to clean up the river.

"This is the first comprehensive watershed project in the country that's in an urban area. All the others ... have been agricultural," Murray said.

The federal government has dedicated \$288 million so far, paying 95 percent of engineering costs and 55 percent of construction costs for sewer projects, Murray said. Other units of government pay their share as well.

The federal side of the restoration is



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

**Considering the possibilities:** Cathy Bean, the coordinator of the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan, looks out on Livonia's Newburgh Lake, one major focus of cleanup efforts.

officially called the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, since river pollution is largely a rainy-weather concern. Murray does double duty as Rouge Project director. Phase I, nearing completion in many areas, will see the elimination of about a third of the combined sewer overflows, mostly in the river's upper reaches. Phase II, to be done by 2005 in the downstream areas, is designed to finish the CSO part of the job.

"Our goal is by the year 2005 to have the public health risks removed completely," Murray said.

Now, the EPA and the Rouge effort are both turning their attention to the issue of storm water runoff.

"We need to have better soil erosion control," Bean said. "Soil is a pollutant. It's not just mud."

## The Rouge resource

Other problems are being addressed, too; Murray mentioned ongoing efforts to identify illicit connections, and the discovery of certain areas in Oakland County with 50- to 70-percent failure rate of septic tanks.

"Where we do find problems with the septic tanks, there are local ordi-

nances and state laws," he said. "There's lots of problems, but lots of opportunities to get this right."

Both Bean and Murray talk about the need for cooperation among all facets of society: individuals, governments, organizations, businesses.

"To me, the most crucial thing for the watershed is that people realize it's not a sewer," Bean said. "If we're going to be successful we have to get the support of the people who live in the watershed, and the governing bodies."

"We need to get homeowners to realize they have an impact even if they don't live right next to the stream," she said. "There's lots of things that people can do themselves."

"There are some beautiful pieces of the stream ... If we don't take care of the uncontrolled growth, it's not going to be like that. I'm not against development, but we need to have responsible development."

Both officials said they love to see the results when people start cooperating, with governments, residents, community organizations working to a common goal. Said Murray: "That's really the gratifying part of this."



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**Noting improvements:** Jim Murray stands at a capped pipe. Murray directs the demonstration Rouge Project.

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*Changing Currents:*  
History

# River drew the efforts of Henry Ford

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

The Rouge River played a tiny role in Henry Ford's version of automotive history, though at one time the Dearborn pioneer had high hopes for it as both a manufacturing and sociological experiment.

"I am a farmer," Ford said after World War I. "I am going to establish plants for manufacturing parts of Ford cars and Fordson tractors in places where they will be within easy reach of farming districts, and provide employment for farmers and their families in winter. And these plants are going to be operated by water power."

Instead of drawing country boys into city squalor, Ford would take his factories to the country. The farmer could earn \$6 a day in the factory, save enough to buy tractors and equipment, then be given time off for his mechanized farm duties — which Ford estimated at 24 days a year.

Hydroelectric power was the fad of the 1920s. Ford established plants on several rivers in Ohio and Michigan, including four on the Middle Rouge. If the Rouge's current could power gristmills, why, it should be able to power a manufacturing plant, the 57-year-old ex-farmer reasoned.

Trouble was, however, the Rouge is narrow and has a weak current. For most of its length, it drains an ancient lake bottom flattened by glaciers that melted 12,000 years ago. The Rouge's water power never was too powerful.

Ford bought a mill site at Northville in 1920 and hired 300 men to make valves. National historian Allan Nevins in the 1950s wrote that he had to supplement water power with a steam turbine. Local historian and editor Jack Hoffman, in *Northville: The First Hundred Years* (1976), quoted workers who said the waterwheel was just a backup source of electricity and never used. The second Northville plant, built in 1936, has been converted to other uses and still stands at the bend of Main Street.

At Nankin Mills, Ford's plant made rivets — all one could do with only 30 to 50 horsepower. At the Phoenix dam, outside Plymouth, the plant used 100 horsepower to make small taps for threading operations.

At Waterford (Six Mile and Northville roads) stood an early settlement that in its day was larger than Plymouth and Northville. The dam there generated 50 horsepower. The turbine stood in an enclosed glass case outside the factory.

The manager in charge of village industries soon saw water power was insufficient and, against Ford's wishes, installed a Lincoln engine. Nevins, in *Ford: Expansion and Challenge*, wrote: "Ford was outraged. He ordered the engine and generator delivered to Avery's house, where they were left on his front porch at night. 'We built these plants to run on water power,'



FILE PHOTO

**Rolling on the river:** *The Northville Ford Plant pioneered Henry Ford's innovative — but ultimately unsuccessful — "village industry" idea. The plant stayed in operation until the late 1980s.*

## Indians began settling area

When the Rouge River first drew the attention of Henry Ford, it had already been a place of recreation, commerce, agriculture and industry since prehistoric times.

Two great Indian burial mounds have been found on the Rouge. One mound measured 40 feet by several hundred feet and was used by several generations and possibly different tribes living in the same area.

When the French arrived in the late 17th century the Potawatomis had a village near the largest mound. The Indians fished, hunted and settled along its shores.

But the French named it — for its reddish color — and used it to further their exploitation of the fur trade. The explorers and trappers, used the Rouge as a passage to the interior from the Detroit River. As early as 1705, the more adventurous French settlers began establishing riverfront farms on the Rouge.

The river was a place for recreation from the earliest days. French, and later British and Amer-

ican, settlers used to delight in skimming and racing the frozen river in light sleighs pulled by ponies. Fishing was another favorite recreation.

Settlement picked up in the interior following the defeat of Chief Pontiac in 1763. The four branches of the river each drew settlers.

The Rouge had other uses as well. Two grist mills opened at the main forks of the Rouge in 1776, and others soon followed. By 1875 the river was the site of such companies as the Michigan Car Co., making railroad cars; and Detroit Glass Works.

But the most important development on the river was the Detroit Shipyard, built by the British just before the Revolutionary War. The shipyard continued in operation until after World War I.

During that war, the Eagle Boat Works built a small boat used to fight submarines. It was here, in 1917, that Henry Ford came home to work as well as live.

—Hugh Gallagher

he pointed out. "When I want any other kind of power in, I'll let you know how to do it."

Ford would establish a dozen other village plants with hydroelectric dams

in the Midwest. By 1939 they employed a peak of 2,460 making cigarette lighters, carburetors, horns and ignition coils.

Ford could bend managers and

workers to his will, but he couldn't conquer the sluggish Rouge.

The plants were built with much local fanfare, but one by one they were quietly abandoned as unprofitable. "Most are in use as antique shops and community centers, highway maintenance facilities, or for non-Ford manufacturing," wrote University of Michigan business historian David L. Lewis in *The Public Image of Henry Ford* (1976).

Ford Motor Co. eventually did expand to the suburbs, but in the giant plants along rail lines, as in Highland Park and Dearborn.

The Rouge was to have one final victory over Henry Ford.

He used a 14-foot dam to supply power to his Fair Lane home, now part of the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, to generate electricity through three-fourths of a mile of brass tubing and 135 miles of electrical conduit. Wrote Robert Lacey in *Ford: The Men and The Machine* (1986):

"Every bathroom had four taps yielding well-water and rainwater, both hot and cold, as well as nozzles which shot out hot air for hair-drying on command. The marble benches around the indoor swimming pool were continually warmed to comfort the posteriors of those who sat upon them, and the same heating pipes extended outside to prevent the 500 birdbaths scattered around the estate from freezing up in winter."

On April 6, 1947, Henry and Clara Ford returned from the warmth of Georgia to rainy Michigan. The Rouge rose to record levels, flooding out the power plant and forcing shutdown of the turbines. The next day, Henry Ford, who started his industrial career as an electrical engineer, died in a chilled home without electric power.

The Rouge has less than half the water flow of the Clinton River, which runs eastward from Pontiac across Macomb County, and one-third the flow of the Huron River, which starts near Pontiac and flows southwestward to Ann Arbor, then southeast to Lake Erie.

"The country around Detroit is uncommonly flat, and in none of the rivers is there sufficient fall to turn even a gristmill," said a 1796 observer. "An inconsiderable stream," sniffed a later business historian of the Rouge.

Yet the Rouge is a survivor. When Cadillac founded a French fort at Detroit in 1701, there were three rivers between the Clinton and Huron. The Savoyard, next to his Fort Ponchartrain, is an enclosed sewer. Parent's Creek, the east side stream which acquired the nickname "Bloody Run" after Pontiac's tribes massacred the British in 1763, was simply filled in.

Only the Rouge is left. And if Cadillac returned today, he still could find it and would recognize its sluggish, brown flow.

*Changing Currents:*  
Neighbors

# Residents on Rouge observe changes

BY BOB NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago this week, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers published a special supplement, similar to this one, called "Our River."

Among other stories, it visited a few people who lived along the Rouge to hear their opinions about, and experiences with, the river. We caught up with two of those same people to see how conditions have changed, if at all.

## Jon Heinrich, Southfield

Ten years ago, Jon Heinrich wondered if someday he might be able to stroll into his back yard with a fishing pole and catch his breakfast in the Rouge River.

"I haven't realized my dream," he said recently, but the past decade has brought tremendous improvements in several chronic problems: odor, appearance, and the frequency of flooding.

"When we moved here, the river looked like chocolate milk all the time," he said. The river bottom was covered in silt.

"Today, unless there has been some major runoff due to heavy rains, the river is very clean and you can see a natural sand and gravel bottom."

Odor was another big problem which he has seen lessen and ultimately disappear over the years he and his family have lived on their 3-acre river lot. Now, the air stays pure year-round.

Flooding was a third important



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

**Significant Improvements:** The Heinrich family in Southfield lives on a 3-acre river lot. Jon Heinrich has noticed a definite turnaround in his area of the river. From the street, the casual driver might not realize this wooded river site even exists.

issue, with many big logjams right behind his house.

"Back when we moved here, that thing would flood after any moderate rain," he recalled. "Today you have to have a major amount of water."

Heinrich has been active in the Southfield efforts to clean up the river for years, and still coordinates food for the volunteers.

"It really took 20 years to get the major jams out of that river in Southfield. That's how big a job it was," he said. Now, of course, the cleanups continue, but the job is nowhere near what it once was.

"There is no end. There's always

something that's going to fall in or wash down, but it's small stuff compared to what was there."

Heinrich has canoed part of the Southfield stretch and found it eye-opening: "You're in another world. You would have no idea that Eight Mile was up there." Lately he's noticed deer in his area for the first time.

"The satisfaction is tremendous. Here's a project we worked on all these years and we can really see results," he said. "You can see it, you can smell it, and it's there."

## Jim McCook, Beverly Hills

Jim McCook and wife Aldamarie moved to their own home on the river in 1979. Their back yard is a long slope down to river, and looks out onto a small island, with a village nature preserve across the river.

When they moved in, lots of logjams of one side of the island forced the river into an unnatural flow, and they heard stories about the river turning green by the end of summer.

"The water didn't run at all. It closed off the river," McCook said.

Things are much different today.

The McCooks broke up a lot of logjams and did a lot of cleaning. "It's flowed very well since," he said. "I really think the course of the river has changed since we broke the logjams up."

"We're not seeing the trash that was there when we arrived," Aldamarie McCook said. They found one tire last year, and a couple of trash cans need to be removed this spring. But for the most part, they have seen a big improvement in the trash flowing through the river.

However, Jim McCook added, one problem remains: "We haven't seen a decrease in the amount of cut logs."

Somewhere upstream of their area of the river, people keep cut wood too close to the river, the McCooks explained. When big rains come, the logs come washing downstream, and someone has to clean them out all over again.

McCook said some people seem to suffer from "a lack of interest in the environment and each other." He believes more education needs to be done, and in more than one arena: "It starts at home," he said. "They could reinforce it in the schools."

They're also concerned because retention basin construction last year drained some wetland areas near the river. This spring, the area is marshy once again, but they don't know whether the moisture will remain throughout summer.

In the meantime, the McCooks can enjoy their own nature sanctuary along the Rouge. They've seen woodchucks, pheasants, deer, and the occasional Baltimore oriole. Back when Jim McCook was feeding the raccoons regularly, he once had 40 of them visit at one time. A few years back an entire fox family frequented the back yard.

Sitting on a bench along the river, McCook told of watching red-tailed hawks soar around and herons nest in trees. Describing kingfishers, he said, "When they dive after something, they crash right into the water."

He watched a couple of Canada geese in some obscure, but noisy, dispute on the water and said, when sitting in an area like that: "You don't know civilization is here."



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**Freer flow:** Jim McCook spent a lot of energy years back restoring the true flow of the river behind his Beverly Hills home. The work continues, but the McCooks don't see the trash they once did.

## Changing Currents: Pollution

# Variety of sources contaminate river

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Rouge River runs all through Detroit and the suburbs, and many activities in those communities are helping to pollute it.

Pollution from many sources such as from lawns and roads and overflows from combined sewer systems wash into the river, especially in wet weather. Add to that the polluted sediments in and along the river, and the pollutants in the river begin to add up.

One might think wet weather would wash away pollution, but it's just the opposite; it makes the water quality even worse.

"Wet weather sources are the major issue in the Rouge watershed," said Vyto Kaunelis, director of the Division of Public Works, Department of Environment, for Wayne County.

### Testing methods

Sampling the river for pollution is a part of the National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. Pollutants sampled include bacteria, nutrients, total suspended solids, biochemical oxygen demand, and dissolved oxygen.

Sampling strategies are different for different problems, Kaunelis said.

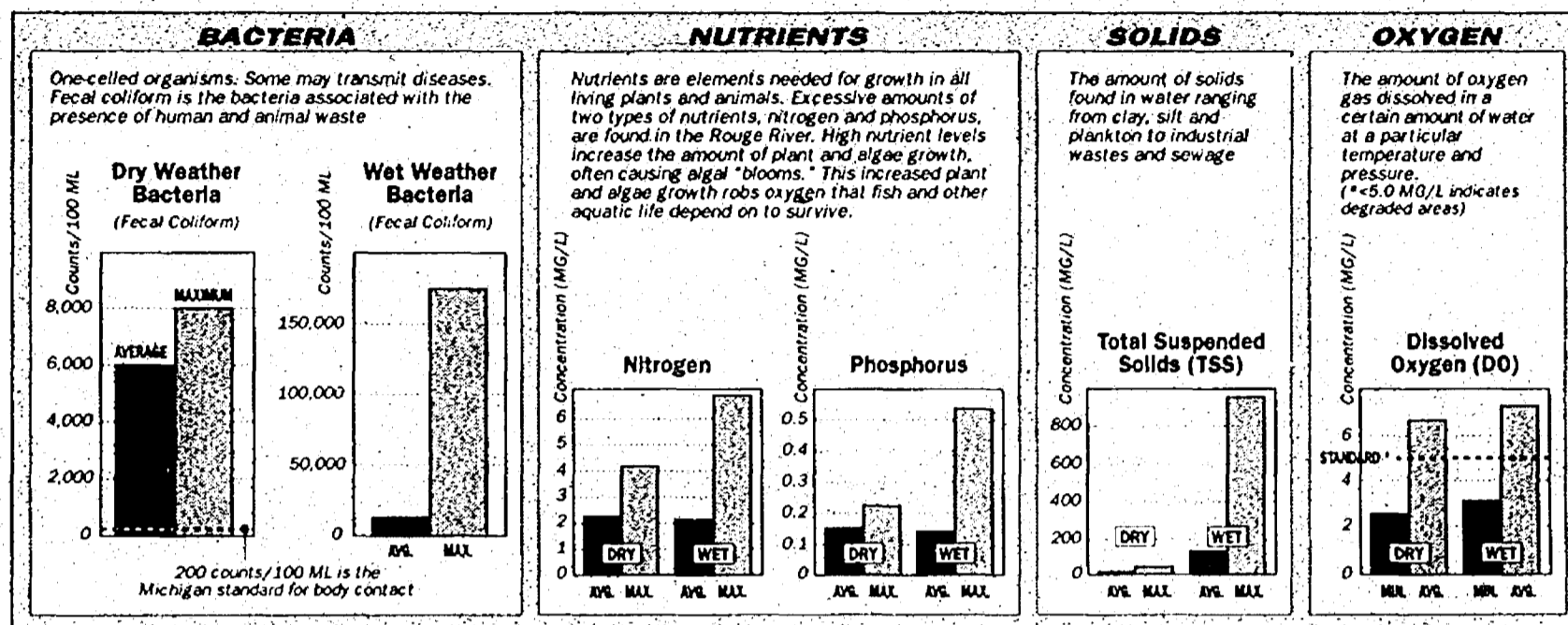
For example, when the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan began, experts knew dissolved oxygen would be an issue, Kaunelis said. Dissolved oxygen in the water is important, because if the oxygen level is at zero, everything in the water dies. Dissolved oxygen is monitored at the sites where meters have been set up to monitor continuously.

Bacteria is also an issue. Bacteria is monitored on a random sample basis. The Rouge River fails to meet water quality standards for bacteria throughout the river, according to a 1994 status report.

The sampling program was set up to establish base-line conditions, according to Lou Regenmorter, an environmental engineer and manager of the sampling program.

Sampling begins in April or May and continues until October or November. Sampling started in the fall of 1993 and was conducted all of the summer of 1994. It was scaled back to fewer sites, but was conducted all summer in 1995. It will continue in 1996.

The high cost of continuing many sampling sites has resulted in plans to



Source: Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project

scale back, Regenmorter said. For 1993-96, sampling has cost \$8.6 million, including the planning, collecting of samples, lab analysis, data handling and validation and entering results in the database.

To reduce the number of sites, sampling meters could be placed only at the mouth and lower ends of the

branches of the Lower, Middle and Upper Rouge, but then localized problems may not be picked up, Regenmorter said.

Sampling has found that storm water runoff and uncontrolled combined sewer overflows are major polluters. When many sewer systems were built, they had sewage and stormwater running in the same pipes; during rains, the pipes would fill and raw sewage would flow into the river.

Other pollution sources are contaminated sites and sediments.

Contaminated sediments include polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, toxic chemicals that have been found in Newburgh Lake from an old dumping system.

A study has found leaking septic tanks to be a significant source of pollution, particularly because of the bacteria, Kaunelis said.

Illicit or illegal connections to storm water systems add pollution to the river. Almost every community has some connection problems, he said.

Metals, such as mercury and lead, are monitored. Metals work their way up the food chain. Metals can be toxic to fish and can be toxic to those who eat the fish. Deposits on pavement,

such as from leaded gas, caused lead levels to rise in the Rouge. Mercury contamination is a problem everywhere, Regenmorter said.

"Atmospheric deposition," in which pollution can come from far away, as acid rain does, also pollutes the river. "That's not an easily controlled source," Kaunelis said.

### Testing results

Following are some results from the 1994 status report on the National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

•Overall, the bacteria levels are higher than the Michigan Department of Natural Resources standard of 200 counts per 100 milliliters of water.

During dry-weather conditions, the bacteria levels are high in the entire system, but especially in the Lower Rouge River. The sources include illicit connections, failed septic systems, dry-weather CSO discharges and waste from water fowl.

During wet-weather conditions, the bacteria levels increase further. The sources can also include CSO discharges and storm water runoff.

•Excessive amounts of two types of nutrients, nitrogen and phosphorus, are found in the river.

During dry weather, nutrients concentrations are high in the head waters and downstream ends of the Lower Rouge. The source is unknown, but could be CSO discharges and/or illicit connections.

High total nitrogen concentrations also occur on the upstream end of the Middle Rouge.

During wet weather, total nitrogen concentrations are high in the head waters and downstream end of the Lower Rouge, the head waters of the Middle Rouge and moderate concentrations are found in the Main Rouge below Five Mile Road.

During wet weather, phosphorus concentrations are raised in the entire system, from storm water and CSO discharges. The phosphorus levels appear to be sufficiently high to promote significant algal and plant growth in much of the river system.

•The amount of solids found in water, ranging from clay, silt and plankton to industrial wastes and sewage, can be high in both dry and wet weather conditions. High amounts of suspended solids reduce light penetration which inhibits the aquatic community and presents an aesthetic problem.

•Dissolved oxygen is the amount of oxygen gas dissolved in a certain amount of water at a particular temperature and pressure. The current dissolved oxygen concentrations cannot support an aquatic community in the lower end of each branch and the Main Rouge below Five Mile Road.

The 1994 sampling data analyzes each of the branches of the Rouge:

•The Lower Rouge has relatively high nutrient concentrations at both upstream and downstream segments of the system. Total suspended solids and bacteria values were high and dissolved oxygen levels were poor.

•In the Middle Rouge, high nutrient concentrations were observed at the upstream end of the system. The remainder of the Middle Rouge had little or no nutrients. Bacteria levels were high and dissolved oxygen levels low at the downstream end.

•In the Upper Rouge, relatively high concentrations of nutrients were observed at the downstream end. High bacteria and poor dissolved oxygen levels were also observed at the downstream end.

•The Main Rouge does not exhibit any areas at which the nutrient concentrations are unusually high. The head waters of the Main Rouge had high total suspended solid levels. Bacteria levels were high over much of the upper section. Dissolved oxygen concentrations were poor at the upstream end of the lower section.

As controls on combined sewer overflows come on line by the end of 1997, the sampling program will look at how effective they are, Kaunelis said.

Also this year, a clean business program and clean neighborhood program will begin to help stop more pollution.



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Gathering data: The Lower Rouge undergoes sampling at Newburgh Road in Wayne.

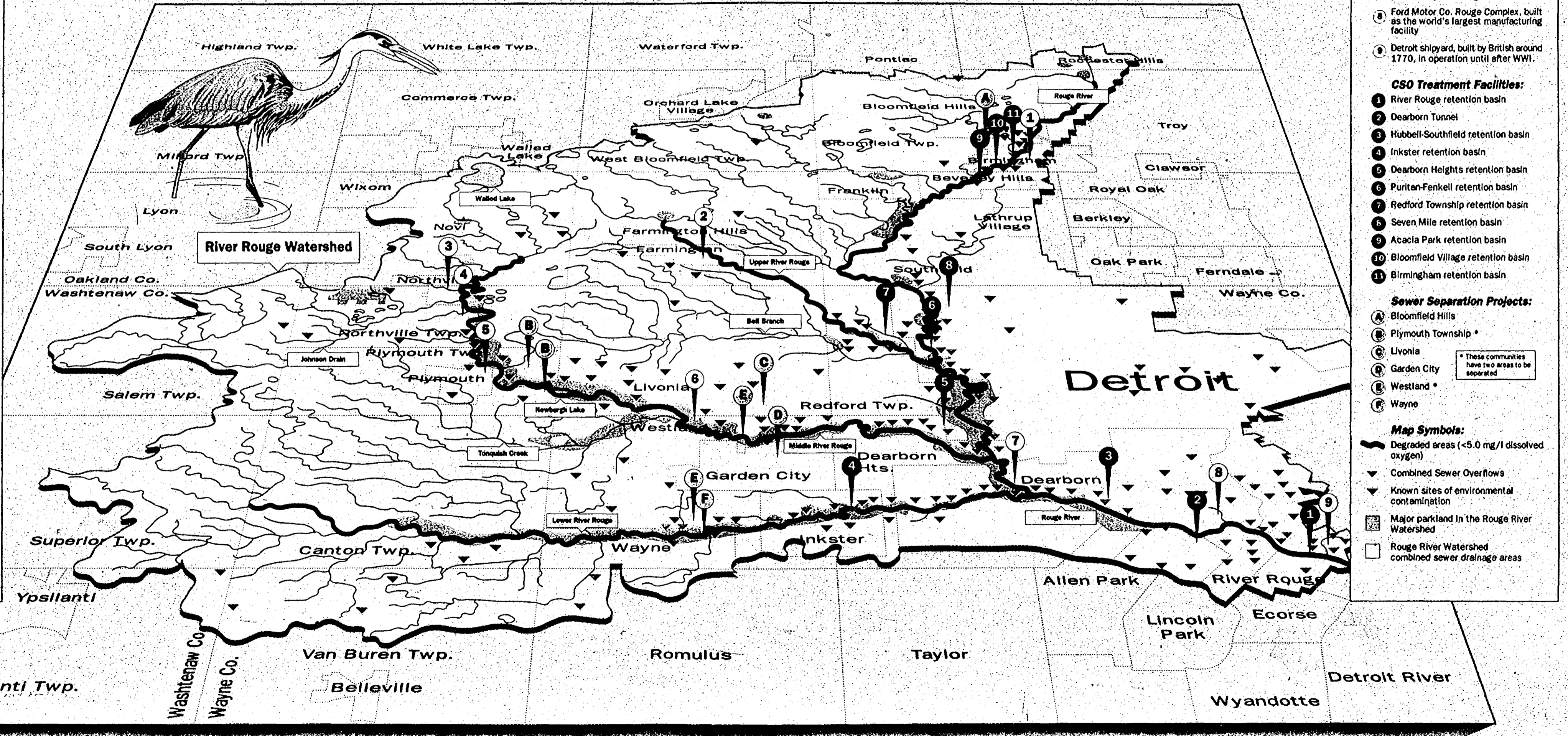
**T**he Rouge River Watershed — the area which drains into the river — covers about 438 square miles in Southeast Michigan, stretching from Rochester Hills, Wixom and Salem in its outer reaches to the city of River Rouge, where the Rouge and Detroit rivers meet on their way to Lake Erie. The watershed covers part or all of 48 different municipalities in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. More than 1.5 million people live within the watershed, with half its land considered urbanized and about a quarter considered undeveloped. The river itself runs for more than 126 miles and consists of four separate branches: the main, running through Birmingham, Southfield, and Detroit; the Upper, in Farmington, Livonia and Redford; the Middle, in Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, and Dearborn Heights; and the Lower, through Canton, Inkster and Dearborn.

With more than 50 miles of the Rouge flowing through public parks, it is one of the most accessible rivers in the state, and the watershed includes over 400 lakes, impoundments and ponds. The river has played a critical role in the development of this entire region, serving as a mode of travel and transport, a source of power, and a foundation for the communities in which we live today. However, the river itself is one of the most polluted in the state, much of the problem coming from overflows of combined storm and sanitary sewers. Many actions have been taken to address these problems, including government projects to end direct discharges of sewage into the river, separate combined sewers, and build retention basins to control overflows. Volunteers like the Friends of the Rouge provide crucial efforts to clean up problems, and private individuals are taking action to help heal the river as well. More work will continue to be done on all these fronts.

Source: Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, Rouge Remedial Action Plan, Observer & Eccentric research (for historical sites).

# Changing Currents

## Public effort restores the Rouge River



### Along the Rouge:

#### Historical sites:

- 1 Birmingham, settled circa 1829, early names included Piety Hill
- 2 Farmington, Quaker settlement beginning 1824
- 3 Northville Ford Plant, pioneer "village industry" plant of Henry Ford
- 4 Town of Waterford, important early settlement
- 5 Plymouth, settled beginning 1826 as Plymouth Corners
- 6 Nankin Mills, early mill site and Ford Plant; now Wayne County parks office
- 7 Fair Lane, the estate of Henry Ford, powered by the Rouge River
- 8 Ford Motor Co. Rouge Complex, built as the world's largest manufacturing facility
- 9 Detroit shipyard, built by British around 1770, in operation until after WWI.

#### CSO Treatment Facilities:

- 1 River Rouge retention basin
- 2 Dearborn Tunnel
- 3 Hubbell-Southfield retention basin
- 4 Inkster retention basin
- 5 Dearborn Heights retention basin
- 6 Puritan-Fenkell retention basin
- 7 Redford Township retention basin
- 8 Seven Mile retention basin
- 9 Acacia Park retention basin
- 10 Bloomfield Village retention basin
- 11 Birmingham retention basin

#### Sewer Separation Projects:

- A Bloomfield Hills
  - B Plymouth Township \*
  - C Livonia
  - D Garden City
  - E Westland \*
  - F Wayne
- \* These communities have two areas to be separated

#### Map Symbols:

- Degraded areas (<5.0 mg/l dissolved oxygen)
- ▼ Combined Sewer Overflows
- ▼ Known sites of environmental contamination
- ▨ Major parkland in the Rouge River Watershed
- Rouge River Watershed combined sewer drainage areas

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*Changing Currents:*  
Government

# Sewer projects address overflow

BY CASEY HANS  
STAFF WRITER

Whether coordinating multi-million-dollar sewer improvement projects, participating in regional water quality committees, or enforcing local laws to control the effects of development, government has been a major player in cleaning up the Rouge River.

Much of this involvement came from mandates in the federal Clean Water Act, and after approval in 1989 of the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan.

Since then, awareness by local government officials has increased and many are beginning to work together on these issues, said Cathy Bean, Rouge RAP coordinator for the state Department of Environmental Quality.

"It's getting better," she said. "I'm hearing more 'we want to do it,' that 'this would be a good thing to do.' I think the will is coming. They're starting to realize that people care about the river."

County officials agree. "Everybody's kind of embraced the idea that we're going to have to do something," said Vyto Kaunelis, director of the Wayne County Public Works Division-Environment Department.

## Multi-faceted plan

The RAP cleanup plan includes: separating and upgrading sanitary and storm sewers in 168 older communities in Wayne and Oakland counties to remove sewage which overflowed into the river during heavy rains; building retention basins to hold, treat and control the flow of sewer and storm water;

and dealing with storm water, industrial pollutants and leaking septic systems which also affect the river.

After some initial wrangling — a Birmingham project is still in court — construction is under way throughout Oakland and Wayne counties, including about \$307 million worth of projects funded partially through \$160 million in federal grant money. Other projects, such as one done in the city of Farmington in the early 1990s, were built with local bond money.

Retention structures are being built in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Dearborn Heights, Dearborn, Inkster, Redford Township, Detroit and River Rouge to hold, treat and control storm and sewer water releases. Sewer separation projects are under way in Plymouth Township and in the cities of

Garden City, Livonia, Wayne, Westland and the Bloomfield area. Some of these projects are already completed, with others slated to be done in 1997.

"I think these projects are right in line with where they need to be," said Wayne County's Kaunelis. "We have good, tight schedules, and everybody's working hard to meet those."

Although a number of combined sewer areas will remain in Detroit, Dearborn, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Redford in Wayne County when these projects are over, the areas left must be taken care of by 2005.

The projects being done in Oakland County should eliminate any overflow problems there, Kaunelis added.

Mike Duggan, deputy Wayne County executive, said that despite the millions in public money spent, most resi-

dents are unaware of the results.

"They don't really know what they're getting. What they're getting is a cleaner Rouge River," he said. "The benefit is that Hines Park is more usable; the Rouge River is more usable."

## One city's story

Livonia is one Rouge community involved with several projects, starting 10 years ago. The city did a sewer system-evaluation, and spent \$24 million (\$12 million of city money) to build an underground retention tank, a three-year project completed in 1992.

It is now working to stop storm overflows into the river and is, this year, focusing on six areas on the city's south side to separate older sewer systems and educate area residents about storm water, said Robert Beckley, director of public works for the city.

Government representatives also participate in the Rouge RAP Advisory Council. MDEQ's Bean said the RAP committee is forming alliances between groups and government. "I'm very happy with the participation I'm getting from members of the council," she said. "It's getting stronger, bigger."

Whatever government's role, those involved in the Rouge Project are pleased with the progress made and are encouraged about the future.

"The thing I find encouraging is that something's being done about it. That's encouraging to me," said Joe O'Brien, senior scientist. "Hopefully, it will start a movement that will grow ... and that will start to change things."



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**Construction site:** The Acacia Park retention basin, off Evergreen Road between 13 Mile and 14 Mile, comes together last fall.

# Next challenge: controlling storm water runoff

BY CASEY HANS  
STAFF WRITER

Despite costly efforts to improve old sewer systems and stop sewage from flowing into the Rouge River, cleanup organizers are now focused on pollutants from another source: storm water runoff.

They are now pushing into the next phase: finding the best ways to slow or eliminate storm water runoff which carries pollutants into the Rouge.

Most everyone involved with the topic agrees: The biggest issue will be time and cost to local communities, and whether they will be allowed to make their own decisions or be forced to treat storm water through a federal court order.

"The regulatory process never ends — it is becoming more and more complex and cumbersome," said Robert Beckley, director of the Public Services Division for the city of Livonia. "There is a fear of how much money it's going to take."

The court issue remains open-ended, as leaders of local communities continue to meet in federal court with U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens, who was involved with the regional permitting and combined sewer separation projects, and who has apparently taken an interest in the storm water issue.

## Storm water effects

Storm water runoff can carry soil and other pollutants into the river, which affects water quality, fish and wildlife habitats. "Soil erosion, if not controlled,

seriously destroys the river," said Cathy Bean, Rouge Remedial Action Plan coordinator for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. "It can choke the fish, cover their eggs."

Surges of storm water to the river also harm oxygen levels in the river and fish habitats, experts say.

One regional effort is a \$5 million funding of pilot projects in three sub-areas of the Rouge Watershed:

- The Middle 1 — includes Northville, Northville Township, Salem Township areas
- The Upper 2 — includes Livonia, Farmington, Redford, Farmington Hills areas
- The Middle 3 — includes Dearborn Heights, Garden City areas

These communities, or groups of them working together, have submitted proposals for pilot projects which will address "best management practices," or alternative ways to change the way surface storm water gets into the river. Awarding of the grants, about \$1 million each, will be judged on innovation and projects which provide lasting benefit.

Jim Murray, director of the Rouge Project and Wayne County's Department of the Environment, hopes to see municipalities cooperate on things like regional retention basins, incorporating wetlands construction, monitoring of siltation, and wildlife habitat projects. "I think that's a real opportunity here for communities to work together," he said.

"What you can do in a built-up urban area is different from what you can do in a green-field area," Joe O'Brien, senior scientist with the Rouge Pro-

ject, is coordinating the pilot project effort, and said the proposals are awaiting approval from Wayne County: "We hope to get them started this year."

## Education is key

Livonia's Beckley said his city is one of six communities which have proposed a sub-watershed project focused on pesticide application, fertilizing, sediment issues from street sweeping, road maintenance, and clean business practices. Some of the efforts will focus on city services, while others will be an education process for businesses and residents. Other communities involved are Redford, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Northville and Plymouth Township.

"In Livonia, we've got an Environmentally Friendly Business Program," he said. "It includes training and education and focusing in on good housekeeping and hoping to answer any questions business has. We'll then measure the effect on that."

## Development issues

O'Brien said the Rouge Project and Wayne County are also working on a draft of a storm water ordinance that local communities can consider using to help control storm water from new developments. Some of the ways to treat and retain storm water that might be adopted include: detention ponds (to pollutants to settle to the bottom before the water is slowly released); porous pavement which allows water to soak through; and natural or man-made wetlands, which hold and naturally cleanse water.

*Changing Currents:*  
Organizations

# Volunteer groups rescue the river

BY BILL COUTANT  
STAFF WRITER

What started as a high school science project has spawned an annual environmental "Woodstock" that pulls hundreds of people together throughout the Rouge River Watershed.

After some humble beginnings, cities, neighborhood associations and environmental groups make the pilgrimage to the river for the massive early June cleanup.

Little could Southfield biology teacher Jim Bugg know that a modest science project could have turned into something so massive. After one of his students pitched the idea on a limited scale, Bugg asked him, "Why not the whole river?"

But it took time to catch on.

"Back then (in 1971), there wasn't much of an environmental movement," said Steve Marshall, who first became involved as Southfield's parks and recreation superintendent. "There had been a few one-time cleanups for two or three years. And Redford had done one in 1970."

But appropriately, the role of education along with a continuing interest in several communities started to make the event an institution, and spawned the creation of the Friends of the Rouge, the organization that studies, teaches about and coordinates cleanups of the river.

"Southfield was the first city to get involved," said Friends of the Rouge Director Jim Graham. "When the kids first became involved, it was so bad that you could drive on trucks along the nine miles of the river that ran through Southfield."

It was so bad that it took a month for the first cleanup of the river in Southfield, Marshall said.

"After a couple of weekends, the volunteers started falling off," said Marshall, who now works in the city's planning office. "It took heavy cranes and construction equipment to clear the river."

And getting volunteers was a hard sell, he said.

"In the early years, people did not really know where the Rouge was," he said. "Some people thought of the Rouge Plant and envisioned a heavily polluted area."

But over time, several civic organizations became involved. Not only did organizations that one might suspect like the Detroit Audubon Society become involved, but others like the Dearborn chapter of the League of Women Voters began pitching in.

By 1986, there was a need for a formal organization to give structure to cleanup and education efforts. The Friends of the Rouge was established and the National Wet Weather Demon-

stration Project provided money to staff the group and pay for educational and research programs. The Friends has three full-time and two part time staffers.

The cleanup has gone from 12 sites and 1,000 volunteers to 30 sites and 2,500-3,000 volunteers since then, Graham said.

The focus of the Friends of the Rouge has expanded, too. The group is involved in stream bank stabilization, including work on a manual of ideas, and other needed improvements. And on May 9, more than 100 schools throughout the area participated in an annual Friends education project in which students conduct actual sampling of the river and share results.

Several companies have become involved as well, from Michigan Caterpillar in Novi, which provides volunteers and equipment, to Coca-Cola, Pepsi Cola and even sports equipment giant Fila, which provide soft drinks and other items to volunteers.

Farmington Hills, which is formally participating in its 11th Rouge Rescue, is one of several cities that donates equipment and workers for the event.

"We seem to have a core group of about 100 and we've had up to 300 people volunteer," said Jean Barrett of the Farmington Hills Department of Public Services. "A lot depends on the weather and on whether there is a media blitz."

Barrett said the heavy equipment is needed because of the amount of large trees and other natural debris. There is also a fair share of man-made clutter, including tires and shopping carts, to be removed.

"We have been fortunate that private property owners have been very helpful," she said. "We have a lunch, with banjo and guitar music. It becomes a real family event."

Several neighborhood associations have made the event a part of their calendar.

"This is the seventh year we've been involved," said Joyce Caudill of Lola Valley Park in Redford. "We walk the river three or four times to find a good site. The township gives us a couple of pieces of equipment and the staff to run it."

"I love it," she said. "Every year I get grubby, nasty and stinky. But it's a real feeling of accomplishment."

Members of the Brightmoor neighborhood in the Five Mile and Telegraph area of Detroit have been taking part for the past eight years. They'll be pitching in at the Eliza Howell Park again this year, said John Malynarczyk of Brightmoor Concerned Citizens.

"Last year we had a lot of kids participate," he said. "A private towing company provided a large tow truck."



FILE PHOTO

**Rouge Rescue '95:**  
A backhoe helps volunteers with the worst log-jams during a cleanup in Wayne County last year. Volunteers will tackle nearly 30 sites in the 1996 effort, scheduled for Saturday, June 1.

## Cleanup set for June 1

The annual Rouge Rescue is set for June 1. In all, there are nearly 30 Rouge Rescue '96 work sites this year. Here is a list:

- In Southfield, Beechwoods Park, Beech south of Nine Mile, (810) 354-4935.
- In Detroit, the sites are Bonnie Brook Golf Club on Telegraph at Eight Mile, (313) 544-2830; Berg-Lasher Community at Seven Mile and Shiawassee, (313) 531-3061; Billy Rogell Golf Course on Seven Mile at Berg, (313) 935-4354; Riverdale Park Community at Six Mile and Ridge, (313) 531-3061; Riverdale Park at Riverdale and Dehner, (313) 531-3061; Eliza Howell Park at Schoolcraft and Telegraph, (313) 533-5258; and Rouge Park at Spinoza between Plymouth and Joy, (313) 935-4354.
- In Dearborn, the sites are Ford Field at Rotunda east of Southfield, and Dearborn High, (313) 943-2180; and the University of Michigan-Dearborn at the Ford Fair Lane Estate off Evergreen, (313) 593-5338.
- In Melvindale, the site is at the ice arena near Allen and Greenfield, (313) 928-1201.
- In Farmington Hills at a site to be determined, (810) 473-9520.
- In West Bloomfield at the planning department, (810) 683-0876.
- In Livonia at Botsford Park on Lathers

north of Seven Mile, (313) 421-2000, extension 221.

- In Redford at Lola Valley Park, Lola at Beech Daly, (313) 534-5441.
- In Walled Lake at Mercer Beach on East Walled Lake Drive and Ferland, (810) 642-4849.
- In Novi at Rotary Park on Nine Mile west of Novi, (810) 347-0585.
- In Northville at the Northville Recreation Area, (810) 349-0203.
- In Plymouth Township at the Western Wayne Conservation Association, (313) 425-1685.
- In Plymouth at a site to be determined, (810) 453-1234, extension 229.
- In Westland the sites are the Holliday Nature Preserve, (313) 695-0288; Ann Arbor Road at Newburgh (Waste Management Inc.), (313) 462-6900; and Hines Drive at Ann Arbor Trail (City Management), (313) 923-3300.
- In Dearborn Heights at Hines Drive South of Wallaceville Drive.
- In Canton at Tonquish Creek, west of Lilley and south of Joy, (313) 453-7402, or 973-3582.
- In Wayne at Dynamite Park (313) 721-8600.

Marshall said the cleanup has come a long way, from a one-month ordeal down to a one-day event. But it's only been in the last few years that the river has been kept free-flowing.

"It took the first 20 years to get rid of decades of accumulation of debris," Marshall said. "We've set up a well-organized operation and we're an all-day cleanup. And we get a lot of volunteers from other areas, like Warren and Plymouth, who participate."

Cathy Bean, the Rouge Remedial Action Plan Coordinator with the state

Department of Environmental Quality, had high praise for the Friends of the Rouge and for neighborhood groups, like the Friends of the Mill Pond in Northville, that raise awareness of the river among officials and the public.

It's public pressure that has brought the Rouge restoration efforts this far, and public pressure that keeps the effort going, she said. "I'd really like to have more public participation, especially in my advisory council meetings."

"If they (the public) say, 'We want a clean Rouge,' then it's going to happen."

*W* Changing Currents:  
Individuals

# Everyone's actions can affect river

BY MARGARET O'BRIEN  
STAFF WRITER

If you've never been one to get all mucked up and haul cars and refrigerators out of the Rouge River during annual cleanups, no need to feel guilty.

You can do your share to clean up the Rouge in little ways each day. That is because everyone who lives and works in the Rouge Watershed area has an effect on the river.

Drain lines in communities along the Rouge from Bloomfield Township to Westland all empty into the river. So whatever gets put into them, gets put into the long-troubled, but rebounding, Rouge.

"All of us who live in the Rouge River Basin live on the banks of the Rouge River," James Ridgway, a coordinator for the federally funded Rouge Project cleanup and education effort, said. He emphasized that people need to realize that every pollutant dumped on the ground or in the water all over the Rouge Watershed will eventually find its way to the river.

Pollutants not dumped directly in drains often flow to the river as runoff after heavy rains. Federal grants and projects are beginning to address overflow problems, but only individuals can reduce the amount of toxic chemicals and pollutants that the rain collects.

"We have to help citizens under-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ROUGE PROGRAM OFFICE

**Aware of your surroundings:** Although this West Bloomfield neighborhood backs right up to the river, experts stress that everyone within the watershed can contribute to its health.

stand that they have been part of the problem," Wayne County Department of Environment Director James Murray said.

"They have to change their lawn-care fertilizing methods, disconnect downspouts, and discover different ways to dispose of hazardous waste,"

he said, adding that education will do the river as much good as the annual cleanup.

With regular mailings, articles and other communications the Rouge Project has been trying to teach people how to be better Rouge neighbors.

Here are some project recommendations about things you can do to help:

## Watch your fertilizer

When fertilizer gets into the river, plant and algae growth multiplies exponentially and causes the oxygen to get used up. That causes fish and other aquatic life to suffocate and die.

- If you live on the river, don't apply fertilizer within 50 feet of it.

- Don't spread fertilizer on paved surfaces like driveways sidewalks and roads. The rain will wash it into the river.

- Make sure you are only using as much fertilizer as you need. Apply small amounts frequently rather than large applications twice a year.

- Use a fertilizer that is at least 25 percent nitrogen in slow-release or water-soluble form.

## Proper yard care

Leaves and grass clippings also affect oxygen levels in the river. Proper disposal of them is important.

- Make sure leaves don't wash into storm drains.

- Don't dump leaves or grass clippings into the river.

- Sweep leaves away from storm drain openings, curbs, sidewalks, driveways and other paved areas; then compost them. If you must bag leaves, the project recommends that you check with your community for special curbside pickups.

## Car maintenance harm

People who take care of basic car maintenance at home — such as

changing oil, antifreeze and batteries — need to be careful of how they dispose of these items.

- Check your car regularly. If you find any leaks in these systems, get them repaired. Oil and antifreeze puddles left in parking lots and driveways are easily carried into the river.

- Make sure you don't dispose of oil, batteries, transmission fluid, brake fluid and gasoline in drains or in the garbage. Oil can be taken to many service stations for disposal, and most communities hold regular hazardous-waste disposal days throughout the year for these and other items.

## Around the house

Homes are filled with dozens of toxic or hazardous chemicals that should never be dumped down drains, on the ground, down the toilet or in street storm drains.

- In the house: Solvent-based glue, varnish, oil-based paint, primer, paint thinner, mothballs, nail polish and remover, turpentine, photographic chemicals, furniture polish and insect sprays.

- In the garage: Herbicides, fungicides and swimming pool acid.

Ridgway said all household hazardous waste products should be used as sparingly as possible. People should only buy as much as they need or pass the remainder on to someone else to use.

With controls on the levels of these chemicals in combination with continued cleanups to keep the river flowing, Ridgway said, the Rouge will be able to regain its health and become a place to swim, fish and boat along its entire length once again.

## Wayne County requests: Please don't feed geese

Unfortunately, one way individuals sometimes harm the river is also a way in which they enjoy it: feeding the abundant waterfowl.

Geese and ducks grow accustomed to getting fed by humans in various areas along the Rouge River, and naturally, the birds leave droppings behind. Officials now realize that those droppings provide a significant contribution to the pollution in the river.

So one of the best things individuals can do for the river's health is to stop feeding the birds. Northville discourages feeding at its downtown park site, and Wayne County this year plans to begin an enforcement program to stop the feeding in Hines Park.

Dan Navarre, deputy director of the Wayne County Division of Parks, said that environmental and health officials from the county and the state all agree that geese and ducks contribute significantly to pollution counts.

"We really have to start taking

steps to not encourage the gathering of large flocks of geese in the Rouge," Navarre said. "It's a health hazard."

The county already prohibits feeding under an ordinance, but that has not been a priority for enforcement. That's going to change, although the county does not plan a hard-nosed approach.

"We need to get the word out," said Hurley Coleman, director of the Wayne County Division of Parks. The county plans a wide-ranging program of new signs and brochures explaining the problem and the ordinance. Parks officials will approach people feeding the birds and talk to them, and give them a brochure. Warnings may follow.

Coleman described this as a first step, in the hope that people will readily understand the situation and agree to cooperate. If the feeding persists, however, additional measures may be required.

— Bob Needham

## Changing Currents: Wildlife

# Rouge home to wildlife

BY BOB NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Although much of the Rouge River watershed, with its built-up nature, provides little support for wildlife habitat, some areas offer a surprising diversity.

The Rouge flows through the natural area at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, a 72-acre preserve which adjoins an additional 250 acres owned by Wayne County.

Rick Simek, supervisor of natural areas for UM-D, said the area he oversees in particular, and the Rouge in general, supports a considerable variety of wildlife.

"The natural area here is what I would call a surprising area," he said. It is home to both red and gray foxes, and among his more exciting sightings are a gray fox right along Fairlane Drive. "The gray is generally the more uncommon of the two," he said. "Here was one in the middle of Dearborn."

The university sponsors a variety of public programs in the natural area — call (313) 593-5338 for information — and once a southern flying squirrel swooped right over the heads of one group, Simek said. Red bats and big brown bats are other sightings.

The natural area supports a wide diversity of animals because it includes several different types of habitats, Simek said, including "a really nice floodplain forest," a climax beech-maple forest, and a small lake.

"There's so much out there ... There's always something interesting to experience here."

Julie Craves, supervisor of avian research at UM-D, recently completed a book on the birds of Dearborn. They number around 170-175 over the course of a single calendar year, with around 135 returning every year.

"I think it really astounds people that there are that many in an urban area like that," she said.

Describing the UM-D/county preserve as "one of the largest green areas left in the Detroit metropolitan area," Craves said the site is important as a stopover for migrating birds heading farther north. "Birds need a place every day to stop along a migratory route," she said.

The area hosts a wide variety of warblers every year. Among the "accidental" species sighted — those which aren't generally expected in a given region — have been a Virginia's warbler, native to the Utah-Arizona area, and a Townsend's warbler, in its only reported Michigan sighting.

"We're looking to expand our hori-

Here is just a small sampling of wildlife which local naturalists and environmental officials have observed in the Rouge River watershed in recent years:

### PLANTS

- White and red trillium
- Bloodroot
- Adder's-tongue
- Wild iris
- Lady's-slipper
- Trout lily
- Jack-in-the-pulpit

### MAMMALS

- Deer
- Gray and red fox
- Mink
- Muskrat
- Southern flying squirrel
- Badger
- Coyote

### REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

- Painted turtle
- Snapping turtle
- Blanding's turtle
- Bullfrog
- Green frog
- Red-backed salamander

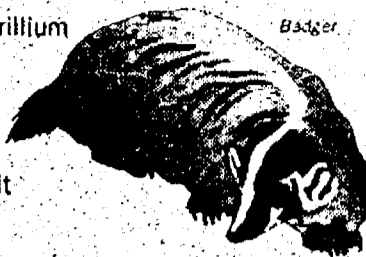
### FISH

- Largemouth, smallmouth, rock bass
- Green sunfish
- Panfish
- Crappie
- Perch
- Creek chub
- Northern pike

### BIRDS

- Egret
- Wood duck
- Great blue heron
- Green heron
- Kingfisher
- Cooper's hawk
- Scarlet tanager

Sources: Cathy Bean, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; Joe Derek, city of Farmington Hills; Jennifer Beam, Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Rick Simek and Julie Craves, University of Michigan-Dearborn; Timothy Nowicki, Independence Oaks Nature Center.



Badger

Jack-in-the-pulpit



Painted turtle



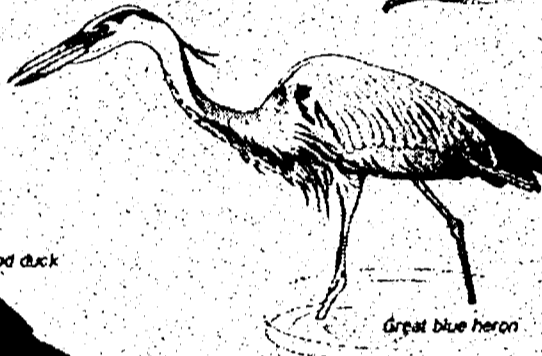
Red-backed salamander



Green frog



Largemouth bass



Great blue heron



Wood duck

TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

zons along the river," she said, with bluebird monitoring efforts at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills and the Sheldon Road Ford Plant in Plymouth Township.

Simek said the area also hosts "a lot of really nice spring wildflowers," including trout lily, jack-in-the-pulpit, and both white and red trillium. "It's really a nice variety."

Cathy Bean, coordinator of the Rouge Remedial Action plan, said, "There's a wide diversity of plants ... They're all there; it's just they're in tiny little pockets."

Tim Nowicki, a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in northern Oakland County, also enjoys the wildflowers along the Rouge River near his home in Livonia.

"The floodplain is a pretty rich area. The soil is pretty conducive to growing," he said.

Bell Creek, a tributary, runs through his subdivision. Sightings in the area include fox, wood ducks and bats. "There's a respectable amount" of wildlife for viewing, he said.

Deer are common throughout the Rouge watershed, even in some relatively built-up areas, several people said. Joe Derek, naturalist for the city of Farmington Hills, explained that deer follow the river as a trail:

"They use it as a travel way. They follow a watercourse," he said. "That's how you get deer at Eight Mile and Telegraph."

He added, "A lot of mink are around,

although people don't realize it."

Derek lives along a Rouge tributary, and has been pleasantly surprised by the wildlife in his back yard: "There's some huge, old snapping turtles in the Rouge ... We're losing frogs worldwide, but in my area I've seen bullfrogs and green frogs ... and toads."

He also mentioned the redbreast dace, a threatened species found in the upper reaches of the Upper Rouge.

Bean said the success of some fish species provides encouragement for progress made, and for the future. "The salmon in the Lower Rouge are spawning there," she said. "Signs like that make you feel like something is happening here." And the fish support other animals, of course: She's watched an osprey swoop to grab dinner in Nankin Lake.

A wildlife habitat subcommittee of the RAP Advisory Council is working on a survey, and a fisheries assessment through Wayne County aims to project possible future fisheries.

"What's really hurting the wildlife is the habitat destruction," she said. "(Animals) like to move up and down the river."

It will take public effort to ensure that remaining habitats stay healthy, she said, offering Northville Township as just one specific example of a municipality that keeps habitat in mind when making development decisions.

"We need communities to take a stand," she said.

# Dredging to improve area lake

BY BOB NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

The quality of Livonia's Newburgh Lake as a wildlife habitat will improve dramatically if plans to dredge the lake work out as expected.

Although dredging the lake — primarily to remove PCBs from sediment in the lake bottom — has been talked about for years, Deputy Wayne County Executive Michael Duggan said the project will definitely start in 1997.

"It is a very popular fishing spot. In the relatively near future it's going to be dramatically different," he said.

The state is currently cleaning up the Evans Products site above the lake to remove contamination by PCBs, a toxic chemical. That work needs to be completed first, Duggan said.

The county, meanwhile, is repairing the gate on the Newburgh Lake dam, which controls the water flow. In the spring of 1997, workers will drain the lake, then excavate sediment.

"The first several inches (of sediment) will be contaminated," he explained. According to plans for the work, disposal of the contaminated sediment will take place in different approved landfills, depending on the degree of contamination. Uncontaminated sediment will go toward development of shoal areas along the shore and Holcomb's Island to improve the habitat for aquatic plants and to improve aesthetics.

The county expects to remove about 390,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment and about 230,000 yards of noncontaminated material.

While the lake is drained, Duggan added, the county will change the slope of the dam. Right now, the slope creates dangerous currents.

"That's something we've been really concerned about," Duggan said. "It (changing the slope) will eliminate the undertow, we believe ... This year, people ought not to be anywhere near that dam in the water."

The fish in the lake — which now carry no-consumption advisories due to contamination — will be killed. After that, the lake will be restocked with healthy fish, said Jennifer Beam, a fisheries management biologist in the state Department of Natural Resources' Southeast Michigan office.

"We'll basically be starting over in that system," she said. "Then we can hope to get some fish that you can actually take home with you ... That (Newburgh dredging and possibly work upstream) would remove one of our bigger consumption advisories."

Current plans call for the entire project to be finished by late 1998. Funding comes from a U.S. EPA grant.

*Changing Currents:*  
Recreation

# River offers relaxation, enjoyment

BY BOB NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Talk to a few people about recreational opportunities on the Rouge River — whether it's canoeing, fishing or just walking around in nature — and a theme quickly develops:

"It's like you're Up North."

Even though the Rouge may never quite become another Big Two-Hearted River, it already offers a wealth of recreational opportunities very similar to those which some downstaters are accustomed to driving great distances to reach. On some stretches of the river, it's common to hear people say the scenery looks very similar to something you'd find in much more rural areas. And new recreational opportunities arise almost constantly.

"We're trying to get water recreation back as part of a family experience in Wayne County," Deputy County Executive Mike Duggan said. "Several years of improvements have come together, and we are making the river more usable year by year."

## Canoeing and boating

Last fall, the Wayne County Division of Parks returned canoeing to the Rouge River with the opening of a livery. The route runs for 3 nautical miles between Newburgh and Nankin lakes. The introduction went well, Parks Director Hurley Coleman said.

"We only opened for four weekends (last year). We thought the response we got for that period of time was incredible," he said. This year the county will offer a full season; even in midsummer, this stretch of the river remains deep enough to canoe.

"We think there's going to be a great, great response to this," Coleman said. "It's a beautiful trip. Everybody that gets finished says, 'I can't believe this is Wayne County.'"

The trip — through a clean area of the Middle Rouge — takes between 1 and 1.5 hours. "Everybody thinks they're up north," county parks Manager of Design Nancy Darga said.

Deputy Parks Director Dan Navarre said the county holds ambitious plans for canoeing in the future.

"Our goal is to one day have the whole Rouge canoeable," he said, except for the shallow upper reaches.

Duggan said the stretch of the river from Newburgh Lake to Farmington Road is considered OK for body contact, and from Farmington to Merriman is almost there. The county monitors conditions and makes adjustments as needed; the concession closed one weekend last fall due to a sewage overflow.

"If we err, we're going to err on the side of protecting people," Duggan said.

Within a year or so the county expects to add the stretch of river from Ann Arbor Trail to Merriman road; canoeists could do one or the other, or both.

"By the year 2000 you'll be able to go to Inkster Road," Duggan projected. By 1998 he hopes to see a canoe concession on the Lower Rouge as well.

The county's paddleboat concession has also returned for a full season. Duggan said that part of the goal is to provide a chance for families to enjoy locally the type of fun activity that would otherwise require a long drive and an all-day commitment.

For information on these programs call 261-1990.

In addition to the canoe and paddleboat concessions, a \$5 boating sticker permits use of the public boat launch on Newburgh Lake at Sumac Point, west of the sheriff's mini-station. Navarre even looks ahead to the day when the Rouge might offer things like sculling and kayaking.

## Fishing

The Rouge River now hosts several fishing derbies, in which game fish — generally trout — are stocked for a special one-day event. As these events increase



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

## Derby day: Edward Shambin Sr. and son Edward Jr., 10, fish in Farmington.

in popularity, the idea of using the Rouge as a viable season-long fishery gets more attention as well.

Wayne County will host its inaugural fishing derby in Hines Park May 18 — call (313) 261-1990 for information — and the Farmington area hosted its third annual event April 27. The city of Southfield has sponsored Rouge derbies for more than a decade.

Jef Farland, Southfield director of parks and recreation, said the city marked its 12th annual fishing derby May 4. The state Department of Natural Resources stocks the river, and the event is entirely free; not even a fishing license required, for that event only. The derby takes place along a 1-mile river stretch at Civic Center Drive just east of Telegraph.

The first derby at McDonald Towers senior center drew about 50-100 fishers. "Now we're pushing 500 people," Farland said.

A habitat restoration project in conjunction with the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, DNR, and Michigan State University made a big difference.

"The muddy sediment that was there ... is no longer the case," Farland said. "That, I think, is the key: bringing back the quality of the water so the fish can survive."

With the restoration, the water stays cooler, and some spring-planted fish stick around until August, Farland said. Some DNR-planted smallmouth bass have made it from Southfield into the Detroit River, he added.

On a longer-term basis, the DNR in 1992 began a

program of annual brown trout plantings in the Johnson Drain, a Middle Rouge tributary flowing through Salem, Plymouth and Northville townships. Liz Hay, a river ecosystem biologist with the DNR fisheries division, said results have been decent.

"The original goal was to have a self-sustaining brown trout fishery," she said. Going in, there were several issues which could prevent that goal.

Food supply has proven adequate, and summer temperatures cool enough. Winters, however, sometimes cause a problem — for example, when the bottom of the river ices up. And whether the drain can act as a spawning ground is doubtful, Hay said.

"The winter's very hard on them in there," she said. "It's extremely difficult for any fish species to cope with."

Meanwhile, though, as long as the plantings continue, the Johnson Drain offers a nice fishing opportunity, and Hay regularly sees anglers at road crossings and in Fish Hatchery Park in Northville.

Unlike most fish caught in the Rouge, the Johnson Drain trout carry no warnings against consumption.

"They are just fine," Hay said. "They should be as healthy as anything can be in this day and age."

Jennifer Beam, a fisheries management biologist at the DNR's Southeast Michigan Office, is in the process of writing a Rouge watershed assessment, due out for public review this fall.

"There's obviously been a lot of work on the Rouge," she said, but most of the river still carries warnings against eating fish due to contamination.

The annual DNR fishing guide details consumption advisories. Many fish carry no-consumption warnings, but some limited consumption, of some fish, in some areas, is allowed.

Even though anglers can't eat much Rouge fish — yet — "what you can catch, is a lot of fish," Beam said. "We found a really good fish population in Newburgh Lake," including bass, panfish, and pike.

Work planned or under way at various sites offers considerable hope to relax or lift the consumption advisories in the near future, she said.

## Other uses

Sometimes people wonder about the feasibility of someday swimming in the Rouge without worrying about health concerns. Wayne County's Coleman is determined to make it happen.

"We don't know where, we don't know how, but our goal is to create swimming in the Rouge River area. Based on the water quality in the river, that's not feasible in the near future," he said.

"We think the river is a valuable recreational resource," he added, to be used many different ways.

One of those is ice skating, which the county brought back to Wilcox Pond in Plymouth last year. Coleman would like to continue and expand that program, maybe to include outdoor hockey.

Nancy Darga has lately been working on the new Inkster Valley Golf Course — which Coleman described as one of the most environmentally friendly ever built — along the Lower Rouge. Its innovative design keeps the river as a high priority.

"I think it's going to transform the whole feel of the river down there," Darga said.

She also mentioned the county's ongoing bike path project along the river, now totaling 17 miles. "It's a river way as well as a bike way," she said.

In Southfield, Farland said, the Valley Woods Trail was recently completed, running from Civic Center Drive south to I-696. It includes a bridge, fishing stations, and a handicap-accessible trail.

Darga also mentioned the river as an attraction for people who simply like to sit and watch it. New water pumps for aeration offer a nice focal point.

"Just the smallest little improvements have the most astonishing effects on the public," she said.

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other key personnel moves within the suburban real estate community. Send a brief biographical summary—including the towns of residence and employment and a black and white photo if desired—to: Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279

### Yaeger joins RE/MAX



Christina Yaeger

Christina Yaeger has joined the real estate office of RE/MAX Executive Properties in Farmington Hills as a sales associate.

She will concentrate on residential real estate in western Oakland County and eastern Livingston County.

Prior to joining RE/MAX, Yaeger was affiliated with Network Real Estate. Before switching careers, she was a systems manager for a telecommunications company.

### Bogos promoted



Tom Bogos

Tom Bogos, a Novi resident, has been promoted to assistant sales manager for the Michigan Group Livonia office.

"Bogos has been a high achieving real estate sales consultant since 1989 and in that time has demonstrated leadership qualities that made this promotion a natural step," said Mike Workman, sales manager.

### Stowell joins ERA



Laurie Stowell

Laurie Stowell has joined the staff of ERA Rymal Symes Realtors in South Lyon. She brings 18 years of professional experience.

"It was important to me to be associated with true professionals who share a commitment of providing excellence in attention to detail and genuine concern for the needs of their customers and clients," Stowell said.

### Associates named

Steve Patterson of Farmington Hills, Sandra Taylor of Wayne and Genevieve Patterson of Northville have joined Century 21 Row in Livonia as sales associates.



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# REAL ESTATE

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Yes you can: A homebuying fair this Saturday is designed to encourage and educate people on how to purchase that starter home.

## Fair shows how to realize housing dream

■ Some people have nagging doubts about buying a house. Fears based on lack of information can be paralyzing. An informational fair this Saturday could get you in the purchasing mode.

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Perception is reality for many people, even though impressions are sometimes formed without the facts.

A case in point. Some folks may conclude that they can't buy a house because they don't have enough cash for a down payment, their jobs don't pay enough to make monthly payments or their credit history will disqualify them.

Maybe yes. But probably not. That's the thinking of organizers for the third annual Detroit Metro Homebuyers Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday at the University of Detroit Mercy, McNichols (Six Mile) and Livernois.

The fair, sponsored by the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the Urban Bankers Forum, is free.

"Basically, what we're trying to do is turn renters into home buyers," said Patricia J. Thornton, a senior underwriter at John Adams Mortgage Co. in

Farmington Hills and publicity chairperson for the event.

"You've got a lot of people who don't know what the mortgage process is about," Thornton said. "They're afraid they don't have enough money to buy, their income isn't enough. They have questions about credit."

"We're trying to target low to moderate income homebuyers, generally people who make under \$45,000, \$50,000 family household income," Thornton said. "If you pay \$400 to \$500 to rent, you can own a \$50,000 house."

Nearly 60 vendors, mostly mortgage lenders but also firms that sell real estate and homeowner's and title insurance, will set up booths in Calihan Hall.

Informational classes - what to look for when buying a house, how to save money and qualify for a mortgage, fair housing/lending, how to establish good credit, and obscure but affordable mortgage programs - will run concurrently at 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

"It's not a Detroit need, it's a southeastern Michigan need," Michael Lubig, chief lending officer at Standard Federal Bank headquartered in Troy and president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan, said of the fair.

"Last year, we drew people from Pontiac, Oak Park, Southfield and Inkster," he said. "Maybe somebody

"A lot of energy is being extended across this country to promote home ownership, which is consistent with the American dream."

Thomas Cronin  
Chairman MCA Mortgage

will read about this in your newspaper from Redford and want to come. Garden City."

"It's designed to cover practically everyone," Lubig said. "For example, there's an FHA program where they can get you into a house for no money down and conventional programs with as little as 3 percent down."

"Traditional underwriting has gone out the window in the last few years," said Thomas P. Cronin, chairman of MCA Mortgage in Southfield and general chairman of the fair. "Anyone could benefit from spending an hour or two at something like this."

And how should visitors approach the experience?

"Basically, they should spend their time in the classroom," Cronin said. "Questions they don't get answered, they can bring them to the hall where the exhibitors are."

DeLois Kirkland, broker/manager of a Real Estate One office in Detroit, has been on hand for each of the first two homebuying fairs.

"Last year, I think we had five buyers and 10 houses to sell, listings, as a

result of attending," she said.

"This fair can be very personal or very non-personal," Kirkland added. "Pick up as much information as you can. Meet everyone you can. Eventually, you will meet someone you are comfortable with and buy a house."

That's the ultimate goal.

"Everyone knows ownership is better for a community and neighborhood than tenancy," Cronin said.

"I can take you down a street and, without knowing who lives there, can show you which ones are owner occupied and which ones are tenants. People tend to take better care of what they own."

"For most Americans, investment in a house represents the core of their net worth," Cronin said. "A lot of energy is being extended across this country to promote home ownership, which is consistent with the American dream."

Upwards of 2,500 attended each of the first two homebuying fairs, organizers reported.

## What are prospects for Petoskey resort?

### REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: I have read with interest about a major project going on in the Petoskey area which includes condominiums and marinas. I am thinking about it as full-time housing. Do you have any concerns?

A: I have been approached by several clients who have an interest in purchasing in the project about which I believe you have made inquiry. Certainly, it is necessary, as in the case of any other purchase, to fully examine the respective agreements, condominium documents, as well as the overall development in making a business decision. It appears that the prospect of a successful development is strong but it is important to be cautious with respect to any substantial purchase. Incumbent with that is a necessity to read all of the accompanying documents and to be familiar with the potential risks incumbent with any such development.

Q: I own a lot on a lake and our neighbor for a number of years drove his tractor in and out of

his property by driving partially on a section of our property. We did not object to this since the roadwork he was doing befitted all of the neighbors on the road and part of the access was on my neighbor's property in order to get our boats into the lake. Since that time, two owners after him have taken into accessing their property by driving on the same portion of our property with their cars as a driveway.

This has been going on for about five years. We have recently had a survey done and find that their driveway is about half on our property and half on theirs. Access to their property, without using ours, would be very difficult because of a very sharp drop off and heavy growth of trees in that section.

The most recent owners have even done a small amount of excavation which was done on our property to maintain the width of the driveway. We wonder if we will have problems later on should we decide to take the property back for our own use.

A: Again, it is difficult to answer your question which involves questions of potential adverse possession or, more realistically, a prescriptive easement

which is created if in fact the use and enjoyments of the premises, in order to gain access to another property, is for a certain number of years without interruption.

It is clear, however, that you should look into the matter at this time so as to assert your rights and/or know what your rights and obligations are as it relates to your adjacent property owner.

It may be that you are able to work out an arrangement whereby there is a joint use of the driveway by way of the granting of easements to each other so as to avoid any boundary disputes in the future. In any event, you should consult an attorney to assist you in this matter as soon as possible.

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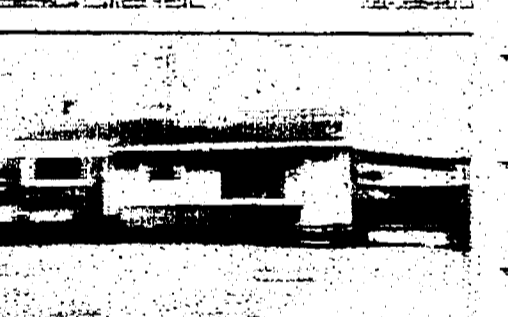
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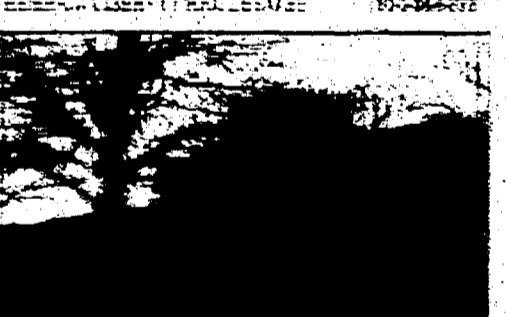
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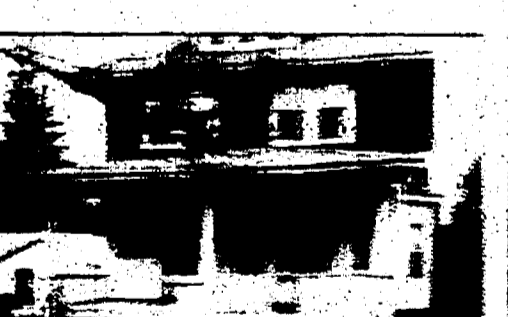
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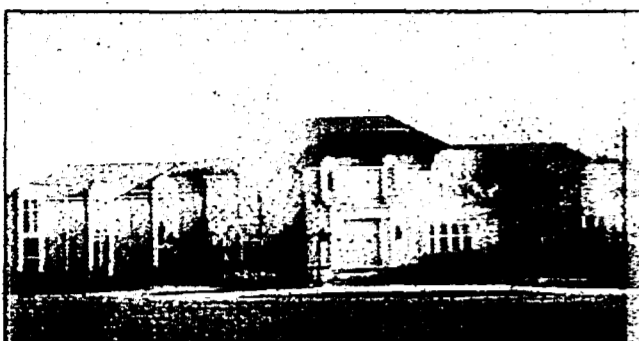
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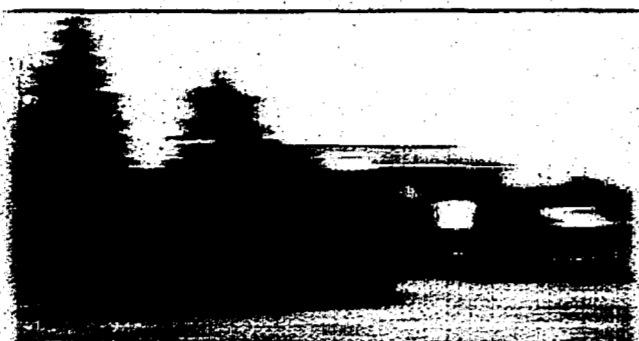


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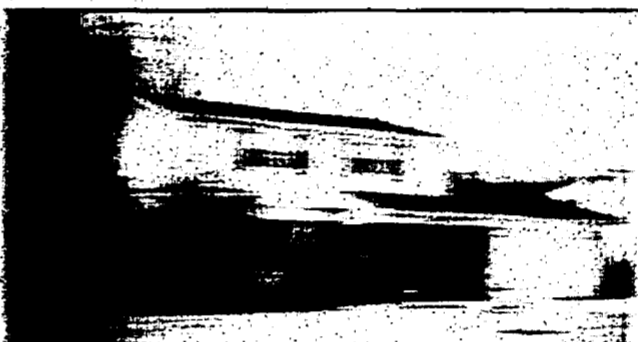
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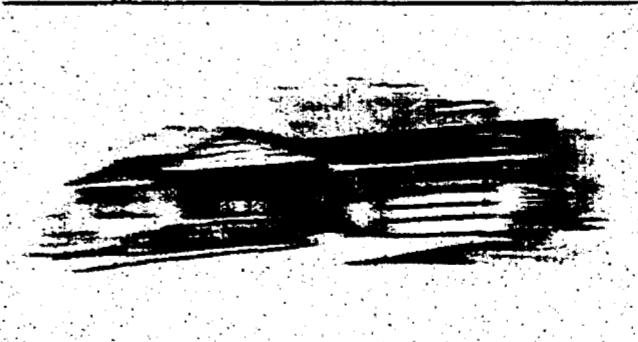
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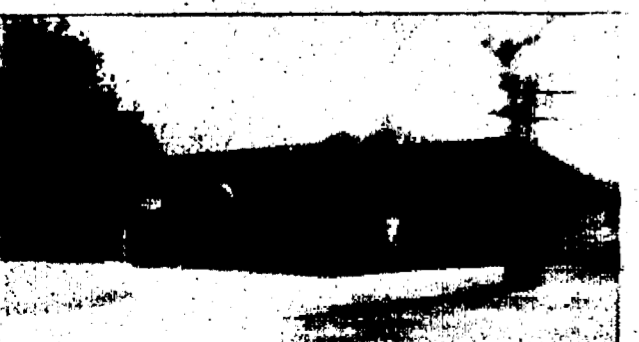
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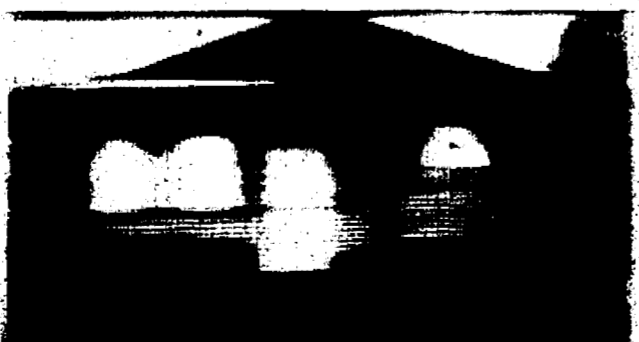
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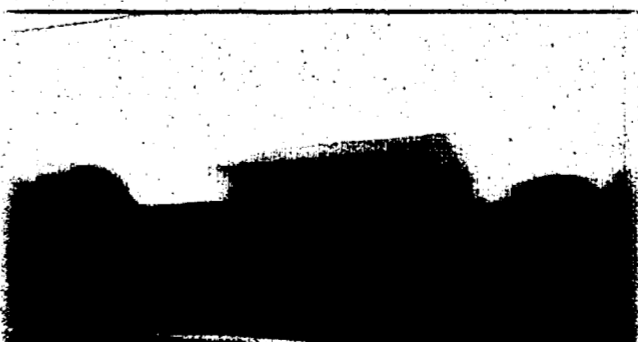
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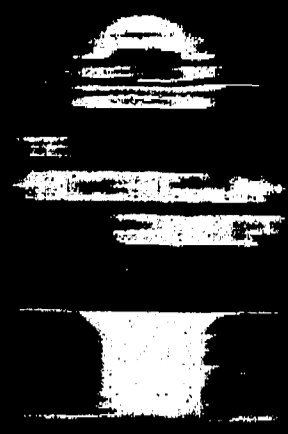


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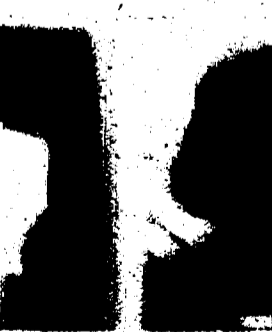
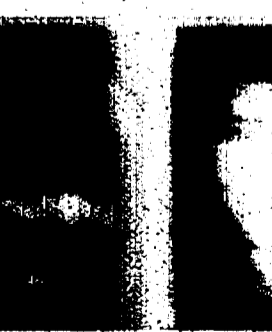
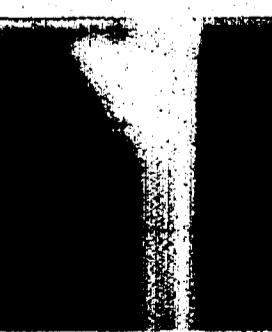
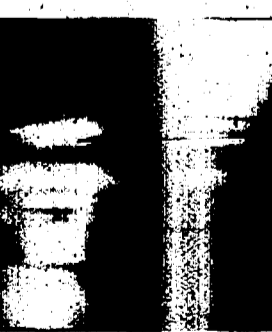
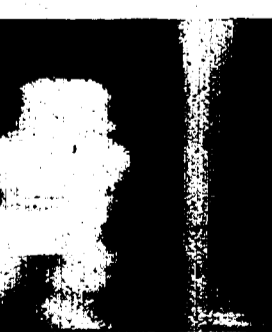
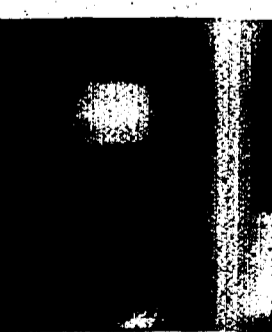
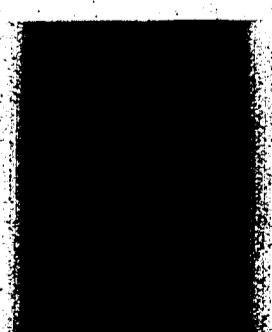
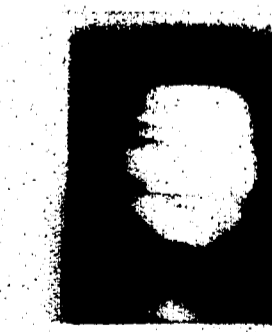
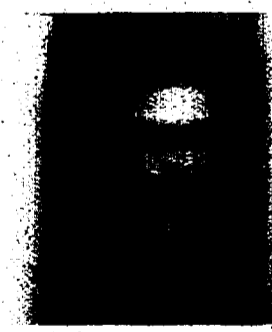
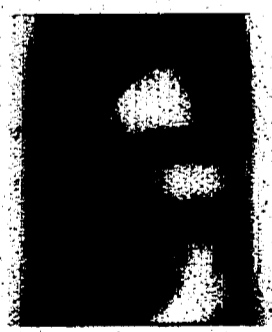
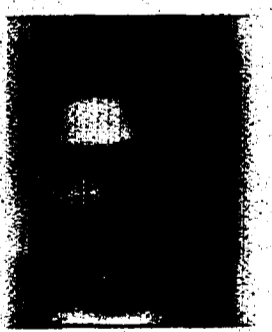
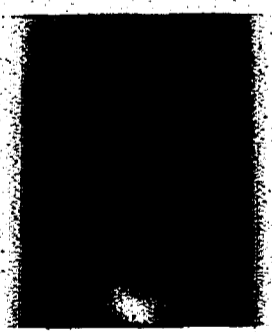
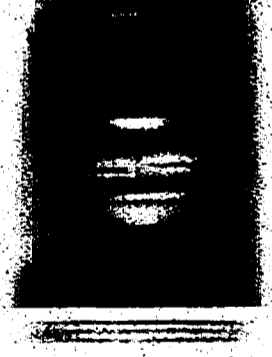
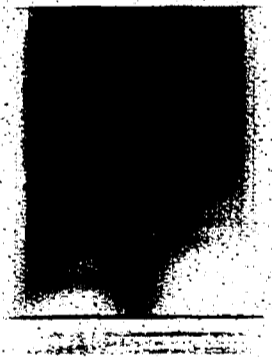
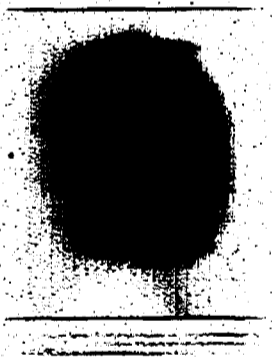
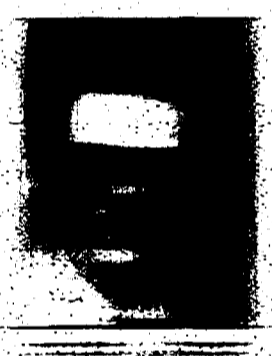
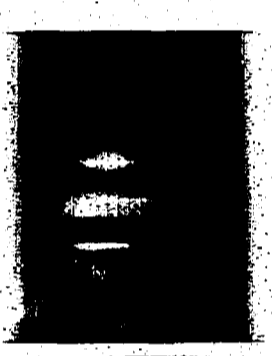
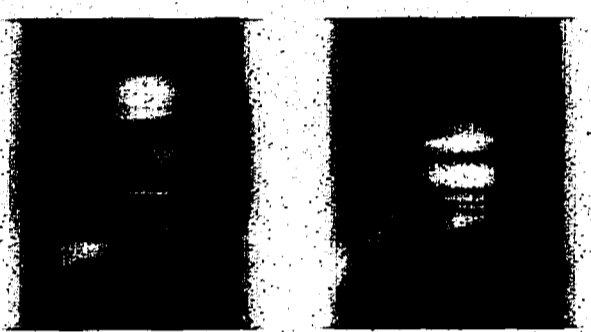
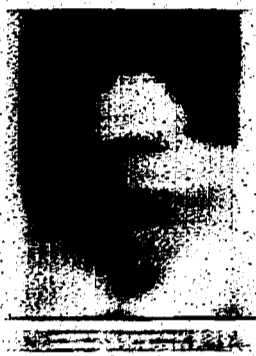
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How to make antiques look good, but old

By Margaret Kruger, Watervliet Daily Times. HELENVILLE, Wis. (AP) - Repairing antiques to look good but keep that favored look of worn wood can be a challenge, especially for the do-it-yourselfer. Do you strip the finish and start over, risking having an expensive piece look too new to be old and diminishing the value? Or do you let the old piece sit as is, with cracks, warps and water stains, and not really fitting into your tidy home decor? Louis Aranda, a furniture restorer and artist who works in a variety of mediums, prefers another option - restoring the wood back to its original condition, often without stripping. Aranda utilizes his art expertise and experience in working with wood to restore any type of furniture ranging from very old, veneers of the early 1930s, or modern pieces. Armed with an art degree and a resume which lists 10 jobs in 10 years, he is able to combine an artist's approach with modern techniques to preserve history. Since graduating from Jefferson High School in 1980 and from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 1984, he has worked in New Jersey, Milwaukee, Chicago and Fox Lake, Ill., learning his trade. Odd jobs have included repairing altars in churches, finishing harps, restoring antiques including boats and cars, training employees for a furniture manufacturer, servicing defective furniture for a manufacturer, and restoring the head on a St. Francis statue. He has also designed parks and buildings, and worked on his own as a commercial artist. He opened his own business, Louis Aranda Art Furniture Inc., in May 1994 at the family home- stead. Aranda, 35, who calls himself an artistic carpenter, is currently working on a French armoire, dating back to about 1915, which requires extensive restoration. In addition to fixing the warped doors, repairing cracks, unbuttoning the veneer, and perfectly matching the stain, he has carved new leaves for the top. "That's where the craftsman goes out and the artist comes in. True restoration is a lot of repair. You must be able to make parts and match the existing finish," Aranda said. He is also working on a rocking chair which needs a new matching spindle, and a mirror which will soon have an intricate cutout design added on one side identical to the other. Large cracks will be removed from a table with boards shrunken from age. A dresser will have the scratches completely covered, and a companion piece will have a newly finished top which will look just like the rest of the bedroom set. "Conservation and preservation can be a lot cheaper than stripping," Aranda said. "It is very important to be able to match the finish. A whole new finish can take away from the antique look, but the look can be recreated. I have new tools and equipment to utilize old techniques that Old World craftsmen did by hand." In-depth cleaning and using products direct from the manufacturer to recreate compatible finishes are two of the many techniques used by the craftsman. Not all of the wood he repairs is old. "I can add old antique charm to new furniture by doing things like pickling and distressing. It is cheaper than buying an antique for people that just want the look. If people want to spend the money, I can also create modern custom furniture. I understand the past but look to the future," he said. For those reluctant to part with a favorite piece even for a little while, he will take a portable oven into the home for burn-ins to repair scratches. "When I worked in Chicago, you would not believe how many times I was called for touch-ups before parties," he said. "I went to art school to be an artist. People said I would starve, but I wanted to try to make it as an artist in a big city. It is less exciting than it sounds, but the art degree gave me the opportunity to work at companies and learn from others," he said. "I wanted to be a sculptor. Now I am a sculptor in wood and preserve history and the works of other artists."

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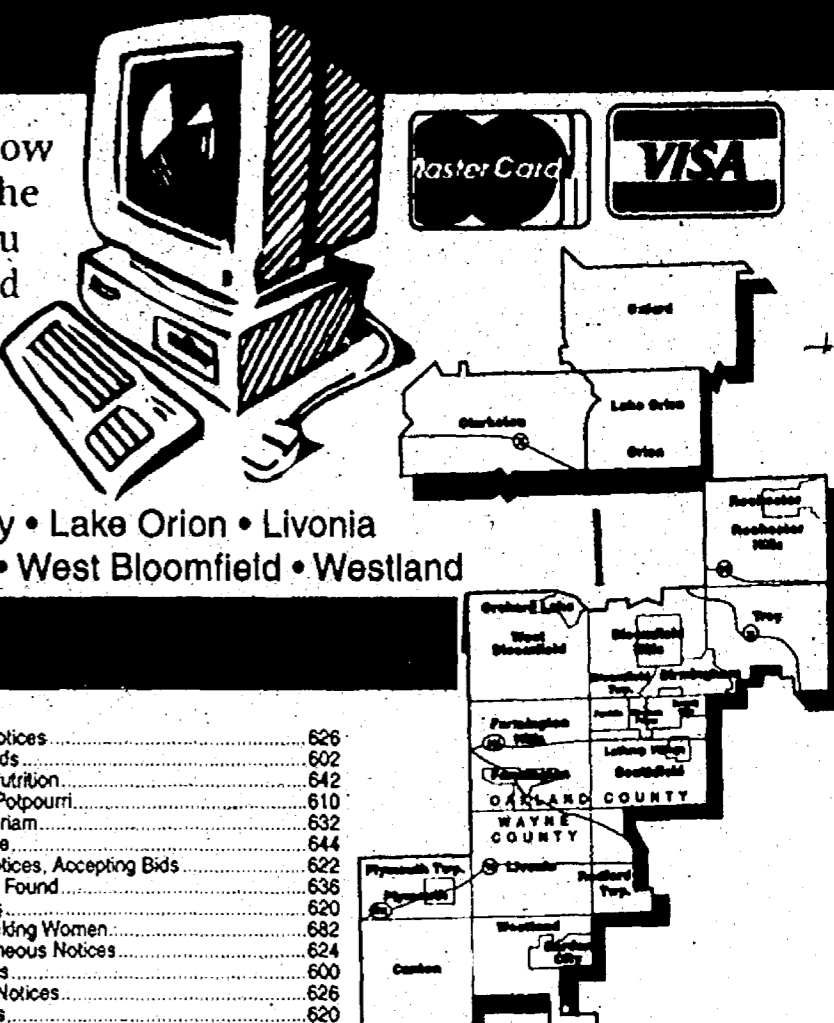
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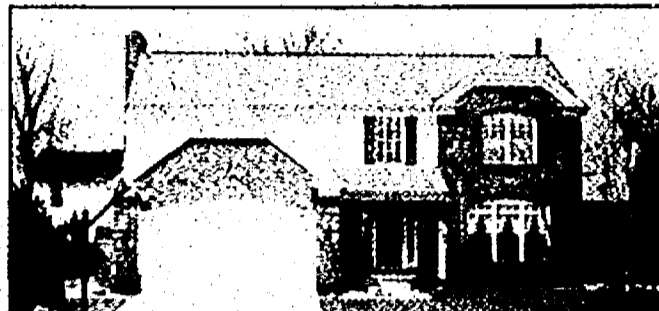
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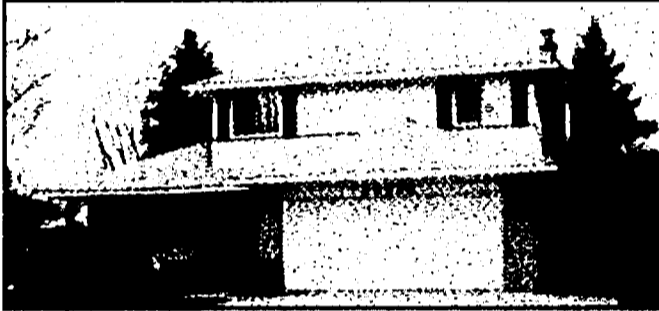
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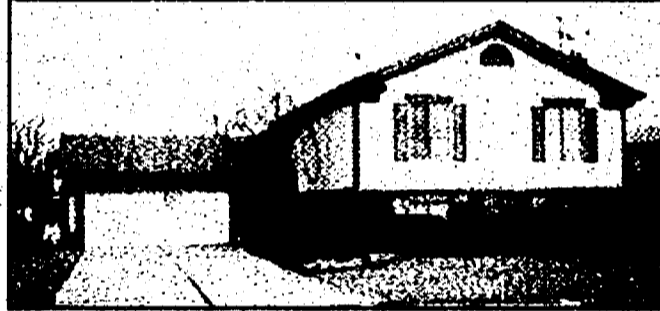
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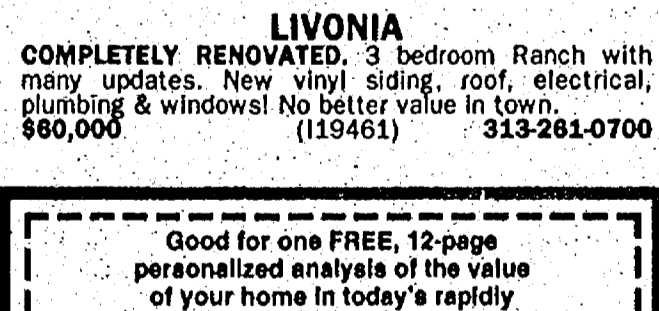
**GARDEN CITY**  
GOOD TASTE, GOOD BUY. Is this 3 bedroom Garden City brick Ranch. New oak kitchen, natural fireplace in living room, ceramic bath w/vanity, newer carpeting, large yard w/nice trees.  
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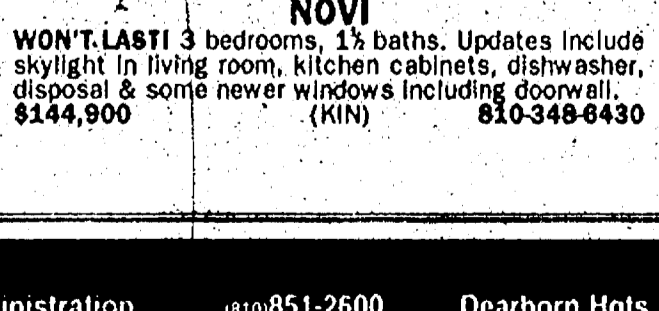
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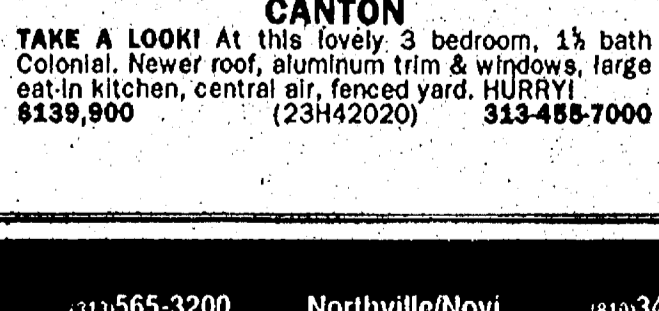
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"We've done 75 houses in this price (\$300,000-\$450,000) range," said Gary Shapiro, partner with Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes. "That's unprecedented. We're almost three years ahead of schedule."

Three builders, Biltmore Building and MJC West along with Ivanhoe-Huntley, have teamed to design and build 17 different floor plans that offer just about anything any buyer might want. Each plan has three possible exterior looks.

"We designed all the plans together and we all build all the plans," said Lorne Zalesin, a vice president and construction manager with Biltmore Building.

"We knew the topography and we designed product to take advantage of the site, woodlands, wetlands," said Steven Perlman, partner with Ivanhoe-Huntley. "Then we created a house with the features all focus group customers were looking for. You can't miss."

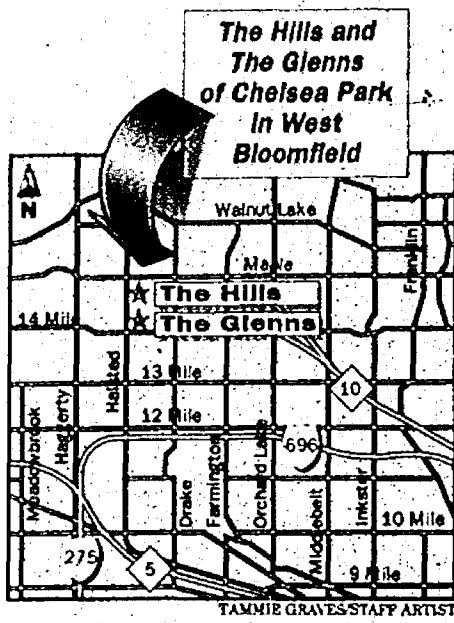
About 10 building sites are still available at the Hills of Chelsea Park, Maple and Halstead.

Prices range from \$373,500 for a 3,000-square-foot, story-and-a-half with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$420,500 for a two story of 4,150 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths.

All plans at the Hills include at base price three-car, side-entry garage, fireplace, air conditioning, dishwasher/cooktop/double oven and microwave, whirlpool tub in master suite, first floor laundry and basement.

Three models have been built. The Beachwood Deluxe, 3,300 square feet, showcases a library with cathedral ceiling, family room with 11-foot ceiling, dining room, media room, kitchen/nook with sloped ceiling and master suite on the main floor.

The master, with cathedral



ceilings in the bed and bath areas, has a separate tub and shower, walk-in closet and dual sink vanity with sitting area.

Two bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs.

Base price is \$396,500. The Birchwood II, 3,450 square feet, features a living room with cathedral ceiling, dining room with step ceiling, library and family room on the first floor.

The walk-up master on the second floor has a cathedral ceiling, two walk-in closets, separate tub and shower with sloped ceiling and dual sink vanity with sitting area.

Three bedrooms plus a full bath also are upstairs.

Base price is \$378,900. The Cambridge, 3,940 square feet, features living room, dining room with butler's pantry, family room, library and two half baths on the main floor.

The upstairs master with pan ceiling, has separate tub and shower, two vanities and walk-in closet. Two bedrooms share a jack-and-jill bath and the fourth upstairs bedroom has its own bath.

Base price is \$419,900.

Curved staircases, plant shelves, kitchen islands and two staircases can be found in various plans.

"Visitors are most impressed with the trees and natural areas,

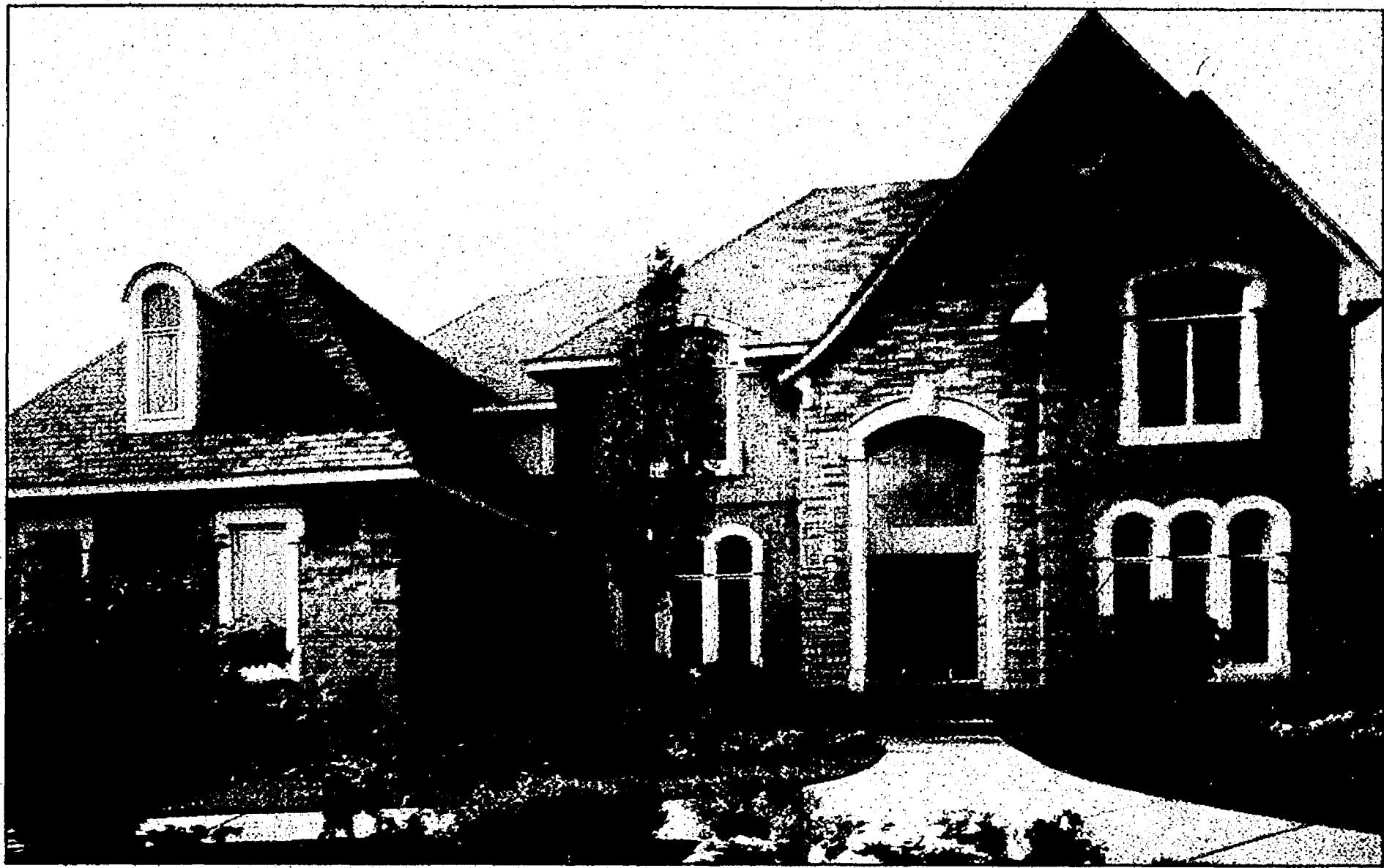


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**Cambridge choice:** This house, with four bedrooms and three baths upstairs, is one of 17 choices available to buyers at Chelsea Park.

and elevations (exteriors) on the houses," said Lesley Schneider, sales director at the Hills.

Lots and houses are smaller at the Glens of Chelsea Park, 14 Mile at Halstead. About 20 building sites remain.

Prices range from \$293,500 for a 2,280-square-foot, story-and-a-half with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$353,000 for a two story of 3,550 square feet with four bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths.

The same basic features except for the microwave and whirlpool tub are included at standard prices for the Glens as the Hills.

Prospects may browse among four models.

The wide-open Carrington features a media room just off the family room. The master bath has a unique layout with vanities and walk-in closets on either side of the tub.

The master in the Greenbrooke Deluxe features a pan ceiling in the bed portion, a cathedral ceiling over the bath.

"They (prospects) are very impressed with the site because it's so beautiful," said Kathy Newman, sales rep at the Glens. "The models are different and decorated different. I think they're impressed they're not seeing the same models they

see all over the place."

Both the Hills and the Glens feature ponds, gazebos, tennis courts and vest-pocket parks with benches.

Chelsea Park is serviced by city water and sewers. The sub will have sidewalks. It's within the boundaries of the Walled Lake schools.

The property tax rate currently is \$28.31 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$375,000 house in Chelsea Park would pay about \$5,300 the first year.

The annual association fee to

maintain the common areas and recreational sites is \$300.

"We're proud of it," Shapiro said of the sub. "We don't have to do a lot of talking. It speaks for itself."

"This year, we plan to add two new villages," he said. "One will be priced higher than the Hills, the other between the Hills and the Glens. We're completing focus groups now."

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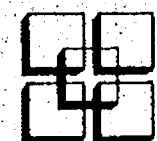


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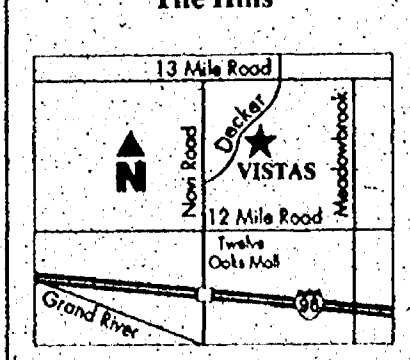
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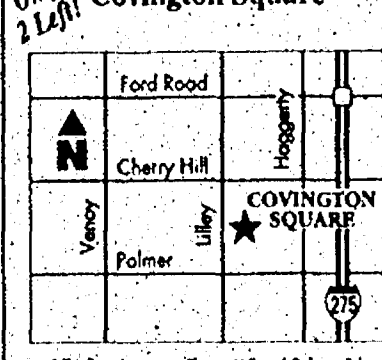
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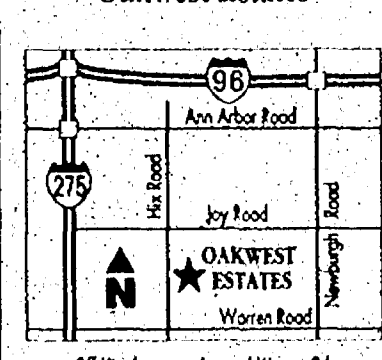
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# Spring is the time to think of selling your home

By BILL McCULLEN  
SPECIAL WRITER

So, you've decided to act on that New Year's resolution to start the exciting search that will end with the purchase of your dream home. Or, on the other hand, you're ready to take the plunge and seriously pursue the sale of your present home.

Whether you've chosen to buy or sell, now is the time to begin your adventure. Don't get left behind. When the season peaks in late spring, most of your work should be nearly complete. Here's a valuable checklist to set you on the right track.

## For Buyers

Before you pile into the family wagon to visit the communities in which you will concentrate your search, get pre-qualified. Find out from your local mortgage broker how much you can actually afford to spend on a new home.

This eye-opening visit can take less than an hour, and it will determine your spending limit. This is important because it will protect you from an object of

obsession, the expensive home you must have but sadly can't afford.

At the same time, start assembling your 'search set' a kit that contains a still camera or videocam, detailed street maps of your targeted communities and checklists on each listing you visit.

Most real estate professionals ask their clients to make three lists of a home's features - a 'wish list' that includes the wood burning fireplace and an extra guest room; a list of 'must have features'; and a third list of 'deal breakers.'

The killers are those totally unacceptable and objectionable characteristics that no amount of guarantees will overcome, such as a damp basement.

When you're ready to venture forth, practice the art of the streetwise observer. Every neighborhood and every home has its distinct make-or-break characteristics.

A quick look at the house should reveal whether the rooms are large enough and whether there's adequate light and air.

A realistic overview of the

neighborhood you like should show you who is out on the street at different hours; whether well-concealed train tracks or waste treatment facilities are out of sight, but not out of mind. Remember, that only you, the buyer, is responsible for finding these detrimental aspects.

Most important, rely on professional help. Although prospective buyers use various sources to search out a home, real estate brokers and sales agents are still the most important, according to studies by the national Association of Realtors.

The Century 21 System, for example, has a number of helpful, free publications that explain in detail how and why you should consult with a broker or sales associate.

In addition, a home inspector will thoroughly survey a property for hidden defects. (Indeed, this is a tip for sellers, as well. Both parties to a sale should know beforehand whether serious repairs are in order.)

A real estate lawyer can also be of tremendous assistance - and not only at

the critical closing stage - because he or she can explain all the details involved in an ongoing negotiation.

Finally, don't become infatuated with a home you shouldn't buy. There will be others you will want just as much.

## For Sellers

Most real estate writers agree that buying and selling a home are essentially the same adventure. It's just two sides of the same equation.

For this reason, buyers and sellers alike can benefit from many of the same tips such as employing the services of a home inspector. Sellers will be ahead of the game if they're certain that the property is defect-free and ready for sale.

Nonetheless, there are a few cardinal rules just for sellers.

First and foremost, set a reasonable price. Even better, set a realistic price. Experts agree that pride goeth before a fall when a seller sets an unrealistic price.

The professionals have a saying, "There's a buyer for every home and the right price will cut the competition in half." Profes-

sional relocation services get two appraisers to estimate a reasonable asking price, then take an average of the two. Very, very few homes sell for more than appraised value.

Clean your home and then clean it again. Nothing turns off a prospective buyer more than an unkempt home that's in a state of disarray.

Other hints - re-seal the driveway, paint the exterior (or at least the entrance way and the trim), install a few elegant exterior fixtures such as a brass door knocker and lockset, a tasteful mailbox or exterior light fixture. This will improve your curb appeal.

For the interior, pack away personal collectibles and hobby paraphernalia. Don't send a message to buyers that your home will never be theirs.

Make the interior as clean and bright as possible. Mirrors can help enlarge and brighten smaller rooms.

Never attempt to conceal a leaking roof, an overburdened septic system or a furnace near the end of a useful life. Undisclosed defects can destroy a closing, or worse, result in a lawsuit

afterwards.

Prepare a resume for your home, a one-page fact sheet with a photo that outlines your best selling points in addition to basic information such as dimensions, tax amounts and average utility bills.

Find a listing broker with a respected firm. Check to be sure she or he has a good reputation.

When you work with a real estate professional, you gain the capabilities of the multiple listing service that places your home in front of hundreds of agents, who in turn, represent many other prospective buyers. This is in addition to advertising services offered by the broker's firm.

Experienced agents can easily separate qualified buyers from tire kickers and con artists. Regarding the latter, your agent will always accompany a prospective buyer through your home and will guard against wasting your valuable time with an unqualified visitor.

Finally, enjoy the process. It's challenging and even daunting at times, but finding that perfect home is a tremendous source of satisfaction. It's a rewarding

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"A lot of clients we continually have business with are looking at European markets and other states," Larson said. "And vice versa. Companies are looking to establish in Michigan and we will be contacted to work with them."

King & Co. CORFAC International offers its members the ability to meet clients' growing global real estate needs through the organization's membership referral service.

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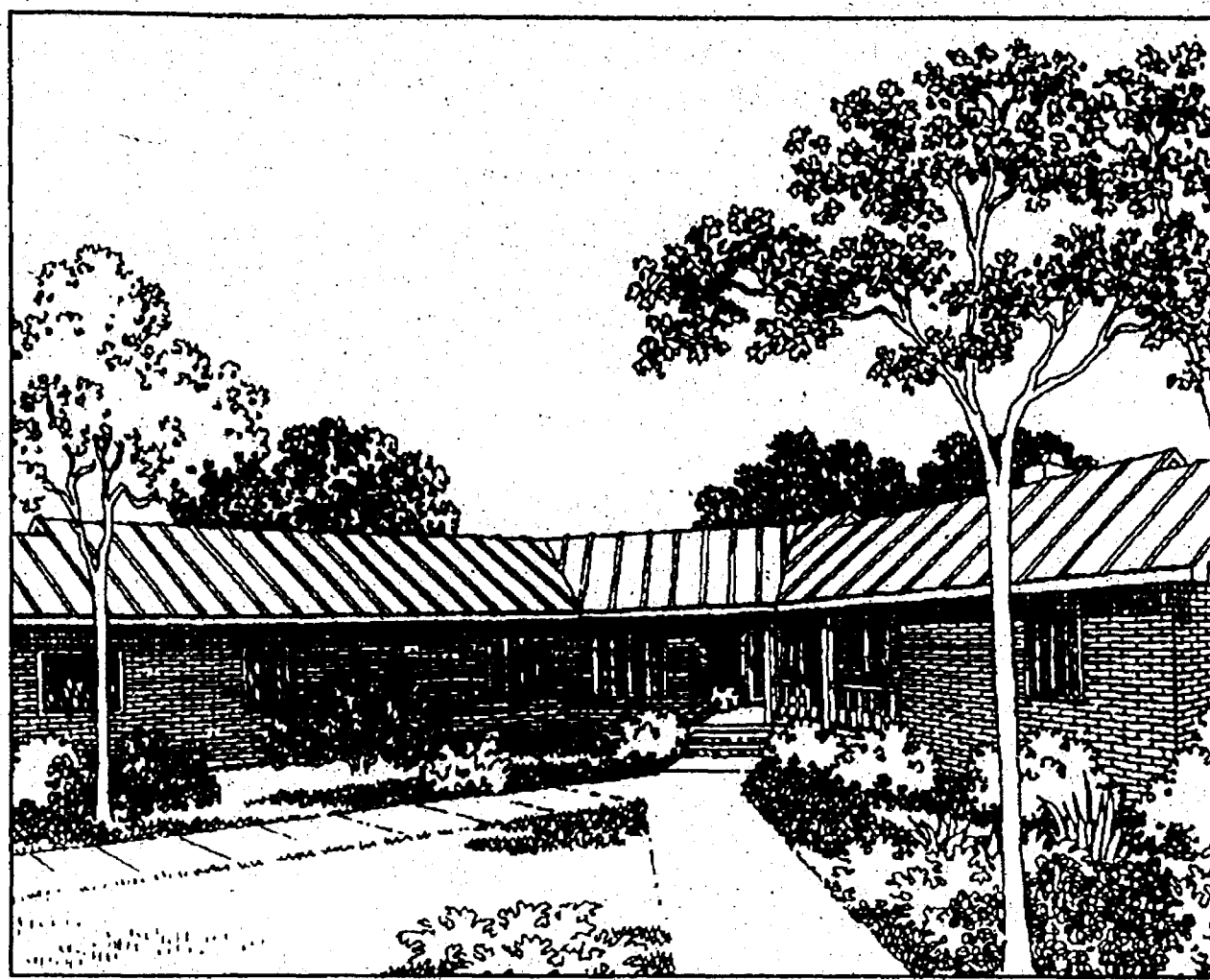
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**The Lida:** This rambling ranch is notable for its separate private areas and open shared areas. See plan below.

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The panoramic scope of the central living area allows full appreciation of the finest that nature has to offer. In warm weather, the patio and two decks allow for enjoyment of the hot summer nights and cool fall evenings.

The heart of the Lida is the large open dining, living and kitchen area. A bordering nook with six skylights will surely make any meal more appetizing. Meals may be prepared and served with the cook in the household not having to miss out on any of the fun. Kitchen amenities include an island with cooktop, double ovens, grill, dishwasher and walk-in pantry. The vast living room is accented by a woodstove insert.

Rectangular wings extend from two sides of the central living area. This arrangement allows for kids and teens to make as much noise as they want in their bedrooms, without the sound they produce intruding on their parent's privacy and quieter atmosphere at

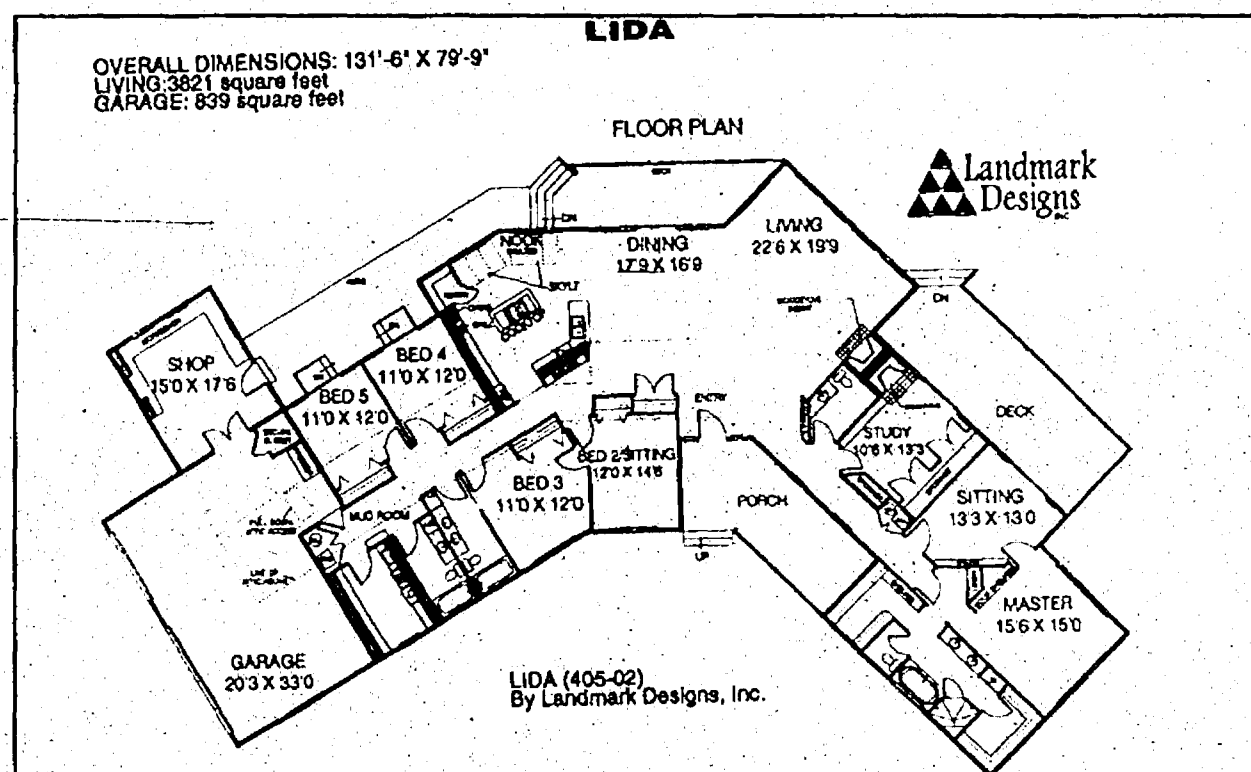
the other end of the house. The study has a woodstove and large storage area for games or a collection of books. The sitting area is a sanctuary for meditation and has a private entrance to the master suite.

The master suite has two walk-in closets and a large private bathroom with his and her basins, a shower and a spa.

At the other end of the other end of the house there is a sitting room that could be used as a bedroom, and features a private entrance to bedroom three. This bedroom has a pocket door that leads to the bathroom. The other two bedrooms share a bathroom.

Features in the garage include a secure closet and space for a freezer, and a shop with built-in workbench for the handyman of the house.

For a study kit of the Lida (405-02), send \$10 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307-0E48, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number). For a collection of plan books featuring our most popular home plans, send \$20 to Landmark, or call 1-800-562-1151.



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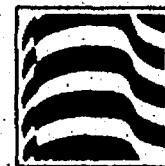
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- Installing mail boxes using a pole hole digger
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"These incidents reinforce the importance of contacting MISS DIG at least three working days before beginning any project involving construction of excavation. There's no excuse not to call. It's easy, it's free and one call can greatly reduce the risk of personal injury and damage to utilities," said Kathleen Fournier, executive director of MISS DIG System, Inc.

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"Homeowners should know that those who fail to contact MISS DIG before they begin a construction or excavation project risk their own and the safety of others. Also they could be held responsible for repair costs if utilities are damaged. No price can be placed on personal safety;

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Consumers Power Company, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy Corporation, is Michigan's largest natural gas and electric utility serving 6 million of the state's 9 1/2 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

# Satellite dish adds hundreds of TV channel options

(NU) - Bored with what's available on your television set? Want better quality from the world of TV entertainment? Join the crowd. Many people want more than their cable ser-

vices offer today and millions of people don't have access to cable at all.

So entertainment hungry Americans are turning to the skies to expand their home the-

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There's the Playboy Channel, HBO, Sundance - Robert Redford's premium movie service showcasing the work of independent filmmakers - and a 24-hour national feed from the Disney Channel.

All this, Klippenstein says, will give subscribers premium value for their digital television dollar.

What about quality? Digital TV has laser-sharp video and CD-quality sound. AlphaStar, for instance, provides MPEG-2 digital video broadcasting signals beamed via AT&T's 402R satel-

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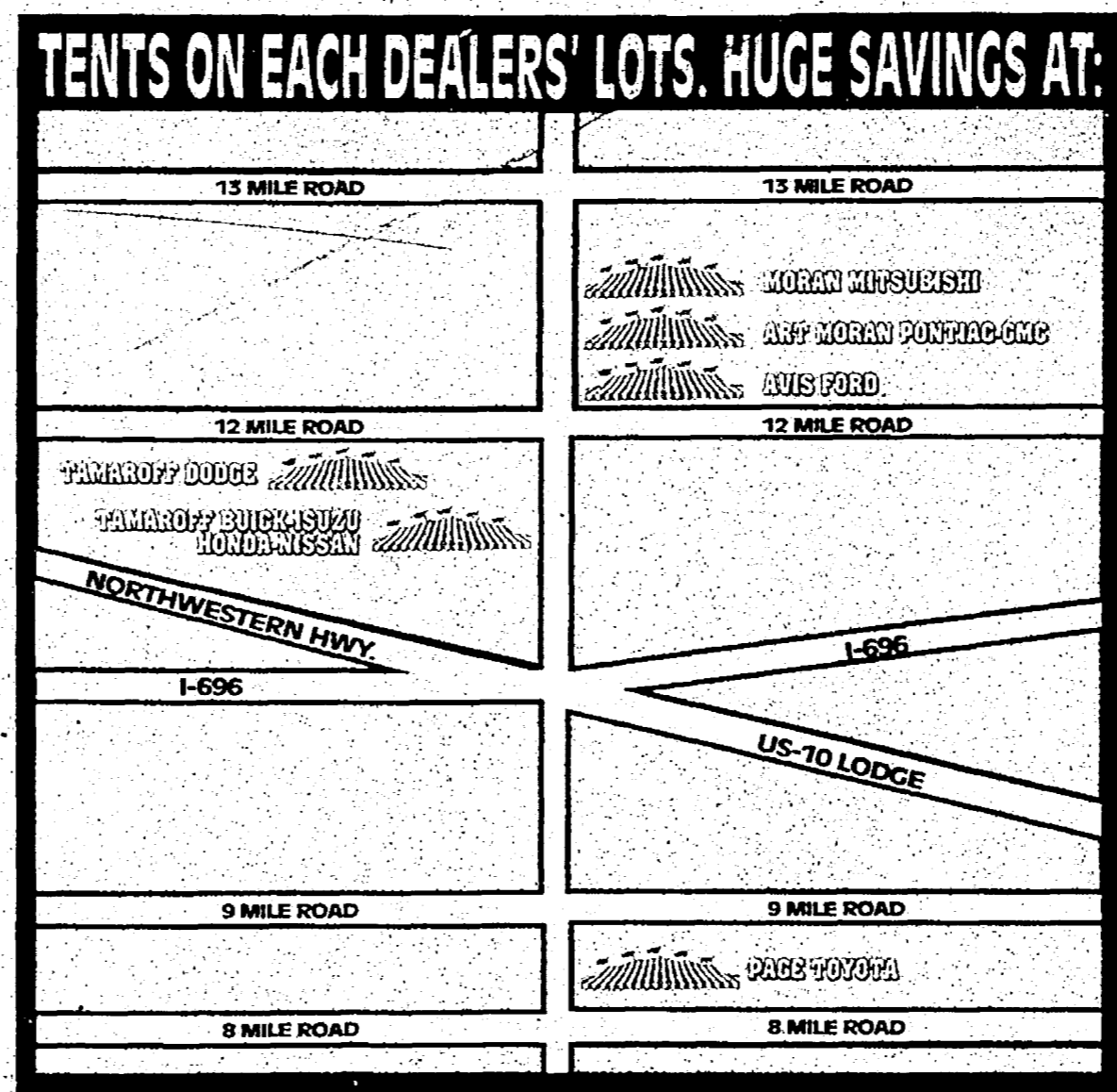
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 6 way power seat, keyless entry, dual remote mirrors, V8 engine, 4 speed overdrive trans., AM/FM stereo with cassette, premium speaker system. Stk. #60119  
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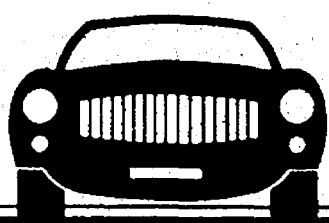




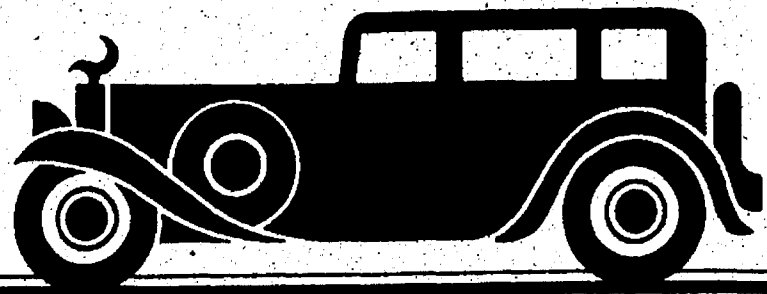








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Pick up your free Garage Sale folder in our office when you place your ad! (Contains two signs, two arrows, a handy ledger, 14 tips for a successful sale and nine tips for a successful ad)



#### COUNTDOWN FOR SUCCESS

##### 4 Weeks Before Sale

- ✓ Set a target date.
- ✓ Apply for necessary permits.
- ✓ Call Classified.

##### 3 Weeks Before Sale

- ✓ Obtain necessary permits.
- ✓ Begin organizing merchandise.
- ✓ List items for Classified ad.

##### 2 Weeks Before Sale

- ✓ Clean or repair merchandise.
- ✓ Begin pricing merchandise.
- ✓ Write your Classified ad.

##### 1 Week Before Sale

- ✓ Finish pricing/organizing.
- ✓ Begin displaying merchandise.
- ✓ Place your Classified ad.

##### 3 Days Before Sale

- ✓ Make signs.
- ✓ Clean your garage.
- ✓ Get change & cash box.

##### 1 Day Before Sale

- ✓ Finish displaying merchandise.
- ✓ Prepare snacks.
- ✓ Mow your lawn.

##### The Day of the Sale

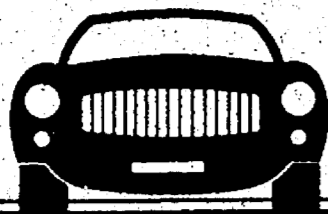
- ✓ Put up signs.
- ✓ Move large items to yard.
- ✓ Enjoy the results of Classified!



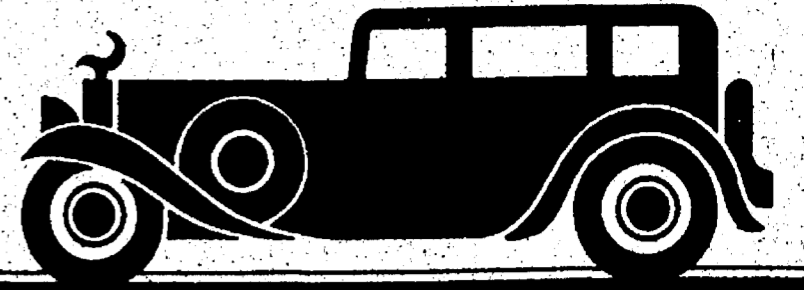








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