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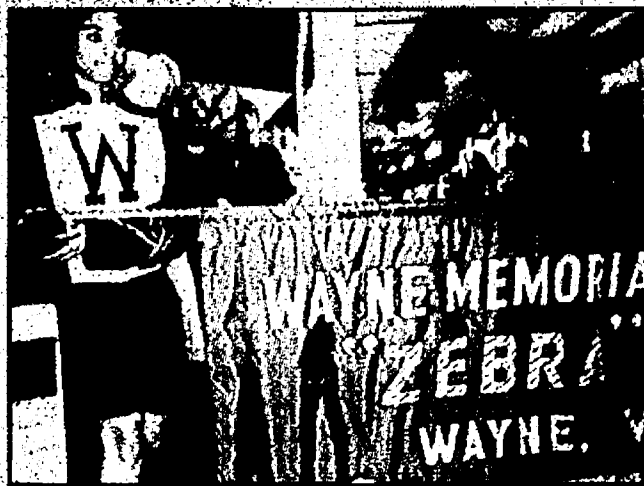
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Banding together



PHOTOS BY CHERYL VATCHER



Flower fund-raiser: Musicians and track teams from John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools combined to raise money for their programs. They performed in informal concerts and planted flowers around Westland Center as part of the third annual "Banding Together for Education" program. Funds came from the sale of T-shirts and discount cards honored at mall businesses. Parent Booster Clubs helped out as well.

Two face charges in killing

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Two suspects are charged with first-degree murder for the shooting death of a Redford Township man whose body was found in Westland.

Antonio Jacob Peay, 20, of Detroit and Thomas Lamar Walker, 22, of Inkster are charged in the May 1 slaying of Christopher Rugg, 30.

Westland police believe that Rugg had gone to avenge an earlier robbery when he was shot in the head and chest.

The 3:15 p.m. shooting occurred as Rugg tried to escape a confrontation on Klink Street in Inkster by run-

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Adult students back program

BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

Westland's Kelly Wagner told a state legislative hearing Monday night that she has a second chance for a college education and career, thanks to the Wayne-Westland school district's adult education program.

The 27-year-old wife and mother said that "my family has been blessed with a second chance" for an education after her husband was injured and unable to work.

"I have gone through hunger and homelessness" before she enrolled at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center to study health care. She eventually plans to attend Schoolcraft College and then transfer to a four-year university to receive a degree to become a surgical nurse.

Wagner was one of several dozen

people who spoke at a special hearing held by three Democratic legislators to garner support for more state dollars for adult education.

Gov. John Engler had proposed in his 1996-97 budget that the current \$185 million in state aid for adult education be eliminated and that the funds be redirected to the Michigan Jobs Commission.

A recent compromise has \$65 million of state dollars placed in an "at-risk" fund for public school K-12 districts.



Rep. Thomas Kelly

The House Education Committee is expected to act on the compromise today.

Leading the hearing were state Rep. Eileen DeHart of Westland, Rep. Thomas Kelly of Wayne, whose district includes Garden City and a section of Westland, and state Sen. Jim Berryman of Adrian, a potential Democratic candidate for governor in 1998.

DeHart said Republican legislators were invited to the hearing, held at the Ford Center in Westland, but didn't attend.

In the audience of about 200, other speakers urged the legislators to fight for more state funds for adult education, telling personal stories of how they dropped out of school for financial or family illness reasons and returned with

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Madison kids 'go to the tape' for racial equality

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Although Jonathan Steele is only 11 years old, he speaks eloquently about the need for racial equality.

"I think that people should be treated equally, and it doesn't matter if they're black or white or Indian," he said. "We should all be free."

Steele, a Madison Elementary fifth-grader, expressed his thoughts on racial harmony Monday as his art class took a break in filming a video about racial prejudice, hunger and homelessness.

It's called "We Shall Be Free," inspired by a song from country singer Garth Brooks.

Under the direction of art teacher Toni Bailey-Lay, students wrote their own lines and scenes for the video that will be shown on Wayne-Westland school district educational channels. A schedule isn't yet known.

In one scene, several racially

diverse children are enjoying themselves on playground equipment when they are attacked by a group of troublemakers.

Another racially diverse group sees the attack and breaks up the fight, which ends in handshakes.

"Can't we all just get along?" one student could be heard saying.

At times the scene seemed chaotic; Bailey-Lay has learned that getting 35 young actors to play their parts simultaneously can be, well, challenging.

But the students did seem to be learning from their film debut.

"I learned that people should be equal," 10-year-old Leah Enright said. "They shouldn't all be fighting because of what other people look like."

In a scene about homelessness, several students placed a cardboard box in front of the school Dumpster and pretended to be living on the

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Working for equality: Student Jonathan Steele holds up a sign for Scene 3 of a video being made by Madison Elementary pupils to combat racism, hunger and homelessness. Talking during the scene are, from left, Jenny Arquette, Marisa Baranowski and Sara Olweean.

Holiday parade set

The annual Wayne-Westland Memorial Day parade, suspended last year, will resume at 11 a.m. Sunday, one day before the traditional holiday observance. The parade, to include marching bands, floats and veterans' groups, will step off from the Kmart parking lot at Wayne Road and Cherry Hill and proceed south to the city of Wayne City Hall, on Wayne Road at Sims. Sponsoring the event is the Wayne-Westland Veterans' Parade Council.

Graduates honored

Eighteen Westland seniors were honored for their academic achievement by being listed on the honor roll at Lawrence Technological Uni-

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versity, Southfield campus.

The seniors and their majors are:
 Paul Aguayo, mechanical engineering; Michael Baaso, engineering technology; Bonnie Campbell, interior architecture; Raymond Curtis, mechanical engineering; Robert Filary, architecture; William Gronowicz, engineering technology; Jeffrey Kaufman, mechanical engineering; Philip Krug, electrical engineering; Steven Ozga, electrical engineering; Karon Reed, engineering technology; Christopher Tilli, electrical engineering; Louiso Wisniewski, business administration; Duane Hartsell, manufacturing systems;

Edward Jenney, manufacturing systems; Michael O'Day, automotive engineering; Michele Smith, architecture; Don Moczulski, industrial/manufacturing engineering technology, and Philicia Schin, electrical engineering technology.

Student lauded

Debra Colby of Westland, was awarded the Criminal Justice Award during a recognition convocation held by Taylor University's Fort Wayne, Ind., campus. She is the daughter of Carl and Leann Colby and a senior majoring in criminal justice. She was picked for the award for her superior academic achievement and outstanding performance in her professional field experience.

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Ford to Glenwood.

Scott Veldhuis, Westland economic development director, said Monday that officials will try to use dollars from state government and private sources to close the funding gap.

He elaborated during a telephone interview Tuesday, saying that no plans have been made to impose a local tax hike to spur DDA projects.

"The decision was made not to do that at this time," he said.

In another section of the plan, officials note that the maximum bond-related debt, if any, would be \$3 million.

The DDA plan will use taxes generated from new development to pay for improvements in the 565-acre DDA district.

The plan allows for sprucing up properties or demolishing them for redevelopment. Specific proposals will be studied by a DDA board that will issue recommendations to city leaders.

The plan also may include new street lights, bike paths, sidewalks, landscaping and other proposals to make the city more attractive.

Most improvements are targeted for commercial corridors along Ford and Wayne roads, although changes may be in store for some of the 103 houses, 45 apartments and 31 mobile homes in the DDA district.

Some housing may be demolished, and some residents may be relocated, Veldhuis said.

"It's a possibility," he said. "But it's expensive, and it can be time-consuming. That's not really the emphasis of the plan."

Only 265 people actually reside within DDA district boundaries, according to the DDA report.

The DDA plan already designates two areas of land to remain as open space, namely

the Central City Park area and property adjacent to Marshall Middle School on Bayview, according to the 36-page document.

Some commercial and residential areas may be rezoned to accommodate new development.

City council members Monday approved the development and financing plans following a public hearing that drew heavy criticism from council watcher Dorothy Smith.

Smith said citizens' comments made during the hearing were meaningless because they came on the same night that the plan was approved.

She also accused the council of violating the city charter by introducing a DDA ordinance and approving it on the same night. She threatened a lawsuit against the council.

City Attorney Angelo Plakas responded that council members acted within their authority.

ning across Henry Ruff into Westland, police Sgt. Scott Fetner said.

Westland police arrested Peay on Monday night following a stakeout at his supposed girlfriend's house on Detroit's east side, Fetner said.

The suspect fled in a car and, following a short chase by police officers, tried to escape on foot before being caught, Fetner said.

His arrest came five days after Walker was charged in Rugg's death.

Confidential informants helped lead police to the suspects, Fetner said.

"Both suspects (allegedly) fired rounds off" during Rugg's killing, he said.

Peay was arraigned Tuesday afternoon before 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos on first-degree murder and felony firearms charges.

Walker was arraigned on identical charges May 15 in front of

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18th District Judge Gail McKnight.

Both suspects would face life in prison without parole if convicted as charged.

District judges have entered not-guilty pleas for the defendants. Both suspects remain jailed, and bond has been denied for them.

Walker is scheduled for a preliminary examination today (Thursday) in 18th District Court. The hearing will determine whether he should stand trial on the charges.

Peay's preliminary hearing has been scheduled for May 30.

Rugg's body was found after Inkster residents phoned police

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to report gunshots in a neighborhood commonly known as "Little Saigon," Fetner said.

Inkster police arrived on the scene first and found the victim's body on the outside of fenced-in, county-owned property on the west side of Henry Ruff between Michigan Avenue and Annapolis.

The case was turned over to Westland police because of the location of Rugg's body.

Westland's special investigative unit has helped with the investigation, along with the Metro Street Enforcement Team, Fetner said.

MSET includes officers from Westland, Garden City, Inkster and Wayne.

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street. A group of classmates brought food to help them.

The students even made a commercial to accompany their video. It touted The Super Homework Machine, a high-tech machine that does students' homework for them. (Not yet available in stores.)

The Madison school project follows Bailey-Lay's work with Jefferson-Barns Elementary art students, who made a five-minute video about drug and gang problems.

"They did a beautiful job," she said.

Bailey-Lay's goal is to encourage students to think of solutions to societal problems such as racism, hunger, homelessness, drug abuse and gang violence.

Maybe, just maybe, her students can make a difference.

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state help years later to get a high school diploma or GED and obtain a higher-paying job.

Wagner told the officials and audience that she is a 4.0 student in the adult ed program and will graduate in ceremonies scheduled for June 7.

When she first dropped out of high school, her husband supported the family, but an accident disabled him and prevented him from working.

"Others (like me) are also determined to succeed," Wagner said. "Society will reap the rewards of an educational investment."

Nancy Hurley, a 19-year teacher at the Livonia school district's Bentley Center, told the audience of the many success stories in her adult basic education reading and writing skills classes.

Her students were "first readers" who slipped through the cracks of the K-12 school districts they attended years earlier.

One of her students, Connie Hinson, 47, of Livonia, said she quit school in the 12th grade but returned to resume her education six years ago.

Another speaker stressed that restoring state dollars to the adult ed program wasn't just a matter of educational policy but

'Others (like me) are also determined to succeed ... Society will reap the rewards of an educational investment.'

Kelly Wagner
Westland resident

a matter of "the quality of people's lives."

One woman said that she registered for a computer class at the Ford Center and obtained an office job using those skills just 45 days later.

"College isn't for everyone," said another woman who said she returned to the Ford Center 12 years after dropping out of high school.

Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland school district's assistant superintendent and former Ford Center principal, presented the legislators with an 11-page statement supporting more state support of adult education.

He noted that while the governor is proposing slashing adult ed dollars, some \$40 million was budgeted for stress management, team building and other corporate training for employees at Ford Motor Co., Amway, General Motors Corp. and other businesses.

Two people who completed a recent study as part of their college doctoral program research questioned if the private sector

can handle the educational and training needs of their employees.

Charles Smith and Chris Koenig, who did the study, quoted survey results as showing that 70 percent of employers surveyed weren't aware of their employees' educational needs and few offered to pay for the training or provide time off for the training.

Near the end of the hearing, Rep. Kelly admitted that he was about to make a "political pitch."

Noting that Engler was elected with 62 percent of the vote two years ago, he said he felt the governor is "misguided" on the adult ed funding issue and "the only way to change him is to get him out."

Kelly, a former Wayne-Westland district teacher, said that the governor's aim is to "destroy public education and put vouchers and schools of choice in place."

"We have to put a brake on this and bring the governor to the negotiating table" in a move to "rectify this stupidity."

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Airport expansion expected to land jobs

STORY BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN • STAFF WRITER

A proposal to build a new terminal at Metro Airport in Romulus has been up in the air for years — now it has landed.

Wayne County and Northwest Airlines have agreed to the construction of a midfield terminal as part of a \$1.6 billion expansion at the airport.

"This project is going to make things a whole lot easier for the folks who visit Metro," Edward H. McNamara, Wayne County executive, said to a crowd gathered at the Airport Marriott Monday.

The commitment of federal funds clinched the deal, McNamara said.

With the expansion, the airport will better serve the public and spawn jobs and economic development, McNamara said. Passengers will see more parking, a new south access road to the airport and a tram connecting passengers to their gates.

As for economic development, Metro Airport has an annual economic impact of \$2.7 billion, with 62,000 regional jobs tied to the airport, according to information supplied by the county.

The airport also attracts foreign investment and global trade, with 678 foreign-owned companies operating in the Detroit area, many connected to their home countries by non-stop flights from Metro.

And the cost to expand the airport won't be paid by taxpayers, he said. "If you don't use the airport, you don't pay for the airport," Robert Braun, airport director, said.

Funding for the project includes: \$276 million in federal funding, \$700 million in passenger facility charges (\$3 charge per airplane passenger), \$350 million in airport rates and charges paid by the airlines, \$225 million in concessions, parking and other sources.

Scheduled to open to passengers

by December 2000, the new terminal will feature 64 domestic gates and 10 international gates. An overhead tram will move passengers from gate to gate.

The airport currently has three terminals with 87 domestic gates and six international gates.

The project also includes an expansion plan, of nine more domestic gates and two international gates, slated for 10 years after the project is completed, Braun said.

A new 5,000-car parking deck, a new south access road to the airport, a fourth parallel runway and improvements to the airport's three existing terminals are also planned.

Project costs include: midfield ramps and taxiways, \$109 million; arrival-departure roadways, \$34 million; terminal, \$512 million; parking garage, \$80 million; and power and utilities relocation, \$51 million.

The airport development program includes:

fourth parallel runway, \$116 million; noise mitigation, \$133 million; apron replacement, \$36 million; completion of south access road, \$77 million and other projects, \$218 million.

Other projects include interim terminal improvement project, \$60 million; renovation of existing terminals, \$35 million and phase two of the midfield project, \$90 million. The interim project includes adding gates, increasing the capacity of the federal inspection services in the International Terminal and extension of a passenger shuttle from Concourse G to Concourse C.

The design will be approved by Northwest and Wayne County. Northwest will manage the terminal's construction and be responsible for any terminal cost overruns.

The new midfield terminal project recognizes the importance of Wayne County and Michigan,

Don Washburn, Northwest Airlines' Executive Vice President for Customer Service and Operations, said.

Northwest is very pleased with the condition of the airline industry, Washburn said. That includes skyrocketing numbers of flights, including an added 70 daily departures from Metro since 1992.

American Airlines' hub at O'Hare Airport in Chicago operates fewer flights than Northwest currently does in Detroit, Washburn said.

About 9,000 employees of Northwest are based in the Detroit metro area, and 150 employees were added last summer in response to growth, he said.

Also:

■ Metro airport handled more than 28 million passengers in 1995 and is ninth in North America and 13th in the world in passengers.

■ Nearly 1,400 flights arrive and depart Metro Airport daily.

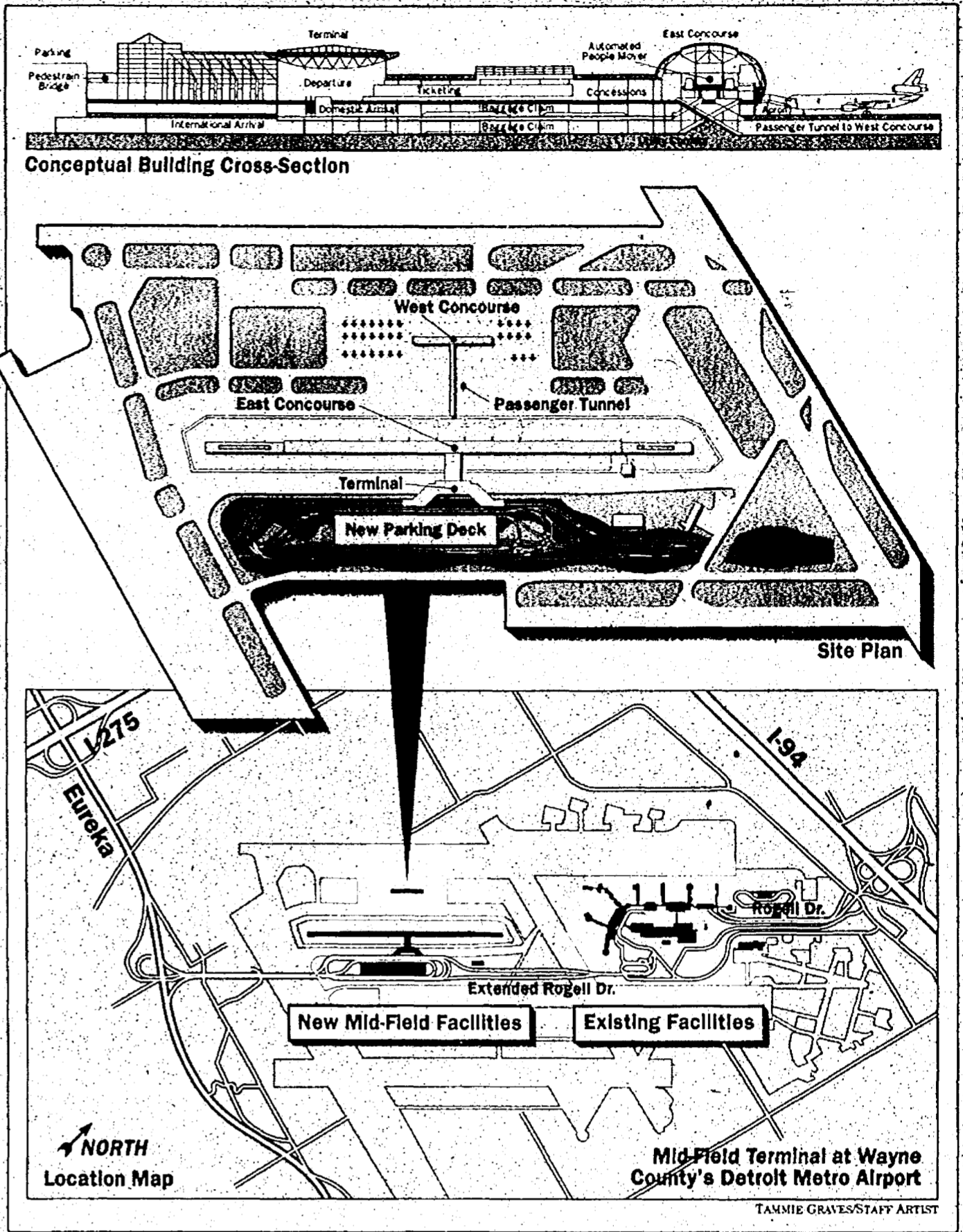
■ Metro has had a 353 percent increase in international passengers, to 2.7 million, in the past 10 years.

■ The total number of passengers using Metro Airport has increased 81.4 percent to 28.3 million in the past 10 years.

Work on interim improvements and site preparation for the new terminal is scheduled to begin in early fall. Work on the new south access road has already begun, Braun said.

Several approvals still are needed including Federal Aviation Administration approval of the \$3 passenger facilities charge, approval by the Northwest Airlines board of directors and the Wayne County Commission's approval.

The commission's approval will "be completed in the most timely fashion possible," Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon said.



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Parents upset about split classrooms

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Children in split-level classes in the Livonia school district's elementary schools are being cheated.

That's the view of parents who came to Monday's board of education meeting armed with a solution to what they called the "inadequate education" students in a fourth/fifth-grade split at Hoover Elementary are getting.

The district includes the northern section of Westland and operates Nankin Mills, Hayes and Cooper-at-Whittier elementary schools for local students.

Kim Madeleine, spokesman for the parents, said the district should hire a paraprofessional to help teachers "put at the disadvantage" of having to teach two classes.

"Parents of these students believe students do not get the same quality education as kids in regular classrooms," Madeleine said.

"Teachers teach two grade levels and two curriculums. It's unfair to both the teacher and to the children. It's difficult for students to learn properly in a split-level class."

The Hoover parents formed a committee to explore ways to resolve the issue. Throughout this school year, they have met with Karen Milton, Hoover principal; Kent Gage, assistant superintendent for elementary instruction; Marlene Bihlmeyer, director of curriculum; and Ken Watson, superintendent.

Gage said he does not believe Hoover students are being cheated, or that the education they receive is inadequate.

"We've had combination classes in the district for more than a decade," Gage said. "We've done followup studies, and there's no difference in achievement. It's more difficult for the teachers, but there's no evidence students have lower achievement levels."

Nearly every elementary has at least one split-level class. Gage pegged the number overall at 30. They tend to appear "in pockets," with some schools having multiple split-levels while others don't have any. Washington and Webster elementaries also have fourth/fifth-grade splits, he said.

Hoover got its first split a year ago, and criticism tends to surface when the classes are new, he said.

Madeleine, who lives on Sunnydale, spoke at Monday's board meeting. He also outlined the parents' concerns in a memo to the board, which the trustees have 10 days to answer.

The teacher's extra workload, Madeleine said, means students get fewer science and social studies lessons and more lessons in art, music and library materials center. A paraprofessional, he said, could help a teacher with science and social studies classes.

Hiring a paraprofessional, Gage said, is just one solution the district could turn to to ease the burden on teachers with a split-level class.

The district could also assign program enrichment teachers now allocated to specific schools to these combination classes.

It could also seek a contractual change to convert teaching positions to paraprofessional positions, he said.

Candidates: Money key concern

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Money worries and parents who don't take part in their child's education are two of the biggest problems facing K-12 education today, according to most candidates seeking a seat on the Livonia Board of Education, which serves the northern section of Westland.

Not far behind on the stress list are violence in schools, the voucher system, large class size and dysfunctional families.

"It's always money," said school board hopeful Steve King.

"I'm afraid of the voucher system. It's the worst thing that could happen to public education," he said.

The Observer recently interviewed 12 of the 14 candidates seeking a seat on the board in the Monday, June 10, school election. Eleven challengers face incumbents Dianne Nay, Dan Lessard and Kenneth Timmons. Two candidates, Mike Webster of Brookview and Joseph Aristeo of Vargo, did not attend the interview.

Passage of Proposal A in 1994 changed the face of school financing in Michigan. In approving the proposal, voters shifted the bulk of school financing from local property owners to the state.

For most of the candidates, the change has become a nightmare for Livonia schools.

"There's been no real benefit to education," said Jerry Murray, who lives on Scone. "Superintendents are biting their nails, waiting to hear if they'll get the money due them."

Alicia D'Orazio, who lives on Camborne Lane, called Proposal A scary. Three candidates, challengers Jane Teska of Poch, William Switzer and incumbent Nay, said

■ 14 candidates are seeking a seat on the board in the Monday, June 10, school election. Eleven challengers face incumbents Dianne Nay, Dan Lessard and Kenneth Timmons.

the district hasn't yet seen the worse fallout from Proposal A. The worse will come, they said, when voters vote on millages where the money is shared countywide.

"It will be impossible to get people to vote for this," Switzer said.

Pat Nalley called Proposal A the "worst thing that happened to Livonia Public Schools ever. Historically, our residents taxed themselves for good schools. We don't have the opportunity to do that any more."

Two incumbents, Timmons and Lessard, decried the loss of local control the district now has over its finances.

"No longer can we control the kind of program we want," Timmons said. "We can't enrich our programs. It's very difficult to plan ahead."

While Proposal A has negatives, it also was the voice of the people, and the people wanted lower taxes, said challengers Jim Stephanoff and King.

"We have to live within our means," Stephanoff said.

Residents favored Proposal A, because taxes were outrageous and people opposed any more tax increases, King said. Residents now vote on millages for specific purposes. "People don't mind paying when they see the benefits."

If income is a problem, challenger Kirsten

Galka came up with a novel way to raise money. Following a trend out west, school buses can sport advertising to bring in extra revenue, she said.

The candidates generally believe the district should make cutting class size in grades one through three the district's top priority.

But the road to doing so, they said, is filled with many other potholes.

"Some other instructional programs might suffer," Timmons said.

Lessard said he would not back cuts in other programs if the district can only get class size down to 26 students.

"No one wants larger classes, but we don't have control over our money and the problem is money," Lessard said. "I don't know if we can manage this to any degree that it would be worthwhile doing. A couple less students will not make that much of a difference."

If cutting class size is easy, Morgan said the district would have already done it. "I'll not give up successful programs that help kids to cut class size. Should we cut by two or three and lose SAFE in the process? No."

Both Murray and Nalley suggested cutting class size incrementally. That means phasing in a class-cutting program over a five-year period.

"Criticism comes when we take all 13 grades and give an estimate for that," Murray said.

Special millages won't raise the money needed to cut class size, Nalley said. "That only raises pocket change. We're talking big money when we talk about class size reduction."

St. Mary observes National Hospital Week

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia was one of thousands of hospitals throughout the nation which celebrated the 75th anniversary of National Hospital Week May 12-19.

Over the last 75 years, millions of people have been introduced to the true wonders of medicine — the dedicated men and women who put their skills to work 365 days a year.

For this commemorative anniversary, the slogan "Dedicated to Caring, Community, Commitment" was selected as the theme for the week-long event.

"With all the changes being discussed in health care, we want our community to see our

spirit of dedication to the important aspects of the professions that have not changed and will not change," said Sr. Mary Modesta, president and chief executive officer of the hospital. "It's a reinforcement of those values people find most assuring about our health care system."

National Hospital Week was started in 1921 by a magazine editor who wanted to educate the public about the work of hospitals. Since then the health care industry has used the event to heighten public awareness about hospitals and their role in the community.

St. Mary Hospital had a number of activities for hospital employees and volunteers,

including a Fun Walk and Scavenger Hunt on May 13, an appreciation luncheon on May 15, and an employee prize drawing on May 17.

St. Mary is a 304-bed, acute care, community hospital at Five Mile and Levan. Sponsored by the Felician Sisters and affiliated with Beaumont Hospital, St. Mary serves the community with the same spirit of Christian dedication since its inception in 1959, said Modesta.

Through continued expansions and technology, the hospital provides vital, high quality health care, said Modesta, as highly-trained medical, nursing and support staff provide medical/surgical care,

intensive/cardiac care, oncology/radiation therapy, maternity, women's services, physical medicine and rehabilitation, behavioral medicine, chemical dependency, child care center, and 24-hour emergency care.

The hospital also has an active community outreach program that includes classes on pediatric and adult CPR, diabetes education, cholesterol education, basic and advanced cardiac life support, and more.

Free blood pressure screenings and periodic free or low-cost health screenings also are offered on an ongoing basis.

Area man has close call on plane

Livonia native Jim Hensch experienced a potential crash landing at the Cleveland airport on Friday, May 17.

Hensch, who is president of Master Computer Group, Inc., is a 1981 graduate of Livonia Bentley High.

Hensch was flying first class on Continental Flight 1105, Newark to Cleveland, Friday night. He had just finished reading some very graphic details about the search taking place at the crash site of the ValuJet in the Florida Everglades.

As the plane approached the Cleveland runway, the pilot announced that the instruments indicated the landing gear was

not down and locked.

"We flew by the tower so that they could visually inspect the landing gear," said Hensch. "One of the pilots left the cockpit and moved down the aisle way, apparently to do some more visual inspections."

The pilot then announced that the landing gear probably was down but in case it wasn't an emergency landing would be initiated.

"During the next minute, some of the pilot's communications with the tower spattered through the cabin P.A. Most of it was broken up and sounded gibberish. One flight attendant was knocking on the cockpit door, but

they were not answering."

Passengers were told to review the emergency procedures on the card in the seat back pocket. "I hadn't reviewed that cards in years, since I fly every week. Everybody examined the card. The flight attendants pulled out these thick manuals and began to instruct the passengers on getting into position in preparation for a crash landing.

"I heard one flight attendant whisper to another about the possibility of a belly landing, and to remember to pick up her feet."

The flight attendants walked quickly to every row on the plane to make sure each person knew the crash position.

"All kinds of things were running through my mind. I was certain there was a good chance I was about to die. Were my affairs in order? Why did I have to be on the one flight in many that crashes? Was my life fulfilling? I silently said a confession to God and prepared to die. I was scared."

In the pitch dark, illuminated only by the fasten seat belts light, the pilot announced "one minute until impact." One flight attendant began yelling "Prepare for impact. Prepare for impact" and kept yelling for the entire minute. "I was now sure I was going to die, and hoped it wouldn't hurt too much.

"After what seemed longer than a minute, I wondered why we hadn't impacted with the ground. I poked up my head, and at that very moment, we touched ground. A nice landing onto a runway surrounded by ambulances and fire trucks, lights flashing.

"I resolved to fill out my will today, which I had been putting off. I resolved to always have my affairs in order, and to remember that life can end any time, unexpectedly.

"As far as I'm concerned, I just experienced a plane crash, without the explosion on impact. I remember all the things that went through my mind, and what it was like to think we were going down and were about to die. My warmest thanks to the brave crew on that Continental flight, that spent what could have been their last moments alive, doing their job. My thanks to God that I didn't die."

OBITUARIES

ALICE THOMPSON

Services for Mrs. Thompson, 76, formerly of Garden City were May 18 from St. Dunstan Catholic Church, Garden City, with burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Bad Axe, Mich. The Rev. Donald Demmer officiated. Arrangements were by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

Mrs. Thompson, of Royal Oak, died May 16 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. Born Jan. 31, 1920, in Bad Axe, she was an auto industry bookkeeper.

Survivors include: son, Thomas (Carol) Thompson and a brother, Maurice Van Hevel.

Memorials may be donated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

MARION E. ALLENBAUGH

Services for Mrs. Allenbaugh, 87, of Westland were May 16 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, followed by cremation. The Rev. John Quigley of Ward Presbyterian Church officiated.

Mrs. Allenbaugh died May 14 in Garden City Hospital. Born Oct. 26, 1908, she was a clerk for the agriculture department.

Survivors include: daughters, Kathryn (Irwin) Perrie and Wilda; sons, Raleigh D. and James (Diane); nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her husband, Raleigh M., and a son, William.

MICHAEL D. RICHARDSON

Services for Mr. Richardson, 27, of Westland were May 17 from the Charles Step Funeral Home, Redford Township, and Our Lady of Loretto Church. The Rev. Joseph Esper officiated. Burial was in burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mr. Richardson died May 14 in Garden City Hospital. Born Nov. 13, 1968, he was a heating and cooling company employee.

Survivors include: wife, Carolyn; children, Kristina, Brian and Sandra; parents, Jack and Marijo Richardson; sister, Kathy (Terry) Dupuis; grandmother, Agnes Lynch; grandfather, Thomas Richardson, and uncles, T. J. and Craig. Preceding him in death was a grandfather, Frank Lynch, and a grandmother, Gladys Richardson.

DORIS JOANN FORBES

Services for Mrs. Forbes, 50, of Westland were May 16 from the Uht Funeral Home, followed by cremation. Bishop Bruce Greve officiated.

Mrs. Forbes died May 13 in Harper Hospital, Detroit. Born Nov. 11, 1945, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband, John; daughters, Tina Sullivan, Tracey Davis, Sheila Spardorcio and Corrina Wrobbel; sons, Troy Davis and Bill Moser; 11 grandchildren; brothers, Donald Cox, Bud Cox, Marvin Cox and Dick Cox, and sisters, Lois Nehmer, Nina Hernandez, Diane Vockler and Judy Cooper.

DEMETRIUS O. MITCHELL

Services for Mr. Mitchell, 38, of Westland were May 16 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home.

with burial in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton Township. Mary Prewitt of Full Gospel Church of the Sons of God officiated.

Mr. Mitchell died May 11 in Westland. Born May 2, 1958, he was a construction company's telecommunications service coordinator.

Survivors include: father, Thomas; brothers, Thomas (Faye), Richard D., Eric L., and Terrence C., and sisters, Angela (Reginald) Cay, Cynthia (Richard) Branch, Alita (Michael) Moore, Barbara (Arnold) Hoskins.

WALTER THOMPSON

Services for Mr. Thompson, 67, of Wayne were May 18 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Romulus Cemetery. The Rev. Rick Martella officiated.

Mr. Thompson died May 15 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. Born March 18, 1929, he was a carpenter.

Survivors include: wife, Betsy Ann; daughters, Joyce Johnson, Virginia Griffin, Sally Schaefer, and Sherry Leach; 10 grandchildren; brother, Orville, and sister, Myrtle. Preceding him in death were sisters, Lucille Miracle and Maglene Fowler; Hassie Jackson, Onvie and Ruth, and brothers, Henry, Harvey and Clinton.

SEBASTIANO JOSEPH RUSSANO

Services for Mr. Russano, 66, of Dearborn Heights were May 20 from the Charles Step Funeral Home, Redford Township, and Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. The Rev. Charles O'Neill officiated.

Mr. Russano died May 15 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. Born May 15, 1930, he was an automotive tinsmith.

Survivors include: wife, Lillian; sons, Thomas (Shari), Charles (Ellen) and Paul; daughter, Annette (David) Blevins; seven grandchildren; sister, Antonitta Mancuso, and brothers, Phillip Vasapoli, Frank Russano and Phillip Russano.

VERNON HENRY LATTERELL

Services for Mr. Latterell, 78, of Dearborn Heights were May 23 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, followed by cremation. The Rev. Leonard Partensky officiated.

Mr. Latterell died May 19 in the Dorvin Funeral Home, Livonia. Born July 5, 1917, in Foley, Minn., he was a member of a VFW post in Mountain Home, Ark and a retired painter for the city of Detroit.

Survivors include: wife, Lois; sons, Adrian (Jane), Richard, Thomas, Robert and James; daughter, Teresa (Gregg) Gazdecki; five grandchildren; three brothers, and two sisters.

MARY BROOKOVER

Services for Mrs. Brookover, 69, of Westland were May 21 from the Harry J. Will/Lents Chapel Funeral Home, Wayne.

Survivors include: daughters, Sandi (Jim) Elo and Pam (Larry) Bateman; son, Scott, and seven grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, Arnold.

Chorus names officers

The Spirit of Detroit Chorus will be installing its new officers and board members at the annual dinner at St. Mary Cultural Center in Livonia.

Faith Massey was elected president, Marge Mack vice president, Dorothy Davenport treasurer, Mary Lou Howlett

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New board members are Guinn Berger, Pat Holewinski, Kathi Lopez of Livonia, Harriet McAvoy, and Maureen Maher. Continuing board members are Marcia Knack and Alice LaVigne.



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Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes. Two original, signed copies must be submitted to: the Chairman, Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority, at the above address. Mark bid clearly: "BID FOR REFUSE GRAPPLE". Faxed bids will not be accepted. Bids must be received no later than 1:00 pm, Monday, June 10, 1996. Bids will be opened promptly thereafter at the Authority's offices at the above address.

The CWCSA may, at its discretion, award the bid sometime in June, 1996. Bid documents, including specifications, bid forms and information on these documents can be obtained from the Executive Director, CWCSA at the above address, telephone number 313/292-8877.

The Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all bids or items therein in the best interest of CWCSA. This solicitation is not to be construed to be a firm offer or commitment by CWCSA to accept any bid or bids and/or enter into any contract with any bidders.

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Volunteers needed for Rouge River cleanup, fix-up

The Friends of the Rouge will add "fix-up" to Rouge Rescue '96, the environmental group's 11th annual cleanup of the Rouge River on Saturday, June 1.

In addition to removing fallen trees and other debris from the river as they have since 1986, volunteers will also begin projects to restore and enhance eroding riverbanks.

Friends of the Rouge are working with local governments in

the Rouge River Watershed, the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, and environmental engineers who are volunteering their service, to identify sites where eroding riverbanks can be repaired using "bio-engineering" methods.

Bio-engineering is a natural alternative to more traditional engineered solutions for stabilizing riverbanks. Rather than using steel and concrete, bio-

engineering relies primarily on plant materials and volunteer labor to repair and enhance banks and in-stream fish and wildlife habitat.

"These projects are a natural step forward in our stewardship of the Rouge River," said Friends of the Rouge President Heidi Jo Wayco.

More than 2,500 volunteers participate in the annual Rouge Rescue, at cleanup sites through-

out Wayne, Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties. In addition to cleaning up the river, volunteers plant trees, build and groom wood-chip walking paths, stencil storm drain inlets with a warning against dumping toxic materials like used motor oil, and build nesting boxes for wood ducks, bluebirds, and brown bats.

For the second consecutive year, Rouge Rescue will also

include the collection of returnable bottles and cans, which will be redeemed to support the Friends of the Rouge Education Project.

Local cleanup sites are listed below. For more information, call the Friends of the Rouge at 961-4050.

- Livonia: Botsford Park; Lathers north of Seven Mile; (313) 421-2000, ext. 221.
- Redford: Lola Valley Park;

Lola at Beech Daly; (313) 534-5441.

•Plymouth: Lions Club Park, corner of Burroughs and Harding streets; (313) 453-1234, Ext. 229.

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New Senate reform proposal calls for family court

Capitol capsules:
The court reform movement thickens.
Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Hudsonville, is proposing a substitute for House Bill 5158, the court reform measure passed by the House of Representatives.

VanRegenmorter, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, provides for a "Family Court" that will handle divorce, child custody, support, paternity, juvenile delinquency, child protective proceedings, adoption and mental health guardianships.

Currently, some of the cases are handled by circuit courts, others by probate court. Under the VanRegenmorter substitute, Family Court would be a division of circuit court. He said his proposal would also provide more equitable statewide funding of courts.

HB 5158, drafted by House Judiciary chair Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, provides for spreading the duties of courts between the three levels of trial courts — circuit, probate and district, blurring the distinctions between them. A companion measure would abolish the constitutional requirement that every county maintain a probate court.

Bottom line in both proposals: Spread judicial resources more evenly, provide more flexibility in assigning judges, reduce the need to establish more judge-ships.

Vote on suicide

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, says voters should be allowed to decide the question of legalizing assisted suicide.

He is pushing an amendment to the so-called "Death with Dignity" package of bills requiring certain treatment options be made available to terminally ill patients. If his amendment is adopted, Senate Bill 980 would make assisted suicide an option if voters approve it. It's in the Senate Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

Same-sex fallout

"Same-sex marriages" aren't just a Hawaiian issue. Every state — including Michigan — could be affected if the Hawaiian Supreme Court rules that a state law prohibiting homosexual and lesbian marriages violates the state constitution, says Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

"If Hawaii permits same sex marriages, every state would then be forced to recognize these unions under the 'full faith and credit' clause of the U.S. Constitution," Whyman told a House Judiciary subcommittee in Lansing last week.

The second-term lawmaker is author of House Bills 5561, to prohibit same-sex marriages in Michigan, and HB 5562, to nullify a same-sex marriage that may be legal in another state.

Law lauded

State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, was honored as "legislator of the year" by the Michigan Society for Human Resource Management for sponsoring a law to limit civil liability of employers that provide good-faith job references.

"We are grateful that the House, Senate and Gov. Engler unanimously support House Bill 5137 and recognize the inherent problems faced by employers and employees with reference checking," said Arlie C. Skory, state director of the HRM group. HRM has 2,000 professional and student members.

Law faces a primary challenge from Gerald Vorva, the man he

ousted in the 1994 primary.

Role for Ryan

Rep. James Ryan, R-Redford, has been tapped to sponsor a bill banning partial-birth abortions.

A first-term member whose 1994 victory gave Republicans control of the House, Ryan was invited to Gov. John Engler's May 16 news conference at which Engler, Senate majority

leader Dick Posthumus, Sen. Joe Gougeon, R-Bay City, and House Speaker Paul Hillegonds launched the effort.

Tree planting ceremony will honor one of Wayne County's first foresters

Joseph R. Witwer, one of Wayne County's first foresters, will be remembered at a dedication of the Joseph R. Witwer Memorial at 11 a.m. Friday, May 24, at the Bennett Arboretum on Edward Hines Drive, south of Seven Mile Road.

The dedication will include a tree-planting ceremony.

Witwer was one of the first professional foresters in the field of roadside development. He came to Wayne County in 1922 after his graduation from Michigan State College (now Michigan State University) to assist J. Merle Bennett, the first county Parks and Forestry director, in developing a forestry and park program for the board of the

Wayne County Road Commission.

For more than 40 years, Witwer planted trees along the byways of Wayne County. County records indicate that more than 100,000 trees were planted during Witwer's time with Wayne County's Parks and Forestry Division.

The collection of specimen trees in the Bennett Arboretum gives illustrates his work.

"Joe Witwer made a profound difference in the aesthetic beauty of our area. Generations to come will enjoy the majestic trees he planted," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

Witwer also organized and

served as president of the Michigan Forestry Association.

Witwer retired from Wayne County in 1964. He died Feb. 22, 1995. A fund has been set up to be used for tree planing and maintenance of the Bennett Arboretum in the Wayne County Park System.

Donations can be sent to: Friends of Wayne County Parks, Attn.: Witwer Fund, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Mich. 48185.

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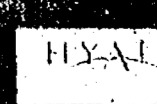

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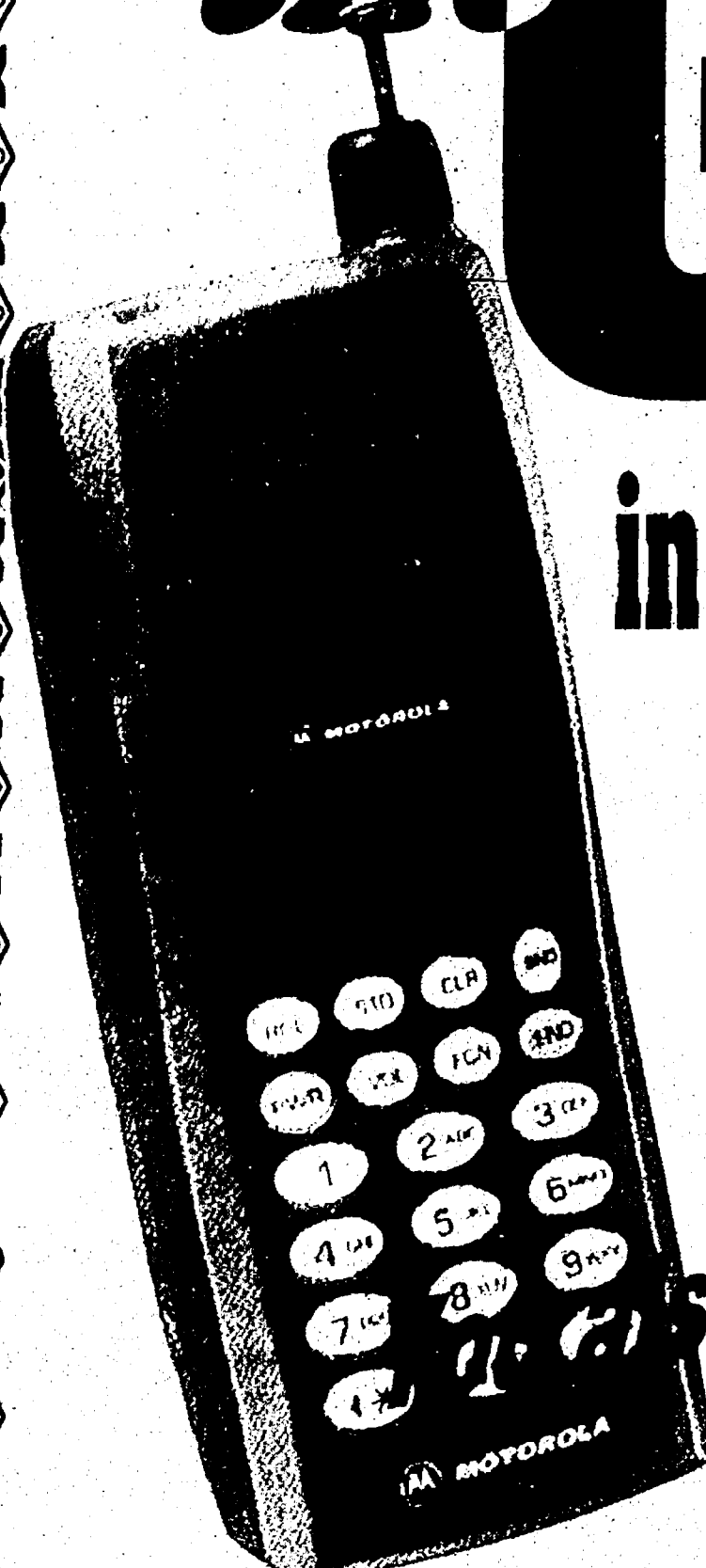
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McNamara wins praise for airport expansion

BY BETH SUNDRIA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

There was plenty of praise Monday at Metro Airport and much of it was heaped on Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.

Elected officials from near and far gathered or called at Monday's press conference at the Marriott in Metro Airport.

President Bill Clinton and Secretary of Transportation Federico Pena offered congratulations in a phone conversation with McNamara, which was broadcast to the room by microphone.

The project is a great example of the partnership needed between county, state and national government and private business, Clinton said.

The improvements are needed not only for the public, but for business, Pena said.

Calling it a "national investment," Pena said the project will reduce thousands of hours of delays.

The expansion is a blend of vision and competence, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin said.

"Very few projects of a lifetime have the economic spinoff of this airport," Levin said, calling it not just a national hub but a global hub.

"This is, if anything, your airport," Congressman John Dingell, said to McNamara.

The expansion will also be done quietly, Dingell said, referring to airport noise.

As a twice-weekly commuter from the airport, Democratic Congresswoman Lynn Rivers said she welcomes the expansion.

"This is a wonderful project and I'm proud to have been part of it," she also called it a truly bipartisan effort as Republican Congressman Joe Knollenberg also played a role.

Calling it the most significant development project in the state, Gov. John Engler offered his congratulations by phone.

"Michigan is preparing to meet its transit needs of the future," Engler said.

The expansion will also mean expanded commuter air service

to areas of Michigan where none or little exists today, Engler said.

The importance of the impressive Metro Airport makes on visitors is also being discussed, Engler said.

Wayne County Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon offered his praise. "My colleagues and I congratulate you - and your entire team - for all the work you put into delivering this wonderful project to Wayne County," Solomon said.

"It means we're now going to have a world class facility," Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said.

Not only will it create jobs in the county, but there will be jobs in construction, she said.

"I think the Wayne County executive deserves a great deal of credit," Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, said. Patterson made his comments on Tuesday.

Patterson's district includes Metro Airport, and he has criticized the noise mitigation project, which is buying up homes adversely affected by airport noise and sound insulating other buildings located near the airport. "It hasn't been as effective as it should have been," he said.

But he supports the expansion. Since the expansion project will use passenger facility charges, not county tax, Patterson said he supports it.

The airport needs the improvements and it will be an economic boost for the area, he said.

Northwest Airlines' Executive Vice President for Customer Service and Operations Don Washburn also praised McNamara.

"We appreciate the efforts of Ed McNamara," he said.

McNamara joked that he had been considering retiring, but now would consider a run for governor.



Spotlight: County Exec Ed McNamara's efforts drew praise from President Bill Clinton.



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School choices Turner, Cox deserve terms

The Wayne-Westland school district has settled into a period of tranquility, after several years of turmoil, high-profile disputes between the board of education and the superintendent, and money problems.

Most of those issues have dissipated with a change in the makeup of the school board and the hiring last year of Duane Moore as superintendent.

While the money and other problems remain, the school board and administration have made progress in many areas.

When voters select two members of the school board at the June 10 election, they should be aware that there will be at least one new member picked. The new board member will succeed Francis "Bud" Winter, who announced several months ago that he will not run for a second term. Winter is a former Wayne Memorial High School principal and current board president who helped the district progress in his four years of board service.

Fortunately, the school community has two excellent candidates seeking two four-year terms.

They are Ed Turner, appointed in December to a vacancy, and David Cox, who served on the Westland City Council for two years

before losing a re-election bid last November.

Based on their backgrounds and Westland Observer interviews, they are clearly the best choices on the June 10 ballot.

Turner has clearly demonstrated a commitment to the school district and its primary goal of educating students. Based on his five months in office, he certainly has a sense of doing the right thing for the right reasons.

Before being named to the board last winter, he attended board meetings for several years and gained valuable insights on how the board and administration operate and work together.

Turner is a positive, problem-solving person who should be elected to a full term.

Cox, who comes to the campaign with a different background, has excellent skills in analyzing budgets and financial reports.

Cox has a high energy level and excellent communication skills.

With children in public school, Cox would also bring a needed balance to the board. Currently, only two other board members have children in the public schools.

Turner and Cox should be elected June 10 to assure the school district's continuing progress for the next four years.

How to fix Michigan roads

We've been telling you so.

For the last five or six years, this newspaper has insisted now was the time to address Michigan and Wayne County road problems - potholes, two-lane paths, lack of turn lanes, freeway ramps, insufficient "smart" traffic lights, aging bridges - with a fuel tax hike.

In that time, state government - the only entity capable of addressing the problem - has been in a stalemate. The governor and Department of Transportation say state roads should get the lion's share of new revenue; counties and municipalities say they need a share.

In that time, fuel prices were low and stable. Drivers would hardly have noticed it if the 15-cents fuel tax had been raised a couple cents a gallon each year.

In 1996, we've watched a battle of the planners: MDOT's people saying they should get more than their traditional 75 percent cut of federal aid; the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments insisting local planners cannot, under federal law, be ignored. SEMCOG, with the spurring of deputy Wayne County Executive Mike Duggan and the votes of local officials, fought the good fight and won an honorable compromise.

But SEMCOG continues to insist a fuel tax hike is needed.

Meanwhile, potholes got deeper, traffic arteries got clogged, gridlock at red lights worsened.

Since early this year, fuel prices have inched up a couple of cents a week to the \$1.20s. That raises the difficulty of Michigan's increasing its fuel tax.

There are several reasons fuel prices are going up:

- A bad winter has increased the demand for home heating oil. That reduces the supply of oil available for gasoline, and the price is forced up. There's little we can do about that.
- The Middle East, source of much of the

world's oil, is politically unstable. Again, we can do little about that.

- Oil companies are allegedly greedy, hiking the price two cents for every penny that market forces justify. We don't know how true that allegation is and leave it to the Clinton Justice Department's election year zeal to prosecute any collusion and gouging.

- Consumers, particularly in southeastern Michigan, are buying more pickup trucks and sport-utility vehicles that burn 15-22 miles per gallon rather than compacts that get 35 mpg. We can do something about that. No way can we blame Shell, Amoco and Mobil for that phenomenon. It's fashionable to say "the customer is always right," but not this year. The customers made a collective mistake.

- Drivers are going faster than ever on I-96, I-75 and other urban freeways. In 55 mph zones, they used to go 65. Now if you go 70, you'll see drivers zipping by at 80 or 85, with rarely a blue patrol car in sight. A vehicle loses fuel efficiency drastically over 60 mph. Not only are the speedsters boorish, dangerous and unpatriotic, but they're costing the rest of us more money.

- Michigan still has the nation's heaviest trucks on its roads, which are naturally weakened by our freeze-thaw cycles. Tighter weight limits won't ease congestion, but they will reduce the damage these behemoths do to the pavement. The current governor and Legislature have brought the teachers' unions and trial lawyers to their knees. Let's see if they have the nerve to tackle the truckers' lobby.

Drivers need to take their feet off the gas pedal and rethink their need for four-wheeled tanks. Lawmakers need to go to lower truck weight limits and make at least a token hike in the fuel tax, which pays for state, county and local roads.

We'll keep telling you so.

Veterans to be remembered



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Parade planned: The Wayne-Westland Veterans' Parade Council will sponsor a Memorial Day parade, to start at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 26, at Wayne Road and Cherry Hill and proceed south to the Wayne City Hall, on Wayne Road at Sims, where a ceremony will be held.

LETTERS

Ballot issue knocked

The latest tax-wasting boondoggle to come out of Westland City Hall is this idea of "community policing."

Like most political boondoggles it comes with a price tag for Westland residents - in this case higher taxes.

Under the theory of community policing, the police become sort of quasi-social workers in the neighborhoods.

They become "part of the community," providing positive "role models" for residents who might otherwise be inclined to enter upon a life of crime.

My question is does Westland really need this? Are the residents of the Tonquish subdivisions prone to drug dealing?

Do drive-by shootings and car jackings dominate Surrey Heights? Are our apartment complexes ruled by armed drug lords?

Community policing is really an idea that was developed for our urban and inner city police forces.

In some inner city neighborhoods, "good is bad and bad is good" - a culture of crime prevails. Sociologists call this an "inverted norm structure."

In these neighborhoods, the drug pusher and the car thief are highly respected persons. And, doing jail time is frequently considered to be a badge of honor.

The police are often seen as an hostile occupying army to be resisted.

Does this situation apply to Westland? I think not. In Westland, 99.99 percent of the population are law-abiding, and welcome the police presence in their neighborhoods. Unlike inner city neighborhoods - in Westland there is no inverted norm structure - no culture of crime is to be overcome. Westland residents do not fear that someone is going to accuse them of "selling out" if they support the police.

So let's scrap this community policing nonsense before it starts. It's really nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to boost the city payrolls and increase taxes.

Call city hall and tell the politicians to spend our existing public safety tax dollars to catch real criminals who are committing real crimes.

We don't need any more expensive fads and social boondoggles.

A "back-to-basics" police force is what Westland really needs.

Walter Warren
 Westland

Walkers are thanked

On behalf of the over 200 participants in the recent Wayne-Westland CROP Hunger Walk, we would like to thank those who supported the effort through their pledges and donations.

Donors gave in excess of \$12,000 to help fight hunger both worldwide and locally.

In addition to these financial gifts, the Rotary Club of Wayne provided refreshments for the walkers during the walk and Toarmina's Pizza welcomed the returning walkers with hot pizza!

We are very grateful for their support.

Wayne residents have a great deal to be proud of in their city leaders who were so cooperative in every phase of the CROP Walk as well as in their police department who provided the walkers with assistance crossing major intersections and a protective presence throughout the day.

Thank you, Wayne, for your courtesy and support.

I would be remiss if I did not note the wonderful leadership which made the walk possible. Thank you to Salvation Army Capt. Mark Welsh for seeing to the publicity for the event; to Pat Rice, Carol Winkler and the rest of the arrangements committee for their tireless and excellent work; to Hazel Eminger for her wonderful recruiting efforts; to Alan Clark, our treasurer for the event, and, to the ladies of both St. Mary's and First Congregational churches for their service above and beyond anyone's expectations.

You all make this initial walk a great success. May this be the beginning of great walks in the future!

Rev. Craig Watson
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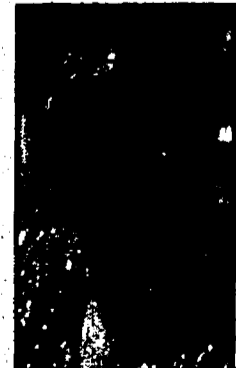
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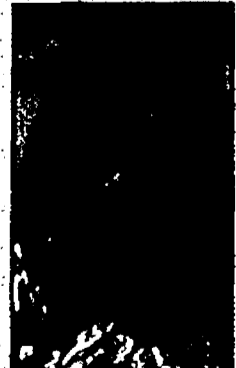
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What radio station do you listen to most often?

We asked this question at Kroger on Ford Road at Central City Parkway.



"None. I just got out of the habit of listening to it."
 Linnette Scholz
 Westland



"I don't listen to the radio. I only listen to gospel music, mostly on gospel tapes."
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POINTS OF VIEW

Local teachers' attorney explains case

BY LEO JANUSZEWSKI
GUEST COLUMNIST

(Copy of a letter to Wayne-Westland school district attorney Russell Slatkin regarding a dispute involving several teachers suing over a retirement incentive program.)

I have received a copy of the April 1 Westland Observer and your comments. I had initially declined to speak with that publication for the reason that I wanted to preserve the element of confidentiality as a possible inducement towards settlement. That is now no longer an option given that you evidently have opted to try the case in the media. You have refused past compromise settlement proposals on the grounds that the district was concerned about the settlement publicity leading to other teachers likewise filing lawsuits. So as to facilitate a compromise settlement of the current suits, I have not contacted

any other teachers. However, it appears that you yourself have acted contrary to your professed concern in choosing to publicize this matter.

I will respond to your misleading newspaper argument. You attempt to cast the plaintiffs' position as being that the school district was forever barred from offering an early retirement incentive plan because of the promises that it made in 1992.

As you are aware, the above is not the teachers' position. You will recall the court hearing held on Oct. 20, 1995, wherein the teachers specifically disavowed that position. This disavowal was undertaken in open court in your presence.

As you know, the bulk of the nine teachers seeking redress through the courts would only have worked another year or two had they not been told by the school district that retirement plans would not be offered in the

GUEST COLUMN

future.

As you further know, a litigant must suffer damages in order to bring a case. Thus, for example, if a teacher would have only worked another year but for the school district's promises and the school district offers a retirement plan two years later, that teacher has sustained no damages, and, hence, there is no lawsuit.

In the current case, the teachers seek compensation for only the additional time that they would have worked had the school district not enticed them into the 1992 ERIP (early retirement incentive program) in part with promises that no others would be offered in the future. In short, we agree with your position that "it's a little bit farfetched to say that an employer would never offer

another early retirement incentive in the future."

To date, neither the judge nor the three appointed mediators who have reviewed this matter have agreed with your position that there exists no valid claim. You have nonetheless opted for a time-and-money-consuming "winner take all" stance. You justify this by attributing to the teachers a position that they do not take in the hopes of soliciting additional funding to litigate "all the way to the Michigan Court of Appeals."

Throughout the pendency of this case, I have offered to arbitrate rather than proceed to a public trial. Arbitration removes the matter from the glare of the public courts and consumes much less time and money.

I have further offered to bind my firm and the current plaintiffs to an agreement that the arbitration award would not be disclosed to anybody and

that if it was, the school district would be entitled to reimbursement of the award if it were shown that either my firm or one of the plaintiffs breached that agreement.

These offers were all proffered in the hopes of effectuating a reasonable compromise of the immediate litigation and to address your purported concerns regarding a "flurry of lawsuits" being filed as a result of settlement publicity. Inexplicably, you have declined these offers. The school district should know that those offers remain open to date.

In conclusion, I do regret that I was forced to respond in this manner. However, my duty to my clients compels me to respond to public distortions of their position.

Leo Januszewski is an attorney with Logeman & Associates, based in Ypsilanti.

Indian-run casino issues raise many questions and answers

Getting up to date on the Indian casino gambling issue:

Q. What was the state Senate voting on last week and this?

A. Gov. John Engler has negotiated pacts with three federally recognized Indian tribes. They are:

- The Pokagon band of the Potawatomi tribe, with a site in New Buffalo Township on I-94.

- The Little River band of the Ottawa tribe, with a site in Manistee.

- The Little Traverse Bay bands of Odawa, with a site in Mackinaw City.

Q. If senators dislike gambling casinos, can't they just vote "no"?

A. Many don't dare. Sen. Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, one of the craftiest legislators and a non-gambler, calls a casino in his bailiwick "a foregone conclusion. This leaves us in the position of trying to get the best deal we

can for the state and community."

Supporters say that if the state won't deal with them, the tribes will run to Washington for permits, and the state will lose all chance to regulate them. That's how it works under the 1988 federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Currently 24 states have compacts with tribes for gaming.

Q. What kind of state regulation are we talking about?

A. The compacts call for 10 percent of Class III gaming net winnings to go to our governments — 8 percent to the Michigan Strategic Fund, 2 percent to local units.

Q. What's that worth?

A. Seven tribes operate 13 casinos. In 1995-6, they are estimated to take in a net of \$384 million, pay the state \$34 million and local units \$8.5 million, up 58 percent from the prior year. That's from the state racing



TIM RICHARD

commissioner.

The big casino is the Chippewas' in Mt. Pleasant. It takes in almost as much as the other 12 combined.

Q. What do you mean by Class III gaming?

A. Class I is social games for prizes of minor value. Class II is bingo and other non-banking games.

Class III includes slot machines, blackjack, parimutuel racing, jai alai, and video poker. Patrons play against

the "bank" rather than each other.

Q. Don't the tribes have a better way to make a living?

A. Apparently not. According to the pro-gaming propaganda, the Hydraburg tribe of Alaska has no gambling and a 50-55 percent unemployment rate. Nationally 32 percent of Indians live in poverty.

That's strange because in Michigan, people with only a fraction of Indian "blood" are entitled to tuition-free college, but barely 3 percent of Indians take advantage of it.

Q. What else is the Senate voting on?

A. There's a resolution asking the federal government to let the states and locals have more regulatory control — zoning, building codes, liquor law enforcement, liability insurance requirements, and the like.

Q. Are the feds likely to give in?

A. Hard to say. It depends on whether the state-local controls are used to regulate or just to block.

Q. Lots of folks see casinos as Mafia-controlled dens of iniquity and prostitution. You too?

A. Maybe. I'm more concerned that Americans increasingly think they can strike it rich at gambling. My econ profs said you should work, budget, save part of what you earn, and invest it in productive enterprise.

Their way took years, but you produced something of value to other humans, and you relied on yourself, not luck.

In the last two centuries, white traders degraded Indians by selling them firewater. Maybe gambling is the Indians' way of getting even.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

Gov. Engler makes good sense on reform of adult education system

For years and years, Michigan has been spending big bucks — 185 million last year, 10 times the national per capita average — on adult education, programs that help high school dropouts go back to the classroom.

Everybody admits the results are meager. Of the 185,000 students enrolled in adult ed, only 14,000 graduate, more than one-third drop out, and less than one in 10 find jobs or improve their earnings.

Worse, for years adult ed has been, in practice, the slush fund that lots of school districts used to balance their budgets.

Salaries for adult ed teachers have been traditionally less than for regular K-12 classroom teachers, so districts have been taking the "profit" from the per capita state grant for adult ed and using it to bolster their books. Newspapers used to be filled with advertisements touting adult ed class openings just after the autumn fourth Friday head count determined state funding levels for school districts.

Gov. John Engler wants to change all this. Predictably, he's getting a lot of flak for it. But in this instance, I think he's right on target.

First, he wants to put \$50 million into community and workplace literacy grants to meet the reading, math and work-readiness of adults. These grants will be awarded to Michigan's 27 local workplace development boards, which will seek competitive proposals from school districts, charter schools, community colleges, nonprofit organizations and other institutions that provide training.

Wonderful! One of the fundamental reasons government works so badly is its habit of designating monopoly — "presumptive provider" is the bureaucratic language — agencies to carry out certain tasks. Engler wants to bust up the monopoly on adult education that K-12 school districts have had for so many years and use links between job training providers and employers to introduce competitive incentives into the system.

Engler argues that costs in the present system are high (up to \$16,000 per participant) and results low. He compares this with Michigan's Economic Development Job Training program which "prepared" (whatever that means) 70,000 workers for jobs at an average cost of \$800.

Equally important, Engler argues, "Adult education is now a one-size-fits-all program; the wrong students are locked in, the right students



PHIL POWER

are locked out, and no one gets ahead."

This is so. Kids who finish school and get a job threatened by changing technology can't get help from the current adult ed system because they already have a high school diploma. On the other hand, high school dropouts over 20 are unlikely to be interested in high school classes; they want job training to get a better job, not 10th-grade civics. School districts are good at basic education; expecting them to be good at job training is asking too much.

The part of the Engler program that is drawing the most criticism is the proposal to provide a free public education to any Michigan resident only through age 20. After 20, though, only adults who are recommended by their employers would be eligible for tax-paid tuition. School districts could offer adult ed to anyone over 20, but students would have to pay tuition.

Educators and others are screaming this is unfair. They cite statistics showing that 40 percent of beginning adult education students have skills below eighth-grade level. Of that group, 70 percent have less skills than fourth-graders. With low skills, they have low wages; with low wages, they're unlikely to see much point in paying to improve their skills.

They may have a point. I suspect issues of tuition will be debated hard when the reform legislation starts working through the Legislature.

But the main points of Engler's proposals are sound: Distinguishing between K-12 basic education and job training, and making providers compete for state funding, are both worthy objectives. The Legislature should do that.

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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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Ron does hair just like Vidal

I'm sitting in a waiting room right now - waiting. For child No. 2. I was told to do this, sit right here and wait. So I will. I'm waiting and I'm alone; child No. 1, child No. 3, child No. 4 and child No. 5 aren't here. And I must say I feel weird, incomplete; I feel as if something is missing, like limbs or eyes, something important like that.

The receptionist is at her desk a few feet away, shuffling papers. A few other waiting adults are here, too. But no one is saying anything, it's all so sedate. And quiet. I can hear magazine pages being turned, and I can hear birds singing outside the windows, and the squeaking hinge of a door being opened and closed just down the hall. Oh, and just now a janitor walked past, keys clinking in rhythm to his soft footsteps. He was absentmindedly humming a tune as he went.

These sounds normally get right past me. That's because life with young children is a lot noisier than these noises. These noises don't stand a chance around us.

My four other children are at home with my husband while I wait here. And those four children at home right now happen to be my boys. Noisy boys, I might add. Which means, of course, the child I'm waiting for in this room is my little girl. She's the quietest of the bunch. And the one with the longest hair.

I doubt the two things, long hair and tranquility, have anything to do with each other, except

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

Wheel power

Fraternity member set for 3,600-mile benefit



When Michael Monnette lands in San Francisco on June 5, it will be the start of an adventure of a lifetime, an adventure that will take him cross country in 63 days while helping people with disabilities.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to inspiration, Michael Monnette looks to his 2-year-old nephew, Aaron Chwiek, who as the result of a blood clot had his arm amputated above the elbow when he was just nine days old, and his girlfriend's 7-year-old cousin, who is mildly retarded.

He will need that inspiration when he sets off with 60 other Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers on a bicycle trek June 9 that starts at the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and ends at the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., 63 days later.

A junior majoring in finance at the University of Toledo, Monnette is riding across the country to help raise money for PUSH America, a national outreach program of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity that benefits people with disabilities.

"I'm the only one from my chapter, the rest are from around the country," said Monnette, a 1993 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School. "One of my fraternity brothers rode in it last year, so I knew about it, but when he got back and said it was awesome experience, it made me want to do it."

Monnette started planning for the ride, billed as the Journey of Hope, in January. Participants need to raise a minimum of \$4,000 in donations or per mile pledges, a goal he

was \$279 short of when he found out he had made the team. Now he's zeroing in on the \$5,000 mark and hoping to raise another \$1,500 for personal expenses.

While PUSH America provides team members lodging and three meals a day, riders must provide their own airfare, bicycle and gear and money for personal and extra food expenses. As an incentive, PUSH America provides airfare for those who raise \$5,000.

Getting support

The Redford resident used a letter writing campaign among family members, friends and employers to raise the money as well as staging a bikeathon at his high school alma mater.

"I sold stars for \$1 a piece, which every home room bought," he said. "The won that bought the most won a pizza party. One teacher bought \$75 worth of stars."

He also was able to buy his Schwinn Passage bicycle, equipped with 21 gears, at cost from Dale's Bike Shop in Oberlin, Ohio, after talking to the owner about his ride. The bike includes a third gear for climbing in the mountains.

Last year, PUSH America raised \$432,000 with its Journey of Hope bicycle ride, including some \$264,000 raised by the riders. Corporate sponsors, such as Saturn and

See PUSH AMERICA, 14A



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Wheel Inspiration: When Michael Monnette, a junior at the University of Toledo, takes off on a cross-country bicycle ride, one of his inspirations will be his 2-year-old nephew Aaron Chwiek, who had his left arm amputated above the elbow at when he was just nine days old.

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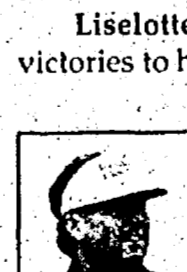
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exciting Skins Game at the First of America Challenge at the Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.



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.



Lanny Wadkins

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.

Captain and has been a member of the Ryder Cup team eight times.

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

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.



FIRST OF AMERICA

Challenge





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Red Alert: The Detroit Red Wings may be down by two games in their quest for the Stanley Cup, but employees at Parisian at Laurel Park Place are behind their team 100 percent. Sporting Red Wing T-shirts and jerseys are Renee Wauldron of Plymouth (from left), Julie Juodawlkis of Livonia, Donna Bishop of Wixom and Larry Panetta of Redford.

Family Room *from page 13A*

maybe today. Just when Carmen and I left the house a little while ago, all the boys were lined up to receive haircuts by Dad. From youngest to oldest, they were lined up and waiting. And the scene was a noisy one. Steven, 3 months old, was the only one who escaped this periodic ritual, this time. In his three months, he hasn't grown enough hair to be trimmed. But his turn is coming, of that I'm sure.

Now nearly every time this haircutting business comes around I am not home, I'm usually at the grocery store buying the week's groceries, and that takes about an hour and a half on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, so Ron, a.k.a. Vidal Meier, is free to perform his hair magic without the likes of me hanging about, putting my two cents worth in and fussing over each snip.

I am never quite sure when this haircutting event will take place. I am typically not privy to that information. It seems to be carefully orchestrated that way.

What I find when I get home after one of these haircutting sessions is always a surprise. I just never know.

If the boys have a new style, a

new look, I just hope it's right in line with the current style, and if it's not - I hope it's so far off the mark that it'll be considered cool because it's so weird. But if it's just a little off, just misses the mark by a little bit, then there'll be heck to pay. This I've learned over the 12 years Ron has cut our boys' hair. (Carmen's hair we just leave alone. This is a non-negotiable item.)

Now, Ron - the haircutter - is very much like Ron - the home improvement guy. He's all business, no goofing around. Small talk, chitchat, beauty parlor/barber shop banter is strictly forbidden.

As a matter of fact, when he himself goes in for a haircut at a bone fide hair cutting place, he comes home with tales of gabby cutters. The gabber they are, the more exasperated he becomes. He thinks things would go much faster if there were less talk and more snipping. Getting to the business at hand is the best way, the only way, to do business.

In addition to that, Ron firmly believes in this: tools of the business are just that, tools of the business. Just as a screwdriver was made for driving screws into

boards and not for reaching under the refrigerator to retrieve the broken off side of the yo-yo, the haircutting scissors are just that, haircutting scissors, not construction paper scissors, not collage making scissors, not kite string scissors. One tool, one purpose.

In all fairness, I must say that they boys have received in the past unsolicited favorable comments from friends and strangers alike regarding their hair. And that's good; it makes them happy and that makes their hair cutter happy and that makes everybody happy. And we have hair harmony.

Oh, I see Carmen coming down the hall now. She's done. Quickly and quietly she's approaching. Her long ponytail is swinging from side to side.

We'll be going home now. Where the hair is short and the noise is big. Hopefully, that big noise will be harmonious now. Make that "hair-monious."

Oh, good grief! Gotta go!

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.

PUSH America *from page 13A*

GMC Trucks, which provided support vehicles, accounted for \$80,000.

PUSH America uses the money to provide grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to organizations serving people with disabilities which is used to build playgrounds, boardwalks, fishing piers and outdoor facilities and do general upkeep. Manpower is provided by fraternity members who come together for Give-A-PUSH Weekends.

The organization also sponsors PUSH Camps, three weeks in March when the fraternity brothers use their spring breaks to make renovations and additions to summer camps for children and adults with disabilities.

Monnette, who spent his spring break in Empire, Colo., building storage sheds and lodging, will fly to San Francisco on June 5. Once there, he will spend three days learning how to ride in a group and to work with people with disabilities.

When not riding, participants will do advocacy presentations like PUSH's puppet show, "Kids on the Block," and friendship visits to homes and institutions for people with disabilities.

The 60 riders actually will be divided into two teams. They will ride together as a group for one week, before splitting up in Fallon, Nev.

One will take a southern route through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana and the like on its way to Washington. The other team, including Monnette, will head north through Col-

orado, Utah, Nebraska, Iowa and into Michigan on its way to the East Coast.

Monnette is excited about the route, because the route takes him through Ann Arbor en route to Troy and then south through his hometown of Redford to his school town, Toledo.

"That's downhill, right?" he jokingly asked his father, Richard. "That's after 2,800 miles so I'll be used to it by then."

The two teams will reunite outside of Washington for the finish on Aug. 10.

The teams will ride an average of 75 miles a day, with a few topping 100 miles. Lodging will be in people's homes, high school gymnasiums and in hotels in the larger cities. Among the equipment he will take is his sleeping bag and a mattress.

Monnette has gotten "a lot of support financially and emotionally" from his parents, Richard and Betty, and his entire family, although his decision to sign on for the Journey of Hope caught his parents by surprise.

"We were a little surprised," Richard said. "We really hadn't heard that much about it. But you're only young once and to be able to do that ... it's something that will be with him the rest of his life."

People interested in helping Michael Monnette with his ride can write him at 8949 Brady, Redford 48239.

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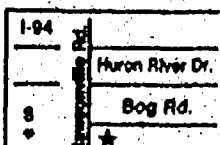
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Steffanina-Vandieren

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Steffanina of Bloomfield Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Regina Marie, to Michael Kelly Vandieren, the son of Leon Vandieren of Bowling Green, Ohio, and Elizabeth Cornell of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is a financial analyst at General Motors.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is on an educational leave from the Ford Motor Co., pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Indiana University.



The couple is planning a June wedding.

Gormley-Downey

Joe and Mary Lou Gormley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Louise, to David Thomas Downey, the son of Norm and Audrey Downey of Birmingham.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and Lawrence Technological University with a degree in marketing.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and Lawrence Technological University with a degree in architecture. He is employed by the Michigan Society of Planning Officials.

A July wedding is planned for the Academy of the Sacred Heart Chapel in Bloomfield Hills.



Henrie-Veit

Ed and Nancy Henrie of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Kathryn, to Douglas Walter Veit, the son of Helmut and Ursula Veit of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1991 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in business administration at Lawrence Technological University. She is employed at Detroit Diesel Corporation in purchasing.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1991 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed at Ford Motor Company as a sup-



plier technical engineer. A June wedding is planned at Mill Race Village's New School Church in Northville.

Leright-Perry

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leright of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Eileen, to Ron C. Perry, the son of Mrs. Elaine Perry of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a life management teacher in Flint.

Her fiancé is an assistant golf professional/starter at Tam O'Shanter Country Club in West Bloomfield while he finishes the Professional Golfers' Association program.

A June wedding is planned.



Adamick-Castellani

Christine Marie Adamick, the daughter of the late James and Agnes Adamick, announces her engagement to Mark Castellani, the son of Maureen Diviney and the late Rudolph Castellani Sr.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Wayne State University, where she received her degree in medicine. She is currently a medical resident at the Univer-

sity of Cincinnati Medical Center.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ludington High School and Michigan State University, where he received his degree in electrical engineering. He currently is providing consultant work in Cincinnati.

A June wedding is planned at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery.

Proskey-Gothe

Mrs. Margaret Proskey of Belleville announces the engagement of her daughter, Lisa Kathleen, to Robert David Gothe, the son of Richard and Shirley Gothe of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Ypsilanti High School. She is employed as a warehouse manager for Creative Health Products in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed as an assembler for Ford Motor company in Livonia.

A June wedding is planned at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.



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If you have questions regarding your announcement, call Sue Mason in Livonia at (313) 951-2131, or Bridget Lucas in Plymouth at 93130 459-2700.

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Marlow-Thuma

Kenneth and Carole Marlow of Novi, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina Lynn, to Christopher Doane Thuma, the son of Eric and Marion Thuma of Imlay City.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and 1993 graduate of Kalamazoo College. She currently is a student at Georgetown University Law School and is employed by a Washington,

D.C., lobbying firm.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Imlay City High School, a 1991 graduate of Michigan State University, and a 1995 graduate of the Thomas Cooley Law School. He also attended Cambridge University in England. He is employed Foreign Service officer at the U.S. Department of State.

A June wedding is planned for St. Paul of the Cross Monastery Chapel in Detroit.

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WEDDINGS

Mussat-Grogan

Amy Lynn Grogan and Joel Matthew Mussat exchanged vows April 12 at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. The Rev. Henry Roodbeen officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Grogan of Livonia and John and Rosemary Grogan of San Francisco, Calif. The groom is the son of James and Kathryn Mussat of Northville.

The bride is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Central Michigan University. She is employed as a flight attendant by American TransAir.

The groom is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed by Anderson Consulting.

The bride's attendants Melanie Peters, Cheryl Grogan, Kelly Daum, Stephanie Mussat, Marianne Wendling, Lisa Nelson, Lisa Lemieux and Molly Beauregard.

The groom's attendants were Chris Mussat, John Grogan, Lee Shifro, Woody Kassins, Yuri Schmidt, Bill Percha, Marc Wendling and Tony Jabala.

The newlyweds received guests at the Italian-American Club of Livonia. They will make their home in Charlotte, N.C.



VanDeren-Werner

Shannon Lee Werner and John Lee Van Deren, were married Oct. 28, 1995, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia by David Brown.

The bride is the daughter of David and Deanna Werner of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Walter and Pat VanDeren of Dillon, Mont.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in biology. She is employed at Disability Services

in Novi.

The groom is a GMI graduate where he studied mechanical engineering. He is employed as an engineer at Chrysler Corporation - Chelsea Proving Ground.

The bride's attendants were Stacy Halaby, Lara Allison, Kerry Juchartz, Amy Joyce, and Leslie Bauman.

The groom's attendants were Robert VanDeren, Dale Schuerman, Mark Smith, Tom Pickett, and Spencer Schirs.

The newlyweds received guests at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland before leaving for a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia.



Meyers-Hunter

Jill Ann Hunter and Jeffrey Paul Meyers were married Oct. 22, 1995, at St. Paul of the Cross Chapel in Detroit by the Rev. Michael Hoolahan.

The bride is the daughter of Robert E. Hunter and the late Lorna F. Hunter. The groom is the son of Joseph C. Meyers and Nancy A. Meyers of Canton.

The bride is a 1982 graduate of Trenton High School.

The groom is a 1981 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

The couple received guests at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights, before leaving on a trip to Aruba. They are making their home in Dearborn.



Bergner-Pearce

Nancy Ruth Pearce and Mario Joseph Bergner were married May 11 in Wheaton, Ill.

The bride is the daughter of Arthur and Alice Anne Pearce of Redford.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Redford Union High School and a 1988 graduate of Albion College. She is employed as assistant to the president at Opportunity International in Oakbrook, Ill.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and Trinity Episcopal Seminary School of Ministry. He is an assistant pastor at the Church of the Resurrection of Illinois.



Ball-Rebmann

Bob and Carol Ball of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Susan Leanne, to Leigh Alan Rebmann, the son of Paul and Lynn Rebmann of Plymouth.

They were married Dec. 14, 1995, in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

The bride currently is employed by American Community Mutual Insurance Co. The groom is employed by Rebmann Products Corporation.

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Basically, most of my letters are done in printing, although sometimes the writing comes out.

I have been told I look to be a left-handed person but I am not. Let's see if I get lucky, and you can figure me out.

Thanks, J.B., Detroit

Today's writer switches between writing and printing and both are done in large size. From this, we know she is a woman who behaves in ways that demand attention. She has a need to be in the limelight and enjoys an audience. She also appears to have been strongly influenced by her mother's values.

She is aware of everything that is going on around her. She enjoys being out and about and probably dislikes being confined to a small area.

While she wants to play a high profile and enjoy the benefits of attention, at the same time she also needs her privacy. I am cognizant this sounds like a contradiction. It is and it makes her ambivalent at times.

Originally, this woman was outgoing but became more reserved and introspective due to circumstances in her early life.

In the formative years, she was the object of considerable criticism and/or ridicule. Often it

came from those she most wanted to please. As a result she became very sensitive and vulnerable to being ridiculed or laughed at by others and now fears disapproval from people. She may find it difficult to place her trust in others because she fears being hurt again.

She needs love and acceptance more than criticism and censure. She would probably blossom like a lovely spring flower if sincere praise was given to her, especially by the opposite sex.

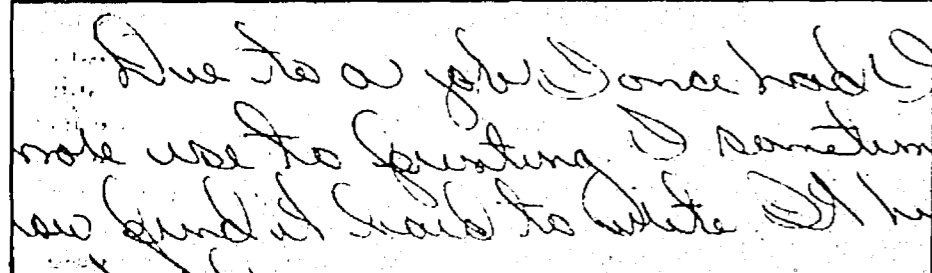
Our writer feels her experiences deeply. "To forgive and forget" does not come easily.

Emotions are usually kept under control and rarely allowed to show. She often stands back and assesses a situation before involving herself, questioning how it will affect her personally.

There is a strong tendency toward materialism here. She enjoys challenges and accomplishment. In her work, she is usually a self-starter and can get right down to work on a project or goal. Her efficiency, determination and persistence help her stay the course to completion.

A lively imagination often entices her down the garden path of new adventures. She wants to experience as much of life as she can. Doing things on a grand scale appeals to her.

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. However, objective feedback is welcome.



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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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SUMMER WORSHIP

Good Hope Lutheran Church switches to its summer worship schedule, beginning Sunday, May 26, with two Sunday morning services and one midweek service. The 8:30 a.m. informal Sunday worship includes Holy Communion every week, with the traditional worship at 10 a.m. Summer midweek services are at 7 p.m., beginning Wednesday, May 29. Good Hope is at 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK

Rev. Jonathan Frazier, Assemblies of God missionary-in-training to Eastern Europe will be the featured speaker at Northville Christian Assembly at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 29.

In 1989, while working in the office of the governor of Alabama, Frazier had the opportunity to visit the Soviet Union as a delegate for the state. Upon his return from Russia, he committed himself to the development of the Russian church through evangelism, discipleship and leadership training, primarily in the Commonwealth of Independent States, the former Soviet Union.

The public is invited to attend. The church is at 41355 Six Mile Road, one mile west of I-275. For more information, call (810) 348-9030.

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 inspirational Christian testimony and spiritual music performance. The concert is free of charge.

PROPHECY LECTURES

Steve and Connie Vail finishes up their "Amazing Discoveries" prophecy series at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. There will be free parking and a free nursery. The topics include "The Scarlet Woman and the Fall of Babylon" on Friday, May 31, and "The Point of No Return" on Saturday, June 1.

CHOIR CONCERT

The Chancel Choir of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church and members of the Detroit Chamber Winds, under the direction of Dr. Carolyn Banta, will perform John Rutter's "Gloria" during the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, June 2, at the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0494.

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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" a weekly program to answer ques-



Breaking ground: Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia gathered on May 5 to break ground for a new addition. Members' children helped pastors Denis Bux and Robert Seltz sink shovels into the ground for the \$1.6 million addition which will include classrooms, nursery rooms, a large Fellowship Hall, administrative offices and a music rehearsal room. Plans call for the addition to be completed early next year.

tions about the religion, is being broadcast 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. Topics include "Christian Science and Marriage and Family Life" on May 26, "Does Christian Science Do Anything About the World's Problems?" on June 2, "What Would a Christian Scientist Do if He Were in a Serious Accident?" on June 9, "Why Are You Christian Scientists Always Talking About Healing?" on June 16 and "How Do Christian Scientists Deal With Financial Concerns?" 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 1-800-886-1212.

CHURCH LEADER VISITS

The Rev. Elder Troy Perry, moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Churches will visit the metro Detroit area Saturday, June 1. He will speak at the Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit at 6 p.m. as part of his tour of congregation across the country.

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Churches is an international Christian denomination, which, while open to all, primarily serves people in the gay and lesbian community. Founded in 1968 by Perry, it now has 300 congregations worldwide, including MCC of Detroit.

FAMILIES WORSHIP

Temple Baptist Church of Redford will host a seven-week workshop dealing with the dynamics involved in establishing a blended family. The seminar will be offered 7-9 p.m. Tuesday evenings, June 4 through July 16. Cliff and Diane Pritchard, parents of a blended family of seven children, will give the lectures, followed by small group discussions at each

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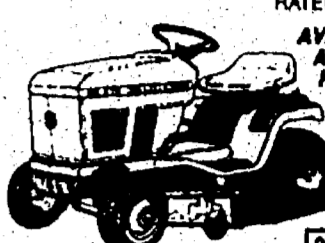
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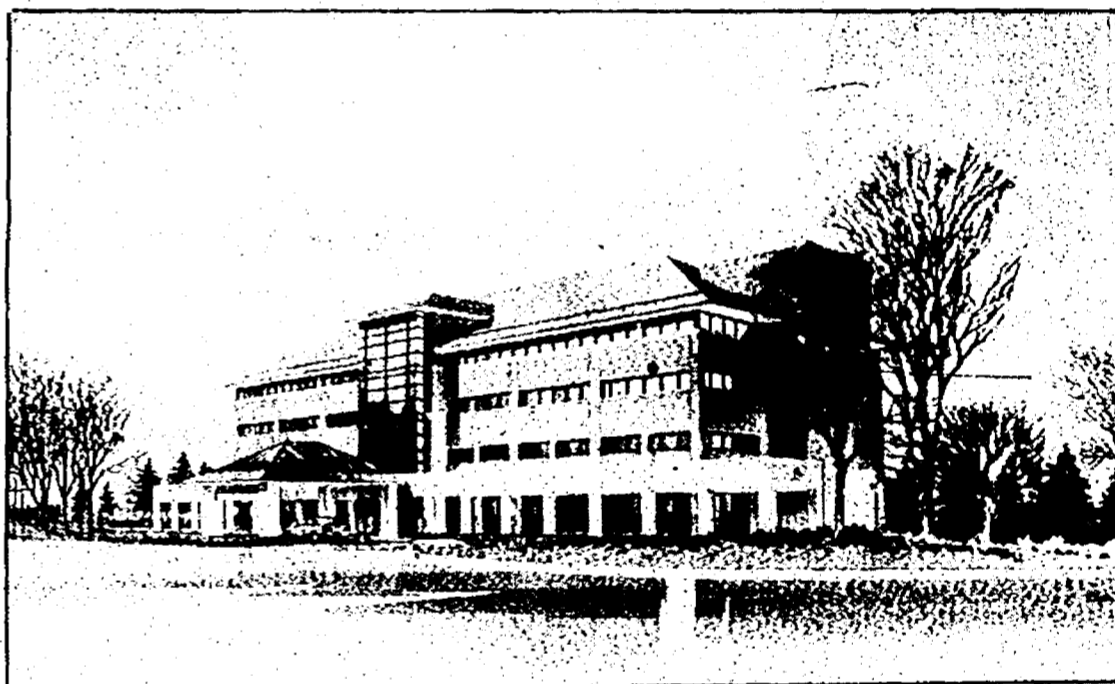
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Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia provides area residents with a comprehensive array of outpatient diagnostic, treatment and educational services in one convenient location. Physicians in over 20 specialties have offices at the Medical Center.

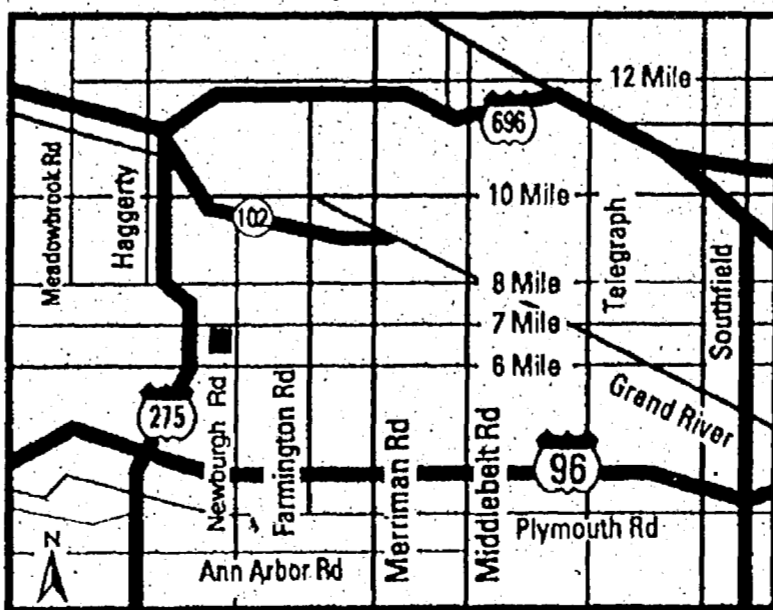
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When it comes to providing homes, Habitat for Humanity is helping to fill a void, building and rehabilitating houses across the country.

Its work is now closer to home with the start up of Habitat for Humanity for Western Wayne County.

Churches and local business have always been the big support for Habitat for Humanity, but organizers are looking to local residents for the financial help needed to build two homes in Inkster this year.

Habitat for Western Wayne County will celebrate its success and raise some funds through an "elegant gourmet dinner" planned for 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at St. Edith's Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The dinner will feature carved beef, stuffed pork chops and seafood fettuccine, vegetable, wine and dessert, provided by Sensible Catering of St. Edith's.

There also will be entertainment provided by the musicians, singers and cabaret acts of area churches.

Individual tickets cost \$35 per person.

"Our time is short and we hope to raise \$10,000 to help raise the roof on those new homes in Inkster," said Rick Sheffield, Habitat for Western Wayne County chairperson.

For more information, call (810) 464-1222.

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session. The cost is \$30 per couple. Free child care will be available for children 10 years and under. To register, call Jeannine Roughly at (313) 255-3333.

BIBLE STUDY

If you ever feel your prayers aren't getting past the ceiling, or long to be more powerful in prayer, "Lord, Teach Me to

Pray," a four-week Bible study on Prayer by Precept Ministries, will be offered by Sue Hicks 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, June 4 through June 25, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, at Gottfredson Road, Plymouth Township. The class is open to the public, but preregistration is needed by Wednesday, May 29. For more information, call the

church office at (313) 459-9550.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Nurse Dolores Rush will speak on the "Physical Aspects of Grief" at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at New Beginnings, a year-round grief support group, that meets at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The program

is for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one. For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (313) 380-7903 or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

GARAGE SALE

St. James Presbyterian Church will have a garage sale and bake sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-7730 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The public is invited to attend a Mass and reception in celebration of Msgr. William J. Sherzer's 50th anniversary of ordination Sunday, June 9. The Mass will be at 11 a.m. at St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford. The reception will immediately follow the service. Sherzer was pastor of St. Valentine for many years. He also has served as a faculty member at Sacred Heart Seminary, as vicar of the Grand River Vicariate and vicar of the Northwest Wayne

Vicariate.

BLOOD DRIVE

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a Red Cross Blood Drive 2-8 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at the church, 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Walk-ins accepted. For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-1150.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

Come and hear the Rev. Paul Clough, pastor at Single Point Ministries, give instruction and encouragement for those dealing with the difficult issues of divorce in a six-session divorce recover seminar at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 15-19, and at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, July 20, in Knox Hall of the church, 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Cost is \$30 at the door, \$25 for preregistration. For more information, call (313) 422-1854.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

In September, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will be creating a special education Sunday School class for teens. Any interested teens or volunteers are asked to call Karen Rorehan at (313) 522-2095 or (313) 972-6081. St. Paul's is at 27475 Five Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church offers BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) for adults only at 8 p.m. to midnight the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark Road north of Schoolcraft, and volleyball in Knox Hall at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

LITURGY ON TAPE

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is available on videotape for a cost of \$15, plus \$3 postage, from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152. The tapes make a great gift for a shut-in or those unable to attend the liturgy. The tapes also can be given to those people who are either seeking or expressing an interest in the Orthodox faith.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Livonia is looking for people interested in drama within the church setting to be a part of its "In The Spotlight" group. For more information, call (313) 422-

1470 and leave a message for Richard Hutchison.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP

Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential Christian telephone listening service 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. by calling (313) 427-LIFE Monday through Saturday. Life Care Ministries can be reached through P.O. Box 530611, Livonia 48153-0611.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

A charismatic prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. For more information, call Shawn at (313) 464-9057.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?

An open invitation is extended to anyone inquiring about membership in the Catholic church by St. Richard's Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call Claudia at (313) 729-4411.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a men's fellowship group at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Garden City. For more information, call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia, sponsors meetings for senior citizens and retirees the first and third Tuesdays of the month. For more information, call (313) 525-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

FRIENDSHIP

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

ALCOHOLICS

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Listings for the Vacation Bible School Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

ST. TIMOTHY

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible School 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, June 17-21, at the Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 464-8844.

ST. MATTHEW'S UM

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Come Follow

Jesus," 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday through Friday, June 26-28, at the church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The new three-day format will include songs, stories, games, crafts and activities as well as a program with parents 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 28. The cost is \$6 for the first child and \$5.50 for each additional child. Registration must be completed by June 9. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth will have its vacation Bible school, Antioch A.D. 49, 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, July 22-26, at the church, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth. For more information, call (313) 453-5280.

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Women ignore risk of stroke

Women have a tendency to ignore their risk of stroke, which Dr. Fredric D. Frigoletto Jr. president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is promoting a new awareness during May, National Stroke Awareness Month.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death among U.S. women, after heart attacks and cancer, and the leading cause of disability. Despite that, women tend to underestimate their risks. The risk factors for stroke are the same as for heart attack: high blood pressure, elevated blood cholesterol, obesity, physical inactivity and diabetes.

A stroke is caused when the blood supply to the brain is cut off. The culprit may be a blood clot or a ruptured blood vessel. Brain tissue, once deprived of oxygen in this manner, begins to die rapidly, within minutes.

Most strokes occur in people's later years and affect their independence. Warning signs of a stroke are sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body, dimness or loss of vision (particularly in one eye), difficulty talking or understanding speech, sudden severe headaches with no apparent cause, and unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or falls.

"If you experience any of these symptoms, seek medical attention promptly," Frigoletto said. "Call an ambulance or have

'Your chances of survival and recovery may rest on how quickly you are treated.'

Dr. Fredric D. Frigoletto Jr.

someone take you to an emergency room. Your chances of survival and recovery may rest on how quickly you are treated."

Depending on where in the brain the stroke occurs, there may be paralysis on the opposite side of the body. Speech and language, memory, vision, emotional stability or bladder control also may be affected.

Sometimes one or more of the symptoms of stroke may occur for just a few minutes or up to an hour with no lasting effects. It is known as a transient ischemic attack or "mini stroke."

"If this happens to you, see your doctor right away since it is an early warning that a major stroke could follow in a matter of months or years," Frigoletto said.

While you may be predisposed to some of the risk factors for stroke due to heredity or disease, there are prevention steps you can take:

- Stop smoking,
- Exercise regularly,
- Reduce your fat, cholesterol and sodium intake,
- Get regular checkups and have your blood pressure moni-

tored. Some people may need to be treated for irregular heartbeat or a buildup of plaque in the artery of the neck.

If you have a stroke, or know someone who has, keep in mind that many victims do regain much of their former functioning. Your lifestyle may require some adjustments, and recovery is hard work.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Gora

Robert and Rosemary Gora of Garden City observed their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception for family and friends, held at Roma Banquets April 28.

The couple exchanged vows on April 30, 1946, at St. Albertus Catholic Church in Detroit. She is the former Rosemary Kuhr.

Residents of Garden City since 1955, they have two married sons - Raymond and wife Alicia or Dundee and Robert and wife Judy of Garden City. They also have five grandchildren - Daniel, Michelle, Christopher, Susan and Julie.

He retired from Putnam Tool Co. in 1989. He is an usher at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City and enjoys woodworking and gardening.

She retired from Stahl's Manu-



facturing Co. in 1990. Her hobbies include crafts and crocheting.

Ventura

Joe and Sue Ventura were the guests of honor at a surprise 25th anniversary party April 28 at Amantea Restaurant in Garden City.

The party was given by their mothers - Joan Elso and Louise Ventyra - and their children - Kathy and Christopher Ventura.

A Vietnam veteran, he is employed at the Ford Transmission Plant in Livonia. She also is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

Out-of-state guests included Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spotofore of Salem, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spotofore of Clarksburg, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. John Lenville of Clarksburg, W. Va., and Mr. and Mrs. John Spotofore of Corcoran, Calif.

Bozak

Frank and Margaret Bozak celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a gathering with family and friends on May 5.

The couple exchanged vows on April 27, 1946, in Pennsylvania.

Five-year residents of Livonia, they have three children - Ronald Bozak, Sandra Szymanski and Linda Sochack. They also have nine grandchildren.

He is a 16-year retiree of Parke-Davis.

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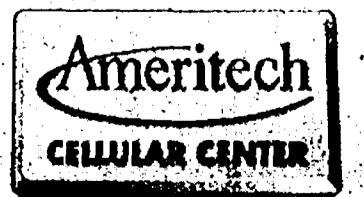
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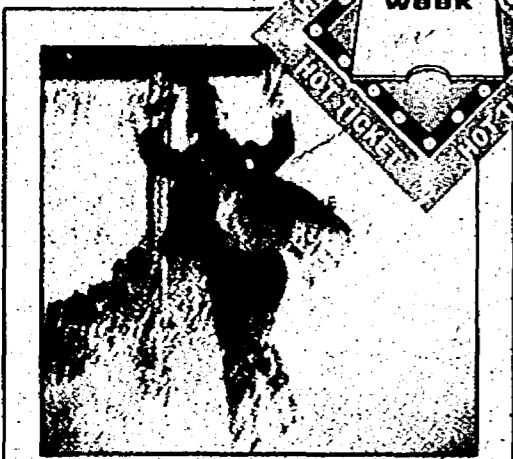


Rochelle Rosenthal (left) and Cheryl Williams star in "Social Security," presented by Jewish Ensemble Theatre, (810) 788-2900 or (810) 645-6666.

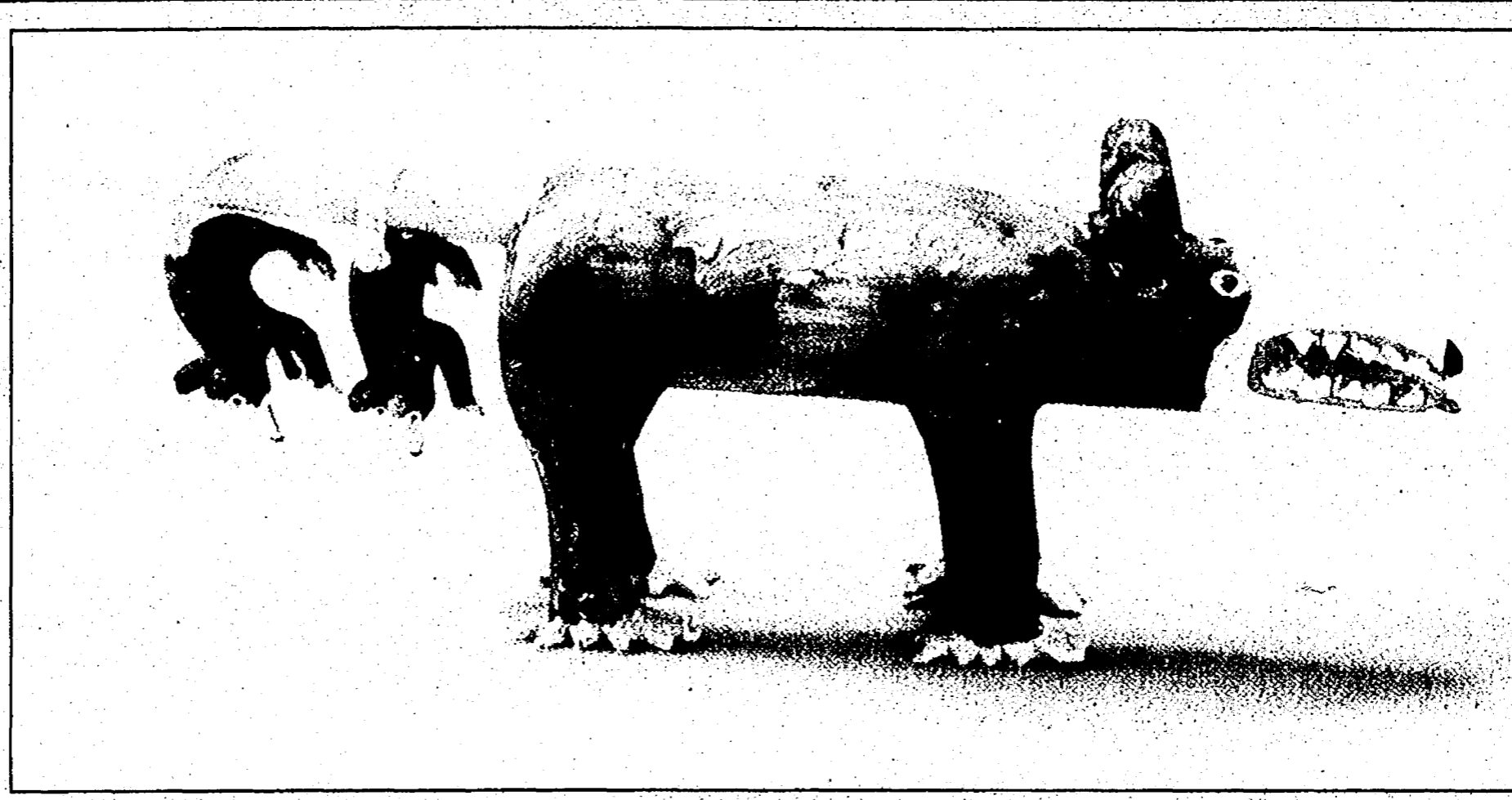
SUNDAY



Last chance to see Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," 1 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-2232 or (810) 645-6666.



Hot tix: Tom Cruise stars as agent Ethan Hunt in the adventure thriller "Mission: Impossible" now playing at the new Uptown Birmingham Theatre and other metro Detroit movie theaters.



FOLK AND OUTSIDER ART: AN ANN ARBOR COLLECTION
What: An exhibition of paintings, sculptures and constructions by some of America's best known "outsider" artists.
When: Through June 16. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; until 9 p.m. Thursday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.
Where: The University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State Street in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 764-0395.

The folk and outsider art on exhibit at the University of Michigan Museum of Art is a great way to introduce children to art. The paintings, wood carvings, sculptures and constructions created by some of America's best known and most inventive artists are brightly colored and rendered primitively, almost child-like. Viewers will find the artworks uninhibiting and easy to understand as well as fun. An orange sky with white clouds, a big yellow cat, a life-size porcupine made from what looks like toothpicks speak of vivid imaginations with no thought of conforming to prevailing artistic standards.

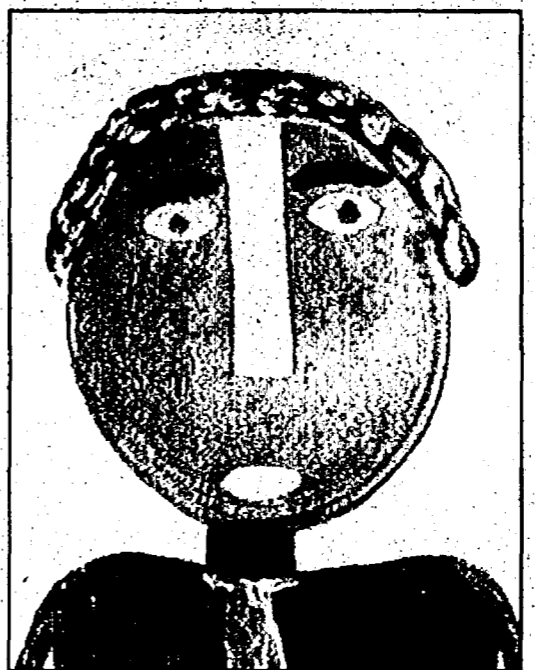
Primarily self-taught and living on the economically-deprived and social margins of society, the artists use whatever materials are available to them. Making folk art objects in the Appalachian tradition, Kentucky carver Ronald E. Cooper (1931-) uses old wood and house paint in the whitened figures in "You and Me Brother in His Hands."

Born into slavery, Bill Traylor (1854-1947) painted on whatever he could find in the streets including cardboard shirt boxes. His drawings depict facets of plantation life, street life, and other black experiences in the south. Traylor lost his leg to gangrene while living with his children in Detroit. His self-portrait of a standing figure with one leg in 1940 more than likely was painted in his favorite spot sitting curbside on a wooden crate in Montgomery, Alabama.

Jimmy Lee Sudduth (1910-), a black artist who's achieved recognition for his colorful paintings, uses mud to create works on plywood. After the mud dries, he gathers various weeds

OUTSIDERS SHARE INSIDE VIEW

BY LUNDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER



Self Portrait: (Above) Mose Tolliver might never have become an artist if a load of marble had not crushed his legs during a work-related accident in the late 1960s. (In top photo) Kentucky carver Minnie Adkins created this whimsical animal from wood and paint.

and rubs them over the painting's surface to obtain his gold, green and brown colors. His red comes from pokeweed berries.

"What I like about the work is it's so immediate, so inventive and clever," said Kirsten Neelands, who along with other staff members assisted U-M Museum of Art director William J. Hennessey in choosing the pieces for the show from an extensive collection owned by an Ann Arbor couple who wish to remain anonymous.

"These are untrained artists with a personal vision that never went to art school. They were driven to create by an inside source."

Many of the artists produced the works during emotionally unstable periods. They did not set out to be

artists but began creating as way to express themselves after suffering a personal tragedy or loss. Mose Tolliver (1919-), a sharecropper's son and one of 12 siblings, may never have become an artist if a load of marble hadn't crushed his legs in a work-related accident in the late 1960s. He once hung his paintings in a tree outside his home in Alabama, pricing them at one or two dollars. Sales of his art took off after his work was included in the "Black Folk Art: 1930-1980" exhibition held at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC in 1982.

Many of the artists have spent time in prisons, hospitals, or mental institutions, according to Hennessey. All

are in some way outsiders, able to stand back and view the rest of the world with a curious detachment.

The term outsider was coined in 1972 by Roger Cardinal who intended it as an exact equivalent of Art Brut. Dubuffet, who invented the concept of Art Brut, meant for the term to refer not to someone who is working outside cultural norms but to an individual functioning socially, and often psychiatrically, outside of society's norms.

The most important Kentucky carver of this century, Edgar Tolson (1904-1984), was a preacher troubled by what he saw in the world. One Sunday in the mid-1930s he put a stick of dynamite under his church and blew it off the foundation. Sister Gertrude Morgan (1900-1980), one of the most important black visionary painters of this century, was a street preacher who believed she was married to the lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Her work conveys strong spiritual messages. After a religious encounter during which she was told to convey spiritual messages solely in paintings, white dominated her palette.

Each of the works have a story behind them. Fred Alter (1871-1945), a one-time foreman at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, carved animals of all kinds in the garage behind his home in Wyandotte. No one knew of his imaginative and skilled craftsmanship until after his death when the carvings, including a black fox in the exhibit, were discovered. One of the best known self-taught artists of his time, Howard Finster (1916-) gave up preaching when the Lord directed him to get the message out by painting pictures. In an untitled work, a mythological cat-like creature is surrounded by snakes, dead tree trunks and messages.

"I really like this show," said Michael Loncar, the museum's public relations representative. "It's the best one we've done in a long time. I especially like the text panels. There's something going on in a lot of these."

MOVIES

Uptown Birmingham makes mission possible

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Had it been a theater production, the new Uptown Birmingham Theatre would have gotten a standing ovation from those attending an opening reception on Monday.

"I think it's going to be a hot ticket!" said D. Larry Sherman, past chairman of the Birmingham Principal Shopping District. "People love to be in Birmingham. The uniqueness of the theater will be the first-time attraction, but the luxury, and the way they're treated will bring people back. If a movie is sold-out you can walk to a restaurant, and then come back for a later show."

"This is really classy," added his wife Jane. "We've lived in Birmingham for 35 years, and remember when it used to be a movie theater."

Opened on Nov. 23, 1927, the Birmingham Theatre continued to play first-run films through the early 1960s when it closed its doors for 18 years. In 1976, renovations began and the Nederlander Organization signed a lease in 1978 to produce and present professional stage plays and

musicals.

On Nov. 20, 1979 the theater opened with "The Gin Game," and continued presenting shows until the last production, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," on June 12, 1994. A July 30, 1994, Birmingham Jazzfest concert was the last performance at the theater, which remained vacant until August 1995 when it was acquired by the Uptown Theatre Group, LLC.

"It was down to the last minute. I was cleaning floors about an hour before we opened, and ran home to take a shower," said Carole Hitch Trepeck one of the three venture partners, and the daughter of Mike Ilitch who restored the Fox Theatre.

She and her "part-

ner" (and husband) David Trepeck live a couple a blocks away from the theater. Bill Herting, whom David met when the couple lived in Dallas, is the third partner. Herting is president of Cineco Cinema Corp. of Dallas, Texas, an independent theater development company. He is also a partner of Cinema Services Co., an independent film buying and consulting firm for small circuit theater owners throughout the U.S.

Ruth Daniels, formerly of the AMC Maple Theatres, will bring 10 years experience to her new role as the General Manager of the theater. A resident of Farmington Hills, she's planning to start a film discussion group in a month or two, and is

also considering an evening program featuring a local celebrity.

Uptown Birmingham Theatre offers all the comforts moviegoers have come to expect, without making them feel cramped in a small space. Architect Victor Saroki & Associates restructured the theater to house eight screens on two levels varying in size from 430 to 65 seats, without sacrificing the original 1920s look and feel. The lighting fixtures are classic Art Deco, and there are vintage movie posters on the walls.

"It's an urban theater with all the modern technology, with the intimacy and feeling of a hometown theater," said David Trepeck. "A lot of hard work went into it."

Love seats are ordered, and will soon be installed in the theaters, offering stadium-style seating in comfortable chairs, and state-of-the-art Dolby Digital and DTS Stereo sound. There's a balcony in the largest auditorium, and changing tables in the men's and women's restrooms. Concession stands offer real buttered popcorn, "Twist and

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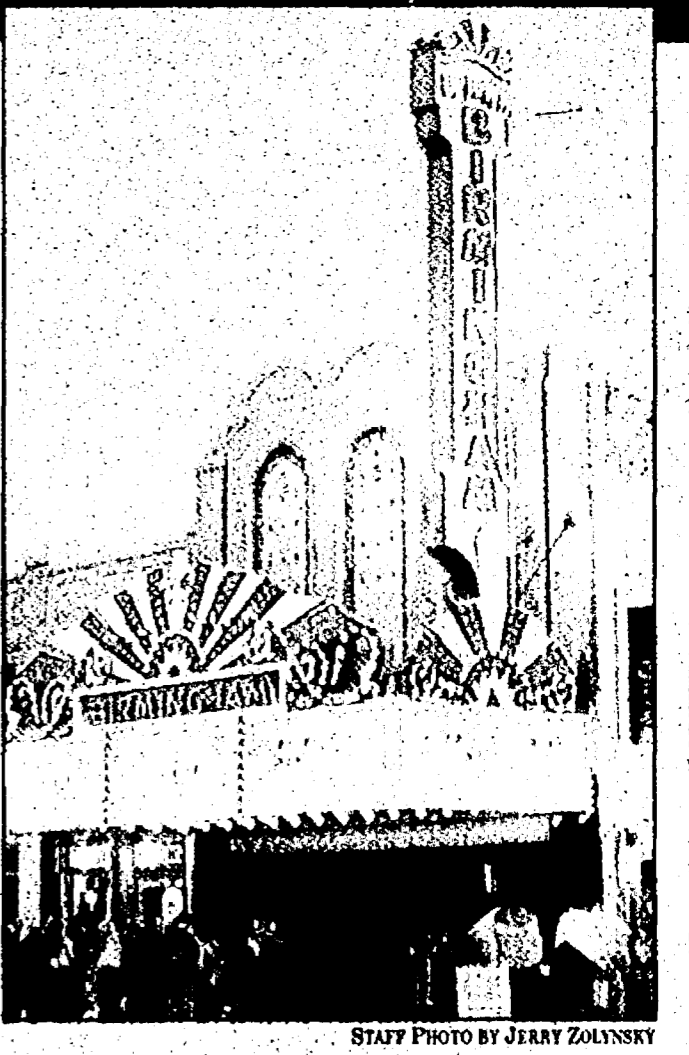
Parking: Pierce Street structure, Peabody Street structure, connected to the theater by a courtyard entrance.

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Grand Marquee: Guests check out the newly renovated and upgraded Birmingham Theatre at a reception on Monday.

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VIPs give thumbs up to Birmingham Theatre

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Just a year or so ago, the Birmingham Theatre seemed destined to make way for a parking lot. On Monday, the Detroit area hoi-polloi gathered to christen the theater on its maiden voyage as a swanky eight-screen movie theater.

A far cry from your suburban multiplex, the Birmingham received rave reviews from a hand-picked group of VIPs who one-upped each other with superlatives.

The theater opened to the public Wednesday with the premiere of "Mission: Impossible."

"It's the most comfortable theater we've ever been in," said Tom McGraw of Birmingham who tested the seats with wife Marla. And he may be right, even in the '90s, which have been a renaissance of sorts for user-friendly movie viewing.

The Star Theatres paved the way with comfortable seating and a sunny atrium lobby, followed by the classy bookings and gourmet concessions at Royal Oak's Main.

Squint real hard and the spacious Birmingham lobby looks something like downtown's Fox, with a center staircase and escalators separating the second floor from the first. Both levels are lined with auditoriums ranging in size from 65 to 430 seats. Some even offer love seats.

The opening night gala attracted celebrities like Elmore Leonard, "sexy specs promoter" Dr. Richard Gold, various Red Wings, and, of course, the Ilitcs, who are financial partners in the enterprise. Also spotted in the crowd were faux versions of Marilyn Monroe, Jack Nicholson, and Sharon Stone.

The mix of old and new extends to the decor, including a replica of the theater's original



Partners: David Trepeck and Carole Ilitch Trepeck are two of the three partners of Uptown Theatres, LLC, which renovated and upgraded the new Uptown Birmingham Theatre.

1927 marquis and framed movie posters for coming attractions and vintage favorites. The opening-night gala included screenings of both the 1954 and 1995 versions of "Sabrina" along with "An Affair to Remember" (1957) and its recent remake "Love Affair."

Though this weekend's big ticket will undoubtedly be "Mission: Impossible," the theater will try to devote at least one screen to art films. Last year's Oscar-nominated "Il Postino" ("The Postman") and the new Henry Jaglom film, "Last Summer in the Hamptons," are currently on screen.

According to Dallas-based partner and booker Bill Herting, the Birmingham will be watching the art market closely. They have an advantage. Where the Main and Detroit Film Theatre

have to fill comparatively large houses, the Birmingham can afford to show smaller films longer in some of its intimate auditoriums.

"Family films will also be at home here," says Herting, hinting at upcoming screenings of Disney's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" in late June.

Perhaps the best move the Birmingham made was snagging general manager Ruth Daniels from her longtime stint at Bloomfield's Maple. Her professional devotion to the movies is refreshing in an era where today's general managers were literally yesterday's popcorn makers.

The entire feel of the theater was perhaps best summed up by one opening-night guest: "If the Ritz-Carlton was a movie theater, then this would be that theater."

Uptown from page 1B

Shout" gourmet pretzels, Gayle's Chocolates, gourmet coffees, pizza and candy. Over 1,700 parking spaces are available between the Peabody Street structure, connected to the theater by a courtyard entrance, and the Pierce Street structure.

In addition to new releases, the partners hope to show classic films, art films and children's films. "We'll see how people respond," said Carole.

"We've been waiting a long time for the reopening," said Gail Gotthelf, director of the Birmingham Principal Shopping District. "The theater brings back entertainment to downtown and encourages merchants to

stay open later, and create fabulous window displays. It will create more walking traffic."

Outside, it was like Oscar Night as a small crowd gathered to watch the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "We're excited, we live in town and it's nice to be able to walk to the show," said Chris and Gaines Carter who were out walking their collies, Courtney and Casey. "We brought Lassie to the opening," joked Gaines.

On Monday the balcony of a main theater were still under construction, but the partners said they would be ready for Wednesday's opening. The courtyard entrance off Peabody is nearly complete. "We want to

landscape it, and have jazz concerts out there," said David.

As the sun set, it grew darker, and anticipation built as the partners got ready to flick the switch to light the new marquee.

"It's fitting that the first movie we'll be showing is 'Mission: Impossible,'" said David just before the projectionist got ready to roll the first reels.

To many their mission did seem impossible. "Theater demolition sought," was the headline in the Eccentric on Dec. 8, 1994. "I'm afraid it's got to go," said owner Edward "Ted" Fuller. "I've done everything I can, but no one wants to rent it."

Piano recital is a family affair in Livonia

"An Evening of Music" will be present by piano students of Jocelyn Ruth Krieger 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 28 in the Steinway Hall (Hammell Music) 15630 W. Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The concert will be a family affair with parents and siblings sharing the spotlight.

Alfonse Perry of Southfield will perform a duet with his daughter Ashley, 8. It will be a sister act for Chelsi Baker, 10

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Plymouth kite festival rescheduled

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KITE EVENT RESCHEDULED

Due to rain on May 11, the Plymouth Community Arts Council had to cancel its first kite painting and flying festival. "Art in the Air" is now scheduled to take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 26 at McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township.

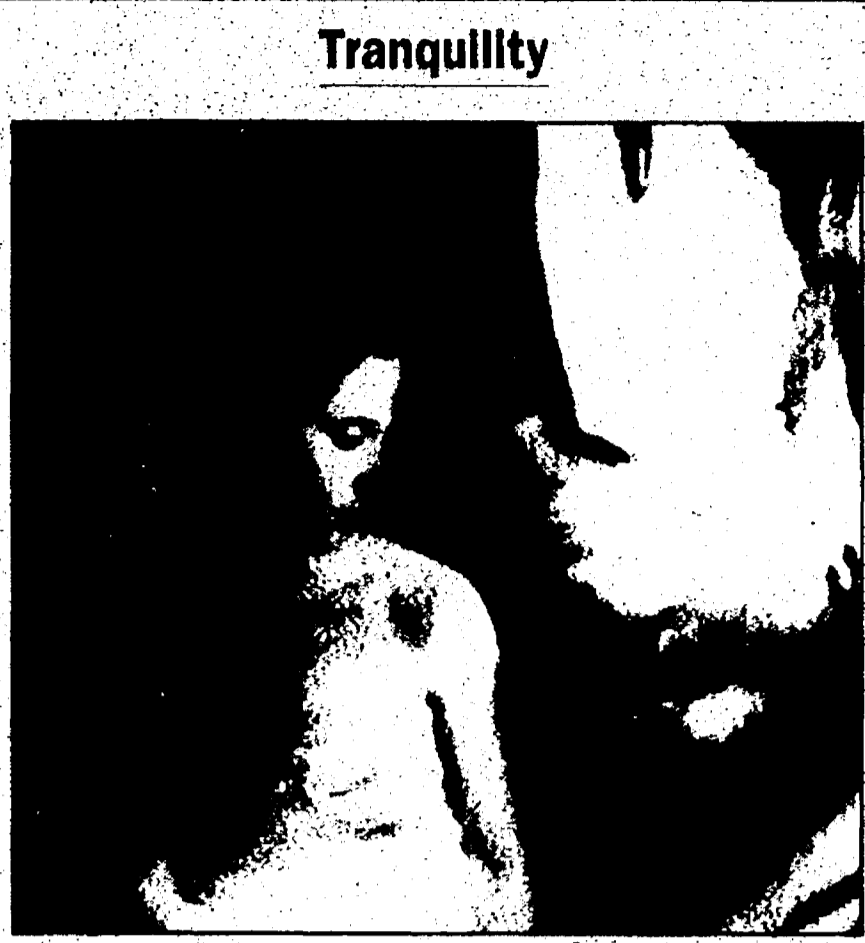
Kids of all ages are invited to join in the fun by designing and painting a kite. All you need to create a kite "work of art" is in the kit. Kits cost \$15 and include a nylon kite, paints, brush, and string. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative kites so bring yours already decorated. Proceeds from sales of the kits go toward Phase Two of renovations to the new arts council building. Kits are available in Plymouth at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon; Penniman Showcase, 827 Penniman, and Frances Jewelry Gallery, 470 Forest. For more information call the arts council at (313) 416-4ART.

Food and refreshments by Uncle Franks Chicago Coney will be available.

NEW BOARD ELECTED

Livonia artist Jack Olds was recently elected to serve a two year term on the Board of Directors for the Scarab Club in Detroit. John Tabb of Birmingham was elected president. The Scarab Club was established in the first quarter of this century and built its present club house in 1927. Art exhibitions and social events are the main activities at 217 Farnsworth, across the street from the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Olds' woodcut prints, paintings and drawings are on exhibit



Tranquility

From darkness: Pamela Aldred-Schofield's photography is featured in an exhibit, "Tranquility (Photographs of the Spirit)," through June 1 at the Clique Gallery, 200 W. Fifth, Royal Oak. Aldred-Schofield photographs in darkness, with a pen light as the only light source. Usually a glow appears, seeming to come from the body of the individual photographed, but if Aldred-Schofield moves slower, streaks and waves appear. Her color pictures retain an ephemeral quality, probably from her use of a special textured printing process that makes each photograph a one-of-a-kind print. She refers to it as painting with light. Call (810) 545-2200.

through May 31 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery. Director of project grants for the Michigan Council for the Arts until retiring in 1990, Olds earned an MFA in printmaking and painting from the University of Iowa where he eventually taught art. He served

as director of the Iowa Arts Council, on the advisory panel of the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington DC and on the board of directors for Alliance for Arts Education at the JF Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He is a former Livonia Arts Commission and

board member of Very Special Arts Michigan. He still works on behalf of the disabled children and adults helped by VSAMI programs.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Internationally acclaimed pianist David Syme will perform a benefit concert on behalf of FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts 2 p.m. Sunday June 2 at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. From Gershwin to Led Zeppelin, this is a concert for all ages. In addition, several "special artists" from FAR Conservatory will perform during a brief intermission. Tickets are \$15 each (minimum contribution). For information and tickets call (810) 646-3347.

Syme, a resident of West Bloomfield, earned two master's degrees in piano performance from The Juilliard School in New York City. He has concertized all over the world. Known as the human jukebox for his repertoire of over 5,000 songs, Syme can be heard on his radio caller request program 5-6 p.m. Fridays on 560 AM.

For 20 years, the FAR Conservatory in Birmingham has provided therapy, creative arts, athletic training, and leisure services for children and adults with mental, physical and/or emotional impairments. A private, non-profit organization supported through donations, fund raising, tuition and the United Way, the conservatory offers therapeutic programs in art, music, dance, drama, skating and hockey for persons with special needs. Instruction is provided by certified therapists, teachers and coaches. Goal-oriented sessions develop skills which enhance the intellectual, social and cultural well-being of each person with disabilities. FAR Conservatory is affiliated with Very Special Arts, the Association for Retarded Citizens in Oakland County and Metropolitan Agency for Retarded.

Summer art festivals popular with families

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Memorial Day is the unofficial start of the summer season; time to get out and enjoy the warm weather. Arts and crafts festivals are fun for the whole family: The best part - admission is free.

Here's a guide to the arts fairs going on this summer.

Plan to make a day of it when attending the eighth annual Crafts Show sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills in cooperation with Wayne County Parks noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 2 near the baseball diamonds across the park from the historic mill at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail and Edward Hines Drive in Westland.

More than 20 crafters will display wares ranging from hand-colored glass Christmas ornaments to wood shelves, quilt racks, wreaths, and three dimensional paper art. Proceeds from the show will help furnish an interpretive center focusing on the history of the mill.

A country and western concert, co-sponsored by the Westland Cultural Society, will follow the craft show at 6 p.m.

Built in 1863, Nankin Mills was one of 20 village industries established in the early 1900s by Henry Ford on the Rouge, Raisin and Huron Rivers. Once a Civil War era grist mill, Ford provided farmers with mass production jobs in winter by operating water-driven village plants. Workers at the mills made car parts.

According to show co-chair Kathy Myers, the Friends of Nankin Mills are still taking applications for crafters by phone. The only criteria for exhibitors is that the crafts must be hand-made. For information call Kathy Myers (313) 421-7213.

Greenmead Historical Village is the setting for the 20th annual Livonia Arts and Crafts Festival, presented by the Livonia Arts Commission, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9. This is a juried show with cash prizes awarded in 11 arts and crafts categories. Free admission, parking and shuttle service. A variety of food, drink and ice cream available for pur-

chase. Sand art and a clown for the kids, live musical entertainment for the adults.

Take a break from browsing the 242 booths of pottery, jewelry, glass, wood, photography, metal, basketry, folk art and country, wood, textiles and fine arts to tour the Hill House Museum.

Greenmead is the former 19th century farmstead of Joshua Simmons. The farm's centerpiece is the Simmons/Hill House Museum built in 1841. The village consists of 22 other historic buildings including a recreation of the Ann Arbor Trail/Newburgh intersection circa 1910-25 as well as a church, parsonage, one room schoolhouse and general store.

Greenmead is at Newburgh Road south of Eight Mile in Livonia.

"We have a lot of new people this year. There are artists coming from all over including Indiana, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio and the entire state of Michigan from Petoskey to Ann Arbor," said Suzanne Montambeau, who serves as a liaison between the arts commission and the City of Livonia (in the community resources department at city hall).

This is the arts commission's sole fund raiser. From designer clothes for cement geese to metal sculpture and ceramics for the garden, there's something for everyone.

Fine Arts and face painting for the kids are two of the fun

activities you'll find at the Liberty Fest in Heritage Park behind the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

Although this a four day festival running June 20-23, the fine arts show is Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23. More than 70 exhibitors will be on hand offering painting, pottery, jewelry, photography and fiber art.

Art in the Park in Plymouth is one of the largest arts and crafts shows in this area next to the Ann Arbor Art Fairs. From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 13 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 14 nearly 400 artists and craftsmen will sell their wares in the streets of historic Plymouth. A Dixieland band and a barefoot violinist are among the entertainers scheduled to appear.

"We're really excited. We've been restructuring the layout of the booths since the Streetscape was completed it's going to be the best Art in the Park in our 14 years," said Diane Quinn, show producer and founder.

Quinn already is working on plans for the first ever Craft Fair to be held in Plymouth's Old Village district Oct. 5-6.

"It's a fun new event, more craft than fine art with lots of demonstrations by artists," Quinn said. "We're still accepting applications for exhibitors."

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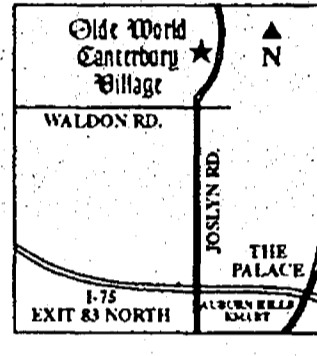
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STREET SCENE

Dishwalla arrives with painful memories and new hit



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Dishwalla's return visit to St. Andrew's Hall/The Shelter in Detroit on Saturday, May 25, is bound to bring up some sad memories. The last time the quartet played there, Sunday, Sept.

24, 1995, it was opening for Blind Melon, about a month before lead singer Shannon Hoon died of a drug overdose.

"We were with him until two or three days before his death," bassist Scot Alexander said.

"He did seem pretty OK. He was really trying to keep it clean, it seemed like. The tour manager and everybody on the road made sure there were no drugs or alcohol backstage. They wanted to keep it away from him as much as possible. I guess he got back into it when they got back to New Orleans, where they did their record."

On a happier note, Dishwalla is enjoying success with the single "Counting Blue Cars" off its nine-month-old album "Pet Your Friends" (A&M). The lush, infectious pop song looks at authority from a child's point of view with the lyrics: "Tell me all your thoughts on God/cause I'd really like to meet her/Ask her who we really are/Tell me all your thoughts on God/cause I'm on my way to see Her."

"I wouldn't even say that the song is particularly about religion... it's just a song about questioning authority," Alexander said.

The Santa Barbara, Calif., quartet - which also includes vocalist/keyboardist J.R. Richards, guitarist Rodney Browning, and drummer George Pendergast - came into the public eye when it recorded a track for the Carpenters tribute album.

"That was no gimmick," Richards said recently. "I'm a big Carpenters fan. We read in the LA Times that they were doing

it, so we got a tape to the executive producer Matt Wallace, and he liked what we did. People might think it's weird that we would do a Carpenters song, but that's the cool thing about this band. We can do whatever we want."

Opening for Dishwalla at The Shelter on Saturday, May 25, is Thermadore, featuring former members of Mary's Danish, and Super Drag. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

• **Misc:** Rhino Records is releasing "Beverly Hills 90210: Songs From The Peach Pit" Aug. 20 at retail stores and through RhinoDirect at (800) 432-0020. The soundtrack includes classic '60s and '70s R&B, pop, and rock oldies like "The Beat Goes On," "Mony Mony," "Pick Up The Pieces," and "What You Won't Do For Love."

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.



Revisiting Detroit: Dishwalla - from left, Rodney Browning, Scot Alexander, J.R. Richards and George Pendergast.

Steve Vai plays State Theatre and cyberspace

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Guitarist/vocalist Steve Vai admits he gets nervous about his performances. This Friday's show at the State Theatre in Detroit has him especially wound up. The concert, in celebration of radio station WDZR's (Z-Rock, 102.7 FM) fourth anniversary, will be cybercast live on the World Wide Web.

"I'm thrilled about it and I'm nervous about it. When I perform live sometimes I get so excited that my fingers have a tendency to spaz out in certain moments. As a result of that, my live mechanical performance has

'It's a way to get a backstage pass to the concert and be up close without actually being there.'

Joe Bevilacqua.
WDZR

a tendency to be very manic. It can sound really on or it can sound really off," said Vai via telephone from his California rehearsal space.

"I usually take great care in the quality control of my live material, but I don't have that opportunity when it's being broadcast live over the internet." The audio portion will be

broadcast in real time while the photo images will have a 2-3 minute delay on Vai's home page, <http://www.vai.com>. It is the first concert in Michigan to be cybercast on the web, according to WDZR's operations manager Joe Bevilacqua.

"As far as I know this is the first concert broadcast through the web from Detroit... It's really in touch with the future and 'DZR's listeners, which are 18-34-year-old men. It's young men who are into the computer scene and into the internet."

"It's a way to get a backstage pass to the concert and be up close without actually being there."

Net surfers accessing the page will have a backstage pass to the anniversary concert. WDZR midday personality Steve Black will host live interactive pre-concert interviews with Vai.

"Basically what we're planning on doing is bringing the necessary equipment (to the show) and plugging up directly to the soundboard," said Mark Weinstein, president of Elastic Imaginations in Atlanta, Ga., which is

producing the event.

"We're doing a pre-show interview with Steve from backstage and we've let users on the World Wide Web submit the questions we're going to ask. We've had so many of them, that we've had to narrow things down a bit. Unfortunately we can't get to everybody. The page gets about 10,000 hits a day. We've literally had thousands of questions."

Weinstein said he expects at least 2,000 people worldwide to listen in.

Vai is making a special trip to Detroit for the show. The Grammy Award-winner is in the studio recording his follow-up to "Alien Love Secrets" tentatively called "Ultra Zone."

In between his own projects, he has worked as a guitarist with Frank Zappa, Alcatrazz, Public Image Limited, David Lee Roth, Alice Cooper, Bad 4 Good, White Snake and Ozzy Osbourne among others.

"This is gonna be a blast," Weinstein said. "Unfortunately Steve doesn't perform a lot of shows. This is a treat."

Steve Vai, Clutch and Kicking Harold perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 24, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or (810) 645-6666.



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The Chenille Sisters and Three Men and a Tenor, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 15. \$11-\$20. Afterglow reception, 10 p.m. at the University of Michigan Alumni Center. \$20.

Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 16. \$12-\$21.

Mur-Mur (The Wall), a story of teenagers on the verge of young adulthood as told with a huge wall and gravity defying acrobatics, 8 p.m. Monday, June 17. \$5-\$10.

Johnny Cash with June Carter and the Carter Family, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 18. Benefits Ann Arbor Summer Festival. "Man in Black Benefit Party Package" 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 18. \$125 per person (\$45 tax deductible) includes pre-show dinner, priority concert seating, and afterglow reception.

Jim Miller and the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra featuring Nancy Knorr, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 20. \$12-\$21.

Soupy Sales and Pat Paulsen, 8 p.m. Friday, June 21. \$18-\$27.

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SCREEN SCENE

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

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• "Mission: Impossible" (USA - 1996). Tom Cruise and Jon Voigt play super-secret agents involved in a deadly hunt for a missing computer disc in this big-screen version of the sixties TV show. Directed by Brian DePalma.
• "The Postman" (Italy - 1995). The Oscar-nominated tale of love and friendship between an exiled poet and his postman.
• "Last Summer in the Hamptons" (USA - 1996). Henry Jaglom ("Eating") directs Victoria Foyt, Viveca Lindfors, Roddy McDowall, and Martha Plimpton in a celebration of love, art, and family life surrounding a matriarch and her three-generation theater clan.

MAGIC BAG THEATRE
22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)
• "Black Sheep" (USA - 1996). 9 p.m. May 29. Chris Farley and David Spade team again as the brother and a political hopeful and the married campaign worker who tries to keep him out of trouble.

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• "Jane Eyre" (USA - 1996). Charlotte Gainsbourg takes the title role while William Hurt fills the sizable boots of the mysterious Mr. Rochester in this unimpeachable remake of Charlotte Bronte's Victorian novel. Directed by Franco Zeffirelli, best known for his classy Shakespeare adaptations.
• "I Shot Andy Warhol" (USA - 1996). Lili Taylor stars as Valerie Solanas, the real-life



Riveting portrait: Jared Harris stars as Andy Warhol in "I Shot Andy Warhol."

wacko feminist who tried to put a slug in the Pop Art icon.
• "Dead Man" (USA - 1996). The latest from director Jim Jarmusch ("Mystery Train"), starring Johnny Depp as an accountant-turned-gunner in the 19th-century American West. Gary Farmer, Gabriel Byrne, John Hurt, and Robert Mitchum comprise the impressive supporting cast. Music by Neil Young.

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$5.75; \$2.95 twilight)
• "Fargo" (USA - 1996). In this sixth film from Joel and Ethan Coen, Frances McDormand plays a pregnant sheriff investigating

a bizarre murder case in the Upper Minnesota snowbelt. Dryer and less satisfying than the Coens' other pictures, but still one of the most unique and uncompromising films of the year.
• "Mission: Impossible" (USA - 1996). See Birmingham Theatre listing above

STAR JOHN R
John R at 14 Mile, Madison Heights. Call (810) 585-2070 for showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4.25 matinee/twilight)
• "Ghost in the Shell" (Japan - 1995). In this sample of feature-length Japanese animation, director Mamoru Oshii ("Akira") offers a female heroine with lots of action. Definitely not for kids.

SUMMER 1996 PRESENTED BY: Vernors. A large advertisement for the Meadow Brook Music Festival at Oakland University, featuring a grid of musical acts for July, August, and September. Acts include Joan Armatrading, Little Anthony & The Original Imperials, Sammy Kershaw, The Robert Cray Band, Sharon, Lois & Bram, The Chieftains/Nanci Griffith, 'Weird Al' Yankovic, Marc Weiner's Weinerville-Live!, Steven Wright, Tracy Chapman, and Gin Blossoms/Goo Goo Dolls. The ad also includes logos for AT&T, IU, and other sponsors, and a large 'ON SALE NOW' banner at the bottom.

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"Mission: Impossible" offers booms, bangs, and brains

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JOHN MONAGHAN

Your mission, should you choose to accept it: try to figure what the heck is going on during the opening scenes of "Mission: Impossible." The much-anticipated entry in the summer movie sweepstakes has such a thrilling climax that you may forget how confusing and stupid the rest of it really is.

That much is true of the original "Mission: Impossible" television series. My memories of the show involved skinny agents in suits, guys like Martin Landau and Peter Graves pulling off complex missions with lots of little gadgets and an emphasis on brain over brawn.

The movie "Mission: Impossible" plays it both ways. It wants that geekiness, with an emphasis on computer searches and suspenseful downloads. It also wants summer movie thrills, with monster explosions and impossible stunts backed by that now-famous theme song.

Tom Cruise, who also co-produced, plays Ethan Hunt, a super-secret agent who finds himself sole survivor of a mission gone wrong. His higher-ups think that because Ethan is alive he must be the one who has been leaking information. He spends the rest of the movie in search of the computer disc that will clear his name.

Jon Voigt, head of the operation, appears to die during that aborted mission. If you've seen



MURRAY CLOSE/PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Adventure thriller: Agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) goes to extraordinary lengths to get information in "Mission Impossible."

even one episode of "Mission: Impossible," you know that the dead don't stay that way for long.

The movie is directed by Brian

DePalma, who made his name by ripping off Hitchcock in movies like "Obsession" and "Dressed to Kill." To his credit he delivers some exciting sus-

pense sequences, including one where Ethan hangs upside down in a booby-trapped computer vault. A drop of sweat or a raised degree of body temperature will trip the alarm.

And while he keeps the movie slightly off-kilter with crazy camera angles, much of it is dull and overly confusing, especially for a brain-dead summer audience. Blame this on screenwriters David Koepp and Robert Towne, the latter who has never been able to capture the magic that was "Chinatown." Cruise, meanwhile, never convinces you that he's that smart, so much so that you think he must have had a stunt double to type on the computers that fast. A hunky leading man is the biggest departure from the show, whose characters (especially when Leonard Nimoy joined the cast) were so smart they were almost automatons.

The straight-faced reverence to the old show is both refreshing and a bit of a drag. Usually exercises like this include cameos by old cast members and little in-jokes for fans, but the only person who seems to be having a good time is composer Danny Elfman, who delivers a funky-up version of the theme song for the closing credits.

Then there's that climax, which, without giving too much away, involves a bullet train, a helicopter and a long tunnel. It's probably the most heart-pumping ten minutes you'll spend at the movies this year, so deliciously over-the-top it makes the latest James Bond movie look almost plausible.

Though it will obviously do well in its opening weekend,

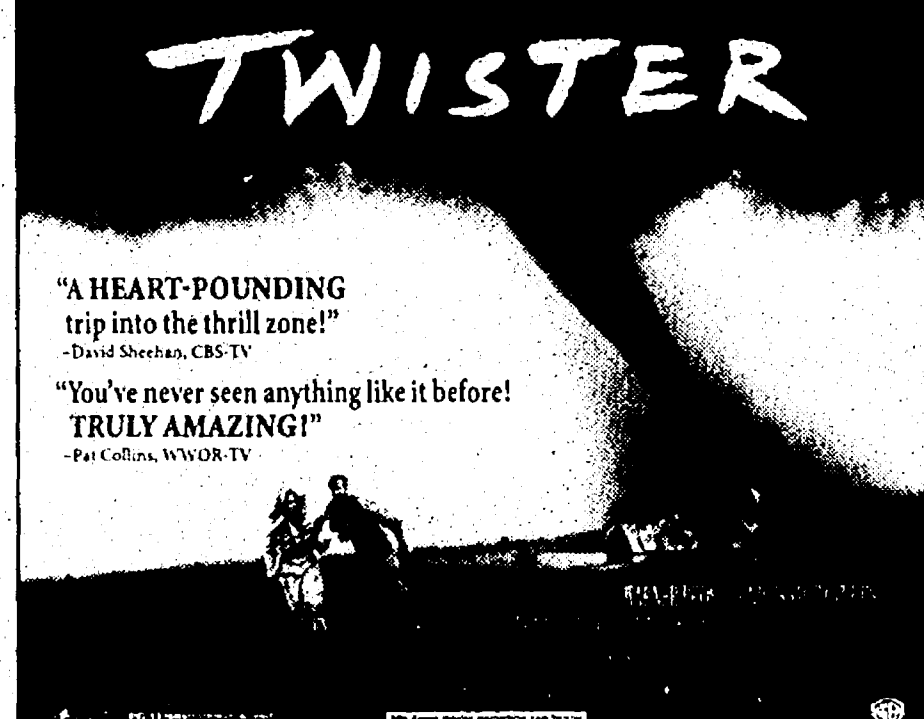
"Mission: Impossible" may ultimately fail in its prime directive. It doesn't stand a chance of stealing the thunder away from that already out-of-control summer blockbuster called "Twister."

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A comedy about a secret agent who is lured back into active service to save the world from his old nemesis. Stars Leslie Nielsen, Nicolette Sheridan, Andy Griffith, Charles Durning.

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Scheduled to open Friday, May 31

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tury about a unique alliance between a man of honor and a creature of legend.

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Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage and Ed Harris star in this action film about a military hero who takes a group of tourists hostage on Alcatraz.

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Scheduled to open Friday, June 14

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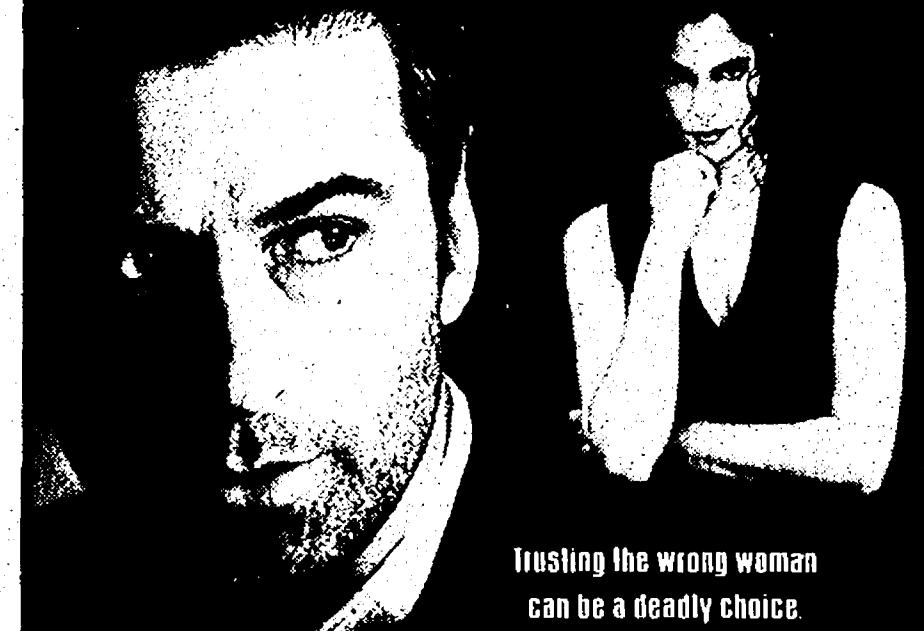
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THEATER

Touching 'Eleemosynary' is lyrical and spirit-lifting



VICTORIA DIAZ

Apollo Theater Productions presents "Eleemosynary," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 24-25, Roeper Theatre, Birmingham Campus (Adams Road, between Maple and Big Beaver Road). Tickets \$9 adults, \$6 students, available at the door or by reservation, (810) 489-8445.

Early on in this contemporary, one-act drama, its central character explains the unusual title word. "Eleemosynary" means "charitable," she says. And then, because she is an individual who enjoys a kind of love affair with words, she strings all of its luscious syllables together again and adds, "It's like a small song."

Rarely does a playwright write a review of his or her play, of course. But with this line, you could almost say that Lee Blessing has managed to do exactly that. Brief, lyrical and with its own engaging riffs and rhythms, "Eleemosynary" will sometimes lift your spirits, sometimes touch your heart, and sometimes even tickle your ribs a little bit. More than that, you'll find that its melody soft - as it is - lingers on.

Here is the girlish, slightly hare-brained Dorothea, so full of life that she has plans for herself after she's dead. Here is Artie, the troubled, middle-aged scientist who is her daughter. And here is Artie's almost-grown daughter, Echo, fresh-faced and ambitious, and considering her heritage and way with words, very aptly named.

As the play opens, Dorothea, has just suffered a massive stroke that has left her unable to communicate, and much of the story is told in flashbacks. Soon, we begin to see that the mothers and the daughters in this little group have been hard-pressed to communicate for most of their lives. Sometimes, words can't be found. Sometimes, words have been inadequate. Sometimes, words have simply gotten in the way of these highly complex relationships.

Veteran actress Laurie V. Logan is a fine, animated Dorothea, seemingly warm and caring, then subtly exasperating, but always practically giddy with life.

She adds just the right touch of off-handed humor, too, especially as she's telling of her "visits" with James Monroe and King Solomon or trying to teach her daughter to fly with some wings she's created.

Miriam Yezbick turns in a sen-

sitive performance of Artie, who more than once turns her back on the so-human dependencies of her mother and daughter in order to salvage her own piece of life. Despite these choices, Yezbick puts her close to our hearts, somehow. Looking always like someone who is trying to look relaxed when they are feeling sick-to-death tense, and also seemingly so close-to-bone familiar, Yezbick is almost painful to watch and to listen to at times. Although her Artie is shy about physical touch, she is perhaps the most emotionally touching of the three women.

Finally, Jaime Newman (who also produced this play) brings it all together with her enchanting portrayal of the youngest member of the trio, Echo.

With her singular stage presence and a kind of luminescent appearance, she just nails the role of this glowing-with-hope, confident girl.

In flashback scenes, the 18-year-old also gives a convincing performance as Echo in infancy and as a thumbsucking toddler, too.

Award-winning director Mary Bremer sees to it that "Eleemosynary" is crisply-paced from first line to last, and peripherals such as lighting, make-up, set, and costuming are all first-rate stuff.

'Social Security' deft, funny



HELEN ZUCKER

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Social Security" through June 9, Aaron DeRoy Theatre (inside the Jewish Community Center), 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Call JET (810) 788-2900 or Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666 for ticket information.

The Jewish Ensemble Theatre production of Andrew Bergman's "Social Security" is deft and funny. Directed by Robert Grossman the troupe turns in a clean, tony performance.

Cheryl Williams is superb as Barbara, the blond art dealer who serves cold mousse of pike (gefille fish to Sophie, her mother). Williams exudes energy as she deals with her husband, the art world, a sister and brother-in-law she has little in common with, and a mother who is sent to live with her. Williams turns from near hysteria to plangent sexuality without missing a beat.

John-Michael Manfredi is won-

derfully clever as David, Barbara's husband. David gets a lot of funny lines and Manfredi delivers them with aplomb. Manfredi looks as if he was born to play a suave art dealer; he looks sleek, satisfied, and smart. "I've been looking for a woman like that all my life!" David cries, upon hearing his niece has said, "I live for sex."

Rochelle Rosenthal as sister Trudy, comes on like a Long Island storm. Concern for her daughter who is living with two men causes Trudy to pull up stakes to go off to Sarah's college. Trudy has parked mother and her walker in the hall and the first act ends with mother grinning wickedly as the lights dim. Trudy, the martyr from Mineola, is not treated well when it's time to hand out happy endings. The logic of the play dictates that anyone who isn't obsessed with sex deserves a bad end. Rosenthal carries it off with pluck.

Joseph Hayes as Martin, the accountant Trudy is married to, is a solid, stolid citizen. He has no sense of art nor does he appear to have any gift for happiness. Martin's turning out to be more like his daughter than

like Trudy is a surprise and Hayes handles this turn in the plot easily.

Karen Sheridan is wonderful as Sophie. Sheridan conveys a sense of exasperation at being so old that her rejuvenation feels real. When she takes off her bathrobe (while Barbara screams, "Get dressed! We have a guest!") and stands there grinning in tee shirt and large bloomers, we know that Sophie is a woman whose senses are still very much alive. Sophie finds the man of her dreams, throws away her walker, looks chic, and is on her way to France and a condo in mid-Manhattan.

Robert Grossman as Maurice, the superstar painter who's still painting at age 98 (did I hear right?) is marvelous. Grossman gives us a purring lion, a wine-drinking, life-loving, Chagall-like painter. Maurice and Sophie take to each other immediately, and having no time to waste, go off immediately.

Artistic director Evelyn Orbach and the tech crew deserve kudos. The stunning set was designed by Tom Aston and built by West End Construction. Music from "Snow White" slides right into this fantasy-comedy.

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DINING

'Kicker' opens All-American Grill at former Stoyan's site

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Miami Dolphins kicker Pete Stoyanovich has brought a taste of Miami to his hometown area.

The Dearborn Heights native and his brother Billy purchased the family business, Stoyan's Seafood Bar and Grill, stripped down the 34-year-old building and rebuilt it as Kickers All-American Grill and Joey's Comedy Club.

General Manager John Setzke described their mission as "bringing the South Floridian concept to Livonia based on favorite food items of Pete Stoyanovich."

Executive Chef Keith Matherly, a Livonia Churchill High School and Schoolcraft College graduate, said that the "South Floridian concept" is represented in the design of the building and the food.

"The concept is not only in looks from the white wood and bricks to the openness to the windows. We're trying to hit with Florida flair (on the menu) with ocean fish," Matherly said.

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grill are among the tropical meals on the menu. The diverse selection also includes prime rib, Jamaican jerk ribs, pasta, pizza, and oven-baked grinders.

"If there's a party of four and you want steak and someone else wants something light like a salad, everybody will be happy and leave full. They don't have to feel obligated to gorge," he explained.

Matherly, a former chef de cuisine at The Golden Mushroom in

Southfield and executive chef at the Little Club in Grosse Pointe, said his specialties are Bousin Chicken, made with herb garlic cheese, lemon garlic sauce over chicken; potato encrusted cod; and tira misou.

Diners are offered generous servings of the dishes which range in price from \$7.95-\$15.95.

Kickers All-American Grill and the comedy club opened to the public Sunday, March 17, after a nine-month, \$1.3 million renovation.

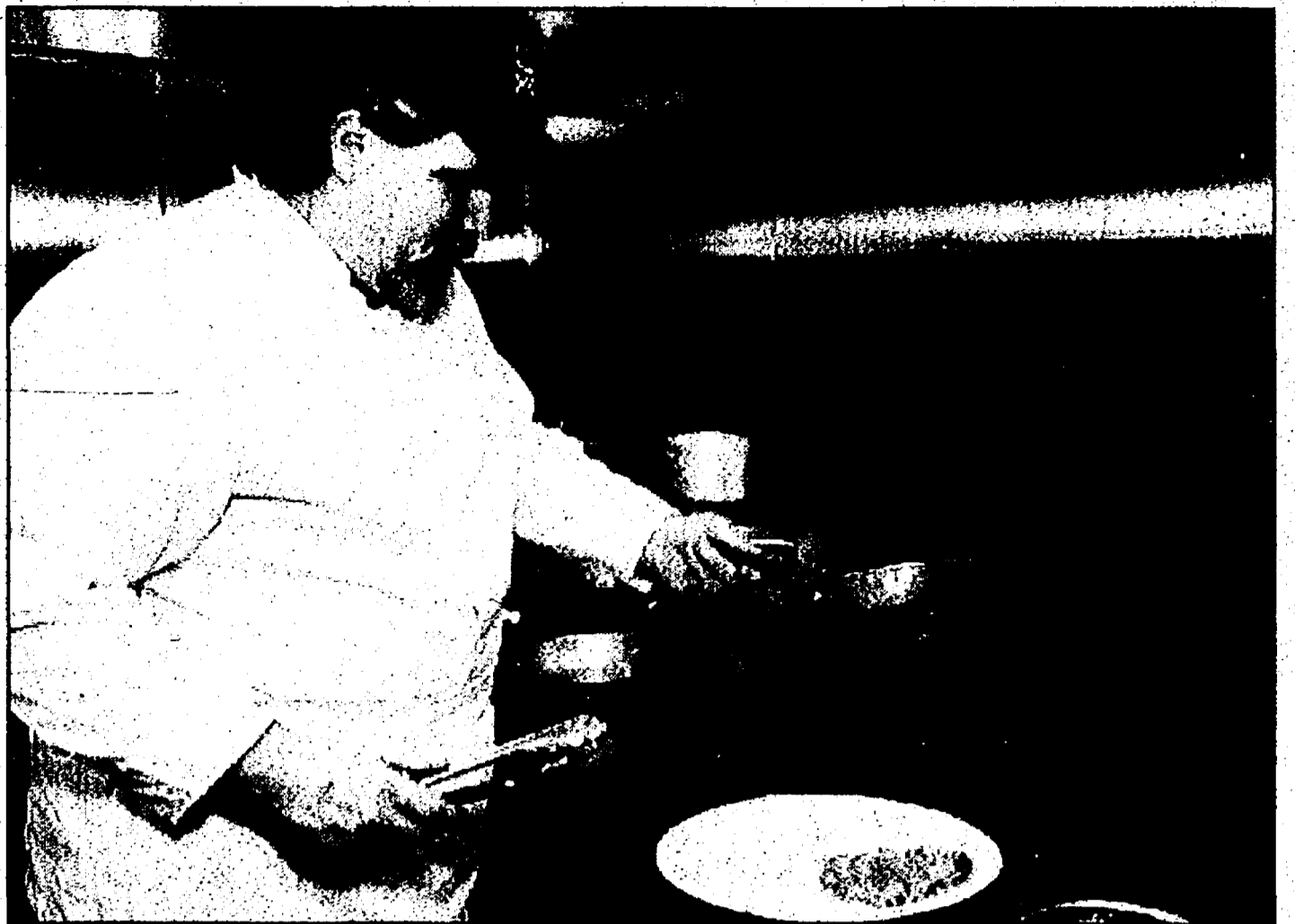
"It needed a facelift and we provided a facelift," Stoyanovich said. "It will be good for the entire area."

The building's exterior is a reflection of Stoyanovich's team colors. The bright teal roof and soft coral paint continues inside to a light pickled wood look and mahogany trim.

At the foot of the stars leading from Kickers to Joey's is a waterfall with a mirrored background that opens into the mezzanine.

Glass etched with underwater scenes act as bookends to the rows of booths which peak into the exposed kitchen.

The pizza kitchen overlooks the bar which is decorated with



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Newly remodeled: Chef Keith Matherly cooks honey mustard chicken for lunch patrons at Kickers.

jerseys marking the careers of Pete and Billy Stoyanovich, a former arena football player. The ten televisions will track the Miami Dolphins during foot-

ball season.

"We're trying to produce a casual atmosphere," Matherly said. "As the weather gets warmer, shorts are very appro-

priate. It's not out of line to see someone in a three-piece suit. We also want to generate a child-friendly place."

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Ladywood shaves Mercy in Catholic League

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Earlier this season, Livonia Ladywood embarrassed Farmington Hills Mercy 90-39 in the Catholic League's season-opening dual meet.

There was no way the Marlins would allow their rivals to repeat that performance at their home track Tuesday. But would they be able to knock off the defending division champions?

In a meet dominated by the two teams, the Blazers were able to edge Mercy by a mere six points to repeat as the A-B Division champs.

Ladywood finished with 126 points to Mercy's 120. Dearborn Divine Child (90) and Harper Woods Regina (88) rounded out the top four.

"It's never easy," said a relieved Bob O'Brien. The Ladywood coach won his second title in four years at the school.

"It was a rough season with all

TRACK

the rain and bad weather but this feels just as good as last year."

The weather was perfect Tuesday and the times proved it. Many personal bests were recorded, including the 3200-meter relay team from Mercy in the meet's first event.

The team of Jackie Segue, Christina Andriola, Erin Thomas and Rhashida Rudolph won in a time of 10:14.2 - more than 10 seconds better than their previous best time.

Shawntika Farr made it two first in a row for Mercy in the shot put, with a throw of 36-feet, 5 1/2 inches. The Blazers stayed close with a second by Beth Kummer in the shot put (33-11 1/2).

Stacie Johnson picked up Ladywood's only first place of the day with a jump of 5-2 in the

high jump. But after firsts by Jennifer Brazeal in the discus (107-3) and by Amy Buhl in the 100 hurdles (15.4), the Marlins held a 48-42 lead.

"I wasn't concerned early because I knew things would go that way," O'Brien said.

Lindsay Soter's second in the 100 dash (13.2) helped the Blazers take a 52-48 lead after six events.

Mercy came back to take a second in the 800 relay (1:50.6) and once again overtook the Blazers when Segue (5:34.8) and Andriola (5:47.5) went two-three in the 1600 run.

The Marlins continued to remain on top after Angka Morris, Rudolph, Buhl and Lynn Troskey combined to win the 400 relay in 51.6.

The Blazers, who only picked up one first compared to Mercy's six, were able to collect points in every event, including a two-three finish by Soter (62.2) and

Stephanie Mussat (64.1) in the 400 run.

"I knew it would be close but there were some events we didn't do as well in as we could have," O'Brien said. "But we had some good efforts from others we didn't expect. I think our depth really came to the front today."

Freshman Suzanne Peplinski's second place in the 300 hurdles (49.6) gave the lead back to Ladywood. The Blazers also picked up seconds in the Jackie Urbanczyk in the 800 run (2:29.2) and by Soter in the 200 dash (27.1).

"Peplinski's second in the 300 hurdles and Kummer's success in the throwing events really helped us win this title," O'Brien said.

The Blazers led by 10 heading in the final event, the 1600 relay. All Ladywood needed was a sixth place finish and the Blazers did better than that by finishing third. The Marlins won

the event as Rudolph, Morris, Lisa Nobles and Jamila Jackson finished in 4:17.5.

Soter, who recorded personal bests in the 400 and 200 runs, was one of the Ladywood runners who didn't expect such a close battle.

"I thought we were the favorite but I didn't think it would be this close," Soter said. "This title means more to me than last year's title because the seniors really wanted this one."

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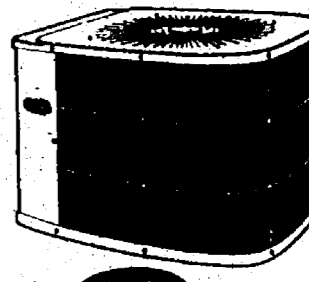
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Lady Warriors 1st

It's been a big week for the Lutheran Westland girls track team.

On Saturday, the Lady Warriors captured the Class C regional at Almont with a team-high 127 points. Detroit St. Martin DePorres and Southfield Christian finished second and third, respectively, with 89 and 81.

On Tuesday, host Lutheran Westland won the Metro Conference title for the fourth straight year with 214 points followed by Bloomfield Hills Kingswood with 146.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND STATE MEET QUALIFIERS

First-place individuals: Rachel Siggins, discus (91 feet); Jodi Werman, 3,200-meter run, 13:08.8.

Relay winners: Hana Hughes, Stephanie Davis, Rebekah Hoffmeier, Laura Clark, 1,600, 4:29.1; Hughes, Amy Clark, Davis, L. Clark, 400, 52.6.

Second-place individuals: A. Clark, 100, 13.0; 200, 27.6; Jodi Werman, 1,600, 5:49.5; L. Clark, 400, 1:03.8; Hoffmeier, 300 hurdles, 52.8; Nicole Smith, 3,200, 13:53.0.

Relay runners-up: Kate Sernett, Heather Locke, Cheryl Polkinghorne, Werman, 3,200 relay, 10:45.8; Hoffmeier, Hughes, Davis, L. Clark, 800, 1:54.0.

METRO CONFERENCE RESULTS

LUTHERAN WESTLAND FINISHERS

First-place individuals: Werman, 880-yard dash (2:30.0) and mile (5:45.3); Sernett, high jump (4-7); Siggins, discus (86-5); L. Clark, 440 (1:02.3); Hoffmeier, 330 hurdles (52.9); A. Clark, 220 (27.5); Polkinghorne, 2 mile (13:29.0).

440 relay: Hughes, L. Clark, A. Clark, Davis, 52.5.

880 relay: Hoffmeier, A. Clark, L. Clark, Hughes, 1:50.5.

Mile relay: Hughes, Hoffmeier, Werman, L. Clark, 4:20.9.

2 mile relay: Polkinghorne, Locke, Sernett, Werman, 11:09.7.

Boys also victorious

Lutheran High Westland continues to rule the boys track circuit in the Metro Conference.

On Tuesday, the host Warriors took their fourth consecutive team title with 202 1/2 points followed by Macomb Lutheran North, 105. Livonia Clarenceville had 20 1/2.

Senior Brad Polkinghorne was a double winner for the Warriors, sweeping the mile and two-mile runs in 4:38.6 and 10:27.9, respectively. Other individual first place finishers included LaRoy Turner, shot put (49 feet, 7 inches); Sam Patterson, 880 run (2:03.8); and Brian Biggs, 330 hurdles (43.8).

The foursome of Greg Strang, Jason Collings, Phil Kimmel and Patterson won the mile relay in 3:33.0, while the quartet of Collings, Kimmel, Patterson and Andy Ebbendick took the 2 mile relay in 8:26.3.

CLASS C REGIONAL BOYS TRACK RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Almont, 126 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 86; 3. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 72; 4. Detroit St. Martin DePorres, 52; 5. Redford Bishop Borgess, 29; 6. Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, 28.

Lutheran Westland firsts: LaRoy Turner, shot put, 49 feet, 7 1/2 inches; Jason Collings, Sam Patterson, Phil Kimmel, Brad Polkinghorne, 3,200-meter relay, 8:18.0.

Seconds: Patterson, 800 run, 2:03.9; Polkinghorne, 1,600 run, 4:45.0; and 3,200 run, 10:56.6.

Third (state qualifier): Collings, Kimmel, Patterson, Greg Strang, 1,600 relay, 3:34.9.

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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. The lecture is being held on National Senior Health and Fitness Day. Refreshments will be served. 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 event is sponsored by the hospital's social work department. 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. All cancer survivors and family members are invited. Light refreshments will be served. To register, please call (313) 655-2929 or (800) 494-1653 by May 31.

Stop smoking - A Smoke Stoppers group is meeting during the month of June through Mission Health. Locally, the group meets at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. By itself, or in combination with the "patch," this program can help you win your battle against smoking. Group and individual sessions available. Call (313) 712-4141 for information.

Diabetes support - Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics 18 years of age and older, "Taking charge of Living with Diabetes." Held at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, the series of eight classes provides information on self care and the successful management of diabetes. Classes will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 4-27 in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B. The \$75 fee includes support person. Call (313) 655-2922 or (800) 494-1650.

Marriage classes - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is

offering a Premarital AIDS class Thursday, June 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room near the Levan Road entrance. Registration is required and cost is \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

A pre-marriage class is offered through Health Matters of Livonia on Saturday, June 15 from 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. at the Bentley Center, for \$25 per couple. To register, call Mary Watson, (313) 513-6393.

Those who wish to be married in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license.

Menopause support - The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B, located next to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Guest speaker Lou Pagel, sales director and skin

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Baby nutrition - A seminar entitled "Baby Building: the building blocks for health nutrition before, during and after

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back school is conducted the last Thursday of every month at Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists, 9368 Lilley Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor roads.

You will learn about basic anatomy and biomechanics of the spine, various back disorders and their causes as well as proper posture and body mechanics. You will gain better understanding of the spine and how to care for it.

Information/registration: 416-3900.

■ **Volunteer at VNA** - Volunteer opportunities ranging from patient support to office assistant are available at the VNA Hospice of the Visiting Nurse Association. As part of VNA's hospice team, volunteers provide respite for families, companionship to patients, bereavement support or office assistance. For information, call Barb Kosanke at (313) 876-8550.

■ **Volunteers needed** - Henry Ford Medical Center-

Fairlane is seeking retirees and others interested in helping those in need. Volunteers have an opportunity to serve in a number of positions including gift shop, information desk, as host or greeter and in emergency room and ambulatory surgery emissaries. Call Kathleen Kerren at (313) 982-8131.

■ **Fitness for moms** - A new program, "Moms on the Go" fitness class, is being offered through the Garden City Hospi-

tal Perinatal Education Program and co-sponsored through the Wayne-Westland Family Branch of the YMCA. Pregnant and postpartum women are encouraged to attend the program, which includes land and water alternating exercise from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday nights. Drop in for \$4 per night or pre-register for \$18 for six weeks. Information/registration (313) 458-4330. The program is co-sponsored by Garden City Hospital and Wayne-Westland YMCA.

■ **Childbirth refresher** - St. Mary Hospital hosts a Childbirth Refresher workshop on Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Pavilion conference room near the Levan Road West entrance. The workshop instructs mothers-to-be on relaxation and breathing techniques that assist mothers through the different stages of labor and delivery. Registration is required and cost is \$40. Call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

■ **Breathers Club** - the Plymouth Breathers Club meets the second Wednesday of each month for those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory diseases. The next meeting will be June 12 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Arbor Health Building in Plymouth. Attendance is free. Call Mission Health at (313) 712-5367 for information.

■ **Breast health** - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a Breast Health Clinic from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 12 and June 26 in the Marian Women's Center. A physician will perform a complete breast exam (cost \$21) and provide instructions on how to perform 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.

■ **Just for dads** - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a class for new and expectant fathers, "Just for Dads... Childbirth and Beyond" which helps fathers understand feelings and changes associated with the birthing process, how to become an active participant in childbirth and the new role of fatherhood. The next class will be Thursday, June 13 from 7-9 p.m. in the Marian Pavilion Conference room A. Cost is \$10 per person. Register by June 7 by calling (313) 655-2882 or (800) 494-1617.

■ **Pregnancy preparation** - Mission Health will host a Preparing for Pregnancy program at Summit on the Park in Canton. This "lunch and learn" session costs \$15 and will be held on Thursday, June 13 from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Maple Room. Learn what to expect and how to manage the physical, emotional and lifestyle changes related to pregnancy and childbirth. Registration required. Call (313) 712-4106.

■ **Welcoming baby** - The Marian Women's Center next to St. Mary Hospital will offer a Sibling Class from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 15 in the Miracle of Life Maternity Center Postpartum Lounge on the third floor of the main hospital at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Children are invited to attend this class. Cost is \$10 per family and registration is required. Call (313) 655-2882 or (800) 494-1617.

■ **Summer speech** - In order to offer continuing speech and language therapy for area children, St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering a Summer Speech Program from June 17 to Aug. 23. Children will be scheduled in small groups and meet for 30 minutes twice each week. Cost of \$50 per week. Insurance may cover all or part of the expense. For information about the 10-week program, call the speech therapy department at (313) 655-2955, ext. 2422.

■ **Ear surgery** - A cochlear implant was recently released for a broader range of people - adults with severe to profound hearing loss and limited benefit from hearing aids. Cochlear implants are surgically implanted devices that bypass damaged parts of the inner ear. A brochure, "Hearing Aids Are Not Enough," and further information is available by calling (800) 458-4999 voice or (800) 483-3123 TDD.

■ **Cancer education** - The American Cancer Society's "I Can Cope" program for cancer patients, their families and friends will be hosted by St. Mary Hospital in Livonia from June 11 through July 16. The free, 6-week class will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room in the main hospital near the Five Mile entrance. Dates of the program are June 11, 18, 25 and July 2, 9 and 16. Registration is required by June 10. Call (313) 432-8542 or (800) 494-1653.

■ **Hospital finance** - A seminar on Michigan hospital finance for trustees and administrators will be held Tuesday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. Call Dot Pasanen at (810) 370-4288 for information.

■ **Grant given** - The Novi-based Mission Health Corp. has

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HEALTH News

Offering relief

Group formed to deal with patient pain

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

There have been times when Katherine Alberts didn't want to go on. Now, she is forging ahead, working to offer people an alternative to suicide - especially in light of recent publicity and the debate over assisted suicide.

The chronic pain suffered due to headaches has left the Plymouth Township resident often bedridden in a dark room unable to sleep, eat or interact with people. Her headaches began 17 years ago, going from weekly to daily in 1991; her longest headache lasted 90 days. She is allergic to many medications, and there is no specific diagnosis for her illness.

Alberts said the strength of her family and friends has bolstered her, held her up and encouraged her to do something to help others. So, she and a dozen other people have come together to start "Pain Relief Now," a non-profit foundation which will collect money and pay for pain medication, doctor testing and other needed health costs for those suffering.

Volunteers sought

The group is seeking volunteers to help those in pain, and donations to help fund pain medication and other items not covered by traditional insurance. Alberts said she would also, eventually, like to set up a hotline manned by volunteers who could counsel those in pain and offer support and help.

Founders include people from Plymouth, Farmington, Northville, Milford, and even a woman from Columbus, Ohio.

Alberts said she encounters people whose lives have been ruined by chronic pain - financially, physically and socially. Some must file for bankruptcy. Others get divorced when spouses can no longer stay and support them emotionally or financially. She stressed that no money from the foundation would be used for her own health costs.

"My heart goes out to these people," Alberts said. "These people need mountains

moved every day. These are the heroes - the people who just do the daily, common things and they do it in pain."

"I, frankly, go through hell. And I don't like to think about others going through that."

Friends like Joan Kisabeth, who is a trustee in the foundation, believe they can do something to help. "She's (Alberts) been

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Katherine Alberts

Co-founder, Pain Relief Now Foundation

going through this for years. I keep thinking, I'm a baby when I've had a headache. Imagining having that pain all the time."

The PRN group is working with State Rep. John Jamian, of the 40th District who chairs the House Health Policy Committee and who is looking into health issues like pain management. Jamian is working with advocacy groups such as Alberts' in sponsoring public hearings this summer to take testimony from patients bill of rights and pain management issues.

Each founding member of the PRN has a family member suffering chronic pain or someone who has been taken away by suicide.

Concerned with suicide trend

They are concerned with the apparent societal movement towards suicide as a solution, and the efforts of Oakland County's Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who has received much press in recent months for being present at several suicides.

"We are going to go nose-to-nose with Dr. Kevorkian, but we are not going to judge him legally or morally," she said. "I want to make

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him obsolete - and I would hope in a few years, we could be obsolete too.

"If that happens, that won't mean we fail, but that it worked."

Part of the reason chronic pain sufferers need help, Alberts said, is that they receive little treatment through traditional medical means, because pain sufferers are hard to diagnose. "This chronic pain is not cancer, it's not AIDS or heart disease," she said. "We're not an 'in' disease. We're not a disease at all - we're a symptom."

Dr. Maher Fakhouri, a neurologist at the Gertrude Levin Pain Center at Harper Hospital, treats Alberts for her chronic pain. He said the clinic takes a multi-disciplinary approach to treating pain, looking a medication, physical therapy, neurology issues and any doing necessary tests to treat the pain. They have a number of specialists on staff.

How they help

"The number one thing we do is make a diagnosis," he said. "I would say that, always, something can be done about it. We're able to return some people back to work."

Alberts said that it is a "myth that stress causes chronic pain," although stress will worsen it. She said an estimated 25 million in this country have cluster or migraine headaches. Just as many have chronic back pain, she said.

She said part of the role of PRN will be education of the public, the medical community and the insurance industry.

"The least it will do is raise consciousness, awareness," she said. "It's well worth it, if we only help one."

(Those interested in contacting Pain Relief Now, may contact Katherine Alberts at: RRN Foundation, 10106 Hillcrest, Plymouth; MI 48170. State Rep. John Jamian can be reached in Lansing at (800) 552-6426.)

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awarded a \$383,460, three-year grant to the Greater Detroit Area Health Council to improve community health in the Kettering/Butzel neighborhood on Detroit's lower east side. The grant, from Mission Health's Care of the Poor project, will enable the community to create a health clinic at Butzel Middle school and parish nurse program at New Calvary Baptist Church and support the area's campaign against tuberculosis.

■ **Health for kids** - A "lunch and learn" session sponsored by Mission Health, "Children's

Health: When to Call the Doctor" will be held at Summit on the Park in Canton Tuesday, June 25 from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Maple Room. The \$15 fee includes lunch. Discussion will include recognition of symptoms of common childhood illnesses, when a physician should be consulted and when it is a real medical emergency. Registration required. Call (313) 712-4106.

■ **Volunteers sought** - The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to assist in a number of areas:
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• Disaster volunteers are needed to help on local disasters - mostly with single family home and apartment fires. Call (313)

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• Administration volunteers are needed to help coordinate Red Cross volunteer activities. Call (313) 422-2787.

■ **Support group** - Providence Medical Center in Novi hosts a support group for women at high risk for developing, or who have been diagnosed with, breast cancer. The group meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. The June meeting is scheduled for June 8. Call Norma at (313) 462-3788 or Cheryl (810) 363-3866 for more information.

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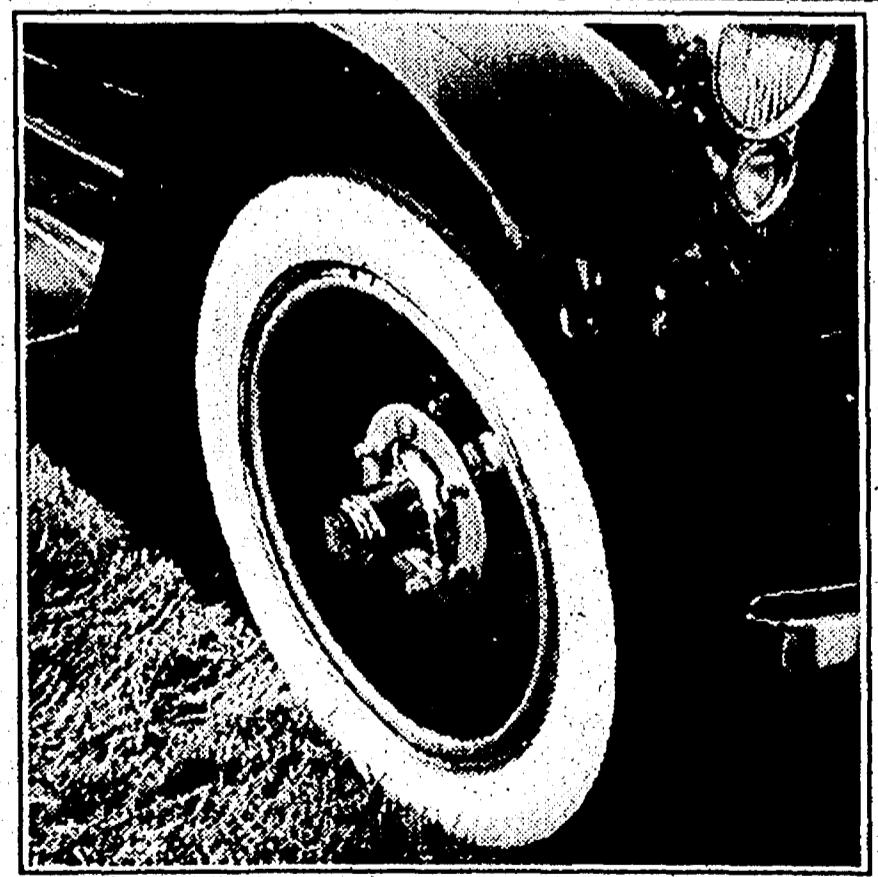
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Coordinating research

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 resident 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. She previously 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, Canada.

Ford named VP

Cynthia Ford has been elected vice chairperson of the Children's Hospital of Michigan board of trustees. Ford, wife of Edsel B. Ford, II, has served as a Children's Hospital trustee since 1982 and was a member of the executive committee in 1992-93. A graduate of Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., she resides with her family in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Finalist, winner named

Kathleen Vollman a clinical nurse specialist in Medical Critical Care at Henry Ford Hospital was honored as recipient of the 1996 Nightengale Award for Nursing. Mary Kravutske, an RN and education specialist in Nursing Development and Research at Henry Ford was honored as the 1996 Finalist for the Nightengale for Nursing award.

The award is giving to a professional who demonstrates excellence in the teaching of patients, students and colleagues. Five award-winners and four finalists were chosen out of 61 nominees.

HAP offers plan for seniors

In response to the changing health care environment, Health Alliance Plan is offering a new HMO alternative to Medicare for seniors age 65 and over, which offers more health coverage.

Called HAP Senior Plus, the program for seniors in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties is a new approach to Medicare and supplemental insurance plans. James Walworth, HAP president, calls the new program an "attractive health alternative."

"While Medicare reform hasn't been finalized yet," he said, "it's clear the federal government is increasingly turning to HMOs as a solution, because we can provide comprehensive care at a reasonable cost."

The plan offers a zero-premium option or a low-cost RX option that includes prescriptions for a \$50-per-month premium. Seniors must qualify for Medicare Part A and continue to pay their Medicare Part B premium to qualify for this program. The two options include:

■ Under the Zero-Monthly Premium Option, seniors will receive comprehensive coverage within the HAP Senior Plus network. There is a \$10 copay for office visits and a \$25 emergen-

cy copay that's waived if the visit results in admission.

■ The RX option offers the same coverage, but adds prescription drug coverage up to a \$1,000 annual limit, with a \$5 copay and reduces office-visit copays to \$5.

Both options provide: unlimited hospitalization, 100 days of skilled nursing care, unlimited part-time visits for home health care, worldwide emergency care with a \$25 co-pay for out-patient services, inpatient and outpatient surgical services including lab tests and X-rays, physician/specialist office visits with co-pay, and preventive care coverage including: physical exams, vision and hearing exams and vaccinations with co-pay.

HAP Senior Plus is made possible through a special agreement between HAP and the Health Care Financing Administration, the federal agency that administers Medicare. The program will, initially, be provided through the Henry Ford Health System and later expanded to other HAP locations.

For more information about the program, call HAP at (313) 872-8100.

2 local hospitals link forces to fight Parkinson's disease

Henry Ford Hospital and Sinai Hospital have jointly launched a Parkinson's Disease Surgery Program.

The program will be directed by Dr. Fred Junn who recently joined the staff of both hospitals from the University of Toronto.

"Dr. Junn comes from one of the top centers in North America, and brings to Michigan a tremendous expertise in Parkinson's surgery, using the least risky and most effective approach," said Dr. Mark Rosenblum, chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at Henry Ford.

Parkinson's disease is a common movement disorder that afflicts an estimated 500,000 Americans. Although there is no known cure, symptoms can often be relieved with medical therapy. A surgical procedure will be offered to

■ SURGERY PROGRAM

patients whose symptoms can no longer be managed with medication or who suffer severe side effects.

Sinai's Dr. Robert Reed, executive vice president of medical affairs, said "by combining our experiences, we hope to learn more about the long-term results of surgery and the patients who have had the procedure."

The collaboration between the two hospitals involves establishing clinical and basic science research programs based at Henry Ford, to study the surgical treatment of Parkinson's and related movement disorders.

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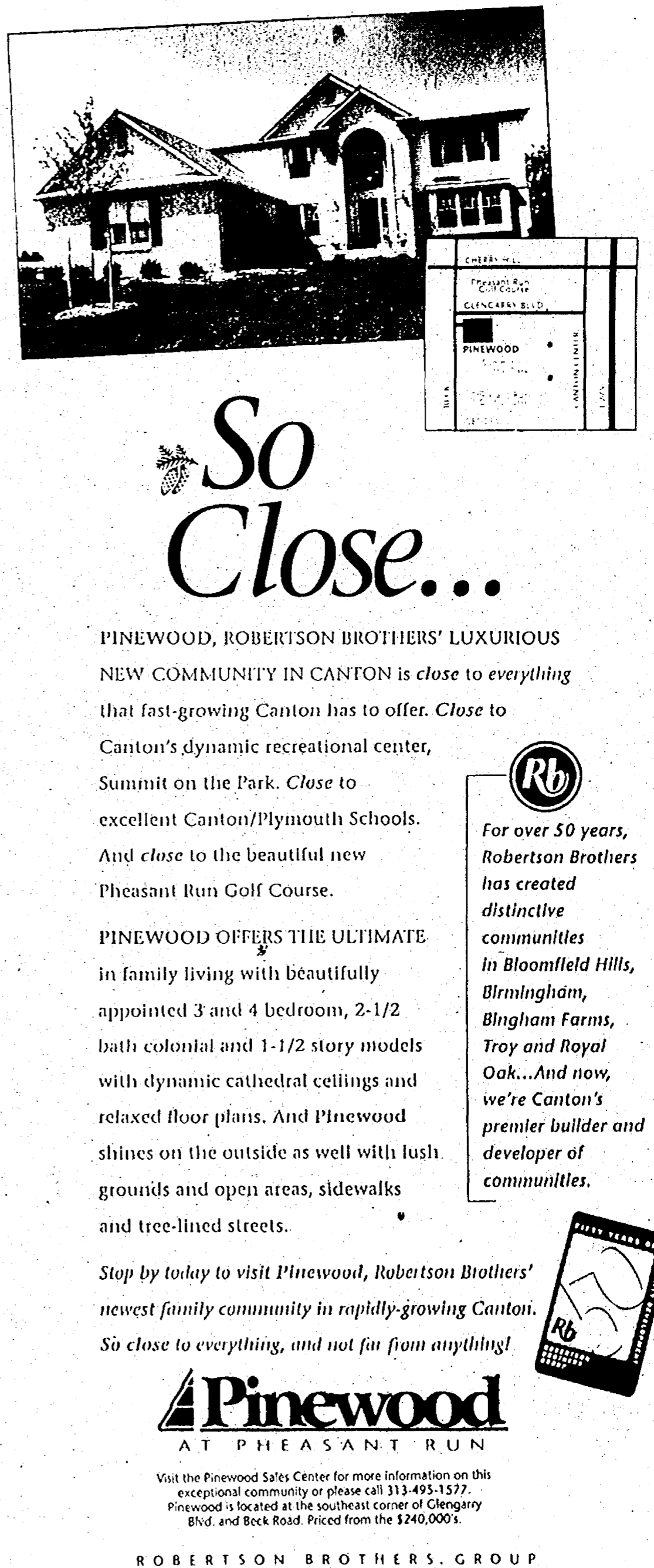
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A big attraction of Golden Gate Commons - probably the major draw - is a new house in the Troy School District for less than \$200,000.

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Three floor plans are available ranging from \$159,800 for a 1,500-square-foot ranch to \$169,900 for a 1,740-square-foot two-story to \$176,900 for a 1,700-square-foot story-and-a-half.

The small infill site, only 15 lots, is off Big Beaver Road just west of Dequindre in Troy.

"It's a secluded subdivision," said Don Pratt, the builder who's been very active in the metro area over the years.

"There's not going to be any through traffic to Big Beaver. You have privacy. There's a commercial piece (Golden Gate shopping plaza) on one side so there will be no houses behind them," he said.

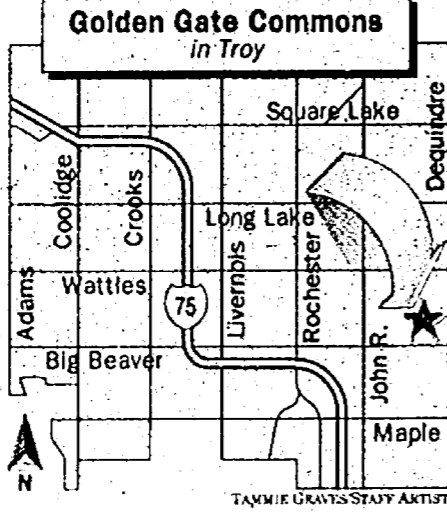
A fenced-off storm water retention basin is north of Golden Gate Commons, houses to the west.

"It's almost like a private street," Pratt said. "Shopping is very convenient. You have all kinds of churches and synagogues in the area. Troy schools is a big factor. You have all the conveniences of city sewers and water, a paved street."

A piece of good fortune enabled Pratt to keep prices manageable.

"We were able to find one of the last pieces in Troy that would allow 60-foot lots. We capitalized on that," he said.

The site will improve in appearance over time, Pratt said, because the developer from whom he bought the lots intends to plant trees along the property line between the houses and shopping center.



"Once it gets grown up three, four, five years from now, it will be a beautiful site," Pratt said.

All three floor plans include fireplace, first floor laundry, two-car garage, basement and dishwasher in the base price.

Air conditioning (\$2,900) is an option.

The model, Frisco Bay, is a traditional two-story with living room, dining room, kitchen with island and nook, and family room with cathedral ceiling on the main floor.

All three bedrooms are upstairs.

The master has a separate tub and shower and a walk-in closet. The other two bedrooms each have a walk-in closet and a ceiling light. A second full bath also is upstairs.

"The idea was to downsize it where people could afford it," Pratt said of the model. "It's got all the parts. It's just not huge."

Base price of the Frisco Bay is \$169,900. The model with upgrades including leaded glass front door, an energy package, air conditioning and cathedral ceiling in the master, costs \$189,800.

An optional fourth bedroom is available in the Frisco Bay and the story-and-a-half plan for



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Frisco Bay: This model, with living room, dining room and family room on the main floor and three bedrooms upstairs, carries a base price of \$169,900.

\$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively.

Exteriors on all plans are brick and vinyl siding with wood accents.

The property tax rate for a house in Golden Gate Commons is \$36.87 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$170,000 house there

would pay about \$3,130 the first year.

"A lot of people who work in this area want to be close by due to heavy traffic," said Paul Sanderson, sales representative. "They like the formal colonial (plan). We still have the traditional living room/dining room concept with a family room."

Buyers also like the schools, he

added. "It's very difficult to find new houses in the Troy School District for under \$200,000."

Ben and Julie Sadik intend to buy a four-bedroom Frisco Bay in Golden Gate Commons because they need more space with five children.

"It fit our size," Ben Sadik said. "There's a family room, living room, dining room, breakfast

area, basement. I needed a bigger house."

The location fit the bill, too.

"It's close to main streets, shopping centers," he said. "If you want to go to Detroit, it's not far. You are like in the middle."

The sales office at Golden Gate Commons, (810) 619-9249, is open 1-6 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

30-year mortgage rates dip to 8.08%

WASHINGTON (AP) - Thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 8.08 percent this week, down from 8.24 percent last week, according to a national survey released Thursday by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

Last week's average was the highest since May 4, 1995, when rates averaged 8.27 percent. After dipping to 6.94 percent last February, rates had risen gradually until locking into a range around 8 percent in

recent weeks.

On one-year adjustable rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.78 percent, down from 5.80 percent last week.

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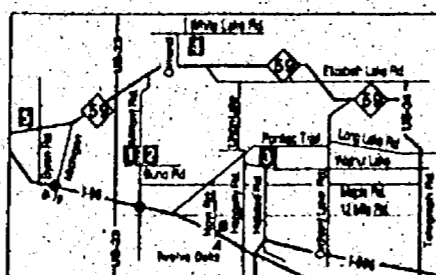


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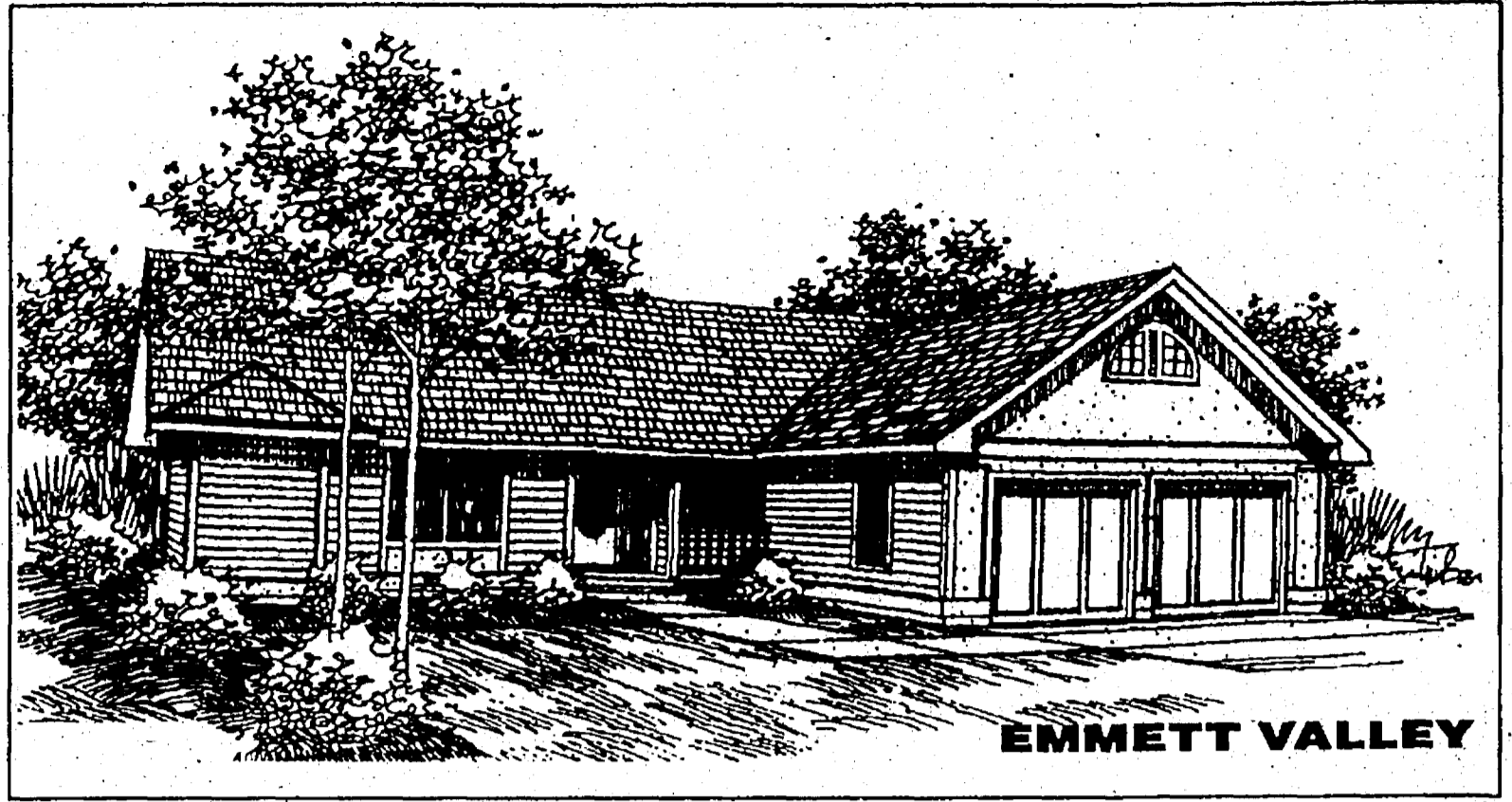
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Compact house feels spacious

The Emmett Valley is a compact, informal home with an open spacious feeling. Designed to meet the needs of a single person, or a couple with no children, this single level plan could also be adapted to accommodate a wheelchair.

Most of the exterior is lap siding with stucco relief trim. A small porch bounded by a wooden railing adds curb appeal. Inside, these slender windows, along with the oval window in the door, brighten the entry. A double-wide closet is around the corner to the right.

Straight ahead is the comfortable great room - a large bright kitchen. Three wide windows fill most of the back wall and more light spills down from above through four rectangular

skylights. A sliding glass door opens onto the large railed deck that is also accessible from the master suite.

In the great room, a hearth of brick and tile transects one corner, creating a warm focal point. The large, open kitchen fills the other corner. A raised eating bar is all that separates the dining area from the kitchen.

Friends and neighbors will enjoy lingering here to chat while the owners deal with food preparation and cleanup. The dishwasher is raised to minimize bending. Counter space is ample, and a large walk-in pantry augments the available storage capacity.

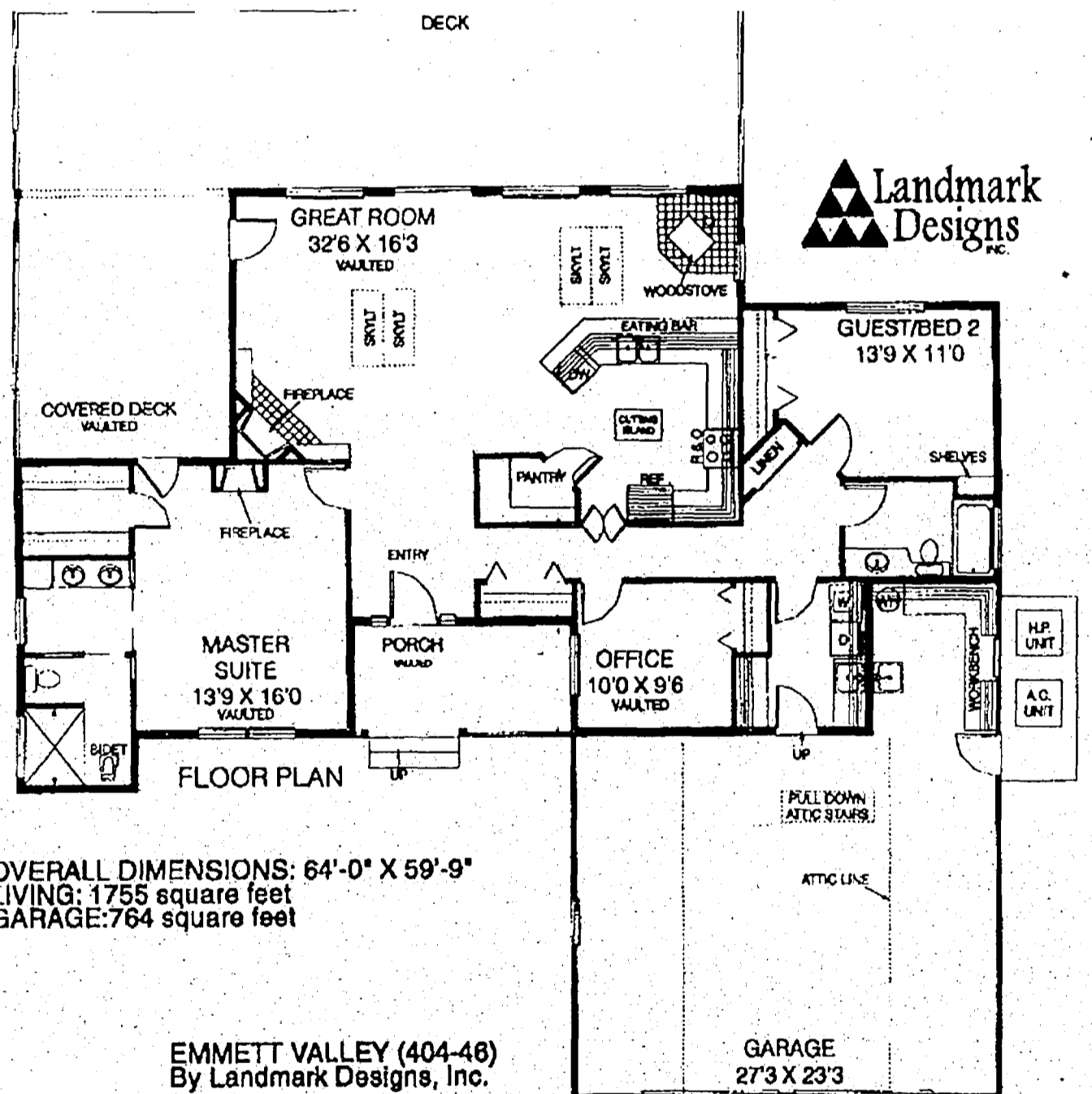
Utilities are just a few steps away in a pass through utility room, complete with cabinets and a counter for

folding clothes. The garage, too, has built-in cabinets and a long L-shaped workbench.

The isolated master suite provides complete privacy in an attractive atmosphere. Amenities include a walk-in closet, twin basins, separately enclosed shower and toilet.

The guest room and office are at the other end of the house. The guest bedroom has a set of built-in bookshelves. The office can also be used for guests.

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Michigan housing market off to good start in '96

By Doug Funke
STAFF WRITER

Last year was a good one for residential builders in southeastern Michigan. This year is shaping up to be even better.

Building permits for houses and condominiums here during the first three months of 1996 increased by 16 percent over the same period last year, a Canton-based tracking service reported.

The actual numbers were 3,888 units compared to 3,340, according to U.S. Housing Markets.

Nationally, permits were up 14 percent.

In terms of volume, it was the second best January-March period for the country as a whole since 1977, U.S. Housing markets reported.

Just over 234,325 single-family units were permitted during the first quarter this year compared to the record 235,028 in

1994.

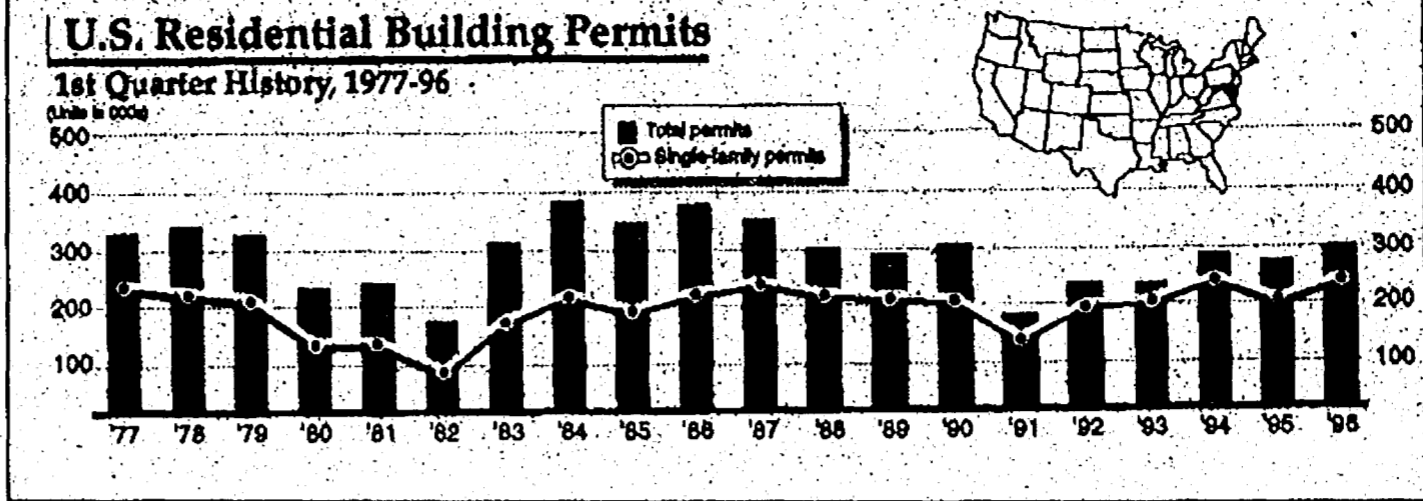
Ten counties including Oakland and Wayne defined southeastern Michigan.

"The job market around here is very strong," said Brian H. Bragg, editor for U.S. Housing Markets.

"The home buying public around here is pretty sensitive to interest rates. When interest rates bottomed out in late February and started to jack up - they're about a percentage point higher now - that pushed a lot of people off the fence.

"They were scared they would go up again. There was a rush to homebuying," Bragg said.

Every metropolitan area examined in the Midwest showed a jump in units permitted. The increase ranged from 5.6 percent in Chicago (5,110-5,396) and Milwaukee (791-835) to 56.4 percent in Kansas City (1,746-2,731).



Active builders: The number of single family residential building permits issued during this year's first quarter was on the upswing after a reversal in 1995.

The Northeast, including Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York/Long Island, Providence and Boston, was especially hard hit, experiencing an overall 5.4

percent decrease in permit activity.

The West, including Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Orange County, Calif., and San Francisco Bay,

did especially well, showing an overall 18.6 percent increase.

The figures for those two regions may be skewed by an unusually snowy winter this year

in the Northeast and an unusually wet winter in '95 out West, Bragg said.

"Builders aren't bothered so much by cold weather," he said. "When you get muddy ground, you can't get trucks in and out. When you have rain and snow, you can't get framing up. We haven't had a bad building season at all."

Southeastern Michigan was one of the few areas in the country to show an increase in single family permits issued for 1995. Activity here was up 3.4 percent compared to a decline nationally of 6.5 percent.

"I think we're going to have a decent year, probably about the same as last year," Bragg said. "Maybe even a little better, unless something unforeseen happens to interest rates. People keep looking for inflation. So far, we don't have any."

Handymen are still a fixture in high-tech world

CHICAGO (AP) - In an increasingly high-tech world, it's comforting to know that handymen can still fix much of it.

In fact, while other professions are downsizing, handwork is a burgeoning trade. In 1994, Americans spent an estimated \$115 billion on home improvements - \$43 billion on maintenance alone, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Hardware store managers,

contractors and homeowner groups think they know why much of that work is going to handymen: Most people aren't that handy anymore. And college-educated, upper-income wage earners now have more money to hire a handyman with than they have time to repair household glitches.

The handyman himself isn't what he used to be. In fact, quite often he's a she. Increasing num-

bers are women entering the field through painting and decorating jobs. The job itself is more sophisticated, too. They carry cellular phones and pagers and deal with temperature-regulat-

ing valves and washerless faucets.

Ron Kehr is a college-educated man, who at 40, dumped his high-stress job as a successful music industry executive to take

up the tool belt. He learned to repair leaks, refinish cabinets and retille floors from books and observation.

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An asphalt shingle consists of felt base mat made from rags, paper and wood pulp. The mat is saturated and coated with asphalt then surfaced with mineral aggregates. Fiberglass-asphalt shingles have a glass fiber mat coated with asphalt and surfaced with mineral aggregates.

The difference between organic and fiberglass-based shingles is more of a concern to the roofer than the homeowner. Fiberglass-based shingles were developed because roofers found that asphalt shingles softened during hot weather installations, and were easily damaged. Fiberglass shingles are coated, not saturated, with asphalt and are not easily damaged during hot

weather.

However, in the northern United States, organic mat shingles are often used. Fiberglass shingles are difficult to work in very cold weather because they become brittle and can crack if flexed.

Fiberglass shingles have a better fire rating than organic shingles. Nevertheless, the latter is considered acceptable.

Q: I've noticed small holes and insects in some of the beams in my 150-year-old frame house. How can I tell if these are carpenter ants or termites, and how can I get rid of them?

A: Damage from carpenter

ants is often mistaken for termite infestation. However, ants tunnel only to construct nesting places. They remove excavated wood to the outside of their nests and keep the passageways clear. Termite galleries, on the other hand, are packed with sawdust-like material which is actually a woody excretion.

This difference in the appearance of infested areas is a positive means of identifying which pest is at work.

Carpenter ants may be seen entering and leaving wood. They vary widely in size but a common variety is approximately one-half-inch long, and either all black or mixed with brown. All members of the colony are fully formed except the larvae, which

are white and resemble grubs. Small, isolated colonies can be eradicated by injecting pesticide dust into the galleries or into holes drilled at intervals along infested timber. For best results, hire a licensed professional exterminator.

Q: I'm replacing some bad sections of copper water pipe. Can I use PVC pipe for the repairs?

A: Plastic water pipe can be joined to steel and copper pipe by means of plastic threaded adapters. Both male and female plastic adapters are available. One end of the plastic adapter is glued to the plastic pipe and the other threaded into a fitting or

onto a pipe.

When joining plastic water pipe to existing metal piping, wrap the male threads with plastic pipe joint sealant tape. Because plastic female adapters can expand when threaded onto male threads, a better choice is to use a plastic male adapter threaded into an iron or copper female adapter or fitting.

To submit a question, write to Popular Mechanics, Reader Service Bureau, 224 W. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. The most interesting questions will be answered in a future column.

By Popular Mechanics for AP Special Features

Your dream deck may be an easier project than you think

If the thought of building and maintaining a deck seems too overwhelming for you, read on. The following tips will make it easy for you to build your dream deck and maintain its beauty for years to come.

When planning your deck con-

sider what primary purposes you want the deck to serve - entertainment, seating, storage or a play area - then incorporate these purposes into the design. You can design the deck yourself, use a pre-cut deck kit or a pattern from a book or you can hire

a designer.

When choosing the location of your deck, attached to your house or freestanding, consider the weather. Note the track of the sun and make sure that your location isn't too sunny or shady during the times you'll be using

the deck.

Choose wood that can withstand the effects of the weather such as pressure-treated lumber, redwood or cedar. To maintain the color and quality of your deck, pressure wash it with special deck cleaners annually and stain or seal it at least every other year.

When building your deck, always nail the boards bark side up to reduce cupping.

Because installing decking can be very labor-intensive, con-

sider purchasing a nail gun, which can speed up the process and give your arms a rest.

To help prevent splitting when nailing the decking in place, use blunt-nosed nails.

Fit the decking boards together tightly. This will prevent gaps from forming between the boards when they dry out and shrink.

New decks should be coated with stain as soon as the wood will absorb it.

"Failing to stain your deck is like going outside in a rainstorm without an umbrella - you'll definitely get wet and perhaps ill," said Guy Bowman, a paint department manager at Home

Depot. "While your deck won't catch cold, it will certainly warp and swell if moisture penetrates the wood."

Before staining, make sure the surface of the deck is free of water, oil, dirt and other foreign substances. Apply stain when the weather is between 50 and 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Avoid staining in direct sunlight or if rain is forecast within the next 24 hours.

"Maintaining your deck is as important as building it," says Bowman. "Damaged decking is both unsightly and dangerous. Wood rot, if unattended, can spread and affect good wood nearby."

How do you know if your deck is in healthy shape. Watch for signs of damage to the underlying structure. Examine support posts and joists for signs of rotting or infestation.

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Commemorative cut: Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey cuts the ribbon to commemorate the opening of Dearborn Federal Credit Union's Livonia Financial Center at 37373 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. From left are Livonia branch manager Karen Downton, Dearborn Federal Credit Union Board of Directors chairperson Linda Malec; Kirksey and guest Eileen O'Neill, executive vice president of the Michigan Credit Union League.

Credit union opens local office

Local officials and business leaders welcomed the Dearborn Federal Credit Union to Livonia at a recent reception celebrating the opening of the new Livonia Financial Center at 37373 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey cut the ribbon.

Dearborn Federal Credit Union Board of Directors Chairperson Linda Malec, Livonia Branch Manager Karen Downton and guest Eileen O'Neill, executive vice president of the Michigan Credit Union League, assisted Kirksey with cutting the ribbon.

"As Michigan's largest credit union, Dearborn Federal Credit Union has enjoyed significant growth in membership and assets, which has enabled this credit union to expand its facilities and services to meet the needs of our member-owners,"

Malec said.

"This beautiful 12,000-square-foot building was designed to serve the 30,000 members we already have in the northwestern suburbs, while anticipating growth in membership from area residents and local businesses. We are pleased to offer our members a wide array of financial services including home equity and mortgage loans in addition to traditional checking and savings products," Thomas Moylan, Dearborn Federal Credit Union vice president of marketing, said.

"Dearborn Federal Credit Union is known throughout the nation as a leader. The board of directors, the committees, the management and staff have had a vision for their credit union and a clear understanding of the credit union philosophy. I especially congratulate the members

of Dearborn Federal Credit Union that they have a credit union like yours from which they are able to receive financial services," O'Neill said.

Livonia Financial Center branch hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Four drive-up teller lanes are open until 7 p.m. on Fridays.

In addition, members have 24-hour access to a drive-up ATM and night depository along with two 24-hour ATMs in the branch vestibule.

The new facility also features VideoBranch, an interactive computer kiosk that provides members with their own account information, details about branch locations and other financial services, and offers a "Trading Center" where members can advertise their used vehicles and boats for sale.

Membership in Dearborn Federal Credit Union is open to members of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and many employee groups that are not served by another credit union. Employees and families of any Ford Motor Company or subsidiary unit in the United States that is not served by another Ford employee credit union, members of Greenfield Village and employees of Henry Ford Health System are also eligible to join.

Dearborn Federal Credit Union is Michigan's largest and has assets of more than \$900 million and serves 160,000 members worldwide.

For more information about Dearborn Federal Credit Union membership, stop by the new Livonia Financial Center or call (313) 336-JOIN or (800) 838-2770.

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MONDAY JUNE 3

NETWORKING

"Networking in the '90s: Putting Networking to Work for Your Job Search," will be held at 7:30 p.m. in meeting rooms A and B at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road in Livonia. Preregistration required. Call (313) 421-7238, ext. 633 for reservations. D'Andrea Speer, a career consultant, will be the presenter.

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UAW launches 2 colorful World Wide Web sites

The United Auto Workers union now has a presence on the Internet. UAW President Stephen P. Yokich announced in his opening address to the UAW National Bargaining Convention that the UAW is launching two colorful new World Wide Web sites. They are UAW On-Line at <http://www.uaw.org>, and Breaktime at <http://www.uaw.org/breaktime>. The sites will be used to communicate directly with the public about the UAW and the rights of

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workers, explained Yokich. "We intend to use every tool we can to open the doors and reach out to both members and to a whole new generation of people who may not know much about us. The Internet offers an exciting way for people to more actively pursue their interests, and we want to be there with them."

UAW On-Line is updated several times a week with information about the UAW, its programs, and key issues for workers. Included at the site is the UAW's award-winning Solidarity magazine and its AMMO magazine. The site also features Action Alerts on pressing issues, a listing of consumer products UAW members make, statistics from the union's research department, and up-to-date worker-related news, including news releases.

Six pages of links offer a Workers' Guide to the Internet, including a Trip to Washington, work-related sites, and articles on a "Hot Issue of the Week."

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section answers the question "Why UAW?" and shows how the union functions. An interactive map gives basic information on all UAW regions, from coast to coast.

The "Breaktime" site is designed to be an interesting, fun site for people to take a

break after work. "It's a place where workers browsing the web can share and enjoy what they have in common," explains Yokich. "On this site they can also benefit from the UAW's expertise in fields like health and safety and legal rights."

Breaktime has interactive features like workplace "survival tips" contributed by browsers, and ideas and ratings for a humorous "Top Ten" list. This site also gives consumer and workplace news and answers questions on workplace law and health and safety. It has a family area the UAW intends to expand.

When the sites were beta-tested with UAW members through the Union's Solidarity magazine earlier this year, the response was overwhelming. The UAW sites received hundreds of E-mail messages from members over the first two weeks, most of them thanking the union for taking its place on the Internet. (Many of those messages can be found on the "E-mailbox" page of the site.)

Internet Providers

Boardwatch Magazine has released its new quarterly Directory of Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

The 180-page publication lists more than 1,500 Internet Service Providers across the United States, with detailed instructions on how to select a provider and configure your personal computer to make the connection. This is the first comprehensive directory of Internet Service Providers ever published.

All entries are arranged by area code and telephone exchange to quickly locate ALL Internet Service Providers offering connections in any local dialing area - over 5,400 entries in all.

Each entry provides information such as company name, contact including E-mail and World Wide Web address, and telephone, specific dial-up and leased line connections along with pricing for easy comparison shopping.

The spring issue is available at leading computer and book stores for \$6.95 or direct from the publisher at \$6.95 plus shipping and handling by calling 1-800-933-6038.

O&E Onliners can access the Boardwatch Directory of Internet Service Providers at <http://www.boardwatch.com>. The most popular feature of the Website is the fully-interactive color area code map of the United States representing home office locations of Internet Service Providers with links to every ISP in the country. Providers can also use the Website to update their listings.

Boardwatch Magazine is also hosting the Online Networking Exposition and Internet Service Provider Convention (ONE ISPCON) August 7-10, 1996 in San Francisco. ONE ISPCON is the largest convention of Internet Service Providers in the world. More than 100 educational sessions are planned.

(Emory Daniels writes a weekly column for the Observer & Eccentric, archived at <http://oeonline.com/~emoryd/archive.html>.)



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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 Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.*

Several local residents have been recognized for outstanding customer service at Hudson's through its Service Star program.

Service Stars are chosen by store management and recognize associates who are respected by their peers and consistently demonstrate excellent customer service behavior and attitude.

One associate is selected at each store per month.

The following Hudson's Westland associates received the award: for September, **Lisa Wallace**, a Westland resident and customer service representative in loss prevention; for October, **Brian Rosol**, a Canton Township resident and package pickup associate in loss prevention; for November, **Candy Martin**, an associate in the service center; and for December, **Lauri Govski**, a Livonia resident and sales associate in table top.

Service Stars receive a gold name badge to wear for one year, Service Star certificate and Hudson's gift certificate.

Paul Eiswerth has been appointed sales manager at Thalner Electronics, an Ann Arbor-based broadcast and industrial video products supplier.

Eiswerth joined Thalner Electronics in 1984, and most recently was the company's sales representative for western Wayne and Washtenaw counties. Eiswerth lives in Plymouth with his wife Kim and their three sons.

"We're quite pleased at the way Paul has worked with our

customers and has represented Thalner Electronics," Karl Couyoumjian, president of the company, said.

Sandra LaVerdure was chosen by the Suburban Republican Women's Club to receive the "Tribute to Women" award.

The event is sponsored by the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan to recognize an outstanding woman in each of the 32 clubs in the state. The women are honored for their contributions to their own club and the Republican Party.

LaVerdure was chosen for the honor because of her volunteer work on behalf of local Republican activities and candidates, according to Sylvia Haskell, president of the Suburban Republican Women's Club, which includes women from Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Canton Township, Redford Township and Farmington Hills.

"We have always appreciated Sandra's enthusiasm and willingness to help, especially during her term as vice president and corresponding secretary," Haskell said.

The Council for Health and Human Service Ministries has selected **Henry Johnson** of Westland for its employee of the year award.

Johnson is a group home manager of Arbor House for Evangelical Community Homes Inc. of Detroit, which is a member of the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

The council is made up of 311 health and human service providers throughout the nation. Its member organizations employed about 27,000 people and serve more than 1.2 million people during the past year.

Johnson was nominated for the award by Carolyn Rader, Evangelical Community Homes administrator.

Robert M. Tacy has been named vice president, manager of interactive and new

media for C-E Communications of Warren.

Tacy comes to C-E Communications from US West Marketing Resources in Denver, Colo., where he was head of new product development. He has also worked for R.L. Polk, National Demographics and Lifestyles and Valassis Communications.

Larry P. Jedele has been elected to the 24-person board of directors of the Construction Innovation Forum.

Jedele is a principal and manager of geotechnical services for Soil and Materials Engineers in Plymouth. He has more than 20 years of experience in geotechnical investigations, evaluations and design recommendations. Jedele also is a specialist in geodynamic services.

The Construction Innovation Forum was formed in 1987 to recognize innovations in the construction industry that improve the quality, efficiency and cost-effectiveness of construction. Each year the forum honors innovations with its NOVA award. The 1997 NOVA awards will be presented March 13, 1997, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Bradley Stegemann, of Pinckney, is the newest associate of the Park Jarrett Agency of Aid Association for Lutherans in Livonia.

Stegemann joined the association March 7.

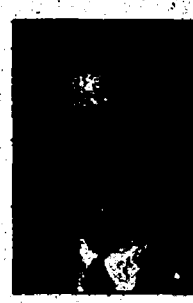
As a district representative, Stegemann serves Lutherans in Canton and Northville.

The association provides 1.7 million members with insurance products and volunteer opportunities.

Dearborn Federal Credit Union's board of directors has appointed **J. Ronald Unger** president and chief executive officer.

Unger is replacing the office of the presidency, which was established on an interim basis subsequent to the retirement of John Elkins in August 1995.

"Ron Unger is a visionary and an innovator with a participative



Unger

management style," Board of Directors Chairperson Linda M. Malec said. "We are extremely pleased and fortunate that we will have his strong technical and administrative talents to lead Dearborn Federal Credit Union into the 21st century."

Unger is a 24-year member of Dearborn Federal Credit Union and has served on the board of directors since February 1995.

In 1982, Unger founded and was chief executive officer of Intelligent Controls Inc., a company specializing in engineering services and engine control products. By 1995, the company had grown to \$20 million in annual sales and was twice ranked in INC. magazine's list of 500 fastest growing, privately held companies in the United States. In July 1995, Unger sold his interests in the company to Vickers America Holdings.

Prior to that, Unger was a manager at Ford Motor Co. During his 10 years at Ford, Unger served in product planning and managed various areas of engine manufacturing and engineering.

Unger earned his master of business administration degree from Harvard Graduate School of Business in 1971, with a concentration in operations management and managerial economics. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

Members of Aid Association for Lutherans Branch 3233 in Livonia have been awarded a Gold Star rating by the fraternal benefit society in recognition of exemplary volunteer service to the community.

To achieve a Gold Star rating, branches annually must sponsor at least an AAL benevolent activity such as a fund-raiser or work project, conduct at least 12 meetings, sponsor at least one educational activity and one member awareness event and comply with AAL's attendance, voting and reporting requirements.

Officers of AAL branch 3233 are: **Robert Baker**, president, Westland; **James Willey**, vice president, Livonia; and **Connie Cooper**, secretary, Westland.

Branch 3233 is supported by AAL District Representative **Chad Peterson**, Plymouth.

Cindy Johnson of Garden City was among 1,000 downtown revitalization leaders from throughout the United States who met in Nashville, Tenn., this week for the 10th National Town Meeting on Main Street.

"The National Town Meeting is the largest gathering of downtown revitalization leaders in the world," Johnson said. "It's a once-a-year opportunity to hear what's happening in communities across the country, to share ideas and develop new skills to help us revitalize downtown Garden City."

The National Town Meeting, organized by the National Main Street Center, is a program of the nonprofit National Trust for Historic Preservation. This year's conference was also cosponsored by the Tennessee Main Street Program.

A lot of information was presented, including the results of a nationwide survey of downtown development trends.

The survey, conducted by the National Main Street Center, revealed strong economic growth, high levels of optimism and increasing use of new communication technologies to expand business opportunities in traditional commercial districts.

Eric Kosmider of Livonia has been named account supervisor at Eisbrenner Public Relations, according to Ray Eisbrenner, firm president.

Kosmider manages day-to-day communications activities for some of the firm's automotive and service clients.

Before joining Eisbrenner Public Relations in January 1996, he spent three years with Talon LLC in Detroit as manager of

corporate communications. Prior to that he spent six years with Jervis B. Webb in Farmington Hills, as director of public relations.

A graduate of Central Michigan University, Kosmider earned a bachelor of applied arts degree, majoring in journalism.

Shuzo Date has been appointed group president of the Automotive Equipment Group of Mitsubishi Electronics America Inc. in Plymouth.

Date previously held the position of general manager of marketing at the Himeji, Japan, facility of Mitsubishi Electric Corp.

Date received a degree in economics from Kagawa University. He began his career with Mitsubishi Electric Corp. in 1968 at the Himeji facility. In addition to Japan, he also held positions at the Mitsubishi Electric European office in Paris from 1978 to 1984.

Mitsubishi Electronics' Automotive Equipment Group markets imported and domestically manufactured electrical and electronic components to U.S. and transplant customers.

Crowley's has announced the following promotions: **Steve Mechavich** as vice president and general merchandise manager of men's children's and home departments; and **Roger Werling** as vice president of information systems.

John Godfrey has come to Crowley's from the Bon Ton stores as vice president and general merchandise manager of intimate apparel, accessories and cosmetics departments.

Mechavich was promoted to vice president and general merchandise manager from general merchandise manager. He began his career as a buyer.

Werling has been a Crowley's employee for 11 years. He was promoted to vice president of information systems from director of information systems. He began his career at Crowley's as a programmer trainee.

Godfrey was vice president and general manager of intimate apparel, accessories and cosmetics at the Bon Ton stores in Baltimore.



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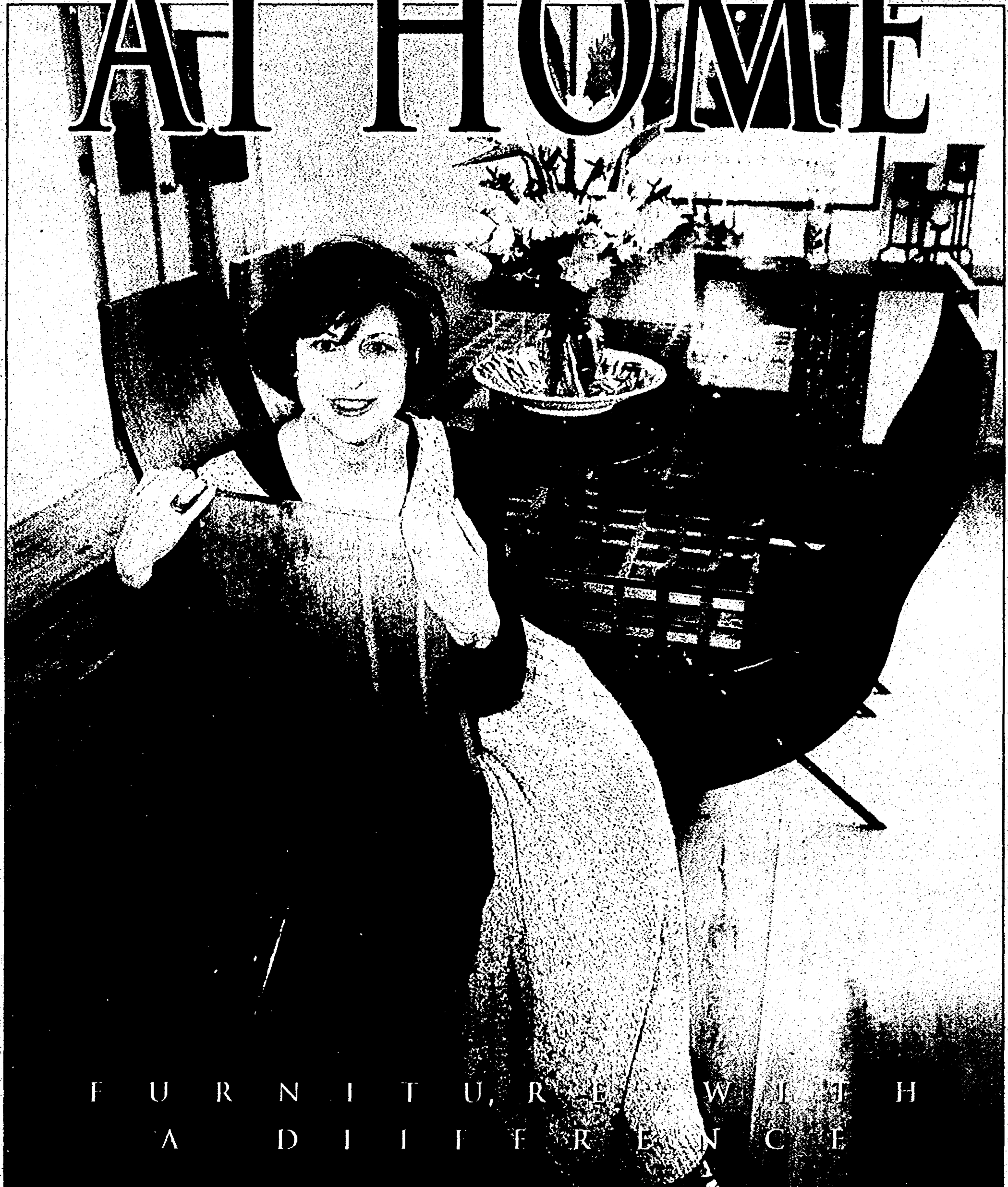
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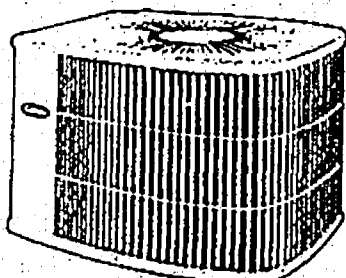
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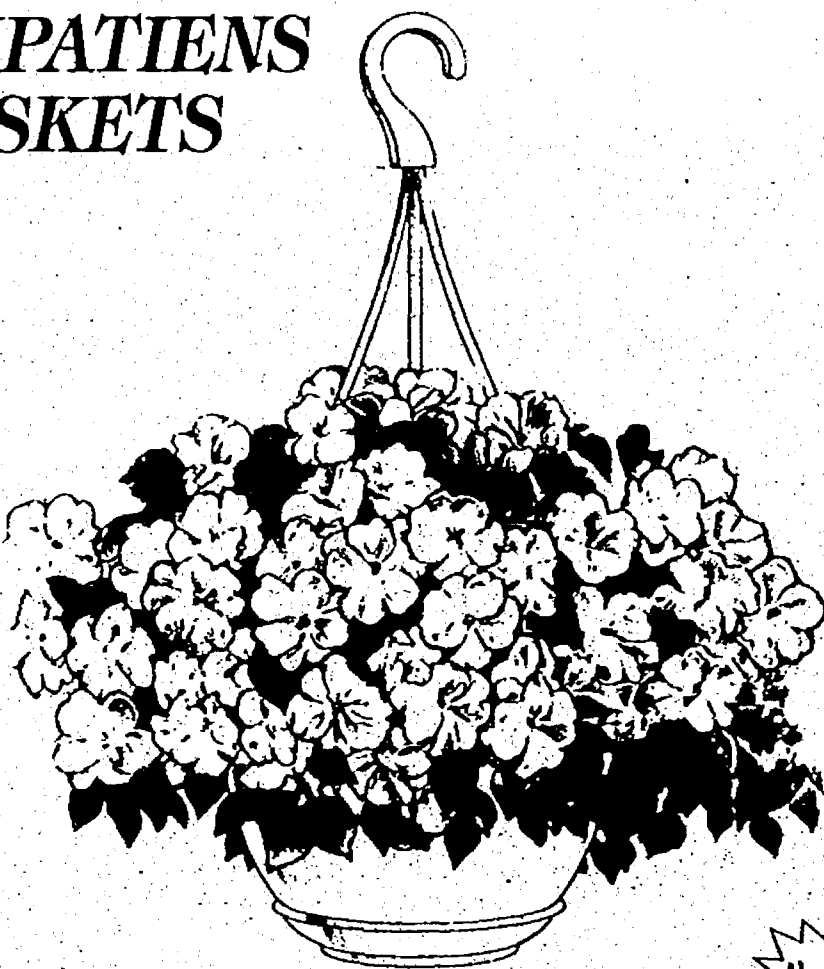
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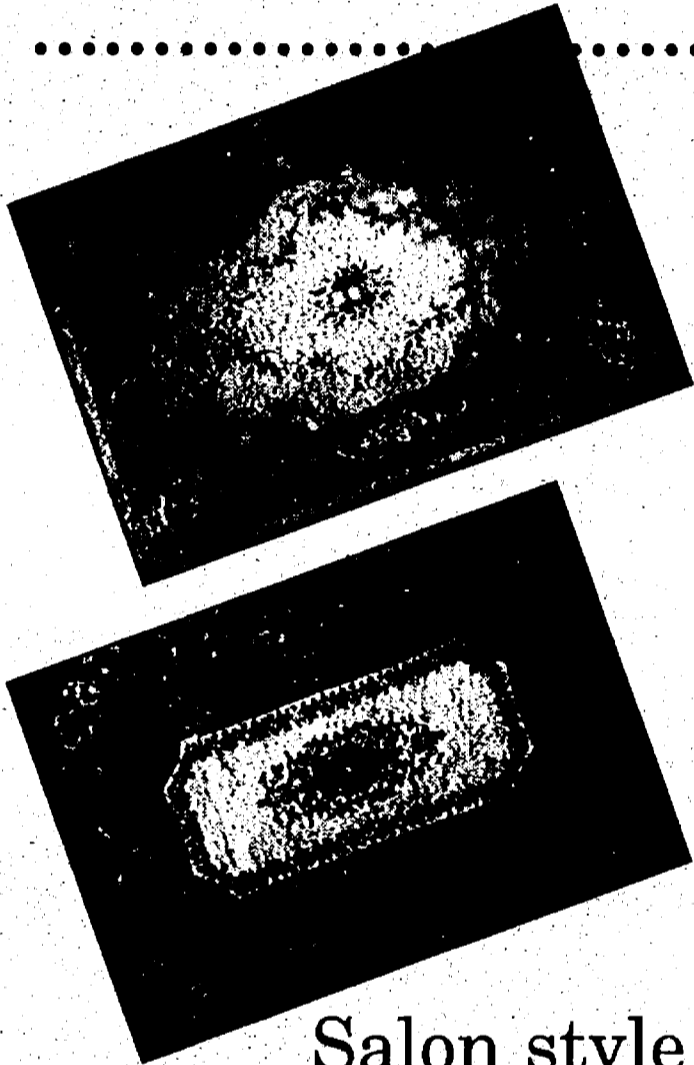
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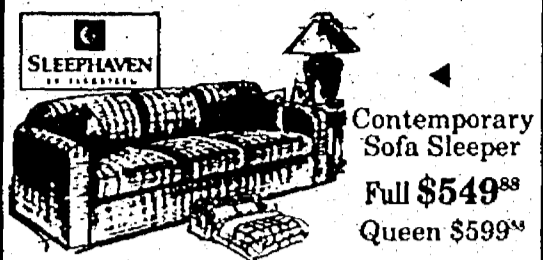


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Gagnon from page 2D

got a pain in your heart over this book?"

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I did a radio show on the biggie WABC in New York City a few weeks ago where I offered at no charge to the radio listeners my two little booklets (dryer and refrigerator). That two hours

of radio show resulted in 5,000 requests for the FREE little booklets. A few days ago I received this very prestigious award from the Toastmasters International for being able to serve and communicate with the community. I don't think I'm doing such a great job because the consumer is still walking. Right now, I can't afford to.

The result of doing a radio show on the great voice of the Great Lakes and writing this column for the O&E has created over 10,000 requests for the free booklets and thousands of phone calls to my store. These people aren't calling to chat about the weather, they're all calling to seek information which is written in the book. I will not be around forever and the information in the book is good for a long time to come. I am not writing another book, so

please buy this one so you can be a more aware consumer and I don't have to worry about your anymore. That way, no more pain in my heart.

PS - To this date, the author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," Joe Gagnon has not taken one cent in profits from the many thousands of his. The book is available at all Damman Hardware stores and major book stores across the country. The ISBN number is 1-880615-50-9 published by Master Handyman Press Inc.

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Hellebores show has special charm



MARTY FIGLEY

In September 1988 I wrote about the Christmas Rose *Hellebore niger*, and received several nice comments about that column. Now it is time to revisit the subject and catch up on the progress and experiences I have had with the Hellebore family.

Although September is a good time to plant this flower, you will probably be able to find it more readily this time of year.

I did plant a Christmas Rose after carefully considering where in my garden it would best survive, and I guess I did the correct thing, because it has been blooming for several years in its allotted spot. I chose a south-facing area in front of evergreen shrubs, and set some patterned bricks behind it to hold the warmth of the sun and to give it a backdrop when it bloomed.

Speaking of blooming, sometimes it blooms in the wintertime - generally in January or February - and this year it didn't bloom until Easter time! But bloom it did in splendid glory with large "flattish" creamy white flowers that turned chartreuse when they matured. The foliage is evergreen on this plant.

Three years ago I was given some tiny seedlings of the Lenten Rose, *H. orientalis*, and planted them on the north side of the house - a completely opposite site from the Christmas Rose. They were so tiny, only about two inches high (I had brought them from a garden in Mobile - by permission), that I did baby them and watched over them most carefully.

This year they, too, bloomed around the first part of May. The flowers are more bell-shaped than the other one and they have maroon stripes running through them. They are also smaller than the lovely Christmas Rose but have a special charm. Blooms of Helle-

See FIGLEY, 8D

Bloom time

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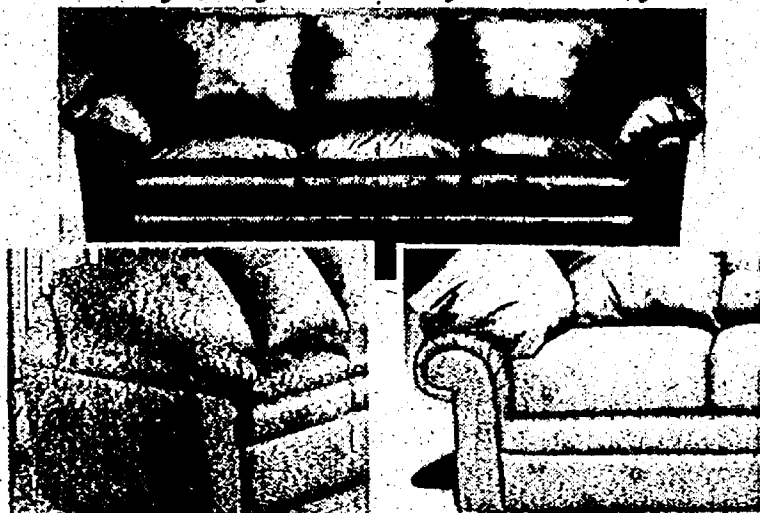
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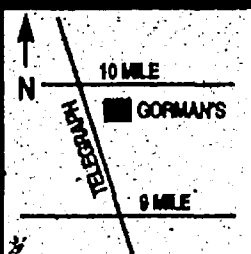


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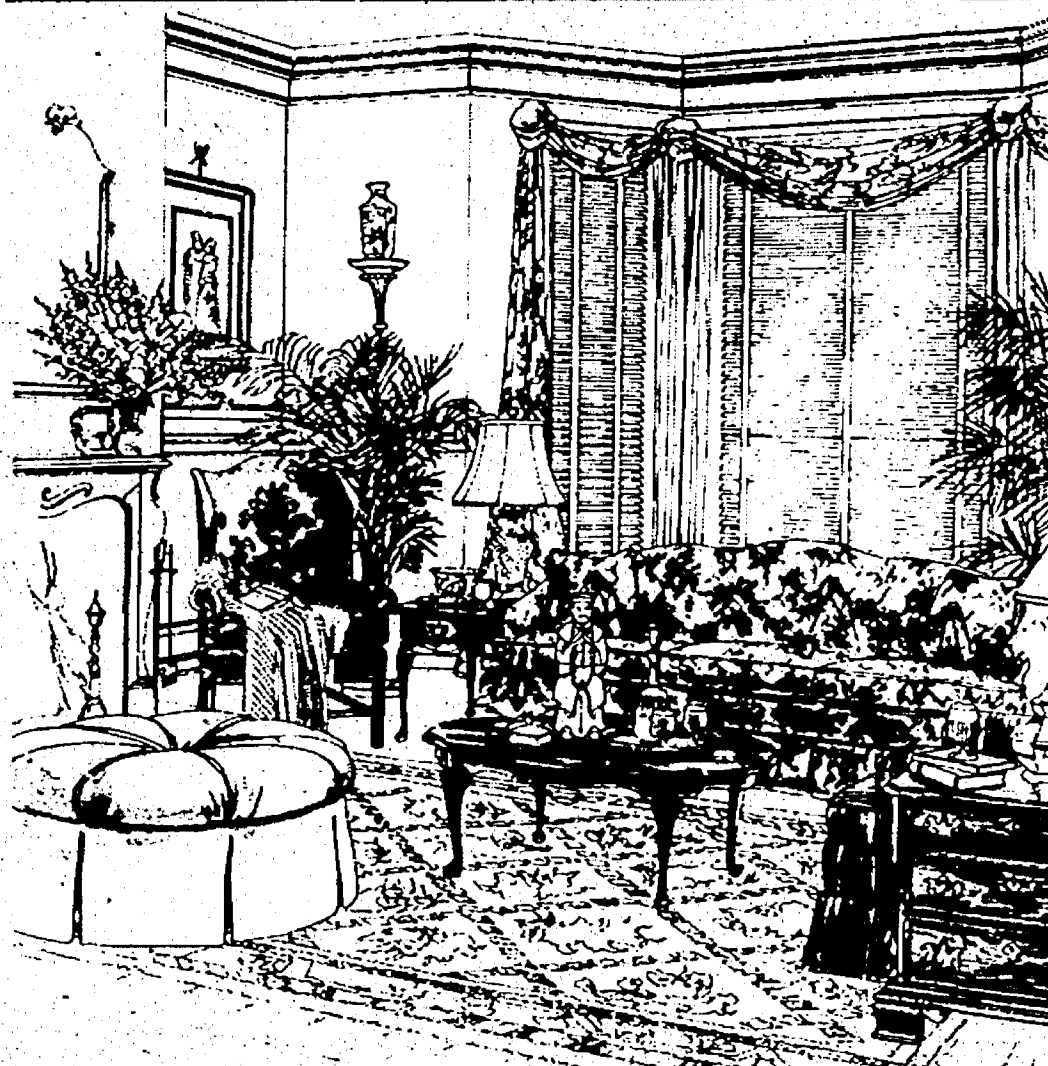
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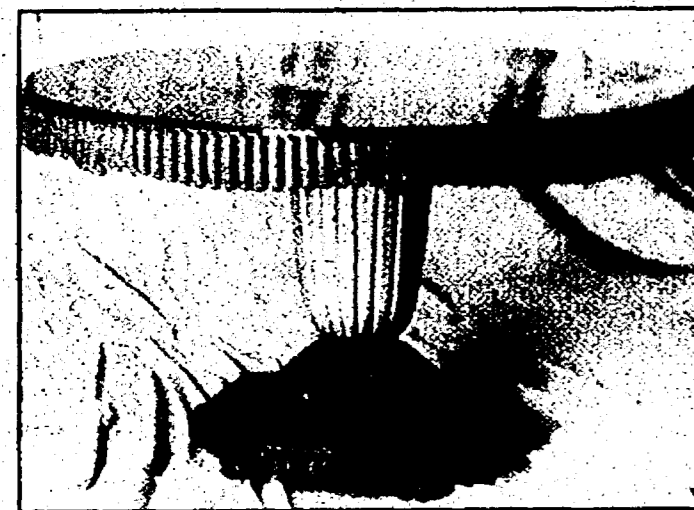
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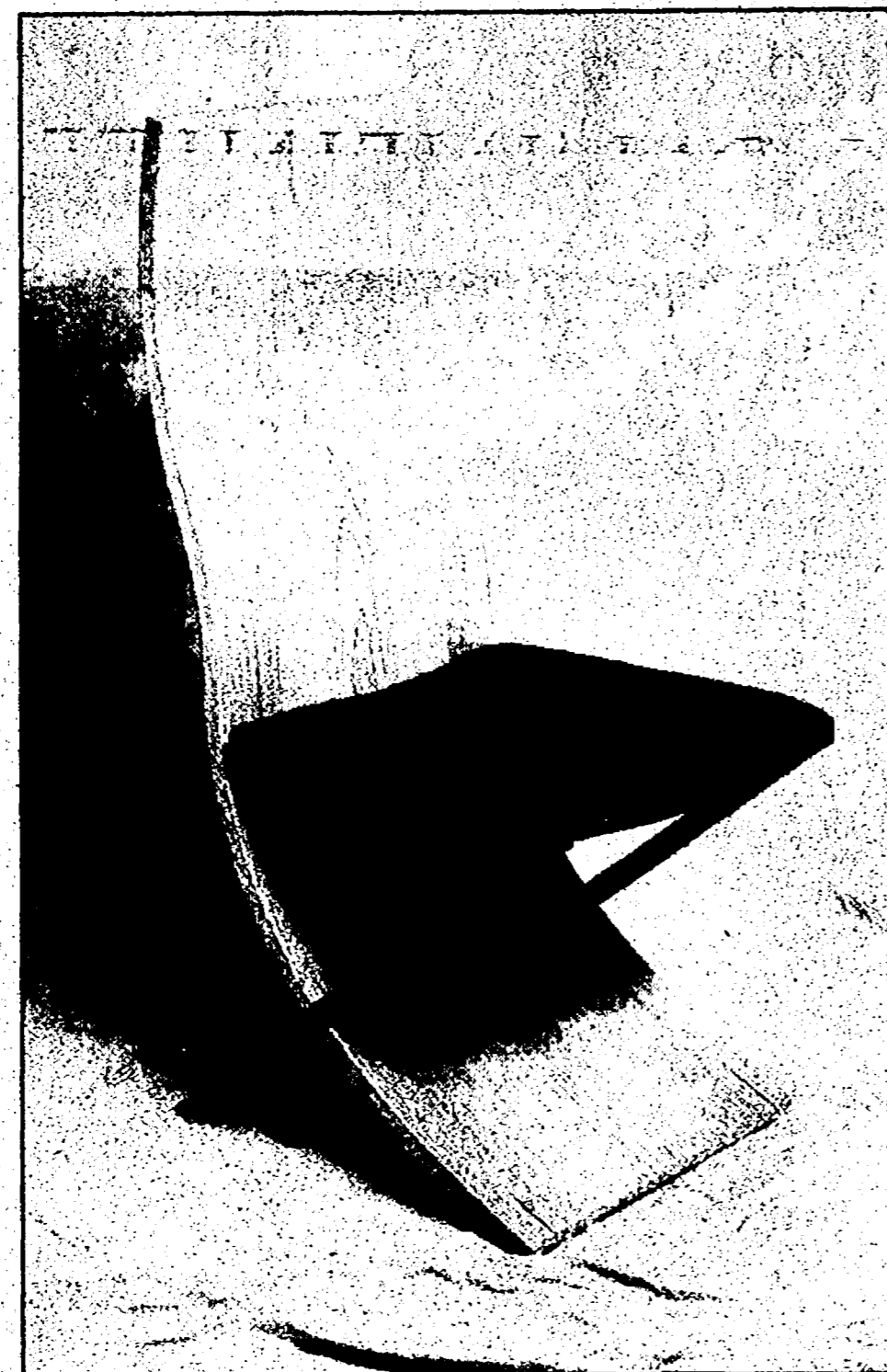
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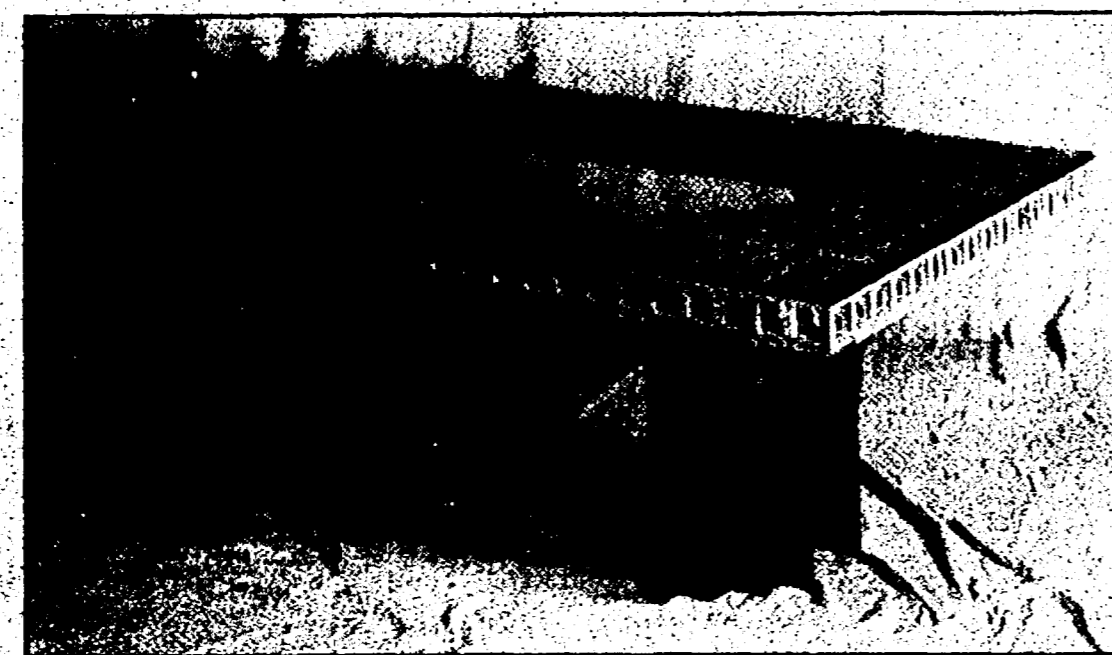


Sculptured furniture: The elegant curve of the bent wood chair at right and the elaborate detailing on the table above show Bruce Campbell's love for sculpture that he brings to every piece of furniture he designs.



On the cover:

Roddie Harris enjoys the original and daring designs of Bruce Campbell's dining room set, for which she helped in the design of the chairs. Harris especially likes Campbell's creative use of materials. Cover photo by Jerry Zolynsky.



Eclectic combinations: This dining table combines granite, wood and glass in a classically simple but original design.

DESIGNER DRAWS ON 'INFINITE CREATIVITY'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham furniture designer Bruce Campbell believes there is an infinite supply of creativity.

From his workshop in Clawson, Campbell has been turning out striking, unusual furniture that seems to support his philosophy that once you're done with one idea, another good idea will surely come along.

"I had a mentor, J. Oliver Black, a wealthy industrial designer," Campbell said. "He started a retreat center in the woods in the Pigeon River Forest, a spiritual retreat.

"He taught me to conceive of something and to see it in three dimensional reality. It's all mind stuff. That's where I get my kicks. That's where the payoff is here. Very few people see that. People just don't see the results of what they do."

Campbell, 42, has been working in and thinking about creation for most of his life. Born in Jamaica to Scottish parents, his family moved to Canada when he was 13. He studied industrial design at the Ontario College of Art.

Campbell married a woman from Bloomfield Hills, studied at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and set up his first shop in Birmingham in 1988.

The Clawson location, 932 14 Mile Road, is the company's third.

"I love the concept of product development," Campbell said. "That's what sets us apart from the run-of-the-mill cabinet shops. We emphasize product development."

Campbell has been moving his small five person company toward product development, developing a line of furniture in addition to the individual pieces the shop now turns out for architects, interior designers and individual customers.

"We are serious furniture makers, functional furniture, functional elegance. We are into furniture, not art," Campbell said.

Doug MacInnes is the general manager and technical coordinator of the shop, who with his craftsmen turn out Campbell's designs. Campbell also continues to work in the production process. He is firm about promoting the talents of his employees.

"Every individual is in the portfolio building process," Campbell said. "I buy them a portfolio and acetate covers. When they leave, they have a portfolio. These small job shops are considered grunt places. I emphasize you don't work for me, you work for yourself."

Campbell's furniture shows a wide range of modern influences and also a love for material.

"At an early age, I had a wood connection," he said. "One of my uncles was a high level craftsman in Toronto and I worked with him over the summers. I also have a strong relationship with nature, I do a lot of backpacking and am planning a trip to Washington's Olympic Forest with my son this summer."

Campbell's pure line comes from his love of Japanese design and the Arts and Crafts and Frank Lloyd Wright influences of the early 20th Century.

"I enjoy the purist approach you find in Shaker and Japanese aesthetic, which is very similar though worlds apart. Japanese and Shaker aesthetic

emerges out of stoicism, pure form emerges."

Campbell said he adds to this his own sense of Western decoration which creates a tension in the work.

"It's an evocative process. What do we evoke in humans. We're at such a primitive level in the arts. To shock, cause a reaction, but what are we evoking," Campbell said.

In addition to evoking his own aesthetic tastes, Campbell works closely with his clients to give them what they want.

"They'll say, for instance, they want a dining room table. We talk, I show them examples of different wood, we get to talking about who these people are, not me imposing what I want to see," Campbell said. "I come up with sketches. We'll get together again. Ultimately what we've done is shape their inner vision and brought to reality their vision."

This collaborative approach worked well for Steven and Roddie Harris of Bloomfield Hills. When they moved into the new Cranbrook Chase condominiums they noticed a table that Campbell had designed for the model and sought Campbell to make a dining set, buffet and living room wall unit.

"We sat down with him and he asked what our lifestyle was like," said Roddie Harris. "We said we wanted something different, unique, durable. Something that would last and reflect the two of us together."

Harris said the experience of working with Campbell was "wonderful." She designed the dining chairs and he fine tuned them and he brought original ideas for materials.

"He combined metals with woods, something he hadn't done before. He used granite and metal on the buffet. But the wood is cherry, so it's a contemporary look with a traditional feel," Harris said.

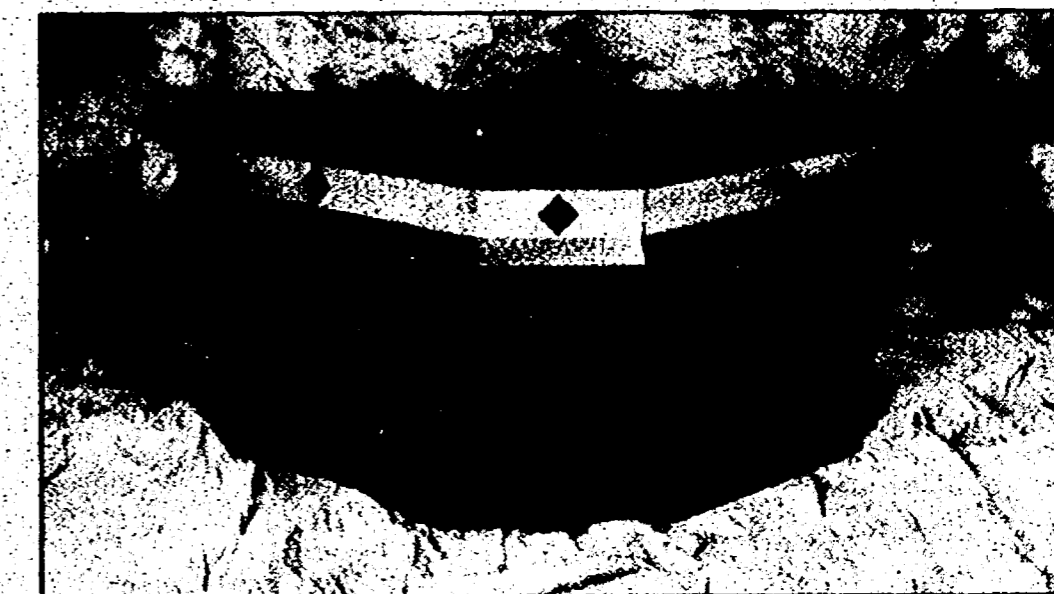
About 60 percent of Campbell's work is done for architects and designers. He has worked with Deloitte Touche, Perlmutter-Frywalt, Brian Kilian and Co., Cranbrook Chase Model Homes and Des Rossier among others.

Campbell has an ambitious set of goals. He would like to develop his own line of furniture to offer through public showrooms and he would also like to work with a major manufacturer to develop a mass produced line.



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Proud craftsman: Bruce Campbell and his small crew turn out everything from dining room furniture to mantelpieces. Campbell would eventually like to create a whole line of furniture.



Simple design: This table, which uses a variety of materials to achieve its effect, is typical of Campbell's aesthetic taste for simple design, borrowing from Japanese and American Shaker influences.

Figley *from page 5D*

bores range in color - deep maroon, pinks, rose, green and white. Some are variegated.

I was at Fernwood Gardens in Niles in mid-April and both of these flowers were performing beautifully at the same time.

A year ago I bought *H. argutifolius*, another member of this large family. I was told that it probably wouldn't bloom, but the foliage is quite distinct and looks well alongside the Christmas Rose. But that's why we garden, isn't it? To discover and learn about the plants.

It's interesting that when the plants bloom, the foliage has become quite

unsightly and needs to be cut away. Soon new foliage will appear and the plants will stay green all summer and can tolerate some drought as that is their natural dormancy period.

These plants like a lot of organic matter when they are planted and although in the wild *H. orientalis* often grows in acid conditions, it does very well in a more alkaline soil.

These fascinating plants do need excellent drainage and if you don't have it in your garden, consider a raised bed for them. One nice thing about Helle-

bores is that they really don't require a lot of care except for specific times during the year, such as cutting off some of the "ratty" foliage in early winter so the flowers will emerge in a pretty pattern. Frankly, I don't remove the foliage until the flower starts to bloom and then do it for the esthetics, although removing some of it at the proper time may help deter blackspot.

After the leaves have all been removed to allow the beautiful flowers their due, a good mulch will be appreciated. Just before applying the mulch,

thin out the seedlings. Perhaps you will have as much luck as I have had with the Lenten Rose.

There are many species of this plant. *H. niger* reportedly is the most difficult to grow, but I found it a care-free plant.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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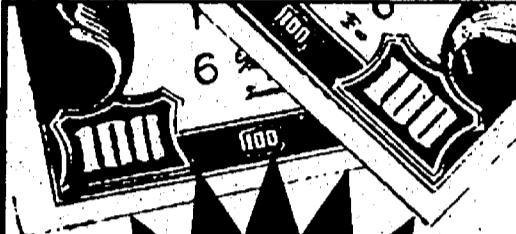
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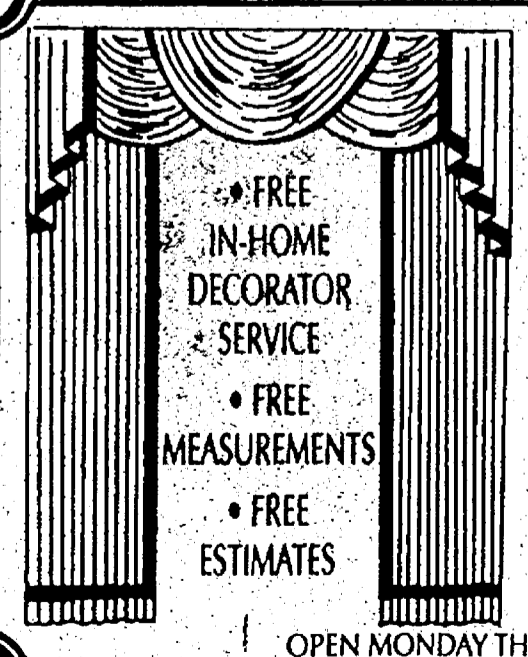
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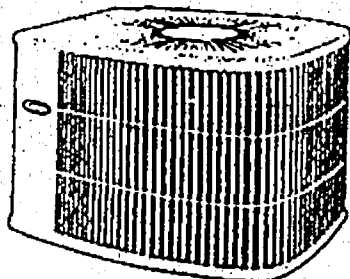
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I spent every spare moment of my days and nights sitting with my Macintosh pounding away at 80 words per minute. This 22 months of my life resulted in the first and only book published which took an in depth look at the complete major home appliance industry. Fear of a lawsuit is probably

the only thing that prevented others from doing so in the past. I remember two and a half years ago when the first 1,000 copies arrived from the printers and the work involved in removing them from the truck. I also remember having to autograph many hundreds to consumers who had pre-ordered the book at different home shows. My right hand was raw and hurt for days. For 22 months, the book was a pain in the butt and not the book is a pain in my heart.

Every year I make appearances at home shows in the area which draw many thousands of homeowners. I sit there in the booth with my white doctor smock on and a stethoscope around my neck and answer thousands of questions from consumers. Along side me sits my publisher and helpers who sell the book and pass it to me for autographing. It is the greatest feeling in the world to be in this fortunate position and let me tell you that I never forget where I came from. Now, you're asking; "OK big guy, how come you've

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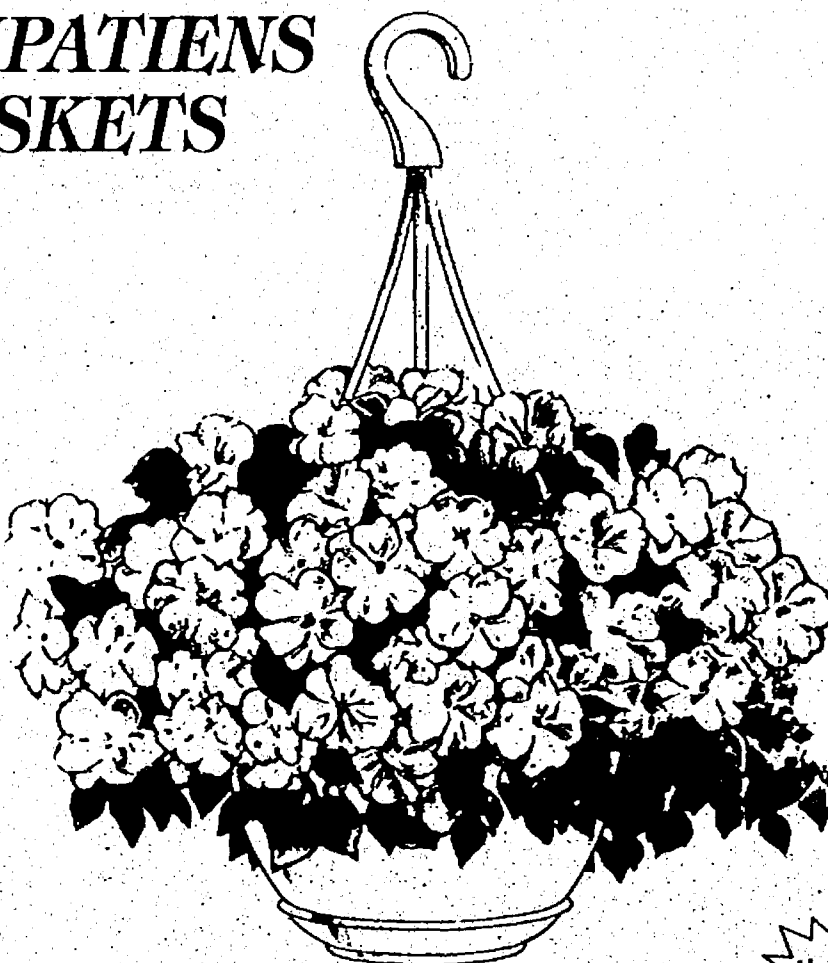
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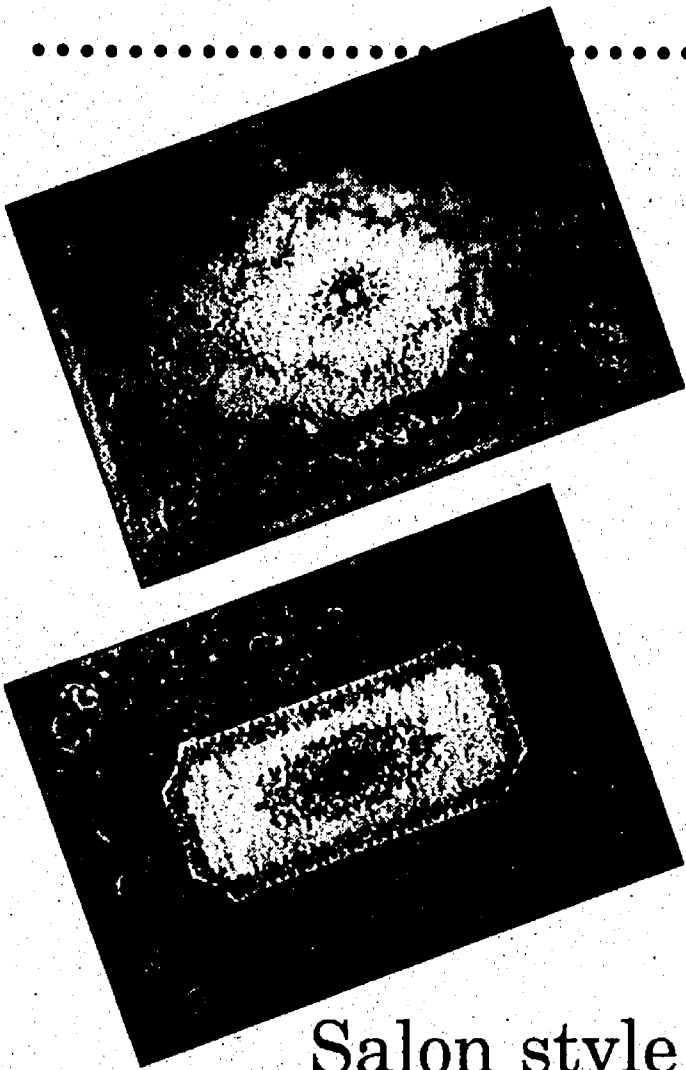
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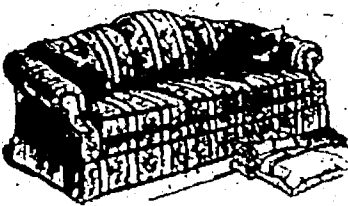


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I did a radio show on the biggie WABC in New York City a few weeks ago where I offered at no charge to the radio listeners my two little booklets (dryer and refrigerator). That two hours

of radio show resulted in 5,000 requests for the FREE little booklets. A few days ago I received this very prestigious award from the Toastmasters International for being able to serve and communicate with the community. I don't think I'm doing such a great job because the consumer is still walking by the book without buying it. If I ever win the lottery, I will give it away free. Right now, I can't afford to.

The result of doing a radio show on the great voice of the Great Lakes and writing this column for the O&E has created over 10,000 requests for the free booklets and thousands of phone calls to my store. These people aren't calling to chat about the weather, they're all calling to seek information which is written in the book. I will not be around forever and the information in the book is good for a long time to come. I am not writing another book, so

please buy this one so you can be a more aware consumer and I don't have to worry about your anymore. That way, no more pain in my heart.

PS - To this date, the author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," Joe Gagnon has not taken one cent in profits from the many thousands of his books already sold.

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Hellebores show has special charm



MARTY FIGLEY

In September 1988 I wrote about the Christmas Rose *Hellebore niger*, and received several nice comments about that column. Now it is time to revisit the subject and catch up on the progress and experiences I have had with the Hellebore family.

Although September is a good time to plant this flower, you will probably be able to find it more readily this time of year.

I did plant a Christmas Rose after carefully considering where in my garden it would best survive, and I guess I did the correct thing, because it has been blooming for several years in its allotted spot. I chose a south-facing area in front of evergreen shrubs, and set some patterned bricks behind it to hold the warmth of the sun and to give it a backdrop when it bloomed.

Bloom time

Speaking of blooming, sometimes it blooms in the wintertime - generally in January or February - and this year it didn't bloom until Easter time! But bloom it did in splendid glory with large "flattish" creamy white flowers that turned chartreuse when they matured. The foliage is evergreen on this plant.

Three years ago I was given some tiny seedlings of the Lenten Rose, *H. orientalis*, and planted them on the north side of the house - a completely opposite site from the Christmas Rose. They were so tiny, only about two inches high (I had brought them from a garden in Mobile - by permission), that I did baby them and watched over them most carefully.

This year they, too, bloomed around the first part of May. The flowers are more bell-shaped than the other one and they have maroon stripes running through them. They are also smaller than the lovely Christmas Rose but have a special charm. Blooms of Helle-

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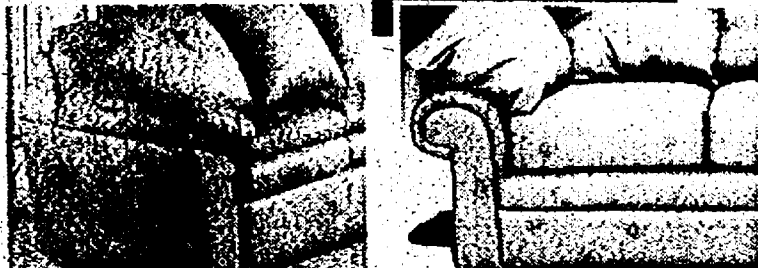
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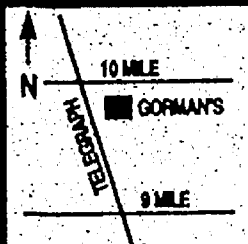
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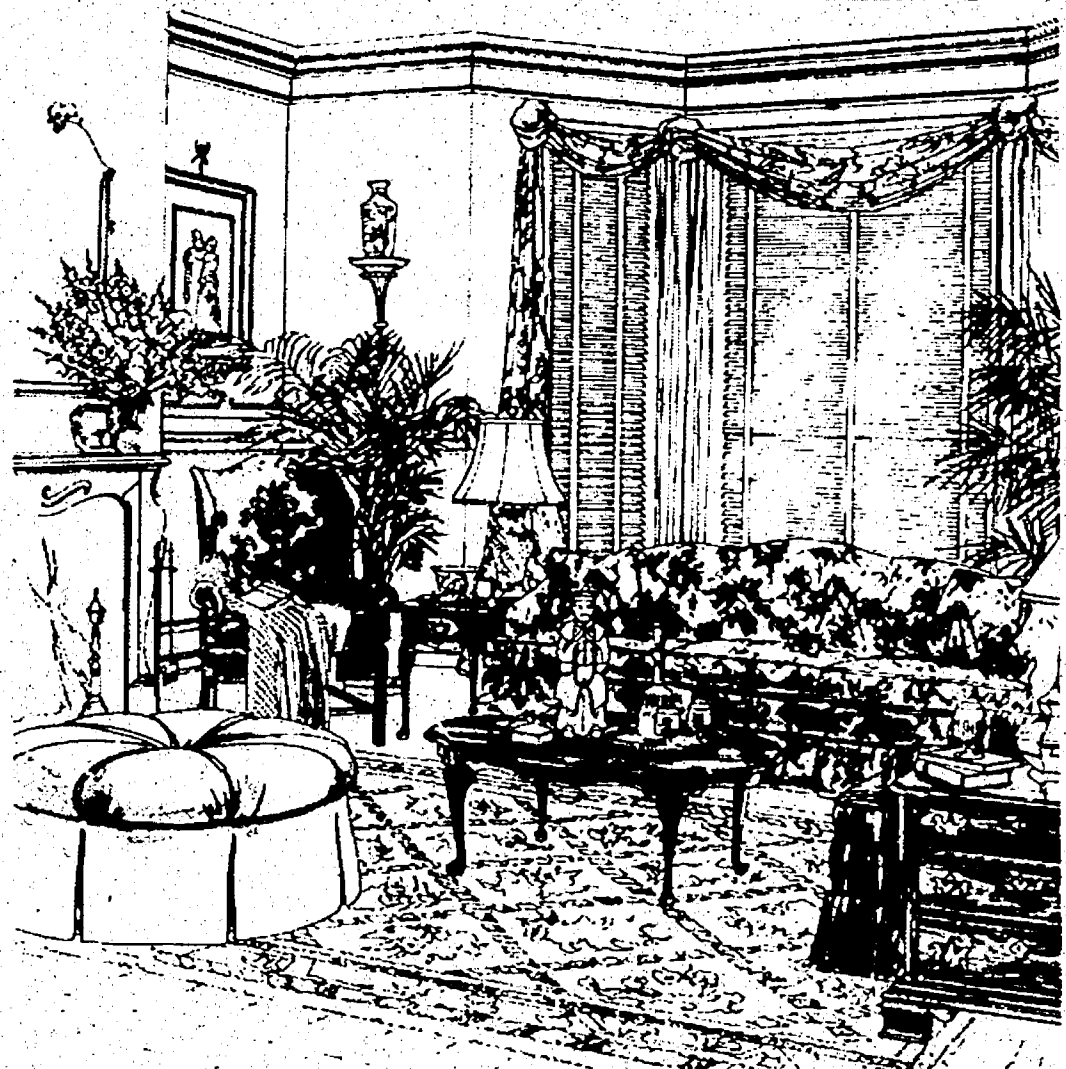
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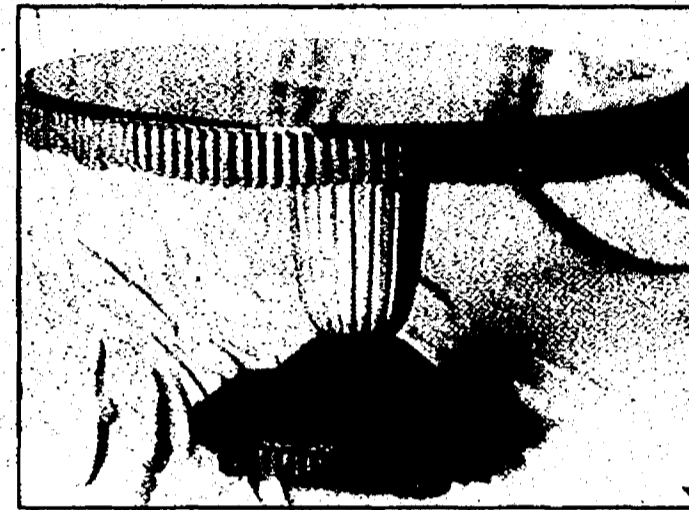
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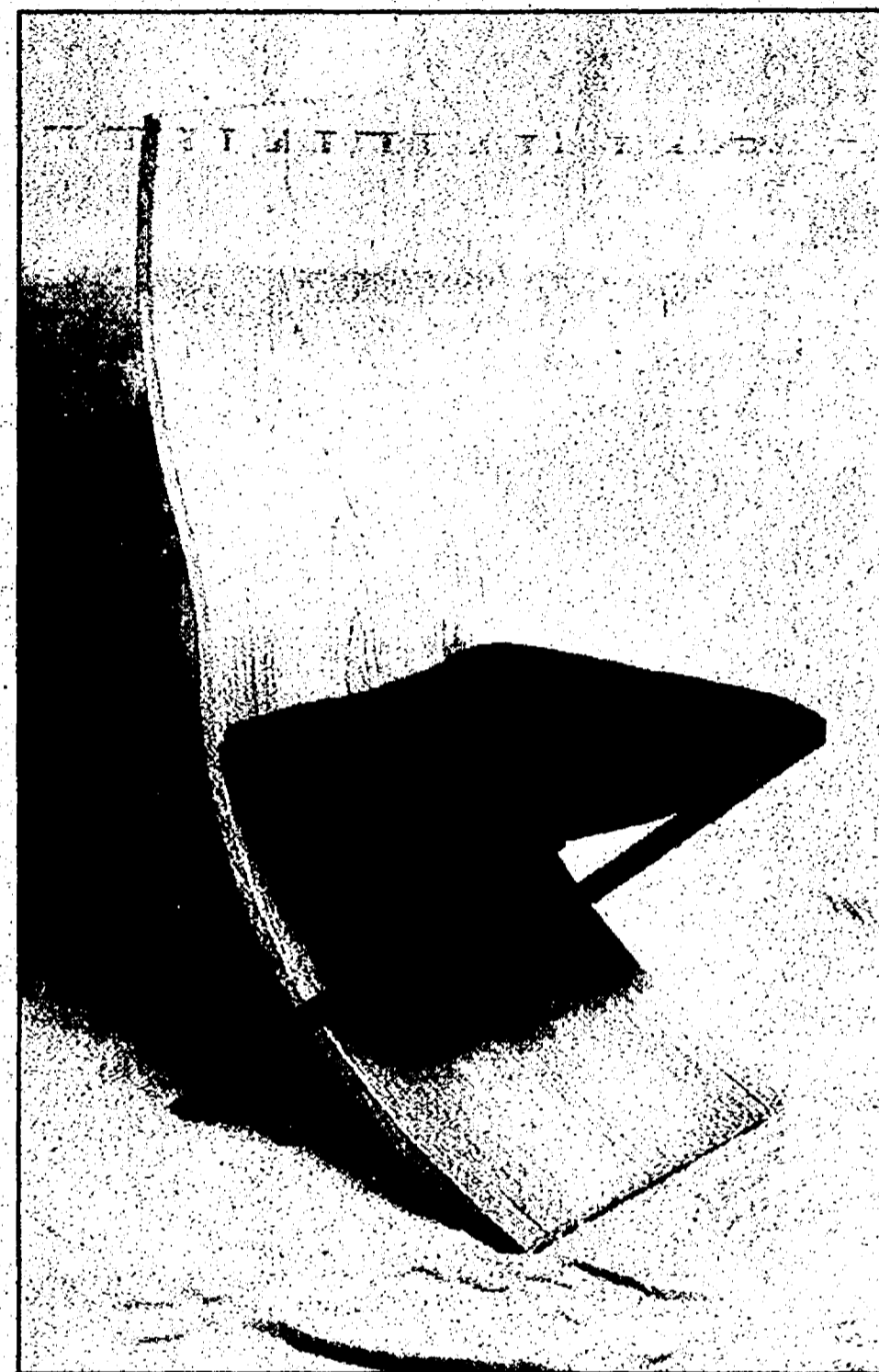
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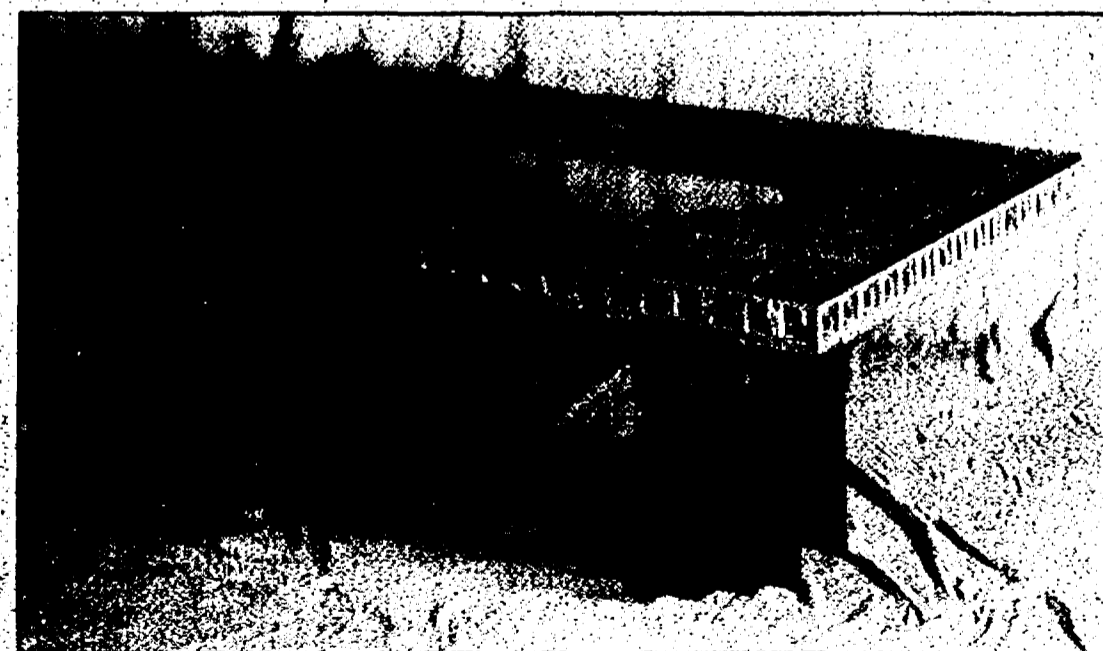
COVER STORY



Sculptured furniture: The elegant curve of the bent wood chair at right and the elaborate detailing on the table above show Bruce Campbell's love for sculpture that he brings to every piece of furniture he designs.



On the cover: Roddie Harris enjoys the original and daring designs of Bruce Campbell's dining room set, for which she helped in the design of the chairs. Harris especially likes Campbell's creative use of materials. Cover photo by Jerry Zolynsky.



Eclectic combinations: This dining table combines granite, wood and glass in a classically simple but original design.

DESIGNER DRAWS ON 'INFINITE CREATIVITY'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham furniture designer Bruce Campbell believes there is an infinite supply of creativity. From his workshop in Clawson, Campbell has been turning out striking, unusual furniture that seems to support his philosophy that once you're done with one idea, another good idea will surely come along.

"I had a mentor, J. Oliver Black, a wealthy industrial designer," Campbell said. "He started a retreat center in the woods in the Pigeon River Forest, a spiritual retreat.

"He taught me to conceive of something and to see it in three dimensional reality. It's all mind stuff. That's where I get my kicks. That's where the payoff is here. Very few people see that. People just don't see the results of what they do."

Campbell, 42, has been working in and thinking about creation for most of his life. Born in Jamaica to Scottish parents, his family moved to Canada when he was 13. He studied industrial design at the Ontario College of Art.

Campbell married a woman from Bloomfield Hills, studied at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and set up his first shop in Birmingham in 1988.

The Clawson location, 932 14 Mile Road, is the company's third.

"I love the concept of product development," Campbell said. "That's what sets us apart from the run-of-the-mill cabinet shops. We emphasize product development."

Campbell has been moving his small five-person company toward product development, developing a line of furniture in addition to the individual pieces the shop now turns out for architects, interior designers and individual customers.

"We are serious furniture makers, functional furniture, functional elegance. We are into furniture, not art," Campbell said.

Doug MacInnes is the general manager and technical coordinator of the shop, who with his craftsmen turn out Campbell's designs. Campbell also continues to work in the production process. He is firm about promoting the talents of his employees.

"Every individual is in the portfolio building process," Campbell said. "I buy them a portfolio and acetate covers. When they leave, they have a portfolio. These small job shops are considered grunt places. I emphasize you don't work for me, you work for yourself."

Campbell's furniture shows a wide range of modern influences and also a love for material.

"At an early age, I had a wood connection," he said. "One of my uncles was a high level craftsman in Toronto and I worked with him over the summers. I also have a strong relationship with nature. I do a lot of backpacking and am planning a trip to Washington's Olympic Forest with my son this summer."

Campbell's pure line comes from his love of Japanese design and the Arts and Crafts and Frank Lloyd Wright influences of the early 20th Century.

"I enjoy the purist approach you find in Shaker and Japanese aesthetic, which is very similar though worlds apart. Japanese and Shaker aesthetic

emerges out of stoicism, pure form emerges."

Campbell said he adds to this his own sense of Western decoration which creates a tension in the work.

"It's an evocative process. What do we evoke in humans. We're at such a primitive level in the arts. To shock, cause a reaction, but what are we evoking," Campbell said.

In addition to evoking his own aesthetic tastes, Campbell works closely with his clients to give them what they want.

"They'll say, for instance, they want a dining room table. We talk, I show them examples of different wood, we get to talking about who these people are, not me imposing what I want to see," Campbell said. "I come up with sketches. We'll get together again. Ultimately what we've done is shape their inner vision and brought to reality their vision."

This collaborative approach worked well for Steven and Roddie Harris of Bloomfield Hills. When they moved into the new Cranbrook Chase condominiums they noticed a table that Campbell had designed for the model and sought Campbell to make a dining set, buffet and living room wall unit.

"We sat down with him and he asked what our lifestyle was like," said Roddie Harris. "We said we wanted something different, unique, durable. Something that would last and reflect the two of us together."

Harris said the experience of working with Campbell was "wonderful." She designed the dining chairs and he fine tuned them and he brought original ideas for materials.

"He combined metals with woods, something he hadn't done before. He used granite and metal on the buffet. But the wood is cherry, so it's a contemporary look with a traditional feel," Harris said.

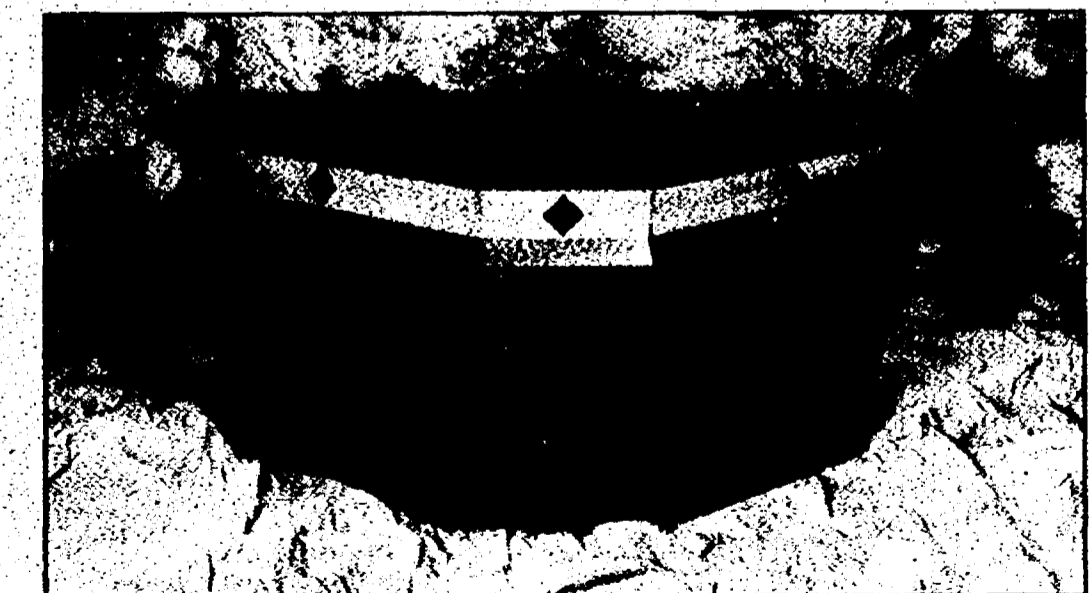
About 60 percent of Campbell's work is done for architects and designers. He has worked with Deloitte Touche, Perlmutter-Frywalt, Brian Killian and Co., Cranbrook Chase Model Homes and Des Rossier among others.

Campbell has an ambitious set of goals. He would like to develop his own line of furniture to offer through public showrooms and he would also like to work with a major manufacturer to develop a mass produced line.



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Proud craftsman: Bruce Campbell and his small crew turn out everything from dining room furniture to mantelpieces. Campbell would eventually like to create a whole line of furniture.



Simple design: This table, which uses a variety of materials to achieve its effect, is typical of Campbell's aesthetic taste for simple design, borrowing from Japanese and American Shaker influences.

Figley *from page 5D*

bores range in color - deep maroon, pinks, rose, green and white. Some are variegated.

I was at Fernwood Gardens in Niles in mid-April and both of these flowers were performing beautifully at the same time.

-A year ago I bought *H. argutifolius*, another member of this large family. I was told that it probably wouldn't bloom, but the foliage is quite distinct and looks well alongside the Christmas Rose. But that's why we garden, isn't it? To discover and learn about the plants.

It's interesting that when the plants bloom, the foliage has become quite

unsightly and needs to be cut away. Soon new foliage will appear and the plants will stay green all summer and can tolerate some drought as that is their natural dormancy period.

These plants like a lot of organic matter when they are planted and although in the wild *H. orientalis* often grows in acid conditions, it does very well in a more alkaline soil.

These fascinating plants do need excellent drainage and if you don't have it in your garden, consider a raised bed for them. One nice thing about Helle-

bores is that they really don't require a lot of care except for specific times during the year, such as cutting off some of the "ratty" foliage in early winter so the flowers will emerge in a pretty pattern. Frankly, I don't remove the foliage until the flower starts to bloom and then do it for the esthetics, although removing some of it at the proper time may help deter blackspot.

After the leaves have all been removed to allow the beautiful flowers their due, a good mulch will be appreciated. Just before applying the mulch,

thin out the seedlings. Perhaps you will have as much luck as I have had with the Lenten Rose.

There are many species of this plant. *H. niger* reportedly is the most difficult to grow, but I found it a care-free plant.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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INVITING IDEAS

Root out ingredients at ethnic markets

My pantry and storage unit are always filled with multi-ethnic ingredients, herbs, and spices – and with good reason, I spend a multitude of hours finding and poking around ethnic markets and shops. These unusual ingredients fascinate me. I love the challenge of developing new recipes utilizing these great finds – some remain true to

their ethnic roots, and some become pure fusion cooking.

Chef Rudy (Radwan) Ramal, of Talal's in Dearborn, is the perfect tour guide for Middle Eastern markets. This former Chef of New York's upscale Middle Eastern eatery Al Amir on Second Avenue, has been trained in Lebanon and Paris. Chef Rudy is a talented chef

who willingly shares information – and can he cook!

Recently, we went to several markets and bakeries on Warren and Schaefer Road in East Dearborn and did some shopping. As we walked from aisle to aisle, Chef Rudy found numerous ingredients I didn't have a clue about (even a koosa corer – koosa is a delicious squash, typically stuffed) and that's unusual for me with my highly developed interest in Middle Eastern cookery.

East Dearborn is a culinary "melting pot." There are a variety of ethnic markets and bakeries on Schaefer Road including Italia Bakery, Alcamo's, an Italian market, Kowalski Sausage Company, Oaza Bakery (Polish), and Irish Imports Inc. which also offers specialty food items.

On the east side, specifically Dequindre (between 14 and 16 Mile Roads) are all kinds of Asian markets. Don't forget about Eastern Market, Greek Town, and Mexican Village – and while you're downtown, don't forget to visit Canada.



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Windsor has an Italian section on Erie Street and an Asian section on Wyandotte Street.

If you don't know what mougrabia, fish maw, mole (pronounced mo-lay), kasseri cheese, hundred year old eggs, sumac, orzo, green curry paste, bean thread, tahini, lotus leaves, sipa, scioppo di tamarindo, or molukhia leaves are – it's time to get out and do some serious shopping.

The following recipe is from Chef Rudy – this very special dish is 500 to 600 years old, and served on special occasions. Moughrabyah (mougrabia) is some work, but worth it!

MOUGHRABYAH

Ingredients for the sauce:

- 8 ounces butter
- 5 ounces flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon ground caraway
- Pinch ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ pound (1½ cups) shallots, chopped
- ½ pound (1½ cups) chickpeas (soaked the night before in just enough water to cover – save the water)

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Johnston *from page 11D*

1 pound lamb, cut into 1/2 inch dice
1/2 cup corn oil (for frying shallots and lamb)

1 roasting chicken roasted until done, and cut into 8 pieces

Ingredients for the pasta:

1 pound of mougrabia pasta (small round balls)

1 cup boiling water

1/2 cup of boiling chickpeas (soaked the night before - retain water)

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground caraway

Pinch of cumin

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Pinch of ground nutmeg

1/4 cup corn oil

1/4 pound butter

Roast chicken in 350 degree F oven until done. Add 1 cup water to pan drippings, reserve.

Fry the shallots in 2 tablespoons of oil until brown - add 1 1/2 cup of water and boil for 10 minutes.

Boil the chickpeas (from the sauce) in the water they were soaking in. Save the water.

In the remaining oil, fry the lamb until browned, and add 2 cups of hot water and boil for 30 minutes.

Boil the chickpeas (from the pasta) in

one cup of hot water, add some salt and black pepper - save the water.

With 8 ounces of butter and 5 ounces of flour, make the roux (melt the butter in a separate pan, add the flour and mix well). To the roux, add 1/2 cup of the shallot water, 1/2 cup of the chickpea water, 1/2 cup of the lamb water and stir well.

Add the shallots and the lamb and 1/2 of the chickpeas, then add the remaining black pepper, salt, the ground caraway, a pinch of cumin, and the cinnamon. Boil it for 10 minutes and remove from the heat source.

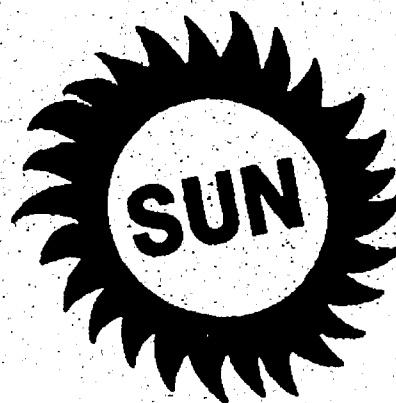
In a large pot, mix the spices and the pasta. Add to the pot, 1 cup of boiling water - leave it alone for 10 minutes.

Put the corn oil and the butter in a large pan heat until almost brown add the pasta and stir well for 5 minutes - then add the salt and 1/2 cup of the chickpea water, 1/2 cup of the chicken water, 1/2 cup of the shallot water, add the 1/2 cup of the cooked chickpeas, and stir well until the water is evaporated.

Serve the pasta (mougrabia) with the pieces of chicken on top of it and the sauce on the side. Serves 8.

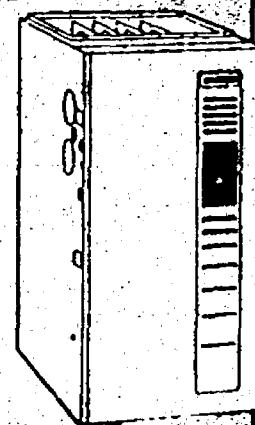
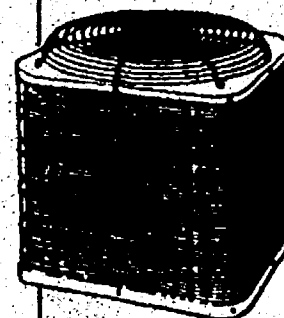
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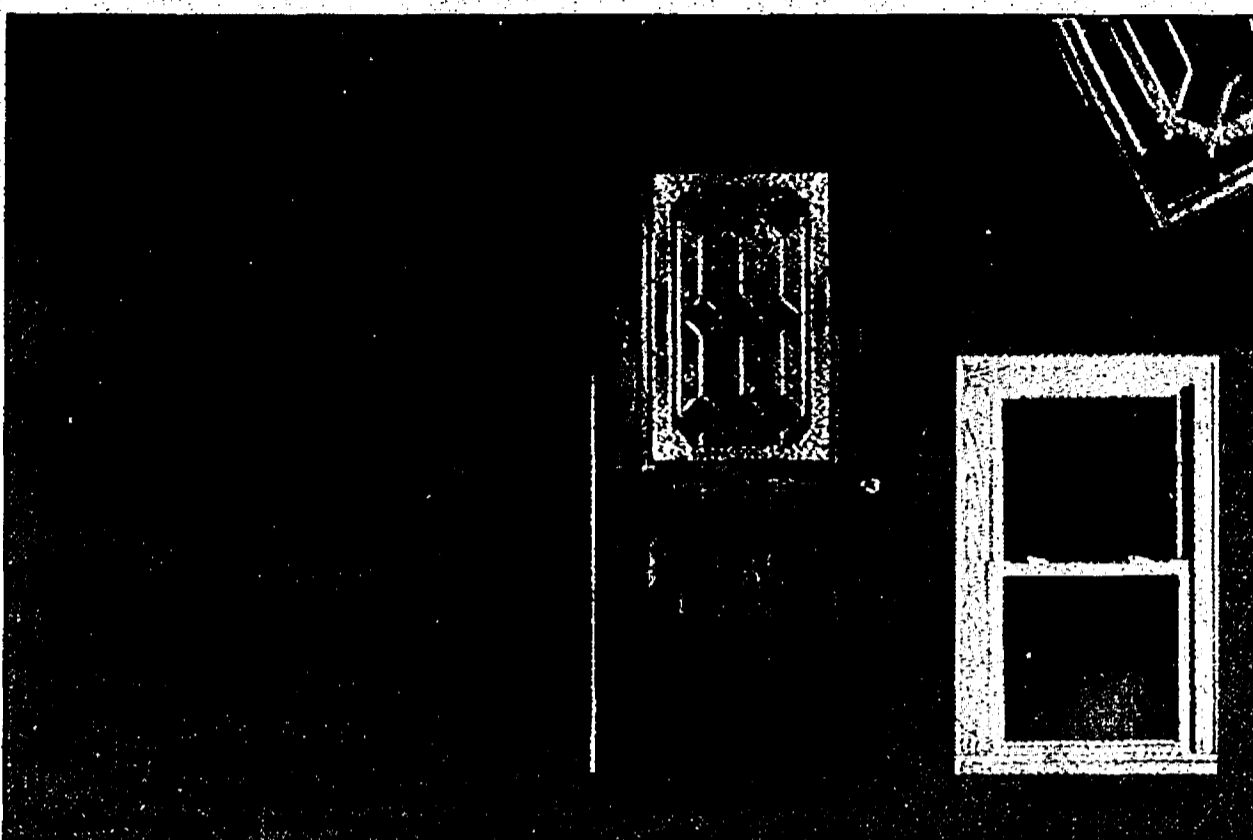
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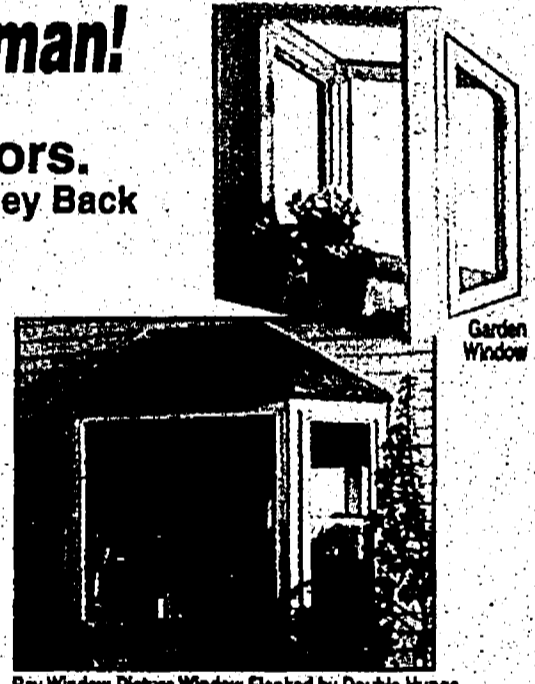
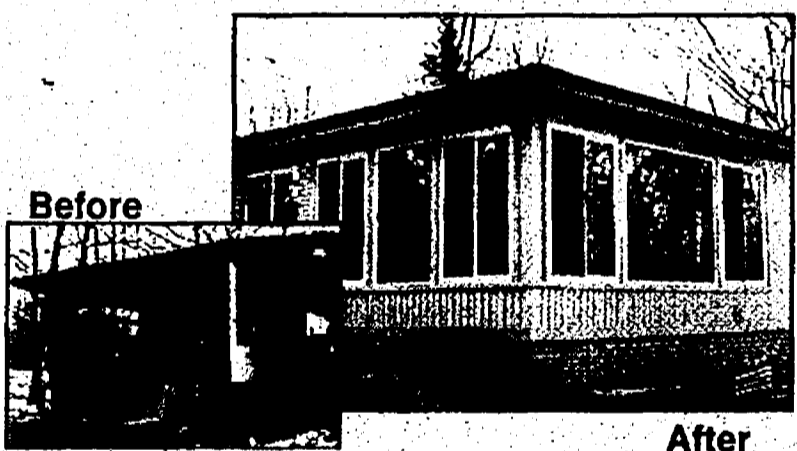
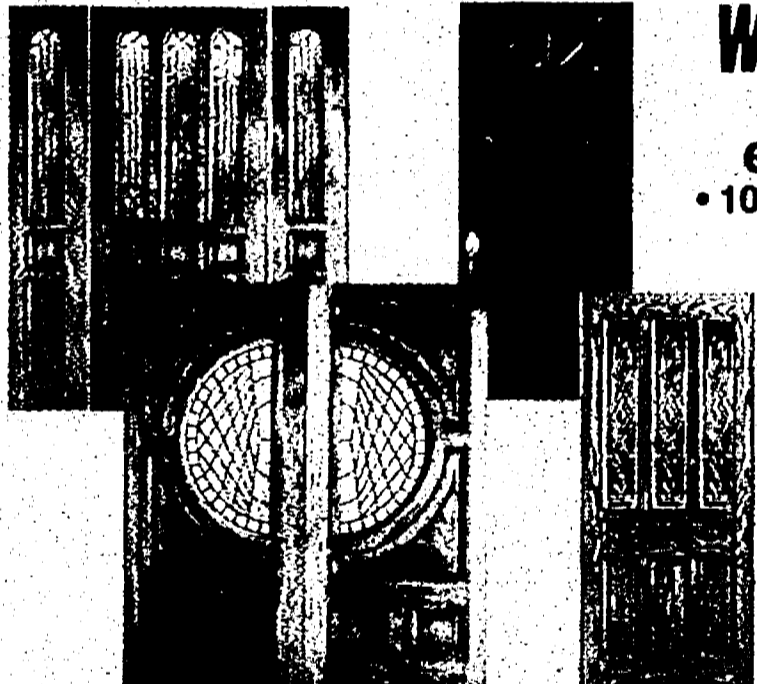
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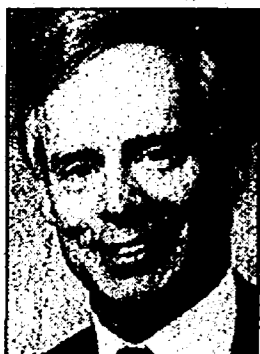
Bradick joins realty



Jo Anna R. Bradick

Jo Anna R. Bradick, a Troy resident, has become an associate broker with Jack Christenson Realtors in that community. Bradick, a 15-year sales veteran, has acquired the professional designation of Certified Buyer's Agent.

Murray named VP



John C. Murray

John C. Murray has joined First American Title Insurance Co. Commercial Advantage Division Troy as vice president and special counsel.

Murray, who lives in Troy, brings 25 years of experience in all phases of sophisticated commercial real estate transactions.

He's also a published author and lecturer on various real estate, environmental, bankruptcy and taxation topics.

Gozdor certified



Frank Gozdor

Frank Gozdor, a sales associate with RE/MAX in Rochester Hills, has received the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist.

Gozdor, a Rochester Hills resident who also holds the Graduate Realtors Institute designation, has been an agent for 24 years.

Futernick joins realty



Margaret Weissman Futernick

Margaret Weissman Futernick, a West Bloomfield resident, has joined Ralph Manuel Associates-West in Farmington Hills as a Realtor.

She holds a B.A. degree from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration from UCLA.



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Face-to-face: Michael R. Hillman of Flagstar Bank and Sally A. Gibson of SOC Credit Union demonstrate one end of an interactive video exchange mortgage application system.

Interactive video speeds loans

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Timing increasingly drives residential real estate transactions. Buyers must be willing to move quickly. Mortgage approval can enhance or bog down the process, make or break a sale.

Speed is especially crucial when housing demand exceeds supply. Flagstar Bank in Bloomfield Hills recognizes the scenario.

Flagstar also recognizes that most mortgages are sold to other financial institutions like itself so originators can replenish their money supply.

Flagstar's response - to provide Lenders Interactive Video Exchange (LIVE) and establish a working relationship with SOC Credit Union in Troy plus other lenders and brokers to expedite the application process.

"It substantially improves the service we all offer customers," said Michael R. Hillman, vice president of business development for Flagstar. "The end is better service to our customers. Technology is a means to the end."

"The (approval) process typically takes two to four weeks," said John Collins, senior loan underwriter with Flagstar. "Basically, everyone stays in limbo. When you bring the borrower face-to-face with the decision maker (LIVE), you typically decide within an hour."

"We're always looking for something

better for our membership," said Sally A. Gibson, vice president for loans and member services at SOC. "The technology is there. We're using technology. We feel there's value to quick approval for members."

Here's how LIVE works: An SOC Credit Union member looking for a mortgage shows up at the Troy office with basic application materials. Those materials are faxed to Flagstar's office in Bloomfield.

The applicant then talks to a Flagstar representative via video camera mounted on a computer for a more personal information cleaning interaction.

Flagstar inputs the information to a computer program operated by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. for credit analysis.

The link with Freddie Mac, an ultimate guarantor of secondary market mortgages, enables Flagstar, which will buy the mortgage from SOC, to give an immediate answer, Hillman said.

"There are lenders who are using video conferencing, but no one is combining video conference with access to automated underwriting to provide loan approval at the time and place of application," he said.

"You want to talk to people making decisions," Hillman said. "You don't want a run-around. Buying a house is an important decision, a huge investment. People aren't as unhappy about being denied as being strung

along." There isn't any additional cost other than traditional application fees for consumers who go LIVE, Hillman said.

Flagstar and SOC Credit Union have been linked by LIVE for about six weeks. Only a handful of mortgages have gone through the pipeline, but the marketing effort is just gearing up.

"The reaction of our members - they're ecstatic," Gibson said. "They think it's pretty neat. The ability to talk with the decision maker, the man with the checkbook, gives them peace of mind, comfort."

Laura Stevens, senior account executive with Cambridge Mortgage, a subsidiary of Century 21 Town & Country, also deals with Flagstar through an interactive video computer.

"Very often, I'll be doing a mortgage approval line while the agent is typing an offer," she said.

The big draw for consumers?

"You have some dialogue with the underwriter," Stevens said. "Borrowers love being able to talk to the person making the ultimate decision." Cambridge/Century 21 Town & Country has eight video conference sites set up in the metro area for the convenience of customers.

SOC is the first credit union to hook up with Flagstar's LIVE. Some 450 mortgage brokers also have access

through a similar network.

Joyce and Robert Puckett experienced interactive video conferencing through Town & Country, Cambridge and Flagstar.

The couple changed mortgage companies in midstream within a week of their closing date.

"I was really, really impressed this happened so quickly without glitches," Joyce said. "I felt like I was in a Jetsons movie. I would do it again in a minute."

Debra and David Freeman utilized LIVE through SOC and Flagstar.

"We got an answer rather quickly. It was only a matter of a couple hours," Debra said. "We expected to go in and fill out papers and wait."

The ability to explain things face-to-face and interact directly with another person is much less intimidating than writing out an application, she added.

There isn't much question that computers and interactive video will do for the mortgage process what computers have done to replace multi listing service books.

"Everyone's thinking about it," said Steve Lukas, vice president and mortgage sales manager for National Bank of Royal Oak. "We have to. It's the nature of the beast now. Everyone wants to be faster and faster."

"It's our belief everyone will be using this capability eventually," Hillman said.

New freeway may be grounds for legal action

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: They just built an expressway near my house and I believe that I have now experienced an unreasonable diminution in value of my residence following the construction of that expressway and service drive next to the residence. Do I have any basis for relief in an action against what I would understand to be the Department of Transportation.

A: I believe that you have a strong argument for compensation. It has long been recognized that a diminution in value of property

where there is no direct invasion of property does not result in the "taking" under the Constitution that requires compensation. However, this principle is founded upon necessity and is limited accordingly, but compensation can be obtained where the burden to the property goes beyond the incidental injuries that would normally be attendant and shared gener-

ally by the property owners whose land lie within the range of inconveniences. You will have to establish that your use and enjoyment of the property has been detrimentally affected to a degree greater than that of the citizenry at large in conjunction with the normal use of a highway. You should obviously consult with an attorney to assist you in that matter, particularly since in a condemnation matter, you may also be entitled to recoup your attorney fees.

Q: I am a newly elected member to the board and discovered an alarming situation, that is, our management company representative apparently looks at all of the bids from the contractors before submitting the bid from an affiliate of the management company who I find nearly always get the job and is the lowest bidder. Is this fair and reasonable?

A: The management agent is a fiduciary of the association. The contractors which are bidding on the project presumably are doing so in good faith, believing that their bids are being reviewed by the board of directors in a fair and equitable fashion. Obviously, to

the extent that the managing agent is using its position to gain benefit for its own management company or its subsidiary or affiliate, this is an unfair and abusive advantage and, ultimately, will be a detriment to the association. The fact that the bid that ultimately comes in from your managing agent's affiliate is the lowest and best does not necessarily mean that they are the most capable to do the work or that the circumstances allowing such a condition are proper. It would appear to me that actions of that type on the part of the management company are grounds for termination and the board should seriously consider doing so since that may well be the tip of the iceberg.

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MORTGAGE SHOPPING



DAVID C. MULLY

There is a wide selection of mortgages available in today's market, and you should narrow the field by considering your particular situation. Your choice of mortgage will be influenced by questions such as:

- How many years do you expect to live in your new home?
- How important is it to be free of mortgage debt before facing your children's college bills or planning for your own retirement?
- How comfortable are you with the certainty of a fixed mortgage payment versus a payment that can change over time?

Advantages of fixed-rate mortgages

If you expect to live in your

home for many years, the interest rate of your loan may be your primary consideration. You may want a fixed-rate mortgage that will ensure that your interest rate will remain the same for as long as you have your loan. If you decide that you like the stable, predictable payments of a fixed-rate loan, then you must choose from a variety of repayment terms — 15, 20 and 30 years are most common. Here are some points to compare about various fixed-rate loans:

■ A 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is the easiest fixed-rate loan to qualify for. Its longer term gives you the best chance to keep monthly payments low and use the extra cash for other purposes.

■ A 20-year fixed-rate mortgage amortizes principal and interest over a 20-year period, 10 years sooner than the traditional 30-year mortgage. It offers you the opportunity to own your home debt-free much more quickly. Yet, the monthly payment is only somewhat higher than for the 30-year mortgage

loan.

■ A 15-year fixed-rate mortgage offers a lower interest rate than a 30-year or 20-year mortgage and will save you a significant amount of interest over the life of the loan. You will build up equity in your home quickly, which can allow you to move to a more expensive home sooner. If you're nearing retirement, this shorter-term mortgage allows you to own your home sooner. The benefits of a 15-year mortgage come with a price — your monthly mortgage payment will be considerably higher than for the 30-year mortgage.

Advantages of adjustable-rate mortgages

If you're confident that your income will increase steadily over the years, or if you plan to move in a few years and aren't concerned with potential rate increases, then you may want to consider an ARM. ARMs feature an interest rate that moves up and down as market conditions change. Although an ARM usual-

ly offers a lower initial interest rate, your mortgage payments change periodically (usually once or twice a year). Interest rate changes typically are subject to two caps, one for each adjustment period and one for the life of your loan. For example, a typical ARM that adjusts annually may have a per adjustment cap of 2 percent and a lifetime cap of 6 percent.

Because ARMs offer lower initial interest rates, initial monthly payments will be lower, so you may be able to qualify for a larger mortgage amount. However, you will likely be required to come up with more than 5 percent down payment (usually at least 10 percent). Of course, if interest rates go down, your payment will decrease as well. Some ARMs offer you the chance to convert to a fixed-rate loan (for a fee) within a certain period of time.

The interest charges on an adjustable-rate mortgage are always tied to a financial index. A financial index is a readily publishable rate — for example,

the financial index for many credit cards is the prime rate. The three most popular types of ARMs are:

■ Treasury-Indexed ARMs, indexed to six-month, one-year or three-year Treasury bills or securities. Depending on which of these three indexes you choose, your interest rate will adjust once every six months, once each year or once every three years.

■ CD-Indexed ARMs, which adjust to a Certificate of Deposit (CD) index. Rate adjustments typically occur every six months, with a per year adjustment of 1 percent and a lifetime cap of 6 percent.

■ Cost of Funds-Indexed ARMs, indexed to the actual costs of a particular group of lending institutions pays to borrow money. Lenders using this index can adjust mortgage rates every six months or annually. The most popular index of this type is the Cost of Funds Index for the 11th Federal Home Loan Bank District of San Francisco.

When comparing ARMs that have different indexes, you should look at how the index has performed. Some indexes are widely published in newspapers, making them easy to track. Mortgage lenders are required to provide you with information on how to track the index and to provide a 15-year history of the index they use. Remember, though, that past performance cannot predict future performance of the index or the direction your interest rate may go.

Next week we'll discuss other options.

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•Delaney honored

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Delaney has been the top sales associate in the West Bloomfield office since 1992.

His professional designations include Graduate Realtors Institute, Residential Marketing Specialist, Corporate Property Specialist and Certified Buyers Agent.

•Tree man

Brian Granader, a sales associate at Century 21 Associates Northwood, figures he will have delivered about 1,500 pine seedlings to front porches in Royal Oak this spring by the end of the week.

The main purpose is to beautify the city, Granader said, but he concedes that it doesn't hurt to

get his name out, either.

"It's especially rewarding to give back something to the community," he said. "I live here. I do a lot of business here. I strongly believe in showing appreciation to the people with whom Century 21 Northwood services."

Granader estimates that the goodwill gesture/promotion cost about \$2,000.

•Eviction seminar

The Real Estate Investors Association presents a program, "Tenant Evictions and Who You Can Hire to Do It for You," 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, at the Ramada in Southgate on Northline Road one block east of I-75.

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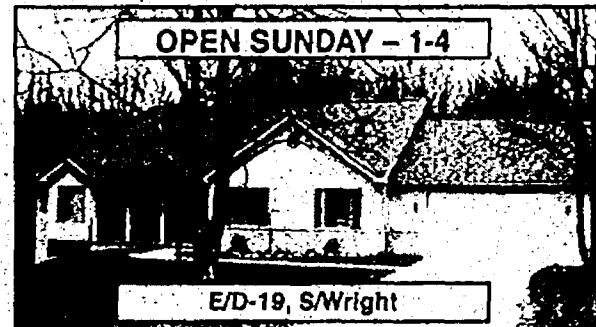
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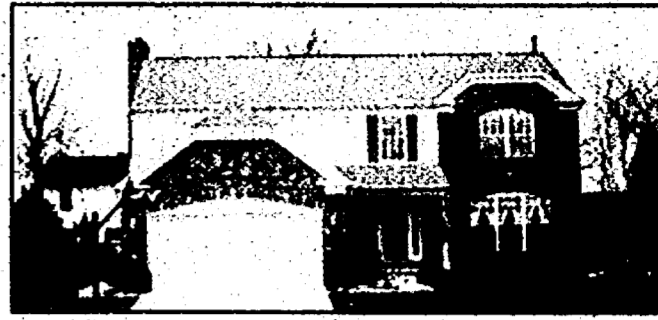
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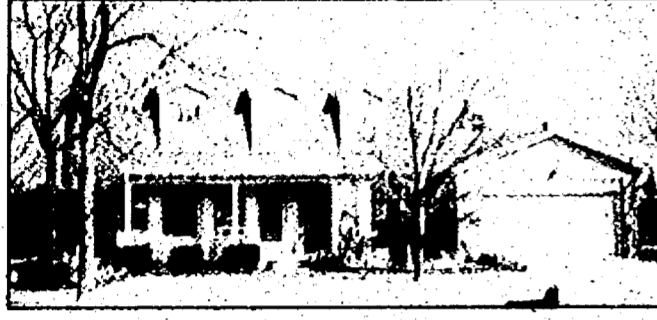
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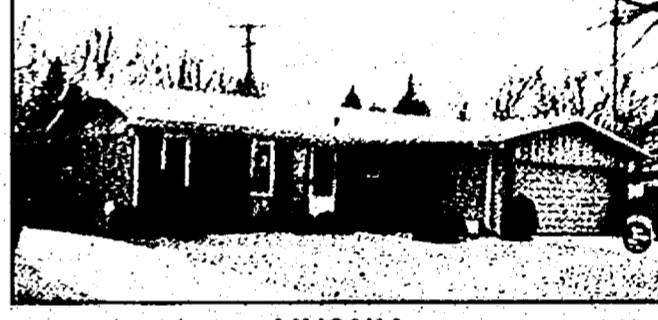
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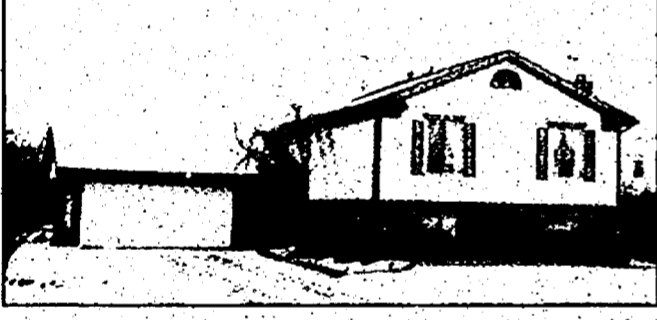
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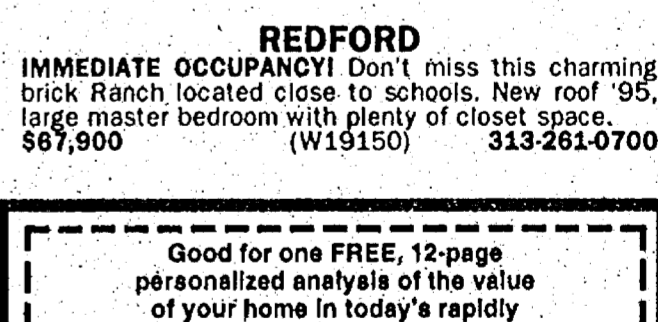
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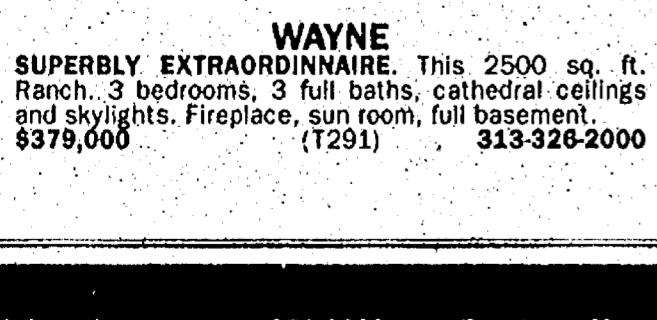
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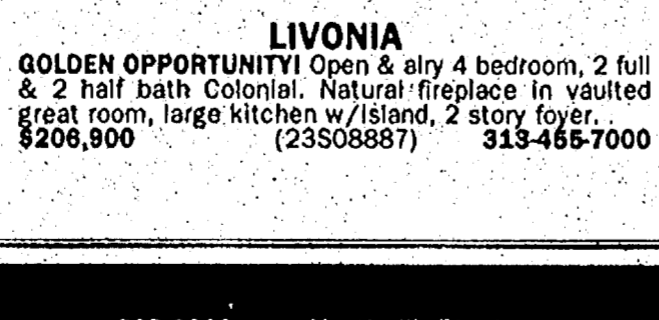
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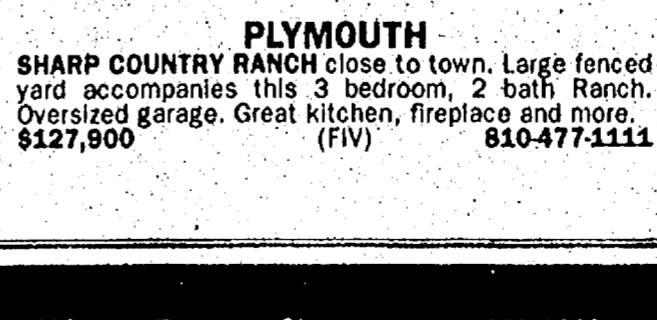
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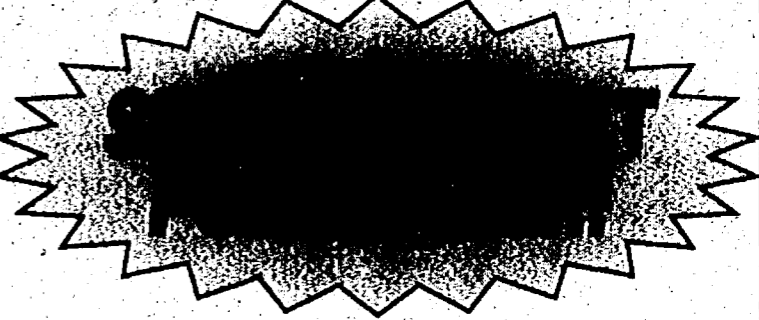
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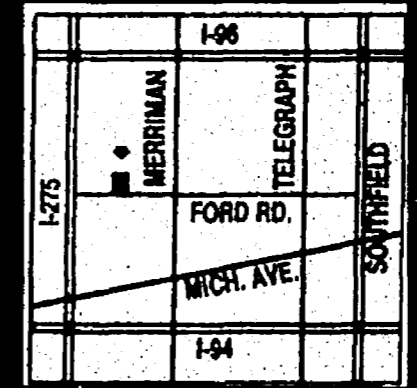


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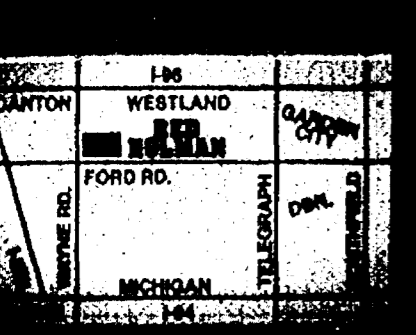
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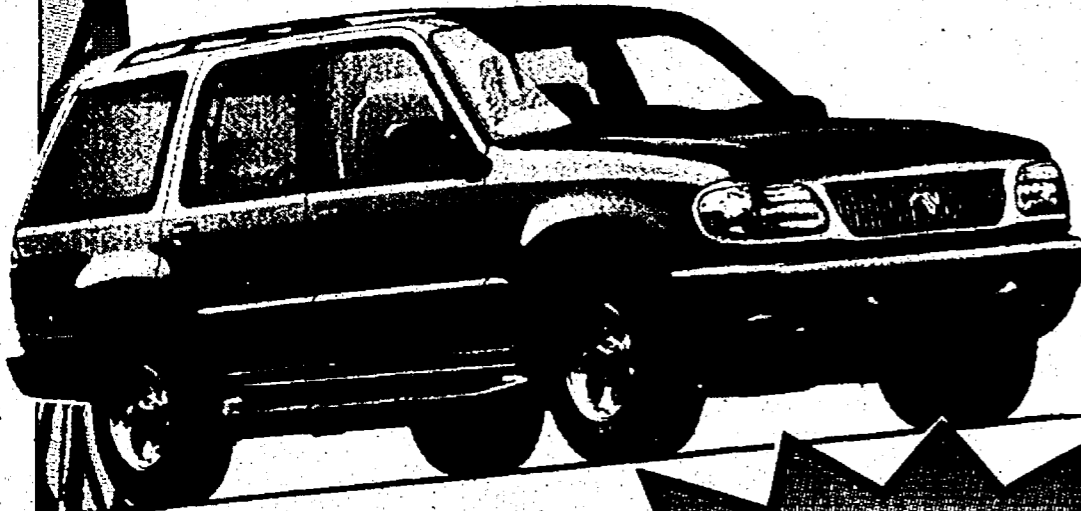
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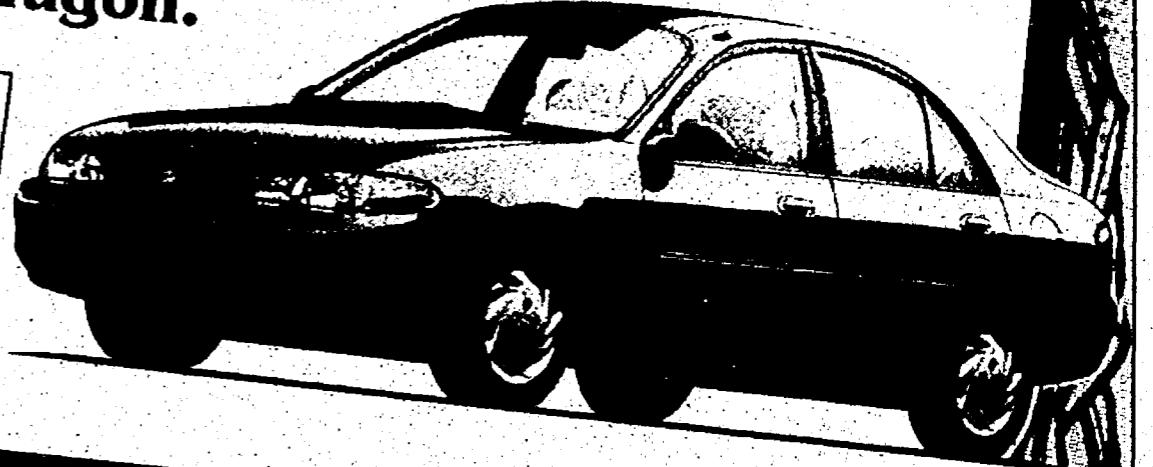
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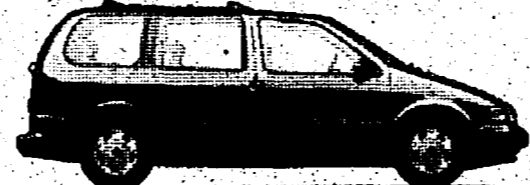


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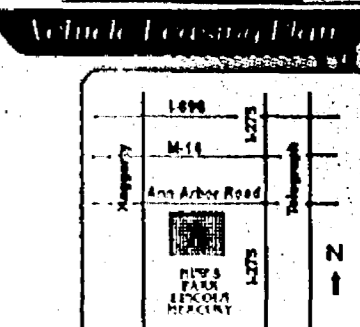
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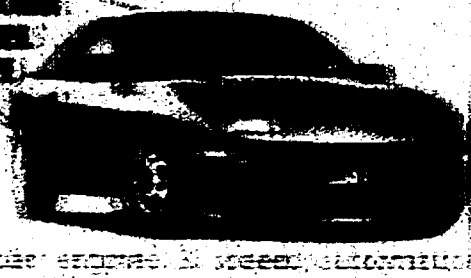


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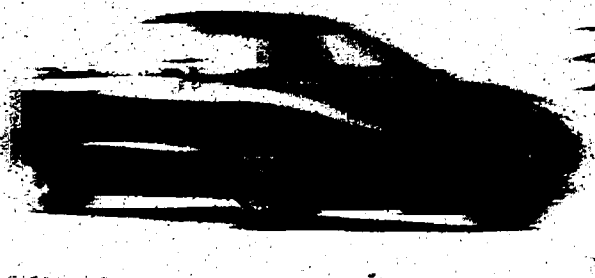


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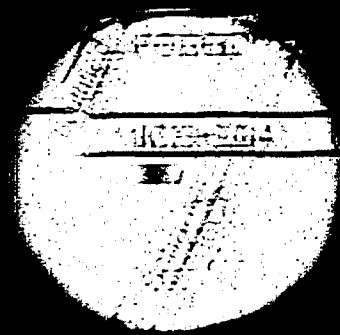
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