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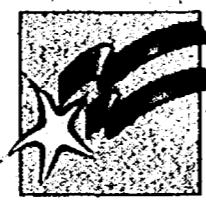
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Mayor lashes out at tax foes



With the election primary looming Tuesday, a dispute is heating up between Westland's mayor, who supports a public safety tax increase, and two former council members, who oppose it.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Mayor Robert Thomas is firing back at two former Westland City Council members for urging voters to oppose a 1.5-mill public safety tax increase in the Aug. 6 election primary.

Thomas accused former Councilmen Thomas Brown and Kenneth

Mehl of misleading voters in anti-tax letters written to local newspapers.

Brown and Mehl claim that city leaders can improve the police and fire departments without seeking a 1.5-mill, six-year tax increase that would generate \$11.5 million.

In response to questions during a Monday morning press conference,

Thomas dismissed the criticism from Brown and Mehl as political.

"Tom Brown is just politically opposed to me being in this office," the mayor said.

"I don't think he's being honest" in his anti-millage efforts, Thomas said.

Thomas accused Mehl, also a longtime Thomas critic, of being upset about election losses he has suffered.

"I think he's still bitter," Thomas said.

Mehl lost a council bid last November, two years after he unsuccessfully challenged Thomas for the

mayoral post.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott, who attended the press conference with city administration officials, said she believes that Brown and Thomas are opposing the millage to discredit the mayor's administration.

She said she believes that Brown and Mehl "have a candidate" whom they want to challenge Thomas in his re-election bid next year.

Thomas has confirmed that he will seek an unprecedented third four-year mayoral term.

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Telling tales



STAFF PHOTOS BY JEN JAGFIELD

Little listeners: A Westland Civitan Club member reads to youngsters at the weekly story hour held at Westland Center. The program will be moved back to 7 p.m. Fridays for all of August. The program is sponsored by the Civitans, the William P. Faust City of Westland Public Library and the mall. Seated on the reader's lap is Alex Lichtenberg, 2, of Westland. At left, two-year-old Christopher Rubino of Westland, shows off his art work. The children made little cat faces from cutouts provided to them following a story about a cat.



Blood drives

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at five local sites this month. Following are the dates, locations, and phone numbers for appointments:

■ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, Kmart, Cherry Hill and Wayne Road, 728-8400.

■ 2:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, Good Hope Lutheran Church, Cherry Hill near Harrison, 427-3660.

■ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church fellowship hall, on Warren Road near Farmington Road, 458-7301.

■ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, Oakwood Hospital Clinic, on Merriman south of Palmer, 937-2433.

■ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, Wayne Community Living Services, in the Metro Place Mall in downtown Wayne, 722-4120.

PLACES & FACES

Think skating

With the school summer vacation period more than half over, local residents should start thinking of winter recreation.

That means skating. Looking ahead, the Westland Sports Arena is planning to open its fall skating schedule Aug. 24.

Arena manager Tammy Hombirg said that open skating will be held 1-2:45 p.m. Saturday and Sundays in the arena on Wildwood and Hunter. Admission is \$2.75 for students and senior citizens and \$3.25 for adults. Skate rental is \$2. During the week, open skating will be available noon to 1:45 p.m. with Thursdays reserved for adults only. Weekday admission is

\$1.75 for students and seniors and \$2.25 for adults.

Hombirg is also registering people for group ice skating lessons, from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, and noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, at the arena. Fee for the six-week course is \$33. Classes will be held on Mondays or Wednesday afternoons; Thursday mornings and Saturdays mornings. Skaters must be age 4 or older.

Those interested may contact the arena, 729-4560.

New doctor

Dr. Brian Sabb will start his one-year rotating internship at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital soon after graduating from the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine recently. He is a graduate of Franklin High School who received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Wayne State University in 1991.

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Health superstore goes to the max on service

BY RENEE SROGLUND
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to establishing a new business, there is a fine line between concept and vision. MedMax, a new health-care superstore located on Central City Parkway just east of Nankjn Blvd., in Westland, introduces a new genre in the health-care retail industry. MedMax, now open to the public with a grand opening planned for 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 10,

was developed as a "one-stop health care store." Company officials said it offers customers something for everyone — equipment, prescription services, sport therapy aids, a variety of health care products and wellness information from professionals — all under one roof. The staff, most of whom have

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medical backgrounds, includes a registered nurse, respiratory therapist, certified athletic trainer, sports therapist, dietician-nutritionist, an emergency medical technician, and a person trained to handle insurance procedures.

The business, planned to a prototype for future expansions, had an unofficial opening last week and will have hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the next week.

Customers will find everything from medical uniforms and wheelchairs to "snore-proof" pillows and vitamin-infused coffee among the thematically arranged products at MedMax.

The back of the store is reserved for exam rooms for customers with special needs — including an especially attractive mastectomy room, a seminar room available to community health groups, a small "juice" cafe, and an area which simulates conditions encountered by the handicap.

This area is a grid of carpeting, industrial and tiled flooring, hallways and a stairway equipped with a lift. Customers can try out products on these test surfaces in privacy.

MedMax occupies 18,500 square foot, barrier-free store, with wide aisles, shoulder-high shelving, and no neck-craning signs, said a company spokeswoman.

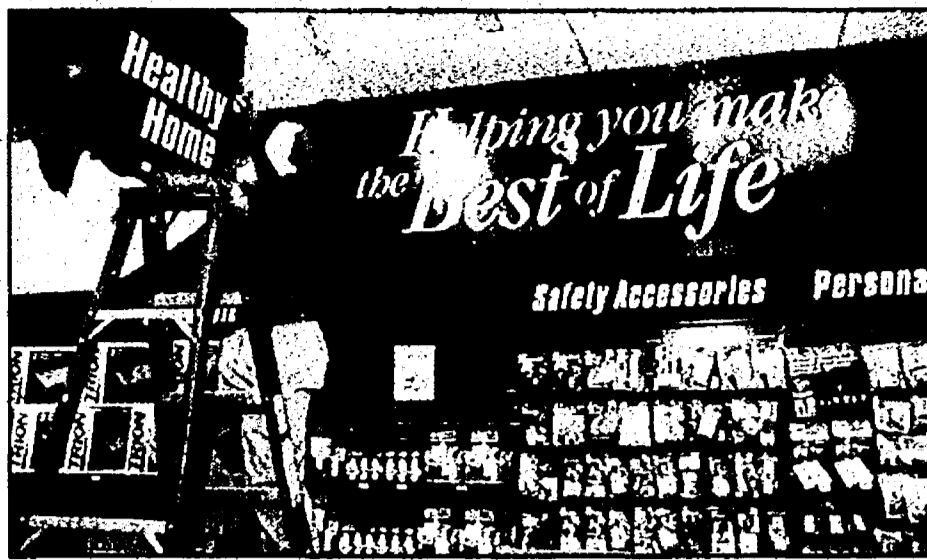
The back of the store is clearly visible from the front of the store.

"There's no other retailer in the country where you can see everything," said Kevin Browett, president and CEO.

Browett has 18 years of executive managerial experience in the retail health-care business at Kmart and Virginia-based Peoples Drug Stores. He also is a licensed pharmacist.

When looking for the right location, Browett researched five major, national health-care markets — Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, New York and Michigan — before opening MedMax Max in Westland.

"Westland was a good place to start because it represents the



Signage: Local sign contractor Dennis Knoblock cleans up one of the signs he just hung near the entrance of the store.



Physical therapy: Christa Carr demonstrates a sports therapy exercise device to improve hand-eye coordination. Below, Bob Davis gets some help from Carr regarding orthotics. Carr is an athletic trainer in the sports therapy department at MedMax.

50-plus population. It's a family-and-neighbors, hard-working, close-to-home kind of population. It's also near a dominant retail hub," said Browett, referring to Westland Center across the street.

Browett and his management team want to integrate the business goals of MedMax with the needs of the community it serves. He has plans for a drive-through pharmacy (as soon as the city council approves it) and perhaps senior volunteers who would receive discounts in return for their services.

MedMax's market is not limited to the aging, health-conscious baby boomers, he said. It includes the special health-care needs of infants and seniors as well.

Two more MedMax stores and a distribution center are scheduled to open in the Detroit area this fall. Additional stores in Michigan are planned for 1997, and by the year 2002, MedMax hopes to multiply into 200 stores nationwide. It all part of the Browett team's vision.

At the Aug. 10 grand opening, the first 2,000 customers will receive a stadium cushion and 20 percent off all vitamins.

There'll be a variety of week-long promotions, including a chance to win a Spinoza Bear, the popular "healing bear" that comes with a cassette player and tape.

The bottom line with most customers is price. Will MedMax be

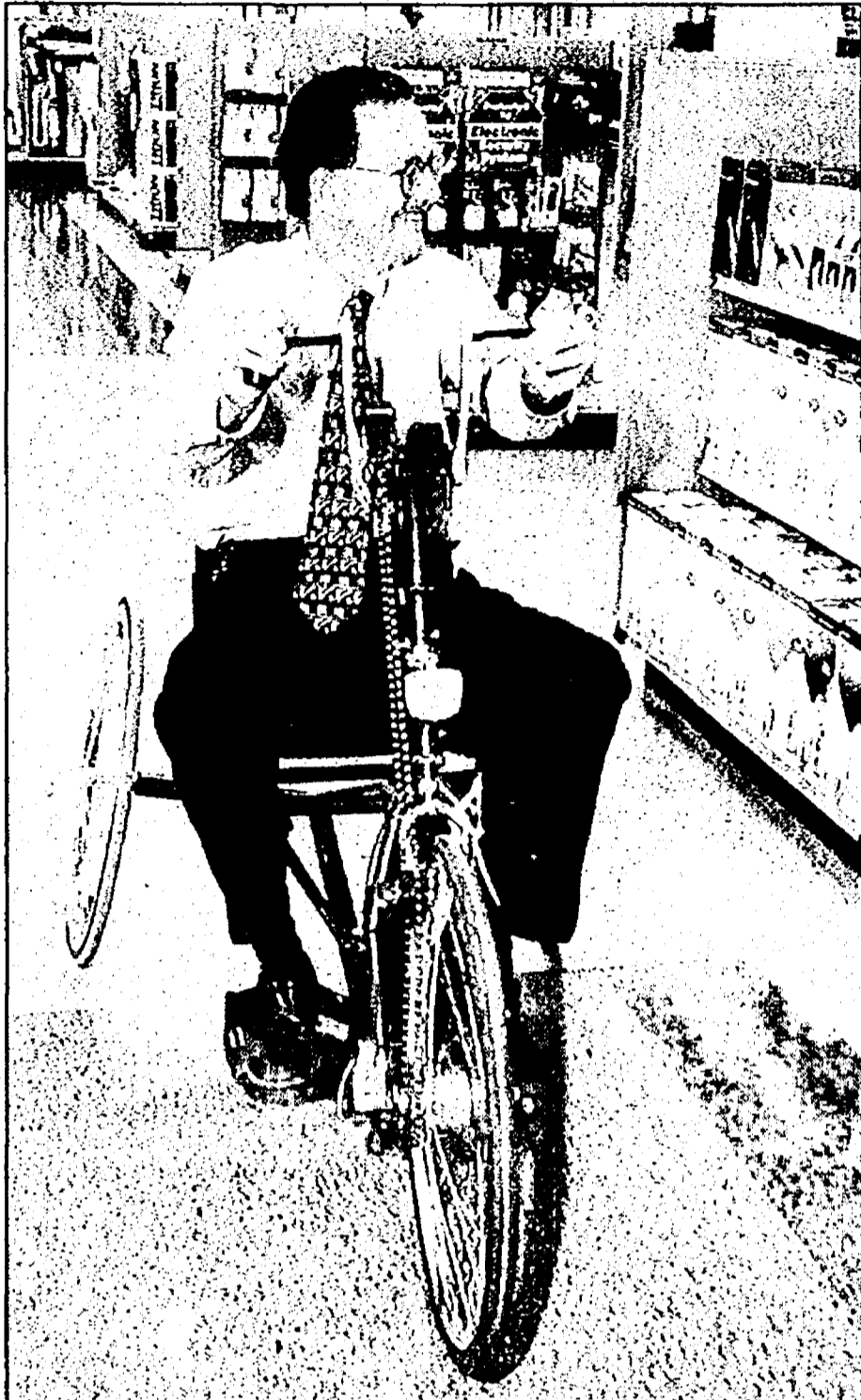
competitive? "Yes," said store manager Dave Sicheneder. "We're extremely competitive. We don't plan to open a big, beautiful store and be out priced."

If MedMax has a mission statement it's to listen to its customers, Browett said.

"I've learned from 20 years in two major corporations that the easiest way to do business is to listen to your customers. Don't let your ego get in the way."

Browett is looking forward to customer feedback.

"Have I done everything? No, I hope I haven't. I want customers to come to me with their ideas."



Hand bike: Assistant manager Jeff Pesci takes a hand-bike ride around the store. The bike is designed for handicapped people who have lost the use of their legs.



Seniors enjoy dancing



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Tropical dancers: Hawaiian dancers entertained folks at a Luau at the friendship center last week. Dancing (from left) are Mathilde Inch, Pat Bottie and Mary Paraventi.

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O'Hair praises staff, defends office record

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair took center stage in Plymouth this week — alone. The Democratic incumbent was the lone candidate to attend a political forum Monday night, offering him a chance to give plaudits to his staff, defend himself against charges of low conviction rates from his office, field questions from the audience and share his philosophy about the office he has held for the past 13 years.

O'Hair, 66, admitted he is in a "crucial race" this year, and that he is taking the challenge seriously. "It, indeed, would be tragic," he said, "if this administration would be voted out of office" due to what he called "falsehoods and fabrications" brought by his critics.

O'Hair faces Democratic challenger and state Sen. Virgil Smith, 49, who was expected to attend Monday's candidate forum at Plymouth City Hall, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees.

Organizers delayed the forum to allow Smith time to arrive, but he did not appear. Smith could not be reached for comment, but a family member said

Incumbent Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair was the lone candidate to attend a political forum Monday night.

he had several political commitments on that same evening. The winner in the Democratic primary race next Tuesday will face off in November against the winner in the Republican primary, in which 30-year-old Thomas Esordi faces off against Donald Knapp, Jr.

Esordi was unable to attend Monday's session due to a prior commitment, and Knapp, although listed on the ballot, is reportedly not running an active campaign.

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Victims important

O'Hair cited victims' rights as one of the key areas stressed by his administration. "We empathize very strongly with the victims of crime," he said, adding that he has 30 paid employees whose only job is to work with victims and their families.

He also stressed the diversity of his staff, saying it is "important, not only to communicate with those who are accused, but to those who are victims and their families. We don't want

to be victimized a second time by an insensitive system." O'Hair introduced himself as a Michigan and Detroit native, who still lives on the east side of Detroit in the same neighborhood in which he grew up. As prosecutor "you have an opportunity to do meaningful things," he said. "And also to impact the quality of life in the community to which you have a commitment."

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He fielded questions from the audience, including some in the following areas:

■ On the drug "lifer" law, which mandates a life sentence for possession of more than 650 grams of cocaine: O'Hair said that the law is fine for drug lords, and those who get into the drug trafficking business knowingly, but that "it's most appropriate for the political leadership to get together and review the wisdom of such a law."

■ On using a "super majority" jury system in criminal cases:

"I'm not sure that we should change to a system other than unanimity. We're talking about peoples' lives."

■ On California's new "three strikes" law, which allows harsher punishment for felons: "The laws here are good," he said, explaining that habitual offenders can be put away after a second conviction in Michigan. "What we need are strong judicial sentences."

■ On abolition of Detroit Recorder's Court: "The system was put in place and worked

extremely well for eight or nine years. It (criticism of the court) cannot be because of the delivery of service. The Supreme Court (decision) has put us right back to where we were 10 years ago."

■ On decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana: He's not in favor. "We can handle these cases in a better way. I don't want to start down that path — it's a slippery slope."

■ On plea bargaining: "Every office does it — we do it responsibly and get a result. We do have

standards, and we try to stay within guidelines, but... there must be an area of discretion and the assistant (prosecutor) has to deal with the individual situation."

Progress made

Commenting on how he has improved the prosecutor's office, he highlighted the formation of several specialized units, including a repeat offender bureau and a domestic violence unit, and noted that he has updated technology and reached out to community groups for better accessibility.

"We have been improving the office for 13 years — we will continue," he added.

Questioned about the so-called circus which ensued recently with the trials of Dr. Jack Kevorkian in Oakland County, O'Hair said he is proud of how his office handled the first Kevorkian trial, and other high-profile cases in the county.

"We did not have the hoopla, and the circus-like atmosphere,"

he said. "There are a whole series of cases, but they have been handled very, very professionally and we will continue to do so."

(In the Plymouth and Canton areas, this forum will be broadcast on Continental Channel 8 (old cable system) or on Channel 11 (new fiber optic system) tonight at 7:30 p.m. and again on Friday at 4 p.m. For more information, call (313) 459-7321.)

Group seeks to stop O'Hair political ads

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

A political action group continued its efforts this week to halt the incumbent county prosecutor from airing political advertising, and stepped up its efforts to "dump" him from office.

According to a clerk in Oakland County Circuit Court, new motions were scheduled to be heard there this week, as the Citizens for Justice continued its effort to stop Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair from using what the group's organizers call erroneous conviction statistics in his television advertising.

The ads are currently airing on local TV station Channel 7; the court action is in Oakland County because the station is located there.

O'Hair has claimed a 92 percent conviction rate, which the group disputes. The group also is carrying forward its belief that the case of two Detroit police officers convicted of murder was not properly handled by the prosecutor's office.

Citizens for Justice is a political arm of the Budzyn & Nevers Defense Fund — a group supporting former Detroit police officers Larry Nevers and Walter Budzyn who were convicted in the death in Detroit of Malice Green — a case which is now on appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court. O'Hair was the prosecutor when the case was brought to trial locally.

"As far as I'm concerned, we've gotten to the bottom of this," said Darin Chase, director of the Citizens group. "He doesn't have a 92 percent conviction rate." Chase said he is anxiously awaiting word on their injunctive request, and said O'Hair's staff was ordered to produce documentation by this week.

O'Hair responded to the group's charges during Monday night's Candidate Forum sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees. O'Hair's primary election opponent, state Sen. Virgil Smith, a Detroit Democrat, has said that O'Hair has a 57 percent unsuccessful trial prosecution rate.

O'Hair explained that the conviction rate is a combination of cases which are tried, and those for which pleas are accepted.

"Our conviction rate is comparable, or better, than any community in the nation," he said. In 85 percent of criminal cases, offenders offer a plea to settle the case, and in the others which go to trial, 70 percent are convicted, he explained.

"To win 70 percent of these cases is a hallmark of success," he added. He called the charges of a more than 50 percent loss figure "insulting and offensive, not only to me, but to my staff" and called them a "falsehood and fabrication."

He also defended his office's prosecution of the two police officers, stating that he understands the strong feelings in the case, but that the men were convicted by a jury of their peers. "It's going within the system, as it should," he said.

Chase said Tuesday that "John O'Hair is trying to deflect the blame onto the jury. He turned his head (on prosecutorial problems) because it was politically expedient."

"We're not angry that they were convicted, we're angry at how they were convicted," he added.

The Citizens group has not endorsed in the primary race, but is actively promoting the three other prosecutorial candidates via its Budzyn/Nevers Hotline by offering the three names and phone numbers, and noting that "all three deserve your consideration." Chase said the group would stay neutral; their goal, he said, is to oust O'Hair.

Also running in the race are Thomas Esordi, a Republican from Wyandotte, and Donald Knapp, Jr. The winner of that contest will face the winner of the Democratic contest in November.

"We hope that it sends a clear message that this kind of misconduct will not be tolerated," Chase said. "We are going to be the watchdog of the disposition of this case from this point on."

Iverson family increases reward in effort to help solve doctor's murder

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

The frustrated, still numb and increasingly angry family of murder victim Debbie Iverson has doubled the amount of money offered for information that helps solve the ophthalmologist's murder.

The reward now stands at \$500,000, an amount so large that family members hope it will attract national attention.

The victim's husband, Robert Iverson of Bloomfield Hills, her parents, Richard and Barbara Budd of Livonia, and her sister, Laurie Budd of Farmington Hills, all fear Iverson's killer may have fled the Detroit area after her slaying more than two months ago. Iverson, mother of two sons, was found strangled in her car May 17 near Stony Creek Metropark in Macomb County.

"The trail was cold on the second day," said Iverson, director of critical care at Detroit's Hutzel Hospital. "We need to get the word out nationally. This is not only a move by a husband, but a family that is very close. We feel impotent, frustrated. We want to do everything possible. We have a dogged determination to stay involved."

"Police believe Iverson was killed May 16 after leaving her psychiatrist's office in Birmingham at 9:45 a.m."

"She was the embodiment of gentleness and humility, yet she was abducted, robbed and strangled and left on a country road," Iverson said. "The people who did this are still out there. We want the criminals caught so there is not another victim."

The belief that the killer left the area after the crime is just one theory among many being pursued by police, Iverson said.

Laurie Budd said she is angry that someone could kill a human being and "not get caught."

The worst scenario of all, Iverson said, is that the murderer may never be caught, that

the family never gets the answers it seeks.

"It's an improbable crime committed on an unlikely victim, and it was done by people who don't seem to exist," Iverson said.

Laurie Budd called her sister, a 1975 graduate of Livonia's Stevenson High, a "most unlikely crime victim."

"She was overly cautious; she always locked doors; she would avoid the seedy areas of town."

Iverson said the reward money would come from life insurance policies held on his wife.

"We don't have these assets; we are not wealthy people. There's no more money available in our family."

In offering the reward, Iverson said he is only doing what his wife would have done for him. "Debbie had such a disdain for lawlessness, she would have put up all the money."

The reward is payable to anybody who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of the criminals, he said.

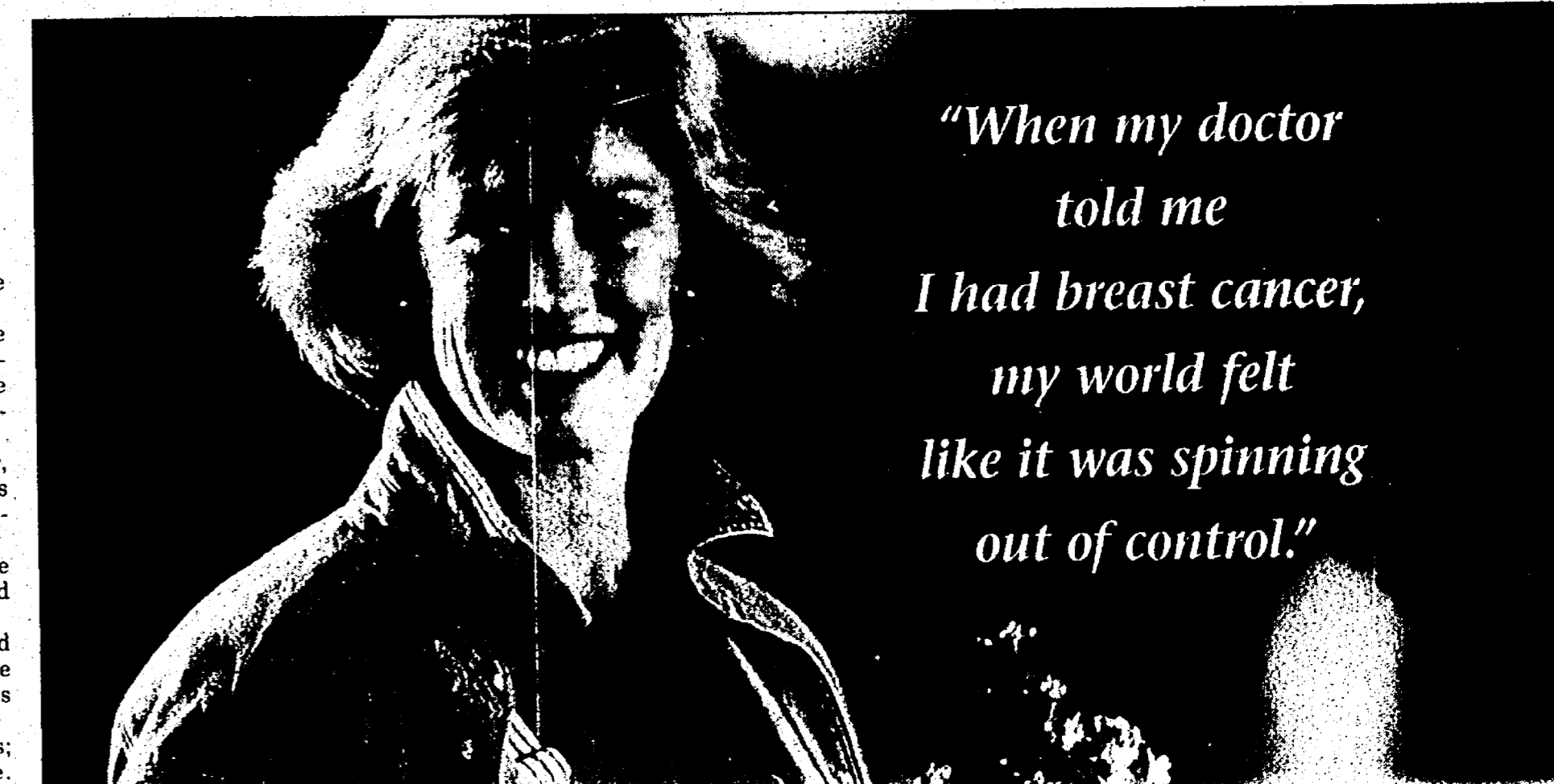
Because they have no motive for the crime, family members said they are also worried about their own personal security.

"There's been no motive established, we have no idea why," Iverson said. "We don't know by whom, for what reason. Was it a random crime? Was it a message to me? Until we have an explanation, we have concerns about our personal security, our children, other relatives."

When asked why he might think his wife's murder was a message to him, Iverson answered: "Who would want to kill Debbie Iverson? She was one of the most loved, gentle, valued people you could know."

Richard Budd, a psychiatrist and retired chief of psychiatry for Providence Hospital, called his daughter an "extremely caring person" who wanted to help others through medicine.

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How to dispose of hazardous waste

Many products used in the house and yard contain hazardous materials.

Improper disposal of these products can cause fires, injuries to people and animals and ground water contamination.

Many garage and workshop items must be taken to a hazardous waste collection site, including: acetone, antifreeze, artist's paint and other media, auto body repair products, battery acid, brake fluid, car batteries, solvent-based car wax, contact cement, driveway sealer, fiberglass epoxy, gasoline and other fuels, solvent-based glue, lighter fluid, motor oil, oil filters, all types of paint, paint thinner, paint stripper, parts cleaner, shellac, stain, transmission fluid, turpentine, varnish, wood filler and wood preservative.

Some kitchen and bathroom items must be taken to a hazardous waste collection site: ammonia-based and solvent-based cleaners, floor-care products, hair remover, nail polish, nail polish remover, oven cleaner.

Many home and garden items must be taken to a hazardous waste collection site: full aerosol cans, botton batteries, fluorescent tubes, fungicide, furniture polish, insect spray, light ballasts, solvent-based metal polish, mothballs, pesticide, pool chemicals, rat poison, rechargable batteries, shoe polish, spot remover, stump remover and weed killer.

Other hazardous waste information:

Never pour oil, antifreeze or other hazardous materials on the ground, into storm sewers or down the drain because it eventually ends up in the waterways

- Switch to a safe substitute to hazardous products.
- Read the label to be sure the product will do what you want before buying it.
- Buy only the amount needed and use what you buy.
- Avoid aerosols, choose pump sprays or other alternatives.
- Select water-based over solvent-based products when available.

• Stores that sell car batteries must accept them back for recycling.

- Give leftovers to someone else who will use them. Reuse products such as paint thinner and paint.

- Never pour oil, antifreeze or other hazardous materials on the ground, into storm sewers or down the drain because it eventually ends up in the waterways.

- Contact your local municipality for information on community household hazardous drop-off locations.

Some Wayne County hazardous waste disposal facilities include:

- Chemical Analytics, 29959 Beverly, Romulus, (313) 326-9400, accepts fuel oil only. No fee charged.

- Petro-Chemical Processing,

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• City Environmental, 2000 E. Ferry, Detroit, (313) 923-0080, accepts fuel oil, used motor oil, paint, turpentine, most solvents, hydraulic fluids, aerosol cans. Free to Detroit residents; fee for all others.

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County reward programs target illegal dumping

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

People are dumping illegally and polluting the environment, and Wayne County's not going to take it any more.

Two reward programs were announced Tuesday by Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara and Prosecuting Attorney John O'Hair.

Both programs will reward citizens up to \$500 for information leading to the conviction of those who dump scrap, waste materials, auto bodies and parts, construction debris and other litter. Also, the county is initiating household hazardous waste education.

"The county will not tolerate illegal dumping," McNamara said.

"Dumping has such a negative impact on the community," O'Hair said. "We have to increase prosecution," he said. The prosecuting attorney's office will make \$10,000 from the Environmental Trust Fund

available to be used in the Environmental Reward Program. This will supplement an existing reward program established by the Wayne County Commission in March, which also allows for a reward for up to \$500 for people convicted of illegal dumping.

The county commission's ordinance says unauthorized dumping has reached epidemic proportions.

A press conference was held in River Rouge Tuesday to announce the program, because it has been the site of illegal dumping. But sometime overnight, before the press conference, the debris was removed. About 10-12 truck loads of junk had been dumped at the site illegally, McNamara said.

The county's program will cost about \$1.5 million to stop illegal dumpers and educate the public, according to James Murray, director of Wayne County's Department of Environment.

"We need every citizen to take responsibility," Murray said. Also, Mark Jones, director of

'We need every citizen to take responsibility.'

James Murray
environment director,
Wayne County

the Department of Environmental Quality, southeast Michigan offices, said DEQ applauds the county's efforts and plans to join with the county and step up enforcement efforts, including adding four environmental conservation officers, surveillance equipment and office space for a joint police task force.

Dumping has occurred all over the county, with chemical dumping being the most dangerous, Murray said. Small companies are the suspected culprits in chemical dumping, because they don't want to pay the money to get rid of chemicals legally, he said. Parents aren't aware that their children could be playing in areas where chemicals have been dumped, Jones said.

Western Wayne County has more of the chemical type of dumping, than other types, and that is the most expensive to clean up, Murray said.

For example, barrels of chemicals were recently dumped in Salem Township in Washtenaw County, and some of the contamination came into Wayne County, Murray said. The county spent \$250,000 to help clean up that contamination, but wells in western Wayne County are still threatened, Murray said.

Murray has a warning for those businesses dumping illegally: "We're watching and we're going to come and get you," he said.

The county ordinance also calls for the county to seek reim-

bursment from those jailed for illegal dumping of \$60 a day for their incarceration. A person caught violating the dumping ordinance faces a \$500 fine and a 90-day jail term.

Under the reward program announced Tuesday residents were urged to:

- Look out for suspicious waste disposal activities. Write down everything that is witnessed, including physical description of suspects, license plate numbers, precise location of activity, and type of materials dumped.

- Call 911 after business hours or call the local law enforcement agency immediately. Be prepared to provide an accurate description of the suspicious

dumping activity.

- Alert the Wayne County reward tip line: (313) 955-9920. Each tipster will receive a follow-up to their information. On conviction of the dumper, a reward and commendation will be issued to the tipster.

- Learn what items around the house are considered hazardous and what techniques can be used to dispose of them properly. The county offers a guide. For information call (313) 326-4920.

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Grant to fund Newburgh Lake cleanup

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County is launching a plan to dredge Newburgh Lake, which is contaminated with PCBs, to make it safe for recreational activities.

The lake, which is part of the middle branch of the Rouge River system has a surface area of about 105 acres and straddles the border of Livonia and Plymouth Township in Hines Park. It is part of the Wayne County Parks System.

Another part of the project includes using uncontaminated material from lake to cap old landfills in the county.

"We are making a concerted effort to improve the quality of life in Wayne County," Deputy Wayne County Executive Mike Duggan. "After this process is complete residents will be able to eat fish out of Newburgh Lake

and eventually swim there."

Wednesday county and local officials met to announce the plans at the lake, including: Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, Parks Director Hurley Coleman and Duggan.

Bids are expected to come in Aug. 8 and be awarded in August or in early September to fix the sluice gate on the lake's dam, according to James Murray, director of the county's Department of Environment and Public Works. Bids will go out in November for cleaning the lake, he said.

Once the gate is fixed the lake will be drained, and the sediment will be dug out and trucked away, Murray said. A channel will be kept open so the river can continue flowing. Hines Drive

will be closed from Haggerty to Newburgh during the dredging work, which is expected to take a year and half and be completed in 1998.

When it's finished the lake will have a habitat for fish that it hasn't had in years, Murray said. Duggan said he expects the lake to be swimmable in 10 years.

At an estimated cost of \$5 million to \$10 million, the project will be funded under the nearly \$300 million the county has received in federal funding for the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

About 390,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment will be removed and another 230,000 cubic yards of uncontaminated material will be dredged to make the lake deeper. The lake will average 10 feet deep after the excavation, Murray said. It's cur-

rently averaging 3.9 feet.

The uncontaminated material will be used to cap old landfills, including one at Holliday Park Nature Preserve in Westland, Murray said.

Once the lake is cleaned, the county plans to stock the lake with bluegill, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed and possibly northern pike.

Newburgh Lake is one of four lakes in the area that are a result of damming the Rouge River in the early 1900s.

PCBs and sewage have settled at the bottom of the lake contaminating the fish and making the water unsafe for swimming. Advisories against eating the fish are posted beside the lake.

PCBs have come from a site upstream where the Evans Products company had manufactured springs. The company has since filed for bankruptcy. The Depart-

ment of Environmental Quality is cleaning up that site this fall, Murray said.

The sewage problem is being addressed by local communities which have constructed sewage-separation systems in recent years.

Other problems to be addressed are storm water runoff, illicit sewer connections and large populations of ducks and geese, which are polluting the lake. Steps are being taken with the National Wet Weather Demonstration Project to correct the storm water runoff and illicit connection problems, Murray said.

A program has begun to educate the public on the proper disposal of hazardous materials, Murray said. Improperly disposed of hazardous materials are washed into rivers and streams during rainy weather.

The project is going to make a "spectacular difference to all the

people who use this area," Kirksey said, adding he is proud to call it "Livonia on the lake."

"Communities have gone to a great deal of expense to clean up the sewer system," Duggan said.

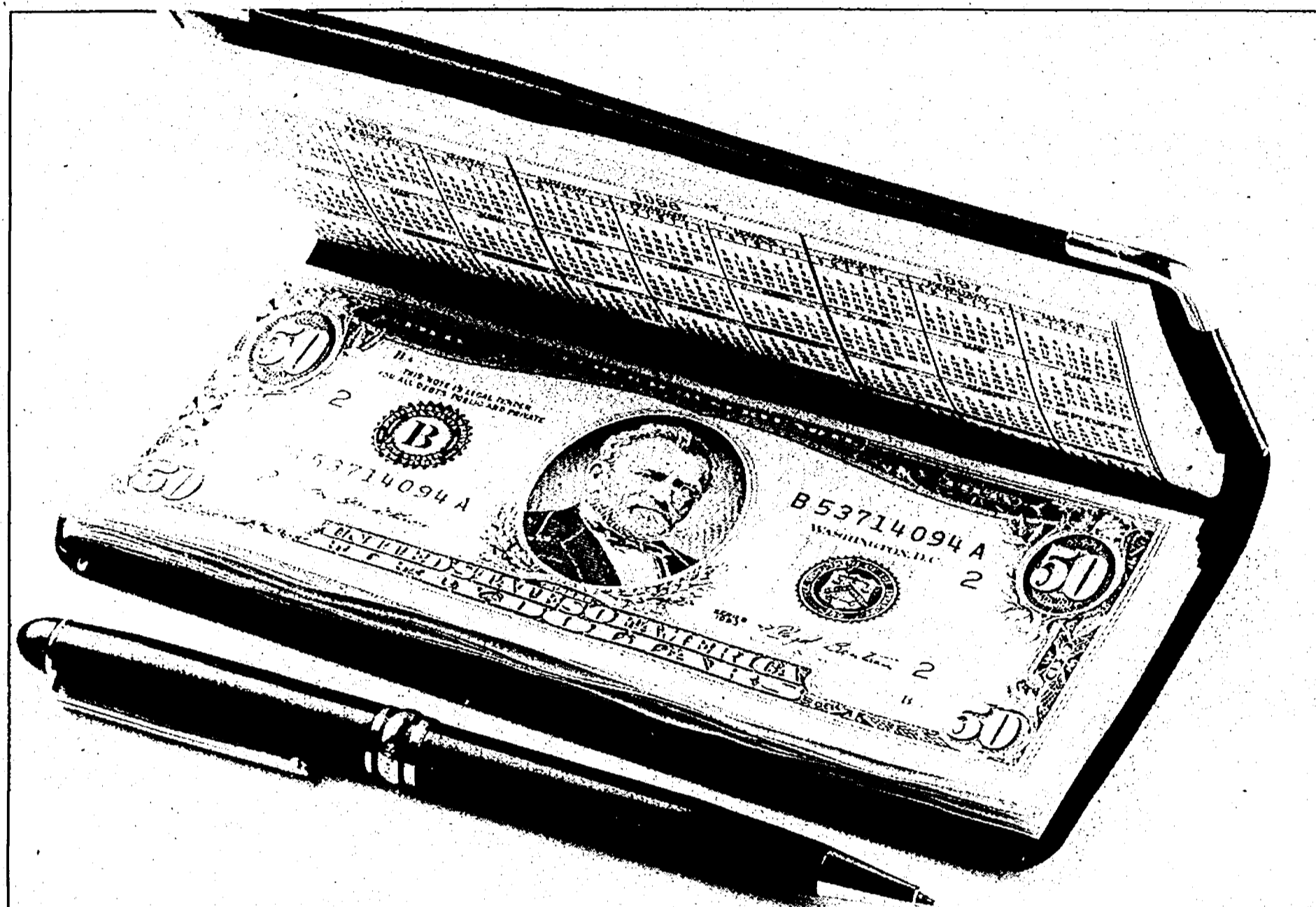
Keen McCarthy echoed that. "We have done a lot of work to try to improve the quality of the river," she said.

McCotter, who said he came to the lake as a child with his brother and father, said he is glad to see the cooperation between the county and other agencies on the project.

The lake was last dredged in 1965. A new boat launch and river walk were constructed on the lake in 1993.

The material dredged from the lake was used to construct Holcomb Island in the western section of the lake.

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Brown couldn't be reached for comment following the press conference, but Mehl responded at

length Tuesday during a telephone interview.

"Tom Brown and I have never discussed anything like that," Mehl said of Scott's suggestion that they have chosen a candidate to challenge Thomas. "That's far-fetched; it's unbelievable."

"I don't know what she's talking about," Mehl continued. "She should worry about herself before she starts worrying about somebody else."

Scott's council seat is also at stake in next year's election.

Mehl also rejected Thomas' claims that he is "bitter" about his election losses. Mehl said his opposition to the public safety

tax increase has "nothing to do with the election."

"It irritates me when he says something like that," Mehl said.

Mehl said the city can afford public safety improvements by cutting costs in other areas and by halting the Tax Increment Finance Authority, a special district in which tax revenues have been used for public improvements.

Mehl said it is time that the TIFA revenues were used to boost city coffers rather than to pay for additional projects. He and Brown have criticized the city for considering using as much as \$1.5 million to boost a proposed Sears project at West-

land Center.

Mehl estimated that tax revenues from the TIFA district could add \$1 million to \$1,750,000 a year to city coffers.

"The money is there" for public safety improvements, he said.

City officials haven't disbanded TIFA, however, and Thomas said the city simply doesn't have the money in current revenues to beef up public safety departments.

"It cannot be done with the existing money that we have on hand," he said.

The city only has \$1.2 million in budget surplus monies, Finance Director Michael Gorman said.

Mehl said citizens can't afford another tax increase, even though Thomas' administration has stressed that taxpayers would pay a mere 18 cents a day for public safety improvements.

The 1.5-mill plan would cost the owner of an \$85,000 house an additional \$63 a year, Gorman said.

Mehl also accused the city of seeking the tax increase to help pay for the last contracts approved for public safety employees. He said the Thomas administration isn't being honest with taxpayers.

Thomas and Scott pledged Monday that the money will be

used only for a community policing program and a fire department paramedic program. (See related story.)

Mehl also criticized city officials for timing the millage campaign with the Aug. 6 primary, which typically has a low voter turnout.

"They are trying to push something through," he said.

Brown and Mehl have said they aren't philosophically opposed to public safety improvements — only to the proposed method of paying for them.

In their letter to newspapers, they called for "a more realistic and efficient use" of taxpayer money.

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from city employee unions, businesses and other tax supporters, he said.

Most of the money is being used for campaign literature that has been sent to an estimated 80 percent of the 8,000 to 9,000 city residents identified as voters, Reddy said.

City officials Monday provided an informational packet showing that the owner of an \$85,000 house would pay an additional \$63 a year — or 18 cents a day — in taxes for the Project 2000 plan.

"We believe that this is a total public safety service that is worth 18 cents a day," Gorman said. "The value of this program will far exceed that."

City leaders have pledged that the money will be used only for the paramedic (Advanced Life Support) program and community policing, in which seven new officers would be assigned to patrol specific geographic districts in Westland.

The millage proposal states that the money will be used for "but not limited to" the specific public safety measures. State

officials required the wording, city officials said.

Scott said the council has pledged to use the money for community policing and Advanced Life Support.

Thomas promised Monday that "the money will not be diverted anywhere else."

However, officials conceded that they can speak only for current city leaders and not for future council members and city administrations. But Thomas stressed that broken promises would be self-defeating because voters could retaliate when the tax comes up for renewal in six years.

If the tax proposal fails Aug. 6, Thomas said he won't recommend trying again anytime soon.

"It certainly won't be in the next three years," said Thomas, who plans to seek reelection next year.

Meanwhile, Reddy said he is certain that lives will be saved by paramedics, who receive 600 hours of training beyond emergency medical technicians who currently respond to emergencies. Twenty-seven out of

77 firefighters have already received the advanced training, but the program can't be fully implemented at all four fire stations without a tax increase, he said.

Price has said that the community policing program will allow officers to get to know residents, business owners and educators. The plan is to divide the city into seven districts, and each would be assigned an exclusive police officer.

Price said the program would make the police department "proactive instead of reactive."

The new programs would be phased in gradually, with hopes of having them in full swing by next July 1.

The new tax would begin generating revenues next July 1, but officials said the council has pledged to allocate money before then to prepare for implementing the programs.

The up-front money, in essence, would amount to a loan that would be repaid when the new tax revenues begin arriving, Gorman said.

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Woman's auto death is being investigated

The death of a woman after a car accident in Livonia is being investigated by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office.

Helen Pauline Powers, 77, of Redford died at St. Mary Hospital after driving a 1994 Ford Tempo into the AAA claims center building at Schoolcraft and Inkster roads.

Powers was conscious when officers arrived but could not explain how the 10:30 a.m. accident occurred, said Lt. William Morris, Livonia Police Department

spokesman.

Her only visible injury was a small neck abrasion, but because of her age and her confusion about the accident, she was transported to St. Mary, Morris said. An hour to 90 minutes later, the hospital called police to say Powers had died, Morris said.

The medical examiner's office is conducting an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

Powers, a resident of Redford for 46 years, was a retired public

schools employee, having worked for about 25 years at Thurston High and Crestwood High. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Temple of Livonia and was a regular poll worker during elections in Redford.

She is survived by: husband, Patrick; daughter, Sandra Jake-way; mother, Eva Hunter; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; five sisters; and six brothers.

Morris said it appears Powers was driving the Tempo north in

the parking lot in front of AAA, in the Buckingham Plaza, when it went over a curb and into the building, breaking glass and brickwork.

She was sitting in the car, belted in, and conscious when officers arrived, Morris said. "She didn't remember anything about the accident."

There were no indications drugs or alcohol were a factor in the crash, Morris said.

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ELECTION

WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER

The Democratic field for treasurer will be narrowed in the Aug. 6 primary.

What is the primary responsibility of the Wayne County treasurer and what qualifications do you bring to the job?

What cost-saving ideas can you offer taxpayers? Be specific.

Are you satisfied with the current level of service delivered by the treasurer's office? What programs, plans or innovations and technology would you suggest?

C. Edward Gordon, 65, of Detroit has worked as a collections agent for more than 20 years.

A collections agency owner for more than 20 years.

The office of the treasurer is not centralized. Parking is bad where they are located. Relocation of the business offices.

To be frank, there is nothing that I like about the current administration of the Wayne County treasurer's office. The treasurer spends a great deal of the taxpayers' money leasing office space in a non-public building, while there is a great deal of space in buildings owned by the county. I personally favor relocating the public office segment away from the downtown area, and move these offices into the old Juvenile Court Building. Some long-range planning in terms of parking would have to be attended to. But the taxpayers will save from just moving these offices. In my judgment the office help need to be trained/re-trained to deal with the public.

Photo not available

Pat O'Hara, 53, of Detroit, is a certified public accountant. He attended Catholic Central High School, Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, and University of Detroit. He is a member of the St. Patrick's Parade Committee, Economic Development Committee of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public

The county treasurer collects all taxes; has custody of all monies, funds and securities; and disburses all funds in accordance with the law. I am a certified public accountant with over 25 years of experience providing accounting, audit, tax and management advisory services. I have also served on the staff of the Michigan House of Representatives Taxation Committee.

I will review the administration and operation of the county treasurer's office and report all findings and recommendations. Any changes which improve the financial administration and fiscal management of the county treasurer's office will be implemented after discussions with the staff, the county commission, the county executive, the county auditor general and all other interested persons.

Detroit residents presently pay city taxes at the City-County Building and county taxes in Greektown. This is an inconvenience, particularly for senior citizens. I will collect all county taxes in the same place that the city taxes are paid. Using the latest technology, I would explore decentralizing the services of the treasurer's office throughout the county.

Accountants, and Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Beverly Kindle Walker of Detroit has served as a precinct delegate, is a former Wayne County registrar assistant, former administrative/legislative assistant for Detroit City Council and commissioner for Detroit City Airport. She is a member of Bailey Temple Church of God in Christ, NAACP, Michigan Democratic Party, Democratic National Committee, Democratic Congressional

The treasurer is the keeper of tall county monies: collector of taxes, disbursing agent of funds to local communities and school district; performs other fiscal duties as they relate to the various county departments and agencies. The most important aspect of the treasurer's job is that of serving as the investing officer of county funds. I would broaden the county's investment portfolio by including more financial institutions that have the best interest of Wayne County. My qualifications are public administration major where I have been trained to be an administrator and to manage a governmental department.

I would begin with a performance audit to determine what areas could be trimmed.

I would make some changes in the delivery of service to the public by encouraging support staff to be more sensitive to citizen inquiries and to ensure that they impart factual information. Currently there are no women on the administration staff. The caliber of staff is critical to the proper management of any department. In regards to programs, I would refine the process and notification of the sale of tax-reverted county property in the community thereby allowing interested persons to purchase property while it is in good condition.

Committee.

Raymond J. Wojtowicz, 67, of Hamtramck has served as Wayne County treasurer since 1976. He attended St. Ladislaus High School, University of Detroit, Great Lakes College. He is the former mayor of Hamtramck, former trustee at Wayne County Community College, and a Democratic Precinct delegate. He is a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, National Association of Counties, Government Finance Officers Association, Michigan director of NATFCO.

The two main roles of the treasurer are as the custodian of all county funds and the collector of taxes. The treasurer is responsible for accounting of all revenue, investments, securities and monies; collection of delinquent property taxes; reconveyance of property; certification of deeds and plat maps and other documents pertaining to tax histories and litigations; conducts the annual tax lien sale on behalf of the state treasurer. I bring experience and accountability in both the private and public sector. I pioneered the development and operation of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund and coordinated the Senior Citizen Homestead Deferral Program.

To continue and improve our state-of-the-art cash management system which has earned the county more than \$1.5 million in additional revenue each year while reducing budget shortfalls.

The degree of my satisfaction with the current level of services rendered by the treasurer's office are adequate considering our budgetary appropriations. Future allocations for capital improvements will enhance and provide operations that are more effective and efficient.

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Chiefs of Police Urge Western Wayne County Voters: "On August 6th, vote for JOHN D. O'HAIR"

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and the following chiefs of police and directors of public safety of suburban Wayne County endorse **John D. O'Hair** for re-election as Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney:

Dennis Anderson Rockwood	William Barron Grosse Ile	James Bartus Riverview	Harold Berriman Belleville
Carl Berry Plymouth Twp.	James J. Brophy Sr. Melvindale	Clinton Brown Sumpter Twp.	Donald Calvin Southgate
Rodney Cannon Northville	Marvin "Chip" Snider Northville Twp.	Richard Caretti Grosse Pte. Park	William Cashmore Lincoln Park
James A. Caygill Huron Twp.	John Colligan Wayne	Terry Colwell Inkster	Daniel J. Grant Brownstown Twp.
Robert Ferber Grosse Pte. Farms	Daniel J. Healy Grosse Pte. Shores	Victor Hess Lower Huron M.P.	Tom Bonner Taylor
James Hunt Ecorse	Bruce Kennedy Grosse Pointe	Charles Kirby Romulus	David Kocsis Garden City
Leo Lanctot Allen Park	David A. Parker Redford	Jack L. Patterson Grosse Pte Woods	Mark Perkins Van Buren Twp.
Emery Price Westland	Henry Rohloff River Rouge	John Santomauro Canton	Robert Scoggins Plymouth
Lawrence W. Semple Harper Woods	Alexander Shulhan Hamtramck	Michael Sorenson Flat Rock	James Webber Dearborn Hts.
Richard Fenton Metro Airport Police	Michael Murray Livonia	Ronald F. Deziel Dearborn	

Other Supporters of John D. O'Hair Agree:

"John O'Hair has served the people of the county with tough-minded law enforcement programs...He enjoys an excellent reputation for serving all people equally and justly." Detroit News, July 23, 1996.

"In a rematch of what turned out to be a close Democratic primary election four years ago, Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair is challenged in next month's primary by state Sen. Virgil Smith of Detroit. John O'Hair clearly has earned another term." Detroit Free Press, July 19, 1996

John O'Hair "is a public servant...who tries to elevate the law above the political arena." Observer Newspapers of western Wayne County, March 21, 1996

Stephen Yokich, UAW International President: "John O'Hair's service to the people of Wayne County has been a model of integrity and competence. I urge the voters of Wayne County to re-elect him."

Edgar A. Scribner, President, Metropolitan Council, AFL-CIO: "John O'Hair has been an excellent public servant. He is tough, caring and fair and that is all that anyone can ask of a prosecutor."

Vincent Gregory, President, Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies Local 502: "John O'Hair's integrity is beyond question. The people of Wayne County cannot do better than to re-elect him as prosecutor."

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Adams is best Tops in GOP sheriff's race



Timothy Adams

The candidates are:
 Timothy Adams, 47, a lieutenant with the Dearborn Heights Police Department, Kenneth Kline Jr. of Canton Township, an engine builder for Kinetic Racing Engines and a former Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy; Edwin V. Nassar, 48, of Dearborn, a private investigator involved in security services; Daniel G. Tackett, 34, of Taylor, who owns D&B Office Cleaning and Downriver Detective Agency.

In the Republican primary for Wayne County sheriff, seven candidates are vying for the chance to challenge incumbent Democrat Robert Ficano in November.

Other candidates on the ballot but not actively campaigning are Timothy J. Olszewski, Mike Roberts and Robert J. Nozicka. The winner of the GOP race faces an uphill battle in the sheriff's race.

In this race, the Observer recommends **Timothy Adams**.

Adams, a veteran of more than 24 years in law enforcement, will offer the strongest challenge in the general election race for sheriff. Adams understands law enforcement. In his 24 years on the Dearborn Heights force, he has worked the streets, supervised street cops and has been in charge of administrative services.

Adams offers an interesting mix of cost-saving ideas and service and equipment improvements.

Those voters choosing to cast a ballot in the Republican primary for Wayne County sheriff should select **Timothy Adams** Tuesday.

Wojtowicz Dem treasurer pick



Raymond Wojtowicz

The county treasurer collects all taxes and has custody of all money, funds and securities. The treasurer also is the disbursing agent for certain tax funds to local community and school districts and investment officer of funds belonging to and under the control of the county.

Wojtowicz has operated the office of county

In the Democratic primary for Wayne County treasurer, the Observer recommends the incumbent, **Raymond J. Wojtowicz**.

treasurer competently, efficiently and without scandal for the last 20 years.

The treasurer's office, although an important elected position, is not the high profile political post that draws attention for one who concentrates on the job at hand and not political maneuvering.

But trust and competence are what the public demands and Wojtowicz as the head of the treasurer's office and aided by a contingent of dedicated workers has delivered.

Wojtowicz has been county treasurer for 20 years and before that served as mayor of Hamtramck.

By all accounts, he runs a lean but efficient operation and merits re-election in the Democratic primary Tuesday.

Youngblood merits Dem nod



Forest Youngblood

of Canton Township, Reginald Fluker of Detroit and Forest E. Youngblood of Dearborn Heights.

On the Republican ticket, Tony Spearman-Leach is unopposed and will face the winner of the Democratic race in November.

The register of deeds is the official recording officer for all legal papers - property

Five candidates are seeking the Democratic nomination for Wayne County register of deeds. They are John A. Bernard of Detroit, Ron Cleveland of Detroit, Paul G. Citkowski

deeds, mortgages and tax liens - and other documents pertaining to the transfer of all land and properties in the county. The register of deeds also serves as chairman of the county plat board.

The very first Constitution of the state of Michigan, adopted by Congress in 1836, established the office of register of deeds.

In Wayne County, the office now headed by incumbent **Forest E. Youngblood** and deputy Patricia Irving Cwiek has served the public well.

Located in The International Center Building, the office with a budget of some \$4 million this fiscal year is supported entirely from fees.

Youngblood has assembled a top-notch management team.

He has the knowledge and experience to continue to run the office. Some might say that at age 70 it's time for Youngblood to retire but ability, not age, should be the determining factor.

Youngblood is best in the Democratic primary race for register of deeds Tuesday.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LeMaitre: Best in primary

Republicans will have a choice between two candidates - Dennis LeMaitre and Michael Novak - when selecting a nominee in the Aug. 6 primary for the 18th District state House race. We recommend **LeMaitre**.

Both GOP hopefuls are viable candidates, and Novak is more impressive than he was two years ago when, as the Republican nominee, he launched an unsuccessful bid against Democrat state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland.

(DeHart is unopposed in seeking the Democratic nomination for the Nov. 5 general election.)

Under close scrutiny, however, **LeMaitre** clearly emerges as the better GOP candidate based on his history of community involvement in Westland, which lies almost entirely in the 18th District except for one voting precinct.

LeMaitre has owned his own business, U.S. Print, in Westland for 10 years, and he has many close ties to the city.

He has been a Westland Chamber of Commerce member for 11 years, serving as past president.

His experiences - and his fiscal knowledge as a business owner - would help him to be a responsible legislator in Lansing.

LeMaitre's community involvement goes far beyond the Chamber of Commerce.

He has been active in the Westland Police Department's DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, the Westland-based Salvation Army, the Civitans, Youth Assistance, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, to name just a few organizations.

He has shown a willingness to help those in need by his commitment to First Step - a program that helps abused women and their children - and he has been supportive of the Wayne County Family and Homeless Shelter.

Not only has he been involved in programs of a serious nature, **LeMaitre** also has done his part to bring some fun to Westland.

He has helped with the Westland Summer Festival and the city's Winterfest.

Among his achievements, he was selected in 1993 as Westland Businessperson of the Year



Dennis LeMaitre

and the First Citizen of Westland community service award, presented nearly nine months ago.

Community involvement and achievement aside, **LeMaitre** gave impressive responses during candidate interviews with the Observer. His top three priorities - education, crime and corrections, and job growth - show that he is in touch with the 18th District electorate.

He recognizes the need for improved education funding, but he wants to ensure that the money directly benefits students in the form of textbooks and classroom technology.

He wants to stop "coddling" criminals and make their sentences fit the crimes they commit.

LeMaitre speaks in a calm voice that belies an inner toughness.

He is not abrasive, as some legislators are apt to be, but we believe he can get the job done.

Moreover, a **LeMaitre** and **DeHart** match in the November election would prove to be an exciting - and probably close - race between two people who are well-known and who have served their community well.

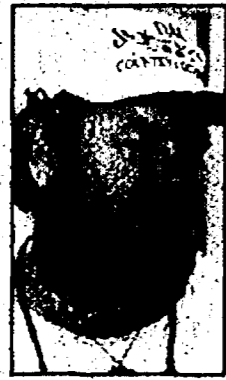
We support **LeMaitre** as the Republican nominee.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What more, if anything, can be done to prevent terrorist attacks in the United States?

We asked this question at the Westland post office.



"They could improve security at the risk of becoming more like a police state."

Robert Richardson



"I'm not willing to give up my personal freedom, but there could be more metal detectors at airports."

Margaret Wakefield



"Nothing, really."

Laura Lindsay



"No more than has already been done recently using high-tech security."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Patterson errs

I object to both the content and tone of a guest column concerning the Wayne County parks millage that appeared July 25.

The parks millage, on the Aug. 6 ballot, seeks to raise \$40 million over five years. Of this, \$26.3 million will be used for new projects and improvements to existing facilities. The remaining \$13.7 million is specifically dedicated to the maintenance and upkeep of these completed projects.

The scope of the projects funded by parks millage is enormous, but the bottom line is that at one-quarter of a mill, it will cost the average taxpayer one dollar a month.

The above claims are part of the public record from the two public meetings at which the parks millage was discussed.

The audit of the Warren Valley Golf Course, also mentioned in last week's column, was also discussed as

part of the public forum. In this manner, it was established that a total of \$440,000 was spent either on one-time capital improvement or for reimbursable costs to begin construction of the Inkster Valley Golf Course.

These projects were made possible because of revenues from Warren Valley Golf Course. Based on the public record and the past performance of the parks and recreation department, voters have every reason to believe the parks millage will make Wayne County a more attractive place to live and work.

The parks millage promises to enhance the quality of life for residents of Wayne County. I respect Commissioner Bruce Patterson's right to disagree about the merits of the parks millage. I do object, however, to the disservice he did to the people of Wayne County through his reckless disregard of the facts.

Kay Beard,
vice chair, Wayne County
Commission

Appreciation shown

We, the Friends of Sassafras, wish to express our appreciation to all who have assisted us for the past 2.5 years in our efforts to preserve the trails.

Our deepest appreciation to state Sen. Loren Bennett, who secured the state Department of Natural Resources grant. He worked personally with Gov. John Engler to have the grant reinstated. Sen. Bennett has participated in Sassafras Trails' cleanups, video presentation, appeared at Wayne-Westland school board meetings, and has been a staunch supporter of our efforts since our inception.

State Reps. Eileen DeHart and Tom Kelly have worked tirelessly with Sen. Bennett searching for and finally securing the funding we needed to save Sassafras. Their appearances at school board meetings, and in the video have encouraged us beyond words.

We appreciate your continued efforts on behalf of Sassafras Trails and our community. We wish to con-

vey our respect, admiration, and our sincere thanks. Without your efforts and achievements Sassafras Trails would be just a fond memory.

Judges C. Charles Bokos and Gail McKnight have advanced our cause, thank you. They have appeared with us at the presentation given to the school board. Both of them have generated court ordered community workers to labor in Sassafras.

Westland City Council members Sandra Cicirelli and Glenn Anderson have been supportive of our efforts on behalf of Sassafras. They, too, have come to cleanups and appeared in the video. Our thanks also to Joe Benyo for all his public relations work for us.

Thank you, (Councilman) Richard LeBlanc, for your support of our vision while you were still a school board member and now as a Westland councilman. Also, our appreciation to Councilman Charles Pickering for adding your support to the letter, written by Cicirelli and Anderson. Mayor Robert Thomas of Westland along with Thomas Brown, past city council president - our thanks to you

for appearing in our presentation video.

Our staunch supporters in the school board have been Mathew McCusker, Martha Pitsenbarger, ex-board members Ed Turner and Vicki Welty. Thanks to you.

We extend genuine gratitude and admiration to all of you who have walked the neighborhoods and distributed fliers, acquired signatures for the petitions, made phone calls, and donated money to defray our costs. TDon't leave us, continue to walk with us shoulder to shoulder, determined to create a premier educational and recreational facility.

Those of you who are interested in pursuing the vision may contact Teresa Robbins (326-2308) or Lola King (595-0763).

Teresa Robbins
Friends of Sassafras Trails

The 'real' meaning of words used by DeVos

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in a rather scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean."

That line from *Alice in Wonderland* occurred to me during the "Spotlight on News" interview with Betsy DeVos that you saw July 14 on Channel 7.

DeVos, of course, is Republican state chair as well as national committee-woman. She also is involved in the CEO Michigan Foundation; by birth she is a daughter of the founders of the Edgar Prince Foundation; by marriage she is related to the founder of the Rich DeVos Foundation.

One thread running through these foundations is sectarian schools. A second thread is the Mackinac Center, whose idea of Michigan's finest schools is church-related and whose own grants show strong sectarian sentiment.

Last May Betsy and husband Dick solicited members of the Michigan Legislature, among others, for donations to CEO Michigan. That foundation's purpose: "To provide privately-funded scholarship support for elementary

school children of low-income families so they may attend schools of their choice. . . whether cross-district public, private, parochial or special needs. . . and secure a better education."

Translation: When the DeVoses say "good education," they mean nonpublic, church-related schools.

So what? Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, smelled a rodent and warned colleagues:

"While the idea may be simple enough on the surface, not to mention gosh-darn charitable, kind and loving, you should be aware that this was exactly the same tactic taken in Wisconsin which ultimately led the Wisconsin legislature to enact a voucher system for use in any school, including private and parochial. In Wisconsin, some of the churches also participated in the scholarship program. After a while, Wisconsin legislators apparently felt it was such a good idea that they jumped in with their own system."

"Voucher" means giving tax money to churches by writing a government check



TIM RICHARD

that a parent may use at a parochial or private school. Michigan's Constitution flatly prohibits vouchers and parochial (Art. VIII sec. 2).

A Lansing doctor, Paul DeWeese, says openly he's for vouchers and wants to rip that section out of the constitution. Betsy DeVos prefers the Alice in Wonderland phraseology.

"What I've supported for a long time is more choice and more options for families to choose where their children are educated," DeVos said.

Doesn't "choice" mean public money

for private and parochial schools?

"I would not be opposed to it," she said. "When you say public money, we have to remember that all the money comes out of our pockets initially."

How about that? It's not parochial and vouchers but "choice" and "families." It's not public money but "our" money. And I figured when state Treasurer Doug Roberts got his hands on it, it was public money.

DeVos herself brought up the CEO Michigan program in the context of the parochial question, lending some credence to Rep. Berman's suspicion that the true purpose is to sell lawmakers on vouchers.

"I would prefer not to phrase it as 'vouchers.' That term has been tainted somewhat," said DeVos. Tainted? The voters prohibited it in our constitution. Bob Dole uses it.

"What I support is continuing to move toward more choice for families," DeVos added. "The more you introduce competition into that setting and the more you introduce options, the better off we're

going to be in the long run."

When Betsy DeVos uses a word, it means just what she chooses it to mean, even when she borrows terms like "competition" and "choice" from free-market economics.

DeWeese is less skittish. He favors amending the constitution in 1998 to allow vouchers. He sees "charter" schools as a step in that direction. He sees a scholarship program for poor urban kids as another step in that direction.

The pattern is clear: Trash public schools. Call the rules "bureaucratic red tape" and rip 'em up so private schools can qualify. Use state aid to let public high school students take advanced courses at private, sectarian colleges.

Humpty Dumpty calls it choice for families. It's really government money for favored religions.

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

Children need protection

BY ROBERTA COOPER RAMO
GUEST WRITER

A child without adult supervision is a child in peril. The same can be said for children in the juvenile justice system who do not have access to sufficient numbers of properly trained attorneys.

Children today face harsher juvenile court sanctions because the public perception that most juvenile offenders are violent when, in fact, fewer than one-half of 1 percent of the children in our courts are charged with violent crimes.

There is no doubt that some of the children in our justice system have committed terrible acts, and these children can be difficult to reach. However, the vast majority of our country's children first enter the juvenile justice system for property offenses, and are among the most responsive to programs that offer positive role models and alternatives.

We must respond early and decisively where there is hope that juvenile offenders can grow into law-abiding adults. Whatever the offense, all children need adults to intervene for them.

For many young people in trouble, an attorney will be their only source of adult support and guidance. With so much at stake, juvenile defense attorney are the keystone to ensuring that juvenile proceedings are conducted fairly, without prejudice to the young person before the court. Every day there are calls for harsher sentencing laws for young offenders, but little concern for their lives, before we throw them away.

More than 25 years after the Supreme Court guaranteed children in the juvenile justice system the right to an attorney children are still tried and sentenced without "the guiding hand of counsel" to insist on fair and accurate hearings. This is but one glaring finding in the American Bar Association's comprehensive report, "A Call for Justice: An Assessment of Access to Counsel and Quality of Representation in Delinquency Proceedings," which documents the enormous unmet legal needs of children and the many root causes for these inadequacies.

The average caseload of a juvenile public defender is 500 cases per year, yet one-half of public defender offices do not have an in-house training program for new attorneys, and 78 percent do not have a training budget. Although overworked public defenders may find some solace and shared experience among colleagues, the same is not true for many court-appointed lawyers, only 38 percent of whom reported receiving criminal law training for representing indigent juvenile defendants.

GUEST COLUMN

Whether public defender or court-appointed, significant numbers of attorneys report that they frequently cannot meet their clients until they are already before the judge. Often, children are encouraged by judges to waive their right to attorney even though 46 percent of juvenile public defenders stated that the waiver advisory is only "sometimes" or "rarely" as thorough as an advisory given adults. It is not surprising then that children in juvenile court are scared, confused, and mistrustful of proceedings.

In a significant number of cases, parents are not even present during the child's waiver of a right to an attorney, increasing the child's vulnerability.

Once outside the courtroom, these same children lack adequate safety protections and basic medical, educational and counseling services. Where there are sufficient numbers of properly trained attorneys, there is evidence that laws and guidelines meant to protect children to being enforced. "A Call for Justice" found excellent work being done by children's rights advocates across the country, with attorneys providing first-rate legal services at many sites. These programs deliver superior legal services to children with practices that should be uniformly adopted: limited caseloads, comprehensive initial and ongoing training, adequate lawyer support and resources, and hands-on supervision of attorneys. These practices suggest ways legal services to children can be improved so all children receive trained and effective legal counsel.

The juvenile justice system is desperate for attorneys to volunteer their services as legal counsel, instructors or board members. Severe cuts make ever more urgent the need for all attorneys to get involved.

Adults from all walks of life must step forward and vow to positively change the lives of children outside their own families. Citizens must contact their elected officials at all levels of government and demand that sufficient resources be allocated to the juvenile justice system and the services to which our nation's children are entitled.

All adults should let children know that their rights under our Constitution are real, not imaginary.

Roberta Cooper Ramo is president of the American Bar Association.

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Local host family sought for exchange student

Talk about a real "Georgia peach." Medea Skhirtladze, a 17-year-old girl from the Republic of Georgia in the former Soviet Union, surely will sweeten the life of any family willing to host her for the 1996-97 school year. "I think the family will meet a very enthusiastic, friendly teenager," said Gideon Levenbach of Plymouth. Levenbach and his wife Lynne have found host families for 140 students over the last eight years.

They work through Boston-based World Learning Inc., one of the oldest foreign student exchange organizations in the United States. It was founded in 1932. The Levenbachs are hoping Medea will make student number 141. To date, no family has offered to take her in. "This has been a difficult year to find families. It's hard to tell why people haven't wanted to host," said Levenbach. Of one thing Levenbach is certain: Medea's temporary U.S.

homelessness has nothing to do with her lack of charm. On her application, Medea, who has studied English since age 5, describes herself as being "cheerful, faithful and sociable." She enjoys dancing, skiing and swimming, and she has won a championship in artistic gymnastics. Medea also writes for the state-owned newspaper in Tbilisi, her country's capital. Since she has never traveled outside her country before, she will have lots to write about when she returns home. She hopes to

make journalism her career. Levenbach said that besides a loving heart and a willingness to provide transportation to school events, little is required of a host family. They do not have to have an extra bathroom or bedroom. A foreign exchange student can room with an age-appropriate child if necessary. Levenbach said the paybacks for hosting are great. "We hosted a boy from Barcelona nine years ago. We have an ongoing relationship with him. My wife has been to Spain twice, and my

young son Gary and I went to Barcelona Olympics." Out of the 500 students World Learning is sponsoring, the Levenbachs committed to placing 15. Medea is their last placement. Medea tentatively is registered at Plymouth-Canton High School. The Levenbachs would prefer a host family from the school district. However, all offers will be considered. Interested families can call the Levenbachs at 453-0562 or 453-6851.



Needs home: Medea Skhirtladze, is 17. She plans to arrive in mid-August.

Fingerprint system goes high-tech

Being fingerprinted wouldn't be such a dirty business under an electronic system called LiveScan.

Instead of using ink to fingerprint people, the LiveScan system fingerprints electronically.

Wayne County Commissioners recently approved a resolution in support of the new technology and urging the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Information Processing and local police agencies to come up with a plan and funding possibilities for the system within the next 60-90 days.

The sheriff's department currently uses a forerunner of LiveScan called AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System), according to Sheriff Robert Ficano.

"We're trying to bring the criminal justice system into the 21st Century," Ficano said of the plan to get LiveScan.

Crime isn't limited to boundaries or jurisdictions, Ficano said. The ideal will be for all police agencies to be hooked into the same system, he said.

LiveScan's advantages include: high-quality fingerprints, reduced booking times, especially when multiple fingerprint cards are needed; and timely identification of individuals because prints can be transmitted to other sites in minutes, according to the commission's resolution.

About 25 percent of fingerprint cards using ink are rejected by state and federal agencies, according to the resolution. Also under the ink system, it can take 10-14 days to check fingerprints through state, local and federal identification networks, according to the resolution.

RU school chief named to county association

The Wayne County School Superintendents Association, a voluntary association of superintendents from the 34 school districts in the county, has named its officers for the 1996-97 school year.

They are: president, Gary Jackson, Huron School District; vice president, Ken Johnson, Redford Union Schools; secretary-treasurer, Len Rezmierski, Northville Public Schools; past president, Barbara Van Otterloo, Taylor School District.

The association meets monthly during the school year. Members discuss common issues and concerns and share ideas. The meetings are hosted by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency at its educational center in Wayne.

Engler appoints Livonia man to state commission

Kenneth Grabowski of Livonia has been reappointed to the Michigan Justice Training Commission by Gov. John Engler.

The commission supervises the distribution of funds for the in-service training of Michigan criminal justice personnel.

The appointment term expires Dec. 29, 1997.

Grabowski is the legislative director, business agent and executive director of the Police Officers' Association of Michigan. He is reappointed to represent police officers' interests other than administrative or managerial.



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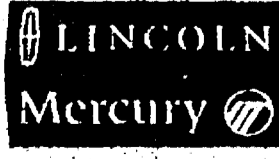
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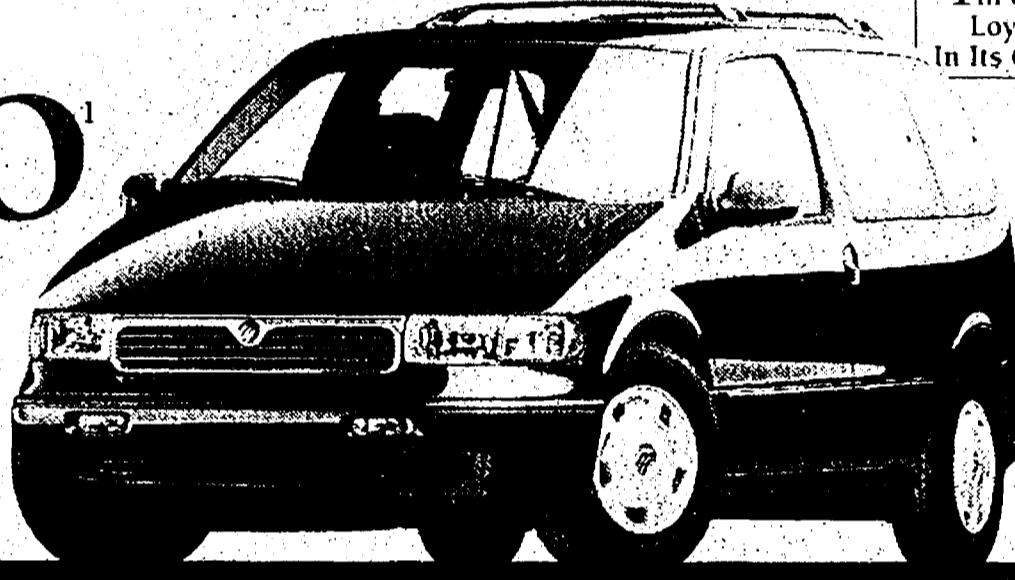


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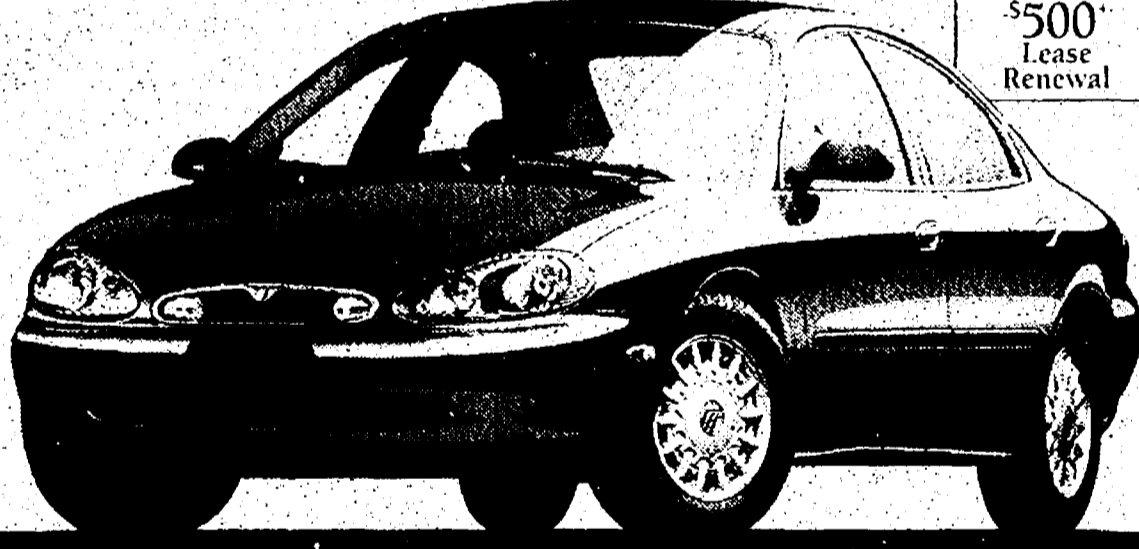
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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Paradise found, a vacation lost

My Summer Vacation-Part 1, or How We Lost Battle with Bertha: It was the start of our week in the tiny village on the big ocean when suddenly we were told to leave. Hurricane Bertha was coming. Now, Part 2. My family of seven held on. For a bit. After all, it'd been two years since we'd had a week to ourselves, as a family, leaving jobs, routines, even scrubbing tile, behind. Like birds who beat their wings and beat their wings, we caught an updraft. Every family needs that, to regenerate together, to soar together.

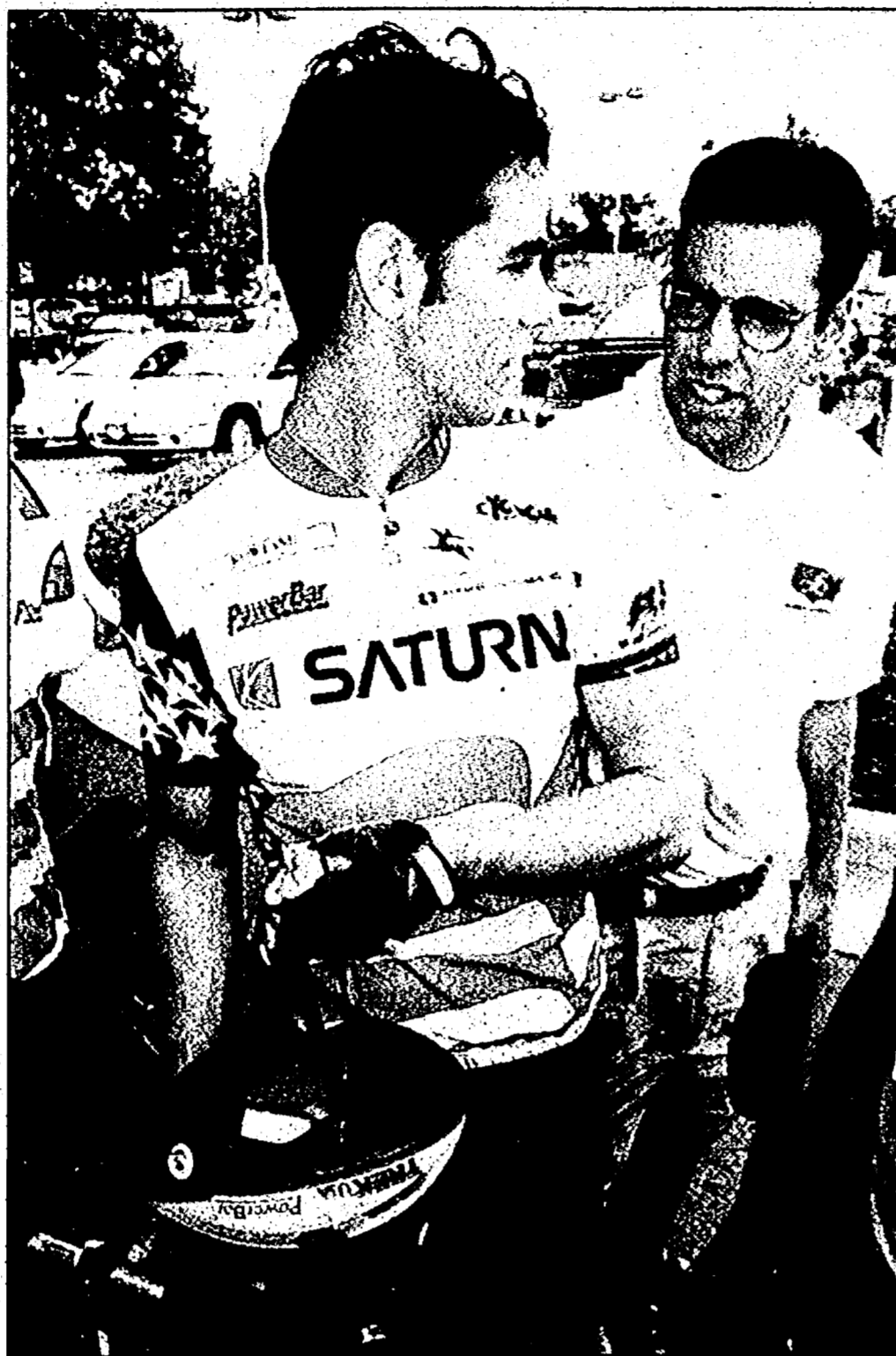
It should be law - minimum one week, every year. Leave it all behind. And notice things - stars, cornfields, cumulus clouds, the faces of those who mean everything to you. No if's, and's, but's about this. Gotta do it.

We had that drive. And we had a Midwestern tornado mind-set. A tornado, y'see, is ugly looking, green skies, torrential rains, maybe wild hail and TV, radio and siren warnings and, you move, immediately, to safety, and then boom, the warning and the danger are over the skies clear, and more often than not, everything's just fine.

This hurricane jazz is way different. The skies are blue, the ocean, too, the smell of pancakes and maple syrup still hangs in the air in the kitchen as you do the breakfast dishes and then a guy in a fire truck tells you to get out of town, off the whole island, now.

This is NOT how we do it in the Midwest. And what about the five remaining nights of

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A good PUSH: Mike Monnette of Redford gets greeted by PUSH America's "Journey of Hope" logistics/community relations manager Brad Mumford of Canton when members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity pedaled into Saturn of Plymouth on Monday. As part of the visit, Jim Vassallo of Plymouth (photo at right) and Ian Strever performed a "Kids on the Block" puppet show about disabilities for Howell Elementary School students.



Riders wheel in on way to D.C.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Like a scene from the Olympics, 20 bicyclists from all over the United States, including two local men, descended upon Saturn of Plymouth.

The stop, one of many for the riders, aimed to raise children's awareness of people with disabilities as part of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity's "The Journey of Hope."

The fraternity members were greeted with a cheer from Saturn employees who then provided beverages and lunch for the red, white and black-clad bicyclists.

A select group of men performed a puppet show, "Kids on the Block," that told stories about people with disabilities for students from Howell Elementary School in Howell. After each skit, the children could

ask questions of the disabled and non-disabled "kids."

"The Journey of Hope" is a 3,500-mile, cross-country bicycle trip that began at the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco on June 9. It ends in Washington, D.C., Aug. 9. Sixty Pi Kappa Phi members were chosen; each was required to raise a minimum of \$4,000.

After cycling the first week together, the team divided into two groups in Nevada. One is following a northern route to the nation's capital while the other is riding through the Southern states.

"The Journey of Hope" is a project of PUSH America, the national outreach project of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Through the work of 145 Pi Kappa Phi chapters at colleges and universities, PUSH America serves people with disabilities by donating and building adaptive equipment, through educational programs, and

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A book lover's bonanza



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Kids' corner: Carol Davis (left) of Plymouth Township and Mildred Kladzyk of Canton enjoy looking through the children's books that will be sold at the American Association of University Women of Plymouth's ultimate book sale Thursday, Aug. 8, at West Middle School.

AAUW says 'bag it' for 2 bucks

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Need a good book to read? How about two? Better yet, how about a bagful?

That's what the American Association of University Women of Plymouth is offering at its ultimate cleanout book sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth Township.

In exchange for \$2, book-lovers will be given a grocery bag to fill with as many books as they can.

Interested in psychology? History? Diet and exercise? Cookbooks? Maybe mystery or science fiction? The AAUW has plenty of everything, sorted by categories and arranged on shelves and tables, to make shopping easier.

"We're loaded with some wonderful books," said AAUW member Aj Hallerman. "We have some Stephen King books that look like one per-

son opened them up, read them once and closed them."

The group is well-known for its annual used book sale that raised an estimated \$5,000 yearly for scholarships for women from the local community, especially women returning to school.

The sale got its start at Westland Center, but lost its space at the mall a few years ago and used vacant classroom space provided by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. But shortly after last year's sale at the Starkweather Center, the group found out it would have to move because the space occupied was needed for students.

With the help of the principal of West Middle School, an AAUW member, the group moved to a former shop room, transforming it into a mini library to meet the needs of used book shoppers.

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It also switched to a monthly book sale and opened in conjunction with the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority's craft show last October. The sale brought in \$500 which, Hallerman says, lulled the group into a false sense of success.

Books normally sell for \$1 for hardcovers and 50 cents for paperbacks. Children's books are half that at 50 cents for hardcovers and 25 cents for paperbacks.

With the monthly sales, the association is taking in about \$200 a month, "so we're off, but when you think that at \$1 and 50 cents a book, when you think about how many books that is

that go out the door..."

But those numbers may be matched by those donated each week. And it is the members who volunteer their time to sort through the books and arranging by category and subject.

"So when you come in, you only have to look at what you're interested in," Hallerman said. "We literally have thousands of books; we have at least 12 boxes donated each week that we go through."

Word of mouth, some fliers the group mailed out, a sign out front of the school, and newspaper announcements have helped bring people in for the monthly

sales, held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Thursday of the month. And plans are in the works to add evening hours next year.

Members plan to have fliers, announcing upcoming book sale dates, available at the August sale and at their used paperback book booth during the annual Plymouth Fall Festival in September.

As it now stands, the association's goal is to team up with the Friends of the Plymouth Library in offering the used book sale, but that's on hold while the library's Main Street facility is being rebuilt. The library has relocated temporarily to the

vacant Farmer Jack storefront.

"People have had a hard time finding us, so we need a more permanent location," Hallerman said. "Last year, when we had the annual sale, we had no idea we would have to move."

"The Plymouth-Canton schools have been very helpful in keeping us afloat."

People interested in donating books can drop them off at the temporary Plymouth District Library - "We call it the Farmer Jack branch."

For more information, call Hallerman at (313) 420-2965.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Pack-Cunningham

Harvey and Carole Pack of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Naomi Ann, to Scott Lee Cunningham, the son of Phillip and Patricia Cunningham of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 Westland John Glenn High School graduate and a 1992 Eastern Michigan University graduate. She earned a doctor of optometry degree from Ferris State University College of Optometry in 1996. She is a doctor of optometry at First Optometry in Westland.

Her fiancé is a 1988 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate and a 1994 Eastern Michigan University graduate. He is employed as a customer service representative with AAA in



Dearborn.

An August wedding is planned at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Barron-Loftis

Bill and Dorothy Barron of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Therese, to Kenneth Paul Loftis of Livonia, son of Ray and Paulette Loftis of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is a full time student at Eastern Michigan University majoring in journalism, minoring in clothing and textiles.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in criminal justice.

An August wedding is planned



at Ridge Road Church of Christ in Ypsilanti.

Klei-Merritt

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Klei of Mikado, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Elizabeth, to Tracy Merritt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Merritt of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lutheran High School Northwest. Her fiancé is a graduate of Redford Union High School.

An October wedding is planned at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



Carrier-Thompson

Diane and David Wingfield of Canton and Richard Carrier of Belleville announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rachelle Anne Carrier, to John Wesley Thompson III of Baldwinsville, N.Y., the son of Dr. John Wesley Thompson Jr. of Onset, Mass., and A.L. Coulter of Lady Lake, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a master of business administration degree from the University of Notre Dame. She is currently a senior consultant with Delouette and Touche Consultants group.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Rice University with a bachelor of arts degree and a master's in accounting. He is currently working as a consultant with Barn and Company. He is attending Harvard University



School of Business where he is a candidate for a master of business administration degree in the fall.

An August wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Phillips-Drury

Raymond and Bonnie Phillips of Redford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Lynn, to Eric Vincent Drury, the son of Sharlene Drury of Redford, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drury of Southfield.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Redford Union High School and a graduate of the Virginia Farrell Beauty School. She is employed as a hair stylist at Fantastic Sam's.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate Bishop Borgess High School and a student at Detroit College of Business. He is employed as a retail manager with the Kinney Shoe Corp.

An October wedding is planned at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livonia.



Omell-Cryer

Helen Joyce Omell of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Patricia Ann, to Douglas William Cryer, the son of William and Margaret Cryer of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Michigan.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia. She is employed by Sunshine Honda in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Dearborn's Edsel Ford High School and Henry Ford Community College. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at ALNM, Inc., in Ann Arbor.

An October wedding is



planned for Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

Galea-Berry

Kenneth and Roxanne Eaves of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann Galea, to Trace Anthony Berry, the son of Renee Steele of Redford and Cliff Berry of Mesick, Mich.

The bride-to-be is in her final term at the Detroit College of Business. She is employed as a financial analyst with Rock Financial.

Her fiancé is majoring in computer programming at Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a dynotech with Roush Racing.

An August wedding is planned for Covenant Community Church.



Sorensen-Tatro

Richard and Karon Sorensen of Aurora, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn H., to Edward R. Tatro, the son of Ross and Toni Tatro of Fenton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Metropolitan State College in Denver.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

A September wedding is planned in Denver.



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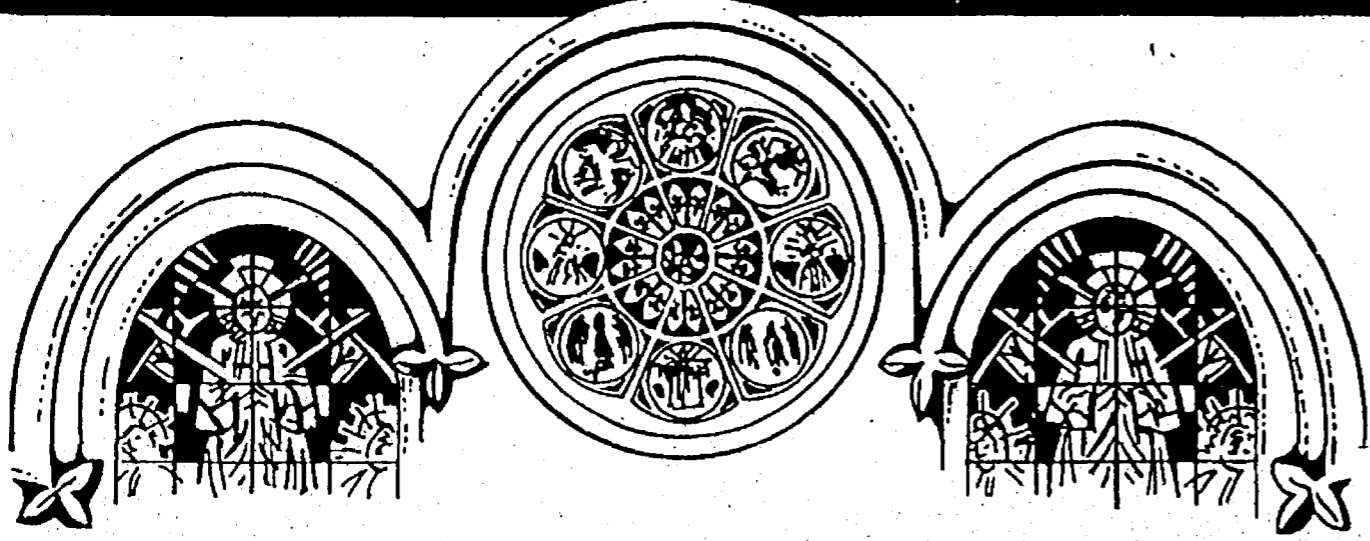
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NEW BEGINNINGS
Warren Gilbert Will speak on "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The group is for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one. It meets year-round at the church. For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (810) 380-7903 or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

RUMMAGE SALE
Prince of Peace of Lutheran Church will have its annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 1-2, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, Westland. The sale is co-sponsored by AAL No. 1733, with proceeds to benefit local charities.

SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries will have Dr. Libby Thomas as its speaker for its First Friday program Aug. 2 at Ward Presbyterian Church, Farmington at Six Mile roads, Livonia. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with Thomas's lecture, "Changing the Ones We Love ... By Changing Yourself," 8-10 p.m. in Knox Hall.



In concert: Christian performer Mary Lewis will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Lewis relies on her experience in counseling, teaching and ministering as a wife of Nazarene pastor to offer a message of hope. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-1525.



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IN CONCERT
The John Lee Choraleers featuring gospel recording artist Harold Holloway and Co. will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Marygrove College, McNichols and Wyoming, Detroit. Tickets are \$15 and available at God's World, W. Seven Mile and Schaefer, or by calling (810) 569-4316. The concert is presented by the John Lee Foundation, a non-profit organization established to raise funds for charitable purposes while lifting the human spirit through the singing of gospel music.

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SUMMER WORSHIP
New Life Lutheran Church, a developing congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will have Pastor Howard Bucholz of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Casco, Mich., as its guest pastor at the 8:30 a.m. traditional worship and 10 a.m. alternative worship Sunday, Aug. 4. A children's message and supervised activities area for small children will be offered at both services. The congregation worships temporarily at the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, Plymouth. For more information, call Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

HISPANIC CHURCH
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CAMPFIRE SERVICES
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FLEA MARKET
Good Shepherd Reformed Church will have a lawn flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at the church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table space is \$20. To reserve spot, call Linda at (313) 722-4763 or (313) 721-0304.

LIFE CHAIN
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Zonta raises \$25,000 for First Step

First Step, western Wayne County's domestic violence program, is \$25,000, thanks to the Zonta Club of Farmington-Nov. The club recently presented First Step executive director Judy Ellis with a check for \$25,000, representing the proceeds from its annual fashion show at Laurel Park Place's Parisian department store. This is the second year the club has teamed up with Parisian for the benefit. Last year's inaugural event raised \$16,500 for First Step.

The club has pledged to donate the profits from the fashion show and other fund raisers throughout the year to First

Step.

"The support, advocacy and crisis intervention services that First Step provides to the women and men of Wayne County make it the ideal recipient of our support," said Teri Tate, club president.

In addition to providing shelter for battered women and their children, First Step offers such community based services as support groups, court advocacy and a 24-hour-a-day on-call rape survivor advocacy.

"We provide Wayne County many essential programs on a shoestring budget," said Ellis. "We couldn't do it without volunteer and community support

from such groups as the Zonta Club of Farmington-Nov.

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women.

The Zonta Club of Farmington-Nov. was chartered two years ago with the main goal of providing financial and volunteer support for First Step. In addition to fund raising, club members donate their time for such activities as decorating rooms at the shelter, making children's birthday packets, and training to be rape survival advocates.

Book sale from page 1B

It also switched to a monthly book sale and opened in conjunction with the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority's craft show last October. The sale brought in \$500 which, Hallerman says, lulled the group into a false sense of success.

Books normally sell for \$1 for hardcovers and 50 cents for paperbacks. Children's books are half that at 50 cents for hardcovers and 25 cents for paperbacks.

With the monthly sales, the association is taking in about \$200 a month, "so we're off, but when you think that at \$1 and 50 cents a book, when you think about how many books that is that go out the door ..."

But those numbers may be matched by those donated each week. And it is the members who volunteer their time to sort through the books and arranging

by category and subject.

"So when you come in, you only have to look at what you're interested in," Hallerman said. "We literally have thousands of books; we have at least 12 boxes donated each week that we go through."

Word of mouth, some fliers the group mailed out, a sign out front of the school and newspaper announcements have helped bring people in for the monthly sales, held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Thursday of the month. And plans are in the works to add evening hours next year.

Members plan to have fliers, announcing upcoming book sale dates, available at the August sale and at their used paperback book booth during the annual Plymouth Fall Festival in September.

As it now stands, the associa-

tion's goal is to team up with Friends of the Plymouth Library in offering the used book sale, but that's on hold while the library's Main Street facility is being rebuilt. The library has relocated temporarily to the vacant Farmer Jack storefront.

"People have had a hard time finding us, so we need a more permanent location," Hallerman said. "Last year, when we had the annual sale, we had no idea we would have to move."

"The Plymouth-Canton schools have been very helpful in keeping us afloat."

People interested in donating books can drop them off at the temporary Plymouth District Library - "We call it the Farmer Jack branch." For more information, call Hallerman at (313) 420-2965.

Bicyclists from page 1B

by promoting volunteerism on college campuses.

Jim Vassallo, 22, of Plymouth, one of the puppeteers, can't decide what he enjoys the most about the trip.

"There's different dimensions to it," said the Bowling Green State University student. "There's the riding bikes part. It's a challenge. There's the lifelong friendships I've made with the guys on the team. Then there's all the visits that we do."

"That's a nice dimension of the trip. The kids are expecting you to arrive and that makes you want to bike harder."

The group cycles an average of 75 miles per day and ends the day's ride by providing educational programs or participating in awareness events in the host community.

While Vassallo said he trained by riding 400 miles in Hines Park, Redford resident Michael Monnette, 21, of the University of Toledo said he didn't train

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Jim Vassallo

nearly as much as he should have.

"I got into shape the first week of the trip. It was pretty hard but I got through it," he said. It also helped to have 24 other bicyclists pushing him.

Monnette was inspired to participate in the event by his 2-year-old nephew Aaron Chwick, who, as a result of a blood clot, had his arm amputated above the elbow when he was 9 days old, and his girlfriend's 7-year-old cousin, who is mildly retarded.

During the trip, the cyclists have stayed in YMCAs, hotels, town halls and schools. Some accommodations were so bare bones that the cyclists had to shower with a fire hose, said Canton resident Brad Mumford, the 22-year-old logistics/community relations manager for the trip.

For their southeastern Michigan stops, the YMCA in Ann Arbor and the Drury Inn, Courtyard by Marriott and the Marriott, all in Troy, provided accommodations.

Some, like Mumford, Monnette and Vassallo, got a good night's sleep at home.

Overall, Vassallo said, he's impressed with the reception Saturn dealerships, one of the group's sponsors, have given them.

"These people are incredible. The reception they've all given us makes us all want to go out and buy a Saturn after this summer," he said.

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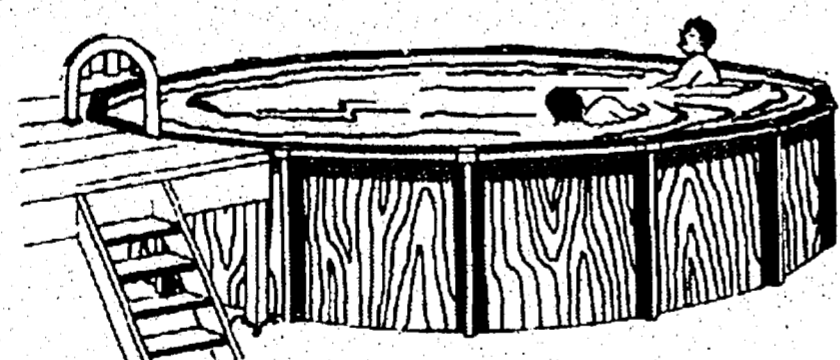
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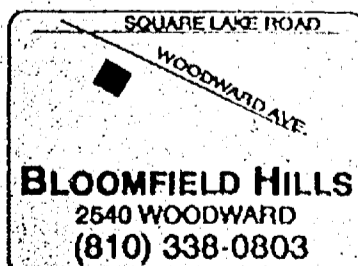
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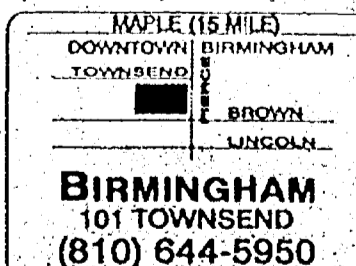
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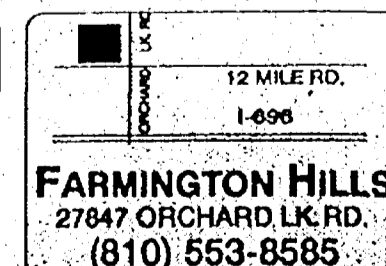
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Anderson makes grade

Westland's Ryan Anderson, 17, who will be a senior this fall at Dearborn Divine Child, is a member of USA Junior Olympic team that will compete Aug. 9-16 in Sancti Spiritus, Cuba.

The 6-foot-10, 210-pound Anderson, who survived the cut of 48 candidates (July 20-29 in Joplin, Mo.), is the only Michigan member of the squad.

The 18-player squad will begin training today in Jacksonville, Fla. with series of exhibition games, Aug. 3-7, including dates with Panama, the Ottawa Nationals, Nicaragua and the Jacksonville All-Stars.

On Aug. 8, the team will fly out of Jacksonville to Cuba where 12 national teams from around the world will play.

Preliminary games pits the 17-18 year-old American squad against Panama, Italy, Korea, Venezuela and Brazil. The semifinals are Aug. 15 with the bronze and gold medal games set for Aug. 16.

Flat Rock racing

Area drivers made their presence known Saturday night at the America Race Car Association event at Flat Rock Speedway.

In the 30-lap ARCA Late Model Feature, Westland's Steve Cronenwett, who took the pole in 11:84, finished fourth overall.

In the ARCA Figure 8s, Mark Pace of Westland was heat winner.

Westland's Mark Pace was sixth in the 20-lap ARCA Figure 8 feature. Jerry Lee, Jr. of Canton was seventh and Garden City's Billy Stapleton was ninth.

In the ARCA Street Stocks, Mike Jaynes of Livonia won his heat, while Paul Hahn of Farmington Hills took the dash.

In the 20-lap A Main Feature, Hahn finished fifth, while the Redford duo of Tom Selmi and Rich Frantz finished sixth and seventh, respectively.

Hahn ranks second overall in the season point standings.

Gridder Curl gets early jump

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Eric Curl has some unfinished business left as a high school football player.

The 6-foot-3, 255-pound offensive tackle from Livonia Stevenson will play in Saturday's 16th annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game scheduled for 1:35 p.m. Saturday at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

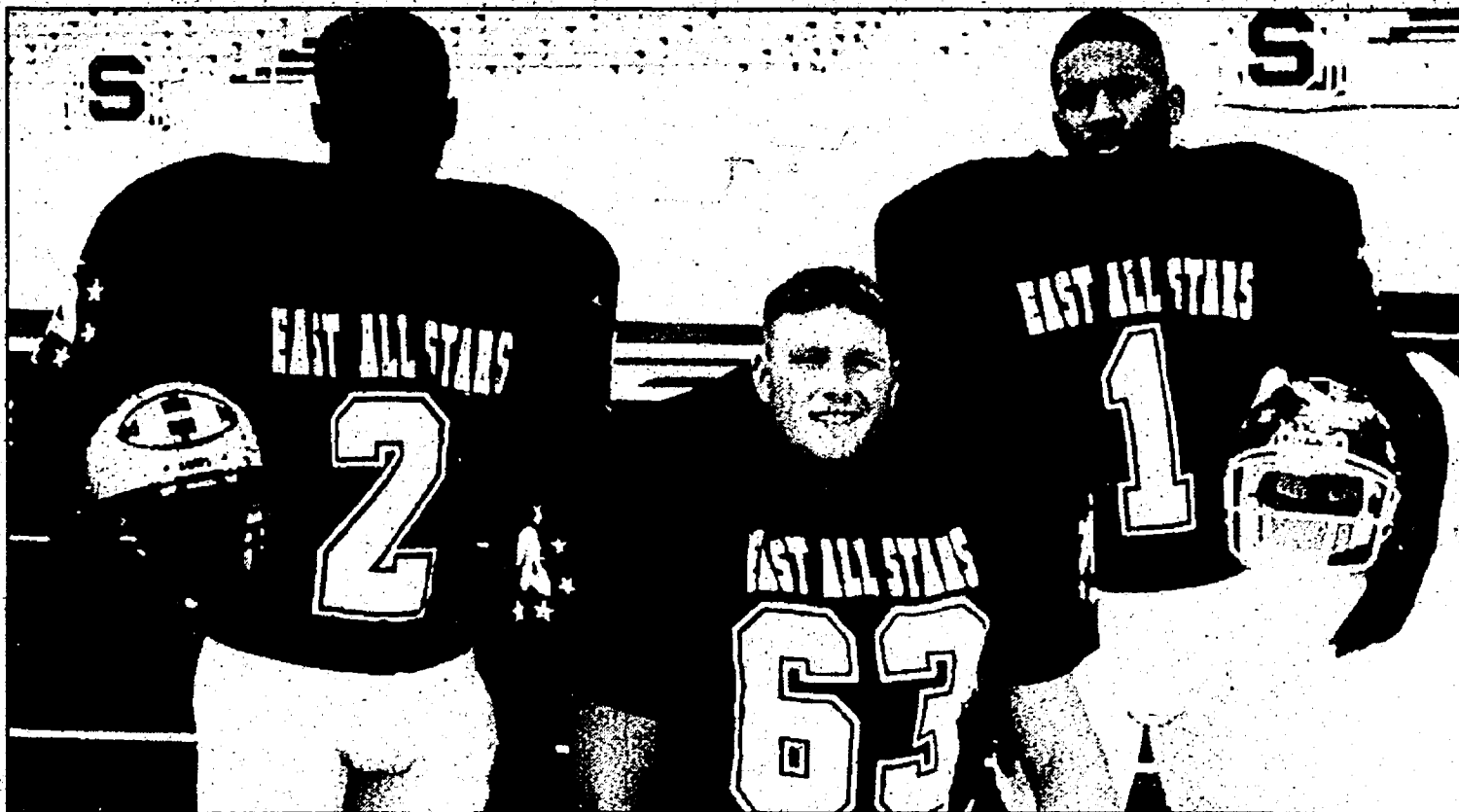
Following the game, Curl will report Monday to Bowling Green (Ohio) State University for preseason practice.

The extra week of preparation will be a great benefit for Curl, a first-team All-Observer pick who helped Stevenson to a 7-3 record and a berth last fall in the state Class AA playoffs.

"I'm up 10 to 14 pounds this summer, around 255, 260, but I still feel I'm quick and moving well," said Curl, whose father Ron was an All-America center during the early 1970s at Michigan State University (site of the All-Star game). "It's tough learning all the plays in just one week. There's a lot of trapping and sweeps, but I feel like I'm in good shape. This will help my stamina."

Curl has been working out nearly four hours per day along with former Stevenson teammate Chris Arsenault, while juggling a 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. summer job on the greens crew at Meadowbrook Country Club.

The East squad also includes three other players from the Western Lakes Activities Association including wide receiver Jason Granger (Farmington Hills Harrison), who will attend Eastern



All-Stars ready: Livonia Stevenson offensive tackle Eric Curl (center) is flanked by a pair of speedsters, East teammates Jason Granger (left) of Farmington Hills Harrison and Phil Martin of Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Michigan; tailback Jake Siskosky (Farmington), headed for Ferris State; and wide receiver Ron Hunter (Plymouth Canton), who is a preferred walk-on at MSU.

Curl is rooming with Calvin Jones, a defensive back from Detroit Central.

"All are nice guys. There are no big heads," Curl said. "We have a lot of great individuals, but nobody acts as an individual. It's a good team concept."

"So far it's been a blast. It's kind of cool hearing about guys from other high schools."

Curl is also getting an early indoctrination in college football.

"The pace is very quick, things happen a lot faster, but I'm getting used to it," he said. "Everybody is real good. We have a couple of running backs, Ian Gold (Belleville) and Dion Grubbs (Detroit Cooley), who can really cut and move. It was tough getting used to their speed, but I'm getting my steps down."

Three-a-day practices, including one in full pads, have been spirited.

"There's been some vicious hit-

ting between the offense and the defense, there's a lot of pride on the line but after scrimmaging we're all friends," said Curl, who will also perform his specialty as a long snapper. "This team is really together."

The East squad will visit a Lansing-area children's hospital today and take part in the All-Star banquet Friday night at the Lansing Center.

All-Star game tickets are \$7 per person at the gate.

The East leads the West in the series, 8-7.

Livonia Travel rolls

Livonia Travel completed its job over the weekend, winning three straight games to capture the National Amateur Baseball Federation Mickey Mantle age (15-16 year-olds) regional championship at Plymouth Salem.

Coach Bill Rabe's squad will take a 41-9 record into today's NABF World Series at Northville High School. Livonia Travel will take on Spokane, Wash. in the opener at noon. The eight-team field also includes teams from Cleveland, Ohio; Austin, Tex.; Baltimore, Md.; St. Louis, Mo.; Lexington, Ky.; and Long Island, N.Y.

A 6-4 triumph Sunday over the Fort Wayne Braves carried Livonia in the championship final.

"This has been an incredible weekend," Rabe said. "It's every player's goal to say that they had played in a World Series."

"This team consists of 12 players who take the game very seriously. The nucleus of this team has been together for five years. We start our outdoor workouts in November. The players deserve all the credit for their tireless commitment to the game."

BASEBALL

Livonia erased a 2-0 second-inning deficit with three runs in the bottom of the third on doubles by Derek Fox and Nick Falvo, along with males by Chris Woodruff and Bob Malek.

Fort Wayne tied it in the fourth, but Livonia countered with a pair of runs in the fifth as Mark Mink double, Woodruff walked and Falvo singled both runners home.

Falvo, a pick-up player from the South Farmington Blues, finished 3-for-4 on the day with three RBI.

Fort Wayne answered with a run in the top sixth, but Livonia closed out the scoring with a run in the bottom of the inning on a double by Woodruff and a single by Casey Rogowski.

Dale Hayes was the winning pitcher, tossing a six-hitter and walking only three over seven innings.

"Hayes had a tough outing earlier in the week, but really showed what type of competitor he is," Rabe said. "He wanted to start the championship game

and battled every hitter."

In the semifinal, Livonia downed Monticello, Ind., 10-2, as Charlie Avery pitched five strong innings and gave up just three walks and two hits in picking up the victory.

Justin Draughn worked the final two innings.

Roy Rabe led Livonia Travel's offensive attack, going 2-for-3 with three RBI. Fox added two hits and two RBI, while Malek also collected a pair of hits.

On Saturday, Livonia defeated the Michigan Lakes Area Rams, 9-2, as Fox was the winning pitcher and Mike Fisher collected three hits.

Falvo and Fox each added two hits.

"The Rams are a very strong ballclub," Rabe said. "We lost to them earlier in the season at home, and we really felt as if we had something to prove. It was honestly the only game in the last three years that we embarrassed ourselves in. We put it behind us and went back to work."

Livonia also scored wins over Buffalo, N.Y. (12-4) and Tennessee Sausage of Utica (12-8).

Ryan star among All-Stars

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Greg Ryan had a memorable night, leading the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League All-Stars to an 11-9 victory over Adray DeSana in an exhibition game Sunday night at Livonia's Ford Field.

Ryan, who just completed his freshman season at Eastern Michigan University after starring as a prep at Dearborn Divine Child, went 4-for-4 and nearly hit for the cycle.

The first baseman/outfielder from second-place Dublison Consultants, Inc., clubbed a fifth-inning grand slam, a double and pair of singles in the LCBL win.

Chris Kirian of first-place Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury, added a three-run homer. Shortstop Brian Kalczynski of Hines Park contributed a pair of doubles.

LCBL All-Star coaches Dave

Carroll and Gary Pierce, both of Hines Park, used five different pitchers against the Class A team from Wyandotte including starter Mark Fleming (Hines Park), who hurled two scoreless innings to pick up the win.

DCI pitchers Joel Hillebrand and Mitch Jabczynski split the next four innings, giving up a total of five runs.

Joel Fabris (DCI) pitched a scoreless seventh, while Brian Reynolds (Hines Park) came on to work the final two innings. He was the victim of three errors, giving up four runs, including three in the eighth, all unearned.

DeSana's Mike Giacomantonio led DeSana's 10-hit attack, going 3-for-5 with a pair of homers.

In the home run derby contest prior to the game, ex-Hines Park player Heath Fowler beat out Jason Rice (DCI) for the title.

Meanwhile, Hines Park leaves Aug. 9 for Johnstown, Pa. for the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament for teams 20-and-under.

Pierce has three openings on his roster, tabbing Kevin Uzarski, a left-handed hitting outfielder and pitcher from Little Caesars, along with Hillebrand, a right-hander from Madonna University.

He is awaiting word on Ryan, who can play center or first.

AAABA first-round action begins Saturday, Aug. 10 with eight games.

Hines Park plays DeSana in a nine-inning exhibition game, beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday at Ford Field.

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Chall captures state Maxfli

It's been quite a summer on the golf links for Westland's Evan Chall, but the best could be yet to come.

Shooting an 81, Chall captured the Boys 13-and-under division July 25 at the state Maxfli Junior Tournament held at Millham Park in Kalamazoo.

The event attracted the top 40 qualifiers in each age group.

The 6-foot, 135-pound Chall, who will be an eighth-grader this fall at Frost Middle School in Livonia, has turned in several other outstanding performances this summer including two victories on the Michigan Power-Bilt Junior Tour.

Chall shot an 81 on July 16 at Huron Golf Club and an 83 on June 25 at the Par-Stats Tourney at Forest Akers West in East Lansing.

He also took a second with an 85 in the Sun Mountain Junior Classic, July 15 at the University of Michigan Varsity Course.

Chall added a third place finish, June 21 in the Etonic Junior Classic, by carding identical 83s on the Tree Tops (Fazio Course) and Michawye Pines.

In the Junior Sectional qualifier for all age groups on June 20, Chall tied for third alternate with a 79 at Plum Brook in Sterling Heights.

"I've tried to improve my putting and short game this summer, and I'm just trying to be more consistent," said Chall, who plans to enter six more

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junior tournaments this summer including a Friday event at Kensington. "I owe a lot of my success to the people at Fellows Creek (where his dad Dennis is a teaching pro). They've been very generous in giving me plenty of practice time."

• In the Boys 14-15 age category at the State Junior Maxfli, Chris Tompkins, who will be a sophomore at Westland John Glenn, finished second with a two-day total of 156/75-81, one stroke behind Hartland's Derek Arnett.

Tompkins was the top Maxfli qualifier with a 78, June 25 at the Woodlands in Van Buren Township.

Higham takes 3rd

Livonia Churchill High's Dave Higham, who earned exempt status among the field of 78 players for this week's 18th annual Golf Association of Michigan Junior Boys Championships, finished in a three-way tie for third place with a three-round total 226 (77-74-75) at Forest Akers West.

The winner of GAM Junior, Danny Janson of Grand Rapids, who shot 222 (70-76-76), along with the Michigan PGA Maxfli Junior champion, receive automatic invitations to represent the state in the 32nd annual Williamston Cup matches, Aug. 14 at Scotch Valley Country

Club in Altoona, Pa.

The Cup matches pit four-man teams from nine U.S. and Canadian golf associations, along with France.

Avon Junior placers

Redford Catholic Central High's Brandon DiPaola of Plymouth finished runner-up in the Boys 16-and-up division during Monday's Avon Golf Grips Junior Championships at the Orchards in Washington.

DiPaola shot a 74, one stroke behind Woodhaven's Mike Reabe, who carded a 73.

Livonians Chris Kiehler and Gary Kraus, both of Livonia Churchill High, each shot 76 to tie for fourth place.

In the Girls 14-15 age bracket, Livonian Katie McDonald was third with a 99.

Amanda Pettit of Clinton Township was first with a 78.

Beevers wins title

Jamison Beevers, who will be

a senior this fall at Wayne Memorial High School, carded an impressive 1-over 72 to win the Downriver Junior Championship July 7 at Taylor Meadows.

He is coached during the high school season by Dennis Chall.

Livonia women 1st

Patricia Murray took low gross honors with a 77 and JoAnne McVicar was low net with a 62 in the first flight of the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop July 26 at Hartland Glen.

Both Murray and McVicar are from Livonia.

In the second flight, Mary Gene Stefanac of Dearborn won low gross with an 84, while Mary Allen of Wayne was low net with a 65.

Wayne's Pat Henke won low gross in the third flight with a 94. Jean Rudolph of Novi was low net with a 66.

Goldminer's Gold wins Breeders Cup

Goldminer's Gold captured Saturday's \$100,000 Breeders Cup Sprint, a 6-furlong race held Saturday at Ladbroke DRC in Livonia.

Leading jockey T.D. Houghton continued his hot pace by riding the winner. Houghton rode six winners during Friday's card.

The winning time was 1 minute, 9 seconds.

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'Caring program' helped mom get health coverage for kids

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
STAFF WRITER

When Linda Shaffer's husband died six months after being diagnosed with leukemia, she paid for health insurance coverage for her two children — Zachary, now age 13, and his sister, Olivia, 11.

But after one year "I couldn't any longer, so the children went without any coverage for one year."

"I couldn't let Zachary play any sports for fear of injury," said Shaffer, 47, who lives with her children on the outskirts of Lake Orion.

Fortunately in the fall of 1991, Shaffer's mother saw a brief newspaper article calling attention to a new plan known as Caring Program for Children, serving more than 600 children in Wayne County and 440 from Oakland County, providing health coverage for children without insurance. Covered were office visits and prescriptions, with a deductible, and some

tests. In-patient hospitalization was not covered.

The program — and, according to Shaffer, the way staff members went out of their way to help the family — proved invaluable. The children were admitted to the program in February 1992 after being on the waiting list for a brief period.

Helping to supplement the Caring Program for Children coverage for Zachary's needs, staff members — on their own time — contacted service organizations which provided funding, Shaffer said.

"If you have insurance, you take it for granted," said Shaffer, who isn't working. "If I took a full-time job, there's a good possibility he wouldn't be covered because of (exclusions for) pre-existing conditions. Right now the priority is that he needs medical coverage."

Also helping to promote the cause is a group called Women's Caring Program, which recently sponsoring a garden party fundraiser. The benefit supplemented

■ A total of \$5.1 million was spent on medical services for Caring Program youngsters, according to a Blues report card on the program during the five-year period. During that time, 13,000 children were enrolled in the Caring Program and 12,000 were directed to other free health care programs.

corporate donations that keep the Caring Program for Children in operation.

To sponsor the cost of medical care for one child for two months is \$80, four months is \$160 or a full year is \$476. For further information, call Melissa Cragg at (313) 745-9004.

The fundraiser draw 150 women for an evening of food and spirits provided by Diamond Jim Brady's chef Mary Brady, flute music, Peg's Silent Auction and a mentoring program.

Last year the event raised \$25,000 for the children in the health insurance program statewide, for which Blue Cross-

Blue Shield provides administrative services at no cost.

Other corporate donors include the Skillman Foundation (more than \$1 million), United Way, Blue Cross foundation, Blue Cross-Blue Shield employees and Crest Toothpaste. Federal funding also was used to support the program, but further contributions are needed, according to Helen Stojic of Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

Guidelines regulate who can be admitted. Children must be under age 19, be unmarried residents of the state, the family must have an income level limit of 180 percent of federal poverty

rules, and not have access to other health care.

For instance, some have come to the program not being aware they were eligible for Medicaid, explained Donna Ionas, coordinator of the Caring Program for Children. "The state doesn't do any marketing (about Medicaid), so they aren't aware it's available and we act as a referral source," she said.

Ionas added that the program is not only directed toward the unemployed but for the "working poor" as well who might have no insurance from their employers, and who might have to pay premiums of \$1,000 a month if they did seek insurance coverage.

Once a child is admitted to the program, he/she is enrolled for one year, as long as income and other conditions remain the same. Then parents must reapply for admission to the program, which was modeled after a similar program in western Pennsylvania. That program began, Ionas said, after parents lost their jobs when mines shut

down. The program benefits not only children but the entire community. Stojic said that if children get health care now, they will be less chronically ill when they become adults.

The program also helps keep health care costs down by providing care before a child becomes so critically ill he/she needs to be admitted to an emergency room.

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To keep the program going, further donations from corporate and individual sponsors are needed. To make a donation, call (313) 225-7975.

Children's home seeks area foster families

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Nickol named senior VP



Sandra J. Nickol

Sandra J. Nickol has been promoted to senior vice president of retail mortgage originations for Republic Bancorp Mortgage headquartered in Farmington Hills.

Her new responsibilities include loan production, product development, advertising/marketing and sales training. Nickol, a Plymouth resident, began her career at Republic as a senior loan officer. She's also served as retail sales manager and sales training director.

Haner joins RE/MAX



Gary Haner

Gary Haner, a Clarkston resident, has joined the real estate office of RE/MAX Today in that community as a sales associate.

Haner, former Clarkston schools superintendent, also is involved with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, the Clarkston Downtown Development Authority and the Clarkston Optimist Club.

Casai heads Detroit AIA

Tim Casai, AIA, a Bloomfield Hills resident, has become president of American Institute of Architects-Detroit.

Casai, a vice president with TMP Associates in Bloomfield Hills, has been a member of the design team for 20 years and currently directs the project management operation.

A University of Michigan graduate, he was named Young Architect of the Year in 1987 by the local professional association.

AIA Detroit's 1996 leadership team also includes Andrew Vazzano, Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Detroit, vice president/president elect; Herbert Jensen, Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer, Troy, secretary; and James Meredith, Giffels Associates, Southfield, treasurer.

Directors include Harry Diamond, Giffels, Hoyem, Basso, Troy; Eric Hill, the Albert Kahn Collaborative, Detroit; and Brooke Smith, Kessler Associates, Detroit.

Paul Stachowiak, Giffels, Hoyem, Basso, past president, also is on the board of directors.

REAL ESTATE



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Moving expense: It generally costs, one way or another, for buyers and sellers to relocate their possessions.

Get out the checkbook at sale

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

There's more to buying a house, financially speaking, than winning pre-mortgage approval and coming up with a down payment.

There's more to selling, financially speaking, than paying off the mortgage and the sales commission and taking off.

That isn't always clear to buyers and sellers.

"Generally speaking, the average home buyer or seller, unless they've done this very frequently, is not aware of expenses involved in the transaction," said Mike Lubig, chief residential mortgage lending officer for Standard Federal Bank in Troy.

"There's more to it than meets the eye, that's for sure," Lubig added.

From the buyer's perspective, fees generally required to obtain a mortgage including application fee, which can range from \$250 to \$300; property appraisal, \$250-\$300; survey, \$100; credit report, \$50; recording fee, \$25-\$30; flood insurance determination, \$20; and closing/service fee, \$350-\$400.

That totals out to \$1,200 using the high-end numbers.

Then there's points, a fee charged by a lender to obtain a more-favorable mortgage rate. A point is one percent of the money borrowed.

Points can be paid up front, but more commonly are rolled into the mortgage. Two points, typical on mortgages here, would amount to \$2,000 on a \$100,000 house loan.

Buyers can avoid points and mort-

gage processing fees, Lubig said, but should expect their mortgage rate to be at least one percentage point higher for going that route.

What buyers can't avoid is title insurance and homeowners insurance.

Title insurance, which protects the lender's interest in the property, is based on a sliding scale depending on the loan amount. The cost would be about \$200 on a \$100,000 mortgage, Lubig said.

Homeowners insurance, which protects the buyer from losses due to weather, theft and fire plus personal injury claims, can cost several hundred dollars.

"I think the important thing, especially for a first-time buyer, is to pick an agent willing to take the time to explain the basics of a package," said Diane Wilbur, a State Farm agent in Bloomfield Hills.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves a bit.

A purchase offer usually is contingent upon a favorable home inspection report.

"Inspections sometimes are able to find problems that aren't noticeable to people not trained," said Liz Guzanek, office manager for American Inspection in Clarkston. "In this case, purchasers may be able to negotiate for a lower price."

American Inspection charges on square footage basis. An inspection on an 1,800-square-foot house would run \$255.

"Basically, the inspector checks all major systems - electrical, plumbing,

hot water tank, furnace," Guzanek said. "They'll start on the outside, inspect the roof, windows, concrete. They go in the attic and check ventilation, go in the basement and check the foundation, walls."

Let's not forget about utilities. Ameritech charges a \$42 connection fee per line, even if you can keep the same telephone number.

"We suggest customers call us two weeks in advance," said Sara Snyder, Ameritech spokeswoman.

Detroit Edison charges a \$5 new account fee for moves, said Lorie Kessler, spokeswoman for the utility. Folks with bad credit or a record of non-payment will be required to deposit \$50 to \$150.

Buyers usually will have to reimburse sellers for property taxes prepaid from the closing date of sale to the period covered by tax payment.

Then there's actually the cost of moving your things from Point A to Point B. If you have family or friends with trucks willing to lend a helping hand, you may be able to get by for the cost of pizza and drinks.

Ryder Truck Rental and Leasing of Livonia charges \$50 per day and an average of 45 cents per mile for a 15-foot truck.

"This is our busiest time of the year," said Jeff Curtis, rental representative. "They normally get booked up early."

Reserve by Wednesday for a Saturday move, he advises.

Corrigan Moving Systems in Farmington Hills charges \$100 per hour for a two-man crew, \$127 for three, on

weekends with a four-hour minimum. A minimum of a half-hour travel time is added.

"Now through October or so is our busy time," said Woody Hohenshil, customer service representative. "We like to get a week or 10 days notice."

Sellers have their cash payouts, too. The sales commission is on the order of 6 percent.

Sellers can expect to buy a title insurance policy costing several hundred dollars to protect ownership interests of buyers. Some buyers also may insist on home warranty insurance to cover major mechanical systems. Again, the cost can be a couple hundred dollars.

Sellers also will be asked to put a payment in escrow for final water bill settlement.

The biggie, however, is the real estate transfer tax.

The rate is \$8.60 per \$1,000 of sales price, a substantial increase since voters passed Proposal A a couple of years ago. The seller of a \$100,000 house would pay \$860.

"That's usually the big stickler everyone has a tough time with," said Andy Szyrnanski, a Realtor with Century 21 Row in Livonia. "They can't believe the tax costs as much as it does."

"It's kind of a I-knew-about-it-but-kind-of-forget-about-it thing," said Mark Kleinknecht, a Realtor with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth.

And don't forget - sellers also have to move their things.

Employees can be required to arbitrate problems

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. Can we in our corporate setting put in our employee handbook a provision that all disputes regarding employee-related matters must be submitted to arbitration? We are running a real estate business and are concerned about our potential liability.

A. In a recent court of appeals case, an employment handbook that stated that claims for money damages must be submitted to arbitration was upheld to be valid and not against public policy. The court of appeals held that there was no public policy prohibiting enforcement of meaningful arbitration provisions

in discrimination cases. It may be appropriate, therefore, for your corporation to put into action an employment handbook that mandates arbitration of all discrimination claims.

Q. Our homeowners association is considering drafting a release agreement with its members so that the association cannot be sued for use of alcohol in the clubhouse. Is that release enforceable?

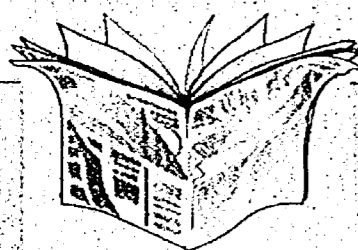
A. In considering the validity of a release agreement in a similar case, the Michigan Court of Appeals held that it was not against public policy for a party to contract against liability for its own negligence.

It would appear that a carefully drafted release agreement of this type may be enforceable; however,

the court in that case held that it was against public policy to enter into a pre-injury release agreement that excused a party from liability for its own gross negligent conduct.

You should review with counsel the exact terms of the release agreement to ensure that it protects the interests of the association as necessary.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded July 1 - 5 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works...

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Cordless electric mowers environmentally friendly

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A: The height of a new ceiling should be no less than 7 feet 6 inches. In some cases 6 feet 6 inches is acceptable under beams or bay windows.

Observer & Eccentric Mortgage Market advertisement providing mortgage rates and services.

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Home buyers seminar

Vicky Love, mortgage consultant with Tranex Financial, and Kimberly Harris, a Realtor with Century 21 Hartford, present a free home buyers seminar 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty, one block south of Grand River, one block west of Farmington Road.

Topics include how to avoid common buying mistakes, deter-

mining how much house you can afford, finding the right house, negotiating the best deal, buying with little cash and how to overcome bruised credit.

For reservations, call Love at (810) 357-9386.

Neumann/Smith project

Kenneth Neumann/Joel Smith and Associates in Southfield has been commissioned to develop a master plan for improvements and expansion of facilities and grounds on the 110-acre campus at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

The plan will expand on a site study completed in a 1993 reflective practice studio led by visiting professor of architecture, Gunnar Birkerts.

"We have enjoyed a past relationship with Neumann/Smith in the expansion of the engineering

research complex," said Charles M. Chambers, LTU president.

"We look forward to renewing our association with a firm whose work is highly regarded throughout this area, and are even prouder that many Lawrence Tech graduates, who constitute an astonishing 60 percent of their employees, have contributed to this success," he said.

Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects of New York also will work on the study.

Mortgage workshops

Ross Mortgage presents free, no obligation workshops "Avoiding Tragic Mistakes When Shopping for a Mortgage," Monday, Aug. 26, at Freedom Hill County Park, 15000 Metropolitan Parkway east of Schoenherr in Sterling Heights, and Tuesday, Aug.

27, at International Business Center, 43000 Nine Mile east of Novi Road in Novi.

Both seminars run 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"By the end of the seminar, people should have a pretty good idea how to save money as well as how to simplify the home buying process," said Tim Ross, president of Ross Mortgage.

For reservations, call (810) 968-1800.

Licensing classes

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors offers a series of six-hour continuing education seminars, one of which must be completed by Oct. 31 to fulfill state real estate licensing requirements.

Each session goes 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming seminars are slated for Tuesday, Aug. 20, Walsh College, 3838 Livernois, Troy; Wednesday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 21, Columbia Center, 201 W. Big Beaver, Troy; and Wednesday, Sept. 25, Standard Federal Bank, 2600 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost is \$35 per session. To register, call Carole Kowalik at (810) 879-9560.

Avoiding liability

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a dinner meeting focusing on implications of forfeiture cases for landlords when tenants use property for illegal purposes 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at the American Legion Hall in Royal Oak, 1815 Rochester Road.

Speaker: Steve Kaplan, assis-

tant prosecutor, Macomb County. Cost is \$13 for members, \$23 for non-members. For reservations, call (800) 747-6742 by Aug. 6.

Apartment management

Lawrence Technological University sponsors a series of workshops on apartment management and review of the registered apartment management certification 2:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays Sept. 5-Dec. 12 on campus in Southfield.

Topics include risk management, marketing rental housing, planning for development management, financial management and maintenance.

Fee is \$395. To register, call Karen Piontek at (810) 204-4020.

Check out available cabinetry before you remodel kitchen

If you're planning to remodel your kitchen and have money to burn, don't bother to read the rest of this article.

But if you're like most, you'll need to do your homework before selecting cabinetry - usually a costly part of a kitchen remodeling project - to ensure that you're getting the best value for our hard-earned money. And just like anything else you purchase for your home, value is dependent upon quality, selection and function - as well as price.

To make certain you are receiving the best value, take a closer look at stock cabinetry. "Stock" cabinets are affordable because they are factory-produced in standard sizes and readily available from the manufacturer. If you're thinking, "I want a recycling center, a lazy Susan and a desk to fit into that neat little alcove I have in my kitchen," and you thought the only way to go was "custom," you will be pleasantly surprised, according to Connie Edwards, a certified kitchen designer for Timberlake Cabinet Co. in Winchester, Va., a leading national manufacturer of cabinetry.

"Smart manufacturers offer stock cabinets in a multitude of standard sizes and with a variety of specialty cabinets, accessories, styles and finishes to meet every kitchen's storage needs and fulfill almost any homeowner's dreams," said Edwards. "By utilizing the manufacturer's filler strips which match the cabinetry's finish, you can make your cabinet selections fit beautifully in almost any space."

Quality cabinets in all price ranges should have sturdy construction and solid hardwood frames, according to Edwards. Shelves should be at least 1/2-inch thick and adjustable. Interiors and exteriors should have an easy-care finish for long-lasting beauty and the cabinets should come with a minimum one-year warranty.

"When comparing one manufacturer to another, homeowners should inquire about what features are standard compared to those considered upgrade options with an additional cost involved," said Edwards. "Make certain you inquire about as many details as possible, such as hardware, drawer thickness and drawer

glide systems. What you see displayed may not always be what you get."

You can save as much as \$150 to \$300 for the average-size kitchen by selecting cabinetry with door and drawer fronts that are back beveled, according to a recent issue of Home Mechanix magazine. This eliminates the need for decorative hardware and such styles provide an attractive streamlined profile.

Other factors to consider when selecting cabinetry for long-lasting value are color and door material.

According to a recent survey conducted by the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), white continues to be one of the most frequently requested colors for kitchens.

According to Edwards, this should come as no surprise since white allows you to accent with almost any other color. You can easily switch to another accent color to get a whole new look without spending a lot of money. As far as resale value goes, real estate professionals would tend to agree that you can never go wrong with a color appealing to most people. And whether you

favor wood, laminate or Thermo Foil - a high-tech laminate - your door material should be durable enough to stay new looking for many years. Edwards advises homeowners to inquire about finishing processes and warranties.

According to Kitchen & Bath Business, a national trade publication, Thermo Foil is the fastest growing new cabinet door material. More and More homeowners are seeing the value in this highly durable laminate that gives a seamless look to drawer and door fronts and can be shaped into a number of designs - including square and cathedral styles - during the manufacturing process. Thermo Foil is found most often in white with an attractive textured finish.

The popularity of white and the growing demand for Thermo Foil, promoted Timberlake to introduce its new Clearbrook cabinetry, according to Edwards. These cabinets are made from rigid Thermo Foil and were voted one of the "50 Best Value Home Improvement Products for 1996" by Home Mechanix. Cabinetry products were judged for "innovative design, cost, style and quality.

Shakes or shingles will enhance a house

(AP) Wood shakes and shingles are part of Americans past. Whether the traditional square butt or the multipatterned fancy-cut variety, it's hard to beat the beauty of this natural, textured siding.

Although they are still made from a variety of species - particularly on some of the more sophisticated architectural restoration jobs - cedar is the most common wood used for today's shakes and shingles.

Shingles are machine-sawn into smooth, tapered boards that range in size from about 3 or 4 inches wide to over 16 inches wide. Shakes are hand-split with a steel-bladed froe, then sawn in half. This gives them their rough surface and flat, smooth back.

The traditional way to install shakes and shingles is called single coursing. Each piece of siding is attached so that it covers about half of the one below it. Only two nails are used to secure each shake or shingle and are spaced so that the following course covers them.

Siding with double courses is the way to achieve deeper shadow lines and wide weather

exposures, from 12 inches to 16 inches, depending on the shingle size you use. It can also be more economical, since a lesser-grade product is used for the undercoursing that is fastened with one nail at the top of each shake or shingle.

There are two ways to do this. The more common way is to apply the exposed course one-half-inch lower than the undercourse using two nails placed about 2 inches above the bottom edge and three-fourths-inches from each edge. In this type of installation, the nails will be visible, which most people consider to be unacceptable.

It's usually a better idea to plan your work so the subsequent course will cover up the nails.

In the other way to apply double coursing, you start out with the basic double course at the bottom of the wall (as you would with any job), then lay a single row of shingles 4 inches above this. Lay another row only 1 inch above the butt line. Skip 4 inches and repeat.

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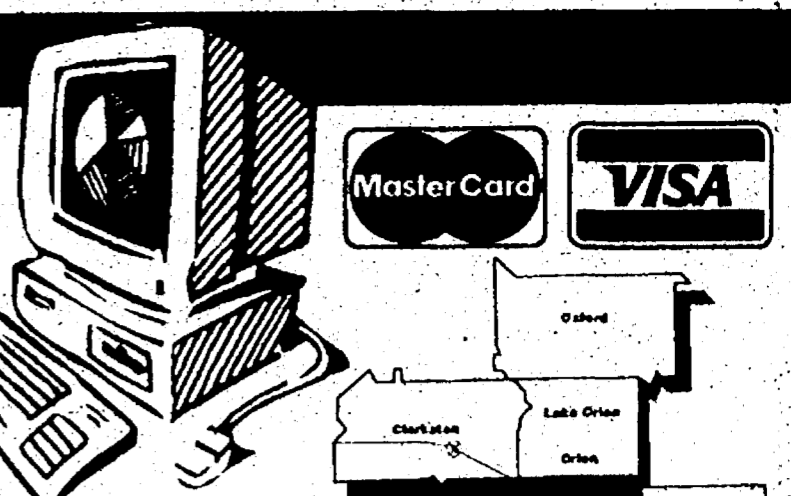
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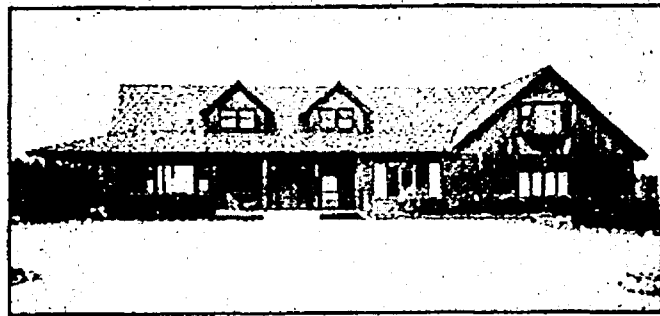
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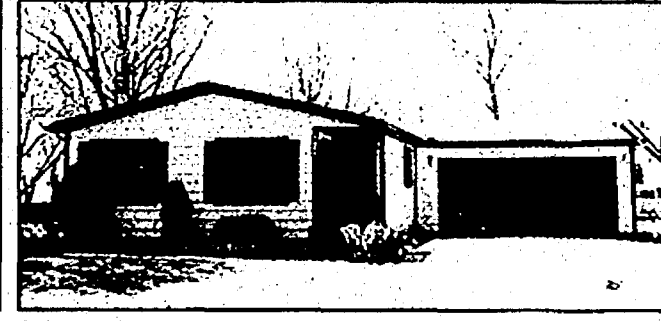
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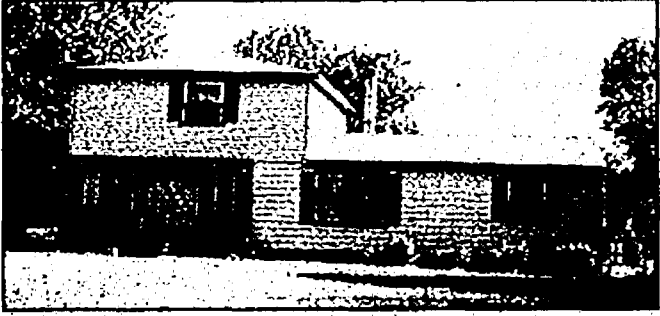
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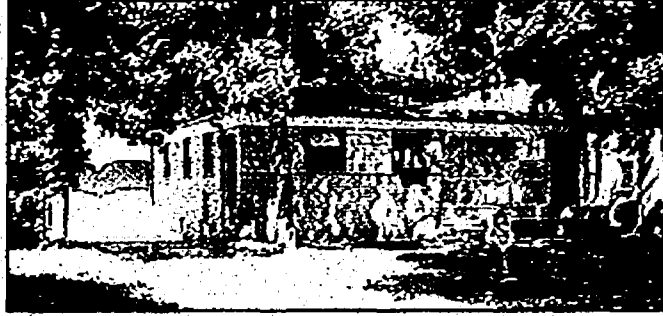
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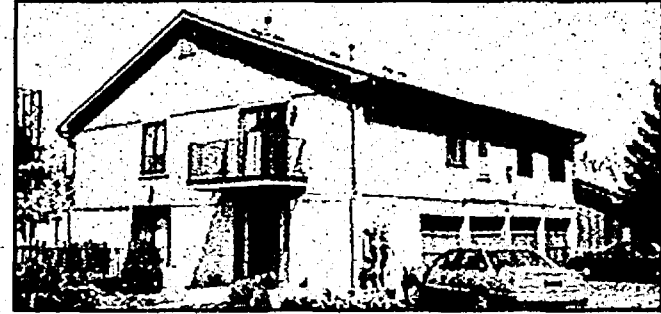
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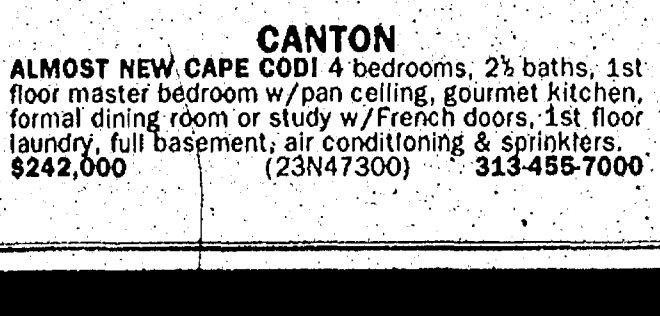
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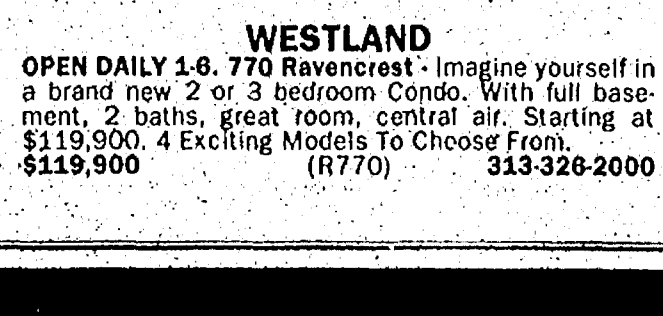
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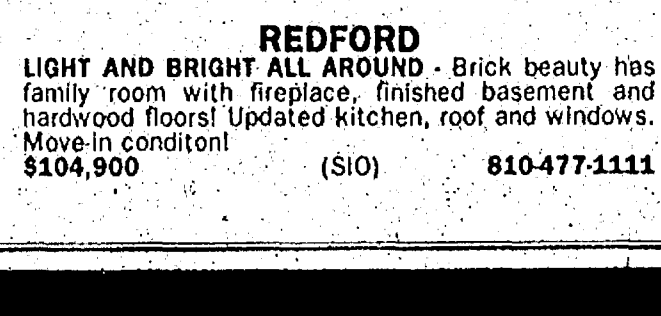
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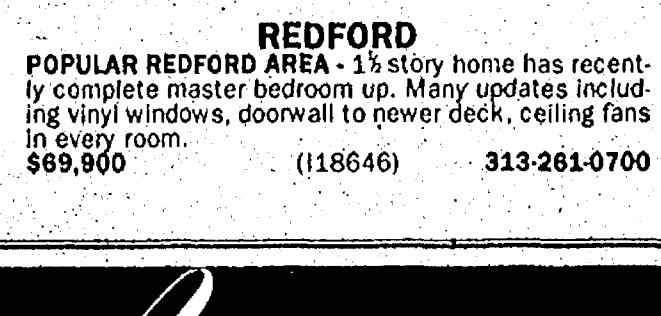
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If you are your own boss and looking for a great career opportunity, let's talk. As one of our Allstate Exclusive Agents, you would select your own office site (with Allstate approval).

Empowerment Zone Development Corporation (EZDC) Community Coordinator
The non-profit EZDC is seeking an individual to provide staff support to three Neighborhood Review Panels, work closely with special committees of the Board, assist panel members in preparing for and conducting meetings and maintain meeting notes for Board and public dissemination.

ASSISTANT, CHILD CARE
Exp. exp. in day care. Part-time. Livonia. Call: 313-522-3182.

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CABLE READY
If you're ready to capitalize on your cable TV experience, then you're ready to find out more about Ameritech's cable TV company - Ameritech New Media. We're paving the way for interactive television of the future, changing your TV from something you watch to something you use.

THE POLO STORE RALPH LAUREN
Career Opportunities Sales Associates and Support Staff
Menswear • Womenswear • Home Collection • Polo Sport
The opening of our new store at Somerset North Mall has created immediate career opportunities for high calibre, dynamic professionals in Sales and Support.

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PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS
Responsibilities include providing, repairing and maintaining cable TV service from the headend to the customers' homes. This includes performing systems sweeps, proof performance and C/I measurement as well as responding to trouble reports and maintenance job orders.

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You will monitor and maintain network elements associated with the broadband video interactive network including various video offices. Duties also include monitoring video server using operational support systems.

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SOFTWARE ENGINEERS
Embedded Motorola Controls
Windows Application Development
Echin, a Fortune 500 Company, is looking for aggressive, hands on Software Engineers with 3+ years of experience developing software for embedded controllers in C/C++ and Motorola Assembled. Experience in writing code for MS Windows based applications is also desired.

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508 Food/Beverage Restaurant MOUNTAIN JACKS. CANTON...

508 Food/Beverage Restaurant Day Host/Hostess Wait Staff & Salad Prep...

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ROYAL OAK... everything must go... 1500 W. 10th St. W. Woodbury, N.Y. 11791... SOUTHFIELD... Mega Sale! Baby items, washers, clothes, etc. 1500 W. 10th St. W. Woodbury, N.Y. 11791...

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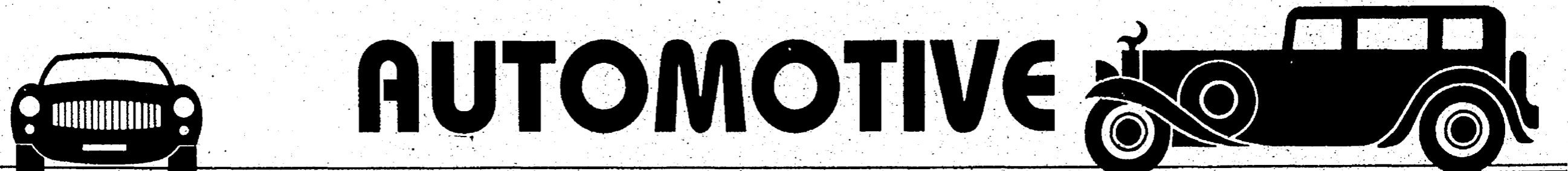
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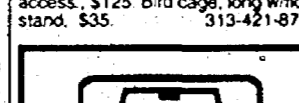
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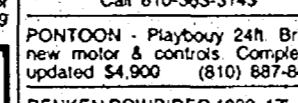


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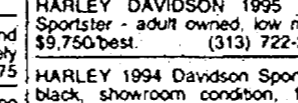


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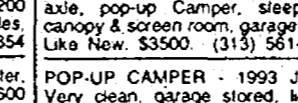


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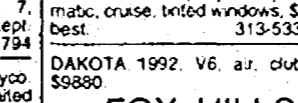


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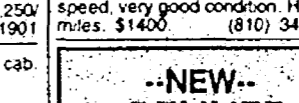


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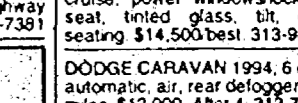


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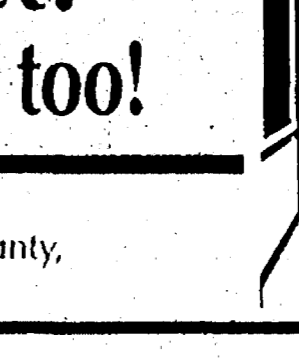
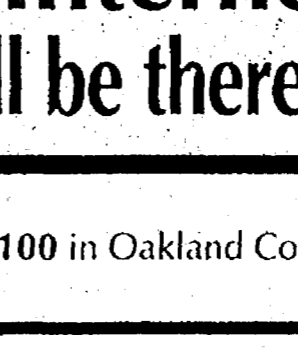
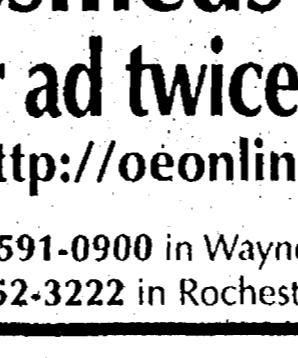
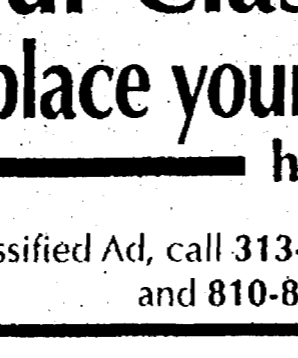
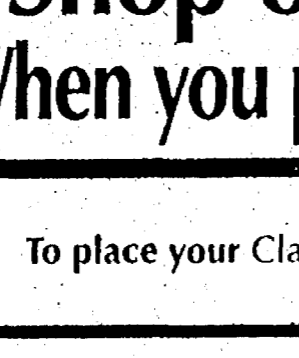
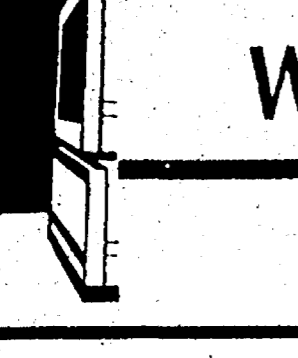
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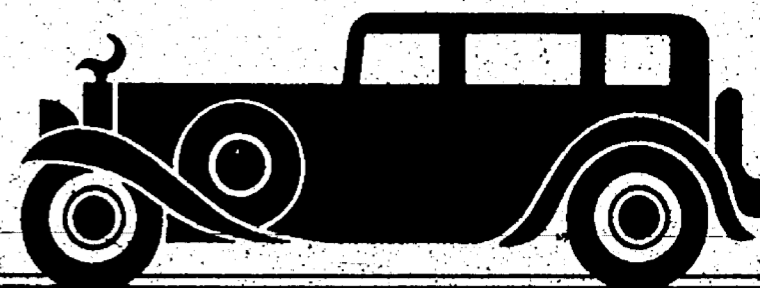
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