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BANDS SCORE: The Plymouth Centennial Educational Park bands earned the highest possible ratings at the recent district band contest in Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

Both the concert band (in Class B) and the Symphony Band (Class AA) earned first division ratings indicative of outstanding performances.

Musical selections by the concert band included "Liberty Bell March" by Sousa, "English Folk Song Suite" by Ralph Vaughn Williams and "Empire State Overture" by Claude Smith. The symphony band performed the "Black Horse March" by Sousa, "Suite of the Old American Dances" movements 1, 4, 5 by Robert Russell Bennett and "Rocky Point Holiday" by Bill Nelson.

The bands' next public performance will be Tuesday, April 14, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School. Featured soloist will be senior clarinetist Lisa Gasparotti performing "Polacca" from Carl Maria von Weber's clarinet concerto. The CEP bands are directed by James R. Griffith.

GERMAN DAY: Beginning German students from Pioneer Middle School recently competed at the University of Michigan German Day.

The class presented the play "Snow White," competed in script reading, extemporaneous speaking, poetry recitation and writing television commercials—all in German.

Students also baked and sampled German pastries, viewed German movies, watched other students perform and ate in one of Ann Arbor's German restaurants—ordering in German, of course. The class presented "Snow White" in German at Pioneer at 1:45 p.m. Friday, April 3.

NEW GRANT: A new \$300 grant, the James Symonds Memorial Athletic Scholarship, has been founded to recognize outstanding college-bound students with at least two years of Plymouth Canton junior sports involvement.

The scholarship has been established in memory of Symonds, who died last July at age 49 after years of working with the schools and coaching junior sports. Symonds served as director of maintenance for Plymouth Canton Community Schools and also worked for Wayne County Intermediate Schools, Plymouth Hilton Inn, Plymouth Lumber and the Side Street Pub. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 31.

Criteria include academic achievement, financial need and at least two years' activity in Plymouth Canton Junior Athletics (either baseball, basketball, football, hockey, soccer or cheerleading). The grant will be awarded to a high school senior for undergraduate study. For more information, or an application, contact Chuck Skeane at Plymouth Parks and Recreation, 455-6620.

TEMPLE'S TUNE: Gary Temple of Plymouth helped provide the entertainment at last week's Women's Resource Center fund-raising Spaghetti Dinner & Wine-Glo at Schoolcraft College.

Temple, a sixth grade teacher at Pioneer Middle School, is a member of the Max Davey Singers—the featured entertainers at the March 26 dinner. Temple, as one of the soloists, sang "My Town."

TREE TIME: City of Plymouth Public Works Department will begin receiving

Bids asked for sidewalk projects

By Doug Funke

Four bids were asked for specifications for construction of sidewalk projects in Plymouth Township.

The township's bid depends on cost estimates and approval by the township board.

The projects were asked for further study by the township's two through five of six mile sidewalk committee consisting of Tom Wobly and Elizabeth Munfakh.

The committee members are Munfakh and Smith.

The projects are:

- Ann Arbor Trail from south of Clate to

- Canton Center and Ann Arbor roads from Webster Elementary School to Pioneer Middle School, about 1,500 feet
- Sheldon Road from Governor Bradford to St. John Episcopal Church, about 1,000 feet

THOMAS HOLLIS, superintendent of the department of public services, gave a preliminary estimate of construction costs for the four projects, excluding engineering studies of \$75,000.

While no commitments were made by the board as a whole, the trustees on the sidewalk committee last week spoke in favor of

financing the improvements with general fund tax dollars.

"It becomes a matter of public policy—do you want them or not?" Horton said. "I think the best policy is to pay out of general funds a little at a time."

"I think these are streets used by the public at large in the township," Munfakh said of the committee's recommendation. "I believe that's what tax money is for—to provide for the health, welfare and safety of the people in this community."

CREATION of a special assessment district so that property owners who would directly benefit from sidewalks would pay for them was considered by the committee, Horton said.

But it would be too difficult to determine just where to draw those boundaries, he said.

Horton and Wobly, concerned about the safety of children walking to school, along with Munfakh, approached the board last fall about building a sidewalk.

They then agreed to look at the sidewalk situation throughout the township with Munfakh and Horton.

The committee's first and sixth priorities are Ann Arbor Trail between Bird School and the existing sidewalk, and Ann Arbor Trail from Beacon Hill to Glenview, weren't included for further study by the township board.

Engineering and topography problems were cited for those exclusions.



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All partied; some paid

Traffic was bumper-to-bumper shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday from about one mile north of Ann Arbor Road to Penniman Avenue. Crowds of youth walked along the sidewalks, congregating in parking lots until dispersed by police working in marked and unmarked cars. This crowd used their signs with numbers to judge the "quality" of the parade of passing cars. The cruise-in broke up on its own at about 1 a.m. Sunday.

Chief Robert Gardner, commander of the Plymouth Police, said extra police were scheduled for that night. A total of 43 traffic tickets and ordinance violations combined were issued. "I thought under the circumstances, considering the large number of people we had, it went well. There were no arrests, no injuries, no serious accidents," Gardner said.

Officials react to prison death

By M.B. Dillon
Staff writer

The fatal beating of a corrections officer at the State Prison of Southern Michigan at Jackson last week is a "horrible tragedy that's being felt very deeply—right down to our toes," said Lt. Carol DeYoung, who supervises guards at Scott Regional Correctional Facility in Northville Township.

Scott is among three state prisons within a mile and a half of each other near Five Mile and Beek in western Wayne.

Lansing, Michigan, 28, a probationary officer, was working alone. Besides, she was sexually assaulted and beaten to death at Jackson. She is currently being held in conjunction with the slaying, the second time a prison guard has been killed by an inmate in Michigan.

"Officers in general are very, very upset about it."

Rosemary Dennis
Corrections officer

SCOTT CORRECTIONS Chief Rosemary Dennis said, "I was very saddened to learn that had happened to her. It can't help but make a person think, 'What if that were me?'"

"And it could happen to me. Any officer that doesn't think that there has to be some thing wrong. It's very sobering."

"Officers in general are very, very upset about it," added Dennis.

"I would say the prisoners are very, very tense."

"It made me sick when I heard it," said Scott Warden John Labe. "40 percent of those corrections officers are female. It's pretty difficult to understand the psychological reasons why a person does things like this. I hope that it was never happen at Scott."

"It's the same feeling that police officers have when their comrades have fallen in the line of duty," said Emmett Baylor Jr., Western Wayne Correctional Facility warden.

"This tragedy reflects the nature of individuals getting into the justice system now that will lead to the hope that one, hopefully not death, that goes away last week," he added.

"The individuals are a little more wild and callous than in the past. In every phase of life folks are doing things that they would never have done 20 years ago."

IN THE WAKE of Michigan's death state corrections director Robert Brown has ordered prison wardens to review staffing policies.

The department has asked us to review positions to see what positions single people might be working alone are placed in and in those positions need some us, far as our second officers," said Labe.

Labe's prison houses 172 medium and minimum security prisoners. It will accept 26 close custody prisoners in 30 to 60 days when a portion of the new prison is opened.

"We've started reviewing all the positions to make sure that people aren't in a position where something like this could happen."

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Seniors may get bus service

By Doug Funke

The township and city are applying upwards of \$11,000 to be approved by the Southern Michigan Transportation Authority, but no other revenues to subsidize the taxi service for senior citizens and handicapped persons of all ages.

Transportation options will change significantly if the township allocates its credits from its transit bus program.

The taxi service, provided by a private company, is available seven days a week, 24 hours per day.

DISCOUNT TAXI fares for township residents 65 and older or handicapped persons are available for rides to the city and township of Northville, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Farmington and the township and city of Plymouth.

The Nankin Transit Commission offers bus service 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays in Canton, Garden City, Westland, Wayne and Inkster.

Discount bus fares are available to persons 65 and older, and to the handicapped.

With the elderly, the way minimum fare to the individual for the taxi service is 20 cents for the bus service. Trips to both will make pickups at home, but cabs don't have wheelchair lifts.

"There will be buses and minibuses to each program," supervisor Marice Bacon said.

Charlie Hunter, director of operations for the Nankin Transit Commission, said he's worried about

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Noise barrier probably will be lowered

By Doug Funke

The township probably will obtain permission from the Federal Highway Administration to lower a noise barrier from 11 to 4 feet on a stretch of I-275 south of Ann Arbor Road.

The speculation of Winston Stebbins, manager of the hearings and mitigation section of the Michigan Department of Transportation, is that the township made that assessment following a public hearing last week.

South Newman proposes lowering the wall a distance of about 500 feet between the Bradbury Condominiums and Ann Arbor Road. Newman said the exposure from the freeway of vacant, unimproved land he owns there.

Stebbins would be responsible for all costs associated with the renovation.

Stebbins said he's hoping for a decision within three months.

NEITHER STATE nor township administrators object to Newman's plan. His land, zoned residential when the wall was erected in 1978, now is designated for commercial development.

Originally, a home-owner in the Hidden Heights Subdivision, which backs up to I-275 between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, has requested installation of a noise barrier.

That subdivision is about a half mile north of Newman's property.

Deborah Mitchell, who purchased a house there two years ago, wants the barrier to block noise, deter crime and prevent road salt from running aluminum siding on the backs of homes.

During heavy rush hour periods, it is impossible to hold a conversation in our backyards," she wrote to the township board.

Stebbins, though sympathetic, didn't offer much hope. The state's first priority is noise walls for residential areas that were built prior to the construction of freeways, he said.

"OUR DEPARTMENT is available to provide technical help to anyone but not financing," Stebbins said. He estimated construction cost of a barrier 11 feet high at \$200 per front foot.

Mitchell said she and her husband, totally underestimated the aggravation of living so close to a freeway when they bought their lot there.

The builder of the subdivision has expressed little interest in erecting a noise wall, she added.

Stebbins said it wouldn't be feasible to move the section of wall that Newman wants removed to the Hidden Heights Subdivision.

A noise wall was extended only to Newman's property in 1978 even though that parcel and the future subdivision north of Ann Arbor Road were vacant and zoned residential at the time.

The reason Stebbins said is that the Bradbury Condominiums already existed, which caused the wall and presented an unclear picture of what to extend.

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Judge won't delay cadet's trial

By Sue Mason
staff writer

Attorneys for a 22-year-old former Dearborn Heights police cadet charged in a series of robberies and assaults in three communities scored only a minor victory in Detroit Recorder's Court Friday where most of their major motions were denied.

Attorneys Michael Lebow and Nicholas Venditelli filed 31 motions with Judge Leonard Townsend relating to 18 charges against Jeffrey Duncan, a suspended Dearborn Heights police cadet.

Duncan was arrested by Westland police in December in connection with numerous robberies and sexual assaults in Westland, Livonia and Canton Township.

Duncan's attorneys had hoped to convince Townsend that their client's bond should be reduced, claiming that "a lynch mob mentality" existed in the case.

Duncan has been held in Wayne County Jail separated from other inmates since his arrest. Cash bonds in six cases — three in Westland, two in Livonia and one in Canton Township — exceed \$700,000. He also is being held without bond in connection with a fourth incident in Westland.

Judge Townsend denied their request to cut bond as well as denying requests for an evidentiary hearing, additional discovery of evidence, preservation of evidence and the inspection of the locations of the incidents relating to six cases.

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TOWNSEND, in denying their motions assured the attorneys that nothing would be held back from them in their preparation for the trials.

He did agree with their motion for the additional discovery of evidence in connection with the Dec. 3, 1986, holdup and assault at the Kwik Stop store in Westland.

The attorneys also were unsuccessful in their requests that the charges in that incident — unarmed robbery and first-degree criminal sexual conduct — be set aside because the latter charge had been upgraded from a lesser offense during a pretrial hearing in January.

Townsend disagreed with the motion, pointing out that the appropriate place to make such a change was at that hearing.

Lebow and Venditelli also were unsuccessful in getting the identification of their client by the victims in all but the Canton incident suppressed. Other than the Canton incident, victims described their attacker as wearing his hair combed back

off his forehead. In the Canton case, the woman told police the hair covered his forehead.

Lebow also questioned the quality of a video tape made during the Dec. 3 robbery and assault in Westland, saying that it was like "having a half-blind man as a witness."

THE TAPE was made by a wall-mounted video camera and was instrumental in Duncan's arrest. It, along with information from the victims, was used to come up with a police artist's sketch.

That sketch and a portion of the video tape was released to the media

about a week before Duncan's arrest and was seen by a Dearborn Heights police officer who recognized the suspect as Duncan.

In preparation for the start of the trials on May 11, Townsend scheduled a hearing for Wednesday when both sides will review what evidence will be presented.

The May 11 trial date, said Lebow and Venditelli, would not give them enough time to prepare their case. Townsend, who said he wouldn't "pass out any merit points for the motions" they made, refused to postpone the trial date.

Student is stabbed at Central School

Two Central Middle School students, one 13 and the other 14, were petitioned to Wayne County Juvenile Court last week following the stabbing of another student in the school, Plymouth Police said.

The victim, 12, was stabbed in the leg with an unidentified object as classes were dismissing Monday afternoon, said Commander Michael Gardner. The incident occurred in a hallway.

The victim sustained a three-stitch cut but returned to school the next day.

No names were released. "This wasn't a scuffle or fight where a knife was pulled," said Pat Moore, principal at Central Middle

School. "It was a capricious thing. It certainly wasn't confrontational."

"At this point, I would describe it as an isolated incident," Gardner said.

The incident wasn't related to a scuffle at Central earlier this year, after which a student with a heart ailment died, he added.

Moore said both students charged in last week's incident also were suspended from school — one for seven days, the other for one day. One of them, a special education student, could be transferred, she added.

Weapons aren't a problem at Central, Moore said.

"It's rare that we find a child that brings something to school."



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Big boys in blue

The race is on between Canton Police Sgt. Gary Griffis (shown on the scales) and police chaplain the Rev. W. Thomas Keilman (left) to see who can lighten their gun holsters the most by June 20 at the Canton Country Festival. Griffis registered a substantial 313 in full uniform and Keilman tipped the scale at 309 during the weigh-in March 25 at Oakwood Canton Center. Adjusting the scales is Cindy Tyranski of Oakwood Canton Center. Keilman, who predicted a slackening in sales at local fast food restaurants, joked about sending Griffis a candy-gram later in the day. The contest will save the department in gas money because the men would be lighter hauls, laughed Griffis, who has had five heart bypasses. Along with improving their health, the men plan to raise money for the Plymouth Salvation Army. The weight watchers are taking pledges for each pound they lose and are encouraging the public to take part. Pledge signup forms are available at the Canton Police Department on Canton Center south of Proctor and at Oakwood Canton Center on Canton Center and Warren.



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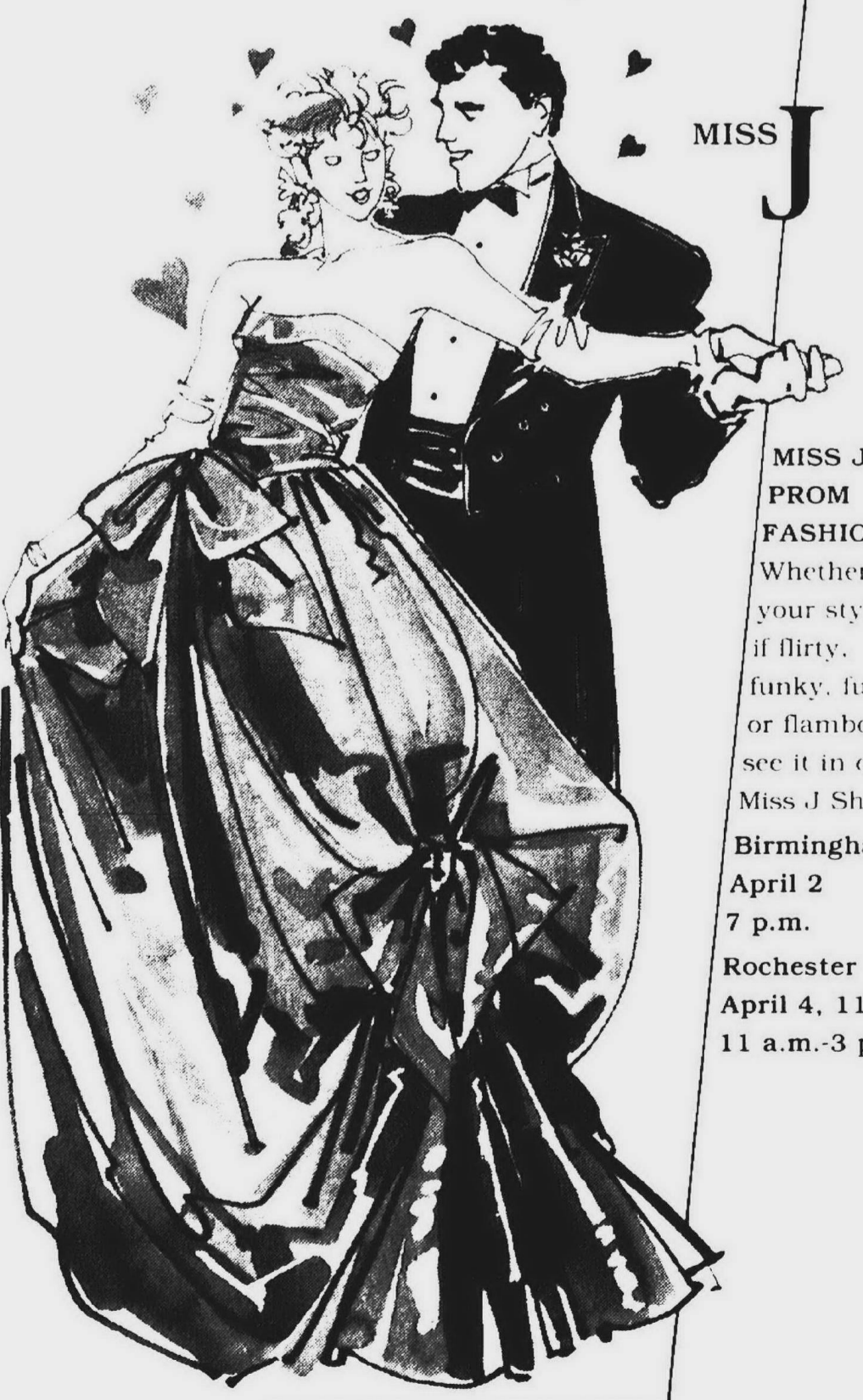
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Nathan Power, 5, enters the memorial service on the shoulders of his father, Philip Power, chairman of the board of Suburban Communications Corp., the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



Above, University of Michigan professor Sallyanne Payton (center left) was among those offering tributes to the late Sarah Goddard Power. Payton is shown entering Hill Auditorium, where the memorial service was held Friday. At left, Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths and Michigan first lady Paula Blanchard arrive at the memorial service for Sarah Power on the arm of Gov. James Blanchard.



Staff photos by Art Emanuele

Power's dedication, warmth remembered

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

University and governmental officials praised University of Michigan Regent Sarah Goddard Power as a trusted friend and principled public official during a memorial service Friday at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor.

Speakers recalled Power's loyalty — both in personal and professional relationships — and her tenacity in fighting for social justice.

"She was willing to mix it up for her beliefs," Gov. James Blanchard said. "(But) she never dwelled on people's failings. She always took the time to tell you when you did something well."

U-M President Harold Shapiro called Power a steadfast defender of the university and his presidency.

"Sarah Power was part of the very texture of our university and community. She helped us all weave the rich and satisfying fabric that is our life. We thank her family for allowing us to share this moment with them," Shapiro said.

"WHAT WILL I remember about her? Loyalty, laughter, flowers. Sarah was fiercely loyal to her family, her values, her friends, social commitments, higher education and the University of Michigan. No one was more protective of the office of president and its current occupant," Shapiro added.

'What will I remember about her? Loyalty, laughter, flowers.'

— Harold Shapiro
president,
University of Michigan

Shapiro recalled that Power, an avid gardener, frequently gave flowers to friends.

"The flowers she often distributed to friends and neighbors were symbolic of her reaching out to others. The Powers' flowers always seemed deeper and more vibrant — a reflection of their personal care," Shapiro said.

Speakers also recalled Power's generosity and compassion.

"Sarah was on the short list of people you would call when you needed help," U-M professor Sallyanne Payton said.

The governor extended his "deepest, heartfelt sympathy" to Power's husband, Philip, publisher of the Observer & Eccentric newspapers, and the couple's 5-year-old son. Nathan Power attended the service at his father's side.

Several mourners — including Paula Blanchard — repeatedly wiped away tears during the 90-minute, Episcopal service.

OFFICIATING AT the service were the Revs. Harvey H. Guthrie Jr. and Svea Gray and the Venerable Carolyn Irish.

The memorial service was held on the same stage where Power had appeared four days earlier during an anti-racism rally featuring the Rev. Jesse Jackson. The appearance was her last public act as a regent.

Shapiro, who also attended the Monday rally, called Power "upbeat" about its results and said Power asked him to stroll the campus with her afterward.

"Her first thoughts were for me. Her second were for the university and its protection," Shapiro said. He added Power told him she would like to see the university move aggressively to improve relations with minority students.

As of Friday, there was no word on when the governor would appoint a successor.

"There has been no action," a governor's office spokeswoman said. "The governor is waiting until an appropriate time. Both he and Mrs. Blanchard were very dear friends of the Powers."

Russel and Wendell Goddard, Mrs. Power's brothers, read from the Bible and the works of author John Donne. Family friend John D'Arms read from the works of poet Gerard Manley Hopkins on Philip Power's behalf.

SUPREME COURT Justice Dennis Archer, economist Peter Eckstein, former Wayne County prosecutor Elliott Hall and Barbara Aiello Tucker, Mrs. Power's personal secretary, were among those serving as ushers.

Speaking for family members, Margery Goddard Whiteman termed her sister a devoted wife and mother. Calling her sister a complex individual, Whiteman also attempted to put the events surrounding Power's death in perspective.

"There was a part of Sarah even her family did not understand," she said.

Whiteman called upon the more than 2,000 mourners to "celebrate" Power's life while searching "to understand her sudden and violent death."

Power fell to her death Tuesday from Burton Tower, on the university's Ann Arbor campus. Medical officials termed the death a suicide.

Services closed with the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Outside, students darted to class through an early spring shower.



Detroit Tigers owner Thomas Monaghan, left, extends his sympathy to Eugene Power, father-in-law of University of Michigan Regent Sarah Goddard Power.



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Officials react to death

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"There are a number of things to look at: the use of duress alarm signal systems, the use of cameras, additional staff, and paramount is to always have people understand the environment. None of these will replace good common sense."

"I don't think you can make a prison environment completely free of that type of a danger," Jabe said. Baylor agreed.

"With more crime being perpetrated, police work in teams now. Well if a pair of police officers get killed, the next question is, should you have two or four working together?"

Dennis would welcome working in pairs.

Currently, officers work alone at Scott.

"I think it might be very helpful, especially in maximum security, and if one of them (corrections officers) has had less than a year's experience," she said.

WORKING IN teams is desirable but not feasible right now, given

prison budgets and staffing levels, said Baylor.

"I don't think any prison is staffed where it can have officers work in pairs. Maybe in maximum security prisons but I don't have the luxury of having two officers. Western Wayne houses medium security prisoners — primarily paroled inmates," Baylor said.

Prisoner count was 570 Friday. Since 1981, when riots erupted at a Michigan prison, the state has done a good job of training corrections officers, said Dennis, who worked in corrections for a year in the 1970s before recently re-entering the field.

"Just by comparison, in 1976 I received an afternoon's training in self defense, and an afternoon of first aid — minimal training for the same type of job."

"In 1986 I received twice as much training. I'm very pleased with it. It far outweighs the training I could receive in any other state. I feel safe in Scott," Dennis said.

Corrections officers must have at least 15 hours of college credit before beginning 16 weeks training with the state Department of Cor-

rections, according to prison officials.

Four weeks in class are followed by eight weeks on the job (with a supervising officer) and four weeks back in the classroom.

Besides martial arts, officers "simulate situations. They do some role playing and are taught how to do searches of prisoners and rooms, how to give orders" and how to deal with prisoners who are anti-social, psychotic, neurotic or paranoid, said Jabe.

"Every officer has 40 hours of updating every year on some of these subjects," he added.

"We attempt always to have guards either within eyesight or hearing, and by that I mean radio or mobile telephone," said Jabe. "Jackson is a big facility that has a lot of hidden spots. We don't have as many, and we're not as large."

Both Baylor and Jabe dismiss the argument that female corrections officers should not work with male inmates.

"We hire corrections officers, period," said Jabe.

"There are no reasons females can't work in male prisons and vice versa. There was a negative view that a policewoman wouldn't be able to handle herself or back her partner up. That's as far from the truth as we're sitting from Pluto."

"In many cases, a volatile situation has been diffused by the presence of females."

THERE'S NO assurance that a tragedy like Jackson's couldn't occur at Western Wayne, added Baylor.

"An isolated incident such as that can happen anywhere. My feeling is that sex was not a big part of this. This alleged fellow was angry and it could very well have been a male that he attacked."

"Folks should begin to realize that people running prisons are doing a difficult and yeoman job," said Baylor.

"More information needs to get out. Once an inmate's hands are idle, it causes problems."

Bus service is studied

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funding for the existing service area, let alone expanding to Plymouth Township.

WITH FEDERAL funding cut-backs, there would be "no possibility" of expansion, he said.

If the funding level remains the same, the possibility improves to "fair."

Two additional buses and two drivers would be needed to include Plymouth Township residents, Hunter said.

The township's credits — \$11,500 — plus individual fares would generate less than half of the money

needed, he said.

Some additional funding would come from SEMTA, Hunter projected. Township coffers probably also would be tapped one way or another.

"All those other cities have given something in kind — money or equipment."

Further evaluation of the township's financial commitment to the Plymouth Community Van, more than \$12,000 last year, also has been proposed.

So, too, was the possibility of working to get area medical facilities more involved in offering transportation services to their patients.

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orders from city homeowners for the planting of trees.

All trees, sold for \$25, will be planted on city property — the area between the sidewalk and the curb. Anyone wanting a tree should call the DPW at 453-7737. A tree request form will be mailed to the homeowner so the type of tree can be selected. The deadline for requests is April 30.

GOOD SPELLER: Lynn E. Biberdorf, 13, of Plymouth will compete in the annual Michigan Spelling Bee on April 7 at Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield.

Biberdorf, an eighth grader at Plymouth Christian Academy in

Canton, is a winner in 34 area bees in 59 counties from the U.P. to Monroe. The contest is cosponsored by LIT and the Detroit News.

GOOD SCHOLARS: The Plymouth Elks Lodge recently honored its scholarship winners with dinner and awards of \$700.

The winners were Debra Parent and Brad Drogusch for the National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship, Lawrence Hebert and Catherine Jo Notestine as Gold Key winners. Serving on the Elks' committee were Roger Strong, Don Hardow, Dr. Lawrence Rudick, Gary Vance and chairman Ralph Deetz.

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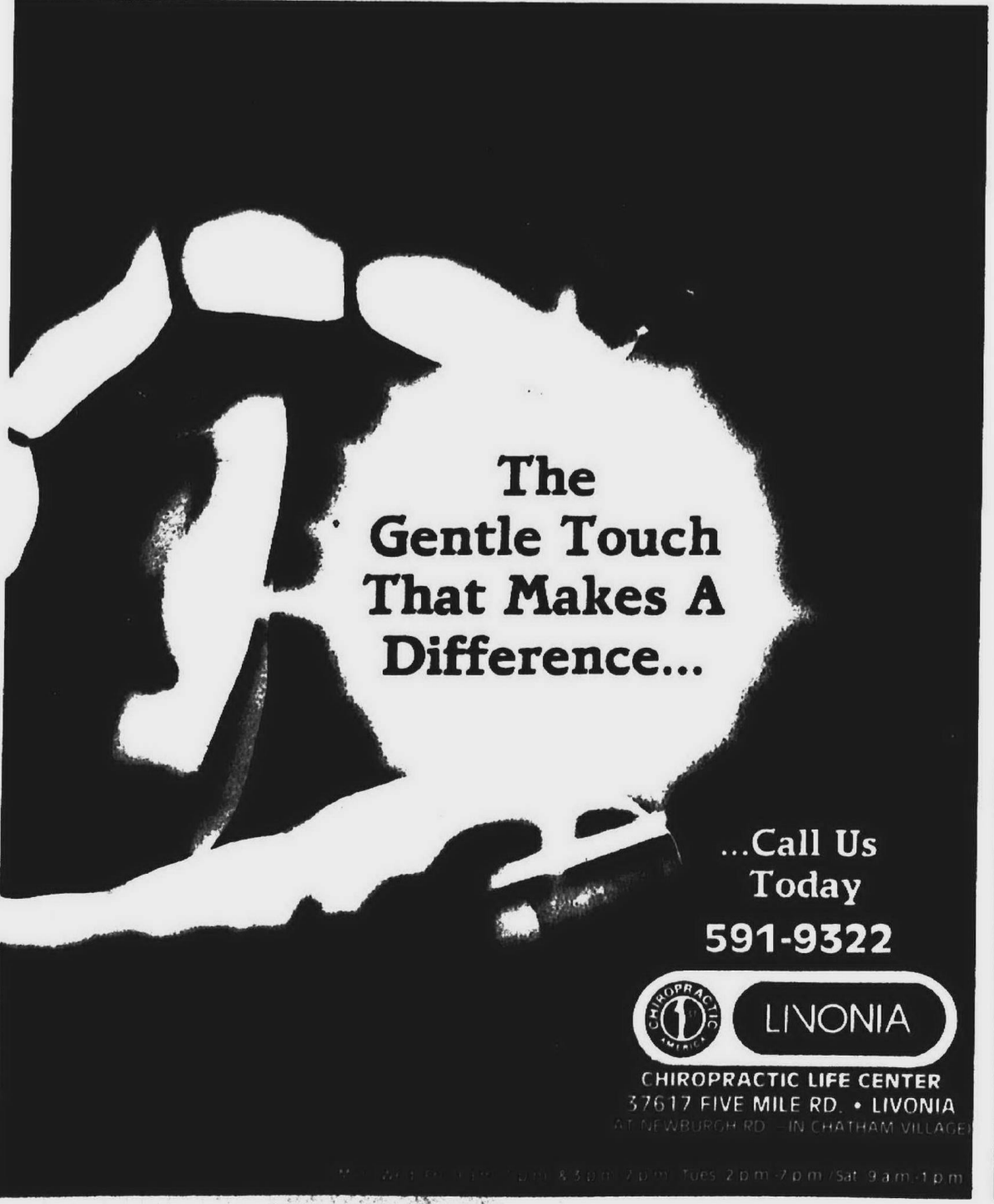
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Smiles were in order during groundbreaking ceremonies for Madonna College's new Educational Development Center. Michael Gaskin (left), chairman of the Madonna College Board of Trustees; Sister Mary Francilene,

college president; Mother Superior Mary Cynthia, a trustee; and Leo Obloy, chairman of Madonna's Leadership Gifts Committee; all took turns with the ceremonial shovel.

Breaking ground

Kresge grant will help fund education center

The trustees of The Kresge Foundation have approved a grant of \$150,000 toward the construction of an Educational Development Center at Madonna College in Livonia.

"The grant is made on a challenge basis," said Sister Mary Francilene, Madonna College president. "The total cost of our project is \$1.27 million which means to meet this challenge we must raise \$673,960 by Jan. 1.

"In addition to The Kresge Foundation, we have received major gifts and pledges from the Herrick Foundation, Katherine Tuck Foundation, DeRoy Foundation, Michigan Bell Corporation, and James S. Bonadeo," said Sister Francilene.

An addition to the existing academic building, the new facility will be designed to accommodate the Children's Learning Center, combined with a Teacher Education

Practicum Laboratory, a Center of Personalized Instruction, classrooms, conference rooms and offices for the Education/Psychology Department and the Development Department.

The multi-purpose Educational Development Center will allow Madonna College to strengthen its teacher education program.

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. Grants are made to institutions operating in the areas of higher

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11

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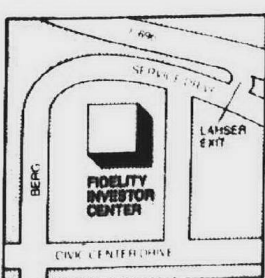
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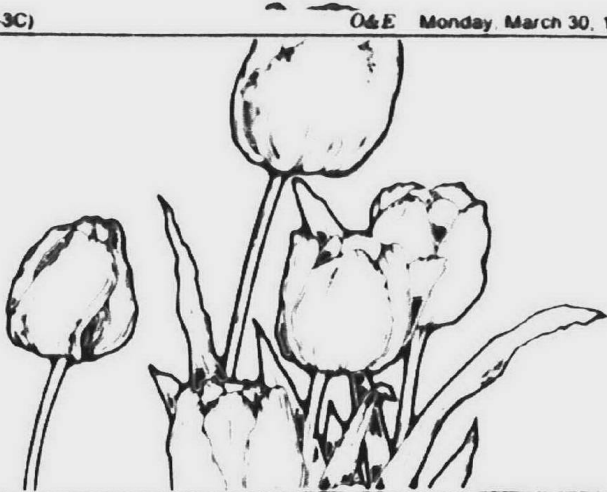
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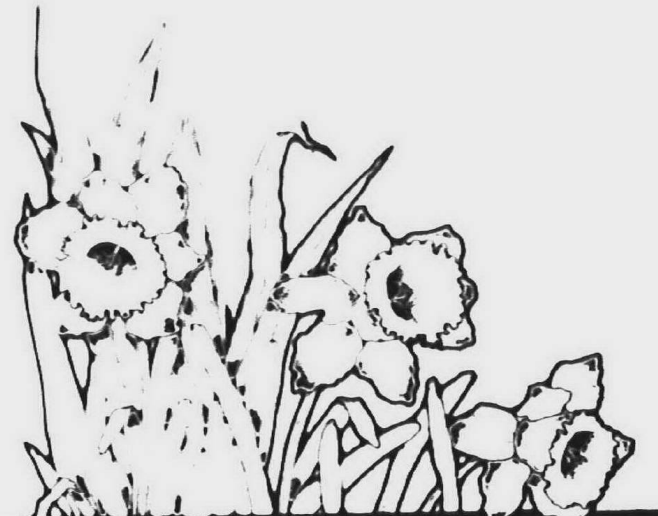
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Settlement given in accident

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A Canton Township woman will receive \$35,000 from Wayne County in a mediated settlement of her claim that a section of Lilley Road south of Warren Road was improperly designed and maintained.

The woman, Graciela Guzman, was seriously injured and a man killed Dec. 29, 1983, when their cars collided. Guzman was driving north on Lilley Road at Saratoga and lost control of her car, which crossed the center lane and hit another car head-on.

The driver of the second car, a 64-year-old Canton man, was killed. Guzman fractured her left elbow,

chest and nose, and also suffered a closed head injury.

Roads were snow covered at the time of the accident, said Lawrence Cohen, her attorney.

"OUR EXPERT said it was caused by the improper design and or maintenance of the road," Cohen said.

Cohen said northbound Lilley south of Warren changes too quickly from four lanes to two lanes.

"When the speed limit is 45 mph you have to give a driver more than 225 feet to move over," Cohen said.

This year the county plans to widen Lilley from Saratoga north to meet the widening of the road that

was constructed last year by a nearby apartment complex, said Alan Richardson, assistant county highway engineer.

Guzman's lawsuit had no effect on the construction plan, Richardson said.

"The county's position was that it was an accident on a county road and it's in an area where roads are wider in some cases than others," said a county attorney, who asked to remain anonymous.

MILT MACK, Wayne County Commissioner, D-Wayne, who represents Canton, said he was unsure whether the county's proposed road construction was in reaction to the accident. However, road projects "occasional-

ly" are based on accident reports, he added.

In a separate case, a 22-year-old Southgate woman was killed in November 1984 after she lost control of her car and was struck broadside near the site. She was driving north on Lilley south of Warren.

Canton Police Lt. Alex Wilson considers the stretch of roadway dangerous.

"Anytime that you have a change in a road you have a problem, but in this case it's enhanced," Wilson said. "Two lanes close into one and it's moved over one lane for northbound traffic."

Earlier this month the Wayne County Board of Commissioners approved the settlement.

obituaries

ROBERT W. WOOLEY

Funeral services for Mr. Wooley, 63, of Canton Township were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Floyd Henderson. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Wooley, who died March 19 in Ann Arbor, was born in Portia, Ark., and moved to the Plymouth-Canton community in 1945. Mr. Wooley retired in 1983 from Standard Tube Co. in Plymouth after 30 years employment. Before that he operated a farm in Arkansas. He was a member of the Plymouth Church of God and a member of the senior citizens bowling league at SuperBowl in Canton.

Survivors include: wife, Myrtle; stepson, Donald of Whitmore Lake; brother, Virgil of Plymouth; sisters, Della Hoffman of Novi, Anita Flowers of Taylor.

of Scottsdale, Joan Magnusson of Utica, Bernadette Magnusson of Ann Arbor, Paulette Magnusson of Berkeley, and seven grandchildren.

RUTH E. CROWTHER

Funeral services for Mrs. Crowther, 70, of Canton Township were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was Wayne Dickinson.

Mrs. Crowther, who died March 21 in Livonia, was born in Muskegon and moved to Canton from Livonia in 1972. She was a homemaker. Survivors include: daughter, Judith Dickinson of Canton; sisters, Vivian McConnell of Florida, Hazel Siebert of Ohio; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

MARION MILLINGTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Millington, 79, of Plymouth Township were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens West, Novi. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Lions Club or to the Michigan Humane Society.

Mrs. Millington, who died March 13 in Plymouth, was born in Canada. She was a homemaker. Survivors include: husband, Frank; daughters, Yvonne Sabo of Plymouth, Suzanne Dietz of Okemos, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

BLANCHE PRESTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Preston, 96, of Livonia were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Northview Cemetery, Dearborn. Officiating was the Rev. John Grenfell. Memorial contributions may be made to the activities center at Camelot Hall Convalescent Center.

Mrs. Preston, who died March 18 in Livonia, was a former employee of the Daisy Air Rifle Co. in Plymouth. She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Plymouth and of the Rebecca Lodge. She is survived by a sister, Hazel Dethloff of Plymouth, and several nieces and nephews.

MARGARET SNYDER

Funeral services for Mrs. Snyder, 66, of Plymouth were held recently in St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. William Pettit officiating. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or in the form of Mass offerings.

Mrs. Snyder, who died March 17 in Scottsdale, Ariz., was born in Cadillac, Mich., and had lived in Plymouth for more than 40 years. A retiree, she had worked as a secretary at Northville State Hospital and at the Mayflower Hotel. She earned her associate's degree in gerontology from Madonna College. A member of St. Kenneth Church, she served as a eucharistic minister at nursing homes and was organizer for almost 10 years at the old St. Patrick Church in Brighton. She was a volunteer on the Plymouth Community Senior Sentinel newsletter.

Survivors include: son, John of Berkeley; daughters, Cheerie Warzyniak of Pueblo, Colo., Margaret Gordon of Austin, Texas, Mary Murphy

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Police shut down young crime ring

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Canton Police closed 11 home burglary cases last week and suspect they uncovered a juvenile crime ring involving seven boys.

More than \$20,000 worth of stolen property was recovered.

Police attribute solving the cases to a conscientious woman who called about a burglary in progress.

At 11:05 a.m. March 25 a Jennings Court resident called police to report a teenager was trying to pry open a garage. The woman stayed on the telephone and gave an exact description of the boy and location.

"It's a perfect example of community and police cooperation," said Dave Boljesic, Canton Police information officer.

"She took the time to call and efficiently describe what was happening."

WHEN POLICE arrived at the home on the west side of Lilley Road north of Palmer, the 13-year-old boy jumped a nearby fence and began running southbound on Lilley.

Four officers chased him — two on foot and two in a patrol car — until he was caught north of Palmer.

During a police interview the boy revealed 11 home burglaries during

the past month mostly in the Lilley and Palmer area. He said they involved himself and six other boys 12 to 15 years old. The youngsters attend Plymouth Canton High School and East Middle School.

When they worked together the goods were pooled, Boljesic said. Apparently the boys were "beginning to branch out because they didn't want to split the take."

Police will petition the juvenile court requesting hearings for the seven youth, Boljesic said. If the boys are found guilty they could be placed in a juvenile detention center.

An investigation by Canton Det. Charles Raycraft led to the recovery of \$20,000 of stolen property — mostly jewelry. More stolen property is expected to be returned, Boljesic said.

Two of the solved burglaries hadn't been reported to police yet, because the residents are still out of town.

"If people get involved — like this couple did — we have a better shot of stopping these break-ins," Boljesic said.

"People might not think what they're seeing is anything big but when they call and police investigate it could turn out to be something like this. If they are the slightest bit suspicious we'd rather they call."

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DAILY HIGHLIGHTS (Monday-Friday)

7:30 a.m. to noon . . . Adult Contemporary Music.

noon . . . Mid-Day Newsbrief — News, sports, weather.

12:03 p.m. . . . Four By One — Four songs in a row by a pop artist.

12:20 p.m. to 6 p.m. . . . Studio 50 — Past and present hit music.

4, 5, 6 p.m. . . . News File at Four, Five and Six.

4:05 p.m. . . . Nature News Break — A 60-second profile on a nature topic.

5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health — Health issues are discussed by a doctor.

6:10 to 10 p.m. . . . 88 Escape — New music.

MONDAY (March 30)

4:05 p.m. . . . Nature Newsbreak — bumblebees.

TUESDAY (March 31)

6:10 p.m. . . . Nancy Reagan Battles Drug Abuse.

WEDNESDAY (April 1)

6:10 p.m. . . . Community Focus.

THURSDAY (April 2)

6:10 p.m. . . . Chamber Chatter — Host Anne Osmer with news from Canton Chamber of Commerce.

FRIDAY (April 3)

4 p.m. . . . Studio 50 — Host Dan Johnston.

6:10 p.m. . . . CEP Sports Weekly — Host Jeff Umbaugh hosts with CEP sports news.

MONDAY (April 6)

4 p.m. . . . News File at Four — with Ken Coral.

TUESDAY (April 7)

5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health — treating hay fever.

6:10 p.m. . . . Nancy Reagan Battles Drug Abuse.

WEDNESDAY (April 8)

6:10 p.m. . . . Community Focus.

THURSDAY (April 9)

8 p.m. . . . 88 Escape — with Erin Trame.

FRIDAY (April 10)

6:10 p.m. . . . Nancy Reagan Battles Drug Abuse.

MONDAY (April 13)

6:10 p.m. . . . News File at Six — with Eric Varton.

TUESDAY (April 14)

6:10 p.m. . . . Nancy Reagan Battles Drug Abuse.

WEDNESDAY (April 15)

6:10 p.m. . . . Community Focus — Host Dan Johnston.

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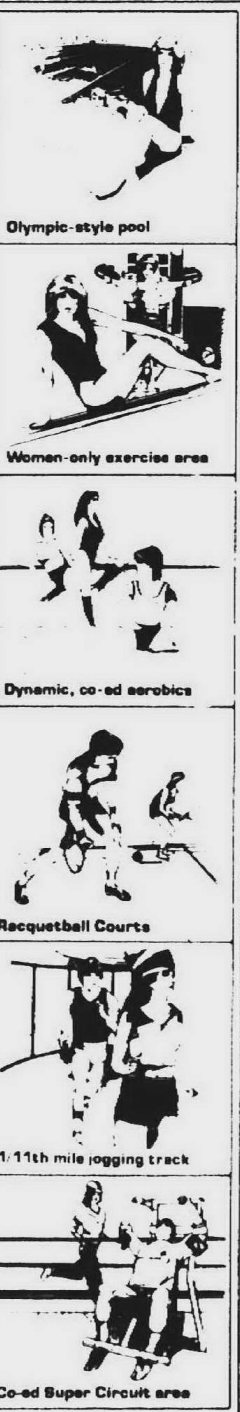
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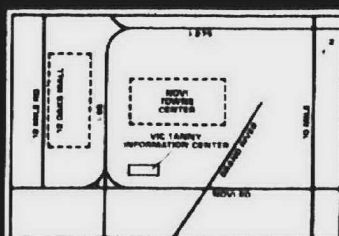


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Lutherans, Scientists and Missions here in 1916

(Part 13)

In 1916, the year Frank Lloyd Wright designed the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, Plymouth had only five churches. The Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches were covered in an earlier column. Today, the remaining two.

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth observed its 60th anniversary in 1916. It had been organized on March 5, 1856, by the Rev. Friedrich Schmid of Ann Arbor, who made the trip to Plymouth on horseback. It is the second oldest Lutheran Church in Wayne County.

MEETINGS WERE first held in Peter Gayde's north side cooper shop and in houses of members until, in 1855, the congregation purchased from the Baptists the frame church building originally built by the Presbyterians in 1835.

The building, moved to Spring Street, served the Lutherans until 1883 when a new church was built on

the same site. It cost \$2,391 — \$1,000 more than expected.

On dedication day, Oct. 14, 1883, three sermons were preached — two in German, one in English. The pastor in the spring of 1916, when the Plymouth Mail published its Booster Edition, was the Rev. Charles Strasen. Pastor Strasen came from Bay City where he had been superintendent of the Evangelical Lutheran Michigan Children's Friend Society.

The Lutheran congregation in 1916 totaled no more than 150.

"Undoubtedly the membership would have been larger," an article in the Mail suggested, "if there had not been so many changes in the pastorate, and if there had been regular English services for the young people.

"The new pastor has taken up the English work and there is now German and English preaching every Sunday. It is expected that all young people will now return to their mother church, the excuse, that they cannot understand the German, having fallen away."



past and present

Sam Hudson

TODAY'S LUTHERAN Church, built on land purchased from Kate Allen, is located at the corner of Penniman and Evergreen. It was dedicated in 1955 when the Rev. Edgar Hoenecke was pastor.

The Mail also carried an article in 1916 about the first Church of Christ, Scientist. Prior to its organization, meetings had been held in Safford Hall on Main Street, facing Kellogg Park. It was there on April 26, 1898, that a board of directors was chosen from 15 charter members.

L.C. Hough was elected chairman. Hough, father of Edward C. Hough and grandfather of Cass Hough, had been a prime mover in the formation of the Plymouth Iron Windmill Co.

which later became the Daisy Manufacturing Co.

In June 1900 the congregation purchased a lot near Hough's grain elevator near the Pere Marquette railroad on Main Street. This lot was subsequently sold and a site purchased, in 1902, at the corner of Main and Dodge streets near Village Hall. The lot cost \$800.

A church built there was dedicated in October 1903. It was the first Christian Science Church in the State of Michigan to be erected expressly for church use.

Christian Scientists met there until 1957 when the building was sold to the City of Plymouth. It was torn down to make way for the present City Hall. First services in the pres-

ent Church on West Ann Arbor Trail were held in 1958. The land on which the new church was built once bore the home of early settler John Kellogg.

EPISCOPALIANS had no church building in Plymouth in 1916.

There was, however, a St. John Episcopal Mission, which held services in the Universalist chapel. A year before the Mail published its Booster Edition, a Mrs. White, wife of Bishop White of Michigan City, Ind., had donated to Episcopals here a piece of land known as the May property for church use. Mrs. White was a niece of the late T.P. May, a one-time Plymouth merchant.

The property was sold and a more central site purchased. The balance of the proceeds was banked and designated as the Thomas P. May Memorial Fund. The congregation was being served in 1916 by a lay missionary, Mr. H. Midworth. The first church built here was on Union Street, going up in 1920-21.

In the 1950s the Episcopal Church stood at the corner of Harvey and

Maple where the Community Federal Credit Union is now located.

St. John Episcopal Church today is located at 574 Sheldon Road, where it was opened in 1960. It was dedicated by Bishop Richard S. Emrich. The pastor today is Rev. Robert Shank.

CATHOLICS HAD no church in Plymouth in 1916, although Mass was said on the fourth Sunday of every month at the Grange Hall on Union.

The first local Mass was celebrated there on Palm Sunday, 1915. In 1920, the Rev. Francis C. Lefevre was appointed resident pastor and a church was built on Union behind today's City Hall. It was destroyed by fire in 1932. Mass was celebrated in a temporary church at the corner of William and Arthur streets.

The present church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, at the corner of Penniman and Arthur streets on property once owned by Ebenezer J. Penniman, was opened in 1968. It was dedicated by Archbishop (later Cardinal) John F. Dearden.

(To be continued.)

medical briefs/helpline

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Free health screening tests will be offered from 1-5 p.m. Monday, March 30, at the Arbor Health Center, Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey, Plymouth. Hypertension, vision and glaucoma screening tests will be offered.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

The Alzheimer's Day Support Group will meet from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, and the Evening Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the Arbor Health Building, 990 Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey, Plymouth.

The groups are open to families and friends of persons with Alzheimer's Disease, a disorder characterized by significant memory lapses and states of confusion, most common among the elderly.

PARENTING CLASS

The Henry Ford Medical Center in Plymouth is offering a free parenting class from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the center at 261 Main, just north of Penniman Avenue in Plymouth. To register, call 453-5600.

Dr. John Howard, a board-certified pediatrician at the Plymouth

Center, will lead the group discussion on newborn and infant parenting skills and when to call the doctor. Reservations are required as seating is limited.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Free introductory personnel stress management sessions will be offered from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, and Thursday, April 9, at the Arbor Health Building, Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey, Plymouth. The free classes will illustrate an approach to permanent self-control of stress. The role of biofeedback, relaxation, diet and physical exercise in managing stress will be presented. Participants will have a chance to register for the eight-session course.

HENRY FORD HEALTH-ORAMA

Saturday, April 11 — The Henry Ford Medical Center at 261 S. Main, Plymouth, is offering a Health-Orama project from 8 a.m. to noon. Available to persons 18 and older will be free tests for blood pressure, glaucoma, vision, hearing, height and weight and pulmonary function. Optional tests for a minimal fee are colorectal screening (\$3) and blood

test panel (\$8).

YOUNG ADULT AA

A new Young Adult AA group will meet at 7 p.m. each Sunday in Plymouth Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Mill. The meeting is for young adults only. For information, call 459-0176.

HELP FOR WOMEN

Individual counselling and support groups for women are being offered on an ongoing basis to deal with effects of changing roles and lifestyles for women: Depression, low self-esteem, stress, and non-assertion. Also, groups for "Women Who Love Too Much" are offered. Insurances and HMO coverage available. Call Plymouth-Canton Mental Health Services from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 459-6580 and ask for Sandy. (Evening appointments available in the Arbor Health Building).

24-HOUR DRUG HOTLINE

A 24-hour drug assistance telephone line is being operated by the Catherine McAuley Health Center. The number is 572-4300.

Professionally trained staff members of the chemical dependency program are ready to answer drug

questions anytime. Whether there's a crisis, or you want some basic information, the drug assistance line can help.

When you call, request a free copy of the brochure, "Could My Child be Using?"

LIFELINE AVAILABLE

The Plymouth Council on Aging is informing senior citizens that Lifeline is available at the Catherine McAuley Health centers, including the Arbor Health Building in Plymouth, and from Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. Lifeline is an electronic device attached to a phone that contains a button a person can push in case of emergency. The Lifeline links the person to a hospital's emergency response center. The Lifeline unit is installed free and then is leased for \$15 a month. For information contact the Lifeline manager at Oakwood at 1-800-832-LOVE or at McAuley at 572-3922.

FOOT CARE SERVICE

A foot care service for senior citizens in Plymouth is offered the second and fourth Thursday of each month 1-5 p.m. in the community room of the Arbor Health Building at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey in Plymouth. The treatment includes foot assessment, soaks, nail trimming, pumicing, massage and education for proper hygiene, exercise and footwear. Appointments may be made in advance by calling 455-1908. A nominal fee will be charged

at the time of the service.

HELP-A-HEART

Barb Kibler of Canton is chairwoman of the Help-A-Heart, Save a Label drive being conducted by The Ticker Club of Children's Hospital in Detroit. For each Heinz baby food, juice and instant food label turned in, 6 cents will be donated to the hospital for medical equipment. Labels may be mailed to: Barb Kibler, 1127 Canterbury Circle, Canton 48187. This will be an ongoing project.

POSTMASTECTOMY GROUP

ENCORE, the YWCA Postmastectomy Support Group, meets from 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Forum Health Club, Maplewood at Ford in Westland. ENCORE stands for encouragement, normalcy, concerns, opportunity, reaching-out and energies revived. For additional information, call Cynthia Nichols at 561-4110 or Sharon Morris at 722-7329.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

The Plymouth Family Support Group for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month and 7-9 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Arbor Health Building at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey in Plymouth. Meetings are in the conference room and free to the public.

DRUG USE ASSESSMENT

A new substance abuse assessment service is being offered by the chemical dependency program at the Catherine McAuley Health Center. For the assessment a trained counselor meets with the parents and their child. If the child has a drug or alcohol problem, the parents and the child will be given assistance in selecting the right treatment. For information, call 572-4308.

FOCUS ON LIVING

Focus on Living (with cancer) meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The self-help group is to bring together patients and family members who are experiencing problems as a result of living with cancer. A nurse consultant and other resource people lead discussions of mutual problems. The meetings are on the fourth floor of St. Mary Hospital.

RECOVERY OF MALE POTENCY

Annapolis Hospital, Veno at Annapolis in the city of Wayne, sponsors ROMP (Recovery of Male Potency) at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the hospital's conference room. This group is intended to provide educational and emotional support to couples who suffer from the effects of physical impotence. Confidentiality assured. To register, call 467-4570.

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PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD

Monday, March 30 - The Plymouth Library Board will meet at 8 p.m. in Dunning-Hough Library for a tour and discussion of building maintenance. The meeting is open to the public.

HOW TO RAISE PARENTS

Tuesday, March 31 - "How to Raise Parents in These Troubled Times," a film recorded live featuring Clayton Barbeau, lecturer of the Creating Family film series, will be shown at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail at Sheldon, Plymouth. Barbeau looks at the changing relationships of parents and teenagers, parental authority and the maturing teen, active listening and honest responses, the right to privacy and the freedom to make and admit mistakes.

APPRAISING ANTIQUES

Wednesday, April 1 - The DuMouchelle Galleries' representatives will appraise antique items from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. There is a limit of four hand-carried items per person, with a charge of \$4 per item. To set up an appointment, call the museum at 455-8940 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday.

BIRD PTO

Wednesday, April 1 - Bird Elementary School PTO will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the media center.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS

Wednesday, April 1 - An educational series on group counseling for

adult children of alcoholics or adult children from dysfunctional families and their spouses will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning April 1, at Growth Works, Inc., 371 S. Main, Plymouth. The purpose is to help the adult growing up in a dysfunctional home to gain insight and understanding of his or her specific problems in relationships. For information or to enroll, call Linda Dwyer at 455-4902 during regular business hours.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be accepting donations of blood on these dates:

Monday, April 13, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth, from 2-8 p.m. For an appointment, call Cindy White at 348-2630 or Beth Stapleton at 459-8472.

Wednesday, April 15, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, from 2-8 p.m. For an appointment, call Boyd Shaffer at 459-2206 or 665-9111.

SENIOR TAX COUNSELORS

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville branch of the American Association of Retired Persons will help prepare tax returns for senior citizens - low income and shut-ins. Tax preparation will be now through April 15 at sites in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. For information, call 474-1645 or 397-1000, Ext. 278.

CEP PARENT COFFEE

Thursday, April 16 - A CEP Parent Coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Plymouth Canton High School. Hosts will be Canton principal Tom Tattan and Salem principal Gerald Ostoin. Sharing information will be area coordinator Jerry Morris. Parents of high school students at the CEP are encouraged to attend.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Saturday, April 18 - The Plymouth Jaycees will sponsor its annual

Easter Egg hunt at Plymouth Township Park, McClumpha at Ann Arbor Trail west of Sheldon, beginning at 11 a.m. Children 12 and younger may participate. The Hamburglar from McDonald's will be present at the community egg hunt. The Canton Parks and Recreation

Department's annual "Easter Egg Hunt" will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Canton Center Road side of Griffin Community Park. The hunt will be divided for 4 and younger, ages 5-7 and ages 8-10. Parking will be limited so parents are asked to carpool if possible.

YOUTH SYMPHONY AUDITIONS

Saturday, May 2 - Livonia Youth Symphony will have auditions for its 1987-88 season starting at 1 p.m. in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 W. Five Mile between Merriman and

Middlebelt roads. There are openings in all three orchestras with placement being by audition. Auditions will be held again in the fall (date and time to be announced). For information on requirements and to schedule an appointment, call Susan Gardner at 349-1894.

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Car plows into school

First graders at Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth Township were forced to relocate to new quarters last week after a car inadvertently was driven through a wall of their classroom.

The incident occurred at about 5:30 p.m. last Tuesday - nearly two hours after school had been dismissed for the day.

No one, including the driver, a 20-year-old man who lives in the area, was injured.

The man, northbound on Huntington, was driving too fast to successfully negotiate a curve at the school, police reports indicated.

Police said a carburetor problem caused his accelerator to stick.

The driver, who wasn't wearing a seatbelt, wasn't ticketed.

"Because we had just made some changes in a special ed room, we had another room available," said Carrol Nichols, principal at Farrand.

Damage estimates weren't available as of Friday afternoon. Repairs will be made as quickly as possible, said Richard Egli, assistant to the superintendent for community relations.

It remains to be determined whose insurance company ultimately will pay for repairs, he added.

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More jail space? Plan gets mixed reviews

By Wayne Peal
Staff writer

A program designed to add new Wayne County jail space met with varied reaction from local county commissioners.

The plan, backed by Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara, would build new jail cells in unused county jail space, while pressing courts to send selected prisoners elsewhere.

Local commissioners' reactions ranged from disapproving to enthusiastic.

Richard Manning, D-Redford, warned against adding more prisoners to the jail in the name of easing overcrowding.

"I'm afraid we might be creating more problems than we're solving," Manning said. "If you cram too many people into one space, you're creating an explosive situation."

Milton Mack, D-Wayne, was more enthusiastic.

"I don't think this will solve all

the problems, but it's the first substantive step anyone has taken," Mack said. "I am very satisfied with the leadership Ed McNamara has displayed on this issue."

Kay Beard, D-Westland, called the use of existing space "efficient" but questioned how the project would be funded.

"The first problem I would see is with getting funding quickly," she said. "It's a good idea. If we're able to do it financially it could be a great idea."

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS hold the pursestrings on the estimated \$3.5 million project.

While a fund plan wasn't announced, county officials said they would press for increases in various fines.

"We are going to push for Sheriff (Robert) Ficano's proposal to put a surcharge on traffic tickets and misdemeanor fines," assistant county executive Michael Duggan said.

NEW CELLS would be built

within a 13th floor gymnasium, currently used to house inmate clothing, an unused underground parking garage and dining areas that have been unused since prisoners began being double-bunked last year, Duggan said.

In addition, the proposal calls for a defendant tracking unit to speed selected prisoners to other facilities. Wayne County Circuit and Detroit Records Court judges would also be asked to discontinue sentencing convicted felons to the county jail instead of state prisons.

The plan is expected to create space for up to 809 prisoners, Duggan said.

The plan was announced Thursday by a panel created by Chief Circuit Judge Richard Kaufman to investigate jail conditions.

Adoption of the plan is uncertain. Kaufman would have to approve converting the gymnasium space to jail space. The overall plan would also have to be approved by the Michigan Corrections committee. The committee meets Thursday, April 16.

Rouge clean-up planned

Gearing up for the second annual Rouge River clean-up, Friends of the Rouge is holding a general membership meeting Thursday, April 9 in Kresge Hall, on the campus of Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Updates on Rouge Rescue '87, scheduled for June 6, will be provided.

In other Rouge news, students from North Farmington, Garden City, Livonia Churchill, Plymouth Salem, Redford Union, Troy Athens and Wayne Memorial high schools will monitor the river's water quality in a Friends of the Rouge-sponsored project.

Students and teachers will be assisted by the University of Michigan school of natural resources.

High schoolers will collect samples and feed information into a computer. Student-collected data will be compared with Department of Natural Resources and Department of Public Health data.

An April 4 workshop at the University of Michigan-Dearborn will teach students to operate nine water quality tests.

For further information on either program, call 42-ROUGE.

Land-sale agent is announced

Lambrecht Co., a Detroit-based broker, has been selected to help Wayne County sell up to 938 acres of county-owned property in Northville Township.

The selection was announced Fri-


day by Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara's office. Bids were submitted in October.

Lambrecht would receive \$35,000 for assessment work and a 4 percent commission on the sale, executive's

office staffers said.

The property is at Five Mile and Beck, just north of the Plymouth Township border.

The contract is subject to county commission approval.



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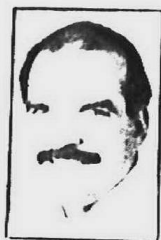
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Sherry's popularity is gaining

In all my years of "playing the field," never once did I date a girl named Sherry. In all honesty though, I have enjoyed her namesake.

I'm talking about sherry, a very sweet dessert wine that most Americans know very little about.

Let's face it, how many sherries do you know that come LIGHT, DRY (finos) or FULL BODIED (olorosos)?

Last year's consumption of sherry in the United States was a little more than 2 million gallons, just a drop in the bucket to the more than 600 million gallons of wine enjoyed overall. However, the growing popularity of dry sherries is an indication that Americans are finally beginning to appreciate this great historic wine.

True sherry is produced in the town of Jerez de la Frontera in the sunny province of Spain's Andalusia area. This region, which is north of Cadiz and Gibraltar on the Atlantic coast has a climate that is ideal for growing wine grapes.

The Palomino grape, the major variety used in making sherry, is grown on vines that have a life span of 25-30 years.

Palomino vines are planted only in albariza soil, which is almost white because of its 40 percent chalk content. This earth, although troublesome to cultivate and low in yield, soaks up water in the rainy season while later in the summer, the surface dries, sealing in moisture to feed the vines during the long dry growing season.

Although there are more than 6,000 growers in the region, most of whom have been making sherry for more than a century, the dominating companies have British rather than Spanish names. Can't really blame them, Britons consume nearly 40 percent of the sherry made compared to only six percent which reaches America.

Sherry lives its first seven years in oak casks. When the sugar content of the Palomino grape (some still crushed by stomping) has been completely converted to alcohol, it is classified into one of three categories.

Sherry is very individualistic, and actually decides by itself whether it is to be a pale fino or a heavier oloroso. The process by which this happens is still a mystery to winemakers. Two casks harvested at the same time have been known to mature differently (and you thought it was up to the little ol' winemaker).

After this period of classification, the wine is mixed with grape brandy, raising its alcohol content to between 15 and 18 percent. Then the sherry is introduced to the "solera" where young wines are blended with older ones to produce a product consistent in taste and characteristics. The solera system is made up of huge casks, stacked row upon row with each row containing wine one year older than the row above. Soleras are often ten rows high.

Wine is then drawn from the oldest (bottom) row of casks with never more than half the wine being withdrawn every year. The bottom casks are replenished from the top casks. This complex method of fractional blending eliminates the effect of any differences in vintages and creates a wine of extraordinary depth and complexity — let alone, sweet and tasty.

Prior to shipping, the wines are clarified with egg whites, which settle slowly through the wine, removing the impurities as they go. Then



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Dessert wines come in two main varieties, fortified and late harvest. The fortified wines, such as sherries and ports, are heavier and are more typically consumed in lieu of dessert. Late harvest

wines, such as sauternes, are sweeter because the grapes are allowed to ripen longer before picking. They are often used as a dessert accompaniment.

Dessert wines boast rich history

By Rebecca Haynes
staff writer

If your taste buds need something to tell them dinner is over, yet indulging in cheesecake or chocolate mousse is too much to handle after that filling meal, a glass of dessert wine may do the trick.

Traditionally, these wines were sipped in lieu of dessert. But today they may be enjoyed with or without it.

Dessert wines fit into two basic categories — fortified wines and late harvest wines, said Ramsey Zawideh, co-owner and general manager of the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills.

Zawideh has been interested in these products of the grape since his studies in the hotel-restaurant management program at Michigan State University. Wine purchasing is among his duties at the Kingsley.

"THE FORTIFIED wines are your ports, marcellas, sherry and maderias, among others," he said. "Their history goes back 300 years to Spain and Italy."

"They found that when they were transporting their wines they weren't traveling well and often were bad by the time they arrived to their destination," he said. "In order to ship the wines they needed a method to help stabilize them."

So, winemakers began to add

brandy to the wine. This helped preserve it and lengthen its life in the shipping process.

"The ports became a big part of English culture and tradition," Zawideh said. "There are certain customs attached to the port, such as it's always passed clockwise around the table."

"The women would usually retire after dinner and the men would sit around and smoke cigars and drink the port," he said. "As society has

changed its popularity has declined."

THE LATE harvest wines, the other type of dessert wine, usually are sweeter than the fortified wines.

"These wines get their sweetness from the grapes themselves," Zawideh said. "They're allowed to ripen longer on the vine, which increases their sugar content."

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Bob Burghardt, left, holds a loaf of his bakery's famous sourdough bread, which will be on special throughout April. Two employees,

Bill Vince of Garden City, center, and Steve Boback of Livonia have worked for Burghardt for the past six years.

Bread baking is a family tradition

By Lynn Waldsmith and
Marie Chestney
staff writers

One of the most well-known songs from "Fiddler on the Roof" sums up Bob Burghardt's feelings about his business pretty well: tradition.

Burghardt is the owner of Burghardt's bakery, located at 33309 West Seven Mile in Livonia. This year, the bakery is celebrating its 115th anniversary. The bakery has a history and tradition that goes back to 1872. And the bakery has always been owned by someone who had the last name, "Burghardt."

In 1872, Burghardt's great grandfather, Anton Burghardt, opened a small bakery on St. Antoine Street in downtown Detroit. Anton had worked as a baker's apprentice in Germany. The first thing he did when he arrived in Detroit was to open a bakery to serve the predomi-

nately German neighborhood.

Right away, Anton's sour dough and rye bread became a hit. Today, the bread is still the backbone of the business. It's sold not only at the Livonia location, but in stores all over the metro area.

BURGHARDT'S grandfather, Anthony, took over the business in the 1920's when his great grandfather died. In 1930, the bakery relocated to Detroit's east side and prospered.

Anthony had two sons, Robert and Joe, who became partners in the business when their grandfather died in 1950. And Bob took over from his father, Robert, when his dad died in 1976. In 1978, the bakery moved to Livonia.

"I had gone to the University of Detroit and fought in the war in Vietnam," Burghardt said. "Then my

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Bob Burghardt is proud to run his family's 115-year-old business. The bakery moved from Detroit to 33309 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, in 1978. LAURA CASTLE/staff photographer

Tradition

Bakery celebrates anniversary

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dad had a heart attack so I started running the business."

Will the family tradition continue? Burghardt and his wife, Evelyn, have two daughters, ages 11 and 8.

"They love going to the bakery," Burghardt, who lives in Northville said. "But its still too early to tell whether they like to cook."

Burghardt believes his bakery is the oldest bakery in Michigan.

"I'M THE fourth generation, so it's always been a Burghardt running it," he said. "It's just been a tradition and you just sort of keep the tradition going. We're keeping a good product on the market. It's a matter of pride."

The bakery has 11 employees and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. According to Burghardt, the only real drawback to his job are his working hours. He

'We have a good product and we like making it. If you ever have this bread you'll always buy it again. It's just really good, wholesome bread, made the old-fashioned way.'

— Bob Burghardt

works from 3 p.m. to midnight.

The business bakes 800 loaves of sour dough and rye bread each day. The bread sells for \$1.15 for a one-pound loaf and \$1.99 for a two-pound loaf.

Business booms around the holidays, so the staff puts in extra hours of baking around Christmas and Easter. Today's customers still come from the German community, but they also come from other ethnic

communities as well.

Because they limit their products to just the bread, Burghardt said the bakery is pretty much a "cut and dried operation."

"We have a good product and we like making it," Burghardt said. "If you ever have this bread you'll always buy it again. It's just really good, wholesome bread, made the old-fashioned way."

Wines boast history

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velop on the grapes, which extracts moisture from them, and the natural by-product is that the real amount of sugar (in the grape) increases."

Sauternes are a well-known French late harvest wine, and Germany also is famous for its late harvest wines, he said.

"In France people prefer the late harvest wines as appetizers but here we tend to stick with them as dessert wines," Zawideh said. "The late harvest wines are usually used to complement a dessert, while the ports probably could more often stand as a dessert on their own."

BUT FOR every "rule" about wines, there is always an exception, he said.

"Appreciation of wine is really a progressive experience. For a first time wine drinker to buy a \$100 bottle of wine, they probably won't appreciate it."

The cost of wine varies greatly, but Zawideh says good late harvest wines can be found in the \$7 range. A good fortified wine can be purchased from \$8 on up, he added.

"Some of the late harvest California wines are on par with the best in Europe," Zawideh said. "If someone has never bought a port I'd suggest they start with something popular or well-known, such as Harvey's (Bristol Cream)."

"In any investment there is risk. If you limit your investment you limit

your risk," he said. "Once you find something you like you can learn and then try more as you learn more. It's my feeling that you have to be able to swallow the price before you can swallow the wine."

ALTHOUGH THE U.S. ranks 20th in world wine consumption, with Italy first and France second, its per capita consumption has steadily grown over the last decade. American wines have steadily gained credibility as well.

"A vineyard has to be around for a long time to produce good grapes," he said, adding some of the California vineyards are more than 100

years old. "The grapevine must be in the ground seven years before it produces, and the older the vine is the better the grapes."

In the mid-1800s a disease swept through Europe, killing all the vines.

"They took graftings from the California vines and transplanted them in Europe," Zawideh said. "All of the vines in Europe are actually American vines."

"European wines tend to be a good buy today because of the dollar value," he said, adding the German wines are a little higher priced than the French wines.

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the alcohol content is stabilized with the addition of neutrally flavored grape brandy. Finally, dryness and paleness are regulated by the addition of sweet solera wine from the PX grape (Pedro Ximenez).

As if all the different types of sherrys weren't hard enough to keep track of, when you add all the American brands, things can get pretty confusing.

The oloroso sherrys are nutty and sweet, but not as sweet as the cream sherrys. They are best served at room temperature, after dinner.

Cream sherrys, which make up the vast portion of American made sherrys should be served at room temperature after dinner, instead of a liqueur. A tall, narrow flute is preferred, but not necessary. If you're "into" dessert wines and have yet to enjoy a really good sherry, look for these:

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Chef Larry Janes is a Michigan native and Livonia resident. A food enthusiast, he has worked at several area restaurants and is a graduate of the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College.

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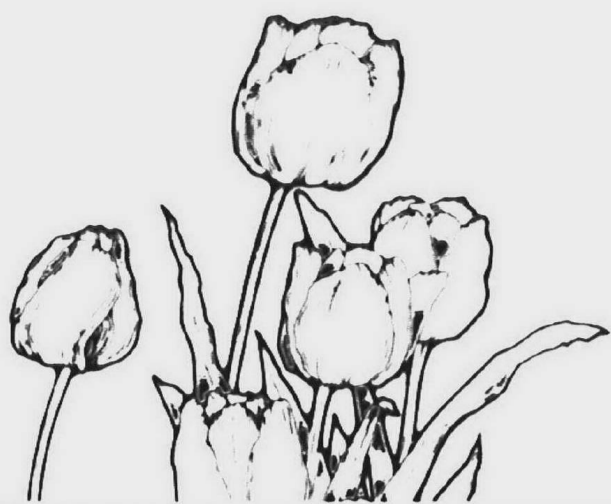
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Group fights for trauma center

By Sue Mason
staff writer

A group of western Wayne County residents is rallying to keep a trauma center at Westland Medical Center.

Citizens to Save the Trauma Center has been circulating petitions in eight communities in an effort to let county commissioners know what residents think about the center's sale to a private consortium.

Westland Health Network, Inc., a consortium of four hospitals — the Peoples Community Hospital Authority, Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, Oakwood Hospital and Southwest Detroit Hospital — has proposed buying the facility from Wayne County for more than \$7 million.

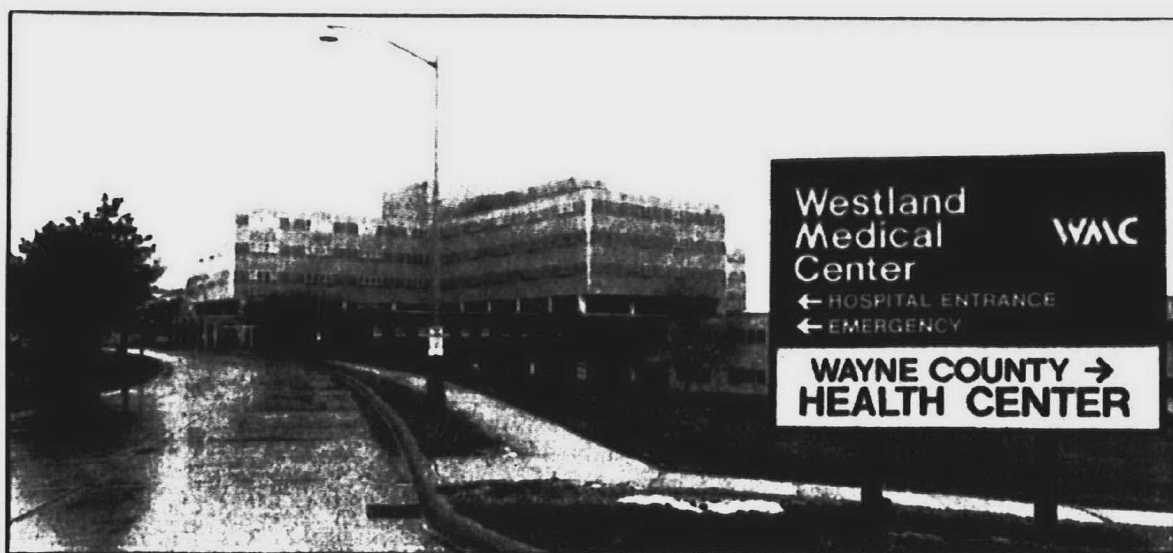
The citizens group fears that the sale of the hospital will mean the demise of a trauma center at the facility, said Nancy M. Neal of Westland, who is spearheading the petition drive.

Neal became concerned about the medical center last summer, when an elderly woman, apparently suffering from a heart condition, was rushed to the hospital but waited in the emergency room for more than an hour before seeing a doctor.

She added that the woman, during a two-day stay before being transferred to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor by her family, was never seen by a cardiologist.

THE WOMAN later died. The tragedy drove home the point to Neal that services at the hospital weren't on par with what had been available prior to a 1984 lease/purchase agreement with the Southwest Detroit Hospital Corp., she said.

"The original agreement (between the county and Southwest Detroit)



file photo

The 310-bed Westland Medical Center will continue to provide indigent health care, but

what services will be offered in the future remain in doubt.

said there would be no cuts in services, but that hasn't been the case," Neal said. "This isn't the only horror story I've heard."

"There's a lot of people in my neighborhood who depend on that hospital for medical care and it's just not there anymore."

Neal also questions why the county is agreeable to writing off more than \$1 million in utility charges that were incurred by Southwest as part of the proposed sale. The original agreement, she noted, indicates that the county would supply the hospital with those utilities until December of this year.

"When I realized what had happened to the hospital, I began looking into things," Neal said. "Something doesn't seem right, but I can't figure out what it is."

The consortium has guaranteed a wide range of services at its mem-

ber hospitals. A Feb. 11 press release from County Executive Edward McNamara touted that "because of the number of hospitals providing these services and the location of these hospitals throughout western Wayne County, the quality and the accessibility of health care for indigents will be tremendously improved."

That's fine, but "nothing has been said about the services the people ought to have, or will get, at the medical center," Neal said.

She maintains that the recent airplane crash at Metropolitan Airport points to the need for a trauma center.

"I'm not an alarmist, but I don't think people want to be shuffled from one hospital to another," Neal said. "And that's what is happening now."

The petition drive began as a "small neighborhood thing," but has

since "blossomed," Neal said.

PETITIONS have been circulating in Westland, Wayne, Inkster, Canton Township, Taylor, Romulus, Detroit and Garden City.

To date, more than 1,700 signatures have been collected. Neal would like to have at least 3,000 to present to out-county commissioners so that they know "what people think."

Neal has sought support from the Romulus City Council and has discussed the petition drive with several county commissioners. Most have been "standoffish," but Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster, whose district includes Westland and Garden City, has indicated that "it's a good way for us to express our feelings," Neal said.

"We just want to get the feeling across that that hospital as a hospital is important to us," she said.

Hospital's future remains unclear

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

the plan is developed," Hayman said.

Health care for indigent Wayne County residents will continue during and after Westland Medical Center's sale to a private hospital organization, health officials said.

But how many services will continue to be provided at Westland Center isn't clear.

Details concerning the Wayne County facility's sale to Westland Health Network, Inc. are being completed.

"We're dotting the i's and crossing the t's," said Wayne County Health and Community Services Director Vernice Davis-Anthony.

A proposal could be on county commissioner's desks by the end of this week, she added.

VIRTUALLY ALL indigent health programs have been housed at Westland, the former Wayne County General Hospital.

While emergency indigent care is expected to be expanded to all consortium members — eight hospitals in all — Westland's future as a fully operational hospital is in doubt.

Consortium members announced they would seek an additional 50 beds for Westland's mental health care unit, sparking rumors it would eventually become a mental hospital only.

But a spokeswoman for one of the four member hospital organizations said no changes will be implemented until members develop a future-use plan for Westland.

"In terms of changes in service, it's too early to determine what they would be," Oakwood Hospital vice president Marlene Hayman said.

SERVICES CURRENTLY offered at Westland will continue, she added.

"It will be business as usual until

The sale depends upon county commission approval. It will be discussed by the commission's Health and Community Services and Ways and Means committees before coming to a full commission vote, Davis-Anthony said. Discussion dates are pending.

If the contract is approved, consortium members will sublease the hospital from Southwest Detroit Hospital Corp., while paying the county \$7.56 million over the next three years to purchase it outright. The facility has been leased to Southwest since 1984.

The proposed sale was announced by County Executive Edward McNamara in February.

Health officials say Westland's indigent patient care management system would continue at Westland at least until August 1987. Indigent patient care would be provided at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, and Outer Drive Hospital, and Lincoln Park under a four-year contract.

EACH CONSORTIUM hospital would handle emergency cases. The emergency radio communications system would continue to be located at Westland.

All emergency rooms would be used during a disaster. The most severely injured patients would be transferred to the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor or Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Indigent obstetric care would be expanded to Outer Drive, Oakwood and Beyer Memorial Hospital, Ypsilanti, and, possibly, Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

Specialty pediatric care would be provided by the consortium, though it wasn't announced where the service would be based.

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New hand on Senate Judiciary gavel

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Look for broader kinds of bills to come out of the state Senate Judiciary Committee now that Rudy Nichols is chairman.

"Accessibility of legal services" is a favorite theme of Nichols, R-Waterford. The second-term senator was picked to head the judiciary panel by majority leader John Engler.

Another will be new rules for children's testimony in sex cases.

"WE'LL BE information gathering for six months, meeting regularly," said Nichols in his first floor State Capitol office.

Courts are worried about how common citizens perceive them — mostly as plodding and fearful places to do business.

Ideas that the judiciary — and Nichols' committee — are working on include small claims procedures, a judicial ombudsman and grievance procedures.

It's far different from the last three years when Alan Cropsey, R-Dewitt, headed the judiciary panel.

"SENTENCING AND drugs, sentencing and drugs, sentencing and drugs — that's what we heard," Nichols recalled.

Cropsey and Nichols are slender, pale, conservatively dressed attorneys — and there the similarity ends.

Cropsey, 34, was a fundamentalist who had attended Bob Jones University in South Carolina and Cooley Law School across the street from the Capitol.

Nichols, 41, earned his degrees from Michigan State University and the Detroit College of Law.

Both had prior service in the

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House. Cropsey was elected to the Senate in 1982 and Nichols followed a year later in the tax revolt/recall days.

CROPSEY DROPPED out of the Legislature in an unsuccessful 1986 bid for the Court of Appeals.

He was gubernatorial nominee William Lucas' first pick for attorney general. But his fundamentalist credentials — he once proposed teaching "creationism" in public

schools — stirred up such a protest that Lucas dropped him.

Nichols was third-ranking Republican on the committee, behind Cropsey and vice chairman Richard Fessler of West Bloomfield. But Fessler opted for another chairmanship, and Nichols got the judiciary leadership.

Nichols is a soft-spoken sort, rarely heard in partisan rancor. In his freshman term, he managed to win adoption of a package of child support bills in a bipartisan effort with

Democrats. In terms of passage of bills, he was one of the Legislature's most productive members.

"MARY BROWN and I work together quite well," he said. Brown, a feminist Democrat from Kalamazoo, is one of the Legislature's most liberal members and chairs a House panel on youth services.

Despite their political differences, they share an interest in legislation affecting children. Before Nichols' committee are four Brown bills that would make special rules for taking testimony from children and the retarded.

It's complicated stuff, likely to be warmly argued by advocates for children and defense attorneys. Sample provisions:

• One bill would allow law en-

forcement officials to take a videotaped statement from children in sexual conduct, cruelty and commercial sex cases. Full questioning would be allowed, but the result would reduce what authorities consider excessive questioning of children.

• A "support person" could be near the child during testimony, but under very formal rules to safeguard defendants' rights.

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tion. Don Leggett, FDA health fraud specialist, will discuss steroid use.

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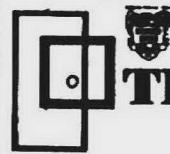
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By Brad Emons

THE 1986-87 season has been a basketful year for the All-Area boys basketball team. The season's success is the result of the hard work and talent of the players and coaches.

all-area boys basketball

Westland John Glenn sharpshooter Steve Hawley, Wayne Memorial point guard Mark Robinson, and Plymouth Salem forward Mike Hale are first team repeaters.

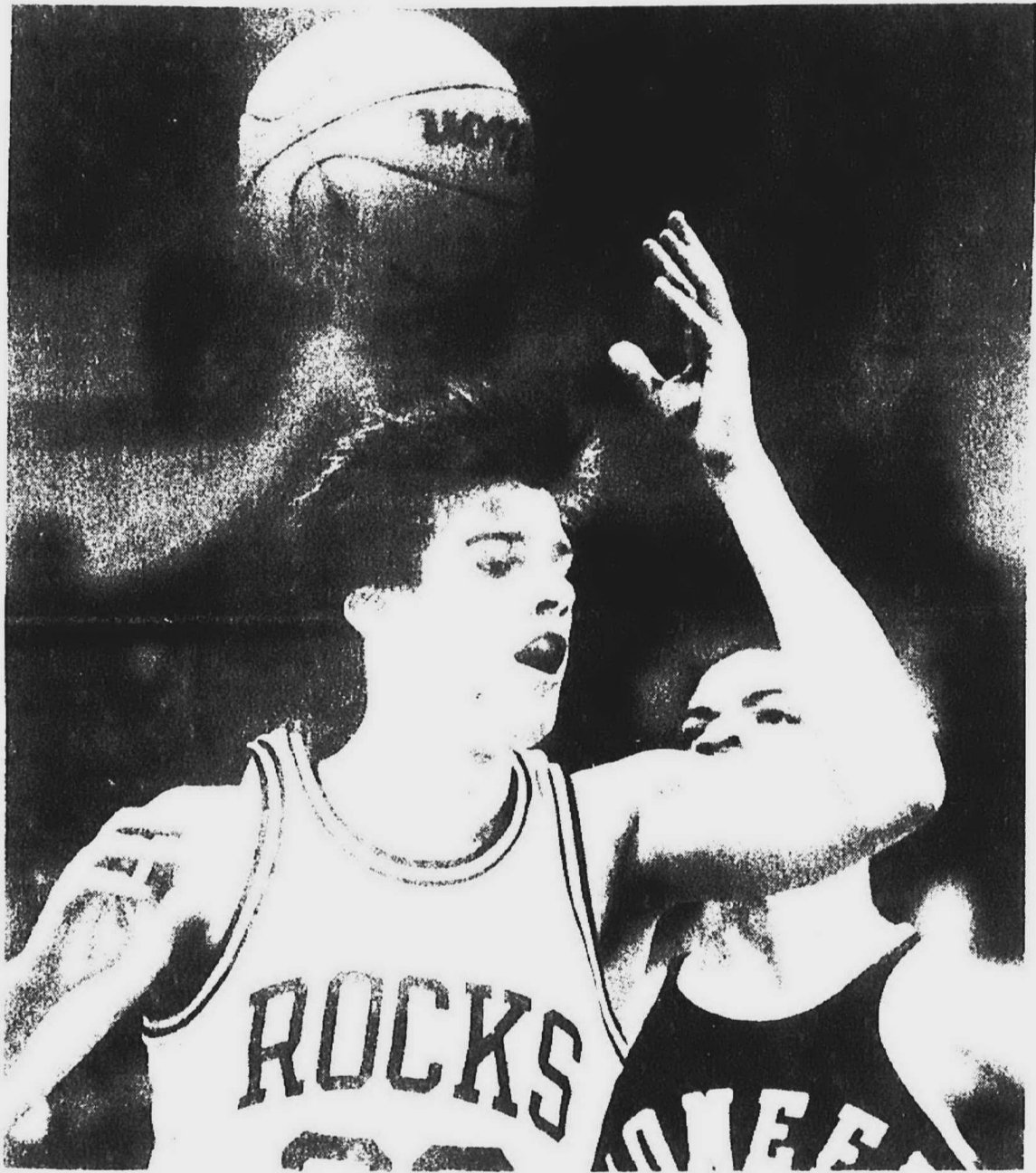
Bob Taylor of Salem, a transfer from East Lansing, and Glenn center Andy Grazulis are others who join the first team.

At the first team picks come from Bishop and Cordeil Robinson of Wayne Memorial, and Wayne Memorial guard Cordell Robinson.

AB Division championship for the first time in the school's history under fifth-year coach Mike Fusco, who was selected Observerland Coach of the Year.

Glenn, sporting its best record in the school's history (21-3), won its own district and tied Salem for first place in the Lakes Division of the WLAA.

Wayne, 18-5 this season, repeated as Wolverine A League champions.



When the Rocks tossed the ball, 6-foot-7 Rick Taylor, it usually resulted in points on Salem's side of the scoreboard.

HILL BRESEE/Staff photographer

Here is a brief look at the All-Area basketball team.

FIRST TEAM

Steve Hawley, senior, Westland Glenn. "After missing a game or practice this year, he's been nagging his teammates to get better. He's one of the best players in the area history. He averaged 17.4 points, 6.6 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game this year.

Hawley is second on Glenn's all-time scoring list with 1,045 points and a fifth in assists.

Wayne played his best in the big game, said Glenn coach Gordie Davis. He was a fourth quarter pressure player.

Wayne is a great leader, one of the best I've ever coached."

Hawley, the son of Wayne High Athletic Director Bob Hawley, is a two-time all-Western Lakes Conference pick.

Mark Robinson, senior, Wayne. Robinson made a smooth transition from point guard to point guard this season, averaging 20.3 points, 7.5 rebounds and four assists per game.

Like Hawley, Robinson scored more than 1,000 points during his three-year career, averaging 18 points per game as a junior and 10 as a sophomore.

The two-time Wolverine A co-MVP is described by his coach Chuck Henry as "a beautiful kid."

"Mark's very quiet, but a leader because of his hard work ethic," Henry said. "And he just has a great attitude. He's the best pure athlete that I have ever coached."

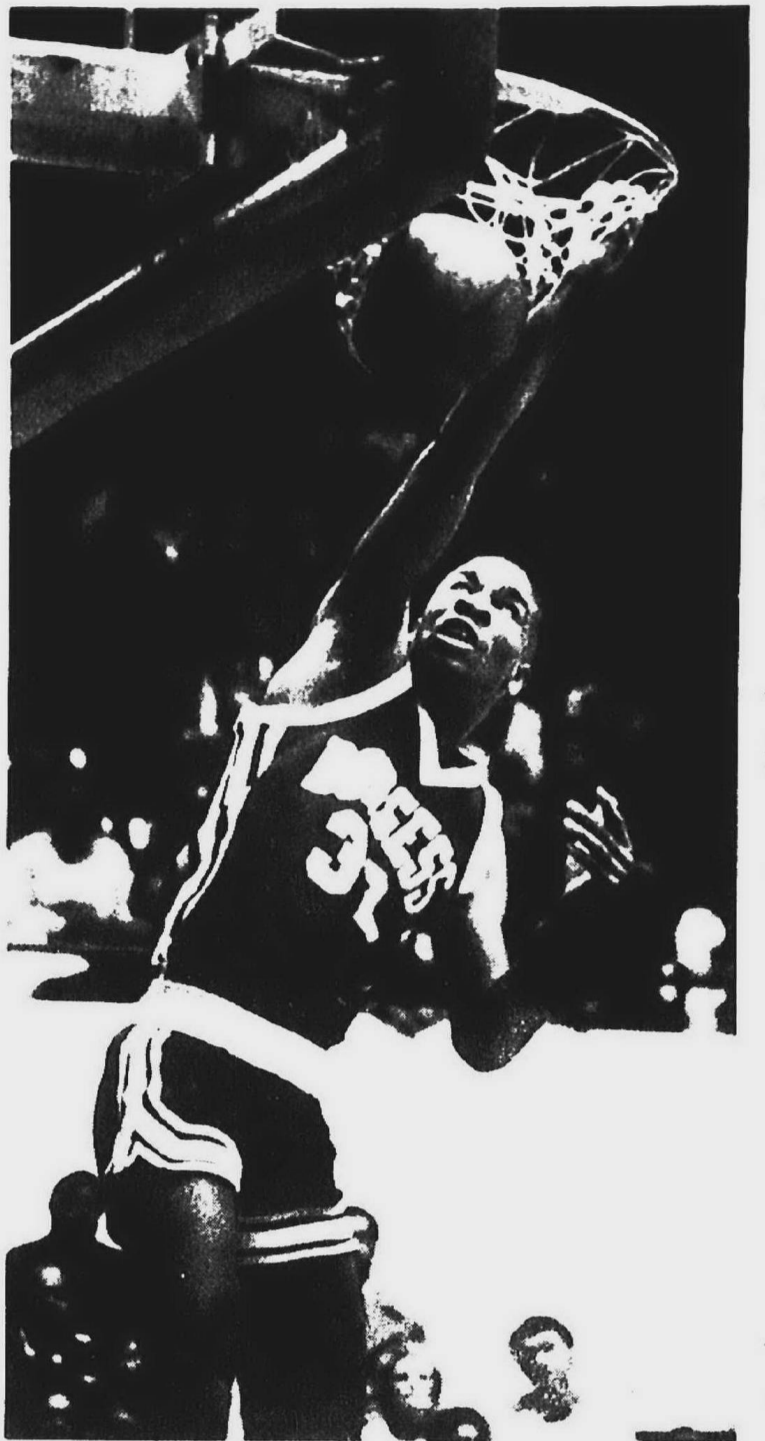
Mike Hale, senior, Plymouth Salem. Another three-year starter, Hale averaged 18 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists per game. He shot 57 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free-throw line.

The two-time all-Western Lakes Conference choice scored 924 points and pulled down 694 rebounds during his career.

As a third-year starter, Mike is one of the best players to come out of Salem," said coach Bob Brodie. "He is a true workhorse who runs the floor very well and can score and rebound from anywhere."

He was also our most versatile player by helping to break the pressure, playing inside or outside, and guarding our opponents' best player."

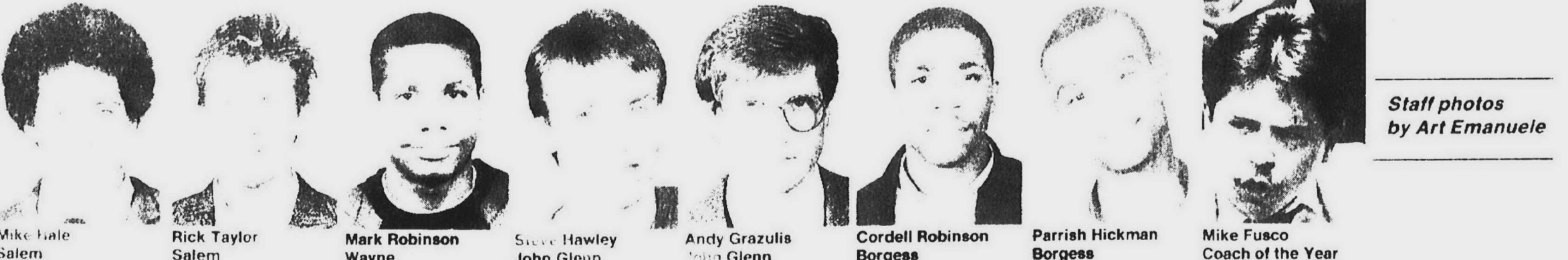
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One reason for Bishop Borgesa's success this season was the high-flying stuffs supplied by Cordell Robinson.

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Mike Hale	Plymouth Salem		
Andy Grazulis	Westland Glenn		
Rick Taylor	Plymouth Salem		
Parrish Hickman	Bishop Borgesa		
Cordeil Robinson	Bishop Borgesa		
SECOND TEAM			
Lance Vaccarelli	Catholic Central		
Roger Trice	Plymouth Canton		
Pat McCarthy	Plymouth Christian		
Bryan Kaaris	Plymouth Salem		
Mark Claiborne	Wayne Memorial		
DeJaun Smith	Bishop Borgesa		
Bill Vitti	Catholic Central		
THIRD TEAM			
Brad Ridgeway	Farmington Harrison		
Brian Dugas	Catholic Central		
Anson Stroman	Westland Glenn		
Rick Karcher	North Farmington		
Scott Harvey	Garden City		
Pete Mazzoni	Livonia Stevenson		
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Mike Hale Salem; Rick Taylor Salem; Mark Robinson Wayne; Steve Hawley John Glenn; Andy Grazulis John Glenn; Cordell Robinson Borgesa; Parrish Hickman Borgesa; Mike Fusco Coach of the Year

2nd-half surge sends Salem past Raiders

When the Raiders took the field on Wednesday, Salem opened its season with a surprisingly easy 5-2 victory over visiting Northville.

The Rocks had a 3-2 halftime lead that grew to 5-2 in the second half, according to coach Ken Johnson.

Marshall scored two goals and assisted on two others in the second half. He also scored for the Rocks. Marshall and sweeper Nikky Marshall both performed well during the game in front of keeper Ellen Kinnear, who made 12 saves.

FARMINGTON 6, WESTLAND CENTRAL 0. Farmington girls soccer

beat the Raiders, now 1-1, 2-0 in the game but managed just one goal in the half goal by Bill Estey.

It was a different story in the second half. Michelle Minton, a freshman striker, and Terri King each scored two goals. Lisa Hicks and Pam Mayer added single goals for Salem turned what was a tight contest into a rout.

Estey had two assists to go with her goal. Freshman fullback Jennifer Marshall also had two assists, and King Tracy King and Kim Anderson each contributed one.

FARMINGTON 6, WESTLAND CENTRAL 0. Farmington girls soccer

soccer

coach Ed Bartram was pleased with his team's performance Friday at Walled Lake Central. The shutout victory, he thought, would even his team's record at 1-1.

Little did he know. The Falcons vaulted from once-beaten to undefeated in the space of one evening. What happened? Their season-opening 4-0 loss at Livonia Central, the defending Class A champion Wednesday was overturned when it was discovered the Chargers inadvertently used an ineligible player.

That made Friday's win doubly enjoyable, particularly since Bartram has a bunch of seniors to rely on to lead the Falcons into a treacherous season like keeper Cyn-di Rieden, center fullback Jennifer Cunningham and stopper Amy Smith, a team co-captain.

That trio helped guide the Falcons past Walled Lake Central, but their contributions were greatly aided by freshman striker Margaret Martin's three goals in the victory.

Farmington struck quickly against Central (0-2 for the season), scoring four first half goals. Martin got the first on an assist from Denise Nyborg, then Nyborg scored, with Carrie Mauer assisting.

Martin then made it 3-0 on a free kick. Amy Trunk got the Falcons'

fourth goal of the half. Mauer got a goal in the second half. Trunk assisting, before Martin capped her day with her third goal.

Rieden turned away nine shots to claim the victory. Farmington unleashed 23 shots in the match.

FRANKLIN 20, HARRISON 0. Livonia Franklin had few problems in its first two games this season, outscoring its opponents 27-2. Deanne Brda and Linda McCaul have supplied most of the offensive punch. Brda with seven goals and McCaul with five.

In the rout of visiting Harrison Friday, Brda scored four times and McCaul got three. Kelly Kronberg was in the Franklin nets for the first half, with Angee Stiglmeier taking over in the second. The Patriots led

3-0 at the half.

On Wednesday, Franklin blitzed Walled Lake Central 7-2 at Central. Brda had three goals, McCaul scored two and Jenny Whitfield and Denise Gonzalez contributed single goals. The Patriots pulled away from a 2-0 halftime lead to the victory.

STEVENSON 13, HARRISON 0. Allison Eichhorn made Livonia Stevenson's season opener at Farmington Harrison a happy one Wednesday, scoring six goals in a Western Lakes Activities Association rout.

Lori Green added two goals and Karen Carney, Jackie Danahy, Tina Gehlert, Michelle Hussey and Maureen Sudek got three goal apiece. Spartan keeper Elaine Zager was hardly challenged, touching the ball twice in the game.



outdoors

Bill Parker

Smelt season here

GRAB YOUR waders, net and lantern. Throw some warm clothes in the car and don't forget a large bucket or new trash can. Fill up the gas tank and get out to the river. (Don't forget to stop at the local grocery store for some munchies and the beverage of your choice.)

The smelt have started to run. Recent reports released by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources indicate that action is slow but die-hard dippers have had some success at the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron.

With warm temperatures (and a little precipitation) headed our way, this weekend could well be the beginning of the smelt-dipping season in southern Michigan.

If you've never dipped for smelt before, I recommend you give it a try. You don't have to be an expert fisherman or even an avid outdoorsman. All you have to do is dip your net into the water. If the silvery little rascals are running you're bound to have instant success.

Smelt are small fish, usually six to eight inches in length. They don't have to be scaled or filleted and a half-dozen or so usually make a nice meal for one person. They're easy to clean and pretty tasty when battered and deep-fried in a pan of boiling grease.

BEST ACTION is usually at night (between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.). When the smelt are running, traffic on the river can often be heavier than at rush hour on the Lodge.

"A lot of people (dip for smelt) and enjoy it tremendously," said DNR fisheries biologist Ron Spitzer. "Since (dippers) had some luck last weekend it should be a little better this weekend. Once (smelt) start their runs they can't revert too far. If we happen to get a cold spell they'll become a little sluggish but they'll remain in the rivers."

Depending on weather conditions, the runs can be red-hot one day and then very slow the next. Smelt usually begin their runs when the water temperature reaches 41-44 degrees. The runs generally last for about a two-week

span.

Hot spots in southeast Michigan are the foot of the Blue Water Bridge at Port Huron, Sears Dock and Pine Grove Park, at St. Clair north of Pine River, at Marine City and Algonac south of M-72. In Ontario Point Pelee is usually a good spot. The park will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. No cars will be allowed in the park after 10 p.m. Another good spot on the Ontario side is in Wheatley at the end of Campers Cove Road.

FURTHER NORTH, back on the Michigan side, hot spots through Huron County include Lexington Harbor, Port Sanilac Harbor, Bridgehampton River, Cherry Creek, Elk Creek, Mill Creek, Sucker Creek, Elm Creek, Ocka Creek, Willow Creek, New River, Grindstone City Harbor and Pinnebog River.

Dippers should have a valid fishing license in their possession. (1987 fishing licenses are required after March 31.) Remember to ice the fish before making a long trip home.

"Smelt dippers should make sure only to dip as many smelt as they want," said Spitzer. "If you take too many you may not find enough hungry neighbors with willing kids to clean them once you get home."

METROPARKS

KENSINGTON

- Owl Prowl, a combination slide presentation and nature walk exploring the life of owls, will be held Friday beginning at 7 p.m.
- Animal Quackers, a combination slide presentation and nature walk to observe migrating ducks and geese, will be held Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.
- Pond Awakening, an opportunity for participants to explore pond life using dip nets, will be offered Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.
- Spring Birding for Beginners, a nature hike to discover the common bird species, will be held Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

For more information on any of the Metropark events call 1-800-24-PARKS.

Title escapes swim star

By C.J. Rieck staff writer

For almost anyone, just being tagged as an All-American would be enough. It's a goal worth shooting for, worth relishing once accomplished.

Kara McGrath wanted more. That's why the Birmingham resident accepted her second-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly at the NCAA championship meet last week in Indianapolis with mixed emotions.

"I was happy with the finish," the senior at the University of Texas said. "I just wish I'd done my best time."

Goal-setting — and achieving — is what keeps athletes pushing themselves beyond accepted limits of endurance. McGrath had been an All-American before. She had finished second in the 200 fly at the NCAA meet before, too — last year, and the year before, to be precise.

One hurdle remained to be cleared — an individual NCAA championship. But perched between McGrath and that aim was an obstacle of major proportions.

Mary T. Meagher, the Olympic gold medalist and world record-holder in the 200 fly, was McGrath's obstacle. Meagher has defeated McGrath every time they've raced, dating back to their high school days in Louisville, Ky.

That didn't deter McGrath, but her determination wasn't enough to defeat her longtime rival. Meagher won the 200 fly title once again, with a clocking of 1:55.54.

What frustrated McGrath was her distant second-place finish and a time of 1:57.36, well off her career-best 1:56.91, which she swam at last year's NCAA finals. McGrath also placed sixth in the 100 fly in a personal-best 54.53. Meagher won that event, too, in an NCAA-record 52.42.

It's kind of disappointing I didn't reach it. But it was great being part of four NCAA championship teams, especially this year. We won by just 17 points, the closest in my four years.

Yet, what separates a world-class athlete like McGrath from the rest of humanity isn't just talent. It's determination to succeed and to keep trying until goals are accomplished.

McGrath plans to keep trying. "I'm pretty sure I'm going to train through the summer," she said. "I do want to see how I do this summer, but I think I want to train for '88."

WHICH MEANS THE OLYMPICS. There are factors in McGrath's favor as she begins her trek toward a medal. For one, all international swim races are competed in 50-meter (long course) pools, instead of the NCAA's 25-yard pools.

"Long course has always been my best, so that's to my advantage," said McGrath. And even though Meagher holds the 200 fly long-course world record, she's thought to be slightly better in shorter races with more turns (seven turns in a 200-yard race, three in 200-meters).



Kara McGrath 2nd at NCAA meet

Still, it's a race McGrath has never won. And it's a race she thinks she should win. "That's how I feel," she said. "Even when I finished (at the NCAA meet) in Indianapolis, I thought I was better than that. I don't know if I could have done better right then, but I think I could do better."

"That's what keeps swimmers going, I guess."

BLUNTLY, SHE had few goals left. Even her hopes for her team had been realized; U-T had won the NCAA title every year she'd been there, including this season.

Club boasts a new contender

By Brad Emons staff writer

Politics have been interwoven with boxing as long as anybody can remember and it appears another Gary Hart has entered the ring.

No, it's not the senator from Colorado with aspirations of being president.

This Gary Hart is a 27-year-old assembly worker at General Motors, who happens to be the Livonia Boxing Club's latest hope in the Golden Gloves Tournament, which begins Sunday, at the George F. Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia.

Paul Soucy, who runs the LBC, isn't ready to elect Hart president just yet, but he believes the 225-pounder from Detroit has the potential to follow or even surpass former Livonia super-heavyweight Craig Payne, who made it to the finals of the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials.

"This guy (Hart) has been in gyms all his life, but he's had no fights," Soucy said. "It's really unbelievable because he's got possibilities. He's going to be fighting in the Open Class."

"I guess he decided he wanted to try it like Bonecrusher Smith, who didn't start fighting until he was 27."

SMITH, as boxing fans recall, just

lost an uneventful 10-round decision to world champion Mike Tyson, but came away with a big payday.

Whether it's the pros or the Olympics, the Gloves often prove to be a stepping stone for aspiring fighters.

Livonian John Larkin, a 20-year-old student at the University of Michigan, is entered in the 165-pound Senior Novice class. He has won his last six fights.

Others entered from the LBC include 27-year-old heavyweight Richard Singer, Senior Novice B; 18-year-old lightweight Martin Rosario of Flat Rock, Novice; and 19-year-old super-heavyweight John Bahoura of Detroit, Novice.

ONE OF SOUCY'S brightest prospects, 15-year-old Rob Diffenbaugh of Livonia, a student at Stevenson High School, will not be eligible to compete because he is too young. Diffenbaugh, who has captured his last two fights, can enter next year.

Eighteen bouts are scheduled for the card, which begins at 3 p.m. The Monaghan Hall is at 19801 Farmington, between Seven and Eight Mile roads.

The boycott of suburban shows by Detroit fighters has ended after a three-year squabble. Semifinal winners advance to the Detroit-area Golden Gloves finals, Wednesday,

April 8, at the Veterans Memorial Building in Detroit. (The card begins at 8 p.m.) The National Golden Gloves finals will be held next month in Knoxville, Tenn.

Tickets are \$6 general admission and \$8 ringside (limited seating

available). Tickets are available at either Monaghan Hall or K.O. Video Store in Livonia (19211 Merriman).

For more information, call 476-7675 (K.O. Video) or 476-8383 (Monaghan Hall).

Basketball's best

Continued from Page 1

Laura, is on the Tulane (La.) University volleyball team.

Rick Taylor, senior, Plymouth Salem: The 6-7 center became a welcome addition for the Rocks, averaging 16 points and 12 rebounds per game.

"Sporting a soft outside touch and strong inside moves, Taylor shot 57 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the free throw line.

He tallied a career-high 35 points in a regional loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Rick has the ability to work either at the post position or step off the perimeter," said the Salem coach. "His shooting touch and offensive rebounding ability made us a solid team this season."

Taylor, a McDonald's All-American nominee, is being recruited by the University of Detroit and Kent State.

Parrish Hickman, junior, Bishop Borgess: The 6-6 1/2 center was the Spartans' dominant big man this season, averaging 14.7 points, 9.3 rebounds and 1.3 blocks per game. Several times he brought the crowd to its feet with his thunderous dunks.

The first team all-Catholic League pick is playing his second year as a starter and should be a major force in the Catholic League next season along with Warren DeLaSalle's Mike Pepowski, teammate Cordell Robinson and Southgate Aquinas's Mark Montgomery.

"Parrish has developed his game tremendously this season," said Borgess coach Mike Fusco. "He not only was an

inside threat, but he also emerged as a perimeter player with a quality jump shot.

"Toward the end of the season, Parrish became a defensive player that could stop both the inside and perimeter game."

Cordell Robinson, junior, Bishop Borgess: The 6-4 1/2 guard was tough for opponents to match up against. He averaged 16.7 points, 4.1 assists and 4.4 rebounds per game.

The first-team all-Catholic pick was an explosive player who could take control of things offensively.

"When Cordell has the ball in the middle of the floor in the open court, he can always create an exciting play," said the Borgess coach. "He is an all-around player that can do many things on the floor."

"He has great vision and awareness of the other nine players on the floor at all times. He will play the shooting guard in college."

Mike Fusco, Coach of the Year, Bishop Borgess: After a successful stint at Detroit St. Hedwig, a Class D school, the young and energetic Fusco moved up to the A-B Division, transforming Borgess into a Catholic League power in just five years.

His Borgess team finished 19-4, the best record in the school's history, leading the team to the Operation-Friendship title game against No. 1-ranked Detroit Southwestern.

The future appears bright for Fusco and the Spartans, as four of the team's top five players return.

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Enrollment decline costs coach his job

By Marty Budner
staff writer

Nick Conti understood all the pressures that accompany the position of head basketball coach at Birmingham Brother Rice High School. One thing he never worried about, he said, was job security.

But Conti was told by Brother Rice principal Brother George Grimley last Tuesday morning he would be laid off effective the end of the current school year. Both his status as a physical education teacher and basketball coach are affected by the layoff. Conti was hired in August of 1981 by then Brother Rice principal Brother Joseph A. Grimaldi.

"I had what I considered a very fine position — and a secure position — in Bloomfield Hills (as coach of Lahser High School) seven years ago," said Conti.

"I then applied for the head basketball coaching position at Brother Rice. I was assured when I was hired (job) security should not be something I should be concerned with," he said. "Being laid off was the last thing I was concerned about."

Grimley said Conti is one of four faculty members at Brother Rice who will be laid off. The layoffs are a direct result, he said, of the school's budget problems due to declining enrollment.

"THE REASON is simple. We have a reduction in student population according to our contract, and we have to reduce our staff simultaneously," said Grimley, who will coach his first year as Brother Rice principal this June.

"I have to do this because of the seniority list. In the physical department he had the least amount of seniority," said Grimley. "I think it should be made clear that (Conti) was not the only one laid off. There were others laid off in the theology, English and history departments."

Conti, a Wayne State University graduate, said he was stunned to hear the news.

"To say it was a surprise would be the understatement of all time," he said. "The faculty knew there were going to be budget cuts. We knew the number projections for next year were going to be down."

"The speculation was that what will probably happen is that some

people in sports

of the support staff or part-time faculty members would be let go. As one of three phys ed teachers — and one of two full-time phys-ed teachers — plus being the head basketball coach, I never thought a layoff would affect me.

"The budget cuts are all fine and dandy, but the bottom line is that a week ago I was the basketball coach at Brother Rice and now I am not," he said.

Conti compiled an overall 95-46 (67 percent winning average) in six seasons as Rice's head coach.

THE WARRIORS won three District Division championships, three District championships and one Catholic League title under Conti. Rice had a 22-5 record en route to a regional championship and a berth in the Class A state semifinals in the 1983-84 season. Rice lost in the state playoffs that year to Detroit Southwestern.

Paul Jokisch, John Shasky and B.J. Armstrong were perhaps three of Conti's most talented players at Rice. All three went on to play collegiate ball — Jokisch at the University of Michigan (where he eventually drifted over to the football program), Shasky at the University of Minnesota and Armstrong at the University of Iowa.

Conti previously coached at Bloomfield Hills Lahser where he had an overall 188-55 record (.750 average). Conti guided the Knights to six Metro Suburban Activities Association championships, four districts and one regional title.

Conti said he is unsure of his plans.

"The last 13 years of my coaching career I've been spoiled," he said. "The people I had the opportunity to be associated with for seven years at Lahser and at Rice the last six years. . . I'm not at all sure where I could duplicate that."

"At this point I'm just disheartened," he said. "I don't know what I'm going to do."

Grimley said he has not yet decided on a new basketball coach at Brother Rice.

sports shorts

STANDOUT PERFORMERS

Swimmer Greg Wolf, from Plymouth Canton, finished fifth for Bowling Green State in the 1,650-yard freestyle at the recent Mid-American Conference swimming championships. Wolf was clocked at 16:08.85.

Swimmer Ginnie Johnson, from Plymouth Canton, recorded the fastest times for Oakland University swimmers in five individual events this season. Johnson, a sophomore, was OU's best in the 100-yard (1:00.05) and 200-yard (2:10.33) butterfly, the 100 (1:13.95) and 200 (2:34.27) breaststroke, and the 400 individual medley (4:49.55).

SOCCER FUND-RAISER

A 24-hour soccerthon is planned April 11-12 at Plymouth Salem to raise funds for a Michigan elite team's trip to Europe July 2 to Aug. 5. Among the team members are eight from Plymouth and Canton.

Anyone wishing to make a pledge should contact David O'Malley, a team member, at 981-4513.

KOUFAX BASEBALL

Any boys 13 or 14 years old who will attend Plymouth Canton High School interested in playing Koufax baseball should attend the team tryout at Griffin Park's diamond No. 5 at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 4.

For further information, contact Norm Maxwell at 981-4216.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

Schoolcraft College is hosting a

men's and women's volleyball invitational Saturday, April 18. The tournament will consist of both men's and women's classes in open and B Divisions.

Cost is \$60 per team. Play starts at 9 a.m. at Schoolcraft, located on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile. For further information, contact Tom Teeters (261-4725, or at Schoolcraft 591-6400, Ext. 483).

SOFTBALL TRAVELERS

Any girls 14-16 years old interested in playing for the Mid-America Mustangs, a sponsored, slo-pitch softball travel team, this summer should call Ray Knickerbocker at 455-5893 for further information.

CANTON GOLF LEAGUES

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring several golf leagues at Fellows Creek Golf Course this spring.

The Wednesday night men's league will begin April 29, tee times 5-5:55 p.m. Returning players should register by April 3. New players can sign up after April 6. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The Thursday night men's league will begin April 23, tee times 4-4:44 p.m. The league will run for 22 weeks. Call 397-1000 for more information.

Registration fee for both leagues is \$25 plus weekly greens fees. Each league will hold 36 players.

On Tuesday mornings, the seniors golf league will meet. Cost is \$5 registration plus weekly greens fees. Play begins in May. Call 397-5110 for further details.

On Friday mornings starting May 8, a women's golf league will take to the course at Fellows Creek. Cost is \$10 for registration, plus weekly greens fees. Call 397-5110 for further details. There will be a league meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 30 in the Canton Township administration building.

PLYMOUTH SOFTBALL

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation men's slow-pitch softball league will begin the week of May 4. The entry fee is \$500 per team.

New teams can sign up starting Thursday, March 19. There will be a 32-team limit.

For more information, call 455-6620.

CANTON SOFTBALL

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department still has openings for its men's and women's softball leagues.

Here are the fees: men's first division, \$360; men's second division, \$340; women's Class A, \$350; women's Class B, \$260.

Fees must be paid in full at the Canton Parks and Recreation Department. Call 397-5110 for more information.

CANTON S'BALL CENTER

Canton Softball Center is accept-

ing registrations for its 1987 softball season, which will begin April 12. Men's, women's, coed and over-35 leagues are being offered. There also will be tournaments every weekend. Call 483-5600 for more information.

COED SOFTBALL

The Plymouth and Canton recreation departments will co-sponsor a co-ed softball league starting this spring. An organizational meeting is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Topics to be discussed are entry fees, playing dates and registration dates.

For more information, call 397-1000 (Canton) or 455-6620 (Plymouth).

LIONS FOOTBALL

The Plymouth-Canton Lions Junior Football Association is planning its 1987 season, and coaches are needed. Anyone interested in coaching should send a letter to Ernie Parrish, 2028 Brookline, Canton, 40187.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Anyone ages 16-30 interested in trying out for the Canton Wildcats Great Lakes Women's Soccer League team should call Pam Bolser at 453-5413.



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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN


A regular meeting of the Plymouth Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 1987 at 7:30 pm in the Commission Chambers of City Hall to consider the following:

NR-87-9 - Site plan review for 505 S. Main St. Office addition. Property zoned B-3 General Business.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

GORDON G. LIMBURG,
City Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Plymouth Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 1987 at 7:30 pm in the Commission Chambers of City Hall to consider the following:


RZ-87-1 - Rezoning of 814 York St. (Lot 447) from I-1 Light Industrial to RM-2 Multiple Family.

NR-87-10 - 880 S. Main St. nine, two story row house units (P.U.D. section of the City Code Book) Property zoned RM-1. Site plan review.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

GORDON G. LIMBURG,
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH HOUSING COMMISSION

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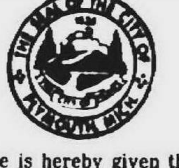
TONQUISH CREEK MANOR

The City of Plymouth Housing Commission will accept bids for the following items, to be delivered no later than Monday, April 13, 1987.

Item 1. IBM Wheelwriter 6 with Spell Right and Computer Cabling.
Item 2. Ricoh FT 3060 Copy Machine with ten bin collater.

Written bids will be accepted in the office of the Housing Commission. Bids will be opened Tuesday, April 7, 1987 at 10:00 a.m. The City of Plymouth Housing Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities. Bids may be mailed or personally delivered to Sharon Lee Thomas, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH


201 SOUTH MAIN ST. STREET
PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170
Dated: March 19, 1987

REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NO. 1 -

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ACCOUNT

Amount and Source of Revenue in the Account:		Amount and Purpose of Expenditures from the Account:																									
For a period From October 1, 1984 to July 30, 1985		Transfers to Municipal Building Authority for retirement of bonds, payment of interest and fees, also, audit fee from public accountant. \$150,539.18																									
Tax revenues received	\$11,034.03	Partial repayment to General Fund of monies advanced for bond retirement payments.	20,000.00																								
Interest on checking account	381.76	Total Expenditures	170,539.18																								
Balance less bank charges	\$11,415.79	Cash Balance	February 28, 1987																								
Previous Charges			\$23,059.02																								
		Amount of Principal and Interest on Any Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness:																									
For a period From July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1987		Parking Structure - Outstanding Principal - \$ 990,000.00																									
Tax revenues received	\$57,473.44	Outstanding Interest - 1,386,550.00																									
Interest on checking account	3,080.47	Total \$ 2,376,550.00																									
Balance less bank charges	\$60,553.91	Initial Assessed Value of the project Area:																									
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clubs in action

● PREPARATION

Applications are being accepted for a childbirth preparation series to begin Monday, March 30. The series is for couples who wish to take an active part in childbirth. The series of classes will run for seven weeks and will be held at the Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia. Class hours are 7-9 p.m. For enrollment information, call "In Touch" — Association for Pregnancy Enrichment and Childbirth Education, 595-6843, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

● JOB HELP

"Job Opportunities of the Future" will be the topic for a 7 p.m. program Tuesday, March 31, at Room 129 of Plymouth Canton High School. The program is hosted by Plymouth-Canton Community Education/Job Placement and will be presented by Phil LaJoy. LaJoy of Norrell Inc. is also a community education instructor. The public may attend. Admission is free. For more information, call 451-8451.

● HELLO, CANTON

The Canton Newcomers will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. A pizza party and "slave" auction will follow the meeting. For more information, call Julia, 459-8039.

● EQUAL RIGHTS

Fathers for Equal Rights will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Alfred Noble branch of the Livonia Public Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, one block east of Farmington Road. For more information, call 354-3080.

● LUNCHEON TIME

Plans are under way for the 19th annual salad luncheon presented by the Lake Pointe Village Branch, Women's National Farm and Garden Association. The luncheon will be held Saturday, April 4, in the cafeteria of Plymouth Canton High School. Those who are interested in membership in the organization should call Jean, 420-2235.

● SPRING FLING

The sixth annual "Spring Fling" sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be held Saturday, April 4, at the VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. A salad luncheon will be served at 1 p.m., followed by a fashion show. Door prizes will be given. Price is \$4. For reservations or more information, call Caroline, 455-2620, or Alice, 453-6144.

● ART AUCTION

The Plymouth Newcomers will hold an art auction at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville. All proceeds will be contributed to Growth Works Inc. Original signed etchings, lithographs, paintings and sculpture will be among the featured items. Tickets, at \$3 each, may be purchased from club members or by calling 453-2123 or 455-2795. Tickets are also available at The Mole Hole, Something for You and Growth Works Inc., all in Plymouth.

● 60-PLUS

Area senior citizens may attend the monthly potluck luncheon at noon Monday, April 6, at fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road. Those attending should bring a food dish to pass and their own table service. Mr. and Mrs. William Edgar will show slides of Miller Woods, on Powell Road west of Plymouth. The slides show the area's trees, birds, plants and trails.

● THREE CITIES

The Three Cities Art Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the meeting room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 E. Ann Arbor Road at Lilley. There will be a members' critique of paintings to be entered in the upcoming show. The subject for members' competition is "April Showers." Guests may attend. For more information, call Dorothy Koliba, club president, 455-5159.

● ORIENTATION

The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association is offering a

Caesarean orientation at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The program is for couples anticipating a Caesarean birth, as well as Lamaze-prepared couples. It will feature a birth film. There is a \$1 per person charge at the door. Advance registration is not required. For more information, call 459-7477.

● FASHION FUN

The Catholic Central Mothers' Club will hold its annual luncheon and fashion show Tuesday, April 7, at the Meadowbrook Country Club, on Eight Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville. The theme is "Rainbow of Fashions." Fashions will be by Hadley Arden of Farmington, The Children's Store and Four Seasons of 12 Oaks. Hair and makeup will be by the Mane Connection. Cocktails will

be served at 11 a.m., with luncheon at noon. Raffle/door prizes will be awarded. Donation is \$20. For reservations, call Ruth Westhoff, 464-8480, or Nancy Gormley, 464-7447.

● FOOT CARE

Dr. Bruce Kaczander, a local podiatrist, will discuss proper foot care at a 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, program, hosted by Chris' California Concept, on Lilley Road south of Joy Road in the Golden Gate Plaza, Canton. Kaczander specializes in the treatment and prevention of sports injuries. He will give information on preparing for the March of Dimes "Walk America," set for Sunday, April 26, at Oakland Community College. Chris' California Concept is an official sponsor for the March of Dimes event. The public may attend the Tuesday, April 7, program; admission is free of charge. For more

information, call 459-1080.

● LAMAZE SERIES

The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer a seven-week Lamaze series, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton. Early registration is advised. For more information, call 459-7477.

● WOMEN'S GUILD

The St. John Neumann Women's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the activities building at the church in Canton. The meeting will include election of officers for the coming year. All women of the parish may attend.

● BOUTIQUE

Middlebelt Nursing Centre, 14900 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, will hold

its annual "Spring Boutique" Thursday through Sunday, April 9-12. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Handmade crafts will be available. Proceeds will benefit the residents through the activities department.

● MIGRATION

The Plymouth Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the museum, Main and Church streets in Plymouth. Wildlife enthusiast and lecturer Evelyn Edgar will present a slide program, "The Mysteries of Migration." She will discuss the hows and whys of migration of birds, butterflies and whales. Guests may attend. For more information, call 455-8940.

● ARTS, CRAFTS

Handcrafters Unlimited will hold

an arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 11. The show will be in the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, west of Center (Sheldon) in Northville. More than 65 artisans will participate. Lunch will be available. Admission is \$1.

● LUNCHEON

The Canton Newcomers will meet for a luncheon out at 12:45 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Chi Chi's. For reservations or more information, call Julia, 459-8039.

● DINING OUT

The Canton Newcomers (couples) will dine out at Mountain Jack's on Warren Road at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, April 7. For reservations or more information, call Arlene, 459-1797.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to Section 6104(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, notice is hereby given that the annual report for the calendar year 1986 of the Litvak Foundation, a private foundation, is available at the foundation's principal office for inspection during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., by any person who requests it within 180 days after the date of this publication.

The foundation's principal office is located at 3650 Penobscot Building, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and its phone number is 963-1155.

The principal manager of the foundation is Alan T. Ackerman. The accountant is Sara Keldan, 32000 Northwestern Highway, Suite 275, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018.

the movies
Dan Greenberg

Poorly plotted film has funny moments

In the last few months, moviegoers have been treated to two appealing previews of Tri-Star's coming attraction, "Blind Date," (PG-13) featuring Kim Basinger and Bruce Willis of television's "Moonlighting." Strangely enough, the motion picture omits the footage so widely previewed.

The attraction has arrived and, after lots of laughter, I've got some second thoughts about Blake Edwards and his sense of comedy.

In a comic framework "Blind Date" summons up all the fear and trembling that people experience when confronted with a new and unknown social situation. Embarrassment is the prime reaction that disturbs both partners on a blind date.

"Will I look foolish with this person?" "Will I be above or below myself appearing in public with this person?" "Will I embarrass myself?" "Will my blind date embarrass me?"

That last question is particularly important in this "Blind Date" because Walter Davis (Willis) desperately needs a date for an extremely important business dinner.

Walter is a hard-working portfolio analyst for a major investment firm whose chairman, Harry Gruen (George Coe), has just landed a major account with a Japanese industrialist, Mr. Yakamoto (Sab Shimono), for whom this all-important dinner is being held.

WALTER IS unsuccessful in finding a last-minute date. That's

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quite to be expected since he spends most of his nights working on financial analyses. His friendly rival and co-worker, Denny Gordon (Mark Blum), has no such problem. He's quite the operator with women and dresses so much better than Walter that Mr. Gruen seems to prefer Danny, even though his work isn't up to snuff.

This is but one problem in Edwards' comic structure in "Blind Date." At a number of junctures, the events are far too predictable, lack apparent motivation, are incompletely worked out and just don't have the subtle and sophisticated humor that we've come to expect from Edwards — and from any accomplished director.

In this particular scene the well-dressed Gordon gives Mr. Gruen a casual excuse for not being prepared for a major staff meeting concerning the new Japanese client. On the other hand, carelessly costumed, workaholic Walter is berated for his clothes after making his presentation.



Walter Davis (Bruce Willis) is paired with beautiful Nadia Gates Edwards comedy, "Blind Date." Timothy Stack (left) plays (Kim Basinger), who is disastrous when drinking, in the Blake Grant, in this scene from the Tri-Star Pictures release.

Now, it might have been humorous if Walter had blown his presentation because he was tired from working all night. But we're never sure if he fumbles the ball or makes the shot, as the sequence just dribbles softly into the next scene. Somehow Gordon should get his come-uppance. But the comic potential is destroyed, Mr. Gruen looks foolish and the situation is unfinished.

WALTER FINALLY IS forced to rely on his brother, Ted (Phil Hartman), for a blind date. Ted is a slick, but stereotyped, used-car salesman who even overcharges his own brother. Unfortunately,

Ted's characterization is simple-minded and lacks the depth and sophistication needed to raise the film above its well-done, but mundane, slapstick.

Ted's wife, Susie (Stephanie Faracy), has a friend, Nadia Gates (Kim Basinger), who has just returned to town and needs a date. Despite distrusting his brother, Walter agrees, and picks up the lovely Nadia who, he is warned, should not be allowed to consume alcohol.

Overwhelmed by her beauty, Walter ignores that warning and, for no apparent reason, in a major example of missing motivation, takes Nadia to a recording studio where he used to play financial an-

alyst. They drink champagne while listening to noted guitar stylist Stanley Jordan's (himself) recording session. They should have been rushing off to the company dinner.

The champagne sets mayhem in motion. Lacking inhibitions when her alcohol allergy is operative, Nadia insults everyone at the dinner, which, of course, leads to Walter losing his job.

The Japanese industrialist is portrayed as unpleasant and ill-mannered. Since no humor flows from such a characterization, there is no point. Anyone familiar with the Orient will readily recognize the inconsistency.

ONE MORE MAJOR example of

faulted structure, and then I'll let you go see for yourself because there is enough engaging slapstick to make it worthwhile.

Nadia's ex-boy friend, David Bedford (John Larroquette), is a psychopathic attorney with nutty parents, Judge and Mrs. Harold Bedford (William Daniels and Alice Hirson). His maniacal destructiveness turns mildly neurotic from time to time. It's OK for him to have a mild face for his parents but it doesn't work when the character we see shifts so dramatically.

In spite of all these complaints, there are some pretty funny sequences, so a "Blind Date" won't be a totally embarrassing evening.



Jane Alexander (right) and Deborah Richter enjoy themselves in a neighborhood bar in "Square Dance," a movie set in the Texas wastelands, on a poor farm and in the big city's urban fringes.

What's at the movies

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS: "Angel Heart" (R), "Beyond Therapy" (R), "Black Widow" (R), "Blind Date" (PG-13), "Burglar" (R), "The Good Father" (exclusively at the AMC Maple) (R), "Lethal Weapon" (R), "Mannequin" (PG), "The Mission" (Towne and Woods theaters) (PG), "A Room With a View" (exclusively at the AMC Maple), "Square Dance" (exclusively at the Maple Theatre) (PG-13), "Street Smart" (R) and "Witchboard" (R).

COMING ATTRACTIONS: "Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol," opening April 3; "The Fringe Dwellers" (PG), opening April 10; "Hollywood Shuffle" (R), opening April 10; "Raising Arizona," opening April 10; "Rumpelstiltskin," opening April 10; "Project X," opening April 17, and "Extreme Prejudice," opening April 24.

upcoming things to do

● **COMEDY, MUSIC**
Bob Springfield presents comedy and music at 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays at Alexander the Great restaurant in Westland. There is no cover charge.

● **'ALICE'S ADVENTURES'**
First Theatre Guild will present "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" at 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 27-28 and April 3-4, at Knox Auditorium at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. The series of adventurous vignettes has a cast of 40 children and teens. Tickets at \$4 for adults, \$3 for children are available at the door or by calling 540-6943.

● **MEADOW BROOK**
"Play It Again, Sam," a comedy by Woody Allen, continues through Sunday, April 19, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call the box office at 377-3000.

● **BIRMINGHAM POPS**
The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony will present "An Evening of Pops" featuring selections from Broadway shows at 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the Birmingham Theatre. Singers from the Michigan Opera Theatre will be featured. Tickets to the benefit performance for the symphony are \$20 per person or \$100 for a Sponsor donation. Tickets are available by calling the symphony office at 643-7288 or by calling the Birmingham Theatre box office at 644-3533.

● **BATES STREET**
The Urbations, pop and rock 'n' roll band, will play at Bates Street Night Out from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Community House in Birmingham. Tickets at \$5 are available at the door or by calling the Community House at 644-5832. Wine, beer and liquor are available, as well as simple snack food.

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Admission charge: \$3.00 daily, \$4.00 weekend pass, \$2.00 children under 12

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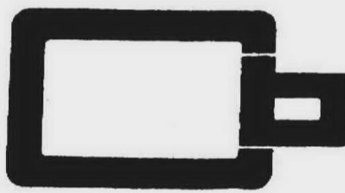
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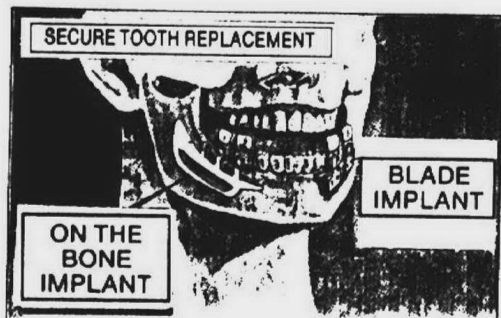
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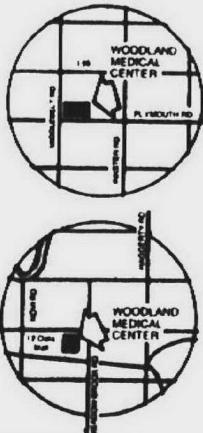
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 3 p.m. . . . BPW Presents — Pa. Novitski discusses her experience as an alcoholic and Dr. William Myers discusses cataracts and treatment of them.
 4 p.m. . . . Healthercise — An exercise show.
 4:30 p.m. . . . Community Upeat — Plymouth-Canton school teacher Sharon McDonald and Canton resident Denise Swope produce talk show on sports, schools, dance, law enforcement, community groups and more.
 5 p.m. . . . Pendleton Fashion Show — Upcoming spring, summer and fall fashions from Pendleton, sponsored by Plymouth Symphony League.
 6 p.m. . . . Totally Gospel.
 6:30 p.m. . . . Masters of Dance — Tap dance.
 7 p.m. . . . Milt Wilcox Show — Former Detroit Tiger pitcher Milt Wilcox and co-host Harry Katopodis interview sports and media celebrity guests.

7:30 p.m. . . . High School Sports — Best of girls gymnastics.
 8:30 p.m. . . . Omnicon Videotunes Live — Host Dave Daniele and Jim Leinbach. A drum contest with special guest, The Untouchables.

TUESDAY (March 31)
 3 p.m. . . . Anna Karenina — Classic movie, 1967 Russian film adaptation of the Tolstoy novel.
 4:45 p.m. . . . Gulliver's Travels — Classic movie, feature-length animated version of Jonathan Swift story by Max Fleischer.
 6 p.m. . . . History of NASA.
 6:30 p.m. . . . Community Upeat.
 7 p.m. . . . Sports View — Hosts are radio sports personalities Ron Cameron and Bob Page.
 7:30 p.m. . . . Cross Triv.
 8 p.m. . . . Economic Club of Detroit — Dr. David Adamany, president of Wayne State University, is speaker.
 9 p.m. . . . Darlene Myers Show — Guest is Patricia Hill Burnett, Detroit portrait artist and feminist.
 9:30 p.m. . . . The Sandy Show — Host Sandy Preblich with guest Linda Romanoff of Project Link about mothers who are in jail. Also special guest Aldo Cella of Let's Make Wine Together.

WEDNESDAY (April 1)
 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. . . . Cable Day

— Live From Lansing, 9½ hours of public affairs programming sponsored by Michigan Cable Television Association. Includes live sessions in the Legislature, a tour of the Capitol and remarks from the governor.
 7 p.m. . . . Milt Wilcox Show.
 7:30 p.m. . . . High School Sports.
 9:30 p.m. . . . Videotunes.

CHANNEL 15
MONDAY (March 30)
 3 p.m. . . . Human Images — CEP Psychology Club students with a look back at last year's cruising in Plymouth.
 3:30 p.m. . . . Cooking With Cas — Chef Cas Wolyniec prepares a variety of his special collection of gourmet selections.
 4 p.m. . . . The Promise Circle — Hosted by Sandy Preblich, with talk with leaders about the special celebration of Girl Scouting's 75th anniversary.
 4:30 p.m. . . . Issues For a Nuclear Age — Individuals concerned about our nuclear fate discuss various aspects of the issue.
 5 p.m. . . . Sports at the SAL — Basketball and floor hockey action.
 6 p.m. . . . 1st Presbyterian of Northville Presents: "A Celebration."
 7 p.m. . . . Blood Transfusions —

Information about donating blood as it relates to AIDS.
 8 p.m. . . . This is the Life.
 8:30 p.m. . . . Agape Christian Center — Singing, praise and worship service in Plymouth.
 9:30 p.m. . . . Topics: Job Training & Employment — Emphasis on on-the-job training for laid-off workers and low-income people.

TUESDAY (March 31)
 3 p.m. . . . Legislative Report — A public affairs program that takes a look at issues in Michigan. Presented by the House of Representatives.
 3:30 p.m. . . . Canton Update — Canton Township Supervisor James Poole and Sandy Preblich talk about what's happening in Canton.
 4 p.m. . . . Madonna Magazine — Information about Madonna College, Livonia.
 4:30 p.m. . . . African Rhino — Information about the life and history of the rhinoceros.
 5 p.m. . . . You Can See Tomorrow & Far Away Places — The program "You Can See Tomorrow" is about children and their eyes while "Far Away Places" is a visit to Bush Gardens.
 6 p.m. . . . Yugoslavian Variety Hour.
 7 p.m. . . . China/Asia — Aboard the cruise liner for a trip to the Orient.

7:30 p.m. . . . The Promise Circle.
 8 p.m. . . . Live Call-In With Tax Reform — Darlene Myers talks with two CPAs about the new tax reform.
 9 p.m. . . . Off the Wall.
 9:30 p.m. . . . Youth View — Music and views from several Christian performers, including Sue Calloway of Southfield.

WEDNESDAY (April 1)
 3 p.m. . . . Mustang Monthly.
 3:30 p.m. . . . Omnicon Sports Scene — Plymouth Salem Rocks vs. Northville Mustangs in girls soccer.
 5 p.m. . . . Michigan Journal.
 5:30 p.m. . . . Human Images.
 6 p.m. . . . Canton Update.
 6:30 p.m. . . . Out To Lunch.
 7 p.m. . . . Blood Transfusions.
 8 p.m. . . . MESC Job Show.
 8:30 p.m. . . . Study in Scriptures.
 9 p.m. . . . 1st Presbyterian Church of Northville: "A Celebration."

CHANNEL 10
CANTON TOWNSHIP
WEDNESDAY
 3 p.m. . . . Canton Township Board meeting.
FRIDAYS
 6 p.m. . . . Canton Township Board meeting.
SATURDAYS
 3 p.m. . . . Canton Township Board meeting.

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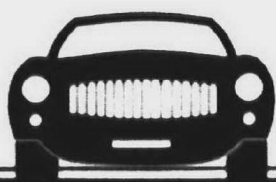
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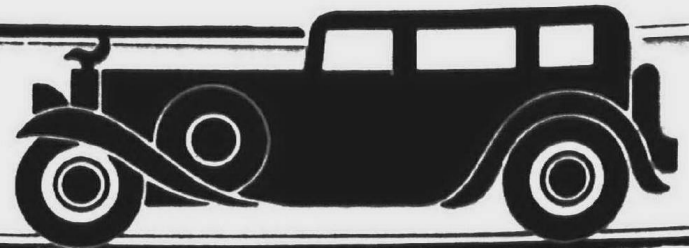
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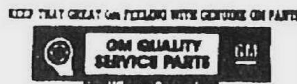
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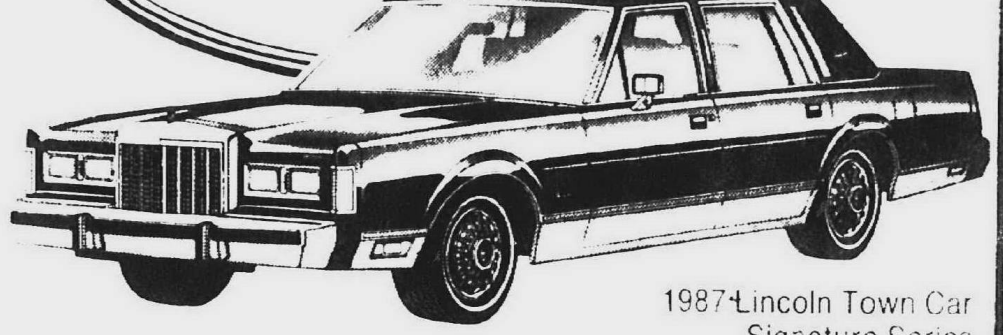
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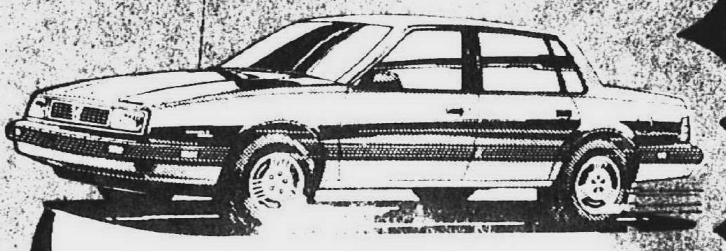
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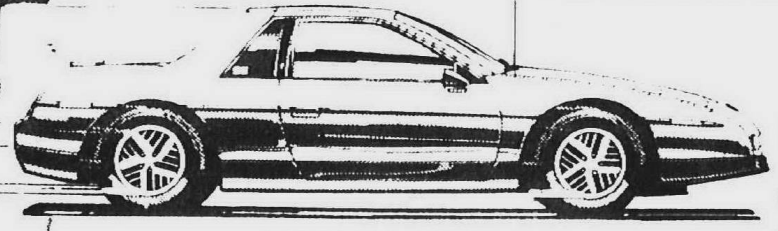
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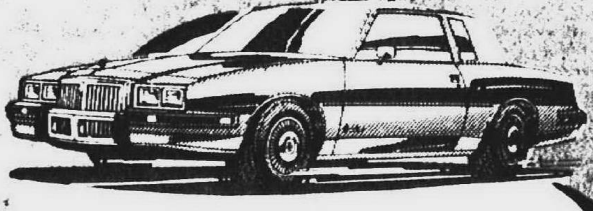
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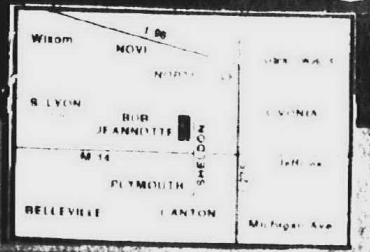
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Portraits

Artists share their personal visions

Artists have many more ways of expressing themselves these days. The only limit is their imagination.

Deborah Hecht uses larger-than-life ceramic tile figurines to make her artistic statement. Wendy Macgaw makes steel pieces lighted by glass. Ted Lee Holfield creates wall hangings with psychologically suggestive images. Vicki Lynn Brett works in a more traditional medium, painting, but her work says some unconventional things about abstract relationships.

Despite their differences, these artists share one thing in common: They're young and making their mark in the local art world.

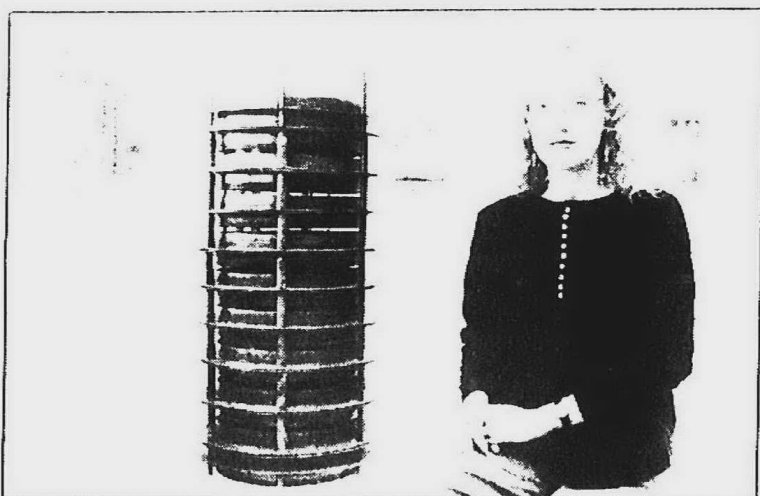
Debbie Hecht

Art does not need to be depressing or bizarre, said Birmingham artist Deborah Hecht, a 1974 cum laude graduate in fine arts from Wayne State University.

Her larger-than-life figures of glazed ceramic tile depict a humor and lightness that Hecht calls "strong, positive compositions drawn from everyday life."

The subject of numerous press articles, Hecht's unique creations have been displayed in numerous galleries and exhibitions throughout the country, including the Rubiner Gallery in West Bloomfield.

She has also designed for Artearved Incorporated and the Bulova Watch Co., both in New York City.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Wendy Macgaw with her work "Untitled."

Wendy Macgaw

Integrating discipline and craft, Wendy Macgaw said her abstract sculptures reflect the hope and renewal of industrialization in the Midwest.

Her work "hinges on a fascination with material and with the act of making," made possible by a background in metal that permits the physical demands required to produce steel pieces lighted by glass that she creates.

Macgaw is a 1979 graduate of the Book Academy of Art and teaches at the Center for Creative Design in Livonia.

She has received many awards and has displayed her work in numerous exhibitions and galleries, including Robert Kidd in Birmingham.

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STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Deborah Hecht with one of her ceramic tile figurines.

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Darting about

Whether they throw regular darts or the electronic kind, dart aficionados show a lot of stick-to-it-ivity. Join us for a pointed look at the world of competitive darts.

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Home economics

Buying a first house that's just right for you takes perseverance. Before buying, you'd better do your homework.

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Space trek

The world will be watching next February when the shuttle Discovery blasts off from Cape Canaveral. NASA says it has rectified the mistakes of the Challenger disaster and is ready to head back into the final frontier.

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April fooling

Who says we can't laugh at ourselves? Our whole front page—which is on the back—is nothing but a bit of April foolishness.

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Studio hits sound success

By Tim Smith
staff writer

Platinum records line a lobby walk at Ambience Recordings Inc. in Farmington Hills.

They belong to Ambience engineer Gerard Smerek and the studio where the Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band recorded their albums "Nine Tonight" and "The Distance." Seger is the most prominent musician to record at Ambience, since it opened in February 1980.

"That's the carrot," said Smerek, holding at the awards. "As far as local bands go, that's what they're looking for."

Winning plaudits for a best-selling record often begins in studios like Ambience, a rustic-looking facility on Orchard Lake Road.

It is in the studio where recorded music is built. Often, it is a painstakingly slow process—the constant adjustment of sounds.

In fact, making records is like erecting a building, described studio manager Dennis Forbes.

"YOU NEED a good, strong foundation before you can put a roof on it," Forbes said. "Every facet along the way has to be

done correctly. You're not constantly tweaking things."

But it's really fun to go in and get a certain drum sound or to see how every thing is done. Actually, the whole process is just exciting.

The biggest name to step through the door at Ambience, of course, is Seger.

"How did such a big star end up at Ambience?"

"It was all kind of word of mouth," said Smerek, who noted that Seger's manager Paulie Andrew found out about the studio and passed the word on to the performer.

Seger started coming here for his live album (1981's "Nine Tonight"), Smerek said. He just got off his tour and wanted a place to edit and listen to it.

"SO HE spent a month listening to tapes of live shows from (Detroit's) Cobo and Boston Garden, finding out which version he liked best."

Smerek said because Seger also did studio work in other cities, when the record was released he didn't know whether any of the Ambience sessions ended up on the album. Since then, Seger has come to Ambience for occasional session work.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Ambience Recordings Inc. manager Dennis Forbes (left) and engineer Gerard Smerek behind one of the studio's control boards: Bob Seger, Melissa Manchester and Barry Manilow are among the artists who have recorded at the Farmington Hills studio.

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On target

Dart players get right to the point

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

A conspiracy is afloat. Well, sort of.

The dart throwers of America are out to convert the masses. Yes, from highly reliable sources (the network of dart throwers of Wayne and Oakland counties), Street Scene has learned they're recruiting sharp minds to fling sharp objects at a cork board.

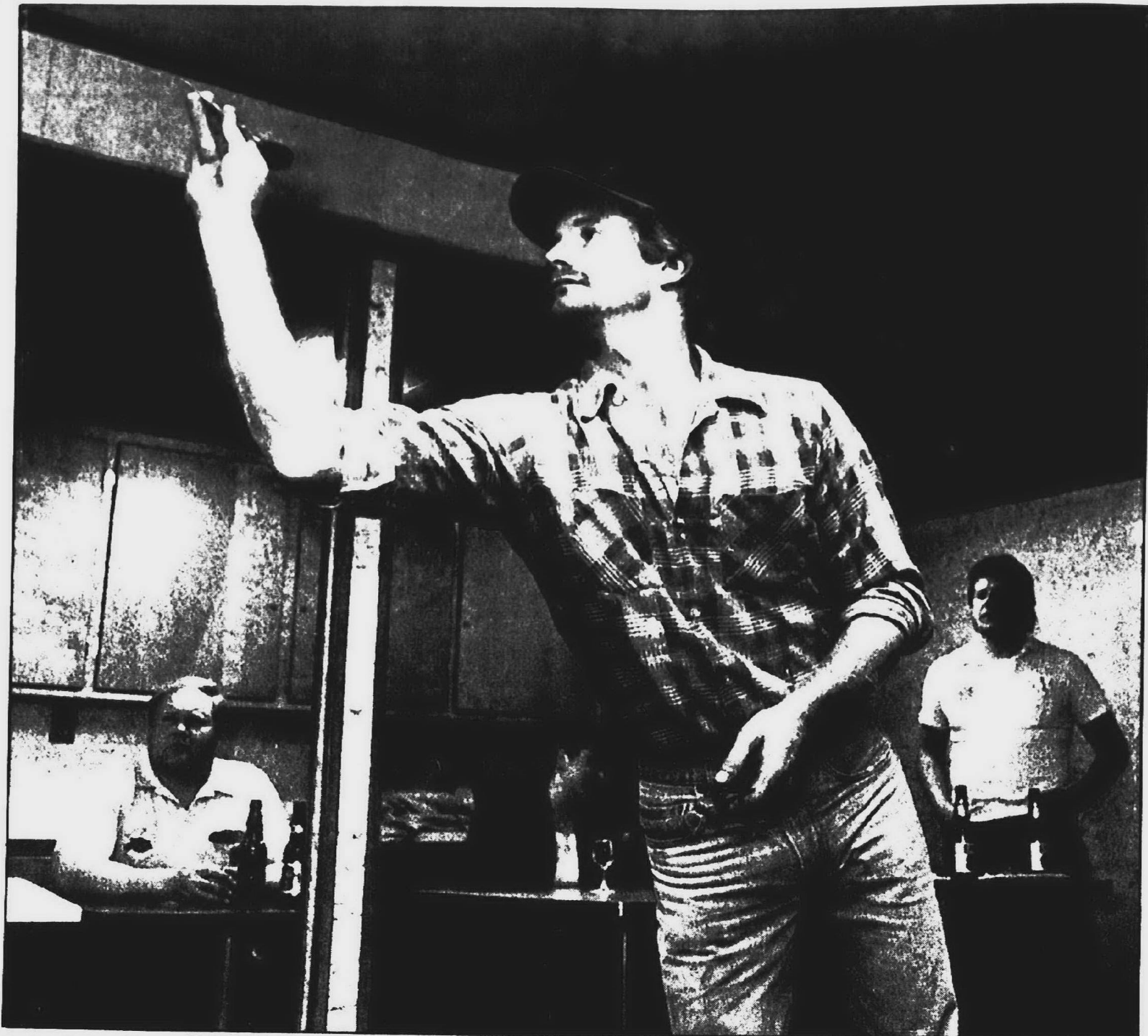
Anyone who walks into a reputed dart-throwing hangout is reported to be a target, but not in the literal sense that people are becoming human pincushions. The methods used to seduce potential dart slingers are difficult to resist.

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A dart thrower will always extend a handshake. Then he or she will point to the board with all its numbers and hand you three darts, smiling all along.

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30	321	220
45	276	37
24	279	23
21	220	32

The numbers tell the story in darts.



A steady hand is needed as Paul Arsenault of Leonard demonstrates in North Oakland Darting Association competition at the Paint Creek Tavern in Rochester.

THE BOARD is like a hypnotic wheel, the bull's-eye putting you into a trance. Three tosses — whap, whap, whap — and just like that, you're a dart junkie.

Randy Levine, 23, of Southfield recounts his story of dart addiction that started six months ago.

"I was at (a pub) with a friend of mine," said Levine, an engineer who throws darts on Mondays in the North Oakland Darting Association. "We were shooting pool, and this guy there was shooting darts. . . He showed us how to play. It was real challenging."

But behind all the glad-handing is an ulterior motive. Paul Nightingale, 29, of Livonia revealed a dart thrower's mission is luring more players into the ring.

"You walk in, and you see people playing," said Nightingale, a dart thrower for four years who competes in the Wolverine Dart Association. "They'll show you how to throw. They'll tell you all the secrets of the game."

"Why shouldn't they? There's more competition for them. The better you play, the better they play."

Jim Franke, 26, of Bloomfield Hills offered a different theory.

"WHEN YOU tell people you throw darts competitively, they look at you kind of strange," said Franke, who has been throwing in the North Oakland Darting Association for two years. "The only way to convince them is to get them to play."

For whatever reason, dart throwers are gaining in numbers. Paul Farrell, a board member of the Michigan Dart Organization (MDO), said the number of players grew 30 percent annually for the last five years.

Most of the new players, he added, are younger.

The game's main appeal, he said, is its casualness.

"It's the only game I know where you can play with a cigarette in your mouth and a beer in your hand," said Farrell, who is owner of the Bench Pub in Livonia.

Darts, which is second only to soccer in Great Britain in terms of popularity, is relatively easy to understand and learn. All someone needs is good eye-hand coordination. A traditional singles game of 301 starts with a player having 301. He throws at the numbered slots on the board until he gets down to zero.

Sounds simple enough, but there's a catch. A player's last shot has to leave him exactly at zero in order to win.

AND A PLAYER must do it by doubling out, hitting one of the outer rings. Which can seem as difficult as hitting a jump shot with a basketball at the Pontiac Silverdome from Telegraph Road. The outer ring is roughly three-eighths of an inch wide.

Strategy becomes important, trying to hit the right combination of numbers with the highest percentage shots. The bull's-eye, unlike some people might think, is not always the main target.

Often a player is trying to go for the thin inner circle, which is worth triple the points if the dart hits it. No matter how fast points are scored, a player still has to, double out.

It can be intense.



Mark Bedient of Troy watches the action.

"The only thing to compare it is to your last three balls, and you're going for a strike for a 300 game (in bowling)," said Ron Falkiewicz of Westland, who has been a competitive dart thrower for seven years.

"It seems like a hundred people are behind you, making noise. You don't hear them. You don't see them. You just concentrate on the board."

"I'm not like that," said Scott Rohrer, 29, of Troy and a dart chucker of six years. "I let it (the pressure) bother me."

Nail-biting aside, friendly competition brings players out in hordes for league play on weeknights.

MOST PLAY in leagues such as the Wolverine Dart Association (WDA), the North Oakland Darting Association (NODA), Detroit Open Dart League (DODL) and the Huron Valley Dart Association (HVDA). Bars or bowling alleys are the usual venues for darts.

There are also tournaments for prize money and trophies. Some tournaments have purses of \$10,000. No matter what's at stake, though, every game begins with a handshake and ends with a handshake.

"When your competitor throws well, you compliment him," said Franke, who plays in the NODA circuit on Monday nights. "When a player throws poorly, both teams laugh at him."

On a Tuesday League WDA night at the Bench Pub in Livonia, play is highly spirited in the smoke-filled dart area. After one player nailed a tough shot to double out, he was greeted with high-fives from teammates and claps from the opposition.

As one player points out, a dart thrower really competes against no one but himself. There's always one shot that he didn't make before.

And it's always the one shot that keeps a dart thrower throwing.

Where to put your darts into the ring

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

So you want to fling some darts, but don't want to put any holes in the walls, furniture or family.

No problem. There are several bars in the area that have dart boards, both of the regular and electronic variety.

And there is usually an ample supply of dart throwers willing to go a few rounds. For novices, an experienced player will take you under his/her wing and teach you the intricacies of the game.

A veteran dart tosser will only ask that you take the sport seriously.

Those who yearn for competitive darts can get their fix in one of the many leagues around. Two of the leagues, the Wolverine Dart Association (WDA) and the North Oakland Darting Association (NODA), have several teams in the area.

THE SEASON is wrapping up now, but will start again around September. Cost for a year's membership in the WDA, for example, is \$20 for a player and \$150 for a team.

There are 10 divisions in the

WDA based on a player's average. The first division has players with averages in the 60s and 70s. The lower divisions are made up of players in the 30s and 40s.

Some bars have two or three teams. Some members of the WDA include:

- The Bench Pub, 33653 Five Mile, Livonia, 427-8460.
- The Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth, Livonia, 425-2246.
- Page's Saloon, 26161 Farmington, Farmington, 477-0099.
- Sands' Lounge, 28001 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, 537-0511.
- Stables Bar, 14950 Middlebelt, Livonia, 427-1646.

In the North Oakland Darting Association, several establishments have teams. They include:

- Paint Creek Tavern, 613 N. Main, Rochester, 651-9859.
- Luigi's, 1711 E. Auburn, Rochester Hills, 852-4321.
- Silvermoon, 1090 N. Rochester, Troy, 588-3471.
- The Hurling Green Irish Pub, 2650 Rochester, Rochester Hills, 852-5671.
- Mr. B's Bar, 423 N. Main, Rochester, 651-6534.



Jeff Tempesti of East Detroit waits pensively for his turn at the board.

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Electronic darts light up the board

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

To those who covered their heads or ducked on the way to the Men's Room at Paddy's Pub, it's OK.

The darts which fly right next to the lavatory at the Westland pub are safe. They're part of the electric version of the board game, which are finding their way into more and more bars in the area.

Some of the differences of electric darts include scores automatically tabulated and getting points if your shot falls off the board.

More importantly, especially to the bathroom-bound men at Paddy's, there's little chance of getting tattooed in the temple. The darts have a plastic tip.

"THE WORST you'd get is a plastic dart in the back of the head," said one player at Paddy's between turns at the board.

And it would take nothing less than a Ryne Duren wild toss for that to happen. Electronic darts are more addictive than dangerous.

The dart throwers at Paddy's don't stray too far from the board, sitting within reach. They'll stop periodically, but something brings them back.

"You keep throwing, you start to get better at it," said Linda Egeland of Westland, who is part-owner of Paddy's. "It's kind of like playing pool."

"It's addictive because you're always trying to better yourself," added Herb Broyles of Wayne. "You're always trying to better your last shot."

And there's a wide variance taking a shot at electronic darts. Unlike

regular darts, in which the majority of players are men, the non-organized electronic game has many women playing also.

"We have men who throw like ladies," Egeland said.

"And there are women who throw like men," added Jim Giles of Wayne, watching Egeland hit the winning shot in their game.

Electronic darts are a winner in more than one way. For bars, they're an excellent money maker.

"IT'S DEFINITELY the best of all the games we have," said Egeland, who because of demand, added a second dart board three months ago.

Another attraction is that electronic darts takes up less room than, for example, a pool table. And friendly competition is the main theme of darts, electronic and conventional.

Traditional dart throwers, though, view the electronic variety as sacrilegious.

"It's like the pollution of clear water," said Paul Farrell, owner of the Bench Pub in Livonia and a member of the board of directors for the Michigan Dart Organization (MDO). "Something is unholy about electronic darts. . . It's like electronic bowling."

"I don't like electronic darts," added Mark Nelson, 27, of Livonia. "It's not real darts. . . If a dart falls out, it's still scored."

Randy Levine, 23, of Southfield finds electronic darts to be lightweight.

"After I played competitive darts, the big difference in electronic darts is the weight of the darts is lighter because they're made of plastic," Levine said.



Investment: It's a 3-way street

As we mentioned last column, there are basically three types of investment: Debt, equity and cash.

Cash usually is considered to be anything with a six-month or less time frame.

Certificates of deposit, Treasury bills, money market funds and pass-book-type savings are the primary types we're used to working with. Each is thought to be secure and liquid but subject to current market rates.

The next avenue to discuss is that of the debt arena. I think most of us know what debt is (maybe too well). Debt issues, sometimes referred to as fixed-income securities, are just that — evidences of a debt.

Organizations such as companies, municipalities, agencies and, yes, even governments, need capital from time to time. One way to attain it, without giving up control of the organization or selling existing assets, is to create a debt offering — legally borrowing money from the public sector.

WHAT HAPPENS typically follows this pattern: The organization approaches an underwriter, or investment banker, with an amount needed and purpose. The underwriter follows the necessary procedures with the Securities and Exchange Commission guidelines and sometime later finalizes the offering.

The offering usually is then marketed to the public with the expenses, or commission, being paid by the organization to the marketing firms.

In simplest form a debt issue, or bond, is a loan you make to an organization for a specific period of time. The safety of your investment lies in the ability of the borrower to repay the money.

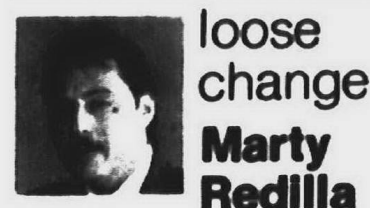
Obviously, the lesser the quality of the borrower, the higher the rate of interest they have to pay to entice investors to lend them the money.

Also, the longer the money is borrowed tends to increase the chances of the borrower not fulfilling his or her obligation. Therefore, longer-term debts, or bonds, also tend to provide higher rates.

All debt instruments have similar characteristics.

First, remember they are an evidence of an indebtedness to the holder to return the specified sum, or principal. Then there is the specified time frame, or maturity, that the money is to be repaid.

Finally, the interest rate, or fee for borrowing, is paid every six months. The interest rate is also re-



ferred to as the coupon rate, as many bond certificates have actual coupons that are clipped and cashed in every time an interest payment is due.

Some bonds, called zero coupon bonds, are purchased as discount to par value (value at maturity — usually \$1,000 or \$5,000) with the interest being appreciation.

An example of how a zero coupon bond works is that of an EE savings bond — put \$25 in, and some years later it becomes \$50.

THERE ARE basically four types of borrowers: the government, corporations, municipalities and banks.

Government bonds are backed by the quality and strength of the underlying government. Corporate bonds are backed by the strength of the issuing company or some of its assets. Bank bonds are called certificates of deposit if some criteria are met.

These are considered like bonds if maturity is longer than one year. The safety here comes from insurance through an agency of the government.

These three types of debt produce taxable interest. Municipal bonds are backed by the municipality (city, county, state, etc.) or some asset or revenue-producing facility they have.

The nice thing about municipal bonds is most of them produce interest that is exempt from federal taxation. A holder of a Michigan "tax-free" bond doesn't pay state tax either if he or she is a Michigan resident, just as a Wisconsin resident doesn't pay state tax on a Wisconsin tax-free bond.

House hunt holds perils

By **Tedd Schneider**
staff writer

So, you want to buy a house. Millions of Detroit-area home owners will swear they wouldn't trade their cozy front porch or lush, back yard garden for all the apartments in Southfield. But they'll also tell you finding and purchasing their home was one of the most frustrating experiences they've ever had.

Fulfilling the "American dream" of land ownership can be particularly nerve-wracking for the first-time purchaser. Just ask Lori Thornburg of Plymouth.

"It's been scary," Thornburg said of her two-month search for a home in western Wayne County.

Thornburg and Michael Foley, who have been renting a house in Plymouth, will close on a three-bedroom ranch in Livonia this spring.

The house-hunting experience Thornburg and Foley are going through is infinitely more sophisticated than the one their parents went through in the 1950s, according to area real estate agents.

The tension level, however, can be eased by following some general guidelines.

THE SEARCH

Most first-time buyers will find newly built homes out of their price range, according to Thomas Lewarne, sales manager for Century 21 Today Realtors, Livonia. In metropolitan Detroit, new homes are selling on average for about \$115,000.

But Lewarne said previously owned homes — in good condition and nice neighborhoods — can be found in the \$60,000-\$75,000 range. A basic "starter home" can be had for \$50,000 or less.

Adjusting expectations to match finances seems to be one of the biggest stumbling blocks for those making their initial foray into the market, according to Joseph Durso, a broker with ReMax West in Livonia.

"They want what their parents have in terms of space and amenities and in most cases they're not going to be able to have it," Durso said.

"I'll take a young couple through a \$45,000 house and the reaction will be 'Where's the family room?' or 'What, no garage?'"

Sometimes, adds Charlotte Carl, manager of Real Estate One's West Bloomfield office, the problems first-time buyers encounter add just the right touch of levity to the proceedings.

Carl said she has seen clients

cringe when they realize the king-size bed they bought last year for their large apartment would have to be chopped in two to fit their new "master bedroom."

Another concept first-time buyers have trouble mastering is developing patience while remaining impulsive, Lewarne said.

"That's not as contradictory as it sounds," he said. "You have to be prepared to look at a lot of houses and then make a move the minute you find the one you want."

Otherwise, Lewarne said, the house that's on the market Sunday morning may be in someone else's hands by Sunday night.

Tim Martin agrees. "After looking for months, I was kind of apprehensive about making a snap decision — saying 'OK, this is the one,'" said Martin, a 26-year-old engineer and Novi resident who will close on a house in northern Oakland County next month.

Local agents are offering high-tech help that will reduce the leg work for prospective buyers.

Instead of thumbing through multiple listing books and driving through countless neighborhoods, a growing number of area realty offices use a computer to scan a series of still pictures stored on video disks or video tape.

Lewarne cautions first-time buyers about looking for "their dream house."

"You're never going to find it," he said. "What you should go for is the house that comes the closest to meeting most of your qualifications."

THE MORTGAGE

Local real estate agents agree that home buyers, particularly those in the market for the first time, should actually start looking for a mortgage before they start looking at homes.

current housing sales boom.

He charges \$150-200 for an inspection, which includes the wiring, plumbing, heating and cooling systems, roof and other major areas. He provides a written report within 24 hours of the inspection.

Chickering said he will often recommend some minor or mid-level repairs after an inspection but that only about one in 200 houses flunks an inspection completely, in which case, he will recommend the buyer turn down the deal.

Although the state does not currently license housing inspectors, most legitimate firms are accredited by the American Society of Home Inspectors.

Meanwhile, most real estate agents now offer home warranties, or limited service agreements.

The plans are similar to extended warranties for automobiles and usually cost \$300-\$600.

The home warranty offered by Century 21 realtors in the Detroit area covers the central heating system, plumbing and electrical systems and includes limited liability for features such as the roof, burglar and fire alarms and built-in appliances.

The warranty is available for a 12- or 24-month period and with a \$50 or \$75 deductible fee.

Inspection can save later woes

By **Tedd Schneider**
staff writer

For the first-time home buyer running low on usable cash, the idea is a tasty one.

"Hey," says a co-worker. "I've got an uncle who used to be a part-time building inspector, and he'll look the place over for the price of a few six-packs."

Forget it. Get a full-fledged home inspection from a qualified inspector, or buy a home warranty, or both. It's a must, according to real estate agents, bankers and contractors.

Prospective buyers may be purchasing a "nightmare" if they do not examine a house thoroughly before signing the papers, said William Chickering, owner of Michigan Inspection Service in Birmingham.

"Buying a used house is not the same as buying a used car," Chickering said. "With a car, you can often pick up signs of major neglect on the part of the previous owner through your own eyes. That usually isn't the case with a house."

"How do you know the furnace is up to snuff — especially if you buy the house in the spring?"

CHICKERING said his relatively small company has been doing about 10 inspections each week during the

A glossary of homey terms

Following is a mini-glossary of financing terms potential home buyers are bound to hear during their quest.

AMORTIZED LOAN: A loan that is paid off in equal installments during its term.

ASSUMABLE MORTGAGE: Purchaser takes ownership of real estate encumbered by an existing mortgage and assumes responsibility for the unpaid balance.

BALLOON PAYMENT: The final

payment of a mortgage when it is larger than the regular payment.

BUY DOWN: A cash payment made at closing that allows the borrower to take advantage of lower interest rates for a specific period.

ESCROW PAYMENT: The portion of a monthly house payment held in trust by the lender to pay for taxes, hazard insurance, mortgage insurance and other items attached to the mortgage.

LOAN-TO-VALUE RATIO: The ratio of the amount borrowed to the

property's appraised value. On a \$100,000 home with an \$80,000 mortgage, the loan-to-value ratio is 80 percent.

M.G.I.C.: Pronounced "Magic," an insurance policy provided by the Mortgage Guarantee Insurance Corp. that allows borrowers with less than 20 percent available for a down payment to obtain a mortgage.

ORIGINATION FEE: A charge for work involved in the evaluation, preparation and submission of a proposed mortgage.

P.I.T.I.: Principal, Interest, Taxes, Insurance. Formula used to calculate the amount the purchaser is allowed to borrow. Generally, the figure is 28-30 percent of gross monthly income.

STRAIGHT LOAN: A loan with periodic payments of interest only. The principal sum is due in one lump payment upon maturity.


TITLE INSURANCE: A policy that protects the purchaser or lender against a loss arising from defects in a title to the property.

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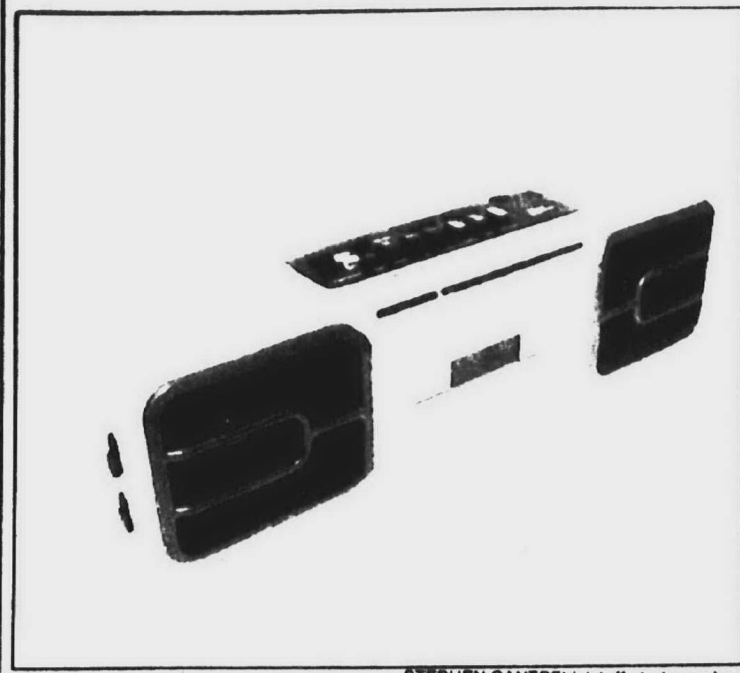
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Mellow yellow

This bright yellow plastic Jam Box is designed with the beach or pool in mind. It is splash resistant and can survive the yukky mixture of sand and suntan oil without ruining your sounds. It's \$150 at all Jacobson's stores.

The flavor of Famie

Keith Famie, chef of Chez Raphaelis in Novi, spells out his reverence for classic culinary techniques with a flair for the elegant and the dramatic in this much-more-than-a-cookbook. Available in all Kitchen Glamour stores, \$13.95.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer



CAMILLE McCOY/staff photographer

Move over, Harpo

Harpo Marx — with his trench coat full of tricks — would have appreciated this playful acrylic and cotton wrap with a comic strip lining. Available in black or white with black and white newsprint lining by Furrina, \$82, Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Mall, Troy.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

'Kids' hanging around

Brighten up children's room, schools or the office with this silk screen quilted print appropriately titled "Kids." At Fabric Accents, Westchester Square, Plymouth at \$74.95.

Glow In the rock

A neon rock. Every suburban family room should have one. When you're bored watching your favorite movie on the VCR, just turn off the TV and turn on the rock. Glowing tubes of blue neon coil surround the volcanic leather rock sculpture created by Los Angeles artist Norman Grochowski. Only 27 are available nationally, at \$1,495 each, Sharper Image, Somerset Mall, Troy.



CAMILLE McCOY/staff photographer

STREET WISE

The runaround

Gosh, your Street Wise writer would love to run in the upcoming West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, but it's just a little bit too long for him. It only is 13 miles, instead of 13.1. Oh well. For those of you who aren't looking for an excuse not to run the half-marathon will begin at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at West Bloomfield High School. The run takes half-marathoners through scenic areas in Oakland County. The entry fee is \$10 if received before this Thursday. West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, 334-5660.

Boxed set

What floats like a butterfly and stings like a bee? We don't know, but your erstwhile Street Wise writer had to call the Orkin man to get rid of it. Which somehow reminds us that Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvelous Marvin Hagler will be duking it out in Las Vegas on Monday of next week. The fisticuffs will be on big-screen TV at five spots in the Detroit area, including the Mai Kai Theatre in Livonia. Tickets are \$20-\$50. Mai Kai Theatre, Plymouth and Farmington roads, Livonia; 423-6666.

Trivia pursuit

Does this ever happen to you: None of the "Jeopardy!" contestants knows the question — and you do? Does your Trivial Pursuit "pie" marker fill up while the rest of players hunger for that first slice? Then you might be a good candidate for "Triple Access," a new United Cable Television show that will pit teams of three against each other in a game of trivia knowledge. The show will be taped at the cable company's Rochester studio this spring. For more information, call 656-1987.

Classical gas Cagey comedy

Classical music lovers can take their pick of several upcoming local concerts. The Birmingham-Bloomfield Orchestra will perform Dvorak's "New World Symphony" and other works at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the West Bloomfield High School Auditorium, 4925 Orchard Lake Road. Call 643-7288 for more information. Flutist Julius Baker of the Detroit Chamber Winds will play works from Mozart and others at 8 p.m. Friday at the Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. Call 851-8329 for more information. The Detroit Contemporary Chamber Ensemble will perform a "Young Person's Guide to New Music" at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Guild Hall of Christ Church, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call 994-0542 for more information.

Bogie man

Humphrey Bogart's been dead for 30 years now, but his "ghost" is appearing on the stage of the Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre, in the guise of actor Robert Grossman. Grossman plays the ethereal advisor to a film critic played by Bill Kux in Woody Allen's "Play It Again, Sam." The show will run through Sunday, April 19. Call the box office for times and prices. Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel roads, Auburn Hills; 377-3000.

Sails job

Taking up sailing is easy. Just get yourself a 12-meter boat, a crew of 10 and about \$15 million. Or, forget about the big bucks and the big crew and attend some sailing classes instead. The Huron-Portage Yacht Club of Pinckney will be offering a series of five sailing classes for be-

Los cause

On Saturday night, music fans will have a tough choice. Will it be Los Lobos at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, or what we call "Welkmania II," the Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Mt. Clemens? Knowing our Street Scene audience as well as we do, we figure they'll opt for Los Lobos, the Latino rockers who appeared on Paul Simon's "Graceland" album. They'll be in concert at 8 p.m., with tickets \$14.50. But then again, nobody can make an accordion speak like Myron Floren. Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, 423-6666.

Cagey music

Composer John Cage will perform with the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra at 8 p.m. Sunday at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Cage, 75, was a disciple of Carl Schonberg. His music has been described as "disembodied beauty or sound without association, without precedent timbre or form, without aesthetic antecedent." Orchestra Hall, downtown Detroit, 833-3700.

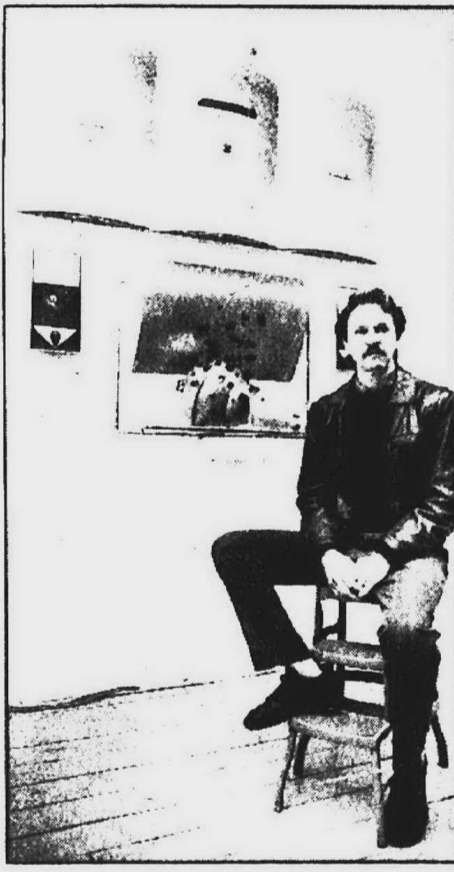
Destination: Derby

The Detroit Young Republican Club will sponsor its 21st annual Kentucky Derby trip the weekend of May 1-3. The \$133 cost of the trip includes round-trip bus transportation to Louisville, two nights' accommodation at the Radisson Inn in Cincinnati and beer, wine and pop throughout the weekend. Paid reservations are required by Friday, April 17. For more information, call 675-3810 or 881-3411.

Lightfooted

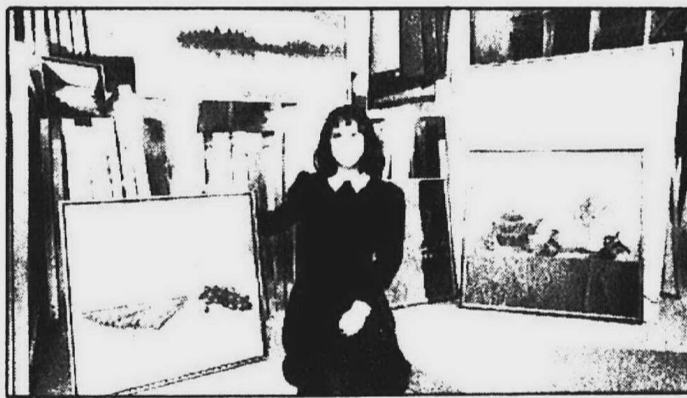
"Second City Television" once did a parody commercial that offered Gordon Lightfoot singing every song ever written. We don't think the Canadian folksinger will tackle that big a repertoire at his upcoming concert in Windsor, but he is sure to sing old hits such as "Sundown." The concert, a benefit for the Windsor Symphony Orchestra, will be at 8 p.m. Friday at the St. Dennis Windsor Centre at the University of Windsor. Tickets are \$12, \$16 and \$19. University of Windsor, exit Ambassador Bridge, turn left at first light; 423-6666.

Artists share their visions



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Ted Hadfield with his work "Equilibrium for Joseph Newman."



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Vicki Brett with her oil paintings "Harvest Moon" (left), "Tahquamenon River" (top) and "Spirit Memory."

Ted Lee Hadfield Vicki Lynn Brett

Equilibrium marks Ted Lee Hadfield's wall hangings.

Intermingling the basics of design, color and material with psychologically suggestive images, Hadfield said he attempts to "relate the maintenance of equilibrium to everyday life — past, present and the future."

Hadfield's "The Gyroscope or Spinning Top" (pictured) is currently on display at the Detroit Artists Market. In addition to other exhibitions in Michigan, he has also displayed work in Colorado, Ohio and California.

A graduate of the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1980, Hadfield owns Artpack Services in Farmington, a firm that cares for fine arts, antiques and videos.

Vicki Lynn Brett uses logic and intuition to create works of art that she said implies abstract relationships that must be reckoned with on non-verbal terms.

A 1978 graduate of Wayne State University with a master's degree in art, Brett uses "earlier investigations" and "the distillation of those efforts" to create shape and color through a fan or urn and space through lines and creases.

She said she strives in her painting to ultimately transcend content over sense and, in so doing, "achieves a hint of the universal."

Brett's works can be seen at the Rubiner Gallery in West Bloomfield where her noted "Imagery" was featured in a four-person show in 1984.

Studio sounds some high notes

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"He's really more laid back than you'd think," Forbes said about Seger. "He went at his own pace until an entire song was album quality. It was quite a thrill to have him here."

Other music celebrities to lay down tracks there include Melissa Manchester, Barry Manilow and The Rockets.

Also, radio spots for Chevrolet's "Heartbeat of America" advertising campaign and commercial jingles have taken shape in the studio, which features a computerized \$240,000 24-track mixing board.

More often though, it is obscure bands and struggling soloists — complete with dusty cassette demos, guitars and dreams — who book recording time.

Somehow bridging the musical world of difference between starting out and scoring platinum is what Smerek and Forbes attempt to do at Ambience.

"LOCAL BANDS are looking for the best sound they can get, so they can go to (WRIF-FM personality) Arthur P. (Penhallow) and say, 'Play

my song,'" Smerek says.

"Most of the time, the record won't get played. But if it has that 'million dollar sound,' he can sneak it on at 11 o'clock at night, and it's OK."

With Smerek at the controls of the mixing board the beat of bass drums, harmony of voices and zap of electric guitars mesh into two-inch reel-to-reel tape — ready for radio programmers and record moguls.

For the most part, the rhythm track is recorded first — a mixture of bass drums, rhythm guitars, piano and rough vocals — with embellishments added later, Forbes explained.

But getting that much-sought-after quality sound costs about \$145 per hour. So Smerek and Forbes recommend that artists have their acts together before they walk through the studio doors.

"It helps for them to know what they're doing ahead of time and do some pre-production (rehearsal) at home," said Forbes, who said he has written about 30 songs.

"Because it costs a lot of money, (artists) shouldn't want to eat up a lot of hours wondering 'what key to do this in, or in what arrangement.'"

SMEREK AGREED with Forbes.

"Those with a lot of pre-rehearsal come in and whip something out. Others come in less prepared and say, 'Should I change this guitar line a little bit?'"

"All the time the clock is ticking," Forbes said many artists spend hours at home with a drum machine and tape recorder, polishing their acts. He said doing so is a wise move.

For Smerek and Forbes, the days are sometimes long (as many as 20 hours) and the work tedious. But Forbes said the anticipation of how a finished song or album will sound outweighs negative aspects. And the awards on the wall offer added enticements.

"All the time you're working on the sound and the performance of it," Forbes said. "Then there's the blending of it. All the time you're being critical to make sure all the parts go together. It's really a tedious thing."

"If you take care of things properly along the way — make sure the bass line doesn't leak into the lead vocals for example — mixing at the end isn't a problem."

PRODUCING PERFECT sound however, won't guarantee success, either for big names like Seger or bands trying to nab a recording contract such as the Vertical Pillows, a female rock group which recorded recently at Ambience.

But it's a necessary first step according to Smerek, who plays in a rock group on the side. Sophistication in the studio starts on the street, he said.

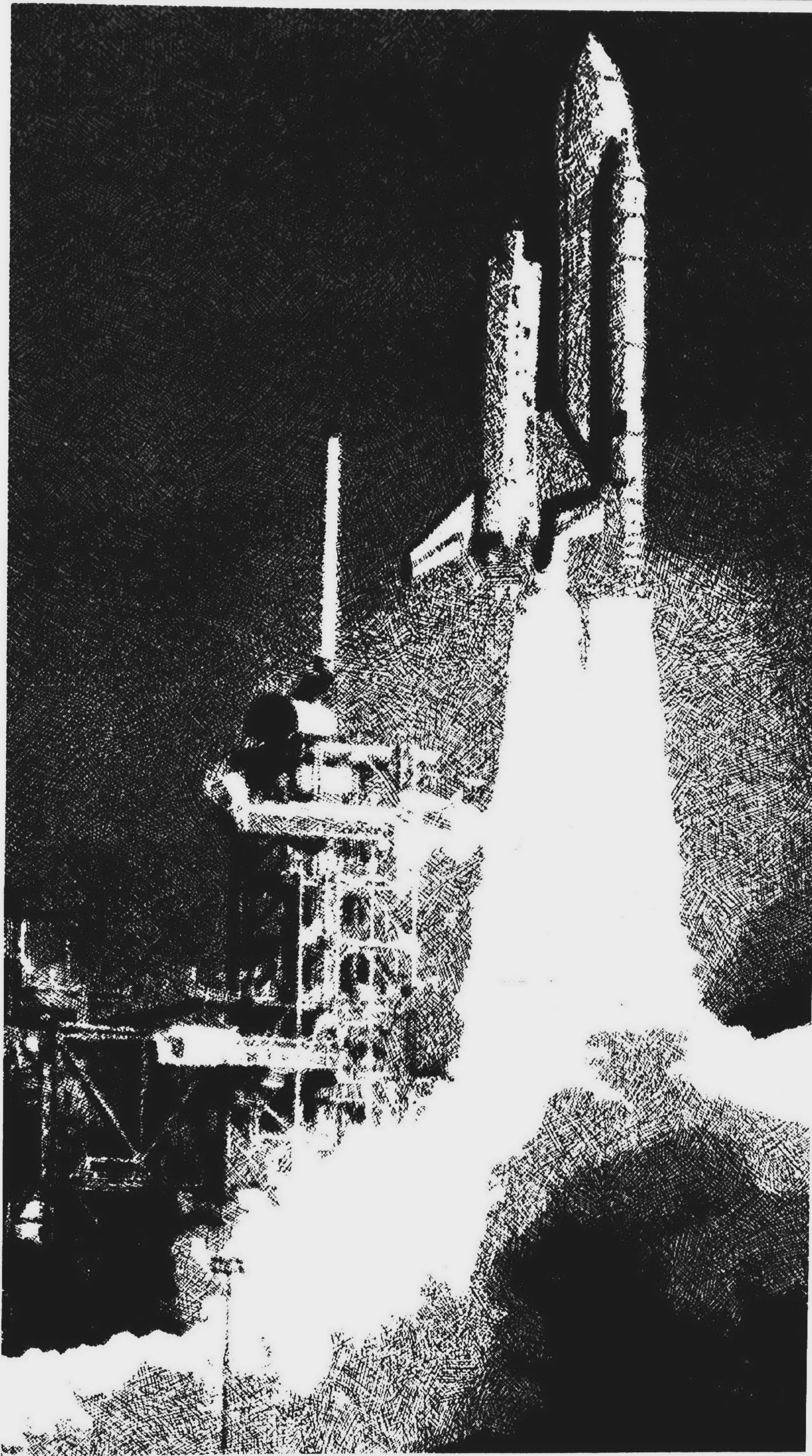
"There's always a battle going on in the studio to get the best possible quality because the public is much more aware," Smerek noted. "Now you can't turn up your radio a little bit and have a party. Now you have giant, sophisticated systems."

"People are definitely more aware of sound. Even young kids are saying, 'Did you hear how good that sound was?'"

Because the public is more demanding, so are record companies. That translates into longer, harder work in recording studios.

At Ambience, Smerek and Forbes work toward meeting that challenge. And they have the platinum to back them up.

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Space trek

NASA rebounds after Challenger

By Debbie L. Sklar
special writer

Feb. 18, 1988, could be one of the most important dates in the history of the American space program.

That is the tentative date for the launching of the shuttle Discovery — the first shuttle launch since the January 1986 Challenger disaster.

A lot of people around the world will be on the edge of their seats that day, not the least of them the Discovery's crew — Commander Rick Hauck, pilot Dick Covey and crewmen Dave Hilman, Mike Lowe and George D. "Pinky" Nelson.

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— Joe O'Dougherty
former NASA adviser

GOING UP again will be a risk, but it's a risk that must be taken, in the opinion of Jim Loudon, freelance astronomer/lecturer and a staff astronomer at the University of Michigan Space Exhibit Museum.

Loudon said space exploration isn't a luxury, it's a necessity for a planet of five billion people.

"That's far more than the resources of earth alone can support in anything like a decent standard of living, no matter how we might redistribute them," said Loudon, who spoke on the space program recently at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

"That and not scientific exploration reasons is why humans themselves have got to explode into the resources of space in the next few decades."

BUT NASA, of course, has been working very hard to make sure that there are no more explosions such as the one that destroyed Challenger and its crew last January.

"You can't go through what this agency has gone through in the past year without putting safety of the crew at the top of the list," said Mark Hess of NASA's Space Station office in Washington, D.C.

NASA has corrected the main cause of the explosion, the defective "O" rings on the shuttle booster, according to Steve Nesbitt at NASA headquarters at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. There are now three rings instead of one, and each has a new joint design, plus heaters around them to keep the seals at the correct temperature.

Side rocket boosters are currently being tested, and if they work correctly the launch should go on as scheduled, Nesbitt said.

HE STRESSED that the shuttle involved in the Challenger disaster was itself sound and did not contribute to the explosion. Nevertheless, NASA is working on a possible way of ejecting the crew in case another explosion should occur, he said.

The space agency is developing a hatch tractor rocket system that would contain seven or eight tractor

rockets that would yank the crew members out with a tremendous amount of speed. The astronauts' life necessities would be taken care of on the way down by the PLISS (Personal Life Support System).

Joe O'Dougherty of Northville, former technical advisor for astronaut training at Cape Kennedy, said he feels confident about the changes NASA has made.

"FRANKLY, I THINK everything is under control, and what they explained to me sounded very logical," O'Dougherty said. "Because when you stop and realize the number of flights in the space program we've made, the Challenger crew are the only ones we ever lost (in the shuttle program), it's fantastic because no other country has done anything like that."

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Despite the dangers, he said he wouldn't mind trading places with a member of the Discovery crew.

"IF THEY would ask me to go up tomorrow, I wouldn't hesitate for a minute," he said.

Beyond next year's crucial launch, what lies ahead for the space program? Nesbitt said to keep your eyes on these developments:

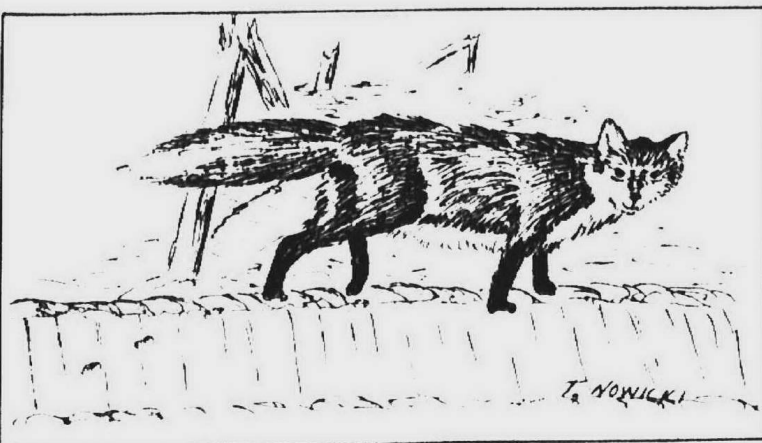
- The Heavy Lift Launch Vehicle that would deploy satellites by radio control, without the need of a crew.

- The National Aero-Space Plane, which would take off horizontally instead of vertically and make suborbital flights at a speed of 18,000 mph.

- A space station that would enable people to live and work in space.

"A space station would allow us to bring the satellites to the station and check them out before putting them into orbit," Nesbitt said. "It could serve as a refueling platform also. As to its existence, I am sure that Congress in the near future will decide about its outcome."

Car serves as a blind for fox watching



By Timothy Nowicki
special writer

As I entered I-275 at Seven Mile heading north the other day, I saw a red fox in a clearing near the entrance ramp.

I stopped on the ramp and observed the fox from inside my car. A car serves as an excellent blind from which to view wildlife. Animals cannot see the human outline and thus are not frightened.

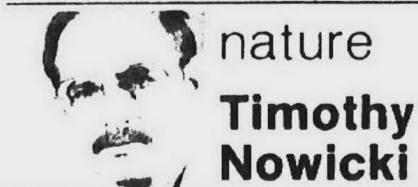
With the aid of my binoculars, I was able to watch his head movements as he searched in holes and hiding places for prey items. Red

fox, one of two species of fox found in Michigan, have a varied diet.

During winter they feed on small rodents, rabbits and carrion. In summer, they will supplement their diet with insects and berries.

WHEN THIS fox began hunting in the ditch near the fence that borders expressways, I got out of my car and approached on foot. He was so busy concentrating on finding food that he was unaware of my presence.

My view through the binoculars made him appear like he was only 10 yards away. After a short time, he walked down the ditch and out of sight.



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Timothy Nowicki

Red fox are most active at night, but if food is scarce, they may have to extend their hunting schedule. This fox may have had a litter of pups to begin caring for.

Five pups are born, on the average, during March and April. This puts an additional burden on the adults to procure food.

ADULT FOX may travel about five miles a night in search of food. In Michigan, the area where a fox is found — its homerange — is about 955 acres. Within this area, adult fox will find food, dig an underground den, raise young and defend the area from other fox.

Fox were not very common in Michigan before the lumbering era. After the large tracts of pine, and hardwood forests were cleared, scrub lands, meadows and fields developed, which are prime habitat for red fox.

Their numbers increased because of man's interference. It is ironic that the hand of man is also destroying the field habitat where I saw the fox.

Overpowering the cat-like tracks of the fox were the tracks of a Caterpillar.