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Timothy Sippel, 6 months, had the right idea to beat the heat earlier this week when he took a stroll with his mom, Muriel.

## Beating the heat

### How hot was it? It was so hot that . . .

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

How 'bout this weather? We're talkin' some serious "hot" so far this week. So hot that the telephone lines to the community education department at the Plymouth-Canton schools were jammed with calls inquiring about open swim hours at the pool. So hot that not one person could be seen hanging around the fountain in Kellogg Park in the middle of the afternoon. So hot that Detroit Edison Co. reported a single-hour record for electricity consumption in its service area.

Come on, folks. You don't have to sit around the house and listen to your hard-earned money go out the window — so to speak — via the air conditioner or fan. Give those appliances a rest and go:

- Swimming. The Plymouth Canton High School Pool hosts open swimming 7:30-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 3-5 p.m. Sunday through Aug. 2. Fees are 75 cents for students and \$1 for adults each session. A maximum family rate of \$2 is available 4-5 p.m. Sundays.

Kensington Metropark, Kent Lake Road Exit off I-96, offers two beaches, plus a petting farm, hiking trails of varying lengths, a nature center and picnic areas. A daily entry permit is \$2, a season pass \$10.

- Ice skating. That's right, ice skating at the Plymouth Cultural Center Arena, Farmer Street south of Theodore. Open skating is available 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. Friday, 1-3 p.m. Saturday and 2-4 p.m. Sunday. The fee is 75 cents Wednesdays, \$1 at all other times.

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## Hotel acts to upgrade fire protection

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Fire will pose less danger for patrons of the Plymouth Hilton, thanks to a \$150,000 sprinkler system. "Due to the many fires in the country in hotels and motels, the Hilton decided to update their system," said Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth. "Only about 15 percent was sprinkled when the hotel was built." Local fire codes require newly constructed, one-story buildings to be sprinkled if they are more than 12,000 square feet in size. Existing buildings don't have to be sprinkled unless they are adding on or renovating more than half the facility. The upgrading — also to include \$50,000 in electric smoke detectors — will place the Hilton among the area's safer buildings in terms of fire protection. Without sprinkler systems are the Plymouth Cultural Center (which seats up to 1,500) and parts of the Mayflower Hotel, including the Meeting House, lobbies, restaurants, bar and some guest rooms.

CANTON FACILITIES without sprinkler systems include the Knights Inn, Canton Recreation Center, Ball Hall and the Canton Historical Museum. All of the above-mentioned facilities comply with area fire codes. Kentucky-based Columbia Sussex Inc., which owns the Hilton and about 40 other hotels and motels east of the Mississippi, has yet to experience a major fire. "We want to keep that track record," said William Shields, Columbia Sussex Inc. project engineer. "We just feel it's very important from the customer's view to feel safe in our buildings. Second, this means our insurance premiums will be lower." The Plymouth Hilton, where a \$3 million renovation is being completed, is following a nationwide trend, said Jamie Haines, public affairs and education director with the National Fire Protection Association. "This (retrofitting existing buildings with sprinklers) is happening more and more. States are becoming

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## Harvey residents protest speeders

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

A more intense enforcement of traffic laws on Harvey Street was promised Monday by police and city of Plymouth administrators. About 10 people who live in the area appeared at the city commission meeting to relate stories about speeding motorists and fears for the safety of children and property. Harvey, immediately west of Main Street, has developed into a major north-south thoroughfare in recent years. Residents called for a greater police presence and the installation of stop signs to slow speeding motorists.

Officials said yes to the former request and we'll see to the latter. "IT'S SOMETHING we have to put effort into," said police chief Richard Myers of directed patrols. "If they perceive it's that bad, it's a problem. I'm very sensitive to what they're saying about little kids — I have two myself — but you also have parental responsibility," Myers added. "Harvey is not a typical residential street. It's a major street." The speed limit on Harvey is 25 mph. "We're in the process of putting counters out to determine if traffic is heavy enough for stop signs," said

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## Wehmeyer dead at 61

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Friends and former colleagues remembered Mark Wehmeyer as a gentleman and a public official who always had the interests of his community at heart. Wehmeyer, a former Plymouth City commissioner, died Saturday. He was 61. Funeral services were conducted

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Mark Wehmeyer

## Counselor helps transsexuals cope

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

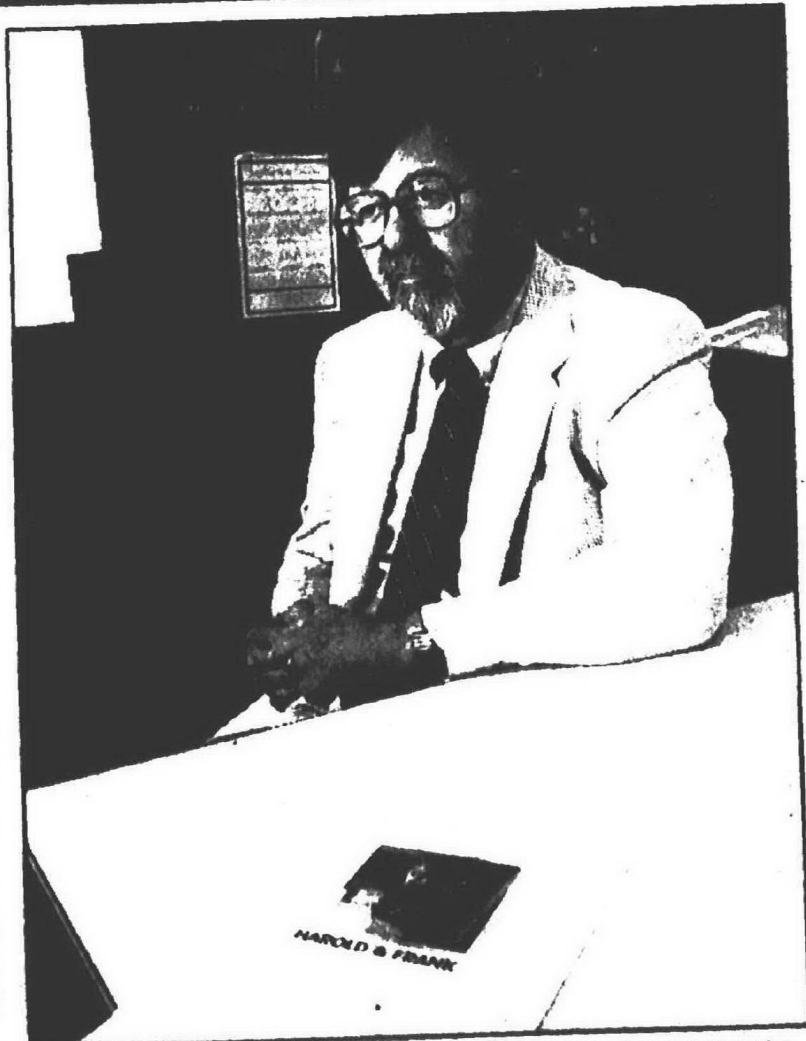
With a little urging, Dr. Don Brown will pull remembrances of success stories from an envelope in his desk. They're photographs of well-adjusted transsexuals — individuals he's counseled before, during and after sex changes. Included are a white sailor, black model, a blind woman, a Brooke Shields look-alike and a 250-pound, 6-foot-4 mother who at 56 is going to college and becoming a man. Brown is the director of counseling at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Married and the father of two, the Canton resident is a licensed psychologist and a certified sex therapist. "Of the approximately 40 cases I've dealt with, only one seems to be unhappy," said Brown. "The transsexual, who brings many personal problems to the operation or doesn't have the capacity for psychological intimacy, will find that a sex change is not the panacea for a perfect life."

BROWN WAS playing trombone for the U.S. Army in the mid-1940s when he met "several homosexuals who were treated very badly. I thought you shouldn't treat any

### people

human being in such a demeaning manner," said Brown. On the GI bill at the University of Michigan, Brown earned degrees in sociology and counseling and wrote his doctoral dissertation on homosexuality. He studied human sexuality at Indiana University and the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo. Transsexuals face staggering problems, said Brown, his office adorned with his children's artwork and a photo collage of "hard-core porn places in Detroit done by my human sexuality students." "Once they go through a sex change they lose their job. When a male becomes a female, she takes on all the double standards and discriminatory practices that accompany being a woman: lower wages, difficulty in getting into professional schools, poorer jobs and a lack of upward mobility. "Often, transsexuals are rejected by their families and children. They have to get divorced and develop a

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Dr. Don Brown helps people deal with gender identification problems.

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# Some school workers still without contracts

By M.B. Dillon  
Staff writer

With the first day of school little more than a month away, Plymouth-Canton transportation workers and educational aides still are without a contract.

Talks won't get under way until the first week of August, said Walter Bartnick, administrative assistant for employee relations for Plymouth-Canton schools.

Affected are 146 educational aides and 65 bus drivers and mechanics, whose two-year contracts expired June 30.

Teachers and other employees will work under terms of contracts good through June 1988.

ENROLLMENT will be up this fall, said Norm Kee, assistant superintendent for employee relations.

"We expect 100 more students this year than last," Kee said. Despite the increase, hiring in the district will be minimal. Nor will the opening of a new school, Hoben Elementary, mean a surge of new hires, he added.

**'Most openings will be filled internally with people returning from leaves' and transfers.**

— Norm Kee  
assistant superintendent

"Most openings will be filled internally with people returning from leaves" and transfers, Kee said.

"The problem is people think that because we're opening a new school, it means we have that many openings for new hires," Kee said. "That's not the case. The transfer process will create openings someplace in the district, but not necessarily at Hoben."

There will be opportunities "for aides and people who come on as custodial help and bus drivers," he added. "Generally, people start out subbing in those areas. The things we've had this year we filled with last year's substitutes."

Other possible openings will be in

specialty areas. The district is hiring a chemistry teacher, school nurse, part-time math teacher, special education teachers and a part-time French Spanish teacher.

"We hired 70 additional people in the teaching ranks alone last year. This year, it's somewhat sparse in terms of hiring, mainly because of less turn-around. Fewer people are moving out of state. But a lot of things could happen," Kee said.

Entry-level Plymouth-Canton teachers with bachelors degrees are paid \$19,631. Those starting with master's degrees earn \$21,476. School nurses follow the same salary schedule.

# Police seek man who bolted

By Diane Gale  
Staff writer

Local police are seeking a 22-year-old Plymouth Township man who fled into a wooded field after a Canton police officer arrested him for traffic violations and drunk driving.

At 11:30 p.m. Saturday, an officer stopped a speeding white Pontiac Sunbird traveling north on Haggerty toward Warren at an estimated 65 to 70 mph, a police report said.

At Warren the driver ran a red light traveling about 50 mph on the wrong side of Haggerty.

The driver told the officer he was taking his friend, a 21-year-old Livonia woman, to the hospital for treatment of a head injury.

The officer saw a large knot on the woman's head and called an emergency rescue unit, which took her to Oakwood Canton Health Center.

THE DRIVER GOT out of the car and appeared to be drunk, the police

report said. The officer said he saw beer cans on the floor of the car and smelled intoxicants on the man's breath.

The man said he had never gotten a driver's license and was without a car registration. Police believe the name he gave was fictitious.

Another Canton officer arrived and administered a Breathalyzer test, which registered a .18 blood-alcohol count. In Michigan .10 blood alcohol level is considered legally drunk.

The driver was patted down for weapons, arrested and handcuffed with his hands behind his back.

"Just as he was handcuffed he bolted and ran to the nearby woods (north of Koppernick on Haggerty)," said Dave Boljesic, Canton police information officer.

The officers chased him, but were unable to spot him in the brush, he said.

Shortly afterward, police received a phone call from security guards at

**'Just as he was handcuffed he bolted and ran to the nearby woods (north of Koppernick on Haggerty).'**

— Dave Boljesic  
Canton police

Stoneybrooke Apartments, on Joy Road east of Haggerty, who reported seeing a handcuffed man running through the area.

Police believe they know the man's identity and expect to make an arrest, Boljesic said.

"We feel very confident we'll have no problem apprehending him," he said.

One of the officers who chased the man fell into a ditch and was treated at Oakwood Hospital for an injured wrist.

## obituarles

CLARENCE E. LIEBMAN

Funeral services for Mr. Liebman, 69, of Plymouth were held recently in Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial in Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton officiating was the Rev. Earl Moore.

Mr. Liebman, who died July 17 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, was born in Bagley, Mich. He was a truck driver.

He was a member of the Agape Christian Center and the VFW Mayflower Post #6695.

Survivors include: wife, Frances; daughters, Kay Dooley of Phoenix, Ariz., Claire Weimer of Plymouth and Nancy Smith of Ann Arbor; son, Roger of Plymouth, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ELIZABETH K. HEINZ

Funeral services for Mrs. Heinz, 82, of Plymouth were held recently in Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak.

Mrs. Heinz, who died July 14 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, was born in Covington Ky. She retired from

Chrysler Corp. in 1967 where she worked as a secretary for 20 years.

Survivors include: stepchildren, Neil Heinz and Edith Ingehelram, sister, Katherine Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, brothers, Harold Voss of Florida and Joseph Voss of Plymouth, four nephews and five nieces.

IBRAHIM ZAYED

Funeral services for Mr. Zayed, 77, of Canton were held recently in St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church with burial in Parkview Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Amos Elias and Archbishop Michael Shaheen officiated.

Mr. Zayed, who died July 10 in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, was born in Ramallah, Palestine. He was a retired grocer.

Survivors include: wife, Rida Nas-

rah, sons Ramzi, Fakhri, Karim, Husam and Rijsa, daughters, Widad, Soud and Samira, 25 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JASON D. TREVARROW

Funeral services for Jason, 5, of Canton were held recently in Santeiu Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. Capt. John A. MacLean of the Salvation Army officiated.

Jason, who died July 15 in the University of Michigan Hospitals, finished kindergarten at Field Elementary School. He was a member of the Red Sox in the Canton Soccer Club.

Survivors include: parents, James and Carla Trevarrow; sisters, Devon and Lindsay; grandparents, Carl and Mary Dickey, Connie Trevarrow and Patty Tutino.

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# Detroit-suburb viewpoint needed

**I**T'S ALL too easy to get emotional about the 24th anniversary of the Detroit riot.

Since the res were put out and the smoke disappeared, most whites have abandoned Detroit and its problems in spirit as well as body.

But the anniversary coverage by the metropolitan media is an excellent opportunity to reflect on the causes of the riot and — more importantly — what to do in the future.

While many rears won't admit it, political and business leaders have to reiterate the need for a positive and effective Detroit-suburban relationship.

It's too easy for Mayor Coleman Young and his supporters to decry the perceived negative publicity about Detroit and its problems. It makes for good headlines on a 30-second sound bites on local TV stations (of which two are in Southfield and one in downtown Detroit).

What many suburbanites fail to realize is that Young is addressing mainly his constituents of about 700,000 to 800,000 blacks in Detroit while his comments are relayed at the same time to more than 3 million whites by daily newspapers and TV stations.

**I**T'S ALL too easy for suburbanites to narrow their focus to their own niche of the world and ignore regional problems surrounding them.

While we admit that most of the problem is attitude, leaders must admit that Detroit isn't just a city with a largely black population surrounded by mostly white suburbs.

Detroit is a region from the viewpoints of geography, economics, recreation and education.

The regional realities of life in this area was dictated when the Ice Age's glaciers melted and created the combination of land masses, rivers, and flood plains in what is now southeast Michigan.

The federally funded freeways that either led to (or merely followed) the flight of white middleclass families from Detroit to the suburbs in the 1950s and 1960s can also be used for black Detroiters to get job opportunities in



**Leonard Poger**

Southfield, Warren and Dearborn. While many will deny it, racial attitudes still prevail when families decide where to buy homes or rent apartments. Those same attitudes also prevail when job-seekers look for employment.

While Detroit boosters applauded the move of Little Caesars Enterprises Inc. from Farmington Hills to the deteriorating section of Woodward Avenue north of Grand Circus Park, no one has asked the company's suburban employees if they liked the announced move.

**B**UT WHILE suburbanites take part in the Detroit-bashing, they turn the other cheek and claim they are "Detroiters" when the Tigers win a World Series or the Red Wings advance through the Stanley Cup playoffs.

They enjoy the Detroit Symphony concerts, ethnic festivals, Grand Prix races, Detroit Institute of Arts, Wayne State University theater productions, and Thanksgiving parades.

Other joys enjoyed by adults and children are visits to the Fisher Building, the General Motors headquarters' main floor showroom of cars across the street and Tiger Stadium — still the best place in America to see a baseball game in the fresh air and seeing real grass.

The relationship of Detroit and its suburbs resembles a young couple abandoning aging parents suffering from health problems.

We hope that leaders will avoid the easy temptation to jump on Detroit for its social problems while ignoring the benefits of living in a region with diverse opportunities for jobs, recreation, entertainment and education.

*Leonard Poger is the editor of the Westland and Garden City Observers.*



## from our readers

### Inkster thanks metro area police

To the editor:

The community of Inkster is in a state of shock and mourning. Feelings of disbelief, anger, fear, guilt, sorrow and faith are shared.

Some crimes have their victims — other crimes are said to be victimless. The loss of our three police officers — Ira Parker, Daniel Dubiel and Clay Hoover — has produced nothing but victims. There are three dead men. There are the bereft families of our dead officers. There are the members of our police and fire departments, as well as members of our administration who are expressing outrage at this senseless crime.

The officers were buried — their grief at an end. Behind them they leave families whose losses we cannot begin to fathom. Eight children with one on the way are left fatherless. We will try to comfort them, wondering if our comfort rings hollow. Their physical needs will be met, we swear it.

This tragedy and the resultant loss will be remembered city, county, state and nationally as one of the most horrific crimes against our law enforcement community — our police officers.

Most of our citizens knew at least one of the officers and many shared childhoods and churches with them.

The co-workers of our officers may be the ones most needing our understanding. For them this tragedy will have its daily reminders. Besides their personal sorrow they must learn to cope with possible feelings of guilt, helplessness and a desire for revenge, as well as the conflicts of their need for a macho image and their fears.

To the officers of the police and fire departments we must extend more than just our sympathy. They and their fam-

ilies are victims and as such they must be encouraged to accept the trained professional help that has been organized by the National Organization for Victim Assistance. This loss has brought us all closer together, and as a community, we are here for each other, as we comfort the families of our fallen officers, the friends and the neighbors they have left behind.

Finally, on behalf of the administration and the citizens of Inkster, I commend and thank the entire law enforcement community for support services to our police department. From Kenneth Walton, the director of the Detroit Area FBI; the director of State Police, Col. Richie Davis; director of the State Crime Laboratory, Robert Ficano, sheriff of Wayne County; and Police Chief William Hart, for making Detroit's resources available to us, and the 17 bordering community members of our Police Mutual Aid Pact and every police department in the metropolitan area and beyond who we will be thanking individually.

**Betty G. Miller,**  
Mayor of Inkster

## campus news

### ● MADONNA HONORES

The following resides were among those named to the dean's list recently at Madonna College, Livonia.

From Canton: Janette Boczar of Hillsboro, senior major in psychology; Cynthia Darmofa-Princess Dr., sophomore, nursing; Isa Dolsey, Edinburg, junior, journalism-public relations; Monique Gerber, Princess Dr., senior, biology; Susan Immel, Gorman, senior, social work; Jennifer King, Bartlett, junior, nursing; Kristine Mitchell, Dean Lane, junior, nursing; Ann Mera, N. Umberland Circle, sophomore, child care and guidance; Nancy O'Brien, Meadowlake, sophomore; Mary Peters, Carriage Court Dr., senior, social work; Joan Rasmatis, Sturbridge, senior, social work; Veronica Roman, Maidstone, junior, social work; Karen Rzepka-Honeycomb Cir., junior, home economics-child development; Sheila Smith, Edinburg, senior, sociology; Adrienne Star, Carriage Hills, senior, legal administration; and Mary Theobald, Jeffrey Cir., senior, aged health management.

From Plymouth: Lata Barnes, General Dr., sophomore-communication arts; Ellen Bellaire, Starkweather, sophomore, chemistry; Timothy Carney, Hill Meadow Ct., freshman, English; Renee DeZell, Maxwell, senior nursing; Joan Dostal, Byron, junior, child development; Rhea Dunbar, Postiff, senior, social work; Paul Gannon, Sutherland, junior, emergency medical technology; Kelly Kaussy, Hartough, junior, nursing; Valerie Lash, Westbury, sophomore, elementary provisional program; Susan Matulevich, Ann Arbor Trail, junior, nursing; Deborah Norman, Parkhurst, senior, social science; Carl Oliver, Northville Forest Dr., senior, legal assistant; Linda Renny, Harwood Dr., senior, sociology; Michel Sweeney, N. Holbrook, senior, biology; Suzanne Talaske, Ridge, senior, general dietetics; and Timothy Trahey, Ivywood, senior, home economics-child development.

### ● GREGORY WOLFF

Gregory C. Wolff, son of Barbara Wolff of Simpson, Plymouth, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Bowling Green State University. Wolff is a junior at Bowling Green.

### ● GRAND VALLEY HONOREES

The following residents were named to the dean's list for the winter semester at Grand Valley State, Allendale, Mich.: Margalit Wangbichler of Canton and Kath Davenport of Plymouth.

### ● MIAMI UNIVERSITY GRADS

The following were among those to graduate from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, at spring commencement exercises: Linda Potter of Newton, Canton, a master of science degree; Kevin B. Ortner of Chambray Ct., Plymouth, a BS in business; John N. Thomas of Turkey Run, a BA degree.

### ● MADONNA GRADS

The following residents were among those to graduate recently from Madonna College, Livonia.

From Canton: Janette Boczar of Hillsboro, degree in psychology; Bina Karnani, Sandpiper Dr., allied health management; Janie Norgrove, Pittsford, computer information systems; Anne Sergus, Wedgewood, nursing; Sheila Smith, Edinburg, sociology; Michael Steslick, Sandpiper, general business; Mary J Theobald, Jeffrey Cir., allied health management; Theodora Underwood, Kingsbridge, nursing; Linda Wigley, Hanford, accounting.

From Plymouth: Brenda Dougherty, Northern, computer science; Rhea Dunbar, Postiff, social work; Sandra Falkiewicz, Tavistock Dr., nursing; Lawrence Fontana, Westbury, general business; Cathleen Hammer, Gregory Lane, marketing; Mary A. MacMurray, Kellogg, nursing; Carol McEldery, Virginia, nursing; Terence McNamara, Starkweather, management; Carol Oliver, Northville Forest Dr., legal assistant; Patricia Tomlinson, Beech, nursing; Joanne Varlamos, Tennyson, computer information systems; Janet Wilson, Sheridan, nursing.

### ● U-M GRADS

The following residents are among those to graduate this spring from the University of Michigan:

From Plymouth: Patricia Baker of Mayville, a master of science; Diane Charney of Pacific, a doctor of dental surgery; Andrew Crook of Ann Arbor Trail, BS in aerospace engineering; Debra Darlington, Cherrywood Ct., BA; Kristi Davis, Normandy, BA; Leslie Etienne, Portsmouth Crossing, BA; Cynthia Fabinski, Southworth, BA; Timothy Feldkamp, N. Territorial, BS; Dana Flower, Appletree, BA; James Gale, Haverhill, juris doctor; Michael Hall, Mayflower, BS in materials and metallurgical engineering; Philip Hallman, Terry, BA; Carol Hathaway, Ann Arbor Trail, BA; Kathy Hazlett, Hartough, BA; William Herman, Holbrook, PhD; Steven Hollister, Heritage, doctor of dental surgery; Brian Humke, Ann Arbor Trail, master of science; Also: William Jordan, Elmhurst,

master of business administration; Elizabeth Lenders, Beck, BBA; Jeanne Lenehan, Pine Crest, BS; Patrick Lesiak, Beck, BS; Otto Lulltmann, Gov Bradford, BS; Richard Lyons, Portsmouth Crossing, BS in electrical engineering; Mark Matties, Baywood Dr., BS; Craig Mercer, Risman, doctor of dental surgery; Gregory Mills, Bradner, BS; Kimberly Nelson, Joann Lane, BS; Amy Norton, Greenbriar, BA; Kevin Norton, Tavistock, MS; Paul Norton, Tavistock, BA; Stephen Norton, Tavistock, BA; Steven O'Donnell, BS; Herlinda Olivio-Downs, N Mill, BS in nursing; Janet Olszewski, Leicester, MBA; Stuart Popp, Trailwood, MBA. And Anne Portelli, Morrison, BS in nursing; Shawn Rafferty, BA; Suzanne Ramljak, Mona Ct., master of arts; Michael Roehl, Creekwood Cir., BA; Domenica Samargin, Bradner, juris doctor; Mary Scallen, Robinwood Dr., BA; Cynthia Sloat, Amherst, MBA; Terry Smith, Russell, BA; Keith Sobczak, Erik Ct., master of architecture; Andrew Sturton, Portsmouth, BA; Theresa Tims, Plymouth Road, BS; Shannon Townsend, Mayflower Dr., BA in education; Robert Tschirhart, Amherst, PhD; Andrew Vick, Nantucket, BA; Nancy Warkentin, Portsmouth Crossing, BA; Jennifer Weiser, Priscilla Lane, bachelor of fine arts (dance); Jill Wheaton, Lakewood Dr., bachelor of general studies; Deborah Wierzbinski of Palmer, master of science; David Zeiler, Ann Arbor Trail, BA degree.

From Canton: Jane Acciaoli, Thornwood, BA; Grant Grigorian, Spinning Wheel, MBA; Elizabeth Hay-Chmielewski, Derby, master of science; Kathleen Hogan, Topper, BA; Robert Hunter, Shana Dr., MBA; June Kirchgatter, Gyde, BA; Sebastian Lauer, Candlewood, BS in computer engineering; Karen Londo, Kingsley Rd., master of science; Parmod Mukhi, Spinning Wheel, BS; Patrick O'Toole, Woonsocket Dr., MBA; Carla O'Malley, Barchester, master of public health; Noelle Ochotny of Twyckingham, BA; Karl Onopa, Wedgewood, BS; Shon Pilsarski, Balmoral, BS in nursing; Daniel Prather, Cranford, BA; Kirsten Pyle, Charrington, BA; Douglas Ryan, Lombardy, BA; Sheryl Rusu, Royal Court S., BA; Cynthia Seemann, Guilford, BS in forestry; Maia Sherman, Honeycomb, juris doctor; Janet Stanley, Brooke Park Dr., MBA; Anthony Szetela, Greenlawn, doctor of pharmacy; Irene Wassel, Quaker Hill, BA; Diana West, Brookpark Dr., BA; and Laura Wyer, Somerset Sq., BS in industrial and operations engineering.

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# Counselor helps them to adjust

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whole new peer and support group. It's a pretty gutsy step to give up everything that they have."

Many transsexuals confront financial problems, added Brown. "Surgery for a male becoming a female costs about \$30,000. To go from being female to male costs about \$80,000-\$100,000." Michigan is among the few states where insurance covers the surgery. Hutzel and Harper are the only area hospitals that perform the operations, Brown said.

BROWN, A big man with a warm personality and ready smile, leads support group meetings for transsexuals. He also counsels faculty and students — by appointment and in emergencies — who are grappling with problems ranging from divorce to sexual dysfunction.

Among the happy endings have crept some tragic ones.

"One of my cases was a suicide," he said.

"This was a 50-year-old man with no hope for sex reassignment and no support group. It was a sad affair."

Ignorance, fear and social stigmas can make life difficult for the sexually different, Brown said.

"People assume they have some choice. They have no more choice than most of us do growing up heterosexual. No one knows why someone is homosexual, transsexual, or a transvestite. There are several areas of theories — genetics, hormones, environment, or some interaction of the three," he said.

"Research in the whole sex area, until Masters and Johnson, was not of good quality. Eventually we will be able to explain more. At present, the level of scientific sophistication necessary to do so doesn't exist."

Brown advises family and friends of homosexuals and transsexuals to be loving, kind, supportive and helpful.

"They haven't chosen to be that way. Fate somehow gave them that role to play."

"Not everyone had healthy, loving parents. People grow up with all sorts of orientations, attitudes and handicaps."

"There's a basic rule in therapy: 'Judge not that ye be judged. Let he without sin cast the first stone.'"

# Waste disposal plans sought

By Susan Buck staff writer

We do it every week — haul our

## Services held for Wehmeyer

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Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. The Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiated. Burial was in Forest Hills Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

Mr. Wehmeyer won election to a four-year term to the city commission in November 1977 and a two-year term in November 1981. City charter prohibits commissioners from serving more than two consecutive terms.

Mayor William L. Robinson appointed Wehmeyer to serve the balance of the term of Eldon "Bud" Martin on Feb. 3, 1986, when Martin resigned.

WEHMEYER, in ill health, resigned May 31, 1986, and moved to Dearborn so he could be closer to his job at Ford Motor Co. He was supervisor of the climate control division at retirement.

"He and I were very close friends," said Mayor William L. Robinson. "He was a very active commissioner — not laid back, let someone else do it and vote yes. He contributed a real service to our community."

Mary Childs served with Wehmeyer on the commission for several years.

household trash to the curb with no thought to its next stop.

As landfills burgeon with refuse, Americans turn their backs, close

their eyes and continue their pattern of consumption and disposal.

According to Maurice Roach, director of planning for Wayne County

Office of Public Services, the county can only accommodate solid waste about another 10 years.

Roach, a Plymouth Township resident, defines solid waste as "anything (trash) we put out on the curb."

In an effort to educate Wayne County residents about recycling, Roach met this spring with Cathy Prince and Ngy White, local members of the League of Women Voters (LWV), to write a proposal to be used by the Wayne County Solid Waste Committee.

AN APPLICATION to the state Clean Michigan Fund for an educational grant of \$50,000 was mailed in April.

If received, the grant would be used for an outreach educational effort with all the 43 local communities in Wayne County. It will include 430 presentations on recycling to legislative bodies, public interest groups and local service clubs.

"I don't know how far we can go," said Roach. "We're a consumptive society. We're making a change in lifestyle. The problem won't go away. It's the 'Noin my backyard' syndrome. Look at the incident with the (New York) urbane barge."

## Just how hot was it here?

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Spectators may watch morning figure skating lessons at no charge. Hockey games are played Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday nights. Admission is \$1 per night.

"It's a great place to go in and cool off," said Chuck Skene, Plymouth's recreation director.

Book browsing. Both the Canton Library, 1150 Canton Center Road south of Proctor, and Dunning-Hough, 223 S. Main, are air-conditioned.

"When people come in, they're wilted," said Pat Thomas, library director at Dunning-Hough. "It's nice and comfortable in here. We've had a hot summer. Circulation is up. Maybe it's related."

Claire McLaughlin, reference librarian in Canton, said employees there seem especially busy on Mondays.

"Parents with their children come in and spend a lot of time sitting around. It's nice to see them help with toddlers picking up books and playing with toys and puppets," she said.

The Canton Library is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Dunning-Hough is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

"Tell your readers to get a good book and curl up in a corner in the library," Thomas said. Don't have to, Pat. You just did.

## Harvey residents protest

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Henry Graper, city manager.

Ken West, city engineer, told the residents unnecessary stop signs can aggravate a traffic problem.

"What does happen when you put up stop signs where they're not indicated is rear end collisions increase dramatically," he said.

IN AN EFFORT to make up for lost time, some motorists will accelerate quicker after a stop, West added. Squealing tires generate more noise. Rolling stops become more common.

Many — if not most — motorists who violate speed and traffic control laws within a subdivision live right in the subdivision.

Myers said let the chips fall where they may — if that's what residents really want.

"We're going to write everyone," he said. "Residents will be ticketed just like everyone else. I believe tickets will reduce the number of speeders."

Several residents spoke to the commission.

"Everytime you walk outside, someone is speeding by," said Bobbie Tallon.

"I'm very sorry I bought a place on Harvey. Traffic is simply terrible," said Barbara Trudell.

"I think the best study is by someone living there all the time," said Susan Heck.

The top police priority this spring and summer was to get a handle on cruising-related activities on Main Street, Graper said. Since that situation has calmed considerably, personnel can be deployed elsewhere.

## Fire protection is upgraded at hotel

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more aggressive in their efforts." It pays off, Haines added.

By the end of 1988, all Marriott buildings will feature sprinkler systems. And within five years, the chain will have "fully recovered in insurance savings the cost of sprinkler installation," Haines said.

Canton Fire Marshal Art Winkel quotes just about the same figure.

"For insurance purposes, the amount of savings on a sprinkler system will pay for itself in five to seven years," he said.

GROUND HAS been broken for a Canton Marriott that will be fully sprinkled, said Winkel. Sprinkler systems have been a

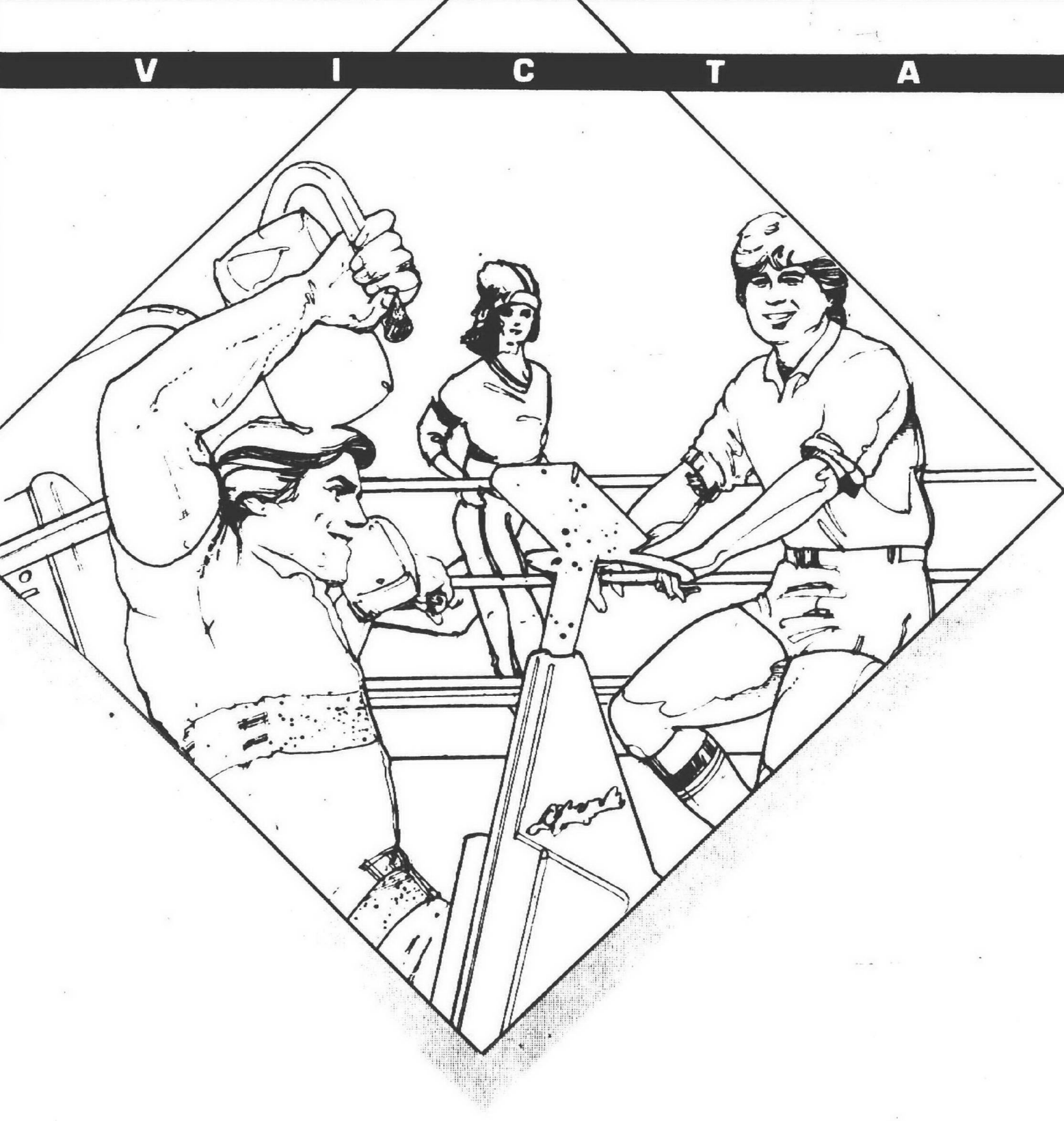
godsend to the hotel industry, said Haines.

"The death rate per fire in unsprinkled hotels and motels is more than twice the rate in those that are sprinkled."

"According to our statistics, there has never been a fire fatality in a building with sprinklers in full operation," he said.

"The average property damage per fire in unsprinkled hotels is five times as high as those in sprinkled hotels," Haines said.

The National Fire Protection Association is based in Massachusetts, "which I'm proud to say is the first state in the country to pass legislation requiring retrofitting and installation of sprinklers in all high-rise buildings," Haines said.



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# Hotel packages appeal to locals

Here's a sampling of some weekend getaways in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

## FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS

● **Botsford Inn** — The Botsford resumes its Historic Hiatus package, beginning the first weekend in September. For \$150, couples receive two nights' lodging, flowers, a fruit basket and tickets to either Greenfield Village or Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn as well as tickets to either Cranbrook Institute of Science or Cranbrook Academy of the Arts, Bloomfield Hills. The package runs through April.

"Though it's primarily a weekend package, we will try to accommodate people at other times of the week, too," hotel spokeswoman Angel Davis said.

The hotel is at 28000 Grand River, near Eight Mile.

● **Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills** — Rooms for up to four people are available for \$55, weekends.

"We're a Holiday so we have a variety of activities," director of sales Andrea Miller said.

Activities include an indoor and outdoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, exercise room, game room and miniature golf.

The hotel is at 38123 10 Mile, south of the I-275/I-696 interchange.

## LIVONIA

● **Holiday Inn West** — The hotel's Holiday Package, \$137.20 for two nights, includes breakfast and dinner for two, a pair of free in-room movies and two free boxes of popcorn. Children aren't charged for the room or meals, when accompanied by an adult.

The Holiday includes an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, putting green and game room, reservation manager Lynn Saloom said.

## NOVI

● **Novi Hilton** — In addition to reduced weekend rates, the Hilton offers several packages geared to couples. Its \$98-a-night Celebrate Package includes champagne and breakfast for two.

"This is especially good for newlyweds or people celebrating their anniversary," reservations manager Renee Prost said.

Its Rainbow Package, \$144 for two nights, includes a fruit-basket, wine and cheese.

The hotel's \$100-a-night Friday Feast Package, available Fridays only, includes a \$40 credit for dinner at the hotel restaurant.

An indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool and exercise room are available.

The hotel is at 21111 Haggerty, north of 8 Mile, west of I-275.

● **Sheraton Oaks** — Rooms are available for \$50 and weekend night, with 50 percent off breakfast for two the next morning. A \$79.95 Friday night package includes a \$21 coupon for dinner for two at the hotel restaurant. A similarly-priced Saturday package substitutes two tickets to Sunday brunch.

Indoor and outdoor pools, a sauna, whirlpool, exercise room and racquetball court are available.

The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive, north of I-96.

## PLYMOUTH

● **Plymouth Hilton** — The Interlude Package, \$68 for two, includes breakfast for two and a welcome gift. Rooms can be rented for \$59 a night for up to nine nights through its Summer 59 Package, provided guests stay at least one Saturday night.

An indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, exercise room and game room are also offered.

The hotel is at 14707 Northville Road, south of Five Mile.

● **Mayflower Hotel** — The Mayflower offers a Greenfield Village package, including Saturday breakfast or Sunday brunch for \$79.95 per couple for one night or \$133 for two nights. Its one-night Love Boat package includes an in-room whirlpool for \$85 a couple.

"There 150 shops nearby and there's all kinds of activities downtown, including street dances in Kellogg Park," said Scott Lorenz, whose family owns the hotel.

The Mayflower is at 827 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

## BIRMINGHAM

● **Barclay Inn** — A continental breakfast, coffee, tea and cookies served in the evening, and a morning newspaper, are included in the hotel's weekend package for \$59 and \$69, (double occupancy) depending on room location.

The hotel is on Hunter just south of Maple.

## BLOOMFIELD HILLS

● **Kingsley Inn** — The hotel's Bed and Breakfast Club gives guests "a place to get away and not have to worry about things at home," said Garret Bagnik, reservations clerk.

A Friday, Saturday or Sunday night stay in the west wing of the hotel costs \$64. Breakfast is another \$5. Rooms in the main building are \$59, or \$64 with breakfast.

"You get a mix of people," Bagnik said. "A lot of people might stay in a hotel because they don't have air conditioning or a pool at home."

The hotel, Woodward just south of Long Lake, includes a weight room, pool, whirlpool, piano bar and restaurant.

## ROCHESTER

● **Meadow Brook Hall** — Gatsby Getaway takes guests back to the 1920s through a two-day combination of films, tours and receptions in the former Dodge family manor home.

The three-day visit costs between \$150-\$175 (depending on rooms available) and includes all meals, walking tours of the house and grounds, and refreshments. Guests arrive at 2 p.m. the first day and leave by 9:30 a.m. the third day.

Eleven Dodge family bedrooms are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Others stay in staff bedrooms in the house.

The weekday tours are offered primarily in January and February. A few getaways may be scheduled this fall and in spring 1988.

Meadow Brook is on the Oakland University Campus at Adams and University.

## SOUTHFIELD

● **The Michigan Inn** — Out-of-towners like no-frills rooms. The locals enjoy being pampered.

The Michigan Inn has weekend specials for both.

"It all goes with the flow, of what's going on in the area. At one time our package included a trip to Greenfield Village. But in the past few years people started looking for low-cost rental rooms and didn't want any type of special package," said Beverly Floreno, reservations manager. "The people from the area who want to spend a night in a hotel want the package. They like to treat themselves, get away from home and lounge around the pool."

"They plan on spending time in the hotel and not leaving."

The hotel shaves \$41 off the cost of a double or single occupancy room, adds champagne, a free beverage and breakfast or brunch and calls the offer "Elegant Encounter." The cost for the package on a Friday or Saturday is \$85.

The hotel also includes an indoor-outdoor pool, sauna, exercise room, tennis courts and putting green.

The "no frills" weekend package, which consists of lodging only, is \$69 per room.

The Michigan Inn is at 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive.

● **Southfield Hilton** — The hotel's Summer Leisure Plan, a \$59 per night getaway, includes a continental breakfast and use of the hotel's outdoor pool, tennis courts and game room. A gift shop and two restaurants also are available.

Guests must stay Saturday night, but may extend the visit to Sunday or Friday night, to receive the budget rate.

● **Berkshire Hotel** — "Make a Memory" package appeals to locals, especially honeymooners, according to Russ Mecklenburg, reservations clerk.

The hotel doesn't have a swimming pool (a sauna will open this fall) but includes a continental breakfast and terry cloth robe in every room. Tea is served from 4-6 p.m., daily, adding a European flavor to the 109-room facility.

Weekend packages include a one-night stay and dinner for \$79, two-night stay and one dinner for \$129 and two-night stay with two dinners for \$149.

The hotel is on Telegraph just north of Civic Center drive.

## TROY

● **Guest Quarters** — "We get quite a few people who live close by coming for the weekend," said Kim Fillmore reservation clerk. "It's a nice place to stay because they aren't just basic rooms. They're suites."

Rooms include a living room with sofa bed, bedroom, bath, wet bar, two remote-control televisions and three telephones.

The hotel also includes a pool, sauna, whirlpool and weight room.

Through July, a Friday or Saturday night stay costs \$69 and includes lodging in a suite, two-hour cocktail reception and a full breakfast.

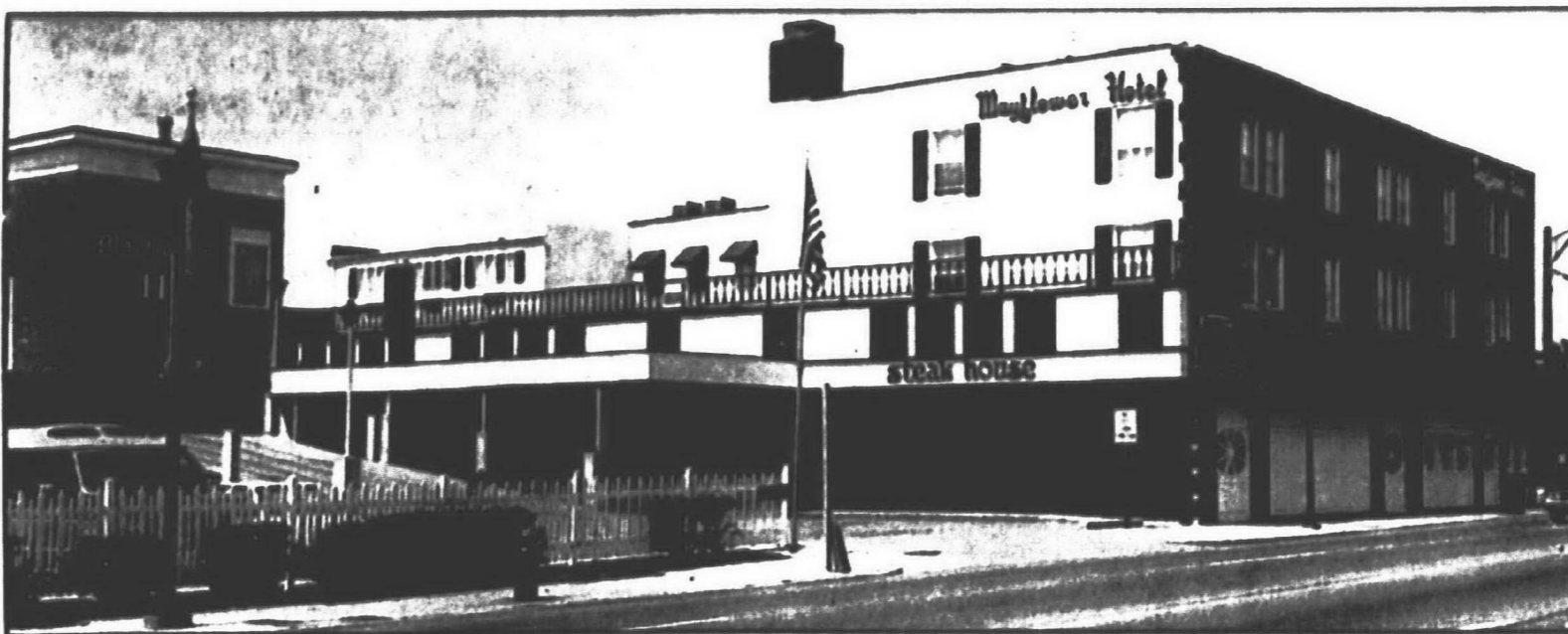
After July add \$20.

The hotel is on Crooks near Long Lake.

● **Troy Hilton** — Guests can get away for \$69 a night on Fridays and Saturdays, and receive a complementary bottle of champagne, a \$20 gift certificate for use in the hotel restaurant and use of the facility's pool and sauna.

"Summer 59," another weekend package, offers a continental breakfast for \$59. Guests must stay a Saturday night to receive the bargain rate.

The hotel also offers pool parties on Friday and Saturday nights through the summer. Guests pay no cover charge.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The Mayflower Hotel at 827 Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth offers a Greenfield Village package, including Saturday

breakfast or Sunday brunch for \$79.95 per couple for one night or \$133 for two nights.

# Getaway weekend

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"The feedback we've been getting is that various attractions in the travel business are having an excellent year. But that also indicates that people in this area are getting out and about around here more," said John Colling, communications manager for the Southeast Michigan Travel Association, Troy.

"You don't have to go too far to have a good time."

Many area hotels offer reduced rates for "getaway" weekends that include meals, refreshments and recreational facilities such as tennis courts and swimming pools. (For a list of area hotels offering getaway packages, see story elsewhere on this page.)

The association offers information

on activities and attractions in an 11-county area, including metro Detroit.

"We do sometimes keep them in the metro area, but generally people come in and ask what's going on in this (11 county) area," Colling explained.

"A lot of people may have forgotten about Greenfield Village and haven't been there for years."

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# City may go to court over encroachment

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Plymouth city officials may take the owners of the Westchester Square Shops annex to court unless they pay \$3,500 and resurface part of a city-owned parking lot next to their annex.

A survey has determined that the 9,500-square-foot annex on Forest Street encroaches on city land by 3 1/2 feet at one end and six inches at the other, said Ken West, city engineer.

The encroachment wasn't discovered until the foundation was in place, West said.

The city's leverage is that Deborah and Dennis Pennington, Westchester Square owners, never obtained a certificate of occupancy before opening the annex, West said.

A judge could force vacation of the premises if the city were to force the issue.

"I would anticipate they're going to follow through forthwith," West said. "We want it taken care of as soon as possible."

West said he doesn't know who's responsible for the physical encroachment or how the annex, which houses several small, specialty shops, opened without an occupancy permit.

The encroachment of 166 square feet equals the size of one parking space. The city demanded \$3,500 for each parking space less than the minimum required by local law.

Resurfacing of the parking lot was requested because contractors used city property to store equipment and supplies while building the annex,

West said. The paving cost is estimated at \$4,700.

The Penningtons Monday declined to comment on the city's requirements or why they allowed tenants into the annex without an occupancy permit.

They said they're still trying to determine how the encroachment occurred.

Two outdoor sign applications from tenants in the annex have been put on hold until the Penningtons obtain an occupancy permit, West said.

The Westchester Square annex made news May 6 when a fire accidentally ignited during a soldering operation. Structural damage at the time was estimated at \$75,000.

Construction costs of the annex were estimated by the Penningtons on permit applications at \$300,000.

## brevities

### DEADLINES

Announcements for Brevities should be submitted by noon Monday for the Thursday issue and by noon Thursday for the Monday issue. Bring in or mail announcements to the Observer, 489 S. Main, Plymouth 48170.

### YMCA SUMMER CLASSES

Monday, July 27 — Plymouth Community Family YMCA summer classes will begin the week of July 27 at various locations throughout the community. Registrations are being taken for classes such as morning and afternoon aerobics and fitness, karate, day camp, backyard swimming, tennis clinics, Preschool Creatives. To enroll or for more information, call 453-2904.

### TUMBLING

Monday, July 27 — Preschool (ages 3-5) and youth tumbling (ages 5-7) will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for youth and 10:30 to 11 a.m. for preschool on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Masters of Dance Arts on Canton Center between Warren and Ford, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Family YMCA. Children will be taught the basics of floor gymnastics, front, back and straddle rolls, cartwheels and balance beam. Wear loose-fitting clothes and tennis shoes. To register, call 453-2904.

### PRESCHOOL PIANO

Tuesday, July 28 — Preschool piano classes are being offered by Plymouth Community Family YMCA from 2:15-3:15 p.m. Tuesdays beginning July 28 at Viculin Studio of Music on Main Street in downtown Plymouth. For information, call Charlotte Viculin at 459-1112; to register call 453-2904.

### PRESCHOOL BALLET

Tuesday, July 28 — Preschool ballet (ages 3-5) lessons will be offered through Plymouth Community Family YMCA from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Master of Dance Arts, ANTON Center Road between Warren and Ford. To register call 453-2904.

### MUSIC IN PARK

Wednesday, July 29 — Mary Ann Stokes will perform Irish and early American and classical music on her Butternut wooden dulcimer beginning at noon in Kellogg Park for the Music in the Park series sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

### CRICKET REUNION

Friday, July 31 — A Canton Cricket Reunion Picnic will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Griffin Park Gazebo in Canton. Bring a picnic lunch; drinks will be provided. There will be games and prizes and a surprise guest. All past and present Crickets, their families and friends, are welcome. For more information call Canton Parks and Recreation at 397-5110.

### MUSIC IN PARK

Wednesday, Aug. 5 — Michael Schwartz will be the performing artist for the Music in the Park series sponsored by Plymouth Community Arts Council from noon to 1 p.m. each Wednesday in Kellogg Park. Schwartz plays the keyboard and saxophone along with singing and songwriting.

### DRIVERS EDUCATION

Tuesday, Aug. 11 — Drivers education classes will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning Aug. 11 at 248 Union, Plymouth (behind the Dunning-Hough Library), sponsored by the Plymouth Community Family YMCA. This is the last session of the summer for ages 15-18. To register, call 453-2904.

### SENIOR PARTY

Thursday, Aug. 20 — All Canton residents 55 and older may attend the annual Civitan Party beginning 6:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Elks Lodge. Tickets at \$3 each include a chuck wagon (roast beef) dinner, bingo with prizes. Tickets are available by mail or in person. Call Canton Seniors at 397-1000, Ext. 278.

### GONE FISHIN'

Saturday, Sept. 5 — There will be a fishing derby for grandparents and their families at Newburg Lake (Middle Rouge Parkway, Edward Hines Drive) from 7-10 a.m. Entry fee is \$2 per family. There will be prizes for largest family unit participating, most fish caught by a grandchild, largest fish caught, and for oldest and youngest participants. Registration forms are available from Plymouth Parks and Recreation, 525 Farmer. For information call Wayne County Parks at 261-1990.

### VFW DINNER DANCE

Friday, Sept. 25 — Canton VFW Post 6967 will sponsor a dinner dance beginning 6:30 p.m. Radio DJs will be spinning the Platters. The VFW still is recruiting new members. Interested people may inquire at 1699 Morrison, Canton.

### DEVON-AIRE REUNION

Saturday, Sept. 26 — Residents and former residents of Devon-Aire Woods (Plymouth and Middlebelt) may attend a reunion at the Plymouth Elks Lodge. For information, call 422-1215, 459-1999 or 4590-0134.

## medical briefs/helpline

### MEDICARE HMO FORUM

Canton Seniors, in cooperation with Catherine McAuley Health Services, will present a panel of representatives from four major Medicare HMOs: McAuley Medi-Care, Health Alliance Plan, Select Care, Health Care Network.

The panel will offer a brief presentation followed by a question-answer period 12:30-3 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon. The program is free. Refreshments will be served; literature will be available.

### FREE SCREENINGS

Free hypertension screenings will be offered 3-7 p.m. Monday, July 27, in the Arbor Health Building, 990 Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey, Plymouth.

### MICHIGAN CUE CLUB

The Michigan Cue Club will hold cue speech practice beginning 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, in St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Warren between Sheldon and Canton Center roads in Canton. For information call Lorraine Zaksek at 459-7030 or Dorian Marks at 455-8417.

### DISCOVER GOOD HEALTH

People 60 and older can receive free health tests at the Discover Good Health screening Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The screenings are sponsored by Peoples Community Hospital Authority and are staffed by personnel from Beyer Memorial Hospital, Ypsilanti. To avoid the possibility of waiting in long lines, screenings can be done on an appointment basis by calling 467-4638.

The full screening includes vision, glaucoma, cataract, hearing and blood chemistry tests, blood pressure check, lung check, breast exam, TB skin test, oral exam, health information and counseling and a take-home bowel cancer screening kit.

### HEALTH AGENCY MOVES

Suburban West Community Center has closed its satellite office at 875 S. Main, Plymouth, and opened a satellite office in Canton at the medical complex at 7276 Sheldon at Warren. Ample parking will be available. The Assertive Community Treatment (A.C.T.) program has relocated to the main office at 11677 Beech Daly, Redford. The phone number remains the same at 459-5991 for the satellite office, 963-3860 for the main office.

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ORDINANCE NO. 87-6

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 52 OF THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE ENTITLED ZONING BY DELETING SECTION 5.202 (m) AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 5.202 (m) FOR THE REGULATION OF THE DISPLAY OF STREET ADDRESSES.**

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does ordain: Section 1. Chapter 52, Zoning, is amended by deleting Section 5.202 (m) in its entirety and adding a new Section 5.202 (m) as indicated.

(m) For purposes of identification by emergency personnel (Fire, Police, EMS) all businesses, offices, industrial buildings, apartment complexes, or residences either multiple or single family, shall prominently display on the front side (facing the street) of their building or upon free standing sign or entrance ways to all buildings, their street address. All street addresses shall be in Arabic numerals, each numeral shall be large enough to be easily read from the street, but in no event smaller than 3/4 inches high by 3/4 inches wide, except for the numeral one which shall have a width in proportion to its height. All numerals shall contrast with the surface they are applied to (light numerals on dark surfaces, dark numerals on light surfaces) shall be mounted high enough to be seen from the street, and shall not be obstructed from view by trees, shrubs or any other material. If the residence or business cannot be seen from the street, an additional street address sign shall be displayed in an area where it can be seen from the street. In all residences with more than one unit, such as apartments, each individual unit shall be clearly marked.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become operative and effective on the 24th day of July A.D., 1987.

Made, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, this 20th day of July A.D., 1987.

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# County considers sending delinquents out-of-state

By Wayne Peel  
staff writer

Wayne County could save money by shipping hardened juvenile offenders out-of-state, county commission chairman Arthur Carter said Tuesday.

The proposal adds a new twist to a long-running debate about youth crime.

Glen Mills Schools, a privately owned Pennsylvania correctional facility, has offered to take some of

the county's juvenile criminals, he said.

Per day costs, Carter said, would be below those in the county's newly proposed youth camp.

GLEN MILLS Schools would charge \$73.50 a day for the students, he said, compared with an estimated \$93 per day for the proposed youth camp. Potential savings could reach \$750,000 a year, Carter said.

The program wouldn't replace the proposed county youth home but provide a limited alternative.

Their program is geared toward gang leaders, they don't want followers," said Commissioner Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township, who attended a presentation on the school Tuesday. "They stress discipline."

As many as 50 Wayne County youngsters could be accepted, Heintz said, though the state Department of Social Service would have to approve of the program.

FOUNDED IN 1826, the school abolished lock-ups a decade ago.

"The open system was developed to emphasize dignity and respect," according to a school brochure.

It handles youths arrested for arson and other crimes, as well as youths who display suicidal, psychotic or other forms of self-destructive behavior.

In addition to working toward a high school equivalency diploma, students can participate in vocational education, sports and guided social activities.

Details were revealed at a special

meeting of the county commission's health and human services committee on Tuesday afternoon.

A spokesman for the county executive's office said he wasn't familiar with the program details.

"Other than the fact that it's in Pennsylvania, there's not much else we've heard about it," deputy county executive Michael Duggan said.

Carter and several other commissioners have sought to make youth crime a top county priority this year — especially after recommendations

for stepped-up programs from the county's Youth at Risk Task Force.

The county executive's office, however, has opposed introducing new county programming until a settlement is reached on a \$60 million health care debt sought by the state.

Glen Mills is open to males ages 14-18 who have been referred through juvenile court officers or social service agencies, according to school literature.

Current space at the county youth home is inadequate, Carter said.

## County gets disposal site

Wayne County declared war on freeway trash in April, now, they have a place to put it.

Waste Management of North America, Inc., is donating space for 5,000 cubic yards of trash at its Woodland Meadows landfill, Canton Township.

The offer translates to \$25,000 in free disposal, County Executive Edward McNamara said.

The county collects an estimated 35 cubic yards of freeway litter a day.

## Excellence in school on tap

Minnesota Gov. Rudy Perpich will be featured at a forum on educational excellence at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, Farmington Hills, on Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Perpich, who has spearheaded efforts in Minnesota to provide more choice to parents and students within the public school system, will describe his program.

In each of the last two years, the Minnesota Legislature has written into law specific choice options for public school students and their parents.

Perpich's appearance is sponsored by the Metropolitan Affairs Corporation, a regional affairs coalition that published the report, "Dialogue for Change: Options for Restructuring K-12 Education." That report emphasized the role of greater choice in driving educational excellence.

Opening remarks will be made by Robert Larson, president of the Taubman Co., and Chuck Muer, president of the C.A. Muer Corp. and chairman of the Metropolitan Affairs Commission education committee.

The forum will be held in the Wallace Smith Theatre. The Orchard Ridge campus is at I-696 and Orchard Lake Road.

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# Washington's army fights overwhelming odds

July 4, 1754 With drums beating, colors flying, Col. George Washington's defeated, little army marched out of the barricade Washington had called Fort Necessity.

July 3 from dawn to dusk the Virginians and a small contingent of Marylanders and South Carolinians had bravely fought on and against overwhelming odds. There were probably at least 900 well-armed French assisted by a hundred or more Indians against fewer than 500 poorly equipped British. There were no Indians with Washington. At times the fire on both sides was nearly stopped by the incessant rain, which fell all day. Fort Necessity, poorly placed at the bottom of a hollow, was soon mired in muck.

Where were Chief Half King, Chief Monakatocha, Silverheels, and all the other Indians Washington had cultivated so assiduously? The truth is that when the chips were down, they ran away. Not one Indian at Necessity raised his bow, or fired a shot in defense of the British. Why?

HIS OLD "friend" Half King told Conrad Weiser, a prominent scout

and trader, that Washington was good-natured but inexperienced, and treated the Indians as his "slaves." Half King added that too much time had been lost in building "that little thing upon the meadow." Privately, it was understood that Half King thought of the French as traitors and the British he called "fools." He added that the "thing" in the meadow could be raked from the hills on either side. And so it was. Some of the interior of the fort was visible from the surrounding hills at all times. The young man from Virginia showed poor judgment in this situation.

The Indians usually preferred to wait and see who would win and then make a show of fighting on the side of the victor. Probably they would have preferred to have the contestants knock each other out, and then the Indian would try to reclaim the territory that he had, for centuries, regarded as his homeland.

This philosophy is not unknown today. It is called pragmatic realism. This viewpoint led the Indian to fight a guerrilla war. He much preferred fighting from ambush. It was and



## Tonquish tales

Helen Gilbert

sometimes still is, expedient and safer. How long do you think the Af-gans would last against the communists if they did not use American Indian tactics. The same can be said of the forces in Central America, in Africa and elsewhere. But we must return to the fort where we see a Frenchman bearing a white flag approaching the center barricade.

AT EIGHT o'clock on the evening of the third this tired looking Frenchman called: "Voulez-vous parler?"

"No," Washington said, "No parley." The 22-year-old colonel knew an advantage when he saw one and so he kept up his bluff. But the truth was that about a third of his men were dead or seriously wounded and

unable to fight. Most of the horses had been stolen or killed and most of the cattle were slaughtered.

Their powder was damp — it had rained all day. Food was low. There were only two bags of flour and a little bacon to feed 300 men. Their muskets were fouled and there were only two screws in the entire force to remove the wet charges. Yet this courageous Washington had the intestinal fortitude to give a resounding "NO" to the invitation to parley.

At this time of the evening the two opposing forces could barely see each other through the heavy veil of mist and rain. And there were another kind of mist that clouded the scene for more than half of the participants. Douglas Freeman in his study of Washington states: "In some

fashion, soon after dark, the soldiers got into the rum supply that had been forwarded for presents to the Indians and for issue to men on hard duty."

The wet and chilled soldiers, facing what most of them must have considered to be sure death, anesthetized themselves to the extent that at least half of them were drunk and most of the others were feeling no pain. At this stage they were, as Freeman states, "undependable." Washington must have been aware of this, but he made no comment about their condition.

WHY WOULD the the French, who clearly had the advantage, want a parley? Washington was suspicious of their motives and assumed that it was a trick of some sort.

Part of the answer may be found in the journal of their leader, the man from Michigan named Coulon deVilliers. (This Journal may be found in New York Colonial Documents, Vol. 10).

Villiers states his reasons as follows: "As we had been wet all day by the rain, as the soldiers were very tired, as the savages said that they would leave us the next morning, and as there was a report that drums and the firing of cannon had been heard in the distance, I proposed to M. Le Mercier to offer the English a conference." He adds that their ammunition was falling short, and he thought that the resolute enemy might suddenly attack him enmasse.

Eventually Washington, after two refusals, consented to parley. The terms were rather lenient. Jacob VanBraan, Washington's French translator, handled the negotiations.

From the language it was discerned that the French sought re-

venge for the death of one of their officers, Jumonville brother of Coulon, and were probably trying to get Washington to acknowledge that Jumonville's death was not an accident. There were six other stipulations in the articles of surrender including the following:

1.) Retire from the area with all their forces and never again seek to occupy territory west of the mountains. 2.) They could take all their belongings with them except munitions and artillery. 3.) They would receive the honors of war and be permitted to march out "with drum beating and one small cannon."

4.) As soon as Commander Washington signed this paper the British were to strike their colors. 5.) They were to leave at daybreak. 6.) They could put their possessions in a cache until they could send draft animals for them, and they could leave a guard. They must liberate the men taken when Jumonville was killed and the two captains were to be left as hostages until the French prisoners were liberated.

Washington nominated Van Braan and Capt. Robert Stobo. They were both young, unmarried and unattached, and perhaps for strategic reasons, the best candidates for the risk of the hostage position. Van Braan could make himself understood as he spoke French, and Stobe, with a keen love of adventure and a strong loyalty for the Virginians, might make an excellent double agent. And so he was.

This brings us to where we left off last July 2 when this column introduced Captian Stobo and his pipe of Madeira. His incredible adventures with the French deserve a chapter or two of their own, so we will leave Stobo until next time.

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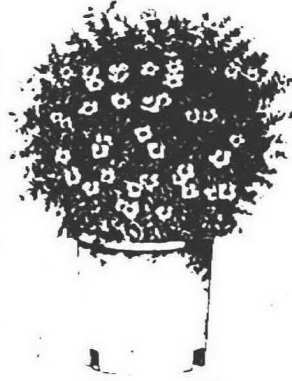
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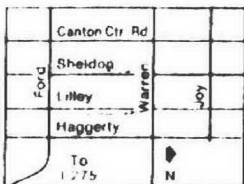
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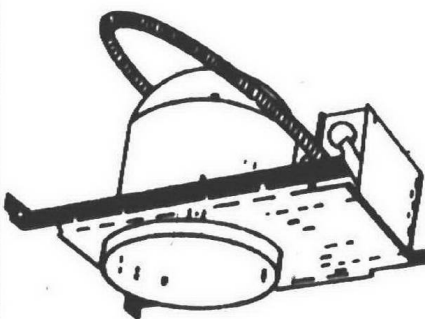
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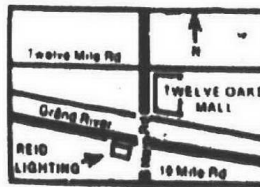
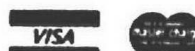
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# Bill targets AIDS-infected blood donors

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Anyone who knowingly sells or donates AIDS-tainted blood should face criminal charges, a local lawmaker said.

Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, said she'll introduce legislation this fall to make willful donation of AIDS-tainted blood a felony.

"This is a life-saving measure," Bankes said. "Society has a right to protect itself."

Bankes, whose is serving her second term in the House of Representatives, cited the example of a former Grand Rapids resident who was charged with attempted murder this month after knowingly selling his AIDS-infected blood to a Los Angeles plasma center.

They wanted to prosecute but they found they didn't have anything on the books," Bankes said. Despite the lack of a specific law, the 29-year-old donor was charged with attempted murder.

The California Legislature is debating a law calling for jail sentences of up to six years for offenders.

BANKES SAID she considered drafting legislation earlier this year, even before the California case developed.

"I don't care what your personal belief about AIDS is, we can't afford to encourage this kind of behavior," Bankes said.

Red Cross officials, however, fear the law will discourage all blood donations.

"I don't think it's necessary," said Dr. A.W. Shafer, director of Red Cross blood services for southeastern Michigan. "It has the potential for creating a lot of mischief."

Wellness Networks, Inc., the organization that runs the statewide AIDS hotline discourages people in at-risk groups from donating blood.

executive director Scott Walton said

"We spend a lot of effort telling people in at-risk groups not to donate blood, organs or sperm," Walton said. "Education is far more important than legislation," he said. "Up front education about the real risk and danger from AIDS is needed."

Screening methods introduced in the four years since AIDS was first identified have substantially reduced the risk of infection from blood transfusions, Shafer said.

AIDS-related contamination was discovered in 106 of more than 500,000 area blood donations since screening began, Shafer said. All contaminated samples were destroyed.

"I would say that is a very very small percentage," he said.

UNDER RED Cross policy, brochures describing groups facing high AIDS risks are given to potential donors. Donors are then asked several questions by Red Cross staff members to determine whether they are in an at-risk group. If so, they're discouraged from donating, Shafer said.

As a final precaution, donors are asked to authorize transfusion of their blood by having a confidential bar code sticker attached to their donor record card. Donors are also given a piece of paper containing a Red Cross telephone number to take

home. That way they can think it over and call us back if they feel there will be any problem," he said.

All blood donations are tested for presence of AIDS-related antibodies, Shafer said. If the antibodies appear to be present the sample is tested twice more.

"We'll destroy it if the antibodies come up in either test," he said.

Despite testing, Shafer said there

was a small possibility a contaminated sample might be transfused if antibodies take much longer than expected to materialize.

"There's always a risk," he said. "But it's not very likely."

Donating blood, he added, poses no risk.

"I know there are people out there who think you can contract AIDS by donating blood, but it's just not true," Shafer said.

## Speed limit veto blasted

Because Michigan lawmakers refused to outlaw radar detectors, Gov. James Blanchard became the first governor to veto a bill increasing the speed limit on rural interstate highways on July 1.

Thirty-five other states have already raised their speed limits to 65 miles per hour.

"After the legislature finally rejected a radar detector ban, we find it hard to believe that Gov. Blanchard would be compelled to derail this legislation because of an unrelated issue," said Janice Lee, president of the Radio Association Defending Airwave Rights (RADAR).

RADAR IS an advocacy group for radar detector owners and the businesses that make and sell the devices.

In vetoing the bill, Blanchard wrote in his veto message that it did not contain "adequate safety measures. As I have said on many occasions, the use of radar detectors is dangerous and harms our efforts both on and off the highways to protect citizens."

Blanchard said he is optimistic the legislature will send him speed limit legislation containing radar detector restrictions and stricter penalties for speeders.

"I still believe we can work that out. And I believe we can do it by the fall," he said.

Meanwhile, RADAR is urging lawmakers to override the governor's veto.

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# Agencies host senior picnic

Three area agencies invite Wayne County senior citizens to a picnic Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Hawthorne Ridge picnic site, off Hines Drive, Livonia.

Bingo, croquet, euchre and hula hoop contests will be featured. Door prizes will be given throughout the day.

On-stage presentations and roving entertainers will appear throughout the day.

Box lunches will be provided by the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, the Detroit Area Agency on Aging and the Seniors Alliance.

The picnic is free to all seniors living in the county. Advance registration is required. Tickets are available at nutrition centers throughout the county. Seniors can call 467-3450 for ticket information.

The picnic begins at 11 a.m. and runs through 3:30 p.m.



## Pets of the week

Ginger, a 4-year-old mixed breed German shepherd, and Tasha, a 4-year-old domestic shorthair cat, need homes. Ginger (Control No. 187834) has been spayed, is housebroken and good with other animals but not children. She was put up for adoption after her owner died. Tasha (Control No. 187810) is good with children but not other animals. She was placed for adoption because her owner is moving. To adopt these pets or others or to check for lost pets, call the Westland Kindness Center of the Michigan Humane Society 721-7300. The center is at 37255 Marquette, Westland.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

# County readies for papal visit

Wayne County is purchasing a \$30,000 mobile home and a \$26,680 radio communication system in preparation for the September visit of Pope John Paul II.

The mobile home will be converted into a mobile communications center, county officials said, and will be used during the pope's visit as well as future visits from other dignitaries.

It could also be used in hostage situations, such as that which led to the slaying of three Inkster police officers, county officials said.

The mobile home will be purchased from Peterson & Son Inc., Lapeer. The radio system will be purchased from Global Wulfsberg

Systems, Irvine, Calif.

One group interested in the purchase is the Michigan chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, which has filed Freedom of Information requests seeking to learn how much public money is being committed to the pope's visit.

Howard Simon, ACLU executive director, said his organization doesn't oppose use of public funds for security and traffic control. But he said public money shouldn't be used to build altars, flowers or other decorations.

"The ACLU is not opposed to the pope's visit," Simon said. "But the issue here is how do we celebrate it?"

The pope arrives in Detroit on the

evening of Sept. 18 and leaves the following evening. During his time in southeast Michigan, the pontiff is to deliver a speech in Polish and English in Hamtramck, an address on social justice in Detroit's downtown Hart Plaza and celebrate Mass at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The FOI requests have gone to several departments in the city of Detroit, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and the Detroit and Hamtramck boards of education.

Brenda Marshall of the Detroit Archdiocese's Papal Visit Office said

the church doesn't plan to use public money for anything other than security.

"The architects who designed the altars donated their services and some of the building materials have been donated," she said. "And there will be a special collection in the parishes in the fall to help us pay the costs."

"We're also looking at donations from companies who have offered to contribute."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.



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# Libertarians aim to win spot on November ballot

A Libertarian Party spokesman has charged the state Legislature with "playing games" with petition signature requirements to keep the party off the ballot in November.

"They seem to change the requirement for every election," said Virginia Croosey, an attorney and active Libertarian.

Sixteen thousand valid petition signatures are required for ballot access in Michigan, but the party is "shooting for around 21,000 signatures," Croosey said.

The party has until Oct. 15 to collect the signatures.

"A bill passed the House and is now in the Senate to increase the signature requirement," Croosey said. "We're going to sweat it out before the (Legislature) is back in

session. We have limited resources."

**MEMBERSHIP IN** the third largest political party in the country is pegged at a scant 200 in Michigan, according to Emily Saldette, secretary of the Libertarian Party of Michigan.

"But the petition drive is generating a lot of interest in the party itself," Saldette said. "Our petitioners get about 20 requests per week for more information about the party."

Libertarians advocate a non-interventionist foreign policy, a laissez-faire economic system, and decriminalization of all consensual behavior, or victimless crimes.

**THE PETITION** drive began

April 15. The Libertarians hope to reach their goal before the national convention in Seattle the first week of September.

Judy Shultz, Oakland County ballot drive coordinator, organized metro Detroit area petition efforts over the Fourth of July holiday weekend, including a picnic for tri-county petitioners at her Rochester home.

The party's annual picnic was held Sunday, July 12, at Independence Park in Oakland County.

"We've been collecting steadily for two months," Saldette said. "We have about 4,640 signatures. The national party is committed to getting Michigan on the ballot. They've offered financial backing.

"Michigan is considered only a moderately difficult state."

# Highland games set for Aug. 1

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara will be named a "Scotsman for a Day" when he serves as grand marshal of the 138th annual Highland Games on Saturday, Aug. 1, at Old Fort Wayne, Detroit.

The Detroit Games are the longest-running competition of this kind in the United States, according to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

The games celebrate the area's Scottish heritage.

Activities include pipe bands, Highland dancing, children's games, Scottish food, goods and games.

Admission is \$5; children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets are on sale at the fort entrance.



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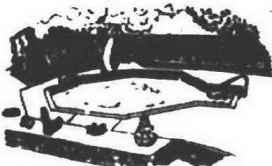
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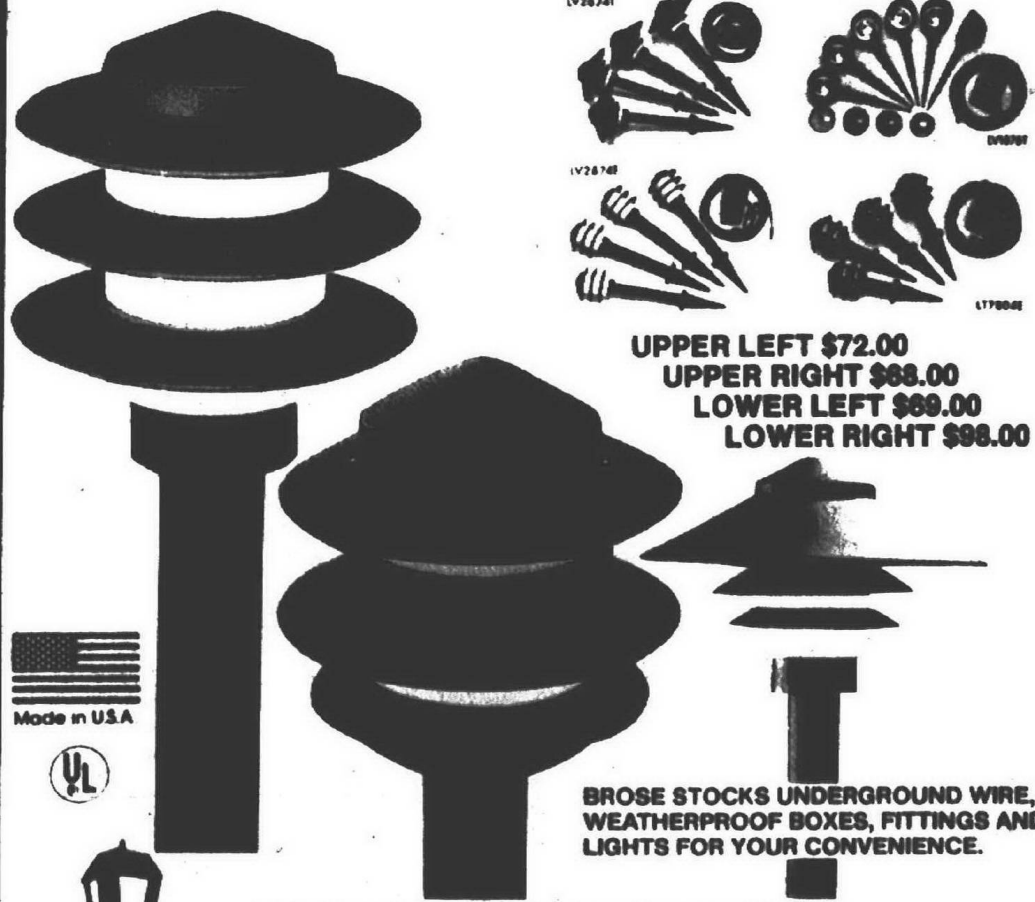
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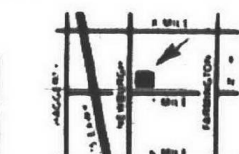
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## Rotary battles Third World polio deaths

**B**Y THE END of this day 750 children in the world will contract polio and another 75 will die from this highly contagious viral disease.

Tomorrow another 75 children will die and another 750 will be stricken.

One by one, day by day, children die. By the end of the year almost 30,000 children worldwide will die of polio and another 275,000 youngsters will be added to those who have the crippling disease.

In America this devastating disease is all but forgotten as polio vaccine has all but wiped out polio amongst our young. But in the Third World polio continues to afflict tens of thousands of children year after year.

The deaths reach tragic proportions when you realize that a few drops of vaccine can protect a child against polio for life. And the cost of that life-saving protection is only 12 cents a child.

**BECAUSE OF THE** senseless tragedy of such large numbers of children dying and being crippled each year needlessly, Rotary International has taken on a far-reaching project called 2000 PolioPlus.

The goal is to immunize all children worldwide against polio by the year 2000. The program already has started in some countries through the assistance of UNICEF and the World Health Organization. Once all children are immunized, polio will virtually be eliminated.

In 1974 the World Health Organization began an Expanded Program on Immunization with the goal of worldwide child immunization by 1990. It is this effort into which Rotary is integrating its resources.

PolioPlus will provide polio vaccines necessary for five years to any approved national or regional immunization program. Rotarians also will perform important volunteer activities including planning and evaluation, social mobilization and immunization.

The "Plus" portion of the campaign's name comes in because the effort involves not just polio but providing im-

munizations against five other vaccine-preventable diseases: measles, diphtheria, tuberculosis, whooping cough and tetanus.

**TO MAKE** this commitment possible, Rotary International has launched a campaign to raise a minimum of \$120 million from Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

As a service club, Rotary's involvement is important because it has more than 1.2 million members in some 22,000 clubs in 160 different countries. This international reach makes such an effort possible. But 2000 PolioPlus is not solely a Rotary project — the goal will be reached with the involvement of many groups, agencies and individuals.

In this area, the Canton and Plymouth Rotary clubs are becoming involved in PolioPlus and within the next year will be spreading the word in the community about what should and can be done.

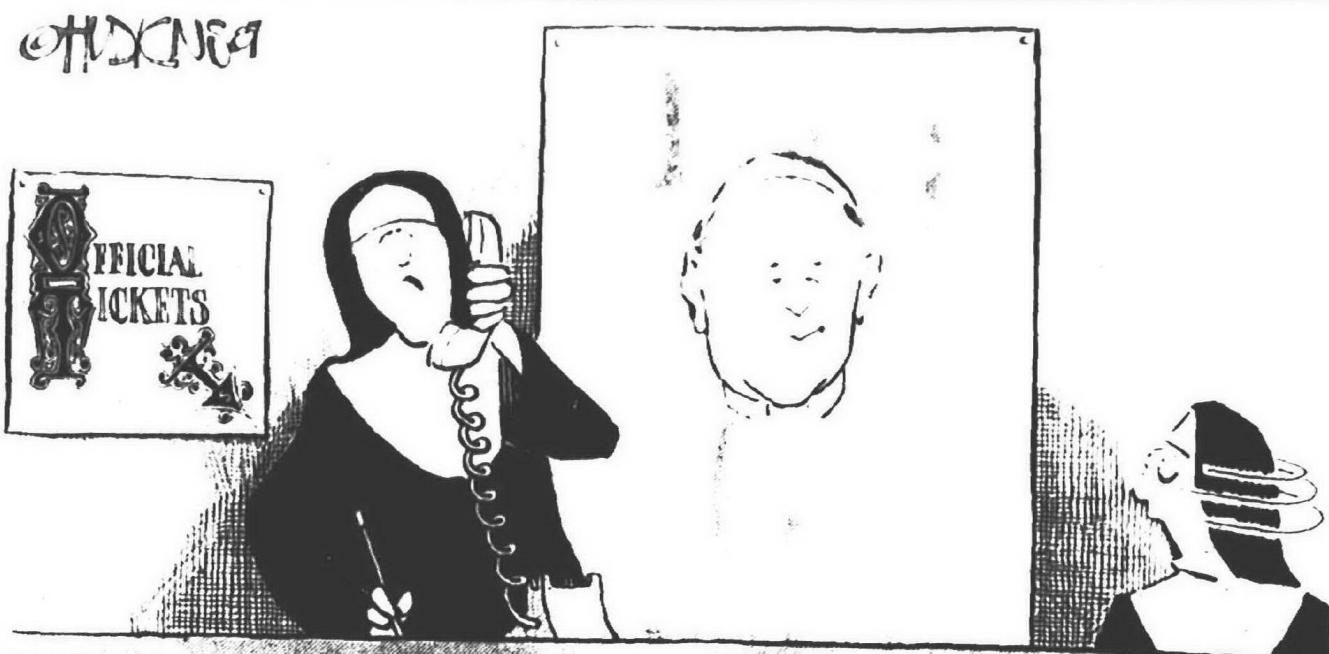
At the Plymouth Fall Festival, for instance, an information booth will be open each day so residents can pick up literature on PolioPlus and learn about the role of the Plymouth Rotary Foundation in this effort. Later in the fall a community-wide auction will be held as a fund-raiser.

More activities will be announced by both clubs in the next couple of years. All money raised here will go to Rotary International for its joint effort with the World Health Organization.

As stated earlier, that program already has started. Through PolioPlus Mexico conducted two national days of immunization in 1985 and 11 million of Mexico's 12.5 million children received polio vaccine. In Paraguay a PolioPlus grant of \$208,500 went to immunize 702,000 children in September and November 1985. PolioPlus provided \$2.11 million to immunize 15 million Turkish children over the next five years. By October 1985 more than 80 percent of Turkish children had been immunized.

One by one, polio is being eliminated in parts of the world. One by one, children are being protected against polio. One by one, polio will be eliminated and five other childhood diseases brought under control.

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## Athletics can be agony

**NOTHING EXISTS** in this column of any social significance.

Some folks think this column is only full of heavy-duty social commentary.

At times some space for confessions of little importance must be provided. Well, actually I've little choice. In the last few months I've been uncovered, literally, in my attempts to be a power athlete.

Many of us have experienced this ridiculous penchant. You know the one, about being super amateur athletes.

What has developed is a generation, maybe even two or three, of marathon runners, walkers, swimmers, bikers, body builders and triathletes. Well, the list is endless. But you get the drift.

I was bitten about six or seven years ago during one of my bouts with cigarettes and weight — too much of both, of course.

Swimming seemed just the right approach. I loved to swim as a kid. So why not as an adult? For years now I've spent hours, countless, tedious hours stroking, gasping, spitting and swallowing.

ONE TIME I even swam across an

eight-mile-long lake. At the time, I talked like it was some sacred experience. Meeting with my karma and all that nonsense. Actually, it was one of the most pathetic attempts at long-distance swimming — ever.

I've run, yes, I've run. Lord, how I hate running. Loins aching, feet throbbing, sweat dripping.

A silly impulse once led me to believe that I could "easily" compete in a 10-kilometer race. For the uninitiated, that's a tad over six miles.

Well, let's put it this way. I found out why Hills is in the name Bloomfield Hills. I also came in dead last. Believe me, it was not a religious experience.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Sure I see all of you out there hobbling up and down subdivision streets, entering 10-kilometer races despite multiple stress fractures, jumping in those cold pool waters early in the morning, falling off bicycles onto hardened asphalt.

**THIS ISN'T** a country striving for better health, this is a nation of suicidal maniacs.

The cruelest cut of all came at the recent corporate challenge cup competition in Livonia. Smugly I watched the



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runners. Wait till the swimming, I thought, these guys won't have a chance against this finely tuned body.

Crouched in my best diving posture, I leaped into the water and careened through the pool. Suddenly, I realized my trunks were wrapped around my knees. Instinctively, I stopped to pull them up. Then I started laughing, hysterically; then our team lost.

So much for super swimmer.

And a word for those of you who had respectable scores at the recent Livonia Chamber of Commerce Golf tournament at Western Country Club in Redford Township. Remember, respectable will never get you a first place.

But a 154 will almost always win you the last-place prize. Believe it.

## 'Michigan' flag restored for 150th

**WHAT DID** the American flag look like once Michigan was admitted into the Union 150 years ago? That was something which, I confess, I had never wondered about until this year.

Sure, I knew that ours was the 26th state, doubling the original 13 that won independence from Great Britain. But it's all I can do to remember how the 50 stars are arranged on the blue field of today's flag, let alone figure out how 26 stars were arranged back in 1837.

**THE ANSWER** is that the stars were arranged in one "great star," as flag experts phrase it.

There were five small stars in each point in a 1-2-2 pattern, and one in the middle. It was America's official flag from 1837 until Florida signed up in 1845.

You can see a replica in every county building of the state. All 148 state legislators and all 20 members of the congressional delegation have one apiece, thanks to Michigan Bell. (Thank me, too — Ma Bell socked me \$2.50 one day for a call from Livonia to Detroit.)

In Oakland County, you can call Virginia DeBenham Rogers at 858-0415 or 858-0730 if you'd like to arrange to use the replica at your civic function. As cultural affairs director, she's the lady to see about sesquicentennial stuff.

**THE ONLY** known original 26-star flag was discovered 20 years ago in the Florida State Museum. It was believed to be the gift of a Maine woman.

Florida graciously donated it to Michigan State University.

It's a biggie — 12 by 14 feet. The proportions are wrong because the right one-third was so ragged from wear that it was cut off.

Val Berryman, MSU Museum cura-



Tim Richard

tor, said the flag's history is shrouded in mystery. Because of its size, it probably flew over a state capitol building or military installation.

But it never flew over Michigan, Berryman believes.

**BELL COUGHED** up \$10,000 of what used to be partly my money for restoration of the 26-star flag. The money was channeled through the YES 150 Foundation, fund-raising arm of the Michigan Sesquicentennial Commission. Actually, said Berryman, the 150-year-old flag was in remarkably good condition because it was made of loosely woven wool, and the stars are of linen.

It didn't crumble like silk flags. Many Civil War flags are in much worse condition.

The MSU folks removed some crude earlier repairs and added a muslin backing to the larger stars to provide support and prevent further damage.

The original is on display in the rotunda of the State Capitol Building in Lansing. Looks pretty good.

**GEN. GEORGE** Washington once explained the colors and symbolism in the U.S. flag:

"We take the star from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

## An old story Racism is all too familiar theme

**RACISM SHOULD** be as ridiculous a concept as the idea that the world is flat. The same incredulous textbook chapter that tells of people fearing the edge of the earth should also contain a few paragraphs about the unenlightened time when people were judged by the color of their skin.

That's the way it should be. But it isn't.

A woman from Detroit said she and her fiance wanted to buy a home in Birmingham or Bloomfield Hills. But, she claims, her real estate agent steered her only to homes in Southfield and Lathrup Village. The prospective home buyer is black.

That not insignificant factor is the reason she feels she was steered away from the predominantly white Birmingham and Bloomfield communities.

The real estate firm said differently. It said the home buyer wanted more house than her money could buy in the Birmingham school district, which was her target area. They say their agent has a strong record of selling homes in the Birmingham and Bloomfield areas to minorities. A federal court will hear the case.

The suit is important to the parties, of course. Regardless of its merits, it is most significant because it could be

filed in the first place. No one would seriously consider a complaint that someone was denied housing because he was a Rotarian, sold shoes, or had blue eyes. But a complaint that alleges racism is believable because, sadly, it is far from unprecedented.

**ALMOST LOST** in this woman's complaint is the irony of her belief that she was being steered to Lathrup Village. This is a settlement that within easy memory boasted that it was a "restricted" community. Signs leading into town made it clear that Lathrup did not want blacks or Jews to become residents. This same community is now described in federal court as a place where minorities are dumped. It's not a fair statement, but some people nonetheless must be churning in their graves.

The burden of bigotry is not light. In Southfield, some members of the police department worry that exams are being weighted in favor of minorities. The department has only two blacks — one of those is fighting a discharge — and the city has been actively recruiting women and minorities.

The news staffs at this paper have discussed whether a person's race should be included in the description of criminal suspects at large. Some feel



Rich Perlberg

that mentioning skin color is as essential as hair color, age and height. Others feel that the description is too vague to be of use and can encourage racial stereotyping.

Oddly enough, I've spoken before community groups who sincerely felt that the skin color of suspects were listed in stories when, in fact, they were not. A police officer in a Wayne County community told an editor that we might as well print the race; if we didn't, he said, most readers would assume the culprit was black.

That's a harsh statement, and I'm not saying that it's true. I'm not saying it is false, either. But it would be a lot easier to discount such stories if there was no such thing as housing discrimination suits. Or if the only way to learn about racism was to read ancient history books.



# Rebel yacht club took sails out of pomposity

JUST AS FLEECY clouds floating against a summer sky sometimes seem to form identifiable shapes, so did wisps of fog rising recently from Grand Traverse Bay momentarily offer the ghost-like image of a vessel heading for port.

Doggone, thought I, 'tis the good ship "Z," its compass awry, seeking a safe harbor as flagship of the Tonquish Creek Yacht Club. When I next saw Steve Redfern, fourth and final commodore of that fun-loving club, I couldn't help but relate the experience and it led us down the path of gleeful reminiscence.

If you were around these parts in the early '70s, you may remember that, as Bob Talbert wrote in his Detroit Free Press column, "the make-believe yacht club gained unbelievable publicity and mail from all over the world . . . requests for membership poured in, along with a lot of other strange things since it is the name of the sewer that runs under Plymouth."



through bifocals  
**Fred DeLano**

THE TCYC was a beauty of a "put-on." If there was a serious side, it was to deflate pomposity and gnaw at the roots of bigotry and hypocrisy by generating a laugh in the face of all those who are too self-righteous and who suffer from a self-inflated ego.

Prime instigators were two Roberts, Delaney the lawyer and Dwyer the politician, non-conformists, who were inspired by the fact that Delaney owned a 14-year-old scow anchored on the Detroit River.

Dwyer, who is a sales representative for a Lansing printing firm, recalls that for no particular reason they named it the "Z" for Zolton Ferency. Delaney died last November and can't be reached for confirmation. Anyway, because he owned something that sailed, Delaney automatically became the initial commodore. No other member was allowed to have a boat.

After a year, Dwyer — then 2nd District Democratic chairman — succeeded his buddy as top dog, the commodore's rank then passing to Les Howes, who has moved to Arizona, and finally to Redfern, now manager of marketing and sales promotion in the Intergroup Division of D'Arcy, Masius, Benton & Bowles in Bloomfield Hills.

AT ITS PEAK, this one-ship entity had more than 1,000 female and male members and each Commodore's Ball was a roaring success, sometimes with an unusual decor. On one occasion the

feature was a large block of ice with an artistic arrangement of wires, springs, beer cans and fish frozen inside. Dress was usually semi-sewer formal.

If you know the writings of O. Henry, then you know that this genius of the pen had what William Lyon Phelps once called "a fear and hatred of conventionality." That's why Redfern and I chuckled that O. Henry, whose real name was William Sydney Porter, might have fallen in love with the TCYC just because it became common practice to hold the New Year's Eve party in March.

The idea of this thing was born, appropriately, in a section of Plymouth's Mayflower Hotel called the First Landing over several servings of grog. Delaney filed the necessary papers in Lansing to see to it that the club was legally chartered by the state of Michigan.

Steve, whose first designation was as cabin boy and treasurer, still proudly carries membership card No. 10. Some-

where over the years I lost No. 21.

The moment of whimsy that spawned the original idea also produced the grandiose plan of seeking a multimillion-dollar federal grant to dredge out the Rouge River at its Tonquish tributary to connect southeastern Michigan's inland areas with the St. Lawrence Seaway, thus linking us directly with worldwide ocean traffic.

IT WAS TAKEN so seriously that one protesting citizen complained the proposed canal would interrupt street traffic, but the quick-thinking Delaney immediately promised her aqueducts that would permit the boats to go over the cars.

As you can see, we didn't get the money. In due time the frivolity ran its course and now memories of the laughs also include this closing line from a poem learned long ago: "And for years and years fond hearts have been waiting for the ship that never returned."

## from our readers

### Salemite offers answer for cruise

To the editor:

Well, Plymouth always has been known for rolling up the sidewalks but now Main Street? I am a 37-year-old Salem Township resident who was appalled to see downtown Plymouth all cordoned off by adults due to the pressure from kids on weekends.

Most of these kids just want to "cruise" and be with their friends. I am sure there are a few bad apples who've now spoiled a fun time for all. They won't go away, even as adults.

If these kids really want to apply some pressure, boycott the Plymouth area for about three weeks. Then return for one week spending only silver dollars obtained from a bank.

I would be curious to see if the financial impact is enough to warrant barricades and uniformed manpower. Somehow money surely plays a role.

Too bad some adults lose their memories but gain a weakness for letting the youth call the shots. Why should the youth be responsible for themselves and

their peers in the real world, when they can pressure the adults to do it for them?

Oh well, once the youth have to spend their silver dollars on taxes, they will probably lose their memories, too.

Diane Dunlap,  
Plymouth

### Education's role is not only K-12

To the editor:

I would like to commend you on your very informative and positive editorial on adult and community education. Few outside the field of education seem to grasp the vital and important role of this area of education.

You clearly proved with facts that this area of education has played a vital role in combatting illiteracy, in developing linkages with business and industry, in designing job training programs, in retraining of workers, in providing adult high school completion and even in offering "fun and frills" classes that promote better use of leisure time.

Your understanding that improving the lives of adults improves the lives of children is on target, and so is your vision that education should provide everyone, regardless of age, with an opportunity to continue to grow in many directions: academic, personal, job-related and enrichment.

Learning does not begin at age five when children enter school and it does not end when they leave our K-12 system. Lifelong learning is no longer a choice; it is a necessity. It can even be a pleasure. We must prepare our citizenry with necessary new skills and continue to enhance the quality of our lives through constructive leisure pursuits. Adult and community education can and does provide programs and services to meet these needs, plus anything else the community and its residents need and want.

Your vision of education, which includes adult and community education as an important entity, is the vision of the future.

Sharon W. Streaan,  
Assistant Director of Community Education,  
Plymouth-Canton Schools

### Reader sad city is overbuilding

To the editor:

Having just come from a Planning Commission meeting in which I spoke out in frustrated anger and left with frustrated emotions, I am now left with a sinking feeling for the city of Plymouth. I feel anxious over the imminent demise of this beautiful city as we once knew it.

We are collectively watching a city lose the personality and character we all once took so much pride in and also took for granted. We were unique, close in yet remote, quaint but paradoxically progressive.

We like to snicker at Canton for its lack of trees, its stockade fences, its lack of character and unification. Novi seems that way too. Northville is cute, but my how that race track must bring in some undesirables plus look how much they have to do for the State. We felt that we stood above the league of the Livonias, Farmington Hills, and Redfords. We would never make the

mistakes that Birmingham did. Non-residents could feel our pride. We had that degree of integrity that the Franklins and Saugataucks of Michigan have. We would never compromise our charm in pursuit of the almighty dollar.

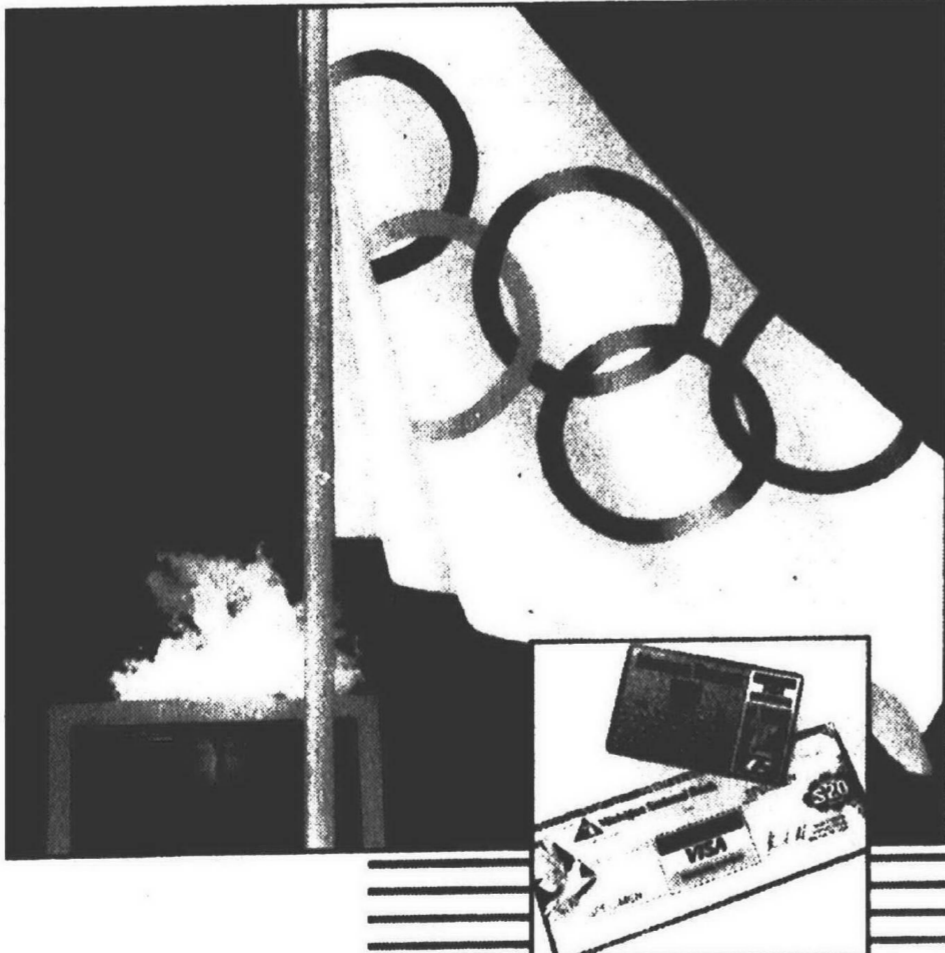
I can't crusade; I can only look on in sadness as we build to the sidewalks and railroad tracks. We can't seem to build fast enough or fill in enough vacant areas to house transient inhabitants in apartment buildings that often times resemble the projects of World War II.

In closing a word of warning, be sure to check how that vacant lot is zoned near you or that house a couple of doors down. It does have historical merit; but it hasn't been painted lately, lets talk about it, and then it can succumb to the wreckers ball.

Also, to those of you out-of-towners who do not empathize and have money to invest, there is a nice piece of property across from the Penn Theater. I'm not sure how it is zoned; its a park now but I'm sure the city can find a way to facilitate your needs.

James A. Hardy,  
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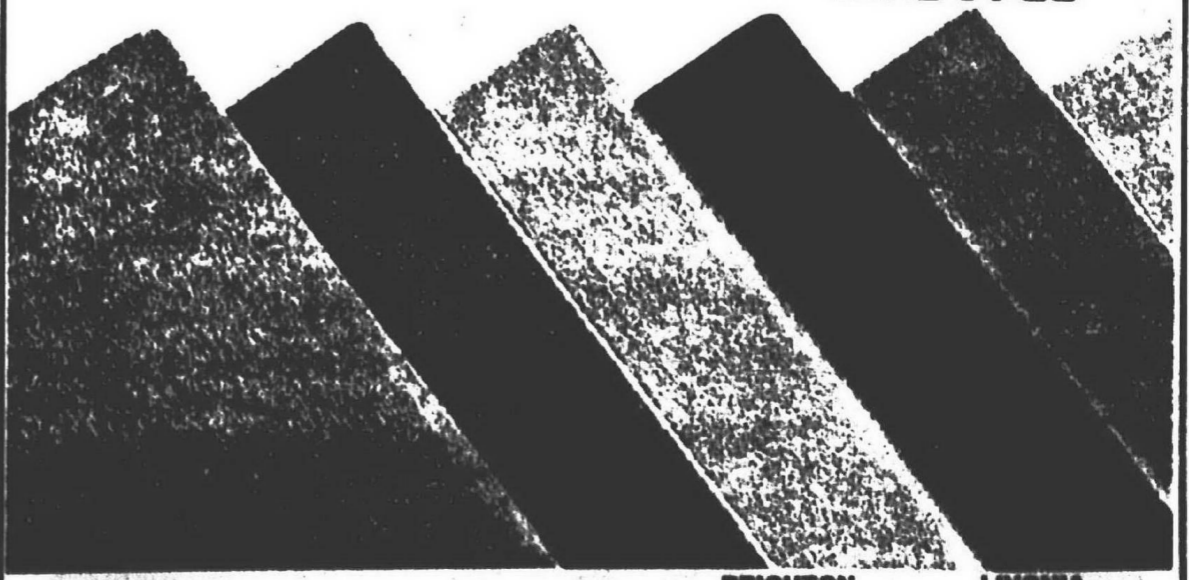
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# Skies aren't so friendly for smokers

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending July 17.

## HOUSE

**SMOKING BAN** — By a vote of 198 for and 193 against, the House amended the fiscal 1988 Department of Transportation appropriations bill to ban smoking on airline flights of two hours or less. The bill (HR 2890) was sent to the Senate.

Sponsor Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said smoking poses a health hazard "to the non-smoker who must sit in the company of someone smoking."

Opponent Harold Rogers, R-Ky., said a ban would jeopardize flight safety by forcing some passengers to smoke surreptitiously in airplane bathrooms.

Members voting yes wanted to ban smoking on flights of up to two hours.

Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: William Ford, D-Taylor.

**SPENDING CUT** — The House voted 218 for and 166 against to cut most spending categories of the fiscal 1988 Department of Transportation appropriations bill by 2 percent, lowering its price tag to about \$11 billion.

Supporter Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., said "if this House cannot even vote for a 2-percent cut... we have flown the white flag and are unworthy of the job that our constituents entrusted to us."

Opponent Norman Mineta, D-Calif., said the cut would imperil airline safety by reducing Federal Aviation Agency spending by \$90 million during the fiscal year.

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Members voting yes supported the spending cut.

Voting yes: Pursell, Broomfield. Voting no: Hertel, Ford, Levin.

**HIGHWAY PROJECTS** — By a vote of 177 for and 217 against, the House rejected an amendment to delete \$20.4 million in appropriations for five highway demonstration projects in four states.

The appropriations had not been fully authorized, critics said.

The disputed spending would benefit California Rt. 113 near Davis, the Blount Island Bridge in Jacksonville, Fla., U.S. Highway 101 near Monterey, Calif., mountain roads between Paintsville and Prestonburg,

Ky., and the Queens River Bridge on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.

Amendment sponsor Alex McMullan, R-N.C., said questionable new spending should be halted in deference to the national debt.

Opponent William Lehman, D-Fla., said Appropriations Committee members "are not feathering our nests with these highway demonstration projects."

Members voting yes opposed the \$20.4 million outlay.

Voting yes: Pursell. Voting no: Hertel, Ford, Levin, Broomfield.

## SENATE

**PERSIAN GULF POLICY** — The

Senate failed, on a vote of 53 for and 40 against, to achieve the two-thirds majority needed to break a filibuster in behalf of President Reagan's plan to protect Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Persian Gulf.

By sustaining their filibuster, administration supporters blocked likely approval of a measure urging Reagan to delay putting the tankers under protection of the American flag and U.S. warships.

Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said a majority of the Senate sees the policy as "one more dangerous step toward conflict with Iran."

Robert Dole, R-Kan., said "to undo (the operation) or delay it would further erode our credibility in that part of the world."

Senators voting yes wanted to delay the Kuwaiti reflagging operation.

Voting yes: Carl Levin, Donald Riegle.

## WINDFALL PROFITS REPEAL

The Senate voted 58 for and 40 against to include repeal of the windfall profits tax in pending trade reform legislation. The 1,000-page bill (SB 1420) remained in debate.

The tax is triggered when domestic crude prices reach \$19 per barrel or higher. It took effect in 1980 to recapture a portion of high oil company profits resulting from federal deregulation of domestic oil prices. It generated \$78 billion for the treasury between 1980-85.

Supporter Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., called the tax "a cruel disincentive to investment in oil production."

Repeal opponent Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, complained that "time and time again, the Congress has rolled over and played dead for the oil industry."

Senators voting yes wanted to repeal the windfall profits tax in advance of its scheduled 1991 demise. Voting no: Levin, Riegle.

# Wayne State courses target working men, women

The Wayne State University Labor School is taking registrations through Sept. 14 for its two-year educational program designed for working men and women.

The school, sponsored by the WSU Labor Studies Center, is a non-credit program, but graduates who wish to pursue a college career are automatically admitted to Wayne State without entrance requirements, exams or grades.

Tuition for the WSU Labor School is \$100 per year and the program is approved for reimbursement by many company paid tuition plans. Scholarships are also available.

Among the courses included in the curriculum are effective reading and writing skills, labor history, new technology, sociology and economics. The school also focuses on issues and problems workers face in a changing work environment. Communication techniques and analytical skills are taught to students who wish to develop their leadership potential.

"WE ARE looking at a larger number of worker-students entering this unique educational experience," said Geraldine Hill, coordinator for the school.

"More and more workers are learning to critically evaluate how the system impacts upon them at the workplace and in their everyday lives," she said.

More than 2,000 worker-students from over 60 international union and labor organizations have graduated during the 21-year history of the labor school.

"This is a definite plus for the school because after working all day, these worker-students make a special sacrifice to come to class to

get a better understanding of society as a whole and labor's contributions," Hill said.

"MANY OF our graduates have gone on to receive advanced degrees at Wayne State and other institutions."

The labor school became part of the WSU College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs in 1986. The school was originally a part of the WSU Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.

First-year students must attend a half-day orientation session Sept. 19 in the General Lectures Building on the WSU campus.

To accommodate all students, the labor school offers morning and eve-

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