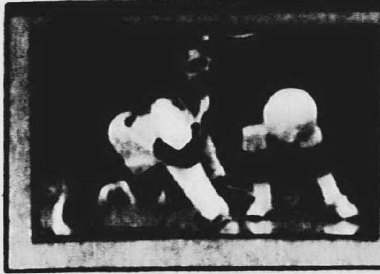


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Parent Richard Moyer, who worked on a committee to help pass the millage last year, said that as proposed, the transfer of ele-

mentary and middle school students doesn't reflect goals set by the district's housing task force.

Parents protest boundary changes

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

For two hours Monday night, board of education members heard from parents upset about proposed attendance boundary changes in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

About 100 people attended the public hearing.

Nine elementaries and four middle schools would be affected by the redistricting, recommended by the school district's Housing Task Force.

Parents' objections ranged from dangers presented by crossing Sheldon Road to disruption caused by uprooting students and curriculum equity.

Many characterized the changes as "band-aid solutions" to permanent problems.

Board President Dean Swartzwelder and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Mike Homes outlined reasons for the changes.

"As neighborhoods mature and new residences are built, we tend to get changes in population. From time to time, we have to move students to where the facilities are," said Swartzwelder.

"The board has made no decision on any recommendations. A lot of

groundwork has to be done. And we're not so old we can't remember the days our kids began kindergarten. We're sensitive to the issues."

A second public hearing is set for 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5 in the Hoben

Elementary School cafeteria. The board is scheduled to vote on the redistricting proposal Feb. 12.

Homes said the task force, which received parental input, is suggesting changes to "reduce strain where

we have overcrowding, and to take advantage of places where we have space.

"The problem is our student popu-

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Proposed changes will affect elementaries, middle schools

These redistricting recommendations are proposed for the 1990-91 school year:

• Assign Hoben Elementary students who live in the Lexington Square subdivision north of Proctor and west of Morton Taylor to Eriksson.

• Contingent upon enrollment and space, assign a section of Hoben Elementary's kindergarten to Field Elementary, and one section of Hulsing kindergarten to Miller Elementary.

• Locate a self-contained classroom for the learning disabled at Gallimore Elementary to provide for K-5 instructional needs at Hulsing.

• Assign Pioneer Middle School students from the Embassy Square and Fellows Creek subdivisions to Lowell Middle School. Ninth-grade students in that area would be assigned to Centennial Educational Park.

• Assign students now attending West and Pioneer middle schools to Central Middle School. Students who would be affected live in subdivisions including Heather Hills, Plymouth Commons, Hunters' Creek, Deer Creek and Fox Point. Also included would be students on Naples Drive, Pebble Creek, Rolston and the Amherst block.

• Assign to Central Middle School students now attending West who live between Beck and Ann Street, North Territorial and the C & O railroad tracks. The Beacon Meadows subdivision would be included. Ninth-graders in that area would be assigned to C.E.P.

• Assign elementary students from Deer Creek attending Isbister to Bird School. Middle school students

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Schools sell land for golf development

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

The Plymouth-Canton school district is selling 15 acres in Canton Township originally slated for an elementary school. The action helps clear the way for a group of developers to construct a 750-acre golf/residential complex behind the Canton Administration Building.

The board approved the \$139,680 sale last week.

"This parcel is landlocked behind Canton Town-

ship Hall," said Superintendent John Hoben. "It's currently being used for soccer fields." Hoben said the site would have served an 800-home subdivision that was planned for the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Canton Center.

"We scurried to get a site, but the proposed sub is long since gone," said Hoben.

"It's in our best interest to look for a site closer to where the growth might be."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the 15 acres are among several parcels FWS Golf, Inc., is attempting to acquire. The area is bounded by Cher-

ry Hill, the Rouge River, Beck and Canton Center. FWS Golf has developed residential golf communities including Michawye Four Seasons Resort near Gaylord and Paint Creek near Clarkston.

Yack said plans aren't yet set, and that there are more questions than answers.

"Once they've acquired all the property, we will sit down and talk about what land uses they'd like to propose."

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Acting manager among finalists for top city post

By C.L. Rugenstein
staff writer

The field of candidates for the Plymouth city manager's job has been narrowed to four and includes acting city manager William Graham.

Public interviews with the four will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, in the City Commission Chambers, according to Mayor Dennis Bila.

While the meeting will be open to the public, citizens won't be allowed to participate.

Apart from Graham, the other finalists are: John Strutner, of Abingdon, Va.; Jerome Kiscorn, Tecumseh, Mich.; and Randy Byrne, Grand Blanc, Mich.

Strutner, 39, is a community service representative for the southwest region of the Virginia Department of Economic Development.

His primary duties are working with counties and cities in the area to attract new business and help existing businesses to expand. He has a master's in public administration from Ohio State University, is married and has two children.

Kiscorn, 37, has been city mana-

Several city employees unions, including those for police, firefighters and public works, have expressed their support for acting city manager William Graham.

ger for Tecumseh since 1985. He has a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University, is married and has two children.

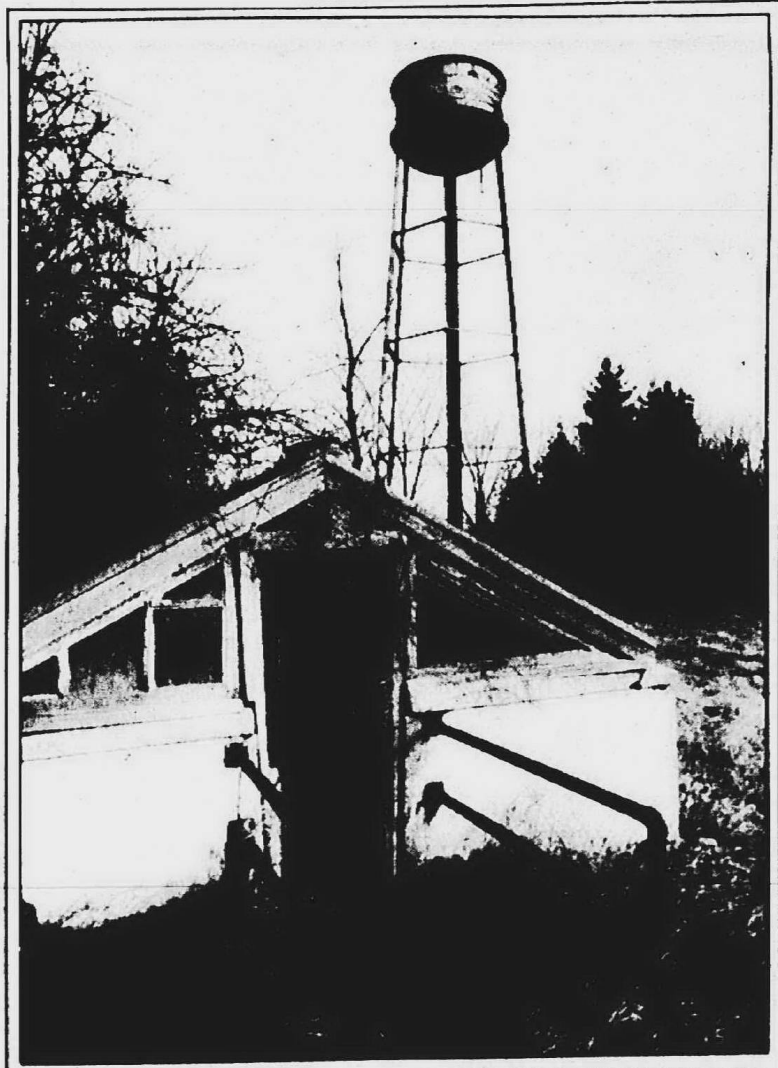
Byrne, 37, has been city manager for Grand Blanc since 1981. He has a master's degree from Oakland University, is married and has one child.

Byrne was described as a thorough and cautious administrator by Grand Blanc News editor Nancy Davis.

"He's very thoughtful, doesn't rush into anything," Davis said.

As a member of the Rotarians, he

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Coming down

The water tower at the Plymouth Center for Human Development will be torn down to make way for a golf course and housing development. For the story, please turn to Page 3A.

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Vovra angry as grievance talks stall

By C.L. Rugenstein
staff writer

Commissioners and attorneys for the city failed Monday to reach a settlement on grievances filed by City Commissioner Jerry Vovra over his firing and suspension from the police department in January 1989.

The city plans to resume negotiations in the near future, according to Bill Graham, acting city manager for Plymouth, but no date is set.

"What we had on the table last night basically was not satisfactory," Graham said. The meeting was closed to the public because it involved a legal issue.

Vovra said he was somewhat disappointed about the city's decision,

"I resent the implication that I came to them in a position of power and dictated terms. I didn't make the offer."

**— Jerry Vovra
Plymouth city commissioner**

though he didn't know exactly what was in the settlement. Frank Guido, general counsel for the Police Officers Association of Michigan, represented him in the negotiations, but Guido was not at the meeting either. Vovra said he hadn't had a chance

to read the minutes of the meeting. He said he's upset about intimations made at the meeting that he approached the city after he won his seat on the commission and dictated settlement terms.

Vovra was excluded from the

meeting, but he said sources told him "the mayor — or whoever — said they were rejecting Jerry Vovra's offer."

"I resent the implication that I came to them in a position of power and dictated terms" Vovra said Tuesday. "I didn't make the offer. After I won the election they came to me hat in hand and said 'let's make a deal.'"

Vovra said he will demand a public apology from the city officials, "because I was offended in public."

Vovra has said his firing was prompted by former city manager Henry Graper, after Vovra stated publicly that he believed there were ticket quotas in the police department.

Baseball tryouts set

The Michigan Elite Baseball Club, a boys and girls AAU Team, will hold tryouts for girls 13 years old and younger and 15 years old and under.

The tryouts for 15 and under will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturdays Feb. 3, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 at East Middle School, Plymouth.

The tryouts for girls 13 and under will be held on Thursdays at 8 p.m. on Feb. 8, Feb. 15, and Feb. 22 at Isbister School, Plymouth.

For more information, call Wayne Worosz, 455-4011. The tryouts for boys will be held at a later date.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Mike Homes explains to parents why their children must be transferred to other schools.

New boundaries sought

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would stay at Central.

Assign Farrand Elementary students from Beacon Meadows to Bird School. Middle School students in that area now attending West would go to Central.

Assign Bird Elementary students in the Heather Hills development and on Rolston to Farrand. Middle school students would go to Central.

Assign Isbister Elementary students on Naples Drive and Pebble Creek to Farrand. Middle school students now attending Pioneer would go to Central.

Some K-8 students now moving into the district are being assigned to schools based on the recommended changes.

For more information, call Plymouth-Canton Community Schools community relations office at 451-3188.

Parents hot about boundaries

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lution couldn't be housed through the 1990's in their present configuration," he said.

"We can expect 1,300 to 1,350 new units in the next three to four years."

The proposal addresses class size, identified as a problem throughout the district; equity in educational programming; and community growth, added Homes.

LOIS MOYER of Arthur Street said "the issue that concerns me, and a lot of other people here, is your plan to vote on this before adopting a long-range, comprehensive plan."

"We feel no child should be moved when there are bigger changes ahead that may cause these same children to be uprooted again."

Moyer quoted from an article on visionary planning written by Plymouth-Canton Superintendent John Hoben that appeared in a recent school district newsletter.

"Dr. Hoben listed the steps that should be followed in analyzing and looking at problems," said Moyer. "He said the final step is to act."

"Don't make a quick fix now and come back and make changes again in two years. Any action now is premature."

Denise Fotes, who lives in the Embassy Square subdivision, said her daughter is asking, "When can I stay in one school?"

"My daughter attended Isbister for two years, Hulsing for two years, Hoben for one year, and she's now at Pioneer. These changes would send her to Lowell. Is there any criteria as to how many times one subdivision can be moved?"

SALLY JANZ of Ann Street told the board her fifth-grader "was hysterical after hearing rumors based on your Jan. 15 workshop. 'She's afraid of what's going to

happen, and I don't know what to tell her, other than we'll try our hardest.

"As unnering as this is for parents, imagine how it is for kids?"

Janz criticized the board for "taking away our choices."

"To provide stability for our kids and continuity in their friendships, we've chosen to remain in the city, rather than move to the newer developments. With a year's notice, we would have the freedom to choose."

"As it stands now, we can't make any choices and be assured this won't happen again. Make a long-term solution, and give us back our choices."

ANNETTE REMSBURG, who accepted Hoben's request to chair a citizens' education committee last year, said "We feel it's crucial for parents, administration and the community to agree on boundary changes that will achieve stability."

"The years of transition from elementary to middle school are difficult enough without expecting students to cope with more changes. They're critical years of development."

Because Central Middle School is

sited for eventual use as a high school, Remsburg opposes increasing middle school enrollment there.

She reminded the board that the citizens' group, Committee Researching Educational Workings, proposed setting long-term goals.

"We suggested that the board establish a class size review board. We are real people with real problems who need a place to call our own. We're opposed to any temporary shift of students from West Middle to Central Middle School."

No class size review board has been established by the district.

Douglas Day of the New England subdivision told the board "we really didn't move there so our kids could be bused when they can walk to school."

Swartzweller concluded the meeting by telling parents, "Everything you've indicated we will consider as a school board."

There was plenty of discussion after the meeting ended.

A woman who arrived late said, "We expected to walk into a rip-roaring fight."

"It'll continue to be a rip-roaring fight," said her companion.



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Driver, 17, faces trial in fatality

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

A 17-year-old Milford youth will stand trial on negligent homicide charges in the traffic death of Robert Valicento, 68, of Canton Township.

Valicento was killed Oct. 13 when his 1988 Crown Victoria LTD collided with a Ford Ranger driven by Mark Vernier, a senior at Redford Catholic Central High School. The accident occurred at about 4 p.m. on North Territorial at Ridge in Plymouth Township.

At a hearing Tuesday before Detroit Recorder's Court Judge John Patrick O'Brien, Vernier's attorney asked that the charges be dismissed under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act.

Under the act, juveniles are placed on probation and their criminal records cleared if they go three years without a conviction.

Eight members of Valicento's family, including his 89-year-old mother Filomena Valicento, attended the hearing. His daughter, Priscilla Krencicki of South Lyon, pleaded with Judge O'Brien not to grant the dismissal. "My dad's life is over. I don't feel this should be so easily dismissed. There has to be some record of this," she said.

O'Brien denied defense attorney Brian Lavan's motion and referred the matter to Recorder's Court Judge Lawrence Silverman.

Silverman is expected to schedule a jury trial at a conference Feb. 2.

Negligent homicide is punishable by up to two years in prison.

Vernier is free on \$5,000 personal bond, set at his arraignment by 35th district Judge John MacDonald. He pleaded not guilty.

Valicento was returning from his daughter's home in South Lyon when the accident occurred.

Police said Valicento was eastbound on North Territorial, traveling at 45 or 50 m.p.h.

Vernier, southbound on Ridge, was on his way to a job site for Exquisite Landscaping Inc. of Northville where he was working part-time. He told police he stopped at the stop sign, then proceeded into the intersection after looking both east and west.

Traveling to the same site in a different vehicle was Vernier's employer. The two had taken a wrong turn, and the employer was waiting in his jeep at North Territorial and Ridge for Vernier. The employer told police that using hand signals, he told Vernier which way to proceed. The employer watched Vernier look both ways, and witnessed the impact.

The vehicles collided, causing the LTD to roll into a ditch. Valicento was pronounced dead at the scene. Vernier received minor injuries.

North Territorial was closed for about two hours after the accident.

Alcohol was not a factor in the crash. Road and weather conditions were good.

VALICENTO WAS a captain with the Detroit Fire Department for 31 years. He retired in 1973.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Plymouth developer Robert DeMattia will turn the now unused and vandalized Plymouth Center for Human Development into a golf course and housing development. DeMattia has received approval to develop the 930 acres.

Community links

Nearby project seen as township benefit

By C.L. Rugenstein
staff writer

There can never be too many golf courses. And for Plymouth Township, that can't be anything but good.

At least that's the opinion of several people, including township supervisor Maurice Breen, about the new public course included in the development proposed by local builder Robert DeMattia for 930 acres of county land in nearby Northville Township.

DeMattia and his group of investors submitted the winning bid last week for the land formerly occupied by the state-run Plymouth Child Development Center. A third

of the land will be given over to the golf course, to be designed by golfer Lee Trevino, a riding stable and health club. Plans also include commercial-industrial and residential developments.

"As far as Plymouth Township (is concerned), it'll probably not have anything but a good effect," Breen said. He added that DeMattia's announced plans are "a continuation of what we've been doing north of M-14 where we've already established industrial parks."

Breen said that it was his understanding the industrial section will continue for some distance north to the golf course. The golf course will be a buffer for the residential and commercial section beyond.

But any discussion of De Mattia's plans may be premature, Breen noted, since the "county hasn't sat down with Northville and worked out details" yet.

Breen thinks the development will help the city of Plymouth because it will generate more people and therefore more business.

"A significant number of jobs will be added if the industrial development takes off similar to the development in the Plymouth Township industrial and office parks," he said.

As far as adding another public golf course to the six already in the area, Breen said Michigan is not overbuilt by any means.

Kathy Aznavorian, a partner in

family-owned Fox Hills golf course, believes the planned course will stimulate rather than divert business from existing courses.

"It simply replaces some courses, like Dun Rovin, that have closed down," she said. "I don't think it will negatively impact us — there are enough people out here who play often."

Resident Deana Miller, president of the Walnut Creek Homeowners Association, also expressed positive thoughts about the proposed development.

"I see it as a positive move basically because it is drawing a good cross section of individuals," she said.

City narrows manager field to 4

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helped re-form the city's little league baseball teams last year, and is active in his community, said Dav-

Graham, 47, has been the acting city manager since Henry Graper resigned from the office in July, 1989.

He's been characterized as a "man...of the community" by commissioner Mary Childs for his active community involvement and experi-

ence in Canton Township's city government.

Several city employee unions, including those for police, firefighters and public works, have expressed their support for Graham.

He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Hillsdale College, and has two children.

The candidates will be interviewed during one-and-a-half hour sessions throughout the day, said Bila.

"Forty-five minutes will be devoted to questions by Rod Bartell," the consultant who conducted the national search for a manager, Bila said.

The second half of the interview will be given over to questions from commissioners on the selection panel.

The commission has said its looking for a progressive thinker and a doer, with a good financial background.

The schedule will be published when all the candidates have been contacted, and interview times set.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

New helmets

New riot helmets — 16 of them like the one Plymouth police officer Curtis Hill, right, is demonstrating for VFW Mayflower post commander Art Sidman and police chief Richard Myers, will soon be delivered to the department. Sidman and members of the Mayflower post raised \$1,900 through bingo, raffles and donations to buy the new equipment. Sidman said \$800 of the money will

just about cover the cost of the helmets, which will replace the old helmets bought in 1986. The rest of the money will go to help the department's drug prevention program in the Plymouth Canton Community schools. "The community's been good to us," Sidman said. "We just wanted to give something back."

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Community Corner

This week's question:

What would you like to see in place of the vacant Farmer Jack store on Main Street?

We asked this question at the post office in Plymouth.



"Another grocery store, for seniors who live in the area. I know quite a few who live in the area and they can't drive anymore (to go to other stores.) I work for FISH (the volunteer service organization) and drive a lot of them who can't get around any more."
— Lila Vincent
Plymouth



"Probably another grocery store would be a good idea. It would be nice if (the store) was not vacant."
— Marge Schutze, with Jason, 2
Canton



"That's a good question. We don't need any more restaurants — we need an art gallery, a consortium where local artists can exhibit, or artists from around the state. We have a lot of frame shops around, but people can't get any original work."
— Dan Sabo
former Plymouth resident



"We have too many office buildings — how about a park?"
— Patrick Pigott
Plymouth



"I would like to see another historical building moved into the area, to preserve the historical theme."
— LeAnn Albright
Farmington Hills
(formerly of Plymouth)



"Another supermarket."
— Jack Murdock
Plymouth

Thieves take money, broken six-shooter

A Byron Street resident told police thieves took a \$100 bill and a broken six-shot revolver when they broke into his home between 8:40 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. Monday.

Police who responded found the rear door pried open. They found two upstairs bedrooms ransacked. The contents of dressers and a desk were dumped onto a bed, and a jar of coins that was on top of a dresser upstairs was found on the living room floor downstairs.

Police have no suspects.

MAYFLOWER MISHAP: Two employees of the Mayflower Hotel reported that their purses were stolen from the Mayflower Meeting House Sunday.

The first said her Espirit shoulder bag containing identification and change was last seen about 1:30 p.m. in the cashier's room on the second floor of the Meeting House. She said the cashier joined her in the lunch area about 2:15 p.m.

The second woman told officers her designer clutch bag containing charge cards and \$16 in cash also was last seen in the cashier's room. Police issued victims' rights cards to the women.

CSX CITED: CSX Transportation was ticketed four times in three days for obstructing traffic in Plymouth. At 10:13 p.m. Saturday, a north-bound train delayed traffic for seven

minutes at the Ann Arbor Trail crossing.

At 10:51 a.m. Sunday, an east-bound CSX train obstructed traffic for 11 minutes at the Starkweather crossing.

CSX trains delayed traffic twice on Monday. The first was a seven-minute delay at 9:38 a.m. at the Farmer Street crossing. The second was a nine-minute delay at the Main and Farmer Street crossings at 12:41 p.m.

CSX was ordered to appear in court in 20 days.

AN INTRUDER: A Plymouth man was rudely awakened by the sound of someone destroying the door of his house trailer last week, police said.

The intruder turned out to be his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend, who'd been asked to move out. The girlfriend, who owned the trailer, was at work, but the intruder came in anyway.

The boyfriend heard him walking around and making threats, but then the man left. The boyfriend called police, who called the trailer's owner.

An officer investigating the incident stopped the intruder at the entrance of the park. The girlfriend saw and identified him on her way home, and police arrested the man for vandalism to the trailer and driving with a suspended license. Police said the girlfriend plans to

press charges.

LARCENY BY TRICK: A good deed backfired when a local party store worker tried to help a man who needed change last week.

The clerk told police the man came in and said he needed change to go to a Taco Bell restaurant nearby. The man had two brown bags with 24 rolls, supposedly of dimes. The man left with \$120 in currency. When the clerk opened the rolls he found pennies in the dime wrappers. Police have no suspects in the incident.

THREATS BY MAIL: A 42-year old Plymouth resident received two threatening letters in his mailbox last week.

The man told police he and his wife had never received threatening mail in the past. But when he checked his box he found letters that said "I will kill you, death is coming," according to police.

Police are holding the letters as evidence, but have no suspects in the incident.

FAMILY TROUBLE: A dispute between a divorced couple resulted in two damaged cars last week.

A Plymouth woman told police her ex-husband parked his car behind hers when he came to pick up their children. The woman was leaving, but the husband began yelling at

crime watch

her, telling her she couldn't leave the house, she said.

He then ran his car into the rear of her car, pushing it into a concrete embankment.

RACING MUSTANGS: Two cars apparently drag racing near Ann Arbor Road and Southworth caught the attention of an officer on patrol.

The officer made a U-turn and went after them. Both had stopped for a red light but when the officer tried to stop them both, one got away by turning the corner.

The driver of the '85 Mustang didn't, and received a ticket for drag racing.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE: A Plymouth township officer pulled a driver over near I-275 and Hines, for possible drunk driving.

When the officer did an inventory search of the car he found a marijuana joint under the driver's seat. The driver admitted smoking the marijuana just before he was stopped.

The officer arrested the man after a computer check of the driver's records revealed he also was driving with a suspended license.

Schools sell off 15 acres to developer

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The land can accommodate an 18-hole course, condominiums, and cluster homes and a small "village commercial" area.

It's uncertain whether the course will be public or private, but Yack predicts it will be more challenging than Fellows Creek near I-275 and Lotz Road in the southern end of the township.

Yack foresees "condominiums or cluster homes in one section and much larger lots in another. I think it would be safe to say I don't see any commercial around the outside of the development. If there is commercial, it would be "village commercial" — very small scale, architecturally treated and very appealing in servicing primarily this residential golf community."

Proctor Road "may or may not be closed, depending on how many parcels come together and what the developers ultimately present as a plan for the community," he said.

Yack said he likes the proposal "for a number of reasons."

"I think it's a great way of retaining open space. Secondly, the intent of this particular course would be to provide a golf experi-

'This parcel is landlocked behind Canton Township Hall. It's currently being used for soccer fields.'

— John Hoben
superintendent

ence that currently is not available in Canton.

"The idea is to design a course for daily fee play that would be more expensive, which would guarantee a higher maintenance level. It'd be a more challenging course, probably an experience that would be enjoyed by folks who like challenging golf."

Also, said Yack, "This is located in the central southern portion of the township, which would create a community asset from which to build. It will further blur the north-south line some people would like to draw through Ford, Palmer or Cherry Hill.

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Area census estimates vary

By Keith Pooler
staff writer

One western Wayne County community expects a big population gain in the 1990 census — another a population loss — but most expect things to stay as they are.

The most significant change locally has taken place in Canton Township. Wayne County's hotbed for residential development since 1980, the population there has grown from 48,000 and might approach 60,000 next year, said Canton research associate Jerry Martin.

Jon Austin, city manager in Garden City, said his community will experience a decrease of about 2,000 from the 1980 census.

Garden City's population was 35,640 in 1980 and is at 33,484 now, he said. The city has also seen a rise in the percentage of senior citizens and a decrease in the school age population.

In 1980 there were 7,780 students attending Garden City schools; today, that number has slipped to 5,806.

Representatives from Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland said the population in their communities will probably remain stable or increase slightly over the 1980 census.

The results of the census will have a direct bearing on the amount of state and federal dollars each community will receive, said Paul Sincok, assistant to the city manager in Plymouth. Federal and state funds are allocated based on a formula derived from population figures.

"A gain in population certainly helps us in terms of federal dollars, and state dollars, because those are based on population," he said. "We've lost a considerable amount of money because our population dipped below 10,000 — every little bit counts."

The 1980 census pegged Plymouth's population at 9,986.

"I WOULD anticipate that we've gained a little and we're over 10,000 here in the city," Sincok said. He also added that the Plymouth-Canton-Plymouth Township area may see some changes in federal and state representation as a result of the census. Census figures also help determine congressional districts at the local and federal level.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen said "perhaps the biggest impact of the census in this area will be on representation" but he was quick to add that "I don't think even that will impact us tremendously."

"no matter how they redraw the

lines I can't see us being cutoff from the Northville and Canton areas." He said the township which now lies in the 2nd Congressional District represented by Republican Carl Pursell, may be split from the Livonia, a part of which also lies in the 2nd District.

Breen expects the township population to come in at 25,000 in the 1990 census that's just 2,000 less than in 1980. Township officials planned it that way with low density zoning and slow growth.

In Livonia, mayor Bob Bennett said his city's population should remain stable at about 104,000.

"My own prediction is that we will remain relatively constant, and remain at about 104,000. I know between 1980 and now we've decreased a little, but we did pick up some young families who moved into the community. I would hope we don't drop below 100,000 because that would have serious financial consequences," he said.

The number of dwelling units in Livonia has gone up significantly since the 1980 census, increasing from 30,000 to 37,000.

Congressional boundaries could also be affected by the census results, Bennett said.

"I think that could still happen, because some of our districts are co-determinous with Livonia," he said. "They overlap. I think we could still be impacted by a change in district boundaries. Starting with Detroit and working out, I think we're all going to see a change in our election districts."

Election districts for other communities could also be affected, especially if the 1990 census determines that Detroit's population has dropped below the 1 million level.

Redford Township Supervisor James Kelly said he expects to see a population increase in his community, despite an opposite prediction from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"SEMCOG predicts we're going to lose, but from everyone I talked to and from everything I've seen in my neighborhood, we're going to (see an increase)," he said. "Younger people with children are moving in, so I expect to gain."

Kelly said he expects Redford's population to increase slightly from the 1980 census figures of 58,600.

Outgoing Westland Mayor Charles Griffin said his community's population will increase slightly, to somewhere between 88,000 and 100,000.

"It's my best guess that we've grown tremendously in new housing developments, but the average family size is down, so I don't think we're going to see tremendous growth," said Griffin.

Parent consent bill heads for vote

By Tim Richard
staff writer

A state Senate committee Tuesday will report out a House-passed parental consent abortion bill, probably after stripping out the "suicide amendment."

"We intend to report out a bill next week. There will be no testimony — just amendments and deliberations," said chairman Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, after Tuesday's 65-minute public hearing of the Senate Human Resources Committee.

Ten witnesses — evenly divided on the issue — concentrated on the House amendment that would allow girls under 18 to get an abortion with neither parental nor probate court consent if a psychologist or psychiatrist certified in writing they were suicidal.

"A GAPING loophole," vice chairman R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, said of the suicide clause.

He cited testimony by Michigan Right to Life that 95 percent of 138,000 California abortions were for "mental health of the mother" reasons. California also allowed abortions in cases of rape and incest

and for the physical health of the mother. Its law was in effect prior to the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision sharply limiting states' rights to regulate abortion.

If 1989 is any guide, the Senate panel probably will vote 4-1 to report out House Bill 5013 minus the suicide amendment.

The same panel reported out a similar Senate bill by that vote last year. Yes votes came from Dillingham, Geake, Harmon Cropsey, R-DeCatur, and Gilbert DiNello, D-East Detroit. The nay came from John Cherry, D-Clio.

Dillingham expects a full Senate vote the week of Feb. 13. If the suicide clause is removed, the bill House would have to concur in the Senate amendment.

Gov. James Blanchard is expected to veto the measure. The Senate has a two-thirds majority for an override, but the House so far has not.

A MICHIGAN State University student, Lisa Coffman, asked that the suicide clause be left in. Requiring parental or probate court consent would leave already frightened, guilty teens in "more of a mess," raising the chances of suicide or self-

induced abortion, she said. Asked by Dillingham what she would do if she found herself pregnant, Coffman replied, "I've been told if I get pregnant, I'm out of the house."

Jeri Thomas, a Lansing mother who works with teenagers, said that as a panicked 17-year-old she made an appointment to have an abortion.

"It frightens me today, to think how close I came to aborting my first child (now 14)," she said. Thomas said teens "show a lack of good judgment" by getting pregnant and "are unable to make good, sound decisions under stress" without parental consent.

DR. JED Magen, a Michigan State University assistant professor, favored the suicide clause. He said the bill assumes pregnant teens will act in a rational manner and contact either their parents or probate court for permission to abort.

The bill, if enacted, will promote suicide, he said, "and we already have an obscenely high adolescent suicide rate."

But the opposite view came from Dr. Mark Pantle of Pine Crest Christian Hospital in Grand Rapids and adjunct professor of psychiatry in

MSU's College of Human Medicine. "An abortion may become a trigger for suicide," he said. "Teens who have had abortions may attempt suicide on the "due date" of the fetus they terminated."

Pantle, who said he deals with 300 adolescents a year in the hospital's crisis unit, said opponents of the parental consent bill "underestimate parents' capacity for support."

CHAIRWOMAN Dorothy Jones said the Michigan Women's Commission strongly opposes the bill because rural teens, in particular, have less access to transportation and the courthouse than others.

In incest cases, Jones added, a father would be unlikely to consent to an abortion. She added that a predominantly male judiciary is less likely to supportive of a pregnant teen.

Linda Blohm, a clinical social worker from Flint, played a taped interview with a mother who said her daughter had "no real counseling" at an abortion clinic and made "a very rash decision" to get an abortion that she later regretted.

"The insurance paid for it without the parents' knowledge," Blohm added.

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Black History Month events set at WSU

Lectures and presentations highlight Wayne State University's observance of Black History Month in February.

Events run from Monday, Feb. 5, through Wednesday, Feb. 28. Among the highlights:

• Monday, Feb. 5 — Lecture, "Paradigms of Developmental Change in sub-Saharan Black Africa," by Wilfred David, graduate professor of economics and African studies, Howard University, Washington, D.C., 2 p.m. Hilberry A, Student Center Building (SCB).

• Thursday, Feb. 8 — Lecture, "The State of Pan-African World: Towards an Agenda for the 21st Century," by Ron Daniels, educator, Institute for African American Affairs, Kent State University, 12:30 p.m. Hilberry A & B, SCB.

• Tuesday, Feb. 13 — Lecture, "Charismatic Leadership, from Marcus Garvey to Jesse Jackson, Has Not Freed African Americans and It Never Will," by Diane Nash, educator, Chicago, and a founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) 12:30 p.m., Hilberry A & B, SCB.

• Monday, Feb. 19 — Presentations by African American students directed by Patricia Coleman-Burns, lecturer, Africana Studies Department, Wayne State University, 6 p.m., Hilberry B, SCB.

• Tuesday, Feb. 20 — Presenta-

tions continue, 1 p.m., Room 289, SCB.

• Wednesday, Feb. 21 — Lecture, "Black History as a Force for Student Motivation," by Anthony Ingram, director Organizational Development/Human Resource Development, Henry Ford Health Care Corporation and instructor, Africana Studies Department, Wayne State University, 7 p.m., Hilberry A, SCB.

• Thursday, Feb. 22 — Lecture, "The History of the Civil Rights Legislation in America and a Re-examination of Affirmative Action: 1776-1990," by Lyn Lewis, chairperson, Sociology Department, University of Detroit, 12:30 p.m., Hilberry B, SCB.

• Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Program, "Legacy and Literature in the African-American Continuum", participants include, Alvin Aubert, professor of English and interim chairman, Department of Africana Studies, WSU; Xam Wilson Cartier, Martin Luther King/Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Scholar, English Department, WSU; Tess Onwueme, King/Chavez/Parks Scholar, Africana Studies Department and Weekend College, WSU; Eugene Redmond, professor of English and Africana Studies, WSU, 7 p.m., Room B, McGregor Memorial Conference Center.

Additional information of Black History Month events is available by calling 577-2321.

Schoolcraft to offer classes for gifted, talented students

Adventures in Learning for Talented and Gifted Students is being offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services.

The series of courses is open to academically gifted children ages 4-16 whose strengths and potential exceed their everyday learning opportunities.

There is still time to register for these courses which begin Saturday, Feb. 3: creative dramatics, imaginative writing, drawing I, beginning

conversational French, speaking effectively, a pocket full of poetry, the rainbow of literature, creative learning for preschool children, computer programming I with Basic, applied computer programming with Basic, the challenge of math I with computers, exploring biology, advanced biology, exploring the sciences and exploring chemistry.

Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call 462-4448.

Townships miffed at sewer plan snub

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Three western Wayne County townships are miffed at being left off a regional sewer planning map, making them ineligible for future federal and state aid.

The area is roughly the western two miles of Plymouth and Northville townships and the western three miles of Canton.

"They are all under abatement orders from the state Department of Natural Resources," said Wayne County Commissioner Susan Heintz, R-Northville, who failed Friday to win a one-month delay in consideration by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

THE SEMCOG Executive Committee approved, 16-7, a 20-year Sewer Service Area Map. It becomes part of the seven-county region's water quality management plan, required under federal law.

But a SEMCOG task force headed by Ardath Regan, village president of Holly in northern Oakland County, sought to mollify the western Wayne members by proposing a three-year

'Everyone can live with where we are except Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships. We're not even close (to a compromise). We have some basic differences.'

— John Amberger

SEMCOG executive director

growth management study.

Plymouth Township trustee Abe A. Munfakh, in a letter to the SEMCOG inner circle, said that "until a comprehensive study has been completed, it should not be the position of the executive committee nor SEMCOG to pick and choose as to which projects would be federally funded and which would be denied."

The three townships are members of a Western Townships Utilities Authority, which Heintz said has sold \$87 million in bonds for sewers to satisfy the DNR pollution abatement order. "If anything becomes grant-

eligible, they're not on the map," she said.

"Areas of western Wayne should be looked at for health issues," Heintz added.

IT WAS A THORNY issue for the SEMCOG executive committee, which typically has compromised many resolutions over its 21 years in order to avoid alienating dues-paying governmental members.

"Everyone can live with where we are except Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships," said John Amberger, SEMCOG executive director. "We're not even close (to a

compromise). We have some basic differences."

The split vote approving the sewer map was by a show of hands, not roll call. Heintz said western Wayne and some Oakland members opposed the map while the rest of the region favored moving ahead.

Also left off the map were most of Lyon Township outside the city of South Lyon, most of Milford Township outside the village of Milford, and many portions of the city of Novi.

SEMCOG action was delayed last October over the issue, which was kicked to Regan's task force.

THE REGION — Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe and St. Clair counties — was divided into five "tiers" or zones. Tiers I-III, mostly developed areas, are eligible for federal and state aid. Tier IV includes areas "where sewer service is likely in the future based on local plat or site plan approvals."

Tier V, which includes the contested areas, is labeled "not designated for sewer service," despite the local bond issue for sewers.

Public comment sought on older learner issues

A regional forum to explore learning opportunities for older adults is set for Thursday, Feb. 22, at Madonna College.

Participating will be senior citizens and representatives from community education, senior service programs and education.

Also invited to attend are those from organizations interested in providing information and education for living to older learners such as churches, hospitals, unions, corporations, citizen groups and recreation programs.

"We are joining with the Michigan Department of Education, the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan and the Michigan Older Learner Coordinating Committee to invite everyone who is interested in expanding opportunities for older learners," said Olivia P. Maynard, director of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging.

Maynard said the forum will provide an opportunity to get all of the players together to talk about the issues and make recommendations.

The forum, open to the public, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Kresge Auditorium at Madonna, 1-96 and Levan in Livonia. A \$10 registration fee includes parking, coffee and rolls and lunch. Pre-

registration is required for meal reservations. Cost is \$6 without lunch.

Participants will have an opportunity to make older learner program and policy recommendations for consideration at the Michigan Older Learner Summit set for April 18 in Lansing.

Findings from the Madonna session as well as from other regional older learner forums, will be made available to policymakers in the public, for-profit and non-profit areas.

Planners for the Southeast Michigan Older Learner Forum include Elissa Breen of Garden City, Babe Cariappa of Wayne, Theresa Mansour of Southfield, Barbara Eichorn of Pontiac, Marjorie Frazier of Inkster, Carol Harrison of Detroit, Esther Howell of Grosse Pointe, Aline Irvine of Port Huron and Helen Leonard of Grosse Pointe Park.

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New Morning School,
14501 Haggerty Road, in Plymouth Township has limited openings in its parent-toddler class, Me and My Shadow on Friday mornings.

Classes are for 2-3 year olds. Call the school at 420-3331.

Special Education
The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools offers a program for children with special needs from birth to the age of 6. If you have a child who may have mental, physical or emotional difficulties or who may have a vision, speech or hearing problem and may need special educational services, please call the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program at Tanger Elementary School at 451-6590.

School age

Salem girls soccer
Friday, Feb. 9 - A meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in Room 2703 at Salem High School for girls in 9th through 12th grade who are interested in trying out for Salem's JV or varsity soccer teams this spring. Call Ken Johnson at 397-0668.

Plymouth Parks and Recreation

Classes begin Feb. 5 - Classes offered are: Portrait Drawing (Tuesdays, 4:15-5:30 p.m., 6 weeks, ages 10 and up), Cartooning for Kids (Mondays, 4:15-5:30 p.m., 6 weeks, first grade and up), Ballet (Wednesdays, 10 weeks, ages 6-13), jazz (Wednesdays, 10 weeks, ages 6-13), tap (Wednesdays, 5:30-6 p.m., 10 weeks, ages 6-9), gymnastics (Tuesdays, 8 weeks, ages 6 and up), Jr. Jazzercise (Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 8 weeks, ages 5-12), modeling (Mondays, 4-6 p.m., ages 5-10; Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., ages 11 and up), Roller Skating Lessons (Saturdays, 10:15-11 a.m., 8 weeks, ages 14 and under), Sewing for Beginners (Mondays, 4-4:40 p.m., 8 weeks, first-fourth grade), Theater Arts (Tuesdays, 8 weeks, ages 12 and up). Call 455-6420.

Teen ski trip
Friday, Feb. 2 - The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a teen ski trip to Alpine Valley. All transportation and supervision is provided by the recreation department staff. Bus leaves Canton Township Administration Building at 5 p.m. and returns at approximately 12:15 a.m. Cost is \$13 with your own equipment; \$19, without. Rental equipment is available. All fees must be paid upon registration and space is limited. Call 397-5110.

Register in person at Canton Parks and Recreation Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Valentines Party
Saturday, Feb. 10 - The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a special party for Canton kids ages 3 to 12, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Canton Recreation Center (Michigan Avenue at Sheldon). The theme of "Clowns on Parade" features special clown appearances and magic, with movies and refreshments. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 397-5110.

Education
The New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township, has openings in kindergarten and middle school programs. Classes are small and offer individualized instruction and a challenging curriculum. Call 420-3331 for more information.

ADULT

Health and fitness

Alzheimer's Association
Feb. 5 and 7 - The Plymouth Family Support Groups of the Alzheimer's Association will meet Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Arbor Health Center, corner of Har-

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Couple to Couple League
Saturday, Feb. 10 - Married and engaged couples are invited to a series of natural Family Planning at 2 p.m. at St. Thomas A'Becket, which is located at Lilley Road, south of Cherry Hill in Canton Township. The series will continue on Saturdays, March 3 and 24, and April 21. Private counseling is also available. For further information or pre-registration, call John and Claire Mueller at 729-5407.

Literacy workshop
Saturday, Feb. 17 and 24 - The Western Wayne County Literacy Council is having a tutor training workshop 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Canton Library. Call 427-6644 for further information.

Women's therapy group
Women's adult children of alcoholic and dysfunctional families therapy group is now forming at Growth Works in Plymouth. The group will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Scott Levely at 455-4902.

Parenting skills

Wednesday, Feb. 7 - East Middle School is hosting its final meeting, in a series of four, for any parents of middle school-aged children who want to reinforce and improve their parenting skills. The meetings are 7:30-9 p.m. in the East library. Price is \$5 per family. Make checks payable to East Middle School Parenting Series. Send checks with name, address and phone number to East Middle School, 1045 S. Mill St., Plymouth 48170. Register by calling Cheryl Johnson at 451-6565.

Entertainment

'Broadway Musicals' Series
Friday, Feb. 2 - "The Best of Broadway Musicals" will feature Rochelle Rosenthal as she sings, shows slides and talks her way through the history of the Broadway musical. Rochelle has performed at the Marquis, Attie and Michigan Opera Theatres. Coffee will be served at 10:15 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon Road in Plymouth. The lecture will begin at 10:30 a.m. Price is \$10 for a single lecture. For information, call Nancy Cooper at 455-0782 or Nancy Sharp at 459-1875.

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The celebration begins at 7:30 p.m. with the entrance of King Rex and costumed singers, Dixieland music and noise makers. Served with trumpet fanfares and New Orleans aplomb will be oyster and brie soup, southern greens salad, breast of chicken Louisiana creole, rice and peppers, sauteed eggplant,

rolls, butter, New Orleans bread pudding with lemon sauce and chantilly cream. A cash bar will be available.

Entertainment continues throughout the evening with merry-making jester/magician Bill Heiney, Peter Madcat Ruth and a concert by SCool Jazz under the direction of Bradley Bloom. The evening will end with a snake dance which invites audience participation. King Rex and his revelers throw trinkets and souvenirs to their loyal subjects.

Tickets at \$25 each are available by mail or telephone. Mail check or money order payable to Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Mich. 48150-2896. Phone orders taken with Visa or Mastercard only at 462-4452.

Variety marks SC winter offerings

Continuing ed classes range from ecology to wine tasting

New classes are being offered this winter through Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services. There is still time to register for the winter classes.

Classes beginning Monday, Feb. 5 include:

- Sculpture — giving students the opportunity to create a piece of their choice. Techniques, guidance and critique will be offered.

- Folk Art Tole Painting — offering tips on how to create decorative designs on wood surfaces. Prior painting experience isn't required.

- Developing Your Own New Business — assisting individuals who are starting or have already started a business.

- Best Values From Wines of the World — teaching students about grape varieties, wine types and matching food with wine. A comprehensive variety of wines will be available for tasting.

- Beginners Guide to Herbology — introducing the theory and practice of using foods, herbs and various

supplements to increase physical and emotional well-being.

Classes beginning Tuesday, Feb. 6 include:

- Calligraphy I — offering instruction in spacing and layout and developing creativity in calligraphy. Skills taught will help students designing announcements, invitations and poems, as well as in using calligraphy for everyday projects.

- Five Steps to Retirement Financial Security — helping participants maximize financial security and become familiar with options available for retirees.

- Japanese Protocol — exploring business and social protocol, management techniques in the workplace and Japan's role in the world today.

- Weather Awareness — covering weather terminology, functions of the National Weather Service, climatology, forecasting and special concerns affecting weather.

- Advanced Cartoon Capers — teaching students to draw detailed characters for posters, greeting cards and comic strips, as well as animation techniques.

- Residential Blueprint Reading — focusing on reading, interpreting and making minor changes to standard residential drawings.

Classes to begin Saturday, Feb. 10 include:

- Kitchen Confidence — helping students become more comfortable with cooking by offering tips on kitchen safety, cooking methods, menu planning and time saving techniques.

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SC hosts art workshop

A one-day art workshop is set 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at Schoolcraft College.

The graphics-oriented workshop is offered by Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services Division and the Michigan Artists and Artisans Guild. Sessions include printmaking, collage and adaptation of material, col-

or on silk wearables, computer graphics as an art form and Raku firing.

Courses will be taught by experienced artists. Cost is \$10.

Schoolcraft College is at 18400 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call 462-4448.

Chamber music performed

Lovers of chamber music will be treated to an evening of violin, viola and vocal music at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2 in Livonia City Hall.

Schoolcraft College presents a program of works by Beethoven, Mozart and Brahms.

The musicians are under the direction of Eugene Bossart, a specialist in training artists to perform chamber music.

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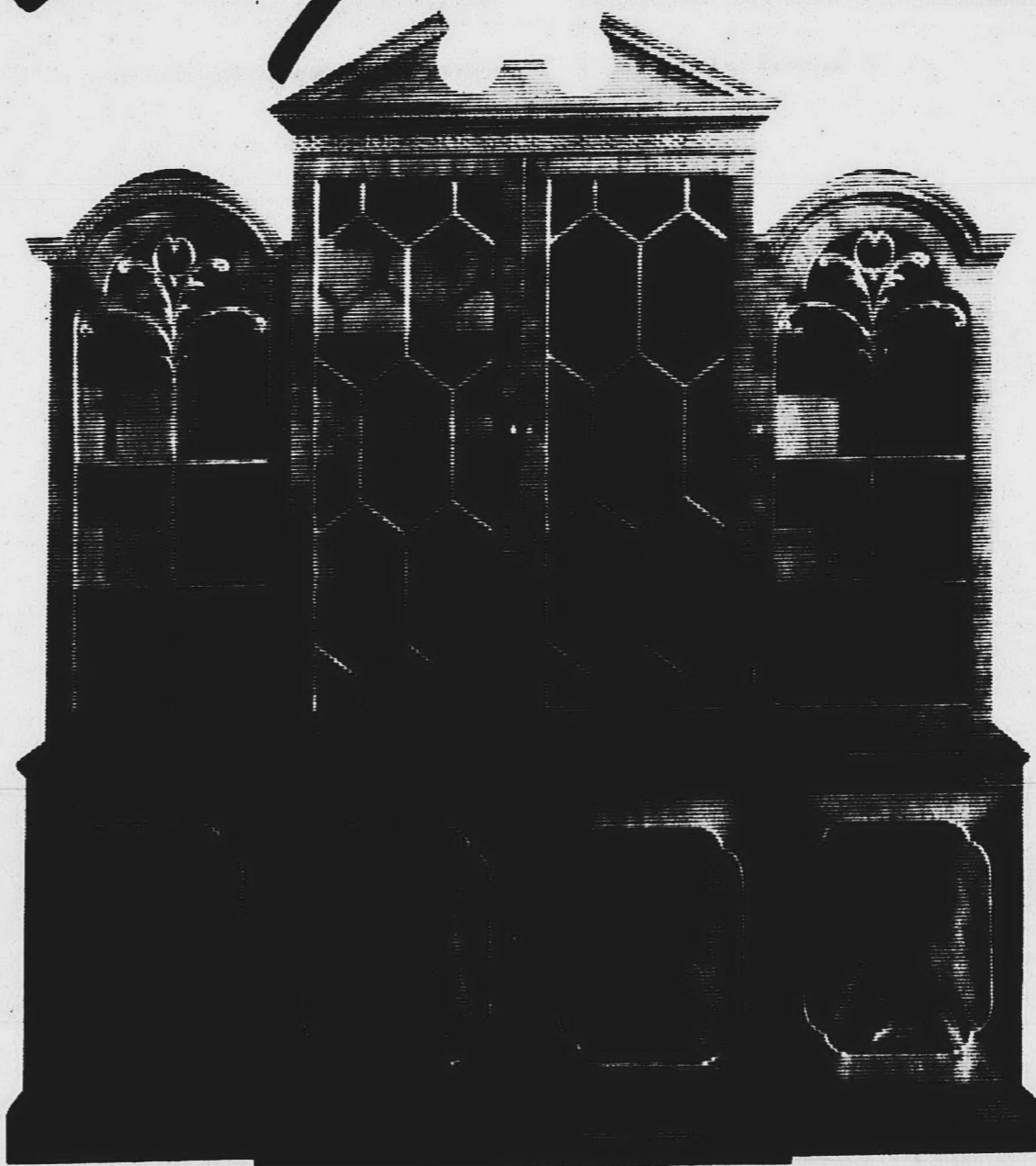
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Super sewer

Long in the planning, the area's super sewer project is finally becoming a reality. Sewer work continued this week along Hines Drive, with excavation being completed in the Hines Parkway/Merriman Road area. The super sewer will transport

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City manager Graham should get the job

THE LIST OF candidates vying for the city manager's job in Plymouth has been narrowed to four, and we're glad that it includes the name of acting city manager William Graham.

We think Graham would make a good manager. He's got the background and he knows Plymouth. And he has a solid track record. It's been more than six months since former manager Henry Graper resigned and Graham has been acting city manager.

In that time Graham has managed to keep the city moving and even got it through the ice festival without a hitch.

He also has backing of the police, firefighters and public works unions. That's a real help.

Graham will be interviewed in public along with the other three candidates starting at 8 a.m. Saturday Feb. 10, in the city commission chambers. Those interviews are open to the public, but citizens won't be allowed to participate.

THE OTHER CANDIDATES also appear to be well-qualified. They are John Strutner, of Abingdon, Va.; Jerome Kiscorn, Tecumseh, Mich.; and Randy Byrne, Grand Blanc, Mich.

From their backgrounds, they seem well-equipped to manage Plymouth. The city has come up with good potential candidates.

However, we hope the city commission doesn't overlook its home-grown product.

Old Village It should have more respect

IT'S A LITTLE bit late, but we think Plymouth area residents should make an addition to their New Year's resolutions — spend a Saturday afternoon walking around the Old Village area of Plymouth.

We think that the business area to the north of downtown Plymouth just doesn't get the respect it deserves. And spending an afternoon roaming the streets is one step toward giving Old Village that respect.

The city spends much time and energy worrying about keeping downtown Plymouth alive. Old Village gets much less attention.

However, the Old Village Association has been active in promoting the area and we applaud its efforts.

The association, which is composed of 25 business people and residents, met recently to set some goals for 1990. They include sending a regular newsletter to residents and better signs on M-14 and I-275 to make people aware of Old

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Village. Another goal is wider distribution of walking maps of the area.

Those are all good ideas.

But we think things could go further. We think that Old Village and downtown Plymouth should cooperate to promote each other. There should be walking maps available in downtown Plymouth and there should be signs telling visitors that they haven't seen all of Plymouth unless they've been to Old Village.

There's more to Plymouth than Kellogg Park. And we think it's time to spread the word.

FOI law It should be more user friendly

MICHIGAN'S open records law — the Freedom of Information Act — was written in plain language for plain folks, not just lawyers and media companies. It declares "all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees."

It is a citizen's law, not a business law or a press law. Plain citizens should be able to get it enforced without resorting to \$125-an-hour lawyers.

But our FOI law is cumbersome and expensive for an ordinary citizen to enforce. When public officials want to hide things, they obtain favorable opinions from their hired attorneys and proceed to hide the information.

The citizen must hire a lawyer, go to a county circuit court, plunk down \$42 to start a suit, and brave the curve balls of big league law just to force public information to be made public. Many citizens give up in despair. That is precisely what the Hide-'n-Sneak Lobby in government wants them to do.

Circuit courts were designed to handle major civil suits (above \$10,000) and felony cases like armed robberies and murders. But in FOI violations, the worst punishment a judge can mete out is to fine the government \$500 plus damages and costs. It's a mere slap on the wrist, not the kind of case a circuit court needs to handle.

OUR LAW could be made more user friendly by allowing people to take FOI cases to the small claims division of the local district court.

The location is closer to home, the price is cheaper, the district judge is used to dealing with lay people, procedures are simpler, and decisions come faster.

Small claims courts handle cases up to \$1,000. That's usually what FOI cases amount to.

Two measures to make the FOI law more user friendly are House Bills 5207 and 5208. They are sponsored by Rep. Perry Bullard, of Ann Arbor, chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

Bullard tells us district judges are objecting to his bills. So far he hasn't held public hearings.

We urge Bullard to hold public hearings on HB 5207 and 5208. If district judges have any reasonable objections, we would like to hear them.

But we doubt that district judges have good reasons for wanting to avoid FOI cases. More likely, some are afraid that if they rule against

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(say) a township board, an attorney on that board will run against them. Judges hate election contests.

ABUSES OF THE open records law are becoming more and more common.

The Macomb sheriff withheld names of his supporters to whom he had given official looking "special deputy" badges with pictures and fingerprints. . . . Suburban school districts have delayed for weeks issuing assessment scores so they can "interpret" them. . . . Pontiac cops hid investigation reports, even after the culprit was sent to prison. . . . Detroit hid records of property deals that cost taxpayers \$42 million. . . . A state police post hid arrest records which they say "might" contain juveniles' names. . . . A public radio station, faced with a FOI request for tapes of previous broadcasts with racial attacks, blurred the copies by adding static background noise.

Some lawyers, we find, are poorly versed in the FOI law. One, for example, advised suburban police departments they might violate the law by releasing information. Impossible. The FOI law provides punishments only for withholding information, not releasing it.

When FOI cases go to the circuit or appeals courts, the public usually wins. The problem is that public officials — by hassling, delaying and stonewalling — wear out the public so that the cases aren't filed in circuit court.

The easier way is to allow people to bring suit in small claims divisions of district courts.

And the easiest way is for public agencies to give public information to the public without the usual hassle.



Resident pride is key to education quality

THIS PAST weekend as I took to the cross country trails surrounding the Garland Resort in Lewiston I bumped into Barry Owens, Plymouth-Salem grad who now earns his keep fulfilling the general manager duties at the northeastern Michigan resort.

Barry was glad to run into someone from his hometown and, of course, I am always glad to talk with somebody who has such fond memories of this newspaper. Barry was active on the sports scene in his high school days and particularly liked to talk about what it was like to go to school in that district.

Now most folks take pride in the schools they attended. And for many years in this metropolitan area residents have prided themselves on maintaining school district which would do well by their children.

AND MANY alumni, like Barry, have been successful, successful because of the sacrifices made by parents and grandparents who were willing to fork over the money through their property taxes to pay for children's education en masse.

But the other day as I read of the bitterly-fought millage campaign in the Bloomfield Hills school district, I wondered for how long we can maintain a system which appears to get less and less support from the public at large.

By a 2-1 margin, district voters turned down a \$31.2 million bond issue which would have included asbestos removal and building improvements.

The bad feelings over the proposal went so deep as to move the Bloomfield Hills city commission to unanimously pass a resolution opposing the bond issue.

The commission, along with a lot of other folks in town, wanted the school board to break the proposal down into four different issues, so voters could be more selective in what they could vote for or against.

Now it is anybody's guess who is right or wrong on this issue. I suspect that not much of anybody was correct. Looks like a lot of noses got bent out of shape, especially after one governmental unit sought to interfere in another's financial business.

Not exactly the way to make friends and influence people.

In the end run though, only one thing is for sure. Salvaged egos do nothing for a kid's education.

AND THAT is getting to be a major problem. Financing education has gotten to be a real bone of contention in this state. And many taxpayers are mad as hell and are doing anything they can to let those in power know about that unhappiness. Unfortunately, those who can do



Steve Barnaby

something about it, state legislators in conjunction with the governor's office, are doing nothing.

Politically hogtied for a number of years over how to deal with equity in both educational quality and financing, the gang in Lansing attempted to throw it in the laps of the people during last year's election. But wisely, the people of this state didn't take the bait. And now it's back in the laps of our esteemed lawmakers.

But in the meantime, the kids suffer and the public gets more resentful over the property tax system.

And it makes me wonder if the day will ever come when the Barry Owens of the next generation, instead of being proud, will be ashamed of the school they attended because their parents didn't have the maturity to solve a rather simple problem.

Steve Barnaby is managing editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

from our readers

Look for alternatives

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the proposed boundary changes for 1990-91 that will affect students at Bird and West Middle School.

Being an educator in another district and being involved in administrative decisions I see much too often hurried decisions being made, with little long range planning, and strictly on the basis of facilities or transportation needs, not on the basis of curriculum or program. We all want to make sure that we are doing what's best for the students involved in these changes. A clean break from one situation to the next is not always the best.

Some alternative solutions should be looked at in order to protect the affected students from the greatest disruption in a critical time in their physical and emotional development.

One alternative could be the "grandfathering" of students currently at West. Offer to families involved in the boundary changes the options to remain at West or make the change to Central or the CEP. This would allow the students, if they choose, to complete their middle school program without a disruptive separation from their peer group and an established school environment.

Another alternative is that given the growth occurring west of the city and that room exists at Central and Lowell, that the ninth graders at

Lowell and Central be retained in those buildings while sending all ninth graders at West and Pioneer to CEP. Central and Lowell, the facilities with the most space, would be most able to house four grades. Pioneer and West, the facilities being impacted by growth would then have ample room for current and incoming sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

A serious problem that this plan compounds is with the ninth grade program at West. By taking part of the ninth grade students out of West, providing a quality curriculum will be made even more difficult than it presently is. If I were a parent of a ninth grader at West next year that was staying and not affected by these changes, I would be very concerned about the quality of program that will be offered.

I'm sure if any principal of a middle school in this situation were asked if this plan would create problems for the type of program they could offer their ninth grade students, they would have to say yes.

What ever or if any changes are made for next school year I would ask the board to please make sure that in this decision to change boundaries that the students are not the ones that end up suffering.

James S. Fry
Plymouth

Parents irked by changes

To the editor:
Monday night's board of education hearing on proposed boundary

changes brought together a sizable number of people. Their immediate concerns were a change of school for their children next year, but many broader issues emerged.

One of those issues was the need for the district to finalize its long-term plan before disrupting small groups of children for a short term.

The proposal to move some students from West to Central is one example of a short-sighted solution. Central is already being proposed as a "high school unit" for as early as 1992-93. The children being shifted next year would be moved again in two years, an obvious contradiction to the goals of stability and long-term planning.

Other proposals being discussed by the board are new building(s) and, with that, comprehensive boundary change. All of these major decisions are being put on hold while the board is rushing to move a small number of students, a movement which would not even significantly change the number at any building. For example, West will have just eight more students next year if there are no boundary changes. The need for a change is not critical enough to warrant temporary moves that cause serious problems for students.

The board must follow Dr. Hoben's recommendations for visionary planning, addressed in a recent PCCS Community newsletter. Any decision made before a complete plan is in place can only be seen as reactionary, and not what constituents of this district expect from its leadership.

Lots and Richard Meyer
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Teachers' merit pay may boost instruction

Q: Every so often I hear of a school district looking into or trying to implement a merit pay system for teachers. It would seem to me that quality teachers should be given merit pay raises. Why don't more school districts have merit pay increases for the outstanding teachers?

A: Merit pay is a pay increase over the regular fixed amount teachers receive for a given year of service.

Merit pay teacher salary plans are not new. In 1908, the first attempt for a teacher merit pay plan in Newton, Mass., was implemented and soon disregarded as unworkable.

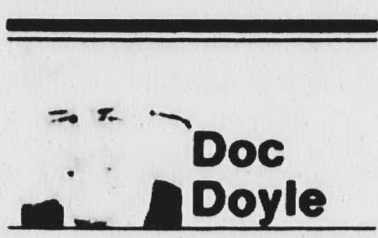
However, by 1920, merit pay plans for teachers were reported to be common. The 1920 plan, to say the least, might be questioned today by leadership in both the administration and teachers ranks. The 1920 increases were based on sex (men received more money than women) and school assignment (elementary teachers received less than high school teachers).

Try that plan in today's climate of equity in the job place. Indeed, the greatest merit pay movement (in the late 1950s) saw 170 major merit plans existing in school districts of more than 30,000 students only to diminish to only 33 districts by 1979.

My point is not to review merit pay history as it is to point out that although most educators believe quality teaching efforts should be rewarded, no consistent merit pay plan has ever been adopted nationwide. Why?

First, let's look at the advantage of a teacher merit system. Greater income will supposedly attract and hold the most competent people and, in our culture, more money grants more prestige i.e. physicians, lawyers, etc.

Frankly, I've taught and administered for 36 years and see education as a very prestigious profession. Af-



Doc Doyle

ter all, we taught those doctors and lawyers.

Another factor favoring merit pay is that the general public and often boards of education understand the value of a merit pay system from their business and industrial backgrounds — from a philosophy that leans toward rewards based on competition or on volume sales of some tangible product.

On the other hand it is extremely difficult to measure the "volume sales" a quality teacher is having on a student. Some students don't put it all together until long after high school and swear that a teacher who the administration may not have liked was the major factor in their success.

Most merit pay systems consist of a merit pay plan and a career ladder system. The merit pay plan is determined by some set criteria i.e. improved test scores by a particular teacher or improved test scores by a particular school building. The career ladder system is built in tiers from an entry level teacher to the "master teacher." The designation of a master is usually made by a committee of administrators, teachers, school board members and possibly parents.

Why do most merit systems fail? There usually is a lack of clear goals that are understood and accepted by the teachers, teachers' union and principals. It is difficult to apply the evaluation criteria fairly. Some administrators are very generous in their evaluation and evaluate relatively higher than other administrators who are either more objective,

realistic or, on the sad side, punitive and use evaluation as a control mechanism as opposed to a process for teacher growth.

Other factors include staff dissension and jealousy and the difficulty of distinguishing between a merit raise and favoritism by an administrator. Also, once the superior teachers are identified, parents in the "know" want only those teachers for their children.

There have been some successful merit pay programs. These are programs that have succeeded in an atmosphere of trust and respect with maximum involvement by the teaching staff.

Merit pay is seen as improving instruction rather than punishing unsatisfactory teachers. The merit pay plan is not mandated but agreed to by all parties impacted, where the board of education sets the policy and does not interfere in the administration. Teachers are not rated against each other but against an agreed to and acceptable criteria.

Evaluations for merit pay are by a team, not an individual principal or central office administrator.

A final objective I suggest for a district that might consider a merit pay system of teachers is to put in a similar system for administrators and let a panel of master teachers, board members, administrators and possibly parents make the recommendations.

Obviously a school district that would set up a merit pay system for teachers, a school district that believes in the concept, would not shy away from teachers, parents and board members evaluating administrators. Or would they?

Dr. James Doyle is the former assistant superintendent in the Troy School District. Questions for this column should be sent to Doc Doyle c/o the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

MSU recall unlikely

GOOD LUCK, Dennis Martell. You'll need it if you think you can collect 600,000 signatures to recall three Michigan State University trustees.

Martell wants to oust trustees Lawrence Owen, Joel Ferguson and Kathy Wilbur. They were part of the majority that voted 5-3 to promote football coach George Perles to athletic director, over the wishes of President John DiBiaggio.

The petitioners say the trustees failed to follow hiring guidelines, ignored the campus constituency and, by their own admission, met in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

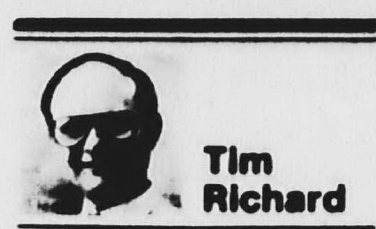
The underlying issue is that trustees contributed to the "Moo U" jock image. MSU has been trying to shake that image ever since it was founded in the 1860s as an agricultural college.

BUT MOST RECALL campaigns fail in Michigan. Besides, there's a better way to get rid of the offending trustees. Politics.

MSU trustees are nominated by political party conventions the last two weeks in August of election years. They're elected by the voters.

Trustees Owen and Malcolm Dade, both of whom voted for Perles, are due to face the Democratic State Convention for renomination this year.

If you're serious about deposing them, then run for precinct delegate



Tim Richard

in the Aug 7 primary in the party of your choice. It's easy to get on the ballot. Your friendly county clerk has petition forms. You need to collect only 20 or so signatures.

Attend your county and state conventions. Make an issue of the MSU case. Support candidates whom you agree with and get them elected.

In 1992 trustee Kathy Wilbur is due to face the Republican convention. Wilbur, a former Birmingham resident, voted for Perles. She works for state Sen. William Sederburg, R-East Lansing, who chairs the Senate appropriations subcommittee on higher education.

She's a good worker and a genuinely nice person. I like her. But it would be perfectly proper for Republican delegates to ask her to defend her record before routinely granting her renomination.

TYPICALLY, POLITICAL parties ask no substantive questions of candidates for university boards. They seek enough women, blacks, Hispanics and Upper Peninsula snowper-

sons to balance their tickets.

Two years ago University of Michigan regents hired a president after secret meetings. They were hit by a lawsuit that is still in the Court of Appeals.

Yet not a single word was spoken in either the 1988 Republican or Democratic conventions about this substantive issue. It was buddy-buddy politics all the way.

Then there was the time Gov. James Blanchard was sore at the Oakland University board for raising tuition some 19 percent, double the amount he thought justified.

The governor appoints the OU board. Blanchard could have enforced his tuition policy by denying reappointment to two trustees whose terms expired that year.

Instead, Blanchard gave them new terms.

And that's why I wish Dennis Martell and the Council of Graduate Students at MSU good luck. Not because I want to have any opinion about George Perles. Rather, it's because they are making an issue of trustees' records and working within the law to get rid of those who vote wrong.

We need more of that.

Tim Richard is director of the Suburban Communications News Service. SCC is the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Iacocca should apologize

By Pat Murphy
staff writer

FIRST OF ALL, I'm a big fan of Lee Iacocca.

As chairman and chief executive officer, Iacocca turned Chrysler around and helped rekindle pride in the American worker and American business. If Iacocca was to run for President — on either ticket — I'd be among the first to volunteer for his campaign.

But I'm deeply disappointed in the personal message Iacocca delivered to me during Sunday's Superbowl.

I say "personal" because the advertisement featured Lee Iacocca speaking directly to me in my living room. Never mind that 50 million other people may have been watching, the advertisement was a very personal message with Lee speaking directly to me.

Lee's topic had to do with air bags in automobiles. With his sincere, one-on-one style, Iacocca said he personally made the decision to put air bags on the driver side of all 1990

model Chrysler automobiles.

That simply isn't so.

THE TRUTH IS that automatic restraints — air bags or automatic seat belts — were required on all cars manufactured or sold in the U.S. after Sept. 1, 1989 under highway safety standards promulgated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

That means all 1990 models must have either air bags on the driver side OR automatic seat belts for the driver and passenger in the front seat.

But Lee Iacocca has very little to do with that. It's a matter of law. Automatic restraints — air bags or automatic seat belts — would be required on 1990 models regardless of Mr. Iacocca or anybody else at Chrysler.

The same highway safety standards require passive restraints — air bags or automatic seat belts — for the passenger side of all cars manufactured or sold in the U.S. after

Sept. 1, 1993.

Air bag legislation — generally recognized as something that will save lives — would have taken effect regardless of Iacocca or anybody else.

MORE THAN disappointing, however, is the damage — done to the credibility of Lee Iacocca and his advertisements.

I want to believe Lee Iacocca when he tells me that I can't get a better deal on a car. I want to trust him when he says quality is a high priority at Chrysler, and no car is better made.

But how can I? Putting that advertisement on television for Superbowl Sunday cost plenty. Presumably a great deal of care and thought went into expensive ads that could reach so many people.

I think Lee Iacocca, and Chrysler, should apologize for that ad.

Pat Murphy covers Oakland County for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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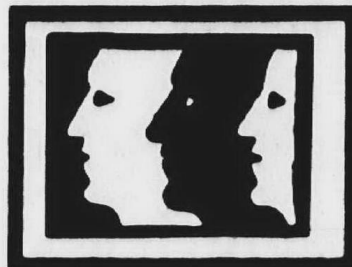
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Lisa Brandow and Duane Peters rehearse a dance sequence from "Brigadoon."



"Brigadoon" cast member Dave Llewellyn rehearses a scene from the play.

Brigadoon

Play tells story of a magical town

By Julie Brown
staff writer

FEBRUARY IN Michigan is traditionally associated with slogging through the snow rather than roaming through the heather on the hill.

A group of area residents will indeed roam through the heather this month, as the Plymouth Theatre Guild presents the Lerner and Loewe musical "Brigadoon."

"It's a fantasy musical, primarily about a man's search for something more in a philosophical sense," said Rob James Morisi of Ferndale, director and choreographer for the production.

In the play, Americans Tommy and Jeff (played by Steve Tadevic and Gregory Lea) travel to Scotland to do some hunting and get away from it all.

"They come upon this magical town," Morisi said.

The town comes to life once every 100 years, due to a blessing bestowed by a wise man in the town.

One of the visiting New Yorkers falls in love with a young woman from Brigadoon. None of the Brigadoon people is able to leave their magical town; if even one does, the spell will be broken.

THE MUSICAL has strong elements of fantasy and magic, Morisi said.

"That's what we're playing up the most in this production."

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Performances will be in the Water

Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads in Northville Township. (The theater is by the water tower on the campus.)

Ticket price is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors. Group rates are available. Tickets are available at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main, Northville. For ticket information, call 420-2161.

AUDITIONS FOR "Brigadoon" were in early December and rehearsals began shortly after the first of the year. Nearly all of the cast members sing, Morisi said.

"Everyone here is strong." Even those who were initially a bit shy about singing are doing just fine now.

"There's a lot of dancing and a lot of specific kinds of dancing," Morisi said.

He and the others wanted to give the show a certain ethnic flair, evoking images of the Scottish highlands and moors.

"It's a pretty show." A great deal can be done visually with the show, he said. Lighting, set design, props and costumes all contribute to its appeal.

THE SHOW was written in the late 1940s and has continued to be popular with theater-goers, Morisi said.

Morisi appeared in "Man of La Mancha" a couple of years ago at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit and has

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Karen Groves, who plays Meg, rehearses a musical number with (from left) Brett Llewellyn, Harvey Krage and Dennis Santillan.



Their goal is to erase stereotypes



By Julie Brown
staff writer

THERE WAS a time when people with disabilities didn't interact much with the rest of the world.

More likely than not, a disabled child attended a school far removed from those occupied by children without disabilities. Most adults didn't work with disabled people or have much contact with them elsewhere.

Attitudes started to change, and public attitudes have changed as well.

"I think public acceptance has increased, just because disabled people are more visible," said Susan Beauvais, executive director of the Easter Seal Society of Oakland County.

Disabled Vietnam War veterans who came home in the 1960s and 1970s contributed to that change, she said.

"You had certainly a more visible group."

IN THE LAST 15 years or so, disabled children have begun to attend classes with other students. That exposure to people with disabilities has helped change attitudes among the young, she said.

Charrie McNell, business manager for the Easter Seal Society of Wayne County, has also seen some improvement.

"Oh, definitely yes," said McNell, who has worked for the Easter Seal Society for about 12 years. "But there still needs to be a lot more education. I can celebrate change, but we've still got a long way to go."

Educating the public is among the Easter Seal Society's goals. The agency provides many services for disabled people, including physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, social and recreational services, medical evaluations, equipment loans and others.

This year's Easter Seal Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4. The national event will be broadcast locally on WFLX-TV Channel 5.

The 1989 festival, which drew 10,000 people, was held at the University of Michigan's Central Campus. The festival is a major fund-raiser for the society.

roument more accessible to disabled people, Beauvais said.

"We certainly were leaders in this effort back in the 1960s," said Beauvais, a Beverly Hills resident. Many other organizations now work to eliminate architectural barriers, although that job isn't done yet.

McNELL, a Northville resident, would like to see more restaurants and other buildings made accessible to people with disabilities.

"When they're building, they should think of these people," she said.

McNell has found that people are more accepting of people with disabilities. They are more a part of the community, she said.

"They need to know that their son's hand is just the same. They're aware of everybody's hand or foot or eye."

McNell and Beauvais have seen some greater acceptance among the young of the last decade. They're aware of everybody's hand or foot or eye.

Play tells the story of a magical town

Cast and crew are ready for opening

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 appeared in productions at the Birmingham Theatre. He also coaches singers and actors.

"For most of these people, this is an avocation," Morisi said. Cast members have jobs and other daytime commitments, and partici-

pate in community theater primarily as a hobby. Morisi tried to make people feel comfortable about singing during the auditions, rather than putting them on the spot.

CAST MEMBER Karen Groves, who appears as Meg in "Brigadoon," took voice lessons from Morisi. She's also assistant producer for the play and board president for the Plymouth Theatre Guild.

Groves, a Northville Township resident, is looking forward to the performances.

"I love it," she said. "Just live theater, and singing songs."

Cast and crew members become like family after a while, she said.

"Performing is so different. You get to be something you're not."

PTG members wanted to present a musical and were looking for one that had a large cast, she said. They originally thought about doing "Show Boat."

CAST MEMBERS have had to learn to speak with a Scottish accent, and to remember to say "ye" rather than "you."

"You have to get the hang of it," Groves said. "But the songs and the feeling and the accents are fun."

Many area residents are working on the production, including: Rob James Morisi, director; Bobbie Judd, producer; Janice Anderson, assistant producer and chorus; Cheryl Bubar, music director; Karen Groves, Meg and assistant producer; Susan Krekeler, Fiona; Janelle Bonceila, chorus; Sheree Brandow, chorus and Jane Ashton; Lisa Brandow, Maggie.

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Steve Tadevic, Tommy; Gregory Lea, Jeff; Chuck Miller, Archie and chorus; Harvey Krage, Charlie and chorus; Bill Schauwecker, Mr. MacLaren and chorus; Al LaCroix, Mr. Lundie; Jeff Hammonds, Sandy and chorus; Dennis Santillan, chorus; Duane Peters, Harry; Brett Llewellyn, chorus; Dave Llewellyn, Angus and chorus; Jim Patterson, bagpiper.



photos by LARRY CARUSO/staff photographer

Plymouth Theatre Guild cast members are busy rehearsing for their upcoming performances of "Brigadoon." The cast includes (from left) Elizabeth Racer, Bill Schauwecker, Karen Groves and Jeff Hammonds.



"Brigadoon" director Rob James Morisi offers some advice to actors Harvey Krage and Sheree Brandow.



This dance sequence from the musical "Brigadoon" includes (from left) Sheree Brandow, Tracy Winter, Harvey Krage, Chris Jones and Sue Pocklington.

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Acceptance

Disabled people generally face a less hostile world

Easter Seal Society clients have seen some improvement in public acceptance of people with disabilities.

"It's improved some, but it sure hasn't improved much," said Frances Bensken of Pontiac. "Years ago, we weren't brought out of the woodwork, so to speak."

Bensken's visually impaired. Sometimes, she'll pretend she's able to see, just to avoid being asked questions.

"That's one of my biggest hang-ups." She doesn't care for the feeling that she's been put on the witness stand.

It can get to the point where Bensken doesn't want to meet new people.

"I try to be fair with people." She doesn't look for a fight, but gets tired of inquisitive people.

Bensken carries a white cane, but doesn't need to use it too often. She's frequently with someone else when she's out and about.

SHE'S ANGRY when people don't treat her like a capable adult.

"They'll talk to us like we haven't got a brain in our head. You have to remind them that we're human."

Pontiac resident J.E. Bearden of Pontiac began to lose his sight about 20 years ago and is blind now. He uses a white cane.

"In all, I feel satisfied with the turnaround that we've had," said Bearden. He's found that more social services are available now for people with disabilities.

Bearden, Bensken and others were at a recent recreational session held at the Easter Seal Society of Oakland County office in Pontiac. They worked on crafts projects with Kyle Alderman, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist.

Bearden has found that people in general are more understanding of disabled people than was true in the past.

"It has improved in many ways. I really think it's been improved the last 20 years, one step at a time."

He recognizes that some people's attitudes will never change.

CLIENTS AT a recent Friendship Club meeting also had some thoughts on changes in public attitudes. That social group for disabled adults is sponsored by the Easter Seal Society of Wayne County and meets at the agency's office in Inkster.

"I think it depends on where you are," said Joan Crouse of Detroit, who had polio as a teenager. She has crutches and a brace and may start using a cart or wheelchair at some point.

Crouse has found some people still run away, afraid they might catch something from a disabled person. Sometimes when she's in the grocery store with her husband, she sees people who spot her crutches and move to another checkout lane.

Children sometimes ask Crouse questions, and she's not particularly bothered by that.



Lula M. Jackson would like to see more employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

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— Frances Bensken
Easter Seals client

"I come right out and tell them the truth." She explains about polio rather than telling children she has a "sick leg." Crouse is bothered by insensitivity on the part of adults.

Lula M. Jackson of Detroit also had polio as a child. She's been fitted for a brace and has used a wheelchair.

Jackson used to manage the accounting department of a Detroit bank. She'd like to see more employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

JACKSON'S NOT employed now; polio syndrome makes her fatigued and causes some pain, and working is difficult.

"The labor market has not adjusted," she said. People with disabilities may need to have their work space modified, and some may need more time to do certain tasks.

"Getting to the lunchroom, you're always at the end of the line. It was just too much, the stress and the strain of the job," Jackson said.

She'd like to see a workshop established for disabled people who could make handcrafted items, working at their own pace. Those items could then be sold in area stores.

"They're selling imports, why not ours?" Jackson said.

Crouse was injured on the job and hasn't been employed since 1985. She's worked as a surgical aide at a hospital and as a security guard.

Hiring disabled people isn't just the nice thing to do, she said.

"I think it's the smart thing to do," Crouse said. Disabled employees wouldn't ask for much time off or ignore their duties.

"We wouldn't do that because we'd be thankful to have the job. I think we could do just as fair of a job as

anybody else. I know we'd be more loyal."

Jackson agreed people with disabilities should be considered for job openings.

"They are very dependable," she said. "They are loyal and they have a desire to handle the job."

"Yes, I think it has. It has improved in many ways. In all, I feel satisfied with the turnaround that we've had."

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Easter Seals client



People with disabilities can be topnotch employees, said Joan Crouse, who had polio as a teenager. "I think we could do just as fair of a job as anybody else. I know we'd be more loyal."

Agency's goals include eliminating stereotypes

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past three or four years that McNeill has begun to get calls from employers seeking job applicants.

SOME PEOPLE with disabilities have been hired as receptionists at the Easter Seal Society of Wayne County office. McNeill remembers a woman who was a topnotch employee.

"She's a terrific typist, came to work every day, never missed a day."

New computer technology and various assisting devices often mean disabled people are able to work, Beauvais said.

"People really are able to be more independent. I think that's going to be a critical factor." Convincing employers to hire people with disabilities can still be difficult.

Easter Seal staffers and volunteers also work to increase awareness of language that's offensive. Using terms such as "crippled" or "deaf and dumb" is insulting.

Studies show that one in eight people will have a temporary or permanent disability at some point in their lives, Beauvais said.

"That really brings it home."

Agency staffers and volunteers work to help children understand what being disabled is all about. That's done in part through the Hop-

N-Ing program at day care centers, preschools and elementary schools.

That program is offered in cooperation with Century 21. Children get pledges for a certain number of minutes and then hop up and down during that time, raising so much money for each hop.

Youngsters also see a wheelchair, crutches, a Braille book and a hearing aid, helping to demystify disabilities.

"It's amazing how receptive these young children are," Beauvais said. For information on the Easter Seal Society of Wayne County, call 722-3055. For information on the Easter Seal Society of Oakland County, call 338-9626.

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Sulkowski-Fidh

Deborah Fidh of Ann Arbor and Mark Sulkowski of Plymouth were married Nov. 18 at Bethlehem United Church in Ann Arbor. Pastor Orval Willmann performed the ceremony.

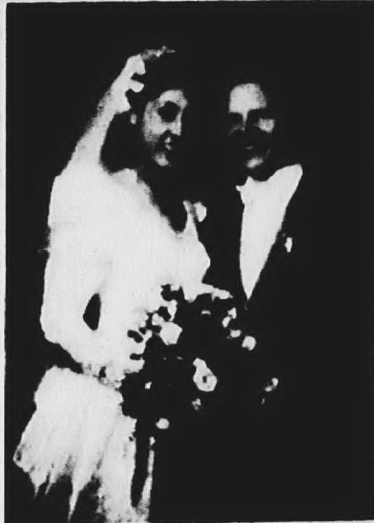
Parents of the couple are Larry and Judy Fidh of Ann Arbor and Raymond and Helen Sulkowski of Northville.

The bride is a graduate of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor. She is employed by University Lithoprinters.

Her husband is a graduate of Thurston High School in Redford. He is employed by University Lithoprinters.

Terry Painter was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Linda Brenner, sister of the bridegroom, Debbie Bennett and sister of the bridegroom Janice Adams.

Brother of the bridegroom David Sulkowski was the best man. The ushers were Phil Koroveas, brother



of the bride Steven Fidh and brother of the bride Eric Fidh.

A reception was held at Fellows Creek in Canton.

Following a Caribbean cruise, the newlyweds are making their home in Plymouth.

By Myself

By Myself Singles is a Plymouth-based group for singles age 21 and older. A monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Dunning-Hough Library, 323 S. Main, Plymouth. Members will play wallyball at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Racquetime, on Plymouth Road in Livonia. Price is \$4 per person and reservations aren't required. Members will enjoy moonlight bowling Saturday, Feb. 3, and dancing at Clubland Saturday, Feb. 10. For more information and to receive the newsletter, call 680-7765.

Attention deficit

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association of Wayne County will present a workshop at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, on Five Mile east of Farmington Road. The workshop will feature Dr. J. Eastman, a pediatrician. Donation is \$5 for non-members. For more information, call 464-8233.

Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. The program will be on "Starting Over at 50." Helen Ferguson of the Shell Or Bead It Shop will give a jewelry demonstration and talk.

Westside II

Westside Singles II will hold a "Ladies' Dance" 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the Livonia Elks Lodge, on Plymouth Road east of Merriman. Dressy attire should be worn. For more information, call the hot line, 562-3170.

Valentine dinner

The Plymouth Historical Society and Plymouth Rotary Club will present a "Gala Valentine Dinner" Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth. There will be a cash bar at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. Musicians will perform a number of love songs, including selections from "Phantom of the Opera," "West Side Story" and "South Pacific." Price for the fund-raising event is \$30 per person. Tables of eight can be reserved. For reservations or more information, call the Plymouth Historical Museum, 455-8940.

Tri-County Singles

Tri-County Singles will hold a "Meet Mr. Right Tonight" dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Airport Hilton Inn, I-94 and Merriman, Romulus. The dance is for singles over age 21. Admission price is \$2 for women. For more information, call the hot line, 842-7422.

Saturday Night

Saturday Night Singles/Westside will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance/party is for those age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). Admission price is \$4. For more information, call the hot line, 277-4242.

Bethany West

Bethany West will sponsor a Valentine's dance at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster, Redford. Bethany West is a social/support group for divorced and separated people. Admission price is \$6, including beer and set-ups. Music will be provided by a disc jockey, Chico. Those attending are being encouraged to wear red attire, although doing so isn't required. For more information, call 478-6538 or 255-4668.

Trail walk

A monthly trail walk will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, south of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Participants will look for animal tracks and for growth patterns on woody plants. Participants should meet in the lobby of the conservatory at the gardens. They should wear warm clothing and waterproof footwear. The walk will last 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

Meeting people

Single Place will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main. Paul Seaser will discuss "Meeting New People - The Fun Way." Donation is \$3 for the program, refreshments, dessert and child care. For more information, call 349-0911.

Dance for seniors

Westland Center will hold its monthly dance for seniors 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, in the center auditorium. The center is at Warren and Wayne roads, Westland. Admission to the dance is free of charge. Music will be provided by the Standard Five, a group of senior musicians. Refreshments will be served. Area senior citizens may attend.

Author to speak

Author and humorist Mary McBride will speak at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Lydia Mendelsohn Theater at the Michigan League, on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. McBride's lecture is sponsored by The Margaret Waterman Alumnae Group. McBride is the author of several books, including "Please Don't Call Me Col-

lect on Mother's Day." The public may attend. Ticket price is \$10. A luncheon will be served in the Michigan League Ballroom after the lecture. Luncheon ticket price is \$10. For ticket information and luncheon reservations, call 973-1384 or 668-8577.

St. John Neumann

The St. John Neumann Seniors/50-Up Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the church, on Warren in Canton. New members and guests may attend. For more information, call 495-1307 or 459-4091.

Girl Scouts

The Plymouth-Northville-Canton Girl Scout Area Association will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Pioneer Middle School, 46081 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Sheldon in Plymouth Township. Delegates to the annual council meeting will be elected. Proposed council bylaws changes will be discussed. Girl Scout volunteers will celebrate "Thinking

Day" with a simple craft activity and ceremony.

Newcomers group

The Canton Newcomers Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. Hospitality time will be at 7 p.m., the meeting at 7:30 p.m. After the meeting, a representative from Hudson's FYI (For Your Image) will discuss wardrobe consulting and other available services. For more information on the club, call 981-7089.

Romance writer

Ruth Ryan Langan, author of historical and contemporary novels, will speak 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Upper Waterman Campus Center of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. She will discuss "Romance Writing - Is It All Champagne, Kisses and Caviar Dreams?" The program is part of a

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new voices

Mike and Liz Radzik of Ypsilanti announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Frances, Dec. 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Will and Regina Parks of Homosassa, Fla., and Vince and Fran Radzik of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Joseph and Clara Sweeney of Homosassa, Fla. Mary Frances has two sisters, Beth, 5, and Laura, 2.

Ronald and Annette King of Westland announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Andrew, Jan. 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Bob and Marilyn Bryce of Plymouth and Les and Barbara King of Plymouth.

John and Linda Rabie of Plymouth announce the birth of a daughter, Amanda Claire, Jan. 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Richard and Elizabeth Marra of Allen Park. Amanda Claire has two brothers, Geoffrey, 10, and Kevin, 8.

Gary and Cheryl Zuzo of Canton announce the birth of a daughter, Gabrielle Ann (Brielle), Jan. 12. Grandmothers are Dolores Perelli of Dearborn Heights and Florence Zuzo of North Huntingdon, Pa.

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series sponsored by the Women's Resource Center at the college. The public may attend and reservations aren't required. For more information, call 462-4443.

● Single Place

Single Place has planned a dinner/dancing event Friday, Feb. 9. Those attending should meet Betty Byrd at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main. They will travel by carpool to Rifle's for dinner. After dinner, group members will go to the Westside Singles dance. Dance price is \$5. Attire is semi-dressy (no jeans). For dinner reservations or more information, call 349-0911.

● Brigadoon

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present the Lerner and Loewe musical "Brigadoon." Performances will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Performances will be in the Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads, Northville Township. Ticket price is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors. Group rates are available. For ticket information, call 420-2161. "Brigadoon," a romantic musical, is set in a sleepy magical town that comes to life once every 100 years.

● Westside Singles

Westside Singles will hold a dance party 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). For more information, call the hot line, 562-3160.

● Bethany Northwest

Bethany Northwest will hold a Mardi Gras dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Our Lady of Sorrows Social Hall, 23615 Power, at Shiawassee in Farmington. Bethany Northwest is a Catholic singles group for separated, divorced and widowed people. The group is open to those of all faiths. The dance is for people over age 21. Masks may be worn, and there will be a judging of masks. For more information, call 553-2105 (days) or 471-2708 (evenings).

● Bowling for charity

The annual "Bowlothon for Charity" will be at noon Saturday, Feb. 10, at Plaza Lanes, on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. The fundraising event is sponsored by the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post and Auxiliary No. 6695, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Bowlers and sponsors are needed. Non-members of the VFW may participate. Proceeds from this year's event will be used in the fight against cancer. For more information, call Alice Fisher, 728-7619.

● Plymouth Nursery

The Plymouth Children's Cooperative Nursery will hold an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, and Sunday, Feb. 18, at the school, 5825 Sheldon, Canton. Parents and children will have an opportunity to view the facilities and talk with the teachers and board members. Applications will be available for the 1990-91 school term, which begins in September. For more information, call Pam Hensley, membership chairwoman, 981-4760. The state-certified preschool is for 3- and 4-year-olds.

● Conservatory tour

A conservatory tour will be offered at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Matthaai Botanical Gardens,

1800 N. Dixboro, south of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. The "Incredible Edibles" tour will highlight common and exotic food plants. The tour is limited to 30 people. Reservations are recommended, although people may sign up the day of the tour on a space-available basis. For reservations, call 998-7061.

● Sports Night

Single Place will present a "Sports Night" with Mike Henneman of the Detroit Tigers. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Those who attend may bring their children. Ice cream sundaes will be served after the program. Donation is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children age 12 and younger. Child care will be provided for younger children. For more information, call 349-0911.

● Dinner for singles

Single Place members will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Home Sweet Home, on Nine Mile east of Novi Road. Reservations aren't required. Single Place members also meet for brunch at 12:30 p.m. every Sunday at the Elias Brothers Big Boy, on the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty, Novi. Those attending should ask for Single Place at the Big Boy.

● Club coffee

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will hold a coffee for prospective members at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. Those who have lived in Plymouth or Plymouth Township for less than two years may attend. The social club provides members with opportunities to meet people and to participate in many interest groups and activities. For more information, call 459-5593.

● Interest groups

The Plymouth Newcomers Club has many interest groups. The couples social group participates in many activities, and will hold a rotating card game night at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, limited to 28 people. For reservations or more information, call 455-3315. Moms and Tots group members will enjoy a trip to a local library for storytime and a movie in February. For reservations or more information, call 464-6074. The Tastetesters group meets monthly to sample recipes from selected food categories. Thursday, Feb. 22, will be international foods day. For reservations or more information, call 451-0124.

● Square dance

A square dance will be held 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, on Mill in Plymouth. The dance is sponsored by the VFW's Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post and Auxiliary. Proceeds will help veterans from the Ann Arbor area who use wheelchairs compete in games in New Orleans. This year's goal is to send 35 athletes to the National Olympics at a cost of \$35,000. Admission price for the

square dance is \$5. Those attending don't need to be experts in square dancing. The caller will teach as she calls. For more information, call 453-1600.

● AARP chapter

The American Association of Retired Persons, Livonia Chapter 1109, will meet at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. The social hour will be followed by lunch at noon. Members and guests should bring a sandwich. Coffee and tea will be provided.

● Square dance

Single Place will hold a steak fry and square dance Saturday, Feb. 24, at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., the dance at 7:30 p.m. Price is \$8.50 for the dinner and dance, \$4 for the dance only. Experience in square dancing isn't required. For dinner reservations, call 349-0911 by Thursday, Feb. 22.

● Potluck dinner

Single Place will hold a potluck dinner Sunday, Feb. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville,

200 E. Main. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., followed by a speaker and entertainment starting at 7 p.m. Those attending should bring a dish to pass. The speaker will be Sam Gwynne, a bureau chief for Time. Donation is \$3.50 for dinner (chicken and beverage included), entertainment and the speaker, \$2 for entertainment, the speaker and refreshments. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call 349-0911.

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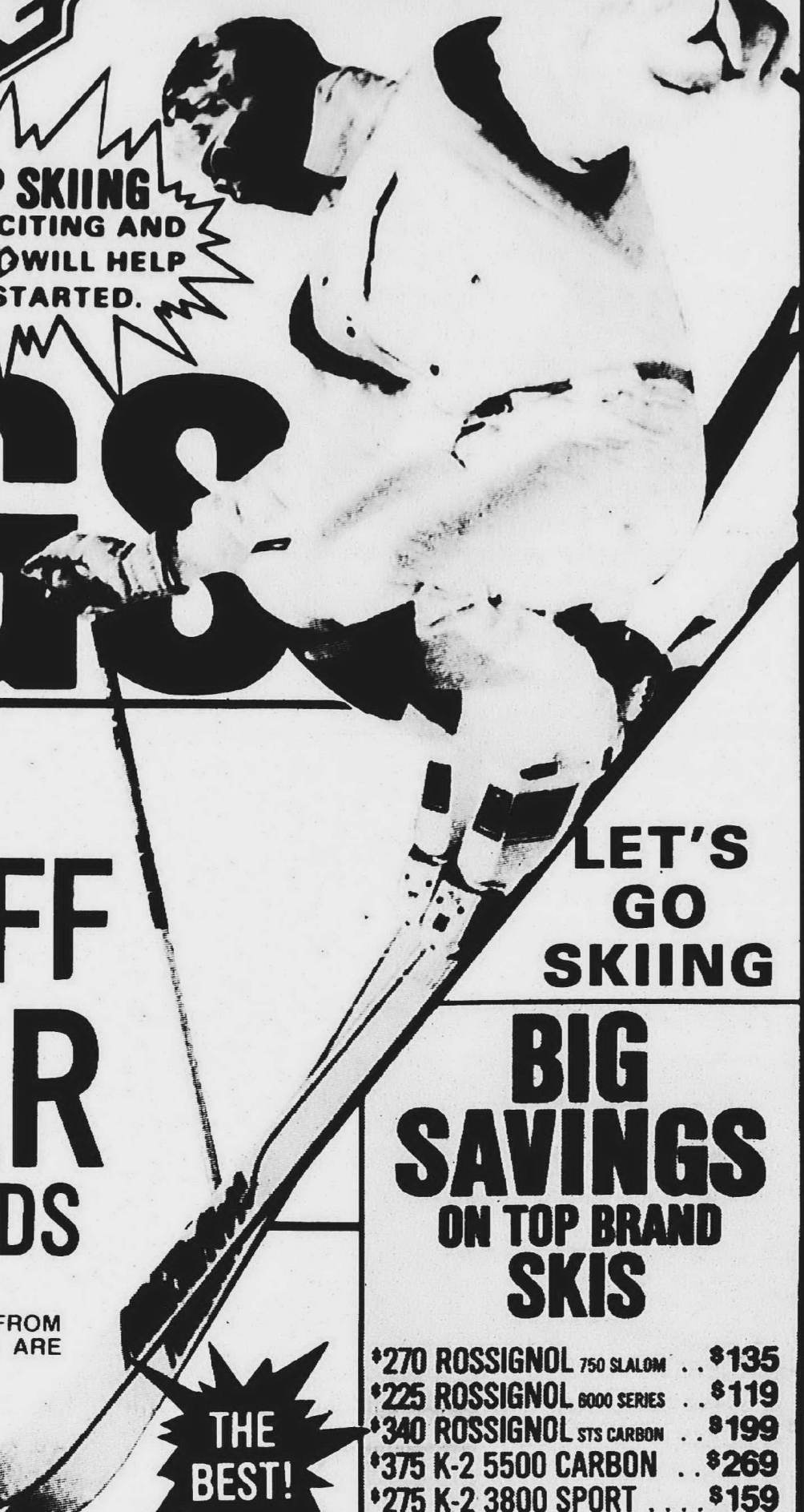
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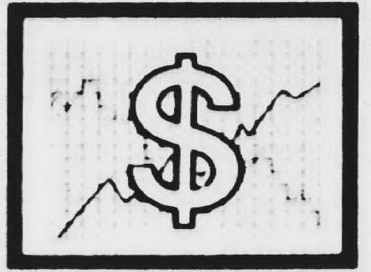
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Global mutuals earn high marks

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Interest rates are heading south. Corporate earnings are down. Inflation remains fairly low. There is talk that commercial real estate is going soft.

So where is an investor to turn? Financial planners caution that investment advice must be tailored to individuals in a context of specific economic circumstances.

But several advisers were willing to gaze into their crystal balls and look at general investment strategies at the dawning of the 1990s.

Their verdict: Mutual funds will become more popular than individual stocks.

Also, investments in international or global funds, especially of companies doing business in eastern Europe, have the potential to yield excellent returns as political and business climates stabilize there.

"WHAT WE'RE probably going to see, obviously we've seen the last year or two years, is a lot of market volatility," said Tony Amaradio, president of AJA Financial Planners of Bloomfield Hills.

"Mutual funds clearly are superior for diversification and risk," he said.

Amaradio recommends investing in a family of funds and switching between money market, bond and stock funds as economic trends change.

Specific fund families recommended by Amaradio were Massachusetts Financial Services Lifetime, Kemper, Keystone, Fidelity, Vanguard, American and Putnam.

Mutuals also were touted by Joseph Giordano, president of Investors Financial Advisory of Rochester.

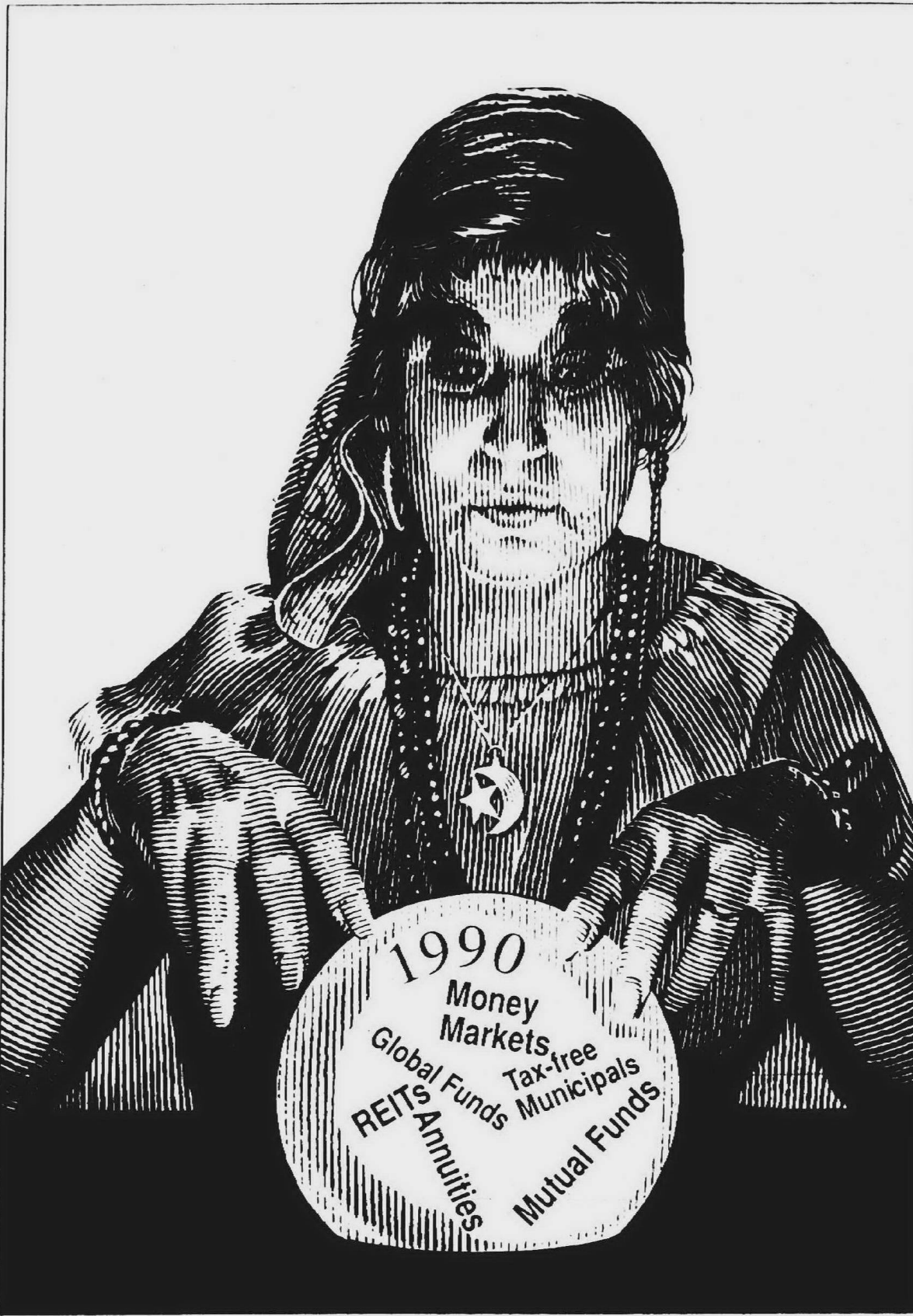
He likes balanced funds — a combination of stocks and bonds.

"I'M SORT of a cautious bull now," Giordano said. "People should still be involved in the stock market, but with moderate risk."

Giordano recommended the American Income Fund, the Phoenix Balanced Fund, Vanguard Wellington and Wesley and Fidelity Puritan.

"Another thing getting quite big now, if there is a thing as a fad or hot play, is the European sector — new markets, new capitalism," said Thomas Tybinka, vice president in the Detroit office of Prescott, Ball & Turben.

"There's an excitement of what's happening in eastern Europe," Tybinka said. "The trend will be significant."



"We've now become a global society," Amaradio said. "Some international funds will have significance."

He suggested that investors look at MFS Global Fund and the Templeton Group.

INTERNATIONAL FUNDS as a group have returned about 25 percent annually the last five years, 18 1/2 percent the past 10, Giordano said.

He urged caution for the future. He suggested that with a proliferation of such funds, investors "re-

search and look at track records" and limit their involvement to 10 percent of available investment money.

"It's riskier, more volatile," Giordano said. That's because an-

other big variable — the value of different foreign currencies — comes into play. Investors should consider the Templeton Group, GT Global, Vanguard World, Keystone International and Kemper International, Giordano said.

Phyllis J. Wordhouse, president of Wordhouse & Associates in Plymouth, said she's ambivalent about global funds.

"I SEE, hear, read, 'Be out there in the universe' — I turn right around and ask, 'Why are all other countries investing in America?'" she said.

What of the short term?

Wordhouse, who believes most investors should be more aggressive than they are, likes variable annuities with fixed and mutual fund options, and limited real-estate partnerships.

"I think the biggest mistake most people make is they don't deal with inflation in time," she said. "They're just not cognizant of the loss of purchasing power."

But Giordano predicted rough times for real estate in the 1990s. "I'm seeing excess building and problems with savings and loans."

One-year certificates of deposit now fetch about 8.5 percent, which figures to just over 9 percent with compounding, Giordano said.

THAT'S STILL a decent return for the conservative portion of a portfolio, he said.

Tybinka and Giordano also spoke favorably of tax-free municipal bonds, especially for investors whose income pushes them into higher tax brackets.

A 7-percent return on a tax free is equivalent to 9.7 percent for those in the 28-percent tax bracket, Giordano said.

Amaradio agreed with Wordhouse that too many people have too much money tied up in CDs and money market funds.

His top two choices for the short run — mutual funds and real estate investment trusts.

"Look at track record," Amaradio advised. "Diversify money over a lot of properties. Real estate always should be purchased on substance rather than tax benefits."

The advice on collectibles like art or coins is unanimous: Don't consider a hobby an investment unless you really know the subject.

"There's always a positive and negative aspect to every investment," Wordhouse said. "As long as you're knowledgeable, you can deal with it."

"People change," she added. "What might be right now might not be right down the road."

Stoddard innocent in retrial

By Tim Richard
staff writer

A federal jury acquitted former banker Stanford C. Stoddard of misapplying Michigan National Bank money in a Jackson branch deal, ending a four-year battle with the U.S. government.

"The family is happy. They're at lunch," said defense attorney Neil Fink shortly after the jury returned its verdict at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"It's not like champagne. It's a sigh of relief. I'm elated for him. It's been a long, hard struggle. Even a winner is in fact a loser."

"It has taken its toll emotionally on him and his family. The process is very humbling," said Fink, who also defended Stoddard in a 1987 trial in which a jury convicted the 59-year-old Birmingham resident and a judge sentenced him to three years in prison.

The Court of Appeals in 1989 reversed the conviction. It held the original indictment was flawed by describing Michigan National Midwest, the Jackson subsidiary, as a member of the Federal Reserve System. The government retried the case, this time on the ground that the bank was federally insured.

Both trials were conducted before Judge Anna Diggs Taylor. The jury was out 4 1/2 days before returning its verdict on a one-count indictment.

STODDARD, AS chairman of the Michigan National holding company, was accused of manipulating a deal in which he wound up a part-owner of the building in downtown Jackson rented by Michigan Bank Midwest. The government also charged the bank paid double the market value for rent in the depressed economy.

Stoddard's defense contended the deal was made by a knowledgeable board and that the rent was fair for a prime location. But the prosecution said questions were raised only after the bank was closed in 1984.

Stoddard has two suits of his own against Michigan National Corp. and its directors. They are in Oakland Circuit Court.

Assistant U.S. attorney James C. Churchill, who tried the case for the government, could not be reached for comment.

Banks want to computerize mid-sized corporate clients

By R.J. King
special writer

When corporate banking via personal computer was first introduced 12 years ago, banks touted it as the greatest discovery since the deposit slip. By most accounts, they were right.

Today most, if not all, of the nation's largest companies bank by computer and gladly pay a premium to avoid such labor-intensive transactions as borrowing and investing funds, initiating wire transfers and visiting local branches.

But with growth among Fortune 500 corporations all but tapped, banks are now beginning to offer the latest communications technology to middle-market companies — an especially daunting task as most companies still perceive banking by PC as more of an indulgence than a necessity.

"There's no question most large national companies have long utilized computers and were out there waiting for electronic banking services," said Tom Craigie of Birmingham. Craigie is vice president and senior corporate services officer for Manufacturers Bank of Detroit, which introduced its own computer banking system last year, called AccessNet.

"Now we're setting our sights on middle-market firms which we believe will find electronic services very helpful in saving precious time and money. Certainly, the ability to move funds without our assistance will save a tremendous amount of time."

IN THE BROAD range of corporate cash management, treasury departments that utilize electronic banking services are now becoming high-flying investment centers transferring funds with the same speed traders use on the floor of the New York Stock exchange.

For instance, among the options currently available on AccessNet are the ability to consolidate deposits or pay off loans, obtain up-to-the-hour account balances, initiate wire transfers with immediate confirmation and receive worldwide balance reports every morning and afternoon.

Most recently, the service added electronic mail, permitting immediate written confirmation between customer and bank. And later this year, a service allowing customers to initiate international letters of credit will be added.

"It's a modular system so companies can choose from a menu of selections and only pay for those

they use," said Michael Murphy, corporate services officer for Manufacturers, during a recent demonstration of AccessNet.

"If a company knows it has to meet a \$1 million payroll on Friday at a plant in California, and they have the money on Wednesday, they can invest those funds for two days at their own discretion and then send payroll through the system come Friday morning. Before, they would have spent hours on the phone trying to do something like that."

But in introducing banking by PC to middle-market firms, Manufacturers and other area banks, among them Comerica and National Bank of Detroit, face stiff challenges if the slow growth of home banking computer systems is any indication of success.

When home banking systems were introduced seven years ago, banks figured millions of home customers would be more than willing to pay a monthly fee of \$5 to \$10 to avoid writing checks and waiting in line. But today only about 100,000 people use the programs, a small percentage of the 28 million households that have personal computers.

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Banks want more firms on computer

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"When you compare home users to corporate users of electronic banking services, the personal computer far and away benefits the corporation," said Peter Stein, first vice president and manager of corporate cash management for National Bank of Detroit.

"A corporation may have 20 or 30 employees overseeing cash management activities, and certainly they can get things done much quicker by computer."

WHILE NATIONAL Bank of Detroit has offered a computerized corporate banking service since 1982 called CASHNET, which has more than 1,200 corporations on line, Stein said future growth will come from middle market companies and smaller companies with annual revenues of \$5 million or less.

"To make the system more attractive to smaller firms, we plan to keep adding modules to the system such as making tax payments and issuing stop payments on checks in the near future," Stein said. "We even have services for smaller firms that utilize a touch-tone phone."

Explaining that cash management by computer was still evolving, Stein said he sees enormous potential income for the bank in check clearing time and labor. The monthly fees, which start at \$50, also provide a steady and reliable revenue source.

Mark Vandenberg, secretary and treasurer for Crowley's, said computerized cash management offers greater speed and accountability in overseeing the company's daily receipts.

business people

Dean McComb was appointed manager, airport section of Orchard, Hills & McCliment Inc., a Livonia-based consulting engineering firm. He has 23 years of experience with the Wayne County Road commission, most recently as engineer of construction with principal activities at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and the Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, Mich. McComb is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is a registered professional engineer in Michigan.

Norman E. Bash was named director of business development with Freudenbert-NOK of Plymouth. Bash has more than 22 years experience in domestic and international marketing, strategic planning, sales and management. Most recently, he was a principal of Marketing Corp. of America, a consulting firm. He spent 15 years at General Electric, eight years in marketing, strategic planning and commercial development in the plastic resin and sheet areas. He was assigned to GE's Far East division for three years in sales and strategic planning positions. After leaving GE, he went with Uniroyal as business project manager. He also was director of operations and director of business development for Sanitas, a holding company for chemical distributors in Connecticut.

Mary Rose Hausman of Plymouth Township joined Smith-Rae & Associates of Northville as a tax consultant. Hausman worked in the R&R Block Plymouth office. An enrolled agent, Hausman has more than nine years experience in personal income tax returns.

Kenneth Gentile was named sales associate of the year by the Prudential Harry S. Wolfe Realtors of Livonia. Gentile joined the agency in 1984 and has more than 12 years of



McComb Bash Hausman Gentile Roet Morrison Buck Loiselle

experience in residential sales in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Helen Levandovsky was named director of patient relations at United Home Health Services of Plymouth. She will act as liaison between the home health care agency and medical community. Levandovsky has 20 years experience in corporate communications. Most recently, she was an independent marketing communications consultant. She also was client/media relations director with Trainor Communications. She is a member of the International Association of Business Communicators, Women in Communications and the Public Relations Society of America.

Bret P. Morrison was named general manager of the timing belt business of the seals and molded products group of Freudenbert-NOK of Plymouth.

Fred Buck of Livonia was named corporate vice president of human resources for Oakwood Health Services Corp., the parent corporation of Oakwood Hospital. Buck retains his position as vice president of human resources for Oakwood Hospital. Buck, who has been with Oakwood since January 1989, will be responsible for corporate-wide human resources development.

Larry Loiselle, owner and presi-

dent of Livonia Schwinn Bicycle and Fitness Center, was re-elected chairman of the board of the National Bicycle Dealers Association. Loiselle has been involved in the bicycle business for more than 30 years in various capacities, including past president of the National and Michigan bicycle dealers associations.

Das Longeway of Livonia was named president of the Travelers Plan Administrators of Michigan Inc. of Troy, part of the second-largest network of third-party administrators. Longeway has eight years of experience, including six years in the Southfield office of Midwest Benefits Corp. and two years with State Mutual Insurance Co. He graduated from Livonia Franklin High School and attended Henry Ford Community College.

Dr. David G. Holzworth, who has offices in Garden City, will attend the 15th International Course in Clinical Ecology in Dever, Colo. Dr. Holzworth treats respiratory allergies.

Kellie Szabo of Redford Township was promoted to junior media buyer from assistant media buyer with Campbell-Mithune-Esty Advertising in Southfield.

Maureen Davis of Westland was promoted to media supervisor from

senior media buyer with Campbell-Mithune-Esty Advertising in Southfield.

Patricia Evenson of Plymouth will be the guest speaker at the Westtown Lions club meeting Tuesday in Farmington. Evenson is a certified public accountant with Schmaltz & Co in Southfield.

John T. Johnson of Livonia joined Valassis Marketing Group Inc., a product brokerage company in Birmingham, as an account executive. Johnson had been with Paul Inman Associates in Farmington Hills, where he was an account executive for the food broker. At Valassis, Johnson will call on food and drug wholesalers throughout Michigan. Johnson attended Oakland University, where he studied computer training.

Sam Salah of Livonia was chosen as a member of the board of directors of the Fairlane Town Center Merchants Association.

Thomas F. Roet, president of R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes Inc. of Garden City and Livonia, was elected president of Detroit Executives Association at its January meeting.

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Critics of American auto writers need better aim

I've always had a liking for top-level executives who go after a windmill or two now and then, or try to punch out a tar baby, Uncle Remus-like, that they find sitting by the side of the road.

Tops among these has been Bennett E. Bidwell, chairman of Chrysler Motors (yeah, that's right — Chairman Lee is top dog at something called Chrysler Corp.), who rose to his post from a rent-a-car agency, which is as close to the real world most auto executives get these days.

Bidwell donned his rusty suit of armor once again the other night at the Automotive News World Congress, taking on, of all things, The Press — thus ignoring all the basic tenets of never tangling with someone with a typewriter in his hand.

As it turned out, he was irate mainly because of a couple of stories that had leaked into print and de-

railed some particular facet of corporate strategy.

But he also took the opportunity to take more than a few swipes at some nasty tendencies he had discerned in American automotive journalism: the herd instinct, the failure to practice what it preaches, the compulsion for scoops that damage a business, and its lack of patriotism.

Actually, much of what Bidwell complained about has a grain of truth — but most often not for the reasons cited.

The herd instinct, for example. Repetition and duplication of a story hundreds of times is what defines a big news event.

There's not much to be done about that, although Bidwell would have to admit Chrysler has benefited more than any other company from the uncritical support of the media.

Scoops based on unauthorized leaks are a much touchier subject,



auto talk
Dan McCosh

since they often form the nucleus of a breaking news story and all too often are used without critical evaluation.

Bidwell uses a couple of examples where early release of plant closings, internal reorganizations, etc., were "leaked" and it caused havoc in the ranks.

I guess the assumption in these cases is that if a story wasn't leaked to the newspaper, it wouldn't exist, or at least generate the rancor people feel when their livelihood is threatened.

Unfortunately he weakens his case

by citing examples where the company sat on decisions as long as six months without officially informing its own employees, fueling the internal rumor mill (which is where leaks start) until they spilled into the newspapers.

One of his examples isn't based on a leak at all, but a straight-out interview with Chairman Lee himself, who mentioned a plant closing a couple of days before a critical union election.

In another case, Bidwell said that Chrysler, beneficiary of \$150 million in grants from the city of Detroit,

was thwarted in its effort to withhold until after Coleman Young was re-elected the information that it was closing its Jefferson plant.

The Wall Street Journal let the news out before the election, which had the unfortunate side effect — according to Bidwell — of letting the voters in on the decision before they had cast their ballots, hence hurting Chrysler's position with city hall.

People were angry. Tough, I say. Frankly, I wish Bidwell had been a little more on-target, about the press, and less prone to overblown rhetoric that smacks of easily dismissed jingoism.

I'd have to agree that auto industry is not particularly well reported in the United States, despite the huge effect it has on people's lives.

There is a distinct bias that promotes the idea that American corporations can do little right, and the Japanese and Germans can do little

wrong, that it's OK to pick on Yugoslavia, but not the Koreans.

U.S. reporters tend to be diametrically ignorant of the basics of international economics, auto technology, manufacturing and the power structure of the business.

It's not uncommon for a "business" reporter, even with the credentials of a David Halberstam, to see his first car plant in Japan and suddenly credit them with the discovery of the assembly line.

Too many auto "critics" are taking money under the table from manufacturers, both domestic and foreign.

The auto press is not without its failings, but I want more information, not less; more criticism, not more back-patting and complacency.

In a perverse way, I think that's going to make for a better life for us all.

Forming a corporation adds complexity to small business

Q. My son operates a home-based business while working full time elsewhere. What are the advantages and disadvantages of forming his own corporation?

A. Unlike forming proprietorships and partnerships, forming a corporation is more complicated. This represents one of the biggest disadvantages of incorporation, mainly due to the additional registration and filing responsibilities.

According to Brenda Orlando, a Clarkston small-business certified public accountant, incorporating business owners must file articles of incorporation with the state Corporation and Securities Bureau, establish the internal organizational structure of the business (adopt bylaws, appoint directors and officers and issue shares or memberships) and submit additional documentation (corporate tax return and annual report) on an annual basis not required for other business forms.

Corporations need to maintain corporate meeting minutes to be given to the IRS in case of an audit.

From a tax standpoint, the business-related deductions offered to corporations are basically the same compared to other legal

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forms of business organization.

Lastly, corporate business owners are recognized by the IRS as company employees and are subject to paying appropriate state and federal employment taxes regardless if no one else works for them.

THE MAJOR advantages of forming a corporation include that it is often easier to raise capital through lending institutions and to change ownership if necessary.

Business owners generally aren't held personally liable for debts incurred by the corporation, said Eley Maccani, public affairs spokeswoman with the Detroit district office of the IRS.

But there are exceptions, Maccani said. Corporations and limited partnerships are offered better protection of their business name and need register just once to ensure this protection across the state. Maccani suggests that small-

business owners thoroughly investigate all aspects of incorporation before making a decision.

For more information of the pros and cons of incorporating, call the Michigan Department of Commerce at 1-800-232-2727 and ask for a free copy of the "Guide to Starting a Business in Michigan." The Detroit office of the IRS also has information on this subject and can be reached at 1-800-424-1040.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of MarkeTrends, a Farmington Hills based business consulting firm. Readers with small-business questions can call her office at 474-1149 or send written requests to Focus: Small Business, Reader's Forum, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48024. She will answer questions in this column the first Thursday of the month. She is also producer and host of the cable television series, "Chamber Perspectives."

9 percent Portfolio returns high interest safely

Q. I have been getting over 9 percent on my investment, but as different holdings mature and I have to replace them, I find it very hard to get good quality investments that will return 9 percent or better. Would you have any suggestions for me?

A. Wayne Hummer and Co., a Chicago-based investment firm, publishes model portfolios from time to time in their monthly newsletter, and the latest has what seems to be a good answer.

They have selected five bonds from five major corporations. Each of the bonds has more than 20 years to run, so you will not have to worry about their being called and then finding a replacement. Also, each bond has an A class rating by Moody's. One is A1, two are A2 and two are Aa3.

Many individuals would shy away from these bonds because of the length of their maturities, but since you are seeking long-term fixed income for retirement purposes, their long term to maturity should fit your need.

One bond is from International Paper. It matures 11/15/12. The recent price was \$62 1/4, and it pays 5.125 percent. That means you will receive 8.2 percent on your money as you go along and the \$100 you get at maturity will give you a total



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The Eastman Kodak bond of 6/15/16 pays 8 percent and is available at \$90 1/4. That gives you a current yield of 9.5 percent and a yield to maturity of 9.6 percent.

The fifth bond suggested is American Telephone & Telegraph's 4/01/26. It also pays 8 percent, but at \$96 1/4, the current yield is a little less at 8.9 percent and the yield to maturity is 8.92 percent.

In today's market where the talk

seems to favor falling interest rates, the prices of the bonds should tend to move upwards. None of us knows, of course, how prices and rates will move in the future, but if your purpose is to tie down an income rate of about 9 percent for some time in the future, this selection seems like one that would do the job for you.

Thomas O'Hara of Bloomfield Hills welcomes your questions and comments but will answer them only through this column. Readers who send in questions on a general investment subject or on a corporation with broad investor interest and whose questions are used will receive a free one-year subscription to the investment magazine "Better Investing." For a sample copy of "Better Investing" or information about investment clubs, write Today's Investor, PO Box 220, Royal Oak MI 48068.

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Foodland Distributors of Livonia will supply frozen foods to Oak Ridge markets in the Detroit area. Foodland, an independent food wholesaler, supplies 103 supermarkets. Foodland is a joint venture of the Kroger Co. and Wetterau Inc.

Norway Drugs of Westland sold its assets to Arbor Drugs Inc. of Troy. Norway Drugs is at 2315 Venoy at Dorsey. It will be merged into an existing Arbor Westland store at 1659 Merriman.

Children's World Learning Center in Livonia was one of three in the Detroit area bought by Brauvn Real Estate Funds.

Robert C. Hinson Jr. financial planner moved his office to Mutual Service Corp., 39209 Six Mile, Suite

105, Livonia. The telephone number is 462-0889. The fax number is 462-6059.

Garden City Hospital Professional Staff of Garden City joined the Wellness Plan, a managed health care system offered by Comprehensive Health Services. Michigan's second oldest health maintenance organization.

Civic Center Office Plaza has opened at 33300 Five Mile in Livonia. Among its occupants are Hart &

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Meer Dental Supply Co. of Canton Township hired Business Computer Software Inc. to install two large

computers.

Re/Max Crossroads Inc. opened at 7664 Canton Center Road (at Sheldon Center Road), Canton Township. The telephone number is 453-8700. Re/Max Crossroads is the 22nd Detroit area Re/Max office.

"Business Resources Available at Livonia Civic Center Library" is a 35-page book that does what it says. It is available at the second-floor reference desk of the library. The library telephone number is 421-7338.

Small-business owners in Michi-

gan can call the U.S. Small Business Administration's toll-free "Answer Desk" telephone service to get help on problems connected with their business and the federal government. The telephone number is 1-(800)-368-5855. It is staffed during normal business hours.

A free international business service directory is available to any Michigan company doing business abroad. The directory is designed also to help foreign companies move to Michigan. To get a copy, call Mark Santucci at 1-(517)-373-6390.

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Wednesday, Feb. 7 — "Qualifying for College Financial Aid" offered 7-9:30 p.m. at John Glenn High School, Westland. Information: 459-2402. Sponsor: Wordhouse & Associates Inc.

● **Tax help**
Thursday, Feb. 8 — IRS tax-help session offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Information: Linda Morrow, 421-7338 Ext. 618. Sponsor: Livonia Public Library.

● **Financial planning**
Mondays, Feb. 12-19 — "A Lot of People Are Living Off Your Paycheck . . . How Come You Aren't One of Them?" workshop on money management skills offered 7-9:30 p.m. at Plymouth Canton High School. Information: 459-2402. Sponsor: Wordhouse & Associates Inc.

● **Marketing specialists**
Tuesday, Feb. 13 — Business Marketing Association meets at noon at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Information: Mark Ford, 553-5184.

● **paying for college**
Wednesday, Feb. 14 — "Dollars for Future Scholars" offered 7-9:30 p.m. at John Glenn High School, Westland. Information: 459-2402. Sponsor: Wordhouse & Associates Inc.

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● **Monaghan lecture**
Monday, Feb. 19 — Thomas Monaghan, founder and chairman of the board for Domino's Pizza Inc., will speak on "Entrepreneurship" at 7 p.m. at the Kresge Hall at Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The program is free. Information: 591-5117.

● **Non-profit leaders**
Tuesday, Feb. 20 — Non-profit Leadership Forum meets for breakfast in Southfield. Information: Accounting Aid Society, 961-1840.

● **Tax help**
Thursday, Feb. 22 — Free IRS

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● **Financial planning**
Saturday, Feb. 24 — "A Lot of People Are Living Off Your Paycheck . . . How Come You Aren't One of Them?" workshop on money management skills offered 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. Information: 459-2402. Sponsor: Wordhouse & Associates Inc.

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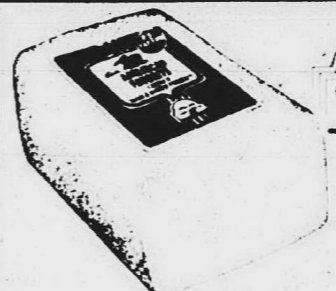
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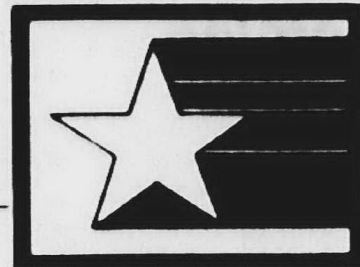
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Challenging play

Memories of 'The Donner Party' lead to its revival

By Cathie Breidenbach
special writer

MENTION OF THE Donner Party sends a shiver down the spine of those who know the chilling story of the California-bound wagon train.

During the winter of 1846, the group became snowbound in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Starvation in the frozen wilderness drove members of the party to cannibalism, and this macabre fact unfairly dominates popular legends about the ill-fated group.

What happened to the Donner Party of settlers and why it happened challenges all Americans. The Oakland University Center for the Arts will present the Michigan premiere of Hubert Blau's impressionistic play "The Donner Party" on Friday-Sunday, Feb. 2-4 and 9-11, at Varner Studio Theatre on campus in Rochester Hills. (Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and students, \$3 for OU students. For ticket information call the box office at 370-3013).

Director T. Andrew Aston says, "The presence of cannibalism is there in the play but it's not a main focus. From the point of view of everybody (in the Donner Party), they did what they could to stay alive, and cannibalism was a last, desperate step.

"MORE IMPORTANT is the total impact of being misled by a young guide named Lansford W. Hastings. He'd written a book on a new, shorter route across the mountains, but had never, in fact, taken the trail."

The Donner Party believed in Hastings and in his book. At Fort Bridger they broke off from the established Oregon Trail to follow his new route. Unexamined belief was the mistake that led to tragedy.

Using the motif and music of a square dance, plus folk songs — some traditional music and some composed for the play by cast member Michael Ameloot — the play relates the settlers' high hopes and naive expectations when they set out in laden Conestoga wagons for the promised land of California.

It documents their gritty practicality in the face of hardships on the journey and, most important, shows how misplaced trust in Hastings and simple bad timing in getting over the mountains before snow blocked the passes conspired against the group (29 men, 15 women and 43 children). Only 47 of the original 87 reached California.

The square dance provides more



JIM RIDER/staff photographer

Michael Ameloot is the Caller in "The Donner Party" by Herbert Blau, which is having its Michigan premiere at Oakland University's Varner Studio Theatre.

than a musical framework. Aston says, "The allemande left and grand right and left raise the whole question of how the wagon train's well-being hinges on turning left at Fort Bridger."

FOLK INSTRUMENTS from the mid 1800s — concertina, dulcimer and recorder played by Anne and Bob Burns — accompany the songs and lend an authentic sound to the historical story that challenges the audience to ask, "What would I have done in the circumstances?"

Aston says, "I hope the play causes a level of uncomfortableness, that it ignites inquiry," into the moral question of trust and the need to question authority. "I hope it has an after-burner effect."

Blau's experimental play alludes to historical facts known about the crossing, but he chooses to tell the story by overlapping images (even including some about 20th century mishaps) to create a theatrical collage of impressions. A linear unravelling of the tale would be easier to follow, especially for those not familiar with trials of the journey — Sioux and Paiute Indians stealing the oxen, a broken leg, a knife, two banishments and a long, parched trip across the Great Salt Desert.

Speeches in the play often overlap. Several dialogues run simultaneously and the nine members in the ensemble cast play multiple roles including those of oxen and Indians.

Sometimes accents change mid-speech as an actor shifts from a crusty, cantankerous German to an American prairie farmer.

Members of the ensemble company include area residents Mary Kay Geb of Rochester Hills and Sheila Lyle of Rochester. Also in the cast are Michael Ameloot, Donald Martin Anderson, Scott Berry, Catherine Blood, M.J. Hoffman, Betty Monroe, Corey Skaggs, Allen Verscheure and Tracy Wade. The impressionistic telling sacrifices absolute plot clarity for the emotional impact of accumulating impressions that resonate in the mind with the color and poignancy of memories.

"IT STUCK in my mind all these years," Aston says of the first time he saw "The Donner Party" performed in 1962. In Minneapolis after a tiring day, he stumbled upon a midnight production of the play performed by Kraken, a professional theater ensemble. "It was a riveting performance, and the play seemed a fine, honest vehicle, telling the desperate struggles of our forefathers."

More than 20 years later when Aston was looking for a challenging new play, memory of that production sent him in search of the script and its author.

Herbert Blau is renowned as an outspoken critic and writer on American theater, as a scholar who

until his recent retirement headed the Center for 20th Century Studies at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and as first managing director of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Blau had locked the play away so it could never be produced again because he believes theater can only be alive in the present moment — to record and publish plays for production other times and places negates that essential premise of the present moment.

Aston set out to ask Blau to permit a new production of "The Donner Party" despite Blau's philosophical stand. After several months of inquiry, he finally tracked Blau down on sabbatical in Paris and received reluctant permission to produce the play and a promise to send a script.

The skeleton script arrived with no stage directions whatsoever and with occasional blank spaces noting that lines need to be improvised. Aston welcomed the challenge.

"NEW SHOWS require a significant level of creativity. This one needed an enormous amount of choreography because the script doesn't provide any. There's a different level of creative though process when working on a script that hasn't already been ferreted out," Aston says.

Part of his creative process in-



Director T. Andrew Aston first saw the powerful drama back in 1962. He never forgot it and recently urged the playwright to let him direct a new production.

olved reading Blau's acclaimed books on theater, "The Impossible Theater: A Manifesto" and "Take Up the Bodies: Theater at the Vanishing Point." Blau thinks past experiences continue to haunt and affect the present. He calls those past events and experiences hovering over the present "ghostings." Aston steeped himself not only in Blau's philosophy but also in writings about the Donner Party's crossing documented in the book "Ordeal by Hunger."

Next, Aston set out to stimulate his cast members to think about their own biological heritages, to help them know their bloodlines and "be present with the past."

He says, "As we listened to them tell stories (about their ancestors), we could ask questions they couldn't answer." One actor knew he was

part Indian, but he didn't know what tribe. The exercise sent the cast foraging in old scrapbooks and researching family histories as they got in closer touch with their own bloodlines.

Photos in the Studio Theatre lobby identifying the cast also will take a heritage perspective. Instead of listing the usual performing credits, captions beneath each photo will describe family roots of the player. As an innovative way to bridge the gap between the audience and the play, the cast will circulate in the lobby before each show. They will ask members of the audience where their people came from so the audience, like the playwright, the director and the ensemble cast, also can be "present with the past" and confront the questions raised by history.

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'Celebration'
The Theatre Guild presents the musical "Celebration," with words by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, the creators of "I Do! I Do!" and "The Fantasticks," at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10 and 16-17, and Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25, at the guild playhouse in Redford. Tickets are \$8. For reservations call 538-6678.

'Peter Pan'
Garden City Parks and Recreation Department Family Dinner Theater offers "Peter Pan" by the String Puppet Theater, along with a hot dog dinner, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Maplewood Community Center. Tickets are \$5 in advance only at the center. Bill Siemers returns with his hand-carved 1/2-life-size puppets for the performance, which will be preceded by dinner. For more information call 525-8800.

Staged reading
The Detroit Center for the Performing Arts announces the second in its series of Staged Readings of Michigan Playwrights. Once again this will be the premier of a new script by a Michigan playwright, Livonia resident Evan Kelliber's "Witte's End." Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Eastown Theatre in Detroit. For ticket information call 884-6600.

Luncheon theater
Peanut Butter Players of Lathrup Village, children's luncheon theater, will present "How to Eat Like a Child (and Other Lessons in Not Being Grown Up)," a musical adaptation of the children's book by Delia Ephron, every Saturday and Sunday from Feb. 10 through May 6, except for Easter weekend April 14-15, at the historic Players Club in downtown Detroit. Hot dog lunch is served starting at noon; the show begins at 1 p.m. Tickets at \$6 include luncheon and the show. For reservations, call 559-1 "PBP" between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Irish tenor
Irish tenor Frank Patterson will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Allen Park Civic Auditorium. Patterson will appear with his wife, Eily O'Grady, and son, Eanan Patterson. A performance by the Birmingham Celtic Pipe and Drum Band will open the concert. Neal Shine, Irish storyteller, will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. The concert is being presented by the Fraternal Order of United Irishmen. Proceeds will aid food programs at St. Patrick's parish in Detroit's Cass Corridor. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call 351-4323.

Budweiser Autorama
Kari Doran of Bloomfield Hills, 1990 Miss Autorama, will represent the Budweiser Autorama featuring more than 700 custom cars, street rods, hot rods, trucks and vans and restored vehicles Friday-Sunday, Feb. 16-18, at the Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center in Detroit. Special attractions at the 36th annual Autorama include the Batmobile from the "Batman" movie, Robocop from the "Robocop" movie and Michaelangelo from the television cartoon

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." Autorama will be open from 5-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18. A special preview is planned for handicapped visitors 2-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16.

Coffee house
Possum Corner Coffee House Series will present Joel Mabus at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church in Clarkston. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors 60-plus and children 6-15 years old; children age 5 and under are free. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets and the Book Place in Lake Orion.

Polo Club
Berkshire Hilton Hotel in Ann Arbor is changing its Polo Club restaurant and lounge into a nightclub featuring live entertainment. Some of the club's seating has been removed to accommodate a dance floor and the five-piece band Nouveaute. The band plays Top 40 hits, standards and '60s dance music, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday. Happy Hour is daily 5-7 p.m., and the club offers complimentary hors d'oeuvres with a different theme each day. The club also serves a menu of light fare during its entire hours of operation.

Java, jazz
In recognition of Black History Month, Eclipse Jazz announces continuation of its Java & Jazz free coffeehouse series from 4-7 p.m. (including a half-hour workshop) every Sunday in February. A different group will perform each week at the Michigan Union Tap Room at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Complimentary gourmet coffee will be available. Griot Galaxy will



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Theatre Guild's 'Celebration'

David Podulka is Orphan, Patricia Jones (center) is Reveler and Susan Gorski is Angel in the Theatre Guild production of "Celebration" in Redford.

appear Feb. 4; the Eddie Russ Duo, Feb. 11; Kraig Taborn, Feb. 18, and the Bill Banfield Trio, Feb. 25.

Acoustic music
NewTradition Concerts presents acoustic music group the Tony Rice

Unit in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Lila R. Jones Theater at the Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College. Tickets at \$12 general admission are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, or may be charged by calling 645-6666. Tickets

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● **Dinner theater**
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Peter Noone starts in the two-part musical "Romance, Romance," opening on Valentine's Day at the Birmingham Theatre.



Helen Morgan (left), Mary Lou Ryzenga and Irene Hengatebeck appear in the Farmington Players production of "Waiting for the Parade," opening Friday, Feb. 2.

dinner/theater package. Individual tickets are \$26, or \$29 for preferred seating. Theater tickets only are \$12, or \$15 for preferred seating. A special overnight guest room rate of \$39 is offered with the package. Tickets may be purchased by calling 557-4800, Ext. 2242, and asking for the box office.

● **Mike Burstyn**
Mike Burstyn will be the debuting act at the third annual "Let Us Entertain You" series at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Burstyn has won two Israeli "Oscars" and had his own television series in both Israel and Holland. He also has played the leading role in "Barnum" on Broadway. Reserved

tickets are available at the JCC box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For further information call the center at 661-1000, Ext. 293. This show is sponsored in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts and the Manny and Natalie Charach Endowment Fund at the JCC.

● **Concert series**
The Sunday Concert Series is presented every Sunday 2-4 p.m. in the Center Court of Somerset Mall in Troy. The concerts are open to the public without charge, and theater seating is provided. Upcoming dates are: Feb. 4: Peter "Madcat" Ruth, harmonica virtuoso; Feb. 11: Hubie Crawford, bass; Don Barr, guitar; Feb. 18: Clarion Woodwind Trio

(Theresa Jenkins, clarinet; Bonnie Pantely, oboe, and Gary Caperton, bassoon), Feb. 25 Zamar, classical guitar duo (Michael Bryce and Mary Dusler)

● **Farmington Players**
"Waiting for the Parade," a drama by John Murrell, opens Friday, Feb. 2, at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. "Waiting for the Parade," second show of the 1989-90 season, tells the story of World War II's impact on the lives of five women in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The show runs Friday-Sunday, Feb. 2-4, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 8-11, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 15-18, and Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24. Curtain time is 8 p.m. except Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets at \$6 may be obtained by calling the players at 538-1670.

● **'Our Town'**
This spring, Troy Players will

present the perennial Thornton Wilder favorite, "Our Town." Resumes are being requested from those interested in directing the show. Performances will be Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19, at the Troy Community Center. For more information, call 879-1285 or send resume to President, Troy Players, P.O. Box 284, Troy 48099.

● **Casting call**
Auditions for the show "Serenading Louie" will be held from 1-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the Smith Theatre at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. The cast consists of two men and two women. Players must be able to perform ages 20-40. A three-minute modern dramatic piece should be prepared for the audition. For more information, call Bev Versele at 471-7700.

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Porch party

Klaus Dillman, German wine expert, will be guest of honor at a "Wine Tasting and Porch Party" from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Chuch Muer's River Crab in St. Clair. River Crab owner and founder Chuck Muer will attend the party, which includes a sampling of wines

and hors d'oeuvres, along with music by a jazz trio. Twenty-nine wines including German Estate, California and French labels will be available for tasting and for sale. Individual tickets are \$12 in advance or \$16 at the door. For reservations call 329-2261.

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Auction event

"Kaleidoscope Visits the Orient," Brookside School's auction, will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Chef Chris Carl of the Bijou Restaurant will prepare foods from Burma, Japan, China and Korea. In addition to the exotic cuisine, there will be a live and silent auction. Individual tickets are \$60, \$125 patron, \$175 benefactor. Patron and benefactor tickets include admission as well as a patron-benefactor party at the Kingswood campus at Cranbrook, with buffet supper prepared by Chef Bill Hall of Andiamo Restaurant. For ticket information call Angie Higgins at 642-7937.

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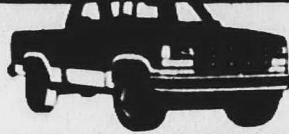
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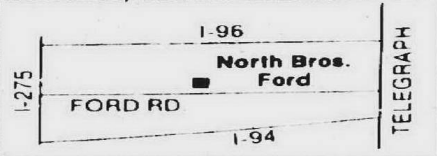
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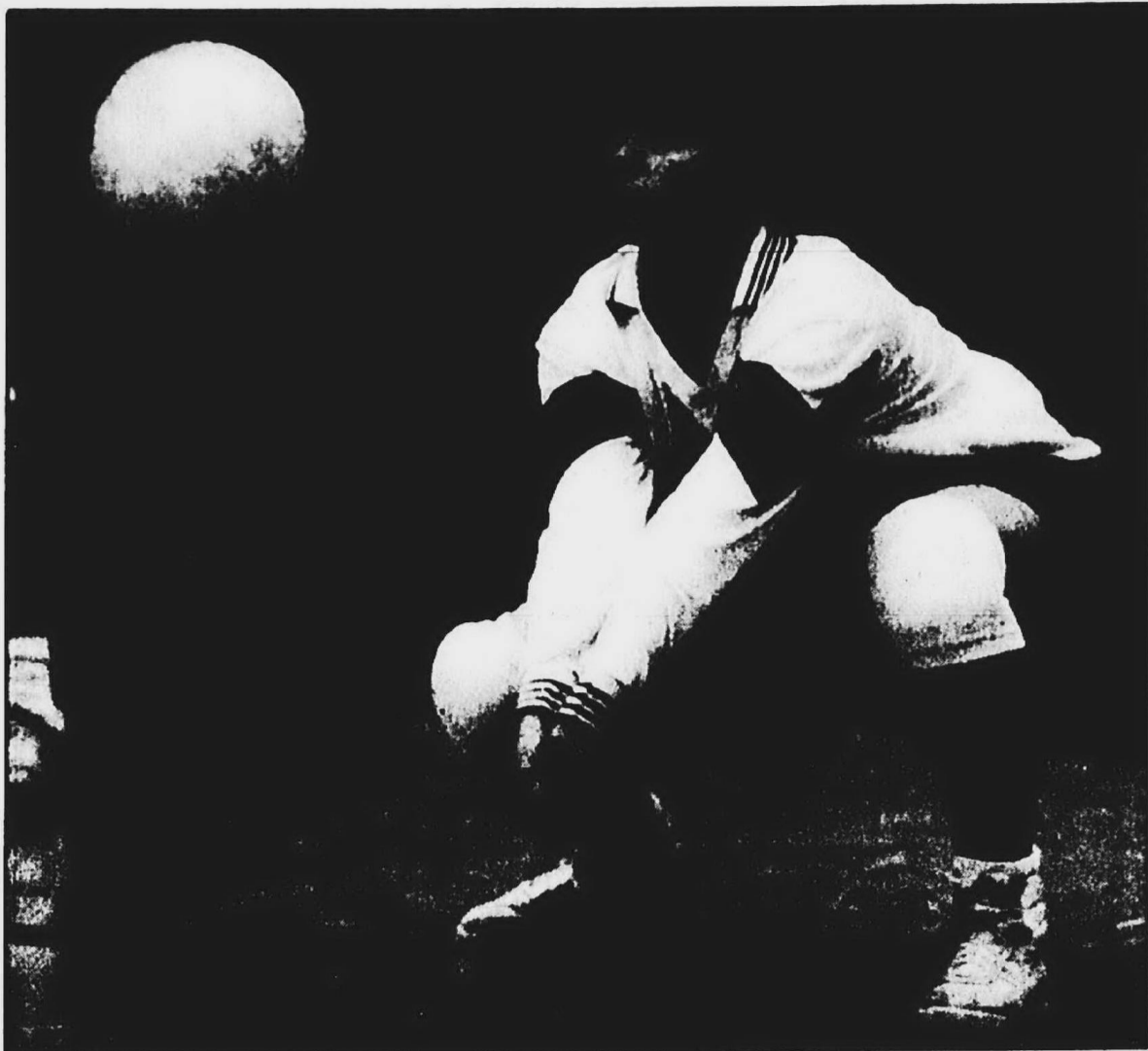
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Lorena Sanford comes up with one of her seven digs Monday night in Canton's volleyball victory over Harrison. The Chiefs achieved

their first win of the season, beating the Hawks in straight games.

Canton netters triumph

First-year coach Jacque Merrifield is beginning to see signs of progress in her Plymouth Canton volleyball team.

The Chiefs got their first Western Lakes Activities Association victory Monday, whipping Farmington Hills Harrison in three games, 15-11, 15-7, 15-6.

Canton is 1-3 in the Western Division, 1-6 against league foes and 7-7 overall.

"We're finally starting to play together as a team," Merrifield said. "We're a fairly young team, but we're starting to come together. We're at midseason, so it's time they get used to each other."

Christyn Halliday was a leader on offense and defense for Canton with nine kills and seven digs. Lorena Sanford also had seven digs.

Susan Ferko, a middle hitter and one of the team's veteran players, chipped in six kills, two blocks and four digs.

Merrifield said Ferko had been a victim of the domino effect. The

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Christyn Halliday had a big game for Canton, slamming nine kills and adding seven digs on defense.

Patriots prevail over Chiefs

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

Winning time was more than just a cute phrase for the Livonia Franklin basketball team Tuesday night.

Leading by a point midway in the final quarter, the Patriots scored 10 of the last 12 points — most of them on free throws — to hold off visiting Plymouth Canton 62-53.

Franklin goes to 3-2 in the Western Division and 5-8 overall, while the Chiefs, who have lost their last four games, drop to 2-3 and 5-6.

Craig Overaitis, who scored six of his game-high 20 points as the Patriots ran off 10 straight to boost their

basketball

led to 62-51 with nine seconds left, knows what winning time is all about.

"That's crunch time — when we all play together, when they foul and we have to make our free throws," said Overaitis, a 5-foot-9 point guard. "Usually, we go into D3 (offense). We pull it out and make them come and play us."

WITH THE game tied at 46 enter-

ing the fourth period, Franklin made its first three shots to move in front 52-46, but Karl Wukie answered for the Chiefs with two field goals, including a triple, for a one-point difference.

The Patriots, with five minutes to play and having only the minimum lead, took a chance by deciding to use the clock so early and trying to draw Canton out of its zone.

It worked, however, as Franklin made eight of 13 free throws.

"I said, 'It's winning time, let's put it to a higher level,'" Franklin coach Rod Hanna told his players. "Every-

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Rocks wallop Farmington

Plymouth Salem kept its Lakes Division-leading record unblemished with a convincing, 73-49 victory over Farmington in Western Lakes Activities Association action Tuesday.

The host Rocks led by 11 points after one quarter and increased their lead to 18 at the half, 43-25. Salem extended that to 66-34 after three quarters.

Salem, 10-1 and 5-0, was paced by forward Jake Baker with 12 points, and Tom Noonan and Ryan Johnson scored 11 apiece.

The Falcons, 4-7 and 2-3, were led by P.J. Green's 15-point performance.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 60, FAITHWAY 52: Plymouth Christian Academy overcame an early six-point deficit

on the strength of Manish Nandani's 35-point effort. "He really put on a show," Academy coach Dan Brandel said. "Nobody could stop him."

Plymouth trailed by two at the half, 21-19, and held a slim 34-32 lead after three before Nandani exploded for 18 fourth-quarter points. He canned five 3-pointers on the night, was 4-of-4 from the free-throw line and added seven steals to his sterling performance.

Teammate Pete Fox added 10 rebounds for the host Eagles, 1-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 4-7 overall.

Plymouth was aided by a strong 10-of-13 showing from the free-throw line, while Faithway Baptist of Ypsilanti struggled, canning just 10 of 24.

Gary Greenwood netted 17 points in a losing effort.

Canton completes eclipse of records

Plymouth Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham expected his team to break a lot of school records this year.

How right he was

The Chiefs reached another season high in team scoring and broke the last pre-1990 record in individual events Monday.

Canton, 5-0 in duals, scored 137.65 at Farmington Hills Harrison, eclipsing the mark of 137.30 set in early January against Northville. The Hawks scored 93.15.

Kim Rennolds of Canton had the best all-around score with a 35.2, giving her the school record. Linda Beale set the previous standard in 1987 regional competition with 34.35.

"I'M SHOCKED we did as well scoring-wise at this meet," Cunningham said, because the Chiefs didn't use as powerful a lineup as they could have.

Dawn Clifford, still not fully recovered from a broken ankle, didn't compete on vault or floor exercise. Heather Murphy was in only two events, too, and Danielle Mirto didn't do all-around.

"We've got some real good kids waiting in the wings," Cunningham said. "We have a number of kids who can maintain that 8.5, 8.6, 8.9 routine. We're going to be really strong when we get everybody into shape."

Canton's Jenny Tedesco was second among all-arounders at 33.8 and Johanna Anderson third at 32.7. Harrison's Amy Solomon scored 24.85.

Rennolds tied her own record of 9.25 while winning on the vault, and her 9.1 was tops on floor. Tedesco captured first place on bars with 8.5, and Clifford used an 8.9 to edge Murphy and Rennolds for No. 1 on the balance beam.

Rennolds and Murphy had 8.8 on beam, and Rennolds was third (8.05) on bars. Tedesco added fourth on beam (8.6) and floor (8.55) and fifth on vault (8.15).

gymnastics

ANDERSON WAS third on vault (8.45), fourth on bars (7.6), sixth on beam (7.8) and third on floor (8.85). Mirto also had a good meet, taking second place on vault (8.55) and floor (8.95) and fifth on beam (8.45).

Other Canton scores of note included Jana Shocking fourth on vault, 8.35; Clifford, second on bars, 8.35; Anderson, fourth on bars, 7.6; and Murphy fifth on floor, 8.4.

Harrison's top scorers in each event were Michelle Davis, vault, 7.8; Colleen Heinzmann, bars, 7.5; Faye Verellen, beam, 6.3; and Solomon, floor, 6.05.

Canton will be host Saturday for the annual Plymouth Invitational, which will feature eight of the state's 10 ranked teams.

Competing will be No. 1 Midland Dow, Troy Athens (3), Canton (4), Plymouth Salem (5), Freeland (6), North Farmington (8), Northville (9) and Fraser (10). Livonia Clarenceville will compete, also.

"Unless Dow has a bad meet, I don't think they can be beaten," Cunningham said. "I figure eight teams will be vying for second place, and a lot of them are pretty evenly matched. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Salem freshman Kim Miller, who won the all-around title at the Dow Invitational two weeks ago, will be one of the top individuals at the meet.

Others competing with her for the all-around championship Saturday will be Melissa Miller of Athens, Kristie Kelly of Freeland and Dow's Melanie Bugg and Jennifer Johnson.

Any number of Canton gymnasts, including Rennolds, and North's Heather Kahn and Kym Heller could challenge for all-around honors, too.

Depth does it for Salem

The Plymouth Salem swimmers won Tuesday's dual meet against Brighton, 91-81, without the benefit of many first places.

"We didn't have many winners," Salem coach Chuck Olson said, "but we went 2-3-4 in a lot of events. We had a lot of OK swims; that's how we managed to win."

Salem, 3-4 overall, accomplished the victory without senior standout Ron Orris, who is competing in Europe with the United States Junior National team.

In his absence, the Rocks received first-place performances from Eric Bunch in the 200 individual medley

swimming

(2:13.3) and Pat McManaman in diving (218.70).

Joe Pawluszka placed second in the 200 freestyle (1:57.52), and teammate Curt Witthoff took third in the butterfly (1:00.40). Salem's Brett Meik added second place with a personal best in the 500 freestyle (5:18.11).

The loss drops Brighton to 4-3. CANTON FELL to Novi, one of

the state's swimming powers, by a 114-58 count Tuesday.

The Chiefs recorded three first-place finishes. Nick Atwell took the diving (194.70 points), Bryce Anderson won the 100-yard butterfly (56.57) and Kevin Beach was best in the breaststroke (1:08.28).

In addition, Steve Geddes placed second in the 200 freestyle (1:58.43), and Anderson, Beach, Mark Ealovega and Craig Steshetz teamed up for a second-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:58.43).

Novi, ranked fifth in the state in boys swimming, dropped Canton to 1-4 overall.

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Marlins gain advantage in rivalry

By Don O'Meara
staff writer

In recent years, the advantage has belonged to Livonia Ladywood in its volleyball series with Catholic League rival Farmington Hills Mercy.

But the balance of power has shifted this year. The Marlins emphasized that point Monday night by defeating two-time defending state champion Livonia Ladywood a second time, 15-12, 13-15, 15-3, at Mercy.

"They do definitely have the edge," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said. "They've outplayed us twice now."

The No. 3-ranked Blazers (19-4) won five of six matches with Mercy the last two years, so senior Jennifer Goff and her teammates are relishing the No. 6 Marlins' elevated status.

"It's always been a struggle, Ladywood has always cast a shadow on us," Goff said. "This is such a big win and an incredible feeling to beat a team like that. Mr Teeters is a great coach, and their reputation says it all."

GOFF, AN outside hitter, slammed half of her 12 kills in the third game, including the game-winner, as the Marlins rallied from a second-game loss.

Andrea Velthoven also chalked up 13 kills for Mercy, Maureen Paulin nine and Lee Albrecht four. Nikki Burns averaged 37 assist attempts per game, acting as the set-up person for a superior Mercy attack.

"I think our hitters may be a little

volleyball

stronger," Mercy coach Tim DeBeliso said. "That's the only place we might have an edge. Passing, serving, setting - we're about even."

"This may be one of the best volleyball matches I've ever been involved with," he added. "That was state-caliber volleyball on both sides."

The Marlins started fast in the first game, leading 8-2, 12-5 and 14-8 before Ladywood got hot. The Blazers (19-4) scored the next four points and forced Mercy (29-2) into six sideouts before a Velthoven spike decided the issue. Ladywood attempted a quick-set attack but hit the ball into the net.

The edge went to the Blazers in the second game, which featured an unsuccessful rally by Mercy.

WITH THE game tied 12-12, Ladywood scored two of the last three points on Mercy hitting errors and a Rebecca Willey kill.

But attacking miscues were Ladywood's downfall in this match, according to Teeters, who counted 23 such mistakes by the Blazers.

"That's way too many for us," he said. "We're usually in the eight to 12 range. At the same time, Mercy accounted for some of those and forced them upon us."

Teeters added the Ladywood mistakes in the second game indicated

an ominous trend that continued into the finale.

"(The errors) made it closer than it should have been," he said. "We let them back in, and that turned things around and carried over to the third game."

"Even though you don't win the game, those momentum boosts can come into play down the line."

THE THIRD game was there for the taking as the teams traded early sideouts. The Marlins edged in front 6-1 and gained control with seven unanswered points on three service rotations to lead 13-2. Albrecht's block for point and Goff's kill finished the match, the Marlins making a strong statement in the process.

"The energy level was just something else," Goff said. "This game was four years of anxiety and intensity for me."

"In the last match, we were too hyped. This time we wanted to play our game, nothing above. We're the type of team, if we concentrate on fundamentals, our game is going to be there."

"We have a lot of respect for them, but Mercy came through in the end," she added.

Peggy Knittel notched 14 kills to pace the Blazers, Kari Domanski and Willey 11 apiece. Keli Haeger made six blocks, Domanski served five aces and Marsie Spender produced 12 digs and was 11-of-11 on serve reception.

Despite some impressive individual stats, Teeters agreed with DeBeliso

so the Marlins had the better attack in this match.

"WE DIDN'T execute well enough to beat the kind of team that Mercy is," he said. "We didn't have enough kills to keep it going."

"In the third game, they outplayed us tremendously. (The Marlins) stayed in there and even played better than they did in the first two games."

DeBeliso said the Mercy defense was as big a factor in the win. Amy Miller, who had nine digs, was a standout in the back row, reacting well to the short-set to Knittel, he said. Velthoven scooped up seven digs, Goff six.

"It's a great win at this time of year," DeBeliso said, "but we know we're going to see them again down the line. The Catholic League championships will probably be a rematch."

While the Blazers were still ranked ahead of Mercy at the start of the week, that could change when the next poll is released Monday, especially if the teams face each other and Mercy wins this weekend in the Essexville-Garber tournament.

"We might move up a couple notches, but all you can do is play good volleyball," DeBeliso said. "I told them: 'If that concerns you and you want to get ranked higher, when you play teams ranked in the state, you have to beat them.'"

"I'm not concerned with who's ranked ahead of us. I'm pleased we can play at that level."

Canton registers dual-meet victory

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Chiefs had trouble with their passing and, consequently, their setting and hitting, too.

"Now we're setting closer to the net and able to get strong hits off it," she said.

Canton's Danielle Meyka served three aces, Renee Dorey and Cindy Granger two each. Granger also led the team with 11 assists, and Meyka added nine.

In the Plymouth Invitational, the Chiefs lost two matches and split two in pool play Saturday.

Canton split with Dearborn (15-9, 12-15) and eventual champion Birmingham Marian (15-8, 8-15) and lost to Northville (5-15, 12-15) and North Farmington (10-15, 11-15).

PLYMOUTH SALEM played its best volleyball of the season last week while beating an always-good North Farmington team.

The Rocks won the match in

three straight games on Wednesday, Jan. 24, but each one was tight, 15-11, 16-16, 15-11.

"The kids are doing the things they're supposed to be doing," Salem co-coach Brian Gilles said. "(Co-coach) Allie (Suffety) and I are real pleased with what they're doing. They're moving well and not making too many mistakes."

Salem rated 94 percent on its serving. Martha Bol put all 13 serves into play with three being aces.

Aimee Rutan led the offense with eight kills and Kolleen Lawrence had six. Jennifer Emmett was 90 percent efficient passing off serve reception.

In the Plymouth Invitational, the Rocks advanced from pool play Saturday to the semifinals where they were eliminated by Northville.

Birmingham Marian defeated Garden City in the other semifinal and Northville in the final.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 5, 1990, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

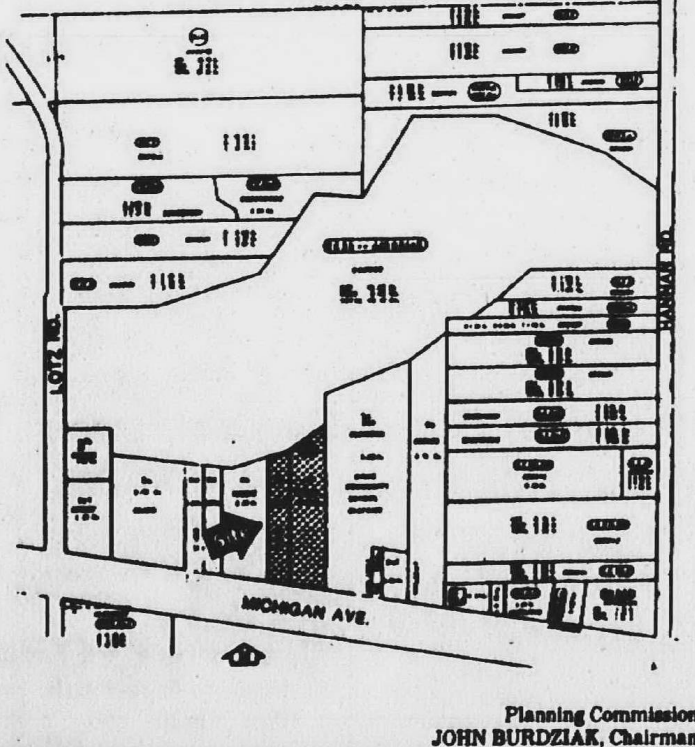
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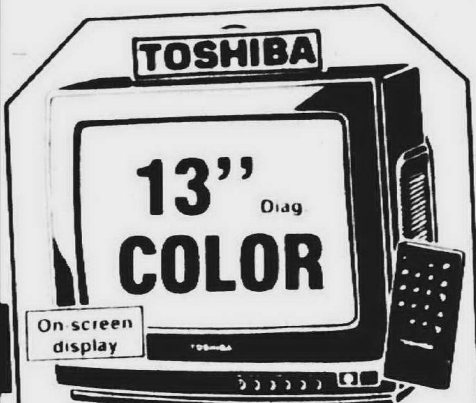
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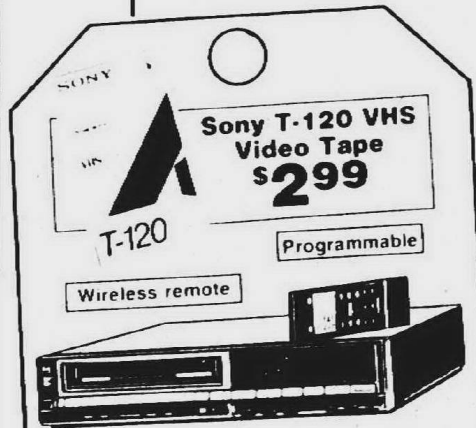
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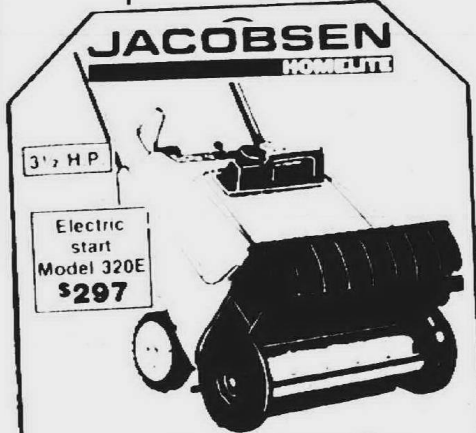
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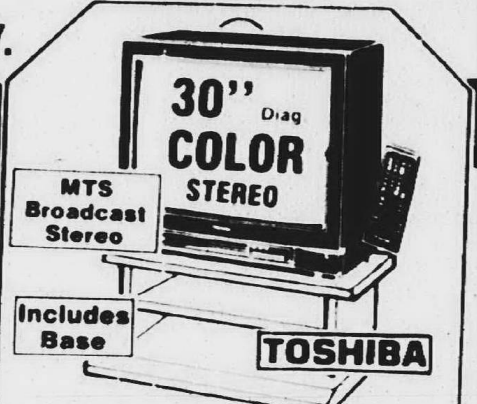
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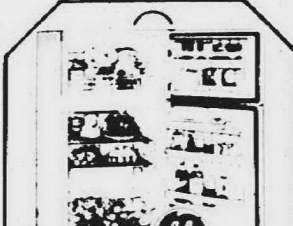
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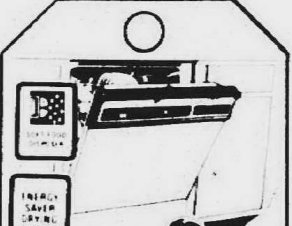
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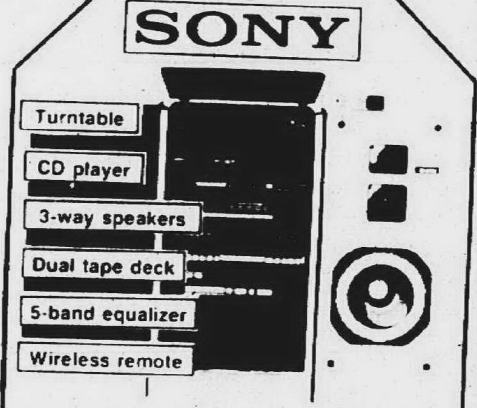
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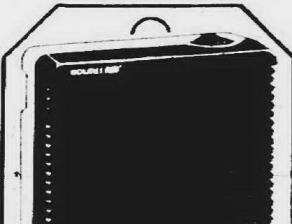
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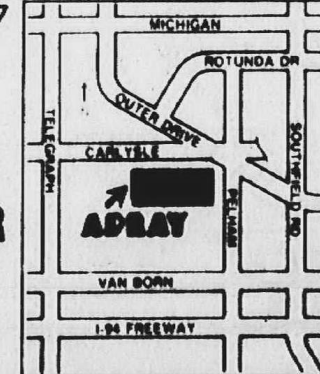
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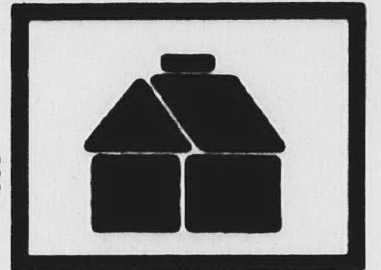
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Jarvi's prepared to buck tradition

By Avigdor Zaromp
special writer

NEEME JARVI, NEWLY APPOINTED music director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, is no stranger to local audiences. He has visited here on numerous occasions, beginning in summer 1983 at Meadow Brook.

Non-standard is a phrase that comes to mind when attempting to categorize the entity and approach of Jarvi. It starts with the name itself, whose spelling and pronunciation seem strange to most Americans.

The correct pronunciation of Neeme Jarvi is Nay-may Yair-vee. The correct way to write Jarvi is with an umlaut over the a. The umlaut, a two-dot modifier above the letter, is associated with German, but it's also part of Jarvi's native Estonian language and is unavailable on most presses in this country.

He has some definite views on music, which he graciously consented to share. While he, like his colleagues, respects the standard repertoire, Jarvi's scope goes far beyond. He continually attempts to extend the rigid, old frontiers.

"Most American major orchestras keep performing the same material again and again.

"Consider the Cleveland Symphony, for example. Under the distinguished George Szell they have recorded the standard works by Beethoven and Brahms, with some Schumann. Then they continued recording the same things and now under Ernest von Dohnanyi they are doing again, Brahms, Beethoven and Schumann.

"This music is great, but with too much repetition the audiences eventually get bored."



New Detroit Symphony Orchestra music director Neeme Jarvi gets into the spirit of Detroit with a new jacket to reinforce his identity.

JARVI'S SELECTIONS from his previous visits here and his many recordings with leading orchestras leave little doubt about his significantly different approach.

While much of it is still within the familiar territory, it rejects the notion that German music is the center of the musical universe.

A list of his featured composers illustrates that point: Dukas, Ravel and Mussorgsky (Meadow Brook,

1983); Berlioz, Franck, Ravel, Brahms, Sibelius (Meadow Brook, 1984); Part, Grieg, Sibelius, Martinu and Dvorak (Ford Auditorium and Orchestra Hall, 1988).

The composer Part is another example of the Estonian umlaut. It is pronounced Part, not "part" of the English language. Part and the Lithuanian composer Schnittke (whose violin concerto has been performed here with Gidon Kremer) are

among Jarvi's favorite contemporary composers.

MANY OTHERS, however, don't evoke his admiration.

"The old masters, even under the most difficult conditions, produced a lot of music.

"Today, with all the conveniences, including recording and production of sound and copying machines, very little useful music is being produced.

In their comfort, many contemporary composers tend to become lazy."

While he ventures beyond the center of the traditional repertoire, Jarvi isn't an extremist. He admittedly isn't a proponent of electronic music. "It has never appealed to me very much," he said.

HE HAS recorded complete symphonic cycles of several composers and extensive portions of others. The symphonies of Schumann and Brahms are among his few concessions to popular tradition.

A slew of Scandinavian and others from the Baltic states are featured, together with some non-standard works by Russian composers.

These include the complete symphonies by Sibelius, Prokofiev and Glazunov, symphonies by the Danish composer Gade, Estonian native Tuijn and several others.

Some of the names that are absent

from this long list are Beethoven and Mozart, both of whom, however, are represented on his programs during the current visit.

Jarvi plans to record with the DSOH, something he considers very important for the growth and the international reputation of any orchestra. Here, however, he intends to stress music by American composers.

"There is a lot of good music written by American composers, other than the better known ones — Copland, Bernstein and Gershwin."

PISTON AND CRESTON were among the ones he mentioned that weren't getting enough exposure. His high regard for American music extends to the oft-criticized national anthem as well.

"This country has a beautiful na-

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Ties remain strong

By Avigdor Zaromp
special writer

Neeme Jarvi was born in Tallinn, Estonia in 1937. He came to the United States in 1980 became an American citizen in 1986.

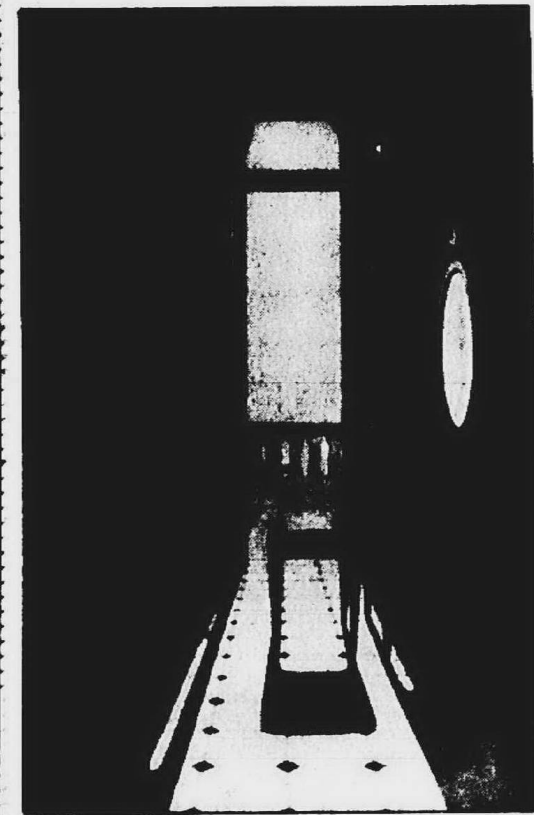
His ties to his homeland remain strong, however. When asked about the political climate in that region and the demand for independence from the Baltic Soviet republics (Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania), he said, "Many people compare this to the situation in Azerbaijan. However, this is a completely different situation. We never wanted to be part of the Soviet

Union and never accepted their rule. We were overtaken by the Soviets by force in 1940 and never had any choice in the matter."

Among the less publicized things that Jarvi mentioned was that the Republic of Estonia recently started to print its own currency and it is more readily accepted in international monetary markets than the Russian ruble. Because of this, people from less prosperous Soviet republics find it more difficult to buy Estonian goods with the rubles.

Last summer was the first time that Jarvi was able to visit his homeland since his departure.

Printmaker thrives in Paris



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Lynn Shaler's etching, inspired by a hotel room she stayed in while in Greece, illustrates her increased involvement with light in relation to interior/exterior space.

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

What is it about the light in France? It had a profound effect on a number of painters working in the south of France. Maybe, in Paris, for instance, it isn't the actual quality of the light, but rather the heightened awareness of light.

For whatever reason, Lynn Shaler, printmaker, who grew up in Birmingham and now lives in Paris, has become increasingly involved with light.

Sure, any visual artist is conscious of light, its sources and its effects at various times of day, but some use it as an element as they would an apple, a person or a building. Shaler's involvement is close to that point.

She arrived here Christmas Eve for a visit with her mother and brought some of her new work with her.

"These latest prints," she said as she spread out a selection on the dining room table of her mother's home, "are based on themes from France and Greece. It's been great living over there and I love speaking French.

"What I've been working on in these later prints is a sense of light, in creating a strong contrast, in joining the interior and exterior sense of light. All of my interiors have some kind of opening."

SHE IS METICULOUS in her attention to detail, skillful in concept and deeply committed to her art. One need only look at one of her etchings to appreciate this.

Before she starts the actual plate, she may work for two months on the composition, she said.

"And I do a lot of drawing, this is a prerequisite for the etching."

She may do up to four color plates and then

hand color each print after it is pulled. She has recently returned to one of her early subjects, doorknobs. A new etching, which has five in a row, is hand colored with charcoal.

SHE ONCE pulled all of her own prints. But as they have become increasingly complex, she has entrusted that to Atelier Le Blanc of Paris. She still does her own if only one of two plates are involved, she said.

She spends up to six months on the etching, and then each print takes at least an hour to make. So, several weeks are required to do only the printing for an edition of 100.

She belongs to a collective studio, Cite internationale des arts, where she works with 10-12 artists from all over the world.

"There's a fantastic exchange of ideas. They are from Yugoslavia, France, Japan, Bangladesh — we learn from each other."

AMONG THE SUBJECTS for her latest work are a hotel room in Greece with the light coming in from the balcony, her studio in Paris, an old Romanesque country church in France, a still life that has the quality of a watercolor, the exterior of a quaint Paris cafe, the architecture of Ile St. Louis and people.

While the latter are seldom the focus in her work, she did a series of miniature portraits that are quite compelling. The miniatures, she said, have been in a number of international shows.

"It's architecture that interests me the most in my work . . . but, I like doing varied subject matter — I don't like doing just one thing."

She took a breath and said matter-of-factly, with a slow smile, "But I always will do interiors."

SHALER GRADUATED from Seaholm High School in 1973. She completed her undergraduate work at the University of Michigan and her graduate work at Pratt Institute of Brooklyn.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Lynn Shaler brought many new etchings with her when she came from Paris to visit her mother. She said it may take many months from start to finish to complete an edition for a single etching.

Livonia Symphony takes audience to the movies

With "Music from the Movies" as its theme, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present the second in a series of three mini concerts at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 in the auditorium of Livonia's Civic Center Library. Conductor will be Francesco DiBlasi.

Featured soloists will be Victoria Haltom, violin, and Arianna Kallian, oboe.

Haltom will open her portion of the program with Antonin Dvorak's "Romance for Violin." She also will offer George Gershwin's "Lullaby" and conclude with the popular "Tara" theme from Max Steiner's score for the movie, "Gone with the Wind."

Haltom was a member of the New Orleans Symphony 19 years followed by a stint with "The Strings," one of the top string studio recording groups in Nashville, Tenn. She returned in 1984 to the Detroit area, of which she is a native, as principal second violin with the Michigan Op-

era Company. Her early training includes several years as a member of the Livonia Youth Symphony and the Plymouth Symphony. She was concertmaster of the LSO several years.

HER STUDIES INCLUDE those at the Interlochen Arts Academy and in the performance arts program at the University of Michigan before moving to New Orleans.

Kallian, a native of New York City, is a second-place instrumental winner of this year's LSO Young Artist Competition. For the mini concert, she will play Marcello's "Concerto in C minor."

She began study of the oboe with Livio Caroli of the New York Opera at age eight. Since 1984, she has been the recipient of a full scholarship for private study with Caroli. She holds the Certificate of Merit in Chamber Music from the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society.

Kallian has played oboe and English horn with the Hunter Symphony

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and the New York University Orchestra and was principal oboist for the Columbia University Orchestra. She is principal oboist with the LSO and Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra and also plays in the Dearborn Symphony.

Maestro DiBlasi will begin the mini program with LeGrand's "Summer of '42" and also will offer readings of selections from "Brigadoon" by Loewe and "On Golden Pond" by Grusin.

SECOND HALF OF the program

will begin with music from Andrew Lloyd Webber's smash hit, "The Phantom of the Opera." Also featured will be Sondheim's "Send in the Clowns," with excerpts from Richard Rodgers' "The King and I," as the concluding number.

Concert tickets are \$9 and \$5 for seniors and students. Advance ticket information may be obtained from Ida Krandle at 851-4534.

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Arianna Kallian
competition winner



Victoria Haltom
violinist featured

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photography
Monte Nagler

In the photo shown here, Birmingham resident Peter Lederer's camera was set and ready when two animal-loving kids couldn't resist offering a morning snack to a hungry elk. Pete's spontaneous shot, enhanced by the "do not feed" sign, captures a delightful moment on film.

You can even set up some possibilities for potentially good kid/pet photos. How about having the youngsters give the shaggy dog a much-needed shampoo or "dress up" the reluctant kitten or play with that elusive frog?



Pete Lederer's keep eye and ready camera enabled him to record this unrehearsed moment of child and animal interaction.

Romance writer opens S'craft author series

The Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College is offering a free four-part series entitled "An Inside Look at Michigan Authors" 7-9 p.m. Thursday evenings, beginning Feb. 8 in upper Waterman Campus Center.

On Feb. 8, "Romance Writing - Is It All Champagne, Kisses and Caviar Dreams?" will be the topic presented by Ruth Ryan Langan, author of historical and contemporary novels.

Langan has appeared on the Phil Donahue Show and Good Morning America.

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Ruth Ryan Langan
inside look at romance writing

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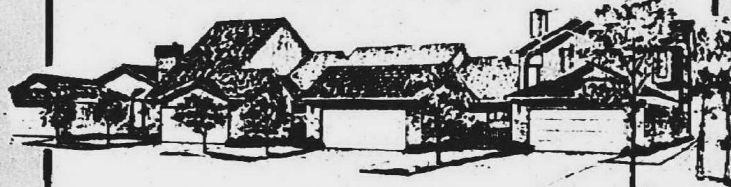
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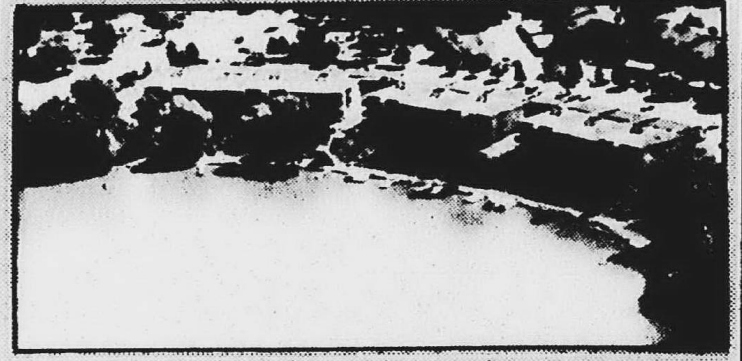


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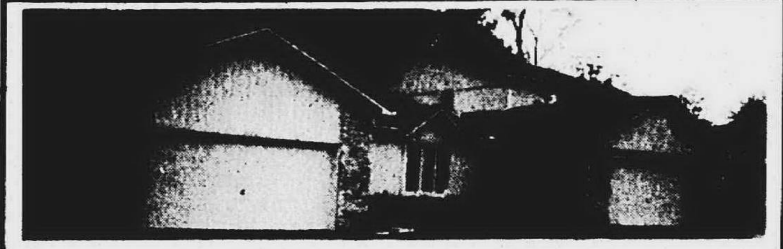
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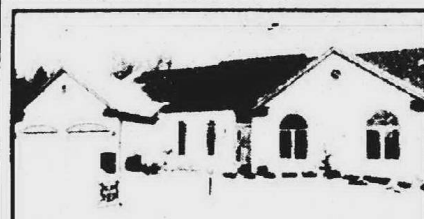
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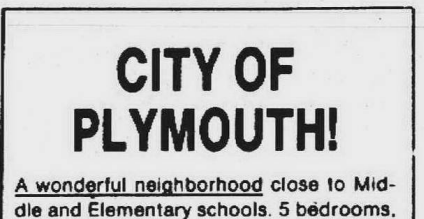
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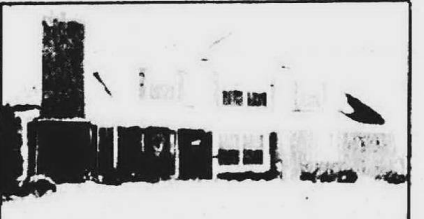
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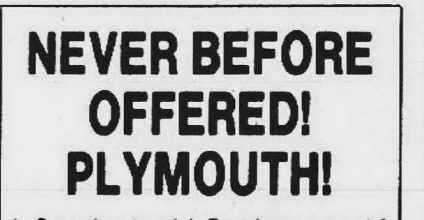


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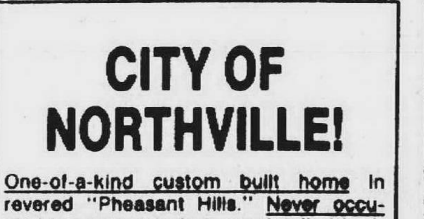


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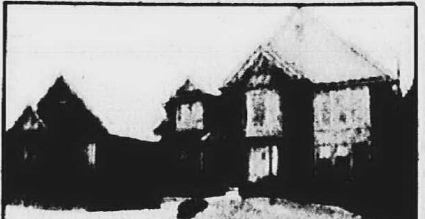
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It was 10 kinds of misery. She blew kisses to me, sang love songs — looking me right in the eye. I thought I would die of embarrassment.

Somehow I managed to enjoy the show, however. That is one star I will never forget.

That night we were entertained by four performers and all were very good (except for the one I just mentioned), but one star particularly stood out from all the others.

She — like all the others — possessed an ability worthy of her hire. But she alone by the sincerity of her performance introduced herself to all of us and we all were thrilled to meet her.

I THOUGHT TO myself, how beautiful are the arts. Whether singing, acting, writing, painting, dancing, sculpting, sketching or rhyming, the expression to express is a God-sent gift.

But given equal ability, what sets the expression of one above the expression of another? Is the performance we viewed unlike a poem that steals your breath away, or the actor whose performance catches hold of your emotions?

Is the affinity we felt with that singer much different from a chunk of marble, tenderly shaped into an image that evokes our expression of awe?

No, all artists possess the potential to share not just their ability but their spirit.

THAT SHARING of the spirit is what sets your particular art above the art of those merely going through the motions.

It is odd that you can struggle much of your life to acquire and perfect your ability and then by its ease of handling forget to ever share yourself — the person behind the ability.

Since ability only means "able to," then as a competent artist, your work should show what you intend it should.

If you, therefore, set out with the intention to impress your audience with technical skill, you would then be like the talented performers we viewed who merely "did their thing" and left with the applause.

Bridal show has a 'premier' focus

By Marie McOse
staff writer

It's a little unusual for floral shops to initiate full scale bridal shows.

Usually, they are just participants. But then Premier Designs in Livonia isn't your run-of-the-mill flower shop either.

Located in Laurel Commons and formerly known as Kim's Floral, the shop recently caught area attention for their outstanding room design in a modern setting in the first Livonia Christmas Walk sponsored by the Friends of Greenmead and benefiting restoration work in the historical village.

That show and the forthcoming bridal event are part of a marketing

strategy to showcase the talents of the two couples who have taken over the ownership and management of the floral design shop.

THE BRIDAL SHOW will be a gala event with two shows set for 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday in the new Livonia Marriott Hotel, Six Mile and Newburgh roads. In addition to the latest bridal fashions and complementary services, the audience will be treated to special entertainment and refreshments.

Taking part in the show will be Albright Photography, Allure Bridal, American Speedy Printing, Ask Mr. Foster-Camelot Travel, Egbar (D.J. service), Gerald's of Northville, John Casablanca Modeling School, Lor-

rie's Confectionately Yours, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Party Specialists, Precious Commodities, and Russell's Tuxedo.

Admission is \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door and will include valet parking, refreshments and an opportunity for door prizes.

The shop is owned and operated by two 26-year-old couples: Laura and Jim Enzor, and Suzie and Tom Gaunt.

Laura Enzor manages the daily operations and consults with most of the wedding and party clientele. Suzie Gaunt is the floral designer and manages all of the design and display aspects of the business. Their husbands, Jim and Tom, manage the financial and marketing ends while

maintaining full-time jobs elsewhere.

JIM ENZOR, WHO recently passed the CPA exam, is presently attending the University of Michigan evening master of business administration program. Tom is general sales manager and part-time owner of one of the largest wholesalers of fresh flowers in the area.

While we're at it, we might as well mention two other "family members" — Kala and Isiah, a couple of extremely friendly cats who are purrfectly at home in their role as resident feline flower children. They'll stay behind "to watch the store" on Sunday, however.



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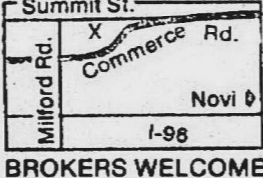
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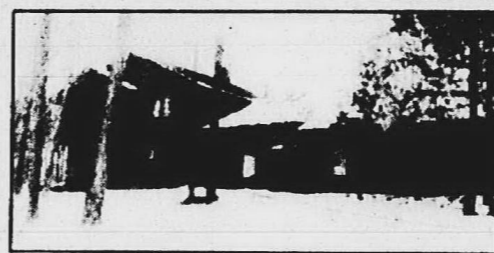


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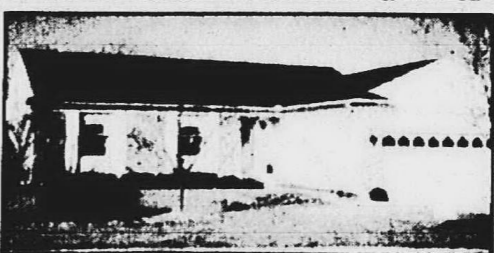
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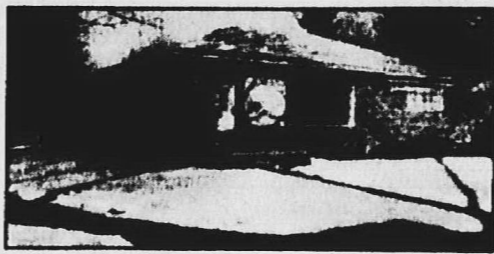
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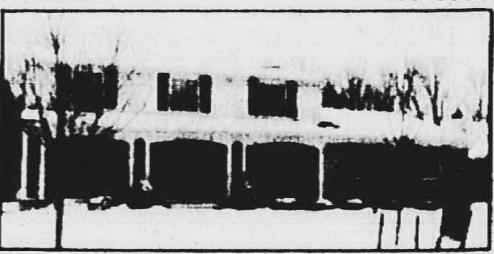
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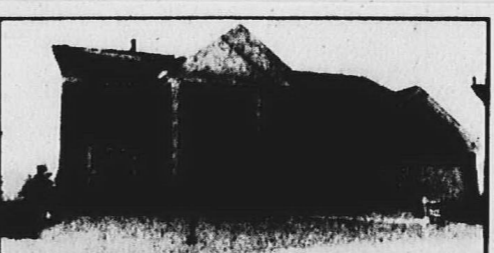
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DSO programming to be less traditional

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ditional anthem, yet there are those who would like to change it, replace it with that other song. I don't see what's wrong with the one we have." Jarvi knows some of his prefer-

ences might create opposition and antagonism, he said. "Some musicians may hate me and call me all kinds of bad names for making them work hard and learn some of the less popular mu-

sic. Some of it may not turn out to be the best choice, but in order to achieve something new and exciting one has to take some risks."

BUT EVEN within the traditional repertoire, Jarvi has fresh, unconventional approaches. Tchaikovsky, for example, is frequently praised for his use of Russian themes.

"You know what's really good in Tchaikovsky's last three symphonies? It's the fact that he didn't use Russian themes but instead composed his own music. The one instance where he used one — in the Fourth Symphony — he didn't quite know what to do with it."

At this point he hummed the second subject from the final movement of Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony and proceeded to imitate the cymbals and the brass with astounding impact — creating the illusion of a full orchestral effect to a degree transcending by far the limitations of human voice.

On Mozart, who is one of his favorite traditional composers, "Much of his music is like opera —

even his orchestral works," he said. "In almost everything you can sense the same kind of structure, almost feel the leitmotives."

JARVI is full of praise for the Detroit Symphony, describing it as one of the best orchestras. He is aware of the financial problems. He would attempt to present a stronger case to the more affluent individuals and organizations in appeal for support.

To increase audience attendance, a greater effort has to be made to increase the awareness of this cultural institution in more communities, he said.

More and cheaper student tickets should be available and advertised among more schools, he said.

"It is better to fill the hall with cheaper tickets than to keep the prices high and the hall empty."

When asked to select three composers with whom he would have to spend the rest of his life, after much reflection, he said Mozart and Martinu. Third place was a tie between Berlioz and Richard Strauss.

Symphony goes POPS with Chenille Sisters

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra will perform two pops concerts to coordinate with Winterfest '90. Ann Arbor's wacky and wonderful Chenille Sisters, plus Carl St. Clair will join forces at 8 p.m. both Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10 in the Michigan Theater.

Stunning harmonies and accessible songs blended with campy humor and hilarious skits make the Chenille Sisters special. Musically, they draw from a number of styles including jazz, swing, folk and blues, infusing it all with their contagious enthusiasm. They call themselves a "girl group" and say their focus is on fun. Their rapidly growing audience proves this to be true.

Bob Ayars, who has conducted and directed orchestras all over the world, is arranging the music for the

symphony's pops performances with the Chenilles. This is the group's first appearance with the orchestra.

IMMEDIATELY following the Friday night concertgoers will be invited to join the "conga" line from the Michigan Theater to Great Lakes Bancorp for a party to benefit the symphony. There will also be an opportunity to meet the Chenilles as well as musical director Carl St. Clair. Dancing will be to the Morris Lawrence Afro-musicology Ensemble. "Sweets and savories" will be provided by the Moveable Feast restaurant.

Concert tickets are \$15. There is an additional charge for the benefit. For ticket information, call 668-8397, for benefit party information, call 994-4801.

Author Barker at Borders



Clive Barker, whose horror novels "Weaveworld" and "Book of Blood" have earned him a reputation as the new master of the horror genre, will be signing his new book, "The Great and Secret Show" at Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center 7-8:30 p.m. Friday. Of his new book, Barker says, "I see myself as a fairground barker, forgive the pun, shouting to the public: 'Come inside and I'll show you demons, angels and the walking dead.'"

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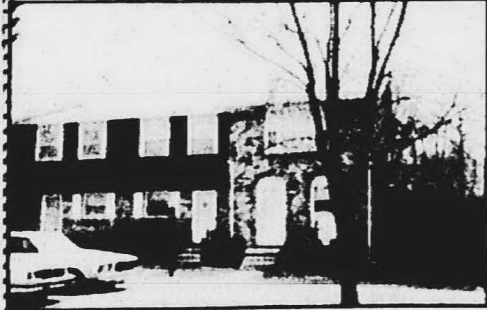
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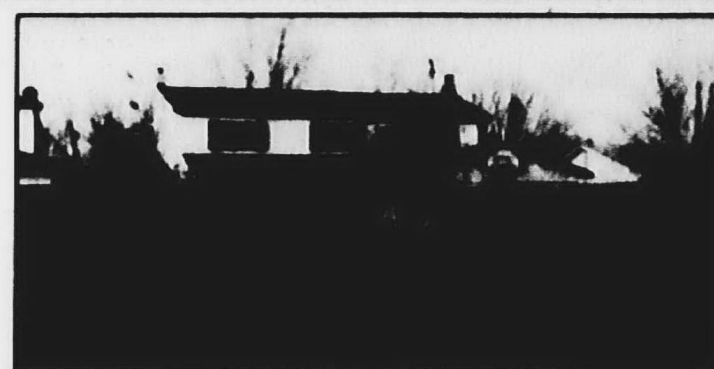
CANTON

WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM COLONIAL - Maintained to perfection many updates throughout. Private yard, well landscaped parquet foyer, neutral colors, super executive subdivision.
\$113,900 326-2000



LIVONIA

COME SEE & FALL IN LOVE - Livonia Castle Gardens contemporary 3 bedroom ranch. Interior totally redecorated, newer kitchen cupboards, floor, sink counter, newer roof, fireplace in family room, deck, partially finished basement.
\$105,000 455-7000



CANTON

IMMACULATE COLONIAL - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Crescendo built colonial in desirable Canton subdivision. Family room with fireplace, formal dining room, 20x20 patio, BBQ, above ground pool with many extras! Oversized 2 car garage with storage and larger drive, newer carpet.
\$129,000 455-7000



LIVONIA

ONE HALF ACRE ON MAIN ROAD - Three bedroom brick, professionally finished basement, zoned residential-will be rezoned. Great opportunity. House could be converted for professional or office use.
\$124,900 477-1111



PLYMOUTH

JUST ARRIVED AFFORDABLE RANCH CONDOS - Quality new construction and just a short stroll to downtown Plymouth. 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms. Spacious living room for furniture arrangements. Walkout to deck. Some private basements. Carports. Price range from \$78,900 to \$83,900
455-7000



CANTON

NORTH CANTON RANCH - Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch. Crescendo built, finished rec room, family room with fireplace and 2 car attached garage.
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LIVONIA

POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL - Value is in the land not the dwelling. Can be rezoned. Excellent location with good visibility and exposure. Seller will consider a land contract.
\$229,000 477-1111



CANTON

BEAUTIFUL LARGE QUAD 140M 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath in excellent north Canton location. View family room with fireplace from foyer with curved stairs. Beautiful large country kitchen.
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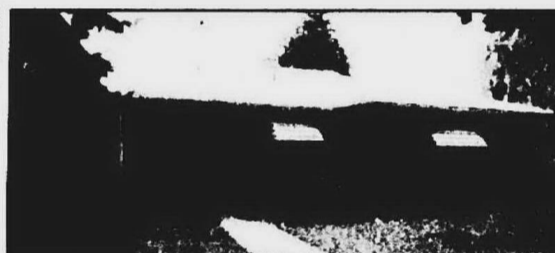
PLYMOUTH

YOUR PLYMOUTH CONDOMINIUM - Exceptional master bedroom with walkout balcony with great view, computer room or second bedroom, laundry and large storage. Carport and central air.
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WESTLAND

OWNERS ANXIOUS - Nice 3 bedroom brick ranch on corner lot. Newer roof and new carpet throughout, appliances stay, immediate occupancy, close to shopping. Hurry, this one won't last.
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REDFORD

LOOKING FOR MORE SPACE? - 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick home has it all. Large country kitchen, dining room, family room with fireplace, security system, sprinklers, newer furnace, central air and roof.
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SHARP CANTON TRI-LEVEL - Is located on a 1/2 acre fenced lot. Newer central air, beautiful remodeled kitchen, 3/4 bedrooms, 2 car attached garage plus 24x26 utility garage for extra storage.
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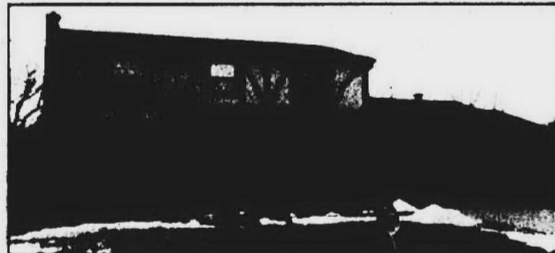
WESTLAND

A BIT OF COUNTRY - In the city! Large 5 bedroom, 2 bath home includes dining room, huge utility room, above ground pool, beautiful landscaping and more...
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WESTLAND

THIS HAS IT ALL - 4 bedroom brick ranch. Updated throughout: new windows, newly finished basement with rec room, dry bar and 4th bedroom, 2 1/2 car garage with opener, new patio and driveway.
\$60,200 261-0700



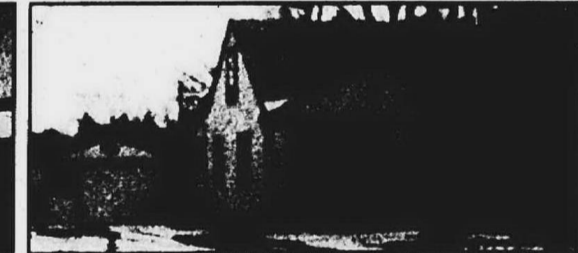
NORTHVILLE

3/4 ACRE LOT - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial on 3/4 of an acre in Northville Colony subdivision. Family room with full wall brick fireplace with custom wood mantle, central air, 1st floor laundry and much, much more!!
\$169,900 348-6430



CANTON

SHARPLY DECORATED 3 BEDROOM - New carpets, new kitchen floor, large family room with wet bar. Above ground pool with privacy fence.
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GARDEN CITY

CUTE, CUTE, CUTE - Bungalow in Garden City. Features include one car garage, large family room, fenced yard and country kitchen. Hurry it won't last long!!
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LIVONIA

BRICK RANCH - Livonia school system, and room for the large family. 4th bedroom in basement, family room, and 12x16 deck makes this one of the best buys in the Livonia area. Easy access to I-96.
\$91,900 261-0700



PLYMOUTH

TRAILWOOD - Original owner and well maintained! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with library, 1st floor laundry and inviting family room with fireplace. Very clean and neutral too!
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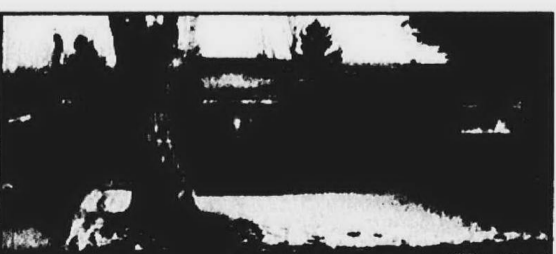
PLYMOUTH

UNIQUE FIND - 5 acres treed. Beautifully appointed. 3 bedrooms, stone and brick front ranch with huge lower level, carpeted, wood paneled family room with stone fireplace.
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WESTLAND

LIVONIA SCHOOLS - 3 bedroom tri-level, 1 1/2 baths, remodeled kitchen, new wood thermopane windows, garage with door opener!
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REDFORD

NEW LISTING - Mint, mint condition! Brick ranch with 3 bedrooms, new kitchen, windows and carpet. Back porch with skylights and Franklin stove. Sprinkler system, finished basement, wooded cul-de-sac.
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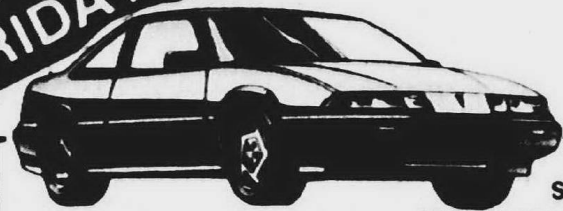
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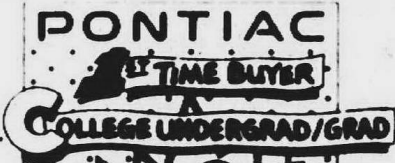
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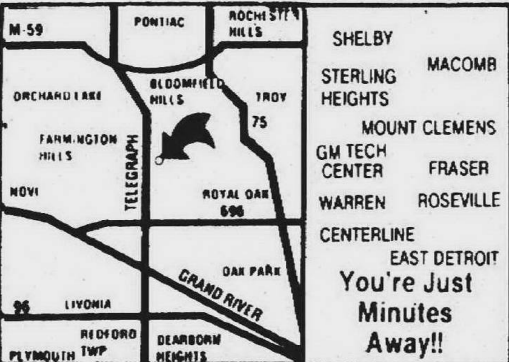
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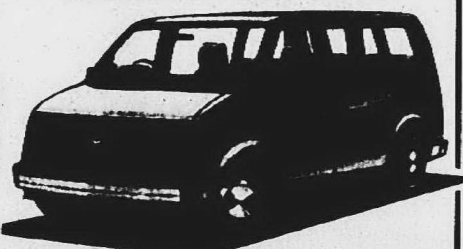


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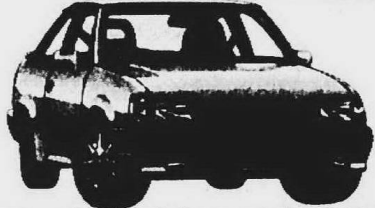
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By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

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BUT DOES it look good?

Architectural awards serve two purposes, said University of Detroit dean of architecture Bruno Leon. Awards give an architect recognition, but they also advertise his talent.

"Architects place them in their office, and they receive recognition from their peers, but clients see them as well and say, 'Hey, this guy is good.'"

Some developers even consider awards when deciding between architects for a job, Leon said.

But not all awards are created equal. Leon said a national award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) carries more prestige than the Small Town USA beautification committee award. The national AIA awards recognizes only the best designs in the nation. "When you think about it, that's quite an honor," Leon said.

THE PRITZER PRIZE, the international architectural equivalent of the Nobel Prize, is also a much-coveted award, Leon said.

There are also national and awards given by masonry and engi-

neering associations that are held in high regard, he said.

Next on the list of prestigious awards are the state chapters of the AIA, architectural organizations and the engineering and masonry groups, he said, followed by the local chapters of these groups.

There is also a growing number of chamber of commerce awards, city beautification awards, community organization awards — which are pleasant honors but offer less prestige to the winning architect, Leon said.

DESPITE THE growing number of architectural contests, their proliferation hasn't cheapened the effect of winning an award, said Karl Greimel, dean of architecture at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

"We haven't reached a point of saturation yet — until recent years there has been more good architecture than good programs to recognize them," Greimel said.

"Part of the importance of awards is educating the public on what is good architecture," Greimel said. "I'd like to believe that architecture is not entirely subjective, but it's not engineering — you can't add two and two together and get four."

Actually, there is far more good architecture — albeit unexciting architecture — than bad, but the general public perception is that south-east Michigan architecture is horrible, he said. "The blight overpowers the good. The poor tends to be so poor that it overwhelms us."

ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS can have a significant effect today, but historically, they were very important. "You have to remember that for three quarters of this century, architects were not allowed to advertise."

"A very successful vehicle for recognition has been the awards." Paid advertising has still not caught on in the architectural field even though the ethical restraints imposed by the profession have been lifted, he said.

Fewer firms are entering award contests these days because of the risk and time involved. Not every architectural design is built, he said.



Long Lakes Crossing, Troy, earned Minoru Yamasaki Associates a design award from the Masonry Institute of Michigan. The complex consists of two three-story office buildings, with

the second to be completed in 1991. The jury said the building's "simple detailing gives character and dignity to a common building type."

and the importance of contests as an advertising medium has lessened.

THE BIG NAME architectural firms are not always the contest winners. "A lot of firms are very successful but are not successful in contests because they don't try."

Larger firms with established client bases don't need the recognition that comes with awards, so they are unwilling to invest the time and money and risk gaining nothing for the trouble.

Architectural awards are most important to young architects and firms that need to gain attention so

that developers will consider them.

A national, state or significant local award can be an important part of a young architect's portfolio, he said. "It shows you have the stuff needed to be a good architect."

"There are always some good architects around doing good work consistently — and there are always clients around to mess it up," U-D's Leon said.

ONE CRITICISM of the Midwest is that architecture here is inferior, he said, but that is not necessarily because architects here are inferior.

Awards for architectural concepts

rather than existing buildings are more representational of good architecture because they are designs made by people who understand good architecture.

An architect's clients, Leon said, has final say on a building's design and so concerns on pragmatism may outweigh form and design considerations.

"It's important to remember the final project may not be what the architect envisioned," Leon said. "Great architects that work in Detroit always do their worst work here."

WHO JUDGES an architectural contest is also an important consideration, LTU's Greimel said. Typically, professionals, academicians, critics and public officials judge the most prestigious contests.

But more and more architectural contests include laymen, business people, developers and journalists, he said. A critical, analytical eye is the judge's most important tool.

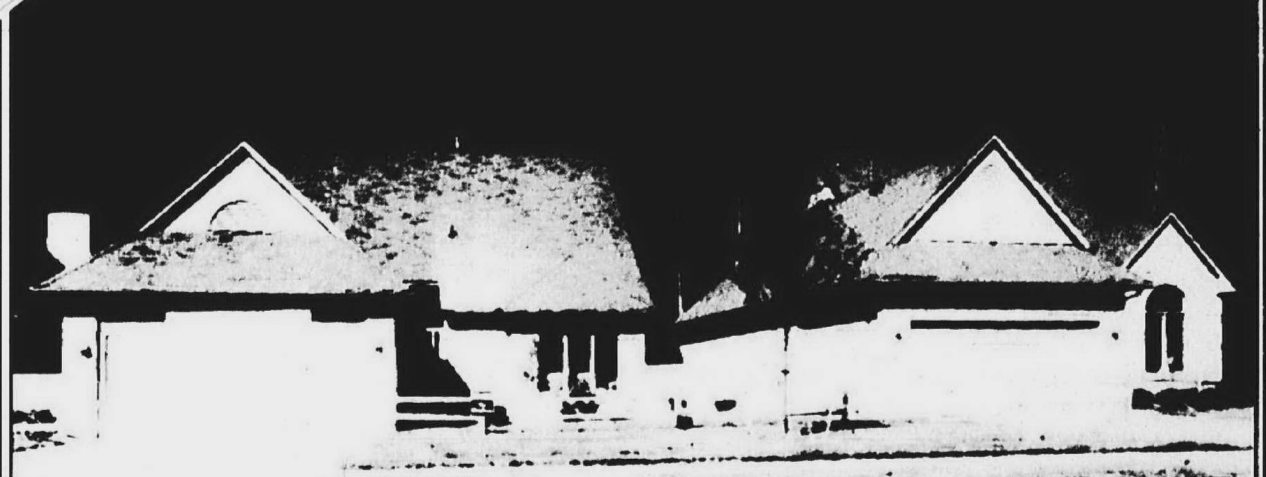
"It's good to have people besides professionals judging the contests," U-D's Leon said. "It doesn't take a professional to judge aesthetics and style."



Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates of Southfield caught the eye of Masonry Institute of Michigan judges who cited the design of the Willard H. Dow Laboratory on the University of Michigan campus. "The design skillfully executes the con-

cept of a simplified exterior from which reveals an unexpected explosion of space on the interior," judges said. "This idea of expectation and reversal, like a geode, works to sharpen the impact of the enclosed glass garden."

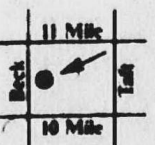
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By Jan Leslie Cook
special writer

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Now government researchers say they have a program that will prevent fires before they start, particu-

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Residential fires in the U.S. claim the lives of nearly 5,000 people each year. Close to 400,000 homes are damaged from smoke and flames. The estimated annual cost of all fire-related losses is more than \$5.5 billion.

The Center for Fire Research at the National Institute of Standards and Technology said a computer program called Hazard I will revolutionize the way buildings are designed and engineered for fire safe-

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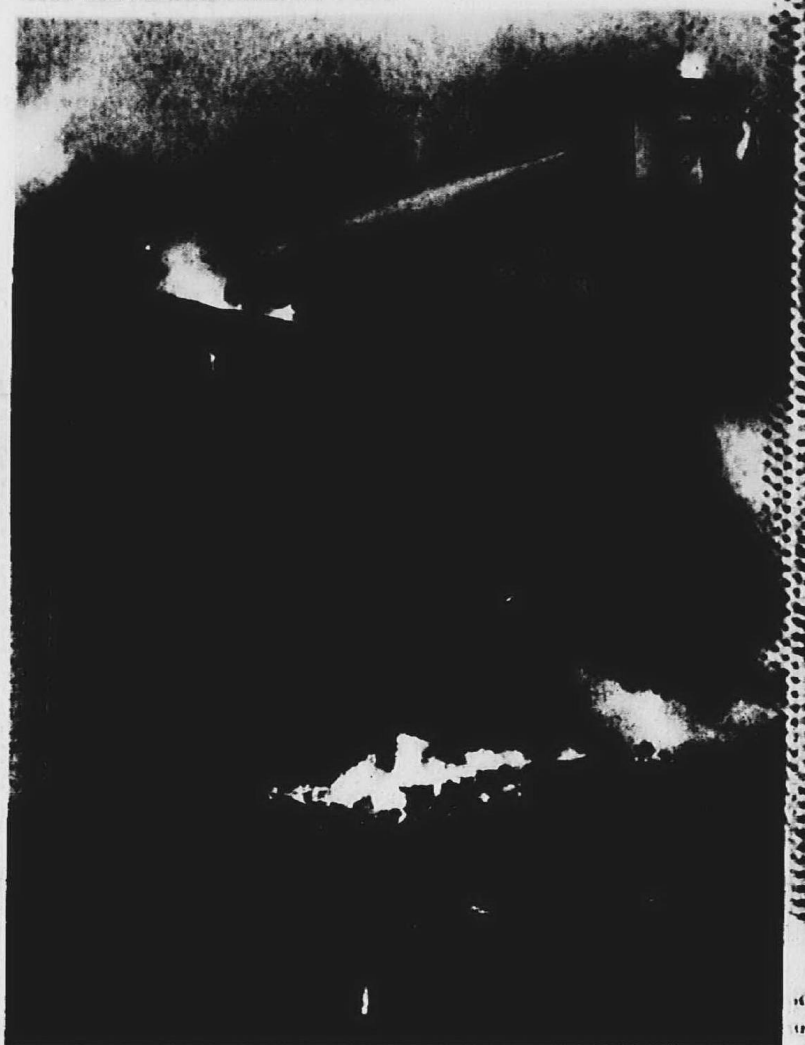
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Lighting 'makes or breaks' space

By Doug Funks
staff writer

All too many homeowners fail to put their houses, furniture and works of art in the best possible light due to inadequate lighting systems.

That's what some interior designers and retailers of fixtures in the lighting industry say.

"Lighting is just a way to make your home comfortable," said Nancy L. Burns, manager of the lighting lab program for Lightleap, a fixture manufacturer headquartered in New Jersey.

"The biggest mistake is people use one fixture to light an entire room," Burns said. "The end result is the room is flat, visually dull and appears smaller rather than spacious. Lighting can certainly enhance the space."

Recessed and track lighting systems now can be angled and adjusted in intensity with dimmers to create a variety of effects. Halogen bulbs, becoming increasingly popular, produce a whiter light than incandescent bulbs.

BURNS, AN interior designer who has won national awards for her work with lighting, was in Birmingham last week to host an open house at Michigan Chandelier on Telegraph at Maple. The store has the only lighting demonstration room in the area.

"My career started on a sentence I still believe in — lighting can make or break your space," Burns said.

Gone are the days some 30 years ago when all lighting fixtures in a new starter home could be had for \$10.95, said Herb Arndt, manager at Michigan Chandelier.

Now, we're talking about chandeliers, track lighting, recessed lighting, dimmers and halogen bulbs separately and in combination.

Chandeliers can cost thousands of dollars. Recessed and track lighting fixtures can average \$100 apiece. The trick is to maximize choice — and ambiance — without spending a fortune.

"SOMETHING MOST people can do is add a dimmer. Immediately, it gives you flexibility for quiet when you're with that special person or more light when playing cards with the kids," Burns said.

"A place I like to use a dimmer is in the bathroom. When that alarm goes off in the morning, I don't want to be blasted by light," she said.

"Lighting trends include more sophisticated dimming controls," Burns said. They're more convenient to use, more stylized in appearance.

Recessed or track lighting can be used to enhance objects like floral arrangements on tables or photographs and paintings on walls. They can be especially effective when used with chandeliers and dimmers.

The earlier in the planning process decisions can be made, the easier and less expensive will be the execution.

Consumers are becoming more aware but don't know all of the options when it comes to lighting,

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said Linda Shears, an interior designer at Modern Studio of Interiors in Birmingham.

"MOST PEOPLE want recessed rather than track," she said of today's buyer. "They don't want tracks running across the room. Recess is less obtrusive, they're not following a line in the room."

But for a remodeling job in a colonial home, recessed lighting may be cost prohibitive, she said.

Martha Noonan, an interior designer from Rochester Hills, also prefers recessed to track lighting. She's also charmed by the possibilities of softer halogen bulbs.

Although more expensive than incandescent bulbs, halogen bulbs last longer and are more energy efficient, designers said.

Education is the key. Consumers can read about lighting and talk about it, but really need to see it to get the brightest possible picture, those in the business said.

"People need to be exposed by some matter or means to even know about these things," Noonan said. "Unless they're working with someone like a lighting designer, architect or interior designer, they won't know how to go about it."



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Dimmers and secondary sources like recessed and track fixtures can enhance chandelier illumination, maintains Nancy L. Burns, an interior designer and lighting specialist.

4 projects earn awards

Three local architectural firms have been recognized for masonry design excellence in the 15th annual M Awards program, sponsored by the Masonry Institute of Michigan, based in Farmington.

They are: Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates, Southfield, for the Willard H. Dow Laboratory, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Kenneth Neumann/Joel Smith and Associates, Southfield, and Hening-

son, Durham & Richardson, Dallas, for the Oakland County Jail — south addition and renovation.

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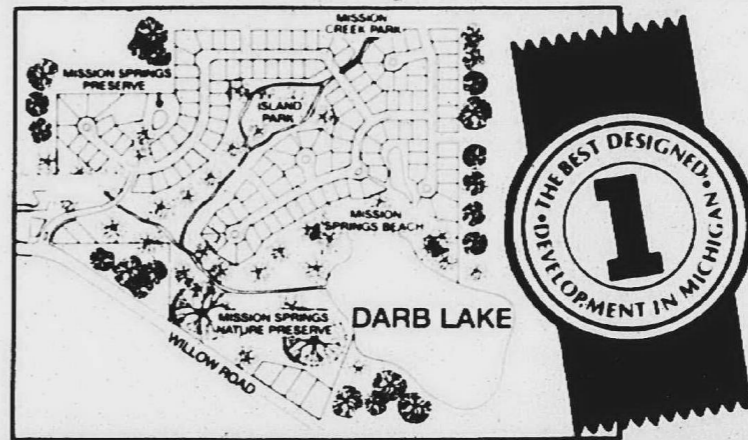
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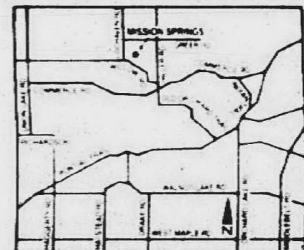


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R. Bruce Comstock

Jon W. Block has been promoted to vice president, architecture, of DeMattia & Associates, a Plymouth architecture and engineering firm. Block is responsible for architecture and design of all facilities.

R. Bruce Comstock of Livonia has been promoted to associate for the architectural/design firm of William Kessler & Associates. Comstock, a construction administrator, joined Kessler in June from Giffels-Hoyem-Basso.

Quadrants, a Livonia general contracting company, has announced several appointments.

Lewis Gordon has been elected vice president of the board of directors. He is responsible for daily operations of the corporate office, including new business development, bid preparation and submission, sub-contractor selection and personnel. He joined Quadrants in 1987.

New to Quadrants are: Joseph Peters, finance manager; Harry Black, project manager, and Larry Waterman and Greg O'Neal, project superintendents.

Willow Development Co. of Birmingham has named Sal Adama of Birmingham and Victoria Wright of Novi as marketing representatives of Fox Run Condominiums, Waterford. They will be responsible for sales and promotion of the development.

Adama is a former manager of Workbench in Birmingham. Wright was a Realtor associate for Coldwell Banker.

Morris Real Estate Group of Birmingham has been named leasing agent for Country Club Corporate Center, which is being developed by Northern Equities Group.

The development, at Haggerty and 12 Mile roads in Farmington Hills, will consist of three, three-story office buildings and a five-story hotel on 125 acres. Nissan Corp. will move its North American

research and development headquarters, and National Bank of Detroit and the American Concrete Institute are also planning developments there.

Kojaian Construction Corp. will develop a 75,000-square-foot office and warehouse facility for Troy-based Northern Wire and Cable on eight acres on Brown Road near Lapeer road in Auburn Hills. Construction is set to begin in April with completion in October.

The building will be designed by Garbooshian/Buddy Associates of Birmingham. Gary Stephens of Signature Associates served as broker for the project.

Two appointments have been made at Byron Trerice Co., Birmingham.

William C. Fearon has been named director of the land division and will be responsible for acquisition and marketing of vacant land.

Allan Brotman of Bloomfield Hills has been named sales associate and will be responsible for sales and leasing of commercial and office properties.

Steven Brouwer has rejoined R.A. DeMattia as an estimator. Brouwer previously had worked as a DeMattia project engineer.



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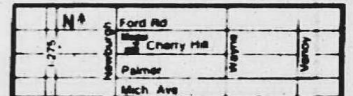


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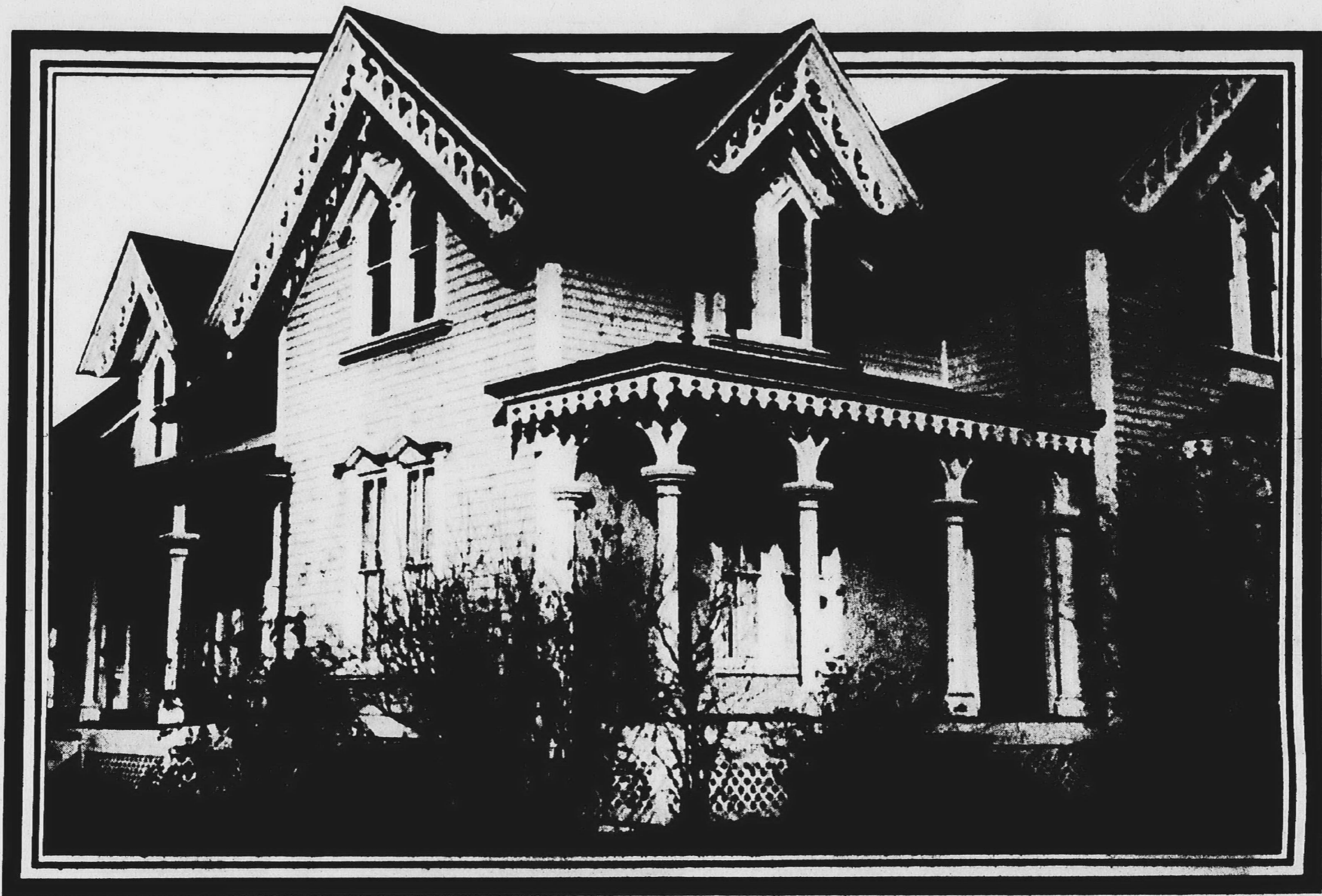
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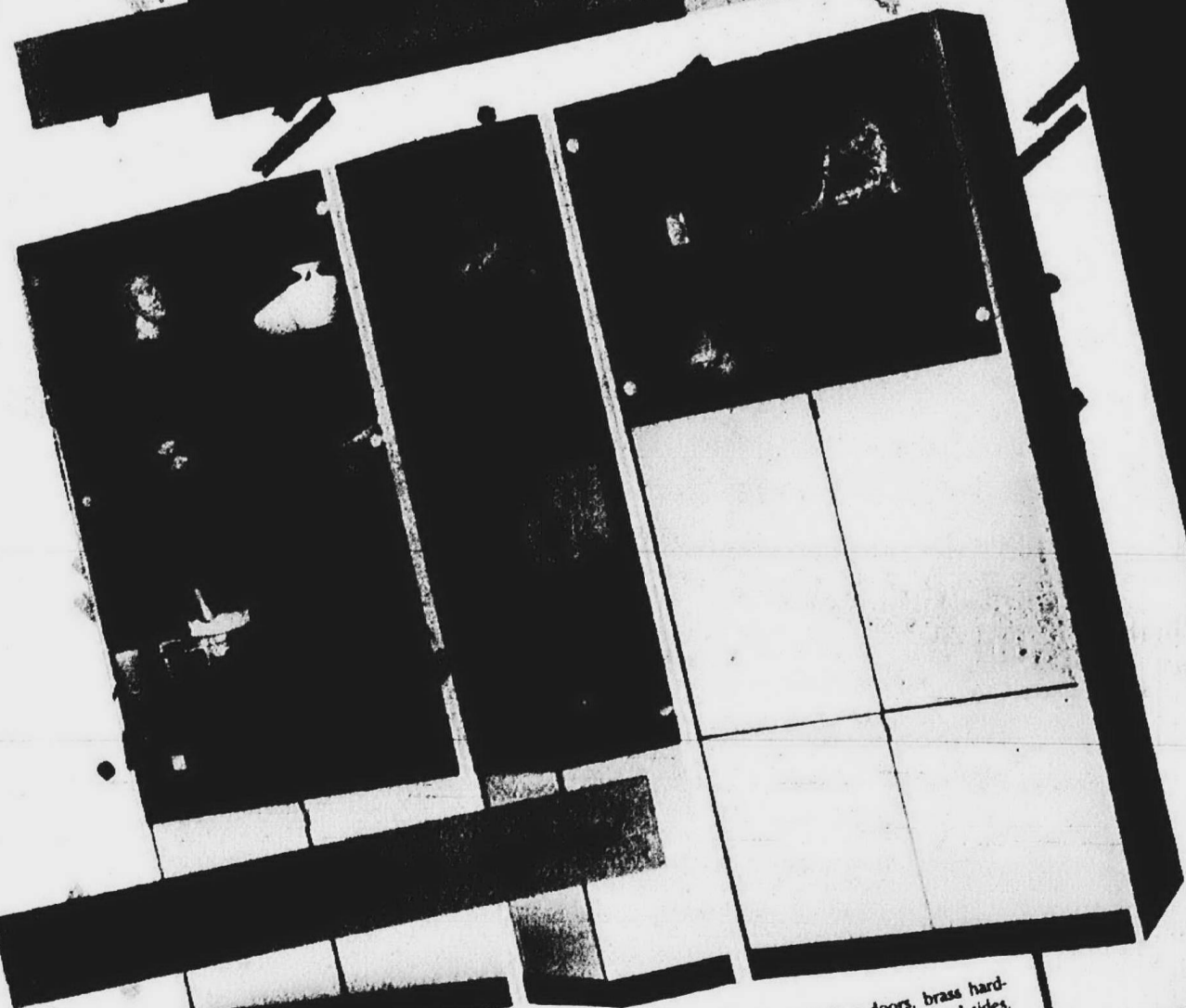
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