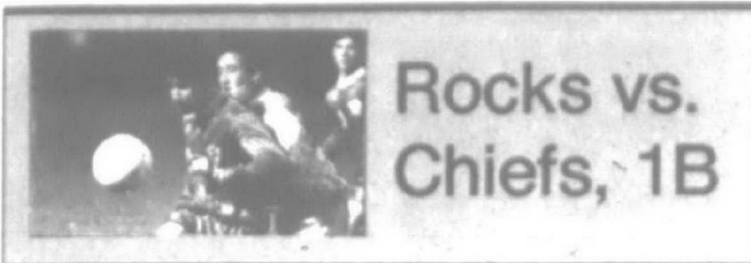


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Nancy Horst, with tour guide Jo Winter, heads Around Town Tours of Plymouth, which offers tours designed for customers seeking to visit or move to the area.

Residents feel powerless in Edison battle

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

The power is so unreliable in this Plymouth-Salem neighborhood that some residents are buying backup generators.

That's because there have been three power outages of 10 hours or more in the last three months, in an area along Napier north of North Territorial Road, said David Lent.

LENT, WHO LIVES just west of the Plymouth Township border, has collected 20 signatures of his neighbors in Plymouth and Salem townships, and included them in a letter to Detroit Edison.

"It is not uncommon for our power to go out weekly for short periods of time," Lent wrote. "These short outages are a source of frustration as well as inconvenience to us as residents."

"We would like Detroit Edison to investigate the reasons why we have had so many outages in the past and why we continue to be so vulnerable to power shortages," Lent wrote.

"If possible, we would then like your company to take some action to implement these findings and resolve any problems it finds," Lent wrote, while urging Edison to come up with an action plan.

"When power goes out, Lent explained, 'We have no plumbing at all.'

Residents have learned they can

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— David Lent

have drinking water and water to flush toilets if they save it prior to a power outage.

"I have a neighbor who keeps one or two gallons just in case," Lent said. "When a storm comes they start filling the bathtub."

Lent said he suspects that some trees in the area need trimming to keep them from brushing against power lines and causing outages.

While he got 20 neighbors to sign the Sept. 9 letter to Edison, "I bet I could get 100," Lent said.

EDISON SPOKESWOMAN Lorie Kessler said Tuesday, "We got the letter yesterday afternoon," and said Edison workers "are already looking into it."

On Monday, Edison reported it has budgeted an extra \$175 million to \$200 million over the next three years to improve customer service and system reliability.

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Firm sells families on area cities

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Imagine you're offered a new job that means more pay, status and other benefits.

That's the good part. But you and the wife and kids will have to move to an unfamiliar city.

"It is very difficult to pick up families and move," said Nancy Horst.

"We try to be their first personal friend."

Horst last September began running a Plymouth branch of Around Town Inc., an Ann Arbor-based firm that offers relocation tours to families moving to the area.

Horst and four co-workers also find apartments for anywhere from 10 days to several months for

'We tell the managers, 'You sell them on the job position and I'll sell them on the community.'

— Nancy Horst
Around Town Inc.

visiting executives and offer tours of Plymouth and metro Detroit to spouses of executives in the area for meetings.

The relocation tours "are conducted often before the person has made a decision to accept the position with the company," said Horst, who lives in Plymouth Township.

"We tell the managers. You sell

them on the job position and I'll sell them on the community."

Horst doesn't take each group of clients on the same tour. Rather, "This is all personally put together for them," she said.

Information packets are put together "specifically with only those pieces of information they request or are interested in."

More mature executives, Horst said, "like the quiet calm of Northville, some of the new condominiums in Plymouth and Northville."

She tends to show young families some of the residential neighborhoods in Canton.

"If they're interested in historic restoration, the symphony, golf, the ski slopes, we get brochures on things of interest to them," she said.

Besides giving visitors things related to their individual interests, "We try to give them a tour and an over view of the three communities."

Among places in Plymouth she'll take customers are the Wilcox House, Old Village, and the Wilcox

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DDA to decide on bid for post office

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

An offer to buy the post office on Penniman is scheduled to be approved by Downtown Development Authority members tonight, after city commissioners on Monday approved the plan to buy the building.

The U.S. Postal Service had given the city a Tuesday deadline for making an offer on the building which the postal service plans to vacate early next year.

CITY MANAGER Steve Walters said Tuesday he'd contacted postal officials, who said they'll send forms the city can use to submit a written offer for the property, which postal officials have appraised at \$390,000.

Local officials decline to state what they're offering for the building prior to negotiating a purchase.

The city plans to eventually sell the building to a private owner.

City officials say DDA ownership of the building would allow the city to protect the building's architecture and control development there and create "a greater likelihood that those uses would contribute positively to the commercial environment on Penniman Avenue," Walters wrote in a memo to city commissioners.



Steve Walters

The city effort to buy the post office drew criticism Monday from Plymouth resident Tom Dix. The spending of all this money is tax money," he said and asked if city officials have inspected the building.

A very detailed review is in process, Walters said. He added that some DDA members have inspected the building and that an extensive inspection would take place before a purchase would happen.

The DDA, which has enough money saved to buy the building, could possibly enhance the city's bond rat-

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'2000' plan would cost PC \$350,000

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Reaction in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to educational reforms under consideration in Lansing ranges from support to frustration and disapproval.

Unveiled last week, Gov. John Engler's Michigan 2000 plan covers quality, equity, teacher improvement, job skills and preschool for at-risk students.

The plan for achieving excellence "to include no new funding" would allow teachers and principals to open their own tax-supported schools. Tenure laws would be revised to make it simpler to fire teachers. Schools would guarantee that graduates have basic skills. And rules would be relaxed to allow professionals to teach.

Under terms of legislation agreed to by a House-Senate panel and approved by the House Tuesday, richer districts would share tax revenue with poorer districts.

Wealthier districts would give up half of the increase in tax revenue on existing commercial and industrial properties. The money from Michigan's 164 out-of-for-

mula districts that are ineligible for state aid would go to the 398 in-formula districts that receive state money. The bill would take immediate effect if approved by the Senate and signed by Engler. The governor has said he will sign it.

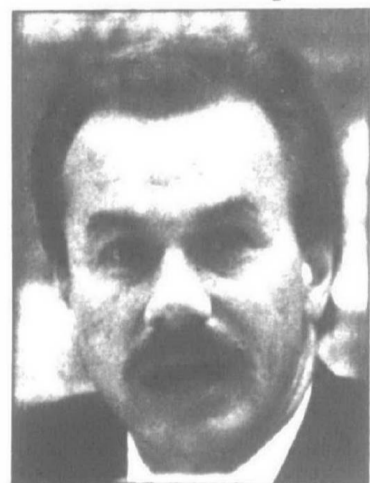
RAY HOEDEL, Plymouth-Canton associate superintendent for business, said, "The great difficulty we have is that we've already passed our budget."

"School districts, as they well know, are required by law to pass their budgets prior to July 1. Here they are taking money away from schools after they've passed their budgets," said Hoedel. "What a way to run a ship."

According to the state, Plymouth-Canton schools stand to lose about \$700,000. Hoedel and Superintendent John Hoben say the figure is closer to \$350,000.

"I don't know where they get their figures. I think they're using last year's millage rate," said Hoedel. "What they're trying to solve is a financial dilemma for schools. But the method by which they're doing it I don't think is fair."

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State Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton.

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staff writer

The two men met for the first time at about 3:30 p.m. Monday in Hines Park. They spent the next few hours hopping between some Livonia bars.

But before the day was done, one man, 57, would be in the hospital with a stab wound to the chest.

The other, 30, would be arrested by Plymouth Township police on a charge of assault with intent to murder.

John K. McKenna of Northville was in stable condition Tuesday at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, after he was stabbed in the chest along a dark stretch of Hines Drive.

The man charged in his stabbing was scheduled to face a court appearance Wednesday, police said.

Sgt. Robert Antal said that after the two met

The 30-year-old 'told the victim to pull over. When the victim pulled over and stopped, shutting off his lights, he felt a sharp object strike his chest.'

Sgt. Robert Antal

along a stretch of Hines Drive, both men were traveling in the 30-year-old's vehicle.

Hours later, after leaving a Livonia bar, they returned to McKenna's black 1987 Ford Ranger and began driving around, Antal said.

The 30-year-old told the victim to pull over. When the victim pulled over and stopped shutting off his lights, he felt a sharp object strike his chest, Antal said.

MCKENNA GRABBED his assailant's arm and

started to get out of the truck, then closed the door on the man's arm, Antal said, causing him to drop the knife.

The man then drove away in McKenna's truck. McKenna made his way to a nearby Sunoco station at Joy and Lilley, where police and medical help were called at 11:17 p.m.

Canton police broadcast a description of the stolen truck, and Plymouth Township Officer Cal Lauria spotted the truck on westbound I-96 exiting onto south I-275.

Lauria followed the truck and stopped it at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, where the 30-year-old was arrested without incident at 11:55 p.m., Antal said.

Police have the knife used in the stabbing, as McKenna kept it after his attacker fled, police said.

Antal said the arrested man has a prior criminal record. But to what extent we don't know yet.

DDA will decide on post office purchase

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 ing by buying the post office and demonstrating intent to maintain Plymouth's downtown, Walters said.

THE DDA PLANS to sell bonds to fund the downtown streetscape improvement project. The project is tentatively set for city commission approval in November.

"The DDA will not have to lay out substantial cash (to buy the post office) until well into 1992," Walters wrote.

The normal earnest deposit with the USPS (postal service) is 10 percent of the purchase price. In addition, it would be possible to negotiate a short-term financing agreement with the USPS to allow payment for the property over two or three years," he continued.

DDA members said last week they wanted city commission approval of the effort to buy the post office, before starting negotiations with the postal service.



Nancy Horst, left, and Jo Winter show Plymouth and Canton to prospective residents and visitors through Around Town Tours.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Firm sells families on moving to area

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 mill. "Hines Park is a wonderful place to show, it's beautiful in any season."

"We'll show them residential areas downtown, point out some of the churches and schools, and the CEP (high schools)."

"In Canton, we'll tour the administration buildings, the new library and recreation complex," Horst said.

The Around Town tours for spouses of visiting executives can range as far as Grose Pointe, Birmingham and other suburbs. "Spouses want to do something interesting," she said.

That often includes shopping. Horst said that while hotels will often "send them to Twelve Oaks," Around Town planners know particular shops around metro Detroit and

activities that make for a more interesting day.

Horst, who gained experience planning conferences for her husband Paul Horst's company Nematron Corp. also offers conference planning through Around Town.

Outages put out residents

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A storm July 7 was the worst in the power company's 86 year history in terms of customers affected," Edison reported. Kessler said the storm likely contributed to power outages in the Plymouth Salem neighborhood.

Delays in restoring power sparked criticism from customers and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

sion.

The plan announced Monday is aimed at preventing customer power outages, reducing the numbers of customers interrupted and speeding service restoration through system redesign," Edison said.

We learned from the storm among other things that tree trimming is necessary to improve reliability," Kessler said.

Arson suspected in township fire

Arson is suspected in a fire on Friday that severely damaged one of two Plymouth Township businesses housed in the same Ann Arbor Road building.

Cosmetic Car Care, 903 Ann Arbor Road, sustained several thousand dollars damage in the 2:23 a.m. fire. "It's being classified as a suspicious fire," said township Fire Chief Larry Groth.

Witnesses, Groth said, "heard two very large and loud explosions."

When firefighters arrived, "The fire was going through the roof," he said.

There were no injuries in the blaze.

Samples of materials taken at the scene have been sent to the Michigan State Police crime lab for analysis. "I would hope we'd have results

within the week," Groth said Monday.

A car parked at the business was destroyed by the fire. Victory Lane, a quick oil change business housed in the same building, was expected to reopen this week, he said.

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Students lay out yearbook pages. They are, from left, Holly Jaskierny, David Yack, Eric Tomei, April Brian and Laura Long.

Student yearbook

It's an 'Annual' task in PC high school class

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Each spring, Lauren Pearson of Plymouth Salem High School goes recruiting. Not for football players, not for soccer standouts, cross country runners or basketball players — but for yearbook staffers.

"Yearbook isn't a class you just sign up for," said Pearson, advisor for the Annual staff who also teaches public speaking, acting and advanced composition.

"I INTERVIEW kids before they sign up. I talk to their teachers and see how they're doing in their classes, because there's a lot of responsibility involved managing money, editing and writing. You need strong skills, and you need kids who understand what hard work and leadership are."

The Annual is printed by Walsworth Publishing Co. of Marcelline, Mo. The nation's largest independently owned yearbook publisher, Walsworth publishes 3,500 yearbooks for high schools, colleges and

cruise ships in the United States and abroad.

Because Centennial Educational Park's Annual is the yearbook for the 4,500 students attending both Plymouth Canton and Salem High Schools, it totals more than 400 pages every year.

That's one big book. It's on the top side of the largest books we do," said George Kurten, Walsworth spokesman. CEP staffers have received numerous awards, among them Walsworth and Columbia University honors.

"We've enjoyed working with the people who've helped produce the Annual. They know what they're doing," he said.

School has just begun, but you wouldn't know it visiting with the 24 students in Pearson's two yearbook classes. At "yearbook camp" at the Holiday Inn in Livonia, Annual staffers began working on their 1991-92 cover. By Oct. 7, that big decision will have been made, and 45 pages — many of them on last year's spring sports — will be printed and sent off to the printer.

AFTER THAT, there'll be deadlines every month through March 2. In addition, students are required to sell a minimum of two ads, which are priced anywhere from \$30 for an eighth of a page to \$150 for a full page.

Pearson says she's lucked out with a good staff again this year.

"They're all excellent hard workers, and very dedicated," said Pearson, a graduate of Canton High School and Northern Michigan University.

Several Annual editors are beginning their third year on staff. Editor-in-chief Becky Heneveld describes her job as fun, hectic and worthwhile.

"My first year I was kind of laid back. Last year, I did a lot, and I was kind of stressed out at times. But I've enjoyed the last few years," said Heneveld, who with Pearson and other staffers has spent many an evening, weekend and vacation day working on the yearbook.

"I like the people in the class, and our teacher," said the Canton senior. "She's awesome, she's really good. What makes all the hard work worth it?"

"I think you learn to communicate with other people and deal with other people. You learn about deadlines. Stuff has to go out on that day you're responsible. You also learn how to work by yourself at your own pace. You learn a lot of things I will take to college with me," said Heneveld, who plans to major at Hope College in English.

CANTON SENIOR Sandy Miller is organizations and events editor, responsible for making sure everything from the Rockettes to the Chieftettes to the Fall Festival and Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular are allocated space in the yearbook.

Miller's experience has prompted her to consider a career in publishing. "I like to write, but I don't know that I'd necessarily make it as an author. I like to be creative, and this gives you an opportunity to be creative within guidelines. It's a lot of fun."

Rob Theisen is a computer specialist on the annual staff responsible with two others for typing all the copy into Apple II computers.

"We have to do a lot of editing, and we have to train new people this year, which isn't fun, but it has to be done," said Theisen.

The class is a lot of fun. Our advisors are always really, really nice; they help you not only with yearbook stuff, but other things too. I've met a lot of good friends.

One of the not-so-good aspects of working on the Annual is the criticisms the staff receives when the yearbook is published.

"Usually we hear all the complaints. We take time out of our day to do this, and then people who aren't involved complain, but don't

get involved," he said.

The job has been rewarding for Pearson. "This will be my first full year," said Pearson, who replaced the retired Jim Stevens.

"I graduated from Canton. I guess I was never meant to leave," she Pearson, who rewards her students with a banquet and scholarships.

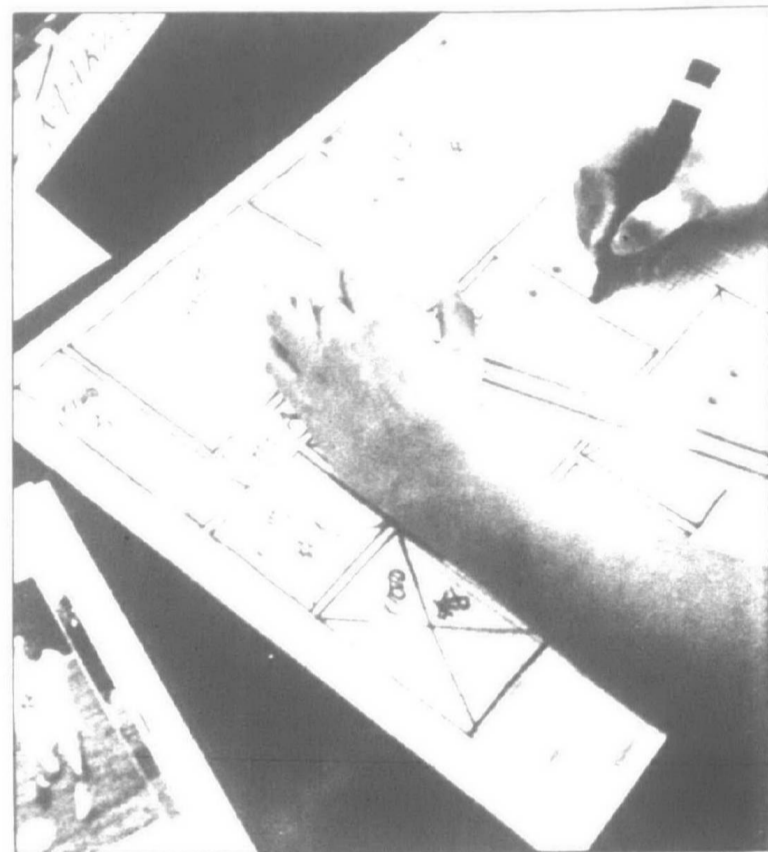
Coming back to CEP to pursue her career has been a good move, she added.

"I have great kids, and the administrators here have been fabulous."



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Lauren Pearson, the teacher, at left, and Allison Partain, a student, discuss the yearbook.



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A student works on a yearbook page.



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Laura Long does page layout for the yearbook.

Plymouth paving faces rough road

The pothole-ridden surface of Plymouth Road in northeast Plymouth could get a patch job next year, but probably not the resurfacing it needs.

That's what City Manager Steve Walters told city commissioners Monday, after he and Mayor Jack Kenyon met recently with Russell Gronevelt, a director of county engineering services.

"It's classified as a five, that's the worst classification," Walters said, for roads needing repairs.

The Wayne County official told city officials that there is not enough available money to perform all classification five repairs.

It may not survive the cutoff point, depending on the funds available, Walters told commissioners.

"What we're competing with is other communities that get tired of waiting and are willing to pay more than 50 percent," he said. For county roads such as Plymouth Road, the county requires the local community to pay half.

Commissioner Jerry Vorva said the city should encourage Plymouth Township to contribute to the road repair cost. "I put that in my letter to (county commissioner) Maury Breen," said city commissioner Robert Jones.

Walters said another reason the county might not elect to work on Plymouth Road is that other roads with a five classification carry more traffic than Plymouth, and that could encourage the county to attend to those roads first.

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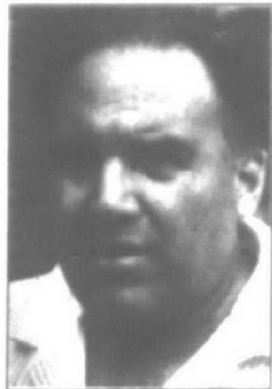
This week's question:

Do you think the Senate should confirm the appointment of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court?

We asked this question in front of the Plymouth Post Office.



Yes. I like what I hear. He's certainly well qualified, for many reasons. But it's getting to be a political issue, which I think is outrageous.
— Fabe Mirto
Plymouth



I think they should. I feel he is fully qualified. Some of the radicals are going a little too far opposing him.
— Rudy Vaquera
Plymouth



I believe he should be appointed. Personally, I don't think we have enough minorities representing us in government. I haven't followed Thomas too much, but that's a big thing.
— David Korona
Northville



Yes. As far as abortion is concerned, everyone can do what they want with their own body. I don't think Thomas has anything derogatory to say. I'm glad he's not saying more than he is.
— Eleanor Burmeister
Plymouth



I don't think the Senate has decided yet. It'd be tough for me. And they've had the chance to question him. I'm a little bit up in the air about it.
David Korona
Northville



I've heard his name on the news, but I haven't paid much attention.
— Kenneth Vadrna
Livonia

'2000' plan would cost PC thousands

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Hoben — who three weeks ago met with Engler and school superintendents from Lansing, Muskegon, Ann Arbor and Mount Pleasant to discuss the governor's proposed reforms — is slightly more supportive.

"I'm not opposed to revenue tax sharing. I think it has some good qualities to it and addresses itself to the particular issue of equity, but we will lose some money on it," he said.

"I THINK what the governor came up with is certainly equitable," added Hoben. "We ought to deal with the equity issue as well as the quality issue in this state. It's fairly difficult for a school district that happens to be in a rural area with \$2,000 or \$2,200 to spend per student to offer the same quality as a city with a power plant that's able to spend \$10,000 or \$11,000 per student."

"So to that extent, I think they have to deal with that. But rather than bringing the districts with

means down, it would be nice if the state could bring everyone up to them," said Hoben.

Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, sees problems with some of Engler's suggested reforms.

He doesn't favor split-off, tax-supported schools. "Personally, I don't see how it can work," he said.

Portelli sees little merit in a measure that would make it easier to fire teachers. "You can fire bad teachers now. You just have to follow the procedures. From my point of view, administrators evaluate teachers. If they're not doing their job, you follow the Tenure Act, which is there for that purpose."

PORTELLI ALSO opposes non-certified teachers instructing students. "That would be like bringing a doctor in that wasn't certified. No one wants a doctor who isn't certified."

State Rep. Jim Kosteva, D-Canton, voted for the tax-sharing legislation, sponsored by State

Rep. Bill Keith, D-Garden City

"It makes too big of a difference where a child is born and raised as to their opportunities in a public educational setting in Michigan," said Kosteva, a champion of reform in school funding since his first days in Lansing.

"When you're trying to seek equity, you don't have many choices. Our options are somewhat limited."

The amount of money spent annually per student in Michigan districts ranges from \$2,300 to \$7,500. House Bill 4267 narrows the disparity by an estimated couple of hundred dollars, said Kosteva.

"It's a very small step toward narrowing the gap, but the fact is that over 10 years, it ends up being \$250 to \$300 million added into the school aid formula," he said.

Other ways of bringing about funding equity are either politically unacceptable or would have been even more devastating to out-of-formula districts across the state, Kosteva said.



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Changing world

Mary Harmsen teaches an 11th grade class at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton. These are exciting times in social studies classes, what with the rapid pace of changes in the Soviet Union and elsewhere in the world. For the story, see Page 1C of today's Suburban Life section.

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Senior service?

Bus routes being considered

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

A regional transportation service for seniors is being considered by the Conference of Western Wayne.

Though details are far from set, conference members are expressing fresh interest in regional transportation.

"Senior transportation is definitely something we're looking at," said conference director Daniel Gilmartin.

While there's talk of the conference running its own service, some members seem to prefer a coordinating role only. In that role, conference members would work with SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation), metro Detroit's regional busing authority, as well as The Senior Alliance and the Michigan Department of Transportation, to coordinate routes.

Some members view the conference's role as a one-stop information center on area transportation. Action isn't expected, however.

until SMART issues its own plans for 1992 and beyond. Those plans are expected in about 30 days.

While the conference seeks to expand services, it also seeks to expand its budget.

CWW, an intergovernmental group, represents 18 western Wayne County communities, including Livonia, Westland, Redford, Canton, Garden City, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

IT EXPECTS A \$40,000 budget cut for fiscal 1992. Last year's \$116,035 budget will be trimmed to \$75,767 due to a now-expired Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant.

The grant financed the conference solid waste coordinator's office. The coordinator, an outside consultant, had advised area communities on solid waste issues. The post is now vacant, Gilmartin said.

In addition to providing senior transportation, the conference is also looking at boosting revenue by providing services to Wayne County government.

"We are looking at expanding our services first," Gilmartin said. "But we're also looking at revenue."

Various county research projects have been let out for bid, said county Commissioner Maurice Breen, R-Plymouth Township, a former CWW delegate.

CWW activities are primarily financed through community dues and grant money.

Each community is assessed dues based upon population, Gilmartin said.

Livonia, the conference's most populous member, will pay slightly more than \$3,000 in the coming year, the city of Plymouth, one of its smallest, will pay just under \$1,400.

Roughly three quarters of the budget goes for salaries and benefits for the conference's three employees.

In the past, the conference has coordinated numerous area projects, including implementation of 911 emergency telephone services. It also provides a forum for local officials to discuss issues.

Metro picked as convention host

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport will host an international convention of airport executives.

awarded its 1997 convention to Detroit in a vote earlier this month.

The Wayne County Division of Airports had lobbied for the event.

About 600 people are expected to attend, generating \$2.5 million in

revenue, said county economic development director DeWitt Henry.

This year's convention will be in New Orleans. Future conventions will be in Maui, Hawaii, Nashville, Toronto, Washington, D.C. and San Diego.

MADD seeks volunteers

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is looking for volunteers to serve on a victim impact panel and participate in victim assistance training.

A workshop is planned 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, for volunteers who are participating in victim impact programs.

The focus of the workshop will be general information about MADD, an update of current programs, a video showing an actual panel and a time to share suggestions on more

effective ways to add to presentations.

The session will take place in the Livonia Civic Library, 32777 Five Mile.

Victim impact panels are programs in which victims speak to court ordered drunk driving offenders about the crashes in which they were injured or a loved one was killed.

The panels are being expanded to include police officers, EMS and

emergency personnel, emergency room nurses or doctors and others who will be able to impress upon offenders the consequences of drinking and driving.

Those interested in victim assistance training are invited to attend a training program which begins Tuesday, Oct. 8 and continues for seven consecutive weeks 7-9 p.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Those interested in either program should call 422-MADD.

Program offers glimpse of eclipse

Jack Brisbin of the Detroit Astronomical Society will present "Eclipse '91: Total Solar Eclipse from Baja, Mexico," at 8:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, in Community Room 224 of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building.

Brisbin of Westland will provide a short explanation on eclipses, conditions surrounding the eclipse, slides and eclipse effects and flares and surrounding sky phenomena.

A question and answer period will

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Canton man to help honor Tony the Tiger

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

At a ballgame on May 2, 1939, at Tiger Stadium, New York Yankee Lou Gehrig took himself out of the lineup. A disease that would named after him was debilitating Gehrig to the point where he felt he could no longer hit and field.

On the Fourth of July of the same year, "Iron Horse" Gehrig addressed 67,000 fans in Yankee Stadium, and in a bone-chilling speech told them he felt like he was "the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

Two years later, Gehrig was dead at the age of 37, a victim of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. The progressive neuromuscular disease is now known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Fifty years later, Gehrig's courage is still inspiring others to support the fight against ALS.

At 11:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 20, at the St. Regis Hotel in Detroit's New Center area, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis of Michigan will hold its annual Iron Man luncheon. The fundraiser honors the Detroit Tiger whose character, skill and determination make him the most reminiscent of the legendary Gehrig.

A COMMITTEE consisting of Tiger announcer Ernie Harwell; former Tiger outfielder Jim Northrup; Charlie Vincent of the Detroit Free Press; Eli Zaret of WJBK; Ray Lane of WKBD; Don Shane of WXYZ; and Bernie Smilovitz of WDIV "looked at

the Tigers this year and voted on which Tigers in their opinion most demonstrated the traits that would be representative of Gehrig," said Dave Artley of Canton, executive director of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis of Michigan.

"Based on the results of that balloting, the winner is Tony Phillips, with Cecil Fielder a close second."

"Phillips has played every position except pitcher and catcher" since joining the Tigers last year, said Artley.

"He had a real outstanding year last year, and this year has been even better. "Through the first 120 games, he was the leading hitter and fourth in RBI.

"The judges observed his high degree of team spirit and moral sup-

port for players. He's always trying to cheer them on, and he's played hurt over the years, which is a trait of determination. Phillips is really excited about receiving the award," said Artley.

TIGER MANAGER Sparky Anderson will be Friday's guest speaker. A crowd of more than 200 is expected, Artley said. Tickets are \$45 and tables for 10 may be reserved for \$400.

For reservations and ticket information, call 1-800-88-ALS-MI.

The intent of the luncheon, Artley said, is to raise awareness about the disease — which has an unknown cause and cannot yet be cured. Proceeds will provide funds for research and support for patients and their families.

ALS also bestows the "First Baseman Award" each year to the individual "who has done the most throughout the year to support the fight against ALS," said Artley. This award also honors first baseman Gehrig, who played 2,130 consecutive games with the Yankees.

Tiger physician Dr. Clarence Livingood and Sportsland, USA owner Neil Heffernan finished in a dead heat for first in the balloting.

"DR. LIVINGOOD wasn't the originator of this award, but he was the sparkplug that made it happen," said Artley. "Heffernan is being recognized for the contributions he's made to the event over the years. Neil donated all the door prizes and was helpful in making contacts in the media field to get folks involved,"

Artley said.

ALS attacks motor nerve cells and pathways in the brain and spinal cord, affecting voluntary muscle action and causing paralysis while the patient's mind remains alert and active. ALS patients live from three to five years after they are stricken, on the average. The disease attacks three of four people out of every 100,000. Women and men aged 20-80 are susceptible.

The bar will open at 11:30 a.m. Friday, with lunch served at noon. Door prizes will be awarded at the end of the presentation. "It will be over in an hour and a half," said Artley. "We think it's going to be dynamic."

Past Iron Man winners include Alan Trammell, Mike Heath and Darrel Evans.



David Artley

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West Middle School's parent open house will be 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23.

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Megan Paika, left, her sister, Melissa, and Heather Shamble got to meet Liberty and his rider, Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy David Green, at the department's Livonia riding stables Tuesday. The Westland girls, who are 4-years-old, were participating in a For Kids Sake child fingerprint program. The event promoted the charitable organization and its other programs, including home care and grocery delivery. More information on For Kids Sake is available by calling 1-800-528-4488.



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Madonna talk show to focus on health, teen, travel issues

World travel, health and teen issues will be among the topics discussed this fall on "Madonna Magazine," the nationally distributed talk show produced by Madonna University television students.

Upcoming guests include:

- Vernon and Valerie Krueger, best known for their 21,000-mile journey from the Arctic Circle to Chile. The program will be taped live at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2.
- Dr. Colleen Sundermeyer, author

of "Emotional Weight" and the cookbook "Eat No Evil." The program will be taped live at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2.

- Dr. Loren Zoschnick, medical director of M Care of Plymouth, will discuss health issues at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16.
- Folk singers Josh White Jr. and Ron Coden will perform at 8:45 p.m. on that date.

- Ron Dahney of Drug Awareness Resistance Education will discuss

teen problems at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Manager development and organizational change specialist Larry Mears will offer ideas on effective home and workplace management at 8:45 p.m.

Radio personality Dennis Newbacher is the program host.

Tickets are free and can be ordered by calling 591-5119 or 591-5184. Seating is limited.

Madonna is at I-96 and Levon, Livonia.

School retirement meetings planned

Informational meetings for public school employees planning retirement will be held at 2 and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency, 33500 Van Born, Wayne.

The building is the former Wayne County Intermediate School District headquarters.

Discussion topics will include retirement system highlights, computing a monthly pension, survivor ben-

efits, pension requirements, pension application, service credit, health, dental and vision insurance benefits.

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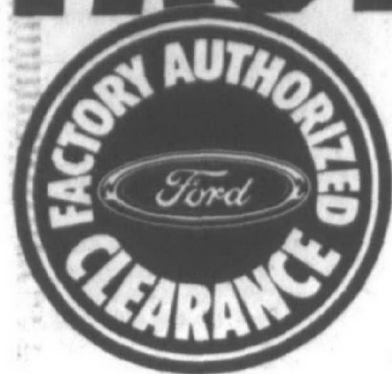
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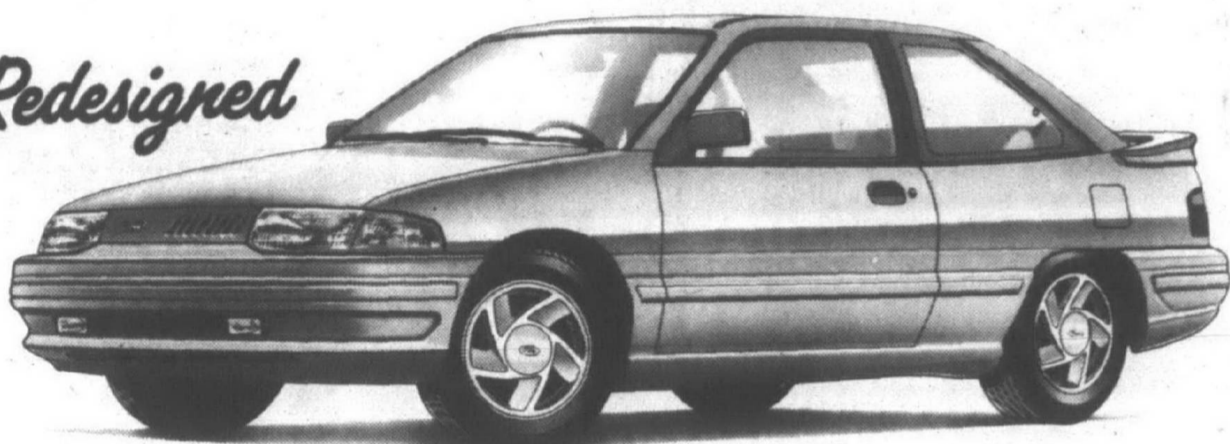
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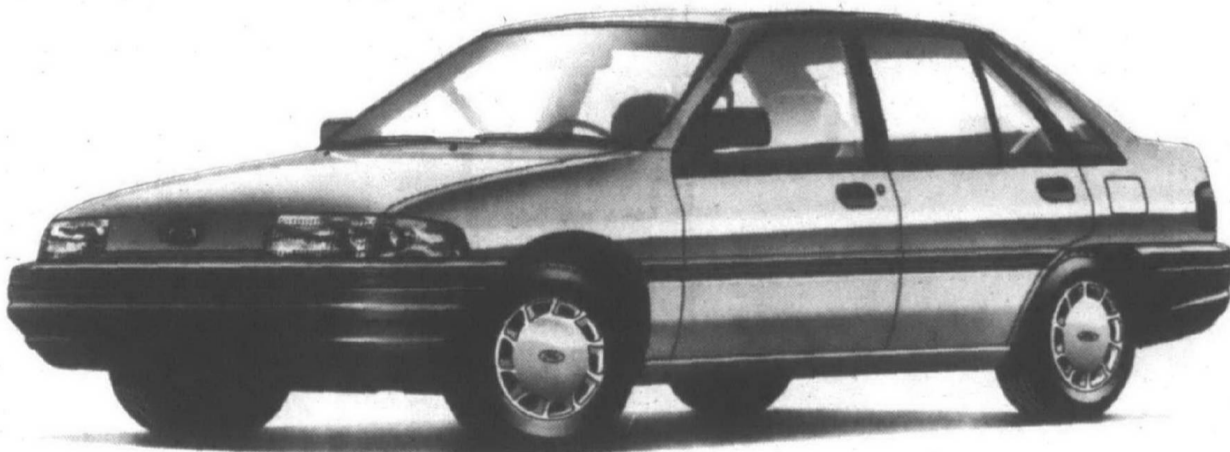


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THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 writes that an anonymous woman "generously donated a substantial amount" to the organization during the fall festival.

"The Vietnam veterans along with their families and the entire Plymouth community wishes to express sincere appreciation to this lady for her thoughtful donation," continues the group's letter. They did not state how much was donated.

Race benefits special Olympics

MICHIGAN STATE Police and staff from local prisons will run through Plymouth Township and some neighboring communities Friday in a 19-mile relay race to raise money for Michigan Special Olympics.

The race concludes at the Little Caesars Restaurant on Seven Mile Road east of Northville Road where a presentation to honor the pizza chain's efforts to support Special Olympics is scheduled.

Geake office hours

SEN. BOB GEAKE will be available to meet with constituents of the Sixth Senate District, which includes Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township and Canton Township on Friday, Sept. 27, at the Plymouth Public Library.

The library is at 223 S. Main. Geake will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THE WAYNE County 4-H handicapped horseback riding program is looking for responsible volunteers who are at least 14 years old. Volunteers will work with handicapped children, group home residents and help with the equestrian event of the Special Olympics.

Classes for volunteers will be Sept. 21. For more information call 675-8774.

Fate of MIAs still a mystery

Craig Mitchell Dix, of Livonia, is among the local servicemen still unaccounted for. He was a 21-year-old door-gunner on a four-man helicopter shot down while transporting South Vietnamese troops to Cambodia.

They went to Vietnam to fight a war in the name of the United States, and more than 20 years later no one knows for sure what happened to them.

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Dix's Army helicopter was flying in a 10-plane line formation when it was hit by ground fire as it circled to land near the dense jungles of Snoul, Cambodia. South Vietnamese soldiers later reported that the crewmen survived the crash and were taken prisoner.

One man was killed in captivity and Dix, an Army sergeant, was shot in the ankle as he tried to escape, they said. Dix has been missing since March 17, 1971.

Dennis L. Gauthier, of Rochester, was 20 when he was reported wounded in the leg and hidden behind a log by others in his unit as they advanced against North Vietnamese troops at Pleiku, South Vietnam on Oct. 31, 1967. When they returned for him he was gone.

Refugio Thomas Teran, of Westland, vanished after Viet Cong overran a guard station at an ammunition dump near Henderson Hill in South Vietnam's Quang Tri province, killing 33 Americans.

Teran, 20, and another paratrooper were last seen running toward a barricade. He graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in Westland.

Gerald Allan Holman, of Northville, was 27 when he was piloting a propeller-driven warning plane nicknamed Willie Fudd off the USS Franklin Roosevelt when an engine failed.

Two of the four crewmen were rescued, but Holman was not found. He graduated from Bentley High School, Livonia and attended Eastern Michigan University. He was presumed killed in action in 1966.

Other servicemen from Michigan who are unaccounted for are:

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Ceremony honors POWs-MIAs

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Seventy-two candles will be lit beneath the POW MIA flag at 7:30 p.m. in front of the Canton administration building Friday night as a burning reminder of each Michigan military person missing or unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

Similar ceremonies will be held across the country to observe POW-MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday of September.

Marty Eddy, president of the POW Committee of Michigan, said she believes there are living POWs in Southeast Asia.

"I think there's a very strong possibility based on the weight of the evidence," said Eddy, who will be at the Canton ceremony.

The evidence, she said, is live sighting and eye witness reports of people being taken into captivity.

"There's a group of them who can't be explained away," Eddy said. Regarding recent alleged photos of

American POWs, Eddy said, she remains skeptical. She said there have been a number of hoaxes since the end of the Vietnam War.

"WHAT ANGERS me about this is, that although you want them to be true, when they are fake they cause a lot of emotional turmoil and anguish to families of missing military," Eddy said.

The photographs did, however, attract a lot of media coverage about an issue that's losing popularity.

"There's not a lot of publicity about the issue," she said. "Now that time has gone by, it doesn't seem to be a worthwhile story and it's not glamorous to cover."

The Michigan military, who are among 2,273 Americans still unaccounted for, will receive a 21-gun salute in Canton, according to Tim LaGrow, a member of the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Post 528.

A name will be read as a candle is lit. "It's more or less to keep a memory of

those who are still missing and hopefully for their return," said LaGrow, who served in Vietnam from 1968-70.

HE WORE a T-shirt recently, with Agent Orange written on it as he explained that the POW-MIA wristband he wore was for Mark Robertson.

"I believe there are still some over there," LaGrow said.

Based on last year's memorial service in Plymouth, the Plymouth-Canton VVA Post 528, expect about 100 people.

"The VVA deems Canton an appropriate location for this ceremony since your township is currently in the process of establishing its own veterans memorial," according to a letter from Michael D. Schiott, VVA Chapter 528 president.

LaGrow extended a special thanks to Crystal Bakery, Maria's Bakery, Dunkin' Donuts and Plymouth Construction for their donations.

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The \$25 fee covers all eight sessions. Scholarships based on financial need may be available.

The series of workshops on money management is offered through the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools adult and community educa-

tion. It is cosponsored by American Association of Retired persons (AARP) and Child and Family Service LifeWork.

The topics include recordkeeping, money management, banking and credit, insurance, planning for retirement, and investments.

"It's for women of all ages," said Claire Temmerman, marketing coordinator of LifeWork, a division of Child and Family Services of Washtenaw County, which serves western Wayne County. "Our overall goals are to help women build their

'Women haven't been raised or encouraged to handle their own finances.'

— Claire Temmerman

money management skills and increase their financial knowledge."

Tonquish Creek Manor is located one block west of Harvey and one block north of Ann Arbor Trail. En-

ter off Joel.

A total of 71 students may be accommodated. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 25. For information call Claire Temmerman or Dan

McIntosh at 483-1418, weekdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Several local experts will take part in the seminar. These include certified public accountant Jean Stanwood and attorney Sharon Downes, both of Plymouth.

Although the seminar is being held at Tonquish Creek Manor, a residence for elderly, it isn't limited to seniors. Sponsors hope to attract a variety of ages.

According to Temmerman, AARP has pioneered similar workshops na-

tionwide and "the response has been overwhelming."

"Women haven't been raised or encouraged to handle their own finances," Temmerman said.

Persons attending the seminar will receive a money management workbook and other materials.

Several individuals and community groups have provided support for this project. These include the Canton Recreation Center, city of Plymouth Senior Citizens, Livonia Senior Citizens, and Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

Driver accepts reduced charge in fatal accident

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

A Michigan truck driver pleaded guilty to causing a March 11 accident that killed a Westland mother of two, but the charge was reduced from negligent homicide to reckless driving.

The sudden plea by 43-year-old Kathy Link of Caledonia, near Grand Rapids, came after the prosecutor and defense attorney reached an agreement averting a jury trial that had been set to begin Monday, Sept. 9, in Detroit Recorder's Court.

The family of the victim, 43-year-old Margaret Gary, also favored the plea agreement that allowed Link to plead guilty to the misdemeanor charge of reckless operating of a motor vehicle, instead of the felony of negligent homicide.

Link's plea came as she appeared Sept. 9 before Recorder's Court Judge Gershwin Drain. The judge plans to sentence Link on Monday,

Sept. 30.

Link could be sentenced up to 90 days in jail and fined \$500 on the misdemeanor charge. Had she been tried and convicted of negligent homicide, she could have faced two years in prison.

Westland police officer Steven Frazer, who investigated the case, said Link is expected to be placed on probation for causing the accident that occurred at 9:42 a.m. Monday, March 11, as she was driving south on Newburgh Road at the Palmer intersection.

Link, who drove her semi-trailer through the traffic light as it turned red, collided with a 1989 Ford Taurus that Gary was driving east on Palmer. Gary's car was crushed and dragged 210 feet south of the intersection.

DURING THE crash, the truck's wheels rolled onto the back of Gary's car and came to rest near the driver's seat, pinning Gary in until res-

cue personnel pulled her out by cutting through the vehicle's roof.

Gary, a mother of two teenagers, died about two hours later at Annapolis Hospital. She had been running errands on her day off from her job at United Parcel in Livonia.

Under the plea agreement, Link will not lose her job, but is expected to be placed on probation, Frazer said. She also is a mother of two, and she is the children's sole provider, he said.

"She won't be fired from her job," Frazer said.

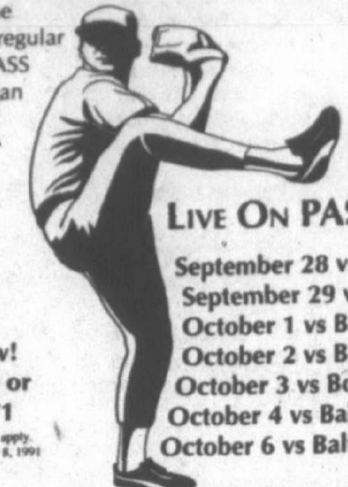
Though the accident was tragic for the Gary family, Frazer said both sides in the case believed that Link should be allowed to plead guilty to the lesser charge.

"There was no drinking (of alcohol) involved, and she wasn't speeding," Frazer said. A Westland police department revealed that Link was obeying the 40 mph speed limit.

Moreover, Frazer said, Link "had never had a driving violation."

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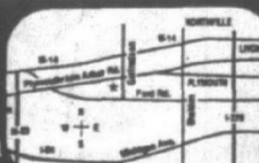
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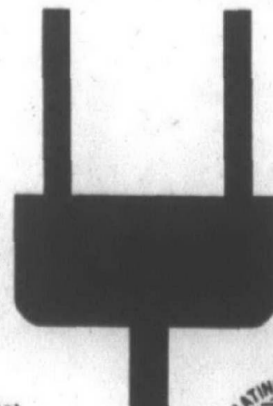
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Mullins of Ypsilanti is a native of Germany. She holds a bachelor's degree in German and a master's in teaching English to speakers of other languages. She previously taught German at Eastern Michigan University.

Freeman lives in Royal Oak where she previously taught elementary school. She holds a master's in education from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in reading from Oakland University.

She is an avid writer and lecturer on the subject of reading and the language arts. Freeman has published articles in "The Reading Teacher," "Reader Psychology," and "Yearbook of the National Reading Conference."



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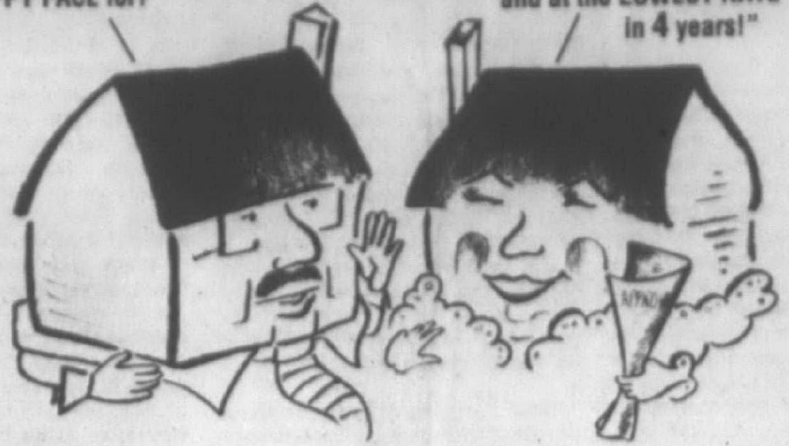
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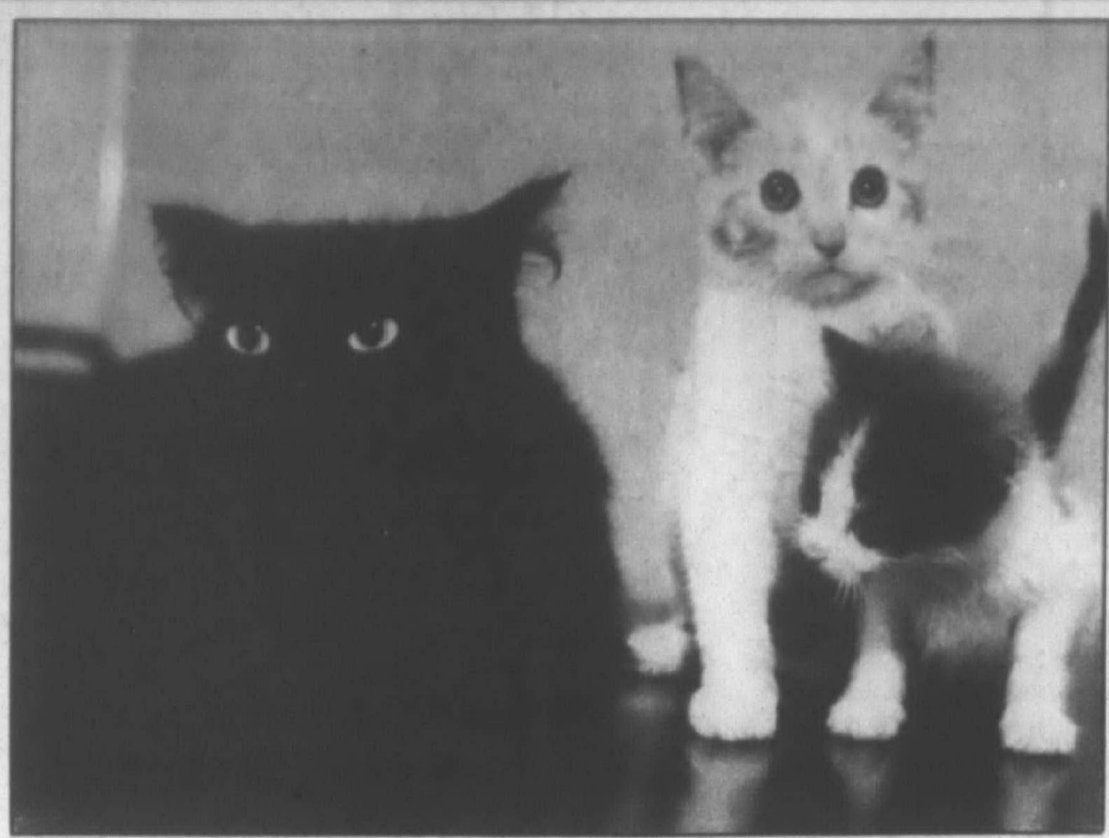
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Focus:HOPE walk to benefit food, job training programs

"Make A Difference!" the 17th annual Focus:HOPE Walk for Justice, is scheduled for noon-Sunday, Oct. 13. The eight-mile walk, modeled after the peaceful marches led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is designed to demonstrate the Detroit and suburban commitment to civil rights. It is also a fund-raiser for Focus:HOPE, with walkers gaining pledges for each mile traveled. Participants will gather at the

Focus:HOPE Industry Mall, 1200 Oakman, Detroit. Registration begins at noon, pre-walk festivities begin at 1 p.m. Walkers will travel through Highland Park, the New Center area and back to Focus:HOPE. Vans, water stations and marshals will be accessible throughout the route. The non-profit agency provides meals for mothers, babies and seniors and job training for machinists

and advanced technology jobs. Musical talents Ortheia Barnes, Barbara Bredius, Ron Coden, Phil Esser, Charlie Latimer, Dean Rutledge and Josh White Jr. will perform at pre- and post-walk festivities. Individuals, families and groups who wish to volunteer for the Walk for Justice can register by calling the Focus:HOPE Volunteer Department, 883-7440.

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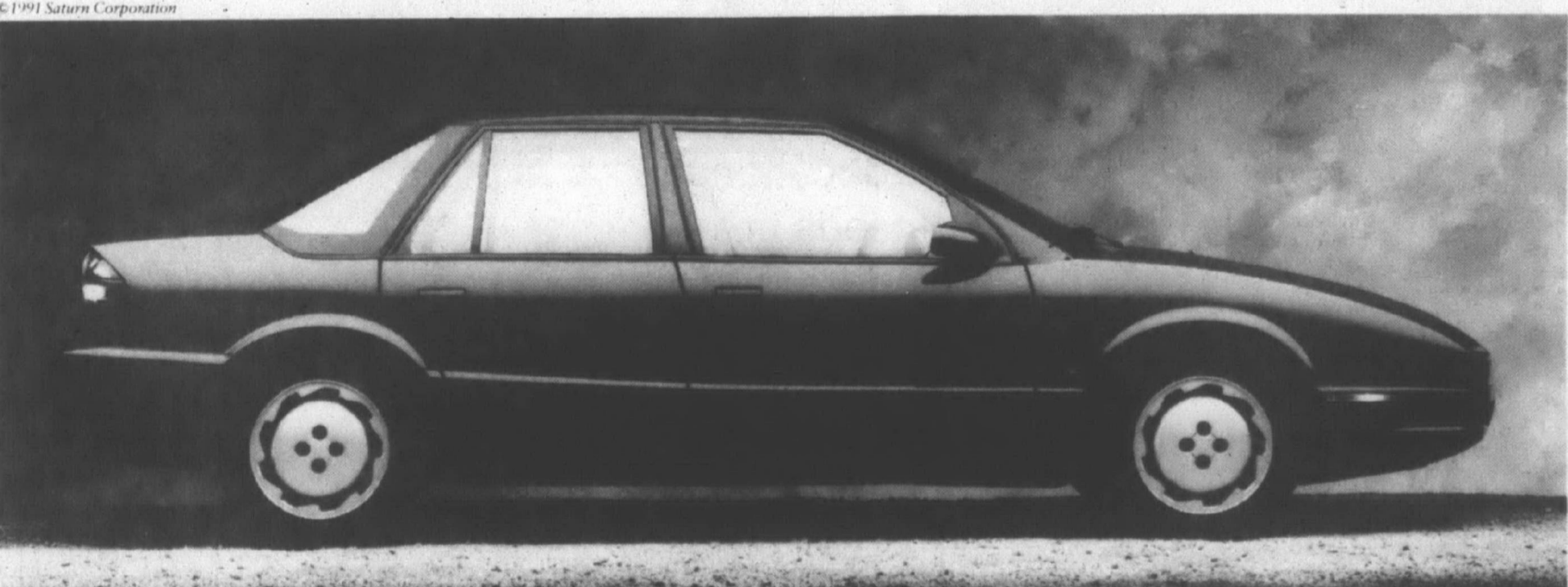
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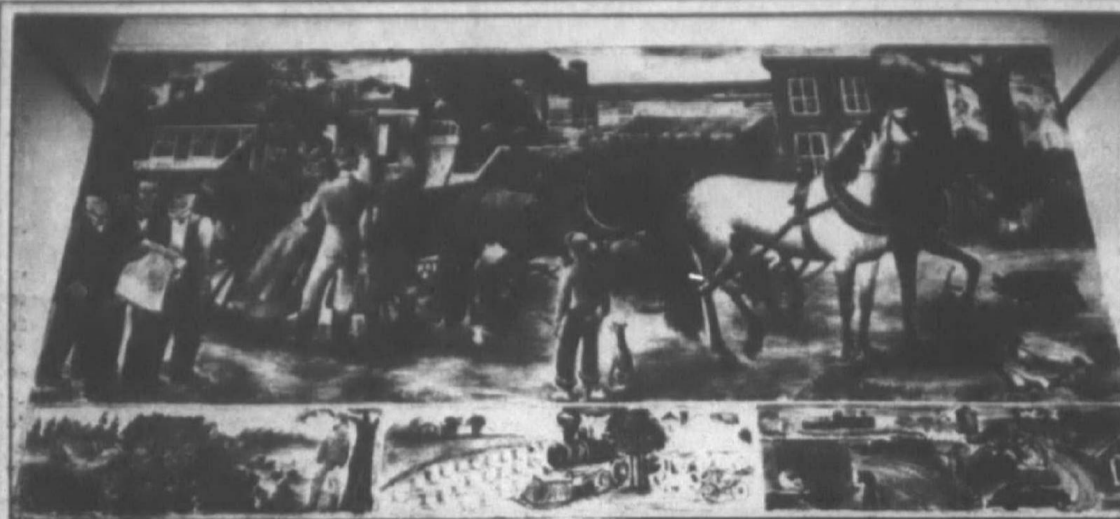
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The post office has historical significance to Plymouth.

Post office DDA should buy the building

THE CITY of Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority should quickly purchase the post office building on Penniman.

The site and the building are gems that not only should be preserved for the architectural and historical values, but also for the location.

The cost of the building is \$390,000 and it would be paid for with money from the Downtown Development Authority's budget surplus. Taxpayers will not be asked to foot the bill.

One of the prime criticisms of any city involvement in the purchase has been that there is plenty of space available in Plymouth and that the city could get stuck with the building. That's shortsighted.

IN SPORTS terms the post office building has potential. Even if the city were unable to sell it quickly, it could be used as a meeting place, a

exhibit hall or a temporary home for the Plymouth Arts Council.

The city would like to see the post office house a business that would attract traffic to Penniman. A restaurant has been mentioned as one possibility. That sounds good to us.

Another city goal is for the postal service to retain a service counter at the Penniman location. It's an admirable goal, but one that doesn't appear to be realistic.

The post office is required under law to maintain a barrier free facility. And the old building just doesn't offer that feature. We suspect it could be altered to give the handicapped better access. However, we doubt it would be worth the investment. The new post office on Beck Road has good access for the handicapped.

We support the DDA and the city in their quest to buy the building. They have a vision for the building. We share it.

County board Egos outweigh logic over act

IT'S HARD TO GET excited about county government — especially those big, amorphous bodies called the Oakland and Wayne County boards of commissioners.

But the Oakland County group has made a mistake — one that the Wayne County board, county prosecutor and state attorney general should learn from.

Nineteen of its 27 commissioners met March 17 behind locked doors while attending a conference of the National Association of Counties in Washington, D.C.

Although no decisions were reached and no action was taken, the meeting was beyond public scrutiny.

That's an apparent violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and an affront to the public interest, no matter where you live.

THEY WERE MEETING to talk about possibly the hottest issue in Oakland County history: the \$500 million solid waste program, including the controversial incinerator in Auburn Hills. The issue is also one voters will be involved in on Nov. 5, when they vote on a financing proposal, — something that needs public information.

Board chairman Roy Rewold called the secret meeting in the nation's capital, then later said he didn't think Michigan law applied because commissioners were outside the state.

According to Oakland County prosecutor Richard Thompson, commissioners were notified of the morning meeting the night before. "One commissioner said he was notified there would be a meeting before leaving Oakland County."

The wife of one of commissioner was excluded from the meeting, Thompson said. By excluding an Oakland County resident from

the meeting, and subsequently locking the doors, commissioners demonstrated their intent, Thompson said.

THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT says in part: "All meetings of a public body shall be open to the public and shall be held in a place available to the general public. All persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting except as otherwise provided in this act."

Thompson asked the commission to sign an agreement, reached with Rewold, that the meeting "may have constituted an unintentional violation of the Open Meetings Act" and stipulated that future meetings would comply with the law.

By a 19-5 vote they refused, and the prosecutor promptly filed a civil suit against them, seeking a declaration that a violation of the law occurred and asking for an order that future meetings comply with the Act.

Judge Hilda Gage has set a trial for Nov. 25.

The only commissioners who favored the agreement were: Rewold, R-Oakland Township; Frank Millard, R-Sylvan Lake; Larry Crane, R-Waterford; Richard Skarritt, R-Milford; and Donna Huntton, R-Clarkston.

IT IS TO REWOLD'S credit that he has worked out a way to make amends. Ditto for the four commissioners.

As for the rest, it is apparent that their egos outweigh their logic.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners must sign the agreement not to violate the Open Meetings Act. It's an act which strengthens the right of residents, regardless of where they live, to know what goes on in government by requiring public bodies to conduct nearly all business at open meetings.

Amendments guarantee universal voting rights

UNIVERSAL voting rights didn't come easily, but were achieved only with the passage of three key Amendments to the Constitution.

The Twenty-Sixth Amendment, ratified in 1971 when many young people were protesting the Vietnam War and otherwise expressing their political views, delivered the right to vote to adult citizens aged 18 years and older. It was the most swiftly ratified Amendment.

The Twenty-Fourth Amendment, ratified in

1964 at the height of the Civil Rights struggle, put an end to the use of the poll taxes that sometimes were used to deny the right to vote to otherwise qualified citizens.

And the Twenty-Third Amendment enabled residents of the District of Columbia to participate in presidential elections. District residents had been clamoring for the vote at least since 1801, but the Amendment that gave it to them was not ratified until 1961. Only later did they get the right to elect non-voting representatives to Congress.



Engler education plan lacks financial backing

GOVERNOR ENGLER last week unveiled in a special speech to the Legislature his long-awaited proposals to improve school quality.

The most important thing about the speech may be that it was given at all. After nine months in office, it is clear that the governor's promise to focus on education is being kept.

Whether Engler's proposals make any sense in substance or in the hurly-burly political process in Lansing remains to be seen. My experience is that the politics of school improvement are much more difficult than the substance.

Some parts of the Engler package make more sense than others.

THE EMPHASIS on the young at-risk kids is very good.

The governor wants to spend lots more on all-day kindergarten for them. He wants tutoring for these kids through second grade to give them a good start in math and reading.

Last year, around 10,000 Michigan at-risk 4-year-olds attended state-funded half-day programs, out of an estimated 13,000 eligibles. Another 28,000 children participated in federal Head Start and Chapter One programs.

Research findings — from a University of Michigan study in Ypsilanti — are definitive: Special early help really makes a difference for at-risk kids. As Wayne-Westland Superintendent Dennis O'Neill said, "If we can get kids ready at an early age and get them the appropriate

skills, fewer kids would need help later on."

ANOTHER GOOD idea is to have schools guarantee the basic job-related skills of graduates to their employers.

Pioneered in the Plymouth-Canton school district, the system is simple. Every graduate comes with a warranty that reading, writing, math and reasoning skills are up to snuff. If the employer finds that isn't so, the kid is returned to school and remediated free.

This sensible approach focuses on results. It uses incentives — free remediation — to satisfy customers — employers.

It is unpopular with a lot of school people who are accustomed to passing kids from grade to grade. I got dirty looks when I suggested a version of the idea to state government heavyweights five years ago. Here's hoping the climate in the Legislature has changed since then.

THE GOVERNOR did pay homage to conservative ideology. Schools of choice are to be achieved through something called "charter" schools, partly funded by the state but run by former teachers or private business.

Teachers unions are sure to oppose two other good ideas: making it harder for teachers to get tenure and allowing non-certified (i.e., not unionized) people to teach.

Local superintendents remain fearful of more tinkering with the



Philip Power

school aid formula. "The last time the state did something major for education, we lost \$6 million," said Farmington Superintendent Michael Flanagan, referring to the "Robin Hood" bill that shifted \$50 million from rich to poorer districts for the 1990-1 school year.

THE BIGGEST problem remains money.

Take Engler's interest in lengthening the school year from 180 to 200 days. He proposed \$300,000 in incentives for pilot projects — a drop compared with the hundreds of millions needed to do it statewide.

It highlights the interesting way the governor is using the state's present budgetary crisis. He can advocate all kinds of improvements for our schools, knowing full well that the money to pay for it just isn't there.

It's a politician's dream, being able to support both sides with nobody around to call him a hypocrite.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

from our readers

Educational needs are addressed

To the editor:

In regard to the reader who spoke in favor of the (Michigan Model) I am furious.

Do you really want to live in a society where everyone thinks alike and there are no differences?

Children need to be individuals to be able to form their own opinions and be confident about their ideas. We, as parents and teachers, can and should guide our future generation to think, reason and act in a humanitarian manner.

Mr. McDonald, you speak about having harmony in the universe, having children on this planet retrained and properly socialized. To whose standards are you referring? Yours? You have obviously been brainwashed and can no longer do critical thinking of your own. If our future holds neutrality as you would hope, then we would not have had the accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln, Martin L. King, Winston Churchill, Helen Keller and Susan B. Anthony to name a few.

I hope we as a free society will never put one person's ideas forward, without there being room for

other thought. We already know it doesn't work.

Becky L. Sultana, Canton

Bond issue endorsed by chamber

To the editor:

As members of the business community, we know the value of good schools. The employees and customers of tomorrow's community are in the Plymouth Canton School District today.

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, a vote will be held to consider providing a bond issue to further develop and upgrade our school investment. This will make our current schools and facilities even better.

The \$59.7 million bond issue to be voted on that Tuesday will provide additional building for students to relieve overcrowding, provide the latest technology so that our students can be up-to-date in their knowledge and have the skills necessary to work with that knowledge.

The bond project will relieve crowded cafeteria facilities at Plymouth Salem High School, build additions to elementary buildings

which are in need of those additions, expand some school libraries, update buildings throughout the district, provide extra parking, playground and walk areas, and provide a number of other much-needed improvements.

The sale of these bonds will accomplish this task without increasing our debt levy tax rate. The debt levy millage was 2.3 mills last year. With passage of this bond proposal it will remain at 2.3 mills this year. Equally important is the fact that the new facilities will be paid for by the people who are using them as they are being used because this extends, rather than increases, the debt levy.

With bond interest rates at their lowest in many years, now is an excellent time to be selling the bonds for this bond project. With construction costs down as well, the timing for this project wouldn't be better.

A good school system develops good future citizens for our community. It also maintains the value of properties because it attracts people who want to live, work and grow in an area where quality education is available to everyone.

For these reasons, we endorse this project and encourage you to go to the polls and vote "yes" on Sept. 24.

Gerald H. Triplett, President, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce

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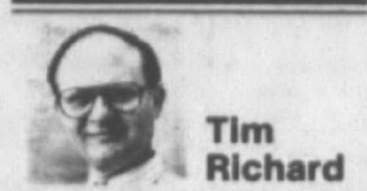
SOME REFLECTIONS on Gov. John Engler's special message to the Legislature on school quality and how the media covered it:

That Republicans thought it innovative and Democrats didn't was hardly news.

What surprised me was the way everyone picked out something different to praise or bash: charter schools... early education... the importance of parenting... "New American" schools... easier certification for non-traditional people... 200 class days... doubling aid for teacher improvement... high schools' warranting their graduates... how we're going to pay for it

It was a nightmare for news people. Every paper you read, every broadcast you heard, every politician you talked to opened with something different.

TRUE, MUCH of what Engler advocated wasn't new, as Democrats pointed out. That's par for governors. There is



Tim Richard

no copyright on political ideas, so governors are free to "borrow" them, the way Huck Finn borrowed watermelons. Jim Blanchard (1983-90) used to borrow Republican ideas all the time, to the Grand Old Party's delight.

Engler's message goes on for 49 pages, but here are the unifying themes:

- Kids at risk. Some are 4-year-olds from poor families. Others have been kicked up to 12th grade without learning what they were taught. (Read Phil Power's column.)

- Teachers. More in-service training. Empowerment — more chances to start alternative schools

of choice. Reform of protective tenure laws. Easier certification for those with non-traditional backgrounds. Less "stunlike teaching."

- Parents. Unlike Blanchard, who would have introduced teachers who had benefitted from state programs or his own favorite mentors, Engler introduced his first two and most important teachers — mom and dad. More chances for parents to choose programs for their kids. Some teaching of parenting. It was a conservative's political message. "Schools don't count; families do" — Moynihan.

There was nothing for superintendents, nothing for principals, little for bureaucrats and not much for college-bound kids from stable, working families. But that's OK.

I'M NOT CERTAIN whether it was the fault of the listeners or with Engler for not providing a crisper, more pungent, central theme.

The TV crews were there, and film clips were on the 6 o'clock news. But by 11 p.m., the topic of

improving educational quality was dropped completely in favor of extended coverage of the Wayne County Jail shooting.

CBS newsman Mike Wallace, in a University of Michigan appearance last weekend, called metro Detroit TV news some of the worst in the country. "Murder and mayhem," he said.

Most of my friends have noticed it, too, for the last two years or so.

Blame station managers, not the individual TV reporters and anchors. WJBK has ignored state government for years. WDIV's "senior political correspondent," Bob Pisor, has been shunted to chasing fire engines and soon will take a leave of absence, perhaps never to return. WXYZ's Jim Herrington is being wasted on general assignments and rarely is sent to the Capitol any more. Except for WJR, metro Detroit radio has no one on the spot.

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

Gender decides school access

GROWING UP IN a neighborhood heavily populated by first-generation Poles and Italians, it wasn't hard to see that sons were prized and daughters were nice to have, but not quite as vital.

Parents would scrimp and save to put money in the bank to ensure that their sons would attend college after high school, get a fine education and get a solid job to provide for the wives and children they would have. That was the dream.

Daughters, well, they learned to cook and clean. If they did well in school, it would mean that they could help their future children with their homework. Parents put money away for their weddings, not for their education.

It's an Old World idea.

Today it seems abhorrent. Or, rather, today it should be abhorrent. Women have a place in the workforce, and there shouldn't be even a question about that. Women do not have a mental deficiency because of their hormones.

BACK WHEN THE Equal Rights Amendment was a possibility, feminists argued that women deserved equal standing in the law and in opportunities. Feminists argued that women weren't covered by the Constitution because they weren't named specifically, as were men and blacks. The Happiness Of Womanhood group — remember them? — argued that women had all the protection they needed without another amendment to the Constitution.

We'll see.

The women's issue should again be coming to the forefront now that President George Bush has declared that federal laws should be changed to allow publicly financed male academies. Some Michigan legislators also want state laws to allow such financing.

It seems they would have the principle of "separate isn't equal" apply to racial questions but not to matters of gender.

WHAT MESSAGE IS the president sending? Are girls less valued than boys? Is it worse for a male to be an illiterate than it is for a female? Why are only inner-city boys considered to be at risk?



Helen Niemiec

Don't little girls count? Maybe the question is, did they really ever?

And now the nation is close to having a conservative black Supreme Court justice who is a firm believer in natural law, whatever that is. It would seem most ironic if nominee Clarence Thomas were to be a deciding voice in permitting all-male academies and breaking the "separate isn't equal" rule. Wouldn't his predecessor — Thurgood Marshall, who successfully argued before the court in *Brown vs. the Board of Education*, which ended racially segregated schools — rue the day he retired?

The new Supreme Court test then could be that separate is equal, if it helps boys.

TWENTY YEARS ago, women came so close to being legally equals. But now it seems as if women have slipped back to the less-than-citizen status that they "enjoyed" during the 1950s and 1960s.

Through the fine efforts of Bush, Clarence Thomas and certain Detroit school leaders, parents will again be scrimping and saving to send their sons to school, devoting their energies to the male portion of their family. And girls will stay in the background.

Rather than putting a poor girl through the shame of scoring lower on college tests or dropping out of school, this kinder, gentler nation will once again encourage that girl to learn to cook and sew and find herself a good husband. Preferably, he would be one of those lucky enough — based on gender rather than smarts — to go to such a publicly financed, all-male school.

Helen Niemiec is a staff writer for the Birmingham-Bloomfield edition of *The Eccentric*.

Old habits stay despite new sins

I'VE FINALLY figured out why they call them "sin taxes."

You know what I mean: Those exorbitantly high levies that governments have been placing on alcohol and tobacco products lately.

I always thought they were called that because only "sinners" would spend relief a-l-c-o-h-o-l or n-i-c-o-t-i-n-e. The taxes are loosely based on the notion that "if you play, you've gotta pay." And, of course, socking the sinners is an easy way to put extra money in government coffers.

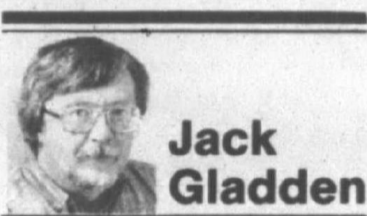
But now the phrase has taken on a new meaning. According to published reports, those sin taxes, in Canada, anyway, have turned some law-abiding citizens into criminals. And they are starting to cost the government money it had intended to raise.

Canada has imposed such heavy taxes on cigarettes in the last couple of years that the little coffin nails sell for as much as \$7 a pack or \$60 a carton. For a pack-a-day smoker that comes out to over \$2,500 a year.

WELL, SOME Canadian smokers are finding ways to avoid paying the tax, which can run as high as \$35 a carton.

One Canadian Mountie estimated that 90 percent of the 13½ million cartons of Canadian cigarettes exported to the United States last year were smuggled back in and sold on the black market.

There are even rumors of cocaine smugglers switching to cigarettes because there's more money in them and, if they do get caught, the penalties are much less severe than those



Jack Gladden

for dealing coke. Still, a conviction could bring up to four years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

It all smacks of the bootleg era in the United States during prohibition. People who otherwise wouldn't consider breaking the law think nothing of sneaking a few cartons of cigarettes over the border.

A customs official in Windsor said that in the past 18 months there have been about 25 major seizures at the

Windsor border crossing plus hundreds of smaller ones.

AND HOW is this affecting the government's fund-raising activities? According to a report by a tobacco industry group in Canada, smuggling has cost the federal and provincial governments \$373 million a year in lost tax revenue.

It's called the "shooting yourself in the foot syndrome." Pushing "reforms" to the point that they become intolerable and nobody pays any attention to them.

It can happen here if U.S. proponents of the "sin taxes" don't learn something from the experience of their northern neighbors.

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staff writer

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The grass roots, not-for-profit volunteer organization's fall tree planting program is about to get underway, spokeswoman Melinda Jones said.

Global ReLeaf seeks neighborhood groups and service clubs interested in planting trees in their communities. It is willing to pay 50 percent of tree costs.

"WE ARE looking for homeowners groups and Kiwanis, school groups, Girl Scouts and people like that," Jones said. "We want a group that's going to be around not only to plant the trees, but also to maintain them."

Groups in Southfield, Livonia, Canton, Westland and Garden City have already participated.

Heavy emphasis upon maintenance, Jones said, sets her organization apart from others.

"We want to get away from this Arbor Day mentality where people plant trees in the spring, ignore them in the summer and the trees end up dying in the fall," she said.

Under the Global ReLeaf program, groups are also encouraged to suggest three sites for tree plantings.

"We use public sites," Jones said. "We don't do plantings in front of private homes."

Once a site is selected, Global ReLeaf orders trees and supervises planting.

Trees are ordered from local nurseries. While 50/50 financing is pre-

ferred, Global ReLeaf is flexible on that issue.

On the day of the planting, Global ReLeaf workers conduct a short program, teaching volunteers on how to maintain their new trees. One year later, Global ReLeaf workers return, to examine how the trees are progressing.

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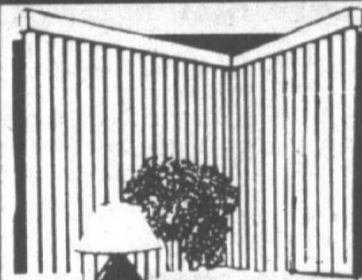
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Soccer rivals fight to draw

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Graham Wilk has many more Canton-Salem soccer games ahead of him, but the first could be the one he remembers best.

The Plymouth Canton freshman scored the second-half goal Wednesday night that enabled the Chiefs to tie their Centennial Educational Park rivals, who have dominated the series, 2-2.

Wilk headed the ball into the Salem goal after a free kick by Chris Hayes with 7:40 remaining.

"I dream of having goals like that and it just came true," Wilk said.

"I'm proud of my team for sticking in there. Hopefully, we'll see them again, and I think we can beat them the next time."

THE ONLY thing that could have topped that goal would have been to get the game-winner, which Wilk nearly scored a half minute later when he got another shot at the Salem goal.

"I can live with that (tying) goal," he said.

Canton coach Don Smith likes the enthusiasm with which his first-year players have played.

(Wilk) and Jeff Fliss, the other outside half, are both freshmen and its pretty tough for a freshman to come up and play varsity," Smith said. "Both have been playing tough all season."

Smith saw the outcome as a confidence-builder for his team, which played a much stronger second half after the Rocks tended to dominate play in the first.

The No. 3-ranked Rocks are 7-1-1 overall and No. 7 Canton 6-2-1.

"IT WAS A good game for us because we came back," Smith said. "This was a good tie for us. It proved to them we can play with these guys and maybe beat them. We haven't been beating them, and a tie is the next best step."

Salem led 1-0 at halftime and went ahead 2-1 on Brian Spuck's goal at 27:10 in the second half. He sent a cross from the right corner that ended up being more than just a centering pass.

"I scored a goal like that when I

was playing, too," Salem coach Ken Johnson said. "You're going down the line, hoping to hit someone in the center with a pass; you hit it a little too hard and it goes in."

The Rocks had a chance to take a two-goal lead and possibly put the game out of reach with a penalty kick at 10:03. Rich Andrusiak was tripped in front of the Canton goal on a breakaway, but John Truskowski's free shot was wide of the net.

"He tried to place it too fine for the corner," Johnson said, attempting to explain what had happened on the shot. "The penalty might have made some difference. It might have taken some steam out of them."

Following Wilk's goal, both teams displayed high intensity in the time remaining, and the Chiefs nearly pulled out a victory in the closing minute. Salem defender Matt Lee blocked a shot by Hayes, and goalkeeper Nick Dazer stopped another by Owen Crosby.

"I THINK THE kids realize what they can do if they come out running," Smith said. "Salem has some super players. Truskowski, (Tom) Baker and Lee are national players. Sometimes you shy away and think you can't run with them."

Salem took a 1-0 lead early in the game when Eric Stemmer scored with an assist from Truskowski. The Rocks outshot Canton; in that half and controlled the action, though the Chiefs showed a greater confidence on offense later.

"We could very easily have tucked our chins (after the first goal)," Smith said, "but they're not going to do that against Salem. If they're going down, they're going to keep running."

Salem's one-goal lead held up until 33:50 in the second half when a header by Hayes hit the right post and bounced in the goal. It was an even game after that, with both teams going from end to end.

"We won the first half; they won the second," Johnson said, adding the Chiefs were the "usual fired-up team. We're happy with the tie because they're a quality team. We would have liked to win, but we're not disappointed. It was two top 10s."



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Canton's Kirk Wamera (above, left) tries to change directions and reach the ball before Salem's Joe Perron in the soccer game Wednesday at Centennial Educational Park. Eric Stemmer (left) gave the Rocks a 1-0 lead in the first half, but the Chiefs rallied in the second half and forced Salem to settle for a 2-2 tie. The teams could meet again next month in the Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs and the district tournament. The battle of state-ranked teams left the Rocks at 7-1-1 and Canton 6-2-1.

Canton denied victory

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Providing there are no stunning upsets, Livonia Churchill will play Livonia Stevenson for the Western Lakes Activities Association boys soccer championship next month.

Churchill all but won the WLAA's Western Division title when it defeated host Plymouth Canton 1-0 Monday.

The Chargers, ranked second in Class A behind Stevenson, had already beaten Northville and No. 7 Canton was the only other Western team with a legitimate chance to topple Churchill, 3-0 in the division and 6-1 overall.

For a while, an upset seemed entirely possible as the Chiefs (2-1 and 6-2) produced big defensive plays to keep Churchill scoreless in the first half. But Dominic Vella's goal with 26:55 remaining ended up being the difference.

Vella raced up the left side, took a pass on the run from Vince Troiani and fired a hard shot into the opposite corner. Canton goalkeeper Ryan Henkel made a lot of impressive saves, but Vella delivered the ball too fast and at too difficult an angle for him to stop it.

"SCOTTY (LAMPHEAR) carried the ball up beautifully and executed to Vinnie, who made a beautiful cross and I one-touched it from the corner," Vella said.

"We had a lot of pressure (in the first half), but we usually finish more in the second half."

Junior goalkeeper Kal Kaliszewski played the entire game for Churchill, replacing standout Jeff Cassar, who was sick last week but could have played Monday.

"I decided Kal could use this kind of game just to keep him fresh," Churchill coach Mark Mason said. "On any other team, he would start. We have two of the best goalkeepers in the state. I can play either one and the defense still has the same confidence in them."

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Waite prepares for shot at becoming pro pitcher

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Steve Waite was surprised to know Jack Morris was an infielder turned pitcher, too.

The former Plymouth Canton baseball star can store that bit of information away and one day use it to remind himself it can be done at the highest level.

Waite, who completed his eligibility at Eastern Michigan University this year, signed a basic minor league contract last month to pitch for the Detroit Tigers.

Like Morris, who went to Brigham Young University as an infielder and left as a pitcher, Waite's career underwent the same transformation at EMU.

Waite was an all-area shortstop at Canton High and made the Mid-American Conference all-star team as a third baseman.

BUT THE EMU coaches began to experiment, bringing the hard-throwing Waite in to pitch in relief situations. He did so well he became a starter this year.

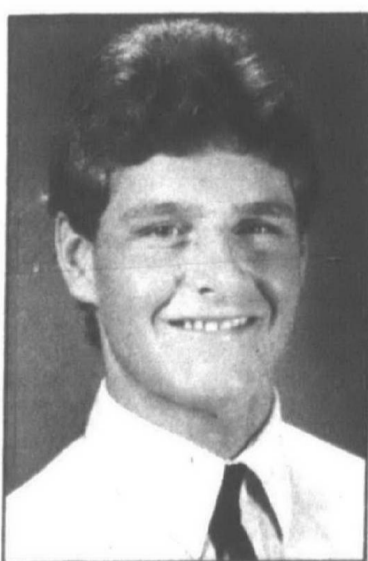
"It was a big transition for me," he said, "but I had a good pitching coach and they stuck with me."

Waite had a 4-1 record in the MAC and 1.60 earned run average, and he became one of the few players to make the All-MAC team at different positions in separate years. He was 5-4 overall with two saves and a 3.00 ERA.

When he wasn't drafted, Waite attended a Tiger tryout but was told their rosters were full for this season.

"They told me to get on a summer team, get some innings in and if they saw improvement they would offer me a contract," he said.

Waite played in Battle Creek and was a post-season addition for two teams, getting picked up for state



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— Steve Waite
Detroit Tigers signee

and national tournaments as each previous club was eliminated.

WAITE DID well enough for the Tigers to give him a chance. He will report to spring training in Lakeland, Fla., and from there be assigned to a minor league team next year.

In the meantime, Waite will spend the winter working out at Tiger Stadium and EMU, preparing for the biggest challenge of his baseball career.

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"I plan to be in the best shape of my life," he said. "I'm working out three to four times a week and running as much as I can because it's important to have my legs in shape."

"This spring training will be the most important step in pro ball. It's the first hurdle I have to get over."

Despite his limited experience as a pitcher, Waite evidently had enough raw talent to stir enough interest in the Tigers.

"Hopefully, when they offered me a contract that's what they had in mind," he said. "I don't think they would sign a player to be in the minor league if they didn't think they could pitch."

"WHEN I signed a contract, I definitely had being a pro pitcher in mind. It's up to them. All I can do is perform."

The fact Waite is relatively new to the art of pitching could work in his favor, he believes.

"By the fact I haven't been throwing that much, I think my arm will be more lively than someone who has been throwing 3-4 years in college," he said.

"If I keep performing, hopefully, I'll be moving up. If I continue to move up, the only one who could stop me would be myself, if I stop working at it."

Waite experimented with a sidearm delivery at EMU but lost six miles per hour off his fastball when he did, he said. The scouts didn't approve of that and he went back to an overhand motion, which allowed him to have more strikeouts.

"The only thing I'm going to miss about pitching is not hitting," Waite said. "That's what I'm going to miss the most."

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Eagles rout Clarenceville cagers

Plymouth Christian Academy is enjoying the finest start in the history of its girls basketball program. The Eagles are 5-0 after trouncing Class C Livonia Clarenceville 56-20 Tuesday at Plymouth Christian. For the fourth time this season, every player on the PCA team contributed to the scoring.

The Eagles were led by the senior foursome of Felicia Wroblewski (11 points), Jill Bulter (10), Jennifer Moore (9) and Christin Thomason (8). Moore also hauled down 10 rebounds.

PCA led 17-4 after one quarter, 30-10 at halftime and 42-12 entering the final period. Leandra Hoffman scored six points for Clarenceville, 0-2.

The Eagles had only eight fouls called against them as opposed to 28 on the Lady Trojans. PCA made only 10 of its 27 free throws, however.

On Saturday, the Eagles defeated host Hamtramck Immaculate Conception 33-22. Moore and Lindsey Horton had nine points apiece for the winners. Moore also had 10 rebounds.

11. Lisa Negri scored 15 points and Sarah Willyerd 11 for Powers (9-1).

REGINA 58, SALEM 42: The Rocks attempted to rally from a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter Saturday but fell short against the No. 6-rated team in Class A.

Salem is 1-4 overall, having played four ranked teams. The Rocks also have lost to the Nos. 8 and 10 teams in Class A (Birmingham Marian and Farmington Hills Mercy) and the top-ranked ballclub in Class B (Flint Powers).

The Rocks trailed 28-13 at halftime and 40-25 entering the last period in which they outscored Regina 17-10.

"It was an up-tempo game," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "We had some great scoring opportunities early, but we didn't connect. We did a much better job in the second half and made it close at the end, but we were a little too far behind."

"We're coming along even though it isn't reflected in the win-loss column."

Senior center Darcie Miller led Salem with 12 points and eight rebounds. Junior forward Cyndi Platter added 10 points and senior forward Emily Giuliani had eight points.

Senior guard Rhonda Ealer paced Regina with a game-high 20 points.

LADYWOOD 59, COUNTRY DAY 51: Janet Davis scored eight of her game-high 22 points in the fourth quarter as Livonia Ladywood pulled away from visiting Detroit Country Day for a non-league win.

Ladywood, 4-1 overall, led 41-40 after three quarters and assured itself of the win by outscoring the Yellow Jackets, 18-11 in the fourth quarter. Ladywood led by only four points with two minutes left.

Sherese Mayo led Country Day, now 2-4 overall, with 16 points. Country Day led 19-17 after one quarter and 31-26 at halftime.

The Blazers battled back in the third quarter, however, outscoring the Yellow Jackets 15-9 to take the lead for good.

Chargers have division title in sight

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Kaliszewski was not tested to the extent Henkel was, certainly not in the first half when the Chargers pressured Canton continuously but failed to make the right connections to achieve a goal.

"Sometimes we get a lot of momentum but pull up on the ball and don't get a shot," Mason said. "We have to try and pass it around more to get a good shot."

WITH PLENTY OF talent, Churchill can do that and prefers to build its attack in progressive steps but, at the same time, it can't take forever to develop, Mason said.

Like a football team needs a balanced offense, a soccer team needs to mix that approach with an occasional long ball to provide a variety in its attack, he said.

"We try to get 6-7-8 players into the attack, and that's the way you can play if you have a skilled team," Mason said. "We just weren't getting anything going fast enough. We just weren't getting behind the defense enough."

"We can work the ball as well as anybody, but if you're too slow you give (the opponent) a chance to get back. We wanted to give Dominic and Mike (Gentile) a chance to go 1-on-1. They play well when they face the goal."

Canton coach Don Smith could accept the fact his team lost because of a well-executed play by the Chargers. It was a solid goal, definitely no fluke.

"It was just a quick break down there, and they took advantage of it," he said. "There was a quick transition from the middle of the field and boom, boom, boom."

"THEY'RE OPPORTUNISTS, but they work the ball so well and create a lot of opportunities, too."

The Chiefs went on the attack more in the second half but still were outshot by Churchill.

Canton's best chances resulted from a pair of Mike Hayes corner kicks, and Kaliszewski later stopped quality shots by Jason Ripp and Chris Hayes. The Chiefs increased

their intensity in the last 25 minutes but without result.

"I thought we were a little intimidated in the first half," Smith said. "In the second half, the midfielders got into the offense more and made their midfielders work a little harder."

"I don't think we tired out. We had some chances down there. If we had put one in, I'm sure we would have come back with some more energy."

Neither Mason or Vella was surprised by Canton's strong performance.

"We heard they had a good team, a lot of good players," Vella said, "but I think we had a little more talent and maybe that gave us an edge at the end."

Mason cited the play of freshman midfielder Charlie Roberts and that of junior defenders Kevin DeHority and Brian Peters. The latter two "are always solid back there," he said. "They mark pretty well and can cover for (Lamphear) when he goes up."

COED CHAMPIONS

Cafritz/Riverhouse of Arlington, Va., defeated Edwards Associates 20-0 to win the National Softball Invitational on Labor Day weekend at Canton Softball Center.

"This is every softball player's dream," said Cafritz/Riverhouse player-coach Kip Davis after being named the most valuable player of the tournament.

Davis and his Cafritz/Riverhouse teammates dominated the co-ed Labor Day weekend tournament, winning five games by a combined score of 71-4.

The Cafritz/Riverhouse double-play combination of shortstop Larry Humphries and second baseman Tom Lamonic turned 17 double plays. Pitcher Tim Clontz walked only one batter in the five games.

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Davis, Lamonic, Tommy Tabor, Valinda Parker, Michelle Battle and Dawn Threatte were named to the all-tournament team.

Other Cafritz/Riverhouse team members were Dee Werbrich, John Ruffee, Jeff Armbruster, Martha Fugua, Kara Byrd, Lisa Clontz and Kristin Pacak.

MODIFIED CHAMPS

Basic Ideas of Plymouth and Livonia won its second straight Downhome Days Modified Softball Tournament last weekend in Mason, Mich., defeating EMB of Delton, 13-5, in the championship game.

Basic Ideas won all five of its games during the 10-team tournament. In addition to beating EMB, it also beat Bedson Electric of Livonia, 16-8; Wally's of Delton, Mich., 15-3; Art's Bar of Mason, 10-8, and Prairie Dawgs of Delton, 17-3.

Tom Willette of Plymouth led Basic Ideas, hitting .667 with 14 RBIs. Brian Chessman of Canton hit .563. Plymouth's Doug Kirkpatrick hit .471. Paco Chavez of Westland hit .467. Dave Brubaker, .455, and pitcher Brian Murphy won all five games.

PUNT, PASS, KICK

Canton Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor its annual Punt, Pass and Kick contest on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Griffin Park (Sheldon Road side). Registration is at 9:30 a.m., the start of competition at 10 a.m.

Rocks dominate K'zoo Central, 8-2

Plymouth Salem avenged a loss to Kalamazoo Central in boys soccer Saturday and took care of Livonia Franklin in Western Lakes Activities Association play Monday.

The Rocks, ranked No. 3 in Class A, were 3-1 in the league and 7-1 overall heading into a Wednesday game with seventh-ranked Plymouth Canton.

Central handed Salem its first loss (1-0) a year ago after eight straight wins, but the Rocks were ready for the rematch in Kalamazoo, winning 8-2.

Salem ran up a 6-1 halftime lead behind three goals by John Truskowski, who also had an assist.

Truskowski, scoring the first goal of the game on a penalty kick, sandwiched a pair of scores around one by teammate Tom Baker. Dave Sudia, Rich Andrusiak and Truskowski made it 6-0 before the Maroon Giants scored just before the end of the half.

In the second half, Baker scored his second goal on a direct kick, and Andrusiak notched his second of the day following a pass from Baker. Brian Spuck, Matt Cook, Jason Oberhelman and Ryan Phipps received credit for goal assists.

Salem scored four goals in the first 15 minutes, essentially deciding the issue in the first quarter of play.

The Rocks blanked host Franklin 3-0 behind a pair of Sudia goals and the first varsity goal by Oberhelman. Truskowski, Eric Stemmer and Matt Lee assisted on the scoring plays.

Salem goalkeeper got his fourth shutout of the season. "We dominated play but we weren't as smooth in finishing as we were Saturday," Salem coach Ken Johnson said. "We did enough to win."

Not including any points earned Wednesday, Truskowski leads the team with 28 on nine goals and 10 assists. Baker has 19 points (6-7) and Andrusiak 17 (8-1).

REDFORD CC 1, FOLEY 0: Rich Walos scored the only goal and goalkeeper Jeff Sawicki earned his third shutout Monday as Redford Catholic Central defeated Madison Heights Bishop Foley at Bell Creek Park.

Brendan Sullivan earned the assist on Walos' goal, which came before halftime. The non-league win moved the Shamrocks' record to 6-0 overall. Foley, a highly-ranked Class B team, fell to 5-1.

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PROFESSIONAL BOWLER
Mark Roth will be making a personal appearance on Sunday Sept. 29 at West Bloomfield Lanes.

Roth will be on hand to sign autographs, talk some bowling and maybe show some of the skills which have made him one of the most successful competitors on the Pro Tour.

Roth was a dominant player in the late 1970s, winning Player of the Year honors for three consecutive years (1977-79) and again in 1984. He was put into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1987.

Roth is one of the leading career money winners, pocketing a cool \$1.3 million. The occasion for Roth's visit is on behalf of the Brunswick Corp. They have just furnished some new equipment at West Bloomfield Lanes, the establishment of Larry Sison.

The lanes have just undergone quite a facelift and the new equipment will help create a more enjoyable atmosphere for the bowlers.

West Bloomfield Lanes is located on Orchard Lake just south of Maple. All bowling fans are invited to meet Roth and check out the new bowling equipment.

• Congratulations to Julie Wright of Farmington Hills who won her first MJMA title on Sept. 8 in the 6th Annual Cherry Hill North Open.

Wright had to climb the stepladder for her victory, defeating Lisa Bishop in the finals, 202-192.

Wright also beat Penny Mendis of Belleville 226-202 and Michelle Ewald of St. Clair Shores 215-197.

Wright is another example of YABA talent coming up through the SYC Youth Traveling League.

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For more information about the MJMA (Michigan Junior Masters Association) call Paulette Krajniak at 583-7579 or Dan Ottman at 689-8494.

• Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills is offering an instructional program for improvement at all levels of ability. The starting date is Oct. 6 with three hours for just \$15 per person.

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For further details, call Frank Pepp at 478-2230.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Bel Aire Lanes (Farmington): Tuesday Men's Senior House League — Mike Jacoboni, 265-265/754; Vern Flowers, 255-255/717; Jeff Erard, 247/694; Phil Hale, 258/646; Mark Abele, 685; Darryl Rollins, 659; Keith Suda, 656; Bob Sostak, 652; Mark Howes, 651; Bob Hanson Sr., 257/650; Bill Carosm, 279-257/715. Salad Bowlers — Kathy Moody, 221. Novi Pinpointers — Rosemary Banish, 209. Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): Monday Night Men's League — Don Seamark, 290.

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Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington Hills): Tuesday Junior House League — Wayne Lusky, 279/794; Jeff Emert, 677; Chuck Chaitaway, 662; Scott Camarowski, 661.

Woodsland Lanes (Livonia): Ford Party — Cliff Cavender, 279.

Afternoon Delights — Marilyn Koski, 222. Woodland Rollers — Dawn Scicluna, 602. Keglerettes — Cheryl Sipek, 223-224/640. Midnightriders — Ambrone (Jake) Jacobs, 254. Westland Bowl: Twin Parish League — Gordie Tesar, 300/717.

Kings and Queens (Sunday Mixed) — Lona Palise, 277/697; Louise Caram, 184/480; Bill Caram, 244/584.

Tri-City Men's Invitational — Charlie Cassie, 300/760; Joe Boldizar, 279.

Merri-Bowl (Livonia): Men's Senior House League — Dick Raymond, 257/735; Roy Studer, 253/715; Doug Nikkila, 260-266/708; Jim Jenson, 258/705; John Bryngelson, 258/705; Garrett Nagle, 247/678; Vitas Bagdonas, 251/676; Rick Provost, 242/659; Marc Mattus, 234/654.

Oak Lanes (Westland): Wednesday Nite Pacesetters — Barb Macy, 231/531.

Wednesday Nite Men's — John Tuie, 233/637; Scott Soszewski, 231/621; Jim Stoben, 237/638; Bob Pummill, 230; Fred Weis, 234/638; John Weiss, 233/626.

Seniors Mixed (Sr. Citizen) — Howard Simmons, 202. Tuesday Ladies Trio — Pat Buckner, 216.

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Town And Country Lanes (Westland): Tuesday Nite Merchants — Jerry Venters, 298/675; Bill Reynolds, 239/689; Yves Szymanski, 256. T & C Wednesday Nite Expanded Trio — Charlie Stalley, 267; Andy Deverick, 244. Wednesday Nite Ladies Jr. House — Lynn Dupak, 224; Brenda Radley, 211; Linda Glass, 204; Denise Fedulchak, 202; Gloria Picard, 207.

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11:00 a.m. - Detroit Country Day School vs. Livonia Churchill High School	1:00 p.m. - Florida Institute of Technology vs. Northeast Missouri State University
1:00 p.m. - Florida Institute of Technology vs. New Hampshire College	3:00 p.m. - Oakland University vs. New Hampshire College
3:00 p.m. - Oakland University vs. Northeast Missouri State University	5:00 p.m. - Presentation of Trophies
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obituaries

LILLIAN E. ASH

Services for Lillian E. Ash, 71, of Northville, were Wednesday, Sept. 18, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mrs. Ash was born Oct. 11, 1919 in Northville. She died Saturday, Sept. 14, in Ann Arbor. She came to the Plymouth community in 1937 from Northville. She was a homemaker and member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth and a member of the Mayflower Garden Club of Plymouth.

Mrs. Ash is survived by her husband, Edwin W. Ash of Plymouth; two daughters, Judy McPherson of Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Eileen Piehl of Valparaiso, Ind.; one son, Gerald Ash of Plymouth; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; three sisters, Theda Lyke of South Lyon, Mildred Honsinger of Central Lake and Josephine Childers of Ocala, Fla.; three brothers, Harold Fritz of Northville, Leonard Fritz of Northville and Linwood Fritz of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Pastors Dan J. Helwig and Leonard Koening officiated the service. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE A. FINNEY

Services for Lawrence A. Finney, 60, of Palm City, Fla., previously of Plymouth, were Friday, Sept. 6, at Forest Hills Funeral Home in Palm City. Burial was in Forest Hills Memorial Park, Palm City.

Mr. Finney died Tuesday, Sept. 3, in Palm City. A native of Plymouth, he graduated from high school in 1949, attended college for two years at Notre Dame, and then joined the flight school in the Navy. In 1956 he joined United Airlines and retired as captain March 1, 1991, after 35 years of service.

Mr. Finney is survived by his wife, Terry Finney of Palm City; two sons, Larry Finney of Reno, Nev. and James Finney of Windsor, Calif.; three daughters, Stacey Gibbons of Windsor, Calif. and Laura Finney of Windsor, Calif. and Jennifer Finney of Palm City; mother, Dorothy Fin-

ney of Lake Worth, Fla.; one brother, Dave Finney of Brighton; one sister, Betty J. Hanke of Mission Hills, Calif. and four grandchildren.

The Rev. Luther D. Kistler officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Martin, 2300 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, Fla. 34996.

BUELL H. GRIFFIN

Services for Buell H. Griffin Sr., 79, of Plymouth Township were Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit.

Mr. Griffin was born March 17, 1912 in Jonesboro, Ark. He died Saturday, Sept. 14, in Tecumseh. He came to the Plymouth community in 1985 from Redford. He retired from Dister Tool in 1978 and was a member of Lola Valley Masonic Lodge No. 583 and Dearborn Moose No. 1620.

Mr. Griffin is survived by his wife, Helen Griffin of Plymouth; three sons, David R. Griffin of Redford, Charles N. Griffin of Dearborn

Heights and Buell H. Griffin Jr. of Canton; step-daughter, Christine E. Leader of Belleville; step-son, Dana E. Leader of Romulus; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Bessie McKewen of Jonesboro, Ark. and Ruth J. Tippen of Memphis, Tenn.

David Kohn officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Mason Home in Alma, Mich.

JEAN M. ROCK

Services for Jean M. Rock, 64, of Derwood, Md., were Saturday, Sept. 14, at the family home in Derwood.

Mrs. Rock was born May 2, 1927 in New York. She died Sunday, Sept. 11, at Montgomery General Hospital in Olney, Md. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Laytonsville, Md.

Mrs. Rock is survived by her husband, Donald B. Rock of Derwood; three daughters, Karin Stoker of Cambridge, Md., Diana Klipp of Walkersville, Md. and Laura Rock of Derwood; one son, Gary Rock of Gaithersburg, Md.; one sister, Lois

Schwartz of Plymouth; two brothers, Roderick Norgren of Livonia and Robert Norgren of Newfield, N.Y. and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society or Community Service of Autistic Adults and Children, 751 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, Md. 20850.

Arrangements were made by Barber Funeral Home in Laytonsville, Md.

WILLIAM F. CURTIS

Services for William F. Curtis, 83, of Tampa, Fla., previously of Plymouth, will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100

Funeral Home in Clarkston. Mr. Curtis was born Nov. 20, 1907. He died Friday, Sept. 13, in Tampa, Fla. He grew up and spent much of his life in Plymouth before moving to Clarkston.

Mr. Curtis is survived by his wife, Katherine Curtis of Tampa, Fla.; three daughters, Nancy Shoup of Clarkston, Joan Millmine of Pontiac and Sharon Noble of Tampa, Fla.; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Bernard Curtis of Manchester, Mich.; and one sister, Minnie Hill of Plymouth.

The Rev. Douglas R. Trebilcock officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Michigan Cancer Foundation.

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CRAFT GALLERY

Craft Gallery, offering country folk art and Victorian crafts will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Roma's of Garden City, Cherry Hill east of Venoy Road. Admission is \$2, children under 12 free. No strollers permitted.

TIVOLI FAIR

The Northville Historical Society will have its Tivoli Fair 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Northville Downs Clubhouse, Seven Mile and Sheldon roads. Admission is \$2. More than 100 exhibitors will participate in the juried arts and crafts show.

CAMBRIDGE CENTER

The Cambridge Center will have its Scarborough Craft Fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the center, 28901 Cambridge, east of Middlebelt and south of Warren, Garden City. There will be crafts, foods and raffles. For information, call 422-7198.

ST. MEL'S

St. Mel's Confraternity of Christian Women will have a two-day rummage sale, 9-5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 25-26, in the church activities building, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights.

HOSANNA TABOR

Hosanna Tabor Church, 9600 Levene, Redford, will have an arts and craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. Crafters are needed. The price for an eight-foot table is \$20, or two for \$35. For information, call 522-8137.

ST. AIDAN

St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, will have an arts and crafts show Saturday, Oct. 12. Spaces are still available. For information, call 471-4552.

CHERRY HILL

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton, will hold its bazaar 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 12. The bazaar will feature crafts, a bakery, white elephant items and a luncheon with homemade ice cream. The theme is "Columbus discovered America on Oct. 12 - Come discover Cherry Hill on Oct. 12."

ST. DAMIAN

St. Damian School and Sodality will have an arts and craft show 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. Crafters are needed. Table rental fee is \$28. For information, call 454-0376.

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SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 1991

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that a special bond election of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Tuesday, September 24, 1991.
THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.
The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:

BONDING PROPOSITION
Shall Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fifty Nine Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$59,700,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

- erecting, furnishing and equipping two elementary schools and acquiring one elementary site;
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- purchasing and installing technology systems and equipment for all school facilities; and
- purchasing school buses and developing, equipping and improving sites, playgrounds and outdoor physical education facilities?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

THE VOTING PLACE(S) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of City Precinct No. 3 and City Precinct No. 5.

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Gallimore Elementary School. The second precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, Canton Township Precinct No. 10 and Canton Township Precinct No. 23.

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Isbister Elementary School. The third precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 4 and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5.

PRECINCT NO. 4
Voting Place: Starkweather Elementary School. The fourth precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 1 and City Precinct No. 2.

PRECINCT NO. 5
Voting Place: Allen Elementary School. The fifth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 3, Plymouth Township Precinct No. 4 and Plymouth Township Precinct No. 9.

PRECINCT NO. 6
Voting Place: West Middle School. The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 12 and all territory of the school district located in Salem Township.

PRECINCT NO. 7
Voting Place: Farrand Elementary School. The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1, Plymouth Township Precinct No. 2, Plymouth Township Precinct No. 8 and all territory of the school district located in Northville Township.

PRECINCT NO. 8
Voting Place: Fiegel Elementary School. The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6 and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 10.

PRECINCT NO. 9
Voting Place: Miller Elementary School. The ninth precinct consists of all Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13.

PRECINCT NO. 10
Voting Place: Husing Elementary School. The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 12.

PRECINCT NO. 11
Voting Place: Eriksson Elementary School. The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 21.

PRECINCT NO. 12
Voting Place: Field Elementary School. The twelfth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18.

PRECINCT NO. 13
Voting Place: Canton High School. The thirteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 8, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 15, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 17, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 19, and all territory of the school district located in Superior Township.

PRECINCT NO. 14
Voting Place: Bird Elementary School. The fourteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 7 and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11.

PRECINCT NO. 15
Voting Place: Pioneer Middle School. The fifteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 6 and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 13.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.
This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan.

LESTER W. WALKER
Secretary, Board of Education

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business people

Janet Humann was appointed director of franchise sales with A&W Restaurants in Livonia. Before her recent appointment at A&W, Humann was held the positions of director of franchise contracts and credit administration, manager of franchise contracts, and manager of credit and collections. Before joining A&W, Humann was in the credit departments of General Electric Supply Co. and Parke Davis Co.

Janet L. Yerks of Livonia was promoted to associate with Plants & Moran, an accounting and management consulting firm. She specializes in serving automobile dealerships. She is based in the Southfield office.

Casimir Woldrich of Westland was honored by United Parcel Service for completing 25 years of service with the company. He is a delivery information clerk with UPS in Livonia.



Humann



Yerks



Woldrich



Horka



Tinklenberg



Rice



Brown

John Horka of Livonia, a delivery driver for United Parcel Service, was recognized by the company for completing five years driving without an accident.

Mark D. Tinklenberg, graphics teacher at South Redford Schools, attended the GATF Teacher Institute at the Graphics Arts Technical Foundation, Pittsburgh, Pa. He received a certificate that recognizes his successful completion of the Teacher Institute. During this pro-

gram, teachers concentrated on developing new skills and improving their existing teaching methods.

Scott Rice of Plymouth, an automotive mechanic for United Parcel Service, was recently recognized by the company for completing five years of service without a lost-time injury. Rice works out of the UPS facility in Livonia.

In recognition of their success, Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. honored its

top businesswomen during its "Winners Wonderland" seminar in Dallas, Texas. Those from Michigan are: Jane Brown of Canton Township, Circle of Achievement at \$250,000; and Herta Furbacher of Westland, Director Queen's Court of Personal Sales.

Ronald Bobola of Canton Township, a hub sorter with United Parcel Service, was recently recognized by the company for completing 20 years of service with the company.

Bobola started as a loader in the Livonia hub in 1971.

Ed Turner was named regional manager for the industrial products division of Lumonics Corp. of Livonia. His territory includes Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Turner had been sales manager for Coherent General Inc. He has more than 12 years of sales-engineering experience, including sever-

al years overseas, working with original-equipment manufacturers, end-user customers, and distributors for industrial capital equipment.

Mary Salata of Canton Township was made vice president, account supervisor, at Ross Roy Communications in Bloomfield Hills.

Jim Rozelle, president of Innovative Turf Management in Westland, will handle New Golf Concepts' soil conditioner, Isolite in Oakland, Genesee and Lapeer counties. To qualify as a distributor of Isolite, Rozelle, who worked as the sales director of Altos Computer Systems before joining the NGC team, completed an intensive training program at NGC's Colorado headquarters. During training he studied the unique properties of the product and its specific applications for courses in the Detroit area.

datebook

● PURCHASING MANAGERS
Thursday, Sept. 19 — National Association of Purchasing Managers meets at 5:15 p.m. at the Grand Manor at Fairlane in Dearborn. Information: 313-773-3737.

● HOMEBUYERS SEMINAR
Saturday, Sept. 21 — Free seminar on buying a house noon to 2 p.m. at 32398 Five Mile, Livonia. Information: 421-5660. Sponsors: The Prudential Harry S. Wolfe Realtors, Liberty Mortgage.

● HOMEBUYERS SEMINAR
Monday, Sept. 23 — Free seminar on buying a house 7-9 p.m. at 32398 Five Mile, Livonia. Information: 421-5660. Sponsors: The Prudential Harry S. Wolfe Realtors, Liberty Mortgage.

● BUSINESS ETIQUETTE
Tuesday, Sept. 24 — "Business Etiquette and Consumer Relations" 1-5 p.m. at Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Fee: \$50. Information: 591-5188.

● LIVONIA CHAMBER
Wednesday, Sept. 25 — Livonia Chamber of Commerce presents Athena Award to outstanding mem-

ber at noon at Roma's of Livonia. Information: 427-2122.

● BUSINESS ETIQUETTE
Wednesday, Oct. 2 — "Business Etiquette and Consumer Relations" 6-10 p.m. at Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Fee: \$50. Information: 591-5188.

● DIRECT MARKETING DAYS
Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 2-3 —

Direct marketing seminar and vendor exhibition at Grand Manor at Fairlane in Dearborn. Non-member fee: \$175. Information: 258-8803. Sponsor: Direct Marketing Association of Detroit.

● FRONT-LINE SUPERVISION
Mondays, Oct. 7 through Nov. 25 — "Supervision: How to Provide It, How to Live It" presented 7-10 p.m.

at Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Fee: \$200. Information: 591-5188.

● REAL ESTATE MANAGERS
Sunday-Saturday, Oct. 13-19 — "Managing Real Estate as an Investment" in Novi. Fee: \$740. Information: 855-6522. Sponsor: Institute of Real Estate Management.

marketplace

A.R. Kramer Flooring in Livonia announced the appointment of Communications Creative to handle the company's advertising and sales promotion program, effective immediately.

American Speedy Printing Centers Inc., an international printing franchiser, was named the Official Printer of the 1991 International Summer Special Olympics Games. Participating American Speedy owners included Bill and Connie Greenman, Livonia-Northeast; Sam and Carolyn DeSanto, Livonia-West; and Donna and Al Spiteri, Livonia-Central.

A Chrysler educational video, developed for a visit by Plymouth-Canton community school children to the 1991 North American International Auto Show in Detroit was recognized by the film industry for its excellence.

Fire SafetyPlus Inc., a Livonia company introduces the Halonaire fire extinguishers to the U.S. market. Endorsed by the Institute for Fire and Burn Education by name as the best form of fire protection available, these new commercial and residential fire extinguishers offer distinct advantages over all other conventional extinguishers. Environmentally safe, halons largely decompose upon contact with fire, rendering them less harmful to the ozone than the by-products of burned fabrics and other materials.

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Choose a positive outlook, consultant says

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Negativity is learned. Negativity can be unlearned. It's up to everyone to decide as individuals whether they want to have a positive outlook in the workplace and at home, then make a conscious effort to do so.

Be prepared for a more satisfying life — and some funny looks — if you make the transformation.

That was the gist of a message provided Monday by Lois Wolfe-Morgan, a management consultant and motivational speaker, to a marketing club of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

"Every workday experience is a call to action," she said. "We can no longer wait around for someone to put rocks in our positive buckets. You have to do it yourself."

"You will get there if you remain strong and keep taking baby steps. My challenge is to say yes to positivism and say yes to life."

One of the best ways to get out of the negativity rut is to find ways to say yes rather than no to yourself and others, Wolfe-Morgan advised.

"By the time you're 35 years old, you've heard 'no' 300,000 times," she said. "We hear it from parents, teachers, children, bosses, friends, people we don't even care about."

"PEOPLE WHO don't have their expectations met form negative expectations," she said. "Negativity is a habit. Most people I meet don't prepare, plan or expect to be positive."

We sometimes set ourselves up for a negative experience in the morning when an irritating alarm rouses us out of a sound sleep. We see how lousy we look as we stumble into the bathroom, we hear all kinds of bad news from the radio or TV while getting ready, then we get bogged down in traffic while heading to work.

"Wouldn't it be neat if we could wake up and say, 'What a great, new morning,' Wolfe-Morgan said. "Most people don't believe they have options. They believe they're stuck in their rut."

"We can't wait around for the rest of the world to give us the compliments we need," Wolfe-Morgan repeated. "We have to tell ourselves those things."



'When you have increased satisfaction, you have increased productivity. The bottom line is up.'

— Lois Wolfe-Morgan

But taking a few seconds to give undivided attention — and a compliment — to your children or colleagues at work will make you and them feel good.

"When you have increased satisfaction, you have increased productivity . . . the bottom line is up," she said.

What it does is stop you from fueling the fires of negativity."

Sure, you'll end up in some boring conversations, she said, but better boring than negative.

"We move in the direction of that which we think about," Wolfe-Morgan said. And excuses about lack of opportunity, dysfunctional families, divorce, poverty are just that — excuses, she said.

"Environment impacts life, people impact life but do you know who has the biggest impact on your life? You."

Don't be surprised if you're regarded a bit differently when you can change your outlook, Wolfe-Morgan said.

"People think you're weird because they're not accustomed to positiveness," she said. "They have become so comfortable in life it (negativity) has become part of their personality."

Beverly A. White, sales director for Lazer Images, agreed especially with Morgan-Wolfe's assertion that people choose to be positive or negative.

"SOME PEOPLE don't feel they have that choice. It is your choice, under all circumstances, to be positive," White said.

"I thought she was an excellent speaker," said Patty Donohue-Ebach, physical education director for the Livonia Family YMCA. "We have it in our power to choose to be positive or negative. I think most people make their own beds, then put the blame in other places."

"I liked the fact she said not to encourage a person who has a negative attitude . . . and (suggested) ways to cool them off," said Janet Ramsden, an administrative assistant at Suburban Medical Center. "It's something we can all put to use."

"You're not going to succeed if you have negative thoughts," said Peggy Crilley, a sales representative for Business & Pleasure Travel. "Positive thinking has to be not only in the workplace, but day-to-day living."

"I thought she had good points," said Phil Bahr, a partner in the CPA firm of Parker, Wittus & Co. "How many times do you fuel someone's negative comments?"

Pension options affect decision on early retirement

By Dan Boyce
and Alan Ferrara
special writers

Local financial planning experts reviewed the data of the family profiled here and made general recommendations based on the participants' resources and goals. The information is for educational purposes only; references are not intended as discrimination or endorsements by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers or the advisers.

To receive a free financial planning brochure or to obtain a questionnaire to participate in this column, contact the Center of Financial Planning, Dept. 100, 26211 Central Park Blvd., Suite 604, Southfield 48076 or call 948-7900. Names of participants are withheld upon request, and submitted financial data is confidential.

John Wright is facing one of the most difficult decisions in his career. Along with many of his peers, he has been offered an early retirement package from Unisys. Although he is inclined toward accepting the offer, he has requested our evaluation regarding his options.

Wright, 57, has worked for Unisys (formerly Burroughs) for the last 26 years. His wife has never worked outside the home, and their three children are grown and financially independent. They have a house in Plymouth that will be paid off in four years.

Wright has always planned to work at Unisys at least until age 62, and probably 65. He had never considered retiring until this recent package was offered. But if they can afford it, he would like to accept the offer.

Incentives in the early retirement package include a favorable formula used to determine the pension benefit. This calculation bases his pension on his higher "final average earnings," rather than on an average of his "career earnings," which

In preparing for retirement, a major focus must be on the necessary income to meet projected expenses.

would be used if he stayed on until age 62. Offsetting this somewhat is the fact he will have fewer years of service, a factor that reduces the pension benefit. Also, his medical insurance, would be, in effect subsidized. We calculate the value of the medical benefits package at approximately \$100 per month.

More important, an early retirement would give him the option to pursue other vocational opportunities. He has often thought he would enjoy teaching at the college level. But if landing a position proved difficult, he could work as a computer systems consultant/independent contractor.

IN PREPARING for retirement, a major focus must be on the necessary income to meet projected expenses. Fortunately, the Wrights have tracked their actual expenditures over the past few years. This provides them with an accurate picture of the income needed during retirement, which they estimate at \$2,600 per month to maintain their current standard of living.

Retirement income generally comes from three sources: pensions, income from investments and Social Security. Because it will be five years before Wright reaches 62, he will have to rely initially on just the pension and investments plus any outside earnings from a new job.

At first blush, it appears that the Wrights should have no problem reaching their income goal. If Wright took the maximum pension for which he is eligible (unreduced by survivorship options or lump sum

payouts), he would receive almost \$1,500 per month. Income from his investment assets of \$250,000 could provide the \$1,100 per month needed to reach the \$2,600 goal.

But Wright is concerned about the effects of future inflation on his required income. The pension payments are a fixed amount that will not increase over time. With a life expectancy of 20-25 years, the purchasing power of this pension benefit would be drastically reduced over time.

We would point out that they, in fact, have some built-in future increases in their spendable income. When Wright reaches 61, the house will be paid off and they will effectively increase their spendable income by \$450 per month. The following year, when he reaches 62, he will be eligible for Social Security of more than \$700 per month, and his wife would be eligible for Social Security benefits of \$350 the following year.

BUT EVEN THESE amounts might not provide them with the needed cushion should inflation become a major problem. At just 5 percent inflation, their income needs would increase to more than \$5,500 by the time they reach their late 60s. Our projections indicate that they might be financially secure with their current assets, but that this is dependent upon relatively favorable economic assumptions.

We conclude that he can accept the early retirement offer, but we would highly recommend that he pursue a teaching or consulting position for at least the next five years. By supplementing their income in this manner, they should be able to leave their investment assets virtually untouched, reinvesting all interest and dividends. The growth of these assets during the next few years will help provide a larger margin for a comfortable retirement even in more adverse economic conditions.

Wright has the option of taking his pension in a single lump sum payment rather than monthly payments. Under the basic pension plan, he could opt for a \$125,000 lump sum payment, and there is a special retirement incentive that could pay him a lump sum of about \$36,000.

Although the lump sum payments would increase their asset base, we would recommend that Wright elect to receive the monthly pension payments. This would not be the right solution for everyone. But especially because his wife has no pension of her own, the pension can provide a steady base of income for their daily living expenses. Cash flow is simply easier to monitor and manage with this regular income.

Also, the lump sum distribution would generate substantial immediate income tax liability. Because of this tax, they would have fewer assets earning interest. The actuarial interest rate assumption in the monthly pension is more than 8 percent. A lump sum election would require even higher rates of return to generate the same income because the taxes paid immediately reduce the principal.

The standard form of the pension provides that if Wright died, his wife would continue to receive 50 percent of the pension benefit. Alternatively, they could elect to have 100, 75 or 0 percent payable to the surviving

spouse. Obviously, the greater the survivor benefit, the lower the pension payment will be. For example, the 100 percent survivor benefit option is only 85 percent of the amount paid under the single life option in which no survivor benefits are paid.

We would strongly suggest that they choose the 100 percent survivor option. Because Norma Wright has no pension of her own, she will need continuing income should she become widowed. Her income would already be reduced because she would not be receiving any of her husband's future earned income, nor

would she receive his Social Security at age 62 although her widow's Social Security benefits would be available at age 60. A 50 percent or more reduction in the pension benefit in addition to these other reductions could be devastating.

Evaluating an early retirement package is not an easy process. Each individual set of circumstances is different, and there are few blanket answers. We'd encourage the Wrights to seek the advice of a personal financial adviser on these matters. This is a critical period for them, and the financial decisions

made now may impact their future financial security for years to come.

Dan Boyce, a certified financial planner at the Center for Financial Planning in Southfield, has been recognized by Money magazine as one of the top financial planners in the nation. Alan Ferrara is a partner in the Farmington Hills law firm of Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar. Both serve on the board of directors for the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the International Association for Financial Planning.

1991 NBD HOUSING CONFERENCE

A Home Is The American Dream. Finding Affordable Housing Is A Nightmare.

To help solve this problem, NBD Bank is sponsoring the 1991 Housing Conference on Saturday, September 28, at the University of Detroit Mercy Conference Center. Conference workshops are designed to help Metro Detroit:

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Workshops will be led by community leaders, developers, legal experts, representatives from Detroit, HUD, and local universities, and NBD officers. The cost is \$15 for the first person from an organization, and \$10 for others from the same organization, or for individuals. Scholarships are available. To register before September 20, call 225-3492.

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The Bottom Line

Advantages of Early Retirement:

- ✓ Provides option to pursue other interests.
- ✓ Favorable pension formula.
- ✓ Retains option to work elsewhere.
- ✓ Favorable medical benefits package.

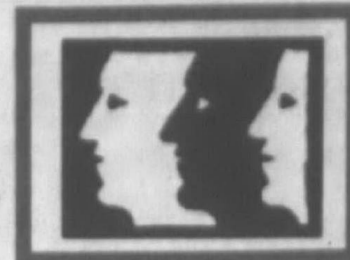
Disadvantages of Early Retirement:

- ✓ Earned income will decline significantly.
- ✓ Years of service (for pension calculation) less than anticipated.
- ✓ Pension has no cost of living adjustment.
- ✓ A significant asset (Unisys stock) has just had a major decline in value.

FAMILY FINANCES

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Mary Harmsen teaches an 11th grade class at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton.

World changes enliven classes

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Teacher Sam Gaines recently put together a test for some of his students at Plymouth Christian Academy on the changing Soviet Union. He had to revise the test when two more of the Baltic republics declared their independence.

Gaines agreed this can be a fascinating time for students in social studies classes.

"It is, it's really exciting," said Gaines, a Canton resident and social studies department chairman at the private school in Canton. Events in the world, including the rapid changes in the Soviet Union, help students realize there's more to social studies than pages in a book.

Courtney Armstrong, 12, of Canton's one of the seventh graders at Plymouth Christian Academy who took that test on the Baltic republics. "We get to learn about how Russia's changing," she said.

SHE'S BEEN watching the TV news and reading newspapers to keep up with world events. Courtney likes social studies and also enjoys her math and science classes.

Classmate Bobby Mayer, 12, of Plymouth agreed that studying current events makes social studies more interesting.

"You get to learn more about the Soviet Union," said Bobby, a seventh grader at PCA. "It's just exciting."

He and Courtney have been learning about the Baltic republics declaring their independence from the Soviet Union and other changes in that region. Bobby, who considers math his favorite subject and social studies his second, likes studying the "neat stuff" that's going on.

Educators agree changes in the Soviet Union and elsewhere have provided plenty of material for classroom use.

"It's an exciting time," said Mary Harmsen of Canton, who teaches secondary social studies at Plymouth Christian Academy. Students enjoy studying events that are occurring right now, and she likes being "able to explain to the kids that these things really do happen."

Harmsen's students have been studying current events this year.

"I think it gives them a new perspective," she said. "They can actually see things that are happening right now."

TEXTBOOKS, MAPS and globes in local classrooms are becoming outdated almost every day, so educators have relied on other materials for teaching. Newspapers, news magazines and TV, and radio coverage have helped students and teachers keep up with the changes.

"We really try to encourage them to read the paper as well as watch different newscasts," she said.

Harmsen's found it helpful to rely on a number of sources to get different perspectives on such subjects as the best route for the Soviet Union to take. She's also been reading about the Senate hearings for Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas.

Teacher Penny Nuechterlein has been using newspapers in her sixth grade social studies classes at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township. She's found political cartoons from daily newspapers are an effective teaching tool.

Students are aware of what's happening; many keep up with changes through news coverage, and also hear their parents discuss the changes.

"They have a lot of knowledge," Nuechterlein, a Northville resident, said of her sixth grade students.

THE STUDENTS recently studied a political cartoon related to Cuba's Fidel Castro and the domino effect. The sixth graders are able to understand sophisticated concepts with the help of such cartoons, she said.

"You definitely have to use current types of things. You can't just use the textbook," Nuechterlein said.

Her students have talked about the fact that classroom maps are rapidly becoming outdated. West Germany and East Germany, of course, are now one and the same.

"There are changes on a daily basis," Nuechterlein said. She agreed the past few years have been exciting ones for teaching social studies.

Nuechterlein hasn't found it difficult or burdensome to keep up with the changing times.

"You're teaching something you're interested in," she said.

Social studies: anything but boring

Sheila Alles uses such words as "stimulating" and "thought-provoking" in describing the changes in the Soviet Union and the rest of the world and how those developments relate to teaching.

"It's very exciting. Major changes are occurring daily," said Alles, curriculum coordinator for language arts and social studies for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

"When you think about the changes that have occurred, the social changes, economic changes, political changes" that have taken place, "it's an exciting time to be

alive and to be a student," Alles said.

The rapid pace of those changes has presented some challenges for educators. Publishing companies have difficulty keeping materials current. Educators try to have the most current resources in classrooms and libraries, but that's difficult to do.

Teachers rely heavily on media coverage to stay current, said Alles, a Canton resident.

SHE'S FOUND maps printed in newspapers and used on TV to be helpful. "You need to be able to visualize them. I think that's extremely helpful for adults."

Changes in the Soviet Union extend beyond changes of borders, she said. Government, lifestyle, culture and other aspects are changing as well.

Students in the Plymouth-Canton schools study geography from kindergarten through 12th grade. Geography's integrated into the social studies curriculum.

Each part of the curriculum looks at a target area and compares it to others in the country, region and world, Alles said. Global interdependence is emphasized.

"Our concern is for the well-being and the stability of the people within those countries," she said. Students study problems that develop in countries where such dramatic changes are taking place.

Plymouth-Canton students learn about different cultures and environ-

ments throughout the world. "Social studies is the vehicle that takes them to other parts of the globe," Alles said.

SOCIAL STUDIES teaching has changed in recent years. There's less of an emphasis on memorizing facts and dates "and more of an emphasis on the reason why things happened, what caused them to happen." The past is studied in terms of its impact on the present and future.

Tests have changed as well. Many middle school students now take essay and short answer tests in social studies classes. Elementary school students work together on projects, doing such things as building three-dimensional models of Plymouth or Canton and learning geographical concepts in the process.

The Plymouth-Canton school district has a Social Studies Task Force. Each elementary school, middle school and high school is represented. Members share information related to issues and topics in the social studies curriculum, said Alles, who serves as committee chairwoman. Members find newsletters, such as those published by the Michigan Geographic Alliance at Central Michigan University or by the National Geographic Society, helpful.

"I think educators are committed to staying abreast of the changes that are happening, both professionally and globally," Alles said. "Education's a very exciting field to be in right now."



Sheila Alles

Sociable seniors Friendship enriches their lives

By Julie Brown
staff writer

LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS certainly know the value of friendship.

That was easy to see during last week's "SeniorFest 91" in Hines Park. Some 350 to 400 seniors gathered to enjoy good food and even better company.

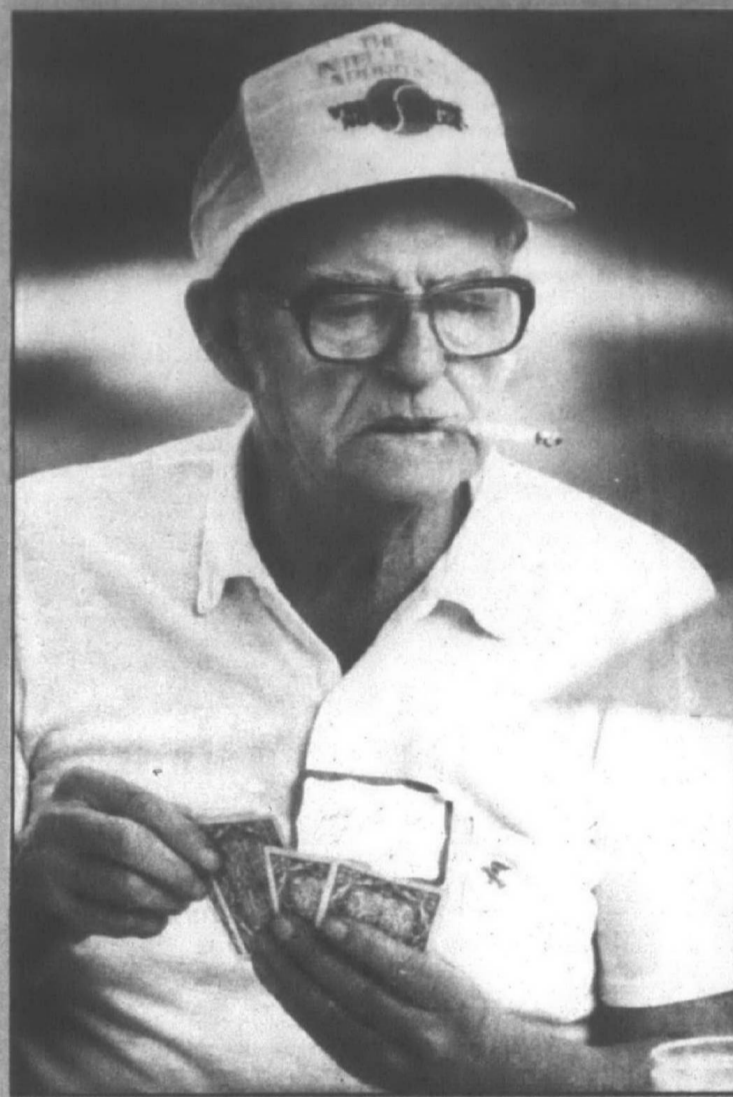
The annual September event's held "to enhance the golden years so they don't get rusty," said Archie Bunch of Plymouth Township. He and his wife, Mary, edit The Senior Sentinel, a newsletter published by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

"People need to get out and have a social life outside of watching for their Social Security check or the mailman or the bills to come in," Bunch said. His wife agreed that friendship's essential for those of all ages.

"Oh, I think it's great because some of these people never get out," Mary Bunch said. "They need this outlet to get together. It's really great for them to get together and meet people."

OFTEN, NEWCOMERS to the community find it enjoyable to get involved in Council on Aging activities, she said. "SeniorFest 91," held Wednesday, Sept. 11, was sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging and by Northville's senior citizen organization.

Such get-togethers are beneficial for seniors "because they have a lot in common, and that's the important thing," said Mary Childs of Plymouth, incoming president of the Council on Aging.



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Jay King plays cards during the "SeniorFest" get-together in Hines Park.

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engagements

Tavana-Simons

Carol Ann Tavana of Canton and Daniel Paul Simons of Canton plan a late September wedding at St. Simon & Jude Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Paul and Marion Tavana. She is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and is employed as a customer service representative at Health Career Learning Systems in Livonia.

Her fiancé is the son of Dorothy Simons of Detroit and the late Daniel Matthew Simons. He attended Southwestern High School in Detroit and is employed as a chemical plater at Plymouth Plating in Plymouth.

They will make their home in Canton.



Schomer-Reeder

Jacqueline Donahue of Canton and Ronald Schomer of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Anne Schomer of Wayne, to Roger Allen Reeder of Wayne. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Jeanette Bergman of Bradenton, Fla., and Jerry Reeder of Canton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of John Glenn High School. She is employed by Dr. Mary Alani in Bloomfield Township.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co./Michigan Truck Plant.

A late October wedding is planned at St. Mary's of Wayne.



new voices

Ronald and Patricia Antasek announce the birth of a daughter, Rachel Marie, Aug. 11. Grandparents are Philip and Mary Lou Cottrell of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ronald and Diane Antasek of Miami, Fla.

William P. and Diane Kapelanski of Canton announce the birth of a son, Andrew Joseph, Aug. 30 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are John and Sophie Verostick and Stella Kapelanski of

Dearborn Heights. Mary Kush of Sharon, Pa., is the great-grandmother. Andrew Joseph has a sister, Lisa, 6, and a brother, William J., 4.

Jeffrey and Elizabeth Gatt of Plymouth announce the birth of a son, Joshua Alexander, Aug. 29 at the Providence Birthing Center in Southfield. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Juhnke and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gatt. Joshua Alexander has a brother, Stefan David, 2.



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Raiford-Rowland

Jesse and Juanita Raiford of Tomball, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie Lynn, to Robert Scott Rowland, son of Bob and Sally Rowland of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas A & M University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree. She is also a graduate of the University of Texas, where she earned a master of business administration degree.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and of Texas A & M, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in economics. He is also a graduate of the University of Texas, where he earned a master of business administration degree.

A mid-October wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



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Seniors find plenty to smile about during the annual get-together in Hines Park. Some 350 to 400 area senior citizens attended.

Good company

Seniors agree friendship offers rewards

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"So it's a friendly get-together," said Childs, a Plymouth city commissioner and former mayor. The senior citizens have plenty of experience to draw on and a lot to give, she said.

The weather cooperated for the "SeniorFest." There were a few clouds in the sky, but no rain fell. Temperatures that day were just perfect for spending time out in the Plymouth park.

Entertainment was part of the afternoon's fun. The New Generation Dance Company from Schoolcraft College took to the stage to perform for the senior citizens.

The adult dance company includes dancers ranging in age from 20 to 70, said Marv Gans of Northville, assistant dean in continuing

education services at Schoolcraft College. Most of the members are women.

"We do have a few men in the group," Gans said. "It's just a fun group. They do well."



Anne MacInnis of Plymouth Township shows off a flower arrangement she won as a door prize.

photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

anniversaries

Couple marks 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James (Barbara) McKelvey, longtime Plymouth Township residents, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Sept. 13.

An anniversary celebration was attended by family members and friends at the family's summer cottage in Sebawaing, Mich., in mid-August.

James McKelvey and Barbara Maynard were married in 1941 at St. Gabriel Parish in southwest Detroit.

The McKelveys have five children: James McKelvey of Lake Orion, Mich.; Timothy McKelvey of Westerville, Ohio; Anne Nelson of Palos Verdes, Calif.; Mark McKelvey of Chicago, Ill.; and Paul McKelvey of Dexter, Mich. The McKelveys also have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Barbara McKelvey belongs to St. John's Episcopal Church and has been active in the local Republican Party.



Her husband worked for the Ford Motor Co. for 40 years and was industrial relations manager at the Plymouth, Rawsonville and Sandusky, Ohio, plants. He is a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and of the Plymouth Elks.

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Compelling message

Baby boomers find their niche at this Canton church

By Arlene Funke
special writer

What is your personal relationship with God? Why do bad things happen to good people?

The Canton Community Church, which this month marked its second anniversary, regularly explores such timeless themes with fresh techniques: dramatic readings, skits, mime performances and contemporary Christian music.

The church is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America, a small mainline Protestant denomination.

"We want to make our messages compelling," said the Rev. Eric Moore, 32, pastor of the church. "We get to be creative."

Moore, a Canton resident, is targeting baby boomers who, for a variety of reasons, aren't attending church. He is convinced that many have strong "spiritual longings."

Cynthia and Mike Shaft of Plymouth Township have responded to Moore's unorthodox approach. The shafts, chiropractic physicians with a Canton practice, have five children ages 4 to 13.

THE SHAFTS were particularly concerned about their children, who had become bored with church ritual. Cynthia Shaft said the kids enjoy the skits at Canton Community.

"Tradition is very important, but I think the traditional church has become weighted down," said Shaft, 32. She and her husband wanted their children to retain spiritual ties.

Currently, around 120 people attend weekly services. Sunday worship is 10 a.m. in the gym at Field Elementary School, on Haggerty between Cherry Hill and Palmer in Canton.

Moore and his wife, Kim, have two children, ages 4 and 5; a third is due in March. Most members of the church also are young married couples with growing families.

Sunday worship, which Moore calls the "seeker's service," is geared to non-members. There is no choir. Music is provided by talented member-musicians, or by tapes, rather than the traditional organ.

There is no passing of a collection plate. Donations may be dropped into a box, if desired.

"People who haven't been at church for a long time

are apprehensive," Moore said. "We try to take the sting away."

A DIFFERENT service takes place on Thursday evenings. Members have the use of the Christ Community Church, on Ford Road west of Canton Center in Canton, where they sing spiritual songs and study the Bible.

During a recent Thursday service, a dozen people were baptized by immersion. Because the church encourages personal choice, those being baptized are typically age 10 or older, Moore said.

Other small groups meet in members' homes for discussions and fellowship.

The Evangelical Free Church of America is rooted among Scandinavian-Americans traditionally in farming areas of the Midwest, Moore said.

Moore, a Romulus native, has a bachelor's degree in communications from Tennessee Temple University and a master of divinity degree from Temple Baptist Theological Seminary. Both are in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Moore also teaches speech at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills.

Member David Shull says his affiliation with the Canton Community Church is "rejuvenating."

Shull, 47, is a marriage and family counselor. His wife, Marian, 38, is a registered nurse. They moved to Canton from Portland, Ore., around three years ago.

The Shulls have five children, ranging in age from 10 months to 12 years.

"We found it very easy to make friends," Shull said. "There is a lot of excitement and growth when young people are around."

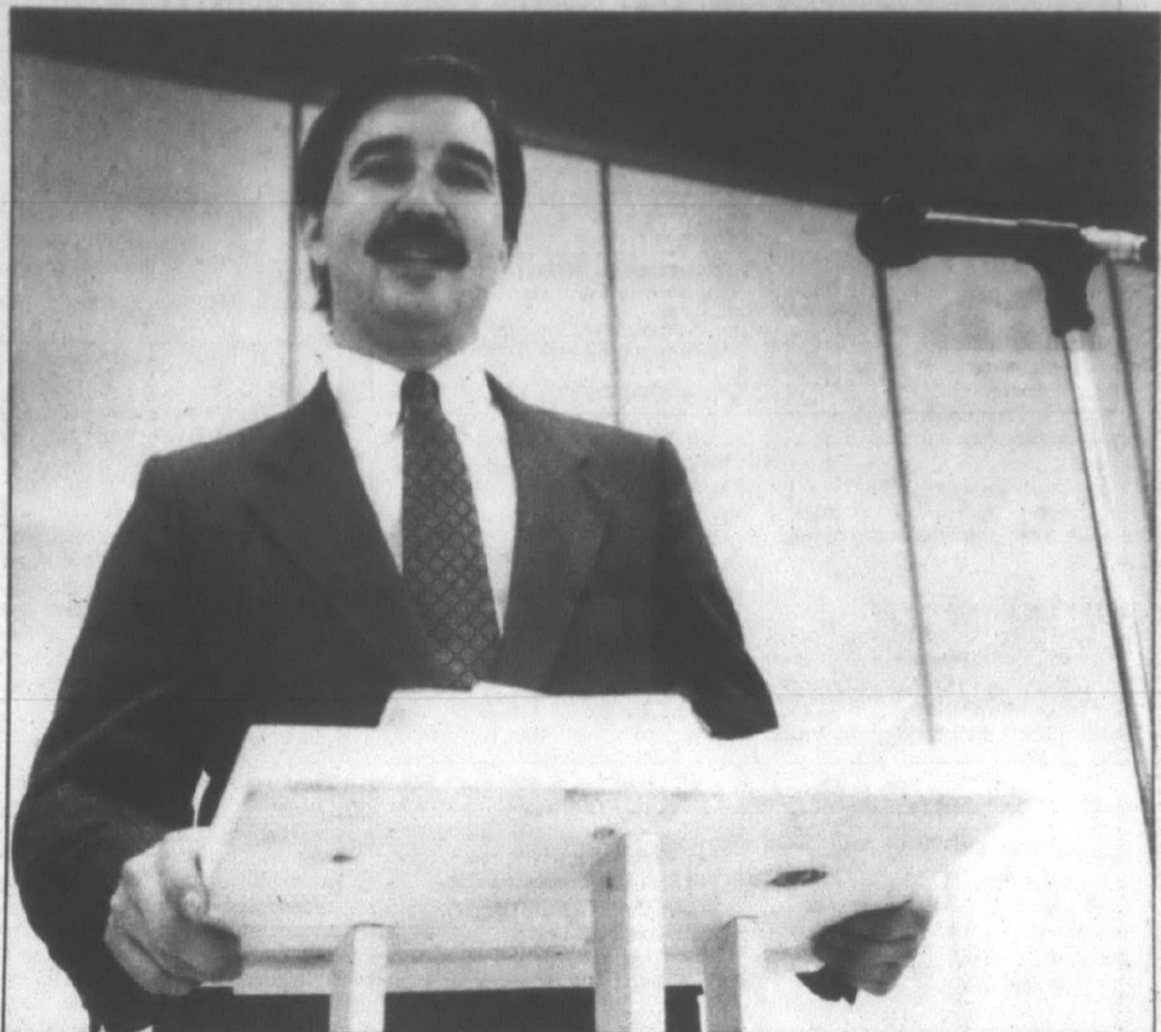
David Shull heads up one of the small study groups. Marian Shull is the church's nursery director.

The shafts are involved in the music ministry. Mike Shaft, 35, plays drums. Cynthia Shaft plays the flute.

Cynthia Shaft had attended high school with Moore, but had lost touch with her former classmate until she began attending the church. She describes Moore as "humble and quiet," but inspiring.

"This is real exciting, starting from scratch," she said. "There is something going on here. The words 'born again' sound like a cliché, but that's what it is."

For more information on the Canton Community Church, call 397-5863.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

"We want to make our messages compelling," said the Rev. Eric Moore, pastor of the Canton Community Church.

We can reach out to overcome loneliness

The subject of loneliness is one that few of us discuss with anyone except psychiatrists, and then only when we feel we are in deep trouble.

As Suzanne Gordon noted: "What was once a philosophical problem, spoken of mainly by poets and prophets, has now become an almost permanent condition for millions of Americans, not only for the old and divorced, but also for the men and women filling singles bars and encounter groups, the adolescents running away from home, the corporate transients who move every two or three years and the people calling suicide and crisis hot lines in search of someone to talk to."

Why are there so many lonely people in our midst? Among the



moral perspectives

Rabbi Irwin Groner

primary causes are family instability, high mobility, the increasing divorce rate, and the striving for independence and personal success.

CONSIDER THE effects of divorce on the family. There are an estimated 8,000,000 children under 18 whose parents are divorced. What impact do you imagine this has on the emotional integration of these children?
One 12-year-old girl of divorced

parents put her feelings down on paper: "I get lonely because I miss my mom. I live with my aunt. My mom left me here while she was looking for a job. And then she got this boyfriend and she never came for me. I guess I could never talk to my mom when I felt lonely because she was lonely too."

Psychologists believe that this increasing stress in the family may be one of the factors for the growing rates of both alcoholism and

suicide among young people. Indeed, the latter is the second leading cause of death for those between 15 and 24. What we see emerging in white middle-class America is the kind of instability that used to be solely peculiar to poor and black families.

Even within "stable" marriages and interpersonal relationships, there can be loneliness if there is no communication. Couples can be strangers, friends can be remote, and neighbors can be emotionally distant. In the absence of communication and sharing, the loneliness grows. "Dialogue is the elixir of life," writes James Lynch.

SOME LONELY people withdraw from human contact because they lack trust in the honesty and

sincere caring of others. We can prove to them by our patience, understanding and supportive presence that their fears are unjustified. Selfishly, when you dig another out of his troubles, you will find a place to bury your own.

If we are to rediscover trust and friendship, we must be willing to respond and graciously accept the hand of caring. And, if there is no hand to grab, then we must initiate the reaching out. We must become activists and become involved in our community and in helping others. He who builds walls about himself or herself will, in turn, become isolated from the mainstream of humankind.

Dr. Sidney Jourard, in his book about "the transparent self," tells us that we make ourselves opaque

and unknowable in order to protect our fragile egos, but at the cost of our physical, emotional and spiritual health. The answer, he says, is to make ourselves "transparent," to make ourselves open and available to those we most love — our families and friends.

This is the escape route out of the prison of our loneliness, a path marked by sharing, self-disclosure and openness.

This happens because God has given us the capacity to love, to care about others. To look at the world through the eyes of love is to become related to all mankind and thus to become insulated against the ravages of loneliness.

Rabbi Irwin Groner is with Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

religion calendar

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday the week prior to publication.

● **PEACEMAKER SEMINAR**
Christian Coalition Service of Southeastern Michigan and William Tyndale College will offer a "Peacemaker" seminar Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27-28, at the college, 35700 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.
The seminar will help participants learn practical principles of resolving conflict and how to apply them to personal and business life. There will be an optional workshop for parents and teachers. Advance registration is required. For information, call 533-9140.

● **LEADER'S TRAINING**
Three members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia recently completed two weeks of leader's training.
June Pigott, Beth Staffend and Mardon Murphy were trained in the Stephen Series. The system for train-

ing and organizing enables lay people to offer a caring ministry for those experiencing terminal illness, grief, hospitalization, job-related or spiritual crises and the like.

The three are putting their training to work by beginning new classes for Stephen ministers at St. Paul's this week. For information, call 422-1470.

● **STUDY GROUP**
Maxie Dunham's "That's What the Man Said" will be the workbook used by the Newburg United Methodist Tuesday Morning Group, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 24. A short video will precede a discussion of what Jesus said and what he meant. Babysitting will be provided. For information, call 261-5489.

● **IN CONCERT**
Toby and Barb Waldowski of the "Hour of Power" will be in concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. A freewill offering will be taken. The Waldowskis have been sharing their musical ministry with audiences since 1976. They have been guest soloists with Billy Graham in Tacoma, Wash., and on his Midwest crusade and soloists on Robert Schuller's "Hour of Power."

● **HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY**
Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, will continue its monthlong Christian education emphasis with celebration of Lutheran High School Sunday, Sept. 22, recognizing the service of the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Detroit.
The Lutheran High School-Westland Choir, under the direction of Kurt VonKampen, will be featured at the 10 a.m. service. The Rev. Dr. John Herzog, superintendent of the association, will deliver the message. Douglas Thompson will be the liturgist. A fellowship reception will follow the service.

● **SINGLE PLACE**
Single Place will present "Things

That I Learned from Bethany Rose" by John Landis 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. Donation is \$3. For information, call 349-0911.

● **THE TUBBS**
Jim and Shirley Tubbs will be in concert 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile in Farmington Hills.
The Tubbs have traveled throughout the U.S. as a song-writing/singing duo since 1984. Their debut album, "His Way," was released in 1985, followed by "A Road in the Night" in 1989. The couple's daughters, Evie, 12, Marcie, 9, and Jamie, 6, travel and perform with their parents.

● **AWANA YOUTH PROGRAM**
Bethel Baptist Temple will have its 1991-92 Awana Youth Program for children ages 5-13 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 30 through April 27. The program consists of everything from Bible study to game time. The church is at 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call Ed Matthews, 525-3664.

● **WOMEN'S SEMINAR**
Joanne Wallace, founder of the Image Improvement Corp., will present "The Confident Woman" seminar for women of all ages 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. The seminar is sponsored by Women's Ministries at the church. Registration price is \$12, including lunch. To register, call 422-1826. Advance registration is required.

● **OPEN HOUSE**
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will have an open house 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Friends, family members and neighbors are invited to visit the church for dessert and a program. For information, call the Rev. Janet Noble, 464-8844.

● **FILM PRESENTATION**
The Christian education depart-

ment of Aldersgate Church will present the film "Hope for the Family" 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25. A potluck soup supper will be served 6:30 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church is at 10000 Beech Daly, Redford.

● **DINNER THEATER**
The Impressions Drama Ministries of Fairlane Assembly of God will present a Christian dinner theater performance 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27-28 and Oct. 4-5, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.
Ticket price is \$15 in advance, including dinner and the musical "Dear Diary" by Paul McCusker. The play explores the struggles facing today's young people — parent/teen relationships, peer pressure, friendship, sex and questions of life and death.

Seating will be on a first come-first served basis. Reserved seating is available for parties of eight only. For information, call 561-3300 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

● **FALL ORGAN TOUR**
The Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, in conjunction with Evola Music's classical organ division, will offer a Saturday, Sept. 21, organ tour. The tour will begin 8:30 a.m. at Evola Music Center, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. It will feature three prominent pipe organs, those found at St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth, the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. For registration information, call Wes Feezor, 455-4677.

● **CHURCH PICNIC**
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, will hold its annual picnic 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22. The potluck picnic will have a country and Western theme. Those attending should bring a main dish and another dish to

pass, along with their own table service. Beverages will be provided. The get-together on the church grounds will include games. For information, call 981-0286.

● **BIBLE STUDY**
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, is beginning a new year of Bible studies. Sunday school for those age 3 and older starts 9:20 a.m. The Tuesday "Weekday School" will begin 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, and is for third through sixth graders. The confirmation class for seventh and eighth graders will also begin 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Bible study for adults will also begin this month and will include: "I Have Good News for You," continuing through the Christmas holidays; Lifelight study led by John Hinck, beginning with Genesis. For information, call the church office, 981-0286.

● **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**
Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia, sponsors meetings for senior citizens and retirees the first and third Tuesday of the month. For information, call 525-3664.

● **FELLOWSHIP DINNER**
The Women's Fellowship of Christ Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, will hold its annual fellowship dinner 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at the Mayflower Meeting House, downtown Plymouth. Price is \$13.
The speaker will be clinical social worker Telitha Farah, who will look at the changing role of women in church and society. For reservations, call 421-4789 or 420-2243.

● **RUMMAGE SALE**
Aldersgate United Presbyterian Church will have its annual fall rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago, Redford. A variety of items including designer clothing, household items and shoes and boots for children will be on sale

in the church basement.

● **GOSPEL MUSIC**
Lowell Mason will appear 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Mason has been called the "World's Smallest Gospel Singer" because of his height of 46 inches. A freewill offering will be taken.

● **SANCTUARY DEDICATION**
The dedication of the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, will be held 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. The dedication will culminate the merger of the former Evergreen Presbyterian Church and St. Mark's Presbyterian Church.

The dedication will be led by the Rev. Claudia Lewis, new pastor at the church. Assisting will be the Rev. Dr. Larry Austin, who had been the interim pastor.

Also participating will be Lyle VanHouten, mayor of Dearborn Heights; the Rev. John Lazar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church; Donald Polson of Redford and Betty Dodge of Detroit, representing St. Andrew's session and deacons; Sandra Thines of Westland and Al Fricker of Livonia, representing the building committee; and Richard Peel of Northville, representing the congregation.

● **VEGAS NIGHT**
St. John Bosco Catholic Church will have a "Vegas Night" 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 27, and 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 28. There will be black jack, roulette, a race horse wheel, dice games, hourly 50/50 raffles and refreshments. Admission price is \$1. Maximum payout will be \$500 per person.

● **LAS VEGAS**
St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, will hold a "Las Vegas Night" 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-5. Admission price will be \$1 and the maximum payout will be \$500. Proceeds will go to the general fund at the church. For information, call 464-1223.



The Rev. Claudia Lewis is the new pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Dearborn Heights. She is a Livonia resident.

clubs in action

● ROUND ROBIN BRIDGE

The Plymouth Symphony League is accepting card players for the 1991-92 season. Both bridge and pinochle players are needed. Donation is \$15 and proceeds support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Play will begin in September and continue through May 1992. For an application or more information, call Betsy Delaney, 455-8532.

● CONSERVATORY TOURS

Conservatory tours will be offered in September at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. "The World Is Our Garden" tours are scheduled for 2 and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 21-22, and Saturday, Sept. 28. Tours will last 50 minutes to one hour. Admission price is \$1.

Tours are limited to 30 people per hour, and advance registration is required. Those attending should plan to arrive 15 minutes early to register, as phone registrations aren't accepted. For more information, call 998-7061.

● MOTHERS OF TWINS

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins Club will hold its annual potluck dinner 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. Mothers of "multiples" who would like to attend may call 722-0248 for information.

● CANTON NEWCOMERS

The Canton Newcomers Club will hold a tea 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. A Plymouth-Canton Newcomer Services representative will distribute complimentary packets from local merchants. For reservations or more information, call 397-8514 or 981-9362.

● PIECEMAKERS

The Plymouth Piecemakers will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church. The group promotes the art of quilting. Visitors may attend. Meetings are the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call 455-3838.

● PLYMOUTH AAUW

The Plymouth Branch, American Association of University Women,

will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Those attending will help to plan future AAUW events. The monthly meeting will also feature committee presentations and a get-acquainted session for new members. The public may attend. For more information, call 459-3197.

● OPEN HOUSE

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will hold an open house 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, in the Jacob Room at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, between Mill and Haggerty, Plymouth. Participants will learn about activities of and advantages offered by the Jaycees. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Kris Rowe, 453-3719.

● WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles will hold an anniversary dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road. The dance is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). There will be snacks and a budget bar. For more information, call the hot line, 562-3160.

● FALL GARAGE SALE

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins Club will hold a fall garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at 38542 Milton, south of Cherry Hill and east of Hix in Westland. The sale will feature toys, equipment and clothing for infants and children.

● GARAGE SALE

The Royal Holiday Seniors Club and Women's Club will sponsor a garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Royal Holiday Park, 39500 Warren, between Hix and Haggerty in Canton. (Due to road construction, approaching from the east on Warren is recommended.)

● SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday Night Singles/Westside will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, on Merriman north of Warren in Westland. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire

should be worn (no jeans). There will be snacks and a budget bar. For more information, call the hot line, 277-4242.

● TRI-COUNTY SINGLES

Tri-County Singles will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Airport Ramada Inn, I-94 and Merriman in Romulus. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Casual/dressy attire (no jeans) should be worn. There will be a budget bar. Admission price is \$4 for men, \$2 for women. For more information, call the hot line, 842-7422.

● MOMS AND TOTS

The Moms and Tots of the Plymouth Newcomers will enjoy a trip to Plymouth Orchards 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23. The orchards and cider mill are at 10685 Warren. For more information, call 451-0008.

● SINGLES TO MEET

Single Place will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main. The program on "Things That I Learned From Bethany Rose" will feature John Landis. Donation is \$3. For more information, call 349-0911.

● GOP WOMEN

The Livonia/Western Suburbs Republican Women will meet 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at The Italian Cucina, on Ann Arbor Road east of I-275 in Plymouth Township. The speaker will be Judy Miller, ombudsman for the state of Michigan. The public may attend the monthly general membership meeting. The organization's purpose is to inform the electorate through political action and education. For reservations or more information, call 420-0598 or 474-5637.

● CHILDBIRTH SERIES

The Plymouth Childbirth Educa-

tion Association will offer a seven-week series on prepared childbirth beginning 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Classes will last two hours. For more information, call 459-7477.

● VOYAGERS SINGLES

Voyagers Singles will meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. The meeting will feature a crime prevention program. Voyagers Singles is for those age 45 and older. The public may attend. For more information, call 591-1350.

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● WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet Friday, Oct. 4, for a Victorian luncheon and fashion show at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial. The program on "Fashions of Yesterday" will be presented by the Sand Hill Quilters. Music will be provided by the string quartet from Plymouth Salem High School. The reception will be noon, the luncheon 12:30 p.m. Price is \$10. Reservations are required. For reservations or more in-

formation, call 453-6578. The club is celebrating its 99th year.

● FUND-RAISER

A "Gardens Through the Back Door" fund-raising event will be held 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. Guests will explore the gardens through the "back door." Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served in the conservatory. The event will feature a private viewing of the Ann Arbor bonsai show and a look at plans for the 1992 flower show. Proceeds will support next year's flower show. Ticket price is \$25 or two for \$40. For ticket information, call 998-7343. Checks, payable to Behind the Scenes-MBG, should be sent to the gardens at 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor 48105.

● BONSAI SHOW

The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will hold its annual bonsai show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6, in the auditorium of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. Vaughn Banting, a bonsai artist from New Orleans, La., will give a free demonstration on bonsai 2 p.m. both days. A sales area featuring pots, suitable plants and bonsai supplies will be open. Admission price for the show is \$2 for adults, free for children age 12 and under. Banting will

also host several morning workshops and an evening critique of selected trees. For registration information, call 998-7061.

● SYMPHONY CONCERT

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will open its 46th season with an 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, concert in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. The concert will feature works by Mozart and Brahms.

Russell Reed will conduct. Guest artists will be pianists Albertine and Ralph Votapek. Ticket price is \$11 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and college students, \$5 for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. An afterglow will be held 10 p.m. to midnight at the Novi Hilton, Haggerty north of Eight Mile in Novi. Donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Champagne, hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served.

Concert tickets will be sold at the box office 30 minutes before the performance and are also available at: Beitner Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; Evola Music Center, 215 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; The Giftfiddler, 302 E. Main, Northville; Bookstall on the Main, 116 E. Main, Northville; and Dearborn Music Co., 42679 Ford, Canton.

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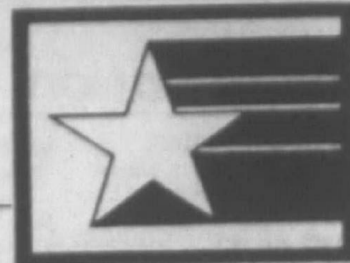
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Blue skies JET soars into its 3rd season

Performances of the Jewish Ensemble Theatre production of "Crossing Delancey" continue through Oct. 6 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road in West Bloomfield. For tickets, call JET at 788-2900, visit any Ticketmaster outlet or call 645-6666.

By Cathie Breidenbach
special writer

ARTISTIC BRILLIANCE alone can't keep a theater afloat in the turbulent waters of modern American arts, especially in Michigan waters made more treacherous by cutbacks in arts funding.

The Jewish Ensemble Theatre of West Bloomfield, one of metro Detroit's newest professional theaters, knows theater is a business as well as an art.

Critics can acclaim productions, and praise for JET's productions to date has been generous, but unless a theater fills the house regularly, builds a subscription base, and makes wise business decisions, the stage lights are destined to dim.

WITH TWO successful seasons under its belt, and the business acumen to keep the momentum building, JET is opening its third season this week with the romantic comedy "Crossing Delancey."

The New York hit pits a contentedly-single, modern Jewish woman against her meddling grandmother, and a professional matchmaker who conspires to pair her with a bachelor in the pickle business. The warm-hearted comedy abounds with wacky characters.

'The first year, buying a subscription was an act of faith because we had no track record.'

— Evelyn Orbach

Sylvia Kauders, who created the grandmother in the original New York show recreates her role in JET's production.

SUBSCRIPTIONS HAVE tripled since the theater opened its doors in February 1990 in the 180-seat auditorium of the Jewish Community Center on Maple Road in West Bloomfield, said James August, a founder, and immediate past president.

That first year, subscriptions started at about 300; this year they top 900.

He cites "A Rosen by Any Other Name," last season's closing show about a boy preparing for his bar mitzvah, as an example of how JET's following is growing.

The show sold out a number of nights; its run was extended two weeks, and numerous non-denominational school groups attended.

"It was a cross-cultural experience they could relate to," said Evelyn Orbach, JET's artistic director. "The whole genesis of the theater was to share the Jewish experience with a broader audience," adds August.

"THE FIRST year, buying a subscription was an act of faith because we had no track record," said Orbach. Before they committed to create JET, founders Dorothy Gerson, James August, Bryant M. Frank, Mary Lou Zieve, Sol Wineman, Hen-



Thom Galasso, Sylvia Kauders, Liz Weiss and Carol Lempert in a scene from "Crossing Delancey" at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

rietta Hermelin, Irving and Babs Promett, and Evelyn Orbach commissioned a market feasibility study to assess whether the Jewish community would support a new theater.

The mandate was clear — Yes, the Jewish community would welcome a theater provided it was a thoroughly professional venture and provided productions that had a recognizable Jewish content.

In theater, the word "professional" connotes more than top-notch productions; it means that an agreed-upon percentage of cast and crew in each production will be members of the professional union, Actors Equity.

JET INCORPORATED the community mandate into a mission

statement that reads "plays must be by Jewish playwrights, and on Jewish themes, and of interest to Jewish audiences."

Orbach points out that "the 'and/or' in the statement is very important," because it gives the theater flexibility in selecting the season of four plays plus, each spring, a festival of staged readings of new works in progress.

JET's play reading committee uses the mission statement as a guideline when it reads 60-100 new plays per year and selects four to be included in the festival.

The committee also makes its way through 150 plays, and recommends about 30 as possibilities to include in the season of full productions. JET recently added a touring

company, which Orbach calls "a van and a car full of actors who bring Jewish theater beyond the borders of the metro area."

"We wanted to be not just a terrific professional theater providing theatrical entertainment. It was important to be a platform, a sounding board for new voices and new ideas, to facilitate the development of aspiring playwrights as one way to contribute to the community as a whole," said Frank.

A JET subscription package includes tickets to the spring festival of staged readings. Last year, 500, hundred people who aren't season subscribers, attended staged readings and Talk Back sessions between the audience, playwright, and actors

after each reading.

Comparing JET to other, established professional theaters in the area, Orbach said, "they have the administrative machinery already in place. We're still building our machinery. For the first two to three years we were using start up energy and money from the Fisher Foundation (which funds new enterprises)."

JET's third season promises challenges as the new theater comes of age. New staffers will be hired to carry the increasing administrative workload as the theater moves to become financially self sufficient.

Cathie Breidenbach of West Bloomfield teaches college writing classes and works as a freelance writer.



Barry Nelson (left), Ron Holgate and Larry Cahn in the comedy "Lend Me A Tenor" at the Birmingham Theatre.

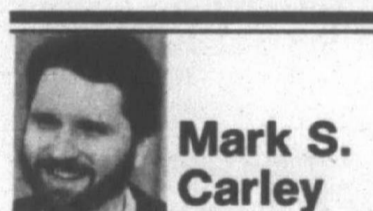
'Lend Me A Tenor' is entertaining

Performances of the Birmingham Theatre production of "Lend Me A Tenor" continue through Nov. 3. The theater is at 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. For ticket information call the box office at 644-3533.

Ken Ludwig's "Lend Me A Tenor" is one of the most ingenious farces in recent memory. The Birmingham Theatre opens its 1991-92 season with a raucous version of this hilarious play.

While the production certainly leaves the audience laughing, it does suffer a bit from an overly frantic pace and tendency to try to hit the audience over the head with every punch line. In the process, some of Ludwig's delightful script gets lost.

THE CURTAIN opens on a lavish



Mark S. Carley

art deco hotel suite in 1934 Cleveland. There, the general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera (Barry Nelson), and his long-suffering assistant Max (Larry Cahn), eagerly await the arrival of Tito Merelli, the world's greatest tenor, for a one-night-only appearance as Otello.

When Tito (Il Stupendo to his legion of fans) does show up he quickly becomes massively indisposed (or worse). In a frantic effort to save the evening, the impresario and his

sidekick cook up a plot to impersonate the star.

WITH ONE big case of mistaken identity and a set that includes no fewer than six doors, the comic antics start flying at a breathtaking pace.

The star of the show, though you'd never know it to look at the program or read the press releases, is clearly Larry Cahn in the demanding role of Max.

Cahn takes this bullied assistant manager and transforms him from a whiny nebbish into a dashing ladies man when he impersonates the great Merelli at the last minute. Cahn's performance is energetic, endearing, and features perfect comic timing.

POPULAR STAGE and film star Barry Nelson is also excellent as the totally befuddled and somewhat

amoral theater manager, Saunders. He is an unabashed cad who will do anything to save his hide or a buck, but you can't help love him for his cunning and energy.

Ron Holgate, creator of several memorable Broadway characters, plays the egotistical, womanizing and child-like Tito with great bravado and a thousand comic facial expressions.

His character suffers a bit, though, from a fairly lame Italian accent and a tendency toward overkill on the punch lines.

"Lend Me A Tenor" is a marvelously entertaining play, and despite the Birmingham's heavy handed approach to it, this production (also directed by Holgate) will definitely entertain.

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Stage calls cheerleader

Performances of the Players Guild of Dearborn's production of "Vanities" continue through Sept. 28. The theater is at 21730 Madison near Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. For ticket information, call 561-TKTS.

By Keely Wygonik
staff writer

In school she was a cheerleader and enjoyed reading aloud in class. "I always felt I had an actress inside of me. You could say it was my se-

cret wish," said Jane Pendell. A little over a year ago the wish came true for this Bentley High School graduate from Livonia who never took an acting class in her life. A friend at work coaxed her into auditioning for a part in the Players Guild of Dearborn's production of "Grease," and a star was born. "I got the part," said the 28-year-old marketing copywriter for EDS. "I played a cheerleader." Then she won the part Elvira in the group's recent production of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit."

At 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, Pendell will take to the stage again as Joanne in "Vanities," the story of three female best friends and the changes they undergo during a 10 year period from senior year in high school to age 28.

First produced in the late 1970s, the three significant periods in the play are 1963, the year President John F. Kennedy was shot, 1968, in the midst of the Vietnam War, and 1974, when the women are in their 30s.

Pendell describes her character as being "extremely optimistic, upbeat, bubbly, and very naive. She is very interested in friendship and loyalty. She wants to be a wife and mother. By the end of the play she's very focused on her children."

Members of the Player's Guild of Dearborn are volunteers. While she's working a show, Pendell rehearses four times a week for three hours.

"Memorization was always easy for me," said Pendell. "I visualize the person when I read, and the picture stays in my head. My friends quiz me on my lines at work during lunch time."

The show is being directed by Peggy Jones of Redford. Originally from Kentucky, and past president of the Player's Guild of Dearborn, Jones has done the show several times.

"As part of my master degree requirements at Wayne State University I had to produce two shows from scratch, 'Vanities' was one of them," said Jones. "Things haven't changed a whole lot. The conversations between these women could be happening today, but the time frame makes it fun," said Jones. "The show has a lot of humor and sadness. It's very special to me."

Jones earned her bachelor's de-



Jane Pendell of Livonia portrays Joanne in "Vanities."

gree in theater, dance and music at Western Kentucky University, and her master's in fine arts in theater directing and management at Wayne State University.

She's worked with several area community theater groups including Stage Crafters and Ridgedale Players.

Her day job is customer service manager for Office Max. "If you're looking for a lucrative profession don't go into theater," said Jones. "You do it because you love it."

Pendell encourages anyone who enjoys theater to get involved in community theater. "It's so much fun. There's so many ways to be involved, you don't have to be backstage, you can help behind the scenes. You build close relationships. During a show you become like a family."

Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. For information, call 561-TKTS.

upcoming things to do

Deadline for the Upcoming entertainment calendar is three weeks ahead of publication. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

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"Vanities" director Peggy Jones and producer Brad Pfeifer discuss the show.

Singing duo kicks off concert series for kids

By Keely Wygonik
staff writer

Having a baby changes people in a lot of different ways. When Debbie Broder of Milford had a baby, she started thinking about children's entertainment. Mainly the lack of it.

"We met 10 years ago," said Diane Ryding of Bloomfield Hills. "She worked at Doner W B & Company, and was advertising woman of the year. I held a lot of marketing and advertising positions. We got together and formed Pokeyville Productions to develop and bring to the marketplace quality children's entertainment."

Ryding who helped produce the successful "First Night" in Birmingham on New Year's Day, said the pair wanted to provide a live entertainment experience that children could share with their parents and grandparents.

The famed singing duo Rosen-shontz will kick off a Jr. Jams Concert series, 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 22 at Novi High School, Taft Road at 10 Mile near the Novi exit off I-96. Tickets are sold through a special ticket phone line, 642-0040 or locally at the Pied Piper in Northville.

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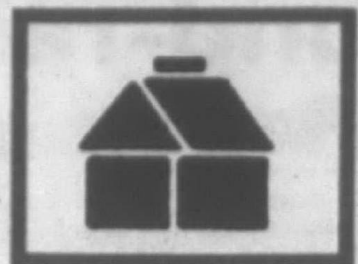
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Workshop helps artists learn the business

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

Are you an artist struggling to turn your creative output into a successful business? If so, plan to attend the Livonia Arts Commission workshop, "The Business of Being an Artist," with artist and lecturer Nancy Thayer of Lathrup Village.

The informative workshop for artists of all experiences is scheduled for 1:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

Thayer will discuss "vital information that every artist needs to know." Topics include writing an artist's resume, how to maintain a studio, what not to put into a portfolio, what is tax deductible, the best way to keep track of expenses and alternate sources of income.

"It is important in today's economy for

artists to function in a businesslike manner. They must be able to keep records, pay taxes, use contracts as well as spend quality time in their studio. It takes an enormous amount of discipline," Thayer said.

"In addition, I'll be discussing the differences in writing resumes for artists. Resumes for artists are different than resumes for business. I'll also discuss alternate sources of income such as sales directly out of the studio, street fairs, and agents and representatives."

AN ACCOMPLISHED artist, Thayer received a Master of Arts Degree from Michigan State University and a Master of Fine Arts from Instituto Allende, Mexico.

She teaches at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, as well as the Detroit Institute of Arts. Her work is currently exhibited at Rubiner's Gallery in West Bloomfield,

Voldi Gallery in Chicago and Windsor's Gallery in Boca Raton.

Thayer is curating an exchange exhibition between five Detroit area artists and five artists from West Germany for 1992. She is busy working in her Pontiac studio, developing a body of new work to exhibit next year.

Livonia arts commissioner Therese Jaye initiated the series of workshops and seminars for artists in 1989. Since that time, guest speakers have given information and tips on topics ranging from framing artwork to selling your art.

"Although they're artists, they are not familiar with marketing their work. We aim to give them an idea of how to market their work," Jaye said.

SINCE THE first art workshop two years ago, artists from Livonia, Plymouth Canton,

Farmington Hills, Birmingham and West Bloomfield have gained insight into the art business.

One of the local artists benefiting from the workshops is Canton resident Gwen Dietrich.

Dietrich's first one-person exhibition, "Dogs and Dames," at Nelson's Gallery in Livonia last March was so well-received, she is working toward a second one-person show in 1992. In February, new works by Dietrich will be exhibited at Livonia City Hall in a Livonia Arts Commission show.

"The workshops target specific ways to pursue goals as an artist," Dietrich said. "Organization, recordkeeping, how to document and deduct art-related expenses are just some of the helpful hints that I learned by taking part in the workshops."

Dietrich, who works in pastel, colored pencil and watercolor, added: "I learned the

importance of having my own studio, solely used for my art business as opposed to a corner of the bedroom. The painting that I've left the night before on the easel or drawing board compels me to get back to my studio."

THE FEE for "The Business of Being an Artist" is \$5. The cost of the workshop has been underwritten by the Livonia Arts Commission.

During a mid-afternoon break, refreshments will be served. Jaye said the arts commission prefers that artists planning to attend the workshop preregister by calling the Livonia City Hall Community Resources Center, 421-2000.

"The workshops are important because the networking is valuable to artists. For anybody interested, we will accept people at the door," Jaye said.



Low Pleasant removes a rough edge from one of his walking sticks.



photos by BILL HANSEN

Low Pleasant relaxes amid a variety of his walking sticks, which he makes by hand in the basement workshop of his Canton home.

These handshaped sticks are made for walking

By Jeff Hooter
special writer

IT'S NO secret that walking is the latest fitness craze to sweep the nation. Thousands, if not millions of Americans can be seen trodding terrain ranging from neighborhood parks to backwoods trails.

Retail sales also reflect this trend, as modern enthusiasts stock up on high-priced hiking shoes, designer exercise suits and even memberships to walking clubs.

Even so, according to one local resident, most newcomers are forgetting an important accessory — one that existed long before air-cushioned insoles.

Low Pleasant of Canton has been crafting walking sticks and hiking staffs by hand for the past several years. As his skills improved, he decided to display his work at local arts and craft shows, including the annual Plymouth Art in the Park,

where he recently made his fourth straight appearance.

"I'm always on Union Street," Pleasant said. "I have my own canopy and specially built racks for my sticks."

A special education teacher with the Detroit Public Schools for nine months out of the year, Pleasant still considers his craft to be merely a hobby, a natural outgrowth of his fondness for walking.

"My wife and I hike a lot," Pleasant said. "We like to go on nature trails and we go walking at the metroparks. In the past, we used to just pick up sticks along the way. It's easier to walk with a stick."

ACCORDING TO Pleasant, hiking staffs and walking sticks have been used in Europe for many years, more recently gaining popularity in this country, especially in California.

Yet it was after attending the

'You're saving wear and tear on your feet, your legs and your back by using a staff.'

— Low Pleasant, crafter

annual Renaissance Festival in Holly one year that Pleasant saw firsthand what could be done with sticks and branches. Though the ones he saw at the festival were more on the ornamental side, they inspired him to begin finishing his own sticks.

"We started having permanent sticks and we began taking our own favorites out on hikes. Then friends wanted sticks and we started giving them as gifts. That's when the idea came to me, just by going to craft shows, to start offering them for sale."

The process of crafting a walking stick or a hiking staff (the

two are essentially the same, differing primarily in length) begins with the gathering of raw materials, namely branches from dead trees.

"I make note of local construction that's going on and where workers have uprooted trees," Pleasant said. "I don't use any exotic woods. I've discovered that some of the softer, lighter woods such as cottonwood, aspen and linden are very strong."

AFTER GETTING the chosen branches home, Pleasant cuts them down to the size he wants. Using only his knife, he then strips the bark off each branch, concentrating on one stick at a time. Once the wood is dry, Pleasant gets out his sandpaper.

"I'll sand it down, moving from a coarse grit to a very fine grit to prepare the surface. Then the process of staining begins."

Pleasant feels each piece of wood has a character all its own and

he can be very particular with each stick.

"If I can get the look I want with just one coating of stain, then that's all I'll use. But that doesn't happen very often. I can apply as many as five coats of stain just to get a color that I'm satisfied with."

Once the staining is done and the stick is dry, Pleasant then decides whether he wants a satin finish or a "high-gloss" look. "Some people like a high lustre and some don't, so I try to give them a variety."

Since he sometimes applies up to six coats of all-weather varnish to a particular stick, a finished piece can take up to two weeks to complete.

Though the labor involved is quite time-consuming, the cost is not reflected in the price he charges. None of his walking sticks or hiking staffs cost more than \$35, and some of them are priced as low as \$15.

"This really is only a hobby and I mustn't figure the time spent in the

price. There could never be enough money that would make it worthwhile on an hourly basis."

UNLIKE OTHER sticks he has seen that were merely for show, Pleasant hopes his customers will actually use his creations.

"You're saving wear and tear on your feet, your legs and your back by using a staff. You're actually coming off a longer hike less tired than you would be if you just walked, even though you're carrying a staff."

When giving advice on selecting a stick, Pleasant keeps it simple: "The only way a person can judge a stick is to handle it themselves and see how it feels."

If you don't want to wait until the 1992 Plymouth Art in the Park to buy a walking stick/hiking staff, Low Pleasant can be reached at (313) 981-5958.

Geer School, craft show, ballet dancer earn spotlight

ARTSY OBSERVATIONS:

• It stands as a spirited reminder of what a rural school and lifestyle were like a century ago.

Thanks to an enterprising team of volunteers, Geer, built in 1880 as the schoolhouse for the Geer School District, will reopen to fourth graders in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools this fall. When closed in 1982, Geer, part of Plymouth-Canton schools since 1965, was a two-room elementary school.

Students will spend a week at a time at the reopened school, learning the way their counterparts might have in the late 19th century. But they'll ride the bus instead of trudging miles through snow to get there.

The first visitors will be Rita McClumpha's class at Hulsing Ele-

mentary School. She was the last to teach at Geer, named after the original school director, William Geer.

Geer's new curriculum will focus on Plymouth, state and U.S. history in the 1880s. It'll include making crafts of the times.

"What started out as an effort to just save a historic building turned into a living history project," said Plymouth Township resident Janet Campbell, a Geer School preservation committee member. "I'm very excited for the kids. This will make history more real to them."

Private donations have generated \$60,000 for restoring the red brick, one-room school, on Plymouth Road at Godfredson, just inside Wash-

tenaw County. Improvements to the building, water damaged after it closed, include



Bob Sklar

a new oak floor, a new cedar-shake roof, a new wood shed on the old foundation, a hook coatroom, a working outhouse and a vintage teacher's desk, teacher's bell and blackboard.

District woodshop students made the cupola. Wayne-Westland woodshop students made the desks, paid for by Plymouth-Canton parent groups. There's also a decorative pot-bel-

lied stove and McGuffey Eclectic Readers but two major concessions to progress: central heat and electricity.

An 1880s American flag, a vintage school bell, a wood fence and a water pump are on tap. Kids will bring a sack lunch.

"We're trying to get as much of an 1880s flavor as health, safety, fire and handicapped laws will allow," Campbell said.

Fulfilling a five-year quest, Geer School's boosters deserve to go to the head of the class for their unflagging commitment to enriching the quality of learning within Plymouth-Canton.

An informative salute to Geer is part of "The American Country School" exhibit running to Nov. 24 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main.

• Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village received a big financial lift from the Americana Craft Show Aug. 24-25.

The fourth annual fund-raiser netted \$3,600 for Greenmead restoration projects, said Sue Daniel, event coordinator and Livonia Historical Commission chairwoman.

In the past five years, \$11,600 has been raised, thanks to a steadily growing number of exhibitors. The first year, there were 45.

This year, 70 crafters from Michigan and Ohio offered country, wood and textile wares in booths on the Greenmead grounds.

• The best junior dancer in the nation will command the spotlight in Plymouth-Canton this winter.

Canton resident Dawnell Dryja, Junior Miss Dance of America 1992, will join Dancers Unlimited Repertory Company Dallas as a featured dancer in a presentation of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, "The Nutcracker."

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will team up in three performances Dec. 13-15 at Plymouth Salem High School, where Dryja is an honor student. For tickets, call 451-2112.

A Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company member with national dance company credentials, Dryja has danced since age 2.

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects.

Fund-raising aim: turn mill into arts center

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has begun advance campaign activities for "Celebrate the Arts," which it hopes will raise \$765,000 to convert one of Henry Ford's water-driven industrial plants into a regional arts center.

Wilcox Mill Arts Center is envisioned as a cultural resource for all of the communities in western Wayne County.

The 68-year-old mill, known as the Plymouth Plant in Henry Ford's day, will provide a spacious home for the Plymouth Community Arts Council, consolidating the Art Rental Gallery with educational and recreational programs.

Total estimated cost for the renovation and planned development is \$991,000. The arts council is responsible for raising \$765,000.

Construction costs are projected at \$685,000. Another \$80,000 is needed for architectural fees and the estimated 3-percent costs of raising the money.

The Wayne County Parks Division plans to obtain grants for the remaining \$226,000 to renovate the mill grounds and surrounding park land.

"WE KNEW it would need a lot of work and that we needed to pull a team together to raise the capital funds," said Kathryn Savitskie, arts council executive director.

The Ann Arbor architectural firm of Quinn-Evans developed plans for Wilcox Mill. The firm is noted for historical restoration projects such as the Smithsonian Institution in Washington and the Old Wayne County Courthouse and Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

"Celebrate the Arts" hopes to raise 63 percent of the money, or \$480,000, from grants and advance gifts.

The arts council will raise 7 percent, or \$55,000. Of that, \$45,000 already is in the bank. Major corporations, businesses and individuals will be asked to contribute the remaining 30 percent, \$230,000.

Robert DeMattia, president of R.A. DeMattia Co. of Plymouth, will chair "Celebrate the Arts."

The campaign committee consists of Savitskie, advance gifts and

grants; Kathy Cantrell, campaign manager; and Pat McCombs, campaign co-manager; and Karen Berrie, arts council president.

DeMATTIA WILL work with four co-chairmen in overseeing fund-raising efforts:

• William Odom, board chairman, Ford Motor Credit Co.

• J. Paul Perrot, senior vice president, First of America Bank, Plymouth.

• Gregory Goodman, owner of Cafe Bon Homme, Plymouth.

• Joanne Winkleman-Hulce, founder/first director, Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Odom will head the corporate area, Perrot the general business/services area, Goodman the retail/r restaurant area and Winkleman-Hulce the individual area.

The volunteer co-chairmen, all business community members, will lead the capital fund drive.

"I believe that we in the business community have a responsibility to the community," DeMattia said. "I think it will be very good for the community, and we will be taking care of the arts."

"The arts center will not only benefit the Plymouth community but the surrounding communities of Northville, Canton, Livonia, Westland and Garden City as well."

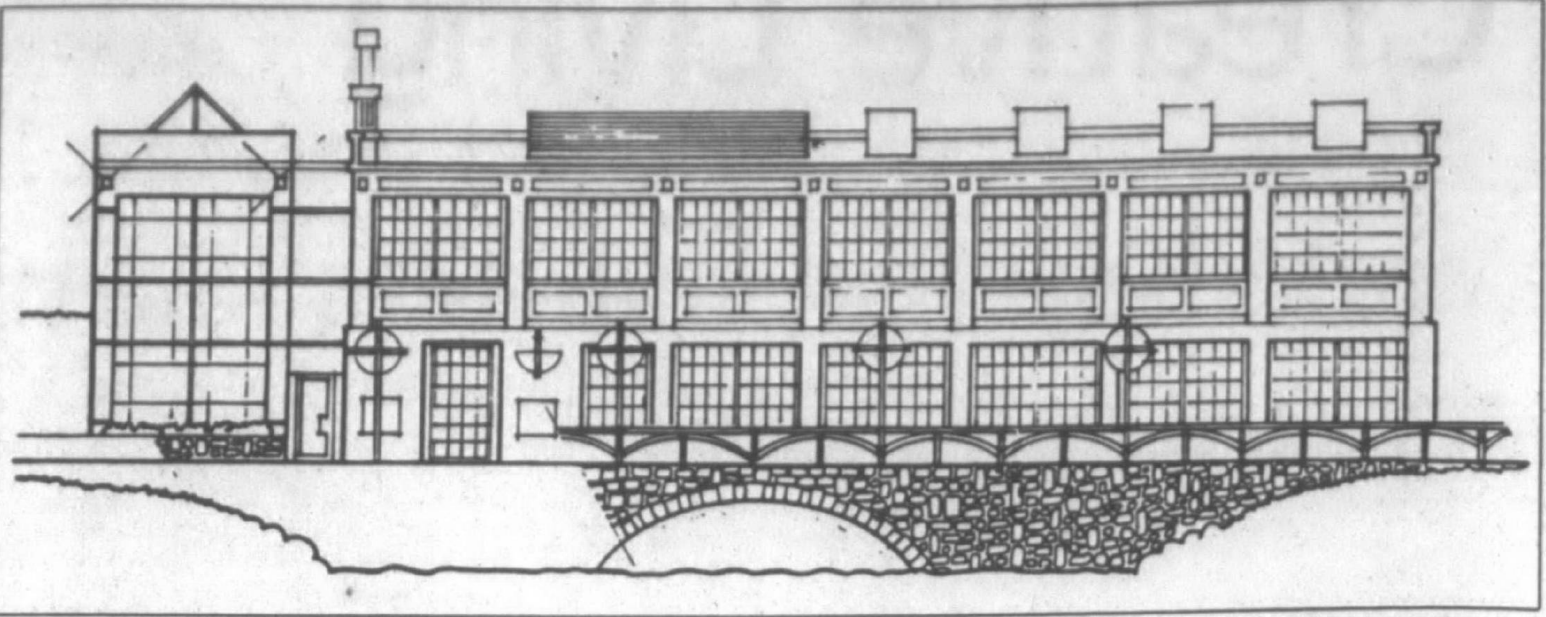
WHEN ASKED about campaign strategy, he said: "It's a multi-faceted strategy to get corporate and individual donors. We're also going for some grants, which will be matching grants."

"This is a dynamite project. The building has a history. It's historically significant to the area. The building itself is situated on a beautiful site overlooking Wilcox Lake."

"The building will be good for the environment and, of course, with the involvement of Wayne County Parks, it will enrich the entire parks system. What a jewel."

Henry Ford I bought the mill in 1921 from David Wilcox. Wilcox had owned and operated the mill for more than 40 years.

The site, at Wilcox Road and Edward Hines Drive on Plymouth's eastern edge, has been home to one type of mill or another since 1850.



PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

This is a south elevation view of the exterior of both levels of the Wilcox Mill Arts Center, as viewed from entry off Edward Hines Drive.

After acquiring it, Henry Ford razed the mill, which ground wheat into flour, to build one of his 20 water-powered village industries in the Rouge, Huron and Raisin river valleys.

At the Plymouth Plant, Ford Motor made generator cutouts and later screw taps, providing work for farmers and women from the nearby countryside. Ford hoped to preserve the rural way of life while providing

work during the slack farming season.

FORD'S WIDOW, Clara, donated the mill in 1948 to Wayne County, owner of the surrounding Middle Rouge Parkway. Last year, Wayne County Parks leased the mill to the arts council for 20 years at \$1 a year.

Wilcox Mill is registered in Michigan as a historical building, enabling

Wayne County Parks to participate in historical grants programs.

The parks division has applied for a recreation bond grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The grant would provide money to renovate the mill site. It also would enable the parks division to develop the Wilcox Lake area as a recreational haven, including boardwalks, water fountains and a music pavilion.

Founded in 1969, the art council is intended to encourage appreciation for the fine arts. It provides an Art Rental Gallery, educational programs, scholarships and awards, exhibits and art/humanities tours.

For more information about "Celebrate the Arts," call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 455-5260.

Volunteer symphony docents eyed

If you're a retired teacher, a musician, a concert-goer or just someone looking for something different to do with your free time, take note:

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall is launching a recruitment drive for volunteer docents for its 1991-92 season. The docent program is part of a ticket distribution program for Detroit and suburban schools, sponsored by Ford Motor Co.

Docents are trained volunteers who offer their skills to assist young

music students in high schools throughout the area.

They receive weekly training sessions where they review music excerpts and other educational materials that provide information about upcoming symphony programs, including the music and the composers.

Docents then visit schools, where they present and discuss this information with students.

Docents, students and teachers then attend a complimentary DSO

concert or open rehearsal. The docent program is designed to assist students in acquiring a broader knowledge of concert preparation and performance.

"WE REVITALIZED this extremely successful program in 1989, involving about 2,300 students in 10 high schools," said docent coordinator Ollie McFarland.

"It has now grown to a point where it is bringing music and enjoy-

ment to more than 5,000 young people in Detroit and suburban schools.

"We are proud of the progress the docent program has made in recent years and are committed to strengthening the program for the benefit of those students whose musical worlds, through our efforts, can be expanded and enriched."

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Sewing expert Margaret Islander will head a two-day session on Pant Drafting, where students learn techniques usually used by designers and garment manufacturers; a one-day class on Pattern Alterations, in which students actually do alterations; and a two-day Couture Technique Workshop, where students learn crucial techniques necessary for working with designer garments and fabrics.

Seamstress Laura Berger will teach Working with Luxury Fabrics. Students learn how to get a professional look using hard-to-handle fabrics.

Carol Belanger Scott heads All About Tailoring — the fine points of professional tailoring.

Artist/seamstress Janet Pray will teach Bleach Resist, where the class creates dramatic effects on cotton using the bleach resist process for wearing apparel to home accessories.

College At Its Best brings artist Mariann Trice to teach how to construct a college jacket. She will discuss the designer dress/coat and how it lends itself to college. (This is the only class offered in two half-day sessions).

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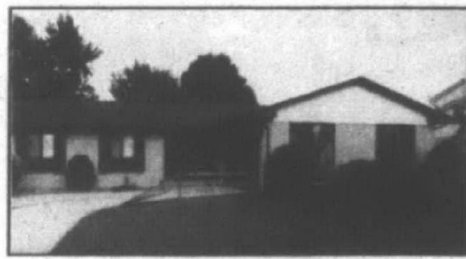
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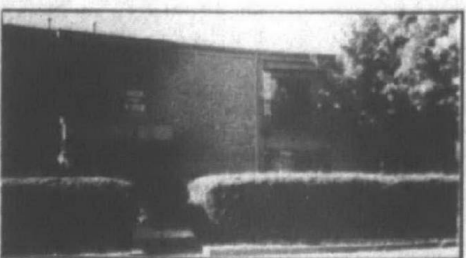
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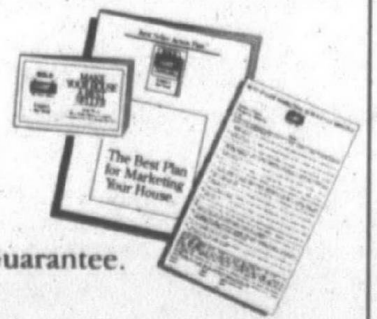


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New novelist hits bull's-eye with whodunit

"Carpool" by Mary Cahill. 258 pp., Random House, \$19.00.

Buckle your seatbelts and get ready for a fast and riveting trip with this set-in-the-suburbs whodunit from first-time novelist Mary Cahill.

A former pilot for a medical air delivery service, 35-year-old Jenny Meade is married, lives in the suburbs, and has three kids who, as suburban kids will, require care, feeding, and TRANSPORTATION.

One day, as a respite from trips to three different schools, the orthodontist's office, the dermatologist's, swim classes, music and art lessons, track practice, the library, PTA meetings, etc., etc., the earthbound Jenny stops off for a stroll through the local cemetery — one of the few places, in her harried life, where she can hear herself think.

Meandering from gravestone to gravestone in a thick morning fog and alone with her thoughts, she stumbles into something.

Turns out, it's the very dead body of her neighbor, John Jensen, who has apparently hung himself from an old oak tree in the graveyard.

Turns OUT, though, maybe John didn't kill himself after all. Turns out, apparently he was murdered instead, and Jenny Meade is going to be directly involved in tracking down his killer.

As the inscrutable, semi-retired detective Tom Black Cloud sagely observes early on: "No single act (is) ever really a single act. One thing connects to the next."

The mysterious crime and its solution will eventually connect with Jenny's frenetic life on the road, her dream of one day returning to flying, her parents' death some 10 years earlier, John Jensen's wife and her family, other neighbors, the illicit affair of an unlikely couple, land developers, the U.S. government, even some soda pop cans littering a ditch.

Characters along for the ride here include Jenny's spelunking, "cave-



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man" husband, Berlie; assorted carpool passengers; the quiet bachelor, Black Cloud, who eats fettuccine for breakfast because things like Rice Krispies, toast and bacon are like "the 1812 Overture in your mouth, right up there next to your ears;" the ghostly, anachronistic Flower Lady; and Bart Stott, who's even mean in his sleep.

OFTEN, NOVELS that are, by turns, funny, sad and sinister don't work all that well. But Cahill manages to pull everything off here almost without a hitch. True, things get a little cliched now and then. There's the suburban orthodontist, for example, suffering a mid-life crisis, driving a red Porsche, and having an affair with a blonde. A bad guy is "an old coot," or "weasely," or going "to hell in a handbasket."

Also, Cahill flits from one different viewpoint to another, so much and so abruptly that readers may feel a bit discombobulated at first. But ultimately, the action is the thing and, on that, Cahill delivers with finesse. If you're looking to be entertained, here's entertainment.

By the way, aspiring novelists will be especially heartened to learn that Cahill's debut novel was submitted unsolicited and unagented to Random House.

You can meet Mary Cahill at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at Borders Book Shop-Nov. She'll be signing copies of "Carpool," and drawing the winning name in the Easy Rider contest, conducted by Borders in connection with the release of the book and Cahill's visit.

Victoria Diaz is a book reviewer based in Livonia.



Left: Mary Cahill, author of "CARPOOL."

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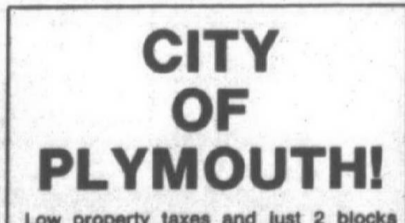
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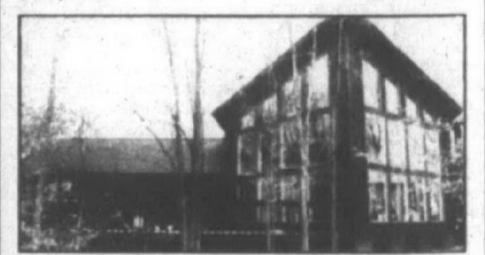


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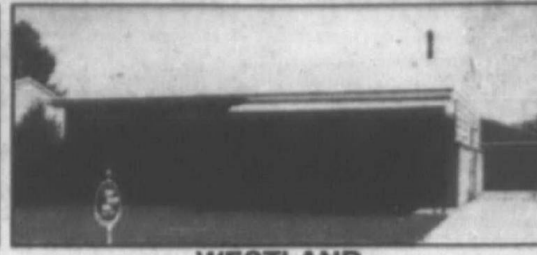
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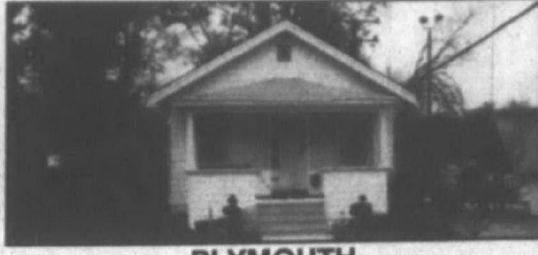
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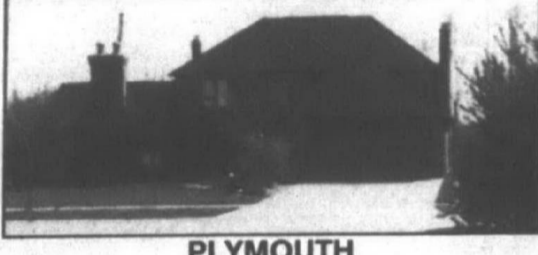
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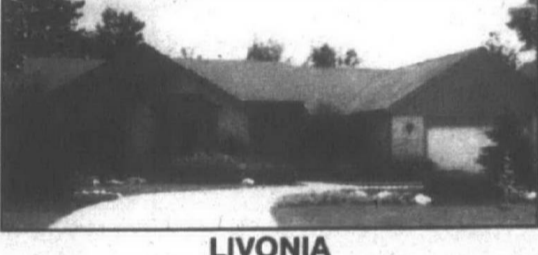
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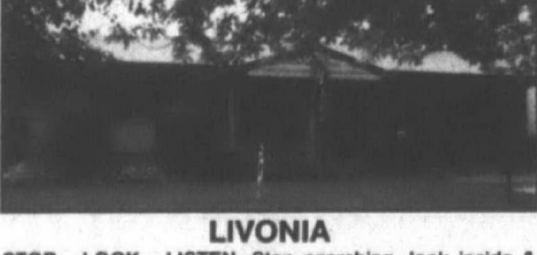
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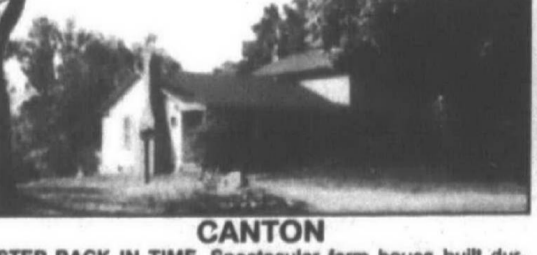
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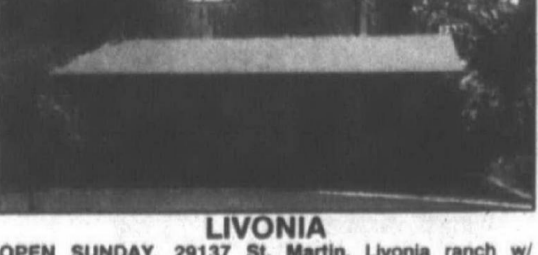
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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Local realty managers earn national designation

By Doug Funke
staff writer

The managers of day-to-day office operations at two area realty boards are among the first group of candidates to earn a new professional designation — Realtor Certified Executive — from the National Association of Realtors.

Arthur L. Mullen Jr., executive vice president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, and Judy Waugh, vice president of the Rochester Board of Realtors, met experience requirements, then passed a six-hour exam to gain certification.

"The purpose is to increase professionalism and just give an extra profes-

sional development activity, something to strive for," said Julie Ann Read, leadership development manager for the National Association of Realtors.

Waugh, a Rochester Hills resident, has served as that board's top administrator for 10 years. Mullen, who lives in Livonia, has served his board for five years.

"I just believe it was the appropriate thing to do," Waugh said of her motivation for pursuing the certification. "It does say to the membership that we have reached a certain level of excellence. It underscores to me that I do have a working knowledge of the day-to-day process."

Mullen articulated similar thoughts.



Judy Waugh

"BASICALLY, what it's for is to ensure and certify you are, in fact, excellent in your profession," he



Arthur L. Mullen Jr.

said. "It makes you aware of all the various facets, the complexities, of the real estate profession today and

association management.

"No one can remember everything," Mullen said. "It (certification) gives you the opportunity to review material, bring it in focus and know where to go to get information."

To take the exam, candidates had to have at least three years of experience as an executive officer or five years experience as a staff specialist for a Realtor organization.

Both Waugh and Mullen are highly regarded by the presidents of their respective boards.

"It involves hours and hours of work and dedication even to go for that designation," said Nancy Howell, president of the Rochester

board. "That's just like Judy to do something like this."

"She is probably the best executive officer this board has ever had," Howell continued. "She has a great personality. She's one in a million. She makes my job easy."

"We encouraged him to do it (certification) this year," said Allen C. King, president of the Western Wayne/Oakland Board. "He went at it and got it accomplished. I think that's fantastic."

"It's kind of like graduate training," King said. "You keep going on and getting better and better."

Executive officers who pass the exam must take continuing education classes to maintain their certification.

Stormy waters for slip owner

We live in a marina condominium. One of the boat owners adjacent to our slip has carousing parties at all hours of the night. The condominium association board won't do anything. I am wondering what we can do. I don't want to start an altercation with my neighbor.

Check your restrictions to see whether "improper, immoral, or obnoxious conduct" is expressly prohibited in the documents. If not, there may be a general catch-all clause that may apply. You should write the board of directors of the association advising them of the difficulty you are having and requesting that it take appropriate action to deal with the problem. I presume that you have already attempted to talk to your neighbor, but if not, a calm discussion may have some beneficial effect. If the board refuses to take action, you may have to seek legal counsel to provide you with remedies against the association and your recalcitrant boat slip neighbor.



condo queries

Robert M. Meisner

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

New law prompts appraising seminar

A fledgling professional group, the Michigan Association of Certified Appraisers, will sponsor a half-day symposium to focus on the particulars of a state law that requires the licensing of appraisers.

The session, which runs 8:45 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 27, at the Sheraton Inn in Southfield, will consider several aspects of the law that takes effect Jan. 1.

The law imposes a licensing requirement on residential appraisers who take jobs from a federally insured savings and loan or bank. Licensees must complete at least 75 hours of classroom instruction, acquire 2,000 hours of experience and pass a state exam.

The symposium panel includes Judith Dennis, licensing administrator for the Board of Real Estate Appraisers; Kathleen M. Wilbur, director of the state's Department of Licensing and Regulation; and state Rep. Raymond M. Murphy, who sponsored the new appraisal legislation.

Fee for the symposium is \$25 for charter members, \$35 for

regular members and \$45 for non-members.

The Michigan Association of Certified Appraisers was established about four months ago as an educational and professional forum for persons interested in appraisal practice, theory and law.

"With change in the law . . . appraisers I don't think appreciate what is happening," said Jon Gutek, a MACA founder, a certified appraiser, a lawyer and a certified public accountant.

"Our group thinks the time has come to pull the appraisal professional together and move toward professionalism," Gutek said. "Appraisers have been left out in the cold. You can call any college and get the accounting department. They don't have appraisal departments."

Prospective members don't have to be appraisers. For more information about the symposium or MACA, contact Gutek at 644-4343 or write the association at P.O. Box 4691, Troy 48099-4691.

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Plain or fancy — How do you dress a model house?

By Gerald Frawley staff writer

What you see is what you get? Truth in advertising? So, exactly what's included in this price?

All the flash and excitement that goes along with models can be a cause for confusion for potential home buyers, according to Richard Komer, president of the Wineman & Komer Building Co. in Southfield.

Komer said during the last year he has noticed a trend in "dressing down" — more model homes will be base models without the frills.

Traditionally, a builder's model includes all the extras — more square footage, fancy trim work, upscale lighting fixtures, extra space, finished basements, better cabinets, skylights and larger bathrooms, to name just a few.

The problem, Komer said, is when a prospective buyer comes in to look at a model, it's difficult to discern what comes for the advertised price and what's extra.

"Let's say you have a \$500,000 home with \$250,000 in amenities — you have a real stunning house, but when the buyer finds out what he sees is \$750,000 (and the home was presented as a \$500,000 home), the people are mad."

This strategy works just as well in the \$100,000 homes as in the \$500,000, he said. "People are doing a lot of comparison shopping, and if you have a home with all the extras, it's difficult to do that."

KOMER SAID that he has tried two models — one dressed up and the other basic, but showing the extra features through displays and pictures seems to work just as well.

And if a buyer wants to purchase upscale features, his sales staff can

show units under construction, Komer said.

"A base model is still very nice. It may not have a hardwood floor entry, or top of the line cabinetry, or extra trim, but a base model should in no way be anything less than a complete home."

Nor does it mean the home is undecorated. "We'll still have furniture, curtains, paint and wallpaper — we still want to show a home as some place lived in."

"We want them to walk out with a good impression."

Builders have traditionally dressed up models with luxury features, additions and upscale interior decorating to show buyers what options and upgrades are available, Komer said.

Komer said he believes most buyers are aware that models are dressed up versions of the basic model but still doesn't make visualizing the basic model any easier.

While these models give a good idea of what a home's potential is, they don't convey what the buyer gets for the advertised price that brought the buyer to the development in the first place.

"If someone bought the model as presented, it would generally cost thousands of dollars more because of the added amenities," Komer said.

But having only basic models makes selling the extras more difficult. "We have catalogues, displays and pictures of what (the amenities) — it makes it a bit harder to sell the extras, but I think we have a better rapport with them."

ELLEN WHITEFIELD, marketing director at Selective Group in Farmington Hills, said a bare-bones, basic model breaks with traditional marketing strategy.

"That first impression is too im-



In the future, builders will be "dressing down" their models so buyers can see what the base price brings. If this base model living room at Boulder Park was the typical model of five years ago, it probably would have included skylights, more ex-

travagant light fixtures, a marble floor-to-ceiling fireplace, areas of stone before the fireplace, an oak mantle, wood beams along the cathedral ceiling, custom wood trim around doors and windows, granite flooring in the kitchen.

portant (to not impress them)," she said. The idea behind models is to grab the customer's attention, to show the possibilities and perhaps, even allow the buyer to dream a little.

"We firmly believe a well-merchandised model is our best tool," Whitefield said. This often includes

homes with extra amenities not found in the base model.

"But," she added, "if we advertise a home for (a certain price) that home is available." There may not be a model — although there often is a basic model — but there are at least detailed plans.

Whitefield stressed that model home strategy — building a home that is more than the basic model — was developed to show buyers the possibilities — not to be misleading or confusing.

"When a builder shows a model, he wants to show what can be done — either what they can provide or what (the homeowner) can do later," she said. It's not uncommon that a buyer purchases a base model, and then

adds the amenities himself later.

Some models have more than others. "We want to show a home just as they (the target market) would live in it," she said.

When a home is targeted for a certain family, the idea behind the model is to excite that buyer. A base model may not accomplish that, she said.

Well merchandised means different things for different homes.

Whitefield said that when the Selective Group starts a development, it begins with a marketing study to determine what the buyers they are targeting will want at home.

In a more-moderately priced home, options displayed in the model are fewer; in an upscale home, mod-

els include all the amenities, she said.

HARRIET BRANDT, president of Candle Lite II Interiors, a model merchandising/consulting firm in Farmington Hills, said both approaches are going to appeal to people, but the basic merchandising strategy is still adding all the features.

"You want people to buy what you're selling — if it's a plain Jane, it's not going to impress them," Brandt said.

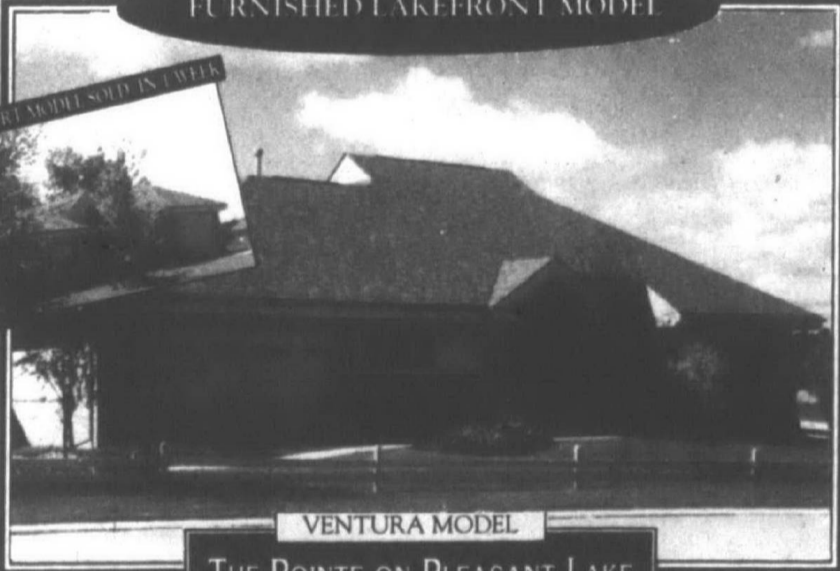
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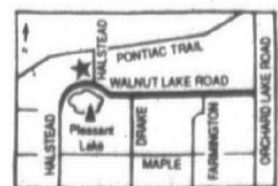
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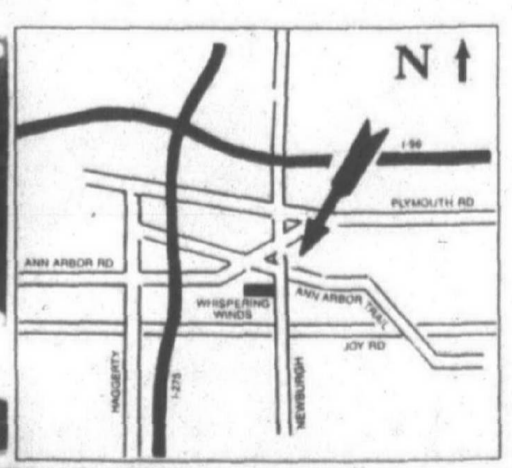
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Lumber prices worry builders

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

In a state like Michigan where housing is predominantly stick-built, builders live and die by lumber prices.

In recent months, builders have been cringing — if not dying.

If wholesale lumber orders are any indication, wildly fluctuating costs have resulted in some builders holding off on starts in hopes that the winter will bring lower lumber prices.

James Bonadeo, president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said builders are used to fluctuating prices, but this year seems worse than previous years.

"I've found lumber prices have gone wild," Bonadeo said. Bonadeo said he's not aware of local builders putting off projects until prices come down, but the fluctuating prices are having an effect on builders' cost estimations and bottom line.

When pricing a home, lumber costs make up roughly 15 percent of the total cost second only to land costs, he said.

"Rough lumber that would have cost me \$14,000 last year, is costing \$2,000 to \$3,000 more this year," he said. "These costs are just being

passed onto the buyer."

THE MAIN REASON builders have been given for the price increase, Bonadeo said, is acres of Pacific Northwest forest land are being preserved for the spotted owl.

"Well, it's true some of the blame belongs to the spotted owl, but some of the blame goes to the big lumber barons."

Bonadeo estimated roughly 40 percent of the lumber used in this area comes from the Pacific Northwest — another significant portion comes from North and South Carolina.

If lumber prices are based on supply and demand, Bonadeo continued, prices would have been much higher had it not been for the housing slump throughout the country.

Bonadeo said local housing starts, while lower than last year, are significantly higher than other areas of the country.

"We're doing just about as well — in fact, in the last two months things have been really moving."

BONADEO SAID it seems as if the companies that supply lumber to the wholesalers figured they wanted "x"



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Rising lumber costs passed on to consumers

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amount of dollars, and they were going to charge that amount regardless of how much lumber they had.

"That's unconscionable," Bonadeo said. Bonadeo said he has even heard talk that — because a lot of lumber comes from government lands — there could be a government investigation of lumber gouging.

The lumber increases are especially discouraging because the building industry is working so hard to contain costs.

But if supply is the reason for the increases, there is reason to believe that timber from other sources can help limit fluctuations in the future.

Now that the U.S.-Canadian free trade agreement is under way, Bonadeo said a growing proportion of lumber will come from Canada. Bonadeo also suggested that the United States could import a great deal of lumber from the Soviet Union in coming years.

FRANK RENNER, sales manager

for Georgia-Pacific Corp. at the Toledo Distribution Center, said this has been a tremendously volatile year for the lumber industry.

Throughout the wholesale lumber industry, costs have increased, supplies have dwindled, lumber mills have closed and orders from retailers have dropped, he said.

"Even for people in the industry, (estimating prices) is very difficult," he said. "(This year) really caught us all by surprise."

Renner said he's been in the lumber industry for more than 20 years and few times have compared to this year. "Lumber prices were at a 10-year low in late winter, early spring."

"Then they went up drastically," Renner said.

Lumber costs continued to climb through late July when they started to drop off again. After falling for more than a month, lumber prices jumped slightly several weeks ago.

"Lumber trades like soy beans or any other commodity — more supply means lower prices and more de-

mand means higher prices," he said. Prices were low in the winter and early spring because the economy was slow and builders weren't buying, he explained. Prices were so low and business was so slow, in fact, that some of the lumber mills were either shutting down temporarily or going out of business.

WHEN DEMAND rose slightly in the spring — as it usually does because of the seasonal building economy — lumber stock was quickly de-

pleted and the lumber mills weren't able to get up and running.

That's why it took until July before the prices began to fall, Renner said. The recent increase was a result of more builders becoming optimistic and starting building projects.

The price increase wasn't as severe because many of the mills were operating and the industry was able to respond to the demand.

"When it gets cold in the next month, prices will begin to fall," Renner said, adding that late No-

vember and early December are always the least expensive time for lumber.

Renner noted that the builders may not have seen similar increases and decreases. "This is what's happening in wholesale; retail lags behind — retail prices reflect (the cost) of the last shipment.

"That's the simple answer," Renner said. The industry is slightly more complex than simple supply

and demand. Lumber prices are also determined by how much land is being devoted to timber.

Growing environmental pressures that remove thousands of acres of timberland to preserve natural habitats are also causing price increases, he said.

"But overall, people don't realize this, but over the last 15 years lumber prices — when you factor in inflation — haven't risen that much," Renner said.

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For a registration form and rules, contact the MIM at 458-8544.

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants is presenting a construction industry conference from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Grand Manor at Fairlane, Dearborn. Keynote speaker is David L. Littmann, Manufacturers National Bank economist.

Attendees may choose from 14 topics including tax issues, environmental due diligence in real estate transactions, effective collection techniques and the future of automation in construction.

Cost is \$105. For more information, contact the MACPA Conference Department at 855-2288.

Eric J. Hill, chief operating officer of Rosetti Associates Architects, has been elected to a four-year term as an executive trustee

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for the American-Scandinavian Foundation. He has served as an adviser on architecture and urban design for the foundation since 1974. Rosetti recently moved its offices to Birmingham.

A presentation on Smart House by Bill Caraway, sponsored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan will be held 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at Walsh Business College Conference Center, 3838 Livernois, Troy. System overview, features, installation, distribution and cost will be covered.

Other BASM conferences include:

- Selling tips, power communication and persuasion 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Speaker will be Mike Wickert.

- Hiring and firing techniques from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Radisson Hotel, Southfield. Speakers will be John Trenchle and attorney Brad Raymond.

For more information, call 737-4477.

Housing recovery sputters

AP — New home sales dropped 8.5 percent in July, the government said last week, raising doubts about whether the housing revival would be strong enough to lead the economy out of recession.

All regions except the Northeast, which had suffered the worst of the sales slump last year, reported a decline.

Sales of new single-family homes totaled a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 472,000, down from 516,000 a month earlier, said the departments

of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development in a joint release. Also, an earlier estimate that sales rose 7.4 percent in June was revised sharply downward to 4 percent.

Sales of new homes were roughly in line with sales of existing homes, which the National Association of Realtors this week said fell 6.7 percent in July.

"The fact is the housing sales boom has petered out. Unless they get going again, you are throwing up

a roadblock in an area that you usually expect to carry you forward," said economist Robert G. Dederick of Northern Trust Co.

BECAUSE HOUSING typically responds quickest to the lowering of interest rates in attempts to end recessions, this business sector often leads the economy out of a slump.

The median price of a new home in July was \$120,200, up 1.3 percent from a year earlier.

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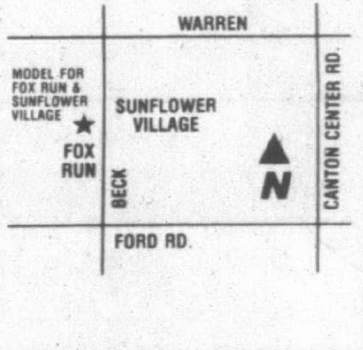
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Models: dressed up or plain Jane?

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what the options are isn't going to ask for them, and may not even buy them if the builder points them out.

"If they see something they like, people will stretch themselves to the limit to get what they want," she said.

The one big plus behind the homes with all the extras is it will generate sales. Buyers may be put off by not being able to purchase all the extras, but they will be impressed by the home's possibilities.

"And occasionally, you'll get a person who wasn't planning on buying a house, but was so impressed with it, they decide to buy," Brandt said.

How a model — extras or not — influences a person depends on their finances, Brandy said. Some people shop for houses in their price range,

some shop for houses below their price range, and some shop above their price range.

A basic home will appeal to someone shopping in a specific price range because they don't have to be concerned with figuring price differences.

A basic model, she added, may also help sell more homes in slower economic times when people have less to spend.

Some people look for houses below their price range because they intend to add the extras — in these cases, people want to see models with all the extras so they can choose what they want in their home.

"The best way would be to have two models," she said. That way, the builder appeals to both potential buyers.

Dust, rust top list of furnace enemies

AP — Tuning up your gas furnace is something you can do yourself in less than an hour with a few simple hand tools and a vacuum cleaner.

In most cases, the entire job consists of cleaning and lubricating the blower unit, and cleaning and adjusting the burner assembly.

This simple maintenance is your best front-line defense in the battle against the twin threats to furnace life and efficiency — dust and rust. As long as you stay clear of the control valve and limit switches and put back everything as you found it, there's little chance of error.

You can see if your burner is improperly adjusted by watching the burners in operation.

A standard gas furnace will have two, three or four burners, each with some sort of ignition crossover device. When the furnace starts, ignition should progress evenly from one burner to the next and without hesitation or a late flash. Once lit, the burners should operate with a steady blue flame.

If you see a burner-to-burner startup ignition that displays a noticeable puff and small flash, then gas is not moving through the crossover pieces that ignite each burner in sequence. In all likelihood, one of these crossover members is clogged with dirt or rust.

If you see a burner that doesn't ignite at all, or only puffs on and off sporadically, it's a good bet that the gas jet that feeds the burner is partially clogged with dirt or rust.

On the other hand, a burner that shows flame gaps along its length during normal operation suggests that some of the gas ports are clogged.

If you see a burner whose flame

lifts off its ports, you can bet that the air mixture on that burner is too rich. Conversely, a flame that burns orange and lazy (wavering from side to side) means there's too little air in the mix. Before attempting to regulate the air intake the burner assembly should be cleaned.

Before working on the furnace shut off the electrical disconnect switch so the furnace can't come on. If there's no switch, turn the gas control from ON to PILOT. Then vacuum the inside of the cabinet.

To remove a burner for cleaning, remove the securing clip that holds the burner to the feed pipe. Then carefully lift the burner up and slide it out of its seat below the heat exchanger cell.

Once it's removed, turn it so the open end faces down, and tap the burner repeatedly on the floor or some other hard surface to dislodge rust particles inside.

If you've noticed gaps in the flames on that burner, poke a thin wire or small Allen wrench into each of the burner openings. Then tap the burner on the floor again. Finally, clean the openings in the crossover member with a thin-bladed knife and vacuum the entire chamber thoroughly.

To service the gas jet, back the entire jet from its threads in the feed pipe and then clean it with a thin wire or small Allen wrench. When the jet is cleared, thread it back into its opening until snug. No joint compound is needed.

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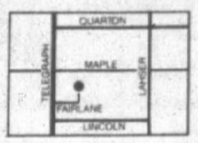
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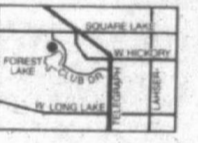
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