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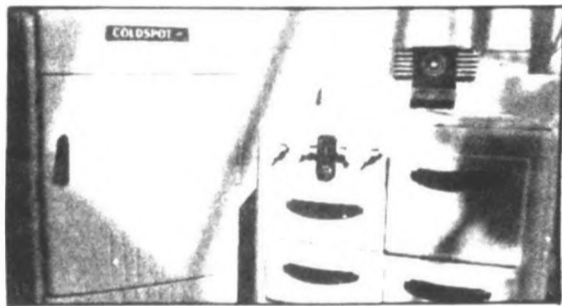
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# \$6 million 'high tech' grant lost



The Plymouth Canton schools have been looking to leap into the future with a \$6 million grant to computerize classrooms, but it looks like that federal money is headed south. Superintendent John Hoben called the decision "election year politics."

By M.B. DILLON  
STAFF WRITER

Administrators in Plymouth Canton Community Schools are licking their wounds after being dealt a blow by the U.S. Department of Education. With assistance from U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Superintendent John Hoben applied for a \$6

million federal grant, money that would have supplemented district funds being used to install high technology in K-12 classrooms.

The unofficial word from Washington, D.C. is that a district in McKinney, Texas has won the grant.

"It's typical of an election year and we have a Texas president," Hoben

said. The outcome was probably due to "a combination of a lot of things, but Carl being a lame duck legislator didn't help us any. Not that he didn't help us, but the situation he was in didn't give it much backing."

"I think when he declared he was not going to run again it left us without a real solid plug in Congress. I know it was politically oriented, it had to be," Hoben added.

The Wayne County intermediate district recently received a technology grant, which may have been a factor as well, he said.

Hoben had been optimistic because "we were the ones who initiated it, we generated all the information necessary for the request. I went to Washington, appeared before the committee and gave them the content of it. We wrote according to the specifications and we had professionals do it. We had endorsements from all the universities around here, we thought we had it about as tight as it could be."

Moreover, the district was supplying more than matching funds to

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# Township man bags 8-point buck



COMMUNITY  
Buck Pole

Chris Servo of Plymouth Township is the first hunter this fall reporting a deer kill to the Plymouth and Canton Observer Buck Pole.

Servo, 33, pulled his mini-van into our parking lot in downtown Plymouth Monday morning, with a 150-pound eight-point buck strapped on the top.

"I got it in the Alpena area, up by Fletcher's floodwaters," he said. Servo shot the deer with a 60-pound compound bow, from 25 yards away at the edge of a woods.

Servo, who reported a deer kill to the Buck Pole last year, has been hunting for about 20 years. He also hunts during rifle deer season.

The Observer lists the names of successful hunters in its Buck Pole column which runs in each issue during the archery and rifle deer hunting seasons which run through December. To report a kill, call Jeff Counts, the editor, or Kevin Brown, a staff writer, at 459-2700 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We also take pictures of successful hunters with their dead deer. Stop by our offices at 744 Wing St. in Plymouth during business hours and we'll take your picture.

Also reporting a kill on the opening weekend of the season was Todd Getz, 22, of Canton, who bagged a spike horn buck near Baldwin on Oct. 3.



BILL BRESELER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**First buck:** Chris Servo of Plymouth Township was the first hunter this fall to report his kill to the Plymouth and Canton Observer Buck Pole.

# Commission pay among city ballot issues

By KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

More pay for city commissioners is one of three city charter revisions going before voters Nov. 3.

Residents will also be asked to amend the charter to allow department heads to live outside Plymouth, to draw from a greater pool of talent.

A third change involves extending the yearly deadline for adopting the city budget.

On the surface, the proposed pay increase for city commissioners is the most controversial.

Proposal No. 1 would increase a commissioner's pay per meeting from \$10 to \$50 and the mayor's from \$10 to \$60 for the maximum 33 meetings per year.

Members of a citizens committee

## ELECTION '92

which reviewed the charter for needed changes say the current pay rate was set in 1951, when the present charter was adopted.

"A lot of people can't afford to get elected," said Eric Childs, one of the committee members.

"It doesn't apply to present commissioners," added committee member Hugh Harasha.

If the measure were passed, annual commissioner pay would be \$1,650 — still below the \$3,460 area average, Harasha said.

Proposal No. 2 would require the city commission to adopt the city

See CHARTER, 2A



Eric Childs



Hugh Harasha

# Smith pushed for vacant commission seat

By KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The naming of a new city commissioner was on the mind of some residents attending the commission meeting Monday.

Since Jerry Vorva resigned his seat Sept. 30 to get ready to join the state House — he is unopposed in the November election — Mayor Robert Jones said he's considering who to recommend to fill that unexpired term.

Jones said he's been getting advice from residents and fellow commissioners.

"I've gotten written input, telephone input, I'm getting it on the street," he said.

Jones said he's also going to be meeting with some residents to hear their ideas. "I'm going to shake it all down," he said, before making a recommendation at the Oct. 19 commission meeting.

Paul Nastoff, a commission watcher known for pushing for rail crossing improvements in the city, said planning commissioner Rosita Smith would be the best choice.

## POLITICS

Nastoff maintained that the city has followed a policy of naming the highest vote getter in the last election, who failed to win election to the commission, to a vacancy when one arises.

This was the case when the last vacancy was filled by Jones in spring 1991. He subsequently was re-elected that fall, and then elected mayor by his fellow commissioners.

The city charter precludes the naming of Ron Loiselle to the commission. A former commissioner, Loiselle was the highest vote getter not winning enough votes to be re-elected in 1991.

But since he'd just served a full term, a full year must pass before Loiselle can be appointed to a commission vacancy.

Meanwhile, the charter also says Vorva's seat, which he resigned Sept. 30, must be filled within 30 days.

"I missed the deadline by two weeks," Loiselle said. "I'm disappointed, because I do want to be

back on the commission. I'll have to wait until the next election."

Smith was the next highest finisher and Nastoff said she should be named to avoid "divisiveness in the city."

While Jones said there is precedent for naming the highest vote getter not winning a seat on the commission, he noted that the commission has also in recent years not followed that path.

"I'm doing everything in my power to be honest in this situation," Jones said. "It will be the best decision for the city for one year," he said.

The seat Vorva was elected to carries a term that expires in November 1993.

"I think the mayor is faced with a difficult situation, who is the best candidate and who will serve best," commissioner Bill McAninch said.

"In the last analysis, I hope he will appoint someone who will best strengthen this commission. That may well be Rosita Smith, that may be someone else," McAninch said.

# Grant from page 1A

ke the district a national demonstration site for high technology, Hoben said.

Twelve million dollars of a \$59 million bond issue approved by mouth Canton voters is being used to install fiberoptic cable in buildings throughout the district mouth Canton teachers, from all panels in their rooms, will be able by late 1994 to access a multimedia center and instructional material via cable TV, laser disks, satellite and voice video.

Already wired are Central and inner middle schools and Ben Elementary. Cable also will be installed in the two elementary schools under construction in Canton.

"We won't eliminate some tools, we'll just cut back on the amount of technology," said Dave Howell, the district's associate director for research and technology.

It would have been much nicer to go into heavier use of computers in the classroom," said

# Charter from page 1A

Hoben. With the \$6 million we could have purchased more equipment and expanded the total program. How far we go into computer-assisted instruction will have to be re-evaluated.

Eventually, we'll get there. The emphasis will be on putting in place infrastructure that's flexible and can be expanded upon in the future. We are still going to have a banner district. We want to stay in the forefront. The bottom line is what we can bring to students in the classroom.

Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business, said losing the grant is "a very big disappointment. It was quite a blow. It's tougher to swallow because Dr. Hoben initiated the whole grant. Hoedel added "It looks like it was very political, at least the end result seemed to be that way. It's just too bad we couldn't have split it."

Because of its geographic accessibility, Plymouth-Canton would have made an ideal demonstration site, Hoedel said.

budget for the next fiscal year no later than the second regular meeting in June, rather than in early May as the charter now stipulates.

This makes sense, committee members say, because nowadays the city doesn't get information on property assessment increases or state funding until later than early May - information needed to make up the budget.

Proposal No. 3 would require

## City gets part of tab for Bush visit, no gratitude

A final report on costs to the city for President George Bush's Sept. 26 campaign visit was made at a public meeting of city commissioners on Monday.

While \$9,623,477 in public works department and fire department costs was reimbursed by the Bush Quayle campaign committee, \$6,400 in police costs will not be reimbursed.

"The police department costs resulted from the 158 officer hours which the city of Plymouth contributed toward the total local police security effort of approxi-

that the city manager and members of commissions and boards must continue to be city residents but would allow other department heads to live outside Plymouth.

This would expand the available pool of talent, as many qualified people can't afford to take a city job in Plymouth because of high housing costs, the committee found.

mately 1,200 officer hours," city manager Steve Walters reported.

Neighboring police departments contributed officer hours through a mutual aid agreement involving 21 local police departments, the Wayne County sheriff's department and the state police.

For those who would complain about spending taxpayer money on police protection for candidate Bush, Mayor Robert Jones suggested it could have been worse.

After the rally, Jones said, the Bush campaign people "were

It would also permit promotions from within departments to department head, without the penalty of moving expenses for the salary increase.

Childs said that should this proposal fail, Police Chief Robert Scoggins, who lives in Canton, would likely go back to being a sergeant because he couldn't afford to move into Plymouth.

Current recreation department director Chuck Skene now lives in

Livonia, and city treasurer Judy Zurbis lives outside the city, he added.

"Every community around us has gone away from residency," Childs said.

The committee was formed by former mayor Ralph Kenyon in April last year, to identify charter provisions that might need changing. The last charter changes were implemented in 1969.

complainting about the amount of money we were asking for."

"I said I didn't come here to ne-

gotiate, I came here to pick up the check," Jones said, adding they

gave it to him.

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BY M.B. STAFF WRITER

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at Arnoldt Williams have been  
young people. But lately, more  
and more adults and senior citi-  
zens are signing up for lessons,  
said John Williams, the store's  
president.

Mondays from 1-2 p.m. are re-  
served for Canton Place. Last  
Monday was the group's third les-  
son, and already students were  
playing a song — "Lean on Me."  
The orchestral accompaniment  
programmed into their keyboards  
made the budding musicians  
sound a little like Bill Withers'  
band.

Esther Forrest has been prac-  
ticing piano in Canton Place's  
community room. "I just goof  
around; they don't know the dif-  
ference, I just have fun," she said.

"We're too nice to remark about  
that," joked fellow student Betty  
Bologna. Bologna said she decid-  
ed to take lessons because "I felt  
that it wouldn't hurt for me to  
learn how to play. We have an  
organ and a piano at Canton Place.  
I think some teaching would go  
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Teacher Nicki Nowak, who  
coordinates the lab instruction  
with Chris Ranney, says no one is  
too old to learn. "I've been play-  
ing piano for years, and I'm still  
learning," said Nowak, whose  
other students include Helen  
Strzalka, Eunice Wise, Dorothy  
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**Learning:** Betty Bologna decided to take lessons because "I felt that it wouldn't hurt for me to learn how to play."

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means of selling keyboards. Our  
whole approach and priority is  
music education," said Ranney.

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they like it without spending  
\$2,000 or \$3,000" on a piano.

Students find group lessons en-  
joyable because they don't have to  
bare their souls in a private les-  
son. "They like the camaraderie,  
and they hear people making the  
same mistakes they are," said  
Ranney. The store also offers ad-  
vanced classes.

Adults and senior citizens are  
surprising themselves with their  
mastery of the electronic instru-  
ments. And they're having fun,  
added Ranney. "These people are  
a riot," he said of the Canton  
Place group. "They're the best."



**Practice time:** Esther Forrest has been practicing piano in Canton Place's community room. "I just goof around; they don't know the difference. I just have fun."

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Beth Leonard

# Computer system behind shift to new library group

BY DIANE GALE  
STAFF WRITER

A new computer system in Canton's library is the key behind a move to break away from a library federation that local officials say is antiquated.

Canton is among seven communities — Farmington, Rochester, Southfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield and Independence Township — that plan to leave the Wayne Oakland Library Federation.

The inter-library system provides library services to all major communities in Wayne and Oakland counties except Detroit and Highland Park. WOLF allows shared borrowing privileges for residents in those communities.

The seven communities that want to leave the WOLF system are well-stocked and adequately funded by local millages. They want to form Metro Net.

"You have to have a stand alone (computer) system, which is one of the reasons we can break away from WOLF," according to Canton Library Director Jean Tabor.

She insists that if Metro Net is formed that people from other communities who use Canton's library will have access to the current services.

"We have no intention of limiting anyone we currently serve in WOLF," Tabor said.

WOLF is funded by state aid based on a per capita system. It offers member libraries various services, like computerized tracking, book ordering assistance and printing.

"Those of us joining Metro Net don't need all of WOLF services, like the computer networking and consulting services for buying and programming," Tabor said. "Yet, we ultimately pay for those services. We want a cooperative that is scaled down."

"We'll be able to use our state aid dollars to benefit the residents of Canton. We would be able to move forward and make

decisions quickly that are now cumbersome, because there are different needs."

The breakaway communities have three areas of dispute — residents in larger communities on the WOLF board are not proportionally represented, some funding goes for services that are not used by Metro Net communities and some services are inadequate.

The earliest Metro Net would be effective is Oct. 1, 1993.

Meanwhile, in a separate issue, Canton's library board is battling Westland officials regarding payment of Westland residents' use of Canton's library.

If Westland fails to pay a portion of Canton's operating costs by Jan. 1, 1993, Westland residents will not be allowed to use Canton's materials.

Westland currently pays Livonia, Garden City and Wayne for library services, Tabor added.

In 1990 it was learned that Westland residents represented 7 percent of Canton library's total material circulation. Canton's library board limited Westland residents to one book at a time unless a \$100-per-family annual fee was paid. That fee is currently charged to all library users who live outside the WOLF system.

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas has vowed to fight Canton's tough guidelines.

However, Canton officials say the charge is only fair since Canton residents pay for the services through property taxes. Canton levies 1.7 mills for library services.

Douglas Whitaker, WOLF's co-interim director, said that while his organization is prohibited from interfering in a local library's operations, it can help resolve disputes. He said he would work on helping Canton and Westland resolve differences.

## Oil service becomes ugly

BY DIANE GALE  
STAFF WRITER

People with good intentions are fouling up a program that allows environmentally minded people to recycle used oil.

The Valvoline Instant Oil Change outlet in Canton accepts used oil that's dropped off during business hours. However, some people are leaving containers of unidentified liquids outside after the business is closed.

Valvoline workers then must identify the liquid and dispose of it properly.

The recycling program is free and is "something that we're proud of and we want to continue doing," said Lowell Yoas, manager of the outlet.

"We don't want to lose a good thing by having mystery fluid left out there," he said. "We don't want it to turn into a negative kind of thing."

There's a sign on the door, stating the business hours, but people are still dropping off a variety of liquids such as gasoline, antifreeze and mixtures of oil and other liquids. Workers then take the substances to a hazardous waste treatment center in Romulus.

Leaving the unidentified liquid is against the law and Canton police are called to file reports.

"We are not trained to analyze whether it's oil or what it is," said Canton police information officer

## RECYCLING

Tammie Colling. "Then it becomes an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) issue. It becomes tedious for us, as well as Valvoline."

Meanwhile, a Canton resident, who asked not to be identified, dropped-off three milk jugs of used oil last Monday at Valvoline in Canton.

When asked why he was dropping the oil off, he said: "To protect the environment. We are fighting for the environment."

A Valvoline brochure claims that 220 million gallons of used motor oil is spilled into America's environment annually. That compares to 10 million gallons spilled in Valdez, Alaska, in 1989, and 150 million gallons spilled in the Persian Gulf in 1991.

The used oil that is accepted at Valvoline is sold to buyers who can use recycled oil.

Accepting used oil "is not for profit," Yoas said, adding that it was initiated as a good-will community program.

You can drop off used oil at Valvoline in Canton on Ford Road east of Sheldon Road from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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# Area libraries to bolt from WOLF

By RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

Ticked off because of poor service and unequal representation, seven libraries in Wayne and Oakland counties have picked up their football and gone home, so to speak.

The libraries — in Canton, Farmington, Rochester, Southfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township and Independence Township — are leaving the Wayne Oakland Library Federation and forming their own library cooperative called Metro Net.

But the seceding libraries will stay with WOLF until Metro Net goes on line, probably in October 1993, and service is not expected to be interrupted.

The 14-year-old WOLF provides library services to all the libraries in Wayne and Oakland counties except Detroit, Highland Park, Troy and Dearborn. The main benefit to library users is that they can check out books

throughout the system, as opposed to just books in their home library. WOLF also does computerized tracking of books, orders books for its members and provides computer terminals to libraries.

"Those of us joining Metro Net don't need all of WOLF services like the computer networking and consulting services for buying and programming," said Canton library director Jean Tabor. "Yet, we ultimately pay for those services. We want a cooperative that is scaled down."

Metro Net will ostensibly be scaled down at least in terms of the money sucked up from member libraries.

While WOLF takes two-thirds of the member libraries' annual state aid (about \$47,000 in Southfield's case), Metro Net would require just one-third, said Southfield library director Doug Zykowski.

WOLF co-interim director

Doug Whitaker said that WOLF's \$1.5 million in state aid (funneled through the member libraries) would fall to \$1.2 million if the dissatisfied libraries leave.

That loss of money, Whitaker said, would translate to a loss of services for libraries remaining in WOLF. Should that occur, it may convince more libraries (like the big ones in Livonia and Redford) to leave WOLF for Metro Net, which has the welcome mat out for any other area library that wants to join it.

Metro Net will theoretically be cheaper to run than WOLF and more responsive to the individual needs of member libraries, largely because representation on the Metro Net board will be based on population.

Among the raps on WOLF is that libraries serving large populations don't get any more say on the nine-member WOLF board (one vote) than little libraries serving a couple of thousand peo-

ple. In a sense, the little libraries (if they band together) can control WOLF policy and often do, Zykowski said. The 15 big libraries in WOLF's 58-library system don't like that because their state aid makes up about 50 percent of WOLF's state aid. Zykowski called it "taxation without representation."

At a pow wow Wednesday, WOLF officials offered the dissatisfied libraries an additional representative on the WOLF board and help in getting their computers interconnected.

But that's not enough, Zykowski said. "(The WOLF) offers didn't carry enough substance. Both sides agreed to start thinking about coexisting with each other. We think the dispute process should be avoided."

The participants agreed to meet again Oct. 26, but only to work out ways that WOLF and Metro Net might cooperate.

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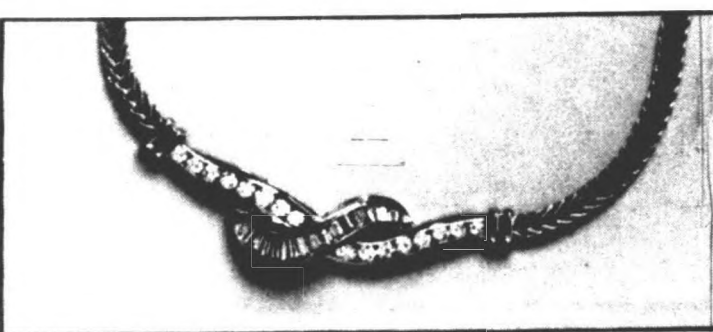
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Money raised will be used for the "50th Annual Central Athletic Association of the Deaf," hosted by the Detroit Chapter in fall 1993. The association's main objective is to develop a sense of social awareness with the community and improve and promote the athletic participation for the deaf/hearing impaired throughout the region.

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# O&E staffers win state press awards

Last week was a big week for newspaper awards. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers took 11 prizes in the Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest, competing with weekly newspapers of over 15,000 circulation throughout the state.

Westland Observer reporter Darrell Clem and Observer Suburban Life Editor Sue Mason took first place honors in separate categories. Clem also won a third place award for local reporting. Clem's first place award in reporting news was the result of

his stories on the impact of the closing of the General Motors Ypsilanti plant on local workers.

MPA judges praised Clem's writing and called his work a "comprehensive and timely coverage of major news event with a lot of local impact... Unique political angle adds depth to the story. Exceptional use of personal stories makes article come alive."

Clem also took a third place for local news reporting with his story about a pastor and his wife charged with child abuse.

Clem has worked at the O&E for three years. Before joining the

Westland staff, he was a reporter in West Bloomfield. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He lives in Livonia.

Judges praised Mason's suburban life section for the "varied and unusual topics, great use of photos and graphics."

Earlier this year, Mason won a second place for feature writing in the Suburban Newspaper Association competition.

Mason, who also edits the Street Scene section, has worked at the newspaper for seven years. Before taking over the suburban life section, she worked as a reporter in Westland and Livonia. She lives in Westland and is a graduate of Wayne State University.

centrics, racked up three awards. Rochester Eccentric reporter Jay Grossman won two honorable mentions.

The Southfield Eccentric took second place for editorials, second place for its lifestyle section and reporter Shirlee Rose Iden won an honorable mention in the feature category.

The editorials were written by former Southfield editor Joe Bauman, who now edits the Birmingham Eccentric. Bauman lives in Livonia and previously worked as a reporter in Livonia.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric took top honors Friday night among weekly newspapers in the state in the University Press Club of Michigan's Excellence in Journalism contest.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield



Darrell Clem



Sue Mason

papers were edited by Dave Varga, a Livonia resident, who now edits the Rochester and Troy editions of the Eccentric.

His sister newspaper, the South-

field Eccentric, finished second, in the same competition judged by news professionals from Florida, Illinois and Wisconsin. Those editions were edited by Bauman.

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# EMU Fall census steady

Eastern Michigan University's opening fall enrollment is stable, up less than 1 percent when compared with last year's opening figures.

As of Sept. 14, the official one-tenth reporting date to the state, 25,133 students had enrolled at EMU, representing an increase of 0.4 percent or 109 students when compared with last year's official opening enrollment of 25,024.

Of the 25,133 enrolled, 19,320 are undergraduates, an increase of 107 students or 0.5 percent when compared with 1991's opening number of 19,213. Graduate student enrollment remains nearly unchanged at 5,813, up two students over last year's 5,811.

While the number of first-time freshmen declined slightly by 39 students or 1.7 percent, from 2,268 to 2,229, the number of transfer students increased by 239 students or 13 percent, from 1,803 to 2,042.

The returning student population remained stable, decreasing by 45 students or 0.3 percent, from 15,044 in 1991 to 14,999 this year. The number of special/unknown students (those not enrolled in a particular program) decreased by 48 students, from 98 in 1991 to 50 this year.

Although student numbers are up slightly, student credit hour production declined slightly, from 248,280 in 1991 to 247,105 this year, a decrease of 1,175 credit hours or 0.5 percent. All of the decline was at the undergraduate level, down 1,340 credit hours or 0.6 percent, from 219,268 in 1991 to 217,928 this year; while graduate credit hour production increased by 165 hours or 0.6 percent, from 29,012 in 1991 to 29,177 this year.

If last year's enrollment pattern prevails, the final 1992 fall semester enrollment should be very close to last year's final fall enrollment of 25,939, representing a stable enrollment picture at EMU.

## OBITUARIES

### ELIZABETH W. BOLTON

Services for Elizabeth W. Bolton, 71, of Chandler, Ariz., formerly of Plymouth were Monday, Oct. 5, at Vermeulen Funeral Home. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

She was born March 25, 1921, in Scotland. She died Thursday, Oct. 1, in Chandler. She retired from Kmart at Wonderland Mall in 1983, after 20 years.

She is survived by one son, Avery D. Avichouser of Chandler; two daughters, Kathryn Winningham of Canton and Nancy L. Orth of Chandler; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dr. William C. Moore of Trinity Presbyterian Church officiated the service.

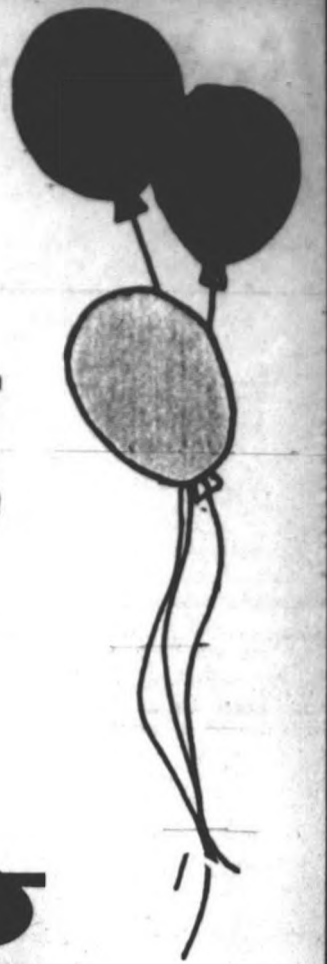
### DAVIS A. SAMCZYK

Services for Davis (Dave) A. Samczyk, 41, of Plymouth were Monday, Oct. 5, at Schrader Funeral Home.

He was born March 27, 1951, in Detroit. He died Thursday, Oct. 1, in Ann Arbor. He moved to Plymouth in 1972 from Detroit. He worked for the CSX Railroad for 20 years as a brinkman. He was governor of the Loyal Order of Moose, Westland Lodge No. 2143.

He is survived by his wife, Linda J. Samczyk of Plymouth; two daughters, Jessica L. Samczyk of Plymouth and Kelly C. Samczyk of Plymouth; two sons, William D. Samczyk of Plymouth and Joshua O. Samczyk of Plymouth; one grandson, Ryan L. Samczyk of Plymouth; two sisters, Martha Dugan of Westland and Rachel Cahill of Wayne; one nephew and two nieces.

The Rev. Rick W. Bloom officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan.



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# High court rule change could end automatic appeal

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan shouldn't have to amend its constitution to keep felons who pleaded guilty from tying up the Court of Appeals, says an assistant Wayne County prosecutor.

"We should just petition the Supreme Court to correct an error in a 1977 case," said George E. Ward, chief assistant to Prosecutor John O'Hair.

Ward, of Plymouth Township, was an unsuccessful candidate for the Court of Appeals in August. He opposed allowing automatic appeals in guilty plea cases.

State Senate Republicans this week are soliciting O'Hair and Ward to help change the minds of Democrats who helped defeat a resolution to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot. Senators voted 21-14 in favor of the proposal but needed 26 votes (two-thirds) to put a proposal on the 1994 ballot.

The problem is that about one-fourth of the 12,000 cases heard

by the Court of Appeals are filed by prison inmates who pleaded guilty.

## Nuisance cases

Most judges and law enforcement people see these appeals as nuisances and a drain on the system. Prosecutors' staffs must write 35-page rebuttal briefs. The Court of Appeals usually finds the felon's appeal totally without merit and rarely overturns a lower court decision, even for re-sentencing.

"There are less than a handful of reversals," said Senate Judiciary Committee chair William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison, author of the constitutional amendment. It would permit convicts to appeal only by leave (permission) of the court, ending the long list of automatic appeals.

"I'm a little worried about these changes, knowing the quality of those who had input," said Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, who voted against it. Faxon



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George Ward

is the only legislator who served on the Constitutional Convention in 1961-2. Faxon cited the late Richard Van Dusen of Birmingham, Professor Harold Norris and William D. Cudlip.

All area Republicans voted for Van Regenmorter's proposal except David Honigman of West Bloomfield who missed the vote.

## Faulty ruling

But Ward, who favors eliminating automatic appeals in guilty plea cases, said the change is unnecessary.

He cited the 1977 case of People vs. Smith. In it, the state Supreme Court held that, even though a convict pleaded guilty and waive his rights, he couldn't waive his right to appeal.

Ward called the high court's decision "superficial," saying it represented a poor reading of the Constitutional Convention record. "There is not one word in that portion of the (constitutional convention) record to suggest that an appeal of right was intended to follow even when there is no trial," he said.

He said the high court's four-paragraph ruling "is sinking the Appeals Court's docket." The second highest court has a two-year

backlog of cases. The Court of Appeals began life with nine judges, now has 24, is seeking 16 more and says it has work for 80.

Ward said he may seek an interpretation through a State Bar commission but was unsure he could get the votes.

The disputed words in the present constitution are in Art. 8 Sec. 20: "In every criminal prosecution, the accused shall have the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury... to have an appeal as a matter of right; and as provided by law, when the trial court so orders, to have such reasonable assistance as may be necessary to perfect and prosecute an appeal."

The Van Regenmorter proposal is one of many anti-crime bills the Senate is working on this week. The House adjourned Thursday until after the Nov. 3 election.

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"Michigan property taxes are among the highest in the nation and continue to serve as a strong deterrent against increased home ownership," said Ruth Clevers, president of the group in announcing the support.

"High levels of owner-occupied housing is the most potent stabilizing force any community can have. Government must do more to assure opportunity for all residents to build a sound base in their selected home communities and this proposal is a step in the

right direction," she said.

Passage of Proposal C would limit annual assessment increases on all parcels of property, including homes, to 3 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. It would cut school operating taxes by 30 percent over the five year period with the state reimbursing school districts dollar for dollar for the cost of the property tax cut.

Clevers said that, when fully implemented, the proposed tax cut would annually put more than \$2 billion back in the hands of Michigan taxpayers.

"Each year they will have millions more to invest, spend or save, all of which will serve to boost the overall state economy,"

she stated. "Our state's high tax image discourages location of new business and industry here and that means fewer jobs and higher unemployment rolls. Lower property taxes will serve as an incentive for greater investment in Michigan both by new firms and those already located here and create improved opportunities for all residents," Clevers said.

"From the homeowners point of view, placing a cap on assessments is particularly important," Clevers said. "It would prevent property taxes from reflecting inflated and unforeseen current property values, that remain unrealized unless the property is sold. People who own or purchase homes will not find that these un-

realized capital gains keep resulting in annual tax liabilities which can easily exceed their ability to pay.

"All too often, we are seeing cases of homeowners being forced to sell because their incomes cannot stand the strain of mounting property tax bills. Owners must be given assurance that unexpected increases in property taxes will not destroy their right to the enjoyment of owning their homes and erode their ability to make a major investment in their future."

She said that increased voter control of property taxes would help spur more first-time buyers to seek home-ownership and open the way for sold properties to move others up the housing ladder. She pointed out that growth in the real estate market has long been a noted factor in bringing the nation and Michigan out of economic difficulties.

Board (WWOCAR) members are located in more than 30 other communities in Wayne and Oakland counties. Clevers also serves as president of the 4,500-member Metro MLS, the state's largest multiple listing service.

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## Schoolcraft offers horse training class

Schoolcraft College's Equine Arts and Science program is accepting registrations for a one-day workshop called "Psychology of

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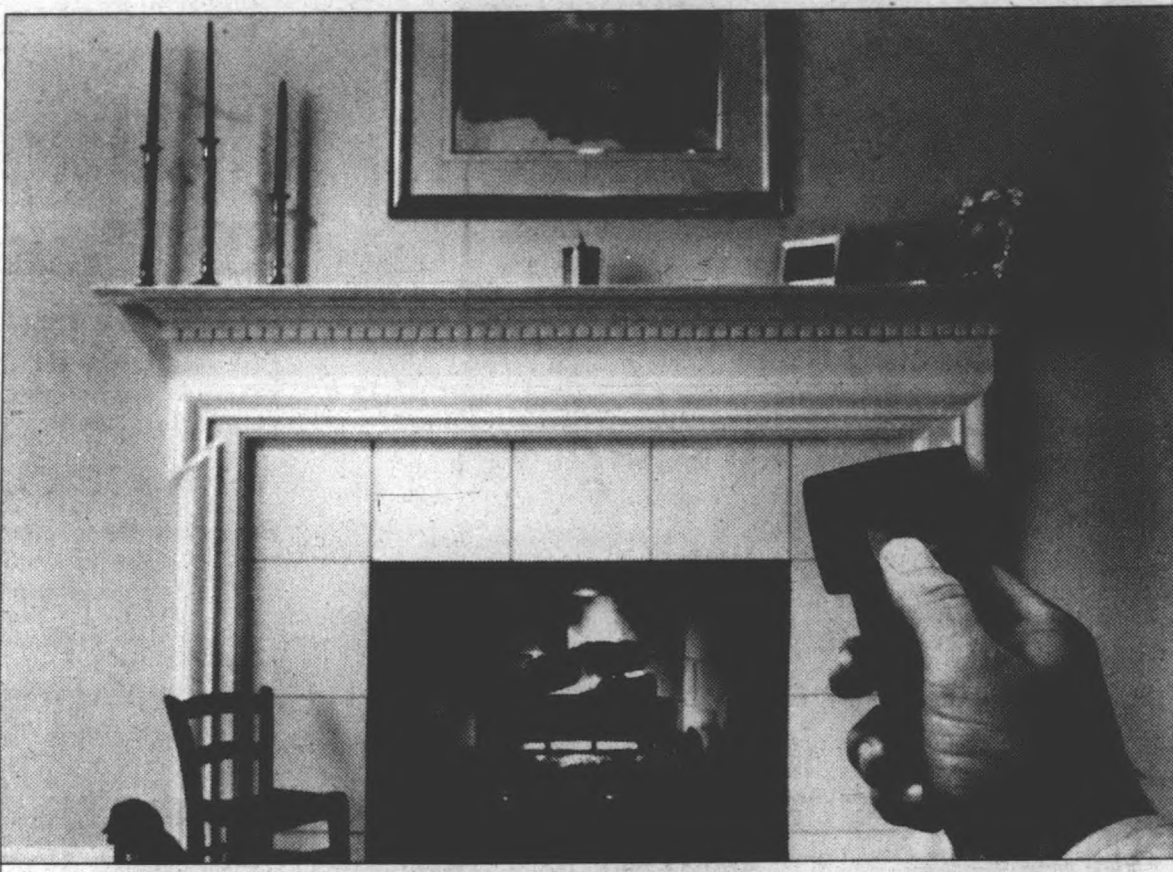
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# State lawmakers gridlocked on assisted suicide

BY TIM RICHARD  
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Assisted suicide will continue to be legal in Michigan as state lawmakers gridlocked again on a life-and-death issue.

A House subcommittee on death and dying this week took no action on the Senate-passed bill to make assisted suicide a four-year felony. That bill was designed to "put Kevorkian's lights out," in the words of its sponsor, Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville.

With Kevorkian, a retired Royal Oak pathologist who has assisted five suicides in recent years, sitting silently in the audience, a panel headed by Rep. Lyn Jondahl, D-Okemos, decided to move two other bills:

■ House Bill 5415, by Ted Wallace, D-Detroit, to regulate assisted suicide. An adult would have to make two requests, receive mental counseling, have a written request witnessed by two unrelated adults and wait 30 days. The attending physician

must have been seeing the patient for at least six months. Violation would be a five-year, \$10,000 felony — harsher than Dillingham's bill.

■ House Bill 4501, by Tom Power, R-Traverse City, would set up a two-year study commission of legal, medical and ethical experts to make recommendations to the Legislature. The Wallace bill would "sunset" six months after the commission finished work.

The full House would have to

act in its post-election session. The Senate is unlikely to agree.

Michael Alan Schwartz, a Southfield attorney representing Kevorkian, denounced Dillingham's bill as "draconian, extremist," sought by "a small number of people who raise a boisterous noise," an apparent reference to Right to Life.

"Study? Who's to study it?" Schwartz said of Power's bill. "Only one person has the technical skill in this field — Dr. Kevorkian."

Schwartz blamed the prosecutions of Kevorkian and effort to ban assisted suicides on Gov. John Engler and Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson. "I'm a registered Republican, and I still say that," Schwartz said.

The Power and Wallace bills will be advanced to the full Judiciary Committee later this month. Making the decision were Jon-

dahl, Power and Wallace.

Leaving early were Richard Bandstra, R-Grand Rapids, and Joseph Palamara, D-Wyandotte, both of whom appeared unhappy with the Wallace bill.

Right to Life lobbyist Ed Rivet afterwards denounced the Wallace bill as "unconstitutional. Why do I have to meet these criteria to exercise my supposed right to kill myself?" he asked rhetorically.

RTL has opposed assisted suicide because it can lead to euthanasia (mercy killing). "Constitutionally, you cannot prohibit its (assisted suicide) being expanded to euthanasia and being applied to an incompetent person," Rivet said.

David Hayter, Westland resident representing Club of Life, told the panel euthanasia begins with killing the ailing, then spreads to the unproductive, the

ideologically unwanted and finally a race — as in Hitler's Germany.

Asked by Power if he didn't distinguish between euthanasia (without the patient's consent) and assisted suicide, Hayter replied: "A life not worthy to be lived — that's where it starts."

Several handicapped persons argued against the Wallace bill, saying patients were actually seeking compassion and relief from pain.

"I believe every patient killed by Dr. Kevorkian could have killed themselves — they didn't need assistance," said Judy Gentile, a Michigan State University administrator of programs for the handicapped.

Citing an active student who was crippled 11 days and said she "couldn't handle it," Gentile said, "Is she a candidate for assisted suicide? The problem is attitude."

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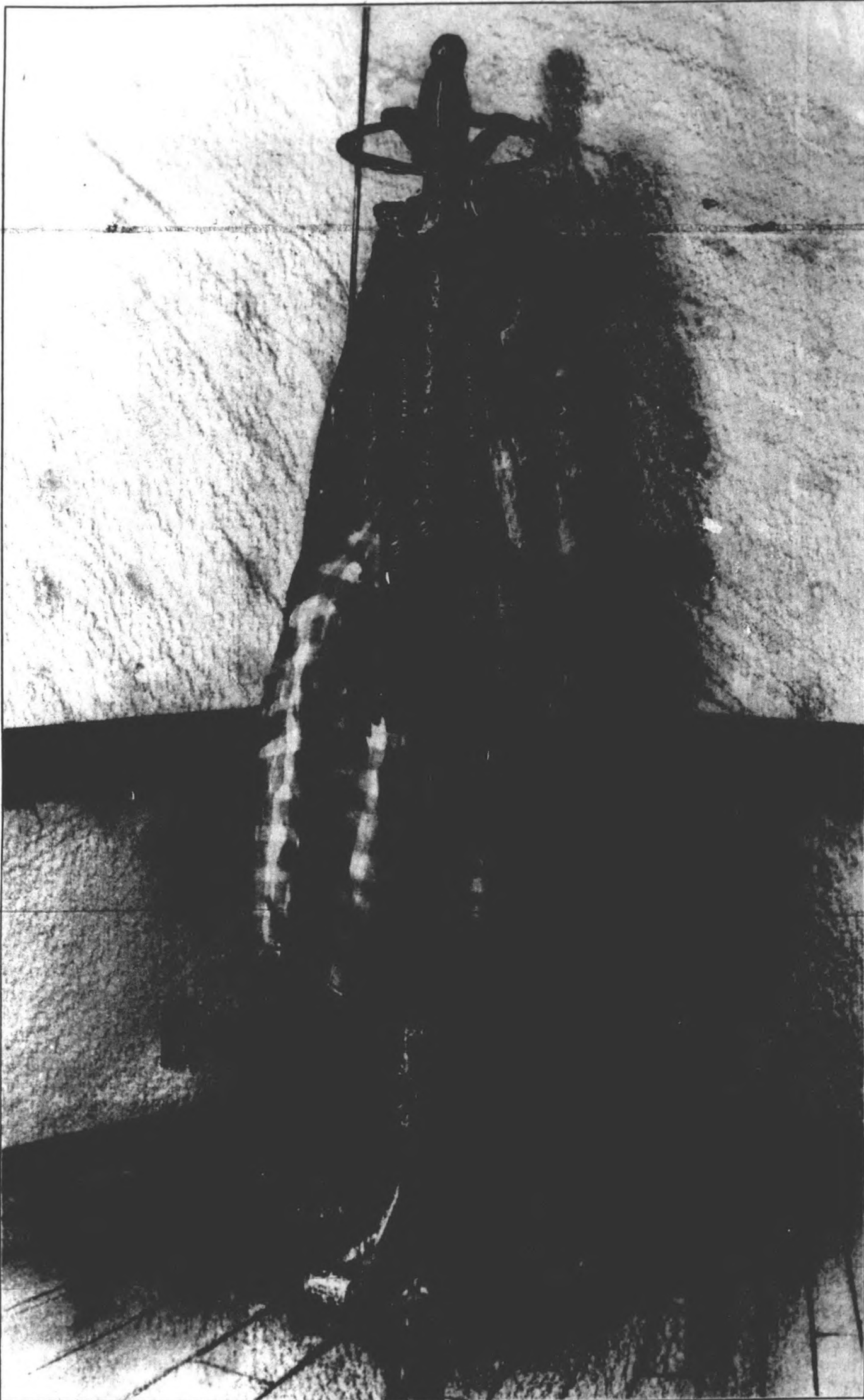
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Band money

The Plymouth Centennial Educational Park Marching Band, which is trying to raise nearly \$200,000 for a trip to the Fiesta Bowl, competed in the Bands of America Mideast-Regional Championship held Oct. 3 at the Glass Bowl at the University of Toledo.

The band performed numbers from the Broadway musical "Sweeney Todd," and was awarded three of the four high achievement awards. They were for outstanding music, outstanding visual and outstanding general effect.

The band's next performance will be Saturday, Oct. 17, when it competes in the Great Lakes Invitational Competition at the educational park in Canton.

The event will attract 26 bands from Michigan, Ohio and Illinois. The competition starts at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens.

Meanwhile, the PCEP Band Boosters are seeking donations from the public to help send the band to perform in the Fiesta Bowl. The nearly \$200,000 needed will go for transportation and lodging costs. For information about making a contribution to the band, contact the Rev. Ken Myers at 459-2199.

As part of the fund raising drive, the Roman Forum Restaurant in Canton will donate a portion of their proceeds to the band from dinners served from 4:30 p.m. until closing on Monday, Oct. 19. The restaurant is at 41601 Ford Rd. For information, contact Judi Hinote at 453-8394.

Crossing work

Installation of a smooth, rubberized railroad crossing at Main Street should happen "sometime towards the end of October or the beginning of November," reported city engineer Ken West.

West told City Manager Steve Walters in a memo that materials were ordered Sept. 25 by a CSX railroad official.

The city is paying \$40,974 toward the \$225,750 project cost. A federal grant is paying the rest.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Trading post:** A Canton man has opened a business in Old Village to recognize the heritage of native Americans.



**One-of-a-kind shop:** Mickey Two Eagles puts the finishing touches on a drinking gourd at the Two Eagles and a Sioux Trading Post.

1st Native American store opens



The Two Eagles and a Sioux Trading Post, on Liberty Street in Plymouth's Old Village, opened about a month ago. Owner Mickey Two Eagles says he was moved to open the business after the spirit of a long-dead Indian woman visited him.

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The first city business geared to things native American has opened in Old Village.

The Two Eagles and a Sioux Trading Post on Liberty Street opened right around Labor Day. Owner Mickey Two Eagles was moved to open the

business after the spirit of a long-dead Indian woman visited him.

"I saw her dancing here just like I see you," Two Eagles told a recent visitor to his shop.

Some native American friends have also seen the woman, named Woman of the Woods. He recently buried her remains after a Grosse Ile museum

presented them to a Toledo University professor he knows. The friends "said I was her husband or father or son in another life," he said.

But Two Eagles, 40, whose father is an Ottawa-Chippewa Indian, has long been interested in his native American heritage.

"When we were kids and played cowboys and Indians, I was always the Indian," he recalled.

At 17, he tried to join the activism at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, "but my car broke down at the Michigan border."

Two Eagles and some friends drove

loaded semi-trucks with food for the Indians protesting a proposed development on a native burial ground in Montreal, Canada.

Two Eagles has served on the board of directors of the North America Indian Association of Detroit, as chairman of last year's Michigan Indian Day Pow Wow, and as assistant editor of a Native American newspaper.

While the advancement of the native American cause is serious business to him, Two Eagles has a reputation in the Indian community of

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# Store

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being a jokester. He heads toward the back of the shop, inviting two visitors to meet his "watchdog." Once they get there, he shows them a large buffalo head.

He hands a visitor a flier, with a cartoon of "America's first welfare line" — Indians at a table stocked with food passing some out to thin, hungry Pilgrims.

And he's not above talking to an Indian friend in nonsense syllables to sound like Indian language when folks of European descent are around, just to see their reaction. "We always tell them before they leave," he said, smiling.

A main purpose of the store, he said, is to educate.

"The kids, native and non-native, have got to be educated or this is all going to disappear," he said.

The outside of the store has been redone to look like an old style trading post. Inside, he sells bead work, masks, books on native Americans, carved drinking gourds and replica artifacts. He plans to carry baskets and moccasins. All the items are made by native Americans.

One replica artifact is the wood stock from an old fashioned gun, with a metal point mounted on it. Indians were known to use these as weapons, Two Eagles said, adding that attackers who faced the weapon "would get the point."

"We're very proud people," he said. "They call us pagans and savages. We have the oldest religion known to man, the Medicine Wheel.

He sees some promise in popular movies like "Dances With Wolves," which show the native American side of the European settling of America.



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHERRIE BUZY

School girls: K.C. Mueller (left) and Kathleen Keen-McCarthy in bloomers and middies entertain their audience with historical facts about Plymouth.

# Women's club marks 100th anniversary

BY M.B. DILLON  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Plymouth Women's Club took a tour through history at a celebration of their organization's 100th anniversary last week.

More than 150 women gathered Friday at First United Methodist Church, enjoying a catered luncheon and homespun entertainment.

Dressed in period costumes, club members brought their scrapbook to life with a series of skits. Among those recreating the club's first meeting in 1893 was former Plymouth mayor Mary Childs, who impersonated founding member Mrs. Valentine and also Mrs. Bennett. "That's what you have to do in show business," said Childs with a laugh. "The truth of the matter is, someone didn't show up when we practiced."

Reading her lines from minutes taken in 1893, Mrs. Valentine spoke to fellow members president Grace Rix, Dorothy Lent and Betty Koch, who played the parts of a minister's wife, a millinery shop owner, and the wife of the dry goods store owner.

Mrs. Valentine spoke of a "most exciting and educational experience" she had visiting the Grand Rapids literary society. Mrs. Valentine also lamented that turnout would have been better had it not been "semi-annual house cleaning time."

Later in the show, Childs impersonated Mrs. Bennett, who

## HISTORY

was among those who worked to keep liquor out of the city.

"The women who've been in the club a long time enjoy looking back. That's always a fun thing to do. When we mentioned things that had happened in Plymouth, we could see the smiles on their faces," she said.

Dressed in bloomers and middies, club members Kathleen Keen McCarthy and K.C. Mueller played schoolgirls reciting facts from Plymouth history books. In spectacles on loan from Burton Gallery Antiques, Keen McCarthy reminisced about Plymouth organizing its fire department in 1894; Northville splitting from Plymouth to form its own township in 1898; and the establishment in 1900 of the Plymouth, telephone company.

1914 was a big year; it was when "our club adopted a resolution abolishing saloons in the city of Plymouth," Keen McCarthy said.

The club also lobbied against the showing of movies on Sunday and worked for women's suffrage.

Other skits took members through the decades to present.

The Women's Club of Plymouth was founded as a literary society, and evolved into a fund raising civic organization. It has granted scholarships to several hundred students and assisted dozens of community organizations.

"The club's first civic committee organized in the early 1900s," said Keen McCarthy. So they have had a history of participating and giving back to the community for a long time."

Last year, a total of \$6,100 in scholarships went to 39 students, said Mueller, Plymouth Township trustee-elect, past president of the club and "chairman for life" of the scholarship program.

Civic organizations including First Step, the Plymouth Library, Plymouth-Canton Substance Abuse Task Force, Alternative for Girls and the Plymouth Five and Drum Corps received \$2,400 from the Women's Club last year.

The club will commemorate its 100th anniversary with a special program each month focusing on events in the organization's history.

A card party and luncheon are planned for November. Members will also meet at the Plymouth Historical Museum for an upcoming "First Ladies" exhibit.

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# Graham affair Board member voices racism

**W**hile we have supported school board member Barbara Graham's strong voice in the past, we found her recent bellowing distasteful.

The affair started several weeks ago when Graham and other pro-life folks picketed the Olive Garden Restaurant in Canton. It seems that the Olive Garden is owned by General Mills, which donated money to the Planned Parenthood League in the Minneapolis area.

Graham and company claimed that makes the Olive Garden pro-choice on the abortion issue. We disagree. Planned Parenthood is a group that promotes responsible birth control. There's nothing wrong with that.

It was a classic anti-abortion type situation, but then Graham brought a brand of racism that the other anti-abortion groups would probably even find abhorrent.

Graham was holding a sign that said "Abort the WASP, adopt an alien," and went on to suggest that somehow abortion is a way for people of color to take over the United States.

It's one of those dumb conspiracy theories that's based on the assumption that somehow all Hispanics, Asians, blacks and American Indians have somehow gotten together to take over the country by having lots of children in

need of adoption.

It's a twisted version of Jessie Jackson's Rainbow Coalition. But Graham's remarks and the Rainbow Coalition are similar in that they're the product of traveling down the road of race and ethnic differences.

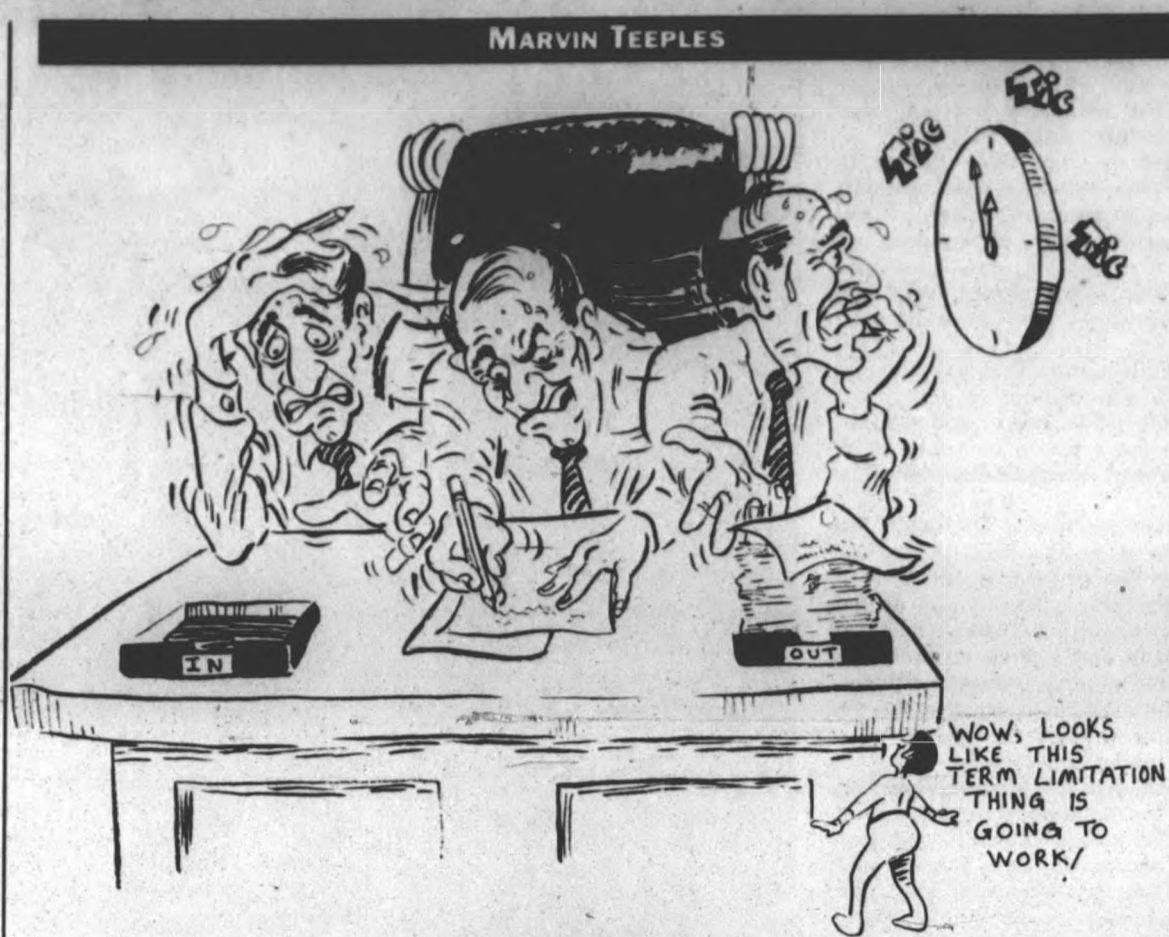
Once you try to say a race or group of people have certain traits or even see things the same, you're painting yourself into a corner.

But back to Graham. Her line of thinking seems to be that there's a battle to control the country based on racial lines, and that the more Asian or Hispanic children we bring to our country through adoption, the more threat there is to the white power structure.

The assumption here is that somehow these "alien" children are programed by their racial genes to become anti-American and destroy family values. It's silly. These "alien" children are being raised by caring American families and aren't going to grow up to be little Maoists or communists.

When it comes to adoption, Graham and company need to face facts. The people who adopt children of any race are usually caring, loving people.

Graham and her followers are more than racist on this one, they're being ignorant.



### LETTERS

# Revoke officeholders with 'B'

**W**e must revamp the system of privilege that supports a very expensive and inefficient government.

Let's return to a "citizen-legislator" form of government, one that is more responsive to our needs and one that provides the opportunity for more to serve.

Vote yes on Proposal B. Recent revelations about the dangers of allowing incumbents to make a career in Washington or Lansing mandate term limitations.

The nation's founding fathers envisioned a government of "citizen-legislators," people who would serve their nation.

They should "return home and mix with the people," said Roger Sherman, a Rhode Island delegate to the U.S. Constitutional Convention. Sherman saw that if representatives stayed too long at the seat of power, "they would acquire the habits of the place" and lose touch with those who elected them. Sherman was prophetic.

Our representatives on both the state and national level have become career politicians who are far too removed from their constituents.

And because of the advantages incumbents have in keeping their names in the public eye and building a campaign war chest that few challengers can match, they are almost assured of re-election.

Despite a massive federal deficit, our elected representatives have continued to spend money we don't have in order to ensure their popularity at home — and get re-elected.

And if voter turnout is an indication, recent elections have not inspired participation in a democracy where the issue of who runs the government is truly at stake.

Our government has become stagnant. The same dreary ideas are dragged through the legislative process by the same tired bunch. We need new ideas from a continuing stream of private citizens.

Three western states have taken steps to limit the terms of elected officials, and Michigan could join them.

California and Oklahoma have passed laws limiting terms of state office holders. Colorado has adopted a law that also limits the terms of the state's representatives to the U.S. House and Senate.

The Colorado model is the one before Michigan voters. The proposal would limit U.S. senators to two terms in a 24-year period, U.S. representatives to three terms in a 12-year period, state representatives to three terms, state senators to two terms and the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general to two terms.

Precedent exists. The 22nd Amendment, ratified in 1951, limits the president to two terms.

Those opposed to term limits lament the loss of those senators and representatives with committee seniority, but the seniority system also breeds a government that meddles in administrative tasks rather than sticking to its legislative duties.

U.S. Rep. Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., has been in congress for 25 terms. He has seen nine secretaries of agriculture come and go during his tenure as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. No administration will likely be able to implement a plan that does not have his seal of approval.

Congress is not supposed to set and administer policy. Term limitations will ensure that.

### Sage advice

**W**as looking over some old records dated 1978, the year I retired from the Plymouth Township Board as a trustee, and came across a letter I wrote to myself reviewing all the happenings in the previous eight years of my tenure. In view of the complete change of officials for 1993, I thought a little background of my experiences on the board might prove interesting to our newly elected board.

I see a board committed to the common good of the community.

Never bring ideas or questions to meetings unless you also bring answers. Accept assignments with pleasure and carry through. The future is wide open for ideas. If in doubt, always move forward. Be the leader in township government as we once were and not a follower. Set the example. We need doers. We have Kathleen. One for all and all for one.

Frank Millington, Plymouth

with lack of law enforcement. If you don't believe me, then try to drive 45 mph in a construction zone. Thursday when I drove out to Flat Rock on I-275 the sign said "construction zone 45 mph."

Every damn vehicle passed me at 65 and faster. One person cut me off and nearly hit me. He blew his horn and waved his hand at me with a half victory salute.

On the Navy Tailhook deal, this looks like the good old ACLU at work again. I noticed that the officers that resigned were white men. At a California school, a teacher involved in sex charges got off scot-free.

With the fruitcake life-styles of Hollywood they should be ashamed. Give me a break, the other day when I got home and put on the TV here was a contest of about 10 naked women with women judging them. It's time to divorce Nelson Mandella and his wife from the UAW — the Bonnie and Clyde of South Africa.

Richard Nadeau, Westland

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### Writer is angry

**I**f I hear another thing on sex harrasment I'll scream. Now the ACLU protects flag burning, pornography and breaking the law

# Community papers are different

**N**ewspapers like this one are called "community newspapers" by folks in the news business.

We're not like the big daily newspapers such as the Detroit Free Press and Lansing State Journal, which try to cover the nation, the world, Michigan and the region. Nor are we like the TV stations, which try to do the same thing using the medium of television rather than print.

Community newspapers are rooted in the local home towns they serve. They try to cover whatever goes on there, from the city council meetings to the 50th wedding anniversary of that nice couple down the street.

We try to be part of the community we serve. Often we have our office in town. We like to hire editors and reporters who live in the community. We believe that we can practice community journalism with a combination of objectivity and fairness and also a sense of responsibility to the community we serve and to our neighbors who often appear in our news stories.

This is hard to do. In fact, I think community journalism is the toughest kind, if only because lots of the people you run in to every day know just as much about the story you wrote as you do. And when you make a mistake, it's easy for them to charge into your office and chew you out face to face.

Here's an example of how we try to do our job, contributed by Phil Sherman, editor of our newspaper in West Bloomfield. It describes the way we covered the dramatic murder of a local resident and the aftermath.

The young children of the victim testified at the trial of the accused. The presiding judge asked the media not to take their pictures.

Sherman wrote: "We saw no gain by putting a little boy and girl through such scrutiny after they had just watched their father die. We reported the story thoroughly without diving into the gruesome, sensationalistic tone the other media took, particularly when they snuck out to the side door of the courtroom and tried to snap pictures of the children.



PHILIP POWER

"At the funeral, which took place in a church," Sherman went on, "several news organizations tried to go inside. We did, too, and the person leading the services asked us to leave, which we did — quietly and peacefully."

"That's in contrast to the television camera team that was forcibly thrown out of the church for standing its ground, and the other camera team that caused the widow to break down crying when they chased her out to the hearse after the service."

Sherman concludes: "Through all this, we still managed to cover the story but in a kind, thoughtful manner."

"We ALWAYS consider the human angle when approaching a story, and ask ourselves if we would want someone covering our lives the way we plan to cover their lives. If the answer is yes, we go ahead. If the answer is no, we scrap the plan and come back with a more sensitive approach."

Sure, as community journalists we make our share of mistakes, some of them pretty bad. But we try our damndest to live up to the difficult standard of being both journalist and member of the community we serve.

And when we do our jobs as well and as sensitively as Phil Sherman and his staff, there's nothing that can compare.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

**Congress has overridden President Bush's veto of the cable TV bill, and cable rates will again be regulated. Do you think it's a good or bad idea?**

We asked this question in downtown Plymouth.



"I think it's a good idea. It will be more structured and there will be more people that are involved in the pricing structure."

Sherrie Buzby  
Plymouth



"It sounds like a good idea to me, because cable service is a monopoly, really. There's no competition involved and they can charge whatever they want."

Kevin McCormack  
Plymouth



"I heard today it's a bad idea. It's been misrepresented."

Helen Sullivan  
former Plymouth resident



"I think the less government regulation there is, the better off we are."

Celeste Mason  
Plymouth

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LETTERS

Bag the 'Buck Pole'

For the first time in my life, I am writing a letter to the editor, in protest of glorifying the barbaric practice of killing animals for sport. Your front page item (Oct. 1, 1992) announcing how one can get his or her name and picture in the Observer for useless killing was disgusting to me. Since most of us no longer need deer meat to see us through the long Michigan winters as our ancestors did, the whole process of hunting is nothing but an act of violence against innocent animals, many who are fed all spring and summer to lure and kill in the fall. They call this sport?

Here's hoping the Observer can find something less offensive to fill its pages this fall and keep me and many others as regular readers.

Beverly Bazzell, Canton

Lighting the way

Once again we are at that time of the year when we have fewer hours of daylight and more hours of darkness and once again it means that drivers are faced with the "one eyed bandits" on their daily commutes.

We have had a whole summer for folks to replace burnt out headlights and most local newspapers are providing their fall/winter car care supplements to give information to those of us who are not mechanically inclined enough to change a headlight or replace a bulb.

Nothing ticks me more than to be traveling on a poorly lit street during hours of darkness and to be approached by a vehicle which has only one functional headlight. From a distance it is hard to tell which side of the road they are traveling on. If the weather is poor and rainy/snowy the problem is compounded.

Headlights are on motor vehicles for several reasons. The most obvious is to light your way. Other reasons may include: letting someone else know you are where you are, which side of the road you are traveling on, whether you are a car, motorcycle or a truck and,

safety for yourself and others that must encounter you.

I often wonder what happens when that second headlight burns out?

For a few lousy bucks you might just save your life or someone else's. Before we are in the dead of winter please take a moment to check all of your lights — brake lights, back-up lights, parking lights and turn signals. Replacement bulbs/lights can be purchased at most auto parts or our local discount stores. If you don't want to provide the labor, ask a neighbor or visit one of our local service stations.

Dave Embury, Canton

Not for students

One would like to believe that the purpose of choosing a university campus as a site to deliver a speech is to speak to the students. When the students of the Pennsylvania State University first heard that President Bush would be making an appearance on campus, we became very excited. We were under the impression that the president would be coming to campus to speak to us, the students. Unfortunately, we were mistaken.

The Bush/Quayle Campaign publicity agents were obviously looking for a supportive crowd, as any campaign publicity agents would. But we feel that the measures taken to ensure this type of crowd were inappropriate for the chosen location — a university campus. Supporters across the Commonwealth were given special blue passes which enabled them to gain entry to the fenced-off area closest to our guest speaker. Only a small, elite group of students were privileged to obtain these passes. The average student was forced to take a back seat to this carefully screened group. We became second-class citizens on our own campus.

President Bush delivered an articulate speech, but that speech was obviously not intended for the students. His address included numerous allusions to Penn State football, which gave the illusion that we were indeed its intended recipients. However, a handful of football jokes only thinly disguised the fact that the large num-

ber of invited guests, and not the vast majority of the student body, comprised the audience for whom the speech was intended.

Perhaps the Bush/Quayle Campaign has chosen to disregard the average university student. If this is the case, we'd like to reiterate something that coach Joe Paterno shared with us: "If you don't vote, don't gripe."

Alex J. Nauda, State College, Pa. and Elizabeth R. Bain, Plymouth

Fence It In

Miller Woods is a school-owned, old-growth, never-cut forest. It has become very rare, very special, and very endangered.

In 1975 a group of local volunteers were charged by Dr. Hoben, school superintendent, with finding ways to preserve it. Cleanup efforts and education have been our main tools of preservation. Our educational offerings have included annual spring guided walks for the public, monthly classes, school class guiding, teacher workshops, and our newsletters. The local newspapers have been very helpful in publicizing our events and in highlighting this community asset.

Friends of Miller Woods has found that Plymouth Township's natural areas ordinance, prohibiting certain actions in a nature preserve, is not enough. Disturbance, theft and vandalism have all increased as the nearby subdivisions have grown. We cannot witness every infraction, but our records show evidence of bicycles and off-road vehicles illegally using the trail. This disturbs nesting birds, throws chips off the path, moves the edge liners, and destroys plants as wheels go off the edges and turns. Dog-walking is a problem because concentrated urine and feces kill wildflowers. Dogs' "marking" of the area with their urine scares away the natural inhabitants. Dogs allowed to run off-leash disturb birds and mammals with barking and chasing, and sometimes catching them. Cats also have been efficiently catching birds and small mammals.

There are other problems, too, and we know a fence won't prevent all mis-

use, but communication with other preserves shows that a fence sets aside an area, defining it as a special-use place and greatly lessens the problems. Some have higher fences. Some even have barbed wire on top. We don't want to prevent people from entering and enjoying Miller Woods. The four-foot fence will be set back, so it will hardly show, and we will encourage the natural vines of the area to further obscure it.

Friends of Miller Woods is grateful for wide community support and encouragement. With the help of service organizations such as Kiwanis, we hope to add a little more protection to Miller Woods, so that the neighbors and the entire community can always find trillium, hepatica, bloodroot, and all the other special components of this fragile ecosystem.

Friends hopes that the two dozen families that seem to oppose our plans will understand that this isn't just any woods. It is an unusual remnant of our past: Michigan as it once was, a virgin forest that needs every bit of protection it can get.

Emily Kemnitz, president, Friends of Miller Woods

Rosita supported

Dear Mayor Jones: An old song: "When it's darkness on the Delta, That's the time my heart is light, When it's darkness on the Delta, Let me linger in the shadows of the night."

When it's darkness on Roe Street, we dare not linger in the shadows of the night.

Besides being poorly lighted, it has been the domicile of drug and alcohol abusers, breaking and entering felons and indecent exposures, not to forget families of skunks and vicious squirrels. Street lights are covered with tree branches that we have tried to have trimmed many times.

Women are afraid to walk down the street at night — or to go to car.

As he was dying, O'Henry said to his wife, "Turn up the lights. I don't want to go home in the dark."

We told Rosita Smith about our

problem. Within hours, she had a DPW crew trimming trees. We are beginning to see the light.

We urge you to nominate her for the city commission position vacated by Jerry Vorva. To be sure, a difficult act to follow, but Rosita is qualified. She has demonstrated community interest in many ways.

Thanks for listening, Mayor Jones. Ernie Archer, Plymouth

Out to pasture

Election day, is drawing near and I would like to share observations about a man who would like to be our representative in Congress.

I have been following the voting record of Rep. William D. Ford for years and can only hope that voters will put Mr. Ford out to pasture.

On the major issues of the budget and defense expenditures, Ford's voting record has been abysmal. He voted for every pork-laden, deficit-ridden budget since the days of Richard Nixon which was the last time we had a balanced budget.

He has voted against the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. It appears that Mr. Ford's votes are motivated more toward defeating the Republicans at all costs and laying aside what is good for the country.

He also voted against giving the president the line item veto. Forty-four states, including Michigan, have given their governors the authority to veto specific line items in their respective budgets, but that's not good enough for Ford.

Congress, including Ford, has not had the courage to reduce government spending, preferring instead to feed your hard-earned tax dollars into pork filled programs.

It's time to release the stranglehold grip that the Democrats have held on our Congress and the economy for the last 42 years. I'm voting for Bob Geake because I want President Bush to have a Republican Congress and because Bob has proven to me that he can help lead our country away from the Socialist direction it appears to be headed toward.

Ralph H. Shufeldt, Canton

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## Business group backs 5 area candidates

Five western Wayne County candidates for the Michigan State House of Representatives have been endorsed by the Small Business Association of Michigan's (SBAM) Small Biz Political Action Committee.

The incumbents endorsed include: Rep. Richard Young, D-Dearborn Heights, whose district includes Redford Township and a small section of eastern Livonia; William Keith, D-Garden City, whose district includes Garden City and part of Inkster and Westland and Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, whose district includes Redford Township and part of Livonia.

Also endorsed were Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, who is unopposed in the general election, and Deborah Whyman, a Republican from Canton Township who is challenging incumbent Rep. James Kosteva, a Democrat, in the 21st District. Vorva's district includes part of Livonia and the Plymouth

and Northville areas.

No endorsement was made in the 18th District in which incumbent Justine Barns, D-Westland, is being challenged by Republican Steve Cabrera.

The PAC endorsements were based on voting records on key business issues — capital acquisition deduction, single business tax, inheritance tax and health care reform — and candidates' written responses to a survey developed by the Small Business

Association.

"These are the candidates who, in our judgment, care most about creating jobs and jump-starting Michigan's economy," said Barry Cargill, SBAM vice president of government relations.

The Small Biz PAC is the political arm of SBAM, a bi-partisan trade association that represents more than 5,600 businesses across the state. More than 85 percent of SBAM's members have 25 or fewer employees.

## Modified vocational bill wins House approval

A bill to link industry to vocational education won 82-15 approval in the state House of Representatives.

"The shortage of skilled workers is no longer a future possibility but a very real fact," said the sponsor, Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City.

The bill goes to the Senate. It won House approval only after Keith watered it down to eliminate a required 200 days of schooling a year and other costs to local school districts.

All area lawmakers voted for it except Rep. Gordon Sparks, R-Troy. He joined House minority leader Paul Hillegonds of Holland and several out-state Republicans in opposing it.

The bill would set up a 15-member panel of industrialists, labor union leaders, educators and state department heads to

determine what skills are needed in the labor force.

"Michigan has a choice to make," Keith said. "Either we build our economy and educational system around high-skill and high-wage jobs or risk the economic future of our families."

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1992

## PLYMOUTH SPORTS SCENE

# Farmington upsets Rocks, 1-0

### Wilk paces Canton win

Plymouth Canton sophomore Graham Wilk raised his team-leading point total to 20 Monday when the Chiefs defeated Northville 6-2 in soccer.

Wilk scored two goals and assisted on two others, giving him eight goals and four assists for the season. Senior Mike Hayes is second in scoring with five and two, respectively.

Al Samouelian, Eric Stoecklein, Jeff Fliss and Kirk Wahtera also scored for Canton, which led 5-0 at halftime.

Mike Wdowiak also had two assists, Fliss and Mike Ratkewicz one each. Ryan Henkel was in goal the first half, Billy Power the second.

"We scored three on them in the first 4 1/2 minutes. We really came out and played hard," Canton coach Don Smith said. "We sorta shell-shocked them, but they didn't quit."

The No. 9-ranked Chiefs finished 4-1 in the Western Division but more than likely will place second to Livonia Franklin (3-0-1), which beat Canton but had a game remaining Wednesday with Walled Lake Western.

The Chiefs are 9-2-4 overall and play host to top-ranked Troy at 1 p.m. Saturday.

### EMU hockey returns

The Eastern Michigan University hockey club will open its 1992-93 season against Northwood Institute, 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center and Ice Arena (525 Farmer Street).

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and students (children 12 and under free).

The Eagles, members of the Central States Collegiate Hockey League, feature several players with area ties.

Returnees include defenseman Matt Surowiec (Livonia), forward Bob Royston (Canton) and Kevin Donnelly (Livonia), all sophomores.

Freshmen on the roster include goalie Todd Henderson (Livonia), defenseman Matt Gorski (Livonia), defenseman Ben Hendricks (Plymouth) and goalie Ron Springer (Canton).

The coaching staff is led by Mike Donnelly. He is assisted by Bob Goleniak and Pat Donnelly. The general manager is Doug Waack.

The Eagles will also host a two-game series against Kent State, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, and 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

For more information, call 455-6620.



Soccer showdown: Mark MacInnis of Salem challenges Brian Staley for the ball in the decisive Lakes Division game Monday.



Plymouth Salem had its 14-game unbeaten soccer streak ended and its hopes of winning the Lakes Division championship all but dashed Monday when unranked Farmington upset the Rocks 1-0 in a showdown for first place.

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Mike Giese and his Farmington High teammates believed they were good enough to earn a state ranking in boys soccer despite some early-season setbacks.

Nobody could argue with the Falcons after they upset No. 2-ranked Plymouth Salem 1-0 and all but claimed their first Lakes Division championship Monday night.

Farmington needed a win Wednesday over Walled Lake Central to clinch the title but took the lead at 2-0-1. The Rocks finished 3-1-0.

"Maybe after this game, we'll get a chance to be ranked," said Giese, who scored the only goal at 33:48 in the second half. "A game like this can boost a team like ours that hasn't been on the high end other years."

Giese, assessing the significance of the win, said it puts Farmington alongside the Plymouth-Canton and Livonia teams, which have dominated the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"We're finally showing that Farmington can produce talent like the other teams," he said, adding the Falcons have lost only to state-ranked teams. "Maybe now Farmington can gain that respect."

Salem, the only team other than Livonia Stevenson to win the Lakes crown, suffered its first loss after going unbeaten for a school-record 14 consecutive games. The Rocks are 12-1-2 overall, The Falcons 8-5-1.

"A tie would have done it," Salem coach Ken Johnson said. "It's a shame to come all this way and have

nothing to show for it. We were undefeated in 14 games and won't even win the division. It just shows that one game can swing everything around."

The Falcons began the season 4-1 but lost three straight to Rochester, Canton and Livonia Churchill. Farmington is 4-1-1 in its last six games in which it tied Stevenson and lost only to Western Division leader Livonia Franklin.

"I knew all along we had a team that could beat anybody," Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said. "We just have to put it together — and we did."

"We lost several games by one goal. We were in all of them. We just didn't have the luck to win. This is something we needed."

The Falcons accomplished the upset despite the fact Giese played about half the game.

He sprained an ankle in the first half, returned a short time later and continued despite an obvious limp. He re-injured the ankle and missed the last 25 1/2 minutes of the second half but not before he scored his team-leading 24th goal.

Following a restart by Kris Wiljanen, Sean Noble passed from the right to Giese, who scored in front.

"I anticipated the cross, and he got it right where I wanted it — on the foot — and I tapped it in," Giese said.

Salem controlled play for the last 30 minutes in a frantic but fruitless effort to score.

See ROCKS, 4B

# Salem shows it still Gotts what it takes in hoop win

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Harrison probably played the best it ever has against Plymouth Salem, but the Rocks still know how to win girls basketball games.

While the Hawks are vastly improved and demonstrated it Tuesday night, Salem continued making progress of its own with a 46-35 victory over visiting Harrison.

The Rocks, who were winless against stiff non-league competition, are 4-0 and tied for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Harrison dipped to 2-2. Both teams are 4-6 overall.

"We're a good basketball team; we still know how to play," Salem coach Fred Thomann said, adding the Rocks could have won three or four preseason games. "When you lose close games like that, sometimes you forget how to win. That's what we're trying to put together right now."

When the Hawks tried to deny Salem's post offense and shut down senior center Cyndi Platter, senior guard Leslie Gotts came through with a career-high 18 points.

Platter was well below her 20-plus average but still netted 11 points. Senior center Heather Hopkins kept Harrison in the game for nearly three quarters and scored a game-high 20 points. Krista Snow added seven.

# Rocks win cross country invite

Plymouth Salem coach Mike Krafchak didn't expect his squad to run well at the Pioneer Invitational Saturday because the Rocks usually don't.

But his team, ranked No. 6 in Class A, won the eight-team invitational by easily running past its competition. Salem finished with 25 points, 27 ahead of host Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Rocks, who finished second in the meet last year, had a history of not running well at the annual meet, because they're usu-

## BASKETBALL

"I thought our seniors really did a nice job in this game," Thomann said. "They set the defense to take away the middle of the court, and I thought both Leslie and Christy did a nice job of taking advantage of that. Christy did a nice job of entering the basketball, and Leslie did a nice job of finishing."

Harrison coach Pete Mantyla had two regrets. One was leaving Snow in the game with two fouls in the first half. She got her third and spent a good part of the game on the bench.

The other was a decision to not stay with a four-corners offense. The Hawks, trailing 31-28 in the third quarter, held the ball at midcourt for several minutes but left that strategy when Salem stayed in a zone and refused to chase.

"We should have stuck with the four-corners, because it would have been more to our advantage," Mantyla said. "When we play a four-corners, we can run Heather well in the middle of the floor."

"We would have liked them to come out and play us. When they didn't, I thought we were doing a good job of running the offense and went back to it. But it probably worked to their advantage."

Right after that, Harrison made two turnovers and Salem's Andrea Ramsay was on the receiving end for a pair of layups. Following another turnover, Gotts sank another of her transition baskets for a 37-28 lead.

Hopkins made two free throws at the end of the third quarter, but Salem took a 14-point lead (44-30) to start the finale with field goals by Kelly Lukasik, Gotts (triple) and Platter.

"I think Fred's kids played great defense and made everything we did difficult," Mantyla said.

"I felt we could beat them if we did the right things. We have to be better in defensive transition, and we have to rebound better."

Salem led 23-20 at halftime and made it a six-point lead when Parimucha hit a three to start the third period.

Harrison rallied behind Hopkins, who scored the next eight points to give the Hawks their third and last lead of the game, 28-26. A three-point play by Platter and a Gotts layup made it 31-28.

"They create some problems for you with their offensive schemes and how well they play off each other," said Thomann of the Hawks. "I think they've established themselves as one of the top five teams in our league, and that's a tribute to Pete and his program."

ally busy working on their speed in practice at this time of the season.

"We ran real well considering where we are in our training cycle," Krafchak said. "We're currently in our speed trials and running hard in practice. But running well here is a good sign for the team. It shows a lot of desire."

Freshman Leah Retherford led a group of five Rocks who were named to the all-invitational team.

Retherford finished first

(21.17), senior Stacy Witthoff third (21.22), junior Emily Farrell fourth (21.26). Sophomores Sarah Hamilton (21.35) and Stacy Moore (21.52) took seventh and ninth, respectively.

"We had five girls within 35 seconds of each other, and you can't complain about that," Krafchak said.

Krafchak was disappointed that Monroe, slated to participate in the meet and ranked eighth in Class A, did not run.

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TIMOTHY NOWICKI

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Recognition of these subjects does not afford them any extra protection, but it does make people aware of their presence. State symbols are great topics for teach-

**Because of their wide ranging use, I would suggest to city governments that they adapt symbols to help draw attention to the natural diversity within each community.**

ers to use in discussing the state of Michigan.

Enhancing awareness of natural things is a beneficial part of anyone's education. It helps to make people aware of the diversity of life and natural objects we have in the state, or the country.

For the past few years there has been a campaign to designate the monarch butterfly as the national insect. It would highlight at least one insect and provide the opportunity for teachers and people to learn more about the monarch. By the way, the bald eagle is not our

national bird, it is our national symbol.

Showcasing a particular plant, animal or natural object can precipitate discussion about them, they can be used as symbols in parades, accents for stationary, or any number of things.

Because of their wide ranging use I would suggest to city governments that they adapt symbols to help draw attention to the natural diversity within each community.

West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills already have established

municipal symbols and use them effectively. If communities already have these symbols then I would suggest using them in more ways so that they make people aware of their presence.

A community vote for a community bird, flower, tree, insect, mammal, amphibian, reptile, rock, and even soil, would help make people aware of natural subjects right close to home. Though a city or township soil may sound extreme, if you think of it as the foundation upon which the plants grow, and the types of plants growing will determine the types of insects in the area, which in turn determines the types of birds in the area, then a soil is not so insignificant.

City/township symbols would help to localize the significance of the interconnectedness of the natural world.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist with the Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

Symbols: Cities and townships could help localize the significance of the interconnectedness of nature.

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Village Players

The Village Players present "Sherlock's Last Case," a mystery thriller by Charles Marowitz, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Friday, Oct. 9 and Saturday, Oct. 10 at the playhouse on the southeast corner of Chestnut and Hunter, two blocks south of Maple in Birmingham. For tickets call 644-2075.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony opens its season 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 with "Festival of Music" featuring guest artists Emmanuelle Boisvert, DSO principal violin and Marcy Chanteaux, DSO assistant principal cello, at the Plymouth-Salem auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and college students. For information, call 451-2112.

Chamberworks

Chamberworks opens its season 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 with German Masters of the Baroque at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads. Tickets \$10, seniors and students, \$7. For information, call 643-7788.

International festival

Oakland Community College and Musica Viva! are combining their resources for an exciting multi-media event, 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Smith Performing Arts Theatre at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The event will feature a limited seating gourmet dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the concert at 8 p.m. The event will feature works by the leading independent filmmakers of Prague and Detroit, dance and music. For more information, call 471-7700.

St. Dunstan's

St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook opens its 61st season 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 with "Deathtrap," by Ira Levin. Shows 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, Friday, Oct. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 31. Other shows to be presented are "The Philadelphia Story," a comedy by Philip Barry opens Jan. 29; "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Dale Wasserman, opens March 26, and "Funny Girl," music by Jule Styne, lyrics by Bob Merrill, book by Isobel Lennart, opens June 4. For individual and season tickets, call 642-1846 or 646-3416.

'Music Man' combines old, new



It's a familiar favorite for many, but Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "The Music Man" will be a new chapter for some veteran performers, including an award-winning barbershop quartet. They'll be excited by the challenge, and more than ready.

"The Music Man" will open at the Fisher Theatre Friday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. For tickets, call (313)874-SING.

BY BILL COUTANT  
STAFF WRITER

When Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "The Music Man" opens Friday, some veteran performers will probably feel like they're starting all over.

These singers and hoofers aren't the feint of heart, mind you, but they are feeling some of the excitement that comes with performing a work for the first time, albeit a musical that is as American as, well, Iowa.

"This is the first really dramatic musical for us," says Lee Hanson, a Birmingham native and bass singer with the barbershop quartet "Stay Tuned."

But like most MOT performers, Hanson and his group are hardly newcomers to the stage. "Stay Tuned," which has performed at vocal competitions bosts members who have been with other groups as well. Hanson, who along with his wife owns a Port Huron radio station, has performed nationally and internationally with barbershop quartets for more than 30 years.

"We're used to performing in front of an audience," he said. "But this is kind of a challenge. And this is just the right show for us. We (Hanson and other "Stay Tuned" members Dennis Gore, Brian Kaufman and Bruce Lamarte) talked about doing this because we knew it would be a real commitment. If say, it would have been "Oklahoma," we wouldn't have been interested."

So how hard could it be for these performers to sing some of the best known show tunes of American theater?

"The show has a lot of history," he said. "The "Buffalo Bills" did it on Broadway and in the movie. They had their own style. And we have ours. So we really want to do it in our style."

Hanson says singing on stage at the Fisher Theatre will require a somewhat different technique.

"You have to be sure not to stress the vowels too much," he said. "You've got to emphasize some consonants so the audience can hear the words distinctly and yet we have to stay with our style. It's tricky."

"Stay Tuned" beat out several other area quartets to earn its part. And the group will get a lot of work during the show, singing backup much of the time when they aren't the featured performers.

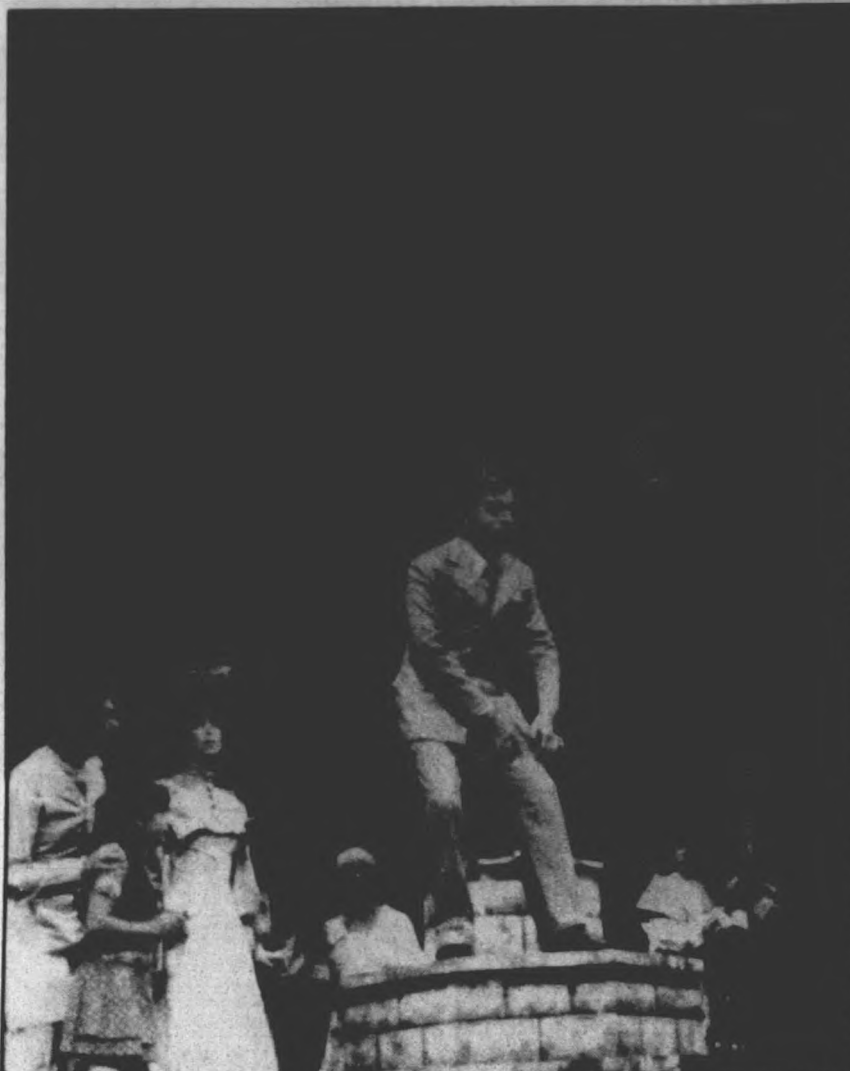
Although Chicago native Amy Dolan Malaney will be performing in her third Music Man, it will be in a new role, the character Maud Duncop.

Malaney, who lives in Farmington Hills, has impressive stage credentials, with experience in both New York and Chicago. She was a cast member in the Broadway hit "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" and can be heard on the soundtrack.

But with her husband's transfer and the birth of two children, now ages 1 and 2, Malaney will have been away from the stage for four years. She has continued to teach voice, but she is excited about her return to the stage.

"I had never gone more than a year without performing since the age of 12," Malaney said. "Now it's been four years since I've performed. I've always thought that I'd return to performing, but not this soon."

"It's going to be a really fun, character part, and it's a smaller role (than Marion, the town librarian and female lead)," she said. "This is per-



Right here in River City: Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "The Music Man" will give some area performers a chance to show off their proven talents. The popular musical opens Friday at the Fisher Theatre.

fect for me." John Franklin Hopkins, a Westland resident and Livonia Churchill graduate, loves the challenge of dancing in the popular musical. And, thanks to choreographer Mary Jan Houdina, Hopkins will be well-prepared.

"She is really working us hard," said the Wayne State University vocal performance major. "But that re-

ally helps because the dancing (for "The Music Man") is really fast."

These performers know the value of long rehearsals and hard work. But they'll experience some of the same excitement that any new performer would on opening night.

"I think if you don't feel some nerves, something's wrong," Hanson said.

Symphony benefit features sports, music, food

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Sunday, Sports and Symphony II, a gala benefit featuring loads of tempting taste treats, music from Broadway, sports celebrities and a silent auction on behalf of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra will be 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at Laurel Park Place Mall, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia. Former Detroit Tiger Jim Northrup, a member of the 1968 World Series team will be signing free autographs.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available by calling the Livonia Symphony office 12-4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at 421-1111 or the 24 hour hotline at 458-6575.

"It's a fun night, a chance to taste from the area restaurants, to hear the orchestra play something light not all Beethoven, meet local sports celebrities and bid on vacation packages," said LSO music director/conductor, Francesco DiBlasi.

"It is one of our major annual fund-raisers. The money goes into our gen-

eral fund, bringing fine music and excellent guest soloists during the year."

The fourth annual benefit will offer a taste of gourmet foods and pastries as well as pizza from over 20 restaurants and bakeries.

"There'll be a nice variety. I don't think anyone will go away hungry," said Michael Buescher, Laurel Park Place marketing director.

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# Fine cast in 'The Shunning' at Trinity House

Performances of the Trinity House Theatre production of "The Shunning" continue through Oct. 31 at Trinity House in Livonia. For ticket information call 464-6302.



BARBARA MICHALS

"The Shunning," making its U.S. premiere at Trinity House in Livonia, is a thought-provoking drama that is sometimes powerful, sometimes tedious.

Canadian poet/playwright Patrick Friesen has set his play in

a Germanic Mennonite community like the one in which he was raised.

"Shunning" is the practice of forbidding community interaction to someone who has questioned or violated community standards. While the practice is well-known among Mennonites and other strict religious sects, the play is intended to make the audience think about other, perhaps more subtle ways in which shunning is practiced in our larger society.

In the tight-knit Mennonite community, Peter Neufeld (Dan Millen) has made the mistake of voicing aloud his doubts about the existence of hell. The more pressure that is put on him by

Loewen (Mike Stevens), the new minister, the more Peter stubbornly refuses to renounce his doubts. His stubbornness is then interpreted as a matter of pride, an even greater sin to the Mennonites.

Despite the urgings of his devoted wife, Helen (Christine Allen) and concerned brother Johann (Dan Zelazny) of Plymouth, Peter holds steadfast and is officially shunned by the rest of the community.

Even his wife may have only limited contact with him. To save

Peter's soul and protect the integrity of the church community, his life is made a living hell.

Friesen captures the flavor and rhythm of the Mennonite community's German origins, and the cast does a fine job with the light accents.

The author's style is tedious, however, because so much of the play is told through monologues, and the character's thoughts often ramble far afield from the central action. The play is most powerful when the characters are allowed to interact.

Millen is very good at showing Peter's anguish in his isolation. Allen is convincingly distraught, torn between her love for her husband, and her obedient devotion to her church. Stevens is appropriately pompous as the self-righteous Loewen.

Zelazny's appealing grin and mischievous eyes help make Johann the most interesting character. He's a man who doesn't mind bending a few rules, but has the good sense to keep it to himself.

Joann points out that while the

Mennonites are perceived as universally dour, there are as many diverse personalities among them as in society at large.

Early in the play the author includes an ironic reminder that the Mennonites themselves were once persecuted for holding beliefs that differed from the predominant ones of the day.

In the program notes, director Jeffrey Hedeon reminds the viewer that racism, bigotry, peer pressure or treating an AIDS victim like a leper are also forms of shunning that can be physically and mentally violent.

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Laurel Park Place.

In Center Court, selections from "Phantom of the Opera," "Brigadoon," "South Pacific," "Camelot," and "The King and I" by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra will provide music to keep supporters humming all evening.

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# Audience gives Burns a warm welcome



KEELY WYONIK

Except for a little fumbling for keys at valet parking, everything was as it should be at opening night for the George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts — perfect.

George Burns was like prince charming, bringing new life to the theater on the corner of Plymouth and Farmington Roads which months ago was closed, and left for dead with weeds growing in the parking lot.

It was very much alive Oct. 2 when Florence Henderson, known by most as Carol Brady of the Brady Bunch, stepped out on the stage in a gorgeous gown and sang "Welcome to My World."

Florence sang a gamut of songs from Broadway show tunes like "The Sound of Music," to country

favorites like "Crazy," and even some rock and roll — "Forever Young" in honor of George Burns.

She told stories, talked about her "Country Kitchen," show now in its seventh season on the Nashville Network, and reminisced about the Brady Bunch which aired from 1969 to 1974.

Henderson did a wonderful job entertaining the audience which was filled with the same kind of expectations one feels on New Year's Eve. She didn't disappoint. A very proud Stuart Gorelick, president of Center Stage Productions, Inc., owner and producer of the George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts, presented her with a huge bouquet of red roses.

Ray Borden of DePalma's on Plymouth Road in Livonia is still grinning, and telling everyone about the visit Florence Henderson paid to the restaurant after the show.

"It was really nice, I sang to her. She's really down to earth, that's what impressed me the most," said Borden. "She's a nice person."

I predict star-gazing will become a new sport at area restaurants.

It was magic when Burns, now 96 stepped out on stage. Everyone stood and applauded before he even had a chance to say a word. "It's the first time I ever got a standing ovation before the show," he said laughing.

Burns showed everyone he still has a lot of life in him. He sang, danced a little, told wonderful stories and lots of great one-liners like — "You can't help getting older; but you don't have to be old." It was a performance few in the audience will forget.

If you haven't been to the 1,400 theater in a while, you'll be pleasantly surprised. Peterhansrea, the Birmingham design firm led by Ron Rea, did a wonderful job.

From little touches like the cigar-shaped lights on the theater walls, to large graphics of George Burns and a special display of memorabilia in the new lounge area.

"Aspects of Love," Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical opens Oct. 9 and runs until Oct. 25.

For ticket information, call 645-6666 or 1-800-589-8000. The theater is at the corner of Plymouth and Farmington Roads in Livonia, one mile south of the I-96 expressway and two miles east of the I-275 expressway.

This new production of "Aspects of Love," based on David Garnett's 1955 novella of the same name, was premiered at the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton, Alberta in the fall of 1991.

It had its U.S. premiere at Chicago's Civic Theatre on April 23, 1992, and the national tour opened at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. on Aug. 27, 1992.

# Madonna University to honor Spanish dancer

As part of its continuing series, "The Columbus Quincentenary: The Enduring Legacy of 1492," and in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Madonna University is hosting — "Viva La Herencia Hispanica," 2 p.m. Sunday, October 18, in the Activities Center.

The event will include the induction of Dama Maria Del Carmen onto the University's "Wall

of Fame" as well as entertainment by Grupo Espana.

Del Carmen, a Michigan-based performer, instructor, choreographer and director of Spanish dance, is being honored for her promotion of Spanish dance and its tradition and her intense dedication to giving local artists opportunities for further training and performance.

The presentation is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, please call 591-5170. Madonna University is located at 1-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Grupo Espana, founded in 1981, is a Spanish dance group

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Call 24 hours in advance for reservations and cancellations. Suggested donation is \$1.50.

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**MILITARY NEWS**

To Submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Nancy C. Pennington, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

**MARINE LANCE CP. SCOTT E. TONA,** son of Edward M. and Christine Tona of Canton deployed with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC for six months to Okinawa, Japan. He joined the Marine Corps in August 1989.

**Marine Pfc. Raymond Clifford,** a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School of Plymouth deployed with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif. for six months to Okinawa, Japan. He joined the Marine Corps in April 1990.

**MARINE PVT. SEAN M. WALL,** son of Donald E. and Dorothy J. Wall of Canton completed recruit training. The 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School joined the Marine Corps in March 1992.

**Airman Jeffrey D. Kleusner** graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base,

San Antonio. He is the son of Donald R. Kleusner of Kingston and Linda G. Adams of Canton. The airman is a 1991 graduate of Kingston High School.

**STAFF SERGEANT FREDERICK KUHANECK** of Canton has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal, in recognition of service above and beyond the normal requirements for soldiers of a similar grade. Staff Sergeant Kuhaneck is a member of the 5032d United States Army Reserve Forces School headquartered in Inkster.

**Captain Jeffrey Turner** of Canton has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal in recognition of service above and beyond the normal requirements for soldiers of a similar grade. Captain Turner is a member of the 5032d United States Army Reserve Forces School headquartered in Inkster.

**MAJOR ROGER KEHRRIER** of Plymouth has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal in recognition of service above and beyond the normal requirements for soldiers of a similar grade. Major Kehrier is a member of the 5032d United States Army Reserve Forces School headquartered in Inkster.

**Teacher honored**

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

Wilma Wagner of Plymouth has been selected high school teacher of the year by Livonia Public Schools.

Wagner, an English teacher at Livonia Franklin High, came to Livonia schools in 1968.

She earned her BS degree from Rhode Island College in 1960 and her master's from Eastern Michigan University in 1976.

Wagner began teaching in Livonia in 1968, at Randolph Elementary.

She co-wrote the first PA 25 annual report for Franklin High two years ago, is the National Honor Society co-advisor, worked on curriculum alignment for high school language arts, served on the superintendent's task force for environmental concerns, assisted with Special Olympics competition at Franklin, chaired the National Honor Society's Empty Bowls Hunger project.

**WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SYNOPSIS**

7 p.m. Monday, September 28, 1992  
Plymouth Township Hall

42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Present: Thomas J. Yack, Betty M. Lennox, Gerald H. Law.

The agenda was adopted.

The minutes of August 24, 1992; August 27, 1992; September 3, 1992; and September 14, 1992, were approved.

Requisition Certificate No. 86 and Requisition Certificate No. 87 totalling \$2,316,623.88 were approved.

The Engineer's Update was received and filed. Change Order No. 2, Sorensen Gross Construction Co., resulting in a contract increase of \$363,031.50 was approved.

The update on the change order status for Segment I was received and filed. Plante & Moran was authorized to perform the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992.

An additional payment of \$2,500 for easement on Parcel 126-127 was approved. Approval was given to re-issue requests for qualifications for operation and maintenance of the wastewater transportation system.

The Board went into executive session to discuss pending litigation. The meeting was reconvened at 10:05 p.m. Approval of attorneys recommendations regarding pending litigation was given. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

BETTY M. LENNOX,  
Secretary

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 1992, at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Andover Pointe of Plymouth, a proposed subdivision located south of North Territorial, northwest of M-14, west of Ridge and east of Napier, as required by Subdivision Ordinance No. 32. Application No. 1185A.

Description of property for the proposed subdivision is:

**DESCRIPTION**  
PART OF THE N.W. ¼ AND PART OF THE N.E. ¼ OF SECTION 30, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT SAID POINT BEING DISTANT N. 88°44'58" E. 1,342.83 FEET ALONG THE EAST AND WEST ¼ LINE OF SAID SECTION 30 FROM THE WEST ¼ CORNER OF SAID SECTION 30; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING N. 00°56'55" E. 1,316.86 FEET; THENCE THE FOLLOWING 5 COURSES ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD N. 85°53'29" E. 1,301.55 FEET AND S. 04°06'31" E. 60.00 FEET AND N. 85°53'29" E. 250.00 FEET AND S. 04°06'31" E. 40.00 FEET AND N. 85°53'29" E. 567.71 FEET; THENCE THE FOLLOWING 2 COURSES ALONG M-14 FREEWAY S. 34°46'11" W. 330.12 FEET AND 2,241.24 FEET ALONG AN ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; RADIUS 5,461.58 FEET, CENTRAL ANGLE 23°30'44", CHORD LENGTH 2,225.55 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF S. 46°31'33" W.; THENCE N. 00°04'04" W. 441.06 FEET; THENCE S. 88°44'58" W. 339.02 FEET ALONG SAID EAST & WEST ¼ LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 52.74 ACRES.

Tax I.D. Nos. 041-99-0002-001; 041-99-0003-001; 041-99-0004-001; 043-99-0006-003

The plat, as proposed, is available for review by the public during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.

The application, review of the proposed plat, meeting, and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840, Ext. 209.

DONALD SPROGELL, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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# Saturn rising

## Local dealer branches out

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Karen Tibus began her automotive career as a switchboard operator at Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth 15 years ago.

Today, she's president of Saturn of Plymouth, Saturn of Farmington Hills and Saturn of Okemos dealerships.

If you're looking for the Farmington Hills Saturn dealership, however, it's not here yet. You've got to wait until mid-December when it's scheduled to open at Haggerty and Grand River, next door to Pace Warehouse.

"I have a lot of respect for all the posts in the store," said Tibus at her Saturn of Plymouth offices.

That's because she's done them all, including a stint as a car washer for the Cadillac dealership, as well as general office, service cashier, sales, assistant to the president and general manager.

The new 16,000 square foot dealership will be able to serve the Farmington, Novi and Lakes area. "I think Saturn fits a lot of family needs," Tibus said.

Saturn, which takes a market approach, allows dealers to pick a particular market area for their stores. Tibus took the Plymouth-Livonia, Farmington Hills-Novi and Lansing areas.

"That means no one else can build in that area," said Tibus, a Plymouth-Salem graduate.

Tibus likes Saturn's human approach to car sales. When a customer walks in, a receptionist provides a brochure and price sheet. "There are no secrets. Every customer is just as important as the next. Prices are non-negotiable. We are buying the same car at the same price," Tibus said.

**'There are no secrets (to our success). Every customer is just as important as the next. Prices are non-negotiable.'**

*Saturn of Plymouth, Saturn of Farmington Hills and Saturn of Okemos president*

*Karen Tibus*

Saturn offers no rebates, no incentives. All cars are sold at a set price. "When customers come in, they know what they are going to get," Tibus said.

Saturn doesn't have sales people, it has sales consultants who help customers pick the car that fits their needs. "We get a lot of people who are learning. We want them to go out and compare our cars with other cars."

Prices range from \$9,100 to \$18,000. Saturn offers three four-door models, two two-door models and two station wagon models, which are soon to be introduced.

Three days after you buy a Saturn, a customer relations person will call you. This isn't someone you've never met before. While at the dealership, the customer relations person was already introduced to you. "She asks for honest feedback," Tibus said.

Five days after your purchase, the Saturn Corp. will call. And 30 days later you will get a survey in the mail, as well as a VIP packet, which includes a picture of you with your new car on a calendar.

Tibus admits there's been plenty of myths that have grown up around the Saturn product. But one of the amenities is a 24-hour road service, available over an 800 number. "And it's not just an answering machine," Tibus said.

With all the hard work and the

determination to please customers, Tibus said, the quandry is how do you continue to exceed yourself time and again. "We have a real growth pattern. It's not a one-time shot. Now the question is, 'What are we going to do to make you come back, the second, third and fourth time you buy a car?'"

The new Farmington Hills dealership won't have a big back lot for new cars, but if business is great, Tibus doesn't rule out buying property for an additional lot.

"It's been hard times for the auto industry," Tibus said. "The recession has hit. People aren't out there buying new cars. It's tough for people even to service their vehicles."

Still, Tibus does little, if any, advertising. Sales have exceeded goals. "We have a great car at a great price. We've done literally no advertising except for the billboard on I-275."

Tibus' Plymouth dealership opened in 1990 but she's still getting a lot of surprised customers — especially when they realize the boss is a woman.

"It's a tough business for females to be in," she said. "You can't be a wife and mother and president of three car dealerships. I am totally dedicated to my work."

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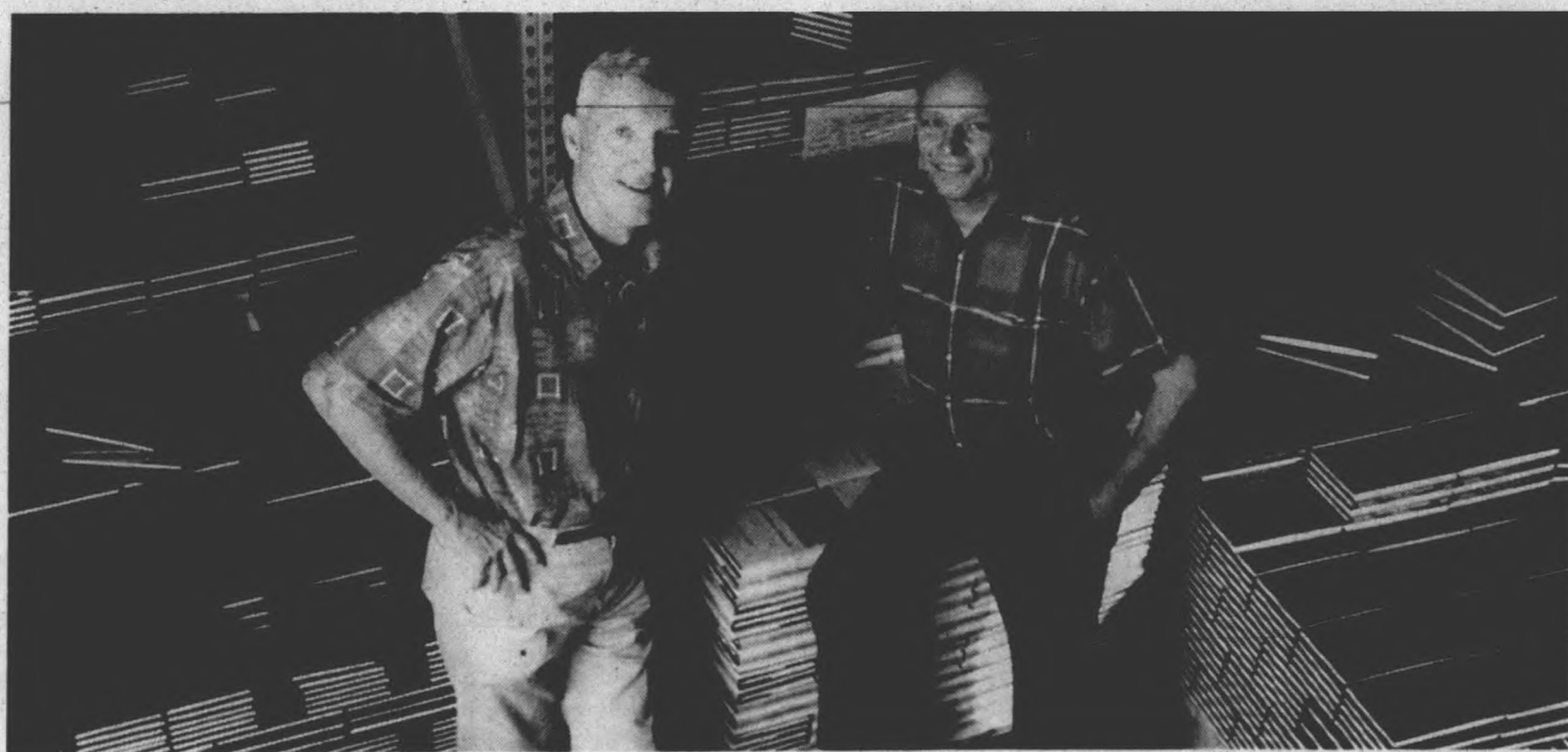
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# Decreasing daylight, meteor shower mark October sky

October, the first full month of Autumn, brings us the end of Daylight Saving Time, a meteor shower and a momentous anniversary date.

Although this is the 10th month of 1992, in the early Roman calendar October was the

eighth month of the year, hence its name began with the prefix octo. But as the Bard once asked, "What's in a name?"

This month there will be a decrease of one hour and 22 minutes in the amount of sunlight we receive.

The planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn will be visible in the morning sky; Mercury and Venus are evening objects, but Mercury will not be well placed for viewing.

Oct. 4 was the anniversary of an event that stunned the world. On this day in 1957, thirty-five years ago, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik. This satellite had no scientific value whatsoever, but the political implications were enormous. All Sputnik did was transmit "beeps" as it orbited the earth. Except when it passed over the United States, then it went "ha-ha-ha!"

The space race has cost billions

of dollars and, sadly, numerous lives, both in space and at launch facilities. Yet the overall benefits have been enormous. The quest for space led directly to miniaturization and computers that permeate nearly every level of our lives, from health care to automobiles, to cellular technology, to satellite broadcasting. . . well, the list is nearly endless, and volumes (both pro and con) have been written on the subject of

space exploration.

Full Moon is at 2:03 p.m. EDT on Oct. 11. The moon is fully lighted by the sun and will be visible all night long.

This full moon is known as the Hunters' Moon, so named because the light it reflected benefited hunters who were out after sunset. The Hunters' Moon is always the full moon following the Harvest Moon.

On Oct. 13 Venus will be six de-

grees above the horizon, 45 minutes after sunset. (Sunset on the 13th will be at 6:54 p.m. EDT.) Venus will be 17 degrees to the left of Antares and is closing in on that star.

Raymond Bullock is former coordinator of the planetarium and observatory at the Cranbrook Institute of Science. He now works for a Troy firm which specializes in laser displays and effects.

## Fund-raiser set for Oct. 18

A fund-raiser to benefit the Wellness Networks and Simon House will be held 5-11 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, in Vassels Catering, 26750 W. Eight Mile Road, just east of Inkster.

The fund-raiser is held in memory of Michael Farrugia, formerly of Redford Township and West Bloomfield Township, who died last year.

Cost is \$25 per person and includes buffet dinner and entertainment. Call 491-4477 weekdays between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. for reservations or more information.

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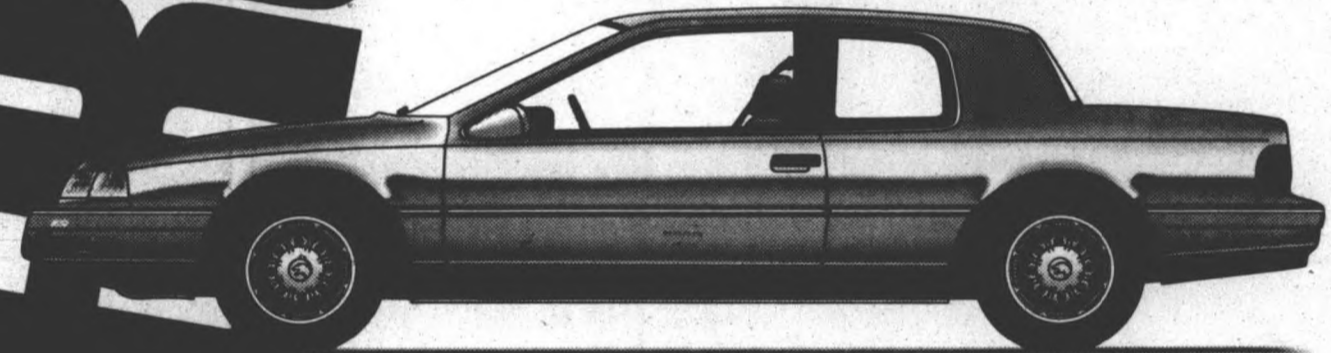
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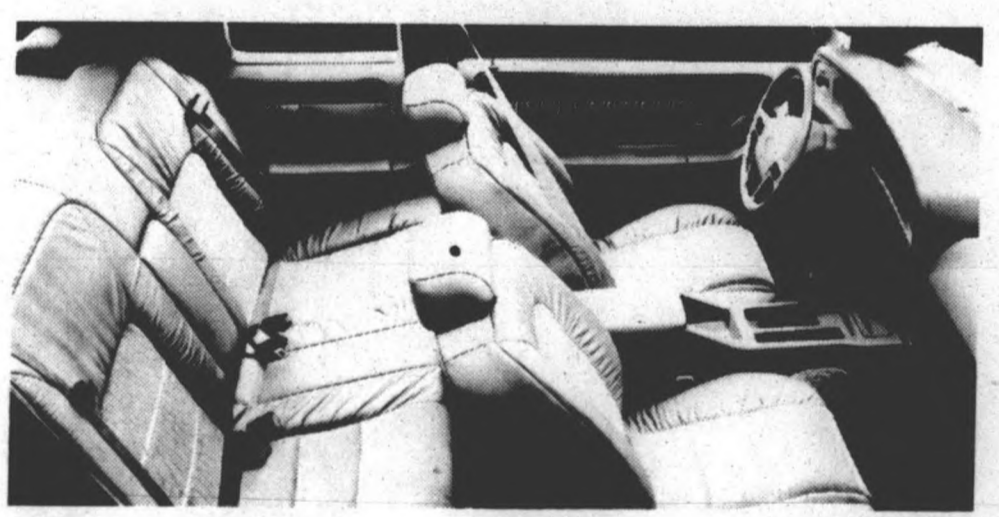
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1992

## SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

**Maria Scott** of Livonia has been promoted to producer at D'Arcy Masius Benton Bowles/Bloomfield Hills advertising agency. Scott joined DMB&B/BH in 1990 as an assistant producer, a position she has held up until her promotion.



Scott

**Jennifer J. Scrutton** of Livonia has joined Spalding, DeDecker & Associates, Inc., a Madison Heights-based consulting engineering and surveying firm as marketing representative. Scrutton will be responsible for handling marketing and public relations activities for the firm including media relations, new business development, special events, client relations and marketing literature developments.



Scrutton

**Neal Haldane** of Livonia was recently named a full-time assistant professor at Madonna University in Livonia. As a faculty member in the communications arts department, he will be heading up the journalism/public relations major.



Haldane

Flint Ink Corporation in Redford Township has named **Kathy Prochnow** to the position of marketing manager of the company's Publication Ink Group. She will direct the group's strategic planning, new product introductions, advertising and public relations.



Prochnow

To submit materials to this column, please send a brief biographical summary along with a black-and-white photo, if possible, to: Business Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

## Talking Coupons come to market

Advances in technology have permitted electronic couponing. An entrepreneur is betting that shoppers will prefer a more direct approach than waiting for coupons to come to them.

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Coupons by telephone? How? Why?

It's a new, relatively simple advertising concept with excellent potential, maintains Thomas A. Webb, who recently introduced Talking Coupons in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

For a monthly fee, business people record specials or discounts into a computerized telephone answering system. A four-color glossy pamphlet listing all the advertisers is mailed to targeted households.

Consumers telephone a central local number to get into the directory, then dial the code of the specific business they need. They hear a recording, jot down the information on blank detachable coupons in the pamphlet, then go to the business for the transaction.

For an extra fee, businesses can add an automatic call forwarding option so that a consumer can be transferred directly after getting coupon information.

"The concept grew and evolved as I became familiar with phone equipment," Webb said. "Over time in talking with other people and listening to ideas, we put it together. Five years ago, this was impossible. The technology wasn't there."

### Variation on a theme

Webb figures that advertising messages get lost when dozens of coupons arrive in a single direct mailing.

"Consumers like coupons," he said. "Eighty percent nationally use them. Usually what comes into the home is one envelope with loose sheets. You



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Talking Coupons:** Thomas A. Webb has developed a business advertising alternative that combines a computerized telephone system with direct mail.

sort through them and throw some away. Ninety-three percent of paper coupons are thrown away.

"People don't like clutter. They don't like the fact that coupons expire. They don't like having to wait for mailers to come each month," Webb said.

"Here, they save one pamphlet and save them all. It's designed to fit into a lady's purse. It's designed to be put on a visor in a car with a car phone. I see them magnetized on a refrigerator door, on a bulletin board near a telephone," he said.

Merchants would like the Talking

Coupons because messages could be changed at a moment's notice to reflect changing business conditions. Also, Webb figures that his pamphlet could be distributed cheaper than other direct mailings and would more likely remain in the house.

Webb's rate card shows a one-time computer set-up fee of \$125 and a monthly fee of \$75, discounted to \$70 per month for a six-month buy and \$65 monthly for 12 months for businesses.

He promises delivery of the pamphlet/directories to at least 15,000 houses every other month.

### Wait-and-see attitude

Fifty-five merchants in Farmington and Farmington Hills signed up for the initial mailing last month. But many who got discounts as Webb launches the system are taking a wait-and-see attitude.

Harry Qashat, owner of Major Video, figured he had little to lose with the deal Webb offered to give it a shot for a month. But that's about as long as he'll go without results.

"I have to get at least 50 (coupons)

See COUPONS, 2C

## There's more than one way to fish for good investments

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

K mart and Kelly Services, both headquartered in Troy, rate highly as corporate citizens. And because financial performance doesn't occur in a vacuum, good corporate citizens usually turn out to be good investments, too.

That's the analysis, anyway, of Covenant Investment Management, a fledgling firm based in Chicago.

Covenant periodically evaluates 1,000 large publicly owned companies as to community, competitive practices, customers, employees, environment, shareholders, social issues and suppliers.

The top 200 scorers make Covenant's honor roll and are so publicized in the investment community.

"Companies who meet criteria will benefit from better labor relations, better supplier relations, community support, less regulatory influence, less litigation, few environmental problems, all of which will lead to superior financial performance," said Anthony Carfang, Covenant's president.

### Link to profitability?

"We did research to determine if there was a linkage between corporate action and financial return . . . and to identify companies for our mutual funds and individual accounts," he said. "Our research has shown that the marketplace doesn't penalize social responsibility."

"We believe that the decade of the '90s is becoming an age of accountability," Carfang said. "Society is really holding companies responsible for their actions. We believe that accountability will translate directly to financial performance down the road."

Influencers from around the country — civic leaders, clergy, foundation directors, academics, unionists — were asked by Carfang to define corporate responsibility. Eight broad categories with 38 variables were established for computer analysis.

Everyone is interested in earning a good return on their money.

Joel M. Diskin

K mart and Kelly were among eight Michigan companies to make the honor roll at the end of the June quarter.

K mart ranked among the top 6 percent of the 1,000 largest companies in six categories — community, competitive practices, customers, environment, social issues and suppliers.

"We're certainly appreciative for being on any responsibility listing," said Orren Knauer, director of investor relations for K mart. "Any public corporation has an obvious responsibility to shareholders, but that doesn't preclude responsibility to other constituencies."

K mart reported profits of \$284 million on sales of \$17.4 billion through the first six months of this year, Knauer said. The retailer paid a dividend of 23 cents per share last quarter.

Last year, the retailer reported net income of \$859 million on sales of \$34.6 billion.

Kelly, a staffing support company, was among the top 6 percent in three categories — customers, employees and social issues — according to Covenant's survey.

"We are proud to receive this recognition," said Terence E. Adderley, president and CEO. "At Kelly, we establish strong employee relations, community relations and customer loyalty by developing innovative programs to meet workplace issues."

Those include an optical imaging laser invoice billing system on standard-sized paper and training temporaries free of charge on leading software packages.

Through the first half of the current budget year, Kelly reported a profit of \$17.7 million on

sales of \$793 million. Its most recent dividend was 18 cents per share.

Last year, Kelly reported a profit of \$38.6 million on sales of \$1.4 billion.

### Social screens more popular

Joel M. Diskin, a Birmingham certified financial planner who specializes in socially responsible investing, believes that more analysts, more investors and more corporate managers now look beyond the financial bottom line.

"Close to \$700 billion this year will have some social screen on it," he said. "It was \$40 billion in 1984-85."

"I think what we're beginning to see is companies which take care of their people, their people will take care of them."

"What management investment services are doing with this approach is looking at investments a little more closely before it goes into the portfolio. They always were looking at financials."

"Everyone is interested in earning a good return on their money. What people are beginning to look at more and more is that companies which take care of the environment, take care of employees, take care of the community, tend to be all-weather companies for good return on investment," Diskin said.

Several mutual funds including Working Assets (1-800-223-7010), Calvert (1-800-368-2750) and Pax World (1-800-767-1729) deserve a look by investors interested in corporate/social responsibility, Diskin said.

Covenant (1-800-833-4909) also merits attention from investors interested in larger capitalized companies, he said.



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# GM, U.S. travel odd, parallel paths

**AUTO TALK**



**DAN McCOSH**

Presidential gadfly Ross Perot got his 30 minutes of fame the other night and I have to confess that he had my attention, but not for the reason you might guess.

Mainly, he had the instincts of a good reporter, which is to say he had a sharp focus on the problems, but not much in the way of a solution.

This is, of course, the same kind of flurry he made during his short stay at GM, harping about quality and efficiency, then leaving them with a phone system that still doesn't work.

Still, there is an odd parallel between GM today and the U.S. government, in the sense that they both are mammoth bureaucracies with loads of unproductive overhead, stymied by entrenched interests that defend

their turf with the ferocity of a Los Angeles street gang.

Perot pointed out that currently there is only one American farmer for each federal employe in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

At GM today, for every guy actually bolting a car together there are six or seven milling about on breaks, in executive suites, laid off or retired.

Perot's story about the Department of Agriculture leads up to a tale about a guy alone in his office, crying. How come? 'My farmer died,' he says.

At GM these days, sometimes it seems like they find the one guy left still working, and fire him.

It seems like the folks running for president don't really have much of a solution, other than wistful hope that the economy will, eventually, get better.

Then they close another air force base.

At GM, they have the new E-team's hot new executives fresh

from Europe where they sliced market share away from the likes of Fiat, Volkswagen and Renault in a market protected against the Japanese.

Frankly, I think competing with Toyota in the U.S. is a little tougher.

Both the government and GM are plagued with excess capacity. In the case of the government, this has resulted from the unexpected demise of the Soviet Union, plus the sudden substitution of fax machines for the U.S. Post Office.

In the auto business, 'excess capacity' is mainly a polite way of saying nobody is buying your cars.

There is, of course, a fundamental difference here, since in the auto business cutting so-called 'excess capacity' is another way of saying you are giving up, whereas having a problem with excess capacity in the military means you win.

A key issue in the campaign is health care. Likewise at GM, where they are just as confused

as the government about what to do about it.

Having no control over the price, GM tries to cut its cost, slicing benefits to reduce its own payroll costs.

Curiously, GM cut the benefits for future employes the most, who will eventually find themselves working to pay for retirement benefits current GM management voted themselves and those currently employed.

This, of course, is modeled after the U.S. social security system.

The main hope for GM is that despite its problems it still is one of the largest repositories of industrial and technological capabilities in the world. The sheer size of the place makes it an economic entity all by itself, and its healthy revival could well be the spark that leads to a much broader based recovery.

That, of course, would be good for both GM and good for the country. I don't think it was Perot that said that, but somebody did.

## Coupons from page 1C

this month," he said. "If I get that, I will be successful."

Fred Beyer, owner of Mancino's Pizza, said he had about six Talking Coupons "cashed" the first week after they hit the neighborhood.

"It intrigued me," he said of the concept. "It was a different approach of getting the message out to consumers. The cost per unit was extremely reasonable."

"It's got to generate, bottom line, about \$300 in sales per month to cover advertising, food and labor costs," Beyer said. "If I don't do that, it's not doing the job."

Beyer said he's had varying degrees of success using cable TV (lousy), direct mail coupons, school newspapers, movie guides and neighborhood fliers (great).

He conceded skepticism at first

but is willing to try Talking Coupons for six months.

Maria Katz, owner of Young's Cleaners, said she didn't even want to give it a shot until Webb offered her a free trial. Not a single call came in the first week, she said.

Keith Becker, manager of Ruben's Ruben restaurant, also bit on a discount to try Talking Coupons. He's had some inquiries since.

"It's a neat idea," he said. "I think it's something that can work. It will take time. With elaborate telephone systems now, you can do almost anything."

Becker said he spends \$250 eight times a year to include a coupon in a direct mailing packet. He's anxious to see what happens with telephone coupons.

"The way the economy is, I'm

really limiting advertising dollars," he said. "I may keep both. I may go with one or the other."

### Forces shopper to act

Lynn Liddle, a vice president at Valassis Inserts in Livonia, a major coupon manufacturer, sees a couple of potential problems with Talking Coupons.

For one, individual coupons better portray individual products and create incentives to buy than a directory, she said.

"I don't know how many people will take the time to go through the listing, then make a call," she added. "On the other hand, if you have a coupon, you can just put it in your purse."

"It's looking for a twist to bring the concept into the electronic age," she said. "That part is clever."

Webb chose Farmington as his first market because it's upscale and readily reachable from other communities without incurring a telephone toll charge.

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**■ MUTUAL FUNDS**

Terry G. Maxwell, SEC registered investment advisor, and author of a book on no load mutual funds presents a program in two parts on the subject at the Troy Public Library on Monday, October 12. Call 524-3538.

**■ FOREIGN COMPANIES**

The Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals will meet Thursday, October 8, beginning at 8 a.m., to discuss Seeking out Sources of Information on Foreign Companies at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. Call 362-3770.

**■ INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

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**■ ACCOUNTING FOR EVERYONE**

"Accounting and Finance for Non-Financial People" workshop presented 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Walsh College on Livornois in Troy. Fee: \$195.

**■ BUSINESS CONSORTIUM**

Oakland County Business Consortium to hear Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan speaker Saturday, Oct. 10, in Southfield. Non-member fee: \$5. Informaion: Annette, 443-0777.

**■ TRAINING PAYOFF**

The Michigan Society for Instructional Technology (MSIT) will present Jay Alden, nationally known training manager and consultant, speaking on "Evaluating the payoff of Training: Five Designs for Assessing Impact" on Monday, October 12, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Livonia Holiday inn Laurel Park. Call Carol Yost at 474-8855 for more info.

**■ RELATIONSHIP MARKETING**

Merle Kindred will discuss the special value of women's business groups, new approaches to marketing through relationship as well as how these groups can stimulate business and personal growth. The talk is sponsored by Professional Women in Sales and will be at the Fox & hounds in Bloomfield Hills. Call 441-5053 for information and reservations.

**■ BOOKKEEPING I AND II**

"Bookkeeping I and II" workshop presented 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Walsh College on Livornois in Troy. Fee: \$195.

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Crittenton Hospital is sponsoring a Health Care Reform Symposium for business on Wednesday, October 14, beginning at 8 a.m. Call 652-5345.

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The Merrill-Palmer Institute,

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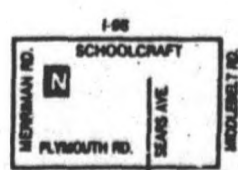
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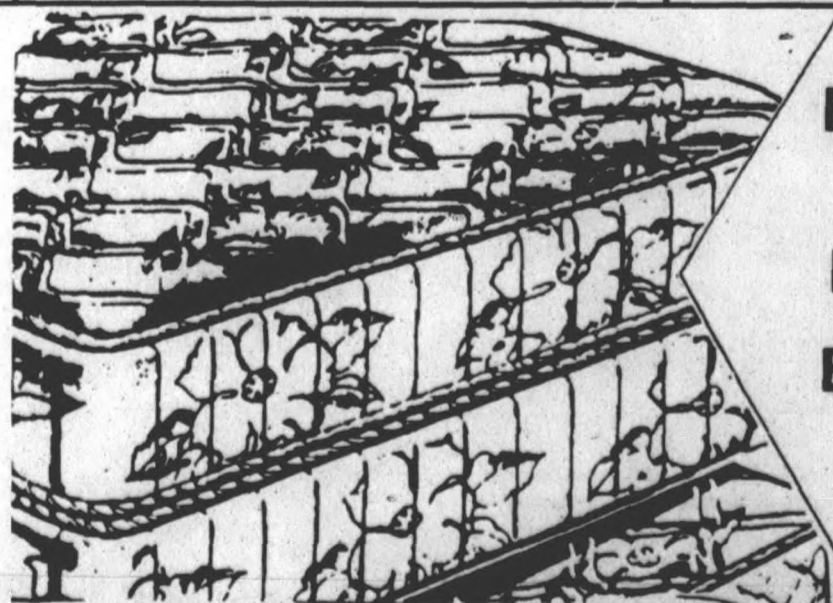
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# Election prompts reassessment of nation's priorities



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**MORAL PERSPECTIVES**  
As the November election draws close, there is an uneasiness among the American people. There are many good things we want to believe about our nation. These begin at home. We want to believe that we still have one of the best educational systems, one that prepares our children for a productive and good life. We want to believe that the painful social problems of our time will be addressed.

We are not a people who like to see persons unemployed, begging on the streets. We are not a people who want to see a widening gulf separate rich and poor. We Americans are a people who

would like to help other people upon this planet solve their pressing needs.

Most of us are not sure why we are so uneasy. Things are wrong and we are not exactly sure why. As Columbus Day and the November election near, we need to be clear about the cause of our discontent.

First, we are uneasy about leaders who lie to us. All kinds of leaders have lied to us, including presidents. We as Americans are not convinced that ethics and truth need to be sacrificed because someone believes we are threatened by some other power.

Sometimes leaders make promises they know they cannot fulfill. Yet deception has become a way of life in government. Religious people in particular are uneasy with lies. Yet we need to distinguish between personal issues and leadership policies that seek to deceive the people. Remember

the "patriot missile" claims. Now we know that not 90 percent of them destroyed incoming missiles in the Gulf War, but 9 percent. There are hundreds of other such instances.

Second, political leaders speak about cutting government and government spending. No one gives us a plan to convert the nation from one with a primary focus upon the military. Almost two-thirds of the government works for the military and CIA.

For two generations, our leaders have assumed that the Cold War would go on forever. The War in Vietnam was a child of the Cold War mentality. It destroyed the war on poverty and President Johnson. "See," people could claim, "the war on poverty doesn't work." Job training and poverty programs could not work because of the focus upon and the cost of a major war.

Americans are not sure why we are uneasy but we know it has something to do with massive expenditures on wars and getting ready for more wars. Americans do realize that there is work to be done at home. Our roads, bridges,

schools, medical services and cities are in trouble. We know the money went somewhere.

No one has pointed out to us that we lost the Cold War. It is true that the Soviet Union collapsed. Yet we spent ourselves to exhaustion. We still do not have an adequate plan to cut the military and convert to a peacetime economy.

Germany is the only country that won the Cold War. They have a reunited nation. They have the most robust economy in Europe. They will dominate the largest unified market of 320 million people. One writer has called the European Community the new German Empire.

Third, we Americans are uneasy about the national debt. We are not quite sure how this all happened. We are told by our national leaders that our government is too large. They fail to tell us that our military is the hungry animal eating everything else up. It is still hungry and it is still eating us up.

An American historian has likened the Cold War to a demolition derby. Russia and her satellites and the U.S. and our satellites wasted ourselves in this competition.

The prophets of old remind us that God will judge those who destroy others. The Soviet Union and the United States together spent \$1.5 billion a day on the arms race. Does this help explain the national debt? Does this explain how many tens of millions of people have died in the Third World because the rich would not and could not aid them?

Some historians doubt that our nation will ever recover from the costs of the Cold War. Now God will make us pay the price. If we are willing to give up imperial notions of power over the entire world we may heal and recover. If we have a plan to convert our nation to a non-military based economy, we may heal and recover. If we demand truth from our leaders, we may heal and recover.

For some, Columbus Day is a celebration of a simplistic idea.

This man is said to have discovered America. The truth is that the encounter of Europe with the Americas was both a stimulating and a tragic event. Tens of millions of native people died, largely from European diseases. Slavery was expanded with terrible results for all. The carnage of the Civil War resulted. The Empire of Spain is gone. We must not rest easy with the idea of an American Empire, regardless of the reasoning.

Some suggest that the free trade agreements are truly pieces of a plan for American dominance over Canada and Mexico. We the people do not desire or want an empire.

It has taken us 500 years to begin to understand the cost of the empire of Spain in the New World. Columbus was only the messenger of the ambitions of the king and queen.

Election time is a time for thought and perception. It is a time when we need to ask what is God's passionate desire for the nation and for the world?

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# FAA OK's Metro noise abatement

The Federal Aviation Administration last week approved an environmental impact statement for proposed air traffic control noise abatement procedures at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

The action will be published in the Federal Register which will begin a 30-day period in which other government agencies, interested parties, and citizens can comment on the proposed procedures.

The procedures were developed at the request of Wayne County,

which operates the airport. They are designed to reduce overall noise levels and maintain air safety, according to the FAA. The FAA says the new procedures will reduce the number of people presently affected by noise from airplanes from 11,600 to 10,430.

No decision can be made regarding permanent implementation of the procedures until the 30-day comment period has passed.

The proposed procedures consist of the following:

- Runways 21L/R/c would be

used as primary arrival and departure runways when the tail wind component of 7 knots or less. This means planes would arrive from the northeast and depart to the southwest, when possible, in order to reduce the noise. The tail wind component is calculated from wind speed and direction.

- When possible, airplanes would arrive at the airport from the southwest and depart to the southwest between midnight and 6 a.m.

- North flow departures would be fanned out in an equitable manner on headings from 350 degrees clockwise to 50 degrees. Due north is 360 degrees.
- South flow departures would

be distributed in a similar manner on headings from 185 degrees clockwise to 235 degrees. Due south is 180 degrees.

The impact statement represents FAA's technical assessment of the effect the proposed air traffic changes would have on the environment. The document will be filed with the EPA in Washington and a notice of its availability will be published in the Federal Register.

Copies of the impact statement will be available for review at public libraries in the communities affected. The document also is being distributed to townships supervisors, local mayors and civic officials and congressional offices.

## Auto show poster contest solicits entries from kids

Deadline for the Detroit Auto Dealers Association third annual student poster contest is Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The contest is for students in grades nine through 12. The 1993 North American International Auto Show will take place Jan. 9-17 in Cobo Center.

First, second, and third place winners will receive \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 respectively. Winning posters may be reproduced in the official 1993 North American Auto Dealers Association International Auto Show program.

Qualifying posters will be judged by recognized members of the Detroit area art community including Carl Olsen, Center for Creative Studies; Mark

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Entries must have an automotive-related theme. Posters must be 24 inches by 32 inches in size, two-dimensional and suitable for reproduction as a poster (i.e. camera ready). All entries must be received by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, 1800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Mich., 48064 by Tuesday, Oct. 27.

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# Attorneys still sorting out school aid case

AP — A lengthy Michigan Supreme Court ruling provides another piece in the complicated puzzle of how much money the state should give school districts, lawyers said late last week as they waded through the 85-page decision.

One of the Legislature's top experts on school finance, Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, said the ruling was encouraging for those backing equity in school funding.

The 4-3 ruling of the deeply divided court focused on how the Headlee Amendment to the state Constitution affects school funding.

Among other things, that amendment requires the state to keep up its share of funding for mandated programs. The amendment sets the state's share at the percentage that was in place when it was adopted by voters in 1978.

That means each school district — even the wealthier ones — must get a fair share of state mon-

ey for mandated programs, the court ruled.

The state had argued that the amendment applied to total statewide figures. The lawsuit was filed in 1990 by taxpayers in 51 school districts. They contended the amendment was designed to preserve the state funding level on a district-by-district basis.

In its ruling released Sept. 29, the high court said the statewide average of state spending on mandated programs should be applied to each district.

However, the court also decided that Social Security payments were required by federal law and weren't covered by the Headlee Amendment.

The state now gives school districts more than \$400 million a year to make those payments, with roughly a third going to the wealthier districts.

DeGrow said that part made the ruling "a good decision for equity," although it was too early

to tell what the ruling's total impact would be.

"The key line in the whole long opinion was that Social Security payments aren't covered by Headlee," he said. "What that means is we don't have to pay Social Security to the rich districts or anybody."

DeGrow said that over the past two years, the Legislature has moved to trim the Social Security payments for wealthier districts and use that money to narrow the spending gap between the rich and poor districts.

The high court's ruling clears the way for the Legislature to phase out those payments, DeGrow said. The \$140 million or so involved for the wealthier districts would be a strong step toward evening out that funding, he said.

Dennis Pollard, the attorney for the taxpayers, said that would violate the spirit of the Headlee Amendment. He added the Social

Security question wasn't quite that clear.

That's because the state and federal government agreed in the 1950s that Michigan school employees would be part of the Social Security system, but school districts didn't make that choice.

"The Michigan situation is the result of a contract being entered into between the state and federal government and that's never changed," he said.

Pollard said a related case he's handling began in 1980 and there still hasn't been a final decision on that one. He said it was disappointing that such cases had to be filed in the first place.

"These cases are being brought just to get compliance with the constitution," he said.

The Legislature and the governor have "done nothing to try and comply with it," Pollard said. "I think it's really a sad commentary on the system of government."

# Michigan kids sought to take national math exam

Two University of Michigan-Flint professors are seeking junior high and middle school math teachers, administrators, and parents who are interested in having their students in grades eight or below participate in the eighth annual American Junior High School Mathematics Examination on Thursday, Nov. 19.

Registration deadline is October 19.

The professors, Kristina Hansen and Matthew Wynken, are Michigan coordinators for the exam, which is designed to promote interest in mathematics and develop problem-solving skills.

The exam, which takes 40 minutes and involves 25 multiple-choice questions, can be given during a regularly scheduled

class period. Participating schools will receive complete results of their students, performances, award pins and certificates, and separate national and state reports of the results and awards.

The exam is sponsored by every key mathematical organization in the country, including the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed the exam on its Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 1992-93.

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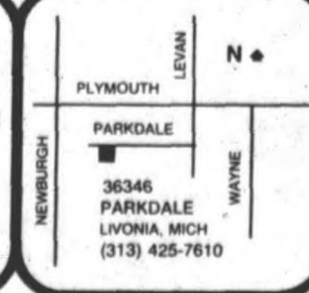


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## Artists to showcase talents in Our Town

**B**y day, Russ Bloomfield earns a living as a mechanical engineer at BASF, a Wyandotte-based chemical company. By night and weekends, the lifelong Livonia resident turns to the paintbrush — the light of his life.

He's hooked on charcoal pastels and their gritty texture but he dabbles in acrylics and oils, too.

Bloomfield's passion for art sprouted when he "was knee-high. Before I could write, I was drawing," the 1987 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate said.

He works for two hours a night and countless hours on weekends in his home studio. But even when he's not painting, he's thinking art. "It's frustrating when you can't always do art when you want to or when you want to but the emotion just isn't there."

Bloomfield is one of 26 Observerland artists taking part in Our Town, the seventh annual juried art exhibition and sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 22-25 at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

The display of Michigan fine art will feature 250 artists exhibiting 349 pieces of two- and three-dimensional artwork. Admission is free.

"Certain works of unique authority deserved to be singled out," said the juror, famed architectural sculptor and art critic Glen Michaels of Troy. "My overall impression was that of a feast of works inspired by excitement over color, unique images and worlds of fantasy."

In his second appearance in Our Town, Bloomfield will show "U.S. Postal Stamp," a riveting portrait collage. "It's a charcoal pastel with a little bit of colored pencil. The title gets to the core of the picture in a roundabout way."

### Splashes of impressionism

Bloomfield describes his art as realistic collage with splashes of impressionistic color. His canvas radiates with vignettes of people he knows in everyday situations.

Bloomfield's public exposure has been limited largely to juried shows the last two years in Birmingham and Rochester although in 1984 he designed a Christmas card for the Michigan Association of Emotionally Disturbed Children.

"I don't think anything gets emotion across like the arts," Bloomfield said. "What's enticing about the arts is that they've been around since before ships, cars, the stock market. They get to the core of being a human being."

His greatest reward as an artist: when his artwork spurs someone else to feel what he feels.

"I feel I have a technical means to do that," he said. "But I'm still struggling to get across what I want to get across. Too often I labor over a piece, then look at it and realize it's not going where I necessarily want it. That's frustrating, but it's comforting to know at least it's going in a direction."

### Turning to realism

This marks Plymouth watercolorist Toni Stevens' third straight year in Our Town. She'll show "Petunias I," an impressionistic still life.

"It was one of the first pieces I did 2½ years ago, after retiring as an elementary teacher in Wayne-Westland schools. And the funny thing is, I don't paint that way anymore. I've been working more realistically lately."

Life, movement and color are keystones of "Petunias I."

"It exudes a feeling I like," said Stevens, who has studied at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association.

Last year, in VAAL's spring 1991 show, she won the Grumbacher best use of color medal for "Cosmic Agitations," a realistic view of three clip-on neckties on a wire hanger.

This year, she took first place for a portrait of a model in the Palette & Brush Club's spring show at the BBAA.

Her themes typically tackle portraits ("I'm fascinated by faces") and still lifes ("I love flowers"). Whatever her theme, "color is very important," she said. "I like bright, lively, in-depth color."

Nowadays, she uses a brush, instead of the pouring technique, to apply many layers of color to rougher-finish paper. "The colors settle in the different hills and valleys of the paper and become juxtaposed. With white from the paper somewhat visible through the layers, you get a lot of depth and sparkle."

Stevens, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Syracuse University in 1947, finds contact with art instructors and other artists critical to improving her work. "You can't work in a vacuum."

She likes pencil and pastel but concentrates on watercolor. "It's incredibly challenging and not as forgiving as oils. You scrub out too much and you end up with paper that's damaged and colors that begin to lose freshness."

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Vintage playthings: Mary Niman (left) and Ralph Glenn display car and streamliner biscuit tins from a 38-piece exhibit, "Art Deco Toys," at Madonna University.

## Art Deco toys brim with nostalgia



A new art exhibit at Madonna University, "Art Deco Toys," reflects a way of life in the '20s and '30s. The exhibit is part of a 7,000-piece collection owned by Lawrence Scripps Wilkinson and the Detroit Antique Toy Museum.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

**A** little red wagon and tricycle, playthings from the 1920s and '30s, represent two of the children's toys in a 38-piece exhibit, "Art Deco Toys," from the collections of Lawrence Scripps Wilkinson and the Detroit Antique Toy Museum, at Madonna University, Livonia.

"It's fun. It's entertaining. It brings out the child in all of us," said Ralph Glenn, who chairs the university's art department.

"It's our second show in three years. With the interest in toys and the excitement over anything from the '20s and '30s, Art Deco is of importance to people now."

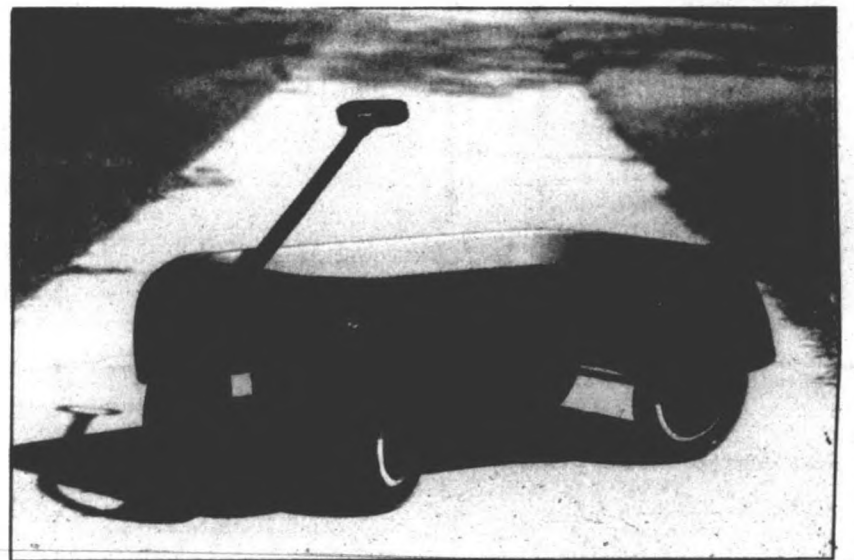
One of the toys in the exhibit is a

1930 red metal scooter decorated with white stripes. "The white striping was to make it streamlined — futuristic," Glenn said. "Art Deco style was introduced at the Museum of Decorative Arts earlier in the century. Frank Lloyd Wright used those lines in his architecture."

Art Deco spotlighted surface decorations, the use of geometric patterns and modern materials of the machine age — chrome, steel, glass, aluminum — anything that glittered or sparkled.

Cars, boats, a refrigerator, a doll house and jigsaw puzzles in the exhibit recall days when toys were made of metal, wood and heavy pa-

See NOSTALGIA, 2D



Modern metal: Futuristic lines dominate this 1930s red wagon in Art Deco style. The style is "entertaining" and "brings out the child in all of us," says Ralph Glenn, Madonna University's art department chairman.



Urban art: Frank Pettis won Best of Show in the Amateur Division of the 1992 Michigan State Fair Fine Arts Exhibit for his embellished photograph of Detroit artist Tyree Guyton and his Heidelberg Project.

## Heidelberg Project memory preserved

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Frank Pettis of Redford Township looks for a creative edge in choosing subjects for his photographs.

His embellished color photograph of the Heidelberg Project and its creator, Detroit artist Tyree Guyton, was awarded Best of Show as well as first place in the Amateur Division of the Michigan State Fair Fine Arts Exhibit Aug. 28 to Sept. 7 at the Fairgrounds in Detroit.

"I'm excited. It meant a lot for me to win over porcelain, paintings and sculptures in the show — and this was my first time. I never entered anything before," Pettis said.

For a long time, Pettis had wanted to include an image of Detroit's history in his photography portfolio when he discovered Guyton's work.

The Heidelberg Project, assembled with found objects, turned an east-side Detroit neighborhood, consisting of abandoned and decayed houses, into a work of art.

"My friends kept telling me about the Heidelberg Project. They told me you gotta see it. I went over there and I couldn't believe my eyes, what Tyree had done, the incredible colors," Pettis said.

Once he took the photograph, Pettis started brainstorming.

"I thought, 'How can I make it different?' I went to Frank's and found all these miniatures, tires, street signs, baby dolls, chairs and sinks. I added them to the photograph, then framed it all," Pettis said. "I wanted to preserve the memory of Heidelberg."

See HEIDELBERG, 2D

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### LIBRARY WALLHANGING

The Friends of the Livonia Library has selected St. Clair Shores artist James Gilbert to create a fabric sculpture to hang in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium, Friends President Mary Fisher said.

The artwork will cost \$5,000 and is the first of several to be commissioned. The contract states a completion time of early 1993.

The artwork will be six feet deep of two or three panels. The material will be rayon and alu-

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minum stripping with subtle colors. Light from the skylight windows will be able to penetrate the loosely woven fabrics.

Gilbert has created pieces for the Edmonton Plaza Hotel Atrium Library in Alberta, the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel Atrium in Grand Rapids and the Newark Hilton Hotel lobby near San Francisco.

A fabric art selection committee chose Gilbert over nine other entrants in the sculpture competition.

Committee members were councilman Michael McGee, architect Don DiComo, Friends representatives Helen Luckham and Jack Olds, library commissioner Claire Howell, arts commissioner Dan Kachnowski and civic center library staffer Kathleen Monroe.

### TIME CAPSULES

Cranberry Glass bowls, glasses and vases dating from about 1880 to the early 1900s are on exhibit through December at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays.

Also new to the museum are such recently donated items as band boxes and books from the early 1800s.



# Gaining a foothold

## Good photographs need solid foundations

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By "foundation," I'm referring to foreground objects that add a basis or footing to your composition.

For example, a dazzling sunset settling on the lake will produce a stirring shot, but it will be much stronger if you include a bit of shoreline or that gnarled piece of driftwood as a "foundation."

The distant, snow-capped mountain sure looks dramatic, but don't you think an improvement would be made if you were to add that pile of boulders in the foreground?

The old fishing cove is indeed charming, but how about making your shot even better by including some fishing boats or a bit of netting as a foundation?

Adding a basis to your scenic photographs is like adding footing and support to a structure. Your pictures will be aesthetically more pleasing and will also help to show a scale of reference. Oftentimes a foundation will help to "complete" your photo by giving more information to the viewer.

The most important way you can add foundation to your pictures is to slow down and really "look." Carefully study your subject and analyze its surroundings. Ask yourself, "How best can I enhance the subject and show it in its best light? What complements



**Strong foundation:** The trees in early morning mist make a fine subject, but by including the rock as a foundation, Monte Nagler adds important impact to his shot. He made this photograph at Ash Cave in Ohio's Hocking Hills Region.

it and how can these elements be used effectively in the composition?" It's almost like accessorizing that new set of clothes so that they are worn and shown in the best possible way.

Remember that in adding a foundation to your photograph you must pay particular attention to depth-of-field. You'll ruin what otherwise may have been a dynamic picture by having the foreground out of focus.

Use your depth-of-field scale on the lens barrel and your depth-of-field preview to make sure everything is going to be sharp. You may want to favor your wide angle

lens not only to get more in the composition but to obtain even greater depth-of-field in your shot.

So get the relationship between you and your photograph onto a solid basis . . . by using foundations when you shoot!

### Short shot

Monte Nagler's major fall photography exhibit opens Monday, Oct. 12, at the MeadowBrook Village Mall, Adams at Walton in Rochester Hills. A reception will take place 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. Everyone is welcome to attend. Nagler will be present not

only at the reception but as much as possible during regular MeadowBrook hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The show, which runs through Oct. 21, is titled "Statements of Light," the same as Nagler's new book being introduced for the first time at MeadowBrook. Photographs from around the world are featured in the book as well as the exhibit.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills.

## Learn about staging events

A complimentary touring arts workshop for non-profit organizations that present arts and entertainment programs will be given 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, in Room 224 of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen.

Conducted by Michigan Touring Arts Agency director Ted Giatas, the workshop will take participants from the initial stages of planning an arts and entertainment event through the booking of artists and presentation of the program. The Touring Arts Agency is a partner of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Representatives from any arts organization that presents music, theater, dance or art exhibitions to an audience will find the workshop helpful. These include schools, colleges, churches, clubs, chambers of commerce and municipalities.

For more information and to register for the workshop, call the Michigan Touring Arts Agency in Midland at 517-631-5930.

Topics will include selecting the program, developing a budget, implementing a production schedule, securing a place for the event, organizing committees, applying for a touring arts grant, negotiating a performance contract, publicizing the event, presenting the artists and evaluating the event.

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# Redford sculptor judging OCC show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus will accept entries for the 11th annual Helen DeRoy Art Competition from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.

The exhibit will run Nov. 13 to Dec. 3 in the Smith Theatre Art Gallery on the Farmington Hills campus, Orchard Lake Road and I-696.

More than \$2,500 is available for purchase awards and cash prizes. First place is up to a \$1,200 purchase award. Special recognition will be awarded for outstanding sculpture.

"The competition is open to all Oakland County artists or students who attended OCC at one time," said Kegham Tazian, competition coordinator.

Juror is Sergio DeGiusti, a Redford Township resident and noted Michigan sculptor for more than 25 years with many commissions and awards to his credit.

Eligible art media include painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography, glass, weaving and prints (not reproductions.)

A non-refundable \$15 entrance fee made payable to OCC Helen DeRoy Art Competition entitles the artist to submit two entries.

All two-dimensional entries must be framed and suitable for hanging. Entrants must be 18 years or older. A 20-percent commission will be charged on all art sold during the exhibit.

Works are to be delivered with entry fee and forms to the Smith Theatre Art Gallery Oct. 30. For additional information or entry forms call Kegham Tazian at 471-7796.

## Needleworkers to host national quilt designer

Linda Fowler, nationally recognized quilt artist, will present a slide lecture to the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan at a meeting 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the First Methodist Church of Birmingham.

Guests may attend. The fee is \$5.

Fowler will present a workshop the afternoon of Oct. 13 and all day Wednesday, Oct. 14. For more information about the meeting or workshop, call 642-3842 or 689-4478.

Fowler's work appears in many national and international shows, including Visions 1990, Tactile Architecture 1992 and the Art of the Quilt. Her work is architectural in origin, with an ethereal quality. She uses brilliant colors that uplift and inspire.

Fowler's slide presentation will focus on her sources of inspiration and the processes by which she transforms ideas into fabric art.

## Auction to aid needy kids

Abused and neglected children of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills will be the beneficiaries of ArtShare '92, an exhibit and auction of fine art at the newly renovated Somerset Collection in Troy.

The event will showcase oils, prints, paintings, photography, sculpture, ceramics and jewelry by students and alumni of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and artists of Ameritech Publishing's Graphic Art Department.

The exhibit will take place Wednesday-Sunday, Oct. 21-25. A silent auction and reception will take place at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 25, followed by a live auction at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person,

including food and beverage. For information, call the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center Agency Relations Department at 626-7527, Ext. 280.

The auction will be conducted by Joseph DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Galleries in Detroit. Guests will enjoy cocktails and sumptuous hors d'oeuvres followed by elegant pastries supplied by Birmingham's Townsend Hotel. Classical music courtesy of an ensemble from the Detroit Symphony will enhance the evening, which is black tie optional.

ArtShare '92 is sponsored by the Metro Detroit Cadillac Gold Key Dealers, Ameritech Publishing, the Townsend Hotel, Dearborn Moving and Storage and Executech Resource Consultants.

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## LIVONIA CITY HALL

Opening — The Palette and Brush Club's fall show, "Autumn Inspirations '92, A Point of View," runs Oct. 5-29 in the Livonia City Hall lobby, Farmington Road at Five Mile. Juror for the Livonia Arts Commission show was Karen Wydra, award-winning artist and instructor. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Evening hours: 7-9:30 p.m. on Oct. 5-6, 13-15, 19-21, 26-28.

## LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY ART GALLERY

Continuing — Forty watercolors and serigraphs by Rick Burger of Rochester are spotlighted by the Livonia Arts Commission through Nov. 7 in the second-floor gallery. The artist will demonstrate his watercolor techniques and answer viewer questions about his work 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 27 and 29. Five Mile and Farmington roads. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

## MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Continuing — Eight art faculty members exhibiting their multi-media work in "Focus on Faculty." Art Gallery in campus library building, Levan and Schoolcraft, Livonia.

## LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY SHOWCASES

Continuing — Livonia Arts Commission presents enamel artwork by Susan Pickering Rothamel of Chelsea (formerly of Livonia) in the round showcases on the second floor. She uses the repousse technique of enameling on copper. She hammers and drills, distressing the copper surface, then adheres glass to both sides with a mild gum solution before firing in a kiln at 1,700 degrees. A copper piece is fired as many as five times, then gilded or polished by hand. The beauty of glasswork for her, she says, was love at first sight. Almost instantly she saw the pieces she was making, framed and mounted into unique patterns. Farmington Road and Five Mile. To Oct. 30. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

## NELSON'S GALLERY

Continuing — Oil and acrylic paintings by Frank Payne Greenhow (1902-1991).

His nephew, Paul Greenhow, will be available to discuss the artwork at an opening reception 5-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9. Greenhow was a commercial artist in Detroit from pre-World War II through the 1960s. His paintings are in private collections across the U.S., Canada and Europe. Gallery director Laura Hardy describes the artwork as "traditional paintings with a European flair." Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. 16376 Middlebelt, Terrace Corners Plaza, Livonia. To Oct. 31.

## DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Continuing — Redford Township sculptor Matthew Hanna exhibits work in the group show, "Retro-Perspective: Cass Corridor Continuum," thorough Nov. 6. Cass Corridor artists John Piet, Robert Sestock, Michael Luchs, Paul Schwarz and Aris Koutroulis chose five young artists who they believed continue the tradition of the Cass Corridor style for this exhibit. Hanna, a graduate of Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, uses found objects to compose sculptures and assemblages on social issues relevant today. 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit.

## SISSON GALLERY

Thursday, Oct. 8 — "The Black Show," a multimedia installation by area artists Connie Bruner, Ed West, Peter Williams and Marilyn Zimmerman that explores issues of race, gender and class, will continue through Nov. 4. Opening 6-8 p.m. Thursday. Lecture by artists 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the gallery. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, 845-9634.

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## SCARAB CLUB

Thursday, Oct. 8 — The Scarab Club 49th annual watercolor exhibition will continue to Oct. 31. Reception and awards 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. Juror's critique 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sun-

day, 217 Farnsworth at John R, adjacent to the Detroit Institute of Arts, 831-1250.

## CASA DE UNIDAD

To Oct. 9 — "Through Their Eyes," the first works from Casa de Unidad's Barrio Youth Photography Workshops, at the Hispanic organization's Cultural Arts and Media Center, 1920 Scotten, Detroit. The 23-piece exhibition is the culmination of photographs taken in southwest Detroit by 20 students during a 10-week workshop led by Livonia photographer Carlos Diaz, an associate professor at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

## GALLERY BIRMINGHAM

Friday, Oct. 9 — New works by Jean Marie McKnight will be on display to Oct. 30. Opening 6-10 p.m. Friday. The gallery is at 390 E. Maple, Birmingham. Call 540-8505.

## RUBINER GALLERY

Friday, Oct. 9 — Paintings by John Ross Michaels will be shown through Nov. 4 in his first one-man exhibition in the state. Opening reception for the artist 6:30-9 p.m. Friday. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7001 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 430A, West Bloomfield, 626-3111.

## HABATAT/SHAW GALLERY

Saturday, Oct. 10 — Works by George Timock and Michaela Dicosola will be exhibited through Oct. 31. Opening reception 8 p.m. Saturday. Timock, a graduate of the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills and associate professor of ceramics at the Kansas City Art Institute, explores the vessel format and the raku process. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or by appointment, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, 851-8767.

## G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

To Oct. 10 — Paintings by Vincente Pimentel are exhibited in the first solo showing of his work in the Midwest. The artist describes his work as being at the frontier of abstract and expressionism, playing between the two. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham, 642-2700.

## A.C.T. GALLERY

To Oct. 10 — A two-woman show of paintings by members Deborah Sukenic and Karen Lewis. Sukenic's paintings explore the idea of interiors and the objects contained in them. Lewis deals with Adam and Eve, focusing on their relationship and on Eve's experiences of pregnancy and giving birth. Hours: noon

to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. 29 E. Grand River, Detroit.

## MESA ARTS

To Oct. 10 — "Gallery Favorites" — paintings, sculpture, pottery, weavings, jewelry and a selection of clothing representing the spirit of the Southwest. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin, 851-9949.

## THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

To Oct. 11 — West Bloomfield resident Jo Rosen is Artist of the Month. Her watercolors and large-format acrylics on canvas are displayed on the second level of The Community House. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, 644-5832.

## SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER AND GALLERY

Sunday, Oct. 11 — "Many Voices One Spirit" opens with a reception 1-3 p.m. It exhibits the art of the nations of native Americans living in the Great Lakes area. Their art is created from materials of the earth and include drawing, painting, raku, bronze casting and printmaking. The original exhibit is a joint effort of the gallery, Wayne State University and Arthur and Germaine Elliott of Sault Saint Marie, Ont. 33 E. Adams on Grand Circus Park, Detroit. Through Dec. 29. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

## MEADOWBROOK VILLAGE MALL

To Oct. 13 — The annual fall art show of the South Oakland Art Association. Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, at Adams and Walton in Rochester Hills. For more information on the show or membership, call 549-0856.

## THE ARTIST'S COOPERATIVE

Friday, Oct. 16 — "For Whom It May Concern," a group exhibit of works designed expressly to communicate with a designated other. Proceeds from all works sold will be donated to organizations and charities selected by participating artists. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Oct. 16. 29 E. Grand River, Detroit. To Nov. 21. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

## THE PRINT GALLERY

To Oct. 16 — An exhibit of original serigraphs by British artist Roy Fairchild. Also: an exhibit of photographs of costumed dancers from the American Indian Dance Theater is shown through Nov. 7.

The portraits are by photographer, writer and lecturer Jeff Dunas, whose photography has been shown in the United States and Europe. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, to 9 p.m. Thursday, 29203 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, 356-5454.

## GARY ZYCH STUDIO

To Oct. 18 — "Generators and Transmissions," an exhibit featuring the works of 30 artists. Hours: 3-7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday or by appointment, 2739 Edwin, second floor, Hamtramck, 893-3443.

## PARK WEST GALLERY

To Oct. 20 — The gallery will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Erte, the 20th century grand master of graphic design and creator of fantastic art deco fashion illustration. The exhibit and sale will feature Erte's famous fashion illustrations, serigraphs, paintings, sculpture and jewelry from the artist's estate. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, 354-2343.

## FISHER BUILDING

To Oct. 22 — "Inspiration: The Fisher Building," original works of art by members of the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan. Guild members have created quilts, wallhangings, framed stitcheries, pillows and wearable art. All are based on visual images, ideas and memories sparked by the Fisher Building. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

## CIVIC CENTER GALLERY

To Oct. 23 — An art exhibit featuring the abstract watercolors of Shirley Hathaway. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield, 354-4717.

## MATRIX GALLERY

To Oct. 23 — "Polaroid Paintings, Collages and Constructions with Special References to Columbus and Nicaragua by George Manupelli" continues at the gallery, 212 Miller, 1 1/2 blocks west of Main, Ann Arbor. Matrix Gallery specializes in new, emerging and experimental art. Call 663-7775.

## HALSTED GALLERY

To Oct. 24 — Photographs of the White Oak Dance Project and prints of the famous and popular by Annie Leibovitz. The White Oak images document a five-week period when Mikhail Baryshnikov and Mark Morris collaborated on a dance project. The gallery is at 560 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Call 644-8284.

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## REAL ESTATE NEWS

### Broker lobbies for tax credit for 1st-time buyers

Rob Champion, broker/owner of Century 21 Advantage in Troy, called his recent visit to Washington, D.C., to lobby for a bill with provisions promoting home ownership an eye-opening experience. "It was interesting, entertaining and depressing," he said. "It was interesting to see how the process really works. At times, it becomes humorous — the transparency that what's really driving this (process) is a bunch of hidden agendas. It's frustrating when you do recognize that." The legislation would allow a

\$2,500 tax credit for first-time homebuyers and penalty-free withdrawals from individual retirement accounts to purchase a first home. Several other issues including urban enterprise zones, IRA accounts for airline pilots and tax depreciation schedules for commercial property were addressed in the bill. That's precisely why Champion doesn't believe it will fly. "They're trying to put too many agendas into one bill," he said. "Trying to get significant legisla-

tion passed in an election year is extremely difficult. No one wants to let the other side look good." Champion was one of 65 Century 21 representatives from around the country to descend on the nation's capital last month to push for the housing measures. "Century 21 has a full-paid lobbying staff. Robin Dole, daughter of the senator, made appointments for each of us with one, two or three congressmen and senators," Champion said. Upwards of 300 lawmakers co-sponsored real-estate portions of

the bill, he said. But support gradually seemed to waver when the proposal was considered in its totality. "They all agree we need a tax bill, but they will not definitely be pinned down on what parts they like and what parts they don't like," Champion said. "That won't get the job done." Champion may have been disappointed, he wasn't discouraged. "I think the system is the best one around. It's just having trouble working," he said. "If you drop out, it doesn't work. If you

didn't stay involved, it's like not voting." While Champion said his typical client may not directly benefit from incentives to purchase a first home, the industry as a whole would. People selling starter homes usually become move-up buyers. "We want to jump start the economy," he said. "Interest rates are wonderful. The last unemployment figure dropped slightly. Without confidence, no one is going to come out spending."



Rob Champion pushes legislation

### Owner up in the air over condominium next to airport

Our condominium is situated in an approach path to a neighboring airport. The planes often rattle the windows in the condominium, and we believe structural damage is occurring as a result of the planes flying overhead. What, if anything, can be done about that? The developer never pointed out to us the po-

tential problems inherent with the location of our condominium until after we had signed a purchase agreement and it became binding. First, I would explore any political remedies that you may have with the municipality in which your condominium is located to exert whatever pressure is necessary on the airport facility, the airlines or the governmental agency operating the airport to attempt to readjust the flight patterns of the airplanes, to the extent allowable. Secondly, I would consider what alternatives you may have

against the developer in connection with possible misrepresentations incident to the condition of your condominium. Third, I would consider what recourse you might have for what may be a "taking" of your property by the airlines or municipal authority regulating or administering the airport. In that regard, I would consult with an attorney experienced in real estate or condemnation. Unbeknownst to us, our management company also owns a landscaping and snow removal service, which was the lowest bidder when we sent our

project out for bids. One of the other landscape contractors has advised the board that it believes the bidding process was unfair. He also suggested that our management company's landscaping contractor was intentionally low-balling the bid to drive his company out of business. What are my responsibilities as a board member in this situation? First, the management company should have disclosed to you voluntarily any proprietary interest that it or its principals have in any contractor with whom the association does business. That

provision should be expressly set forth in the management agreement between the association and the management company. If you have reason to believe that the management company has abused its prerogatives in regard to its fiduciary relationship to the association, you should bring that matter to the attention of the board and obtain a legal opinion from counsel who is independent of any ties to the management company. It may be that your management company has breached its fiduciary duties and is squeezing out the other contractors which,

in effect, could result in anti-trust complications for your management company. Also, your association may be being deprived of the best contractor at a fair price. 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.



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**10K, ABSOLUTELY IMPECCABLY CLEAN!** Northville charmer, blocks from Cider Mill, downtown. Fenced yard, finished basement w/natural fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, central air & oversized garage.  
**\$124,900 (GRA) 348-6430**



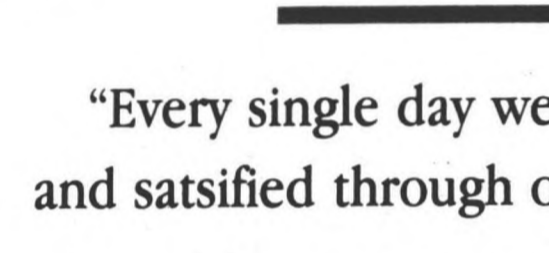
**CANTON**  
**HATE TO PAINT?** This home's for you! Brick & aluminum quad on a quiet street, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Family room w/fireplace & wet bar. Living room/dining room. Andersen windows, freshly painted.  
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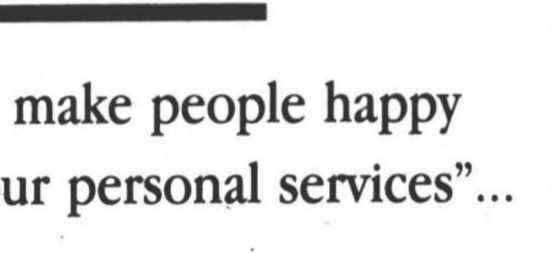
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**REDFORD**  
**MOVE RIGHT IN!** This immaculate brick home offers three bedrooms, finished basement, newer carpeting & some windows, remodeled kitchen beautifully decorated throughout, library, very private yard, & 2 car garage.  
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**CANTON**  
**WONDERFUL PRICE** on this Canton Townhouse with updated kitchen, new cabinets, spacious living room. Updated bath features fiberglass tub, newer sink top & ceramic tile floor. Close to shopping & city of Plymouth.  
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**NORTH CANTON RANCH** with formal dining room! Spacious home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room w/ fireplace + living room. New carpet & floor coverings, freshly painted & new furnace & air.  
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**CANTON**  
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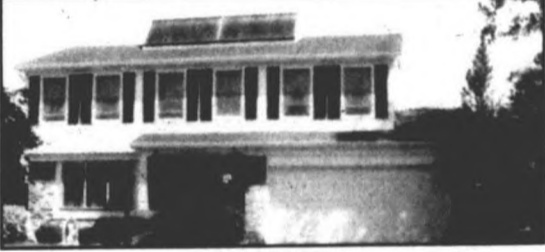
**LIVONIA**  
**CAREFREE LIVING.** Immaculate two bedroom condo. Upper unit in "The Woods," formal dining area, ample storage space, patio, private entrance. Enjoy a lovely clubhouse with indoor swimming. Close to shopping.  
**\$86,000 (U18384) 261-0700**



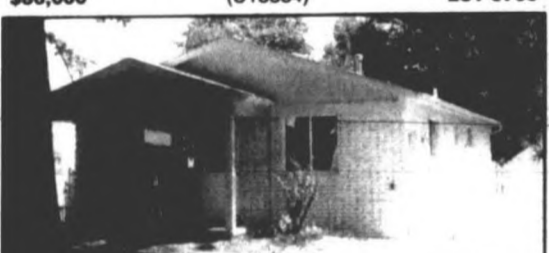
**WESTLAND**  
**ALL NEW IN '92.** Just remodeled - everything new! A great country kitchen, new windows, and doors. Drywall, carpets, furnace, and floors. 3 bedrooms, a basement, air conditioning, and more.  
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**LIVONIA**  
**COZY LIVONIA RANCH** - Beautifully updated kitchen & bath, newer carpet, 3 good sized bedrooms, cozy family room + central air, attic fan & finished basement.  
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**RANCH WITH A VIEW!** Family room w/fireplace. Decor & carpet in neutral tones. Kitchen has solid light oak cabinets. Newer vinyl windows, deck, full basement, air conditioning, 2 car attached garage.  
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**ALMOST NEW!** Three bedroom brick in one of the nicest areas of Dearborn Heights. Bright, open kitchen with dining area, full basement, and nicely landscaped. All appliances stay.  
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**ALL BRICK** 2 story duplex. Coved ceilings, wet plaster walls. Hardwood floors, large master bedrooms with his & her walk-in closets. 2nd bedroom has walkout balcony, separate basements. Private entrances, garage.  
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**LIVONIA**  
**DON'T LET THIS HOME PASS YOU BY!** 3 bedroom ranch located in Rosedale Garden Sub. Features include central air, vinyl windows, roof, siding on garage, 2 full baths, basement, hardwood floors.  
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**COZY PLYMOUTH CONDO.** One bedroom unit in small complex. Features neutral decor, stainmaster carpet, updated kitchen, one car garage & laundry facility in basement, plus a lovely setting.  
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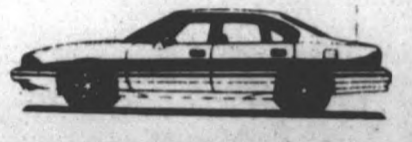
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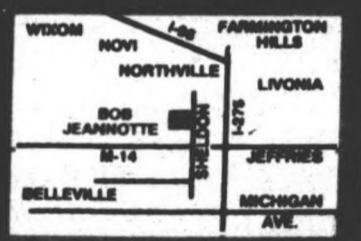


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Through August, Consumer's Power Metro Region repaired more than 160 residential natural gas services that were broken by homeowners during construction or excavation projects.

### Ford & Earl acquisition

The design firm of Ford & Earl, Troy, acquired the Royal Oak architectural and interior design firm of Bodag/Krebs Associates.

Bodag/Krebs specialized in commercial architecture, interior design and planning, building evaluations, pre-lease work letter review, feasibility, budgetary studies and facility management.

John Bodag of Farmington Hills was named a senior associate at Ford & Earl responsible for directing design activities and expansion efforts in hospitality and retail design.

As an associate at Ford & Earl, Michael Krebs' responsibilities include design, project management and technical services coordination.

### 1993 development

Three of the area's economic development experts will provide a glimpse at next year's construction projects in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties at a luncheon meeting of the Detroit Chapter of the Associated General Contractors at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Engineering Society of Detroit.

The panel includes Jeffrey Kaczmarek, manager of development for Oakland County; Dewey Henry, director of jobs and economic development for Wayne County, and Donald Morandini, director of economic development of Macomb County.

For reservations, call Joe Neussendorfer at the Southfield offices of AGC at 948-7000.

## Look to lighting for dramatic effects

Residential lighting designers interpret the ideas of the homeowner, the architect and the interior designer by emphasizing spaces, structure and volume.

BY GERALD FRAWLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Light is magic and science — you can't touch it, but its impact is undeniable.

Now the housing market is recognizing it.

Ron Harwood, president of Illuminating Concepts in Farmington Hills, knows a thing or two about light.

Harwood has made a name for himself for his work as a lighting designer on such big-name commercial projects as the Fox Theatre,

Meadowbrook Music Theater Gardens, Detroit Institute of Arts, Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Retail Store, Warner Brothers Retail Store, and Walt Disney World.

But it is in residential lighting that he is seeing some of his greatest growth, he said.

In places like Los Angeles and New York, lighting designers work side by side with architects, Harwood said.

"People are still mystified by the whole process," Harwood said. Lighting highlights and hides, adds excitement, and creates illusions about space and shape.

### Growing importance

Harwood speculated that the reason lighting is becoming a more important part of design is that American values are subtly changing.

"Americans are beginning to feel the same way about their homes as they've felt in Europe for a thousand years," he said.

In the 1950s, it was enough to have a room with a \$2 light fixture because people never intended to stay in a home. But in Europe, generations of families live in the same homes. They become not only a living space, but monuments to a family's history. Homes must be durable, they must be adaptive, they must be show-places, he said.

Harwood estimated that roughly a quarter of his business today results from residential construction.

### Making the transition

"Residential lighting is the most demanding of all lighting design," Harwood said. With a commercial customer, function and appearance are important, but when someone is building a house, the object isn't to appeal to many, but one.

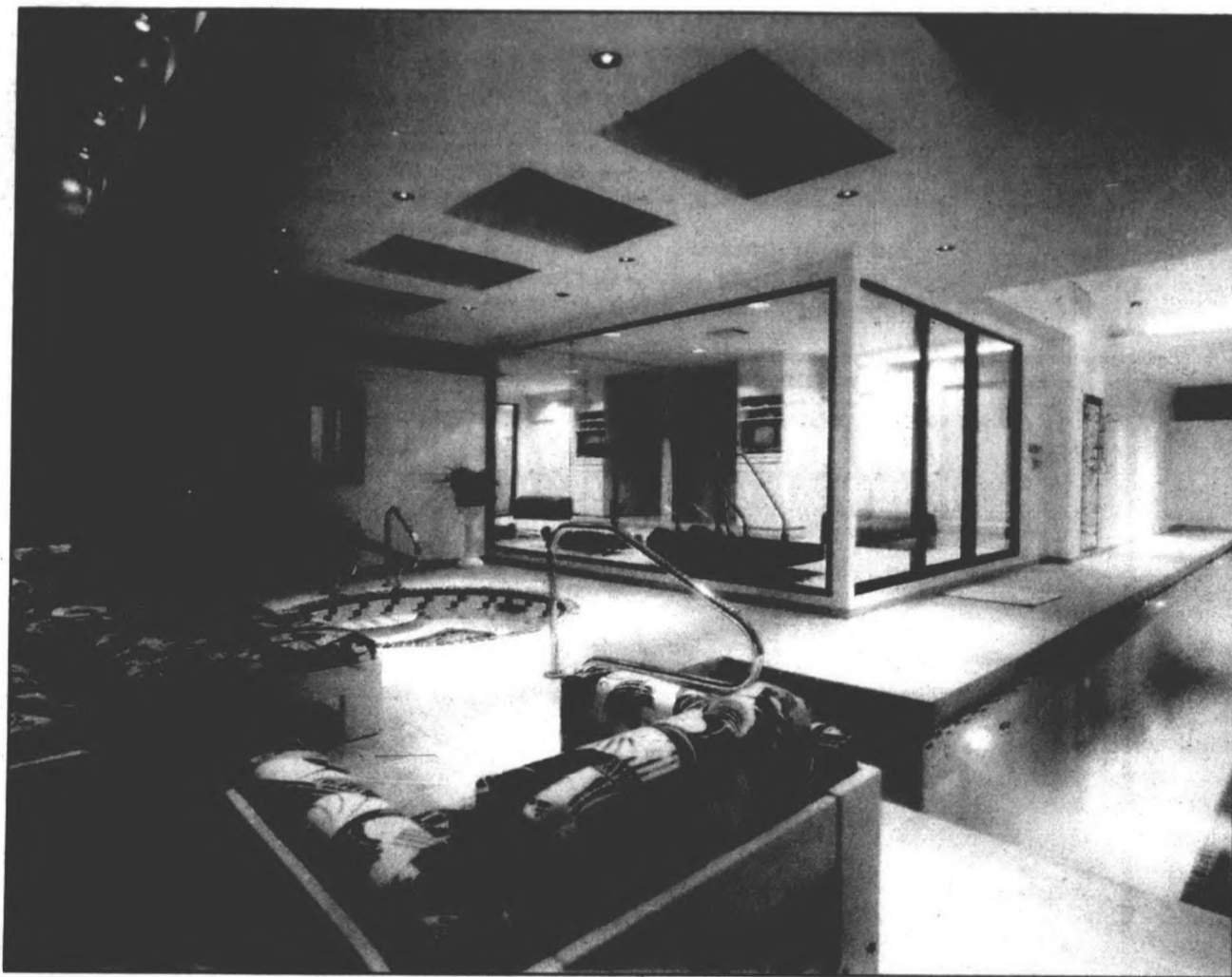
"The responsibility aspect is the same for a home as it is for Raleigh-Durham International Airport," he said. Harwood said his commercial lighting success has enabled him to succeed in residential lighting design.

And, he added, his experience in residential design has helped improve his approach to commercial design.

"The homeowner has a lot of personal dreams built into his house," he continued. "Where they live is a reflection of themselves."

Designing a house is a team effort, and a lighting designer is brought on as part of the team. "The owner has the vision, the architect takes the vi-

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**Very illuminating:** Light does more than stop you from stubbing your toe in a dark room. It adds impact, it gives direction, and highlights features as seen in this pool area designed by Illuminating Concepts.

## Bottom line brightens for contractors

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

The economic horizon brightened a bit for building contractors and subcontractors in Michigan through the first six months of this year, according to a survey of their professional association.

A larger percentage reported that their volume of work had increased substantially, more planned to add employees, and cash flow was slightly better than six months earlier.

The survey was prepared for the Construction Association of Michigan by Deloitte & Touche, a

financial services/consulting firm.

"I see a little light at the end of the tunnel," said Ray Rieger, CAM chairman and president of Holmes Associates in Farmington Hills. "It is slightly improving out there. I think we've bottomed out."

Thirty percent of architects and engineers responding to CAM's mid-year survey said their cash flow had improved compared to six months ago. Back then, only 8 percent had reported better cash flow.

Forty-three percent of architect and engineer respondents report-

ed an increase in work volume compared to 23 percent six months ago.

That bodes well for builders and suppliers who depend on plans from which to construct.

"The design profession tells us they're starting to get busy. That's always a first sign of things to come," said Curt E. Hacias, CAM president.

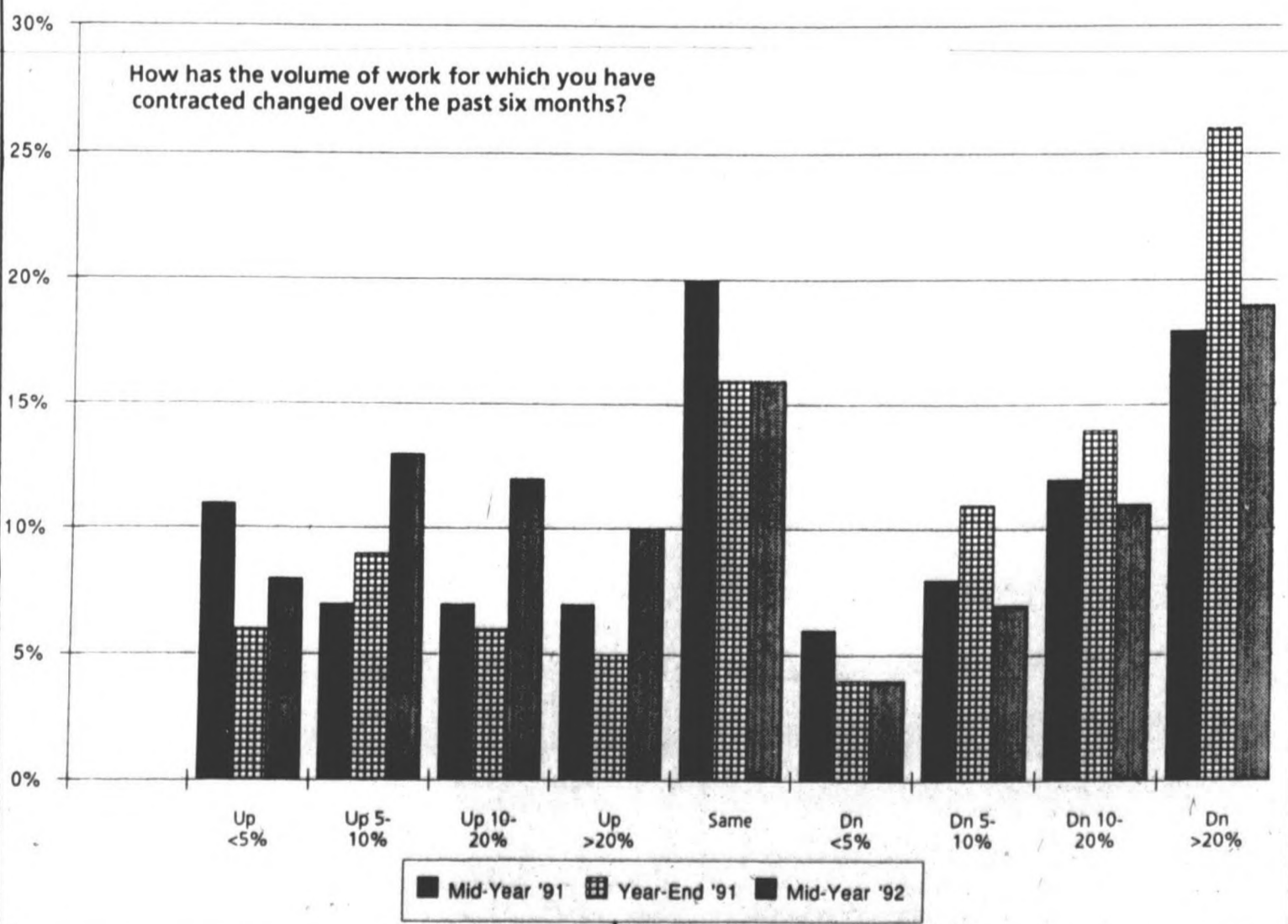
"That's the nature of the (construction) industry — it's cyclical," he added. "It's kind of a chain. One person depends on another. One company depends on another."

Some 270 contractors and subcontractors from around Michigan responded to the mid-year survey. Some findings:

■ 61, or 23 percent, reported that their volume of work increased by 10 percent or more over the past six months. Only 12 percent made that assertion for the 1991 year-end survey. When equipment and material suppliers and manufacturers, architects and engineers were included, 103 of 480 respondents or 21 percent reported that work volume was up

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sion and develops it, the interior designer interprets the vision, and the lighting designer interprets the ideas of all three."

Susan Winton Feinberg, interior designer with Walter Herz Interiors in Birmingham, said good lighting is important to the success of a project.

"It's not just lighting, it's mathematics," she said. "Correct lighting is a science.

"If it's done well, you will notice the difference.

"Most of the time, I do my own lighting design. But if there's an unusual room, high ceilings or a specific mood I want, a lighting designer is important."

Feinberg said normal lighting fixtures and ideas do not work in all circumstances. When a homeowner is looking for a showplace, and not just a residence, a lighting designer can play a crucial role in the development team.

"It would be like putting on a play without a lighting man."

David Lubin, partner with architectural firm Lubin/Tringali Associates in Bloomfield Hills, said the lighting designer enhances the design of a house by illuminating spaces, structures

and volumes.

More simply, "he helps to instill drama," Lubin said.

Architects do their own lighting design on most projects, but with the evolution of lighting theory and technology, it is becoming more of a specialty, he said. Of course, not everyone needs a lighting designer.

But when a client wants to go one step further — and is willing to spend the money — the lighting designer can make a difference.

"It's a matter of convincing the client it's worth it," he said.

Lubin said he doesn't think lighting designers will play a key role in all house designs, although some multiple-residential condominium and apartment projects will use a lighting designer — particularly on landscaping — to add drama.

### Obvious benefits

One of the benefits derived from being involved in commercial work is the experience of working in difficult situations. In commercial lighting design, the trick is to make something work in a place not designed with light-

ing in mind.

Much of what the designer learns in commercial settings can be translated when he has more control — like in the design of a custom house.

Another big plus, he said, is illuminating Concepts has more direct access to the latest materials and design concept. "Lighting manufacturers have paid little attention to residential market."

As a commercial lighting designer, he has the ability and wherewithal to not only test and manipulate commercial lighting products, he can also transfer that knowledge and product to residential use.

Working in residential has been a benefit for his work in commercial design. "Because (house buyers) are so demanding, it keeps my staff well tuned."

While the average person may not be attuned to the latest in lighting theory, he knows what he likes, Harwood said. By working with house buyers, he has discovered many nuances that can be used in commercial projects.

### Taken for granted

Bob White, lead designer at Illuminating Concepts, said light-

ing is important but it is often taken for granted. "Close your eyes and then open them — that's light. Lighting can make or break anything.

"A sighted person's perception of their environment is (paramount) to how people relate to their environment."

A lot of the growth in lighting design can be attributed to the media. Movie, television and magazines touting the good life have brought the importance of lighting to the masses.

Those images are the result of hours of painstaking design by professionals, he said.

"The quality of imagery (people are exposed to) has gone up, and it's become a standard," he said. People point to these images when trying to explain what they want in their own designs, he said.

When they discover a large part of a certain look's allure is lighting, they are at first surprised. "But when they get more involved in the process, they get excited."

Probably the biggest mistake in lighting design is overdoing it, he said. "You don't do lighting design because it's a cool effect."

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# Sales tumble

(AP) — Sales of new houses plunged 6.1 percent in August, the government said today, despite the lowest mortgage interest rates in nearly two decades. It was the steepest decline in five months.

Sales were off in both the South and West, while rising in the Northeast and Midwest.

The departments of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development said sales nationally totaled 570,000 at a seasonally adjusted annual rate. That was down from a sharply revised 607,000 a month earlier when they actually rose 4.5 percent.

Analysts had been expecting new house sales to increase about 3 percent in August. They had risen 1.5 percent in May and 4.9 percent in June after falling for three straight months.

The August decline was the steepest since sales plunged 11.5 percent in March.

Still, sales of new houses for the first eight months of 1992 were 18 percent above those of the same period last year, when the housing industry was coming out of the recession.

The median price of a new house rose 2.5 percent in August, to \$121,000. The median means half of the houses cost more and half cost less.

Regionally, sales plunged 19.5 percent in the West, to a 140,000 seasonally adjusted annual rate. That was the steepest drop since a 23.5 percent decline last May.

Sales fell 5.2 percent in the South, to a 238,000 rate.

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by at least 10 percent.

■ 94 contractors and subcontractors, 35 percent, reported that mid-year work volume had decreased by 10 percent or more. That figure was 44 percent at year-end.

■ 65 contractors and subcontractors, 24 percent, indicated that they plan to increase their workforce during the next six months. The corresponding figure at year-end was 18 percent.

■ 56 contractors and subcontractors, 21 percent, reported better cash flow compared to six months ago.

That figure was 19 percent at year-end.

"A lot of work (now) seems to be done in hospitals, school renovation work," Rieger said. "That's not big dollars, but bigger than we had before."

"What has been keeping us afloat is public works," Hacias said. "Thank God for that. I suspect money loosening would help. Money is tight in the banking industry, as I understand. Maybe the election will bring something."

"Cash flow from ownership down is practically non-existent," Rieger added.

But both remain optimistic. "You go through peaks and valleys," said Rieger, who started in the building supply business in 1957. "It's grown tremendously. A lot of changes have occurred over the years. I can see it continue to grow. Every product and system has peaks and valleys."

"This has been a tougher down period than the last recession," Hacias said. "I've been in the business 32 years. I've been through cycles. Every time we hit bottom, there's a bright spot in the future."

# Natural stones require special care

AP — Few materials can rival marble and granite for luxurious beauty. Without loving care, Remodeling Ideas magazine says, these natural stone surfaces can become stained and dingy. Keep them in good condition by following some simple maintenance and clean-up suggestions from the Marble Institute of America:

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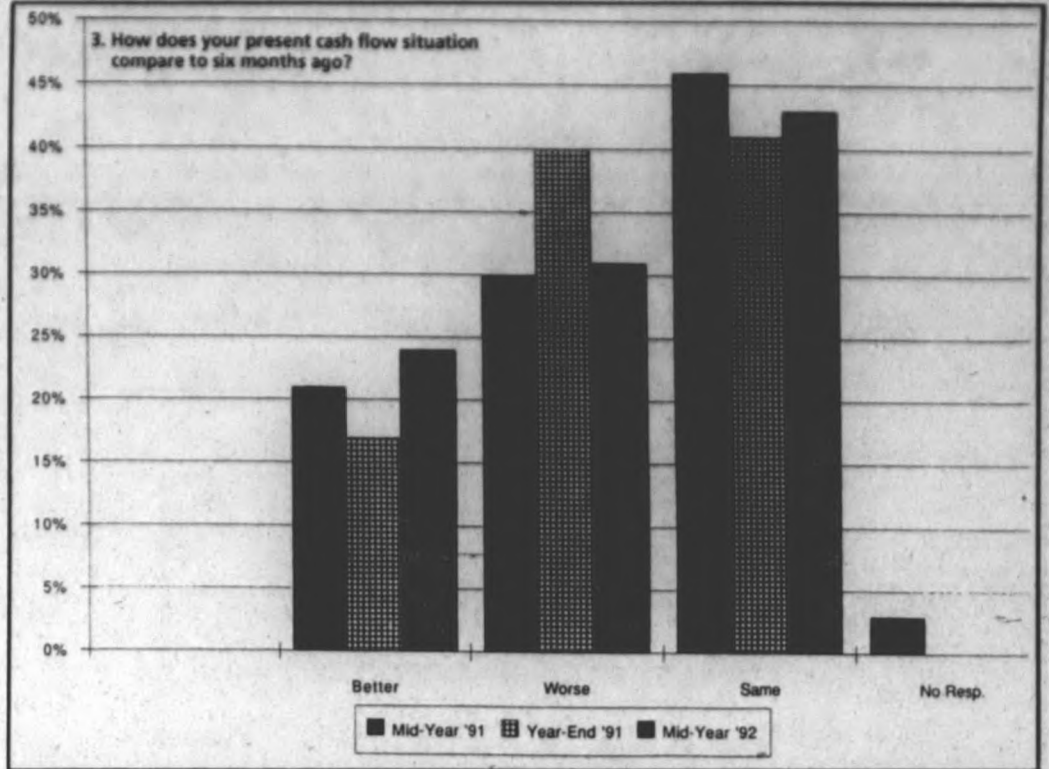
deserve the same careful attention given to fine wood furniture. Use coasters or place mats when putting dishes on them. Clean up any spills immediately.

■ More than skin deep. Excess waxing and polishing can smother the stone and cause a loss of luster. For everyday dirt, wipe marble and granite with a damp sponge and buff dry.

Use the "general poultice" method to draw most food stains and deep-seated dirt and grime out of the natural stone: Combine a laundry bleach or a 6 percent hydrogen peroxide solution with a white absorbent material — such as Fuller's Earth or untreated white flour — to form a paste. Apply mixture at a half-inch thickness and cover with plastic

for 48 hours. Remove the mixture, then rinse.

■ No pain, no stain. To remove oil stains, use the poultice method with acetone as the liquid cleaner. For rust stains, a simple application of naval jelly or other rust removers should do the trick. Commercial smoke removers will take out smoke stains from your marble mantel.



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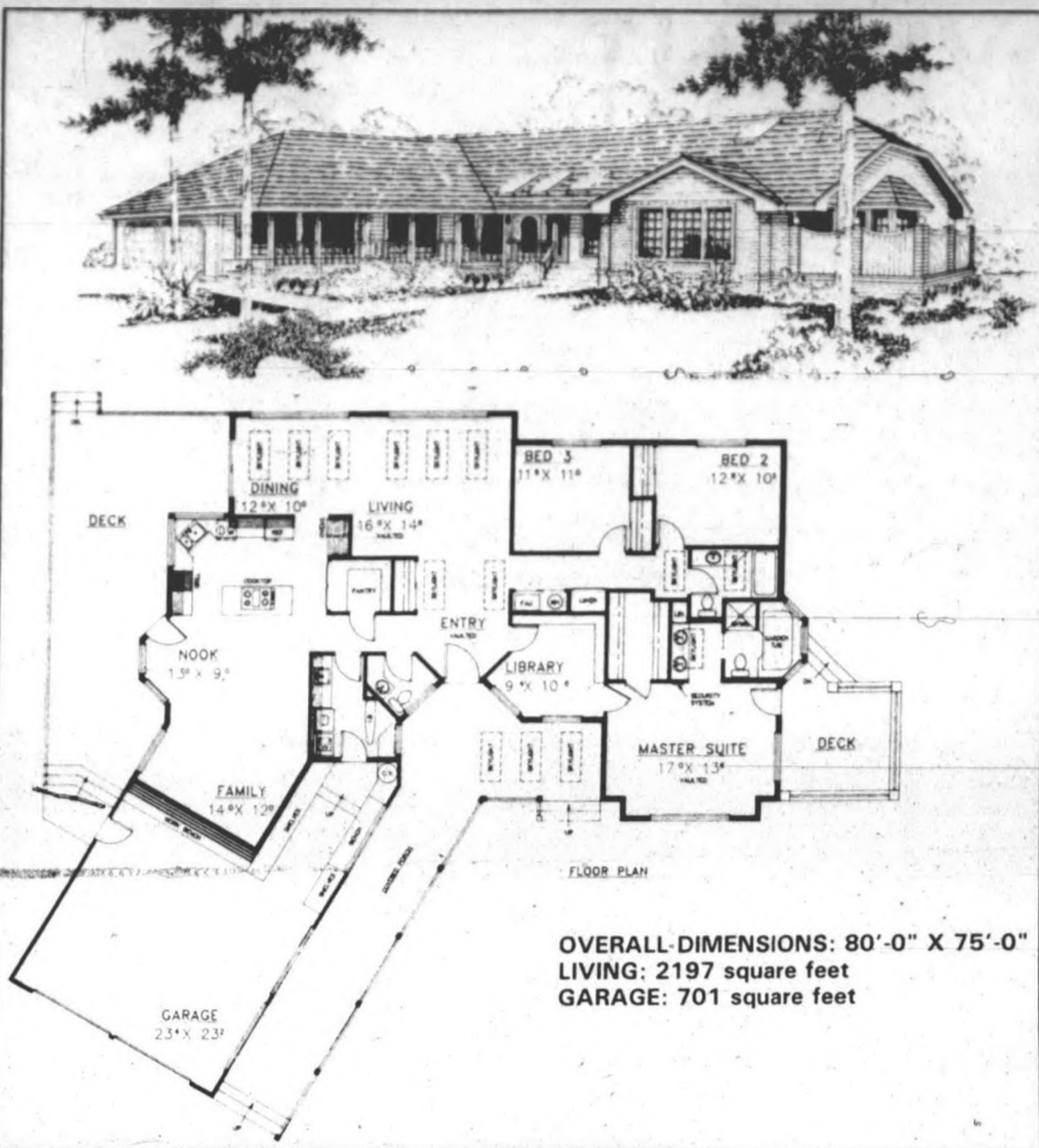
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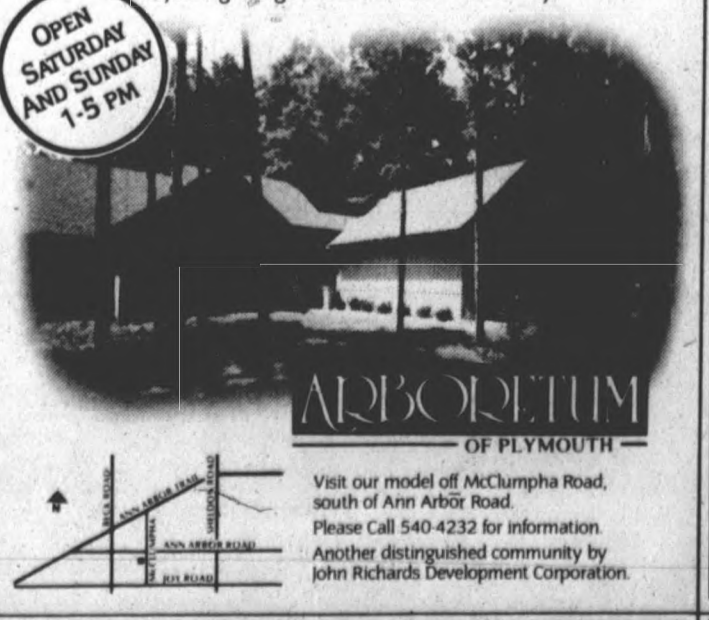
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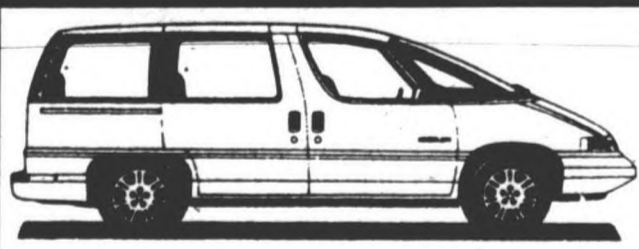
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Each year approximately one child in four will suffer a household injury serious enough to require medical attention, according to former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. And about 80-90 percent of these injuries are preventable.

Other than fire, which is the number one killer of young children in home accidents, there are other potential hazards lurking behind the doors, or waiting boldly to happen right under your nose. Since the home is an exploring playground for most toddlers and young children, it is essential that parents and caregivers, take charge, making every effort to childproof "home, sweet home."

Toddlers are naturally curious and can be looked at as "little trouble magnets," innocently discovering and carving out boundaries, usually the ones off-limits, where most toddlers have gone before. These youngsters will keep the most safety conscience parent or care-giver on his or her toes by showing up at even the most sacred nook, cranny and corners of the home.

According to theorist Jean Piaget, who studied child developmental stages and children's cognitive thought process for more than a half century, children are at the "sensorimotor" stage of development. This means they learn with their bodies not with their heads.

Their not very safety-oriented nor are they objective, concrete thinkers. Therefore, start the child-proofing process in your home by looking at each room individually:

#### The bathroom

Keep a safety knob cover on the bathroom door, or just simply close the door. The rattling of the door handle as a young child twists and turns to open can alert an adult before that special escape begins.

Once their in the bathroom, you can bet the toilet will be the main attraction, since water play is a favorite activity for most children. Keep the toilet lid down, or better yet, install a safety latch.

Close shower doors and avoid leaving standing water in the bath tub for long periods of time. Have you ever heard or read somewhere that you can drown in a small amount of water? Over a recent three-year period, 67 children drowned in cleaning buckets and bath tubs, according to the Consumer Safety Commission. The smallest amount of water, too, can cause a child to choke to death if swallowed incorrectly.

Shampoos, soaps, detergents and other similar products, placed conveniently on the bath tub ledge should be removed out of the reach of children, especially toddlers.

Also, secure items stored in the lower cabinets as well as on the top medicine shelves which are especially interesting to the "inspecting" preschooler, or the "eye spy" older child. As a reminder to the newly independent three-year-old preschooler, try labeling the faucet handles with a blue happy face for cold and red for hot.

#### The bedroom

The bedroom is full of trinkets and treasures. What toddlers view as rich treasures may cause serious medical attention and even death. Competency plus in reducing the risk of accidents is a must for all parents and adults who work with young children.

The crystal perfume bottles sitting on the edge of the dresser, with it most alluring scent, can be accidentally consumed by a child, not to mention sprayed or rubbed in the eyes. Jewelry pieces and other small items can cause choking and or strangulation.

Cosmetics, such as hair sprays, facial and hand products, nail polish and remover, are all culprits in the bedroom. Moreover, tranquilizers, sleeping pills, aspirin and other medication that look and sometimes taste like candy treats should be kept out of reach. In addition, plastic bags used to cover clothes just back from the cleaner left on the bed can result in a child being suffocated.

Safety precautions should also be made when purchasing cribs and playpens. Crib rails should be no more than 2 3/8 inches apart with the mattress fitting the crib. Children under the age of 12 months shouldn't be allowed to sleep on an adult-sized bed. Between 1985 and December 1990, 250 children died sleeping on adult-sized beds because they were entrapped in the oversized covers or under or between the pillows, according to the National Consumer Safety Report.

#### The kitchen

Check and/or install smoke detectors, especially

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SHERRIE BUZBY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Table activism: Unlike their counterparts in the '60s and '70s, political activism on college campus is more likely to take less-confrontational forms, such as registering people to vote. Karen Boven and Jerome Farmer sign up Pinak Acharya (left) and Terry Sawyer (right) on the University of Michigan campus.

## Getting out the (younger) votes



It is said that the 18-29 population is saturated in cynicism and rampant in mistrust of the political system, making for a big challenge for campus activists to fan the political flames among their peers. But that hasn't stopped them.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

Derek Einhorn, 21, from West Bloomfield diligently takes notes on a fresh spiral notebook. Which wouldn't look out of the ordinary on a typical afternoon in a university classroom, except for what the senior English major happens to be jotting down for his own benefit.

Rather, he's devising ways to rouse people his age out to vote.

The group Einhorn belongs is Just Vote, one of several non-partisan campus organizations trying to accomplish such a goal through registration, education and getting people out to the polls on Nov. 3.

Along with nine other students, Einhorn sees his efforts as a civic obligation.

"It's important because, as people say, we're going to be the ones running this country," said Einhorn, who is a graduate of West Bloomfield High. "Also, it sends a message to our leaders now — that we are an important part of the population."

Important, yes, but politically active? Think again.

Statistics indicate people between 18-35 traditionally vote less than those older. The trend is expected to continue in this elec-

tion, according to pollsters.

A Times Mirror poll, quoted in U.S. News & World Report, predicts only 28 percent of those 35 and younger eligible are likely to vote for president this year.

Weaned-on MTV and raised in the conservative clover of the Reagan years, the 18-29 age population is one said to be saturated in cynicism and rampant in mistrust toward the political system. They've been told to expect less than their parents.

Thus, they have seemingly accepted the idea that they are unable to change the status quo.

"Young people expect a lot more out of government than any other age group," said Gregory Markus, a political science professor at U-M. "But they have the lowest voter turnout of any age group by far. They pay taxes . . . and expect services from the government."

"The notion there is something more to (political participation) than just paying taxes hasn't been put across to younger people."

With such a dire outlook, people tend to write off the post-baby-boomers as less effective in affecting change. But not all is gloom.

Markus says studies indicate political participation among col-



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lege students — who tend to fall into the 18-24 age group — is as high or higher than in the campus protest era of the '60s and '70s. "It just may take different forms, and not be as dramatic," he said.

Involvement is more likely to

Passing the word: Michelle Dube, a sophomore at Eastern Michigan University, tries to convince other students that there vote does count.

come in the less-confrontational form of voter education and registration.

Tim Leighton, 27, of Garden City is active in the non-partisan student political group Psi Sigma

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Time to share: Tami Curtis and daughter Brittany, 2 1/2, pick an apple during the Moms and Tots gettogether.

## Newcomers make time for Moms and tots trip

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

With all the talk about family values these days, Kim Jenkins knows that simply spending time together means a great deal.

"Definitely. Children aren't small all that long, and you need to do as much as you can with them," said Jenkins, Canton Newcomers Club vice president.

She and her daughters, Brianna, almost 3, and Andrea, 6 months, participated in a club get-together, a Moms and Tots group trip to Plymouth Orchards on Monday, Sept. 28.

"This is what we need to do with our children. Take time out to do things like the cider mill," said Jenkins, a Canton resident who works part time in human resources at Hudson's/Westland. "They just provide a nice program for the kids."

About 35 moms and children participated in the cider mill trip. The group heard a brief explanation of how apples grow and of the rules of the orchard, then headed out into the sunshine for some apple-picking and a wagon ride.

The morning included an opportunity to visit with the farm animals at Plymouth Orchards. Kids and their moms enjoyed cider and doughnuts before heading home.

Dawn Giombetti of Canton, another Moms and Tots member, decided to make the short trip to Plymouth Orchards with her sons, Dennis, 4, and Dylan, 18 months.

"It's an opportunity for us to get out of the house with our children and visit with other mothers," said Giombetti. Her family moved to Canton from Massachusetts one year ago, and she's found the Canton Newcomers Club has provided a great way to get acquainted with her new community.

"It was a perfect opportunity, really, to get involved. That's exactly the reason I joined Newcomers."

Giombetti, who'd worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative, decided to stay home full time with her children after moving to Michigan.

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# Italia '92 benefit gives LSO boost

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Charlene Maurin is use to selling tickets; Yunshen Wang usually does the covers for the programs.

They were just two members of the Livonia Symphony Society manning food and beverage tables, and in the case of Maurin and Wang, the ticket table at a Sept. 23 gathering at Jacobson's Laurel Park store.

The gala was a preview to the retailer's 19-day Italia '92 celebration, showcasing Italian influences in fashionable apparel, footwear, accessories and creative objects for the home.

A supporter of the symphony, Jacobson's also used the evening to promote the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and recognize the efforts of its maestro, Francesco DiBlasi.

More than 150 people sampled Italian food and beverages and watched a parade of Italian fashions during the evening, that Livonia Symphony Society president Ken Kelsey described as a "Getting to Know You" night for the community.

"This is a great opportunity to bring the orchestra out into the community and let the community get a feel for the orchestra," Kelsey said. "Jacobson's has been a patron of the symphony and asked us to be involved; anytime we can, we do it gladly."

DiBlasi has been with the orchestra since it began 18 years ago. Trained at Julliard, DiBlasi has performed with the New York City and Metropolitan Operas, American Symphony Orchestra and Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The symphony got its start as the Oakway Symphony, reflecting its ties with Wayne and Oakland counties. The orchestra was taken on and renamed the Livonia Symphony Orchestra several years ago when several communities dropped out to form their own orchestras.

"I really didn't think it would take this long (to be a first rate orchestra) but when Livonia grabbed us up three years ago, I knew we were on our way," said DiBlasi. "Every concert is first class this year; it's a true coming of age for the symphony."

The 19th season kicks off Saturday, Oct. 10, with pianist Ralph Votapek, winner of the Van Cliburn Competition. Other concerts

will feature trumpeter Armando Ghitalla (Nov. 14), conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk (Feb. 6) and flutist Alexander Zonjic (May 1).

Ticket sales and grants and foundations pay the salaries of the musicians who perform in the Church High School auditorium and perform chamber concerts at the Civic Center Library.

It was the job of Maurin and Wang to answer questions about the symphony's concert schedule and sell tickets. There were few takers, but that didn't bother the twosome.

Wang got involved with the symphony through its youth program. His daughter played violin. Maurin and her husband Peter are longtime volunteers. While she was promoting tickets, he was serving champagne.

"You have to be versatile," Maurin said.

And versatile was what DiBlasi was, rearranging his evening schedule to be there for a "surprise" presentation from State Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia. A humble DiBlasi was called on stage to accept a proclamation, signed by Bankes and Gov. John Engler, and received assurances from the former that she's still working on getting funding for the orchestra from the Michigan Council for the Arts.

"This is something you have to do for the city of Livonia," DiBlasi said of his work with the symphony. "Now we have a town identity that makes grants and foundation money accessible."

"Frank has done a tremendous job to get this orchestra where its sound and professionalism are the best they can be," said Kelsey. "And Jacobson's has been very wonderful to us over the years."

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra offers a Series A, B and C program this season. Series A consists of the Saturday evening concerts mentioned above. Series B, featuring works for chamber orchestra and small ensembles, offers three Friday evening concerts at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. Special guests artists are Joshua Cullen, pianist (Jan. 22), James Lentini, guitarist (Feb. 19) and the Michigan Ballet Co. (March 26). Series C are children's concerts at 2 p.m. Jan. 23, Feb. 20 and March 27 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium.



**Good time:** Oboist Kristen Williams and five other LSO members performed at Jacobson's Italia '92 preview, which included recognition of maestro, Francesco DiBlasi, by State Rep. Lyn Bankes.

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# Students from page 1H

Omega at Madonna University. He's also a deputy register, taking a class through Wayne County to become certified.

"A lot of times it's a lack of education," said Leighton, a social science major with an emphasis in political science. "They don't know who's running or they don't know anything about the candidate or they don't believe their vote means anything."

Michelle Dube, 19, of Birmingham finds herself in similar situations at Eastern Michigan University.

"I try to tell people the more people in our age group who vote it helps," said Dube, a 1991 graduate of Birmingham Seaholm. "In the past, people in our age group haven't voted because they don't think it matters. But it does."

But why, unlike their apathetic counterparts, have they become active? In many cases, a particular cause or special interest is a catalyst.

Einhorn is a member of Environmental Action, a group whose members are also involved in the Just Vote effort at U-M.

By getting more people his age to turn out, he believes elected officials will listen to their concerns.

"They're not going to unless they see that this generation cares," he said.

Political activism in others, such as Greg Shannon, 18, of Livonia have been partly influenced, ironically enough, by MTV and some rock'n'roll bands which have stressed the importance of voting to their younger audience.

The freshman at U-M is also involved in Just Vote, inspired by a similar endeavor Rock the Vote at a recent U2 concert.

"They (U2) were very pro-choice, and pro-Clinton. You could see that at during the concert," he said. "I asked a lot of people what they thought about it afterward and they didn't think rock stars should be doing that."

"I don't think a rock group should be telling me what person to vote for as president, but a lot of people listen to music and it's a good way to talk about the importance of registering to vote."

# Moms from page 1H

"So this was my first time at home with the kids," Giombetti's enjoyed meeting other mothers in the Moms and Tots group, and has found the children also benefit from spending time together.

"Oh, most definitely. It's a lot of fun, and important for them too. It helps them be a little more well-rounded."

The Moms and Tots meet for monthly activities and field trips, Jenkins said. Halloween and Christmas parties are held each year, and club membership isn't limited to recent arrivals. Jenkins, for example, has called Canton home for four years.

"We offer a lot in the Canton

community." Club activities are offered for families, along with evening programs designed with women who work outside the home in mind.

For information on the Moms and Tots group of the Canton Newcomers Club, call 451-2079. The Plymouth Newcomers Club also has a Moms and Tots group; its members will meet 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, for a visit to the Jay Richards pumpkin patch, 9133 N. Canton Center Road in Plymouth Township. Children will choose pumpkins and see the animals, and the group will then have lunch. For reservations or more information, call 451-7528.

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# Writer feels need to be in control of her feelings

## GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene, I'm in my mid-40s and right-handed. Generally, when I write, I print. But you wanted samples of both so I'll start with what my handwriting looks like. My father had a great deal of faith in graphology and once had the handwriting of my two brothers and I analyzed. Unfortunately, I was very young at the time and don't remember what was said.

Another time, some robberies occurred at a store my fa-

ther owned. He had a graphologist analyze the handwriting of a person recently hired. He was told the man had a history of dishonesty and was likely to steal. My father fired the new employee and the robberies stopped. At any rate, his experiences encouraged me to try writing you out of curiosity. And I would appreciate any feedback you have to offer.

B.M.,  
Plymouth

Control is the keyword in today's analysis. Our writer feels the need to be in control of feelings and judgments at all times. She is not given to emotional scenes nor snap judgments. She is inclined to stand back and assess a situation before involving her-

self. She believes in the motto "Look before you leap."

She has a deep seated penchant for privacy. Rarely does she reveal anything she wishes to keep confidential. I believe her confidants are carefully selected and limited to a very small number.

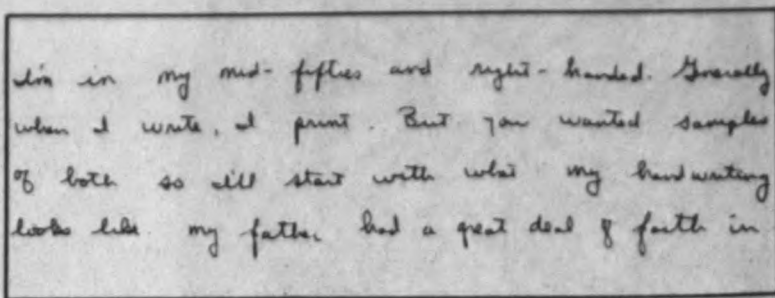
Friendships do not come easily to our writer. She appears to hold others at arm's length. She needs time and space for herself and probably enjoys periods of quiet and/or meditation. In the beauty of nature, she finds relaxation and pleasure.

This is an intelligent woman. She is curious and analytical about many things. She probably enjoys readings, often satisfying her curiosity in this way.

Her concentration is well developed. She likes to zero in on one thing at a time and can focus her intellectual energy totally on the task at hand. She has also been blessed with intuition which she can call upon when logic and facts do not furnish the answers.

She is cognizant of the impression she makes on others. A strong sense of pride conditions her work. She is well organized and capable. When faced with the need to make decisions, however, she can be indecisive at times.

Authority figures can be difficult for her to accept. Perhaps she experienced too much of this while growing up, so I can't help wondering if she is aware of her own need to dominate others. Sarcasm is her tool. She seems to feel



the best defense is an offense. Does she feel some lack of nurturing in her early life?

An aesthetic sense has a way of conditioning almost all she does. Her home as well as appearance would be neat and attractive, possibly more plain than ornate.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this

newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are helpful and objective feedback is always welcome. If you have two different styles of handwriting please include samples of each.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday the week prior to publication.

## ■ RUMMAGE SALES

Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, will have a "Duds 'N More" rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. For more information, call 728-1088.

The Ladies Guild of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton will have a fall rummage/bake sale 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22-23, at the church, 42690 Cherry Hill, west of Lilley. The Aid Association for Lutherans will give matching funds. For more information, call 981-0286.

## ■ RAQUELA HADASSAN

Carol King will speak on the status of abortion in Michigan when Raquela Hadassah meets at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the home of Sheryl Stoller in Farmington Hills. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 553-7426.

## ■ VOYAGERS

Voyagers Singles, a group for those 45 years and older, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Clara Scavo-Pare, a travel sales consultant for Berkley Tours and Travel, will make a presentation on tours, day trips and extended trips her company offers. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 591-1350.

## ■ SINGLE POINT

Singles will talk it over when Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church host a dating/relationship panel discussion at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 and 23. For more information, call 422-1854.

## ■ ADVENTURE

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, together with Big Kahuna's Surf Shops, will present a "Great Adventure Series" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, on Ann Arbor Road, just west of Canton Center in Plymouth Township. The evening will feature the Trinity House Street Theater Players and guest artist Jim Talbot. The program will feature contemporary Christian music and comedy skits; improvisation and audience participation will be included.

Tickets are free, but must be obtained in advance. Tickets are available at Eden's in Canton and Taylor, Village Bible & Bookstore in Northville, and Dickson's in Livonia. A freewill offering will be taken. Nursery care, valet parking and signing for the deaf will be provided. For more information, call 453-1525.

## ■ SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will hold a community spaghetti dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 in the fellowship hall, 26701 Joy Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads. Tickets cost \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 10 years and under. They're available by calling the church at 274-3820 between 9 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday.

## ■ POTLUCK DINNER

The Ambassadors of Village Presbyterian Church will sponsor an autumn potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. There also will be a fashion seminar for the women at 1 p.m. that day at Jacobson's Laurel Park store.

Other activities include a workshop to make banners for St. Andrew's Day at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and a men's breakfast served at 6 a.m. Wednesdays, followed by devotions. For more information, call the church at 534-7730.

## ■ NEW MOVIE

Covenant Community Church will show "Eye of the Storm" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at the church, 25800 Student, off Beech Daly north of Five Mile Road, Redford. In the film, a TV journalist deals with the death of his wife by immersing himself in his work, leaving his daughter alone and hurt. For more information, call 535-3100.

## ■ GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Ben Mathes of the Presbyterian Medical Benevolence Foundation will speak about the foundation's work at the 8:45 and 11 a.m. services and the adult forum at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at St. Paul's Presbyterian

Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The foundation raises money to provide equipment and support for more than 100 Presbyterian hospitals, clinics and teaching institutions.

## ■ SPECIAL CONCERT

Renown bass-baritone William Warfield will present a special concert of "Old American Songs and Spirituals" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St.

The concert will include selected sea chanteys, several familiar spirituals and Aaron's Copland's "Old American Songs." Tickets cost \$10 and seating is limited to 250. For reservations, call 349-0911 during business hours.

## ■ WOMEN'S AGLOW

The Farmington Chapter of Women's Aglow Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Jackie Smith, a full-time evangelist and licensed exhorter within the Church of God, will be the guest.

## ■ CELEBRATION MASS

As part of its continuing series, "The Columbus Quincentenary: The Enduring Legacy of 1492," Madonna University will have a public Mass of Celebration of Multiculturalism at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, in the campus chapel. The theme will be "Seeds of Change, Seeds of Hope." Music will be by Mariachi Noventa, one of the most authentic and best exponents of the music of Jalisco in the Detroit area.

For more information, call 591-5170. Madonna University is at I-96 and Levan in Livonia.

## ■ TEACHER APPRECIATION

Teacher Appreciation Sunday was celebrated Sept. 20 at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. The celebration included the installation of the school's new kindergarten teacher, Sharilyn O'Boyle.

Along with the sixth-eighth grade choir, members of the Westland Concert Choir, under the direction of Kurt Von Kampen, performed at the 11 a.m. service. A fellowship hour followed the program.

## ■ BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia, 2-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. Walk-ins are welcome.

## ■ HUNGER DINNER

St. John Neumann Catholic Church will sponsor a bean and rice hunger dinner and prayer service for Somalia 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton.

Well-known social activist Bishop Thomas Gumbleton will be the main speaker. He will discuss the issue of Third World starvation and the Christian social conscience. Families welcome. For more information, call Pat Block at 455-5910 or Renee Skoglund at 459-7264.

## ■ PRAYER BREAKFAST

Dr. William Greenman, a Christian psychologist, will be the speaker at the men's prayer breakfast 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile in Livonia. There is no charge. For more information, call 422-1826.

## ■ ACTION

ACTION Ministry, which provides support and practical help for people who are unemployed or changing careers, meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Meeting topics for October include "How to Create Your Own Position" with Waler Karguss III on Oct. 12 and a networking seminar with Jeanette Seibly on Oct. 26. For more information, call 422-1826.

## ■ NEW START

New Start, a group for widowed people, meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the chapel of Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. The group provides emotional and spiritual support for those who have lost loved ones.

Grief support groups will also meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7 and 21 and at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 15 and 29. On Tuesday, Oct. 13, Barbara George of Single Point will help participants decide "Where We Hang on Our Family Tree." For more information, call 422-1854.



Sharing time: In Lithuania to help with religious seminars, David Kasbow of Livonia (wearing the white hat) posed with some of his students at Thakai Castle in the southern part of that country.

## In CIS, the people are the story

BY DAVID KASBOW  
SPECIAL WRITER

Beets, I have always hated beets! And there they were, a whole plateful staring up at me, my first meal in the newly formed Commonwealth of Independent States. Well, almost in the CIS. Actually, I was aboard an Aeroflot plane, leaving Helsinki for Simferopol.

Not even on the ground and already I was confronted by my pledge that I would love these people and not complain about anything. That was January. Now in August, after my second trip, I can honestly say I like beets, the main reason being that they remind me of the great people I've met and worked with.

The mission on both trips was to hold seminars for high school and college students on religion, ethics and values. In January, I was in the Crimea. In August it was in Lithuania.

Of all the striking points of this culture, one has to start with the character of these people. They are so much like us in their sense of humor and use of logic, but at the same time they are so different.

This is not the West. They use their last names first, count on the abacus, think in terms of the group instead of the individual and lived under a monarchy for 1,000 years like the Asians.

But, unlike anything I've seen in Asia, they are crazy about America and Americans. I took out my wallet once to show some pictures, and they dissected everything. They were fascinated by credit cards, bank cards, the phone card, blood donor card, Social Security card, insurance card and driver license.

## Intense interest

The interest is intense. They

## ■ The interest is intense. They watch everything, how you walk, what kind watch you have, what kind of pants, shirt and ties.

watch everything: how you walk, what kind watch you have, what kind of pants, shirt and ties. It got so that I told them just focusing on the things we have will not make them happy or improve their country.

It was surprising to realize that in many ways they are better than us. They have a kind of innocence that is so lacking in American young people. They don't have the drugs and pornography; their happiness comes from relationships not material things.

I also had to admit that when compared to American students, they were better. Their English was fluent, their subjects were physics and molecular biology and such. We had two students of architecture who could speak four languages. At our evenings of entertainment, they would play piano or violin or sing Russian classical pieces.

Their questions about religion are sincere and deep. I've never had an American student ask me to compare Kant's view of God to Jesus. Their interest in religion is strong, partially because it was banned and is a kind of political statement. But for others there is a sincere desire to find direction for their lives.

A few students in our seminars had some kind of religious teaching as they grew up. We were very moved by their stories. A common theme was centered around the "babushka," the grandmother, who kept a Bible hidden and would teach her grandchildren

about God in spite of such teaching being prohibited. These women were God's secret weapon through the 70 years of communist rule. They are the bridge between their Christian past and the present.

The interest in God is there, but for most it is very difficult to experience spiritual reality. For these students even to close their eyes and reflect on some peaceful scene was a new experience.

Our seminars were mostly 7- and 10-days long. The first goal was to love them, lift them up and put some joy in their lives. We poured out everything. Beyond the lectures on the Bible, we had entertainment, sports, contests, outings, discussions and singing.

They love to sing. After we sang our hearts out in the day's program, they would continue until lights out. We had American songs, and they added their traditional Russian and Ukrainian favorites.

The seven days for them were really a thawing-out period. It is a new beginning for them, and I feel, a very bright one.

## Sensitive people

On the practical side of life, they are very sensitive about their shortcomings. They are a proud people, and they know much of their technology can't measure up to ours. For me, they as people were so good that the inconveniences seemed small.

However, if you go there looking for an American-style vacation,

you will be disappointed. In a word, being there is like traveling back to the 1930s. I could really see the difference between an advanced nation that has been blessed by God and one that has not.

You don't put toilet paper in the toilet because the sewer system can't handle it. It is put in a basket next to the toilet. Hot water comes on twice a day, once in the morning once in the evening.

In the shops is a motley collection of merchandise, maybe two irons, five sweaters, some light bulbs, some cosmetics and a boom box. Don't worry, though, you will know when something good comes in because there will be a line outside the store. However, the famous line outside the Moscow McDonald's is now short because the price for them is too high.

We discussed with the students the issue of American aid. They are not sure what America can do. I believe we should help them in any way we can because in the end we will benefit. It's not just because we can relax our military but because we will gain from their 1,000 years of culture.

At the moment they are in the middle of a tremendously difficult transition, but because their character, they will develop rapidly. We received the blessing of God first but from this time it may be coming to them.

David Kasbow, 41, of Livonia has a master's degree in religious education from the Unification Seminary in Barrytown, N.Y. He traveled to the former Soviet Union through the auspices of the Collegiate Association for Research of Principles of the Unification Church. While there, he taught a 21-day seminar for students.

## BAZAARS

## ■ ST. AIDAN

St. Aidan's ninth annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. There will be 81 crafters, hot and cold lunches and bake sale. The \$1 admission includes the crafter raffle. For more information, call 471-4552.

## ■ HANDCRAFTERS

Handcrafters Unlimited Inc. will have an arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 10 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, Northville. Admission will be \$1.50 and lunch will be available. No strollers allowed.

## ■ ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN

Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The show will be in the school gymnasium and will feature lunch and baked goods. For more information, call Sherrye at 326-7362.

## ■ ST. RAPHAEL

St. Raphael School will have an arts and crafts show 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 11 in the school gymnasium, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City. Tables are \$15 each. For more information, call 425-9771 between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

## ■ HOMESPUN TRADITIONS

Homespun Traditions will have a fall craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. There will be a selection of country, Victorian and folk art available. Admission will be \$2.

## ■ ST. THEODORE

St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women's annual Busy Bee Boutique 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For information, call Mary at 425-4421.

## ■ ST. RICHARD'S

St. Richard's Women's Guild's 20th annual craft fair 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 35851 Cherry Hill Road, between Wayne and Newburgh, Westland. There will be more than 30 crafters, refreshments and a raffle.

## ■ ST. DAMIAN

Crafters are needed for the St. Damian School annual arts and crafts show 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 24 at 29825 Joy, Westland. Rental is \$28 for an eight-foot table. For more information, call 454-0376 or 421-5605.

## ■ WASHINGTON PTA

The PTA of Washington Elementary School, Hix and Ann Arbor

roads, Livonia, will sponsor a fall arts and crafts fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Lunch will be served. For more information, call 953-0465.

## ■ CHERRY HILL

Cherry Hill United Methodist Women's annual bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the church, 321 S. Ridge in Canton. It will feature crafts, pottery and dolls, along with a white elephant sale and bakery. There will be a noon luncheon.

## ■ MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University will have a juried arts and crafts showcase 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7-8 at the university, Schoolcraft and Levan. For more information, call 591-5127.

## ■ LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson Band Boosters will sponsor their first annual craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile. The show will feature more than 100 exhibitors, lunch and snacks. Table space is still available. For more information, call Linda at 525-5337.

## ■ WILDWOOD

The Parent-Teacher Association of Wildwood School will have its annual arts and craft show 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Nov. 7 at the school, 500 N. Wildwood at Cherry Hill Road, Westland. There will more than 70 crafters and lunch by Hungry Howie's.

## ■ LIVONIA ELKS

The Livonia Elks' annual craft sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Elks Lodge, Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman Road, Livonia. Table rental can be arranged by calling 261-1696.

## ■ CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church's seventh annual Dandy Dabbler's Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. There will be more than 50 crafters, a bake sale and lunch room. For table information, call Ruth at 591-0630.

## ■ BULMAN CO-OP

The Bulman Co-Op Nursery School will sponsor a craft auction and raffle 1-3:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

## ■ GOOD SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd Reformed Church needs crafters for a craft fair 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Cost is \$25 per table. For more information, call 721-0304 or 728-0751.

# Foundation has cause for applause

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Hearty congratulations were served along with the food during the Canton Community Foundation breakfast celebration.

The annual "Cause for Applause" get-together was held Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. It included the presentation of a clock to the Rev. William Myers, immediate past president of the foundation.

"I thought I was always on time," Myers said, adding that he enjoyed his time on the foundation's board of directors. "It was truly an honor and high point of my life. I just stand in awe of the commitment from people like yourselves."

Without such widespread community support, the foundation wouldn't be able to provide programming in the arts, human services and other areas. "The foundation wouldn't exist and there would be no awards to give," said Myers.

The breakfast celebration was the fourth such annual get-together, the first having been held at Fellows Creek Golf Club. "We announced what was thought to be a radical departure for community foundations," said William Joyner, executive director.

The foundation provides educational scholarships and grants to students. Its Canton Economic Club luncheon series has brought a number of high-profile speakers to the community.

Counseling is provided through Canton Family Services, with the assistance of Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County and of Catholic Social Services of Wayne County. Northwestern Community Services takes some referrals for clients Canton Family Services isn't able to help, Joyner said.

A number of area businesspeo-

ple, public officials and residents who've assisted with foundation programs and activities were recognized during the breakfast. The Team 100 fund-raising effort, which began in early September and will continue into October, has raised \$76,000 of the \$100,000 goal.

"You've been a major part of making that happen," Joyner said, thanking donors and members of the three teams working on the project. "The Community Foundation has benefited as a direct result of your efforts."

"We're not about checks," he added. "We're about getting people involved in a community that's in its infancy."

Canton Township Clerk Loren Bennett thanked hard-working volunteers "who will take so much time out of their busy schedules to accomplish the kind of things the foundation accomplishes."

Current foundation president Phyllis Redfern also thanked the volunteers for taking time to help; the foundation was founded on the belief it should be all-inclusive, representing all parts of the community, she said.

"We are proof that the sum of the parts is greater than the whole."

The annual "Canton Night" at Eastern Michigan University will be Saturday, Oct. 3, for the EMU-Miami University football game. The Canton Chamber of Commerce, working with the Canton Community Foundation, has arranged for a car caravan to leave the township administration building at 4 p.m. There will be a tailgate party for Canton residents and friends. Tickets are \$10, and proceeds will be used for a veterans memorial in the township. For information, call Linda Shapona, 453-4040, or William Joyner, 454-5427.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Leading the way: Phyllis Redfern of Canton is the current president of the Canton Community Foundation. Her term began in June and will continue through next May.

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in the kitchen area and test them regularly. Keep bleach and dishwashing detergents which can be harmful if digested in the top kitchen cabinets. Knives should be stored properly and not left on the edge of the table or counters. A good practice to teach all children is to push chairs underneath the table after use.

Remember to turn pot handles inward on the stove. Another safety precaution would be to use burner covers and/or safety caps on the stove knobs whenever the stove is not in use.

Parents and care-givers should think seriously about purchasing a fire extinguisher, one with a rating of at least 2A10BC. The Michigan Department of Social Services' child day care licensing requires all in-home registered and licensed child care professionals to have extinguishers of that rating or higher.

### The living room

Secure all rugs and carpeting to the floor. Relocate all poisonous plants and breakables to high lev-

els. And use safety covers on edges of coffee tables. Secure long telephone and other cords with cap hooks and use safety coverings and caps over outlets not being used.

Use safety dividers or barriers to deter children from wandering off in unsupervised areas. According to 16-year-old high school student John H., "Avoid putting liquids of any kind on the TV and around radios and other electric appliances accessible to children. I have to remind myself of that safety precaution often. Speaking from experience, shocks are no fun."

A final word, what adults may need as safety gadgets or protectors can be bought at most local hardware stores and through children's toy and equipment manufacturers and retailers. Check your Yellow Pages under those headings.

And remember think safety first in child care practices, whether at home, in school or day care or while traveling.

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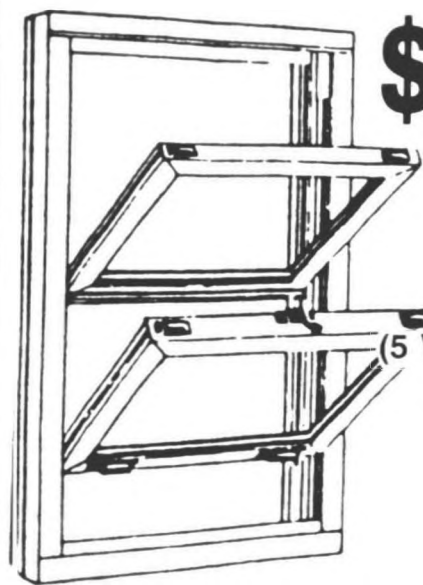
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# Do-it-yourself buffs push consumer rights

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

**T**here's a gladiator in the area — a consumer gladiator. Many years ago, Joe Gagnon, now president of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, received that name from a Detroit daily newspaper. The name stuck.

Since then, Gagnon has worked overtime trying to educate the public. He's a consultant to Detroit's consumer affairs director and hosts a radio talk show "The Appliance and Consumer Doctor" (WCAR-AM, 1090, Garden City; and WAAM-AM (1600), Ann Arbor).

Gagnon has assisted many consumers in small claims court cases. He prefers to teach people how to fix their own appliances. Gagnon gives the following tips:

- Ask lots of questions before you deal with a business. If you're not satisfied with the responses or the attitude of the salesperson, don't conduct business there.
- Make inquiries with the local chamber of commerce, the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's office. Ask the business for references.
- Ask family and friends which companies they have used. Word of mouth advertising is still the best method of expanding a business.
- Don't use telephone book advertising as a bible on ethics. Some ads placed in newspapers are "come-on" ads with low-ball pricing designed to bring you in. Use care when dealing with advertised prices because the cheapest price is not always the best buy.

Gagnon, president of Carmack Appliance & Service Co. in Garden City, estimates that consumers have a 1-in-3 chance of being

cheated on appliance repairs.

He's finishing a 300-400-page book he expects to be in bookstores by Christmas. The book, expected to be published by Master Handyman Press in Royal Oak, will focus on the appliance industry in general. Topics include dealer structure, advertising methods, telephone book advertising, product failures unknown to the world, and product maintenance and repair.

"It's a book that Ralph Nader should have written," Gagnon said.

Gagnon's not the only author on the do-it-yourself book scene. For nine years, Glenn Haegge has hosted "Ask the Handyman" on WXYT-AM (1270), Southfield, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday.

If you have a do-it-yourself question, Haegge's got the answer. His 166-page book, "Fix it Fast & Easy," is a treasure trove of answers.

Haegge also includes a tip from Gagnon in his book: Tip No. 108 — "What's the Best Way to Clear the Drain Hole in the Back of my Frost-Free Refrigerator?"

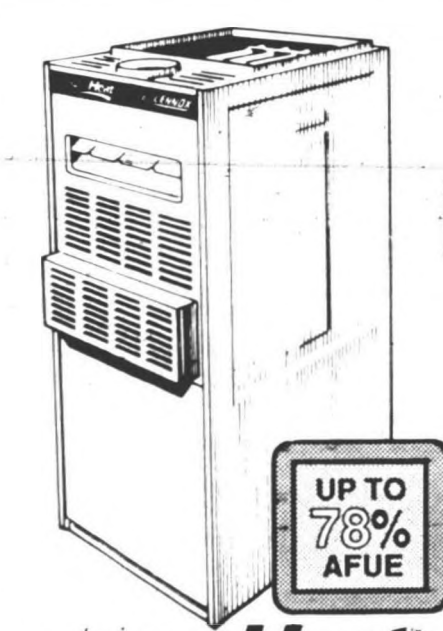
Haegge's book is constructed to further aid the do-it-yourselfer.

"The binding is a special 'Lay-Flat' binding called Otabind," Haegge said. "The technology is newly imported from Europe. This special binding makes it so that the book will never close on you in the middle of a project. Just press down and the book will stay open."

"The pages are extra thick so you won't tear them in the middle of a job. The type is big so that if it's a hot day and your glasses keep falling off, most of you will still be able to follow the directions. The tips have been laid out so that you almost never have to turn a page in the middle of a tip once you start a project."



'Consumer Gladiator': Joe Gagnon, a consumer protection advocate, hosts "The Appliance and Consumer Doctor" on McLean Hunter cablevision in Garden City.



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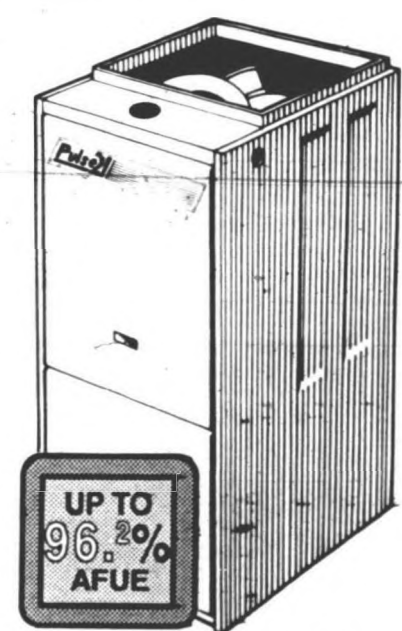
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# Keep up furnace to cool down fuel bill

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

**B**uying a new energy-efficient furnace is not the only way to save energy and cut heating costs. Upkeep through annual heating and cooling inspections to maintain high-energy efficiency also is recommended by area heating contractors.

But beware of telemarketers who claim they will clean and inspect your furnace for \$19.95, said Fred Angell, service manager for S & M Heating Sales in Southfield.

"It's a come-on," Angell said. "There's no way possible."

Both Angell and Deb Dodd, a public information specialist with Consumers Power, which also does cleaning and inspections, quoted estimates at \$50 and \$49, respectively. Mich Con customers can get the same for heating only at \$28; after 4 p.m. and Saturday service calls are available for \$42, said Bob Sirkle, field service operations director.

"Common sense dictates that if you have a \$60,000 truck with \$30,000 worth of material, you can't make a service call that cheaply," Angell said.

Disreputable heating contractors use low prices to get in the house, then either charge the customer for an exorbitant amount of parts or recommend buying a new furnace entirely, Angell said.

"It's like an operation," he said. "Always get a second opinion. Call the city and get a reference."

Sirkle and Dodd recommend calling the Better Business Bureau. "Be suspicious of anyone calling or leaving a handbill," Sirkle said.

Some homeowners elect to install a new thermostat to save energy dollars.

Digital setback thermostats allow the homeowner to set a different temperature for morning, afternoon, evening and night. The settings can be different for a two-day weekend as compared to weekdays. Savings can amount to 10 percent

for each 10 degrees the heat is set back, according to the White Rodgers thermostat manufacturing company.

For instance, setting the thermostat back from 70 to 60 degrees for eight hours every day can reduce the monthly fuel bill by 10 percent.

This kind of savings will soon pay for the thermostat itself, which costs about \$200 installed, said Tom Leckie, vice-president of Bergstrom's Inc., a Livonia-based heating, plumbing and air conditioning supplier.

Two-person working households can save even more by setting back the temperature for two consecutive eight-hour periods, with about 20 percent savings.

For air conditioning, a set-up of five degrees — from 75 to 80 degrees — for eight hours each day can result in a 12 to 14 percent saving.

A 10-degree set-up can result in savings of 19-22 percent, according to Honeywell, Inc. another thermostat maker.

These thermostats can be installed with new or existing furnaces.

Sometimes, something simple, like dust, can affect a thermostat's performance, Angell said.

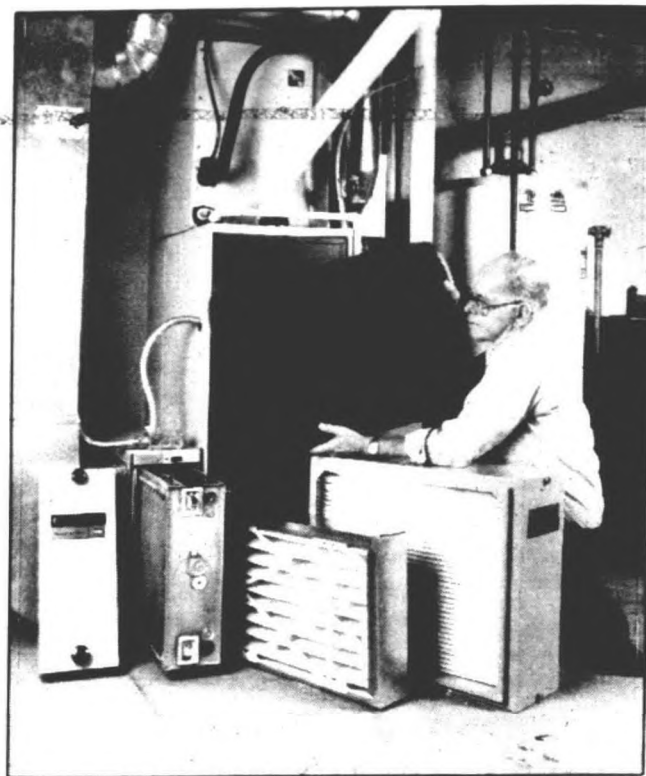
With computer-age furnaces that light themselves and automatically control heat levels for cost efficiency, the only weak link left in the system is the human who is supposed to clean the filter.

Dirty air filters are the top cause of furnace complaints today.

The old top problem — "The pilot is out and it won't light" — has been virtually eliminated by the new electronic ignition systems.

Dirty filters slow down the air flow and prevent the house from heating sufficiently, which also puts a strain on the blower motor.

Although the average life of a furnace is 15 to 20 years, a blower motor typically



**Filter watch:**  
Consultant Don Ritenour of Bergstrom's Inc. in Livonia shows four types of furnace filters: (from left) electronic, high-efficiency throwaway, paper media and (in his hands) washable.

only lasts about seven, said heating and furnace expert Don Ritenour of Bergstrom's.

With dirty filters, the motor life can be considerably less. "And it usually burns out on one of the coldest nights of the winter since that's when your furnace has to work the hardest," Ritenour said.

In addition, if the house has central air conditioning, the evaporator coils in the furnace aren't kept clean.

Ritenour recommends cleaning or changing furnace filters at least every two months during the heating and cooling season. Angell recommends that electronic air cleaners be cleaned once a month, especially if an asthmatic resides in the house.

Filters come in three basic types:

- **Throwaways** — These are the cheapest to buy, just a dollar or two each, depending on size, but are the most expensive in the long run. Ritenour recommends buying four or six at a time, so you don't have to run to the store for a new filter each time.

- **Washables** — These cost slightly

more, \$5 to \$7, depending on size, but are more convenient because you don't have to run to the store for a replacement. They also eliminate the waste factor of throwaways.

- **Paper media** — These cost \$30 to \$35 each but are more efficient at collecting dust than the throwaways and washables. They fit into a filter frame, which cost \$300 to \$350 to install in the furnace.

- **Electronic** — Although costing \$500 to \$600, these are a must for allergy sufferers. They use electronically charged wires to collect the fine dust and pollen from the air as well as containing washable filters to collect the larger dust particles. In many cases, with a doctor's prescription, the cost can be deducted on your income tax.

A non-electronic air cleaner also is available for about \$275 installed. These don't require frequent washings like the electronic air cleaner. To maintain, you just install a new \$32 cartridge filter annually, Angell said.

"Too many companies have lost the idea of what service is," Angell said.



WILLIAM HANSEN

**On the job:** Fred Angell, service manager for S & M Heating Sales in Southfield, is shown in the company's sheet metal shop, where ductwork is made.

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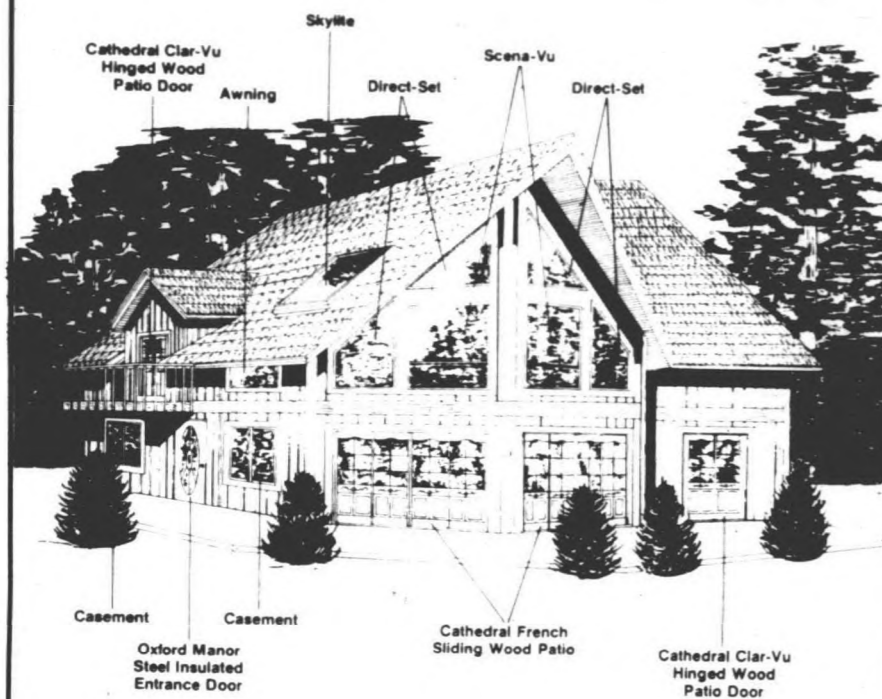
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# Spruce up windows while saving energy

BY BRIAN ALEXANDER  
SPECIAL WRITER

**W**indows are probably the most often overlooked feature of a home. After all, every house has windows and aren't all windows alike?

Not by a long shot. It may be tough to get all worked up about windows but windows have undergone something of a revolution in the last 20 years and are improving all the time.

Not only can replacing your old windows completely alter the interior and exterior look of your home, they also can offer major saving enhancements.

Perhaps your house was built before 1940. If you have double-hung windows, you may not be able to open them.

If you can, you may find them difficult to operate because the interior balances of the windows are two sandcast lead weights attached to the windows by a rope stretched over a pulley.

Many times, these old ropes have broken, making it impossible to keep a window open.

Your windows work fine? Good. Check out the window structure, especially its exterior. Old windows were made of wood and wood alone. Wood rots.

Wood also expands and contracts with heat and cold, leaving spaces between the window assembly and walls. That translates into less of hot or cold air and higher utility bills.

Even if your old windows are in perfect order, consider the opportunities for adding more windows to bring light and air into your home or new design elements in rooms like bathrooms or bedrooms.

### New windows

These days, you can create bay windows, window walls, windows in the roof, a door of windows, a corner of windows, just about anything you can imagine.

Usually, new and replacement windows come in two types wood and aluminum. Both have their advantages but most new wood windows are better than aluminum. They look better, they insulate better and they just feel better.

Their main drawback when compared to aluminum windows is their cost. They are sometimes twice as expensive as aluminum. Wood windows from makers such as Andersen, Pella, Pozzi and Marvin come equipped with a variety of vinyl

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coatings that make them virtually immune to rot or wear. The coatings are on the exterior portions of the windows. The interior is normally left bare so the consumer can paint or finish it as he or she chooses.

These new windows have much better insulating properties. They come in single, double and triple glazes. Some offer special "E-glass" (low emissivity) designed to reduce heating bills in winter and air conditioning bills in summer.

Tom Pulliam, vice president of Pella Windows in West Bloomfield, advises homeowners to study their needs and discuss what features they want.

"Novice customers should look at product quality," Pulliam said. "On windows that are wood, they should look at craftsmanship. Lines should be neat, clean and put together well."

Wood should not be finger-jointed or patched on the interior, Pulliam added.

Consumers, he said, also may opt for aluminum-clad windows that are maintenance free. Quality of the hardware and weatherstripping should be studied.

If you refuse to replace your old windows, then consider buying low-E films. Several firms, including 3M and Courtaids Performance Films, make these adhesive films that have the optical clarity of glass and attach directly to existing windows.

There's another option that has been popular since "Miami Vice" aired on television: glass block.

Architects and makers love these things. No wonder. They are relatively inexpensive, yet they impart a rich look. They are especially useful in contemporary houses made with stucco exteriors.

Glass block is often used around bathtubs and showers to create a light-filled interior space that's opaque to an outside viewer. Sometimes they are used as accents around entry ways and in stairwells to admit light. And because they are made of two pieces of glass sealed in the middle, they are very energy efficient.

### Skylights

Perhaps the most innovative use of windows is in the roof and near the ceiling. Roof windows, or skylights, can make a small space look large and infuse huge amounts of light into formerly dark areas. Clerestory windows add light and architectural interest.

What we used to call skylights, those translucent bubbles attached to the roof, have almost disappeared. Newer models are more like windows for the roof.

While there are many advantages to roof windows there also are some drawbacks.

Installing them is complicated. If there is space between the roof and ceiling, a light tunnel must be built to admit the light into the living spaces. Roof windows, especially those above crawl spaces, should also be vented to prevent heat

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One course of action is to use pots, pans, buckets, etc., to catch the water and then wait for the weather to improve. That, however, is not the best approach. You need to locate the source of the leak while it's still raining. If you wait until everything has dried up, you might look forever for the source of that drip.

If possible, look on the underside of the roof (from the attic, for example) for the spot where the water is going through the ceiling. This point of entry is rarely directly over the dripping, but mark the spot so you have a starting point later.

Follow the drip (or witness) to what appears to be its source. Look for water stains on rafters and, in the daylight, for pinpricks of light in the roof. Take a very careful look around anything that goes through the roof (chimney stack or vent pipe). Areas where two roof slopes meet, such as valleys, dormers and ridges, deserve special attention. When you think you have found the source, mark it.

At this point, all you may be able to do is find the source. If the problem is so bad it needs immediate attention, staple, tack or nail a sheet of plastic or building paper over the damage. Weigh the risk of venturing onto a wet and possibly windy roof against the potential water damage very carefully.

Once the weather has improved, get on the roof and look for the source of the

problem. The way to locate it on the outside is by driving a thin nail up through the roof from the spot you marked inside.

The most likely places for leaks to develop occur where asphalt or wood shingles appear cracked or worn, or where slate and tile is broken or even missing. Take a careful look at all places where there is flashing (the metal seams around objects protruding through the roof), such as chimneys. Also examine areas where different roof slopes meet or where skylights exist.

Small leaks often found around flashed areas can be fixed with a liberal application of roofing tar or sometimes more neatly with caulk squeezed from a caulking gun.

Shingles that are torn, cracked or missing can often be made leakproof by sliding a piece of flashing up underneath, nailing it in place and then covering the nail holes and edges of the flashing with roofing tar. Force the flashing up with a block of wood. You may need to do this on several adjacent courses.

Repairs that involve more than applications of roofing tar can become complicated and are probably best left to professionals. The same is true for repairs in which the shingles are excessively worn, cracked, lacking their gravel coating or, if wooden, covered in moss or split. Asphalt and wood shingles do not last forever. Their deterioration and replacement is eventually unavoidable. Although slate and tile are considerably more expensive, they will last much longer.

## Everyday items aid clean-up

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

**Y**ou've poured Worcestershire sauce on your favorite steak many times; now dribble some sauce on a much-loved piece of brass to polish it.

Hidden within our shelves and cupboards, lurking in our refrigerators, everyday kitchen items can find other uses throughout every room in the house.

It didn't take Chef Larry Janes, an Observer & Eccentric food columnist, long recently to research additional uses for many items.

Begin with that grungy ceramic tile. It will sparkle with a simple recipe: one-quarter cup baking soda, one-half cup white vinegar and one cup ammonia.

"But it's not a keeper," Janes said. "It can't be stored. You need to use it soon."

Don't throw out that old, flat cola drink. Pour a cup into the toilet and let it soak for one-half hour to clean it. The bowl will even impress the Tidy Bowl man.

Have your kids gone sticker crazy? The popular childhood hobby often results in stickers stuck in the wrong place — like

wood tables and doors. "Vegetable oil will remove paper stickers stuck on tables," Janes said.

Leftover liquid tea also is good for cleaning varnished furniture, Janes said. Ice cubes, put in place and allowed to melt, will remove the indentation that furniture makes on the carpet, he said.

Oops, did you drop a raw egg while you were putting the groceries away? Don't fret. "Cover the egg with salt and let it sit for 15 minutes," Janes said. "You'll be able to sweep it up."

Still another Janes recipe keeps drains running free: mix one cup baking soda, one cup table salt and one-quarter cup cream of tartar.

"Store this in a clean jar marked 'Cleaner'," Janes said. "To use, pour one-quarter cup in the drain and add one cup boiling water."

And don't forget septic tanks. To keep them running freely, mix two envelopes of dry yeast, one pound of brown sugar and four cups of warm (not hot) water. "Allow to rest until foamy, then flush down the toilet," Janes said.

## Shape-up ideas to consider

**A potpourri of home improvement tidbits:**

### ■ FURNITURE ZONES

One affordable way to refresh an interior is to rearrange the furniture. Make a living room flexible by creating different areas, such as chairs grouped cozily around a fireplace and a rug for kids to lounge on while they watch television.

### ■ NEW LIFE

Refinishing isn't the only way to give old furniture a new life. Consider the different roles furniture can play. An old bureau can go from a bedroom to the living room for extra storage; a chaise lounge brought indoors and dressed up with indoor-quality cushions and pillows can serve as a comfortable place to read.

### ■ SMALL DETAILS

Don't overlook small touches that can perk up a room. Consider painting door-knobs soft gold, using decorative switch-plates and highlighting beloved photographs with distinctive frames.

### ■ DESIGN DICTUM

Every industry has its own slang and interior designers have their lingo, too. "Cactus and coyote" refers to mass-marketed Southwestern furniture. Mass-

marketed country style is "duck and basket." Design that looks great but is unreliable is called "Alfa Romeo." By the same token, "Volvo" design is like the car, sturdy but staid.

### ■ LOW INCOME, LOW RISK

Contrary to common belief, lenders are finding that low-income borrowers aren't necessarily a bad credit risk. In fact, lending programs designed for low-income neighborhoods experience a lower rate of default than standard loans in more affluent communities.

### ■ OWNERSHIP AMBITIONS

Owning a home is still the American Dream. In a recent survey, people said they would rather buy a home than retire 10 years early by a 3-1 ratio. People also are willing to commute farther to work if it means buying a home instead of renting.

### ■ GARAGE SALE SAVVY

Here are some tips for a successful garage sale: Advertise with homemade signs and a classified ad in the newspaper, and only have the sale for one day. Items that sell well include furniture, books, jewelry and women's lingerie.

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# Painting know-how increases longevity

**W**hen housepaint blisters, peels, cracks, flakes or mildews, the tendency is to blame the paint instead of the painter. More often than not, the painter is responsible, not for being a bad painter, but for being unaware of or ignoring the source of the problems.

Professional painters and paint company researchers know moisture is the worst paint enemy. Homeowners need to battle this aggressor when doing their own painting.

The interior of the average home produces a large amount of moisture throughout the year. During winter, that moisture plays the greatest havoc on exterior painted walls. Moisture accumulates on the inside of the walls, where it's eventually drawn through to the outside by the sun's heat. Moisture on wood siding and the paint covering it spell trouble.

To combat the negative effects of moisture, first find the source. Depending upon your particular circumstances, it could be improper venting, water leaking from the roof gutters or plumbing, or rain getting into siding through seams and gaps around doors and windows.

After locating the source of moisture, eliminate it by sealing up all cracks, openings and leaks. Provide proper ventilation by installing roof or wall-mounted ventilator ducts and fans in moisture-producing areas. Vent tubes or under-lap vents can help relieve the moisture build-up in a wall. Using a vapor-proof paint on interior walls also can help.

With the moisture problem solved, it's time to take a look at the second paint enemy: poor surface preparation.

Lack of proper priming, applying new paint over chipped, cracked or chalked paint, or a heavy build-up of old paint is a guarantee that problems will soon follow. Applying a second or third coat of paint before the previous coat completely dries also can lead to trouble.

Begin all painting jobs by properly priming wood and metal surfaces. If the old paint is damaged, use a scraper, paint remover or power sander to remove all loose paint.

Then, either feather edge the remaining paint areas or use a filler or caulking to smooth the surface before priming. If you intend to give your house a second coat of paint, be sure to wait until the first coat has had plenty of time to dry. The improved appearance of your home and the money saved by a paint job that lasts are well worth the extra effort.

# Buyer beware — Don't become victim of fraud

**BY SUE BUCK**  
STAFF WRITER

**D**on't call us, we'll call you. That should be the refrain of every homeowner whose doorstep has been darkened by an uninvited salesperson or was invaded by his counterpart, who intrudes via telephone at the dinner hour, police say.

That kind of sales pitch usually ends up padding the seller's pockets but selling the consumer short.

"It's the annual rite of spring when everybody gets ripped off," said Garden City police officer Harold Penxa, who has spoken to both crime prevention and law enforcement groups about unscrupulous salespeople.

"If it seems too good to be true, it probably is," Penxa said. "There's no such thing as a free lunch."

Metro-Detroit police have seen it all. They say that red flags should go up every time a door-to-door salesperson arrives.

Some scams keep recurring. Two common scams involve driveway sealing and the "water department rebate." The latter has been around for about 30 years, Penxa said.

In the first scenario, driveway "sealers" are in the neighborhood and ready to do your driveway for an amazingly low price. The only trouble is, before long, and always after the "sealers" have left, the driveway begins to peel.

When approached, always ask for identification, get a second opinion and call the police, if suspicious. Do this even if the salespeople look professional, wear work uniforms and tote clipboards.

The group most vulnerable are senior citizens. "They hang on to their money," Penxa said.

Children of the 1920s and 1930s, many elderly are still extremely frugal, distrust banks and store large quantities of money in their home, Penxa said.

Thieves know this. But how do thieves target their victims?

Penxa wondered the same thing. Not long ago, in a controlled environment at Southern Michigan Prison near Jackson, Penxa questioned these slick con artists.

"They look for cultural signs," Penxa said. "They have ways to spot their targets. They (thieves) are pretty good social scientists."

Among many clues that thieves look for in spotting the elderly: fruit trees in the front yard, a lamp in the center of the picture window, painted rocks, painted

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flower borders, elderly people doing yard work during the day, or no basketball hoops.

Police departments do their best to educate. But even that isn't enough. There's always a segment of the population that preys on another.

In the water department scam, a pair of workmen come to the door and tell the elderly they were overcharged \$50 on their last water bill. Unfortunately, they only have a \$100 bill and ask if the person has change. The elderly person goes to the cash reserve while the con team observes.

Next, the con artists try to divert attention. One goes down to the basement to look at pipes, instructing the elderly to watch for bubbles in the stream of water coming from the kitchen sink.

While one con artist goes down to inspect the pipes and starts banging away downstairs, the other con man goes to the cash reserve, sometimes a safe, and "cleans out" the homeowner.

Unfortunately, only 50 percent of the elderly file formal police reports after this happens. "They're afraid that their family will call them incompetent," Penxa said.

Police estimate that while this scam is sporadic, there has been a decrease in the last seven years.

In 85 percent of these water department scams, the thieves average \$500-\$2,000 per victim. Sometimes the offender gets as much as \$3,500, Penxa said.

Glen Haege, radio talk show host of WXYT-AM (1270), provides tips on his program "Ask the Handyman" 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sundays.

Every season has its opportunists, Haege says, whether it's the driveway sealers or the roofers.

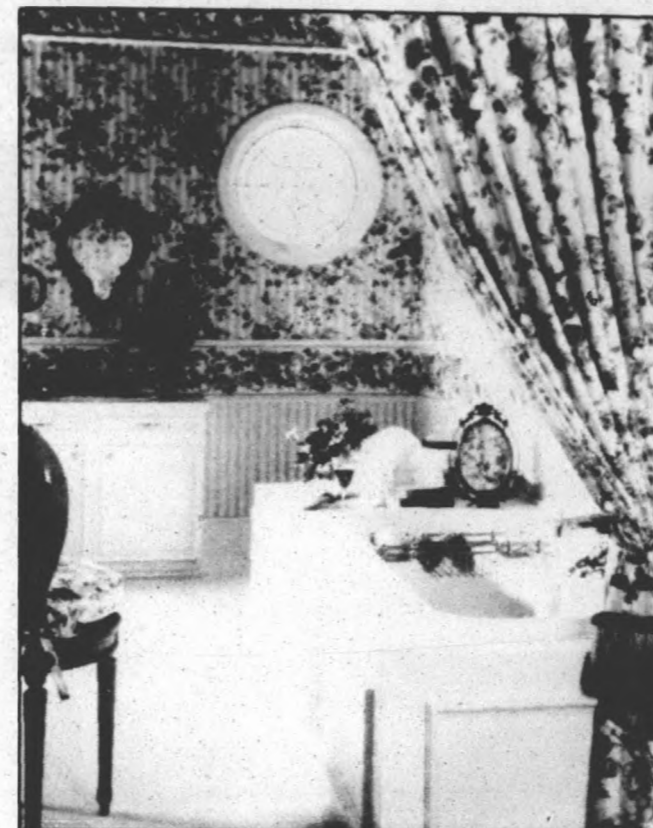
Another often preyed-upon group is the newly widowed. Shady businessmen closely study obituaries and take advantage of the situation, Haege said.

"Check their bragging rights (references)," Haege advised. "Your checkbook is the most important tool in your toolbox."

Haege recently teamed up with Kevin McCabe of McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills helping the newly widowed.

When a loved one dies, especially a husband, "guess who ends up being the do-it-yourselfer?" Haege asked.

**Bathroom beauty:** A few luxurious touches can turn any bathroom into an inviting haven. Large whirlpool tubs in the master suite are popular and provide a getaway ambience. Shown: Wallcovering and fabric by Village.



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**Add creature comforts to bathroom amenities**

BY SUSAN BROERMAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Not long ago, the bathroom was considered a mundane part of the American home.

The "necessary room," as it originally was called, usually contained no more than a toilet, sink and bathtub. Homeowners never spent more time than was necessary in these basic, boxlike rooms.

These days, however, the rules have changed. In the '90s, spaciousness, style and attention to detail are the hallmarks of many of today's bathroom designs.

These rooms frequently are devoted more to leisure and comfort because home buyers want a private place to escape.

Douglas Buster, director of home design and development for a Midwest home builder, says the larger master bathroom plays an increasingly prominent role in today's double-income households, where a husband and wife must simultaneously prepare for work. And parents also have found they want bathrooms separate from their children's.

Master bathrooms contained within lavish bedroom suites incorporate such sought-after amenities as sitdown areas to apply makeup, separate showers and enclosed toilets to offer a sense of roominess and privacy. Long, double-bowl vanities often are raised 3½ to four inches above the norm to bring the sink area closer to its users.

"We carefully design each bathroom to fully utilize all available space," Buster said. "Today's larger master bathrooms are no longer centered around the bath itself. Most of the master bathrooms in

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Elegance no longer is restricted to formal rooms, such as a living room or dining room, in the home. An abundance of marble, ceramic tile and glass in the master bathroom transform a "necessary" room into an extras room.

In many of today's home designs, skylights, standard windows and transom windows over tubs are prominent features in the master bath, allowing natural light to flood the room. Also, a wide use of extended mirrors creates not only more reflected light but also the impression of more space.

Many homeowners create comfortable atmospheres with large built-in, fiberglass garden tubs or whirlpool tubs to soak in after a hard day's work or play. Fiberglass tubs are not only economical, they come in many styles and colors and can match perfectly just about any room.

"Home buyers simply are no longer content with conventional washrooms," Buster said.

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# Play it smart when doing it yourself

BY MIKE DALE  
SPECIAL WRITER

The notion of building something yourself is frightening to most people, until it's demystified.

Homeowners once reluctant to install a garage door opener are remodeling entire homes, room by room. Warehouses, lumberyards and tool rental companies are feeding the do-it-yourself home remodeling trend with plenty of good advice.

Many national home center chains, such as Home Depot and Builders Square, offer classes for customers on the installation of ceiling tile and linoleum, how to patch holes in walls, repair a dripping faucet, build a deck or landscape a lot. Do-it-yourselfers also can get assistance in an ample supply of books, magazines and instructional videos found in local stores.

Computer-aided design programs are being adapted by some home centers to help consumers plan a new kitchen or deck. They also work with local contractors in marketing and installing fencing, doors, vinyl siding, replacement windows, screen enclosures, roofing, storage systems and home security operations.

But home improvement experts advise that the novice remodeler shouldn't tackle major structural renovations — room additions, new exterior siding or a kitchen makeover — without first consulting a professional.

The time is right for remodeling, according to the National Association of Home Builders. It's forecasting growth in home values to be 5 percent to 8 percent annually for the rest of the decade.

Some home improvements are financially smart, say analysts, because they bring a near-full return on initial investment.

An example: Owners who sink \$20,000 into major kitchen repairs (new appliances, floor, cabinets and increased space) recoup 98 percent of their investment in five to 10 years. Minor kitchen repairs should give 100 percent return when the house sells.

Major bathroom makeovers return 98 percent of money invested, and replacing rooms, insulation and fireplaces all give a 60 percent return on your original outlay.

There are a number of ways to finance a remodel. Not all sources are right for every project, so choose carefully. You might think about:

- Refinancing your first mortgage.
- Getting a fixed-term second mortgage.
- Securing a home improvement loan, qualifying for home-equity lines of credit.
- Getting an unsecured personal loan.
- Using personal savings.
- Borrowing against insurance and pension funds, like a 401K plan.

Makeovers within the four walls of your home are appropriate when your objective is not more space, but better space.

In larger homes, for example, it's often possible to combine a series of small rooms to create larger, lighter spaces that are better-suited to modern living.

Adding on is preferable when you have



Remodeling roulette: An organized workshop makes it easy for do-it-yourselfers to stay on top of home maintenance projects.

the square footage you need, but it's in the wrong place. But before getting too excited about expansion, check local building codes and ordinances. Additions may be limited by setback requirements, height limitations or zoning.

And don't forget to increase the limits on your homeowner's insurance, which will mean higher premiums, once the renovation is complete.

Beyond simple home maintenance projects, there are many home-improvement projects easily managed by homeowners who are handy. Three of the most popular do-it-yourself projects are painting, maintaining garage doors and installing redwood decks.

In the car-culture 1990s, garage doors continue to dominate the facade of many homes, so it's important that they are maintained. Wood doors require regular

scraping and refinishing. Steel, aluminum and vinyl doors are low-maintenance alternatives that are easy to install with ready-made kits.

Adding a redwood deck is right behind kitchens and bathrooms as a remodel favorite.

Some tips from the California Redwood Association: plan a deck that reflects the style of your house; mix and match deck stains to complement the colors of your house; design your deck for entertaining by incorporating built-in benches; anticipate cooking and dining with a built-in grill or a cabinet/service counter, and note the orientation of your deck to the sun (some families enjoy shade; others prefer sunshine).

The secret to successful painting is preparation; painting is the easy part. Be

sure to remove old finishes before adding new coats of paint. Chemical strippers soften and dissolve old finishes. Heat guns make old paint blister and bubble. Power sanders scratch away tough surfaces.

Exteriors should be painted in three colors: a basic field color for siding or brick, a trim color for borders or windows, and an accent color for shutters. Interiors are best left to softer shades. Bare walls, ceilings, floors and furniture are good candidates for more creative, stencil techniques.

Other popular at-home tasks include waterproofing concrete walkways, installing a fireplace mantel and water-saving toilets, repairing leaky pipes, and replacing old-fashioned two-slot electrical outlets with the grounded, three-slot receptacles now required for many appliances.

Large-scale structural renovations — such as room additions may require hiring a contractor.

Hiring someone in the field can be intimidating. But these tips should make the process smoother:

- Check all of a contractor's references.
- Verify that the contractor is licensed. Ask him if he has liability insurance.
- Take note of the contractor's personality. If he has a shop, visit it.
- Check the Better Business Bureau office for complaints filed against him.
- Beware of hiring the lowest bidder. And get everything, even estimates, in writing.

## Equip toolbox with essentials

BY MIKE DALE  
SPECIAL WRITER

Having proper tools makes home improvement projects go smoother. Needed tools vary from task to task, but every handyman must have the basics:

- A ladder.
- A putty knife.
- A circular saw for cutting across the grain of wood, a hack saw for cutting metals and a keyhole saw to cut circular openings.
- An electric drill.
- A block plane to shave wood (it's handy for trimming door edges).

- A hammer, vice grip pliers, a ratchet wrench and a set of open-ended wrenches.
- An assortment of screwdrivers, both hand and power driven.

● Safety goggles and a dust mask. Many other tools can be bought for certain jobs. Home repair manuals and your home improvement store may recommend buying specific tools for such projects. Heed their advice.

Perhaps some of the pricier tools could be borrowed from a friend or acquaintance rather than purchased outright.

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from building up in attics. These factors add cost.

Replacing windows is no easy task for average do-it-yourselfers. Unless you've done it before, hire a carpenter to install your new windows.

Some windows will come to match the opening if the old windows were a standard size and some will require the opening to be slightly enlarged or reduced. If you are placing windows where there was no old opening, the help of a carpenter is even more critical.

When it is necessary to use extra pieces of lumber in the opening apart from the wood included in the window assembly, the carpenter should be sure to use treated wood.

Place insulation in any areas around the window where gaps occur. Also be sure the carpenter generously caulks the window where it meets the exterior wall to seal it against weather.

### Window treatments

Window treatments are also changing, mostly for the better.

While the traditional draperies, valances and sheers are still appropriate in many settings, especially formally decorated homes, there are a host of new op-

tions.

Hunter Douglas's Duette Division makes a new product called Duette Chinoise, a pleated shade that looks something like woven silk and pulls up or down. There are a variety of other pleated woven window treatments and shades available from several manufacturers.

One other interesting product is called Silhouette, a cross between a sheer sheath and miniblinds. In this case, the miniblinds are fabric slats placed between two layers of sheer fabric.

For a look that's a little more high-tech, try using a basic miniblind frame, with the thin slats removed and replaced with clear or colored acrylic tubes. You can make these yourself for very little money.

Staff writer Susan Buck contributed to this report.

### New homes to grow

New homes in the 21st Century will be bigger (about 2,500 square feet), but on smaller lots.

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