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Board seeks new trustee; residents can apply

By Diane Gale
staff writer

If you want to serve on the Canton Township Board, write a letter of interest to the Canton clerk's office, but don't wait too long to decide. The deadline is one week from today.

The board is taking names of residents interested in finishing the four-year term begun last November by Hank Whalen. He died last month.

The letter must be sent to township hall, 1150 S. Canton Center,

Canton 48188 by 5 p.m. Oct. 23. The board is expected to fill the post at a special meeting Oct. 26.

The letters would have a second purpose as sources for appointments on township committees and commissions, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said.

"I will enjoy having a list of interested people to turn to," Yack said.

PHIL LAJOY, active in the Canton Soccer League, is most often talked about as the person likely to be ap-

pointed.

"He obviously is a guy worthy of consideration, just like a lot of people," Yack said.

LaJoy bowed out when his name was mentioned to fill a board of trustee vacancy in the past. However, now LaJoy said he's ready to take on the responsibilities.

"If they (trustees) would want me to do it I would be happy to do it," said LaJoy, owner of Norrell Services in Washtenaw County, a temporary placement service.

"I got to thinking I probably would have to reduce activities," he said.

LaJoy has been involved in Canton soccer leagues for more than 10 years. He also serves on the Canton Merit Commission, and teaches marketing and sales for Plymouth-Canton Schools adult education.

"I've always wanted to serve and I feel like now is a good time," he said.

TRUSTEE BOB SHEFFERLY said he is against the appointment policy set up by the board last week.

Trustees should pick a candidate from the last election, he said.

"I felt the election was only a year away and it seems to me those people put a lot of their time, money, and effort in and they should receive first choice as far as choosing a trustee," Shefferly said.

Only Republican candidates running for trustee were voted into office in November 1988.

"The electorate felt they did want a Republican," Shefferly said. Of the trustee candidates who

weren't elected last year, Bob Greenstein and Ralph Shufeldt gathered the most votes. They should be given the first consideration in the appointment, Shefferly said.

SHEFFERLY WAS the only dissenter on the vote last week deciding how the board would appoint a trustee.

Trustee John Prenickzy was absent. Trustee Elaine Kirchgatter, clerk Loren Bennett, treasurer Gerald Brown and Yack were in favor of the policy.

Class size in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

	1988-89	1989-1990
Allen Elementary	29	27
Bird Elementary	29	27
Eriksson Elementary	30	27
Farrand Elementary	27.5	27
Fiegel Elementary	30	27
Field Elementary	29	26.5
Gallimore Elementary	28	27
Hoben Elementary	29	27.5
Hulsing Elementary	28.5	27
Isbister Elementary	27	27.5
Miller Elementary	29.5	28
Smith Elementary	27	26.5
Central Middle School		
East Middle School	36	30
Lowell Middle School	28.5	27.5
Pioneer Middle School	33	30.5
West Middle School	33	30
Canton High School	31	29
Salem High School	31	29

*Central Middle School Principal Pat Moore said she couldn't release figures without permission from Dick Egli, administrative assistant for community relations. Egli could not be reached. These figures are estimates based on Fourth Friday enrollment totals.

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Since a school board-appointed citizens' committee recommended in May that class sizes be lowered in Plymouth-Canton schools, voters have approved a tax increase and a tax renewal.

But, while class size has come down to maximum recommended levels in the middle and high schools, more than half of the district's elementary schools exceed optimum levels.

Peggy Kalis, who served on the Committee Researching Educational Workings, told the school board recently, "At our school, (Farrand), I see no difference. In fact, I see an increase in class size. Parents are coming in and saying, 'Why is this? We passed the millage.'"

Norm Kee, assistant superintendent for employee relations, told Kalis, "The problem is students don't come in neat packages. There should be some relief in some classes."

MICHAEL HOMES, assistant superintendent for instruction, said "We haven't been as successful as some would have liked."

Superintendent John Hoben said "To change size by adding one or dropping one is a \$700,000 item. In some buildings we're really handcuffed because we don't have any more space."

The tax provided \$720,000 to hire 24 teachers. So far, 20.5 teachers have been added. CREW anticipated the roadblocks and suggested the following strategies to overcome them:

- Reassign teachers to provide relief in elementary grades first.
- Use aides in classes that exceed the maximum of 25 students up through second grade and 30 in grades three through five.
- Consider a bond issue to build an elementary school and eventually a middle and high school.
- Appoint teachers, administrators and parents to a class size review board to recommend optimum

class size for specific grades and subjects and to handle special cases.

"Research indicates that in classrooms with smaller teacher-student ratios, the atmosphere is less hectic, teacher morale is better, instruction is more individualized, and students, particularly those at risk, achieve better," CREW said in its report.

"This committee recognizes the long-sustained reputation of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for excellence. We feel that in order to maintain this standard, this issue must be of the highest priority."

A FEW WEEKS AGO, members of CREW, which also examined curriculum, finance and other areas, received a progress report from school officials.

Asked whether any recommendation was pursued by the administration, Pam DeNeen, committee co-

chairman said, "To the best of my knowledge, I'd have to say probably not."

"I know they're trying to keep the lower elementary classes down because of the developmental program going in (at the first-grade level), but in terms of any official reduction, I'm not aware of any."

DeNeen, who substitute teaches for the district, said she feels like "a person who understands both sides of the fence. Class size, I believe, is a priority with everyone."

"From getting as involved as I have on the parent side of this and through CREW, I can see where the difficulties are in finding money and space. The biggest problem I see is space. There are no empty classrooms around."

"To be honest, I think we will have to look at districtwide redistricting. I think that even with a bond issue,

we still need to look at boundaries again. May be that's an equal opportunity way to irritate everybody."

SUPERINTENDENT Hoben says that "overall, class size averages are better than they were a year ago, particularly in grades K-5."

"I would expect that at the secondary level, it would be even more pronounced because we're staffed at the same ratio as a year ago (and enrollment is down)."

Hoben isn't convinced that lowering class size is necessary.

"I think it's agreed that in classes over 40, size is a significant factor."

But, said Hoben, recent studies show "no measurable relationship" between class size and student achievement. "The same is true for teacher experience, education and

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Grade school classes are large

Many elementary schools struggle with overcrowding

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

While class size is improved over last year in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, many elementary schools are still wrestling with overcrowding.

At Miller Elementary in Canton, every classroom in grades one through five contains more students than the number recommended by the district's Housing Committee. Both the Housing Committee and the Committee Researching Educational Workings say that ideally, class size should be limited to 25 in kindergarten through the second grade, and to 28 for grades three through five.

Here are some examples of overcrowding at local elementary

schools:

- At Eriksson Elementary in Canton, all three fifth-grade classes contain 34 children.
- At Bird, all classes in grades two through four are over the recommended levels.
- Farrand has all first and second graders in classes exceeding 25 students. Both fifth-grade and two fourth-grade classes have more than 30 students.
- At Fiegel, all five second-grade classrooms exceed 25 students. All three Fiegel fourth-grade classes have 30 or more students.
- Field has all fifth graders in classes of 32 students.
- At Gallimore, all second- and third-grade classes exceed recommended levels, as do two of the three

fourth-grade classes.

• At Hoben, three classes in the first, second and third grades are above optimum levels.

• At Hulsing, all three fourth-grade classes have more than 28 students, as do three third-grade and three second-grade classrooms.

• At Isbister, all four first grades have classes exceeding 26.

• At Smith, all three first grades have 26 students. Two fifth grades have 31 students.

Enrollment averages at the district's 12 elementaries are: 24 in kindergarten, 26 in first grade, 28 in second grade, 28 in third grade, 29 in fourth grade and 29 in fifth grade.

Building principals, in most cases, say that to reach ideal levels, one or two more classrooms are needed.

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Man to face trial on robbery charge

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A Westland man, who is recovering from being shot three times when arrested by Canton police, was bound over Friday to face trial on armed robbery and assault charge in Detroit's Records Court.

Jeffrey A. Bushbacher, 31, who is still wearing bandages on his arm, waived preliminary hearings on both charges in 35th District Court before Judge John MacDonald.

BUSHBACHER WAS remanded to Wayne County Jail Friday after failing to post a \$500,000 cash bond that was continued by MacDonald.

Since his arraignment on one count of armed robbery Sept. 12 in a Westland Medical Center room, Bushbacher has been back and forth between jail and the hospital, said Canton police Detective Keith Lazar. He receives treatment for a gunshot wound to his elbow, and is in the custody of Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

In a plea Friday to MacDonald for a lower bond, he said: "I recently got married and bought a new house."

"I am employed . . . and never had a problem with tickets," said Bushbacher, employed at Auburn Machine Manufacturers, Detroit.

Carolyn Alterman, the clerk at Canton's Dairy Mart, who gave police information that led to Bushbacher's arrest was in court Friday.

Bushbacher's wife, the daughter of an area police officer, also was in court.

AFTER THE proceedings, Alterman said she was concerned about Bushbacher's whereabouts and the progress of the case.

"I don't think he should get away scot-free," she said. "What he did was wrong. I don't wish anyone wrong. But I wouldn't want him to do to someone else what he did to me."

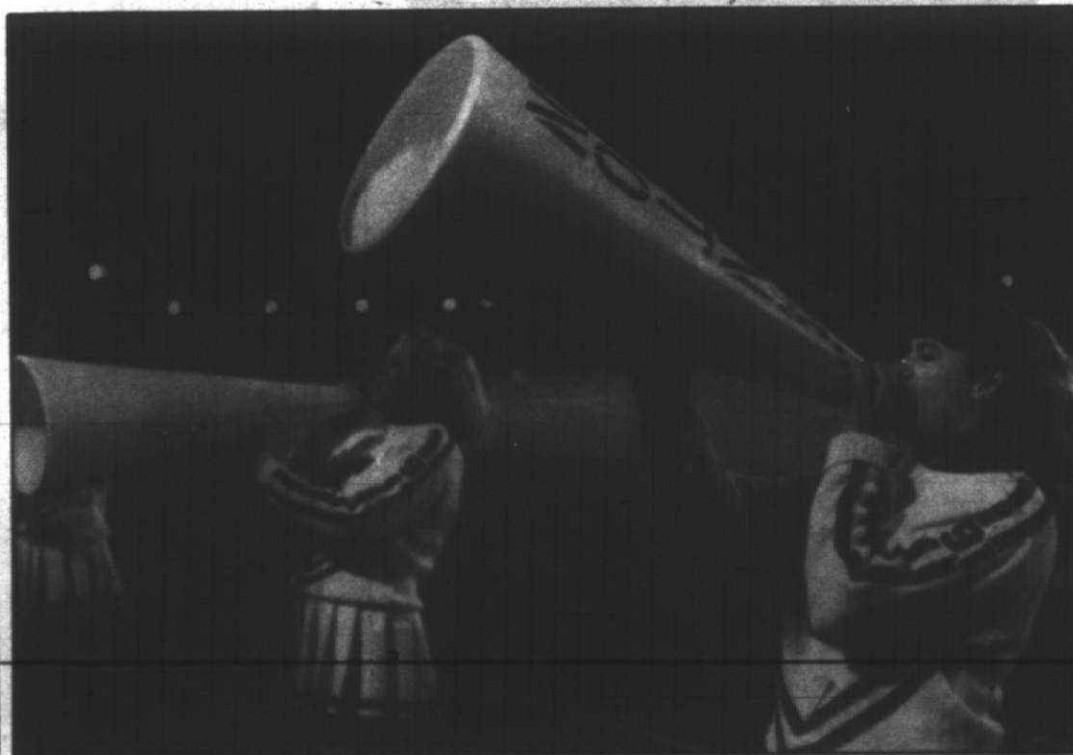
Bushbacher is charged with robbing the convenience store Sept. 10, threatening Alterman with a screwdriver or a knife and escaping with an estimated \$350 in cash and lottery tickets.

Alterman told police that a man entered the store about 7 p.m. and asked to buy meat. As she walked to the counter, the man grabbed her from behind and forced her to lock the front door of the store. He ordered her to stand in the store's walk-in cooler and threatened to kill her if she moved, she said.

The man asked Alterman for keys to the safe and back door and when she said she had neither key he left through the front door.

Two young boys, who are regular customers in the store, followed the man to his car, took note of the license plate and gave the number to police.

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BILL SPESLER/staff photographer

Super spirit

Varsity cheerleaders Brooke Anderson (left) and Lisa Robinson try to fire up the crowd at the Canton Chiefs-Harrison Hawks game

Friday night, when the Western Division title was on the line. For more on the game, please turn to Page 1C.

Reward offered in slaying of resident

By Diane Gale staff writer

A \$1,000 reward is being offered to help police identify the person who fatally shot Canton resident Beverly Wivell.

She was found unconscious on the side of the road Sept. 18 in Washtenaw County's Superior Township.

Almost a month after her death police haven't made an arrest. However, a reward was offered jointly through the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and Superior Township for anyone with information that leads to the arrest and/or conviction of the murder suspect.

Wivell, 30, was on her way to Griffin Park on Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads in Canton, before she was shot, according to Detective Lt. James Fink of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

However, he declined to say how long she was headed to the park or why he believed she was going there.

Wivell's body was found on Godfredson Road south of Ford Road in a rural area of Washtenaw County.

POLICE LEARNED of Wivell's identity after a Canton resident reported that a 1984 blue Pontiac was parked near Griffin Park. The car was traced to her. No blood was found in the car, police reported.

Sheriff's deputies found Wivell lying unconscious at 10:20 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18, after a motorist reported seeing the body. A Super-

ior Township official established the reward system a year ago to encourage residents to help police solve major crimes. No money has been paid out of the fund, Fink said.

Fink said someone in Canton Township or Superior Township may know something that could lead to an arrest in the Wivell case.

Anyone with information is asked to call 971-7185 or 973-7711.

Police given handy helpers

Chimpanzee hand puppets have been added to the Canton police and fire force to help children deal with traumatic situations.

"We'll get as many as we need, but we received an initial installment of 40," said Pat Neebeck, Canton police information officer.

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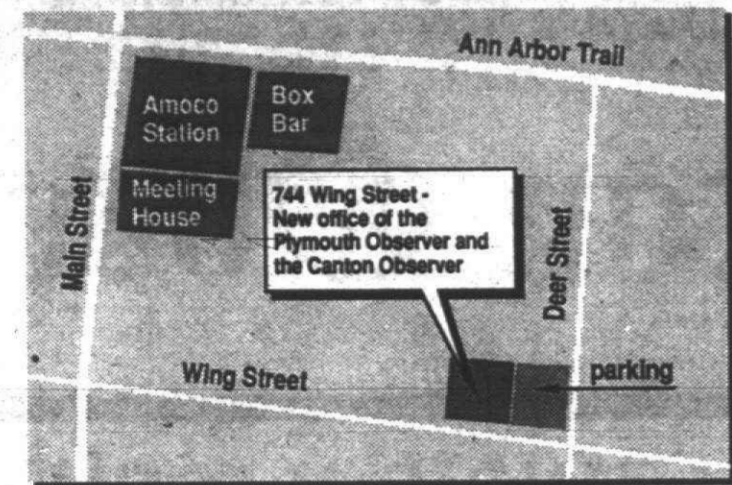
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Volunteer honors planned

The Celebrate Canton Committee is establishing a Canton Volunteer Hall of Fame and a Canton Volunteer of the Year program.

Committee organizers are requesting nominations for awards. "The Celebrate Canton Committee will judge the nominations and determine the appropriate awards," according to Janice Cepela, committee chairwoman.

The awards will be presented on March 10, 1990, at a Celebrate Canton Dinner Dance.

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Lowell teacher Extra Miler

Home sought for exchange student, 16



Sara Purdy sorts plastic containers, while Ryan Braidwood and Carla D'Ascenzo stack newspapers.

Canton looks at change in tax abatement policy

By Diane Gale staff writer

Businesses will have a tougher time getting a tax abatement, if Canton Township officials have their way.

Canton Township Tom Yack has started a campaign to review the way the township board hands out abatements of up to 50 percent for 12 years.

"We're moving away from a policy where everyone gets a 'yes' to evaluating each on a set of criteria," Yack said.

This year 20 Canton businesses saved \$405,009 on township property taxes through abatements.

Critics say that's money lost to the township, while others say the firms wouldn't have come to the township without them.

Tax abatements are controversial. They are used by communities to lure industrial businesses. In some

cases, community officials have said industries pit communities against each other by seeking the abatement.

"If they don't get a 50 percent break for 12 years, I think more often than not they will still locate here," Yack said.

THIS YEAR the largest tax breaks went to:

- American Yazaki, \$101,854 of taxes was abated. The contract for

the Yazaki abatement is extended through 1997.

- Procoil Steel, \$86,335 of taxes was abated.
- Meer Dental, \$39,375 of taxes was abated.
- Meisel-Sysco, \$36,162 of taxes was abated.
- CAP Development, \$28,224 of taxes was abated.

Yack surveyed officials from surrounding communities about their abatement policy.

"Almost all of the 38 industrial abatements (in Livonia) were for companies already in Livonia or moving from another city or township in Michigan," according to a letter from Livonia Mayor Robert D. Bennett to Yack.

Livonia has publicly called for the state Legislature to end 50 percent tax exemption for industries that move from one city to another city within Michigan, Bennett said.

"Cities and townships within Michigan are creating an uneven tax burden for similar industries without competing tax breaks," Bennett wrote. "Uniformity of tax burden is threatened and destroyed by each approval."

Between 15 and 20 companies have moved from Livonia to Canton in the past 10 years, according to Dave Nicholson, Canton community and economic development director. Canton offered abatements and land for growing Livonia businesses.

Principals are concerned about teacher-student ratio

By M.B. Dillon staff writer

Like her colleagues in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Eriksson Elementary Principal Judith Ireson is concerned about class size.

All of Eriksson's fifth graders have 34 children, which is "absolutely shocking," said Ireson. "I wouldn't want to see any more than 28."

"Children have such a wide range of needs, teachers need to work with them individually. It's hard with such high numbers to give them the type of instruction you'd like them to have."

First grades throughout the district are implementing a new program that allows children to progress at their own pace. "To be effective, class size (in first grade) should be 16-20," said Ireson. "Twenty-five is way too many. That really concerns me, and the teachers too. You can't do as much as you'd like."

"We added two full-time teachers. We owe a real thank you to our community and our school board (for passing the tax increase)."

Allen Elementary School Principal James Burt said that with one or two classrooms, he could achieve ideal class sizes.

"The more teacher contact there is with each individual student in terms of helping the student learn and make progress, the better off the student is. Teacher-child contact time is crucial," Burt said.

CAROL NICHOLS, principal at Farrand Elementary, said there's been a "slight improvement this year."

"It's not as much as we would like, but it's the best we can do this year," Sam Barresi, principal at Miller, said he was able to "add another teacher as a result of the success of the 4-mill proposition, which definitely helps. Overall, class size has improved."

Claudia Kulnis said, "It's really not bad" at Smith Elementary where she's principal. "But any reduction always helps because there's a better ratio. But we have such wonderfully trained teachers we've been able to manage."

High school classes are smaller, but staff is same

By M.B. Dillon staff writer

At Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools, academic class size averages have dropped from 30 or 31 last year to 28 or 29 this year, according to Dick Bearup, area coordinator in charge of scheduling.

"We're better off at the high schools this year because we have 211 fewer students and the same number of staff," said Bearup.

"Some classes have 32, and some have 26. But it's pretty comfortable. We're kind of proud of the academic ratio. Kids are getting a break on that," he said.

The picture at the district's five middle schools is less clear. Fourth Friday figures show districtwide averages of 29 in the sixth grade, 26 in the seventh grade, 25 in the eighth grade and 27 in the ninth grade.

THOSE NUMBERS, however, reflect home rooms, not academic classes. Some schools have more teachers than homerooms, said Superintendent John Hoban.

Judith Stone is principal at West Middle School, where four portable classrooms are in use.

Class size at West has dropped from 32 last year to 30 this fall.

"We have eight or nine students over last year, and no more full-time staffers. That's 10 more teaching hours," she said.

Cheryl Johnson, principal at East Middle School, said class sizes there have dropped from 35 to 37 last year to 36 or lower this year.

"We did what we told voters we'd do," said Johnson. "More physical space makes a big difference. In middle school, kids are growing and active."

"Obviously, teachers have more time to deal with students on an individual basis if they're dealing with 150 students per day versus 175."

"It would make no difference if you sent me 100 teachers if I don't have the rooms to put them in."

— Carl Taylor principal at Pioneer Middle School

CARL TAYLOR, principal at Pioneer Middle School, said classes there vary in size from 32 in ninth-grade geometry to 24 in Introduction to Business.

Lower class sizes "are noticeable in some classes, but we're still governed by the curriculum. We may have a class that hits 17, and another that hits 28."

Taylor said that there's no space for additional teachers.

"It would make no difference if you sent me 100 teachers if I don't have the rooms to put them in. It's like trying to fit a family with four kids in a two-bedroom house."

Patricia Patton is principal at Lowell Middle School, where enrollment is relatively low at 618.

"Just by virtue of the fact that we have a smaller enrollment, I think it's easier," said Patton. "We've lost population, and that brings us down."

In some ways, we're in a more fortunate position.

"Each one of my counselors teaches one class to help class size," added Patton.

"Ideally, I would like to see counselors counseling full time. And our librarian isn't here a full day."

"We try to give kids what they want to take. If your child ended up in a class that's larger, you're not going to feel there's any change," said Patton. No class at Lowell has more than 35 students.

Central Middle School Principal Pat Moore said she wasn't authorized to discuss class size without the permission of Dick Egli, administrative assistant for community relations, who was unavailable.

Continued from Page 1 salary and expenditures per pupil. What we do is get a lot of ballyhoo from unions and other places," Hoban said.

Plymouth-Canton schools' support staff, including learning and reading specialists and librarians, contribute to "a measure of quality that has made our district's program better than some others," Hoban said.

"But having them does get into the per-pupil ratio. We're trying to level off classes as fairly as possible."

"That does require additional staff."

Students pick up on recycling examples

By Kevin Brown staff writer

Some Plymouth-Canton schools elementary students could teach adults a thing or two about recycling.

At Iabister Elementary in Plymouth Township, writing paper, cardboard, newspapers, tin cans and plastics are being collected by students in every grade for Canton Recycling.

And in Corrine Childs second-grade class, students "are writing to the president and to manufacturers to ask them not to use so much packing," which adds to waste, said Janet Cameron.

It was Cameron, whose son Phillip attended Childs' class last year, who helped get the project going at Iabister.

A NATIVE of England, Cameron moved to Canton three years ago when her husband, Phillip, took a new job.

"In England in the town where I lived (Leamington Spa), it was fairly easy to recycle glass," at English bottle banks, she said.

Cameron was surprised that non-returnable bottles weren't being recycled in Canton.

She learned of Canton Recycling and trained with the company. Then last spring, Cameron — who taught school in England — talked to her son's class about recycling.

"It's important to make the children aware of taking care of their community, the whole world."

AFTER THE recycling effort began in Childs' classroom last spring, "Some of the other teachers heard about it and said 'I want to do that, too.'"

This year, Cameron did a 30-minute program before 16 classes in grades one through five at Iabister. Cameron, Childs and teachers Debbie Newman and Sharon Paul organized a school-wide recycling effort this year.

"The kids are really enthusiastic. They're very keen to do this," Cameron said.

During the week, writing paper is collected in boxes in each kindergarten through fifth-grade room.

ON FRIDAYS, students bring newspapers, cans and plastics. Parent volunteers take the material to the recycling center.

"I think the reason parents and teachers wanted to do this is so children would learn at an early age about recycling," Childs said.

Lowell teacher Extra Miler

The Extra-Miler award has been given to Doris Balconi, a teacher at Lowell Middle School.

The award is given each month to employees of the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Balconi has worked for the district twice. Starting in 1966, she was a teacher for two years, but resigned to raise her family. She returned in September 1974 as a part-time worker in the Pupils Learning Useful Skills program. In 1975 she moved back into a full-time position at Fiegel Elementary

School. Currently she teaches social studies to seventh and eighth graders at Lowell.

She received the award for her work with the Young Authors Program, coaching the Lowell track team and sharing solutions to educational problems with her colleagues.

She has served on the district's computer education committee and has also been active with the sorority of women in education, Delta Kappa Gamma.

Plymouth Rotary Club is seeking a home for a 16-year-old Brazilian boy attending Plymouth-Canton Schools.

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Robbery arraignment set



Jeffrey A. Bushbacher cradled his arm wounded by Canton Police after an armed robbery last September. He was in 35th District Court Friday to face charges on one count of armed robbery and one count of felonious assault.

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Canton Officer Dave Boljesic, who returned to regular patrol duties in mid-August after three years as a community relations officer, and officer Joseph Bippus, hired by the Canton police force last year, stopped Bushbacher who was driving east on Joy Road shortly after the robbery, police reported.

POLICE SAY Bushbacher emerged from his car brandishing a knife and rushed Bippus while ignoring repeated orders to halt.

When he was four feet from Bippus, Boljesic fired two shots, followed by a single shot from Bippus, police reported. The knife was reportedly retrieved at the scene.

Bushbacher was taken to Westland Medical Center with bullet wounds to the left elbow, left thigh and stomach.

Police shootings are automatically investigated by Michigan State Police. Boljesic was later credited with saving the life of his fellow officer.

"There was no question in his mind he was going to be stabbed, public safety director John Santomauro said earlier.

"He believed the assailant was going to kill him," Santomauro said.

Bushbacher will be arraigned on one charge of armed robbery and one count of felonious assault 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27 in Recorder's Court.

Cash missing from gas station

A clerk at a gas station on Michigan Avenue was fired after audits revealed that more than \$1,000 was missing during two occasions while he was on duty alone last week, police reported.

The first time, \$436.87 was reported missing by an employee who conducted an audit, police reported. The clerk told authorities he didn't know what happened to the money.

The second time, \$631.29 was gone. Again, the clerk didn't have a clear explanation of what happened. However, he did tell police that once during his shift he went outside to use the restroom and when he re-

crime watch

turned there were several people inside the store.

He said that when he returned he didn't notice anything unusual about the cash register.

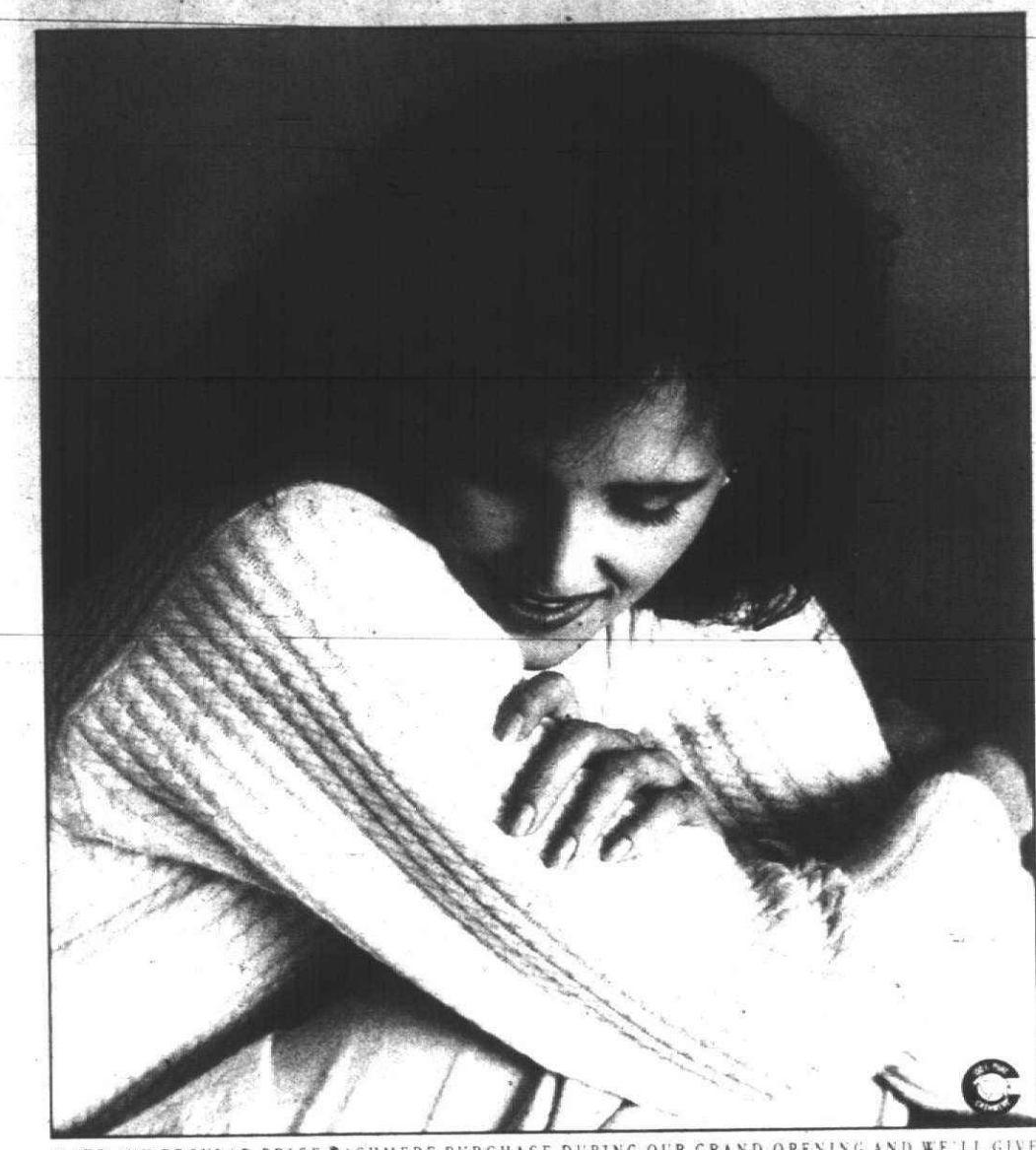
CAR, BREAK-IN: A woman who parked her car in the 45000 block of Ford Road reported that her 1989 Mercury Sable was broken into last week. More than \$1,000 worth of

goods were reported stolen. The owner of the car reported the following items missing: 12 gallons of paint valued at \$30 each, \$135 blinds, a \$20 clock, a \$50 lamp, a bag of toys valued at \$150, rugs worth \$300, two jackets valued at \$180, work glasses without a listed value and books valued at \$150.

This is a sampling of reports filed with Canton police between Tuesday, Oct. 10 and Friday, Oct. 13. For police and fire emergencies call 9-1-1 and for business-related calls dial 397-3000.

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MADD agenda for '90's stresses new laws

By Wayne Paul staff writer

Drunk driving was scarcely an issue a decade ago. As she scans the headlines, Wayne County MADD director Sandi Wolf said she realizes how far the issue and her organization has come in its first decade. And how far, she believes, it has to go in the next.

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Measures proposed

Here's what is being proposed, both locally and nationally, to curb drunk driving:

- Wayne County — County commissioners have approved a resolution calling for fines on convicted drunk drivers equivalent to the cost of their arrest, jailing and trial. Commissioners await cost estimates from the county sheriff and prosecutor before setting the fine and putting it into law.
- State Police — Highway patrol officers are currently testing a new

Breathalyzer and check lane case, see related story.)
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To the editor: I am writing in response to Judith Doper Bernes' editorial "Pro-choice dig into political battle ahead..."

Country is Christian

To the editor: I am writing to express my regret that you would publish an article such as appeared in the Monday, Oct. 2 issue entitled "Christian Country: Idea Not Acceptable" by James M. August.

freedom to practice our religious beliefs. We did not come to try to change everyone's ideas about how to approach God.

intelligent adult who accepts the "four letter words" being used in PG movies. Yes, Parental Guidance. All parents approving of profanity, violence and promiscuity please stand up.

Progress has helped make our country what it is today. But 90 or a hundred years from now when people look back at our movies and entertainment - what impression will it make on them?

Society has regressed

To the editor: Progress, according to the dictionary, is advancement toward maturity or completion; to move forward or onward; to advance toward completion of fuller development.

Adoption is expression of love

To the editor: I applaud Tim Richard's call for increased public and private support of child adoption in his Sept. 11 column "Is adoption a better way than abortion?"

Mr. Richard makes valid social policy arguments in support of adoption, but it seems to me that the essential point may have been missed: the act of placing a child for adoption by the woman (birthmother), and accepting such child by the adoptive parents is an expression of love.

Progressive adoption agencies promote "semi-open" and "open" adoptions. The birthmother is allowed to choose prospective adoptive parents from their profiles (age, education, employment, interests, religion, etc.)

Parking is still a problem

To the editor: This letter is in regard to the Sept. 28 issue of the Canton Observer. The article was entitled, "Car Congestion a Problem." The story was well written and very informative.

Student wonders which teaching style is the best

Q: I am a student at a community college taking five classes. I have five different teachers. Of the five, two lectures for the entire session, one uses a lot of discussion and one uses some lectures but with discussion and group work.

The standard answer is that teachers teach the way they were taught. That is, as teachers went through high school and college, mainly college, they were influenced by how their college professors taught.

Doc Doyle

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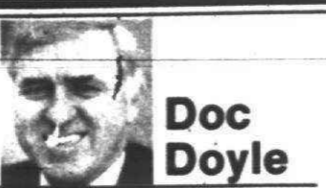
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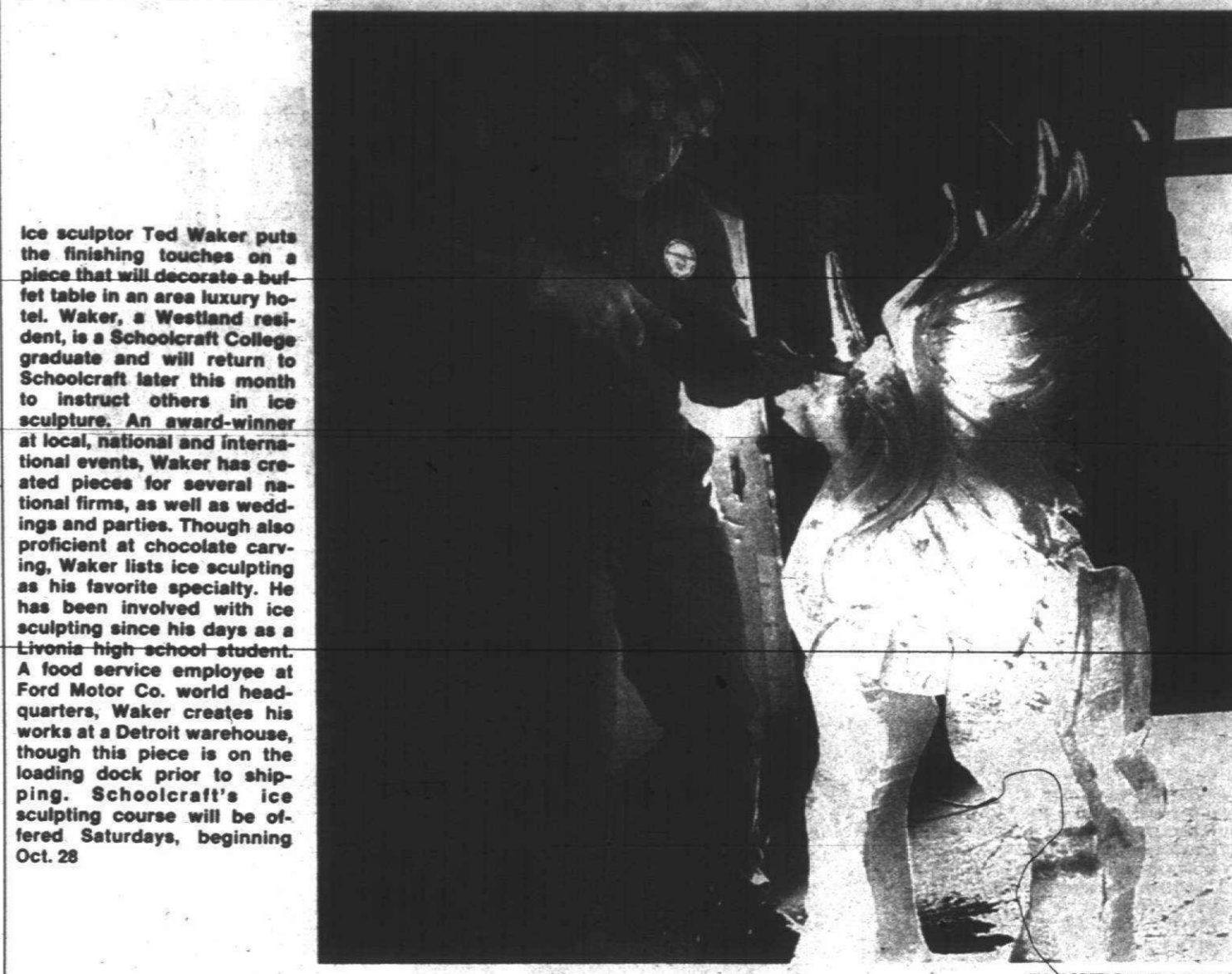
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Ice sculptor Ted Waker puts the finishing touches on a piece that will decorate a buffet table in an area luxury hotel.

Artist is making his mark on ice

By Wayne Peel staff writer He's an artist whose works last for moments, not eternally. Ted Waker of Westland is an award-winning sculptor, but his medium is ice, not marble.

A Schoolcraft College graduate, Waker is returning to Schoolcraft later this month to share his skill with others.

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Waker began his love for ice sculpture as a Livonia Franklin High School student. From there, he pursued a food service career at Schoolcraft.

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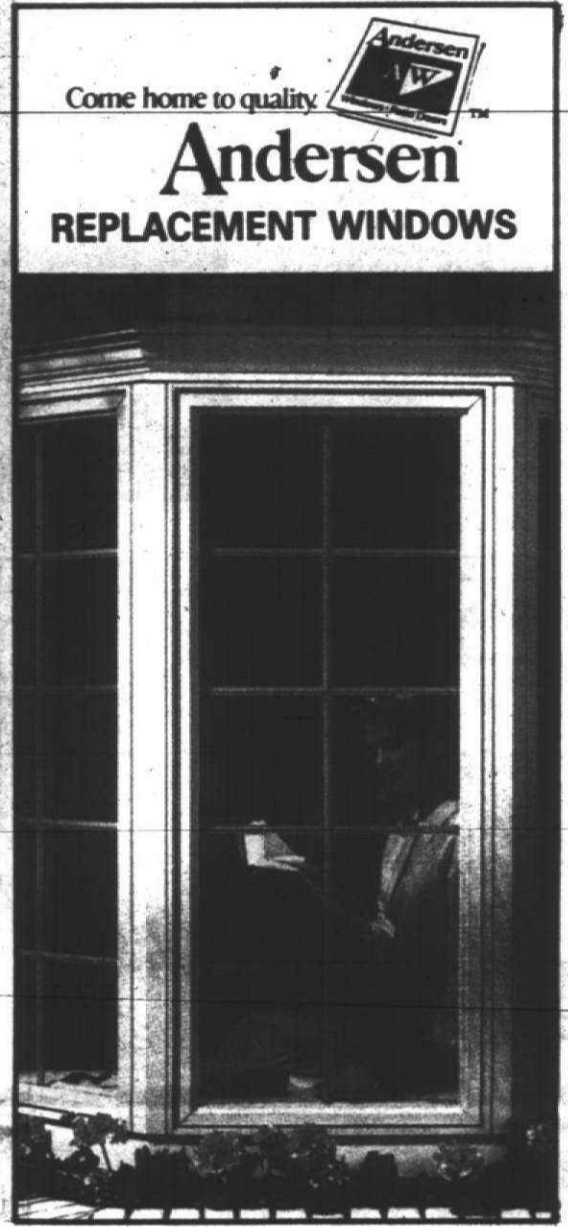
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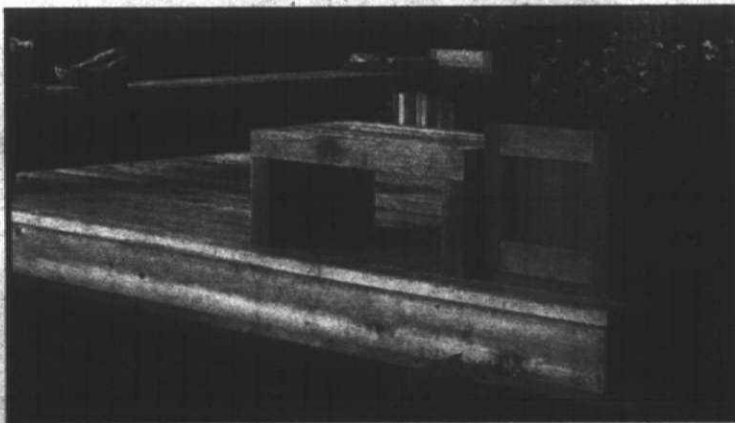
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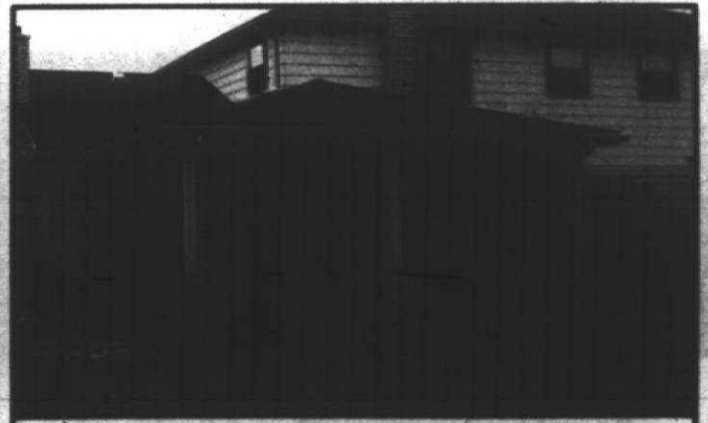
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Momma spills her secrets

Who can resist the heartwarming aroma of a fresh baked pie? Ask any family to name one of grandma's favorite desserts and pie is sure to stand high on the list.

Like many other New World foods, pie as we know it today is an all American invention. Pastries from the Old World were adapted by our Colonial ancestors to meet the sparse food supplies. Fillings for the pies — shiny tart apples, mellow, golden pumpkins and tart rhubarb — were gathered from the surrounding countryside. Today's pie, with vast improvements in flour, shortening and other ingredients, has evolved into a culinary delight.

Many-a-time I have watched from behind the dust-laden knick-knack shelf of momma's kitchen as she baked. To this day, I still don't think she owns a set of measuring cups or spoons; instead, she uses one of the most expensive utensils around — her arthritic fingers and a rolling pin that doubled as a "kid chaser" way back in the 1950's.

With the kids shuffled off to school, I recently spent a crisp fall afternoon with momma in her kitchen, just her, me and my notepad, watching and helping her make pies for an upcoming family baby shower. If the pages seem smeared, it's just the flour and shortening leeching its way out of my fingertips. Here's a primer on momma's secret suggestions for a no-fail pie:

To quote her exactly:

- "A pie is only as good as its crust. Use a light hand with your pastry. Too much handling toughens the pastry." So much for the Cuisinart, eh?

- For a sparkling, extra flaky top crust on fruit pies, brush ever so lightly with milk or cream, then sprinkle with just a tad of cinnamon sugar before baking.

- Never overcook fillings with a cornstarch base. Overcooking thins out the base.

- For better bottom crusts, brush the bottom with a teaspoon of beaten egg and then chill while preparing the filling. This will help seal the pastry and should prevent a soggy crust.

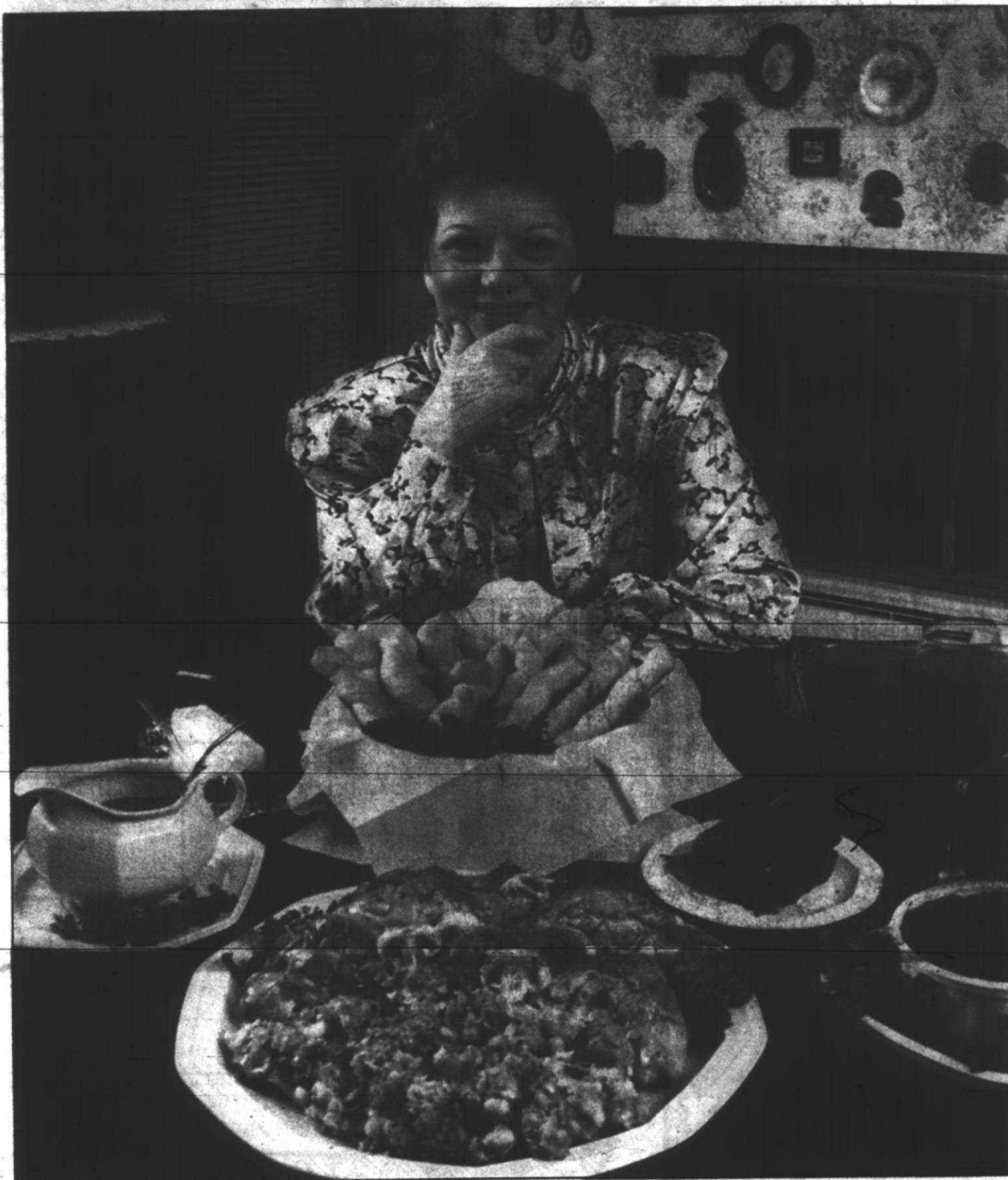
- After cutting the shortening into the flour, sprinkle water ever so gently into the crust and use a tossing motion to moisten the crust. Continue tossing until dough cleans the bottom of the bowl. Never pack and squeeze.

- Whenever possible, make the crust ahead of schedule so that the crust can have a chance to chill, solidifying the shortening or butter before rolling out.

Rose Levy Beranbaum, author of the "Cake Bible" might have her cakes down pat, but I'd put one of momma's tart cherry pie up against her ganache any day. Momma never classified herself as a gourmet cook or baker, but it would be nothing to watch her spend an entire day preparing crusts and arranging lattices so perfect a close up shot could easily be entered into the Museum of Modern Art.

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WINNER DINNER



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Joyce Weigel is the first to win our recognition for her winner dinner. Here, in her Farmington kitchen, she presents a quick meal of Cordon Bleu chicken breasts, mushroom sauce, soft

bread sticks, chocolate covered cherry cake, crushed cranberry sauce and a glass of cranapple juice.

Panel favors a family favorite

AFTER RECEIVING many wonderful recipes, the time finally came to select the first Winner Dinner Winner.

It was not an easy decision because there were so many delicious dinners to choose from. However, Joyce Weigel's Mock Chicken Cordon Bleu got the nod after passing through the picky palates of a most discriminating panel of judges — my children and their assorted friends.

Weigel, mother of three grown children, operates her own professional typing and secretarial service out of her home in Farmington. The chicken recipe she submitted has been a favorite of her children since they were little.

Weigel likes to serve the chicken with extra stuffing on the side and top it all with a brown mushroom sauce that is easy to make. A small serving of cranberry sauce and a tossed salad filled with lots of crunchy vegetables complete the meal.

ALTHOUGH WEIGEL and her family are not big dessert eaters, she offered a recipe for Chocolate Cherry Cake Bars that are a delicious family favorite and also very easy to make.

I think I was just as excited and happy as Weigel when I called to let her know that her menu had been selected to be the first Winner Dinner. When I spoke to her a second time, she told me how thrilled her friends

and family were for her. Weigel took the whole day off the day the Observer & Eccentric photographer came to take her picture for this column.

Betsy Brethen

Anyone who called to speak to Weigel received the following message on her answering machine: "I'm sorry, I can't come to the phone today. My chicken and I are preparing for our photo session."

I hope this week's Winner Dinner will provide you with a fresh idea for your family and inspire you to send in your family's favorite dinner menu. Until next week, take care, and happy cooking!

Submit your recipes, to be considered for publication in this column

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Confetti's new chef takes a fresh approach

Every little bit of Confetti's contributes to a pleasant night out — the long, narrow restaurant with its award-winning design, the stunning large glass block windows, the attentive service, the fresh bread offered as soon as you arrive and, most of all, the varied menu of pastas and fish dishes.

One of the earlier trendy restaurants out West Bloomfield way, Confetti's looks like a sliver of a place from its front on Orchard Lake Road just north of Maple.

But walk inside and the restaurant stretches out before you like a two-tiered hallway. Though it seats 144, it feels smaller because of its design.

LARGE GLASS block windows on three sides of the restaurant let light

filter in but screen out undesirable views. The restaurant's theme is carried out with colorful confetti strewn over white table cloths and pressed beneath glass overlays. Strips of blue and pink neon add to its contemporary feeling.

Designer Aleksis Lahti created a stunning restaurant from a brown, tunnel-like Maple House several years ago, and owner Bruce Cameron brought it to life with quality meals and excellent service.

Pastas and fish are the stars here. Until recently Cameron followed a "zero-based menuing" approach, creating a new menu each day based on the freshest, in-season foods available.

Fresh and in season are still the goals, but new chef Brian Gallagher



intends to put a few mainstays back onto the menu each day. Like lobster alfredo, one of his favorites, and roasted pork loin served with peach chutney — a popular item, but one that you won't find just anywhere.

WHEN WE visited, the chef was serving up a delicious "appeared" shrimp that had been marinated in garlic, oil, ginger, pepper and Worcestershire sauce, and was then grilled with corn and red peppers. The shrimp tasted delicious — and slightly tangy. The wood spears, however, were a nuisance.

From a selection of six pastas, we tried the pesto pasta with clams and lobster in a white wine cream sauce — another excellently flavored entrée whose only faults were in a bit

too much pasta and a slightly undercooked white sauce.

Other choices were equally tempting, including a chevre (roasted red peppers) fettuccine and a grilled sweetbreads fettuccini.

IF YOU'RE looking for something different from the pasta or red potato side dishes, try the cous cous, a Mediterranean pasta served cold and with a chutney.

Gallagher said many patrons send it back and ask for it to be heated, but some like the cold, grainy dish. While we weren't thrilled with it either (it reminded us of cold oatmeal), it was something different and worth a try.

The Cuban black bean soup served the night we visited was excellent —

prepared with just the right mixture of spices.

Our dinner salad was fresh and crispy, though nothing extraordinary. The mustard vinaigrette dressing was good, but — as is often the case — was poured on with a heavy hand. If you prefer a light dose of dressing, ask for it on the side.

AS THE new chef settles in, you can look forward to some new dishes and a delicate treatment of old favorites. He's planning to add mashed sweet potatoes and grilled potatoes as side dishes and will be stuffing ricotta in various ways. The fish will be only what is in season, no tired white fish entrees.

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Remember, recipes are meant to be changed

Cooking should be fun. If it isn't, then you aren't doing it right. Perhaps you are one of those people who always follows every recipe to a tee, afraid to make any changes or substitutions.

Recipes are created by ordinary human beings, just like you and me. They are not carved in stone by lightning on a mountain top. So, don't be afraid to experiment.

Once upon a time, when my oldest son (now nearing 40) was a toddler, I was making a meat pie from a recipe someone had given me. I had fried the ground beef with onions, drained off the excess fat, seasoned it, and set it aside, while I prepared the biscuit dough, which was to be the crust for the pie.

Just then, the telephone rang, and I went into another room to answer it. I wasn't gone long, but by the time I returned, little Jimmy had dumped the meat mixture into the dough mixture, and was joyously kneading the two together with both hands.

There went my meat pie. But the ingredients were too good to throw away, and I didn't have anything else for supper. So I helped him mix it more thoroughly, and rolled out the dough on a board.

Together, we cut out little rounds,

like you would for biscuits, and baked them. The results were terrific.

We called these little meat-filled biscuits, "Jim-Jims," and they became a family favorite. Sometimes we substitute bulk sausage for the ground beef, and sometimes we add shredded cheese to the mixture.

A plate of Jim-Jims straight from the oven, or nowadays, re-heated in a microwave, served with a bowl of hot soup, still makes my family members very happy.

I once dropped a cake, and broke it. It looked terrible. Company was due any minute. I put the salvagable pieces into individual dessert dishes, poured chocolate syrup over them, and topped each dish with a squirt of whipped cream and a maraschino cherry.

My guests raved over the delicacy, and no one ever knew I didn't plan it that way.

My five-year-old granddaughter loves to eat and she loves to cook. One day, she decided she wanted both honey and ketchup on her hot dogs. Instead of trying to discourage her, we mixed honey and ketchup together and glazed our frankfurters with the mixture as we grilled them. They were sensational.

Since then, we've tried honey and mustard, honey and Heinz 57 sauce, honey and barbecue sauce, etc. Some of these combinations have tasted better than others, but all were happily eaten.

Meanwhile, my granddaughter Krystal has gained the satisfaction of trying something new and creating her own recipes for the first time. And she's acquired a self-confidence that I'm sure will be helpful in many situations in life that have nothing to do with cooking.

And, best of all, we had fun doing it.

Right now, many of you may have vines full of green tomatoes that you know will never ripen before the frost. Why not try the recipe for mock raspberry jam invented by some ingenious cook who wasn't afraid to play around in the kitchen.

The results will astound you. It is hard to imagine it isn't the real thing, even after you, yourself, made it.

recipe, but I'd never print it because nobody today would ever eat it, even for old time's sake.

But because we had chickens, we also had eggs, and my father invented an egg and cracker recipe he called cracker pancakes.

We've all loved it, and it has been passed down for three generations. All of my children make them, even when they have company. My grandkids love them for breakfast or supper.

They can be served with syrup or with catsup; eaten with fruit and powdered sugar, or with salt and pepper and bacon or sausage.

They are versatile and delicious, and the recipe was invented by a man who didn't even like to cook.

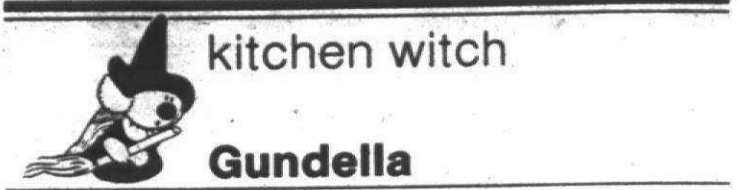
CRACKER PANCAKES
eggs
soda crackers
milk

Beat up eggs, one or two per person. Add one-eighth cup of milk for each egg, and beat some more. Crumble crackers into coarse crumbs. Use your own judgment as to how many. Some people like a dryer pancake, and some like a moister one. Add crumbs to the eggs and milk mixture, and let sit for a few minutes, until the crackers soak up the egg mixture. Drop mixture by tablespoonfuls onto a hot greased skillet, and cook as you would any pancake, flipping over when firm, and the first side is done to a golden brown. Then cook the other side. Serve hot.

Here's another unusual pancake recipe, made up when we had cold spaghetti left over, and no sauce to go with it.

SPAGHETTI PANCAKES
4 cups cooked cold spaghetti or macaroni
3 eggs, well beaten
3 tablespoons flour
3 tablespoons milk

Combine all ingredients, and season to taste. Use salt, pepper, oregano,



kitchen witch
Gundella

or whatever dash of cayenne pepper, or whatever suits you.

Sometimes I add 1/4 to 1/2 cup of Parmesan cheese, if I have it on hand. Sometimes I throw in shredded cheddar, or maybe some green onions.

I almost never make these the same way twice, but they are always delicious.

Fry as you would any pancake, until golden brown, turning it carefully to cook both sides. You can make a large pancake the size of the skillet, cooking the bottom on top of the stove, and then placing it in the broiler to cook the top. Then turn the whole large pancake out on a plate with butter, and garnish as you like. This serves about four people; all of who will love it, and call you their favorite kitchen witch.

The important thing is that you have fun cooking. Try new flavorings and spices you haven't used before. Experiment with new combinations, and make up a few of your own. Recently, I added some butter pecan flavoring to the apples in a pie I was baking. The taste was terrific.

Start with something simple, like a sauce to serve over your fish, meat, or vegetables. Taste your recipes as you prepare them, and add seasonings when needed.

Encourage your children to play at cooking with you one year, and all four of my children were still at home, we all took turns cooking one day of the week.

Sometimes we had strange menus, but before long, even the youngest children were well able to plan, cook, and serve a palatable, well-balanced meal and have fun doing it. I was always there to help, but by the end of the year I was seldom needed.

FRIED ICE CREAM
Using your hands, shape any flavor ice cream into round balls, just as you would make snow balls. (Keep a dish of warm water close by to dip your hands in as you work.)

Roll these ice cream balls in cake crumbs or cookie crumbs, until completely covered. Wrap in foil, and place in the freezer until very hard.

These will keep in the freezer indefinitely. I used to keep some there all the time, and take them out when I had unexpected company.

When you want to serve them, unwrap them, and dip each ball in tempura batter (see below). Deep fry in hot oil or vegetable shortening until golden brown. Drain on paper towels.

Serve at once, topped with hot fudge, butterscotch, or other ice cream toppings. To be really fancy, use whipped cream, cherries, and/or nuts.

TEMPURA BATTER
1 beaten egg (you may use two egg yolks, if you have any left over from some other recipe)
1 tablespoon water
1 cup flour

Beat ingredients together until smooth.

Note: If you have any questions about these, or any other recipes, you may call Gundella at 427-1872. Or, write her at: Box 434, Garden City 48135.

Gundella will scare up something in the kitchen

Gundella, who writes the Observer & Eccentric's "Kitchen Witch" column, will conjure up seasonal specialties during a cooking workshop.

"Be a Witch in the Kitchen" begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in The Community Center, Farmington Farmington Hills. The center is at 24765 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

The menu includes "liverheads," pumpkin potato leek soup, pumpkin yeast bread and butter and punch in a pumpkin shell.

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MOCK RASPBERRY JAM
green tomatoes (about six)
2 cups white sugar
one 3-ounce package of raspberry jello

Core and cut up the green tomatoes. Process them in your blender until you have 2 cups of pulp. Boil the tomatoes and sugar together for 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the powdered gelatin. Cool slightly. Pour into clean containers and refrigerate or freeze.

I WAS RAISED during the Great Depression of the 1930's. We were very poor, but I never knew that until years later, because everyone in our town was in the same boat. We were all very poor.

Carbon's grocery store sold soda crackers out of a big barrel. They were very cheap, so we ate a lot of soda crackers.

Anyone my age probably remembers a dish called "depression soup," made of soda crackers, and really not much else. I remember the re-

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Menu
Mock chicken cordon bleu
Brown mushroom sauce
Cranberry sauce
Tossed salad
Chocolate cherry cake bars

Recipes
MOCK CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

These individual chicken bundles take about 15 minutes to prepare and can be made in the morning, covered and refrigerated until placed in the oven. This recipe is for four people but can be adjusted by changing the number of chicken breasts.

4 boned chicken breasts (you might consider buying your own breasts — a simple procedure and certainly more economical)
herb stuffing
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
1 teaspoon salt or to taste (optional)
1 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon pepper (optional)

Combine butter and seasonings. Brush inside of chicken breasts with the seasoned butter and spread with stuffing. (Weigel recommends the packaged herb stuffing of Stove Top Stuffing for chicken.) Prepare stuffing according to the package instructions. Roll and fasten with toothpicks or skewers. Brush outside with seasoned butter. Place on rack in a shallow pan and roast, uncovered, in a preheated 350 degree oven for 50-60 minutes. Baste occasionally. Serve with extra stuffing on the side and spoon on Brown Mushroom Sauce.

BROWN MUSHROOM SAUCE
If you have children who don't like mushrooms, eliminate or reduce the amount of mushrooms used. The sauce tastes best if it is made at the last minute.

3 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 can (2 ounce) mushrooms drained or sliced fresh mushrooms
3 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
a few drops of Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup consommé and 1/4 cup of water
1 cup water with chicken bouillon cube dissolved.

Melt butter in saucepan; add mushrooms, flour and seasonings and brown. Add liquid gradually and stir while cooking until thickened. Makes about 1 1/2 cups. Serve the sauce over the chicken and stuffing.

CHOCOLATE CHERRY CAKE BARS
1 package fudge or chocolate cake mix
1 can (21 ounce) cherry pie filling
1 teaspoon almond extract
2 eggs, beaten
trotting

Using solid shortening or a non-stick spray, grease and flour either a 15-by-10 pan or a 13-by-9 pan. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients. Stir until well-mixed. Pour into prepared pan. At 350 degrees, bake 15-by-10 pan 20-30 minutes; 13-by-9 pan 25-30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

FROSTING
1 cup sugar
5 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/2 cup milk
6 ounce chocolate chips

In saucepan, combine sugar, butter and milk. Boil, stirring constantly, for one minute. Remove from heat; stir in chocolate chips until smooth. Pour over the cake or bars.

Shopping List
boneless chicken breasts
herb stuffing
mushrooms (fresh or canned)
butter or margarine
salt
pepper
paprika
Worcestershire sauce
chicken broth or chicken bouillon cube
flour
chocolate or fudge cake mix
1 can cherry pie filling (21 ounce)
chocolate chips (6 ounce)
almond extract
2 eggs
milk
sugar
cranberry sauce
ingredients for tossed salad
ingredients for salad dressing of choice

Notes

Sharing pie recipes, tips

MOMMA'S PIE CRUST
approximately 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup (1 stick) butter, cut into bits
1/4 cup solid vegetable shortening
cold, cut into bits
5-6 tablespoons ice water

Sift flour and salt into a mixing bowl. Add butter and shortening in bits, working in and tossing continually until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle with half the ice water. Stir lightly with fingers. Add additional water by the teaspoon until dough clings together and cleans the bottom of the bowl. Divide dough in half. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate at least one hour until ready to roll out.

PUMPKIN PIE
1 single pie crust

Filling:
16 oz. pumpkin puree
1/2 cup dark brown sugar, packed
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 large egg, room temperature
1 cup heavy cream

Roll out pastry into a 12-inch circle. Line a 9-inch pie pan with the pastry and crimp rim as desired. Line pastry with foil, then fill with dried beans and bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 375 degrees. Whisk pumpkin with remaining ingredients. Pour filling into pie shell after removing dried beans and foil. Bake for 20 minutes.

DUTCH APPLE CRUMB PIE
1 pie crust for a single pie

Filling:
6 Grassy Smith apples, pared, cored, cut into even chunks
1/4 cup dark seedless raisins
1/4 cup granulated sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Topping:
1/2 cup all purpose flour
1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
3 tablespoons butter, cold, cut into chunks

Roll out pastry and place in a 9-inch pie pan. Crimp crust as desired. Brush lightly with an egg wash. Refrigerate until ready to fill. In a large mixing bowl, combine berries with sugar and flour. Toss gently with hands to coat. Place berry filling in prepared crust and dot with small butter chunks. Roll out remaining pastry for top crust. Secure by crimping edges with fingertips. Brush lightly with milk and sprinkle over with lightly with sugar. Cut vents to allow steam to escape. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 40 minutes or until pie is golden or juices are bubbling through the vents.

FRESH BERRY PIE
Pastry for a two-crust pie:
2 quarts fresh berries, (blueberries, raspberries)
1 1/4 cups sugar
1/2 cup sifted all purpose flour
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Roll out half the dough and line a 9-inch pie plate with the dough. Brush lightly with an egg wash. Refrigerate until ready to fill. In a large mixing bowl, combine berries with sugar and flour. Toss gently with hands to coat. Place berry filling in prepared crust and dot with small butter chunks. Roll out remaining pastry for top crust. Secure by crimping edges with fingertips. Brush lightly with milk and sprinkle over with lightly with sugar. Cut vents to allow steam to escape. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 40 minutes or until pie is golden or juices are bubbling through the vents.

New chef takes fresh approach

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This spot has the right of atmosphere we like — bright, contemporary, clean and somewhat casual. And it's a great place when you have a hankering for something familiar, but different enough to be exciting.

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Momma spills her secrets

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Forget the newfangled black baking dishes. Momma would never be seen with a pastry wheel when a good sharp knife would suffice and banish the thought of a sliced pastry cutter when we all knew that "that's what God gave you fingers for."

Pita pizza makes a quick, easy after-school snack

NEW YORK (AP) — A survey by the Microwave Power Institute says nine out of 10 children between the ages of 6-17 use the microwave at least twice a week. After-school snacks and light meals are favorites, including pizza, popcorn, nachos and hot dogs.

You can keep pizza fixings on hand in your cupboard and refrigerator. Pita bread can be used for the crust. Toppings can include shredded mozzarella cheese, prepared spaghetti sauce and frozen vegetables.

For ease of preparation, divide a bag of frozen vegetables into 1/4-cup portions. Store in the freezer in airtight plastic pouches or other suitable containers. Frozen vegetables can also be used in these ways:

- Use frozen corn or Mexican mixed vegetables on nachos.
- Toss frozen vegetables into soups, mashed potatoes or macaroni and cheese.
- Fill a baked potato shell with frozen peas, dot with butter and cook in the microwave.

AFTER-SCHOOL PIZZAS

Two 6-inch pita breads, split
Olive oil
1/4 cup prepared spaghetti sauce
1/4 pound shredded mozzarella cheese
2 teaspoons dried oregano, crumbled
1/4 cup mixed vegetables, defrosted and blotted dry
1/4 cup frozen chopped broccoli, defrosted and blotted dry
1/4 cup corn, defrosted and blotted dry

Brush the inner, rough side of the split pitas with olive oil. Place on a microwave-safe flat dish or plate and cook on high for 1 minute until crisp. Remove from the oven.

Spoon 2-3 tablespoons spaghetti sauce onto each pita half; spread evenly. Place the mozzarella cheese on top of the sauce and then sprinkle on a generous pinch of oregano. Return the dish to the oven and cook at 70 percent power medium-high for 3-4 minutes until the cheese is hot and bubbling. Remove the dish from the microwave. Spoon vegetables in the center of each pizza. Top with a dollop of sauce, a sprinkling of cheese and return the dish to the oven. Cook on 70 percent power for 30 seconds to 1 minute or until hot. Serves 4.

Preparation time: 10 minutes.

clarification

The recipe for pumpkin cake mentioned in Larry Jones' Tastebud column Monday, Oct. 9, should have included 2 cups of flour in its list of ingredients.

Quick chicken passes panel

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or elsewhere, to: Winner Dinner, P.O. Box 3503, Birmingham 48012. Please include a complete dinner, with recipes as needed. All submissions become the property of the publisher.

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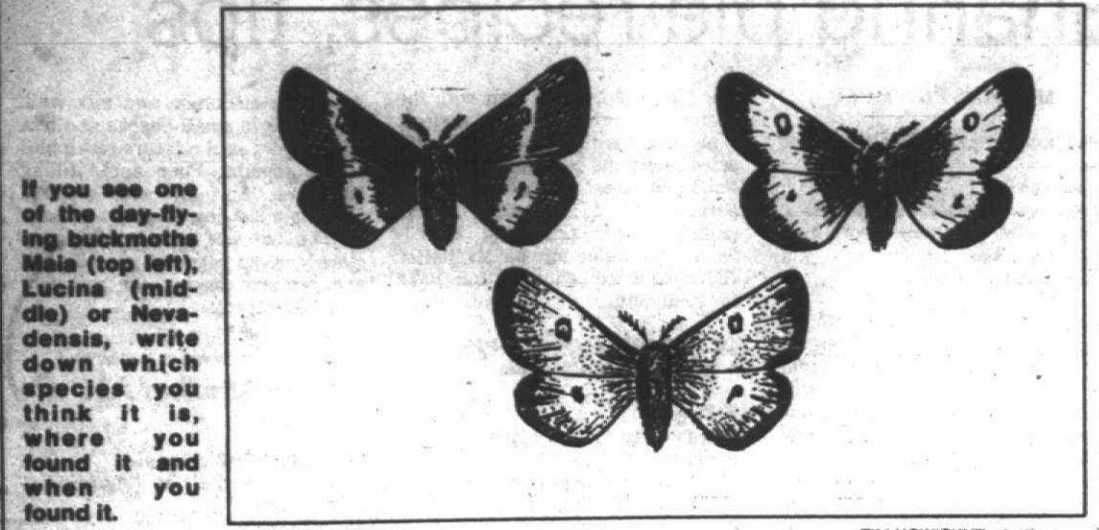
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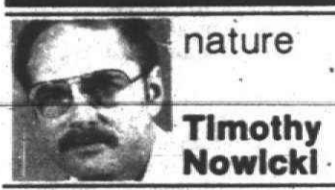
Man is a very curious animal. He is constantly in search of information. Whether reading newspapers, magazines, books, or watching the news on TV, people are continually gathering more information.

There is also a strong drive to search out the unknown. Researchers are driven by their desire to answer questions that have no answers, and by the satisfying exhilaration felt when they find the answer.

Nature poses many questions that are yet unanswered in a "laboratory" that is everywhere. One does not have to be a trained scientist to discover, or help find the answers either.

There are not many areas of study in the world today where one can make a contribution to new findings as an amateur, except in the natural world. Participating in the search for answers is a very satisfying feeling.

WHILE ON the north shore of Higgins Lake recently, some stu-



nature
Timothy Nowicki

help of people who might have opportunities to observe this species, and have asked them to send in their observations.

In this way, the researchers are obtaining valuable information and amateur naturalists are contributing to the solution of an unsolved mystery.

If you see one of the day-flying buckmoths depicted above, write down which species you think it is, where you found it (include the type of plants and habitat it was in), and when you found it. Send this information to either W.H. Wagner, Jr., or B.G. Scholtens, Department of Biology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109.

This is just one of many projects that interested individuals can help with. Your efforts not only help the researchers but you feel good about contributing.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence-Oaks Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

Madonna sets \$10 million goal

Detroit Red Wings owner Mike Ilitch and downriver businessman Heinz Prechter were recently named co-chairmen of Madonna College's "Campaign for Academic Excellence."

The five-year fund drive seeks to raise \$10 million for the Livonia-based college.

An estimated \$2.4 million in pledges have already been raised, college officials announced.

Ilitch is chairman of Little Caesar Enterprises Inc., Farmington Hills. Prechter is chairman of ASC Inc., Trenton.

DEAN RICHARDSON, chairman of Manufacturers National Corp., Detroit, is honorary chairman.

The event will formally begin with a breakfast for business and community leaders Wednesday at the Hotel St. Regis, Detroit.

Madonna is a four-year, co-educational liberal arts college. More than 4,000 students are enrolled in Madonna's 56 academic programs.

Forty percent of the money raised through the campaign will be earmarked for students' scholarships and grants, college officials said. An additional 30 percent will be used to

Poet, author to appear at Schoolcraft

Barbara Drake, poet, author and well-known teacher of creative writing, will discuss writing poetry and prose and give a reading at Schoolcraft College on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Drake will discuss writing at 2 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theater. At 8 p.m. she will give a reading in Room 200, Liberal Arts Building. Admission is free.

Drake's poetry collections include "What We Say to Strangers." Her poetry, fiction and reviews have been published in many literary journals. Her textbook, "Writing Poetry," is used in both writing and literature classes.

She is an associate professor of English in Linfield College in Oregon. She is the recipient of a number of awards, including a National Endowment for the Arts writing fellowship in poetry.

Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

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obituaries

OIVA A. KAARTINEN

Services for Oiva A. Kaartinen, 76, of Plymouth, who died Monday, Oct. 9, were held Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with cremation at Evergreen Crematory.

He was born March 6, 1913, in Finland. He was a tool and die worker and was a member of the Plymouth Elks.

Among the survivors are a daughter, Kathy Stella; and three grandchildren.

The Rev. David Ronberg of the Apostolic Lutheran Church officiated at the funeral. Memorial contributions can be made to Plymouth Family Services, 880 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich., 48170.

ROBERT E. SMITH

Services for Robert E. Smith, 90, of Canton Township were held Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Mr. Smith died Sunday, Oct. 8, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He was born April 26, 1899, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, past president of Rotary International and was an insurance consultant.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Thelma L. Smith; two sons, Robert E. Smith Jr. of New Jersey and David A. Smith of Connecticut; two stepsons, Donald L. White of Northville and Robert L. White of Florida, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Rev. William C. Moore, Trinity Presbyterian Church, officiated the services. Memorials may be sent to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home.

MAXWELL M. JOHNSTON

Services for Maxwell M. Johnston, 58, of Livonia, who died Tuesday, Oct. 10, in Livonia, were held Thursday, Oct. 12, in the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Mr. Johnston was born Dec. 25, 1930, in Grand Rapids. He was assistant supervisor for plant operations for the Livonia school system, where he was employed for 30 years. He moved to Livonia in 1954 and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Korea. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Livonia.

Among the survivors are his wife, Elsa V. Johnston; a son, Charles M. Johnston of Livonia; a daughter, Kathryn L. Johnston of Pinckney; three brothers and a sister.

community calendar

ADULT

Education

ART OF THE SOUTH

Fridays, Oct. 13, 20, 27 — Michael Farrell, associate professor of art history, University of Windsor, will return to Plymouth for a three-week series "Art of the South." The series will be at St. John Episcopal Church and will begin at 10:15 a.m. with coffee available at 10 a.m. The price is \$20 for the series; \$10 for a single lecture. If there are any questions, please call Nancy Cooper at 459-0782 or Nancy Sharp at 459-1875.

PARENTING SKILLS

Beginning Monday, Oct. 2 — The Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department is sponsoring a series of meetings for parents of middle school-aged children who want to reinforce and improve their parenting skills. The classes will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays for six weeks in the Canton High School Library. The price is \$19 per person.

CONVERSATIONAL GREEK

Begins Monday, Oct. 16 — The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church (Five Mile and Haggerty Road) is conducting adult conversational Greek classes 7-9 p.m. Mondays. The price is \$100 for a 20-week period. For more information, call Chris Milaras at 283-5749 after 6 p.m. or call the Nativity Church at 420-0131. Register now or on the first day of class.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Monday, Oct. 16 — The public is invited to attend the Library Board

meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street.

Health and Fitness

AEROBIC EXERCISE

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 3 — Adult Education at Geneva Presbyterian Church is offering aerobic classes at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Friday and at 9 a.m. Saturday. For more information, call the church at 459-0013 or David Bastine at 397-0870.

MENOPAUSE AND BEYOND

Wednesday, Oct. 18 — What about the next 40 years? The Plymouth YMCA is offering a class 7-8 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. This special program is sponsored by Ciba Pharmaceuticals to encourage today's women to live healthier lives and give insight into menopause and life after menopause. The price for members is \$10; non-members, \$15. Call the YMCA at 453-2904.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

Monday, Oct. 16 — Focus on Living, a support group for persons with cancer and family or friends of people with cancer, will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Focus on Living is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and meets on the third Monday of each month to provide information about cancer and share concerns.

Monday, Oct. 23 — Canton Alanon is celebrating its 10th anniversary 10

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Michaels Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, in Canton. Toni and Fred D. will speak, followed by a potluck luncheon. For information, call Jo at 729-9768.

Hobbies

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Saturday, Nov. 4 — The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 6695 is seeking crafters for its Arts and Craft Show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The post is at 1426 Mill St., Plymouth (second building on the north side of Ann Arbor Road and Mill Street (Lilley Road). Rental tables are \$15. Proceeds from table rentals, snack bar and bake sale will be used for cancer research and veteran assistance. For information, call 981-1231.

POLKA DANCING

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Sports

COED VOLLEYBALL

Fridays, Beginning Nov. 3 — Coed volleyball will meet Friday evenings at West Middle School for 14 weeks. The price is \$160 per team plus \$15 for each player who lives outside the Plymouth-Canton district. There is a limit of 16 teams. Register at the Canton Parks and Recreation Department or the Plymouth Recreation Department. Returning teams can register until Oct. 13; new teams can register Oct. 16-27. Call 397-5110 for further information.

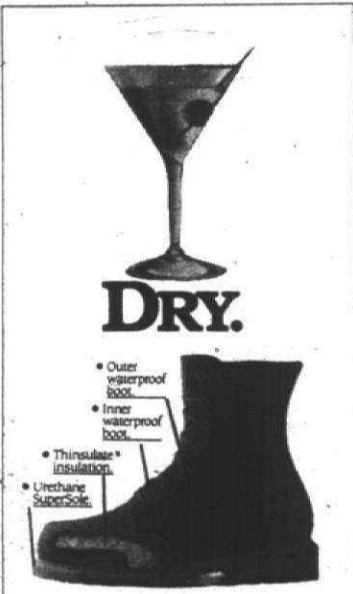
Trips

CAROLINAS TRIP

Monday, Oct. 30 — The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with a travel agency will sponsor a nine-day, eight-night trip to the Carolinas. The tour price of \$689 is based on double occupancy. The trip will feature stops in Knoxville, Tenn.; Asheville, N.C.; Columbia, Charleston and Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Savannah, Ga.; and Wytheville, Va. For further details, call 455-6620.

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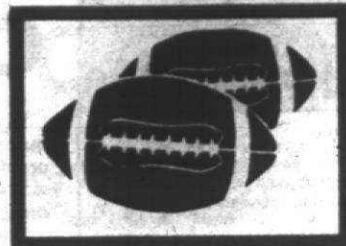
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Sports

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Chiefs share league title

By Brad Emons
staff writer

The old adage "there's a first time for everything" came true to life for the Plymouth Canton girls tennis team last week.

On Thursday, the Lady Chiefs outscored regular season dual meet champion Northville, 21-16, to claim their first Western Lakes Activities Association title ever. The rain-delayed meet began Tuesday, but was not completed until Thursday at Livonia Stevenson. See tournament results.

Technically, because of Northville's league-leading 11-0 dual meet record, the Mustangs earn a share of the title in the final positioning of the WLAAs standings. The dual and league meet finishes are weighed equally — 50 percent each. (Canton's dual meet record was 10-1 with their only loss coming against Northville, 4-3.)

But in the WLAAs tourney, Canton was the superior team, winning titles at Nos. 2, 3 and 4 singles.

"Our (dual) meet with Northville was close, but it was still disappointing to lose," said Canton coach Carol Michaels. "We faced them in the middle of the season and had a tough week because of all the rainouts. It was on a Friday and it was our fourth match of the week. I think we were kind of tired, but I think Northville was in a similar situation, too."

CANTON CAME OUT on top in all three singles semifinal meetings against Northville, and then top seeds Sherri Bajer (No. 2), Alissa Huth (No. 3) and Michelle Sparkman (No. 4) all completed undefeated conference seasons by winning their respective flights.

"We were very happy with the draw," Micha-

tennis

els said. "But beating Northville in all three of those matches caused the point turnaround. It would have been much tougher had we not won those matches."

Bajer grabbed her individual crown by defeating Farmington's Harrison's Lisa Tomle, 7-5, 6-4; Huth took out Plymouth Salem's Shikah Kapila, 6-4, 6-1; and Sparkman downed Salem's Tracy Anderson, 1-6, 6-1, 6-1.

The Lady Chiefs also got a lift at No. 1 singles when unseeded Tanya Bowsman upset No. 2 seed Stephanie Geelhood of Walled Lake Central in the quarterfinals, 6-3, 6-3.

"That was a nice win and it certainly helped," Michaels said.

Canton's No. 1 doubles team of Leanne Gurchak and Denise Gildo also pulled off a surprise, knocking off the No. 1 seeds from Central in the semifinals, Dee Geelhood and Marga Strobel, 6-0, 7-6.

But Livonia Stevenson's Amy Snow and Cortney Richa grabbed the No. 1 doubles crown with a 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over the Canton duo.

"OUR NO. 1 doubles team lost to Central before, but they just kept getting better and better as the season went along," said the Canton coach.

Heather Kaye and Resham Batra of Canton reached the semifinals at No. 2 doubles, as did the No. 3 team of Reetika Aulakh and Parikh Viraj.

"Everybody improved," Michaels said. "All four of our singles players are seniors. Both Sherri (Bajer) and Alissa (Huth) won the conference at No. 2 doubles together and as freshman they were on our only team ever to qualify for the state meet. They've been motivated ever since. They've been the leaders of this team."

The individual leader of the tournament was junior Kori Davidson of Harrison, who lost only four games in three matches en route to the No. 1 singles title.

Davidson, a nationally-ranked U.S. junior player, defeated Livonia Franklin sophomore Tanya Berner in the finals, 6-1, 6-2.

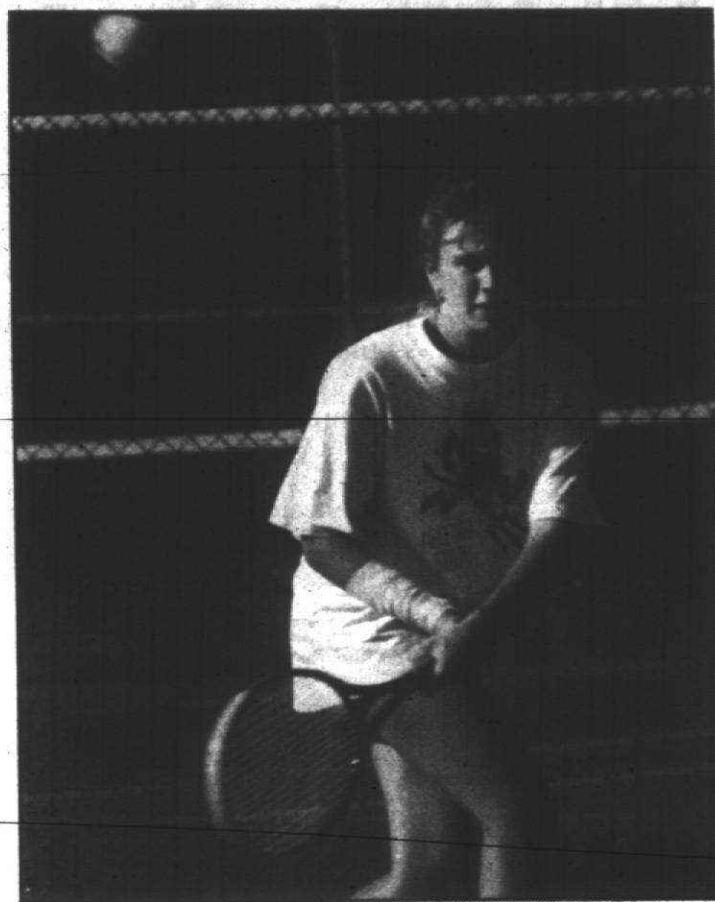
Northville's Tricia Tomminia and Rebecca Bellamy, the top seeds, took the No. 2 doubles crown with a 7-6, 6-3 triumph over Stevenson's Sue Bell and Lori Bailey, 7-6, 6-3. The Mustangs also added their second title at No. 3 doubles when top seeds Julie Howard and Merilyn Millgard outlasted Livonia Churchill's Kathy Wira and Jenny Flanagan.

HARRISON AND STEVENSON tied for third in the league meet with 12 points each, while Salem was a distant fifth with 10.

"We both finished third (Harrison and Stevenson) and we both feel good about it," said Stevenson coach George Croll. "We always do well in doubles because we have depth. But Harrison is going to be really good next year. They have four or five freshman in their lineup right now to go along with Davidson."

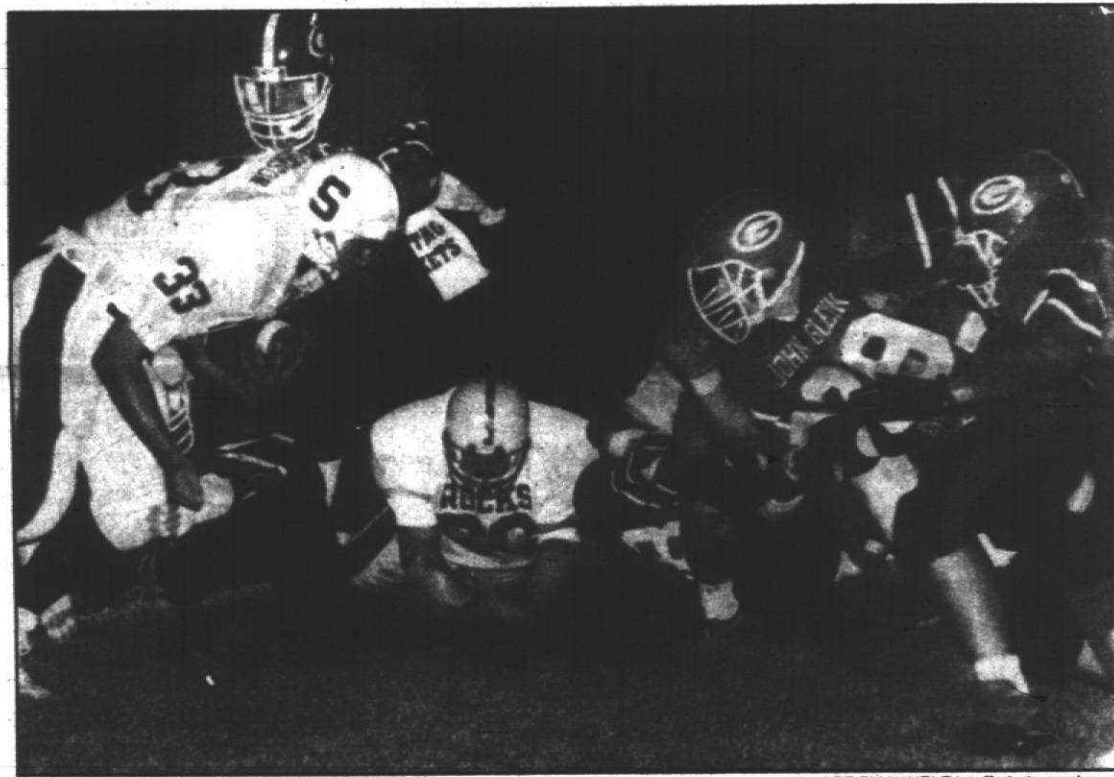
But this season, it's Plymouth Canton's turn to shine.

Michael's summed it up best about the three-day meet: "I was very pleased."



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Sherri Bajer of Canton won the No. 2 singles championship to help the Chiefs capture the WLAAs tournament title.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Ryan Johnson of Salem barrels forward into oncoming Glenn defenders in the showdown for the Lakes Division crown Friday. The Rocks lost 7-6 when Glenn scored with 5 seconds left in the game.

Late score lifts Glenn to victory over Rocks

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Westland John Glenn's Chuck Gordon had his team huddled in the locker room after an emotional and stunning 7-6 homecoming football victory over Plymouth Salem when his 73-year-old father, Gayland, walked in.

"How's your heart, dad?" said the happy Glenn coach. "Is it still ticking?"

There were a number of gut-wrenching moments in this battle of unbeaten, but Gayland's 275-mile trip from up north was certainly worth the travel after the Rockets marched 82 yards with less than two minutes to play for the game-winning points.

Quarterback Eric Stover threw a 9-yard pass to David Ryan with just five seconds left, and Wes Taylor, who earlier had missed field goals of 46 and 53 yards, drilled home the all-important extra point, giving Glenn a one-point win and the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Activ-

ities Association.

The Rockets (7-0) now face Western Division champion and top-ranked Farmington Harrison (7-0) for the WLAAs crown Friday at Glenn.

The loss was hard to swallow for Salem, which appeared to have the game all but won when quarterback Rob Kowalski, running a bootleg, caught the Glenn secondary napping with 2:03 to play. He broke open a fierce defensive struggle when he hit Scott Austin with a 37-yard touchdown pass.

BUT THE ROCKS couldn't convert the extra point as Glenn's Tommy Lawrence broke through the Salem line and blocked Scott Rodgers' attempt.

"Our kids played hard and deserved a better fate," said Salem coach Tom Moshimer. "As it turned out, the damn extra point beat us."

Salem's inspired defense, led by the play of linebackers Ryan Johnson and Brian Burlison, was ready when Glenn took over at its own 46

with 1:56 to play.

Burlison sacked Stover for a 13-yard loss on first down, and the Rockets were thrown back 15 more yards because of offensive pass interference call.

Faced with third down-and-38 from his own 18, Stover found Mark Wetmore on a crossing pattern over the middle, good enough for 37 yards.

Saddled with a fourth-and-1 situation at the Salem 44, the Rockets called timeout. Stover ran a quarterback sneak to gain the first down and keep the drive alive.

After another timeout, Stover worked the clock to perfection in the final 39 seconds, completing passes of 15 yards to tailback Shannon Layne, 16 to tight end Garnett Woody and 9 to Wetmore.

WITH THE CLOCK stopped with just nine seconds remaining, Stover was summoned to the sidelines and given final instructions by Gordon.

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Harrison deals first loss to Canton

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

A bruised kidney kept Gary Devine out of Farmington Hills Harrison's previous football game, but he had too big a heart to be held back Friday night.

Devine produced a two-play sequence that secured an eighth consecutive Western Division championship for the Hawks, who outmuscled host Plymouth Canton in the first half and eventually won 28-7.

Harrison, the defending league champion, finishes 5-0 in the division and is 7-0 overall. The Chiefs, who had their seven-game winning streak — the longest in school history — snapped, are 4-1 and 6-1.

After Canton stunned the Hawks with an early-third quarter touchdown and recovered a Harrison fumble, Devine single-handedly caused a decisive switch in momentum.

The Chiefs, trailing 21-7, decided to go for it on fourth-and-1 at their 37-yard line after an offside penalty on the Hawks.

DEVINE, A 5-foot-5, 150-pound noseguard, shot into the Canton backfield and tackled Chris James for no gain. Then, on first down for Harrison, he ran 37 yards up the sideline for the clinching touchdown.

"I just put my nose down and went right in there," Devine said. "I beat the center on the play. That pumped me up, and I got the ball and went all out."

Canton coach Bob Khoenle didn't regret the decision to try for the first down but said he would have called a

football

play other than sending James into the middle.

"WE SHOULD have gone outside more, because they're too strong; they react too well," he said of the Hawks.

"It was a turning point, but I don't know if it would have made a difference. They're just a helluva football team. I don't know who's going to beat them."

The Chiefs got new life when Jason Bielec intercepted a Mill Coleman pass on the second play of the third period and returned it 35 yards for Canton's only score.

Harrison also lost three fumbles in what was a frustrating second half for the state's No. 1-ranked Class B team. The Hawks will play at Westland John Glenn in a rematch of last year's Western Lakes Activities Association final at 7:30 p.m.

"WE MUST improve if we're going to challenge for the championship next week," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

"Other teams are improving, and I'm not too sure we have been. When other teams have scouted you a number of times, they defend you better than earlier in the year."

"Coach Khoenle has done a super job with his team. I knew three years ago when he booted three of his best players before our game for missing

a practice he was going to get things turned around."

While the Hawks didn't overwhelm Canton with the quick score in the first half, they were methodical and machine-like on offense, punching out three long scoring drives.

"We played the way I would have liked to see us play the whole game," Herrington said. "We moved the ball, and the defense was outstanding."

HARRISON'S DRIVES consisted of 13, 13 and 19 plays and covered 71, 90 and 65 yards, respectively. The Hawks scored on the opening possession, Coleman running 6 yards for the score after Matt Conley pounded the middle on four previous plays.

The Chiefs forced a Harrison punt the next time, but the Hawks used much of the clock with successful drives on their third and fourth possessions.

Coleman, who was 8-of-13 for 116 yards in the first half, passed 17 yards to Steve Hill, and Conley dived 3 yards to make it 21-0 with 1:52 left in the half.

CANTON'S FIRST goal was to prevent the big play, which it did. Second, it wanted to hold the ball and keep it away from Harrison's explosive offense, which it didn't.

Harrison outgained the Chiefs 385-127 and had 21 first downs to Canton's five, including a 15-3 difference in the first half. Canton quarterback

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Dave Cassante of Canton was all over Harrison's Jon Schaeffer when this pass arrived in the end zone Friday night at Canton. The pass was incomplete, but Harrison quarterback Mill Coleman passed for one touchdown and ran for another as the Hawks won 28-7.

Chiefs near division title

Plymouth Canton has only to make it official Thursday. For all practical purposes, the Chiefs have won another Western Division girls cross country championship.

The key dual meet took place Thursday, and the Chiefs prevailed 21-40 over Northville to claim first place over all to themselves. Canton, 4-9 in the division and 5-0 overall, closes out the dual-meet season Thursday with Farmington Hills Harrison at Cass Benton Park. The Hawks don't have enough girls to comprise a team and will automatically forfeit the victory. The Mustangs drop to 1-1 in the Western.

Canton, Salem easy winners

Plymouth Canton's Pam Pritchard won two events and the Chiefs swept all 11 in brush aside Walled Lake Western 137-35 in girls swimming Thursday.

The host Chiefs are 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Division. The Warriors dropped to 3-4. Pritchard was first in the 200-yard individual medley with a 2:22.29 time and the breaststroke at 1:15.82.

Boys teams dominate

The boys dual-meet cross country season in the Western Lakes Activities Association continues to be dominated by Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem.

Both won their fourth-straight division meets without a loss Thursday and can wrap their respective championships Thursday. Canton, 6-0 overall, charged past Northville 17-45 at Cass Benton Park and will conclude the Western Division schedule with Farmington Hills Harrison at Cass Benton.

Lindros paces winner

The Compuware Junior A hockey team ran its season record to 7-0-1 after posting its fourth consecutive victory in the Fifth Annual Compuware Fall Classic on Monday, Oct. 9.

Rocks rally to win

More spirited defense and patient offense was a successful second-half combination for Plymouth Salem, which rallied to beat Livonia Stevenson 35 in girls basketball Thursday.

The host Spartans held Salem to single-digit scoring in each of the first two quarters and took a 24-15 lead at halftime. But the Rocks, who stayed one game behind North Farmington in the Lakes Division and moved up to 500 on the season, reversed the situation in the second half, switching to a man-to-man defense.

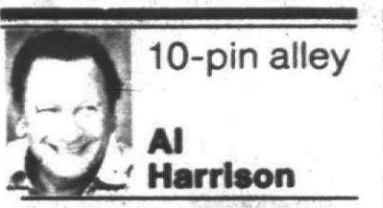
Warriors league champs

Dave Pozniak, 83, and Troy Fairbanks, 89. THE CHARGERS also placed three golfers among the low 15 scorers. Joining Durham and Gallagher was Mike Migola, whose 82 tied him for 10th with five others.

Legends honored with Hall selection

It isn't exactly Cooperstown, N.Y., but the Polish Century Club in Detroit will be the site for the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame induction ceremonies Sunday, Nov. 5.

Among the bowlers being inducted is Farmington Hills native Fred Vitali. His accomplishments on the lanes are legendary. Vitali qualified for Team USA in 1971 and won two gold medals in international competition that same year.



AI Harrison



Fred Vitali

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PLYMOUTH CANTON... Final dual meet standings: 1. Northville, 17-45; 2. Plymouth Canton, 19-18; (tie) Farmington Hills Harrison, Livonia Stevenson and Farmington Hills Harrison, 9-3 each; 5. Walled Lake Central, 6-7; Farmington, 5-8; 8. North Farmington, 4-7; 9. Walled Lake Central, 3-8; 10. Livonia Church, 2-6; 11. Livonia Franklin, 1-10; 12. Walled Lake Western, 0-11.

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WINNERS CIRCLE... BY LAURIE KIPP. Recent reader questions on Michigan Lottery instant games are answered in this column. Q. When will the Lottery have a new instant game? A. "Joker's Wild" was introduced at all 6,000 instant game retailers on September 11.

Salem has record night... Plymouth Salem seniors Jeff Gold and Matt Tudor established soccer records Wednesday as the Rocks defeated North Farmington 6-0 in the regular-season finale. Gold, a midfielder, scored two goals and added two assists, giving him 20 goals for the season.

Rockets nip Salem, 7-6... In the second half, Salem's defense began to shut down Glenn tailback Shannon Layne, who added just 15 yards after gaining 64 in the first half. "Their defense was very good; we studied them all week on film," said Gordon of Salem. "We had to block like heck to get 4 yards. They have good size, and they moved to the ball well."

Canton runner-up in Western, 28-7... Karl Wukie was 9-of-24 for 56 yards and had two passes intercepted. "Our defense didn't do too bad," Khonele said. "The thing is our offense didn't control the ball too much, which is due to the fact they're a good defensive team."

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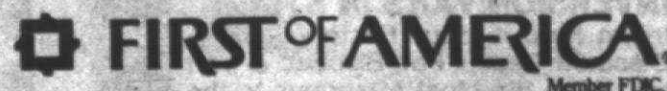
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STREET SCENE

Over the air waves

It use to be pretty much a male domain, but more and more, the voice coming over the radio during prime time is that of a woman. Meet three female DJs who have become on air personalities throughout the metropolitan area on Page 6D.

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ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

During recent races held in Livingston County, the hot air balloons took to the skies in pursuit of the X left by the "hare." In the "hunt" was Phil Glebe in his distinctive Pontiac Excitement II balloon.

Chasing the hare in the air

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

A man and his balloon. Phil Glebe savors the height he attains, but only for a fleeting moment.

The open air is his lanes, the horizon his finish line. Glebe, 38, is simply not along for the ride.

"People see balloon flying as a light-hearted thing," said Glebe, who operates Renaissance Balloons in Brighton. "The other side of that is the serious competition in the sport. There is money to be won.

"People with a competitive heart — such as myself — like to win."

As he commands the Pontiac "Excitement II," a 70-foot high, 55-foot wide balloon that serves as his racing machine, Glebe seldom seems at ease.

His eyes scan the horizon, looking at the tree-lined suburbs tinted orange from the setting sun. From there, his orbs dart to the altimeter, which gives an indication of the height of the balloon.

Glebe then hits the double propane burners that kick out 30 mil-

lion BTUs an hour (the equivalent to the output of 250 home furnaces) to fill the 77,500 cubic feet capacity of the balloon.

The flame from the burner reflects in Glebe's eyes.

The competitive nature of balloon racing belies what would be a serene moment for most. After 10 minutes, one can begin to appreciate the skill involved.

GLEBE MUST navigate the craft to a predestined spot. The race is not so much of a chase but

rather tantamount to a temperamental dance with nature.

Wind is the main partner. As it shifts and swirls, the balloon racer follows and rides the current. Nature always leads in this encounter.

Glebe perhaps respects this more than anything, which is why he's ranked as the No. 1 pilot in balloon competition, according to the Balloon Federation of America.

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Warp Factor

Karlos Barney



photo courtesy of Benmiller Inn

There are only a few houses, one general store and the Benmiller Inn in the village of Benmiller, once a busy industrial center and now a vacation spot, thanks to the foresight of a man called Ivy.

Benmiller Inn: Rustic retreat

This is the last of a series of articles about nearby inns, but I welcome reader reports about places you have visited and things you have done that might interest other readers. For example, help me find reasonably priced accommodations in London, England. Send your letters to Iris Sanderson Jones, Travel Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

By Iris Sanderson Jones
contributing travel editor

Some things don't change. Sharpes Creek still flows downhill from the Woolen Mill on Upper Pond to the Gledhill House on Lower Pond, rushing under the grist mill to the Maitland River.

The river flows downstream to the modern town of Goderich, and

on to Lake Huron, but that is a 20th century setting and Benmiller is firmly stuck by history and choice in the 19th century.

If you look at the old photographic mural on the wall at the swimming pool you see the village of Benmiller as it was in the 1840s when the Canada Company sold the original land grants in the then Huron Tract of Upper Canada and what is now Ontario.

The mural shows the wide shallow river winding away between treed hills. A horse-drawn cart clip-clops down the road that runs parallel to the river. Between the river and the road are a dozen wooden buildings that held the old mill complex and its workers.

There are only a few houses, one general store and the Benmiller Inn in the village of Benmiller now.

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MOVING PICTURES



James (John Travolta) is the most exciting baby sitter...

VIDEO VIEWING

Two major motion pictures debut this week on video cassette — 'Lawrence of Arabia' (1962, restored version, 1985, 216 minutes, PG, color) and 'A World Apart' (1988, 115 minutes, PG, color).

Winner of seven Oscars, including the academy's best picture citation, the original 'Lawrence' was cut by 35 minutes. Amidst much publicity it was restored for a nationwide tour, which included Detroit's Fox Theatre earlier this year.

ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

'Vera' uncovers Soviet life

announcing their marriage plans, Sergei moves in with Vera's family and the movie starts to look like a Soviet 'All in the Family'.

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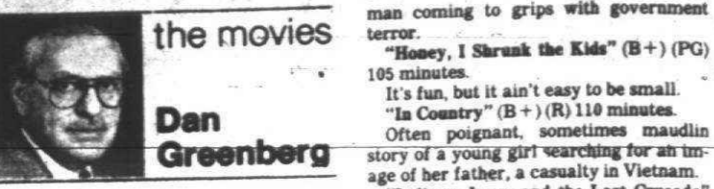
'Taking.' Cute but not credible

When Mollie (Kristie Alley), the CPA gets pregnant by Albert (George Segal), the neurotic entrepreneur, she needs to find a father for her baby, Mikey (a whole bunch of kid actors — Jason Schaller, Jarrod Waterhouse, Jacob Haines and Christopher Aydon plus stunt double, Mihaly 'Michu' Meszaros and plain double Amanda Blasko).

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the movies Dan Greenberg

Table with 2 columns: Grade and Description. Includes 'A+ Top marks - sure to please', 'A Close behind - excellent', 'A- Still in running for top honors', etc.

sequences, this muddled and murky sci-fi sea saga sinks. 'Batman' (C+) (PG-13) 130 minutes. Michael Keaton is a dud in the title role, but Jack Nicholson's Joker is terrific.

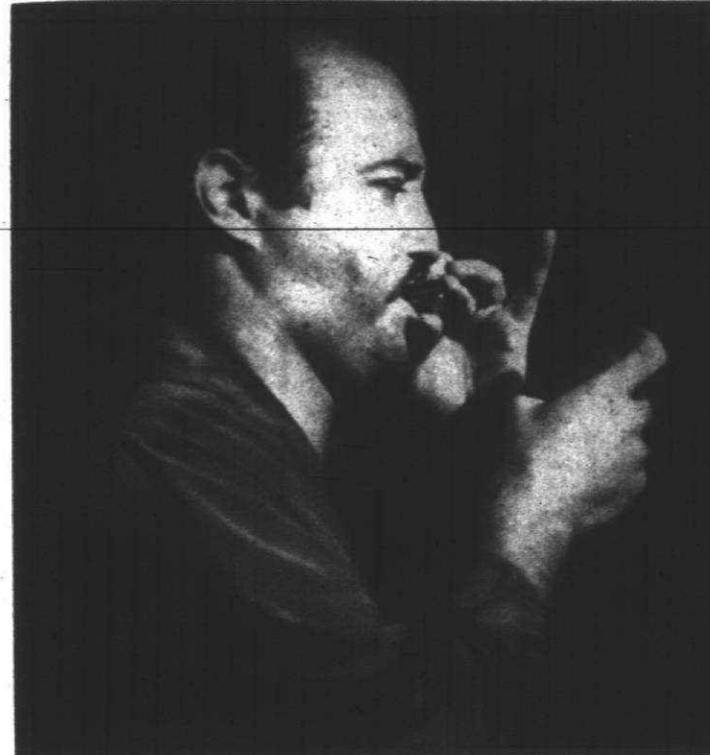
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STREET BEATS

Brace for the Blues Explosion

By Larry O'Connor staff writer

The breakers and test tubes are out. Like the teenager in the basement with a chemistry set, blues man Kim Wilson is experimenting.



Kim Wilson, formerly of Redford Township, has put together an all-star cast of musicians for the Blues Explosion.

Bonedaddys boogie big

World beat spurs band

By Larry O'Connor staff writer

Beware of the Bonedaddys. They make you sweat. So apply a double dose of that deodorant stick and be prepared to dance.

REVIEWS

OH MERCY — Bob Dylan

Nary a negative word has been breathed about this record, and it's high time its shortcomings were recognized. The lyrics aren't printed on the jacket.

REI MOMO — David Byrne

David Byrne is most readily known for his work with Talking Heads, but he's redefined traditional notions of pop songs, constantly challenging the listener with new styles of singing.

IN CONCERT

- FLOUR Flour will perform on Monday, Oct. 16, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.
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LIVE BOB MOULD

Nectarine Ballroom, Ann Arbor.

"There's a lot of Husker Du left in this man." So declared one nearby fan while watching Bob Mould tear through 130 minutes of rock-and-roll last Monday at Ann Arbor's Nectarine Ballroom.

LOCAL

Here are the top 10 songs heard on 'Detroit Music Scene,' which is heard 4-5 p.m. Sundays (repeated 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays) on WDR-FM 90.3.

SINGLES

- 1. 'Cherish' Madonna.
2. 'You're So Vain' Janis Joplin.
3. 'If I Could Turn Back Time' Cher.
4. 'Heaven' Warrant.
5. '18 and Life' Sid Row.
6. 'Girl, I'm Gonna Miss You' Milli Vanilli.
7. 'Mixed Emotions' Rolling Stones.
8. 'Love Song' The Cars.
9. 'On a Real Good Day' The Waitresses.
10. 'Charlie' Cyndi Lauper.

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OH MERCY — Bob Dylan. REI MOMO — David Byrne. BIG BANG! — Fuzzbox. The biggest downfall in pop criticism: Songs such as 'American Beauty' are written from a feminist perspective.

FEAR AND LOAFING

Answers to stupid questions

By Karl Nilsson
special writer

In honor of National Stupid Question Week, I am interrupting our regular series on self-hardening clay to answer those burning questions from readers. How they caught fire is another story altogether.

Q. I'm trying to organize my closets. Any point in hanging on to my old fingernail clippings?
A. Don't toss that collection yet. They're useful in the manufacturing of artificial fingernails. It used to be that when a prize show horse split a nail his career was ruined. Now, thanks to new "press-on fashion hooves," the judges never know the difference.

Q. Why did "Big Band" music fade away?
A. In the days before music videos, top swing bands relied on unusual rhyming names to promote audience recognition. The most popular of these catchy monikers was "Les Brown and His Band of Renown."

Brown's overnight success spawned a host of imitators like "Conrad Rust and His Band of Distasteful" and "Reginald Pitts and His Band of Twists." Soon, all the good names were used up, bringing the Big Band era to an untimely end.

With the advent of television in the early '50s, the Big Band sound enjoyed a brief resurgence this time with the Latin flavor of Ricky Ricardo.

Q. Where did the game of basketball get the nickname round ball?
A. Surprisingly, it was not derived from the spherical shape of today's familiar orange ball. Instead, it was a reference to geographical location as in the phrase, "that's what we play 'round here."

In actual fact, the original game wasn't played with a ball at all, but a cinder block. Since dribbling was more difficult, this early game emphasized passing and shooting. The switch to a rubber ball occurred during the great cement shortage of 1923.

Q. Any ideas why the Detroit Tigers' performance was so dismal?
A. I'm tired of people blaming the Tigers for something that wasn't their fault. My research department has uncovered three reasons why Detroit lost more than 100 games this season:

1. Poor hitting — Hidden cameras revealed the Tiger bat boys were

street seen



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STREET SENSE

Sleeplessness is common problem

Dear Barbara,
I have difficulty sleeping at night. I both have difficulty falling asleep and staying asleep. Then during the day, I am often tired and cannot stop myself from napping.

The doctor has prescribed sleeping pills, but they make me feel groggy and from what I have read, can possibly be dangerous. I am in my late 40s and have had this problem for about five years.

monitored, resulting in a greater chance for appropriate treatment which could be medical, psychological, behavioral or all three.

Dear Barbara,
Until recently, I enjoyed a close relationship with my grandchildren. They are two girls ages 4 and 7. My daughter divorced her husband when the youngest child was only one. I have helped her since that time by caring for the girls while she worked.

Lonely in Novi
Yes, you have rights. There have been laws since the 1970s, which allow grandparents to initiate legal action when, because of divorce or death, their relationship with their grandchildren has been terminated without cause.

A group called the Grandparents Rights Organization is trying to have these rights. Call the organization at 646-7177 and they will counsel you on finding competent legal representation.



Barbara Schiff
If you have a question or comment for Barbara Schiff, a trained counselor and experienced therapist, send it to Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



X means victory for Phil Glebe

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Every weekend, from February to November, Glebe is in a different city to do the same task. Prize money for a race can be as high as \$10,000.

The circuit is grueling, the rewards plentiful. He travels east, west, north and south in pursuit of championship points during the race season.

SOMETIMES RACING points are the last thing on Glebe's mind. Like for instance, the time he went over Lake Michigan from West Bend, Wis., to Lansing. The flight reached an altitude of 10,000 feet in subzero temperatures.

Then there was his time in the sun, when he nearly landed in the Gulf of Mexico. The flight originated out of Naples, Fla., with winds blowing east to west.

As he flew over woods, swamps and condominiums, Glebe began to look for an opening to land the craft. "That hole never developed," he said.

All of a sudden he was starting at a vast blue body of water. He began to let air out of the balloon. The basket skimmed along the top of some palm trees, slowing down the craft. The basket hit the beach, dumping Glebe out onto the sand. The canvas balloon landed in the ocean.

LUCK WOULD seem to play a part. But with 13 years experience as a licensed balloon pilot, skill had a say in Glebe avoiding danger.

Benmiller resort reflects past

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but in those days it was a busy industrial center full of looms, saws, mill stones and other ingenious devices that served the settlers.

Benmiller had its own water power, so Gledhill's Woolen Mill and Pfriemer's Grist Mill stayed alive through World War II, but by 1972 it was a ghost town.

IT WOULD probably still be a ghost town if a man called Ivy, nostalgic for the woolen blankets of his youth, had not driven this way while on a vacation in Grand Bend. There were the old mill buildings, tucked into the trees near two Huron County roads, with nothing but the road to let a traveler know that he was in the 20th century, approaching the 21st.

It took a lot of restoration and rebuilding, but the Woolen Mill opened as the Benmiller Inn in 1974 and the grist mill became The River Mill in 1976. By 1979, two wings had been added to the private home of former mill owner Vera Gledhill, a third-generation Benmiller weaver. They are all part of the Benmiller Inn today.

If you decide to stay at the Benmiller Inn, the hardest part is finding it. There is one small sign where County Road 1 turns off Highway 8 just east of Goderich.

If you ask directions in Goderich, they will send you in the back way — "Follow Highway 21 across the bridge, take a sharp right, go through Saltford, turn right when the road ahead turns to gravel and you'll see the red brick church on one side of the road and a small green sign for the village of Benmiller on the other."

Don't go too fast or you'll miss the right turn onto County Road 1 and the gated roofless of the inn while winding past in a blur of trees.

You check in at the Woolen Mill, with its bar, dining room and guest rooms. Old hands like to stay there because the rooms are in a slightly

STREET CRACKS

His layoff turned into laughs

By Susan Steinmueller
staff writer

Darwin Hines was good for laughs in grade school, where he'd stand in front of the class and tell jokes to the teachers and other students.

Looking back, the 33-year-old Detroit resident said that was the beginning of his career as a stand-up comedian, although he credits a Richard Pryor comedy album for the inspiration to become a comedian.

"In 1975, I was listening to Richard Pryor and I said, 'If this guy can say these things that I think about... If he can be a comedian, I can be,'" Hines said. "If it hadn't been for the album, I probably would never have tried comedy at all."

Five years later, Hines was laid off from Ford Motor Co. Encouraged by friends, he tried his hand at stand-up comedy.

It went well, and Hines has been going for the laughs ever since.

HE HAS appeared around the country at clubs like Dangerfield's and Comic Strip in New York, and locally at Comedy Castle and Laff Factory in Detroit and Benny's in Westland.

He has been featured in USA Today and Entertainment magazine, and on all the local television news stations. Hines has also opened for George Benson at Pine Knob and B.B. King at the Premier Center. He will be at the Comedy Korner in Windsor this week.

Hines writes his own material. "A lot of material are things that happen to me," he said. "A lot of times my comedy comes from being angry."

HINES DESCRIBES his style of comedy as "controversial." Two of his favorite targets are racism, and male-female relationships.

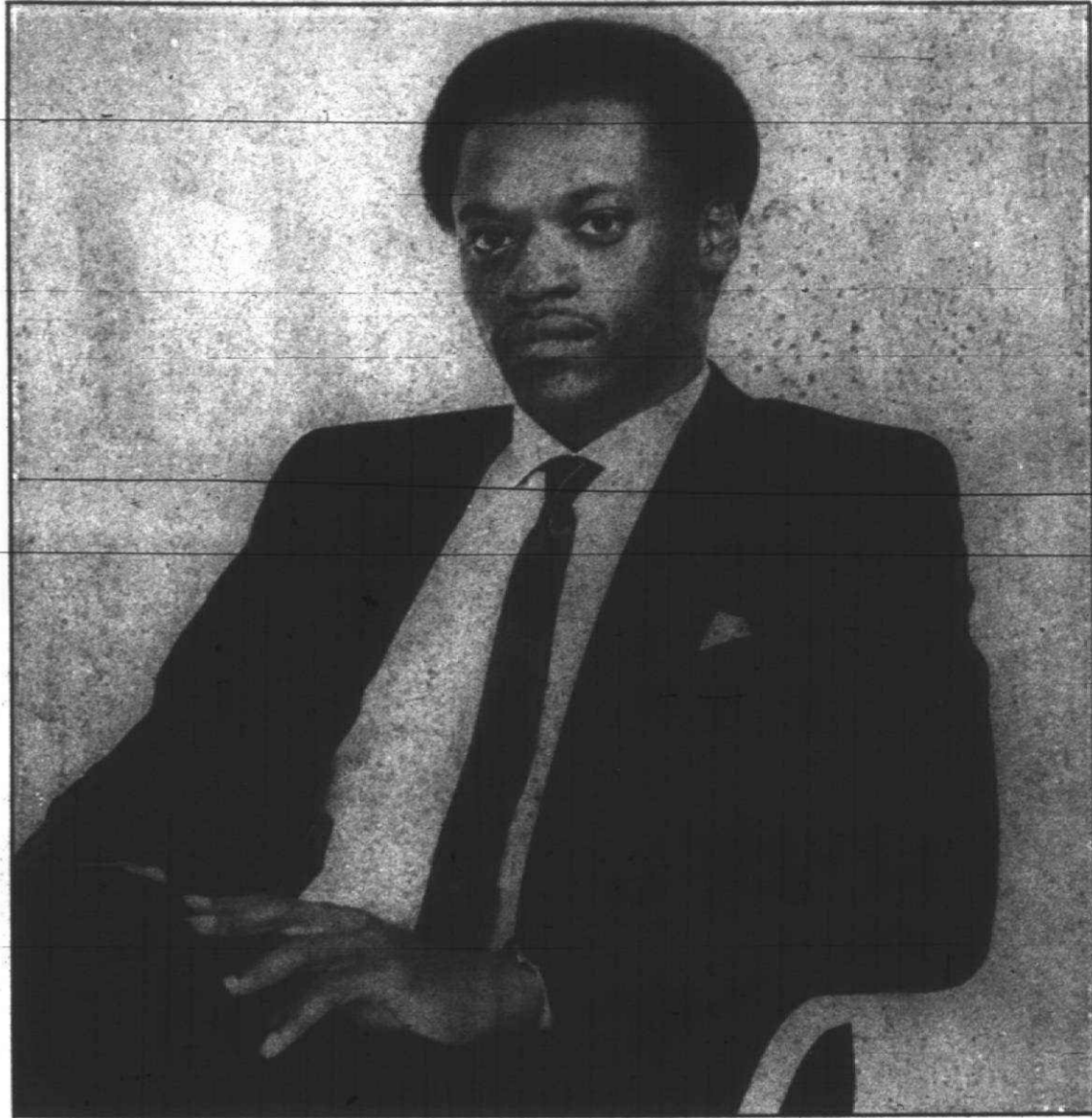
"I see no reason to be prejudiced," he said, "and there are a lot of prejudiced people in our society. All you are really doing is hurting yourself if you are."

Hines does encounter racism while doing his act. But he said after seeing him perform, people will sometimes change their tunes.

One man, he said, made racist remarks at the beginning of his show, and at the end, stood up to lead a standing ovation.

One of his quips on racism is: "I like prejudiced people because you can mess up their whole day just by showing up."

While he may make fun of relationships, Hines, who is single, said, "the most important thing to me besides being famous, is being married."



Darwin Hines was good for laughs in grade school, but it wasn't until he was laid off from Ford Motor Co. that he tried his hand at stand-up comedy. Hines has been going for the laughs ever since.

ONE OF the tough parts of being a comic is that in a room of 300 people, "there is nothing I can say that won't offend someone," Hines said.

"When people go to comedy clubs, they should keep in mind that comedians are just out to make them laugh," he said. "They should keep an open mind. The comedian does not know that this particular subject may upset you. If you start taking out material that would make you upset, there'd be nothing to joke about."

Another tough aspect of life as a stand-up comedian is that "on this level you have to travel a lot," Hines said.

"There is a lot of competitiveness, things of that nature," he said. "The business end of it is really rough."

IT'S ALSO hard to make a name for oneself. "On the level of comedy, people go out to see comedy, they don't go to see an individual," he said. "Usually, TV changes that."

"That's TV as in 'major TV.' 'You have to do it two to three times a year for people to start knowing you,'" said Hines, who has done cable television comedy shows. "You have to have a really unique act, something that really stands out."

To really make it in the business, a comedian should also live in Los Angeles, said Hines, who plans to head for the West Coast one day.

Hines has no plans to give up what he calls his first love. Even if he did make a name for himself on a sitcom or on television — which helped make Eddie Murphy and Bill Cosby household names comedy would always come first for him, he said.

"I would want to be a comedian first and an actor second."

Darwin Hines will appear at the Comedy Korner in Windsor Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 18-21.

COMEDY CLUBS

Here are some listings of comedy clubs in our area. To let us know who is appearing at your club, send the information to: Comedy Listings, Observer & Eccentric, Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

● BEA'S COMEDY KITCHEN
Jeff Branson will perform with Rabin Rabin and Downtown Toy Brea Friday-Saturday, Oct. 20-21, at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 341 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 961-2581.

● CHAPLIN'S EAST
Roger Felix will perform Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 18-21, at Chaplin's East, 34244 Grosbeck, Fraser. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 792-1902.

● CHAPLIN'S PLYMOUTH
Ally Ball will perform with Skip Darby and Nick Taredes Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 18-21, at Chaplin's Plymouth in the Plymouth Radisson, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth. For information, call 454-4690.

● CHAPLIN'S WEST
John Riggi will perform with Mike Cooper and Tony Mason Tuesday-Saturday, Oct. 17-21, at Chaplin's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 533-8866.

● HOLLY HOTEL
Craig McArt will perform along with Mario and Sean Hunter Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 19-21, at Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. Show times are 8:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 8 and 10:15 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 634-1891.

● JOEY'S LIVONIA
Peter Fogel will perform Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 19-21, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36671 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations, call 261-9555.

● KOMEDY KORNER
Darwin Hines will appear Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 18-21, at the Comedy Korner, Riverside Drive, east of Oalettia, Windsor. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call (519) 252-6648.

● SECOND CITY
Second City Touring Company will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Michigan Theater, 605 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$12.50 and \$15. For information, call 99-MUSIC.



Comedienne Rita Rudner will appear for a special engagement Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 25-26, at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase in Ann Arbor.

● LOONEY BIN
Gary Barkwick will perform Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 19-21, at the Wolverine Lounge and Looney Bin Comedy Club, 1655 Gilengary, Walled Lake. Show times are 9 p.m. Friday and 8 and 10:15 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 699-9374.

● LOONEY BIN TOO
John Riggi will perform on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21, at the Looney Bin Too at the Noxy, 1-94 and E. Bagarty, Belleville. For reservations, call 699-1229.

● MISS KITTY'S
Daany Brews will perform Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 19-21, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch Restaurant, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 628-6500.

● MAINSTREET
Peter Berman will perform Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 18-19, and Kirkland Temple will perform Friday-Saturday, Oct. 20-21, at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

Also Rita Rudner will appear for a special engagement Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 25-26. Tickets are \$15. For information, call 996-9900.

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Ann Delisi not only is music director at WDET-FM, the Detroit area's public radio station, she also does a Friday evening show, "New Releases in Review."

ANN DELISI - WDET

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

WDET RADIO has been producer of the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival broadcast for all of its 10 years. Ann Delisi refers to the 1989 event and her part in it as her "initiation festival."

It was another bit of on-the-job training for Delisi who started working in the station as a volunteer while she was a student at Wayne State University and just recently took the title of music director.

"I was a music student at Wayne

with no clear cut ideas of what I wanted to do," she said. "I never had a class in broadcasting or theater. I never wanted to be a performer — maybe a composer. All I knew for sure was that I loved music more than anything else and wanted to be around it, wanted to be a part of it."

"We're all music people here. Everyone of us who work here is a music lover."

What kind of music makes no difference.

"We're an eclectic station, a variety station," she said. "We give anything a chance. That's part of the freedom of Public Radio — a freedom no commercial station has. We get anywhere from 25 to 150 new releases a week and we've aired people no one else will air."

And, according to Delisi, WDET has been "good for newcomers."

"WE HELP THEM whenever we

can and we know we sell their records," she said. "It's been wonderful to hear some of the music that's come in from some of the African cultures. It's about time for that."

Delisi was born and raised in Detroit and still lives there. Her musical instrument is the piano, but there is not a lot of time for that. As music director, she oversees all the music programs on the air and has to be prepared to sit in as substitute for any host who isn't there for any reason.

She also has to prepare for her own Friday night shift and orchestrate all co-sponsorships of any manner WDET takes on.

She also spends a good part of her day listening to new releases and is active in the self-promotion that any public radio station must do. As a result, she is determined to start computerizing the music library.

"I still spend a lot of time in this room," she said of the music library.

"Music librarian was my first full-

time job at the station. We've got 30,000 titles here and it is very safe to say that it's the largest record library in the city."

She took that job six years ago. She eased into assistant music director, then the music director position without worry about sex discrimination.

"The majority of the management positions here are held by women," she said. "I never felt discriminated against, but I am well aware that discrimination exists in the industry."

DELISI IS a big advocate of live music.

"It was the live element that made radio radio and we should be preserving that element," she said. "We've got a state of the art sound stage here and we'll be getting more live acts to play in it."

Delisi has an audience of about 170,000 people she talks to 7-10 p.m. Friday nights at 101.9 on the FM dial.

"I love this job," she said. "I am grateful to be here everyday I walk through these doors."

SHERI DONOVAN - WLLZ

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

SHERI DONOVAN grew up in Farmington Hills and after a long circuitous route to find a career, is now back in that town working at WLLZ.

"I was a secretary, a waitress, a bartender (after graduation from Farmington High School)," she said. "One summer I mowed lawns for a landscaper just so I could get a tan. It took a while for me to realize I was going to have to zero in on something definite."

The something she zeroed in on was classes at Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts where she got on-the-job, on-the-air training doing State Police news and some weather reports for AAA's Icycle Network.

"I got my first job while I was with the Icycle Network reporting to other radio stations, just talking to those people. That job was news director for a small market area in Traverse City because at the time that was what I thought I wanted to do," she said.

Her first job as a DJ was with WWCK in Flint, where she was able to choose the music she would play for her own air shift and where she decided she would stick with the music end of the broadcast business.

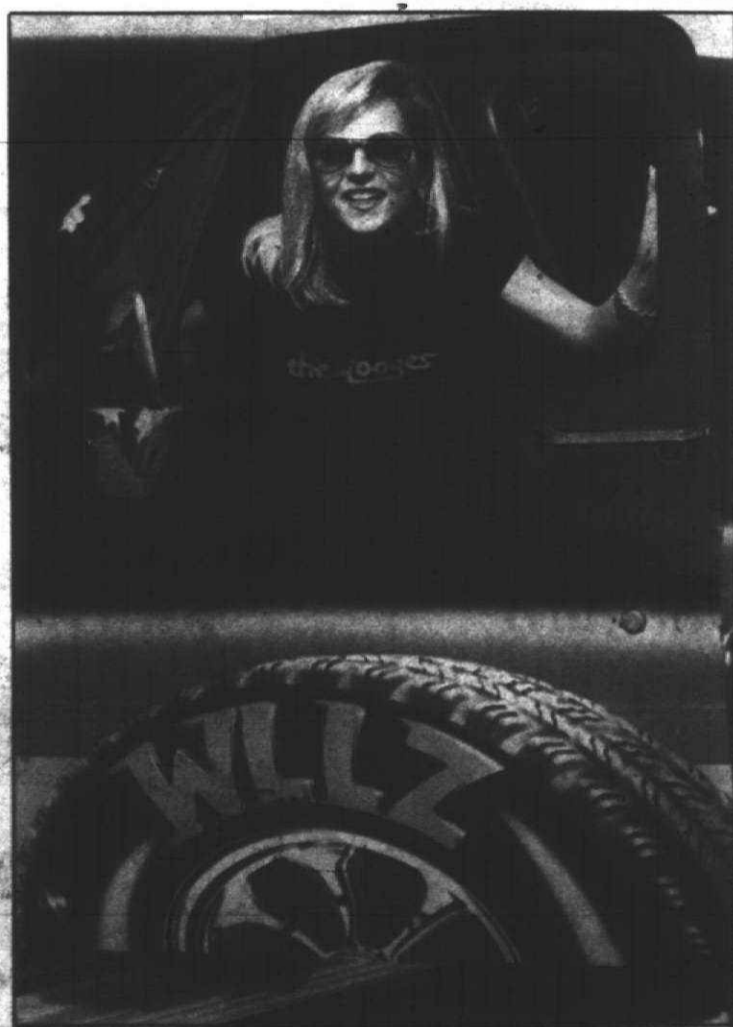
At WLLZ she turned from DJ to air personality.

"I see new music coming in every day," she said. "I read the trade magazines. I talk about the music and the artists; that's the job. But I don't choose the music I play. Everything is so tied up with ratings we need someone else to direct our master plan here and keep us all on the same track."

A GOOD PART of Donovan's job as an air personality is making public appearances and self-promotion.

"I'm always learning and every day I like my job better," she said. "I keep learning about myself because it's important to let myself come through. That's the difference between a DJ and an air personality."

"I have to be myself and express



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Sheri Donovan went from doing State Police news and some weather reports for AAA's Icycle Network to news director for a small market area in Traverse City to a DJ at WWCK in Flint before becoming an on-air personality at WLLZ-FM.

myself in a proper way, but I have to think twice about it and worry about what people think. I have to be more than just another nice or pleasant voice on the radio. And that's a very good way to learn about me."

One of the requirements for her job, she said, is always having to be "up."

"This requires a lot of excitement on my part and sometimes it takes time to wind down," she said. "But I'm a night owl. I get to bed at about 4 a.m. A lot better for me than doing the morning news in Traverse City at 4 a.m."

A fun part of the job is the many parties she attends. She told about being invited to Aretha Franklin's

house to narrate a benefit fashion show one morning and doing the job that evening.

"All the while The Temptations were singing in her basement. And I got paid for being there," she said.

On the down side of being an air personality, Donovan refused to say what town she lived in "because of all the crazies out there."

She's been the recipient of some wild sounding and off-beat letters and phone calls.

"IT'S A NUTTY part of this job . . . and very scary," she said.

Donovan said she has never felt any sexual discrimination against her personally since she entered the broadcast business in 1982.

ROBIN SULLIVAN - WMUZ

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

ROBIN SULLIVAN got her job at WMUZ by answering an ad placed in what she called an "obscure publication" while she was working "in an obscure station" in Rhode Island.

At the time the station had a maximum of two hours of music programmed for the day and Sullivan was selling ads and cleaning the bathrooms in between her short stint on the air.

"WMUZ was looking for someone who was bright, pithy, energetic, fun, able to communicate one-on-one and able to communicate their love of God," the Farmington Hills resident said. "That was me. The ad was describing me."

She was the first woman DJ to be hired by an all-Christian station in Detroit.

She went into the job, "under a little bit of pressure from some of the hard-core conservatives but determined just to be me," she said.

"I knew I couldn't be all things to all people," she said. "I wasn't Miss Glamour and I wasn't Miss Intelligence, but I could do all things through Christ who strengthened me."

"I developed a following very early on and in many ways I'm like a big sister. They (the callers) ask for advice and I share Jesus. That's a lot more than sharing a recipe. There's no theater in this. I communicate one-on-one just being me."

YOU'LL FIND her show, "The Praise Company," at 163.5 on the FM dial 3-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-6 p.m. Saturday. Calls come through on "The Praise Line."

Sullivan grew up in parochial schools in Rhode Island and studied theater in college where she "became a crazy woman," she said.

The wild life continued all the while she was ridding herself of her New England accent, living in New York pursuing a career in theater and up until the time she accepted Jesus into her life.

That was about 12 years ago.

"I packed up and went back to

Rhode Island to work in my Irish father's pizza place . . . humbled," she said. "I didn't know what I was going to do, except I wanted to tell others about Jesus — even if I had to wear a sandwich board to do it."

For Sullivan, getting a job at a little radio station with an audience of about 500 seemed to be a good start, especially "for somebody whose qualifications were a big mouth and a love of Jesus."

"Born again means fresh start," she said. "I found I had a purpose. I found there was more to life than I thought there was and I was able to convey all that enthusiasm."

"I still can do it. I'm on the air four hours a day, six days a week

and I never have a script. Never. I just share my life experiences."

ANOTHER THING Sullivan is sharing these days is her knowledge of theater.

She's directing two one act plays produced by Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. "An Evening of One Acts" is scheduled for weekends Oct. 20-Dec. 2.

Sullivan, who said she's not good at sitting still, is very active in "Operation Rescue," sometimes known as "Rescuers of the Unborn."

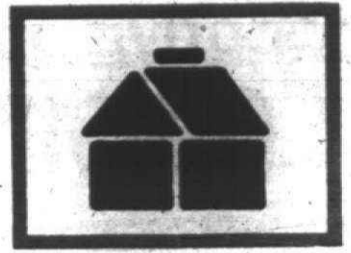
"I'm their cheerleader," she said. "I get the singing going and lead the prayers for the unborn and their mothers."



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Robin Sullivan of Farmington Hills has found her niche as an on-air personality, working a drive-time shift at WMUZ — 163.5 FM.

Creative Living



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Getting with Gear: comfortable country

By Joan Boram
special writer

DO YOU ever look around your living room in despair at the frayed sofa garnished with dog hair, the hand-me-down overstuffed chair the cat uses as a scratching post, the coffee table ringed by years of kaffeeklatsches?

Do you sometimes wonder if your complete collection of Bob-Lo snowballs are genuine collectibles or just kitsch? Just push the stack of shelter magazines aside, sit down and relax. Chances are you qualify as "country." Don't think "frumpy," think "patina."

And while you're at it, think of Raymond Waites, "the jovial decorating wizard credited with being the 'Father of American Country.'" According to Waites, the mark of a decorator's skill is to make a room look lived in from day one. Scuff marks on the dining room chairs put you ahead of the game. Be proud of that philodendron in the stenciled coffee can.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, Waites was happy and successful living in Helsinki where he was director of design for Marimekko. (If you don't recall Marimekko, think geometric Laura Ashley.)

"But there comes a day when the most important thing in the world is a Diet Coke and a hamburger, and then it's time to come home," claims the ebullient Waites.

And, in a nutshell, that's how Waites became the "Father of American Country."

Speaking at the Michigan Design Center's gala preview party recently, Waites traced his design philosophy from Southern Victorian to pared-down international to country comfortable.

"Right after coming back to the states, I bought a quilt and a piece of pine furniture, and I did a complete design turnabout. My wife and I began to haunt country fairs and pine began pushing plastic out the door."

"We had been brought up," he continued, "in the Southern Victorian tradition — our families had loads of heavy, ornate table silver, white damask tablecloths, etc., that was used once or twice a year."

Soon after his "conversion," Waites met Bettye Martin, and together they decided to take her \$5,000 and his talent, and start a company to design and produce good American design. Thus, in 1978, Gear Inc., was launched.

"MY PERSONAL TASTE led to

may professional life," he said.

About that time, Waites and Mary Emmerling wrote a book describing what was happening in design. "American Country," still in print, made them the official parents of the American Country movement.

Gear Inc. was an immediate success. "The time was right — something was bubbling in the country," said Waites. "You can't make anything happen if the culture isn't ready. There was a resurgence of looking at our design heritage. Maybe it was a delayed result of the bicentennial."

Waites passed out some advice at his appearance in the Burger gallery. He urges the special use (to you) of pieces as the foundation of a room. Just don't use too many colors.

"COLOR ALLOWS YOU to mix styles and periods," he explained. By using a limited color palette, it all flows together. For example, honey pine furniture has a yellow tone. If you mix it with off-white and gray blue, you can change the attitude of the room with very little money. Learn to build color and accessories.

"For a seasonal look in the summer, add yellow striped pillows and daffodils. Mums, a tablecloth and swags over the windows, all in rich rust red, will carry the room into autumn."

Waites is predicting that country will assume a more opulent, almost baroque, look.

WAITES HAS USED the same core colors in successive fabric collections to assure continuity. "Stone blue," for instance, has been around for eight years, in various patterns.

"I use my own taste as a barometer," said Waites. "Eight years ago, I designed a romantic chintz collection. Everybody predicted that it would never sell. It was our most popular collection, it's still selling well."

When asked to define country, Waites described an encounter in a Finnish farmhouse: "Once, I was traveling in Finland 200 miles above the Arctic Circle. We stopped at a farm house, and there was an old woman weaving rugs from old clothes — and plastic shopping bags! The rugs were wonderful. They were much more durable than an ordinary rag rug because of the plastic. She has created a traditional item in a traditional way, using non-traditional material."

"That's the true spirit of country. There are no rules."



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Some of the owners of Bay View Condominiums in Grand Marais look over plans for a similar development in Bloomfield Hills residents Ira and Barbara Green in St. Ignace at a recent get-together at the home of Ron (left) and Mary Benish of Farmington. Green (third from left) explains the design to Marjorie Coxford of Canton, Ross and Laura Norberry (right) of Southfield, while Barbara Green looks on from the background.

Extended family

Love of north country bonds condo owners

By Marie McGee
staff writer

IRA and Barbara Green's commitment to Michigan's Upper Peninsula has paid off in ways they didn't expect.

They've managed to make some money on a condominium project some of their friends thought was crazy. But more rewarding has been the knowledge that they were promoting the beauty of Michigan's upper peninsula as an affordable recreational retreat.

It's also resulted in a new "extended" family — made up of the 15 or so families who bought units in the waterfront condominiums the Greens built last year at Grand Marais, on the shores of Lake Superior.

An announcement of the development came via a feature story in the Observer & Eccentric in July 1988. The story noted that the Greens, both from Bloomfield Hills, were fans of the Upper Pen-

insula — particularly the Grand Marais area.

WHAT THE STORY didn't talk about was the skepticism of friends when the Greens decided to replace rental cabins with condominiums on land they owned.

But Ira Green, who owns a dental lab in Troy, said he could understand their feelings. After all, he said, he wasn't a "builder" in the construction sense of the word. But he also knew that what he lacked in expertise, he made up in enthusiasm for Michigan's upper regions.

Underlining that enthusiasm was a commitment to preserve the beauty and integrity of the region. To make sure he didn't compromise either, he sought advice from others who felt as he did. High on his list was the Department of Natural Resources.

He was most familiar with Grand Marais because he and Barbara had vacationed there for many years. In fact, he had camped in the area as a youth.

THE PROJECT WAS a labor of love, so to speak — a belief that, if given the chance, others would probably come to love the area, too.

Almost from the announcement of the development, the response was overwhelming, Green said.

"Not only did all 18 units sell almost immediately, but a majority of the people were from this area," said Green.

The result is a strong association that has become "almost like a family."

The camaraderie is so strong that the group often gets together "down here" long after summer ends for what the group technically calls "association meetings." Plymouth, for instance, is a favorite meeting place — probably because the association treasurer and her husband live in Canton.

ANOTHER UNEXPECTED benefit came from a friendship Green formed with one of the association members who happens

to own a market research firm. The two men often commuted from the Bloomfield area to Grand Marais on weekends.

"In fact, we have gotten to be such good friends, that he has helped me make decisions about our next project," said Green with a grin.

Oh yes, there's another project on the drawing board.

The Greens are in the midst of developing a similar waterfront development — this one in St. Ignace.

"It will be basically the same design as the development in Grand Marais, but the units will be slightly larger," said Green. One- and two-bedroom units will be offered in a price range of \$65,000-\$75,000.

The Greens — like a lot of other folks in the state including Governor James Blanchard — happen to believe that St. Ignace is the gateway to the north. The Greens see their latest venture as a way to oil the hinges a bit.



organizing
Dorothy Lehmkuhl

Spotlighting right-brainers

Last week's column described the attributes of people who are left brain dominant and how that affects their organizational abilities. Right brain thinking will be discussed today.

While everyone switches back and forth between the two hemispheres of the brain, about 10 percent of people depend almost entirely on the right side.

People who think predominantly with their right brain might be characterized as artists, or creative people. They tend to think in metaphors, images, spatial concepts and intuitive leaps of insight. They are concerned with the immediate experience of patterns, moods, feelings and atmosphere. Right brain people tend to be inspirational, attuned to music, movement and touch. They can be inner directed (unconcerned with other's opinions), impractical, spontaneous, lacking in discipline, irrational, holistic and sensual. They are non-sequential, (as in not time oriented) and often drag their heels and run late.

"Right Brainers" acquire their information kinesthetically (through touch and feelings) and process it in feelings-action-thought order. That is, they experience a feeling, act upon it and only then consider the consequences. They often want things Right Now! These people are good at looking at a whole concept, while ignoring the details. When asked to describe a room, for instance, they might say it is "bright, sunny, spacious and makes me feel good."

Right brain activities include making love, dancing, impulse buying and overeating. Because they are not conscious of details or objects and tend to think horizontally, they may leave things laying around, save things and allow possessions to become disorganized. Their homes may have a "lived in" look.

Although right brain people may be impractical, they may also be extremely talented in ways left brain dominance would never allow. If they have jobs that demand left brain thinking, they may revert to right brain dominance even more dramatically at home.

"The Odd Couple Syndrome — Resolving the Neat/Sloppy Dilemma," a book by Selwyn Mills, Ph.D. and Max Weisser, ACSW, points out that opposites attract and life can be difficult when two opposites live or work together. The often amusing book states that when Neat and Sloppy meet, "sloppy prevails." Acceptance of the other person's traits is a key to harmony. Also, anyone can learn to use both brain hemispheres, but it is more difficult for a predominantly one-sided person.

Author Mills emphasized to me that brain dominance is "beyond value judgment" and should never be construed as "right" or "wrong," but merely different. This is only an outline sketch of their insightful book, which can be obtained by sending \$14.95 (plus \$1.50 postage) check or money order to Jamelson Publishing Co., 90 Schenck Ave., Suite 114, Great Neck, NY 11021.

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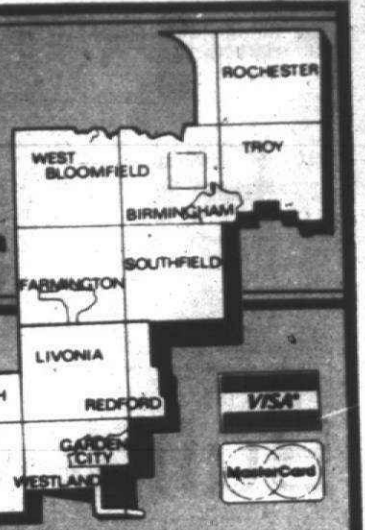
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Building Scene

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Builder uses energy saving as sales tool

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Robert Snowden, a West Bloomfield developer trying to break into the business, figures that he has to use every available marketing tool to compete with the big boys and attract customers.

So he's decided to add energy-efficient touches to pre-engineered modular houses he customizes on scattered lots in the metropolitan area.

Touche like storms on the Crestline windows, insulation in the steel front door, 3 1/2 inches of extra insulation between floors, 14 1/2 inches of insulation in the roof and two thermostats on the furnace — one for the second floor, the other for the first.

Snowden, president of the fledgling Ashley Development Co., recently was recognized by Consumers Power for exceeding standards set by the utility's energy efficient home award program.

"For me, the energy package is standard because I believe in making an energy efficient home," Snowden said of models offered by General Housing of Bay City.

"IF WE'RE going to become energy independent, we're going to have to pay attention to these things," he said.

A modular house is completely built in sections at a factory, then transported to a lot where its major sections are put together.

Snowden, 34, designed and installed two bedrooms and a full bathroom upstairs and roughed in a bonus room over the garage at the Williamsburg Cape Cod model in the Pleasant Lake Highland Subdivision

of West Bloomfield.

He put skylights in the upstairs bath and master bedroom.

The main floor — two bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and laundry — is 1,120 square feet.

A small Valliant model, gas-fired boiler furnace in the basement is rated at 85-percent efficiency, Snowden said.

The house is listed at \$126,500 and includes the lot. The model alone would sell for about \$90,000 with an unfinished upstairs, Snowden said.

BUYERS DON'T seem to be as fussy about energy-saving elements in a house today as they were a decade ago, Snowden said.

"In 1979-80-81, buyers were more energy conscious when the price of energy jumped about 50 percent," he said. "Prices have stabilized, maybe fallen, and they're not paying as much consideration."

"I think they will be in for a nasty surprise in a few years when they (prices) take off again," Snowden said.

Jim White, a marketing consultant for Consumers, agrees with Snowden, but believes that energy again is becoming important to buyers.

"I think people realize we've seen some relief (on prices) in the short term," White said. "In the long-term, energy is going to be an important resource to manage."

A study by the National Association of Home Builders indicates that nearly 70 percent of new home buyers rank energy efficiency high on a list of the most important con-



JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

This Williamsburg Cape Cod in the Pleasant Lake Highland Subdivision of West Bloomfield was recognized by Consumers

Power for exceeding standards set by the utility's energy efficient home award program.

siderations when building a new home.

BUILDERS ARE responding, said James S. Bonadeo, president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"From the roof to the basement, new home buyers will find the very latest in construction and materials to make their homes more comfortable, more convenient and less expensive to live in," he said.

More insulation, more-efficient window glazings and more-efficient furnaces and water heaters have resulted.

Everyone wins with the home energy award program sponsored by Consumers Power, White said.

The utility gets another natural gas customer, the buyer gets more bang for his energy dollar and the builder can promote and advertise a house as energy-efficient.

Other builders honored or soon to be honored by Consumers are LePore Building of Troy, Hillcom Development of Bloomfield Hills and Multi Building of Plymouth, White said.

TO QUALIFY, ceiling insulation

must be rated at least R-38 and wall insulation R-19, White said. The higher the rating, the greater the efficiency and protection.

Snowden said he has R-44 in the ceiling, R-19 in the walls and an additional 13 1/2 inches of insulation with a rating of R-45 in the roof.

Award-winning houses also must be completely weatherstripped and caulked, the windows must be double-glazed or contain storms and the furnace and hot water heater must be rated at least 80 percent efficient.

The windows used by Snowden

have storms and reflect heat out in summer and reflect heat in during winter, he said.

"Hot-water baseboard heat is quiet, it's even and it's efficient," he added.

The dual thermostats on the furnace — one for the second floor, the other for the first — also save energy, Snowden said.

The Williamsburg in West Bloomfield remains unsold in spite of the energy strategy taken by Snowden.

The big drawback is the nearly mile trek on an unpaved road up Halsted from 14 Mile, he said.

Appliances cut energy use

(AP) — Consumers can save close to \$150 a year by using the most energy efficient appliances sold in the United States, according to an independent non-profit energy research group.

"There are many factors that consumers need to look at in purchasing appliances. Energy is one of them," said Steve Nadel, senior associate at the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy.

Because "one-third of the electricity produced in the U.S. is consumed in our homes" the council recommends consumers pay closer attention to the yellow EnergyGuide labels affixed to new appliances.

"We are suggesting that people narrow their searches," Nadel said. The group's guide, "The Most Energy-Efficient Appliances" offers consumers help in doing that.

"If all the households in the U.S. had the most efficient refrigerators currently available, the electricity savings would eliminate the need for about 10 large power plants," the report said.

The makes and models surveyed by the council meet or exceed the minimum efficiency standards established by the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987, Nadel added.

The law provides that minimum energy efficiency standards for major home appliances be reduced by 10 percent to 30 percent and phased in over five years.

"Using appliances and heating and cooling equipment costs an average household more than \$1,000 per year," the report said.

"We estimate that these standards will save consumers at least \$28 billion over the lifetimes of the products sold through the year 2000," the report concluded.

BUT NADEL estimated buying the council's most energy-efficient refrigerator, dish and clothes washer could save \$146 a year.

The average family refrigerator is 18.5 cubic feet refrigerators with top freezers and automatic defrosters, Nadel said.

The council report rates a Frigidaire 18.6 cubic feet model as the most efficient in that size category. Based on a national average energy cost of 7.7 cents per kilowatt hour the booklet estimates the annual cost to run the Frigidaire refrigerator at \$65 annually.

The average refrigerator that consumers replace costs about \$112 to operate yearly, said Nadel. He calculated that consumers would save \$47 a year with the Frigidaire model.

For two other common household appliances, dish and clothes washers, Nadel estimated yearly costs for existing models in most homes at \$70 and \$90 respectively.

The council rates a White-Westinghouse dishwasher which costs \$38 a year to operate and a Gibson front-loading standard size washing machine costing \$23 a year to run as the most energy-efficient new models. The consumer buying these would save \$32 and \$67 over current costs.

Consumers can obtain a copy of the council's guide for \$3 by writing ACEEE, Suite 535, 1001 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Avoid problems before they arise

Our project is about 15 years old. The president of the association, having read your column, has requested that we amend our bylaws. Several members of the board are concerned that an update of the bylaws would be expensive and not necessary particularly since "we've not had any problems over the years." Their philosophy is why change it if it has worked. Do you have any comments?

A: If the condominium project is 15 years old without any bylaw changes, it is clear that you have not taken advantage of major changes in the 1978 Condominium Act, which enhanced condominium association operation, as well as other changes to the act that took place in 1983 and thereafter. Moreover, 15 years of experience in condo operation have not been incorporated into your condominium documents. As one of the co-drafters of the 1978 Condominium Act, it was my desire to alleviate many of the problems or abuses that took place under the first generation of condominium documents and the first-generation condominium statute. Unless you incorporate the changes in the documents, they will not be applicable. Also the fact that you have allegedly not had any problems up to this point is totally irrelevant to the question of the need to update your condo documents. The idea of having good condominium documents, which are specific in regard to restrictions, etc., is to avoid problems before they arise to be able to deal with them effectively once they arise, including, if necessary, the commencement of successful legal proceedings to ensure compliance with the condominium documents. Get your condo lawyer to address the members of the board of directors or the members of the association as to the need to update your documents as soon as possible.

We are upset about the election procedure of our condominium association regarding a recent attempt to remove the directors. All of a sudden the board decided that they would strictly adhere to the requirements that only the designated voting representative could vote when, in the past, that was not their custom or procedure. We protested at the meeting.



condo queries

Robert M. Meisner

but they basically did it their own way. What can we do since we want to throw the directors out? Unfortunately, we were not represented.

A: The board of directors of your association cannot have their cake and eat it too. If in fact they were elected under a procedure by which they did not follow their own rules and regulations regarding the designated voter representative forms, but then decided to get smart in an effort to make it more difficult for them to be unseated, you more than likely have a good claim that they have not been managing the association properly and have abused the election process. It is also more than likely that there may be other irregularities in regard to the election process, which should be reviewed by a competent legal adviser who is familiar with condominium association election procedures. You may find that you have a basis to set aside either the original election of the directors or the apparent election removal procedure, which you claim was fraught with error.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham attorney specializing in condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit topics, which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Birmingham 48010. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

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Void In West Bloomfield

On October 16, 1989 the West Bloomfield Township Board may pass an ordinance to restrict the reasonable use of your property. This Ordinance would require you to provide an extensive surveying and engineering study of your property and even force you to submit to a public hearing if you wish to relocate or remove even one small 3" caliper tree which you planted a few years ago. Do you want Government to take away control of your property? Can you afford more tax increases or a decrease in your property value? Protect your largest investment. Attend the October 16th meeting at 7:00 pm in the new Township Building located at 4550 Walnut Lake Road. Let your voice be heard before your land becomes their land.

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1st United Methodist Church 1528 W. 21st, 9:30-12:00. Fall Rummage Sale. Oct. 19-20, 9-5. Oct. 20, 9-5.

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BEVERLY HILLS-ESTATE SALE This 10-1/2, 1723 Kirtland, a 1 1/2 of 14 miles between Southfield & Pierce. Tables, lamps, 3 couches, set of tables, bar stools, chairs, 27 items, Small med. \$2000. 855-1331

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