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Hoben Elementary School fourth graders display their papier-mache president look-alikes. Jonathon Rounke with Theodore Roosevelt, Jennifer Diedrich with George Bush, Andrea

Krushinski with George Washington, Kate West with Dwight D. Eisenhower, Emily Grasela with Abraham Lincoln and Michelle Hartzler with John F. Kennedy.

## Presidents Day not a bust for kids

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

It was heads-up in Cathy Sibert's fourth grade classroom on Presidents Day.

Six students chose to make busts of presidents in the Hoben Elementary School Hall of Fame project. And the lesson reached far beyond how to mold papier-mache into miniature look-a-likes.

MICHELLE HARTZLER made a bust of John F. Kennedy, because, she said she liked what he had to say about civic commitment. She recited the famous lines by memory: "Ask

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not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

"He (Kennedy) was interesting and his contribution was neat," Hartzler said. "His mom had a lot of kids and

all of them were special. He was known as being popular."

The assignment was to select any famous person from American and world history, sports, medicine, entertainment, civil rights and science

from any era.

They studied their subject, wrote reports and showed-off their hand made papier-mache busts during oral presentations.

Fourth grader Jonathon Rounke said it was good idea to choose a president as part of the project because they are well known, but added sports heroes are also a good choice.

"Sports fans will probably remember the sports heroes longer," he said.

JENNIFER DIEDRICH researched President George Bush's life. She uncovered facts that few

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## Kosteva: Soviets fed up with system

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

McDonald's hamburgers taste the same in Moscow as they do in Canton.

But that didn't mask stark differences between Russia and the United States, said state Rep. Jim Kosteva, D-Canton.

"There's no McDonald's happy meals there — I guess you can take that for what it's worth," said Kosteva, who spent from Feb. 3-16 in the Soviet Union on tour with the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

The U.S. entourage included Democrats and Republicans from various parts of the country, congressional aides, media consultants and journalists.

Signs of economic failure were everywhere, Kosteva said.

"There is absolutely no incentive for service, nor any incentive for pride of ownership, whether it be in business or in homes since everything is owned by the state, and that's reflected in a multitude of ways," he said.

BUILDINGS ARE IN disrepair and shopkeepers are lax in the service provided, he said, adding that entrepreneurs earn the same amount of money regardless of what's sold.

A phone call that took hours to make was a perfect example of that inefficiency, said Kosteva.

Callers must make reservations for long distance phone calls in the Soviet Union. A call Kosteva planned to make to J.P. McCarthy for his morning radio program didn't get placed until the afternoon slot.

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## A day at the opera

Fourth graders from the Plymouth-Canton schools were among 2,300 area students who enjoyed special performances of the opera "La Boheme" at the Power Center in Ann Arbor. In this scene, Alcindora (right) is hopelessly in love with the flirtatious Musetta (left). For the story and more photos, please turn to Page 3A.

## Critic warns anti-blight rule goes too far

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

It doesn't matter much to Canton residents whose lawns are covered with ice and snow.

But by the time spring comes and the grass starts growing and you notice the peeling paint on your neighbor's home, an ordinance covering such subjects will probably be on the books in Canton Township.

The new property ordinance updates current anti-blight ordinances and adds requirements about grass lengths, outdoor home maintenance, and where and how high firewood is stacked.

TEETH WERE added to the ordinance after meetings with the Homeowners Advisory Council, made up of representatives from homeowners' associations, according to supervisor Tom Yack.

"Also ordinance people receive complaints from neighbors about the conditions of a home, but we really couldn't do anything, because there was not an ordinance to address it," Yack said.

Since the ordinance is new, Yack said, the township will be lenient in applying the rules.

"There will be a lot of folks who just miss the message," Yack said.

Grass height must be kept shorter than 6 inches, under the new ordinance.

### Rules cover waste storage, junk vehicles

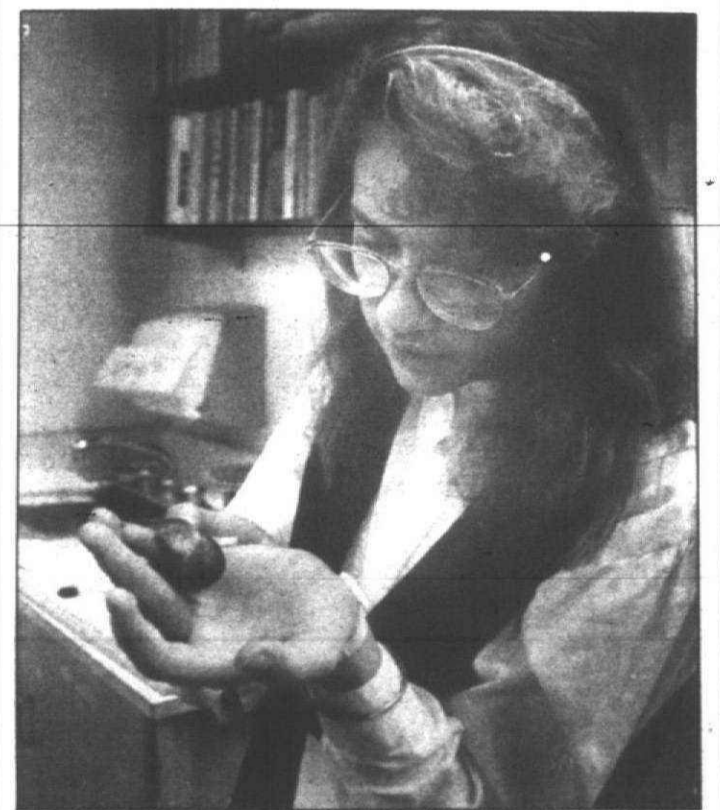
Other property standards restrictions regard:

- Prohibiting junk or inoperable vehicles in all areas, except in an enclosed building;
- Banning storage of waste materials, junk and deteriorated structures;
- Restricting off-street parking of any vehicle on grass;
- Prohibiting storage of building materials or construction equipment unless there is a building permit;
- Ensuring that all trees and shrubs be kept trimmed and away from public pathways; and
- Mandating neat stacks of firewood five feet or lower and away from the front yard.

Exterior maintenance requirements call for:

- Structures to be free of peeling, broken, loose, rotten, crumbling, missing or inadequate materials;

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

## Movable mollusk

Scooter, a purple snail belonging to Rebecca Pratt, refused to race in the Great Snail Race. But the event was a record setter as several other snails competed. For the story and more photos, please turn to Page 6A.

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By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

The Plymouth-Canton school board wants local units of government to pick up the tab for school crossing guards.

Currently, under terms of a 1981 consent judgment, the school district pays half the cost. Crossing guard salaries and benefits cost the schools \$52,929 last year.

The board voted unanimously last week to direct crossing guard and transfer responsibility for school crossings to the municipalities.

As it stands, "in the event an accident were to occur to a student which was preventable by the crossing guard, the school district could be accountable for such negligence without the benefit of governmental immunity," said Ray Hoedel, the schools' associate superintendent for business. Superintendent John Hoben told board mem-

bers that the district's liability stems from staffing crossing guards who don't have police power.

"We're trying to get our attorneys to get something agreed to by the court to relieve us of legal liability," said board president Dean Swartzwelder.

CANTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR Tom Yack said local units of government wouldn't willingly change the consent agreement because, "it would mean that their taxpayers would in effect be paying more for school crossing guard services."

"You really could look at it as coming out of some person's pocket. If we relent and take over total responsibility, that means the dollars the taxpayers have given us to provide local services would be diminished by whatever it would cost to pay the full shot for the crossing guards," said Yack, a member of the Plymouth-Canton school board for 11 years, and president for four years. "We really have not researched the issues they

have raised relative to liability," he added. "It's their attorney who's advised them that they've become liable or more liable because they're operating the school crossing guard program."

"I don't know if that's a position they can sustain or not. I'm sure at some point there will be a hearing before a judge."

CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY director John Santomauro said determining whether to go along with the schools' request isn't for him to decide. "Whether we at Canton choose to go along with that is really a political decision, and not one that the public safety director makes. But we are not going to have Canton police officers acting as crossing guards."

Yack said that sometime after the consent agreement was signed, "there started to be discussion that it should all be shifted over because that's the way it's done most places."

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## Schools want out of paying crossing guards

# Schools want local governments to pay for guards

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"I think they don't want to take on more liability than they have to. We'd all like to reduce our exposure. But there is a consent agreement, and we plan to live by it unless a judge says otherwise."

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Supervisor Maurice Breen said school officials are clouting the issue.

The main issue is dollars. This would mean \$50,000 more in their pocket, and they want to unload the liability.

"There may be a liability issue, but then there is a liability issue in every action."

"There's nothing wrong with transferring responsibility to individual communities — That's what the stat-

ute in fact does," said Breen, who is an attorney.

But if the schools are contending that crossing guards don't have arrest power, "that's kind of goofy. If that's their reason, they really are reaching. They wouldn't have arrest power under our jurisdiction or theirs."

"If that's their purpose, they shouldn't be wasting taxpayers' money, period."

Under the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, failure to obey a crossing guard is a misdemeanor. The law also says that "school crossing guards shall be the responsibility of the local law enforcement agency having immediate jurisdiction of the crossing." School district attorney Dennis Pollard recommended to board members that a motion be filed amending the consent judgment requiring the district to provide crossing guards to

"bring it into conformance with the current state of the law."

One needn't be a police officer to seek court action against a driver who commits the misdemeanor, said Breen.

"It's quite clear that what they're saying is that taking down the license number of the vehicle which did not stop is sufficient to get the driver into court to prove he wasn't driving. So there is no need for someone with immediate power of arrest."

"The system has been working just fine," added Breen. "I still think the thrust of the lawsuit is dollars."

PAUL SINCOCK, assistant to the Plymouth city manager, said he's aware there's a controversy over who

will pay and who has jurisdiction over the crossing guards.

"But ultimately, it is the same person who pays — the taxpayer," said Sincock. "It's just a matter of which part it comes out of. The issue will be referred to the city officials and the risk management team for review, he said."

While the Plymouth Township board ultimately will decide a course of action, Breen says it makes no sense for local governments to take over the operation of the school crossing guard program.

"Does it make any sense in a district that covers at least three different communities? Who is going to dictate hours of employment and all that? It doesn't make much sense."

# Ordinance would cover grass, house exteriors

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• Roofs, gutters and downspouts must be intact and in good condition; and

• Exterior surfaces must be free from graffiti.

Most ordinance work is in response to citizens' complaints, Yack said.

GRUDGE WELDING neighbors pose the biggest potential problem, according to Fred Beinke, a member of VOICE, a newly formed township watchdog group.

"It's something where a nipping lady down the block starts nipping if she doesn't like you, or violations actually make it up to the government to tell me when to put a nail in a board or when to put paint on something, or when to cut my grass, or whether or not I can have four or five boards outside in my backyard, or 100 bricks."

# Students use sculptures to learn about presidents

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people know.

"His little brother was his favorite," Diedrich said. "They shared a lot of friends."

Asked why she chose Bush to study, Diedrich said in a matter of fact tone: "Because he's the president."

The bust of Theodore Roosevelt had fur fabric for his hair and mustache. Wire rimmed glasses sat neatly on the bridge of a nose and a real bow tie covered his neck.

"He was one of the more unusual presidents," Rounk said.

"Near the end of his life he went to Africa and killed 500 birds and animals," said Rounk. "He was hunting for big game. But it wasn't that fair to the animals."

Kate West knows that Dwight D. Eisenhower was the 34th president and fought in World War II.

George Washington was an honest person who would help people and wouldn't lie, according to Andrea Kruhinski. Her classmate Emily Grasela studied Abraham Lincoln, because he had an "interesting life."

Making the papier-mache busts made the reading, writing and oral presentations fun, said Siebert, adding that the students learned a wide range of history dating back to Alexander the Great. Many cultures including those of the Philippines, England and blacks also were represented.

And the project should have lasting effects. Rounk plans to keep his papier-mache bust "until it rots."

# Legislator finds Soviets 'warm'

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Kosteva ended up talking to Joel Alexander for a short time.

"It's a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there," he said.

While Kosteva toured Moscow, Vladimir, Minsk and Leningrad he met with governmental officials and residents in newly formed grass roots groups.

"We talked with people from Chernobyl, anti-nuclear protesters — part of the new vanguard of Soviet organizations and political organizations," he said.

The fact that discussions take place with these organizations in an open forum is part of the glasnost permitted by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

"The people of the Soviet Union are, although a somewhat somber people, genuinely warm and very sincere and loving people."

Kosteva said he also was struck with the clear understanding Soviet residents have of their history — especially the invasions — by other countries.

Change lies in the hearts of Soviet young people, Kosteva said.

"I have a sincere belief — the younger generation of Soviets — are interested in solving common problems as opposed to seeking world domination," he said.

As the Soviet system changes, people from both countries can work on common problems, like environmental concerns, food shortages, and global issues. There's less emphasis

on which country owns Nicaragua and what will be the global imperial structure, Kosteva said.

Soviets committed to family units and youth programs, he added.

"There's little question it's a time of dramatic change," he said. "But the patience of the Soviet people is wearing thin."

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Four struggling artists living in Paris at the turn of the century are told by their landlord (right) that their rent is three months late.

# Students tune in to opera

By M.B. Dillon staff writer

The New York City Opera National Company's presentation of "La Boheme" drew rave reviews Monday from more than 600 Plymouth-Canton fourth-graders. The students were among more than 2,300 young people from four counties invited to two special performances.

With sponsorship from Plymouth Community Arts Council and parent-teacher organizations, the youngsters attended the abbreviated opera at the University of Michigan's Power Center for the Performing Arts. The performance was presented by the University Musical Society's Young People's Program, designed to cultivate awareness and interest in the performing arts.

IT MARKED the first time the opera company has ventured outside New York schools to stage the educational program, which combines actual scenes with explanations regarding the performers, storyline, music, sets, lighting, costuming and audience etiquette.

La Boheme, by Giacomo Puccini, tells the story of the lives and loves of four impoverished artists living in Paris in the early 19th century. Regular performances were presented Feb. 17 and 18 at the Power Center as part of the company's 49-city tour.

The Italian opera, which premiered in February, 1896, was a hit with the young set.

"I thought it was wonderful how they sing," said Kristi Cooper of Hulsing Elementary.

"Some of the people were very pretty," said her classmate Christina Bradford.

Hulsing fourth-grader Nicole Young liked the characters and how they acted.

Tracy Buescher thought it was funny in some of the parts.

Holly Peleschok said, "I think it was really good. I like the way they changed the scenery."

For the company members of course, the daytime shows meant giving up some free time. But they didn't seem to mind.

"This is the audience of tomorrow," said conductor Mark Gibson, a New Jersey-born graduate of the University of Michigan's music school. "We should share this with them. It's a great experience."

IT WAS GIBSON'S idea to send to teachers months ahead of time the music to the piece sung at the end of the second act so that students could join in. It worked. More than 1,000 voices were raised in song including those of a handful of students chosen to don costumes and join the actors on stage.

"The involvement of young people on stage was an exceptional thing to do," said Jo Hulce Hulce, founder of the Plymouth Community Arts Council and a member of the Musical Society's advisory board, recruited volunteers to help out on the field trip.

"It was a very nice combination of an educational program and an introduction to opera."

Actor Gregory Powell who plays Schuauard, one of the main characters in the opera, enjoyed doing the special show.

"There's definitely a different energy level. We felt the license to try a few things out. I think we're going to talk about leaving some of them in."

Nancy Kelly, the opera company's director of education, said the "cast enjoyed having the kids up on stage. They also enjoy seeing the reaction of children. They're an extremely honest audience with no preconceived notions."



Students and teachers from Hulsing Elementary were among the 600-plus Plymouth-Canton representatives at "La Boheme," an opera performed by the New York City Opera National Company at the University of Michigan Power Center in Ann Arbor Monday.

# That's the ticket

Man hopes to hit jackpot in Lansing

By M.B. Dillon staff writer

A Plymouth man who discovered too late that he held a lottery ticket worth \$1.5 million will be eternally grateful to State Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth, if the special appropriations bill he introduced last week is approved.

The longtime Plymouth resident, who has requested anonymity, bought a winning Super Lotto ticket Nov. 16, 1988. He tried to redeem the ticket, worth \$1,510,551, Nov. 20, 1989 — three days past the deadline.

"He buys tickets regularly at a local party store," said Law. "Apparently, a few tickets that he had got stuck or caught in the back of some papers in a drawer. He never noticed them until he was cleaning it out."

"The Lottery runs a lot of ads when they come due," added Law. "He happened to look at it, called the Lottery, and here we go — \$1.5 million and the odds are 7 million to one. He ran down the next day and was three days late."

Law said the self-employed winner, who keeps books for small businesses, "is a nice guy who's not wealthy. He showed me his income tax return, and he doesn't make a lot of money."

"He's very much the kind of guy you'd like to see win this thing — not a flaky kid who's going to run off to Tahiti. We have that happen, which is fine, everyone can do what they want, but this guy is a faithful player of the Lottery."

"He has some medical expenses in his family — it happens to involve

one of his children, so it would help out there."

STATE LAW prohibits the Lottery from honoring tickets past the deadline. Law's bill, currently in the general government sub-committee, would grant a one-time waiver and pay the man \$850,000 from the general fund. "We'd buy an annuity that would pay the \$1.5 million over 20 years," said Law.

Law, who has 18 co-sponsors including the head of the House Appropriations Committee, needs support from two-thirds of the House and Senate — not just a simple majority — because the bill involves special appropriations.

Law hopes to set up a hearing for next week. He's been unable to get one scheduled because the sub-committee chairman has been out of the state.

LYNNE GALIA, director of public relations for the Lottery, said this marks "the first time ever that a

# Dinner to aid leukemia research

Leukemia Research, Life Inc.'s ninth annual "Evening of Hope" for local supporters will be March 3.

The fund-raiser will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Raiser's of Livonia, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inland Road.

Tickets at \$35 a person include an open bar, buffet dinner, salad bar, cheese and wine table, fruit table, dessert table and pizza snack.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., cocktails at 6 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m., followed by music by Sunrise.

TICKETS ARE available from Darleen and Ray Perenski at 584-2429 or Paul Dragan at 537-7253.

The planning committee still needs donations of prizes from businesses. Anyone wishing to donate a prize may call Ann Miller at 532-3064.

Advertising in the program booklet, ranging from \$5 to \$150, may be bought by calling Janie Grandinetti at 464-4270 or Sharon Fromm at 884-7068.

LEUKEMIA RESEARCH, LIFE Inc. was formed in 1981 by a group of parents and friends of children with leukemia and other childhood cancers.

The group organized to raise funds for research projects at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The group's efforts support the wages of a team of research doctors, headed by Dr. Mark Stouj and the purchase of equipment.

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Better representation in Lansing. I don't think they're doing a good enough job as far as trash removal. We should get into recycling. — Dan Cafarelli Canton



An honest effort from lawmakers to spend it in the most efficient way and to treat it as a business and not as a government spending spree. — Rick Hicks Canton



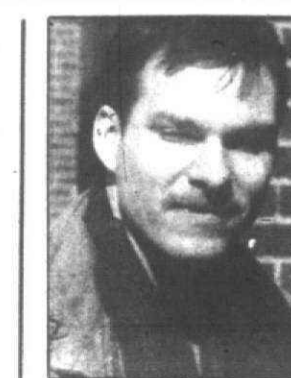
Cute. I like that. Whatever the government feels we deserve. — Karen McCabe Canton



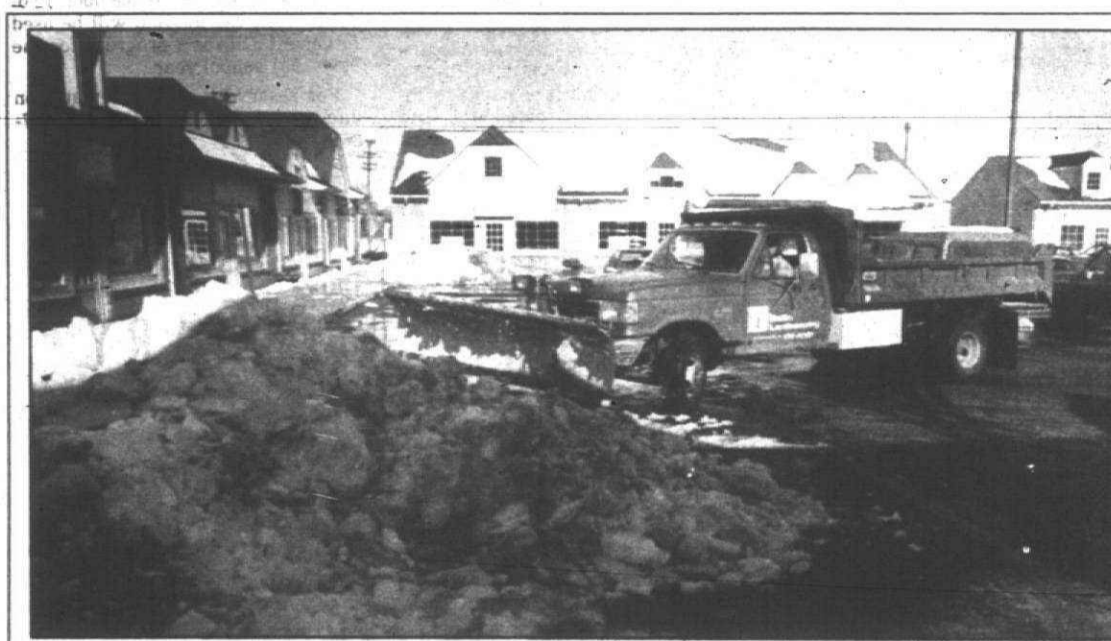
Left hand turn signals at all the very, very congested intersections. Better and improved roads. Surface streets aren't maintained real well. — Lee Anne Galasso Canton



That's kind of a broad question. Services, good schools and good roads. — Harvey Heneveld Canton



More. I think they should do what they do, but have more quality. — John Allen Canton



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Clean up

Last week's snow and ice storm is only a memory to most of us, but not to crews who are still hammering away at the ice. Here a plow from Rollin Landscaping pushes ice around at a Plymouth shopping center.

carrier of the month

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Jon-Paul Patete

Jon-Paul, 13, has been named Carrier of the Month for February by the Canton Observer. He is the son of Fred and Jane Patete and is an 8th grade student at West Middle School. Math and social studies are his favorite subjects and his hobbies are playing sports and collecting baseball cards. He is a member of the West Middle School basketball team. Also, he's a spelling bee champ and has won trophies for playing soccer. He plans on attending college and becoming a lawyer. He likes his route because of the money. He said the route has helped him learn how to keep track of money and get things done on time. Other young people could benefit from a route because it teaches them to deal with money.



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Tips still sought for stolen rare bird

By Todd Schneider staff writer

The bird hasn't been returned to its nest and Pat Stocker is worried. In fact, the owner of Seaport Pet Shop, is offering a \$500 reward with the hope that someone will return the rare African Gray Parrot that was stolen during a break-in at the store early last Friday. The 8-week-old bird requires hand feeding from a syringe and could have a difficult time surviving on its own, according to Stocker. "By now it's been three or four days and I don't know how much longer the bird can live without food," Stocker said Tuesday.

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—Pat Stocker

Newspaper and television accounts about the bird-napping failed to generate any calls or tips at the store, Stocker said Tuesday. Police reported several telephone calls but no solid leads in the case. Stocker said the reward money is being put up by the store's fish distributor, Sunlight Tropicals. It will be given for the safe return of the bird or information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever stole it. STOCKER REPEATED Tuesday that if the thief returned the bird alive "there would be no questions asked" and no charges pressed. The parrot, valued at \$1,200, was the only thing stolen in the break-in at the store, 2020 N. Wayne Road, police said. Police were called to the store at 2:23 a.m. Friday by a passerby who reported the front door open. Officers reported a 28-inch baseball bat, apparently used to break the glass in the front door, was lying on the floor with an open birdcage nearby. An unidentified man who came into the store Thursday and admired the bird for several minutes is a suspect, police said. Police have been unable to trace the man, Stocker said Tuesday.



Gibson students (from left) John Rivard, Beth Gonzales and Steven Kreis prepare items for the school's fund-raising auction on March 3. John is packing an Italian basket filled with the flavors of old Italy while Beth and Steven put the finishing touches on "Gibson's Garden," which includes a starter garden and gardening accessories. The redwood picnic table on which the students are working will also be on the auction block.

Students to seed 'Gibson garden'

Students at Gibson School for the Gifted are looking forward to this year's fund-raising auction because they've had a hand in making some of the gifts on the auction block. Each class has chosen a project to donate to the annual auction set for Saturday, March 3, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Classroom donations range from "Gibson's Garden. The Gift that Keeps on Giving," a middle school class starter garden grown by students and including a variety of gardening accessories, to "A Chocolate Lover's Fantasy," contributed by the youngest class in the school and featuring an assortment of homemade chocolate treats. Other student donations include the Cub Scout package, a bird feeder from Gibson's Cub Scout Troop 300, Den 1, a set of tie-dyed napkins and napkin rings made by Gibson's Junior Girl Scouts (the package includes Girl Scout calendars and cookies) and travel tote filled with children's activities donated by Room 13. This year's auction, "Reach for the Sky," will be held 7-11 p.m. in the U-M-D Recreation and Organization Center. A silent auction will precede and follow the live auction which begins at 8 p.m. Other items to be auctioned include hot air balloon rides, backstage passes to the Downtown Hoedown, a week's stay at an ocean front condominium, a weekend in Frankenmuth, antique jewelry, a racing helmet autographed by Jackie Stewart, and many gift certificates for dining, theater and sporting events. Advance tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Proceeds from the auction will be used to benefit Gibson's program for the 1990-1991 school year. For reservations or other auction information, call Carol Green at 537-8688.

Candidate, ballot deadlines move up

Filing deadlines for political candidates are three weeks earlier this year, the secretary of state's office announced. Michigan changed its laws because, the U.S. government said, troops overseas and on submarines had too little time to obtain and return their absentee ballots. Aug. 7 is the primary election for partisan offices such as governor, U.S. senator and representative, state legislators and township offices, as well as for non-partisan district, circuit and probate judges. It is also election time for precinct delegates to county political party conventions. Here are major new dates: April 9, by 5 p.m. — Incumbent judges (other than Supreme Court justices) to file affidavits of candidacy. May 8, by 4 p.m. — Candidates for county convention delegate ("precinct delegate") to file petitions with county clerk. May 11, by 4 p.m. — Withdrawal deadline for candidates for precinct delegate. May 15 — Deadline to place local questions on the primary ballot to be filed with county or local clerks. May 15, by 4 p.m. — Candidates for partisan and non-partisan offices to file nominating petitions (or fees) for the primary election. May 18, by 4 p.m. — Withdrawal deadline for the primary. By June 23 — County committees of major political parties to call county conventions. July 9 — Last date to register for primary election. July 27 — Pre-primary campaign statements to be filed. Aug. 4, by 2 p.m. — Deadline to apply for an absent voter ballot by mail. Aug. 7 — Primary election.

GOP's property tax relief bid fails

By Tim Richard staff writer

House Republicans failed Tuesday to tie homeowner property tax relief to the renewal of Detroit's tax on utility bills. But the GOP came up with a party line vote to use as an election year issue. "We should negotiate it (property tax relief) at the same time as the utility," Rep. Susan Grimes Munsell, R-Howell, told the House Taxation Committee. But on an 8-8 party line vote, the panel rejected Munsell's amendment to tie her bill to increase state rebates to homeowners with high property taxes. "I'm a co-sponsor of it (Munsell's bill)," said Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, "and I have difficulty with that linkage." One witness in the all-day hearing gave the issue an undertone of gubernatorial politics. IF MUNSELL'S tie-bar had received the necessary 10 votes, the Detroit tax couldn't become law until her property tax relief bill was passed. Kosteva and Rep. Maxine Bertram, D-Southfield, voted with their party and Detroit members, who said the issues weren't related and shouldn't be tied. Late Tuesday, the panel reported out the utility tax to the full House. A similar bill is in the Senate Finance Committee.

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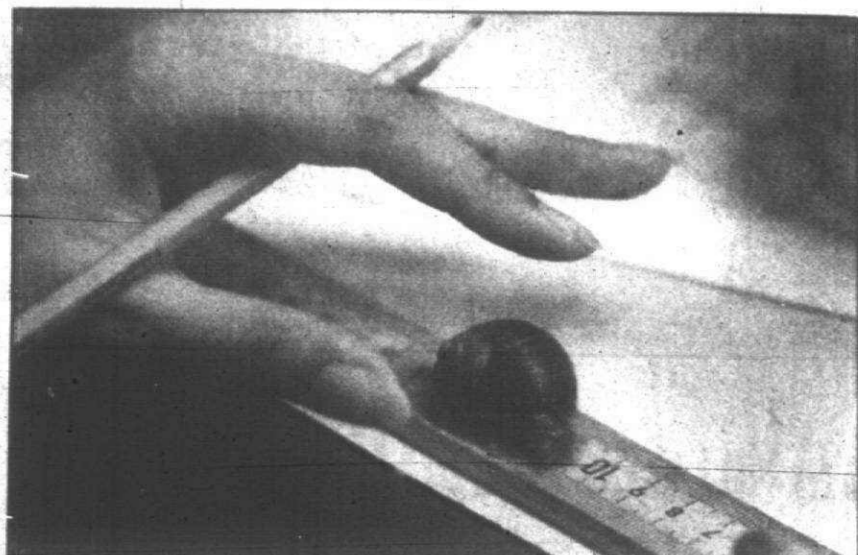
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Alex Warden coaches his entrant in the Great Snail Race.

# Snail race proves more than shell game as records set

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by Mark M. Bello

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record, according to Pierce, the official timer. Yarger's and Allison's snails outperformed more than 20 other snails. "Some snails refused to do anything. Seventeen snails raced, but there were 22 contestants," said DeRoo, who teaches life science.

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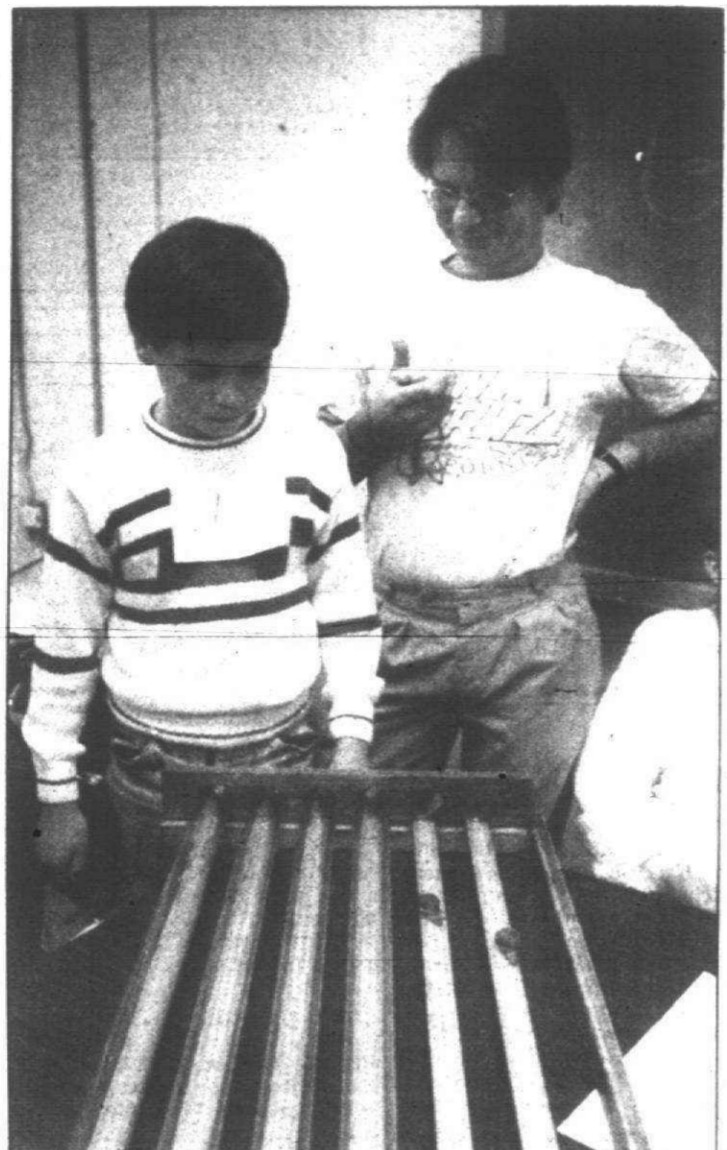


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Eric Yarger's champion snail Vern set an unofficial Guinness world record. Tim Pierce of the University of Michigan (right) acted as official timer.

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# Good timing

## Change in routine results in rescue

By Bill Casper staff writer

For some reason that James Chapman can't explain, he altered his normal lunch routine Monday afternoon and ended up in the right place at the right time to lead a 79-year-old Redford Township woman from her smoke-filled house just minutes before it burst into flames. "It was ironic," said Chapman, a 45-year-old Westland resident who owns Talley TV and Radio Service on Joy just east of Telegraph in Redford. "Normally, I go for lunch at about 11:30 a.m. I usually walk across the street to a drug store for a can of soup that I prepare in my shop. Today (Monday), I decided to wait until noon for my part-time guy to come to work, but I have no idea why I worked," said Chapman, who has worked at the repair shop for 27 years and has owned it for 24 years. "I was crossing Joy on my way to the drug store and I saw smoke pouring out of Mrs. (Helen) Furtak's

chimney and roof. I've been in business there so long that I know many of the people who live around me."

CHAPMAN SAID he went to Furtak's house, in the 8800 block of Dale behind his shop, where he found her standing near the front door in her single-story brick house. "The thing you have to know about her is that she only has vision for about eight feet and she has difficulty walking. When I got to her door, I said, 'Mrs. Furtak, this is Jim from the TV shop, we have to go.' She knew something was burning, but she couldn't see and she was confused. "She asked me to see what was burning," Chapman said. "But I told her we had to go and I took her by the arm and led her out of the house. We just got out of the house and it (the fire) took off. "If I wouldn't have waited to go for lunch, I would have never seen the smoke coming from her house because I can't see her home from inside my shop."

Chapman said he took Furtak to a neighbor's house, from where Redford firefighters were called.

FURTAK, WHO was home alone at the time the fire started in the basement of her home, was not injured, Redford Fire Inspector Robert Nadon said. "We think the fire started from an electrical problem in the basement but the cause is still under investigation," Nadon said. "The fire spread rapidly from the basement to the main floor of the house and gutted both levels." Damage is estimated at about \$75,000 but the home is insured, Nadon said. The Furtaks are living with their son-in-law in Southfield, Chapman said. "He came by the shop to thank me for helping Mrs. Furtak," Chapman said.

## military news

NAVY LT. PAUL MCKINSTRY, son of Navy R. Simpson of Canton, participated in the decommissioning of the guided missile destroyer USS Henry S. Wilson, homeported in San Diego. A 1981 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1985 graduate of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, he joined the Navy in May 1985.

ARMY PRIVATE GARY R. PAUL has arrived for duty in West Germany. He is a military police specialist with the 529th Military Police Company. He is the son of Diane A. Paul and grandson of Homer C. Hildreth of Westland. He is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

AIRMAN JULIE A. POSIGIAN has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Posigian is the daughter of Wendy C. Kennedy of Inkster and David V. E. Posigian of Plymouth. She is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

JEFFREY PRYSLAK of Canton, son of Stephen and Diane Pryslak, has been nominated by U.S. Rep. William D. Ford for the entering Class of 1990 at the U.S. Air Force and Military Academy.

PVT. FELIX A. ROBERTSON has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. He is the son of Ora L. and Felix Robertson of Canton and is a 1989 graduate of Canton High School.

ARMY RESERVE PVT. KAREN L. SWALLEY, daughter of Janet J. Swalley of Lillian, Ala. and John C. Swalley of Canton, has graduated from the cargo specialist course at the U.S. Army Transportation School in Fort Eustis, Va. She is a 1989 graduate of Foley High School, Alabama.

of Robert E. and Dawn M. Teller of Canton, and wife of John Teller. The private is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

PVT. ROBERT A. AUSTIN has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. Austin is the son of Cassandra L. Speir and stepson of Robert J. Speir of Plymouth. He is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

NAVY SEAMAN RECRUIT JOSEPH M. MILLER, son of Kenneth H. and Gloria J. Miller of Canton has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He joined the Navy in September 1989.

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**Plymouth YMCA classes**  
Begin Monday, Feb. 26 - Classes offered are: Ladies Over 30 Soccer, Allen School Gym, Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.; Aerobic Fitness, various locations and times; The Kwon Do Karate, Smith School Gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Hatha Yoga, Hoben Elementary School, Mondays, 8:15-10 p.m.; "Y" Sidewalk Strollers, Mondays, 6:45-7:45 p.m.; Adult Pillo Polo, Allen School Gym, Mondays, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Call 453-2904 for information.

**Breast cancer**  
Thursday, Feb. 22 - Michigan Cancer Foundation will have a meeting for the Breast Cancer Support

Group, 7-9 p.m. on Feb 22 at 110 E. Warren in Detroit. Call Annamary Morgan at 833-0710, Ext. 225.

**LaLeche League**  
Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Plymouth-Canton LaLeche League is offering a series of four monthly meetings at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. The meeting discussions will include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Books on child birth, childcare and breastfeeding will be available. Call 455-1374 or 459-6828.

**Literacy workshop**  
Saturday, Feb. 24 - The Western Wayne County Literacy Council is having a tutor training workshop 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Canton Library. Call 427-8644 for further information.

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

**Sports**

**Men's Racquetball**  
Starts Wednesday, Feb. 28 - Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a 10 week spring

league Wednesdays at Rose Shores of Canton, 7:30-8 p.m. Price is \$64 per person. Register in person or by mail. Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48188.

**Softball**  
Saturday, Feb. 24 - The Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department will have softball informational meetings (men's, women's, coed) for 1990 soft pitch softball leagues at Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Men's leagues meet at 10 a.m., women's leagues, 10:30 a.m., coed, 11 a.m. Call 397-5110.

Feb. 27-March 30 - Canton Parks and Recreation Softball Team registration dates and fees are as follows: Men: Returning teams, Feb. 27-March 9, New teams, March 12-23, \$200 all leagues. Women: All teams, March 1-30, \$290. Coed: Returning teams, March 1-14, New teams, March 15-30, \$240. Fees must be paid in full at the Recreation office at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Call 397-5110 for more information.

**Senior Classes**  
Canton Recreation Center  
Free leisure classes are sponsored by Wayne County Community College painting, ceramics and woodcarving, 12:30 p.m. Mondays, crafts, 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, genealogy

meets 1 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, machine quilting, 9:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call 397-5446.

**Seniors**

**Trips**  
Tuesday, March 13 - Canton Seniors are going to see the Royal Hanneford Circus at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Price of \$4 includes transportation. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 12, at the Canton Recreation Center. Call 397-5446.

**Monday, March 19** - Canton Seniors will be traveling to see the Ink spots at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenuh. Price of \$29.50 includes transportation, chicken dinner, the show and tour of the city. Seniors will leave the Recreation Center at 8:45 a.m. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 12, at the Canton Recreation Center.

**Friday, May 11** - Canton Seniors will travel to Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg, Pa. for a five-day four-night trip. Price is \$415. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 12, at the Canton Recreation Center.

**Thursday, March 1** - City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation offers a Mystery Tour for \$28.50. Call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

**Black Patent Leather Shoes Healy Relief 'Up'** - Departure from Plymouth Cultural Center is at 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Price is \$50. Call 453-2994 for information.

**Adult Trips**

**Friday weekend**  
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-25 - City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a ski weekend at Shanty Creek Ski Area. Price is \$169 plus an additional \$18 per day for rental of equipment if needed. Families are welcome. Call 455-6620.

**"Y" Travelers**  
Wednesday, Feb. 28 - An outing is planned to Westgate Dinner Theater in Toledo, Ohio. Trip includes round trip transportation, brunch and a matinee performance of "The

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**Sunny Florida**  
Saturday, March 10 - City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will offer a seven-day six-night trip to Florida featuring Lido Beach in Sarasota and Orlando. Tour price is \$699. Call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

**George Burns**  
Saturday, March 17 - City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a one-day trip to the George Burns Show at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, dinner at Stouffer's Battle Creek, city tour and shopping time at the new Michigan Festival Market Place. Price is \$38. Call 455-6620.

**Commissioners' campaign funds vary widely**

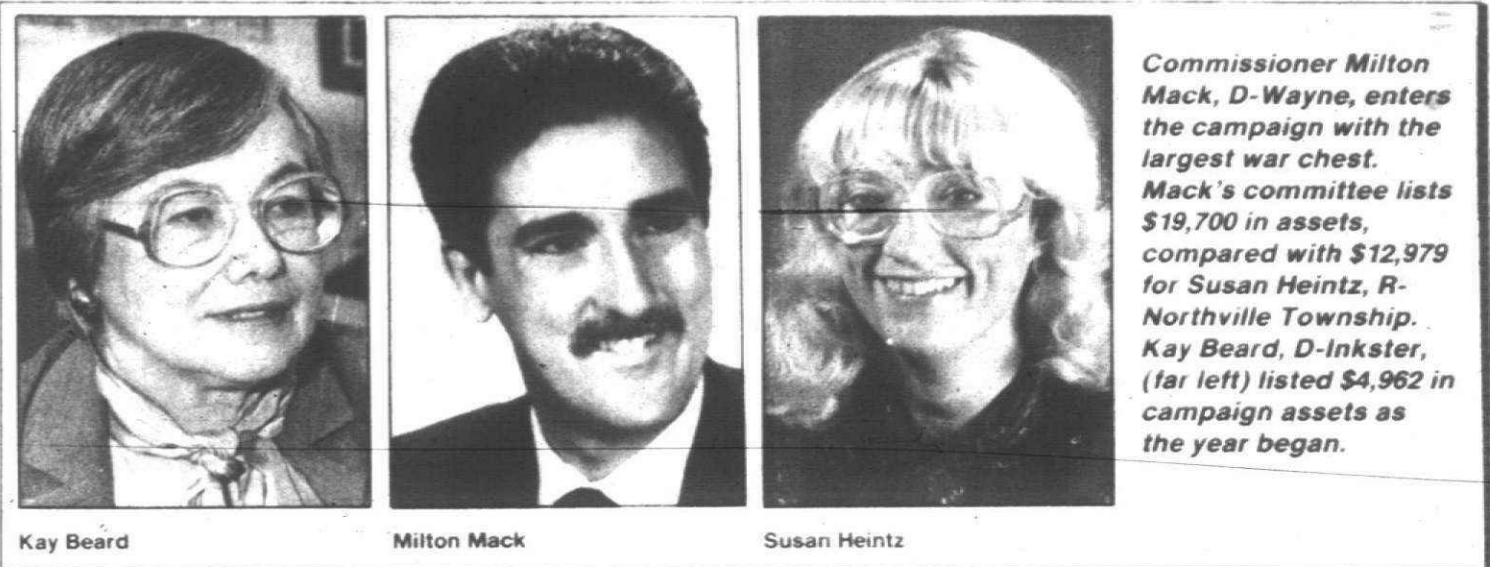
By Wayne Peal staff writer

Some Wayne County Commissioners may have to hit the fund raising circuit more heavily than others as the 1990 campaign approaches.

A survey of campaign holdings among western Wayne commissioners showed vast differences among campaign and office holder accounts for the four area commissioners.

The campaign committee for Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township, was the most active in 1989, raising more than \$31,000 and spending nearly \$28,000. But its veteran commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, who enters the campaign with the largest war chest, Mack's committee lists \$19,700 in assets, compared with \$12,979 for Heintz. Mack's district includes Canton. Heintz represents Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Kay Beard, D-Inkster, listed \$4,962 in campaign assets as the year began. Newly elected commissioner Kevin Kelley, who took office



Kay Beard Milton Mack Susan Heintz

holder expense fund. Kelley listed \$189 in his.

In contrast, Heintz listed office holding assets of \$2,503 and Mack listed assets of \$1,269.

Office holder expenses are used at the elected officials' discretion, generally to attend conferences or fund-raising for other officials. All four area commissioners shifted money between their campaign and office holder accounts in 1989, shifting money between accounts is legal, commissioners can keep any money in their office holder account when leaving office.

Commissioners are paid \$29,470 a year and also receive an office stipend at the discretion of the commission chairman.

Regarding the commissioner's reports.

Selected contributors to Heintz campaign fund included City PAC of City Management Corp., Detroit, \$675; Wayne County Sheriff's Local 3317 PAC, \$550; Michigan Residential Care Association PAC, \$450; Browning Ferris Industries PAC, \$250; Northwest Airlines PAC, \$225; Waste Disposal Inc. PAC, \$200; McNamara's Band, \$200.

Individual contributors listed by Heintz included developer Robert DeMatia, \$200; Peter Secchia, U.S. Ambassador to Italy and former state GOP chairman, \$50; pizza magnate, Michael Hlitch, \$50; Dearborn Mayor,

Michael Guido, \$50; Michigan Superior Court Chief Justice Dorothy Constock Riley, \$50.

Heintz listed a March fund raiser at the Whitney Restaurant, Detroit, grossing \$18,720, and a November fund raiser at Laurel Manor, Livonia, grossing \$11,815.

Selected contributors to Mack's campaign fund included McNamara's Band, \$400; Robert Ryan, vice president of a Romulus consulting company, \$400; Browning Ferris Industries, \$200; Wayne County Association of Bar Association, \$200; Michigan Bell PAC, \$200; Wayne County Sheriff's Department Local 992 PAC, \$100; and Northwest Airlines PAC, \$100. Mack listed a

**Commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, enters the campaign with the largest war chest. Mack's committee lists \$19,700 in assets, compared with \$12,979 for Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township. Kay Beard, D-Inkster, (far left) listed \$4,962 in campaign assets as the year began.**

fund raiser at Dunleavy Pub, Detroit, grossing \$14,960.

Contributors to Beard's campaign included Wayne County Sheriff's Department Local 502, \$500; UAW Region 1-E, \$180; Carpenter's Southeastern District Council, \$180; AFNME Local 3317, \$180. Individual contributors at \$30 each included U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield; Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, deputy county executive; Michael Duggan, state senator; William Faust and George Hart, state Reps.; Justine Barns and William Keith, former county commissioner; Richard Manning and former Westland Mayor Charles Griffin.

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Enrichment Classes New Morning School offers Saturday Discovery Days enrichment classes for children 3-11 years of age. Call 420-3331.

Family activities Beef stew dinner Saturday, Feb. 24 - The public may attend dinner, 5-9 p.m. at Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair Street in Plymouth.

Education Friendly Rainbow Day Care has preschool openings for ages 2 1/2-5 Michigan certified teachers. Call Barb Washenko at 420-0495.

Thursday, March 15 - Parent/Toddler Program is offered at 10 a.m. for four consecutive Thursdays.

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Free classes IBM Training - Plymouth-Canton Community Education offers free training to qualified applicants.

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Job training Eligible western Wayne County residents who are unemployed or underemployed, and who wish to obtain job skills and full-time employment, can register now for free job training.

Center of Wayne-Westland Schools The center is at 36455 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads.

Four All II Computers are available for public use in the Dunning-Hough Library, 233 S. Main, Plymouth.

Health care Speaker Available Health Care and Retirement Corporation has a representative available to speak to area groups.

Volunteers Hospice speakers Hospice Services of Western Wayne County has volunteers available to speak to church groups.

Mentally ill Volunteers are needed from the service area to work with and serve on the volunteer board of directors of the Suburban West Community Center.

Families Anonymous Thursday evenings - A self-help program for those concerned about drug abuse and behavioral problems of a relative or friend will begin at 8 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church.

Seniors Day care Plymouth Family Service is taking the off street parking of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

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Planning Commission JOHN BURDZIAK, Chairman A detailed zoning map showing various lots and their designated zones, with a legend and scale.

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3.8 SHRUB AND TREE MAINTENANCE All trees and shrubs must be kept trimmed so as not to encroach upon any public sidewalk or pathway. 3.9 GRASS HEIGHT Grass in all landscaped grass areas shall not be permitted to grow higher than six (6) inches in height.

Bloodmobile coming to Schoolcraft

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile is coming to Schoolcraft College, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27. Red Cross volunteers will be taking donations in the west end of the Waterman Campus Center.

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# Universities seek law to protect trade secrets

AP — Michigan's public universities could protect some research information from being divulged to the public through the Freedom of Information Act, under a bill passed last week by the House.

The House voted 100-3 and sent the bill to the Senate for review. Universities still would be required to release all university-generated discoveries. But proprietary information of private corporations which sponsor certain research projects could be kept confidential.

The FOIA currently exempts from disclosure trade secrets, and commercial and financial information only if that data is used in developing governmental policy.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Perry Bullard, D-Ann Arbor, was requested by Michigan's major research universities.

University officials say a change in law is needed because having to comply with public disclosure law prevents Michigan's public schools from landing lucrative corporate contracts. Opponents of such restrictions maintain that the activities of tax-

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funded universities should be open to the public and that research was intended to be shared and used in teaching.

The corporation wants to get the benefit of university-based research, which is basically research paid for by the taxpayer, but doesn't want to share with the public whatever it deems relevant to its business.

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# JA launches fund-raising drive

Junior Achievement of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan is holding its annual fund-raising drive from now through Friday, April 27.

Heading up this year's campaign is Charles Katko, vice president and group executive, operating staffs group, General Motors Corp. As gen-

eral chairman, he will coordinate activities for a team of more than 600 volunteers.

er for the corporations to protect what they consider to be proprietary information in this situation.

Minsky said he thinks it's nearly impossible to distinguish between information belonging to the public and the corporation after the research has been completed.

"That's like trying to extricate the ingredients of a stew after it's been thoroughly cooked," he said.

"Once you say, 'let's pool our information, but I'll always be able to take my marbles home,' you start arguing over which marbles are mine, you argue that the other marbles have been tainted by mine, until finally all the marbles are mine."

The bill also would allow the schools to seek a copyright or patent before sharing data with the public.

# Environmentalists discuss recycling

Dennis Piper, an environmental science writer and television producer from Redford Township, will discuss the environment and offer tips on recycling at home, at the Garden City Business and Professional Women's meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

Sierra Club, is a member of the Conference of Western Wayne Committee on Solid Waste. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wayne State University with a co-major in environmental studies.

Cost is \$7 per person from program and light supper. The public is invited to attend.

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# Our congressional delegation: How groups rate them

	Americans for Democratic Action	AFL-CIO	National Abortion Rights Action League	National Right to Life Committee	American Conservative Union	U.S. Chamber of Commerce	League of Conservation Voters
John Conyers, D-1	90	92	75	0	5	30	70
Carl Pursell, R-2	30	42	75	33	57	100	70
Fred Wolpe, D-3	100	92	100	0	4	40	90
Heward Upton, R-4	20	24	75	22	75	100	30
Paul Henry, R-5	30	35	0	100	68	90	90
Bob Carr, D-6	85	83	100	0	25	50	60
Dale Kildee, D-7	95	95	0	100	11	20	80
Bob Traxler, D-8	80	87	25	78	12	33	60
Guy Vander Jagt, R-9	0	16	0	100	91	90	10
Bill Schuette, R-10	15	23	0	100	83	100	40
Robert Davis, R-11	40	65	25	78	54	60	30
David Bonior, D-12	95	94	25	67	4	30	90
George Crockett, D-13	90	94	100	0	4	20	100
Dennis Hertel, D-14	90	95	13	78	12	30	90
William Ford, D-15	95	97	100	0	0	40	80
John Dingell, D-16	75	93	88	11	8	20	50
Sander Levin, D-17	95	95	100	0	0	20	90
William Rongfield, R-18	20	19	13	89	88	100	20
Donald Broomfield, D	85	94	100	0	12	38	70
Carl Levin, D	80	94	100	0	14	25	40

Source: Thomas' Roll Call Report

# Interest groups size up Congressional delegation

Leading special interests have sized up the 1989 session of Congress and passed judgment on how individual members voted on selected issues during the legislative year.

They are playing the "ratings game," the annual exercise of assigning each lawmaker a percentage based on the number of "right" or "wrong" votes cast on issues dear to the interest group. The report cards are widely distributed in an effort to generate grass roots support for lawmakers who back the group's policy goals and trouble for those who don't.

Incumbents' endorsements, campaign treasuries and Election Day vote totals all can be affected by their interest group ratings.

"If you had to go to the voting booth with only one piece of information, it should be our rating of members of Congress," said executive director Dan Casey of the American Conservative Union. His competitors make the same claim.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce sends its scorecard to its 180,000 members. "Our endorsements are based in part on our vote ratings," said Chamber official Jeff Marcoe. "and many corporate political action committees use our ratings in determining their (financial) support of candidates."

THE AFL-CIO and ACLU are among lobbyist groups that sometimes try to influence votes before they occur, by alerting lawmakers

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that an upcoming doonnybrook on the House of Senate floor will be tallied as a ratings issue.

Lawmakers welcome ratings they can parlay into political gain, but often quibble with those that bring them criticism. Americans for Democratic Action national director Amy Isaacs occasionally hears grouching from allies who want a high but not perfect liberal voting score. "I say vote wrong if you don't want 100 per cent," she said.

Citizens Against PACs observes that does not play the ratings game. Co-chairman Philip M. Stern said it's wrong to assume incumbents must vote right to get campaign money from a likeminded interest group.

The ratings help to point out the rottenness of our campaign finance system, influence is the name of the game," he said. "The example I cite is (New York Democrat) Charley Rangel" of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "He had a 100 percent ADA rating and 11 percent Chamber rating, and yet AT&T gave him \$3,000, the investment banking industry gave him \$14,000, the insurance industry gave him \$31,000."

LAWMAKERS OFTEN complain that ratings oversimplify their vot-

ing record by spotlighting a small number of roll calls. They also say verdicts on their fitness for re-election should also take into account how they discharge other congressional responsibilities.

Citing Illinois Democrat Gus Savage, whose misconduct during overseas junkets last year drew unfavorable news coverage and a scolding from the House ethics committee, the ADA's Isaacs said a lawmaker can receive a high rating from her group but not its support.

The accompanying chart presents a cross-section of 1989 ratings released through mid-February. The interest groups are:

1. Americans for Democratic Action, a liberal voice since 1947.
2. AFL-CIO, speaks for labor on Capitol Hill.
3. The "pro-choice" National Abortion Rights Action League.
4. The anti-abortion "National Right to Life Committee."
5. American Conservative Union, a respected conservative advocate.
6. U.S. Chamber of Commerce, speaks for large and small businesses.
7. League of Conservative Voters, represents environmentalists.

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# Opinion

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## Compromise Officials listened to parents

IT LOOKS LIKE school officials listened to the public, really listened, and the results were good. The Plymouth-Canton schools unveiled a school boundary plan earlier this month that looked more like a complex invasion plan dreamed up by some wiz in the defense department than a plan of where kids will go to school. The public reacted. People don't like school officials messing with where their kids go to school, how they get there and what time they start.

People in Plymouth and Canton hold the ideal of neighborhood schools up there with white picket fences. And that's what they told school officials during public hearings in Canton and Plymouth. And school officials listened. Too often public hearings are a way for a governmental unit to get the public off their backs. Officials ask for what they call input, really public reaction and then go blithely along ignoring everything the public had to say. That shakes the public's confidence in the public hearing process and decision making that comes later.

## Silly protest Don't stop donkey basketball

ANIMAL RIGHTS advocates have forgotten the difference between people and animals and are causing all sorts of problems these days. It's becoming increasingly hard to wear a fur coat, and now they're taking aim at donkey basketball. Students from Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High Schools are planning to protest a donkey basketball game being sponsored by I CARE to raise money. I CARE is a group of school boosters. Races and circuses. Both are events that feature animals as entertainment. You could also argue that people shouldn't be engaged in bird watching. Isn't that an invasion of the birds' privacy? It is, if we're dealing with people. But we're not, we're dealing with animals. God put them on earth to be used by people. Pigs are turned into hams and bacon and cattle become New York strip steaks. Mules have been used for plowing fields and horses for riding and betting. Anyway, we wonder who's really being exploited by donkey basketball. In that endeavor people play the game while riding on a donkey. It doesn't do a whole lot for a person's dignity. We think there are more serious animal rights issues for the humane society and the students to worry about. By objecting to donkey basketball, they're just making asses out of themselves.

## Tax-limit drive Plan is complicated, confusing

VOTERS SHOULD be wary of signing petitions to put the so-called "Patterson-Anderson" tax limitation amendment on the ballot. It is a hairy and enormously complicated proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution. The outline alone runs two pages of single-spaced type, and it's a sketchy outline at best. Underneath the glossy var are rules covering property taxes, sales taxes, state budget, bond issues, election scheduling and even court judgments. Politically, therefore, it's in big trouble from the start because voters distrust enormously complicated proposals. They tend to vote "no" on what they don't understand. Voters are wise that way.

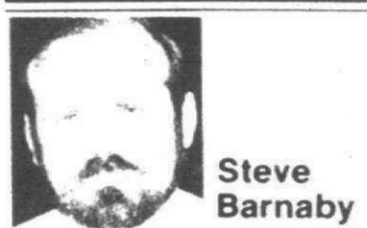
THE BASIC flaw with Patterson-Anderson is that it would glue legislative policies onto the state constitution. That's not what a constitution is for. A constitution should provide a framework for government, protect people's rights and establish rules of procedure. Take one example. The proposal would wave a magic wand and make the state Legislature allocate \$675 million more into aid to K-12 public schools. Just punch the "yes" on your ballot and the money must appear. It would say so in the constitution. Well, the budget process doesn't work that way. Our Legislature is composed of 148 brawling, sweating humans representing districts with auto plants, soybean farms, mosquito hatcheries, furniture factories, foundries, academies, prisons, hospitals, slum housing, race tracks, scientific laboratories, marinas, courtrooms and grinding poverty. Every interest firmly believes it deserves a piece of the pie. Yes, it would be nice to decree from our ivory office tower overlooking a suburban freeway that our pet interest — schools — must be served its defined slice first. But in reality, it is a legislative job to be done every year or two. Both the Democratic governor and his Republican challenger are saying more school money can be wrung out of the existing budget. Whether we like the results or not — and often we middle and upper class suburbanites don't — the fact of life is that appropriating money is policy work, best done in a political arena.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS' initial plan was to transfer students from four middle schools and nine elementary schools to alleviate overcrowding at the schools. The compromise plan approved by the school board calls for all ninth graders to be sent to Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools. In this case, the public hearings helped the school district come up with a better plan than the original. And that's what hearings are designed to do. But while the school boundary issue is settled for the coming year, overcrowding of schools will be around for a while. That means building schools. Turning Central Middle School into a third high school is one option. But so are building more middle and elementary schools. However, whatever path the school district takes, we hope officials remember that they quickly resolved the school boundary issue this month because they listened to people at public hearings. We hope they keep that in mind when dealing with future overcrowding issues.



## Racism's curse seen in struggling suburb

WE ALL HAVE a lesson to learn from what is happening in Southfield, a community not much different than your own. Twenty years ago not a whole lot of thought was given to it. If you said Southfield, the images that came to mind were Northland Shopping Center, the big antenna on the grounds of WXYZ and sprawling subdivisions with big yards. All that, of course, is still part of Southfield. And in a lot of ways Southfield is a lot like your suburban community — good school district, convenient shopping malls, nice homes, peaceful parks, a couple of skating rinks, movie theaters and several nice restaurants to boot. Sounds like a pretty nice place to live. And indeed it is. But then, the sickness which plagues metropolitan Detroit, racism, spread its virus to Southfield. Folks in Southfield never really thought much about race being a factor in Southfield. After all, that's why a lot of them had purchased homes there — to get away. Again, that's not much different than in your suburban community. During the 1970s and 1980s a smattering of influenza came to black America and those black Americans in metropolitan Detroit started to look for a dream home in the suburbs. MANY BLACKS chose Southfield. And that scared the hell out of many white residents who mistakenly believe that running away from blacks is the way to solve their problem. Adding to the problems were the vultures who saw economic gain in this panic. An invisible line was drawn along 10 Mile. Suddenly it became tough for a white person to find a home south of that line. It became even tougher for blacks to find a home north of it. Racism is a lot like AIDS. It hangs around for a long time without showing any symptoms, and then suddenly it reveals itself. Scientists are unsure of what activates the AIDS virus. The onset of active racism is a little easier to trace. It usually occurs in a suburb when "too many" blacks move in. The specific number has yet to be identified. We know that if you have just a handful of blacks in a community that everybody feels pretty good about that — especially if they are doctors and lawyers. But if the numbers get too large, the for sale signs and moving vans spread like wild fire. A few Southfield officials blame the media, this newspaper in particular, for the city's image problem. That's pretty tough to figure since this newspaper supports racial equality, continually lauds officials in their attempts to make Southfield a truly integrated community and consistently points out that before it can solve any of its economic problems, metropolitan Detroit must deal with racism first. But it's not surprising. Some of these same officials have objected because they believe we run too many black faces in the Southfield Eccentric. Think about that one for a second. Steve Barnaby is managing editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



Steve Barnaby

## points of view Safety is reason for snow day closing

Q Last week there was no school Thursday or Friday in our district because of the weather. As a parent, I can understand school being closed. Yet a couple schools in the area were open. What is the criteria for closing and what are the procedures followed in a school closing? Who decides? Is it the board of education, the superintendent or the maintenance crews? And why, although most district were closed, were one or two open? A The one or two districts that opened are very fortunate one of their school buses didn't end up in a ditch with kids hurt and law suits on their superintendents' desks. The major reason for closing is the safety of the children. To me the child safety factor supersedes any of the real or imaginary pressures district leaders face. Pressures such as, "We don't want to be the only one of the grounds and maintenance department, gets up anywhere from 1 to 3 a.m. and drives around the district. Factors taken into account in out-



Doc Doyle

ing districts are the number of country roads leading into school. How many of these roads are crowned (high in the middle and low by the ditches). Also, what is the extent of ice on the roads. The grounds person takes notes and calls his/her central office supervisor, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee to relay the information. The phone lines between district administrators then begin to smoke. Most superintendents or their designee call neighboring district superintendents to gather information regarding road conditions. At the minimum, the superintendent or other person in charge of snow days listens to the TV and radio to get a sense of what other districts are doing. Candidly, most calls are not to discuss the weather but to find out if superintendent A or B is going to close. A few district leaders say the closing of other neighboring school districts doesn't influence them but I don't believe it. Besides, it makes sense to share information and make a rational decision in consultation with one's peers. The final step is to call local radio and TV stations using a special district code number. The number is critical because a few of our entrusting students have been known to call the stations and declare school off for the day. The one or two schools that did stay open last week have no country roads and little if any busing of students. However, many other districts with no country roads and minimal busing did close. Therefore the two districts that stayed open made a decision independent of the general consensus throughout the tri-county area. I'm glad no children were injured in those two districts. Dr. James Doyle is the former assistant superintendent in the Troy School District. Questions for this column should be sent to Doc Doyle c/o the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

## This state race will focus on abortion issue

IF YOU DON'T think abortion will be the issue in the upcoming state Legislative races, think again. I know I am. Let's see, it was back on July 13 that I wrote in my column "Abortion, the issue of the '90s won't be the focal point of the 1990 race shaping up in one of Michigan's most affluent, powerful senatorial districts. That's because "both Sen. Richard Fessler and state Rep. David Honigman are anti-abortion." Oops. That was before a third Republican, the state representative from Honigman's adjoining district, Judith Miller, lifted her finger to see how the financial winds were blowing — or, to put it bluntly, whether pro-choice voters in the prestigious 17th Senate district would put their money where their sentiments are spread like wild fire. A few Southfield officials blame the media, this newspaper in particular, for the city's image problem. That's pretty tough to figure since this newspaper supports racial equality, continually lauds officials in their attempts to make Southfield a truly integrated community and consistently points out that before it can solve any of its economic problems, metropolitan Detroit must deal with racism first. But it's not surprising. Some of these same officials have objected because they believe we run too many black faces in the Southfield Eccentric. Think about that one for a second. Steve Barnaby is managing editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

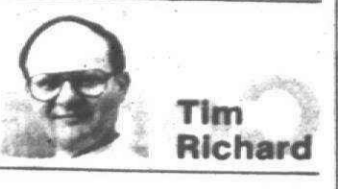


Judith Doner Berne

Senatorial district. The announcement followed a press conference held by pro-choice groups. There, representatives took turns taking pokes at Honigman for what one termed "his recent flip-flop on this issue." Honigman strongly denies that flip-flop. He acknowledges that he changed his mind on the public funding of abortion following the 1986 election when he put out a position paper on the issue. But he says he has always been against criminalizing abortion. "There are extremists on both sides, and I kind of have the view of the average person and that's mixed." Whether voters will buy that remains to be seen. Will pro-life people vote for a candidate who says he prefers birth control and adoption, but if you can pay for it you shouldn't go to jail for aborting within the first five months? Will pro-choice people vote for a candidate who voted against Medicaid-funded abortions and in favor of parental consent? LOST IN ALL this could be the three candidates' service, their attendance records, accessibility and responsiveness to their constituents, their effectiveness within the legislative process and their voting records on the rest of the issues. In their passion over the abortion issue, voters also may overlook the way Fessler conducted himself during his divorce, his refusal to take a breathalyzer test to determine the amount of alcohol in his system and his conviction for impaired driving and resisting arrest. If this 17th Senate seat scenario is any indication, wherever you live you might time your summer vacation appropriately — so as not to miss this hot election. Judith Doner Berne is assistant managing editor for the Oakland County editions of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

## Now hear this: Improve capitol

JERRY LAW was genuinely embarrassed. He was concerned I might burn him in print for his admitted mistake. Actually, I'm sympathetic to Law and his fellow 109 members of the Michigan House of Representatives for the deplorable conditions they work under. I could use some sympathy myself. I try to cover their deliberations and roll calls. Law, R-Plymouth, thought he was voting on another Republican amendment to the Democrats' minimum wage bill and voted yes. Instead, he broke party lines and voted in favor of the bill on final passage. "It's so darn noisy in there," Law said. "And I was on the phone with a constituent who was mad about roads." Here in Michigan you can't even find a bathroom. "Most are made of marble. They look only 10 years old even if they're 100. The Utah capitol in Salt Lake City is so clean you could eat off the floor." Michigan's Capitol is of gray limestone, as leader in color as a November sky over Lake Superior. As for eating off the floor, ye-e-e-eh!



Tim Richard

CONNECTICUT has restored its capitol building and saw tourism rise from 10,000 a year to 25,000 the first month, Law said. Michigan is in the process of restoring the Capitol Building itself, but there are great questions about whether to add an office building. "Legislators and committees are scattered around. People can't find them," said Law. "Some legislators want it that way." "He would have all members' offices the same size. A legislative district always would be assigned the same office, regardless of who holds the office. Home folks could find the member that way." THE SENATE chamber has been attractively restored, but I for one am less than thrilled about it as a place to work. From the visitors gallery, the Victorian chandeliers may block your view of the voting board. A senator voting yes has his or her name displayed in green, voting no, in red. But the all-capital letters are hard to read. Tim Richard heads the news service of Suburban Communications Corp., parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. LAW MAKES a hobby of state capitol buildings. "I've visited 20, mainly in the West. It wasn't long before I realized what a terrible

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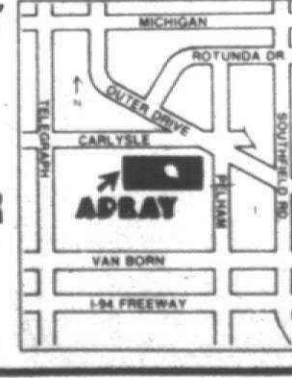
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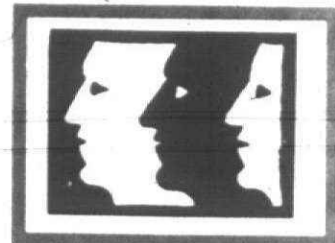
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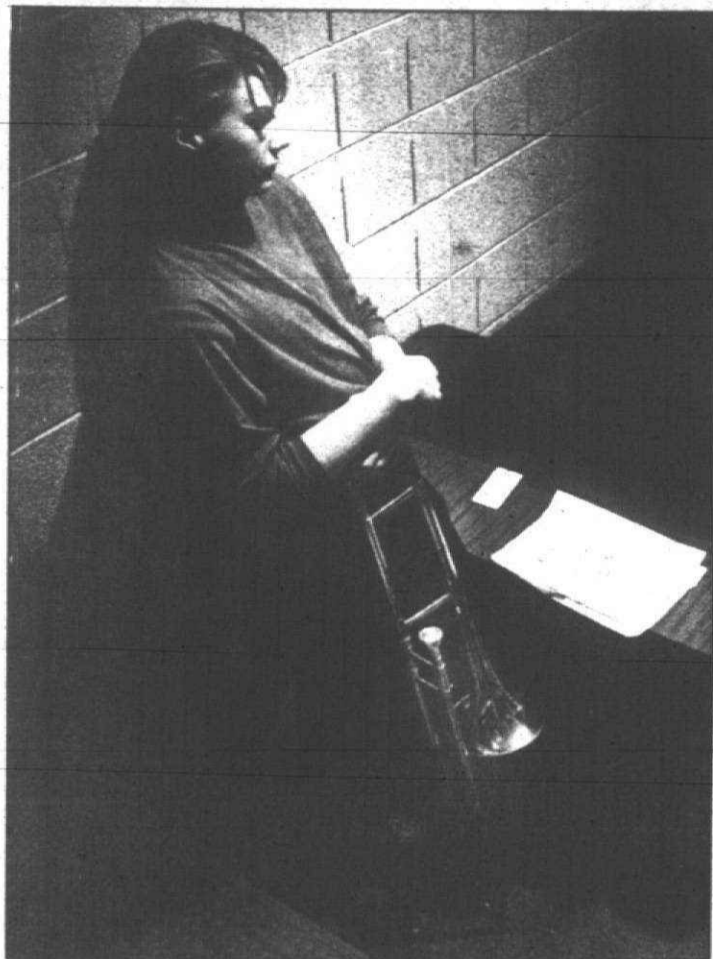
# Suburban Life

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Frank Riley watches the competition as he waits to go on stage at the Canton Little Theatre.



Susan Bozell performs for the judges. The annual arts competition is open to middle school students from the Plymouth-Canton community.

## Talented artists take to the stage

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

Melissa Beck's been studying dance for four years. She gets nervous sometimes when performing. "I just try to block out the audience and just try to be myself," said Melissa, 12, a seventh grader at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township. She'd like to teach dance someday.

Melissa was among middle school students competing for this year's Damaris Student Fine Arts Awards. The awards program is open to students in sixth through ninth grade from the Plymouth-Canton community.

The competition, for students from public and private schools, is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. It's named in

Staff photos  
by Bill Bresler

honor of local artist Damaris "Dee" Schulte.

PERFORMING ARTS students were required to perform before a panel of judges. Melissa Beck was among those performing Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Little Theatre at Plymouth Canton High School.

"It's sort of nerve-wracking, but I'm looking forward to it," Melissa said before going on stage.

About 25 students appeared before the judges that afternoon, performing in the areas of dance, voice and instrumental music. A separate session was scheduled for piano students who signed up for the Damaris competition.

Students may apply for awards in any artistic medium, including piano, other instrumental music, voice, drama and dance. The competition also includes the visual arts of painting, sculpture, photography and creative writing.

The awards program, held annually since 1978, gives middle school students a chance to demonstrate their talents.

"There aren't many opportunities available for them as there are for high school students," said Beth Lurtz of Plymouth Township, the arts council's general chairwoman for awards.

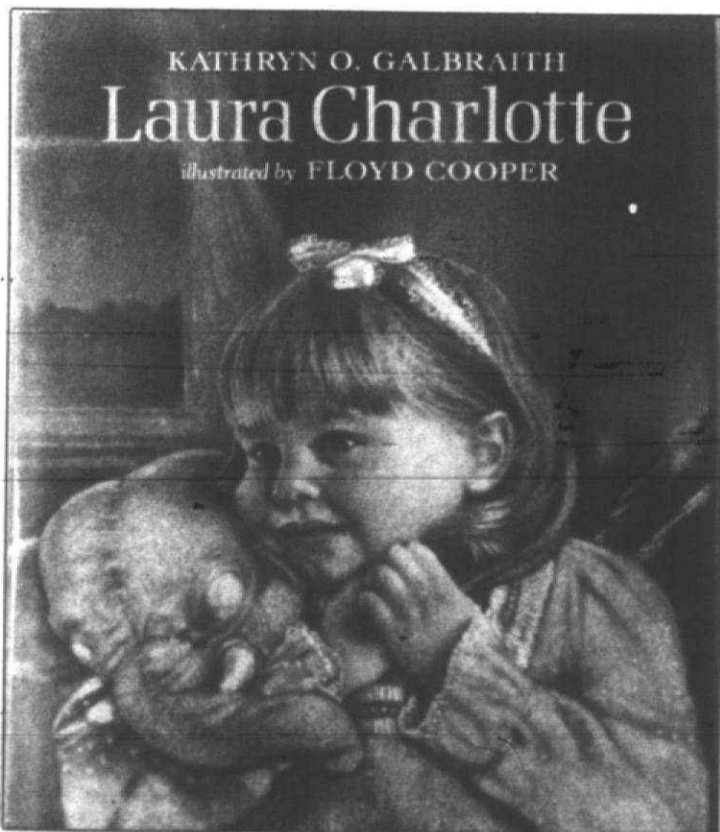
The student artists compete for cash awards. This year's awards total \$1,500, Lurtz said, and distribution depends on students' scores.

JUDGES WITH expertise in different artistic fields judge the competition each year. Judges and arts council volunteers enjoy seeing the Plymouth-Canton students perform.

"I think we do have a lot of talent, and it's really enjoyable to see

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Justin Carinci performs for the judges. The arts competition for middle school students has been held since 1978, and is named in honor of Damaris "Dee" Schulte, a local artist.



Plymouth native, Kathryn Osebold Galbraith is the author of "Laura Charlotte," a new book for children. She now lives in Tacoma, Wash., and divides her time between writing children's books and serving as executive director of the Tacoma Philharmonic.

## Children's author writes about a lasting friendship

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

Children's author Kathryn Osebold Galbraith didn't have a stuffed elephant named Charlotte when she was a little girl.

Galbraith's book, "Laura Charlotte," tells the story of a girl named Laura and of a stuffed elephant known as Charlotte.

"I tried to make it true, even though it didn't actually happen," said Galbraith, who grew up in Plymouth. "I wanted to make it seem real, as if it had."

"Laura Charlotte" (Philomel Books, The Putnam & Grosset Group) is a picture book for children of preschool age on up through second grade or so. It was illustrated by artist Floyd Cooper and will be available in bookstores this spring.

Galbraith, who published her first book for children in 1976, has another book coming out this spring. "Roommates," a short chapter book, is being published by Margaret K. McElderry/Macmillan.

"It's for children to read themselves." The book is heavily illustrated and is for children in first through third grade or thereabouts.

THE BOOK tells the story of two sisters, Beth and Mimi. A new baby is expected soon in their house, and neither girl wants to share a room with the baby.

Their mother tells them the baby will have his or her own room, and that Beth and Mimi will have to share a room.

"And of course the little girls are not at all pleased," Galbraith said. "It's the story of the two little girls trying to adjust as roommates."

Galbraith recently sold a sequel, "Roommates and Rachel." That book, scheduled to be published in the spring of 1991, will be Galbraith's eighth book for children.

Artist Mark Graham is the illustrator for "Roommates" and "Roommates and Rachel." Galbraith was pleased with the illustrations for "Roommates" and for "Laura Charlotte."

Galbraith attended Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth High School. She attended the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English literature and a master's degree in library science in 1979.

SHE AND her husband, Steve, live in Tacoma, Wash. Steve Galbraith, a Washington native, is an officer for the Puget Sound Bank. Writing children's books isn't a full-time occupation for Kathryn Galbraith, who also serves as executive director of the Tacoma Philharmonic.

The Philharmonic presents six concerts a year. Galbraith's duties include writing grant proposals, arranging for artists to perform at the Pantages Theatre in Tacoma, overseeing writing of program copy and working with the board on program selection.

Galbraith's mother, Gertrude Osebold, lived in Plymouth for many years and died a couple of years ago. Galbraith's father, Charles Osebold,

*"I love to see Plymouth because, you know, it just gets prettier. I think Plymouth is so lucky in that way."*

— Kathryn Osebold Galbraith  
children's author

died when she was a teenager. The author dedicated "Laura Charlotte" to her mother's memory.

It wouldn't have been possible to write such a book if she hadn't had such a warm relationship with her mother, Galbraith said. In the book, young Laura's mother tells her daughter the story of how the stuffed elephant named Charlotte came to be part of the family.

Galbraith tries to get back to Michigan to visit once a year.

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# Symphony plans a Friday concert

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton.

The concert will feature a guest artist, flutist Rodney Hill, professor of music at Eastern Michigan University. He received a doctor of musical arts degree in flute performance from the University of Michigan in 1975.

The concert, under the direction of PSO conductor Russell Reed, will include the "Pied Piper Fantasy" by Corigliano and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7. The concert is sponsored in part by Unisys.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$2 for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Tickets are available at:

- Beitner Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth;
- Evola Music Center, 215 Ann Arbor Road (across from McDonald's), Plymouth;
- Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main, Northville.

• Bookstall on the Main, 116 E. Main, Northville.

• Hammill Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia.

• Plymouth Symphony Orchestra office, 9430 S. Main, Plymouth. The office telephone number is 451-2112. Tickets will also be sold at the auditorium box office 30 minutes before the Friday, Feb. 23, performance.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will perform with the Plymouth Community Chorus in a St. Patrick's Cabaret Pops Concert. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 16-17, in the exhibition

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## engagements

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David and Joyce Becker of Kalamazoo announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Anne Becker of Denver, Colo., to Carl Hirst Wilson of Denver, son of Linda Wilson of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Alma College, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She is employed as a mental health therapist at Bethesda Hospital in Denver.

Her fiancé is a student at the Colorado Institute of Art in Denver, where he is majoring in music business.

A spring 1991 wedding is planned in Kalamazoo.

# They've got lots of talent

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what they can do." Lurtz said "It's wonderful."

Parents and other supporters are allowed to attend the competition for performing arts students. That gives young people an opportunity to perform in front of an audience, she said.

"That was another one of our goals."

Winners of the awards will be among students honored at the arts council's Arts Awards Festival in May. Students will be notified if they've won awards sooner than that.

Most of the student competitors won't become professional artists, Lurtz said, but they still benefit from their involvement in the program.

Lurtz knows just how valuable that involvement can be. Her older daughter, 20, is a junior at Kalamazoo College where she is studying English and biology. That daughter spent her senior year of high school at Interlochen Arts Academy where she studied voice.

The couple's younger daughter, 17, has the lead role of Nancy in "Oliver" at Divine Child High School. She's interested in drama and voice, although like her sister she doesn't plan to pursue a career in the arts.

"It certainly can add a lot of pleasure to their lives," Lurtz said.

*'I think we do have a lot of talent, and it's really enjoyable to see what they can do.'*

— Beth Lurtz

*'I try to write most afternoons. You can't wait for inspiration. You can't wait for inspiration.'*

— Kathryn Osebold Galbraith

# Children's author writes new books

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"I love to see Plymouth because, you know, it just gets prettier." She's pleased to see people buying and restoring older homes in downtown Plymouth. Galbraith likes the fact that Plymouth has a downtown with a park, library and museum.

"I think Plymouth is so lucky in that way."

ONE BROTHER, Jim, lives in Plymouth. Another brother, Tom, and his wife, Marcia, live in Livonia with their three children. A brother, Chuck, also lives in Livonia, and another brother, Edward, lives in California with his family.

Growing up as the only girl in a family with five children took some getting used to for Galbraith as a child. She loved her brothers, but at times thought it would be nice to have a sister.

"And I mention that in 'Roommates'."

She gets ideas for her books from a number of sources. A while back, Galbraith was talking with a friend who mentioned how exciting it was as a child to get a surprise in the mail.

That found its way into the story of "Laura Charlotte." Galbraith got the idea for "Roommates" in part from her two nieces. She'd never seen a book for kids that dealt with siblings sharing a room.

Galbraith tries to write five days a week.

"I try to write most afternoons. You can't wait for inspiration."

She speaks to many school groups and has taught writing at workshops. Galbraith reads a lot of children's books.

Galbraith's working on a picture book and a short novel for children. Those two books are still in the draft stage.

"Laura Charlotte" was recently sold to an English publisher and will be published in England next year. It was also sold to the Junior Library Guild, which makes buying recommendations to small public and school libraries.

"So that's a real honor," she said. "I'm really pleased by that."

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# Software fair highlights learning

By Julie Brown staff writer

ADULTS AREN'T the only people who use computers these days. Many children and teenagers are spending time in front of a computer.

"More and more of our lives are touched by computers," said Calvin Haddad, a Canton resident who

works as a project manager for a computer software company.

Educational software programs can help students learn, and many relatively inexpensive programs are available, he said.

Last week, the Plymouth-Canton Association for the Academically Talented held its educational software fair. The association promotes academic excellence in the Plym-

outh-Canton Community Schools, with a focus on the Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program.

The software fair was held the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 13, at East Middle School in Plymouth. This is the second year such an event has been held, and association member Jack Farrow organized last year's fair. Haddad, a PCAAT officer, organized this year's fair.

THOSE ATTENDING the fair were able to view and copy educational software programs.

"Some of it's commercial," said Haddad, who attended the software fair with his children, Virginia, 9, Michael, 7, and Luke, 3½.

Many "public domain" programs are available and can be copied free of charge, he said.

Haddad has found children enjoy

learning with the help of a computer. His wife often takes their youngest son to the Canton Public Library to use an Apple computer there.

Adults, on the other hand, may have difficulty learning to use a computer, "which is understandable," Haddad said. Many adults simply aren't accustomed to working on computers.

Ten Michaels of Northville has found that children are comfortable working on computers. She's the Talented and Gifted coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

"They're not fearful, and it's a tremendous motivational tool," she said. Children read the manuals that come with computers and understand those manuals.

AMONG STUDENTS in the Talented and Gifted program about 50 percent have access to a computer at home, she said. Many others visit the Canton Public Library or the Dunning Hough Library in Plymouth to use computers there.

"So that's really nice," Michaels said. Not all community libraries have computers available for public use.

It's important that students become "computer-literate," she said, and many software programs are available to help students learn. Some programs are interactive and some are useful for drill and practice.

Students and parents at the educational software fair had a variety of computer programs to choose from.

"Some of it's more game-oriented," Haddad said. One program, Funnels and Buckets, includes math games for 4- through 9-year-olds. Other programs help young children learn how to tell time, recite the alphabet or identify shapes and colors.

"Then there's stuff that's more difficult too," he said. More advanced programs help older students learn.

*'More and more of our lives are touched by computers.'*

— Calvin Haddad, Canton resident



Brothers Michael Haddad, 7, and Luke Haddad, 3½, play a computerized version of "Wheel of Fortune," the television game show.

Those attending the educational software fair had an opportunity to view and copy many programs. The fair was sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Association for the Academically Talented and was at East Middle School in Plymouth.

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**Guiding children**  
Alice R. McCarthy will speak 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Upper Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. She will discuss guiding children into the next century and helping them be all they can be. McCarthy is co-author of "Michigan PTA: The Parents' Answer Book" and a columnist for the Detroit Free Press. The presentation is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center at the college as part of its Open Forum Series. The public may attend. Admission is free of charge, and reservations aren't required. For more information, call 452-4443.

**Welcoming tea**  
The Canton Newcomers will hold a welcoming tea 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22. Guests will meet club members and learn about activities sponsored for women, children, couples and families. Club activities include: arts and crafts, a baby-sitting co-op, Ladies' Day Out, Play Group, Moms and Tots field trips and Teens' Day Out. Those attending the Thursday, Feb. 22, tea will receive complimentary packets from area merchants. For more information, call 453-5186.

**Mothers group**  
M.O.M. (Meet Other Mothers) will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. M.O.M. is a support group for mothers. At this meeting, speaker Carol Hardy will discuss healthful cooking. Low-cost child care is available during meetings. For more information, call 459-7495 or 459-7294.

**Moms and Tots**  
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**Saturday Night**  
Saturday Night Singles/Westside will hold a "Ladies' Dance" 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Livonia Elks Lodge, on Plymouth Road east of Merriman. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Admission price is \$4. For more information, call the hot line, 277-4242.

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

**Brigadoon**  
The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present the Lerner and Loewe musical "Brigadoon" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24. Performances will be at the Water Tower Theater, on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads in Northville Township. The Friday, Feb. 23, performance will be extended to hearing-impaired people, with signers present. Ticket price is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Group rates are available. For reservation information, call 420-2161. "Brigadoon" is a romantic musical set in a sleepy magical town that comes to life once every 100 years.

**Westside II**  
Westside Singles II will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the Livonia Elks Lodge, on Plymouth Road east of Merriman. The dance/party is for singles 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). For more information, call the hot line, 562-3170.

**Square dance**  
Single Square will hold a steak fry and square dance Saturday, Feb. 24, at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., the dance at 7:30 p.m. Price is \$5.50 for the dinner and dance, \$4 for the dance only. Experience in square dancing isn't required. For dinner reservations, call 949-0911 by Thursday, Feb. 22.

**Tri-County Singles**  
Tri-County Singles will hold a "February Spring Fling" dance/party 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Airport Ramada Inn, 1-94 at Merriman, Romulus. The dance/party will include astrology readings. Admission is \$2 for women. The dance/party is for singles over age 21. For more information, call the hot line, 842-7422.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary**  
The Plymouth Canton U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla will meet March 3, at the Father Daniel A. Lord Council, Knights of Columbus, 39050 Schoolcraft, between Newburgh and Eckles in Livonia. The fund-raising event is sponsored by the Pope John XXIII Assembly, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Admission is \$1. Food and drinks will be available. There will be cash prizes. For more information, call 422-3488 or 455-1450.

**Dance lessons**  
The Polish Continental Dancers will offer ballroom dance classes for adults. Classes will start the week of March 4. Participants will learn to do the polka, oberek and waltz. Those who register for classes don't need to have a partner. For registration information, call 561-4391 or 464-1263.

**St. John Neumann**  
The St. John Neumann Seniors, 59, Up Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the church, on Warren between Sheldon and Canton Center roads in Canton. New members and guests may attend. For more information, call 495-1307 or 459-4091.

**Newcomers Club**  
The Plymouth Newcomers Club will hold a luncheon Thursday, March 8, at Home Sweet Home, 43180 Nine Mile, east of Novi Road in Novi. Hospitality time will be at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. The club is for residents of Plymouth or Plymouth Township who have lived in the community two years or less. Price is \$10. Check Please turn to Page 5

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**School open house**  
The Plymouth Children's Cooperative Nursery School will hold its spring open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 11 and 18. The school is at 5825 Sheldon, Canton. At the open house, parents and children will be able to view the facilities and talk with teachers and board members. Applications will be available for the 1990-91 school term, which begins in September. For information on registration, call membership chairwoman Pam Henley, 981-4750. The state-certified preschool is for 3- and 4-year-olds.

**Club coffee**  
The Plymouth Newcomers Club will hold a coffee for prospective members at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 15. Those who have lived in Plymouth or Plymouth Township for less than two years may attend. Members have opportunities to meet people and to participate in many interest groups activities. For more information, call 459-5593.

**Wine Glow**  
A spaghetti dinner and "Wine Glow" fund-raising event will be held Tuesday, March 20, at the Waterman Center of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. The "Wine Glow" will be at 6 p.m. The spaghetti dinner at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the college's Women's Resource Center Advisory Board. Door prizes will be given, including a surprise from Delta Diamond Jewelry, \$200 air fare from the World Travel Agency in Plymouth and a weekend for two at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. Winners must be present. Ticket prices are \$15 for individuals, \$35 for sponsors. Entertainment will be provided by Livonia Churchill High School Chorale. Reservations are required, and should be made by Monday, March 12. For more information, call 462-4443.

**Dance fun**  
The Michigan 50s Festival will present a dance party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 30, at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel in Novi. The dance/party will include Moe and Da Sharks. The evening will include contests, prizes, food and a cash bar. Those attending should wear casual attire or 50s-style clothing. Admission price is \$10 per person. Tickets are available through the Novi Chamber of Commerce or the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. "Lip sync" acts will be featured at the gathering. Those who have solo or group acts they would like to

**Attitudes seminar**  
An "Adventures in Attitudes" seminar will be offered 6:30-10:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in April at the Novi Hilton. The 30-hour seminar will be conducted by Mary Lutz, senior executive director of Gallery Professional Services. Participants will learn about the importance of positive attitudes in professional, community, personal and family relationships. For registration information, call 348-2977.

**Yule card design**  
The Plymouth Community Arts Council has invited artists to submit a 5-by-7-inch original sketch, photograph, watercolor or other design featuring a familiar Plymouth winter scene. The work will be used for the arts council's Christmas card. The artist who submits the winning design will receive \$100. Art work and all rights for reproduction will become PCAC property. April 16 is the deadline to submit art work. Art work or photos should be mailed or delivered to Plymouth Community Arts Council, 332 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170. For more information, call 455-5260. Proceeds from Christmas card sales will be used for arts council programs.

**Polish celebration**  
The Polish Continental Dancers will hold their 10th anniversary celebration in April. Performances will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, between Sheldon and Canton Center roads in Canton. Performances will feature Goral Dancers, showing the skill and agility of the group's young male dancers. Dancers will perform to live music provided by "Pan" Frank and the Muskegon Polka Towners. Ticket prices are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. A reception will be held for those who attend. For ticket information, call 464-1263 or 453-7161.

**Civitan Club**  
The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is a community service organization for men and women. It meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month for a business meeting at the

### Computers help students learn

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Several children at the software fair enjoyed playing a computer version of "Wheel of Fortune," the popular TV game show. Some youngsters played a game in which they identified different U.S. states displayed on a computer screen.  
Michaelis agreed students need to learn word processing, and should become accustomed to working on computers. Computer technology will advance in years to come. "It's going to change so rapidly," she said.  
"She doesn't believe it's essential that all students do computer programming."  
"Very few people in the future will be programmers," Michaelis said. The main thing is to be able to use a computer and know what it can do.

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# Path leads pastor to Plymouth church

By Julie Brown staff writer

The Rev. Roderick Trusty began to think about going into the ministry when he was a teenager.

"I really didn't decide. Someone decided for me," said Trusty, pastor of the Praise Chapel Church of God in Plymouth's Old Village. "At age 16, I felt the call into my life."

Trusty, now 28, fought that for several years before deciding to enter the ministry. He attended Red Lake College in Ina, Ill., for one year and began his full-time ministry at age 19.

Attending the seminary isn't required in Trusty's denomination, although there is a ministerial internship program. That program includes seven months of schooling and training under a senior pastor's guidance.

Trusty completed that internship program while serving as youth pastor at a church in Southaven, Miss. After that, he was the state evangelist for Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and parts of Virginia.

"We are the oldest Pentecostal denomination in the world, and we have churches in 117 countries," Trusty said. Members believe in salvation by faith through grace.

Their beliefs and practices include water baptism by immersion for those who have accepted Christ as their savior. Baptism is done when a worshiper reaches the age of accountability. Trusty accepted Christ as his savior at age 5 and was baptized shortly thereafter.

Trusty's ordination ceremony will be held this June at a state denominational meeting in Fenton, Mich. His duties at the church in Plymouth include preaching at services held Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. He visits people who are sick, does counseling, and officiates at weddings and funerals.

It has been exciting for Trusty to see what God has done for worshippers at the Praise Chapel Church of God. When he arrived in February of 1987, the church was in danger of closing. There were eight worshippers at his first service.

Some 140 to 160 worshippers now attend services. Trusty works with three other ministers on the staff of the church, which has about 145 members.

"It was 46 when we came." Some people who aren't church members attend services regularly, and some worshippers are from other Protestant denominations.

THE CHURCH offers many programs for young people, and focuses on ministry for families.

When Trusty first came to the church, he and some other worshippers met at 5:30 a.m. weekdays to pray.

"That's what we attribute much of the growth to. Prayer changes things."

That helped to build a feeling of unity among the worshippers. Helping newcomers feel welcome at a church is essential, Trusty found.

"We try to make that first acquaintance very relaxed, so they do feel the love of Christ in us. They (church members) welcome new people like no church I have ever been to."

Church members have been busy

in recent months with an extensive renovation and addition project for the church building. The parsonage in Canton was refurbished at the same time.

Work on the church building included cleaning the exterior brick, along with renovating the sanctuary and office area.

"It took us about eight months." Work is now being done on the church basement. The building originally was a Baptist church.

HE AND OTHER worshippers have enjoyed being in Plymouth's Old Village. When Trusty arrived, he decided the battered wooden sign outside the church had to go. It was replaced with a new sign, and the church's name was changed from the Plymouth Church of God to the Praise Chapel Church of God.

He's pleased to see members of the Old Village Association working on promoting the area.

"They seem to have a really nice active group together."

Church members will miss Old Village when they relocate to a site west of Plymouth. That move likely will happen within the next 18 months, Trusty said.

"We have enjoyed the ministry here." Church leaders plan to move because more building space and parking space are needed, and there isn't room to expand in Old Village.

Trusty plans to continue his work

with the Praise Chapel Church of God. He'll attend William Tyndale Bible Seminary in Farmington Hills. He'll fall to work on a bachelor's degree in theology. Trusty attended Schoolcraft College in Livonia for one year taking liberal arts classes.

He and his wife plan to have a family.

"We're really anticipating and looking forward to that."

They enjoy traveling, and have been to 38 of the 50 U.S. states. Trusty enjoys outdoor activities in his free time.

"Golf is my hobby," he said. "I like to golf and fish and hunt."



The Rev. Roderick Trusty has been pastor of the Praise Chapel Church of God for three years.



Before coming to the church in Plymouth's Old Village, the Rev. Roderick Trusty served as assistant pastor at Evangelical Temple Church of God in Warren.

# Societies shouldn't be disconnected, isolated

What a strange yet moving experience! I have watched the nightly news from Moscow, rebroadcast on public television with English voice translation. It is an experiment sponsored by station WGBH in Boston.

Suddenly, the times are changing. The most important changes that we need to encourage are information about people different from our selves.

The nightly news from Moscow is not a travesty. It provides an insight into what matters for many Russians. The first program I watched showed their space vehicle linking up with their space station called "Peace."

There were stories of bureaucratic failures. There were even portions of CNN American news on the Moscow program.

I felt tears come to my eyes. What a sign of peace! We need such exchanges of life on both sides that can lead to better understanding. Essentially, we are trying to grasp two different understandings of reality.

REALITY is determined by how we answer four questions: Who am I? Where am I? What is wrong?

What is the remedy? For a few moments, I felt that the Russians may not only have a clear idea of who and where they are, but also a clear concept of what is wrong.

I wonder at times if we in this country understand in fresh ways where we are and what the problems are. Why are more than 8 million Americans using cocaine? Why are more than half the crimes committed related to drug use? Too often, we have simplistic answers to such questions.

I hope that Yvremya, the evening Moscow news, continues to be broadcast here. I believe that it is one sign of the changes that will take place in our time. We are each special yet we are also very deeply connected.

That make our commitment to God relevant.

I BELIEVE that we are far more deeply and completely connected with one another than we think. The news from Moscow underscores this fact. As we redefine what is real in the 1990s, this truth will become increasingly clear.

It is also unfortunately true that religious leaders emphasize our differences more than our connectedness. It is good to be special. It is not good to be disconnected.

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## church bulletin

The church bulletin is published every Thursday in The Observer-Intelligencer. Information must be received in the Livonia office by noon the Monday prior to publication.

Farmington, at the corner of Six Mile, Livonia Child care will be provided for children through kindergarten age. For information, call 422-1851.

Program for parents who have suffered the loss of a child, will take place 7-9 p.m. Mondays, starting Feb. 26, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Rev. solve through sharing, which will run for four consecutive Mondays, is a comprehensive parental bereavement program for families who have experienced marriage, childbirth, newborn death or the death of any child regardless of age. There is a \$10 charge for materials. For information, call 348-7600.

- Antioch Youth Group Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25. Antioch Church Youth Group (grades seven-12) will go on its winter retreat camp, Mich.-Lu-CA. Students will leave at 6 p.m. Friday and return at 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Charge is \$4. Drivers and chaperones are still needed. For information, call 626-7906.
- Career workshop From 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, a career workshop will be offered at Ward Presbyterian Church for those who are interested in learning about the opportunities available to serve in Christian missions work. Both short- and long-term missions career options will be discussed in an informal atmosphere. There is no charge for the workshop. Ward church is at 17000 Farmington, corner of Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call 422-1851.
- Harvest An acclaimed contemporary Christian music group, will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000
- Pastor installation The Rev. Richard Peters will be installed as new pastor of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. Peters joined Rosedale Gardens in November. He has 20 years of experience in church and community work. He last served at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Walled Lake. The service is open to the public. The church is at Hubbard, near the corner of West Chicago, between Merriman and Farmington roads. For information, call 422-0494.
- Outreach conclusion Ward Presbyterian Church will conclude its "Back to the City" World Outreach Conference on Sunday, Feb. 25. The speaker will be Rev. Eddie Edwards, founder and executive director of Joy of Jesus in Detroit. The service will be at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Ward Presbyterian Church is at 17000 Farmington Road, near Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call 422-1150.
- Rally Richard Hogan, president of the 1990 North American Christian Convention, will be the speaker at a NACC rally at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Others on the program will include Ron Wilson, who will sing, and Janelle Clark, principal cellist of the Allen Park Symphony Orchestra, who will present a cello solo during the offering. Hogan has served many times on the NACC Continuation Committee as a member and treasurer, and is currently the president.
- Missions conference Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia, will present its 16th annual missions conference 7:15 p.m. through Sunday, Feb. 25. Times are 7:15 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 10, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday. The conference will feature people discussing foreign missions in Panama and the Philippines and those involved in missions such as the prison ministry and New Life Rescue mission. For information, call 525-3664 or 261-9276.
- Handbell ministry In celebration of 10 years of handbell ministry at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, the Joyful Harp, directed by Doreen Eber, sole, will host the handbell choir from Mt. Hope Congregational Church at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. The combined choirs will move into the sanctuary with bell trees, choir chimes and bells. Each choir will sing a separate piece during the worship service. St. Matthew United Methodist Church is at 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia.
- Bible mission Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth will sponsor a parish Bible mission as its Lenten program during the week of March 4-11. The Rev. John Burke, O.P., who is affiliated with the National Institute for the Word of God in Washington, D.C., will be the featured homilist at 7:30 p.m. each evening at the church, 1160 Peninsula, Plymouth. The mission is designed to help all Catholics grow in a deeper understanding of the Scriptures.
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# Group encourages talking

By Larry O'Connor  
Staff writer

Talk is usually considered cheap, but it's what New Beginnings was founded on.

The support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one is entering its seventh year at St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Livonia. Discussion is the bottom line. The first meeting is 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, near Merriman Road.

"Some groups tend to bombard

people with stuff," said the Rev. David Strong, pastor of St. Matthew United Methodist. "We try to let them talk."

Sharing feelings of grief is not so difficult. Finding someone to listen can be.

One of the biggest misconceptions about the grieving process is that it is quick, a month or so.

Usually, though, the first four to six weeks of the grief process involves shock and denial. As a result, a person is not fully aware of feelings of loss. The hurt can go beyond, at least a year in many cases and sometimes even 10 years which is part of the reason why the Rev. Robert Weikart started the New Beginnings group. Today, more than 60 New Beginnings groups exist nationwide.

WEIKART'S wife died 20 years ago from a congenital heart defect two weeks after they had been married.

"I found there wasn't anybody to help me through," said Weikart, a grief counselor who also works as a substance abuse therapist at Chelsea Community Hospital. "I noticed other people who had gone through the grief process had experienced physical difficulties."

Several aspects of the program make it different. For one, after a six-week introduction period the meetings take on the form of a support group.

Weikart will relate his experiences at the first meeting. Kearney

Kirkby, an assistant pastor at St. Matthew Church, discusses how he was able to get through the loss of two wives and a child at the second meeting.

Dr. Tom Roe of Providence Hospital will discuss the physical aspects of grieving. One meeting will be devoted to dream experiences through the grief process.

Then the real healing takes place through the support groups, according to Strong.

"It's very important for people to tell the story over and over," Strong said. "Most people believe they should go off into the bedroom alone and cry. It's doubly painful to grieve alone. We should do it together."

IN SIX YEARS, Strong said no two groups have been alike. Men and women of all ages have attended in the past.

Not all who attend are spouses. Some people include those who have lost relatives and friends as well. One woman in the Livonia group experienced the loss of five family members during a two-year period.

There are no fees or reservations required. Materials are available and books can be bought at cost.

New Beginnings starts Tuesday, Feb. 27, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. For information, call 422-6038.



JIM JADGFELD/staff photographer

## Let's get together

Pal Rune Kaalen of Norway and Alfonso Ruiz Aguado of Spain sign up for room assignments at a party for foreign exchange students, held recently at the Holiday Inn in

Livonia. Kaalen attends Thurston High School in Redford Township, while Aguado is a student at Plymouth Canton High School.



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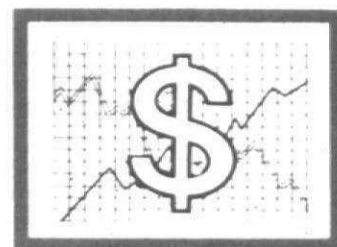
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## Industrial laser uses advocated

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

BZZZRT. ZAP. R2D2, look out for . . . BZZZRT. Lasers. They conjure images of screeching space ships, monolithic death beams from outer space, and "B" horror movies from the 1950s.

Reality check. Hollywood is a long way from southeast Michigan.

Here, lasers — an acronym for light amplified by stimulated emission of radiation — mean high-tech light and heavy industrial applications and huge growth potential.

So when Rofin-Sinar Laser Inc., one of the world's largest manufacturers of industrial-use lasers, went hunting for a location for its new applications research center, the company picked Plymouth Township because it is ideally located to capitalize on the nation's industrial laser hub, Rofin-Sinar president Dennis Fortino said.

"We were concerned about becoming just another 'automotive company' so we decided on Plymouth because it's between the industrial center of Detroit and the technical people in Ann Arbor," Fortino said. "Plymouth is a good compromise for us."

MICHIGAN WILL lead the nation in 1990 with 13.2 percent of all lasers sold in the United States being bought here, followed by California with 12.9 percent and Ohio with 7.4 percent, Fortino said.

Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Wisconsin, Texas, Illinois and Pennsylvania are also expected to become major laser markets.

Part of what the firm intends to do with the center is educate its customers, Rofin-Sinar national sales manager Rhen Peterson said.

"A lot of people are interested in laser technology but it's an area where we have to do our homework. These applications have been around for years but they just haven't come to fruition."

THE APPLICATIONS center acts as a showroom for Rofin-Sinar laser products, but more importantly, it enables prospective buyers with a particular job and to see the job performed by lasers.

"It is the most advanced and well equipped laser applications research and sales center in North America," Peterson said.

Prospective buyers can come in with a problem they need to address, and technicians in the applications center will work with the client to solve it with lasers, Peterson said.

"We will still maintain a research and development facility in San Jose, Calif., but that facility will primarily be used for research and development," Peterson said.

THERE ARE primarily two types of industrial lasers: carbon dioxide and Nd:YAG, said Richard Walker, vice president of marketing for Nd:YAG products.

Rofin-Sinar sells both types of lasers, with a majority of its business in the carbon dioxide lasers.

Nd:YAG lasers are relatively new to industrial use and are still gaining acceptance by the industry, but Rofin-Sinar officials believe its sales will some day eclipse the carbon dioxide lasers, Walker said.

The primary strike against the Nd:YAG laser has been its relatively low power, but recent advances have boosted power levels, he said.

But Nd:YAG lasers show a great deal of promise not for their boosted power levels, but because they offer greater flexibility through fiber optics, Walker said. Basically a flexible light pipe, fiber optics can transfer laser energy from the source to its target.

CARBON DIOXIDE lasers require extensive use of fixed components — i.e., laser lenses, refractors, beam directing equipment — and the target itself is moved, Walker said.

This is especially useful in cutting and welding large targets, but

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Rofin/Sinar applications engineer Christopher Dackson programs the computer that directs the carbon dioxide laser to perform any number of welding, cutting or heat-treating tasks.

## Lumonics supplies Gillette

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

Southeast Michigan is home to more than just one industrial laser manufacturer. Lumonics Laser Systems Group in Livonia is a major player in the industrial laser market.

Lumonics, a division of Lumonics Inc. headquartered in Kanata, Ontario, controls 9.6 percent of the U.S. carbon dioxide laser market — the fourth largest company behind Rofin-Sinar Lasers Inc., Coherent-General Inc. and PRC Inc.

Lumonics controls an even larger share of the fledgling Nd:YAG laser market, vice president of marketing Steve Llewellyn said.

"We're probably the second or third largest YAG laser manufacturer — more than 60 percent of our business is in YAG lasers."

LUMONICS SET up in Livonia in 1985 after it bought the laser manufacturer Photon Sources, Llewellyn said.

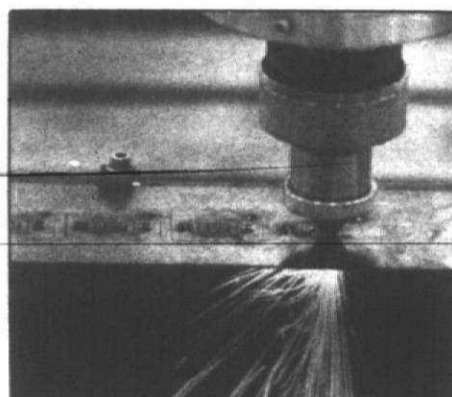
"There are some obvious reasons why we would want to be in southeast Michigan, not the least of which is the auto industry and its suppliers."

Lumonics is in the early planning stages of an applications center similar to the Rofin-Sinar facility, Llewellyn said.

"We're planning a major North American facility for this area, perhaps in Livonia, but certainly in the area west of Detroit."

Lumonics also maintains facilities throughout Canada and the United States.

IN 1990, Lumonics expects to do \$24 million in product sales, with roughly 5 to 7 percent of



The laser beam cuts through a metal plate in a mock industrial application.

that in carbon dioxide lasers, he said. Including system design and service, Lumonics will do about \$90 million of business, with 60 percent of that in the United States.

In addition to having the Big Three automotive companies and their suppliers in southeast Michigan, the area also has a diverse range of other industrial manufacturers and excellent communication possibilities with other Midwest manufacturing states, he said.

"Communications in and out of Detroit are just as good as any other area," Llewellyn said.

"When a (laser company) sits down to decide where there is already a regional customer and where they can reach other customers, the Detroit area is where you want to be."

LUMONICS RECENTLY received a big boost when razor giant Gillette bought 30 Nd:YAG lasers for roughly \$30 million from the firm to produce its new Sensor razor. Gillette introduced the Sensor in a \$175 million advertising blitz during the Super Bowl.

"One key thing about the Gillette Sensor project is the product is a result of the laser and that part is visible to the consumer," Llewellyn said. "This is good for us and the industry."

The Sensor razor has two individually mounted razors that pivot independently of each other. Gillette determined that only a laser could handle the delicate welding job needed to join the razors to the individual springs.

The laser industry has been waiting for a time when lasers would become a more recognizable part of manufacturing and the Sensor razor may be the catalyst for more widespread use of the laser, Llewellyn said.

WHILE LASERS are an indispensable tool in Europe and Asia, they have had to combat an image as an "unnecessary luxury" in the United States, Llewellyn said.

Despite the fact that lasers have existed for almost 20 years, automotive manufacturers and other industries have resisted their implementation.

Even when products are made with lasers, the general public is often unaware of the laser's usage. Perhaps a prominent product with a national advertising campaign focusing on the technology will bolster the young industry's acceptance.

## Monaghan's talk draws mixed reviews at college

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

There is room for faith in the business world.

Tom Monaghan, owner of Domino's Pizza Inc. and the Detroit Tiger baseball organization, fielded questions from a standing room only crowd, which spilled into three classrooms equipped with closed circuit televisions Monday at Madonna College in Livonia.

But many attendees were disappointed in Monaghan's message and left early.

Monaghan was expected to speak on world entrepreneurship but devoted little time to it.

There are special problems with being a world entrepreneur — culture, distance, language and legal problems complicate the process — but he is not deeply involved in the process.

"I mean, I know that's where our future is — believe it or not, the bulk of the world is outside the U.S. — but I'm not an expert," he said.

Instead, Monaghan attributes his success to hard work and "his five priorities:" the spiritual and



Tom Monaghan sells golden rule

the social, physical, mental and financial health.

"If you take care of the first four, the last one will take care of itself. The usual definition of success is spending less money than

what you make, but I don't think success is necessarily making a lot of money."

Serving his faith and church is of paramount importance to him. "That's why everything I have is for sale. All the cars, all the architecture, the pizza business — everything but the Tigers."

The Tigers, he said, are his "calling card," his way of making inroads into areas that are closed to even a pizza magnate. "If I want to be effective (in serving his faith and acting as leader for the lay people of the church) I think I need that calling card."

MONAGHAN ALSO stressed the need for honesty, morals, and faith in business. "The most important lesson I've learned is to be honest in what you do and treat others the way you want to be treated — the golden rule."

Perseverance is also important, Monaghan said. Problems with partners, franchiser lawsuits, lean times, and legal tax complications were all part of Domino's history and threatened to ruin the business.

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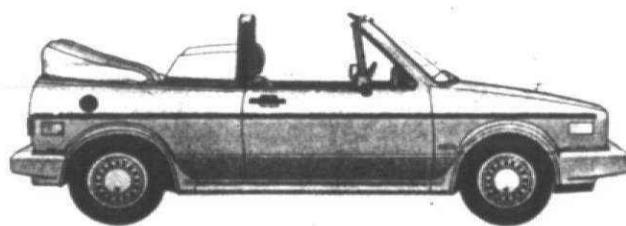
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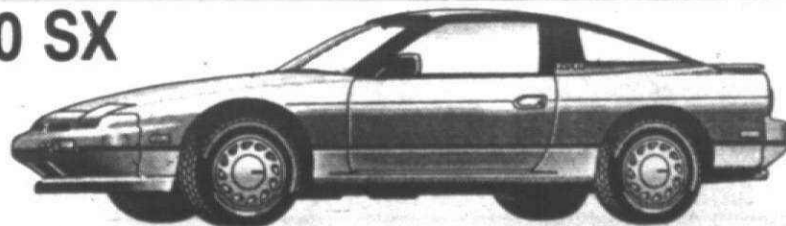
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# Monaghan gets mixed reviews at Madonna

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"I've had my share of crises, but I kept at it. It's important to know what you want. If you do that, you'll get into a program and automatically do those things necessary to get what you want."

Monaghan said there many opportunities for young entrepreneurs in the world. "Speaking of restaurants, because that's what I know, I say it's easy to get into and easy to be successful in — that's because so many people are so bad at it. The best way in the world to succeed is to put yourself in the place of the customer."

When he started Domino's, few food services delivered. Many companies started with delivery services, hated it, and then phased them out once the company

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It is a possibility that Nd:YAG laser sales will come day outsell the carbon dioxide lasers, Walker said. The Nd:YAG lasers offer lower cost optics and fiber optics beam delivery, a compact design and a higher degree of flexibility.

Rofin-Sinar is not overly concerned about the recent automotive slowdown because its market is dependent on capital investments, something the automotive and other manufacturing companies will have to continue to invest in to stay competitive, Fortino said.

"We're not payroll or stock dependent."

BUT SLOWER than expected laser sales are a concern. Laser sales have great potential in the United States, but sales have lagged behind foreign sales, Fortino said.

European and Japanese firms have long embraced the laser and its many applications, including welding, cutting, transformation-hardening, measurement, drilling and cladding, Fortino said, but manufacturers in the United States have resisted their implementation.

"That is our the country collective problem," Fortino said. "We play it far too conservative here." In all of Fortino's dealings with manufacturing executives, lasers are highly regarded, he said.

Twice a week is better

established a sit-down diner, he said. "The only people who wanted the delivery service were the customers, so I went the other way and phased out my sit-in business."

Monaghan also debunked the traditional school of thought that says a company should have a formal plan before starting a business. "I didn't even have a lease on the premises."

"I say come up with plans that are quick and dirty and then just do it," he said. "People who come up with an idea and then plan and plan and plan — it makes me sick."

"Planning is a substitute for action — I prefer action."

GARY CALFIN, a University of Michigan business student, said that although he still respected Monaghan as a businessman, he was disappointed in the speech which he said did not focus on what he and many people who left wanted to hear — how to be a successful entrepreneur.

"I also don't think he gave a lot of good advice," he said. "Besides a lack of specifics, Monaghan's advice

on formal business plans goes against everything business students are taught every day."

Monaghan has a lot of drive and ambition, along with financial insight, but it did not come across well in his speech, he said. "I can still admire him, but the way he talked it seemed like he was more lucky than smart, and I know that's not true."

Jonathan Crocker, an engineer for the Ford Motor Co., said that Monaghan devoted too much of the two-hour speech to his faith and works for the Catholic Church.

"The way he makes his faith the cornerstone of his business is admirable, but that's not why people came to hear him — that's why there were so many disappointed people."

But Monaghan can still be respected as a business leader, Crocker said. "There's room for faith in business — he's proving that — but that's not what most people came to hear."

Dave Nowak, owner of George's Lawnmower Service in Plymouth Township, said that the people who left were missing the point of

Monaghan's speech. "I've seen him talk several times, and I think it's inspiring."

"I get a lot from the rules that guide him through life, and I think they can be applied to business," Nowak said. "The way he talks about riches, not being important, about family and life — it can work."

Larry Gordon, of Gordon Law-care of Plymouth, said he was also impressed by Monaghan's ability to mesh his faith and his business so successfully, adding that he especially liked Monaghan's emphasis on his five priorities.

"Financial, that's the bottom line,

but spirituality, that's the top line," he said. "He has a lot of honesty to get up and say that when he doesn't have to."

Jerry Deisinger, a Redford Township resident, said he was disappointed Monaghan didn't talk more of business, but he can still be a role model for young business people "if he's careful how he talks."

The number of attendees leaving early was evidence that people don't want to have morality pushed on them, he said.

"Monaghan worked hard, got in the right business and stuck with it — there's something to be said for that."

you can be successful and honest at the same time.

"I wish he'd said more about competition and how what he says (relates) to business," he said.

As an analogy, Deisinger said many pizza companies will start with a good product, but then decide they can save a little money by putting a little less cheese on it. "And they figure the customers won't notice it and for a while they don't — for a while."

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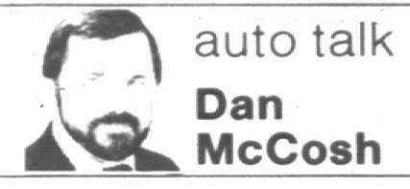
# 'Perceived quality' clouds issue

Lately I've been noticing auto executives use the phrase "perceived quality" as one of those buzzwords intended to diffuse and confuse a serious issue in the auto business.

Not that any debate over quality needs any more obfuscation. It's one of those issues that quickly gets lost in the definition of the moment, with one guy thinking that a solid old piece that clunks along for a quarter century like a Ford farm tractor is quality and the other thinking that the important thing is finish and finesse, whether or not it lasts around the block.

But "perceived quality" is a phrase that keeps creeping into speeches of late, particularly at General Motors. As near as I can figure out, it came out of one of those self-congratulatory internal meetings at which executives decided that the cars were actually pretty good — it's only consumer perceptions that are a little off.

Hence "perceived quality." It's an interesting notion that could be use-



auto talk Dan McCosh

ful in other industries. Take restaurants, for example. Customers stay away in droves, since the soup du jour tastes like used dishwasher. But the chef claims that it is only a "perceived" taste since the stuff would fatten a cat — if the cat would only eat it.

OR TAKE clothing designers, who could substitute long-wearing burlap for wool, since studies show burlap is superior, lasts longer, and only the foolish perception of the customer is at odds with this objective information.

Actually, it's pretty obvious why some car manufacturers want to

must be both discerned and improved upon to make the product satisfying. Anyone in a field such as fashion or food would be dead in a minute if they relied on a concept as self-destructive as "perceived quality."

And, I suspect, auto companies that are mired in the basics of what constitutes fine, high-quality metalworking are pretty much lost as well. Too many makers have lost the sense of what a quality machine is about — the sense of precision, balanced design and intuitive function that make up the total automobile. A lot of it goes back to the instincts of craftsmanship, in which things are made to operate smoothly and look well simply because it feels good.

This doesn't address the question of whether a car will ultimately survive on the streets in the hands of a malevolent motorist, or even start and run reliably. But the aesthetic issues are basic, very real, and ultimately determine whether a new car is a pleasure or a pain.

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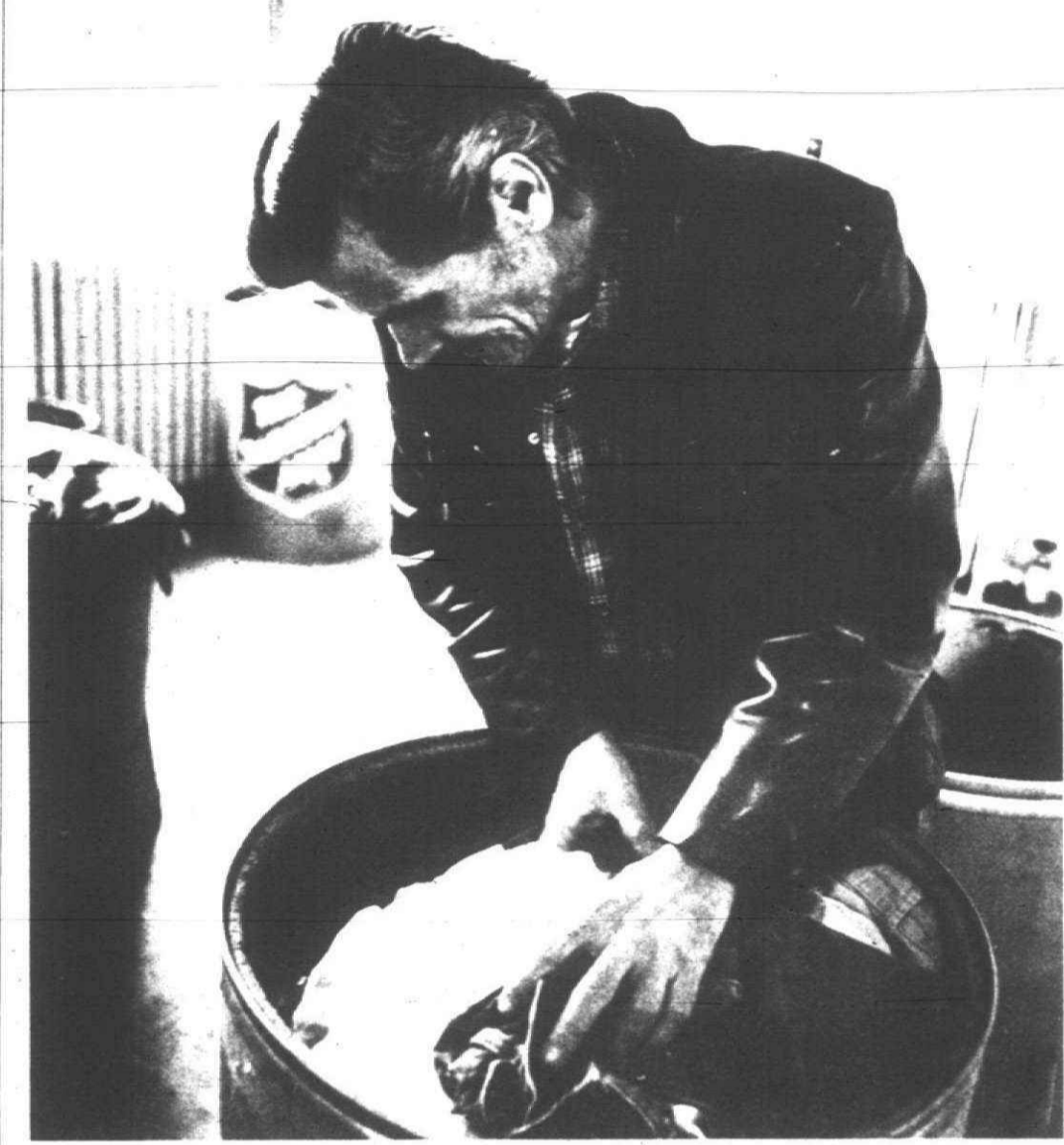
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We celebrate the holiday season that usually sees more poultry consumption than any other time of year. Thanksgiving through New Year. And while whatever the reason, increased poultry consumption is good for your health.



Terry Gibb

meat. However, poultry is lower in saturated fats, which raise blood cholesterol.

Q Is white poultry meat lower in fat and calories than dark meat?  
A In general, white meat has 1/2 the fat of dark meat.

Q Some nutrition labels use a one-ounce serving size. How many ounces are in a chicken breast or thigh?

A An average raw chicken breast weighs four ounces (meat only); the average thigh — 2.4 ounces, the average drumstick weighs 2 ounces. So, if other serving size figures are given, you must multiply the label amounts by the actual number of ounces to get accurate nutrition figures.

Q Are chicken or turkey hot dogs better than those made from beef or pork?  
A On the average, chicken and turkey dogs have 30 percent less fat than regular hot dogs. Poultry frankfurters still contain about 2 teaspoons of fat and 650 mg of salt in each hot dog.

Q Is ground turkey a good substitute for ground beef?  
A Store-bought ground turkey is not as good for you as home ground turkey because manufacturers grind up the poultry skin as well, which increases the fat content significantly. However, even store-ground turkey has 25 percent less fat than the "leanest" ground beef.

Q How much worse is frying than baking or broiling?  
A As long as you remove the skin before eating, fried chicken is not much fatter than baked, broiled or roasted chicken. By removing the

skin you can cut the fat in half.  
Q How does chicken or turkey compare with beef as a source of vitamins and minerals?  
A Each food excels in certain nutrients. Beef is rich in zinc and iron. Pork has the most thiamin and riboflavin. Chicken and turkey are the better source for Vitamin B-6 and niacin.

The Consumer Mailbag answers your questions. Address mail to The Consumer Mailbag, Concern Detroit, One Kennedy Square, 4th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226.

### Gifts sought at pre-auction party

Madonna College will host a pre-auction gift gathering party at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, in Roma's of Livonia.

Admission to the party is new merchandise or a service valued at \$25 or more per person for the college's annual scholarship auction.

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to benefit the Madonna College Scholarship Auction which is set for Saturday, March 31.

Reservations are limited. Call the auction committee office in Room E207 at Madonna, 591-5127.

### Local poet presents work at S'craft

Michigan poet Thomas Lynch will read from his works 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

Lynch's poetry draws upon his experience as a father and his professional experience as an undertaker.

His first collection of poetry, "Skating With Heather Grace," was published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York, in 1986. The collection received favorable notices from the New York Times and Washington Post and received "notable book" designation from the National Library Association.

Lynch held the Frost Place Fellowship at Tyrone Guthrie Centre for the Arts in Ireland. He is president and director of Lynch and Sons Funeral Home, Milford.

Lynch will appear at the college Liberal Arts Theater on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Admission is free. The reading is sponsored by the Schoolcraft College to Promote the Arts. Additional information is available by calling 462-4400, Ext. 5435.

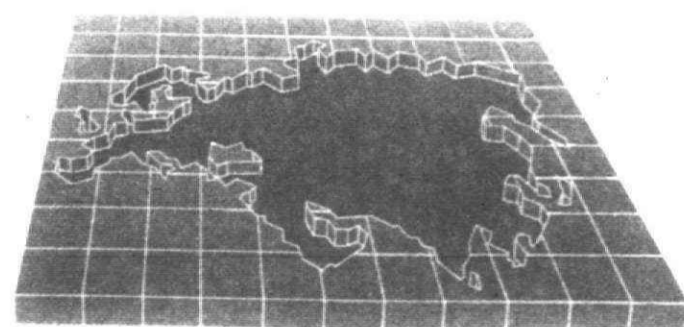
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- Is Mr. Gorbachev the "Man of peace"?



"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."  
—(Revelation 17:12.)

"I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast... having seven heads and ten horns... upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT... the seven heads are seven mountains... the woman... is that great city..."  
—(Revelation 17:3, 5, 9 & 18.)

"Behold, I (God) am against thee, O Gog (the land of Magog), the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal."  
—(Ezekiel 38:2, 3.)

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them... and they shall not escape."  
—(1 Thess. 5:3.)

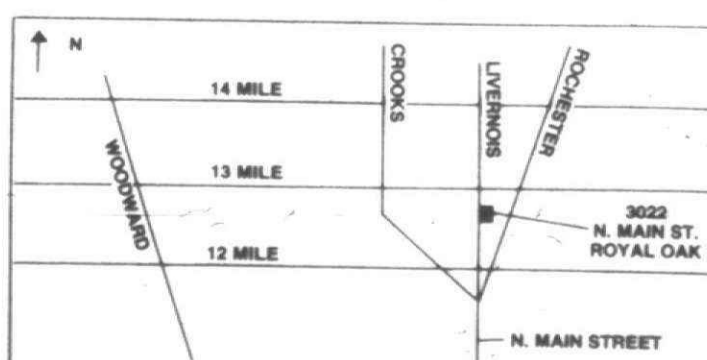
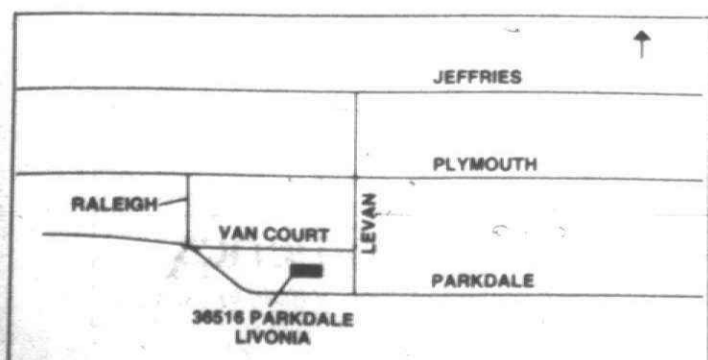
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getting fixed up. Vacant lots were cleaned up and fenced off. Abandoned cars were towed away. Painting and repairing programs began.

The neighborhood was cleaning itself up. The local 4-H Club even helped set up garden clubs where kids, teens and adults could work together on plants and flowers while talking over ways to raise awareness.

When people care and get involved, neighborhoods change. When a block doesn't look like a haven for crime and drugs, it won't be. And in this part of Philly, where once only apathy grew, seven gardens now bloom.

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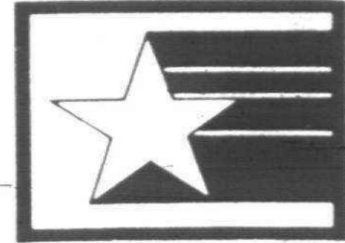
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(M-F, Thursday, February 22, 1990)

## Area filmmakers tell what it takes

By Dan Greenberg  
special writer

NOWHERE IS THE commitment to film stronger and more vibrant than among independent filmmakers.

"Update '90" was proof of that, as students, teachers and independent filmmakers gathered Saturday for the 20th annual event sponsored by Detroit Area Film and Television and the Detroit Producers Association.

Update premiered 20 years ago at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills and has since been housed there, at Macomb Community College and at the William D. Ford Vocational/Technical School in Westland.

This year Update convened on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, to view independent films, exchange thoughts with colleagues, make contacts and listen to successful independent filmmakers describe what it takes to succeed as an independent.

An independent filmmaker is someone on his or her own under the influence or direction of commercial television and theaters — someone willing to sweat, work weekends and nights because they believe in themselves and their projects.

"WHAT'S INSIDE you that you can get passionate about?" was the challenge posed to the audience by one of the featured speakers, Ron Senkowski, a former Farmington Hills resident and North Farmington High School student. He and his partner in "Lighten Up Films," producer Shannon Hamed, addressed the afternoon session. Both are graduates of the University of Michigan where they met and Hamed produced Senkowski's first film, "Forever My Dog," shown last year at the Maple Theatre in Bloomfield Township.

"The film for me is an attempt to open eyes, to show others possible means to allow their lives and dreams to switch places. Besides,



DOUGLAS SUSALLA

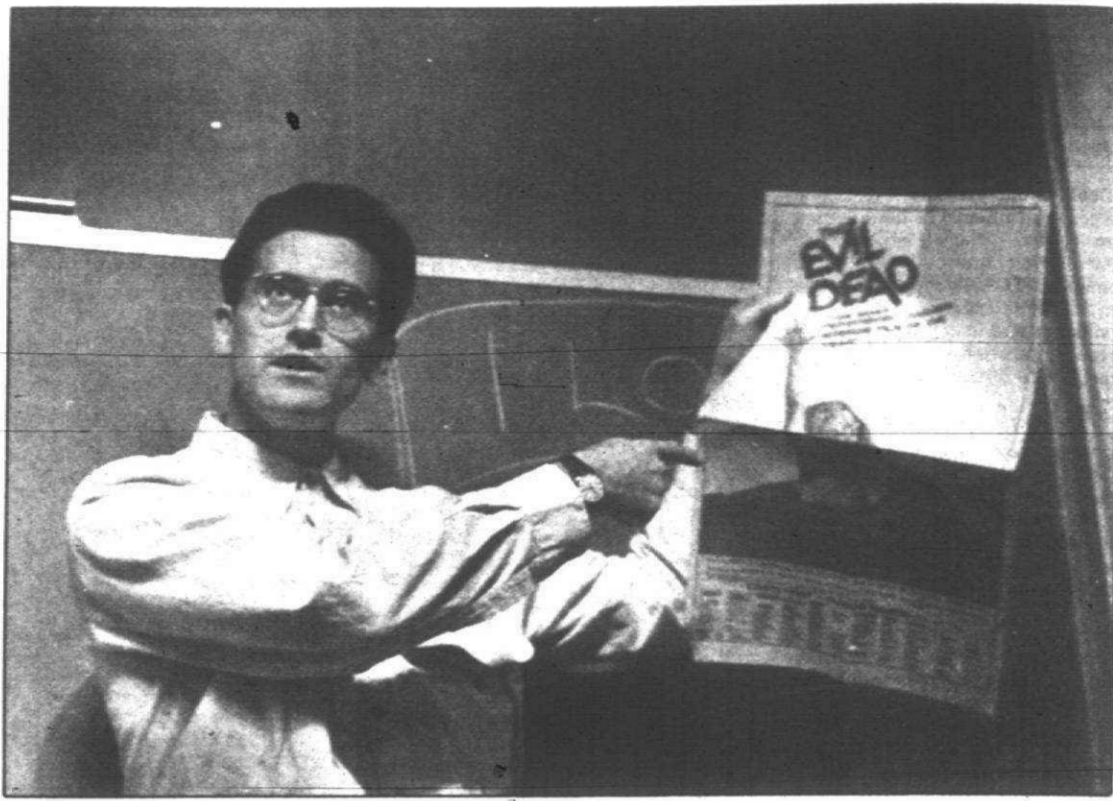
Tom Ludwig, Oakland Community College film instructor, demonstrates 16mm film editing techniques during the recent Update '90 on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Spielberg and Lucas need a run for their money," Senkowski said in the light-hearted, humorous tone that characterizes his approach.

That's the commitment of independent filmmakers, but they need money, goods and services to make their movies. Both the morning and afternoon sessions discussed in great detail those needs. "For film is a mixture of business and passion," Senkowski said.

Hamed, a producer of industrial/commercial films in the corporate venue, discussed the importance of forging alliances and working to promote your film. "You've got to be resourceful and get out there," she said. "You have to make alliances with other people and you have to find the right personalities — people who can benefit you as well as you helping them."

That was the heart of the advice to



Keynote speaker Bruce Campbell, a producer-actor originally from Birmingham, talks about the horror film genre.

independent filmmakers from Senkowski and Hamed, who are currently in production with "Let's Kill All the Lawyers: A Classical Caper."

"IF IT'S SO hard, why make independent films?" It's the best foot in the door," Campbell said. "If you want to move to California and approach a studio, what better way than to have this calling card under your arm saying, 'I did this independent film.'"

Campbell, Sam Raimi and Renaissance Pictures are originally from Birmingham where they began as independents in the true sense of the term, making films and looking for investors, agents and distributors — in other words, dealing with the manifold, necessary details in a complex but exciting business, motion pictures.

Campbell enthralled the audience with details of the long, arduous



Shannon Hamed and Ron Senkowski, partners in "Lighten Up Films," discuss how independent filmmakers work.

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Barbara Michals

## Fantasy breathes life into two new romances

Performances of "Romance, Romance" continue through Sunday, March 18, at the Birmingham Theatre. For ticket information call the box office at 644-3333.

By Barbara Michals  
special writer

Double your pleasure with a double dose of romance in the Birmingham Theatre production of the delightful twin musicals "Romance, Romance." The two separate one-act plays share the same excellent four-member cast, and both are degenerated to the proposition that fantasy is a strong aid to romance.

The opening musical, set in Vienna at the turn of the century, is like a Viennese cream pastry — not much substance, but absolutely delicious. Peter Noone and Marcia Mitzman play aristocrats who become bored with the high life of their class and pose as working class folk to seek true love. By chance they find each other, but they also discover that the charms of poverty fade quickly.

Both the story and the musical numbers are very suggestive of old-fashioned operettas, a point clearly made by Noone's character at the end. Barry Harman's lyrics range from funny ("Goodbye, Emil," "A Rustic Country Inn") to joyous ("I'll Always Remember the Song," "Yes, It's Love"), to poignant ("The Night It Had to End"), to go with Keith Hermann's very melodic, hummable music.

Both Noone and Mitzman have wonderful voices and give their respective characters loads of charm and vitality. Mitzman looks gorgeous

Both Noone and Mitzman have wonderful voices and give their respective characters loads of charm and vitality.

In Steven Jones' luscious Art Nouveau gowns, and Noone retains the boyish good looks that made him so endearing as "Herman" in the very popular British rock group Herman's Hermits in the '60s.

THE LEADS are ably supported by Sheri Cowart and John DeLuca as graceful waltzers who parallel the main lovers in pantomime. They also double as other minor characters. In the second musical two modern couples share a summer rental home in the Hamptons. Barb and Lenny (Mitzman and DeLuca) and Monica and Sam (Cowart and Noone) are all close friends, both couples happily married for a long time. Barb and Sam who have stayed best friends since college, now discover a new attraction to each other. The play asks if a man and woman can really stay platonic friends, or is the fantasy of wondering about a love affair even better than the reality?

Here Cowart and DeLuca get to display their fine vocal skills in larger parts, while Mitzman and Noone have a chance to bring more depth to

their roles.

Musical numbers range from soft rock (a reprise of the previous act's "It's Not Too Late" that takes on a different meaning) to pleasing ballads ("Words He Doesn't Say," "Moonlight Passing Through a Window.") It's ironic when Noone's character briefly pretends to be a rock star.

In addition to writing the lyrics and the book for both the musicals, Harman also directs this production, as he did the original Broadway one. The results are every bit as pleasing. Steven Rubin's fine sets and Pamela Sousa's very good choreography are also identical to their Broadway originals.

Valentine's Day may be past, but it's never too late to enjoy "Romance, Romance."

Barbara Michals teaches high school English in Southfield. A theater critic for the last 15 years, she is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

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## Area filmmakers tell what it takes to be successful

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struggle to sell investors, produce "Evil Dead," find an agent and a distributor. One of the things going for local independent filmmakers, Campbell said, is that "Michigan is the country's seventh-largest film production market and it has a fresh look away from the phony quality of Hollywood."

"Money's a weird thing," he said. Campbell described the many strange ins and outs of raising money, whether in cash or services, and the intricacies of approaching investors with a film project. "It's their money and your nightmare, a high-risk business."

Campbell, Senkowski and Hamed discussed strategies and tactics needed to gather the personnel, money, goods and services needed to produce and distribute a film. Perhaps the best advice was Campbell's. "It's important to put money into the bank and spend of the film," he said. "That after all, it is what attracts investors, agents, distributors, film festival juries and, ultimately, audiences."

IN ADDITION to these featured speakers, Update was treated to a discussion of professional stunt work by Ed Lamb of Silver Screen Stunts, who recently completed filming "A

Dirty Dozen Stunts." The danger and difficulty of doing professional stunt work safely was at the heart of Lamb's presentation.

Tom Ludwig, local independent filmmaker and OCC's Orchard Ridge adjunct film instructor, demonstrated 16mm film editing techniques throughout the day as Update participants moved from one presentation to the next.

Concluded with all these events, several screening rooms were running full tilt and spectators viewed "The 20th International Tournee of Animation," a reel of Clo-award-winning television commercials and a program, "Seventy-Seven Years of Animation," which was specially assembled for Update. These film programs were repeated throughout the day.

The afternoon concluded with Magic Lantern's Bob Dyke, producer of the feature-film thriller, "Moon-

trap." He presented the Moontrap Student Scholarships, two awards to outstanding students, one high school and one college. "Moontrap's" premiere was held at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor to raise funds for this scholarship.

Winners were first place high school category, sharing a \$1,500 college scholarship, Bill Zakoski, Nick Cretnis and Jason Boyle, all seniors at Dearborn High School; second and third place in high school category, Jeff Rohwer. Prizes for second and third place were certificates. College category, also a \$1,500 scholarship, was shared by Sam Ciarumaro, a sophomore at Michigan State University and Matt Ferris, a sophomore at the University of California. Second place went to Darryl Miller, a freshman at Henry Ford Community College, and third place was shared by two Specs Howard students, Kenneth Marc Greenbaum and John Quigley.

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**Ensemble performs**  
La Corda ensemble will present a dinner-dance concert, "Afternoon in Vienna," 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Soprano Heidi Hepler will sing selections from Viennese operetta, and

there will be dancing to the La Corda Salon Orchestra. Ticket prices are \$20. For more information, call 459-5296.

**Irish concert**  
The Irish Dancers Booster Club presents "A Touch of Ireland" 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. The O'Hare step dancers will perform, along with guest singers and musicians who will sing and play favorite Irish traditional music. Pat Judd, singer and Irish storyteller, will serve as master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 261-4379.

**Dinner dance**  
An evening of music and gourmet dining will be featured at the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Dinner Dance at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, on campus in Livonia. A Southwestern dinner will be prepared by the college's award-winning Culinary Arts Department and music by Heartfields. Menu for the evening includes cream of corn soup with crab cakes, Southwestern garden greens with orange wedges and cracklings with cherry vinaigrette, West Texas tenderloin pepper steak

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**Casting call**  
Northville Players announces open auditions for its spring melodrama, "Dora, the Beautiful Dishwasher," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Feb. 26-27, at the Northville United Methodist Church. The play requires four women and three

men, ages mid-20s to late 50s or 60s. Production dates are mid-May. For information, call 459-2889.

**Audition time!**  
The Theatre Guild will hold auditions for "Steel Magnolias" at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the guild playhouse in Redford. Parts are open for six women ages 19-56. Production dates are Friday-Saturday, April 20-21 and 27-28 and May 4-5. For further information, call 261-9207.

**Auditions open**  
The Marquis Theatre seeks young

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**'Peter Pan'**  
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Open auditions
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Dance theater
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Chefs' taste
Jimmy Schmidt of the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit has announced names of the 15 chefs participating in the S.O.S. (Share Our Strength) Bon Appetit's Taste of the Nation on Thursday, March 29...

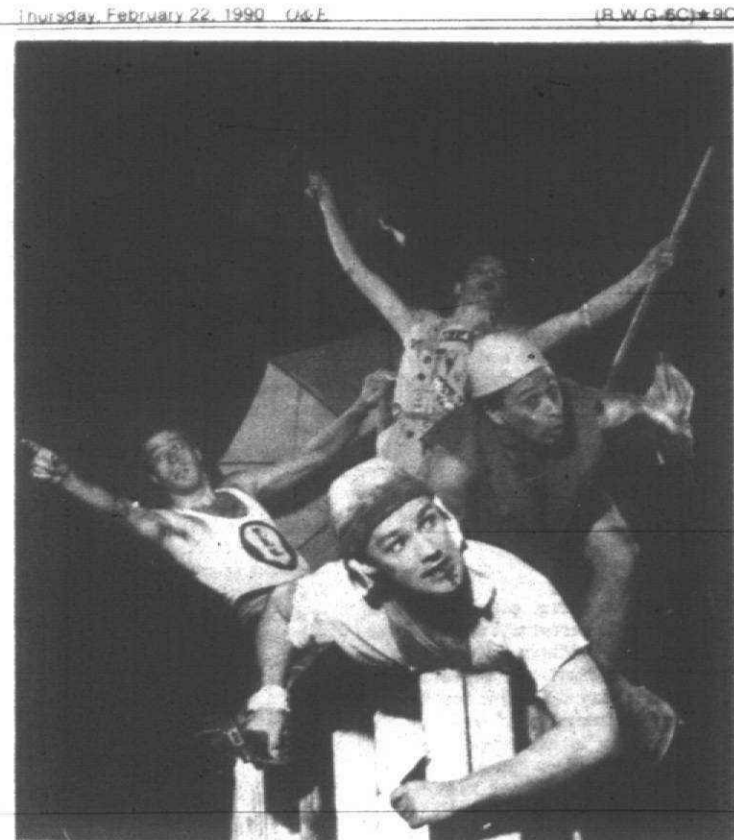
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# Sports

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## Burlison regional champ

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

Four more victories will give Plymouth Salem wrestler Brian Burlison an undefeated season and make him a state champion.

That ultimate individual honor will be the goal of Burlison and eight other Observerland wrestlers in the Class A finals Friday and Saturday.

Burlison (42-0) was one of two area champions Saturday in the regional tournament at Salem. North Farmington's Matt Thompson (30-3) claimed the 140-pound title, while Burlison prevailed at 189.

The top four in each weight class advance to the finals, which take place at the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek for the second year in a row. The Class B championships also will be decided at that site.

Observerland's other qualifiers included Julian Sell (130), Steve Burlison (160) and Pete Israel (171) of Salem, Soren Murphy (112), Walled Lake Central, Lucian Van Cleave (135), North; Todd Hoffmeyer (152), Walled Lake Western; Jay Wheeler (160), Livonia Franklin; and Kraig Kuban (171), Westland John Glenn. All are seniors except for Hoffmeyer, a junior.

ONLY NINE of the 10 will compete, however. Sell saw his season end prematurely when he suffered a dislocated elbow in practice Monday. Sell (38-7) was fourth in the regional.

"It's really, really unfortunate," Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "We're going to take him along with us. He'll get to see it all, but he'll always wonder how he would've done."

The others must ponder their fate for another day, too, but the Burlisons represent legitimate contenders for state championships. Steve is making his third consecutive trip to the finals, Brian his second.

The latter, who was 2-2 at state last year in the 171 bracket, scored two technical falls and a decision over Belleville's Jeff Komaromi in

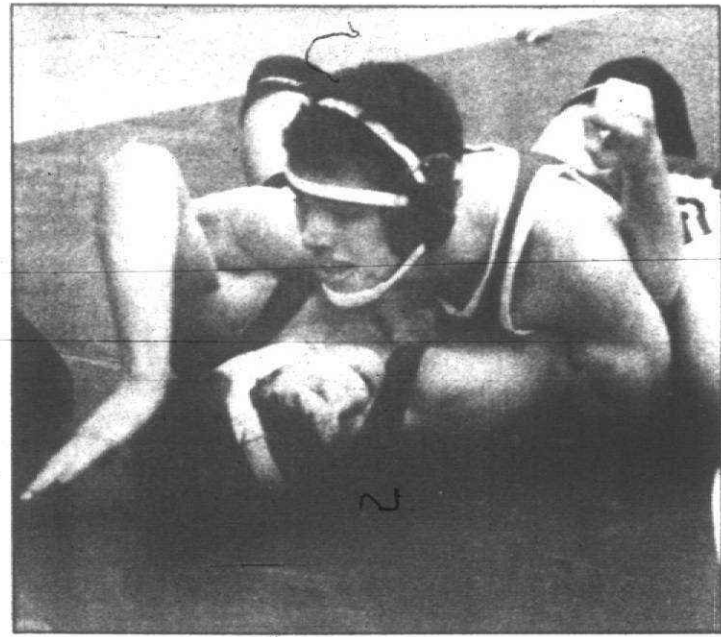


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Julian Sell has the advantage over Casey Krueger in the regional. Sell qualified for the state finals but won't compete after suffering a dislocated elbow.

the final Saturday.

"He had beaten 'em all, but he took it all seriously like he should," Krueger said. "He didn't want anything silly happening. He didn't have to pin anybody, so he wrestled smart and won the matches."

Should he get to the third round this weekend, Burlison will likely face either Ralph Amine of Warren Lincoln or Ian Hearn of Clio, who was runner-up at 189 last year. Hearn was 42-0 when he was upset by Holly's Stan Boyd in the championship bout, 2-1.

NO. 1-RATED Derek Green of Portage Northern and No. 3 Alan Hazel of Flint-Kearsley are in the opposite bracket. Hearn is rated second, Burlison fourth and Amine fifth.

(Amine and Hearn) have lost to

the Kearsley kid and Brian beat him," Krueger said, "so we're in the ballpark."

Thompson is unranked and somewhat unknown at 140, but he's won district and regional titles since dropping from 145 for the tournaments.

"That's no surprise, he's just that good," North coach Dick Cook said, adding Thompson has been a steady performer for two years and only an overtime loss kept him from going to state last year.

"He's got the potential to win the whole thing," Cook said. "If he wrestles (like he did in the regional) this weekend, he just might."

Thompson, however, will have to contend with defending champion and top-rated Jay Helm of Redford Catholic Central. But they're in opposite brackets and won't meet until

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the final.

"HE'S AN unranked kid, but we went through that with (heavy-weight) Zaim Cunmulaj) last year," Cook said. Cunmulaj finished third in the state.

"He hasn't had the recognition, but he's in that league. (CC coach Mike) Rodriguez is real big on Helm — and he should be — but Thompson, on a good day, could give him a run for his money."

Steve Burlison (38-1-1) suffered his first loss Saturday when he was upset by Temperance Bedford's Brian Wingate in the finals. Burlison, who was 1-2 at state last year, was overly aggressive at the start of the bout and got behind early, according to Krueger.

"Bedford kids are very disciplined wrestlers," he said. "You can't run at them and try to dominate them on the mats. You've got to be as smart and cunning as them."

"I don't want my kids to be too cautious, but when you get to a regional final you can't treat the opponent like he's never wrestled. You've got to give the kid his due respect."

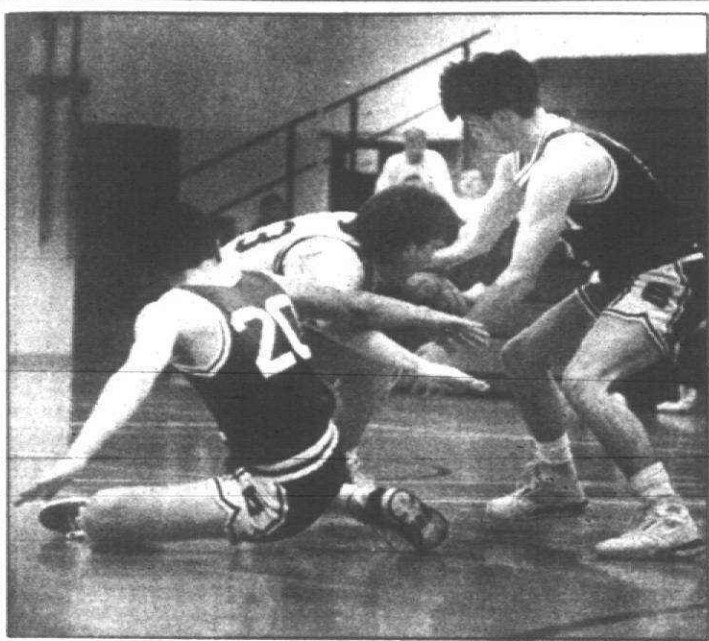
The good news is Burlison and others in his situation have another chance to atone for past mistakes this weekend.

"I'VE SEEN that done a lot," Krueger said, adding Burlison's experience is a plus. "I'm not so sure a lot of wrongs won't be righted."

"Last year he didn't catch a break at state. This year he's got a chance. He's got a chance to go all the way — and so does Brian."

Kuban (42-3) won by technical fall and a 4-2 decision over Western Lakes rival Israel before losing to No. 3-ranked Mike Braswell of Belleville in the final. Braswell is 43-2-1.

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Jeff Gold scoops up a loose ball turned over by Farmington's P.J. Green as a result of defensive pressure by Gold and teammate Tom Noonan (20).

## Chiefs get lift with OT win; Rocks coast

Plymouth Canton's basketball team got a much-needed shot in the arm with a thrilling, 66-64 win over visiting Livonia Franklin in double overtime Tuesday.

The Chiefs finished 4-6 in the Western Division and stand 7-10 overall heading into the Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs Friday. Franklin dips to 5-5 and 8-9.

"We've been playing good basketball the last two weeks, and I think we're starting to build momentum for the state tournament," Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner said.

Freshman Mike Stafford led the Chiefs in scoring for the second game in a row since being brought up from the JV team.

He finished with 15 points and also blocked a shot by Franklin's Craig Overaitis at the buzzer in the second overtime to preserve the win.

Canton's Brett Howell and Geoff Allen scored nine points apiece, and Tony Coshatt contributed eight points and 10 rebounds. Jason Riggs and Kevin Holmes added seven points each.

"We played a lot of young kids, and they played real hard," Van Wagoner said. "We didn't play smart at times, but we played hard. We did just enough right things to pull out a victory."

John Santi finished with a game-high 17 points for the Patriots, and Steve McCool scored 16 as the 10 men led the way for Franklin. Overaitis added 11 points and Dave Barina 10.

McCool scored 14 points in the second half and Santi, who also had 10 rebounds, 12 Overaitis chalked up seven rebounds, seven assists and eight steals.

The Chiefs led 32-29 at halftime, but the score was tied at 44 and 59 after the third and fourth quarters. Allen's running 10-footer with 25 seconds left in regulation forced the first overtime.

The contest moved into a second OT with the score knotted at 61.

Stafford's triple put Canton up 66-63. McCool's free throw made it a two-point difference, and the Patriots got a chance to tie after Canton committed a turnover while in the spread offense. Overaitis rebounded the miss by McCool, but Stafford blocked the second attempt.

PLYMOUTH SALEM'S basketball team was able to breathe a little easier Tuesday — in the second half, at least.

After surviving a close call (76-74) with Westland John Glenn on Saturday, the Rocks rebounded with a 22-point victory over host Farmington, 60-38.

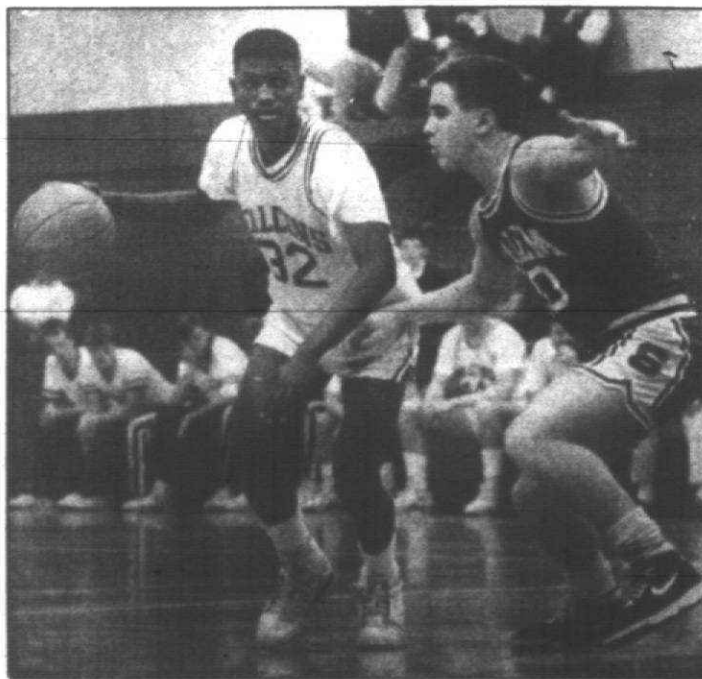
The win gives No. 8-ranked Salem an unbeaten record in the Lakes Division at 10-0. The Rocks, 16-1 overall, had clinched the division title last week.

The Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs begin Friday, but pairings were uncertain Tuesday due to two makeup games being played Wednesday night.

Before putting away the Falcons in the second half Tuesday, Salem found itself in another tight spot at halftime, leading 18-13.

Farmington held the ball in the first quarter and led 7-3. The Rocks were 0-of-7 from the floor and 3-of-6 shooting free throws in that period. Salem outscored the Falcons 20-6 in the third period to lead 38-19 and 42-25 in the second half.

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Chris Tebben defends Farmington's Brian Browne. Salem whipped the Falcons 60-38 to finish 10-0 in the Lakes Division.

## Salem gymnasts nip Chiefs

Plymouth Salem made up a deficit on the balance beam Saturday to edge rival Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team at the Freeland Invitational.

The third-place Rocks finished with 137.35 points, and Canton and the host Falcons tied for fourth with 137.15.

Though the Chiefs did slightly better — that was a "real minor difference across the board" — on vault, bars and floor exercise and controlled their own fate with their turn on beam coming up, according to Canton coach John Cunningham.

"Three of our four did exactly what they were supposed to, and one fell twice," he said. "We had three no-fall routines and the last was a two-fall, which was our downfall in a manner of speaking."

"I'm not disappointed that Salem beat us. My kids had the opportunity to close them out and didn't, and (the Rocks) took advantage of it."

THE CHIEFS actually accomplished their goal in the meet, finishing ahead of Muskegon Mona Shores, which ended up sixth with a 136.25 total.

"They're a ranked team, and they beat us at the Rockford Invitational," Cunningham said. "From the very first event, they were flying."

Midland Dow, the former No. 1 and now No. 2 squad, was second with 141.1. Holland is ranked third this week followed by Canton, Salem, Freeland, Mona Shore, Fraser, North Farmington and Holt.

If the Chiefs had eliminated the falls they had Saturday on the four events combined, Cunningham figured they could have finished as high as second place without having to increase the difficulty of their routines. Canton had three falls on vault, one each on floor and bars and two on beam.

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# wrestling Area matmen contend for individual honors

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"I thought we had a chance to win it, and I still think Kraig is capable of beating Mike," Glenn coach Tom Buckalew said.  
"There's no denying Mike is an outstanding wrestler, but I have a great deal of faith in Kraig. If it's at all possible for him to win a match, he'll win it."  
Kuban and Braswell have wrestled three times this year. Kuban won the first 5-4 and Braswell the last two. Kuban, however, wrestled better in the regional, and the 10-4 score doesn't reflect how even the bout was, according to Buckalew.

CONVERSELY, Kuban has been the dominant wrestler in the series with Israel (34-12), but the latest clash was much closer. Krueger said Kuban's takedown late in the match broke a 2-2 tie.  
"Israel could've wrestled 160 for anybody else around here," Krueger said. "But we have Steve on our team, so we went up to 171. He's been outsized a lot, but he's come around and beaten some good people."  
"He wrestled his heart out and is real excited. I hope he gets hot at state, anything can happen."  
The others are hoping that holds true. Also, Murphy (32-2), like Israel, won a regional consolation title, and Van Cleave (33-10), Hoffmeyer (24-14) and Wheeler (28-7) were fourth-place finishers.  
Wheeler, who also just missed qualifying last year, is going to state for the first time. In addition, he has the distinction of being the only Livonia wrestler to get through the Class A regional and is the first Franklin wrestler to compete in a state meet in roughly a decade.  
Patriots coach Ken Meinschein credited Northville coach Bob Boshoven and Kurt Will Sr. for working with Wheeler in the last two weeks and helping to prepare him.  
"I think he's wrestling really well right now," Meinschein said. "It seems he's getting a few things together that we've worked on. He's improved a lot in the last month. And, if he keeps that up, good things can happen."  
"We'll see what happens Friday and Saturday, but I think our regional was fairly strong. But you always run into coaches who say they had a tough district and regional, too."

# Harrison qualifies 2 for Class B mat finals

David Prusinski of Farmington Hills Harrison won a regional wrestling championship Saturday, and teammate Gary Devine also qualified for the Class B finals.  
Prusinski captured the 112-pound title in the individual tournament at Monroe Jefferson. He and Devine, who placed fourth at 140, will compete Friday and Saturday in the state meet at the Battle Creek Kellogg Center.  
Prusinski, a sophomore with a 30-7 record, scored back-to-back, 4-1 decisions over Center Line's Jeff Minnick and Grosse Ile's Eric Anderson to get to the final where he defeated Chris Bottrott of Jefferson 12-6 in overtime.  
"The last two weeks he has wrestled the best he has this year," Harrison coach Matt Gasser said. "Being first in the regional tells you a lot about him. For a sophomore, that's a very big accomplishment, and it's a big honor to go to the state tournament."  
Devine, a junior, started with an 8-4 victory over Mount Clemens Clintondale's Mike Burnett but lost the next bout to Center Line's Rich Fanti, 5-1.  
He bounced back with a 12-8 defeat of Carleton Airport's Eric Sprau before losing the consolation bout 10-1 to Derek Eilers of Monroe St. Mary's-Catholic Central.

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# Ocelots vent frustration on Mott

## Madonna turns tables

Madonna College entertained Michigan Christian College Tuesday in a women's basketball game that wasn't much more than a rebound-and-break drill.  
The Fighting Crusaders, too often the prey in such games this season, trounced Michigan Christian 95-41. The outcome was never in doubt; Madonna had a 49-19 advantage at the half without pressing or switching defenses much.  
Michelle Dykinski's 25 points led five Crusaders in double-figures. Holly Murphy added 21, Theresa Terres scored 17, Lisa Kline had 14 and Jill Burt netted 11. Murphy also nabbed 18 rebounds, while Dykinski had 11 and Kline 10.  
Paula Zink's 12 points paced the Warriors. Boise Walker scored 10.  
The WIN improved Madonna's record to 6-14 overall. Last Saturday, the Crusaders were nipped by Grand Rapids Baptist 65-63 in overtime on a 40-foot three-pointer by Carol Douglass at the buzzer.  
The Crusaders had their chances to win, but missed free throws cost them. They made just 11-of-25 from the line in the game, failing to convert three one-and-ones in the final 10 of overtime.  
Terres hit one-of-two free throws with .09 left in regulation to tie the game at 55. Baptist's final shot missed and Dykinski was fouled with one second left, but she missed the one-and-one.  
"If you can't make your free throws, you deserve this," said Madonna coach Bob Bell.  
Dykinski finished with 16 points and 15 rebounds. Becky Poszywak also scored 16 points. Kline had 13.  
Baptist (9-15 overall) got 22 points and 10 boards from Samantha Reenders, 16 points and 17 rebounds from Amy Kraft, and 11 points from Douglass.

## WLLAA playoffs puzzling subject

WISH I COULD BLAME IT ON the snow.  
But let's get serious folks.  
The WLLAA, known as the Western Lakes Activities Association, but of late dubbed What a Lousy Athletic Arrangement, has topped itself again.  
Their latest caper comes with the upcoming WLLAA basketball playoffs, which start Friday at a theater near you.  
All the matchups were supposed to be neatly wrapped up by Tuesday night with the conclusion of the divisional races.  
But because of Thursday's storm, which closed just about every school in the area except Snow Removal Tech, a couple of WLLAA games were not made up until yesterday (Wednesday).  
By procrastinating, the WLLAA certainly is doing its darndest to match the NBA — three games in four nights (How does Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday sound guys?).  
When Plymouth Salem's Bob Brodie, coach of the No. 1 seeded team in the Lakes Division, called our office late Tuesday for the scores around the WLLAA, he was trying to determine what opponent he'll be matched up against on Friday.  
"I POLITELY TOLD HIM, 'Sorry, coach, we won't know until we get that score tomorrow night on (Livonia) Churchill at (Walled Lake) Western.'"  
Brodie does know he'll be playing the first round-someplace-in-Livonia, either at Churchill or Franklin, depending on how the seedings fall into place.  
Some reward for a coach whose team was the only unbeaten this season in the WLLAA.  
Meanwhile, determining the WLLAA's tiebreaking procedures is like trying to figure how where Jimmy Hoffa is buried. Or is it Al Capone?  
We do know they break ties using head-to-head competition, a head-to-head, and if necessary, you won the last meeting between the two teams (which apparently is the most important criteria this season).  
Like tax forms, the WLLAA by-laws change every couple of years to keep everybody on their toes. And once you have it figured out, they throw you a curve and start a new game.  
We all remember the infamous coin flip in 1987.  
Both Westland John Glenn and Plymouth Salem had identical 9-1 records in the Lakes Division, but they broke the deadlock, the athletic directors decided to give old John Kennedy a twirl on a Monday

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# Hawks win share of Western title

## Brad Emons

Farmington Harrison's strong supporting cast won an Oscar on Tuesday.  
Thanks to a deep bench, the Hawks gained a share of the Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 65-51 basketball victory at Livonia Churchill.  
Both Harrison and Northville each finished 8-2 in the division. Northville also grabbed a piece of the crown with a 73-49 win Tuesday over Walled Lake Western.  
"It was a team victory for us, a lot of contributions," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman, whose team is 13-4 overall. "We accomplished the only worthwhile goal in our league because this is what we've been playing for so long the past two months. And I thought we overcame a lot of adversity doing it."  
The Hawks, who have been without the services of starting point-guard Mill Coleman (fractured nose) the past two weeks, also lost No. 2 guard Todd Herremans late in the third quarter to what appeared to be a serious knee injury.  
But the Hawks kept coming in drives, pulling away down the stretch for a 14-point win.  
ANDY SMITH, the 6-foot-3 junior and team's leading scorer, paced the Hawks with a game-high 20 points.

## Salem cagers finish undefeated in Lakes

"We did a good job on defense," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "But we're not hitting free throws right now. We're getting the ball inside and drawing fouls. At least we're doing that."  
Junior forward Jake Baker was on the plus side of 20 points again, scoring a game-high 21 for the Rocks, who also got 11 from John Hoffmeyer and 10 from Tom Novak.  
Eric Miller's 15 points was top for the Falcons, 2-7 and 5-11. Brian Browne added 10. Farmington was scheduled to play a make-up game with Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday night.  
MANISH NANDANI tossed in 31 points Tuesday, but it came in a losing cause as host Hamtramck Immaculate Conception outscored Plymouth Christian Academy 76-76.  
The Eagles 5-11 led 37-35 at halftime and extended that to seven points in the third quarter. But the Bengals came back to lead 56-55 after three and outscored Plymouth 25-21 in the finale.  
Senior Bill Priddy scored 12 points for the Eagles and freshman Jason Neil 10. Pete Fox was the top rebounder with 11, and Keith Majeski grabbed 10. Nandanani, a junior guard averaging 23 points per game, added seven career. Mark Maritzak paced Immaculate Conception with 23 points. Jay Szajenko chipped in 12 and Dave Jurek 10.

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4. Kings	3-3	3. Pistons	6-3
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sports roundup

LALLY WINS BOUT
Boxer "Irish" Brett Lally, formerly of Westland, bounced back from his loss to Donald Curry by stopping Nate Stewart of Milwaukee in the fourth round in junior middleweight (156 pounds) bout held Saturday in Janesville, Wis.

Lally, a John Glenn High product now residing in Plymouth, ran his record to 25-5 with the victory. Stewart, meanwhile, suffered his first knockout.

Lally's brother Brad, his trainer and manager, said Chicagoan Ron Amundsen (16-2) could be next on the docket. The two would meet for the International Boxing Federation's Intercontinental title later next month in Atlantic City, N.J.

SOFTBALL SIGN-UP
The Canton Parks and Recreation Department will register softball teams for its 1990 season according to the following schedule:

Returning men's teams can sign up Feb. 27 to March 9, new teams March 13-23, all women's teams March 13-30, returning coed teams March 14-14, new teams March 15-30. The fees are \$200 for men's teams, \$290 for women's, and \$240 for coed. The fee for women's and coed teams includes a \$40 refundable forfeit fee. All teams will play umpires cash prior to each game. Umpire fees are \$13 for men's games, \$15 for women's and coed.

Registration fees must be paid in full at the Parks and Recreation Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Call 397-5110 for information.

SOFTBALL MEETINGS
Canton Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled an informational meeting regarding its softball leagues for Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Township Administration Building.

The times will be 10 a.m. for men's teams, 10:30 a.m. for women's teams and 11 a.m. for coed teams. Topics to be discussed are entry fees, registration dates and times, contract/roster requirements and residency requirements. Call 397-5110 for further information.

RACQUETBALL NEWS
The Men's Spring Racquetball League will begin play on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Rose Shores of Canton. The fee is \$64 per person. The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the 10-week league.

Court times will be 7:30 and 8 p.m. Players will be divided into divisions based on ability. Call 397-5110 for information.

AAU VOLLEYBALL
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Outdoorama brings back memories

THE FISH HIT with a vengeance, nearly ripping the fishing pole out of my hands, or so it seemed at the time. The older man standing by my side helped me land the fish. It was my first — at least the first fish I actually remember catching — but I remember it quite well, although it was some 25 years ago.

He tagged and pulled and fought me for what seemed like an eternity. It was only one fish, but to a 5-year-old, it was a day's limit catch. I was at the Outdoorama with my dad and brothers at the time. I think it was called the Sportsman's Show back then. I caught him on the peaceful trout pond and was as proud as a peacock. "It's a trout, too, dad," I announced. No bass or bluegill for this kid. I was a trout fisherman, just like dad.

THE TROUT POND always has been one of my favorite attractions at Outdoorama, which begins Friday. As a child, I enjoyed fishing. As I grew, I enjoyed watching other kids have the fun I once had.

The trout pond began mostly as an attraction for kids. After all, it can be a long, tiring day trudging up and down the aisles of hunting and fishing displays then sitting through a seminar or two. But for me, the long day was always worth while when we finally arrived at the trout pond.

With 18-inch rainbow trout lurking in the pond, however, it's not unusual to see a few adults standing in line waiting for a chance to fish.

"They always have a few pretty big ones in there," explained Livonia's Art McLean, an MUCC member who has volunteered his time at the trout pond for better than 18 years. "That's what makes the big guys come in and fish."

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
Feb. 23-March 4 - Outdoorama will be held at the Michigan State Fair Grounds Coliseum, Dairy and Agriculture buildings.

Feb. 24 - Shiver on the River Wallye Contest will be held on the Saginaw River. Call (517) 790-0330 for more information.

Feb. 25 - Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 28-target, 3-D archery shoot. Cost is \$5 adults and \$3 for 12 to 17 year olds. For more information call 453-9843 (club phone) or 523-1368.

Feb. 26 - A five-week Loran Navigation Class begins at 6:45 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. Call 433-0885 for more information.

Feb. 27 - A five-week Loran Navigation Class begins at 6:45 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. Call 433-0885 for more information.

Feb. 28 - Deadline to purchase a lifetime hunting, fishing or sportsperson license.

Feb. 28 - Pike and muskie spearing season closes on all waters.



Bill Parker
BUT IT'S NOT those "big guys" that work volunteers like McLean coming back to the trout pond.

"It's the kids," admitted McLean. "I get the biggest bang out of watching those youngsters catch a trout. When they catch a trout on those short little lines, they get such a thrill. It's just great."

"You get youngsters that can barely see over the barrier. When they catch a fish that's almost half as big as they are, it's really a pleasure to watch them."

McLean, who is 74-years-old, may miss the show this year because he's recuperating from knee surgery.

"I hope to get down to the show," explained McLean. "I'll have to see what the doctor says and see how well I can navigate with crutches. It's going to break my heart if I can't get down there."

ANOTHER WORKER who will be greatly missed this year is Redford's Rollie Loutitt.

Like McLean, Loutitt volunteered his time at the trout pond for years. Last year, at the age of 77, Loutitt moved to the great trout pond in the sky.

"We're really going to miss Rollie," McLean said. "He loved fishing and he loved to help the little kids catch fish in the trout pond. That was his part and he enjoyed it."

Added Bill Anderson, MUCC District 1 chair-

man, "Rollie was one of the most dedicated workers at the trout pond. He was a master of wairdry. He always carried a tackle box of tools and he could fix anything. He definitely was an extremely valuable asset."

OTHER ATTRACTIONS slated for this year's show include the 8th Annual Michigan Turkey Calling Classic on Saturday, daily stage shows featuring Pat Ogie's World Champion Lumberjack Team, Tom Dokken and his Oak Ridge Retrievers, Bob Markworth's archery trick shooting and Les Reinland's chimpanzees, a live snake and reptile display by Bob, Jenni and Ted Nugent's "Whackmobile" Ford Bronco.

An all star cast of speakers also will conduct seminars including Leonard Lee Rue III on whitetail deer (Feb. 28 at 6:45 p.m.) and wild turkey (March 1 at 5:30 p.m.). Dan Gapsen Sr. on River Valley, Jack DeBord of TV 50's "Fishing the Midwest," Joe Thomas on tournament bass fishing, Bob Markworth on bow hunting in North America, Soc Jay on budget stream fishing, and Jim Clay on turkey hunting basics.

THE OUTDOORAMA Sport and Travel Show, at it's known today, begins Friday at the Detroit State Fairgrounds, Dairy and Agricultural buildings and runs through March 4. It's a non-profit event, sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Proceeds from the show will be used to support MUCC's conservation and environmental programs conducted in schools, nature centers and youth camps statewide.

Show hours are 6-10 p.m. Friday, 4-10 p.m. weekdays, noon to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, except March 4, when the show closes at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Children under 6 will be admitted free.

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swimming rankings

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Following are the best boys swim times and times scores recorded by area swimmers during the 1989-90 season. Representatives should report updates to Plymouth Saem-MUCC (517-443-6447, 3-4:30 p.m. weekdays) through the end of the season.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Time/Score. Includes 100 MILEY RELAY, 100 FREESTYLE, 200 INDIVIDUAL MILEY.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Time/Score. Includes 100 BACKSTROKE, 100 BREASTSTROKE, 400 FREESTYLE RELAY.

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wrestling

CLASS A WRESTLING
Saturday at Plymouth Salem
Heavyweight Kyle Stenacker (Howell) def. Ben Ahrens (Northville) 10-2.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Includes 112 Alan Banninger (Bedford) def. Lance Venker (Woodhaven) 3-2.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Includes 125 Dustin Pawlak (Southgate) def. Brian Marston (Northville) 3-4.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Includes 140 Matt Thompson (North Farmington) def. Chad Clark (Brighton) 1-2.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Includes 145 Denver Beck (Bedford) def. Garret Pitter (Livonia) 1-0.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Includes 155 Brian Sullivan (Livonia) def. Mike Dushane (Bedford) 5-2.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Includes 160 Brian Wingate (Bedford) def. Steve Bunson (Salem) 1-3.

the week ahead

(W.L.A.A. Playoffs-tentative matchups)
Westland Green at Farm Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Livonia at Farm Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

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Thursday, Feb. 22
Livonia vs. Bloomfield Hills

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gymnastics

SALEM FRESHMAN Kim Miller had the best day...

9-10 BOYS 200 medley relay: 2. Eric Larsen, Christopher...

11-12 BOYS 200 medley relay: 2. Jason Stirling, Paul...

13-14 BOYS 200 medley relay: Matt Erickson, Brian...

15-16 BOYS 200 medley relay: 2. Jayne Roberts, Olivia...

Bunch, 22nd, 81. Other top floor routines were performed by Gonyea...

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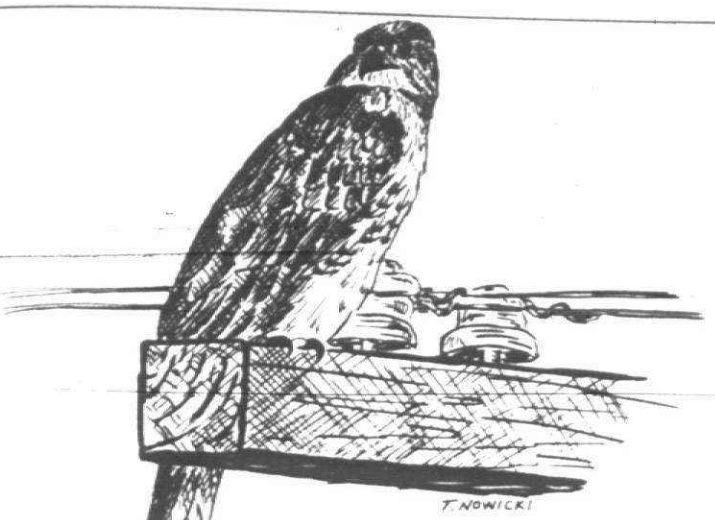
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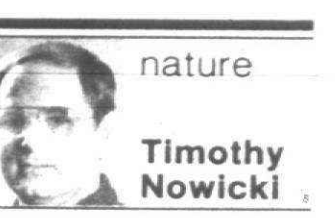


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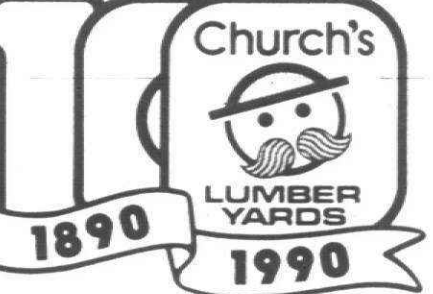
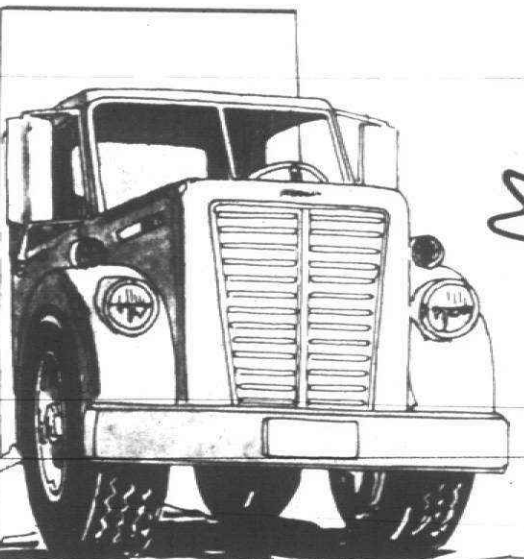


nature Timothy Nowicki at hawks. In fact, just the other day I drove south on I-275 from Seven Mile Road to the M-14 extension...

moving cars that pose no threat, as they have learned over time. Maybe mice become conditioned to the constant movement of the cars and are not as likely to react to a hawk moving through the air.

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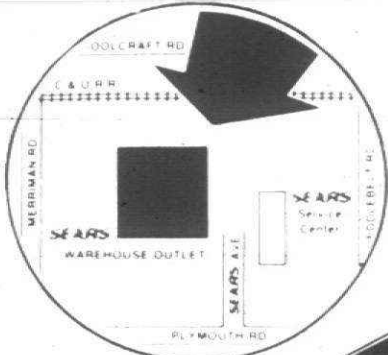
Advertisement for the Michigan Humane Society featuring a photo of a dog and a form to donate to the society.

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Traveler, 1987, with his still red sunburn and weary look, tells a story familiar to many without uttering a word.

## Hanson's people — realism at its best

By Jill Hamilton  
special writer

"Sculptures by Duane Hanson" is the perfect cure for "arthophobia," the fear of boring, pretentious or just plain confusing art exhibits. Hanson, a Cranbrook graduate, creates arrestingly life-like sculptures of ordinary people. The result is riveting, eerie, and, dare we say it, a heck of a lot of fun.

As museum worker Helga Siner puts it, "It is a fun exhibit. It's not the serious, highbrow kind of art where you look at it thinking 'what is this?' then look for the title and it is called 'Untitled.' It's very accessible — people really enjoy it."

It's true. Hanson's hyper-realistic sculptures of everyday people — construction workers, obese American tourists and other working class types — attract an enthusiastic crowd.

Gone is the hushed, reverent atmosphere of many exhibits. Instead, Hanson's satirical, sometimes playful work invites people to react. Talking, pointing and laughing are encouraged. One group of older women gathered around "Cowboy" (1989) were overheard exclaiming comments like, "He looks so real!" and "Look at those veins in his arm!"

HANSON'S WORK inspires a wonderful sort of voyeurism, one where social niceties are stripped away and the audience is welcome to stare to their hearts' content at the sculptures of the eerily ordinary people. "Self Portrait with Model," a sculpture of Hanson sitting at a kitchen table with a large woman in a frumpy, blue-checked dress is a people-watchers delight. Viewers are allowed to break societal conven-

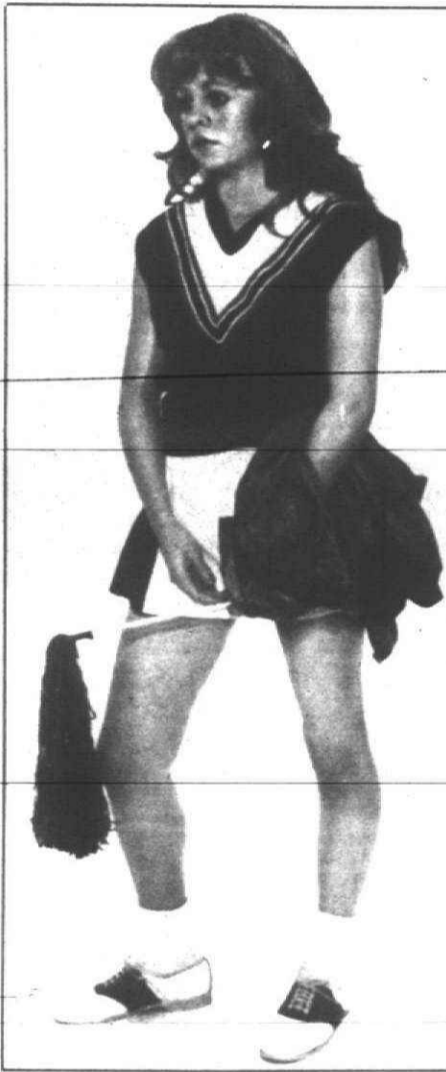
tions by peering into the woman's handbag or looking over her shoulder to examine her reading material (ironically, an article titled "Relax and Be Fit").

Because Hanson's sculptures look so realistic, the line between the art and the people viewing the art often becomes blurred. In other words, make sure something hasn't moved before staring at it because it may very well be a real person.

This is especially true with "Commuter" (1983), a sculpture of a man dressed in a suit, reading a magazine and leaning against the wall. Is he one of the statues in the exhibit or one of the other museum visitors? Be careful, the difference between the two isn't always obvious. "Commuter" is so life-like that it is almost uncomfortably embarrassing to look at. It seems as though he might, at any moment, lift up his head and say "Please stop staring at me."

Other highlights include: "Traveler" (1987), a sculpture of an exhausted traveler sacked out on the floor, his Hawaiian shirt unbuttoned to reveal a beer-belly reddened by the beginnings of a sunburn; "Cleaning Lady," a dignified portrayal of a maid named Queenie; and "Child with Puzzle" (1978) and "Cheerleader" (1988), companion pieces that pay a loving tribute to Hanson's daughter at two stages of her life.

The exhibit continues through April 1, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Regular museum hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Special hours for the Hanson show are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. Movies about Hanson and his work are being shown at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the deSalle Auditorium. They are free with museum admission.



Cheerleader, done in 1988, is one of several the artist has done of his daughter.



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## 1st novel set in rural south

"The Rattlesnake Master" by Beaufort Cranford (239 pp., Ballantine, \$8.95)

**I**N MY opinion, any novel that begins with somebody sitting on a tombstone while eating a peanut butter-and-jelly sandwich is a promising novel.

Open the pages of Beaufort Cranford's novel and you'll find yourself way down among the kudzu vines and pickerelweed of rural Georgia, where the buckeye butterflies hold forth alongside rattlesnakes and the sweet-sad call of the mourning dove is heard in the land.

Here, in the non-such town of Alachua, and the nowhere mythical county of Talmadge, you'll meet black folks and white folks. You'll come across some good ol' boys and some very bad guys. You'll learn that there's good coffee at the Ogeechee Grille, cold beer at the Red Hot Saloon, homemade whiskey over at Harold Whoppermister's place, and annual Whoppermister contest, and some pretty good fishing down around Hard Labor Creek, if you're willing to put up with a number of determined mosquitoes and a speckled leech or two.

It seems an ordinary, rather drowsy little place, and then one day, a bag of silver dollars turns up, and a dramatic tale begins to unfold, revealing that all is not as it appears. Something impossible to understand is afoot in Talmadge County, as a matter of fact. It may be mumbo-jumbo. It may be magic. It may be something else. Whatever it is, it is personified in an exotic old gentleman known as the rattlesnake master, who can cure snakebite and perform other deeds as well.

**IN THE MIDST OF** this contemporary adventure are characters with wonderfully-Southern names like Leeman Truesdale (just returned home after a disastrous love affair north of the Mason-Dixon line), Buddy Crittenden (his friend, an inquisitive deputy sheriff), Royal Mango (a mulatto who comes across the silver dollars in a most unexpected way), and two cretinous redneck thieves, Jerry Spivey and Sperry Bissell.

In the "Rattlesnake Master," former Detroit News journalist Cranford has written a novel that is funny, strange, touching, suspenseful, even a little stomach-turning here and there (a scene in which one of Cranford's bad guys grapples with a particularly pesky leech may make your skin crawl right out the door), and greatly-entertaining.

It bears a vague resemblance to

*In fact, so strong and sure is Cranford's evocation of this piece — its language, its flora and fauna, its food, its weather, even its setting — that the setting becomes a kind of character at the very heart of this story.*

Thomas Tryon's "Harvest Home," in that strange things are happening beneath a rather mundane surface in both tales. But the resemblance is only superficial, for Cranford's novel is not ultimately a tale of horror, as is Tryon's, and its setting is most definitely not New England, but the American South.

In fact, so strong and sure is Cranford's evocation of this piece — its language, its flora and fauna, its food, its weather, even its scent — that the setting becomes a kind of character at the very heart of this story. Truth to tell, its characters are never so "fleshed-out" or as vivid as is their environment.

Two bones to pick before I go: While Cranford — who grew up in the South — most definitely possesses a real ear for the language and speech of these people, sometimes his characters talk too much. One explanatory, conversational scene goes on (and on) for nearly 20 pages, with its question and answer, question and answer routine growing considerably tedious before Cranford finally decides to wrap things up. This dialogue overload (though never quite to this extent) occurs more than once in the book, confusing and slowing the pace of this story every time.

A less-than-convincing conclusion is a disappointment, especially since, up to this point, Cranford has succeeded so beautifully in making this fantasy so credible. With a fine writer's magic touch, he's been able to cause the reader to happily suspend disbelief and become totally caught up in a story about people whose lives are changed one day when a rattlesnake crosses the road, and a bag of silver dollars falls out of the sky. Then...

Let's just put it this way: This story's beginning works much better than does its ending.

Victoria Diaz is a free lance writer who lives in Livonia and has roots in the South.

## Tchaikovsky Festival celebrates birthday

In celebration of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's 150th birthday, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra has planned a Tchaikovsky Festival Thursday through March 3. There will be ballet, opera, and orchestral and chamber concerts.

Gunther Herbig will conduct the opening concert at 8 p.m. Thursday with violin virtuoso Pinchas Zukerman performing Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. The program will include Marche Slave and Symphony No. 5. It will be repeated at 8 p.m. Friday and 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

All three concerts will be at Orchestra Hall. The Friday concert will be preceded by a 7 p.m. Pre-Concert Conversation with Zukerman and guest host Peter Schoenbach, chairman of the Wayne State University music department.

AS AN adjunct to the festival, the Lyric Chamber Ensemble will give a concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Orchestra Hall.

The ensemble will perform Tchaikovsky's String Quartet No. 1, two songs, "At the Ball" and "As a Blade of Grass in the Meadow Green," and the Piano Trio in A minor. The ensemble is composed mainly of Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians.

### preview

An evening of dance is planned for 8 p.m. Tuesday at Ford Auditorium. The DSO, with Leslie B. Dunner, assistant conductor, will be joined by New York City Ballet dancers Merrill Ashley, Lindsay Fischer (replacing Peter Frame, who was injured) and Damian Woetzel and American Ballet Theatre dancer Cynthia Harvey.

Highlighting the program is the world premiere of La Danse Neva, a ballet by choreographer Kirk Peterson, commissioned by the DSO for this festival.

THE FINAL concerts of the festival, 10:45 a.m. Friday at Ford Auditorium and 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Orchestra Hall, will feature Janet Williams, soprano and Joseph Wolverton, tenor, in a rarely heard opera fragment, "Romeo and Juliet."

For ticket information, call 833-3700.



### Paintings on exhibit

Paintings by Southfield artist George Graveldinger, above, are on exhibit at Le Minotaure Gallery, 115 Ann, Ann Arbor through March 6. He paints in acrylic on paper and canvas and his clothes are often as colorful as his paintings. At right is "The One Eyed Clown," 40 by 34 inches. His works are expressionist and the figure is always an important element. His works will be part of a show that the gallery is taking to France. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.





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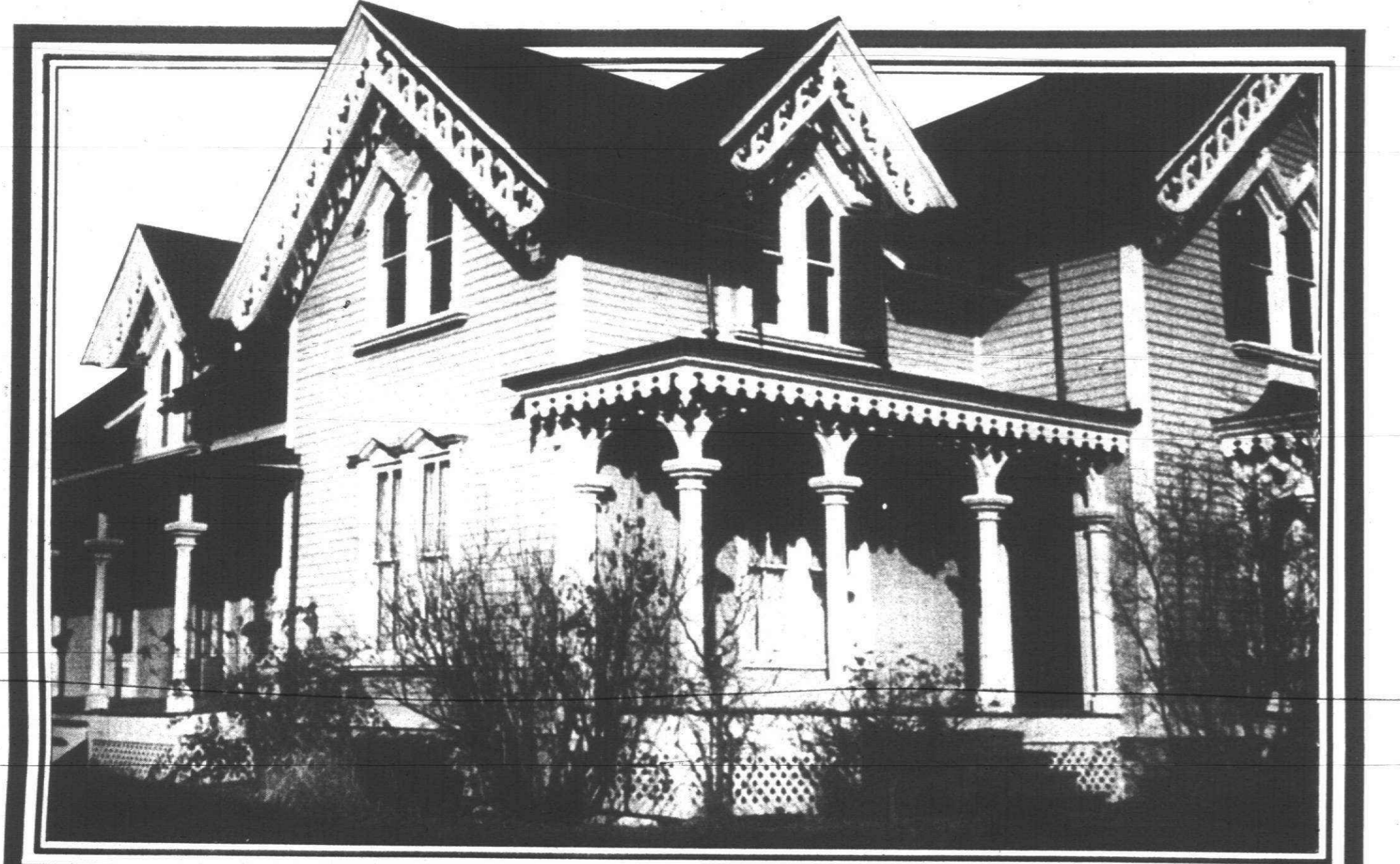
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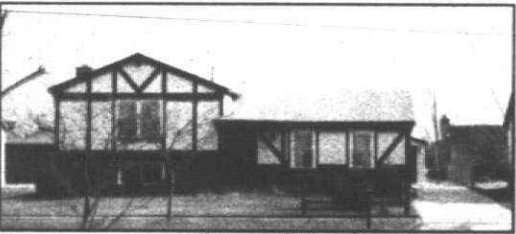
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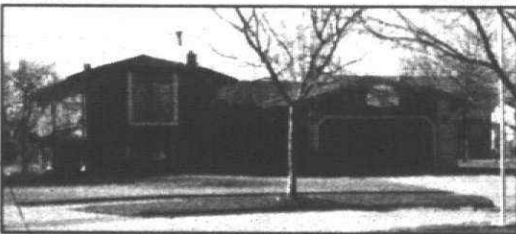
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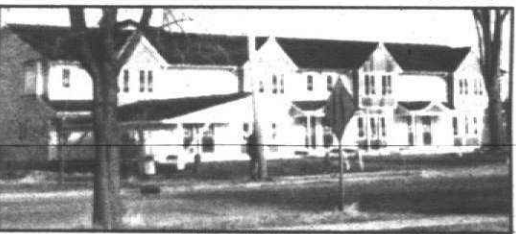
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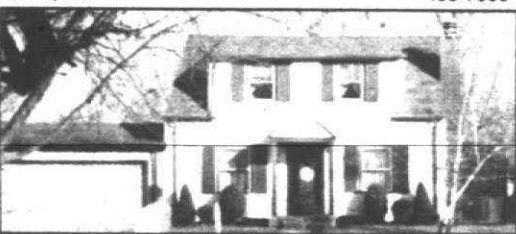
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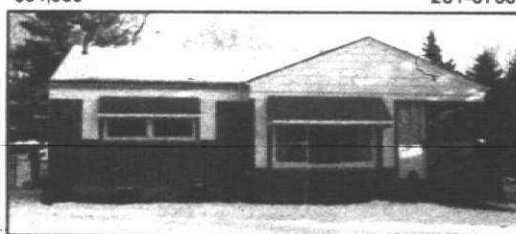
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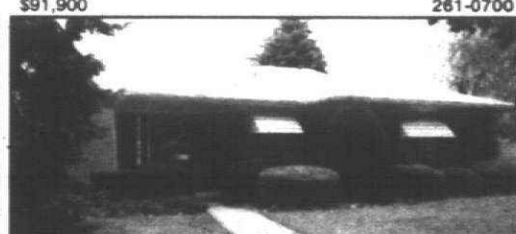
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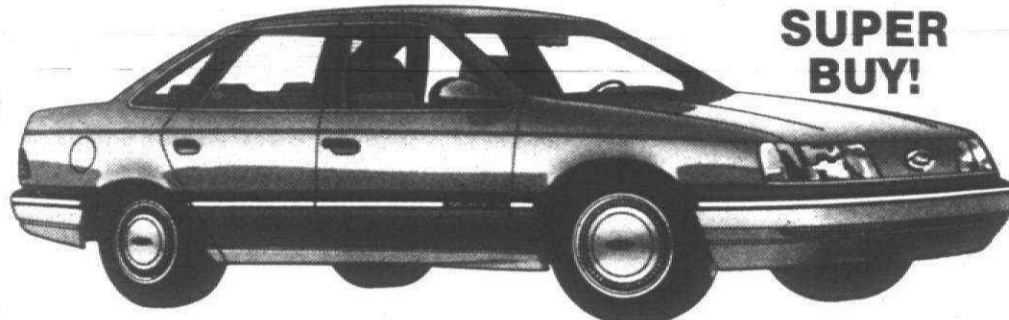
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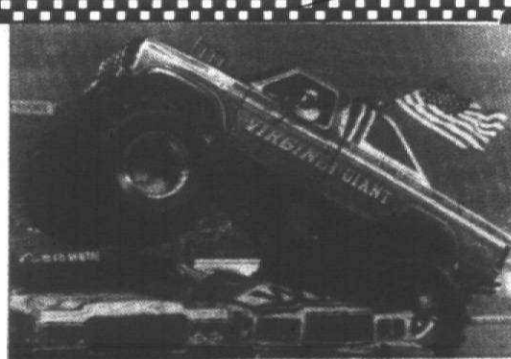
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TOTAL SAVINGS **\$4360**

LIST	\$15,044
FACTORY DISCOUNT	\$2,178
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TOTAL SAVINGS **\$2744**

LIST	\$14,733
FACTORY DISCOUNT	\$800
NORTH BROS DISC	\$1,344
REBATE	\$1,900
SALE PRICE	\$11,889*
4 AVAILABLE	



### 1990 TAURUS GL 4-DOOR SEDAN

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TOTAL SAVINGS **\$3430**

LIST	\$17,894
FACTORY DISCOUNT	\$790
NORTH BROS DISC	\$1,886
REBATE	\$760
SALE PRICE	\$13,168*
8 AVAILABLE	



### 1990 BRONCO II 4x4

XLT Trim, Light Group, Air Conditioning, Transmission, Electric AM/FM Stereo, Cassette/Clock, P-205/70R15 OWL, All-Season, Luggage Rack, Spare Tire Carrier, Cargo Cover, 2.8 EFI V4 Engine, 5-Speed Manual Overdrive Transmission, Speed Control/Tilt Steering Wheel, Sport Tape Strips, Rear Window Wiper, Washer/Defrost.

TOTAL SAVINGS **\$4147**

LIST	\$17,981
FACTORY DISCOUNT	\$1,818
NORTH BROS DISC	\$1,826
REBATE	\$1,000
SALE PRICE	\$13,379*
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### 1990 BRONCO

XLT trim, rear window defroster, privacy glass, tachometer, light curve, mirror group, power door locks and windows, electric AM/FM stereo cassette, clock, cloth captain chairs, air conditioning, 5.0L EFI V8, 4x4 touch drive, automatic overdrive transmission, trailer towing package.

TOTAL SAVINGS **\$5609**

LIST	\$23,808
FACTORY DISCOUNT	\$1,477
NORTH BROS DISCOUNT	\$2,832
REBATE	\$1,500
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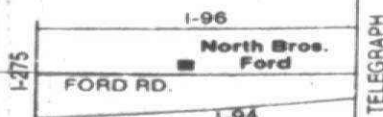
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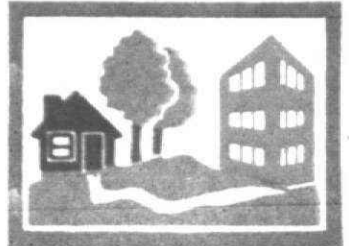
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## Poor workmanship leads buyer complaints

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Construction of a new dream house or a contracted remodeling project doesn't always go smoothly. Questions about workmanship lead to complaints. Most, it turns out, are justified. So how does a homeowner ultimately get satisfaction? By taking a gripe to the Bureau of Commercial Services, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation.

And people do complain. Nearly 2,500 complaints were filed against builders and contractors during the one-year period October 1988 through September 1989, according to figures provided by the state licensing department. Another 2,000 complaints were resolved, leaving a backlog of nearly 2,700 at year's end. "Workmanship and code violations are the major volume of complaints. People are disappointed with something the builder has done," said William Wagner, an enforcement director in the licensing department.

"A good one-quarter of complaints that come to my attention are unlicensed people," said J.W. Eiserman, a disciplinary action coordinator for the department. A STATISTICAL breakdown on disposition of complaints isn't available, said Pamela Loomis, a consumer assistance coordinator in the licensing department. But from her experience, most involve workmanship, and the vast majority are founded.

"Probably 75 percent of the time there's been a communications breakdown," Loomis said. "The builder tends to put a customer on the back burner, probably unintentionally." Builders and contractors can find themselves in hot water for a variety of reasons. Failure to acknowledge a complaint as justified, failure to correct a complaint within a reasonable time, poor workmanship and engaging in practice without a license

were noted in a recent disciplinary action report. An administrative law judge will arbitrate a dispute if complaints aren't resolved in mediation, settlement or compliance conferences set up by the licensing department. A STATE-APPOINTED Residential Builders and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors Board, composed of six building professionals and three people with no ties to the industry, is empowered to order restitution and levy fines after responsibility has been established.

Mark Jacobson, a Birmingham builder and the board's chairman, said he can't recall if most complaints target builders or subcontractors. Regardless, with more than 40,000 licensed builders and contractors in the state, he doesn't consider the numbers of complaints indicative of a major problem in the industry. James Bonadeo, a Plymouth builder and president of the Builders

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## State seen as last resort arbitrator

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Filing a formal complaint with the state against a builder or contractor isn't exactly the best route for homeowners looking for quick resolution of problems. Last December, the state Department of Licensing and Regulation issued a disciplinary action report including cases that initially had been filed as far back as July 1985. But some consumers will argue that they have tried to get satisfaction through other channels and that filing with the state is a last resort. "By the time it gets to the state level, it seems like there's a personality clash," said Gerald Kosmensky, a semi-retired builder and president of the Home Owners Warranty of Southeastern Michigan. "It's like going through a divorce." Byrne Benson, a builder and vice president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, outlined a strategy for buyers with complaints.

"YOU'VE GOT to pound on the builder, work with the builder," he said. "If you don't get satisfaction, go to the (local) building department. From what I hear, that's where it gets resolved pretty quick." The process of insuring quality work actually should start well before a builder is hired. "Go and talk to a building inspector before you buy a house," Kosmensky said. "Ask what kind of reputation does he (builder) have. Does he do quality work?" A series of handbooks on how to select a builder and what to expect in the construction process are available free from the National Association of Home Builders (1-800-368-5242). "Go through the house before you close and look at everything," Kosmensky said. "Take as long as you want, write it down, then have a walk-through with the builder. I always had

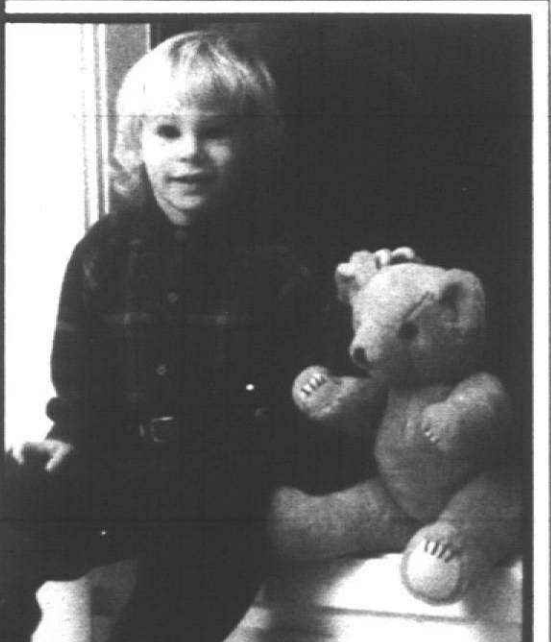
a walk-through with my people. Builders I know encourage that."

BUILDERS who participate in the Home Owners Warranty program guarantee repairs of major structural defects up to 10 years after construction. An arbitrator determines liability. Major structural defects would include cracked basement walls and roof problems. Hairline cracks in basement floors and drywall wouldn't be covered. Builders here generally don't participate in the extended Home Owners Warranty program because they don't feel the need to do so, Kosmensky said. Upwards of 75 take part, according to the BASM membership directory. More builders would participate if consumer demand were there, Kosmensky said.

STATE LAW requires builders of new houses to warrant almost all of their work for one year. Consumers should make sure builders and contractors are licensed before work begins, said William Wagner, an enforcement director for the state. Get everything in writing — especially a starting date and completion date — and have a lawyer review a building contract before you sign, Wagner said. Call the state Department of Licensing and Regulation at 1-517-373-0678 to verify licensing status and 1-517-373-9153 to check on disciplinary action reports and request complaint forms. Mark Jacobson, chairman of the state building board and a Birmingham builder, offered another solution to complainants. "They always have the right to go to the civil courts if they're dissatisfied," he said.

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## MAHB hosts winter convention

The Michigan Association of Home Builders will host its annual winter convention/trade show today through Saturday in Lansing. State legislators will be on hand to discuss such building issues as asbestos, civil rights for people who are disabled and special assessment districts, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Radisson Hotel. More than 40 exhibitors will staff booths 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Lansing Center. Products displayed range from irrigation equipment, low voltage and architectural lighting and burglar alarm systems to energy efficiency products and household and business items. 1989 CONSTRUCTION figures were down in the state compared to the previous year, MAHB president Gary D. Smith said. The number of houses, apartments and major additions under construction or completed in 1989 was 43,960 units, a 9.3-percent decrease. But the dollar volume of all residential construction was down 2.8 percent, to \$3.4 billion compared to \$3.5 billion in 1988. "The construction rate is lower partially because of increasing material and interest expense costs," Smith said. "Thus, the average unit value (not including land costs) in 1989 was \$78,226, which is up 7.2 percent from \$72,994 in 1988." In the metropolitan area, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties all reported decreases in new residential construction in 1989. Wayne County recorded 3,866 units in 1989, down 28.2 percent from the previous year's total of 5,383. In Oakland County, 7,645 units were built in 1989, down from 9,807 for a 22-percent drop. In Macomb, units dropped to 5,007 from 5,594 for a 10.5-percent drop. The Michigan Association of Home Builders is comprised of 7,500 member firms representing more than 265,000 people in the construction industry.

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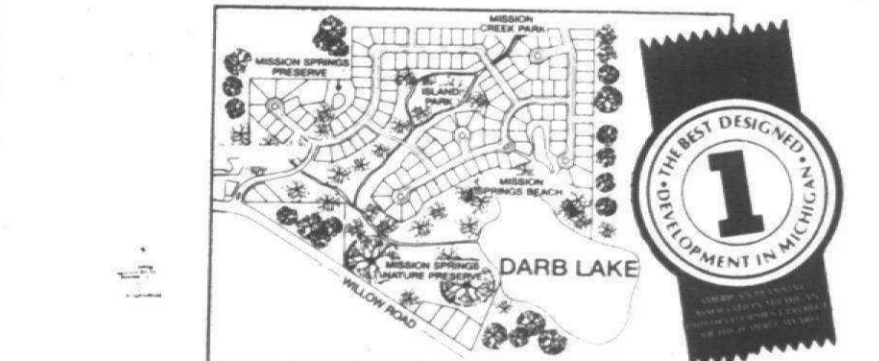
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# Poor work draws ire

Association of Southeastern Michigan, said he welcomed the opportunity to have formal complaints brought against him years ago by a buyer who just couldn't seem to get satisfaction.

Some complaints were dismissed, others were upheld, but the buyer finally was off his back. Bonadeo said.

William J. Pesch, assistant director of architecture and manager of specifications has been promoted to associate at Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates, Southfield.

He has 25 years of experience in the development of project specifications and is responsible for developing and maintaining the company's standard specifications and adapting them to meet client requirements, developing project specifications and determining department budgets and schedules.

Roger Roley has been promoted to executive director of the Associated Builders & Contractors of Southeastern Michigan from membership director.

Phyllis Hoffman, director of administration, has been promoted from assistant editor to editor of ABC's Contractor's Choice.

Countrywide Funding Corp. has opened a second suburban Detroit office in Livonia at 33821 W. Seven Mile, offering mortgage loans to homebuyers in Wayne and Livingston counties and western Oakland County.

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COMPLAINANTS must do the initial legwork to document their cases because the state doesn't have the investigative staff or time to start at square one on every single filing.

We require a building inspector or building official report to verify a complaint," Wagner said.

Notice of a complaint often is all that's required to nudge a builder to action.

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# Breach widens between income housing costs

Home buyers have faced an uphill climb attempting to keep pace with rising home prices, according to a survey by Chicago Title and Trust Co., a property title insurer.

In 1976, Chicago Title has tracked home buyer trends in major metropolitan housing markets nationwide. During this time, income gains for those buying houses have fallen behind home prices by about one-half percent per year, according to John Pfister, vice president and manager of market research for the national title insurer.

Even in 1989, "a relatively benign year for housing inflation in the U.S.," gains in household income lagged behind home price increases by about the same amount.

"While this may not seem like much, over time a discrepancy of this size adds up," Pfister said.

SINCE 1976, median home prices in the United States rose at a compounded annual rate of 8.8 percent, from \$43,340 in 1976 to \$129,800 last year. During the same period, median household income rose at a compounded annual rate of 8.3 percent from \$20,840 to \$58,700.

"So over this time period, the difference between income gains and home price increases grew a total of 6.5 percent," Pfister said.

"The economic impact of this is that those buying houses today have noticeably fewer discretionary dollars to spend on things other than housing than their counterparts did 13 years ago."

The income of buyers in the 1980s might have lagged even farther behind home prices were it not for the growing number of two-income families in the home-buying population. The study documents that working couples have been the major factor influencing housing affordability in this decade, Pfister said.

Among couples buying houses in 1989, 79.3 percent of all buyers were two-income families, and the percentage soared to 86.8 percent for first-time buyers. In 1976, the percentage was 53.1 percent for all buyers and 64 percent for first-time buyers.

"Based on data corroborated by other sources, we've found that the percentage of two-income families is significantly higher among those buying homes than among the population as a whole," Pfister said.

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# Housing prices

Characteristics	Detroit	
	1989	1988
Median price of home purchased	\$ 92,900	\$ 88,700
First-time buyers	78,900	81,600
Repeat buyers	99,900	91,200
Average price of home purchased	\$113,300	\$106,800
First-time buyers	88,600	83,700
Repeat buyers	126,600	113,100
Average monthly payment	\$834	\$799
First-time buyers	861	774
Repeat buyers	828	806
When household income is:		
less than \$40,000	654	476
\$40,000-\$49,999	625	555
\$50,000-\$59,999	701	692
\$60,000-\$69,999	837	875
\$70,000 or more	981	853
Average monthly payment as % of income	27.7%	28.6%
First-time buyers	27.6	27.3
Repeat buyers	27.8	29.0
Buying for the first time	34.6%	21.3%
Previously owned a home	65.4	78.7
Average age of First-time buyers	28.2	30.5
Average age of Repeat buyers	39.7	39.2
Average number of houses looked at	11.3	15.4
Bought new homes	18.5%	23.8%
Bought used homes	81.5	76.2
Bought single family homes	92.6%	90.0%
Bought multi family homes	1.1	1.3
Bought condominiums	6.6	8.8
Bought co-ops	N/A	N/A
Married	81.5%	82.5%
Widowed	3.7	3.8
Divorced/Separated	2.5	8.8
Single	12.3	5.0
N/A Not available		

# Buyer profiles

Characteristics	Detroit	
	1989	1988
Two-income families	83.3%	74.2%
First-time buyers	91.6	80.0
Repeat buyers	78.8	72.5
Down payment as % of sales price	29.2%	27.7%
First-time buyers	14.6	12.0
Repeat buyers	35.6	31.9
Type of mortgage financing		
Conventional fixed rate	68.8%	53.2%
Adjustable or variable rate	29.9	45.5
Seller financed or contract loan	1.3	1.0
Other	N/A	N/A
Average down payment breakdown (% of dol. of First-time buyers)		
Own savings and investments	84.2%	94.7%
Lending institutions	3.1	0.9
Relatives	7.7	3.2
Others	5.0	1.2
Of Repeat buyers		
Previous home sale	58.8%	50.0%
Own savings and investments	34.6	46.5
Lending institutions	3.9	1.5
Relatives	1.6	2.0
Others	1.1	N/A
Average time to save down payment (years)		
First-time buyers	1.7	1.8
Repeat buyers	2.9	3.2
First-time buyers	2.3	2.5
Repeat buyers	3.2	3.4
Median household income	\$61,700	\$55,700
First-time buyers	55,000	46,200
Repeat buyers	66,700	58,400
N/A - Not available		

# 1st-time vs. repeat buyers

Characteristics	First-Time Buyer		Repeat Buyer	
	1989	1988	1989	1988
Type of purchase				
New	17	20	25	28
Resale	83	77	75	72
Single family	81	79	86	86
Condominium	18	21	14	14
Number of homes looked at before purchase	13.4	12.2	14.8	15.5
Average length of time looked for home (months)	5.2	5.0	4.3	4.4
Median cost of home	\$105,200	\$ 97,100	\$144,700	\$141,400
Single family	111,900	96,700	144,900	142,300
Condominium	100,600	104,800	138,500	128,800
Average cost of home	\$133,700	\$119,900	\$176,300	\$161,200
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# Get the facts on fiber before buying carpeting

AP — Carpet represents a sizable investment. Before deciding which type to buy, it's wise to learn all about carpet characteristics.

These fiber facts from Better Homes and Gardens' Bedroom and Bath Ideas magazine will help provide information.

Texture is an important carpet characteristic because it can be practical as well as decorative. There are also a lot of options when it comes to texture. Looped pile (the pile is the surface of the carpet that is visible) may be level or multi-level (high and low loops). Level-

looped carpet has become a popular contemporary choice, providing a durable, hard-wearing surface. Short loops, especially, keep soil and spills on the surface.

Plush is a cut pile, which may be smooth and velvety in appearance or have a twist in the yarn. Shag carpets are commonly made of longer pile yarns that are either looped or cut.

Textures such as twists and multi-loops, or those that have a definite pattern, are less likely to show signs of traffic than plushes. Most cut pile textures will show some "shading" or color variation, which is not a defect but is considered a desirable characteristic.

"Denier" and "ply" are popular terms. Denier refers to the fiber size and weight, and ply is the number of strands twisted together to form a single yarn. A good rule of thumb is that the higher the figures for denier and ply, the better the quality of the carpet.

It's best to make a selection based on intended use, appearance and cost. The following fiber property information comes from Jeredine Howe, textiles specialist at Kansas State University. It will be helpful in determining which fibers best suit one's needs.

• Nylon is considered the strongest fiber. It has excellent durability and resilience (resistance to crushing). Nylon is also soil resistant and easy to clean. Traditionally, nylon's chief drawback has been its tendency to generate static electricity, which attracts soil. But manufacturing methods now control this.

• Acrylic is the synthetic fiber that most resembles wool in texture and appearance. It has good to excellent durability but, like wool, it tends to fuzz. It is also crush resistant, easy to clean and soil resistant. "Modacrylic" has properties similar to those of acrylic, but has the added bonus of being naturally flame retardant.

THE FIBER content also will determine how well the carpet will perform. Basically, four major man-made fibers are being used: nylon, acrylic, polyester and olefin. These synthetic fibers are practical, among other reasons, because they are naturally resistant to insects and mildew and are nonallergenic.

In the carpet industry today, nylon is by far the most popular and widely used synthetic fiber. But the use of olefin and polyester has been steadily increasing over the past few years.

The choice of carpet fiber is important because each type has different qualities and none is perfect.

# Ottomans back in style

(AP) Couch potatoes aren't the only ones lounging around the living room. Others are getting more comfortable by plopping their feet on ottomans and footstools.

Low footstools and taller, larger ottomans are being shown by almost every upholstered furniture maker. Their use for comfort and show has been increasing annually after a slow start about four years ago.

For the decorator, there's hardly a more versatile piece of furniture, says Robert J. Wettler, director of the interior design studio at Marshall Field's in Chicago.

"A matching ottoman turns an easy chair into a lounge that's as comfortable as a recliner but looks better," he said.

It's also extra seating in a pinch.

It's also in right now for traditional rooms in large, fully upholstered round or oval poufs done in patterned chintz or a woven fabric, tufted and trimmed with braid or pleats. Another look is the wood-trimmed piece with interesting legs.

NO LONGER the satellite of an easy chair, the ottoman is now just as likely to stand on its own in the center of the room, near a coffee table or under a piano. An oversized ottoman, with a tray on top, may be used as a cocktail table or it can be piled with magazines or books. For contemporary rooms, matching leather easy chairs and ottomans are the look.

Ready-covered footstools or ottomans come in a variety of shapes and fabrics, from round to square, from leather to neoprene. The tops of some lift to provide hidden storage. Shoal Creek, for example, makes 20 styles, from a freestyle bench to a sewing stool with hidden storage.

Several companies make a gout stool, which puts the feet at a slant. In Victorian times, that was routine treatment for gout, an excess of uric acid that generally settles in to pain the big toe.

Mark Hampton designed an over-sized round ottoman for two for his Hickory Chair Co. furniture line. "Visually," he says, "they imply comfort in a space that otherwise would be bare."

Hampton has four ottomans in his New York living room. "Two get sat on and two are piled high with books," he says. The low surface is good to display new coffee-table books, which themselves are quite decorative.

Ottomans and footstools give us something in common with the past since stools are among the oldest furniture known. They were found in the tomb of the Egyptian king, Tutankhamen, circa 1361 B.C. Edward Lucie-Smith writes in "Furniture: A Concise History," (Oxford University Press, 1979):

Ancient Greeks also used four-legged and folding X-stools similar to the Egyptian models. One Greek author describes how attendants carried folding stools so their masters could sit at a whim.

The most common form of seating in the Middle Ages was a stool or a bench, says Lucie-Smith.

In 18th-century France, courtiers were allotted seats according to their rank. The most exalted sat in armchairs at court, but the lesser nobility sat on stools, says Hampton. Occasionally someone in the standing ranks was given the right to sit on a stool for one time only. Stools were also placed around the bed of a king or great lord to accommodate the many guests who were invited into the bedroom.



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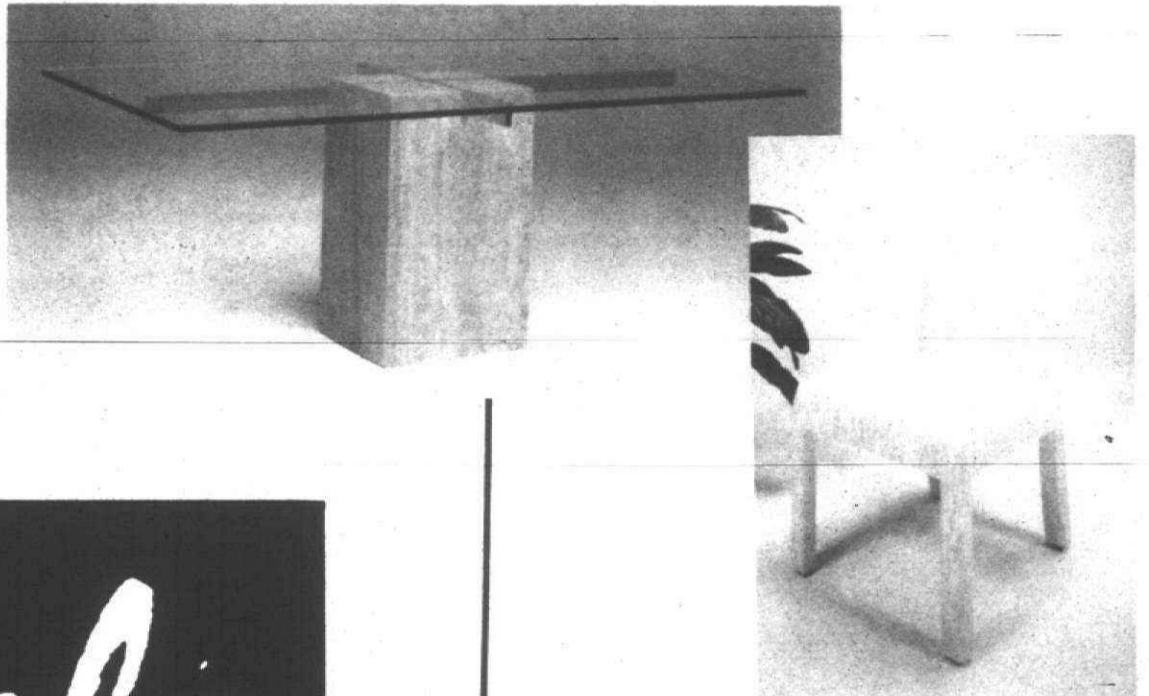
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EAST □ 34150 Gratiot (at 14 1/2 Mile)  
WEST □ 19136 Telegraph (at 7 Mile)