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The Lotto jackpot was worth at least \$8.4 million. The Michigan Lottery numbers for Wednesday, Feb. 29, 1996 are:

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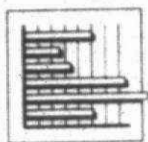
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Protest sparse on Kmart plan



Two lone residents told township officials that had Tuesday's meeting been publicized, more homeowners would have filled the board room to oppose approval of a site plan for a Super Kmart at Ford and Haggerty roads.

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Expected to be filled to the gills with opponents of Kmart Tuesday night, the township board room was strangely quiet as just two residents near the proposed Canton Super Kmart turned up.

Willow Trail subdivision residents had jammed the same room Feb. 5 when planning commissioners voted to recommend site plan approval for the 178,000-square-foot Super Kmart on 27 acres at the northwest corner of Ford and Haggerty.

Ron Zonca and Maureen Kingsbury were the sole Kmart opponents to witness the township board grant

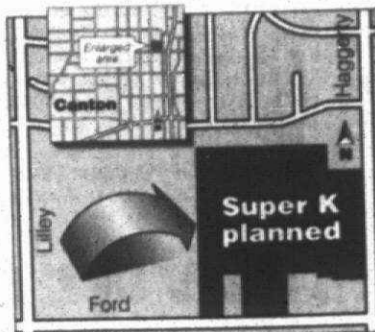
unanimous approval to the Kmart site plan.

"If we were notified about the agenda, we would have packed this place again," Zonca told the board. Township officials should have posted the agenda on cable TV, he said.

Officials said that's a good idea, and they will try to do it in the future.

Kingsbury is upset because she must see and hear the construction of the Super Kmart and because trees near her property will be removed.

"Do I have to watch you build this



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TAMMIE GRAVEN/STAFF ARTIST

Animal kingdom enriches her life

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Ring the doorbell at Linda Dupuy's house and the animal kingdom springs to life.

Noah, a large Belgian terver, barks and runs to the door as six Cavalier King Charles spaniels scamper around excitedly. A seventh Cavalier tends to its three newborns in an upstairs bedroom.

Noah and Henry run outside once the door is open and Dupuy has to call them back inside.

Out on the deck, Harrison the Siamese cat toys with a deceased muskrat that Dupuy suspects Noah killed earlier in the day.

Sit at the kitchen table in the Salem Township home and Patti, an 8-year-old retired show dog, will spring into your lap for some petting.

Try to take a few notes and Noah will nudge your arm to lobby for some petting or perhaps bring you his stuffed animal for a game of tug-of-war.

Linda and Milton Dupuy share their house with three children, 10 dogs and two cats. Two more Cavaliers are kept by Dupuy's parents in Canton Township.

Dupuy (pronounced due 'pwee), who grew up in an old farmhouse on Maben Road, one block north of Ford, between Canton Center and Beck, raises Cavaliers for sale, for show and for fun.

The dogs are small, less than three feet long, with hairy, floppy ears, blunt, big-eyed, friendly faces with dispositions to match.

Dupuy plans to enter Henry, whom she bought in January from

Ruth Mochrie of Great Britain, in the 78th annual Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show March 10 at Cobo Center.

Henry, said Dupuy, is such a perfect specimen that she cried when she first encountered him and considered neutering her other male Cavaliers.

Dupuy has shown dogs for more than 20 years, beginning with the 4H Club when she was 19 and culminating (so far) with Henry's impending appearance at Cobo. "He's too good of a dog for the little weekend shows," she said.

Before Cavaliers were recognized by the American Kennel Club, Dupuy entered her animals in shows sponsored by the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, USA. Cavalier owners came from all points of the compass to enter 200-500 dogs in these monthly shows, Dupuy said.

"We were like family even though everybody lived in a different part of the country."

Although Dupuy is in the business of raising and selling Cavaliers, she is concerned enough about finding good homes that she turns down many buyers who don't meet her standards.

"I'd rather sell a show dog to a family that's going to love it than I would to someone with a breeding kennel," she said. "A lot of breeders are interested in one thing and one thing only, and that's making a profit."

Plymouth resident Nancy Palmer bought two Cavaliers from Dupuy

See ANIMAL, 4A



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

On to the show: Linda Dupuy hopes Henry, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, will take the prize in a March 10 Cobo Hall dog show.

Fisher murder trial winding to a close

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

An inmate who befriended Dr. Charles Fisher in 1988 while the two were incarcerated in the state prison at Jackson testified Tuesday that the former Canton resident admitted killing his wife.

"He said he knocked her out and taped her mouth and hands," said Ricardo Bush. "Then he sat around and

drank a few beers. He said she woke up once, and he told her, 'You ain't gonna leave.'"

Other witnesses testified that Fisher didn't want his wife to travel to Germany, where she was to meet a male cousin and pursue an enrichment program in transcultural nursing. Ella Maria Mercado Fisher was a nurse enrolled in a graduate program at Wayne State University.

The prisoner also testified that Fisher asked him to confess to the crime in exchange for \$300 in prison tokens.

Fisher, a microbiologist, is charged with first-degree murder in the 1984 asphyxiation death of Mercado. Duct tape tied around Mercado's head cut off her oxygen supply.

Fisher's third jury trial is being heard by Wayne Circuit Judge Cyn-

thia Stephens. Two earlier convictions were overturned. Until the trial, Fisher was serving time for solicitation of perjury.

Fisher told police that intruders knocked him out, and bound and gagged him. He said he awoke to find his wife bound with rope and gagged with duct tape. The intruders took

See TRIAL, 4A

Angel comes to earth to aid Canton family

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township's "Random Act of Kindness" week inspired at least one person to put their money where their heart was and buy a dryer for Sally Walker.

Walker, who had to stop working because of severe vertigo, does laundry for husband Clayton, mother-in-law Geraldine Sears, sons Clayton Jr., 18, James, 16, Jeremy, 10, and Tiffany Teagan, 6.

"We love each other, and it's a good thing," Walker said, because all seven of them occupy a three-bedroom Holiday Park house in the northeast corner of Canton.

The family's routine was torn asunder the day after Christmas when grandma's ancient dryer died.

"I asked the kids which presents they wanted to take back, but no one volunteered anything," Walker joked.

Clayton Walker, a shipping clerk at National Set Screw of Plymouth,

couldn't afford a new dryer, so on every Thursday Sally Walker and her mother-in-law did the wash at home, loaded the wet clothes in the car and headed for a Westland Laundromat, where they routinely spent \$20-\$30 drying 17-25 loads and didn't get home until 2 a.m.

"I'd put them in the dryers, and grandmas would follow me with the coins," Walker said.

This went on until Feb. 16, when a salesman from Best Buy of Westland called to say a person requesting anonymity had bought a Westinghouse clothes dryer for the Walker family.

"It was the neatest thing that's ever happened to us," Walker said. "I couldn't believe it. It's the perfect size, color and everything."

Best Buy salesman Todd Bates said he was "pretty amazed" that anyone would do something so nice for another. "It was the buzz around

See ANGEL, 4A



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dryer queen: Sally Walker takes clothes from the new dryer from the anonymous benefactor bought for her.

Men face property damage charges

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Two Canton men face felony charges in connection with shooting out windows of more than 175 cars parked on township streets in January and February.

Arthur Bellingham, 22, and Kenneth Compton, 20, are charged with two counts each of malicious destruction of property of more than \$100. Not guilty pleas were entered on their behalf at their arraignments Tuesday morning before 35th District Judge Ron Lowe. If convicted, both men could face maximum penalties of four years in jail and \$2,000 fine.

Bellingham and Compton were stopped Feb. 22 by a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy in Westland. The deputy stopped the pair on information that police were looking for two suspects involved in shooting out a car window and a theater window, said Canton police community relations officer Lew Stevens.

Canton police were contacted. Bellingham and Compton were then interviewed by Canton detectives.

On Jan. 8 and 9, Canton residents awoke to find that the windows on their cars that were parked outside had been shot out. Most of the damage was concentrated on cars parked on subdivision streets north of Ford Road, but residents in southern Canton also were victimized.

Again on Feb. 22, windows of approximately 16 cars were also shot out, Stevens said.

The windows of the cars were shot out by a BB handgun with a carbon dioxide cartridge. Canton police obtained a video from Meijer that showed two men buying a large amount of BBs. Police confirmed that Bellingham and Compton match the men in the video.

"Our only concern is that we had two separate incidents that occurred within two months," said Canton police Detective Richard Pomorski, referring to bond for the men.

Lowe set a \$5,000 personal bond for each man. Preliminary exams on the charges are scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, March 8. Lowe told both men that they are to surrender any weapons they possess and that they are not allowed to possess any during the course of the case.

Attorney Kenneth Morris, who represented Compton Tuesday, said both men graduated from the Plymouth-Canton schools and have never been in trouble before. Compton, he added, is considered a computer whiz. "He used to fix all the computers in the high school."

Lowe told Bellingham he was concerned about him returning to court for future proceedings. But Bellingham responded: "I came to the Canton police by myself. They didn't have to come and get me."

Student wins a scholarship

Melissa Lyons of Canton was presented a scholarship award at a ceremony on Feb. 25 at the Canton Target as part of the Target All-Around Scholarship Program.

Through the program, \$1.5 million will be awarded to 1,371 young leaders nationwide who have excelled in community, family and school programs. "We are extremely pleased to be able to help these deserving kids realize their hopes and dreams of furthering their education beyond high school," said Susan Lemeris, Target store team leader. "Target All-Around Scholarship awards are just part of our ongoing commitment to the future strength of this community."

Lyons, who attends Plymouth Salem High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She is involved in various Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club volunteer activities, as well as many other volunteer services in her community. She plans to attend Michigan State University and major in political science and pre-law.

Recipients were selected by a committee from the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America. Awards are based on three criteria: length of time and hours of community or volunteer service, a grade point average of at least 2.0, and an essay on the role of the family.

Social service agencies to become neighbors

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township officials hope to bring five social service agencies under one roof at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon before the year is out.

The plan is for First Step, Growth Works, Canton Community Foundation, Suburban West Community Mental Health and Canton Community Mediation Service to occupy the township-owned building that the township's senior citizen program has left to move into the Summit on the Park community center.

Canton Township Public Safety Director John Santomauro plans to reserve space in the social services building for his community policing program.

Canton police have dealt "more and more" with social service agencies, Santomauro said. The idea is to reach the root causes of recurring problems as opposed to treating symptoms.

So it makes sense from Santomauro's standpoint to have several agencies under one roof, although none of them plan to make the new center their main office.

"There's a lot of potential use of this concept, this partnership," Santomauro said. "There's some utilization that beyond what we understand."

The idea is that troubled people who seek the services of the agencies can often benefit from the services of more than one. And the agencies can better coordinate programs and work together if they are in close contact.

"The goal is to provide easy access to a number of groups on one site," said Judy Ellis, director of First Step, an agency that helps battered women and their children. "It's a holistic approach to assisting people in one spot. It's going to enhance everyone's ability to provide service."

First Step will keep its current office on Lilley north of Ford open and station one to three staff members at the Sheldon site, where support groups will meet and counseling will occur.

"It's going to provide services in part of the community that hasn't had the physical presence of agencies before," said Growth Works Director Dale Yagiela.

William Hart, the clinical director of Suburban West Community Mental Health, said he will likely staff the new center on a part-time basis because there's not enough money coming in to do more. Money for additional staffing might be found in the future, Hart said, but it's not known yet if there will be a need for full-time staff at the new center.

Gerry Martin, the township's development specialist, said about \$70,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant money will be sought to fix up the building before the groups move in.

There is a problem with water draining into the front doorway, he said, and partitions must be erected inside.

Martin plans to make his pitch for the money to the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council March 14 in the Canton Township treasurer's office. He hopes to have the item before the township board in April.

Martin said the township will rent the building to Growth Works, the lead agency, which plans to recover that cost by charging other tenants. However, Yagiela said Growth Works will only collect enough money to break even.

The amount of the rent has not been set, Martin said, but it will be below market, and the township will put the money in a fund to be used for maintenance of the building.

The township will probably donate old office furniture for the building, Martin said, with the agencies providing any additional furniture.

Because 1996 Community Development Block Grant money is not available until July, work on the building won't begin until sometime after that, Martin said, probably August or September.

Observer seeking pothole nominations

As the winter weather slowly fades away, motorists are sure to encounter what the cold weather, ice and snow have wreaked on local roads.

The Canton Observer is looking for your favorite — or least favorite — potholes on Canton's roads. Please tell us about the location of that most irritating pothole. You are welcome also to tell us about your experience with the pothole of your choice. Contact editor Joanne Maliszewski by phone, 459-2700, or in writing at 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

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Broadway music on tap March 9

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Broadway and the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber will come to Canton in March by way of the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Members of the Michigan Opera Theatre will perform "An Evening of Broadway Music" at 8 p.m. March 9 at the Summit on the Park community center.

Guests will be entertained with music from such classics as "My Fair Lady," "South Pacific," and "Oklahoma!" as well as a special tribute to the 1940s, and a musical tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Cats," "Phantom of the Opera," and solos from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

"This is the third year the opera theater has come to Canton," said Kathleen Salla, Canton volunteer coordinator who works with Project Arts, which is hosting the event. "They are wonderfully talented."

Tickets are now on sale for \$15 each or tables of eight for \$120. Tickets may be purchased at the Canton treasurer's office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road; Arnold-Williams, 5701 Canton Center Road; and Dearborn Music in the Canton Corners shopping center at Lilley and Ford roads, said Cheryl Staats, publicity chairwoman for Project Arts. Seating will be limited.

The performance will be cabaret-style with light refreshments served, Salla said.

Performing will be mezzo-soprano Maria Cimarelli, soprano Betsy Bronson, tenor Karl Schmidt, baritone Mark Von Drak, accompanist Kevin Blyasma and synthesist Dianne Lord. Ten students from Canton High School also will perform during the "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" segment, Staats said.

For more information, contact Salla, 397-6450.



Coming to town: Performers are (left back) Karl Schmidt, tenor; Mark Von Drak, baritone; (left front) Betsy Bronson, soprano; and Maria Cimarelli, mezzo-soprano.

Robbery reported

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The robbery of a Canton pizza delivery woman in Plymouth early Sunday could land three young men in jail for 15 years — or worse.

Taken in the theft were two large pizzas with everything on them, worth \$22.94. Plymouth Township police are seeking robbery charges against two Plymouth teens and a third male, stemming from the robbery at 1:25 a.m. Sunday.

The robbery happened outside a house on Oregon Trail, according to a report filed with Plymouth Township police. A 51-year-old Canton woman — delivering pizza for Hungry Howie's on Main Street in Plymouth — got no answer after knocking on the door of the house on Oregon Trail.

According to the police report, she was returning to her car with the pizzas when a young man approached her, holding a board over his shoulder.

After she asked what he was doing, he replied, "I'm stealing your pizzas," according to the police report. She gave them up.

After she called police, they borrowed a police tracking dog from the Van Buren Township police, and the dog led them to a house on Sheldon Road, the report continued.

Police awoke the homeowner, asking if he had any teenage sons. The man said no, adding he had two teenage daughters, ages 18 and 15.

Police found some pizza toppings and crusts in the basement of the house, a half block away from the robbery scene, and a plastic pizza hot bag in the bushes of a house nearby.

One daughter said she'd heard one of the youths talking about doing such a robbery a week ago. She told police she thought they gave up on the idea.

Police are seeking charges against three males. The one suspected of confronting the pizza delivery woman is 24, address unknown. Serving as look outs, police said, were two Plymouth teens ages 19 and 16.

Plymouth Township Police Detective David Hayes said Tuesday that the Wayne County Prosecutor has yet to determine what charges to seek against the youths.

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Red Cross Donor Center plans to extend its operating hours

Effective March 1, the Canton American Red Cross Donor Center in the Westgate Plaza, 6700 Canton Center Road, will operate under new, extended hours.

The new hours are: 1-7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

"We have systematically changed our donor center hours to accommodate the personal and professional lifestyles of our blood donors," said Dr. Dan Waxman, principal officer for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "It is our commitment to ensure that our centers are open and ready for donors during times that are convenient for the community."

The process for donating blood takes a little more than an hour and includes registration, a brief medical history, having pulse, temperature, blood pressure and hemoglobin levels checked. The actual blood donation takes about 10 minutes. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

To make an appointment to donate blood at the Canton Donor Center or any Red Cross centers, call 800-GIVE-LIFE.

Service club luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce invites the public to attend its monthly luncheon at noon, Wednesday, March 12, during which representatives of five service clubs will talk about their group's goals, activities and membership commitments. The luncheon is at the Summit on the Park community center.

Representatives are Joe Henshaw of the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club; Nancy Spencer of the Canton Goodfellows; Charles Nagy of the Kiwanis Club; Art Winkle of the Canton Lions Club; and Bill Brown of the Canton Rotary.

The luncheon is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Reservations are required and must be made by Monday, March 4, by calling 453-4040.

CONNECTION

Property tax assessment notices should be in the mail by now. If you wish to appeal, two board of review sessions are available. By appointment, appeals will be heard: 2-9 p.m. March 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. March 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 15. On Saturday, March 16, appeals will be heard on a first come, first served, basis, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Petitions are now available for appeals. They may be picked up at the assessor's office, which is at the northeast corner of Ford and Canton Center roads. The office is in the same building as Fire Station No. 1.

Property owners also may appeal based on hardship. Contact the assessor's office, 981-6400, for more information.

Serving on the boards of review are Kerry DeVore, Denise Fotis, Russell Wargin, Tony Farrell, Ray Van Hoeck and Patrick Williams.

Canton board OKs agreement to offer transportation service

Several changes were made recently to a transportation program for seniors and handicapped Canton residents, including registering current riders for tracking purposes.

The Canton Township Board this month approved an agreement with Child and Family Services of Washtenaw for \$90,000, combining the current taxi contract with CFS, which began in August 1995, and the van agreement which takes riders to Washtenaw County and Plymouth/Northville-area medical facilities.

The amount for the joint contract was increased \$5,000 to \$90,000, which was budgeted for 1996, according to a township report. Of this total, \$43,735 is expected to be returned to the township through the State Municipal Credit Program.

The program was instituted last year by Canton, after the township opted out of the SMART vote for the regional bus transportation system. At the time, said Supervisor Thomas Yack, the township promised seniors and those needing transportation services due to handicaps that this service would continue.

Other changes to the program include:

- New services — Expansion of taxi services to include Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Vans would also continue to be used to provide wheelchair-accessible services.
- Fare changes — Fares will be \$1 within an area including the Washtenaw/Wayne County border on the west, Matt Van Born Road to the south, Merriman Road to the east and Five Mile to the north. Outside of the service area in Wayne County, fare will be \$2 including travel to Inkster and part of Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township and Plymouth Township.

Registration process — Canton is requesting that all participants register with Child and Family Services beginning March 1. Riders will be given an application to complete and return by April 1.

Canton Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack said that "registration is necessary now to track how the system is utilized and to help schedule the rides."

Canton Trustee Robert Shefferly, who serves on the Transportation Advisory Committee, which negotiated the new contract, said rider registrations are important to Child and Family Services "in order to justify monies received from the government so they can continue to get their subsidies in the future."

Shefferly added that the University of Michigan plans to keep ridership figures on computer, which will help CFS track the program.

design-a-swimsuit CONTEST

It's a chance to design your own fashion swimsuit. To enter, sketch an original swimsuit design in color on a special entry blank from our Children's area - Be sure to include your name, address, age, size and phone number. Entries must be returned by Friday, March 15. For Girls' sizes 7-14.

Five Grand Prize winning designs will be selected from Jacobson's fifteen midwest stores by the designers at Breaking Waves Swimwear. Each of these five winners will receive a swimsuit made from their original design and be invited to model in a future Jacobson's Swimwear Show.

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Area bank robbery linked to others

BY KEVIN BROWN AND JEFF COUNTS STAFF WRITERS

Two rifle-toting bandits — one wearing a Ronald Reagan mask made off with a bag stuffed with cash after robbing the First of America Bank branch on Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275 at 10 a.m. Monday.

Because the pair pulled off the robbery in about two minutes, police agencies say these could be the so-called "Time Bandits" suspected in a series of similar quick Oakland County robberies in recent months.

After pulling up in front of the bank in a yellow 1980 Cadillac. "One of the bank workers saw them exit the car with long guns and told the others 'We are going to be held up,'" said Plymouth

Township Police Sgt. Steve Rapson. Both thieves entering the bank had masks on. "They screamed 'Get down! Get down!' and yelled some profanity," said FBI Special Agent Terry Booth. There was one elderly woman customer in the bank and 10 employees, including four tellers. All complied with the commands, Booth said, and no bank employees were injured in the incident.

"They said hit the floor and I hid behind a bank sign," said Beverly McDevitt, of Livonia, the lone customer in the bank at the time. "They took a lot of money."

One thief stayed to the rear holding his gun, while the other — wearing the Reagan mask — jumped the teller counter.

"He went to each teller's window and told them to open up the

drawer," Rapson said. There were four teller drawers.

Witnesses said both men were wearing hooded sweatshirts, the one hopping the counter a light-colored one and the one to the rear a dark-colored sweatshirt. The man filling the bag with money wore baggy jeans, according to the police report on the robbery.

After leaving the bank the men got in the Cadillac and drove east on Ann Arbor Road. About 15 minutes later, Plymouth Township police found the car still running but empty, parked in a driveway on Bassett Drive just east of the bank, in Livonia.

Booth said there was likely a third suspect involved, driving the Cadillac. Police determined it had been stolen a week ago in northwest Detroit.

Livonia police using police dogs followed foot tracks leading behind a house and through some back yards, suggesting the thieves hopped some fences. The thieves had apparently circled back into Plymouth Township, as the dogs lost the scent at the Red Roof Inn on Ann Arbor Road.

"It's possible they could have entered another vehicle and took off," Rapson said.

Booth said authorities aren't 100 percent sure this was a "Time Bandits" robbery. "In the other eight robberies in Oakland County they did not wear masks," he said.

But he said there are similarities to the robbery Monday and the Oakland County robberies — the speed in which the thieves rob the bank, and how one watches the back while the other gathers



Masked bandit: The FBI released this photo of one of the bandits who took money from the Plymouth bank. He was wearing a Ronald Reagan mask during the hold-up.

money from teller's stations. If the Plymouth Township robbery culprits are the "Time Bandits," Booth said there is a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the thieves. He said a \$4,000 reward is offered if they are not the so-called "Time Bandits."

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his wallet and his Toyota pickup truck, he said.

But Bush testified that Fisher told him he tied up his wife, then drove the truck "to what he thought was a bad neighborhood" in Detroit. He took a cab almost home, and walked the rest of the way.

Bush said he had "no intention" of confessing to the murder. Fisher "set himself up. Me or someone else was going to get some money."

Evelyn Mercado of Cape Coral, Fla., mother of the deceased, testified Tuesday that her daughter and son-in-law had a troubled relationship, even before they married in 1979.

Mercado read aloud letters from Fisher and entries from her daughter's journal.

"Ella Maria wants no commitments, just fun times," Fisher wrote the Mercados. "She says she was happier being a tramp. I'm at the end of my nerves."

"If I have the chance, I will earn your support by the way I treat her. I will never let your confidence down. Jobs, money and play are all fine, but your mate and kids are the real blessings God gave us."

Fisher wrote of a "radical cousin" with whom his wife was infatuated. "She says her relatives in Bolivia are like her, they are divorcing their spouses and are free

spirits. "I love her and will until I die. But I may not be able to tolerate her lifestyle, or may not have the chance to."

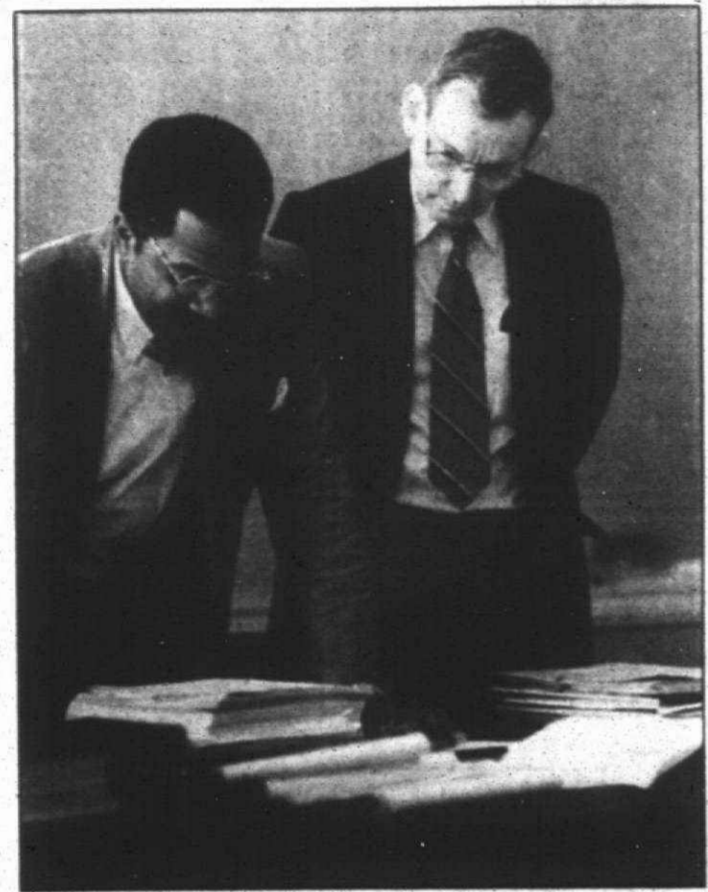
Mercado read from her daughter's journal at the request of Assistant Prosecutor Bob Donaldson.

"I desire very much to feel strongly about someone," she wrote on July 10, four days before she was attacked. "I am sick of this manipulation."

Her last entry spoke of a phone conversation she'd had with the cousin in Germany. "He didn't know my relationship with Charles was so poor. I'm excited about spending time with Xavier, even if it's only a platonic relationship," she wrote. "We have many things to share, culturally, intellectually and emotionally. I'm also looking forward to meeting people of different cultures with different perspectives on life."

"When I come back, I will move into a new, small apartment to work and study," Mercado's voice broke as she read.

Fisher's attorney, Paul Curtis of Detroit, didn't produce any witnesses. However, he read into the record testimony from the first trial. Neighbor Walter Koss testified that he saw Mercado's brown Datsun in the Fishers' driveway at 7 p.m. July 14.



On trial: Dr. Charles Fisher (right) talks with his attorney Paul Curtis during the microbiologist's trial for the 1984 murder of his wife in their Canton home.

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for her family. Then Palmer's mother, Irene Westbur of Canton, bought one for she and her husband. "You'd just have to be around them and you'd go for the breed," Westbur said.

The downside of Cavalier ownership is that the dogs are prone to develop hip dysplasia, heart problems, eye problems and bad knees, Dupuy said.

She fears that unprincipled breeders will ultimately worsen the breed's condition as they strive to produce dogs capable of winning prizes.

"You can't make money showing dogs if you take care to ensure their health," she said.

Cavalier buyers should make sellers prove that the dogs have passed tests for the aforementioned health problems, Dupuy said.

All of the dogs Dupuy sells have been tested, she said, and bred for hardiness as well as appearance. Her dogs go for a minimum of \$1,000, she said, and buyers are generally well satisfied.

"The friends I've made... We're family, from all over the U.S. We have this bond," she said. "I'm welcome to stay wherever they have homes. I've never lost contact with anyone who has my dogs."

Walker doesn't know who her benefactor is, and she doesn't want to know, "because if they wanted me to know, they would tell me. I believe in angels, and I believe there's an angel in all of us."

Walker, whose two eldest sons wrestle for Plymouth Salem High School, suspects that the other wrestling parents had something to do with her good fortune.

"We all root for each other's kids, and we all cry for each other's kids," she said. And "they would know that I was going to the Laundromat late at night."

Road funding battle

Area officials, SEMCOG look to '97

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Local officials may not get their road money this year, but they intend to make Gov. John Engler's ears ring for taking all the available funds for state highway projects.

"We will continue to negotiate to reduce the impact of the state's takings," said John Amberger, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. "We will put together a set of conditions to stop them (state Department of Transportation) from subverting the process as they have this time."

Amberger's unusually strong language summed up the bitter SEMCOG delegates showed Feb. 23 at the way Engler dumped their three-year Traffic Improvement Plan (TIP) due to shortages of state and federal funds.

SEMCOG's executive committee will hold a special March 7 meeting to prepare what some call "a negotiated surrender" — they may be unable to block Engler's action this year, but they will want assurances for 1997.

SEMCOG could — but is unlikely to — rescind the whole TIP program, but it would be a pyrrhic victory: All state projects would be canceled, too, for 1996. Rescinding TIP would halt work on the extension of M-5 (the Hagger-

ty Connector) north of 12 Mile in Oakland County; I-96 widening in Livingston County; rebuilding the 50-year-old Davison Freeway in Detroit; and bringing M-59 up to freeway standards in Oakland County.

Amberger pointed to Engler press spokesman John Truscott's statement that MDOT's taking of the funds is "a done deal. There is no plan to back off." Said Amberger: "That was so disrespectful to this body (SEMCOG)."

"Your plan condemns local roads to crumble," deputy Wayne County executive Michael Duggan told an MDOT official at the SEMCOG meeting.

"We need to tell the governor we're not going to take this crap next year," said Joan Buser, Oakland Township supervisor and chair of SEMCOG. "This was absolutely a hostile act by the governor, and we ought to stick his face in it. He won't fool us twice."

"I'm angry because of our reluctance to change the formula (the state-county-local split of fuel taxes)," said Meri Lou Murray, chair of the Washtenaw County Board. "This has always been very non-political. But in a year or two, we're going to be in a political fight for a pot."

"The process was violated," said Detroit Council president Maryanne Mahaffey. "We have to make a stand. Yet Detroit would

like to see the oldest freeway in the U.S. fixed."

"We have to stand up now or give up the ship," said Milton Mack, a probate judge and SEMCOG delegate for Wayne County. "We should just reject (TIP)."

"We're surrendering this year and not getting any promise for next year," said Dante Lanzetta, Birmingham city commissioner, urging an even stronger posture against the governor.

Wayne County's Duggan said Engler's action canceled \$54 million of work in the seven county region, notably:

- \$10.1 million for 21 projects in Wayne County, including Cherry Hill from Middlebelt to Inkster Road in Garden City and Inkster; Northville bridge over the Rouge River in Northville; and Seven Mile from I-275 to Newburgh in Livonia.

- \$20.3 million for 13 projects in Oakland County, including Greenfield Road from Eight Mile to Nine Mile, Hamlin from Crooks to Livernois, John R from I-75 to 10 Mile, Maple from Hunter to Adams, and South Boulevard from I-75 to Squirrel Road.

- \$800,000 for work on Grand River Avenue in Livingston County.

- \$10.6 million for six projects in Macomb County.
- \$10 million for work in Detroit.

Plan targets local health concerns

BY BETH SUNDRELA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

Local communities soon will begin targeting their own health problems.

That comes after Monday's Health Summit, convened by the Wayne County Health Department, which brought together more than 80 participants, including representatives from schools, the UAW, the institute for the blind, hospitals and senior citizen programs, according to Patricia Soares, director of the Wayne County Health Department.

"We were encouraged because of the wide base of participants," Soares said.

The county has been divided into six regions, and meetings will be scheduled in the next 30 days in each of those regions, she said.

At the meetings the process will begin to pinpoint the health issues of importance in the regions, Soares said.

Observer area communities are included in regions three and four. Region three is Westland, Garden City, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Wayne. Region four is Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township.

The program is part of a community health assessment, which

started two years ago, with funding from the Michigan Department of Public Health. Available health resources in the communities will be assessed and then the groups will begin looking a gaps in service. "What will evolve from this is each region's definition of disease," she said.

Not just the absence of disease, but jobs, crime and other factors and how they are intertwined with the health of the individual will be studied, she said.

"What we're looking at is how people view health in their communities," she said. Also, changing risky behaviors to prevent disease will be addressed. "Much of what we're spending should be redirected to preventing disease," she said.

At the meetings to be scheduled in the local regions, participants from Monday's summit will be included, and anyone who feels they have a stake in the process can attend. "We hope we'll get neighborhood organizations and neighborhood block clubs," she said. Schools and police generally have a major stake also, she said.

that health issues are related to other issues in the community. In Highland Park the focus is on jobs and economic development, she said. Transportation and initiatives in the school system are also being studied, she said. "When it really begins to happen is when that community takes ownership," she said.

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School pushes for crossing guard

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

They want a crossing guard for a dangerous intersection, but a Plymouth-Canton schools committee won't give them one, said Our Lady of Good Counsel School officials.

But a Plymouth-Canton spokeswoman said requests for crossing guards must be reviewed, and that is what's happening now.

"It's not that they don't qualify," said Plymouth-Canton Schools Community Relations Director Judy Evola. "There are so many requests, we have to evaluate every request."

"Children have almost been hit a couple of times, there have been some near misses," said Nancy Chapman, president of the Our Lady of Good Counsel board of education.

Chapman said many children get rides from parents to the school, on Penman west of downtown, because it draws students from outside the neighborhood.

"They have to cross Arthur Street at William. Our safeties cannot stop a car, and we can't put a parent there," Chapman said.

"They said the problem is our parking lot, but kids still have to cross the street — it's two separate issues," she added. "We need a guard at Arthur and William or Penman and Arthur. I just don't understand why they will

not consider that," Chapman said. "I've got parents at our meetings that are very upset."

There are 568 students at Our Lady of Good Counsel School. Chapman estimated that 250 cars pass by the school before classes, to drop off students.

The Plymouth-Canton Schools District Wide Safety Committee, which hears such requests, includes police, parents and schools representatives. The committee, which last met Jan. 23, meets next on March 19. They've asked Our Lady schools officials to implement a plan by which parents would drop off students in the church school parking lot — not on the street.

The transportation people want to see how well that's work-

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store and listen to all the noise!" she asked.

Developer Gary Biales of the Ohio-based Zaremba Group plans to install elaborate screening for nearby houses, including an 8-foot wall, berms and trees.

Kingsbury wants the trees planted before construction begins, but Biales said that won't be done because construction activity would kill the trees.

However, "our intention is to have this site paved and landscaped this year," he said.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack told Zonca and Kingsbury that the board has no authority to block the Super Kmart. "They certainly have the right to construct their building," he said. "Our hands are tied in how much we can ask and how much we can demand."

Municipal Services Director Aron Maschnik noted that "Kmart has been fairly receptive to all our suggestions." In fact, the developer agreed Tuesday to add a second left-turn lane to southbound Haggerty at Ford, which had already been scheduled for widening to accommodate the project.

In other areas, the developer has done more than the township requires.

For example, Biales plans a 425-foot front setback where 85 feet are required, a 166-foot rear setback where 30 feet are required and a 92-foot side setback where 15 feet are required.

Zonca said he was pleased that Yack and Trustee Melissa McLaughlin returned his phone calls to discuss the project, but he still believes the store will increase traffic at an already congested intersection.

"It's the main entrance to our community, and it's going to cause traffic problems," he said.

The Zaremba Group has much experience in building Super Kmarts, Biales said, having erected at least eight in New York, Ohio and North Carolina over the last four years, including the first Super Kmart in Medina, Ohio.

The Super Kmart design has been tweaked over the years, Biales said, and the proposed Canton store "is their latest prototype."

Biales hopes to begin construction in May and have the store ready to open a year later.

Designed to compete with stores like Meijer, the Super Kmarts are larger than traditional Kmarts and include groceries. The Canton Super Kmart is expected to be complemented by a 22,000-square-foot garden shop.

There is also room on the site for a 25,000-square-foot stand-alone retail building for another user.

Biales took the absence of angry residents at Tuesday's meeting to mean that many of them "were satisfied" with what they heard at the Feb. 5 planning commission meeting.

"If the people were that concerned, they would make sure they knew when the (next) meeting was," he said.

School-to-work plan draws fire, favor

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Even without help from the Michigan Legislature, Gov. John Engler is moving the state into a "job preparation mode called 'school-to-work.'"

"Most corporate types and educational administrators love it. A handful of vocal critics have squatted it with Nazism, Communism, Big Brother and slavery. The number one issue for business is the lack of skilled workers," state business ombudsman Margaret O'Riley told a panel of lawmakers Feb. 26 in Pontiac.

"But our education system is designed for one thing — getting into college. This mindset has to be changed."

About 50 percent of high school graduates go to college, but only half graduate. Of those who graduate, 30 percent wind up in jobs that didn't really require a four-year university degree; many wind up having to learn technical

skills.

Thus, 75 percent who never earn a baccalaureate degree need job skills, O'Riley said. "We want business in on the design of the school-to-work (STW) system and not in an advisory capacity. Employers must determine what they view as meaningful (educational) requirements," she told a Senate Republican task force chaired by Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake.

Engler made sure Michigan was one of the first states on board a federal program providing \$49 million for regional STW projects.

"I have trouble hiring people to do what needs to be done," said Terry Barr, president of Libralter Plastics in Walled Lake and chair of the Oakland County STW partnership. He cited needs for paint technicians and tooling engineers, among other skills.

To critics, Barr said, "I don't see a sinister side to it. This (job training) isn't a substitute for a liberal education, but people have to put meat and potatoes on the table and clothe the kids."

"We need to prepare youth for tomorrow's jobs beginning at the pre-elementary level," said General Motors vice president Gil Brooks, who chairs the STW panel in Detroit, "or we're in a lot of trouble."

Some familiar critics of public education fired a barrage of criticisms at STW.

"The employer shouldn't be 'king of the road. Elitist control is offensive to free-minded citizens' — Evelyn Sonnenberg, Sterling Heights.

"I actively oppose what the governor and the federal government are doing to teaching in this state... 'Harvesting' children... 'human capital'... We will become a national socialist state — through regulating their (graduates) access to employment" — John Skurnowicz, IBM retiree from Bloomfield Hills.

"The governor has bypassed the Legislature to impose this hideous school-to-work plot... erman-Soviet style education plan... to enslave them to the master elite!" — Barbara Skurnowicz, Bloomfield Hills.

"Such divergent opinions!" said Stille, a former IBM marketing manager who had been active in Ottawa County economic development before going to the Legislature.

But Stille made it clear he thought most criticisms were off base. "I'm not convinced it (STW) is off on the wrong foot... There is no clandestine plan," he said.

No specific bills are before the Legislature on the federal program. The House has passed a bill by Rep. Glen Ozender, R-Sturgis, to set up vocational-technical councils, but House Bill 4196 has seen no Senate action.

Leadership Canton probes education

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Consider the following:

- There's a need for more advanced math and science classes in the high schools.
- It's not peers that make the biggest difference with young women, it's the adults who enter their lives.
- Technology will one day render schools unnecessary.
- Increasingly, we are seeing children who go home after school and don't interact with another human being the rest of the day. They're playing video and computer games, and watching TV.
- We're exporting our middle class to Central and South America.

These are just some of the themes discussed by Plymouth-Canton educators and the Leadership Canton Class that spent a day at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park recently.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Canton is designed to develop and enhance leadership skills for current and potential leaders. Members of the class attempt to increase their awareness of resources, issues, and opportunities throughout Canton.

Participants include Mike Ager of Canton Township, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education President David Artley, Marcia Barker

of the Canton Public Library, Paul Denksi Jr. of Canton Waste Recycling, Banks Dishmon of the Observer Newspapers, and Lynda Felker of Keyline Services.

Other members are Cindy Fletcher of State Farm Insurance, Jeanine Gillikin of Mission Health, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Carol Levine of the Educational Excellence Foundation, Plymouth-Canton school Superintendent Charles Little, Bob Loveland of McAuley Pharmacy, Cathy Meyers of Community Federal Credit Union, Connie Moore of the CCOA Prevention Network, Deborah Nesbit of Oakwood Hospital, Deloris Newell of the Western Townships Utilities Authority, Bill Rice of the Willow Run Credit Union, Gerni Svec of the Canton Department of Public Safety, Joe Van Esley of Van Esley Real Estate, and Sally Wright of Canton.

"We got a wide-range view of education, K-12 and beyond, that's what was great about the day," said Linda Shapona, executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. "We discussed the very core of it. We explored how education is changing, and what the schools need to do to meet the needs of our employers, and also meet the needs of our community."

Judy Evola, community relations director of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, agreed the day was a success. Leadership Canton participants came well-equipped because of a "homework assignment" they were given ahead of time.

"It gave them an understanding, so that when they came, they were well-prepared with questions and knowledge of some of the topics," she said.

Connie Moore said it was time well spent. "I came because my kids are in the educational system in Plymouth-Canton. I believe wholeheartedly in the system. I wanted to see this and hear more about the opportunities that are available."

Speakers at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park addressed technology; assessment; student government; gender equity; security; administration; special programs and classes; the business-education partnership; and lifelong learning.

The day ended with an evaluation and an introduction to next month's topic.

Survey says job outlook still strong here

BY BETH SUNDELL JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

A survey of employers in Metro Detroit shows that 23 percent plan to add workers during the next quarter.

Manpower Inc., which provides temporary staffing for other companies, conducts a quarterly Employment Outlook Survey of employers to measure employers' intentions to increase or decrease the permanent workforce.

The survey is based on telephone interviews with more than 15,000 public and private employers in 481 U.S. cities.

"Because of the scope of what we do, we are in a unique position to have a finger on the pulse of the workplace," Jeanne Heller, executive vice president of Manpower of Detroit Inc., said.

Manpower has been conducting the surveys for 19 years.

In Metro Detroit, while 23 percent of companies surveyed have plans to add employees during April, May or June, 3 percent plan to cut back on workers, with 71 percent anticipating no change and 3 percent uncertain.

In Wayne County last quarter, 28 percent planned to increase employees, 16 percent planned to decrease, 55 percent planned no change and 1 percent were uncertain.

A year ago, of Wayne County employers surveyed 37 percent anticipated adding employees, 10 percent planned a decrease, 50

percent expected no change and 3 percent were uncertain.

The survey is a cross section of every industry, not seasonally adjusted and not weighted by the size of the company, Heller said.

The second quarter has traditionally been a good quarter as companies seem to be waking up after the winter, she said.

The results this year are not quite as strong as last year, but it's not a recession, she said.

Survey results have plus or minus 2 percent of error.

A trend people at Manpower are seeing is that employers are changing the way they hire people, Heller said. Employers are more cautious and are looking to hire highly skilled people. Often that work starts on a temporary basis and can become permanent, with 30-40 percent of temporary workers getting permanent employment, she said.

Employability rather than lifetime work at a company seems to be more of a trend, she said. Employability means a potential employee must hone technological skills to stay current, she said.

Manpower is also seeing a trend of people who want to remain contract or temporary employees, according to Linda Dean-Bajdo, vice president and area manager of Manpower. "They enjoy that freedom," she said.

Attorney announces bid for circuit court



Laura McMahon Lynch, an attorney who practices in St. Clair Shores, has announced her candidacy for the Wayne County Circuit Court bench.

"I believe we need more people on the bench with family values," she said. The mother of two, she and her husband, Terry Lynch, live in Groesse Pointe Farms.

Her practice includes family law, probate, residential real estate and criminal matters. A graduate of the Detroit College of Law, she was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1983. She practices law at McMahon & McMahon.

As an attorney, she has made it a habit to make people matter, she said. "In general I think that we don't have enough people on the bench that want to make a priority of individuals," she said.

Part of the reason judges don't pay attention may be that they're not interested and have huge dockets, McMahon Lynch said. But Wayne County's lack of a mediation process also contributes to the problem, she said.

She serves as president of the Women's Equity Action League of Michigan, and has served as director at large for the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. "It's a financial sacrifice

if you leave your job to raise children," she said.

"When people go to elect a judge, I want people to be concerned that all people have attention," she said.

As a community, people have to instill values in their children, changing children from self-centered little beings into productive human beings, she said.

In working on divorce cases, she's seen cases of the judge discounting the value of a woman quitting her job to raise children and only what she's contributed financially to the marriage. "It's a financial sacrifice

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Morton Taylor Specific answers are required

With federal cuts and Gov. John Engler's redistribution of road money, plans for the controversial extension of Morton Taylor, Warren to Ford roads, are off the drawing board for 1996. That should give Wayne County public services officials plenty of time to answer questions and concerns offered by residents in the Willow Homes and Carriage Hills subdivisions...



LETTERS

Yack denounces Observer

In more than 20 years of public service I still have not gotten used to or accepted the practice of newspapers engaging in misrepresentation, distortions, the use of loaded words and phrases, and "yellow journalism." I am not in the habit of responding to editorials. I must respond to the malicious, slanderous and demeaning tabloid-style editorial that appeared in the Feb. 15 edition.

Thomas J. Yack supervisor

Emergency services lauded

When we moved to our Canton home in the Summer of 1994, we never anticipated that a life or death situation would occur that would enlist the need for a quick, professional response from our local police and fire departments. On Jan. 15, my husband, Harold Hardeman, had a terrible accident causing him to bleed profusely from his left arm.

The Hardeman Family, Canton

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POINTS OF VIEW

Helping hands

Canton Rotary Club provides valuable services to community

Where can you help to start a public library, contribute to the assistance of battered women, provide a bus for senior citizens, work on a spelling bee for adults to help promote literacy and work for world peace and understanding all at the same time? It may come as a surprise that the Canton Rotary Club is the place where these and other accomplishments have been and are being completed.

GUEST COLUMNIST



BILL BROWN

Working with both funds and volunteers, Canton Rotary maintains a clean roadside on a two-mile stretch of Ford Road and has contributed directly to dental and eye clinics sponsored by Michigan and Canadian Rotarians and operated for the poor in other countries.

develop service through acquaintance. The fledgling service group of Harris and three others rotated meetings at the various members' businesses, thus the name of Rotary was born. Rotary's motto even today is "service above self."

The luncheon meetings, which typically run just over an hour in length, feature programs covering a wide range of topics. Anyone interested in being sponsored to join the Canton Rotary Club should contact any Rotary member, call president Bill Brown at 420-2733, or come to a Monday luncheon meeting at the Roman Forum.

Government, business: They aren't one and the same

Peddlers of the "privatization" snake oil probably didn't notice the television industry's ratings of weekly sitcoms. That's because the "privatization" crowd is selling ideology and can't be bothered with facts. In the insulated world of Mackinac Center and its right-wing money tree, government is always dumb and inefficient; private business is always smart and efficient.



TIM RICHARD

in all corners of the region. Congress in the 1790s made a decision about mail. It would be a government enterprise that would charge the same amount for delivering a letter a block away as it does to deliver it 1,000 miles. The idea was to bind together many states into a nation.

Public schools operate the same way. When Michigan led the way into a free education as a constitutionally-guaranteed right in the 1830s, the state tried to give every kid something resembling equal opportunity.

private, sectarian and ethnic schools charters and call them "public academies" so they can compete. It is no more necessary to have competition in education than between police departments or building inspectors.

Workplace worries critical in Michigan GOP primary

It's beginning to look as though the March 19 Michigan presidential primary could be decisive in the suddenly wide-open race for the Republican nomination. Originally designed to be little more than a sideshow in the state process to the nomination of Sen. Robert Dole, the race in Michigan has been thrown into a turmoil by the unexpectedly strong showings of Patrick Buchanan, Lamar Alexander and Steve Forbes.



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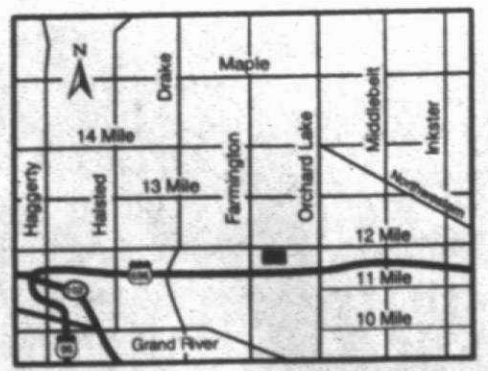
confusing morass of job training programs into vouchers that could be used by workers when their jobs are threatened. Talk about using the power of government to address directly the concerns of worried workers! Doug Ross, who was the super-active director of the state Commerce Department in the Blanchard administration, went to Washington in 1992 with Bill Clinton as assistant secretary of Labor for training and employment.

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Willow Run shouldn't be sold

Silence is golden. That's especially true when it comes to Willow Run Airport and Washtenaw County's reported interest in buying the vintage facility. After an initial meeting in December 1995, where the idea of a purchase was discussed, there has been no forthcoming proposal from Washtenaw County. That's good.

finance tradeports. That's also good news. Bennett points to two studies, including one by the Upjohn Company, which argue that tradeports are not economically sound ventures, but are ventures that require subsidies and erode tax coffers.

COMMUNITY VOICE
QUESTION: Who would you vote for, Bill Clinton or Pat Buchanan?
Mary Rose Canton: 'Are you serious? The joy's out at this point.'
Stan Socha Canton: 'I'm not sure I like either one of them. Probably Buchanan, I trust him a little more.'
Dick Burgh Canton: 'I guess I'd have to go for Clinton, no question about it.'
Richard Smith Canton: 'I'm still undecided, I usually vote Republican.'

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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

New life begins in our new van

Feb. 15 — Thursday 5:30 p.m. — Just felt a good strong contraction but that's been going on for six weeks. And just Monday I got sent home from the hospital. Never felt so sheepish.

5:50 p.m. — Contractions steady, 10 minutes apart. But baby won't arrive 'til June or October, I just know it. Finish fixing burritos I'd started before picking children up from catechism.

6:20 p.m. — Gathered around table we say our regular dinner prayer, with its regular ending: "Thank you, God, for Mommy, Daddy, Tony, Carmen, Joey, Jack and the new baby. Amen." Everyone eats. Me, too. But I puff. Every 10 minutes. I try puffing discreetly.

7 p.m. — Do dishes. Puff discreetly. Every 10 minutes. Still thinking June.

7:30 p.m. — Dishes done. Children work on school work. I work on finishing up my column, the one about George Washington's birthday, deadline tomorrow. Contractions still 10 minutes apart.

10 p.m. — "ER" on TV. Time out to watch. Did you see it? Eight babies born during one episode.

11 p.m. — The power of suggestion. Contractions go two minutes apart. Better prepare. Finish.

See **FAMILY ROOM, 12A**

Wee bit o' green

'Irish' benefits help Community Hospice

■ It started as a way of honoring a parishioner who had benefited from Community Hospice Services. Four years later, the St. Aidan Catholic Church-sponsored St. Patrick's dinner-dance tickets are some of the hottest items in town.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A few years ago, a group of people at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia decide to have a St. Patrick's party with some good Irish food and drink and a wee bit of Irish music for a good cause.

Now, the St. Patrick's dinner-dance for the benefit of Community Hospice Services has turned into a popular holiday tradition, complete with a bevy of Irish and not-so-Irish honorary chairpersons.

"It's a jam-packed evening; it's like an action-packed adventure," said Lori George, CHS marketing specialist.

And that may be putting it mildly.

The Saturday, March 9, event will be at St. Aidan's Monsignor Alex J. Brunett Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. It kicks off with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by a traditional Irish dinner at 7:30 p.m.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Perfect spot: Detroit Catholic Central High School senior Daniel Hale (from left) and principal the Rev. Harold Gardner give freshman Keith Rowe pointers on displaying a Community Hospice Services' Shamrock sale poster.

and music by bagpiper Derrick Marshall.

Other entertainment includes the Tim O'Hare Irish Dancers, harpist Christa Grix, executive director of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, the barbershop sounds of the Renaissance Chorus and disc jockey Stephen King, not to mention some Irish sing-alongs.

Sandwiched into the festivities will be a silent auction of several theme gift baskets, valued at \$4-

500 and more and a raffle of a variety of lesser priced baskets.

Good sports

The themes range from sports revolving around the hometown teams — Detroit Red Wings, Pistons and Tigers — fishing, hunting and tennis to theater, videos, cruises, brides, mothers and fathers.

"We added the gift baskets last year and they were fabulous," said Maureen Karby, CHS director of

marketing and development. "We ended up with 40 plus baskets and people purchased tickets that they put in gold pots in front of the baskets."

And even with the benefit less than two weeks away, donations are still being accepted for the baskets. Donations are tax-deductible.

Chairs for the evening are Ken and Judy Hale of Livonia who are

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Family Room from page 11A

ish up night chores.
11:15 p.m. — Start faxing George Washington column to newspaper.
Feb. 16 — Friday
12:15 a.m. — Shut computer off. Gently wake husband. "I think we should head to the hospital."
"Now? Are you sure?"
"No, I'm not sure," I admit. "I'm not sure of anything."
He dresses anyway. I pack, start a load of laundry. Why? I don't know. Grab towels just in case (after all we're going in the new van with its light gray interior).
12:45 a.m. — Back out of drive-

way. I sit in the passenger seat. Ron drives fast and chants, "We'll be there in 10 minutes." It's a 30-minute drive.
12:51 a.m. — Along a stretch of cold, dark, wooded country road the towel I'd laid in the passenger seat before getting in becomes very handy. I soon realize a canoe might have been a better idea.
12:54 a.m. — This next part might be a bit more graphic than what you'd care to read, so skip over it, if you are squeamish or modest.
Contractions one on top of the other. No capacity to ask where the knob is to recline the new van's passenger seat to maybe re-

lieve the pressure. I search in the dark and come up with nothing.
12:55 a.m. — I whisper, "I don't think I can make it."
"Ten minutes," Ron chants. Suddenly, urgently, I unlatch the seatbelt. I remove necessary clothing. The pressure overwhelms any sense of control. I don't know if this is right. No doctors or nurses are here to tell me. "Yes, push," or "No, wait." I don't trust me.
12:56 a.m. — Suddenly, with great effort, my baby's head appears. I put my hands under that precious head to cradle it and inform Ron what has just happened. I'm not sure, but I think I

bear him whisper, "Ten minutes, just 10 minutes." He veers off to the side of the road. Another push and our baby is born.
So at the corner of two country roads with woods all around, where just moments before there had only been two of us in the van — now there are three. Make that four. God's been there all along.
The baby's tiny little mouth needs cleaning out before his first breath is drawn, and Ron and I both take turns. We wipe the baby's nose; he coughs and then utters his first cry. God has seen to that.
12:57 a.m. — We wrap the baby in the towels we'd brought along

cellent insulator and would keep the baby warm.
We arrive at the ER entrance. In the warm and well-lit building, equipped with the best and most sophisticated tools of medicine, small clusters of men and women stand by dressed in their scrubs.
We come through the doors — my husband, myself and the miracle baby — and one of those people of medicine begins to applaud, others join in. They applaud for life because it begins even on lonely country roads on bitter winter nights.
And they applaud for God because he gave Steven Anthony Meier life tonight.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Shamrocks from page 11A

sharing the job with Raymond and Michele Schmidt of Redford. And serving as their honorary chairpersons are State Rep. Lyn Banks, WKQI-FM news director Colleen Burchart, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, U.S. Rep. Joe Knoltenberg, Livonia City Clerk Joan McCotter, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, auto dealers Don Massey and Pat Milliken, Tom Monahan and Westland Mayor Robert Thomas.

The St. Patrick's dinner-dance began four years ago as a way of honoring Bill Nylan, a former St. Aidan's parishioner who benefited from the care of Community Hospice Services," said Judy Hale. "It quickly grew in size and now is a sold-out event attended by people not only from St. Aidan's, but from all over the area that CHS serves.

"Most people don't realize how much help CHS can provide for patients and their families," added Michele Schmidt. "I'm proud to work on this event to not only provide financial assistance for this worthwhile cause, but to help

educate the public on the benefits of hospice care.
Three kinds of tickets are available for the event — supporter (\$35), sponsor (\$50) and benefactor (\$100). Sponsors and benefactors will be treated to the O'Hale Gala, a pre-cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m.

"The St. Patrick's dinner-dance has become a premier event for our agency, thanks to the commitment of the wonderful parish family at St. Aidan Church," said Maureen Butrico, CHS executive director. "Through their efforts, we are able to provide many of our bereavement services to the community free of charge as well as continuing our mission of providing care based on need, rather than the ability to pay."

An O'Hale Gala
It may be appropriate that the pre-cocktail reception be named after the Hales, since it was Judy's idea for a new addition to CHS's Irish-themed fund-raising — the "Buy a Shamrock (as in the green paper kind)" campaign.

While volunteers and employees have been busy with scissors, cutting out the shamrocks, businesses throughout the area have been signed up to display CHS literature and collect donations.
"We put it together in a week and it truly symbolizes a hometown grassroots effort," Karby said. "It's catching on really quick; 85 percent of the people we've asked are doing it."

Patterned after fund-raisers like those for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Children's Miracle Network, people who make donations sign their name to the shamrocks, which then are displayed in the participating businesses. At least 25 businesses have signed up for the promotion, which runs through March 25.

"It's as much to pull in extra dollars as it is community awareness," Karby said. "So often people think there's only one hospice. They don't realize that there are different agencies."
Some of the businesses selling shamrocks are Dakota Lanes,

Professional Village Pharmacy, Cambridge Underwriters, Schmidt Insurance Agency, DePalma's Ristorante and Michigan National Bank Branch 7010 in Livonia; Jonathon B Pub at Westland Center, A Hair & Nail Salon and Dr. Devon Mehl in Westland; Colonial Cleaners, Our Lady of Good Counsel School and Wendy's Hamburgers on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth; the Roman Forum in Canton and Maple Drugs in Farmington.
Even Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford, the home of the Shamrocks, will have a contest in the home rooms as its own form of the Shamrock sale March 3-8.
Tickets for the St. Patrick's dinner-dance are available at St. Aidan's Church and the CHS offices at 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, Westland, or at 127 S. Main St., Plymouth.
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Saturday, March 2
TAYLOR PTA
Evenings are still available for a PTA sponsored spring craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 2 at Taylor Elementary School, 26611 Curtis, Livonia. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for children older than age 5. The show will feature paintings, sculptures, pottery, textiles, photography, needlework, graphics and woodworking. Proceeds will fund student scholarships.
(313) 462-4417

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are needed for Livonia Stevenson High School's Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 9 at the school, 8500 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road. Cost is \$25.
Beverly at (313) 525-5685

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Schoolcraft College will have its juried spring craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 9 in the Physical Education Building of the college, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for children older than age 5. The show will feature paintings, sculptures, pottery, jewelry, textiles, photography, needlework, graphics and woodworking. Proceeds will fund student scholarships.
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FRIDAY EVENING
The FRIDAY Evening Parents Club will have its spring craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 16 at the Carfield Community Center, 1801 Beach Day, Dearborn Heights. Table rentals available for \$17 and \$20.
(313) 565-9865

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Spaces are still available for the Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 16 at the school, 31000 Joy, Livonia. Admission is \$1; no straglers are permitted. People in wheelchairs will be admitted at 9:15 a.m.
(313) 425-6419 or (313) 525-1448

GARDEN CITY HIGH
Table space is available for Garden City High School's Project Graduation spring craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 16 at the school, 8500 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road. Cost is \$25.
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Saturday, March 23
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Crafters are needed for the Livonia Churchill High School PTSA arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Food and beverages available; admission \$1.
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MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Applications are being accepted for Madonna University's 11th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 23 in the Activities Center, 1-96 at Levan, Livonia. Booth space is 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and one 6-foot by 8-foot table for \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5.
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Saturday, May 4
WAYNE COUNTY RESA
Applications for a spring art fair, sponsored by the Environmental Learning Center of Wayne County RESA, will be accepted through Friday, March 22. Fine quality and original artwork (nature, wildlife and natural materials preferred) will be displayed on the grounds of the center, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne. There is a \$5 non-refundable application and jury fee, and a \$35 charge for a 10-foot by 10-foot space.
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 4, 1996, 11:00 a.m. at Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Burr-Palizzi

Louis and Barbara Burr of Brighton, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann, to Steven Joseph Palizzi, the son of Jennine Palizzi of West Bloomfield and the late Rudy Palizzi.
The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently employed as a French and English teacher at West Bloomfield High School.
Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed as an English teacher at West Bloomfield High School.
A June wedding is planned for Our Lady of Refuge Church in Orchard Lake.

Wilmot-Blankenship

Michael and Suzanne Wilmot of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to William Blankenship III, the son of William and Ida Blankenship of Westland.
The bride-to-be will graduate this fall from Eastern Michigan University where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree. She is employed by LoPiccolo Homes Inc. in Plymouth.
Her fiancé is attending Schoolcraft College. He is working on his mold maker's certificate and is completing his apprenticeship. A July wedding is planned at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia.

Ramos-Jones

Wendy Nora Jones and Joe G. Ramos Jr. were married Dec. 29 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. District Judge Karen Khalil officiated.
The bride is the daughter of Eric and Nancy Jones of Redford. The groom is the son of Jose G. and Amabely Ramos of Elia, Texas.
The bride is a 1986 graduate of St. Agatha High School. She received her bachelor of science degree in English, language and literature from Eastern Michigan University. She currently is Grade Academy in Westland, Texas.
The groom is a 1984 graduate of Edouch-Elsa High School and a graduate of the University of Texas Pan American with a bachelor of arts degree in English and a minor in political science. He currently is teaching at the Mary Hoge Ninth Grade Academy.
The bride asked her sister, Kelly Jones, to serve as maid of honor. The groom asked Vance Lane to serve as best man.
A dinner reception at the Botsford Inn followed the reception. The newlyweds are making their home in Westland.

Balogh-Tasich

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balogh of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Jodie Lynne, to Daniel Tasich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milorad Tasich of Warren.
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is a professional figure skating coach at Detroit Skating Club.
Her fiancé is a graduate of Centerline High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is attending Wayne State University's post graduate school. He is employed by Chrysler Corporation.
A spring wedding is planned.

Wyborski-Hess

Rev. Deacon Nicholas and Wanda Wyborski of Waynesboro, Pa., formerly of the Wayne-Westland area, announce the engagement of their daughter Catherine Ann, to William L. Hess, the son of Al and Alberta Hess of Pittsburgh, Pa.
The bride-to-be, a 1989 graduate of George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., earned her master of science in education degree in elementary school counseling from Duquesne University in 1994. She is employed as a mobile therapist with Northern SW Mental Health/Mental Retardation Community Services in Pittsburgh.
Her fiancé earned his bachelor of science and master of science degrees in structural engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Employed as a structural engineer with Michael Baker Jr. Consulting in Pittsburgh, he also is pursuing a doctoral degree in that field.
A May wedding is planned.

Shuman-Nichols

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Shuman of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn, to John L. Nichols III of Westland, the son of John and Nita Hackleman of Indianapolis, Ind.
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Divine Child High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is currently attending the Wayne State University Law School. She is employed by Meijer Corp. and is an auxiliary police officer for the city of Farmington Hills.
Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he is employed by Meijer Corp. and is an auxiliary police officer for the city of Inster.
A May 1997 wedding is planned in St. Damien Church in Westland.

DeGood-Moyers

Harvey and Deanna DeGood of Rockford announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Jo, to Jerry Moyers Jr., the son of Jerry and Judy Moyers of Livonia.
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Rockford High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a teacher at Parkside Elementary School in Rockford.
Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as an internal auditor in Canton.
An August wedding is being planned.

O'Neil-Krex

Jeffrey O'Neil of Evanston, Ill., and Linda O'Neil of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Colleen, to Brian Redmond Krex, the son of Claudia Krex of New York, N.Y., and the late Ira Krex.
The bride received her bachelor of arts degree from New York University. She is employed as an advertising manager with Interview magazine.
Her fiancé received his bachelor of arts degree from Bard College. He is a third-year law student at Seton Hall University.
A March wedding is planned at the Racquet and Tennis Club in New York City.

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Thomas wins club's Young Careerist honor

It's one speech down and one to go for Jane Thomas of South Lyon, who has been selected as Young Careerist by the Suburban West Business and Professional Women of Livonia.

Thomas received the honor at the club's monthly meeting, held Feb. 21 at the Livonia Holiday.

A regional sales manager for Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Mich., she will represent Suburban West at the BPW state convention to be held in May at Tree

Top Resorts in Gaylord. Thomas and Laura Loggins of Allen Park, an assistant buyer at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, were nominees for the honor. Judging was based on the candidate's career achievements and ability to project an image that reflects the role of today's young professionals in society.

Candidates were judged on four phases of the competition, including the judges' interview, group interaction and prepared speeches

on the topic of "The person in my life who has most influenced my career goals."

Thomas attended high school in Columbus, Ind., and received her bachelor of science degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. Active in the Livonia, Novi, Troy and Detroit Chambers of Commerce, she is a member of Business Network International, Michigan Employee Services and Recreation Association and Detroit Women in Travel.

The Young Careerist Program is sponsored by BPW/USA to highlight the achievements of men and women ages 25-35 who have been employed in business or the professions with at least one year of experience in the career area.

A nominee must live, work or train in the area served by the state federation conducting the program and support the goals and objectives and legislative platform of BPW/USA.

Judges for the event were Rod Crider, executive director of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Carol Gibson, general manager of Time Warner, and Joyce Pappas of Orin Jewelers in Garden City.



Jane Thomas

Handwriting is from a woman who enjoys limelight



Lorene Green

Dear Lorene, I work full time in a real estate office and am taking a couple of classes at Wash-tenaw Community College. I'm left-handed in writing, but I do some things with my right. I'm 21 years old. I thank you for your time in analyzing my handwriting.

M.U., Pineckney

is persistence! She does not give up until she has accomplished what she has set out to do. This amount, however, might be frustrating for her at times.

Her large elaborate handwriting speaks to us of one who enjoys the limelight. Center stage often has more appeal than back stage.

She appears to be role playing as opposed to portraying her true self. Undoubtedly, she has a plausible reason for this. Possibly, she may be attempting to conceal some insecurities she feels, or she may wish to achieve some particular end. I cannot be certain which it is.

She is self-protective and usually will not reveal anything about herself that is of a personal nature.

She has learned to be evasive and may use alibis to hide her true intentions from those with whom she deals. Because she may be a little scared inside, she might act inappropriately on occasion.

A vivid imagination is evident here. She is easily bored with routine. She wants to squeeze every bit of drama she can out of a situation.

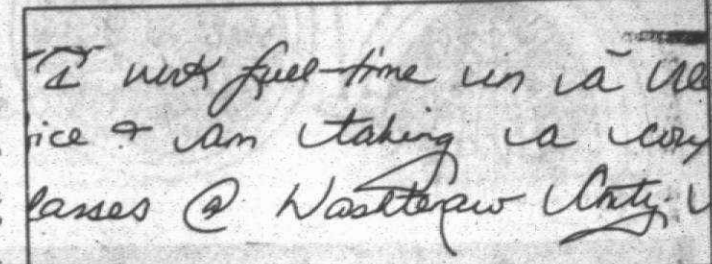
Our writer often depends on others for her feelings of self-esteem. It also appears that she has not learned to use time wisely. She may have difficulty getting right down to work. It seems as if she must have to psyche herself up for it.

She loves colors and may also enjoy dressing rather flamboyantly at times. Music and art also are meaningful to her.

When she wrote this letter, she was feeling down or discouraged. It seems quite possible that she has experienced something of a traumatic nature in the past.

There is a situation here to which the writer has resigned herself because she feels she cannot change it. Perhaps it is related to the above.

Our writer is a very bright young woman. Mentally, she is well above average, so I'm so pleased to see that she is taking classes at Wash-tenaw Community College. With her persistence, good memory and intelligence, she will do exceptionally well. I have always stressed the importance of education to my own family. It is something which en-



hances one's life and no one can ever take it from you.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Please write a few paragraphs about yourself, using a full sheet of white, unlined paper and writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies are not possible. However, objective feedback is welcome.

Top Mom nominees accepted

Right to Life-Lifespan of Metro Detroit is seeking nominations for its 1996 Mother of the Year.

Nominations must be submitted in writing, explaining why the nominee qualifies for Mother of the Year. Nominations must be received no later than Monday, April 1.

The Mother of the Year must be a resident of the metro Detroit area and be able to attend the awards dinner. She will be an honored guest at Lifespan's Mother's Day Dinner Tuesday, May 7, and receive a plaque, a dozen long-stemmed roses, and a \$100 gift certificate to J.C. Penney's.

The person who nominates the Mother of the Year also will receive a free dinner ticket. If the winner has been nominated by two or more individuals, the person submitting the first nomination received will be eligible for the free ticket.

Nominators need to include their name, address and telephone number as well as that of the woman they feel is deserving of the Mother of the Year award.

Nominations must be submitted by no later than 3 p.m. Monday, April 1, to Right to Life-Lifespan, 28201 Seven Mile, Suite 277, Livonia 48152. For more information, call (313) 533-9090.

Dr. Pamela E. Smith, president-elect of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, will be the featured speaker at the Mother's Day Dinner 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills.

Smith grew up in the ghetto on the west side of Chicago, graduated from Cornell University and the Yale University School of Medicine. She completed her residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago where she is now on staff.

She also works at the Lawndale Christian Health Center in Lawndale, where she was born. The community has a 50 percent unemployment rate, a perinatal mortality rate of 29 deaths of every 1,000 and skyrocketing teenage pregnancy. Forty percent of the people in the community live below the poverty line.

Smith is currently pursuing her doctorate in public health at the University of Illinois.

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$250 for a reserved table of 10 by April 8, and \$35 per person or \$300 per table of 10 after that date. Reservations for the event can be made by calling (313) 533-9090.

Right to Life-Lifespan is a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Established in 1970, it is the largest and oldest pro-life organization in southeastern Michigan, serving Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

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PATRICK and SHARON FENECH of Livonia announce the birth of **STEPHEN ANDREW** Oct. 12. He has a sister, Natalie, and two brothers, Patrick Jr. and Brian. Grandparents are Joseph and Mildred Wojciechowski and Edward and Yolanda Fenech. Great-grandmother is Edna Cannizzaro.

JOE B. DUNN and MARYANN MARCINIAK of Westland announce the birth of **DAVID ADAM** Dec. 27 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He has two sisters, Melissa, 4, and Danielle, 17 months. Grandparents are Fred and Dorothy Marciniak of Mio and Paul and JoAnn Boyer of Copperas Cove, Texas.

DAN and NANCIE SCHAFFER of Livonia announce the birth of **NICOLE LYNNE** Dec. 27 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She has a brother, Kevin Matthew, 20 months. Grandparents are Ed and Pauline Praizer and Don and Joyce Schaffer, all of Livonia.

LARRY and LORI HENSON of Taylor announce the birth of **ALYSSA KRISTINE** Dec. 27 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Terri Klebar of Milford, Karen Kaczor of Brighton and Larry Henson Sr. of Westland.

PAUL and JENNIFER PICARD of Livonia announce the birth of **ALEXANDER CHRISTIAN** Jan. 11. Grandparents are Sam and Carol Galofaro of Saline and Clyde and Evelyn Picard of Westland. Great-grandparents are Rita Wilde of Ann Arbor, Josephine McIntyre of Farmington Hills and Bernard and Olive Langdon of Lakeview.

WILLIAM and CHRISTI PARRIS of Livonia announce the birth of **WILLIAM HERSCHEL** Dec. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Herchel and Bertha Parris of Westland and Paul and Marcia Kiselica of Garden City.

LARRY WOODARD and MELISSA SHANNON of Livonia announce the birth of **ANTHONY JAMES** Jan. 5 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Anthony and Susan Shannon and Cheryl Woodard, all of Livonia.

TERRY and DAWN WHALEN of Redford announce the birth of **NICHOLAS EATON** Dec. 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Phyllis Johnson of Novi and Jerry and Veronica Whalen of Warren.

CHAD and MELODY CUVELIER of Westland announce the birth of **KAYLA REENE** Jan. 5 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Richard and Julie Baumeister, Robert Cuvelier and Bev Mandreger.

JIM and SHERRY MOORE of Taylor announce the birth of **CHAD TYLER** Dec. 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has two brothers, Ryan and Nicholas, and a sister, Ashley. Grandparents are Vic and Audrey Kamin of Westland and Roy and Virginia Moore of Wayne.

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TOM and TRACEY OGER of Westland announce the birth of **TYLER CHARLES** Dec. 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Charles and Linda Wither of Highland, Curt Oger of Novi and Harrod Justice of Manchester.

MARK and JOY DICKINSON of Plymouth announce the birth of **ANGELA FAITH** Nov. 20 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents

are Gena Branham, George Marrow and Tom and Carol Wells. Great-grandparents are Robert and Lois Wells.

RANDY and KIM HOLMES of Redford announce the birth of **SHELBY NICOLE** Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Randy and Jan Flynn and Jim Holmes, all of Redford.

ERIC and ANITA FORD of Westland announce the birth of **BRYAN MICHAEL** Jan. 8 at

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According to Steven H. Nelson, Vice President of Senior Programs at HAP, “Although this concept is new to Michigan, it's part of a national movement. People in other areas of the country have been switching to Medicare HMO plans by the thousands. They can't afford not to. It's simply the least expensive way for Medicare beneficiaries to get comprehensive health benefits.”

Mr. Nelson also points out that, in terms of quality care, HAP has earned the highest possible rating from independent experts. “We are among the 10% of HMOs nationwide who have

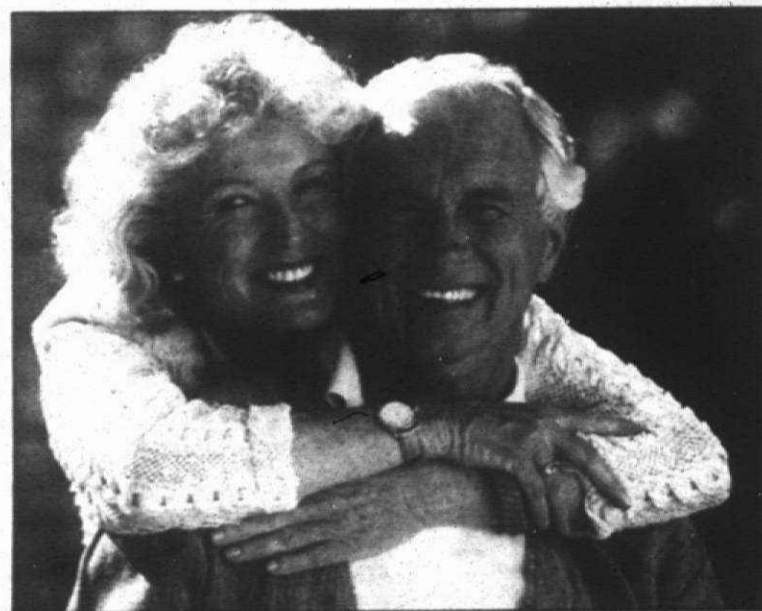
earned full accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance, a non-profit agency that evaluates HMOs. This means HAP continually improves the quality of care and focuses on prevention,” he said.

HAP's accreditation also means that they carefully investigate and monitor the doctors in their network. This should give members of HAP Senior Plus more confidence in the care they receive from the HAP Senior Plus network. This expanding network includes some

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of the most well-known doctors and hospitals in the area. If you have Medicare and you live in Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland counties, you may request a free information package by contacting HAP Senior Plus at 1-800-468-1204 ext. 102.

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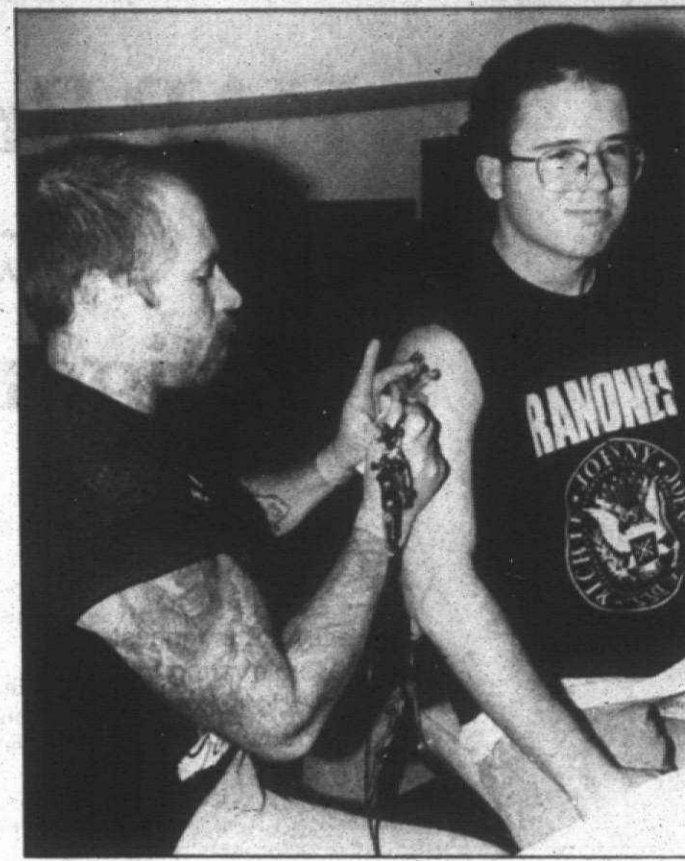
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Expo puts spotlight on tattoos as an art form

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Fine point: Tom Renshaw of Eternal Tattoos in Livonia has the artist's touch in finishing a tattoo of a jester that Andy Koziol picked for his left bicep. Renshaw, on the other hand, has a selection of wild animals that decorate his arms.



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and American Graffiti of Brighton were the only two local shops chosen for the expo. Artists were chosen for their diversity, Simon said. Specialists in many styles, such as Japanese, Samoan, tribal, traditional and portrait work, will be available to those attending the expo. Many of the artists have a 2-3-year waiting list, but patrons at the show will be able to get a first-come, first-served basis. Eternal Tattoos, however, booked its appointments in advance. Once associated only with bikers, tattoos have become the rage the last couple of years. “Everybody thinks that bikers and military people are the only ones who get tattoos,” said Terry “Tramp” Welker, owner of Eternal Tattoos. “If it was only bikers and military people, there wouldn't be that many shops.” The artwork now decorates the bodies of everyone from young, married mothers to computer engineers at corporate giants. Sometimes TV shows even have an effect on the trend. “The other night on ‘Friends,’ one of the girls got a heart tattooed on her hip. The next day we had seven people come in who wanted hearts on their

hips,” Simon said. Tattooing has become a well-respected art form; some of the artists at Wonderland and Eternal tattoos have earned, or are working toward, bachelor of fine arts degrees. “I think it's actually a logical step for an artist,” said Adam Forman, an artist at Eternal Tattoos and a junior at Eastern Michigan University. Simon stresses that, like his and Welker's shops, tattoos at the exposition will be done in a sterile environment. The booths will be open so patrons can watch what they're doing. “We want people to see us work, to see that we're doing custom work,” said Welker who also has shops in Waterford and Roseville. The event is open to those who want to get tattooed or just want to watch. “It's guaranteed to be fun and exciting,” Simon said. “There's a lot of pent-up energy for this kind of thing. It's the most colorful community on earth.” The Motor City Tattoo Expo will be Friday and Sunday, March 1-3, at the Royce Hotel, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus. Friday and Saturday admission is \$10; Sunday is \$8. A weekend pass costs \$20 and is available at the door. For more information, call (810) 774-8288.

Program aims at 'Meeting Needs of Cancer Survivors'

Going back to work. Marriage and relationship decisions. Looking — and feeling — like yourself again. These are only a few of the social, sexual and interpersonal challenges facing 110,000 cancer survivors and their families in the metropolitan Detroit area.

To help, a coalition of 20 area hospitals, health care organizations and survivors' groups will host a special program, “Meeting the Needs of Cancer Survivors,” Saturday, March 16, at Mercy High School, 32777 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Registration for the half-day program begins at 8:30 a.m.

The fourth annual event addresses the unique needs of both women and men with cancer, how the disease affects families and ways for supporters and loved ones to share comfort and compassion.

It's sponsored by the Metropolitan Detroit Community Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, an advocacy group designed to enhance networking among individuals and organizations involved in survivorship activities.

The symposium also features an exhibit of cancer survivors' creative works from poetry and paintings to photography and handwork. The works are a sign of life not only for the survivors themselves, but for the entire community.

According to Gwen MacKenzie of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and coalition chairwoman, the program is designed to build awareness of the

problems associated with a cancer diagnosis, such as job security, insurance issues and the fear of recurrence and to create a feeling of optimism among survivors.

Ten years ago, simply surviving cancer was the issue,” MacKenzie said. “Today, thankfully, we have new problems to deal with. The coalition defines a cancer survivor as anyone with a history of the disease, from the time of diagnosis and for the remainder of life — be it months, years or decades. Eight million Americans are presently surviving cancer, five million for five years or more.

“Meeting the Needs of Cancer Survivors” is a free program. Due to limited seating, however, participants are encouraged to make reservations by calling Sharon Cure at (313) 833-0715, Ext. 770.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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PORTABLE STAGING
Specifications are available in the Financial Services Dept. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.
TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Publish February 29, 1996

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:
David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(313) 397-5435
Publish February 29, March 13 and 21, 1996

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., March 14, 1996 for the following:
COLD WATER METERS - DISPLACEMENT TYPE WITH ECR ENCODER TYPE REMOTES 48" - 1" SIRT SIZES
Specifications are available in the Financial Services Dept. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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PURCHASE OF AV EQUIPMENT
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER
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PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VINYL TILE
Specifications are available in the Financial Services Dept. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish February 29, 1996

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 1, 1996, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.
TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER A TOWNSHIP INITIATED REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR PARCELS 128 99 0001 000, 128 99 0002 000, 128 99 0003 000, 128 99 0005 000 AND 128 99 0008 000 FROM GENERAL INDUSTRIAL TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue, west of Beck Road.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish February 29 and March 21, 1996

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 4, 1996, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.
WINSHALL REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL 116 99 0006 000 FROM R-1 RURAL AGRICULTURAL TO R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located at the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes Roads.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish February 29 and 29, 1996

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID SALE OF TWO (2) USED POOL TABLES
(1) 7' Pool Table
Playmaster, Inc. Columbia MO
Walnut Finish (currently bolted to floor)
(1) 8' Pool Table
Fischer Billiards, "Empire VIII" model - Metal & Formica Treatment
Accessories: 3 sets of billiard balls, 2 bridges, two 2pc wall racks for cues, 4 cue sticks
For arrangements to view: Contact Dianne Neihengen, (313) 397-5444, Summit on the Park
Senior Program, after March 4.
Bid is to be submitted to the Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 in a sealed envelope with the words "SALE OF TWO POOL TABLES" no later than 10:00 am, March 18, 1996. Pool tables and accessories will be sold in an "as is" condition.
The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.
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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
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Evergreens can provide suitable shelter for birds

NATURE TRAILS



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

Winter is a very difficult time for animals. When temperatures drop to the single figures for as long as they did the later part of January and early February, animals face even greater challenges. This is the time when suitable shelter is critical.

Evergreen trees are one kind of shelter for animals. Their dense foliage serves many functions. It helps to hide birds from potential predators. Cooper's hawks that typically pursue birds at your feeders find it difficult to follow a

bird in the dense cover of spruce and pine trees. I have seen hawks dive into evergreens after birds, but I have never seen one that was successful.

Thick foliage shelters animals from the wind. Birds have a more difficult time maintaining a warm layer under their feathers when there is a stiff wind blowing. Inside the protective layer of the evergreen's leafy branches, wind is minimized.

Leafy branches of evergreens, when covered with snow, help stop wind from blowing to the interior of the tree. Mourning doves can frequently be found roosting in evergreens. On very cold nights, the birds roost closer together than on warmer nights. By seeking shelter in an evergreen and

sharing body heat with other birds, mourning doves are able to tolerate some pretty cold temperatures.

Natural hollows in trees also are good shelters for birds and mammals. Black-capped chickadees, nuthatches and titmice are frequent feeder feeders that seek shelter in tree hollows. They also will roost in groups to conserve each other's body heat.

Chickadees will lower their body heat during the night to conserve energy. If their body heat is lowered, then there is less of a difference between the air temperature and their body temperature, which equates to less heat loss.

Mammals will occupy the larger tree hollows formed when limbs break off and decay, creating an opening to the tree's interior. Raccoons, opossum and squirrels will use these shelters during the night and during long cold spells. When it warms, these animals can be seen searching for food.

The below-normal temperatures for long periods can cause some animals to awaken that would not ordinarily. Hibernators, like the woodchuck, will stay underground until March, if conditions are normal. If the animal did not find a shelter deep enough, the cold may cause it to

awaken. When it awakens, it will search for a new, more suitable location. This explains why hibernators can be seen during cold spells.

Cold-blooded animals, like frogs and snakes, do not have the ability to awaken and search for a new location. If their hibernaculum is not adequately insulated, they could freeze and die.

The cold we had may have caused some winter kill, but it's surprising how much cold animals can tolerate. Some frogs have been found with ice crystals inside their body, and young turtles can freeze for a few days and still survive. There are small insects that can survive temperatures as low as minus-50 degrees Fahrenheit.

We cannot do anything about the cold temperatures, but we can help wildlife by planting trees for shelter, keep dead trees and limbs that pose no danger and erect some bird houses than can serve as shelter.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. If you have a question or comment for him, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1874, on a touch-tone phone.



Laurel Park names 52 to Fashion Group

Fifty-two young men and women from the Detroit metropolitan area and beyond have been named to the Laurel Park Place 1996 Fashion Group.

The Fashion Group, now in its seventh year at the Livonia mall, is a volunteer promotional group that allows its members, 16 years of age and older, the opportunity to participate in fashion shows and other promotional events.

Through a series of monthly seminars, Fashion Group members also are introduced to many of the aspects of retail management, promotions and visual displays.

Included in the 1996 Fashion Group are Jessica Barron, Janet Baumann, Megan Brown, Linda Kaljevic, Yvonne Constat, Debra Dunne, Angela Houston, Jennifer Janiga, Lucy Juncaj, Claire Moon, Jamie Segal, Corinne Serrano, Juliet Simpson, Pauline Songrant, Nancy Villeneuve, Sophia Tsavalias, Jacqueline Wilger and Florence Zarnik, all of Livonia.

Also members are Janel Davis and Memi Gocaj of Canton, Kathryn Gornick, Kathleen Hull and

Geraldine Vollmer, all of Plymouth, Diane Paull of Redford, Mary Perez and Victoria Smith, both of Garden City, and Rachelle Race, Kellie June and Mary Esse, all of Westland.

Rounding out the group are Louis Elias III, Annemarie Scanio, Myrtle Smartt and Kimberly Novak, all of Farmington Hills, Cindy Baldwin, Jackie Partee, Nanette Partee and Hollie Reno, all of Dearborn Heights, Dawn Blakely of Flint, Trisha Federko of Milford, Jeanne Foster of Highland, Barbara Kenerson of Farmington, Harriett Jacobson and Arlene Lachman of West Bloomfield, Marcia Lee, Jacqueline Matthews, Kathy Matthews, Sarah Matthews, all of Northville, Donna Lewis and Cylie Spiller, both of Detroit, Charla Pendergrass of Inkster, Patricia Rea of Dexter and Barbara Valensky of Utica.

Laurel Park Place, which features Jacobson's, Parisian and 70 other stores, restaurants and services, is at Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

Advertisement for Bids

CANTON HILLS SUBDIVISION 1996 Street Surfacing

Charter Township of Canton

Sealed Bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton at the Clerk's office at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, Thursday, March 14, 1996, at which time and place said Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following approximate quantities of work:

- 4,200 linear feet of street surfacing, including base preparation, roadway ditching, driveway improvements and restoration

Contract Documents are on file with Mr. Thomas Casari, Engineer.

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188; F.W. Dodge, 10 Oak Hollow, Ste. 300, Southfield, Michigan 48034; Construction Association of Michigan, 500 Stephenson Highway, Ste. 400, P.O. Box 7018, Troy, Michigan 48007-7018; Daily Construction Reports, Plan Room, 25229 Dequindre Road, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071-4211; and Wade-Trim/Associates, Inc., 25185 Goddard Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180.

Copies thereof for bidding purposes may be obtained at the office(s) of Wade-Trim/Associates, Inc., 25185 Goddard Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180, upon making a payment of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars if picked up or Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars if mailed, none of which will be refunded.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond on the form provided in the Contract Documents, in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Contract.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 1996 CDBG PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED PLAN

On Thursday, March 14, 1996, at 2:30 p.m. in the Treasurer's Conference Room, first floor, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a public hearing on the FY 1996 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Consolidated Plan. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on the FY 1996 CDBG Program, which is anticipated to be \$432,000. Project proposals to be discussed, among others, are: First Step, \$25,134; Child & Family Service (Adult Day Care), \$4,800; The Salvation Army (summer day camp), \$20,000; Growth Works, \$14,000; Volunteer Coordinator, \$7,000; Dial-ride, \$1,000; National Church Residences Canton Place land acquisition, \$75,000; Canton Place covered walkway, \$25,000; Community Center seniors building and handicap-accessible elements, 46000 Summit Parkway, \$150,000 (fourth year of multi-year (4) allocation-- total \$750,000); Harrison Drain Improvements, \$10,000 (fourth year increment), south of Michigan Ave. between Haggerty and Lotz Roads; Construction Contingency, \$30,500; Housing Rehabilitation, \$21,000 Program Administration, \$86,000; Seniors recreation center building and site renovation, \$70,000, 44237 Michigan Avenue. Note: in the event of a change in total program allocation, all projects will be reduced or increased proportionately, except for the Volunteer Coordinator and the Community Center projects, which will remain as funded. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (313) 397-5417.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANK

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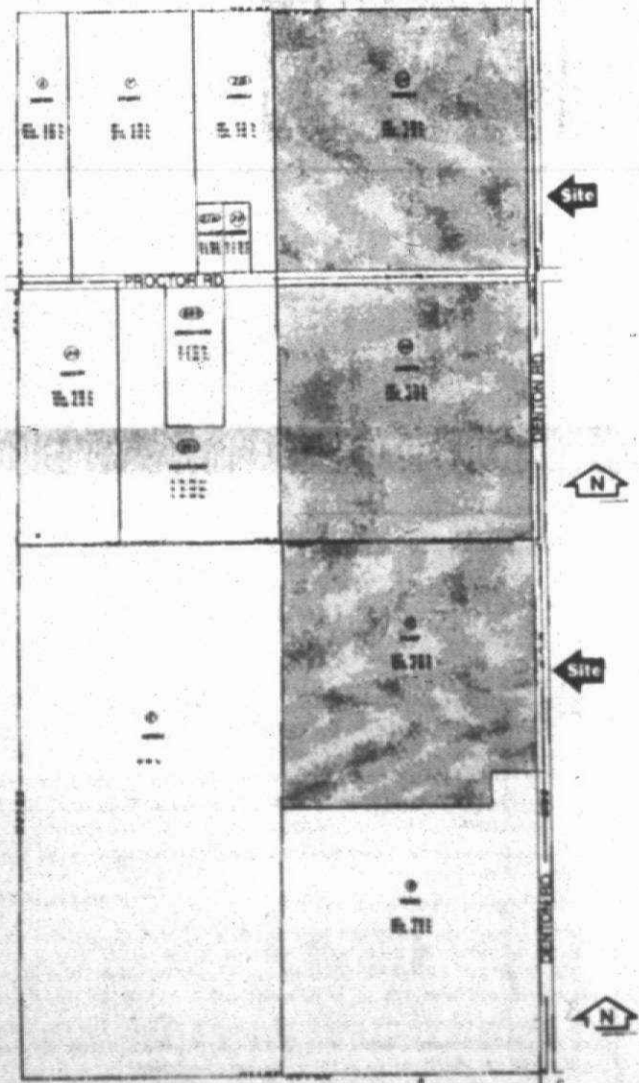
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 25, 1996, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

SELECTIVE/PHOENIX REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCELS 076 99 0008 000, 076 99 0009 000 AND 117 99 0001 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Denton Road between Cherry Hill and Geddes Roads.



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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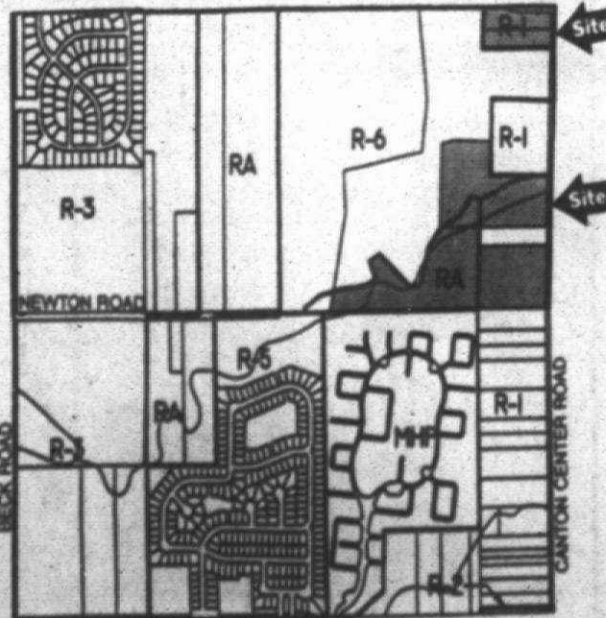
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCELS 109 99 0001 000 AND 109 99 0003 000 FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF 109 99 0002 000 FROM R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located west of Canton Center Road between Summit Parkway and Geddes Road. AND:

CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE THE SOUTHERLY MOST PART OF PARCEL 109 99 0002 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL AND R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Canton Center Road south of the Summit Parkway.



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

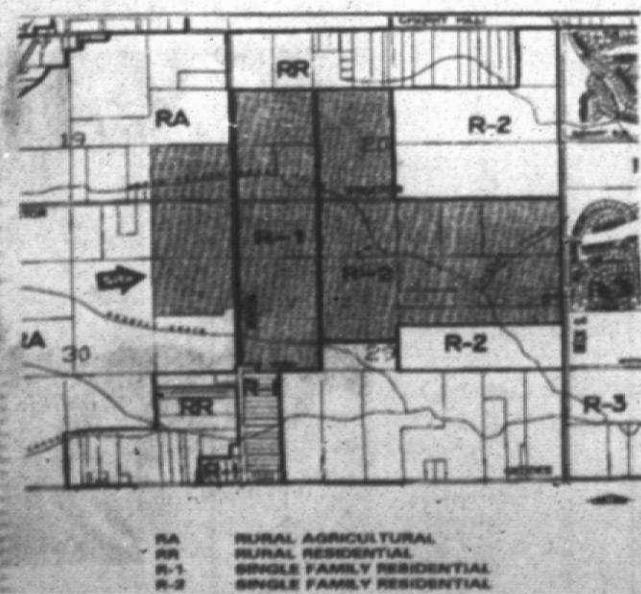
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH CENTRAL PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 076 99 0008 000, 076 99 0009 000, 078 99 0011 000, 079 99 0001 000, 079 99 0002 000, 079 99 0003 000, 080 99 0002 000, 080 99 0003 000, 080 99 0004 000, 113 99 0001 000, 113 99 0002 000, 113 99 0003 000, 114 99 0001 000, 114 99 0003 000 and 117 99 0001 000. Properties are located south of Cherry Hill Road between Beck and Denton Roads and also west of Denton Road. (1st. public hearing).



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R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

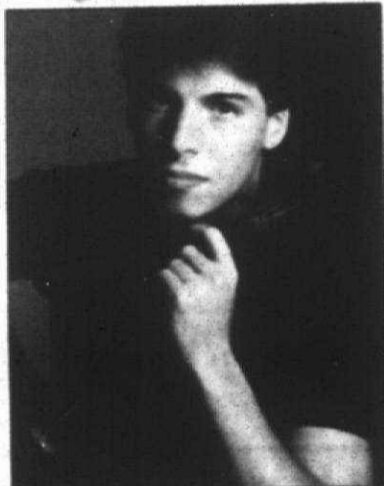
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Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert Redford star in "Up Close and Personal" opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.



Timothy Campos presents his one-man show "Trapped in the Rubber Room" at The Theatre Guild in Redford. Call (810) 380-3217.



Detroit Symphony Orchestra features violinist Joshua Bell in an all Mozart program at Orchestra Hall. Call (313) 833-3700.



Hot tip: Colm Wilkinson stars in "Andrew Lloyd Webber - Music of the Night" at the Fox Theatre. Tickets available at all Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (810) 433-1515.

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

KEELY WYGONIK, EDITOR • 313-953-2105

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'One Hot Minute' with the Chili Peppers

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

There is no such thing as a straight-forward interview with the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Not five minutes into the interview, Birmingham native and Red Hot Chili Peppers' drummer Chad Smith turns the tables and begins asking extremely personal questions.

"You don't have to be ashamed of sexuality (even though) we've been raised to think it's a dirty and terrible thing in this typical American society of oppressed sexuality," the Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School graduate said with a sly giggle via telephone from his California home.

"Oppressed sexuality" are two words that have probably never been used in association with the Red Hot Chili Peppers. From the infamous sock-wearing incident to the lyrics on their albums, the Red Hot Chili Peppers aren't ones to hold back.

The tradition continues with the promotion for their latest album "One Hot Minute" (Warner Bros.). The video for the frantic first single, "Warped," ends with a platonic smooch between new guitarist Dave Navarro (ex-Jane's Addiction) and singer Anthony Kiedis.

Navarro puckered up again, this time with bassist Flea, on the cover of Guitar magazine's October issue above the headline "Nothing's Shocking," a take on the title of Jane's Addiction's 1988 album. A number of book, drug, and other stores who disapproved of the cover shot pulled it from the shelves.

"We like to stir the pot of controversy every once in awhile. It's not even like a conscious thing."

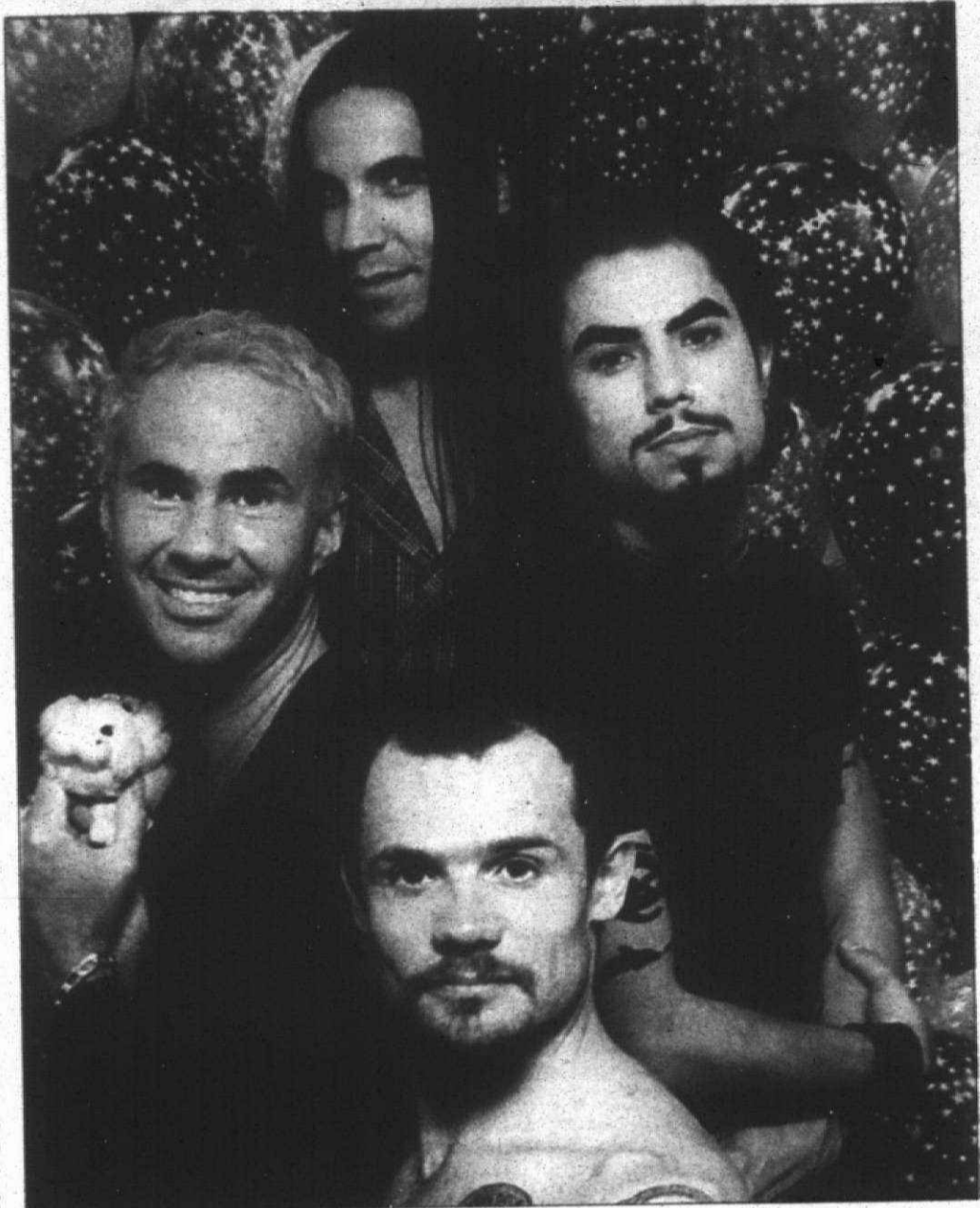
With the album "One Hot Minute," however, the controversy stops there. The band steered away from sexual lyrics on the album, which sold one million copies in the first month of release.

Instead, songs like "Warped," "Aeroplane," "Deep Kick," and "Falling Into Grace" lock into the effects of drug addiction, a problem that singer Kiedis kicked prior to recording "One Hot Minute." The album's closing track "Transcending" was written for deceased actor River Phoenix.

In a recent interview, Kiedis wouldn't comment on the songs' change of focus saying he hates talking about song themes.

"I really hate analyzing our music. It takes all the fun out of it, it takes the mystery and the beauty out of it. We work on songs and we record them for people to hear and it isn't our place to sit there and try to give detailed explanations of how a song came to be or what it's about."

Musically, "One Hot Minute" ricochets between psychedelic, metal and spoken word



Four hot musicians: The Red Hot Chili Peppers - clockwise from top, singer Anthony Kiedis, guitarist Dave Navarro, bassist Flea, and drummer/Birmingham native Chad Smith - will play The Palace of Auburn Hills on Thursday, March 7.

IN CONCERT

Who: The Red Hot Chili Peppers, along with special guests Toadies and Spacehog.

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7

Where: At The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive (Lapeer Road at I-75), Auburn Hills.

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while making a pit stop at funk. Smith explained that with the addition of Navarro it was natural to leave the Chili Peppers' trademark funk far behind.

"Dave has brought his personality to the band which is important, especially in our band. Our strong, individual personalities are a big part of how we sound. We didn't want him to try to play funk. We told him to "Be yourself and do your own thing."

Smith added the band is "lucky to have him play with us."

"He's a wonderful, sensitive caring individual and he's tortured as well. He fits in just well. He's fulfilled all the proper requirements for being a Chili Pepper."

Not too long ago, Smith was vying to become a

Pepper too. He left Detroit for Los Angeles in 1988 after his band Toby Redd had "kind of fizzled out." Three months later a friend of a friend referred him to the Chili Peppers.

Soon thereafter he found himself holed in the studio recording "Mother's Milk," which featured their break-through hit "Higher Ground."

The album was followed in 1993 by the multi-platinum selling "Blood Sugar Sex Magik" which, along with relentless touring, a string of hit singles, and TV appearances, made the band a household name.

Smith, whose family still lives in the area, comes back to visit often. Last year as a favor to friend Dan McCourt of McCourt's Music in Pontiac, Smith played the "world's biggest drum set" at the Sanctum in Pontiac. The 308-piece kit got McCourt, who assembled the set, in the Guinness Book of World Records.

He has also played the National Anthem prior to Pistons games. He and his band were supposed to play The Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday, Nov. 25, but Smith broke his wrist playing baseball and the tour was subsequently postponed. Prior to injuring his wrist, Smith said he was looking forward to touring the United States again but, he admits, it's "weird" to play "all these big places." Nevertheless, he said, fans won't go away disappointed.

"It's a new thing for us to play all these big huge places with crazy lights. (But) we're gonna rock as hard and as well as we can and that's what we do every time. People will be very entertained."

ARTISTS IN MOTION

Local potter's dream of a guild takes shape

For more information about the Village Potter's Guild call (313) 207-8807 or Ruth Price at (313) 454-4122.

BY LINDA ANN CHROMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Kris Darby's founding of a pottery in Plymouth is the realization of a dream. Although still in the process of renovating the space and installing a gas kiln, the Village Potter's Guild opened its door in early February.

Originally, Darby planned to join an existing pottery. Before retiring last spring from teaching art for 27 years in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, she applied for membership in the Ann Arbor Potter's Guild and the historic Pewabic Pottery in Detroit but found no openings.

Instead of waiting years to work in a cooperative setting, Darby took matters into her own hands. She sought out other potters in the area by placing a

call for members in local newspapers. From the original eight potters attending the first meeting, membership doubled.

Founded in May 1995, the guild's first obstacle came from the city's zoning board, which ruled against members running a pottery in a bungalow in Old Village. Undaunted by the setback, Darby kept looking for a site. Members from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Wixom and Ann Arbor now call 340 N. Main Street behind the Plymouth Landing in Old Village home.

"We're a non-profit cooperative. The concept of the guild goes back to medieval times. I like the atmosphere of working with other potters. It heightens the creative instincts," Kris Darby said.

"We've already begun classes. Part of the idea for the guild is to offer education to the community and teach them about the aesthetics of clay. Clay is one

of the elements of the earth. It's made workable by water, hard by air and durable by fire. The elements of the earth are the elements of pottery."

Spouses pitched in to build shelves, paint walls and construct the sign announcing the guild's presence. A gallery of functional and sculptural ceramics, raku and wall pieces greets visitors to the guild. Prices start at under \$10.

"Anyone who needs a quick gift or a piece for decorating their home, this is the place to come. These are one-of-a-kind pieces," Darby said.

Behind the gallery lies the studio. Classes, featuring both wheel thrown and hand built techniques, are geared to adults presently. Seven wheels allow instructors to give students individualized attention. Plans call for adding instruction for children and tile-making for adults.

On a recent Saturday morning, enthu-

siastic members gathered to talk about the new guild endeavor. According to Ruth Price, there's definitely a need for such an organization when a two-year waiting list exists for classes at Pewabic Pottery and the Ann Arbor Potter's Guild. However, the group's classes are not a threat to others offering classes in the area.

"Our classes compliment those offered by the Plymouth Community Arts Council," Price said.

Firing in gas and electric kilns is done in a separate area from the studio. Ken Barnes, Jack Trabue and Darby with the help of guild members moved the gas kiln purchased from a retired potter brick by brick. A professional potter for more than 20 years, Barnes joined the guild to use the gas kiln and pick the brains of other potters.

Even though Kathy Sandburg has

See POTTERS, inside



Shaping up: Kathy Sandburg throws a pot on a potter's wheel at the Village Potter's Guild.

FINE ARTS



Learning: Pottery student Paula Fulkerson (left) and her teacher Elaine Ziegler at work in the studio of the Village Potter's Guild.

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worked as a professional potter in her Plymouth home studio for more than 20 years, she sought membership in the guild for the same reasons as Barnes.

"The camaraderie of being with other potters and working in a group atmosphere stimulates. There's a lot of knowledge. If my plans are dropping, I ask what can I do for this and someone will know," Sandburg said.

The Village Potter's Guild is still looking for members. Criteria for joining is a passion for clay. Members pay an initiation fee and quarterly dues to cover the cost of rent, gas, electricity and clay.

"We don't want people to feel intimidated because some of the people have 20 years experience. If you have an interest in clay, our doors are open. You can never know everything about clay," said guild president Barb VanPelt.



Anticipation: Ken Barnes and Kris Darby look over the gas-fired kiln they are building for the Village Potter's Guild.

Although this particular piece remains for sale, other work left in the hands of buyers some time ago.

John Loveday's figurative sculpture is creative to say the least. The retired Chrysler designer from Livonia invented his own medium. Unable to make his thin towering forms work in wood or

New gallery in Plymouth thrives on innovation

Innovation is the name of the game for two Plymouth jewelers. When Frank Kuszak and Cliff Holdampf closed the Michigan Art Exchange last April, it was only a matter of time before they reformatted their creative ideas.

In September they combined and refined two concepts to create Francis Jewelry Gallery. Located in a new space next to the Cozy Cafe, the business consists of a custom jewelry design studio and a fine art gallery showcasing raku, sculpture, stained glass, photography and jewelry.

If you're an artist in search of a new home for your work call Francis Jewelry Gallery. (313) 459-1980. Kuszak and Holdampf discarded the cooperative element of the gallery. They run it themselves. That means less watercooler talk on the wall, but more fine crafts.

"The three dimensional works seem to go better the pottery and sculpture. If you survey the galleries in town you'll find the ones that are surviving have switched to the three dimensional work, not a lot of paintings," said Kuszak.

"We chose these artists because they sell. We thought their work would make our showroom more appealing." Kuszak hastened to remind that "we're not just a gallery. We're a custom jewelry design studio. The new location with its wall of glass across the back of the shop allows customers to watch the two craft rings, brooches, earrings, and pendants. In the cases are tie pins and cuff links Holdampf designed around

milliflore glass by Don Schneider of Plymouth. Using more traditional stones like opals from Australia and rubies from Sri Lanka/Burma, Holdampf surrounds swirls of gold around these focal pieces encasing them in an ocean's wave.

Then and Now Plymouth artist Judith Shellhaas, a woodcarving instructor since 1974, is a former MAE member now showing her work at Francis Jewelry Gallery. Her "Michigan in October" sculpture of hand carved trees with stained glass foliage of red, green and gold mirrors a scene found in her backyard. She lives in the midst of a 100 year old apple orchard. The three dimensional work captures

the feeling of her environment. Although this particular piece remains for sale, other work left in the hands of buyers some time ago.

"I've sold more work since being in the new gallery," said Judith Shellhaas whose daughter Jessica is also selling work there. The 18 year old emerging artist crafts primarily functional pottery with a distinctive style not teaching ceramics at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

John Loveday's figurative sculpture is creative to say the least. The retired Chrysler designer from Livonia invented his own medium. Unable to make his thin towering forms work in wood or

clay, Loveday combines Scott towels, sawdust and wall paper paste to model his creations. "We're looking for new progressive contemporary artists who want a place to display their work. We want to expand the gallery portion of the studio with three dimensional work," Kuszak said. "We don't want typical traditional copies of art. We want to be different. Just like our jewelry, (people) can come here and get one-of-a-kind original art."

Crafty people sought for 'Celebration of the Arts'

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of the Arts 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at Northville Community Center. March 15 is the entry deadline for this sixth annual juried arts and crafts show.

Booth fee is \$70. No commission is charged on sales. A \$2 admission fee collected at the door will benefit the nonprofit parent cooperative school serving pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students of all abilities. For an application form call Leslie Stolaruk (313) 420-1214.

The Palette Guild will present its

annual Spring Show, beginning 1 p.m. Monday, March 4 in the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive at (Five Mile and Farmington Roads). Exhibit continues to March 29. Show hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

William Bostick is juror for the show, which includes watercolor, oils, and mixed media. The show features over 40 works of art by local artists.

For information on ordering Lewis' book, priced at \$16, call (313) 533-0203. The spiral-bound workbook features a host of ideas for helping youngsters in kindergarten to 12th grade become avid readers, critical thinkers and goal-setters.

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Musicians band together to help My Sister's Place



CHRISTINA FUOCO My Sister's Place, a domestic violence shelter, burned down two years ago placing its residents in a temporary shelter. The organization is being forced out of the building so a group of women musicians — and one man — are banding together to help raise money for a new location.

of the Motor Dolls, the Detroit rock band that is organizing the "Gimme Shelter" benefit.

Along with her band, Mildred Pierce ("The Ramones meet Doris Day" with one male member), Whiptail ("Ann Arbor feminist punk terrorist women with a great sense of humor"), Lizard ("A new Detroit band with a metal edge"), and Mary McGuire ("an alternative folk singer") will also perform at the benefit Saturday, March 2, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT. Cover charge is \$6.

"Gimme Shelter" is in its third year of raising money for shelters. In previous years, the benefit has raised between \$2,000-\$3,000. Forrester said that the group was considering not holding the benefit but "the demand was there and the need is there."

This week, the East Lansing alternapop band the DT's are making three rare Detroit-area appearances — Saturday, March 2, at Lilli's in Hamtramck, and Wednesday, March 6, at

Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak, and at the opening of the Guitar Center in Southfield on Thursday, March 7.

The group is one of the bands to watch this year. The first single, the perfect break-up song "I Hate This Part," from its new album "Widow of An All-American," has been added at a number of stations throughout the United States including WJQB in Ann Arbor. "We were very happy with the way the album turned out," said guitarist and back-up vocalist Marc Nischan. "We did it with Tim Patalan, who worked on

Sponge's album "Rotting Pinata." We're determined to shove it down America's throats."

"They think they can make some money off us in the future," Nischan said. They already picked the interest of major labels, and the band will return to the studio with Patalan in April. If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco, you can write to her at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail at CFuoco@aol.com. You can also leave her a message by calling, with a Touch-Tone phone, (313) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra features outstanding pianist

Music lovers of every age will delight in the musical prowess of pianist Richard Ridenour at the Livonia Symphony's Spring Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at Church Hill High School's James P. Carli Auditorium in Livonia.

Ridenour, a native of Grand Rapids, is known for his performances of classical, popular, and early jazz music. He has performed as soloist with many regional symphonies in the United States and regularly visits colleges and art organizations with his "Rags to Rich's" program. He has accompanied many celebrities, including Carol Lawrence, Bobby Vinton, Robert Guillaume, Richard White, and was assistant music director for the Will Rogers Follies starring Mae Davis and Larry Gatlin. He has released two successful recordings, "From Rags to Rich's" and "I Love Piano" featuring Kathy Wagner, available on the B & R label. He has just completed and released a third CD with new reggae, boogies, and blues compositions.

Ridenour has held numerous teaching positions including Juilliard, Aquinas College, Grand Valley State University, Calvin College, and most recently, Western Michigan University. Because of his interest in music outreach and the development of musically aspiring youth, Ridenour co-founded the Grand Rapids Musicians' League. He also developed the Summer Cooler Series and the Young Artist Series, which features West Michigan artists. Ridenour received a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Michigan and a master's degree from the Juilliard School of Music. His teachers include Ruth Hemmes, Louis Nagel, William Bolcom, Schoolcraft College's Artist-in-Residence from the University of Michigan, Eugene Bossart, and Josef Raieff. Also of note: Plymouth Symphony Orchestra continues its season 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23 with "A Verdi Requiem" at Novi High School. Talented instrumentalists and vocalists will join together to present Verdi's masterpiece. Call (313) 451-2112 for ticket information.

light popular music by the Livonia Symphony. The concert will be presented by the LSO's Conductor Emeritus, Francesco Di Biasi. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 p.m.; the Cabaret will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$22 per person, or tables of 10 for \$220. All tickets will be held at the door. To reserve, call Betty Jean Awrey (313) 522-1100 or the Symphony's 24-hour Hotline (313) 421-1111.

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The bureau put the guide out a month early this year, said Tom Altemus, the bureau's director, because so many people started making summer plans as soon as 1996 began.

To get a copy, write to the Michigan Travel Bureau, P.O. Box 3393, Livonia, MI 48151-3393, or call toll-free (800) 543-2383.

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The guide is published by the Upper Peninsula Travel & Recreation Association.

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'Before and After' examines fragile family ties

BY DOLORES BARCLAY

A teenager is found dead in a snowbank, her head bashed in. The prime suspect is a boy who was seen earlier with her. And he has disappeared.

Thus begins Barbet Schroeder's "Before and After," a drama that examines the fragile threads that bind families and the passions involved in seeking — or covering up — the truth.

Life as they know it is disrupted for the Ryan family once Carolyn (Meryl Streep), a small-town pediatrician, and her sculptor husband Ben (Liam Neeson) are visited by the police, who want to search the car their son Jacob (Edward Furlong) was driving earlier in the day.

Carolyn, trusting small-town values and small-town law enforcement, has no problem with that. But Ben refuses and demands a search warrant. And while the cops are off securing one, he takes bloodied evidence from the trunk of the car and destroys it.

Ben doesn't know if his son is guilty or innocent, but he plans to protect him at all costs. Carolyn is equally passionate — but her quest is to find out what really happened.

Neither can fully grasp the position of Jacob and their young

daughter, Judith, who sees things in black-and-white: There is truth or deception, and nothing in between.

As Ben later tells Jacob: "We save your life first. Then we worry about your soul."

Schroeder's direction from a screenplay by Ted Tally is at times slow and ponderous, and the characters' actions sometimes strain credibility.

Schroeder redeems himself, though, by drawing two sterling

performances from Streep and Neeson and by peppering his movie with a few lovely and telling moments.

In one such scene, he paints the frustration of miscommunication and Jacob has been apprehended and



Shattered family: Shocked by allegations and mounting evidence that suggests their teenage son Jacob (Edward Furlong, right) may have committed a brutal murder, small-town pediatrician Carolyn Ryan (Meryl Streep, left) and her sculptor-husband Ben (Liam Neeson, center) find their ordinary world shattered, and they must decide if and how they can defend their son in Hollywood Pictures' "Before and After."

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faces his parents while being held in a detention center. He sits sullen and silent, a pasty, gaunt child. His parents fire questions left and right trying to break his silence, but failing to understand his pain and confusion. Nor does Jacob comprehend his parents' agony and frustration.

As Jacob, Furlong isn't a totally convincing troubled youth. Yes, he has the proper James Dean look, but it's superficial. There's

always the appearance of something deeper hovering beneath the surface, something that needs to get out to make his performance complete.

Julia Weldon fares a lot better as Jacob's younger sister, Judith. Craggy-toothed Alfred Molina appears as lawyer Panos Demeris, who agrees to defend Jacob but also must deal with Jacob's uncooperative parents.

"Before and After" is based on the book by Rosellen Brown. The Hollywood Pictures release is produced by Schroeder and Susan Hoffman.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan

DETROIT FILM THEATRE
Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5, \$4 students)

"A Midwinter's Tale" (USA - 1995). 7, 9:30 p.m. March 1-2; 4, 7 p.m. March 3. Kenneth Branagh's latest comedy is a tribute to chutzpah when a struggling, on-the-ropes actor attempts to mount a production of "Hamlet" with only a handful of actors.

Joan Collins appears among the memorable cameos. "Nobody Loves Me" (Germany - 1994). 7 p.m. March 4. Told repeatedly that a woman's hopes for marriage sink after age 30, a 29-year-old Fanny looks for the perfect man in all the wrong places. Another look at modern life and love from Doris Dorrie, the acclaimed director of "Men."

KINOTEX
Windsor Film Theatre, 2135 Wyandotte St. West, Windsor. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$4.50 Canadian; \$4 US)

"Daughters of Darkness" (Belgium/France - 1970). 9 p.m. March 4-5. According to Guinness, the Countess Elizabeth Bathory preserved her beauty by bathing in the blood of virgins — 610 to be exact. This is her story, a highly stylized camp version that makes other recent vampire tales look almost toothless in comparison.

MAIN ART THEATRE
118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Sense and Sensibility" (Britain - 1995). In a superior film adaptation of the Jane Austen novel, tragedy changes a family's circumstances and alters the romantic aspirations of its daughters. Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, and Hugh Grant star, with a script written by Thompson and directed by Ang Lee ("The Wedding Banquet").

"Dead Man Walking" (USA - 1996). Penn Senn makes a welcome return in front of the camera as a condemned man who forms a controversial friendship with a Catholic nun (Susan Sarandon). A decidedly offbeat drama directed by Tim Robbins.

"Restoration" (Britain - 1995). In this long-promised period piece, Robert Downey, Jr. plays a notorious womanizer in the court of Charles II who may have been stung by true love. Sam Neill, Meg Ryan, and Sir Ian McKellen co-star.

"French Twist" (France - 1995). When Victoria Abril discovers that her Realtor husband is cheating on her, she gets sweet revenge when a tenderhearted woman (played by the director, Josiane Balasko) has her van break down in front of the house. Starts

Friday.

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

"Leaving Las Vegas" (USA - 1995). In this uncompromisingly depressing drama, Nicolas Cage plays a hopeless alcoholic who finds true love too late in a Las Vegas prostitute (Elizabeth Shue). Tough going, but the kind of movie that haunts you long after seeing it.

MICHIGAN THEATRE
603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (313) 668-8397 for information. (\$6; \$5 students/seniors)

"Richard III" (Britain - 1995). March 1-11 (call for showtimes). Sir Ian McKellen stars in this ambitious but uneven attempt at updating Shakespeare to the 1930s. Though the hunchbacked

king seems at home in the era of Mussolini and Hitler, director Richard Loncraine doesn't know whether he wants the movie to be classical or over-the-top.

"Georgia" (USA - 1995). Through March 10 (call for showtimes). Jennifer Jason-Leigh plays Sadie, the marginally-talented sister of a folk-rock superstar (Mare Winningham). The intimacy and rivalry between them results in one of the best-acted (and most depressing) films of the year.

STATE THEATRE
2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 961-5450 for information. (\$1)

"National Lampoon's Animal House" (USA - 1978). 9 p.m. March 4. The Kennedy-era frat comedy is rude, obnoxious, and still hilarious, thanks to John Belushi's now-legendary performance as the quintessential party animal.

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SINGLES CALENDAR

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DANCE PARTIES

WEDNESDAY DANCES
Wednesday Suburban Singles hold "single mingle" dance parties every Wednesday 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road south of 8 Mile. Note, new location, Admission \$4. No jeans. Must be 21 or older. Arrive early for hot hors d'oeuvres. (313) 842-0443

THURSDAY DANCES
The Ultimate Singles Dance Parties will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Thursday at the Farmington Elks, 23666 Orchard Lake Road, south of 10 Mile. You must be 21 years old. Cover charge of \$4. Draft beer and wine \$1. Hors d'oeuvres served 8-10 p.m. All singles clubs and groups invited. No jeans. (810) 476-1940

WESTSIDE SINGLES
Dance parties 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays through March 29 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Dressy attire. Must be 21 or older. Admission \$5 (\$3 before 8:30 p.m.). (313) 981-0909

TRI-COUNTY SATURDAY DANCES
A "March Madness Dance" will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at Burton Manor, 1-96 and Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission \$4, or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older. Fashionable attire. (313) 842-7422

SELECTIVE SINGLES
Selective Singles sponsor dinner and dancing to live music 8 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the Farmington Elks, 23666 Orchard Lake Road, south of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills. RSVP by Feb. 29. (810) 553-2105
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SELECTIVE SINGLES WILL MIX AND MINGLE 5:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 AT TREMOR'S, HOLIDAY INN, I-275 AND SIX MILE, LIVONIA. HAPPY HOUR BUFFETT, DANCING AFTER 8 P.M. RSVP MARTHA. (810) 553-2105

ST. PATRICKS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE
A St. Patrick's Day Dance will be 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at St. Ives, 29350 Lahser, Southfield.

Cost \$7/members and \$8/non-members; includes beer, wine, pop and munchies. (810) 247-8426

SINGLE GROUPS

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS
A non-profit social group for singles ages 25-40, who share common interests and want to form new friendships. It's not limited to the Farmington area and members participate in more than 200 activities per year. (810) 478-9181

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB
The Catholic Alumni Club is a non-profit organization comprised of single Catholics age 21 and older who have a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the Catholic Church. Indoor volleyball at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Barney Middle School. \$3 members, \$5 non-members. (810) 557-6183, (810) 682-1807

ACTIVITIES GROUP
The Activities Group is single adults participating in activities on an organized year-round basis. They are not affiliated with any self-help group, religious or political organization. Membership fee is \$30. (810) 624-7777

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville, presents a social group called Single Place, which meets 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church. Wednesday, March 6, Dr. Margaret Dwyer, Ph.D. presents "Getting Help from Your Dreams" or you may attend an "Open Forum" with facilitator, Sandy Baumann. Cost for either is \$5. (810) 349-0911

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville meets every Sunday, at 9:45 a.m. in the Library/Lounge. (810) 349-0911

SINGLE POINT
The Rev. Paul Clough leads Scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall, Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Talk It Over (TIO), 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Friday of each month, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church. Also available, volleyball, 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Second and fourth Saturdays BYOS (bring your own sneakers) to the Livonia YMCA on Stark, north of Schoolcraft, Livonia from 8 p.m. til midnight. Second Saturday for adults only, fourth Saturday, bring the kids. (313) 422-1854

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TEMPLE BAPTIST SAM
Four separate classes meeting 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, at Temple Baptist Church, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Groups divided by age and life situation. Weekly activities: sporting events, concerts, trips, Bible studies, prayer times, Girls Night Out. (313) 255-3333

TIP TOPPERS CLUB OF DETROIT
The club is a social network for TALL men and women, age 21 and older. Men must be at least 6 ft. 2 inches tall and women at least 5 feet, 10 inches tall. Membership meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at Ruby Tuesday on 12 mile at Orchard Lake Road. (313) 458-7887

VOYAGERS, SINGLES
Voyagers is a non-denominational group for singles 45 years and older. They meet at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27474 Five Mile, Livonia. A program of storytelling by Michael Diller, will be 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 8. Cost \$3.50. (313) 422-3091

SPORTS/RECREATION

BOWLING
Bethany Singles Bowling League has openings for single, widowed, divorced or never-married bowlers. Bowling is 6 p.m. every other Sunday at Mayflower Lanes, 26600 Plymouth Road, Redford. (313) 728-1936

BOWLING
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville bowls 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 8 and 15, at Novi Bowl, Novi Road between 8 and 9 Mile Roads, Novi. (810) 349-0911

CO-ED BOWLING
F.S.P. sponsors Co-Ed Bowling every other Sunday beginning with League #1, 6 p.m. and League #2, 8:15 p.m. Drakeshire Lanes, Grand River east of Drake Road, Farmington. Cost will be \$12 per week (3 games). RSVP. (810) 851-9909

BOWLING/PIZZA
The Activities Group has bowling and pizza 7 p.m. every other Friday at Lanigan's Bowling Center, 32905 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. Pizza afterward at Buddy's, 31646 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. Non-members welcome. Teams are rearranged before each game. Members \$108 for season or \$12 drop

in, non members drop in add \$3. Shoes and pizza extra. Send check payable to: The Activities Group, 2160 North Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township, 48390-3161. (810) 624-7777

EUCHRE NIGHT
Single Place presents at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, euchre night every second and fourth Wednesday of the month; \$4.

EUCHRE
F.S.P. play euchre 6-10 p.m. Mondays at Glen Oaks Golf Course, 13 Mile Road between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. They meet in the Grill Room. Attire is casual. Tables will be set up for all skill levels; beginner, intermediate, and advanced. There will also be instructional tables. Cost is \$4/members and \$6/non-members. (810) 851-9909

CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL
F.S.P. meet 2 p.m. Sundays, at Harrison High School (12 Mile Road between Middlebelt Road and Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills). They will be going out afterward. (810) 851-9909

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F.S.P. meet 2 p.m. Sundays, at Harrison High School (12 Mile Road between Middlebelt Road and Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills). They will be going out afterward. (810) 851-9909

GOLF
Farmington Single Professionals is starting three social golf leagues. Co-Ed League Meeting/Sign-up All Levels of Play, 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 at Farmington Community Library, 23550 Liberty, just west of Farmington Road and south of Grand River (behind police station), Farmington. All who sign-up early receive first two warm-up lessons free in April. Leagues will play Monday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. (810) 851-9909

RECREATION NIGHT
BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) Single Point of Ward Church sponsors recreation 8 p.m. to midnight the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at Livonia YMCA on Stark, north of Schoolcraft. Second Saturday for adults only, on the fourth Saturday, bring the kids. (313) 422-1854

INDOOR TENNIS/VOLLEYBALL OR WALLYBALL
FSP presents indoor tennis/volleyball/wallyball 6-9 p.m. Sunday, March 3 at Franklin Fitness and Racquet Club, 29350 Northwestern Hwy. (just west of 12 Mile), Southfield. \$6/FSP members, \$8/non-members. (810) 851-9910

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VOLLEYBALL
Single Place Presents Volleyball 9-10:30 p.m., Fridays, March 1 and 22, at Northville Rec. Center, 303 West Main, Northville. \$4. (810) 349-0911

VOLLEYBALL
Play volleyball at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Farmington Road. (313) 422-1854

WALLYBALL
F.S.P. play wallyball 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington, Nine Mile west of Farmington Road, Farmington. Courts designated beginner, intermediate and advanced. Cost for one hour \$4/members and \$6/non-members. (810) 851-9909

OTHER ACTIVITIES

WORKSHOPS
Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church, Northville presents the following workshops
Divorce Recovery Workshop: Various speakers, March 7 to April 25, at First Presbyterian Church, Northville. Cost \$30
Cooking for One or Two: JoAnn Oldham, of Your Personal Gourmet presents this workshop 7 p.m. Sundays, March 17, 24, 31 at First Presbyterian Church, Northville. Cost \$24. (810) 349-0911

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
Single Point Ministries presents "Friday Night Live" with Harold Ivan Smith, guest speaker with a question/answer program for singles. Meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, in Knox Hall, Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia.

SINGLES FAIR
Andy Morgan will present a program: "Intimacy: Simple Words - Misunderstood Concept" Friday-Saturday, March 29-30. Friday, the program will begin 7:30 p.m. (\$8/advance or \$9/door); Saturday, program will be 9 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. (\$22/advance, \$25/door.) (810) 349-0911

IN SEARCH OF
The Activities Group's "In Search Of" club meets periodically searching for the best of what the area has to offer in restaurants, foods and decor. Suggestions and samples are discussed at Saturday meetings. (810) 624-7777

RELATIONSHIPS
Meeting to study relationships 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesdays in library/lounge of First Presbyterian Church of Northville. (810) 349-0911

BALLROOM DANCING

ANN ARBOR SINGLES
Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers meet 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. Live band. Admission \$4.50 per person. Dance lessons available 7-8 p.m. for a fee. (313) 930-1892, (313) 665-6013, (313) 487-5322.

FAIRLANE SINGLES
The Dearborn Fairlane Singles present "Ballroom Dancing" 8:30-11 p.m. every Thursday, at Bishop Foley K of C Hall, 15800 Michigan Ave., (3 blocks west of Greenfield). Popular live bands, couples welcome. Cost \$4. Dance lessons by dancing specialist, Terry Babenko, 7-8 p.m. for \$2. If you attend lessons, you receive \$1 off your admission ticket. (313) 565-3656

MSGR. HUNT K OF C SINGLES
Ballroom dancing to the sounds of Mike Wolverton and Eddie O. 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays, Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Msgr. Hunt Drive, between Southfield and Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights. Cost \$4. Dance lessons 6:45-8 p.m., Cost \$2. (313) 295-1134

PATRICK O'KELLY K OF C SINGLES
Ballroom dancing, ages 30 and older, married couples welcome, 8-11 p.m. Mondays, at Patrick O'Kelly K of C Hall, 23663 Park, Dearborn. Cost \$3.75. Dance lessons available, 6:30-7:45 p.m., cost \$2. (313) 295-1134

MOON DUSTERS
Ballroom dancing 9 p.m. to midnight Saturdays at the Moon Dusters, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. Coffee and snacks. Admission \$4.25. Married couples welcome. Ladies; date style clothes and men; coat and ties. (313) 422-3298

SINGLE PLACE BALLROOM CLASS
A "social ballroom dance class" led by Nora Nader, will be 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays, through March 10, at Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, Northville. Cost \$40. (810) 349-0911

STARLITERS
Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday in the Northwest YMCA, 25940 Grand River, at Beech Daly, Livonia. Dressy attire, no jeans. Married couples welcome. (313) 525-8913

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Special events

CHINESE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER OF MICHIGAN
The center is sponsoring Chinese banquets at 10 local restaurants, including Dinersty, 447 Forest, Plymouth, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 3. The cost is \$25 per person, and includes a 10 to 13-course dinner. A representative from the center will talk about food in Chinese culture. Call for more information. (313) 971-3193

CARVERS

New restaurant at the junction of 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills opens Thursday, Feb. 29. Menu features prime rib and choice steaks. Lunch begins 11:30 a.m., dinner 5 p.m. Call for reservations, information. (810) 476-5333

MOOSE PRESERVE

Polar Beach Bash, Feb. 29, March 1-2.

2395 Woodward, Bloomfield (north of Square Lake Road). No cover, hair braiding, tiki bar, Limo contest, live Reggae featuring O.C. Roberts and the Samartians, live Mariachi band. Reggae 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday & Saturday, March 1-2. D.J. plays festive beach music 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 29. Mariachi band will play during lunch and happy hour on Friday. Food specials feature Cuban Black Bean Soup, Conch Chowder, Jerk Buffalo Meatballs, Blackened Catfish, Grilled Mahi Mahi, Jambalaya, Jamaican Jerk Chicken and Key Lime Pie. Call for more information. (810) 858-7688

BOTSPOOD INN

Irish Feast 5 p.m. Sunday, March 17. Menu will feature authentic Irish dishes. The meal will be served buffet style. Cost is \$17.95 for adults, special rate for children. Call for reservations. (810) 474-4800

CAFE CORTINA

Upscale Jazz Experience 10 p.m. Friday, March 8, appetizers, drinks. Call for reservations, information. (810) 474-3033

WINE DINNER

Features Edward Sbraga, a third generation winemaker from Beringer Vineyards, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at Maude's in Ann Arbor. Five course dinner will specially chosen Beringer wines. Cost \$130 per couple. Call for reservations. (313) 668-6062 (days) or (313) 662-8485 (evenings)

CABARET

SANTIA BANQUET CENTER
Phil Marcus Esser will be performing his cabaret show with Barbara Bredius Fridays, to the end of May. Dinner at 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Dinner and show \$25, show only \$10, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (north of Orchard Lake Road). (810) 682-0420

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CANTON SPORTS SCENE

League champ

Kari Jackson, a freshman at Hope College from Plymouth Canton HS, turned in a superior performance for the Flying Dutch at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Swimming and Diving Championships, hosted by Hope Feb. 21-24.

Jackson easily won the one-meter diving event, scoring 349.10 points to outdistance second-place Bebe Lloyd of Kalamazoo College (317.90 points). Jackson also had a strong showing off the three-meter board, finishing fourth with 337.95 points.

Hope was also an easy winner, capturing its fifth-straight MIAA championship.

Top to bottom

After turning in her most impressive showing of the season for Northern Michigan's basketball season, Stephanie Gray endured utter frustration.

The sophomore center from Canton (Plymouth Canton HS) played 19 minutes against Ferris State Feb. 22, scoring a season-high 15 points, with six rebounds and a steal. The Lady Wildcats won, 91-46.

Two nights later, NMU met Lake Superior State. Gray played just three minutes before suffering a knee injury that put her on the sidelines for the rest of that game and all of the next, against Silver Lake College. NMU won both, but the extent of Gray's injury is undetermined.

For the season, Gray is averaging 4.3 points and 2.3 rebounds a game.

The Wildcats, 21-4 overall, plays the Lake Superior/Ashland College winner in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament semifinal Friday at Oakland University.

PCJBA champions

The Magic, playing in the Girls B-League of the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association, finished 10-0 to win the championship by four games.

Team members are Meghan Depp, Amy Lavallee, Erica Starkey, Britney Osborn, Megan Gourley, Krissy Lake, Christine Dascenzo, Ashley Burg, Mary Lou Liebau and Kimberly Larsen. The team's coach is Bob Liebau.

Perfect stars

The Canton All-Stars, an under-10 girls indoor soccer team, collected its third-straight first-place finish with an 8-0 record in its division at the Canton Soccerdome. The team scored 64 goals while surrendering 10.

Offensive leaders were Kelly Lepper, Chrissy Simon and Katie Polera, with goalies Anne Bernacki and Rachel Rudzis anchoring the defense.

Other members of the All-Stars are Marissa Austin, Brittany Cervi, Paula Chamberlain, Erin Drepa, Lisa Ealy, Amy Lajoie, Danielle Malone, Kelly Owens, Lauren Reed and Carly Schwan. Frank Bernacki and Thom Polera are the team's coaches.

Baseball clinic

The Plymouth Salem Dugout Club will have baseball clinic registration March 13, from 7-9 p.m. in the Plymouth Canton HS cafeteria.

For more information, call 453-7681.

Coaches needed

Our Lady of Victory is seeking coaches for its girls softball and boys baseball teams. Both teams consist of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.

For more information, call Dennis Blake at (313) 453-5352.

Knights win district

The Livonia Knights Pee Wee AA hockey team captured the District IV title with a 3-1 victory over the Plymouth Stingrays in the finals (Feb. 10) at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

In the championship, Shaun McDonnell's unassisted goal in the second period proved to be the game-winner.

The Stingrays opened the scoring on Ryan Layton's goal from Doug Statham, but Livonia tied it up on Pat Lerg's goal from Mike Walsh.

With 40 seconds left in the game, Bryan Marshall added an insurance goal for the Knights. Kevin Krogel assisted.

Elite coach needed

The Ann Arbor Elite, an outdoor men's professional soccer team, is accepting applications for the paid position of head coach.

The Elite was organized a year ago and competed as an amateur team in the United States Inter-Regional Soccer League but has been elevated to pro status for 1996.

The Elite has also been designated as the feeder program for the Columbus (Ohio) Crew, a Major League team, according to Elite owner Wayne Worosz.

Coaches interested in applying for the position should call Worosz at (313) 455-4011.

Madonna coach Holowicki hospitalized

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Just hours after Madonna University's men's basketball season ended, first-year coach Bernie Holowicki was rushed to the hospital after complaining of chest pains.

Following an extensive examination Monday, doctors recommended Holowicki have quadruple bypass heart surgery. The 64-year-old coach underwent the operation Tuesday morning.

According to his wife, Barbara, Holowicki was conscious and recuperating Tuesday afternoon. He was expected to remain hospitalized until Monday, followed by a month-long recovery period.

The 64-year-old Livonia resident and former Redford Catholic Central coach had suffered a cold several weeks ago, and his doctor recommend he undergo a stress test — which he did Feb. 19. He failed it.

On Saturday, his Crusader basketball team traveled to Berea, Ky., to play Berea College in the opening round of the NAIA Great Lakes Sectional playoffs. Madonna lost, 80-64, to finish its season at 8-22.

BASKETBALL

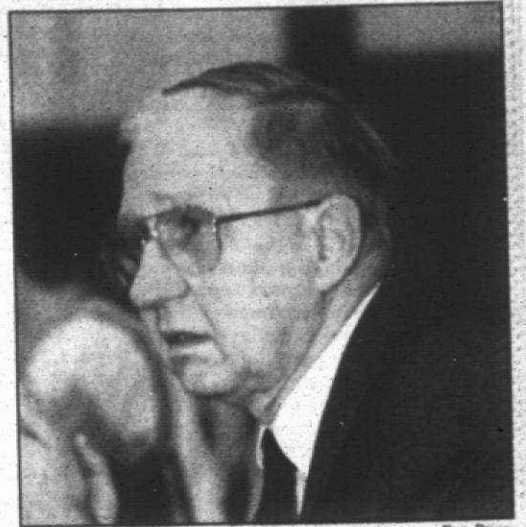
After the bus trip back to Livonia Sunday, Holowicki complained to his wife about chest pains. He was taken to the hospital immediately.

Initially, it was believed he would need an angioplasty. But upon further examination, it was discovered three of his arteries were completely blocked and a fourth was 70 percent blocked.

"A heart attack would have killed him, they said," his wife reported.

Holowicki coached at CC for 22 years, guiding the Shamrocks to a Class A state championship in 1976. In a messy affair two years ago, his contract at CC was not renewed. He spent the 1994-95 boys basketball season as an assistant coach at Wayne Memorial HS before being hired at Madonna.

Although his late hiring (last May) prevented him from doing much recruiting, Holowicki managed to guide Madonna to its best record in its three-year existence.



Alling coach: CC's Bernie Holowicki.

Title shot repeat

Canton's OT victory sets up title rematch with Rockets

■ The last time Plymouth Canton made a trip to Walled Lake Central, the game went into overtime before victory could be achieved. In Tuesday's WLAA Tournament semifinal, the situation was repeated — only this time, the result wasn't determined until the final buzzer.

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

The first half of Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament semifinal, with Walled Lake Central hosting regular-season champ Plymouth Canton, looked a lot like most every other game the Chiefs have played this season.

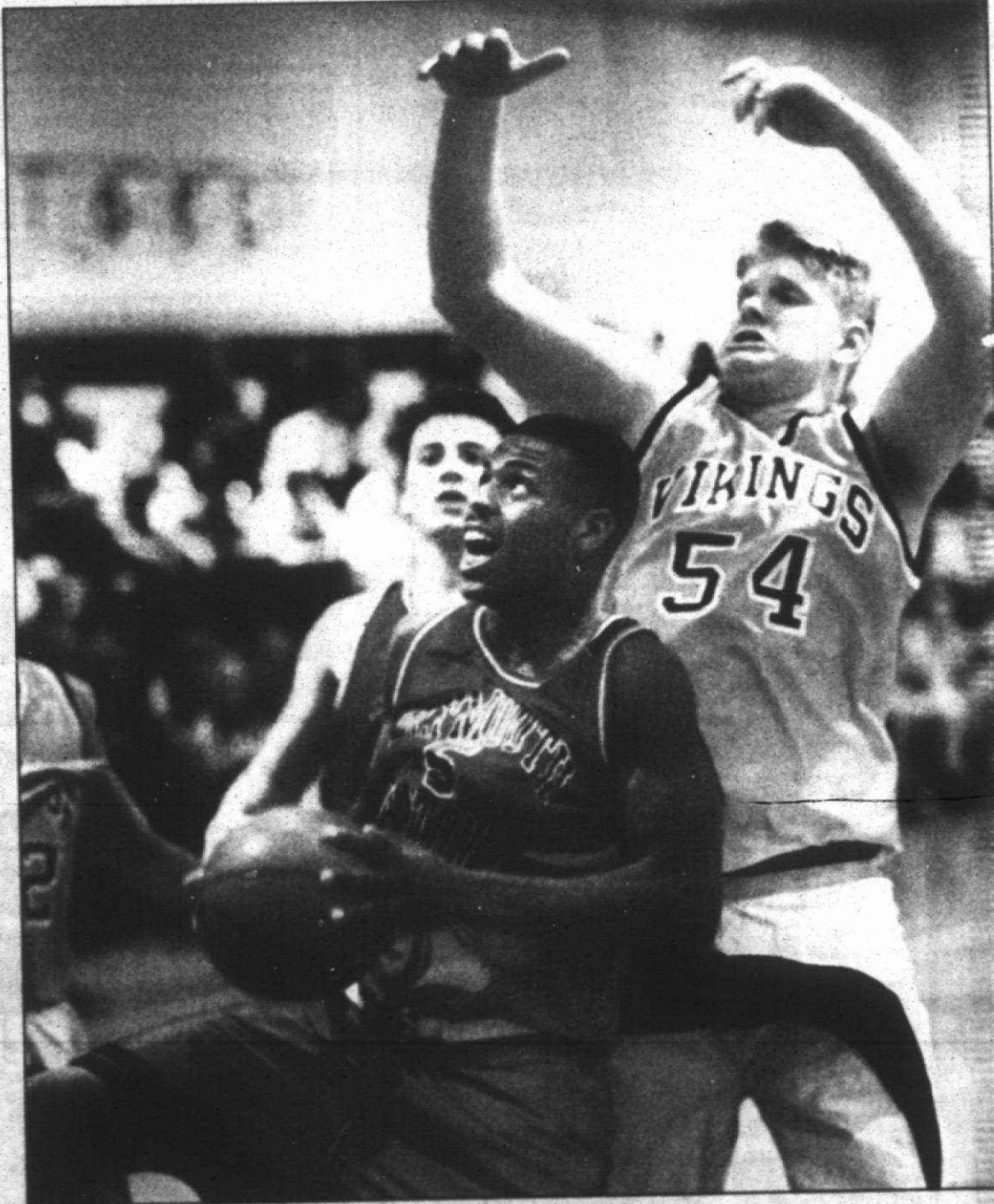
Canton in complete control, another win assured.

Not so fast, the Vikings must have said at halftime. After a lackluster start, they came out roaring in the third quarter and took the Chiefs into overtime and down to the final shot before surrendering, 59-57.

The win puts Canton into WLAA Tournament finals for the third-straight year, with this season's game a rematch of last season's: Canton vs. Westland John Glenn, a team the Chiefs beat in the '95 title game and earlier this year. The game will be at approximately 8 p.m. Friday at Walled Lake Western; Central will meet Northville in the consolation final at 6 p.m. at Western.

"Give (Central coach) Steve Emert credit," said Canton coach Dan Young. "He really got his guys after us in the second half. They really took it to us."

The difference proved to be big-time — as in big-time player, the kind who raises his game to meet the challenge. That's just what Canton's Ron Hunter did; he scored half of the Chiefs' eight OT points, and netted seven of their 12 in the fourth quarter.



To the hoop: Canton's Ron Hunter (with ball) came up big when he had to, scoring 24 points — including the game-winners.

See CANTON, 2C

State final's next for matmen

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Doug Cooper will agree that some nervous energy and a healthy fear of failure can motivate a wrestler to achieve.

The Plymouth Canton senior turned those otherwise negatives into a positive Saturday to win the heavy-weight title in the Division I regional tournament at South Lyon.

"I came in kinda scared, not knowing what was going to happen, but it paid off," Cooper said.

"This was like THE last stand. If I didn't make it through the first two matches, I was all done."

The desire to avenge a previous defeat helped to inspire Cooper, too.

After edging Westland John Glenn's Marc Dugas 9-8 in the first round, he defeated George Palmer of Garden City in his next bout, 5-1.

WRESTLING

"That was a morale victory, coming back after two (previous) losses and beating him," Cooper said.

"His basic move is a roll, and my coaches taught me how to counter that. I just had to flatten out, keep my hands out and my hips back and not ride to high."

The win over Palmer put Cooper in the finals, and he claimed the title with a 5-0 defeat of South Lyon's Joe Yurkunas.

"All my nervousness went away, and I went into that match knowing I had made it to state," Cooper said. "That match didn't mean as much as the Garden City match."

Cooper, who takes a 31-6 record to the state finals in Battle Creek March 8-9, has avenged half of his losses.

He lost twice to Redford Catholic Central's John Spolsky in two tournament finals and once to Adam Akins of Troy.

"A lot can happen at the state meet, because you're among the best 16 in the state," Canton coach Ernie Krumm said.

"But I feel he should be a placer if he wrestles at the level he's at right now. Doug has really picked it up since the league meet."

Cooper was second in the Observerland and Western Lakes tournaments but seems to be maximizing his ability at this key point in the season.

"I had a slump and now I'm pretty much out of it," he said. "Last year I peaked in the middle of the season and did crappy in the district. I leveled out a lot more this year and

See MATMEN, 2C

Late foul cements Salem loss

Call it a weather game for Farmington Hills Harrison. The Hawks got hot when it counted.

Harrison rallied in the fourth quarter Tuesday night to take a 57-55 victory from Plymouth Salem in a Western Lake Activities Association Tournament game.

Harrison plays Thursday night at Livonia Stevenson while Salem hosts Walled Lake Western the same evening in their final games before next week's state high school basketball tournament districts.

See SALEM, 3C

McDonald leads Shamrocks to title in OT

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

Orchard Lake St. Mary sophomore guard Andre Harris entered Sunday's Catholic League boys basketball championship game with 52 seconds left in the first quarter.

As Harris reported to the scorers' table, St. Mary coach Denny Butcher shouted in his direction, "Detroit Catholic Central junior guard Marc McDonald doesn't breathe, understand me?"

Translated: Butcher needed someone to stop McDonald, who already had 10 points.

The message was clear, but it was the Eagles who ended up with the victory, winning 29-27 in overtime.

McDonald made five shots from three-point range and several off-balance shots on drives to the basket.

The championship wrapped up when they led 57-50 with less than a minute left in the fourth quarter. But three straight turnovers by CC led to seven straight points (two two-point baskets and one three) by St. Mary senior guard Brian Cradlieth to tie the score at 57.

St. Mary even had a chance to win in regulation after stealing the ball from behind with 12 seconds left in the Eagles' territory.

After a timeout, St. Mary called a play for junior guard Kyle Jones. After what appeared to be some contact with CC's senior

guard Justin Hoener near the top of the key, Jones lost control and was called for double dribble with three seconds left.

A shot by McDonald, kneeling on the floor after catching an errant pass, was no good, sending the game to overtime.

"I felt I was fouled, but I didn't get the call and there's nothing I can do about that," Jones said. "Coach told me to either take the last shot or dump it off. It took a lot of us coming back (in the final minute). That's no excuse for losing because we should have taken the momentum to over-

CC finished 22-for-59 from the field, but 3-3 during the OT.

"I was a little worried, the play was a little ragged down the stretch," CC coach Rick Corrali. "I didn't think we gave it away. I just thought we could stop them and force overtime."

The Eagles were 19-52 from the floor, including 1-10 in the OT. After CC scored the first six points of the extra session, the Eagles failed to score on an alley-oop pass with 2:15 remaining.

"Our shot selection was very bad, their was layups," Butcher said.

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Included among them was the game-winning basket, scored seconds after Central's Ed Vick received a Kevin Lynch miss and knocked down the putback, tying the game at 57-all with 12 seconds left in OT.

The outlet went immediately downcourt to Hunter, who sliced to the basket for a layup. Central still had a chance, but they were still seven seconds left. Sophomore point guard Todd Negoshian drove into the lane and was fouled by Nick Hurley as he put up a shot, sending him to the line with a second free throw.

Alas, he missed the first free throw, forcing the Vikings to resort to trickery in hopes of rebounding a second miss and getting off a tying shot. It didn't work.

Hunter finished with a game-high 24 points on 10-of-17 floor

shooting, with 13 rebounds and three assists. Hurley had 10 for the Chiefs, with Mark Bray collecting nine points and seven assists, and Donte Scott scoring eight points.

Lynch led Central with 19 points, 17 coming in the second half when he was 3-of-4 from three-point range; he also had three steals. Vick totaled 12 points and a team-best six boards, with Gregg Tobias scoring eight. Negoshian dished out eight assists, and Jason Whalen had four points, four boards and four steals.

Perhaps the finish should never have been so exciting. After all, Canton led 30-16 at the half, a lead built in great part by the Vikings' erratic floor shooting: They were 5-of-23 in the first two quarters (21.7 percent). Canton was 12-of-23 (52.1 percent).

"We played tentatively," said Central's Emert. "It's something this team has struggled with all year long."

Although things changed dramatically in the second half, Emert said his strategy did not: "Our game plan in the second half was no different than in the first."

While the approach didn't change, the intensity did. Two Canton turnovers combined with five points by Lynch in the first 1:17 of the third cut the Chiefs' lead to 10; it was half that by the end of the quarter (39-34), with the Vikings outscoring Canton 9-2 in the last 1:34. Lynch had 13 points in the quarter to ignite Central.

But as close as the Vikings got in the fourth quarter, they couldn't quite catch Canton until, with 33 seconds left, Lynch buried his third three-point shot of the half to knot it at 51-all.

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Salem held a 42-35 lead after three periods but Matt Derocher, who led all scorers with 23 points, bombed in four threes as Harrison outscored the Rocks, 22-13, in the fourth quarter.

A Salem player was whistled for a technical when, while trying to call time out, he elbowed a Harrison player with 30 seconds to play.

Derocher hit two free throws to tie the score at 55-55. Then, with four seconds left, Jared Hopkins sank a short shot to make both teams 8-11 for the season.

Kevin Bannanek scored 14 points to back Derocher while Salem got 11 points apiece from Andres Lopez and Andy Power.

Defeat ends Madonna's season

The tough schedule Madonna University's men's basketball team endured during the regular season, a schedule against which they managed just an 8-21 record, was aimed in part at preparing them for postseason play.

It wasn't quite enough.

The Fighting Crusaders managed to make it into the NAIA Great Lakes Sectional playoffs as the fourth seed. That gave them the honor of traveling to Berea, Ky., last Saturday to go up against the No. 1 seed: Berea College.

Although not a mismatch, it was more than Madonna could handle. Berea bounced the

MEN'S HOOP

Crusaders 80-64, improving its overall record to 18-8 while Madonna finishes its season at 8-22.

It would have been a challenge to win in Berea with a full team, but the Crusaders were without top scorer Jeff Kennedy, who was suspended for academic eligibility reasons. Brandon Slone (from Plymouth South) picked up some of the slack, scoring a season-high 24 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

Paul Whiting had 10 points, but no one else reached double figures for the Crusaders; Mike Miller was next best with nine.

Berea got 22 points and eight boards from Tony Gostley, 21 points, 10 assists and five steals from Crawford Brown, 15 points from Daniel James and 12 points from Donnie Prazier.

Berea hosted Indiana University-Southwest Tuesday, with the winner traveling to the NAIA Tournament in Napa, Idaho starting next Wednesday.

Fanshawe 80, SC 77: Schoolcraft College tried to keep in game shape by playing at Fanshawe College Saturday in London, Ont., but the final result mirrored what the Ocelots have endured much of this season.

SC led 40-37 at the half, thanks in great part to 12 points from Rudy Hatfield (from Livonia Franklin). The lead didn't last, however, much like many other leads the Ocelots have carried into the second half of games this season.

Hatfield finished with 18 points to lead SC. Jason Maschke (Livonia Franklin) had 16, and Dave Pavlak had 15. Tim Burns scored nine.

Fanshawe got 21 from Murray Smith and 17 from Paul Dunn. SC plays William Tyndale College tonight at SC, then travels to the NJCAA Region 12 Tournament next Thursday in Muskegon.

Crusader tourney bid ends in regional final

Good things have to end and thus it was for the Madonna University women's basketball team.

Mount St. Joseph scored a 61-54 victory Monday night over Madonna in the championship game of the NAIA Great Lakes Sectionals. The Lady Crusaders ended their season 20-13.

Stacy Lamphere scored 17 points and Katie Cushman added 11 as the Lady Crusaders were unable to overcome a 25-22 halftime deficit.

Karrie Gabbard scored 16, Robin Theising 14 and Teri Gulliano 11 for Mount St. Joseph.

Cushman had six assists and Lamphere three for Madonna. Lamphere, who had a game-high three blocked shots, led her team with eight rebounds but both Dawn Pelc and Mary Murray gathered seven.

Both teams weren't shy about shooting triples. Madonna tried 25 and made seven—three by Cushman and two each by Lamphere and Prante Williams—while Mount St. Joseph was 2-of-15.

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am peaking now. It has a lot to do with maturity and being a senior."

Cooper could face Adkins and Spolsky, the Class A runner-up last year, again at the state meet.

"I'd like to see (Spolsky) in the finals instead of an early round," he said. "There would be too much riding on that match to see him early."

Salem wrestler qualifies
Plymouth Salem senior Jeremy Breithaupt placed second at 152 in the South Lyon regional and also will compete in the state tournament.

"This is my first time at state," he said. "Of course, I've gone and watched every year, but it will be nice to be down there on the floor."

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W.L. Western at Ply. Salem, 7 p.m.
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Grace Hill at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 1
D.H. Greenwood at Red. Thurston, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Lincoln Park, 7:30 p.m.
Luch. Westland at S. West Chrs., 7:30 p.m.
F. Christian at Flat Rock, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. O.H. Fairlane at Marshall Junior High, 7:30 p.m.
Westland Lakes Playoffs at W.L. Western Northville vs. W.L. Central, 6 p.m.
Westland High vs. Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 2
(Operation Friendship at U-D Catholic Hall)
Det. Redford vs. Benedicite, 1 p.m.
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at BERKLEY HIGH SCHOOL
First round: (A) Berkley vs. (B) Southfield, 3 p.m.
Southfield vs. Lincoln Park, 3:30 p.m.
Lincoln Park vs. Detroit Henry Ford vs. A-B winner, 4:30 p.m.
Championship final: 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the Fanshawe regional vs. Hazel Park district champion.)

at WALLED LAKE CENTRAL
First round: (A) Walled Lake vs. (B) Walled Lake Central, 11 a.m.
Walled Lake vs. Walled Lake Central vs. North Farmington, noon, Farmington Hills Harrison vs. A-B winner, 4:30 p.m.
Championship final: 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the Hazel Park Central regional vs. Bloomfield Hills Leland district champion.)

at NOVY HIGH SCHOOL
First round: (A) Plymouth Canton vs. (B) Plymouth Salem, 10 a.m.
Southfield vs. Northville, 1:30 a.m.
Livonia Central vs. Livonia, 1:30 a.m.
Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Fanshawe regional vs. Livonia Leland district champion.)

March 1 at GARDEN CITY
First round: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Westland John Green, 5:30 p.m.
Southfield vs. Garden City, 6:30 p.m.
Northville vs. W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Fanshawe regional vs. Taylor district champion.)

March 1 at LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Southfield vs. Livonia Stevenson vs. Redford Union, 5:30 p.m.
Livonia Ladywood vs. Livonia Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Fanshawe regional vs. Novi district champion.)

CLASS B
at REDFORD THURSTON
First round: (A) Dearborn Diane Child vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Greenwood, 9 a.m.
Dearborn Heights Greenwood vs. Dearborn Heights Greenwood vs. (C) Dearborn Heights Greenwood vs. (D) Dearborn Heights Greenwood, 10:15 a.m.
Southfield vs. Dearborn Heights Greenwood vs. Dearborn Heights Greenwood vs. Dearborn Heights Greenwood vs. Dearborn Heights Greenwood vs. Dearborn Heights Greenwood, 12:45 p.m.
Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the River Rouge regional vs. Dearborn district champion.)

at RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD
First round: (A) Southgate Aquinas vs. (B) Luthern Westland, 9 a.m.
Southfield vs. Allen Park Cabrini vs. Flat Rock, 10:15 a.m.
Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. A-B winner, 10:15 a.m.
Championship final: 11:45 a.m. (Winner advances to the Livonia regional vs. Canton district champion.)

at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
First round: (A) Dearborn St. Agnes vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Greenwood, 9 a.m.
Southfield vs. Dearborn St. Agnes vs. Dearborn Heights Greenwood vs. Dearborn Heights Greenwood vs. Dearborn Heights Greenwood vs. Dearborn Heights Greenwood, 11 a.m.
Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Adrian-Lansing regional vs. Dearborn St. Agnes district champion.)

CLASS C
March 1 at ANN ARBOR GREENWILDS
Southfield vs. Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Ann Arbor Central, 9 a.m.
Southfield vs. Ann Arbor Central vs. Ann Arbor Central vs. Ann Arbor Central vs. Ann Arbor Central vs. Ann Arbor Central, 10:15 a.m.
Championship final: 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Adrian-Lansing regional vs. Dearborn St. Agnes district champion.)

STATE BOYS BASKETBALL
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWINGS

CLASS A
at DETROIT CENTRAL
Monday, March 4: (A) Detroit Redford vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5: Redford Union vs. Detroit Henry Ford, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Solid returning class lifts Madonna's hopes

Don't be surprised if Madonna University's softball team is defensive regarding its chances this season, at least at the start.

"Because that's what's expected to carry the Lady Crusaders, at least at the start."

Madonna begins its 1996 campaign in Fort Myers, Fla., this weekend. A trip like that at this time of year may sound heavenly, but think again; the Crusaders open their season against two of the better teams in the NCAA II Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Saginaw Valley State and Grand Valley State.

That opener is scheduled for Saturday. With luck, Madonna may get in its first outdoor practice this season beforehand.

SVSU and GVSU will be ending their spring trips and will have about 10 games of experience each.

"I scheduled the toughest schedule I could schedule," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "They're all tough."

The Crusaders will play at least one game from March 2 through 7, one of them against NCAA I St. Joseph.

But after Madonna's success the last few years, it may not be that tough. The Crusaders finished 25-18 in '95, reaching the Great Lakes Regional semifinals before being eliminated.

From that team, they have lost just two impact players: third baseman Jennifer Czech and center fielder Erin Comment. Czech left the team and switched schools; classes Comment must take in her field of study, nursing, would make it difficult to play

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Separate sealed BIDS for the RENOVATION AND UPGRADE of four schools for the Clarenceville School District's summer 1996 construction program will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Schools located at 20210 Middlebelt Road until 2:00 p.m. on March 14, 1996 at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Separate bids will be received for each division or combination thereof.

A pre-bid meeting to review the bid documents will be held in Room 107 at 20210 Middlebelt Road at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 1996. The pre-bid meeting is MANDATORY for all prime bidders.

The BID DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:
Daily Construction Reports Plan Room - Madison Heights, MI
Construction Association of Michigan - Troy, MI
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Copies of the BID DOCUMENTS may be obtained from the office of the Construction Manager, J.S. Alberici Construction Co., Inc. located at 13040 Merriman Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (313-425-0400). The documents will be available Wednesday, February 29, 1996. A refundable deposit of \$50.00 will be required to obtain the documents.

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TIGERS TIX ON SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 2 AT 10 AM.

Soon winter will be gone. And Tigers baseball will once again return to the corner of Michigan and Trumbull. Don't miss an inning of action - get to the Tiger Stadium Box Office early on Saturday, March 2 and guarantee yourself a great seat. Tigers mascot PAWS will be there to greet the kids, and all fans purchasing tickets will receive a free Tiger gift. Randomly selected fans will also receive autographed photos. So don't delay. Get to the corner early, then get ready to come watch Buddy's boys earn their stripes!

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Picturesque terrain provides rabbit hunt scenery

It wasn't the 30-degree-below-zero temperature or the more than two feet of snow piled up on the ground that had me worried. My concern centered on the possibility that if I fell down I might not be able to get up. The best way to stay warm in such frigid temperatures is to layer your clothing, so layer and layer I went — T-shirt, thermal shirt, sweat shirt, flannel shirt, hooded sweat shirt, polar fleece jacket, coveralls. By the time I wobbled into the van to go meet our rabbit guides, I was packed tighter than a backpacker's bed roll. I had so many clothes on I wondered if I'd even be able to shoulder my shotgun, let alone strap up my snowshoes.

And I hadn't worn snowshoes in 15 years.

The city of Charlevoix recently hosted a convention of the Michigan Outdoor Writers Association, during which I had an opportunity to chase rabbits and hares through some of the area's most picturesque cedar swamps and clear cuts. Hunting with Ron Gray, a fellow outdoor writer from Traverse City, we met our guides — Pieter Guzinski, Aaron Seymour and a 4-year-old beagle named Spike — at sunrise and headed for the swamps surrounding Alanson, just north of Charlevoix.

"There are lots of snowshoes and a few cottonails, too. The problem will be if Spike can stay on their scent," explained Seymour. "With the weather as cold as it is he may not be able to pick it up."

Guzinski, 19, grew up in Garden City and attended Garden

City High School until his junior year, when he "blew out" his knee playing football. Following reconstructive surgery, he decided to pursue his love for the outdoors and moved to Alanson to live with his father. He graduated from Benzie Central High School last year and now spends his spare time hunting, fishing and learning the heating and cooling trade.

Seymour, 20, is a life-long resident of Alanson, attends college and loves to hunt rabbits with Spike.

"The snowshoes are in deep cover right now because we've had a week of sub-zero temperatures and all this snow," said Seymour. "The trick will be trying to figure out where he's going to push them out, and when he does they will be hard to see with all this snow."

We started out in a thick cedar swamp and Spike had no problem with the scent. He started a snow

within minutes. He circled and circled and we moved to intercept the chase, but none of us ever laid an eye on the hare. This scenario went on for the better part of two hours before we decided to pack up and try our luck elsewhere.

By early afternoon we found ourselves in a clear cut with bunny tracks running all over the place.

My reintroduction to snowshoeing was coming along fairly well, I remember thinking, since I hadn't fallen on my face yet.

As we reached the top of a creek bed where a first-growth clear cut began, Spike crossed a fresh trail of a snowshoe and opened up like a fog horn. Although the snow was deeper than he was tall, Spike plowed ahead like a runaway freight train.

"Frustrating to a tangle of saplings trying to catch up with the chase I suddenly caught a glimpse of a small white ghost floating rapidly over the snow and

thought of an icy grave. Once free, I stumbled over to admire my first snowshoe hare.

Spike, Seymour and Guzinski worked their tails off that day and we managed to add a cottontail to our harvest. The cold never really became a factor and the snow, well, the snowshoes took care of that.

Although the snow's gone in southern Michigan, there is plenty of the fluffy white stuff on the ground up north offering some outstanding rabbit and hare hunting opportunities. Don't let the winter doldrums get you down.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

After 50 years, Westside Lutheran has earned its plaque

During the recent Lutheran Tournament at Thunder-bowl Lakes, a short ceremony was held, presenting officers of the Westside Lutheran League with its 50-year plaque.

Representing the American Bowling Congress, Bob Wisniewski handed the described moment to Warren Teubert of Redford, the league's only

charter member. Formed in 1946, Westside Lutheran began at Dexter Recreation. A year later it was split into separate leagues with the No. 1 division moving to Parkside Recreation and No. 2 to Tower Recreation. The two leagues reunited later at Argyle Recreation.

During the 1963 season, they moved over to Redford Lakes.

Over the lifespan, some records were established, such as 300 games from Jarv Washniska, Kevin Chambers and Don Johnson, who also holds the high series mark with 796. High single team game was Prince of Peace with 1,167. Team high three was Our Shepherd at 3,124 and consecutive championships went to Holy Cross with five between 1962 and 1967.

Many of the current members are from Livonia and Redford. Others reside

in Westland, Farmington Hills, Canton, Plymouth, Rochester and West Bloomfield.

The current officers are President Dave Corwell of Westland, Vice President Warren Teubert, Secretary Walter Moritz of West Bloomfield and Treasurer Charles Becker.

The league has a tradition of 50 years of excellence with a lot of fine people who have passed this way and left the league with a long tradition of sportsmanship and good fellowship. Many members have served the local bowling community as officers and directors of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, contributing in many ways to the sport of bowling.

Last Monday someone had a second chance in the same night for a perfect game after getting the first 11 strikes in a game. It took place in the All-Star Bowlerettes at Livonia's Cloverlanes. I arrived during the middle of the

WEEKEND

OKLAHOMA! Advance tickets for the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of "Oklahoma!" March 1-2 are \$9 are available at Sir Speedy Printing Center, 485 S. Main. Tickets are \$10 at the door for performances at The Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road in Northville, Friday and Saturday performances are at 6 p.m. For more information and group rates, call (810) 349-7110.

DIABETES

Oakwood Healthcare System is offering a "Life with Diabetes" class, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning March 7 through April 18, at Plymouth-Canton Schools. This six-week series presents topics of concern to people with diabetes: learning to live with diabetes, diet survival skills, exercise, long-term complications, personal health habits, and more. Family members are urged to come at no extra cost. All classes are taught by professionals. A physician's order is required for participation. The cost of the series is \$30. Register at 1-800-543-WELL.

MILLIONAIRE'S PARTY

The Wayne/Westland YMCA Indian Program puts on a Millionaire's Party 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 8, at New Hawthorne Valley Golf Club, on Merriman north of Warren. Blackjack, roulette, craps tables and more. Tickets are \$7.50, which includes \$5 in chips. Maximum of \$500 per person.

BLOOD PRESSURE

United Home Health Services Inc. of Canton offers free blood pressure checks at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. This service is offered the second Monday of every month (except July and August) from noon to 2 p.m. Anyone interested may show up.

RADIO STATION TOURS

WSDP, 88.1 FM, invites area Cub Scout and Girl Scout groups to visit the station for tours. WSDP is located at Plymouth Salem High School. If your group would like to visit the station, call 416-7732.

SENIOR PARTY

Volunteers are needed for the senior party held at Plymouth Canton and Salem high schools. Each year, parents of the senior class transform the school into a festive atmosphere to provide a celebration on graduation night for those students in a safe and controlled environment. If you own a business and can donate prizes and/or services (gift certificates, discount coupons, paper products, decorating materials, stamps, mailing materials and also dollar donations, etc.), contact Pam Capaldi, 455-3839, or Andi Schmiedel, 397-6996.

REC CENTER

Canton Recreation Center, located on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road, will continue to be available for community groups and individual rental through April. This facility is available for Canton Township residents and groups only. The facility can hold events for up to 100 people and the rental rates are as follows: social event, \$200 deposit, \$25 per hour; non-profit service club/organization (Canton-based): business meeting, \$25 deposit — no rental fee, social event, \$200 deposit and \$7.50 per hour (no limit). Information, Canton Parks & Recreation Services, 397-5110.

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COOKING CLASS

Oakwood Healthcare System's Community-Focused Health Promotion Network is offering a "Culinary Hearts Kitchen" cooking class 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, at Plymouth-Canton Schools. The cost is \$45. A family member or significant other living in the same household may attend free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-543-WELL.

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TAX HELP

SENIORS Free income tax help is available for seniors now through April 15, through the American Association of Retired Persons. Volunteer tax-aide counselors trained by the IRS are at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays. For an appointment, or for home visits for handicapped and shut-ins, call 455-6620.

STARTING OVER

GRIEF SUPPORT Starting Over grief support group meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial. The program, "Culinary Delights," features a visually dazzling and palate-tempting demonstration by the Culinary Arts Department, Schoolcraft College. This month's meeting will recognize past presidents (hats and white gloves).

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The March chapter membership luncheon at noon Wednesday, March 6, will feature representatives of service organizations in the Canton area, including the Goodfellows, Kiwanis, Civitans, Lions and Rotary Club. The luncheon is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Reservations are required.

SOFTBALL

MEN'S SLOW PITCH Summer men's slow pitch softball league registration begins Friday, March 1. Entry fee is \$435, \$60 of which is a refundable forfeit fee. Teams play a 14-game schedule, plus a year end playoff. Games will be played Tuesdays and Thursdays and begin in early May. There are no residency requirements for this league. Information, Tom Willette, recreation director, at 455-6620.

MEN'S MODIFIED

Summer men's modified softball league registration begins Friday, March 1. The entry fee is \$350, \$75 of which is a refundable forfeit fee. Teams will play a 10-game schedule, plus a year end playoff. Games will be played Wednesdays, league play will begin early May. There are no residency requirements for this league. Information, contact Tom Willette, recreation director, at 455-6620.

CHADD

ChADD of Northwest Wayne County will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. A seminar will be presented by Arthur Robin, Ph.D., entitled "Surviving Your ADHD Adolescent." Registration starts at 7 p.m. Information line is 432-2394.

CANTON BPW

Canton Business and Professional Women will meet 6 p.m. Monday, March 11, in Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The topic is "Business Casual Dress Seminar." The cost is \$5 per guest, which includes dinner. For reservations, call 591-7359 or 813-3198.

NEWBURG SINGLES

Newburg Singles Ministries meet 7 p.m. on the third Sundays of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh. No age restriction; information, Dave Burley at 663-0014.

CAMPUS NOTES

MARION F. FISHER, Denise E. Jordane and Deborah J. Smith, all Washtenaw Community College part-time students, have recently achieved academic excellence. The students earned these honors while enrolled for three consecutive semesters between January 1994 and May 1995.

JESSICA TURZA

Jessica Turza of Canton recently participated in "Creative Writing Day" at Adrian College. More than 100 high school students from Lenawee County and surrounding areas participated. The students, all high school juniors and seniors, had the chance to learn about writing fiction, personal writing and poetry, to share their work with each other and to have their efforts pub-

LISHED IN "ROUGH DRAFT"

lished in "Rough Draft," a compilation of the day's student writing. Members of the English department faculty led the writing sessions as well as a conversation called "What Is Good Writing?"

WENDI E. BROZINSKI

Wendi E. Brozinski has been named an Albion College Fellow for the past fall semester. She is a senior majoring in anthropology and sociology and religious studies, and the daughter of Nancy King of Canton. She is a graduate of John Glenn High School.

THOMAS J. RAVEN

Thomas J. Raven has been named an Albion College Fellow for the past fall semester. He is a junior at Albion and the son of Richard and

LIAM RAVEN

Liam Raven of Canton. He is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

DENISE H. ZAO

Denise H. Zao has been named an Albion College Fellow for the past fall semester. Zao is a senior majoring in biology, is the daughter of Richard and Elsie Zao of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

AMY LYNN FURMANEK

Amy Lynn Furmanek of Plymouth Township was named to the dean's list at Western Michigan University for outstanding scholastic achievement in the College of Arts and Sciences during the 1995 fall term. She is the daughter of Richard and Del Furmanek of Plymouth Township.

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON



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BLOOD DRIVES

GENEVA From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Geneva United Presbyterian Church sanctuary, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. Appointments, 981-4205.

WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH

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CO-ED SLOW PITCH

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CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI, 48170, or by fax to 313-459-6254. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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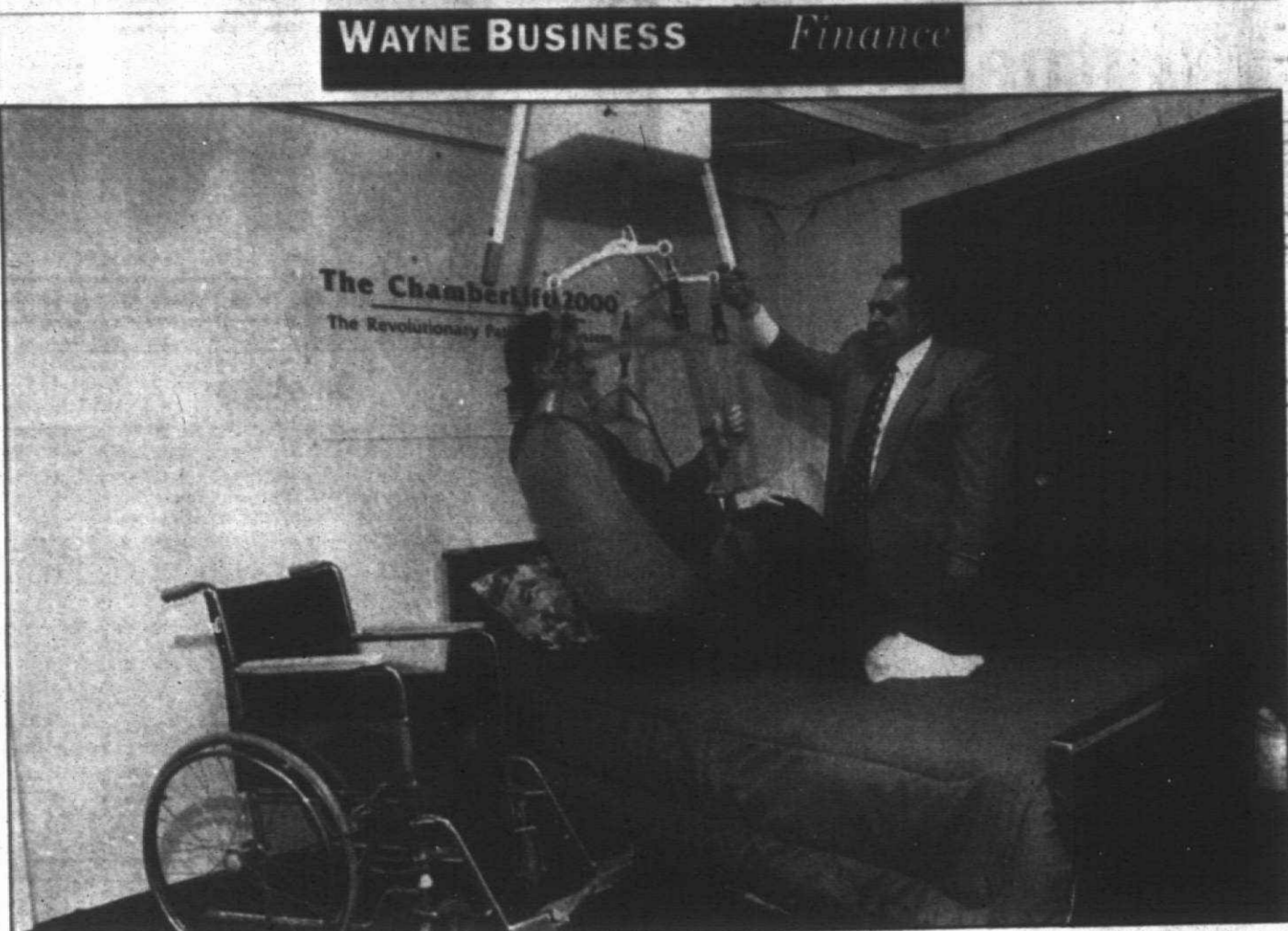
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Test ride: Lift Aid employee Carl Buckholz takes a test ride in the Chamberlift 2000 to demonstrate the patient lift system. Guido Capaldi, company president, operates the lift.

Livonia company offers lift system

Guido Capaldi felt drawn into offering a new lift system for incapacitated patients.

Just about every person he meets either needs help or knows someone who does, said Capaldi, president of Lift Aid Inc. of Livonia.

After a friend told him how he needed help for a family member, the next day Capaldi's wife went to a program that featured a patient attorney. "Every time I tried to back away, someone else tried to get me into it," he said.

Lift Aid, which opened in Livonia last year, has begun production of the Chamberlift 2000 patient lift system. The system is custom fit to a room's dimensions and can lift up to 500 pounds. It is a free-standing steel structure with a sliding beam and a sling attached to lift the patient and can be operated at the press of a button.

"We believe this product will help people improve their quality of life and save their financial resources," Capaldi said.

Many people are concerned that their caregivers are having to lift them, according to Charlene Kull, vice president of marketing and communications at Lift Aid.

A large percentage of caregivers in the home are women and usually they are lifting a much heavier person, Capaldi said.

Some lift devices are on a U-shaped base on the floor which can be difficult to maneuver, he said.

"We've tried to design a system to allow anyone to operate it and allow people to come home," he said.

If a patient is able to stay home instead of staying in a long-term care facility, it can save that person \$30,000-40,000 a year, Capaldi said.

The system is set up at the Lift Aid office in a model bedroom, with a portable bathtub and toilet, to show how a person can be cared for in one room.

Some people also have the system installed near their hot tub or pool as it's safe near water, Kull said.

The unit cost starts at \$3,995 for a 12-by-14 unit and increases by foot. It is \$300 for installation, but can be assembled by the buyer.

Three sizes of slings to transport the patient are available. "A lift can also be used for children," Lift Aid, 38281 Schoolcraft, Suite B, Livonia, 48150. (313) 432-9500.

Learn about women in history on Internet

March is Women's History Month. We all know that, didn't we?

However, in preparation for this column, I've learned that in Canada, Women in History Month is observed in October. So our Canadian friends will have to search the archives for illumination. A starting place is Women in Alberta and Saskatchewan History at <http://seeca.cucuregina.ca/~tilde/mark/magirenc/>.

One source of illumination is the Encyclopedia of Women's History created by a group of students and grades K-12. Encyclopedias and reference sources are found when you point to <http://www.teleport.com/~tilde/mega-games/women.stml>. Students are encouraged to continue submitting articles on women's history. Also at this site are other women's history links.

Statistical facts for Women's History Month are provided by the population statistical information staff of the U.S. Census Bureau at a Gopher site accessible at <http://gopher.census.gov/70/0/Bureau/PR/Date/cb96-60.txt>.

"Women's Exhibition" has information on the achievements of 21 women produced by the National Library of Canada. Point to <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/digi/proj/women/women.htm>.

Learning in Motion has a top 10 list of WWW sites with a strong educational perspective on women's history. The sites are updated monthly so visit and re-visit <http://www.learn.motion.com/lim/links/linkmain>.

Another top 10 link list is maintained at NetWatch by Patricia J. Walsh, webmaster of The Women's Web InfoNet. The list points to content pertaining to women's issues or the sites are run by women.

Point to <http://www.pulver.com/network/topnet/t13.htm> and you will find a list of home pages that includes: Andria Hunter, a national ice hockey member of the world championship Canadian team; BioWomen, an interactive experience for women in business; Women's Wire Magazine; Women in History; Cybergrill, a search engine that includes sites by women or women's issues; Women's Resources on the Net; and Planet Women.

You might think me a liberated man because I know about Women's History Month. Sorry to disillusion you but this special month was brought to my attention by Len Roberts of O&E On-Line, retired holiday webmaster who now operates a home page called "Some of the URLs I've visited this week." The site has a listing of URLs for the current week and an archive of past weeks.

Roberts has collected so many women's history month links that it's taken him two weeks (two pages) of links. Point to [http://oeonline.com/~\(tilde\)lenr1/visit-ed.html](http://oeonline.com/~(tilde)lenr1/visit-ed.html) (that's numeral one (1), not letter "l") and check out the weeks of Feb. 19 and Feb. 26.

Some of the topics are 19th Century Women Writers, 4000 Years of Women in Science, Calendar of Women of Achievement and Herstory, Florence Nightingale Letters, Her Own Words, Nurses in WWII, TAF: The Ada Project, WIC-Women's History, Women and Computer Science, Women Artists Archive, Women of Science, Women's Land Army, Virtual Sisterhood, Women's Link, Women's Suffrage Between the Wars, and Women's Web. The URL is <http://crux.astr.us.edu/4000WS/4000WS.html>.

The 4000 Years of Women in Science has biographies, references, photograph and a neat half-moon shaped graphic with stars and the top of a tree with the words "Women Hold Up Half the Sky." Point to <http://crux.astr.us.edu/4000WS/4000WS.html>. You can also visit Women's Web at <http://www.womweb.com/>.

Virtual Sisterhood describes itself as "A global women's electronic support network dedicated to strengthening and magnifying the impact of feminist organizing through promotion of electronic communications use within the global women's movement." There are links to priorities, kids, meet the press, initiatives, what's new, join us. The site is available in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish as well as English. Point to <http://www.igc.apc.org/vsister/>.

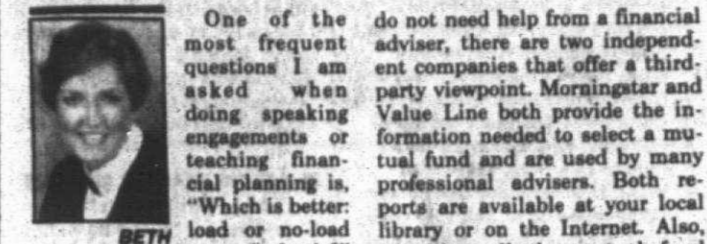
So you were wondering how to observe Women in History Month. Now you know.

You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by E-mail at emory@oeonline.com or fax number 591-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313)891-0903, at "top-in" prompt type "new" and at "Key" prompt type GLAN72. Past columns may be accessed online at [http://oeonline.com/~\(tilde\)mark/emoryd/archive.html](http://oeonline.com/~(tilde)mark/emoryd/archive.html).

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

- THURSDAY, FEB. 29**
- INTERNATIONAL TAXES**
The International Tax Practice Group of Coopers & Lybrand L.L.P. is holding a series of free seminars on international tax issues.
- The first seminar, titled "Exports - Customs Duties and Value-Added Tax," is being held 8-11 a.m. in the Renaissance Center, Tower 400, 29th floor. "Coopers & Lybrand has an international network of professionals who specialize in providing tax consulting and compliance services. As a result, we're in a unique position to take a global view of tax planning to help develop strategies for businesses with offshore activities," Timothy L. Gibbs, director of the International Tax Practice, said. Highlights of the Feb. 29 seminar include a review of the "Mod Act" and how to be prepared for a customs audit, as well as a discussion of the Value Added Tax regimes and suggestions on minimizing its cost.
- The remaining four seminars are scheduled for April 26, June 30, Aug. 15 and Oct. 17. Topics are: doing business in Latin America, transfer pricing, LLCs and other flow-through entities and U.S. employees abroad, respectively.
- For more information, or to register for one of the seminars, call (313) 446-7335.
- FOURTH MONDAY**
The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County meets the fourth Monday of every month. For information, call Pat Harris at (313) 420-2923. Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women.
- TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS**
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Mutual funds: Load or not?



One of the most frequent questions I am asked when doing speaking engagements or teaching financial planning is, "Which is better: load or no-load mutual funds?"

Load funds mean you pay a sales commission when buying a mutual fund. With no-load funds the investor buys directly from a financial institution, without a broker and without a sales commission.

Another way to think of it can be in terms of buying wholesale or retail. Wholesale you buy direct from the manufacturer, while retail is usually purchased through sales help at a local store. If you look up the word load in the dictionary, it means burden or a grievous weight. What does it mean when you apply it to mutual funds? To some investors, paying a load (commission) when buying a mutual fund can be a burden on their investment return. Other investors simply see it as the cost of doing business.

Load or no-load really means help or no-help. The question investors should be asking themselves is whether or not they need assistance in picking out a mutual fund. You either need help or you don't need help. If you can sift through the maze of information and have the time to do all the investing on your own, then you don't need help and no-load funds are for you.

One of the unfortunate misconceptions is load and no-load offers an investor the same thing. The load, or commission, is to compensate a professional who is an adviser. The job of the adviser is to work with you, talk with you and select the investments that meet your investment goals.

Determining the right investments to meet one's goals can be confusing. There are now about 8,000 mutual funds to choose from. One way to reduce the confusion and uncertainty is to get professional advice. Professional advice is something you will have to pay for. One way to pay for it is through a load, i.e., commission on the investment.

An adviser does help people make the decisions to begin investing. We all procrastinate. If we're confused or uncertain, we put off making decisions, even if we know we need to be doing something.

Getting help can make a difference. It can give you the encouragement you may need and you are not alone in making decisions. When you need reassurance, your adviser is there for you. During 1994 when the financial markets didn't do so well, financial advisers spent a great deal of time reminding them to be patient.

Another question regarding the difference in load and no-load funds relates to performance. Do the funds with the no-load offer better rates of return? The answer here lies in the performance of the fund manager. Once the up-front sales load is paid on the investment, then all the performance of the fund manager and not the sales charge. A fund manager's job is picking the right securities and timing. The objective is always to buy low and sell high. The rate of return on the investment depends on the securities in the portfolio. The load on an investment means the fund will have to perform the extra percentage charge that otherwise would not have been paid on a no-load.

Paying a sales fee is only one of the criteria an investor should be evaluating. Besides having the right stocks and bonds in the portfolio, there are also fund expenses that affect a fund's performance. High management and operating expenses can drag down a mutual fund's performance. When comparing mutual funds, to compare is the total expense fee. Management fees are ongoing annual charges against a fund's return on the investment. Payment of a commission to a broker is the difference between load and no-load. Once the sales charge is paid up-front, the annual expense ratios can be very similar between load and no-load funds. So, the answer as to whether or not the fund performs better depends more on the fund manager and ongoing operating expense fees than on having a sales commission tacked on. For those do-it-yourself investors who

BUSINESS PEOPLE

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Cynthia M. Dickinson has been promoted to chief financial officer at Schwartz Investment Counsel Inc., a Bloomfield Hills-based registered investment adviser.

Dickinson, who joined Schwartz Investment Counsel in 1985, will add the responsibilities of chief financial officer to her current position as vice president of operations. In addition to her role with the firm, she also is treasurer of the Schwartz Value Fund, a \$50 million equity mutual fund managed by Schwartz Investment Counsel Inc.

Dickinson is a graduate of Madonna University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is a member of the Institute of Management Accountants. She is a lifelong resident of Livonia, where she lives with her husband.

Judith Caroselli has been named director of operations for Westland Convalescent Center, where she has been employed since 1972.

Caroselli serves on the board of directors for the Health Care Association of Michigan and recently received its distinguished service award.

Westland Convalescent Center is a 230-bed rehabilitation-based, long-term care nursing community.

Carol Witke Rutz and Claudia Fiederick, of Compass Retail Inc. in Westland, have earned professional accreditation as certified shopping center managers from the International Council of Shopping Centers.

The council grants accreditation to those people with at least four years of professional experience who have passed a daylong written examination administered by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J.

The program was initiated in 1964 and more than 2,300 men and women have earned the designation. This year 40.8 percent of the 377 candidates passed the examination.

The test was administered in Orlando, Fla.

"The CSM certification program was designed to establish high standards in shopping center management. A CSM must be able to manage all types and sizes of shopping centers, in a wide range of geographical locations," said Georgette Ciocella, the council's director of education. "Those who achieve the CSM designation are indeed the best and brightest in their chosen field."

Brian D. Beitz, a 1985 graduate of Bentley High School and son of William and Dolores Beitz of Livonia, recently was named a vice president at the Northern Trust Company, Chicago.

He serves in division I of the Metropolitan Banking Group, and is responsible for managing existing client relationships and developing new relationships with middle market companies in Chicago and Michigan.

Beitz received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1989 and a master's degree from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in 1995.

He joined the bank in 1989 and served as a supervisor in the Financial Analysis Division prior to moving into his current position. He was named an officer in September 1991, a second vice president in October 1993 and a vice president in December 1995.

He lives in Chicago.

Duo-Gard Industries Inc. in Livonia has appointed Linda G. Byam as director of marketing and communications.

Duo-Gard manufactures insulated window/wall systems for commercial renovation and new

construction. The company also makes enclosed smoking shelters.

Byam will be responsible for marketing strategies and materials for advertising and public relations. Prior to joining Duo-Gard, Byam was an independent marketing communications specialist. She was a freelance writer for area publications.

She was also an associate editor at Professional Builder magazine and Midwest editor of Electronic Buyer's News. She holds an associate's degree in applied science — journalism from Harper College in Palatine, Ill.

She is serving her second term as president of the board of directors of HAVEN, Oakland County's agency for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. In 1994, she was honored for her service to HAVEN. She is also a local volunteer for Dogs for the Deaf.

Byam, her husband and two cats live in Beverly Hills.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

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HEALTHY EATING TIPS - Registered dietitian Linda Millard will discuss tips for healthy eating for women in mid-life at the St. Mary Hospital Menopause Support Group meeting from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion Conference Room B near the west entrance to the hospital off of Levan Road.

PARENTING TIPS - Oakwood Healthcare System is sponsoring an "Active Parenting Today" class for parents of children ages 2-12. The six-session course will meet from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 6 through April 10 at the Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - Oakwood is sponsoring a "Certified Sitter" class for young people aged 11-15. The three-session course teaches them how to safely supervise younger children.

MARRIAGE CLASS - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Premarital AIDS Class from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 and 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B near the Levan Road entrance.

MEAL PLANNING - Tea and Talk: The New Food Pyramid is a program for those age 50 and over to teach how to plan easy and healthy meals and snacks March 11 at 2 p.m. Botsford Hospital dietician Michelle Kreuger instructs.

HEALTH-O-RAMA - Botsford General Hospital is co-sponsoring Project Health-O-Rama at the Livonia Mall March 11-13, offering free and low-cost screenings and health education.

HAIR CARE FOR CANCER - Susie Lucas, licensed cosmetologist from Unique Hair Design, will give a presentation on hair care for cancer patients at the Marian Women's Center's Breast Cancer Support Group from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 in the Lower Level Conference Room at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

IMPOTENCE PROGRAM - Help for Impotent Men (HIM) sponsors a program on "Drug-Induced Impotence" at 7 p.m. March 15 in Botsford General Hospital's East Pavilion Conference Room 2-B, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

FIRST AID/CPR CLASS - Oakwood is offering an American Red Cross first aid course which includes CPR certification and instruction in the treatment of medical emergencies.

DIABETES SUPPORT - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will host a Diabetes Support Group meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 in the hospital auditorium near the Five Mile hospital entrance.

PERFORMANCE RUNNING - A clinic offering tips for improving running performance while reducing the risk of injury is scheduled for March 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Botsford Hospital's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditional Center, 39750 Grand River, Novi. Cost is \$30.

BREAST-FEEDING CLASS - A breast-feeding class will be at the University of Michigan Plymouth Health Center 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 9398 Lilyley Road, in Canton. Nurse Sarah Morris Collins will discuss maintaining milk supply, avoiding common problems and find community resources.

LIFE WITH DIABETES - Oakwood Healthcare System offers a Life with Diabetes series Thursday evenings, 7-9 p.m. from March 7 through April 18 in the Plymouth-Canton area.

BLOOD DRIVE - Due to a severe shortage of blood in Southeast Michigan, Oakwood Healthcare System joins the American Red Cross to sponsor a two-day blood drive.

CHILD BIRTH CLASS - The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, at 4300 Spring Arbor Road, Dearborn.

MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES - Oakwood will offer a Grocery Store Tour for those who want to make healthy food choices. A registered dietitian will lead a guided tour through a local supermarket.

FAMILY-CENTERED CARE - St. Mary Hospital is co-sponsoring a free Prostate Screening Day at the hospital from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 2.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS - Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

GRADUATED - Steven D. Lovell, Air Force staff sergeant, graduated from the Air Force non-commissioned officer (NCO) Academy at Kapaun Air Station, Germany.

PROMOTED - Jason A. Bryan, Marine corporal, son of Robert J. and Ruth A. Bryan of Canton, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz.

BASIC TRAINING - Richard N. Hyatt, Army private, has entered basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instructions in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM H. HENDERSON - Services for William H. Henderson, 62, of Plymouth were Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. William Ritter officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

OLEN R. ROHRBACH - Services for Glen R. Rohrbach, 64, of Canton, were Wednesday, Feb. 21, at UHt Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert McDonald officiating. Burial was at Our Lady of Hope in Allen Park.

LOUISA M. (DOHERY) WRIGHT - Services for Louisa M. Wright, 82, of Plymouth, were Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, in Plymouth. The Rev. Roy Forsyth officiated, with burial in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

MARY ANN CRANE - Services for Mary Ann Crane, 61, of Waco, Texas, who died Feb. 22 in Ann Arbor, were Saturday, Feb. 24, at the McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

MARY ANN CRANE - She was born Nov. 25, 1934, in Detroit. She was a homemaker. Among the survivors are her husband, Richard K. Crane; one son, Richard Crane; two daughters, Fran Bernard and Mary Ann Lewis, both of Canton; a brother, John Ursic; a sister, Frances Quinn; and four grandchildren.

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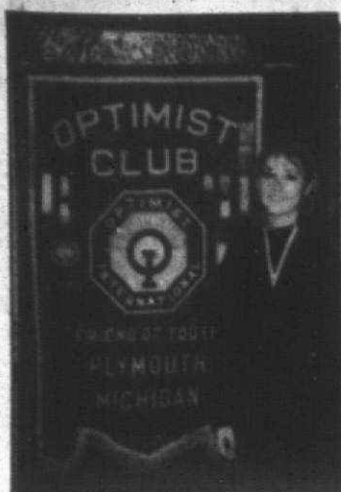
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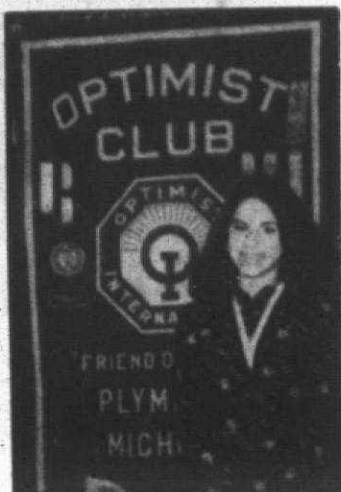
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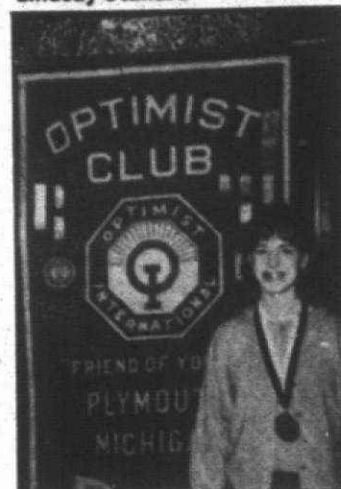
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Contest winners chosen

Three students were named winners at the Plymouth Optimist Club Oratorical contest held on Monday, Feb. 19, at the Mayflower Hotel Colonial Room in Plymouth.

First place — Kellie Drinkhahn, of Plymouth, attends Pioneer Middle School; second place — Lindsay R. Stallard of Plymouth, attends Central Middle School; third place — Katie Gazsi

of Plymouth, attends Pioneer Middle School.

Piano teachers study influence on Chopin

The influence of Maria Szymanowska on Chopin is the topic to be explored at the March 6 meeting of the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum.

Sister Magdalena Ezoe, O.P., an associate professor of music at Siena Heights College in Adrian, will lecture on that topic to the forum. The meeting begins 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, in the recital hall of Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia.

During the summers of 1991-92, Sister Magdalena visited the birthplace of Chopin at Zelazowa Wola, Warsaw, Paris and Nohan with a group touring in research of Chopin's artistry.

The meeting begins 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, in the recital hall of Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia.

In addition to her successful teaching career, she has been piano soloist with various symphony and chamber orchestras and has been composing many musical settings for the liturgy since 1970.

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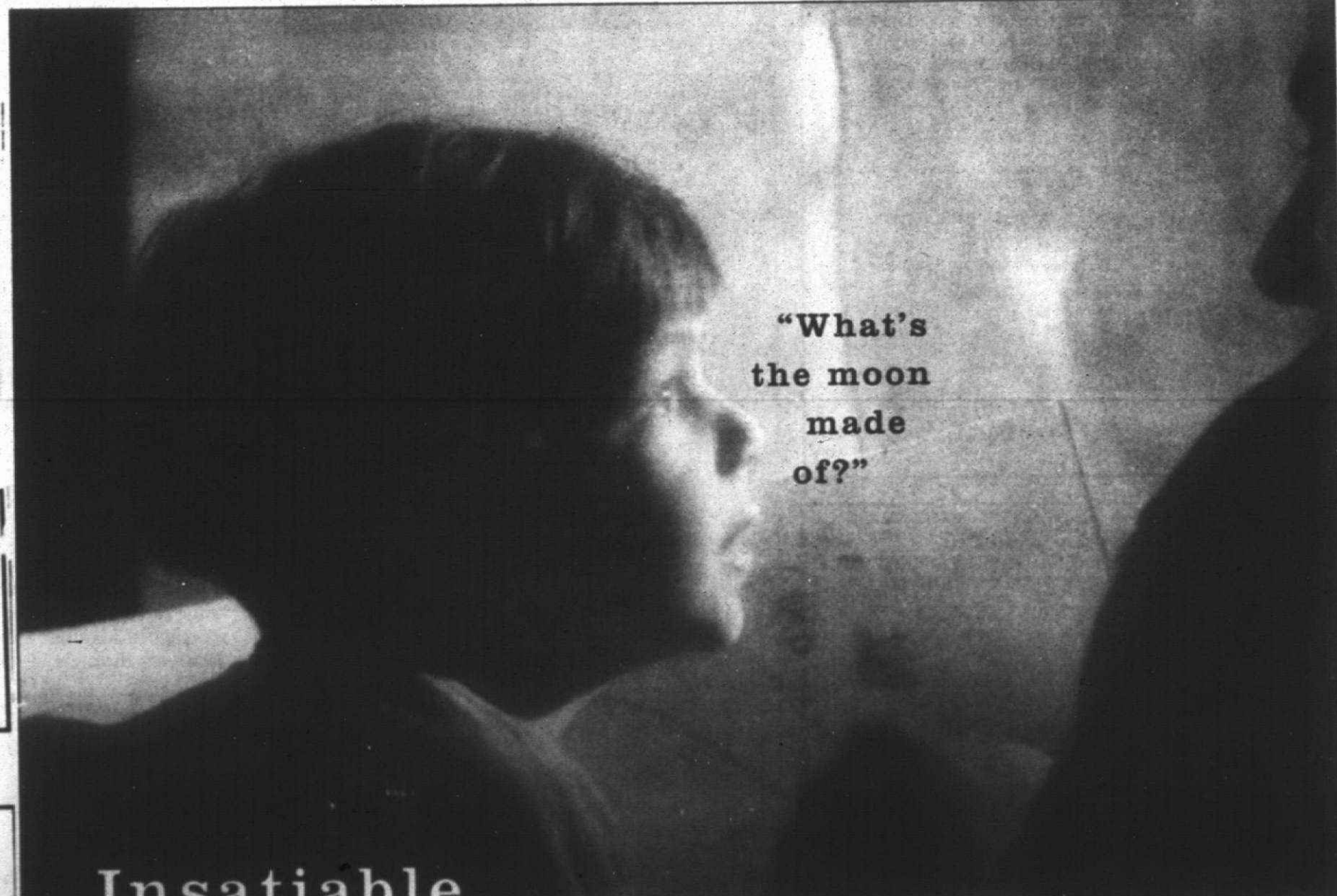
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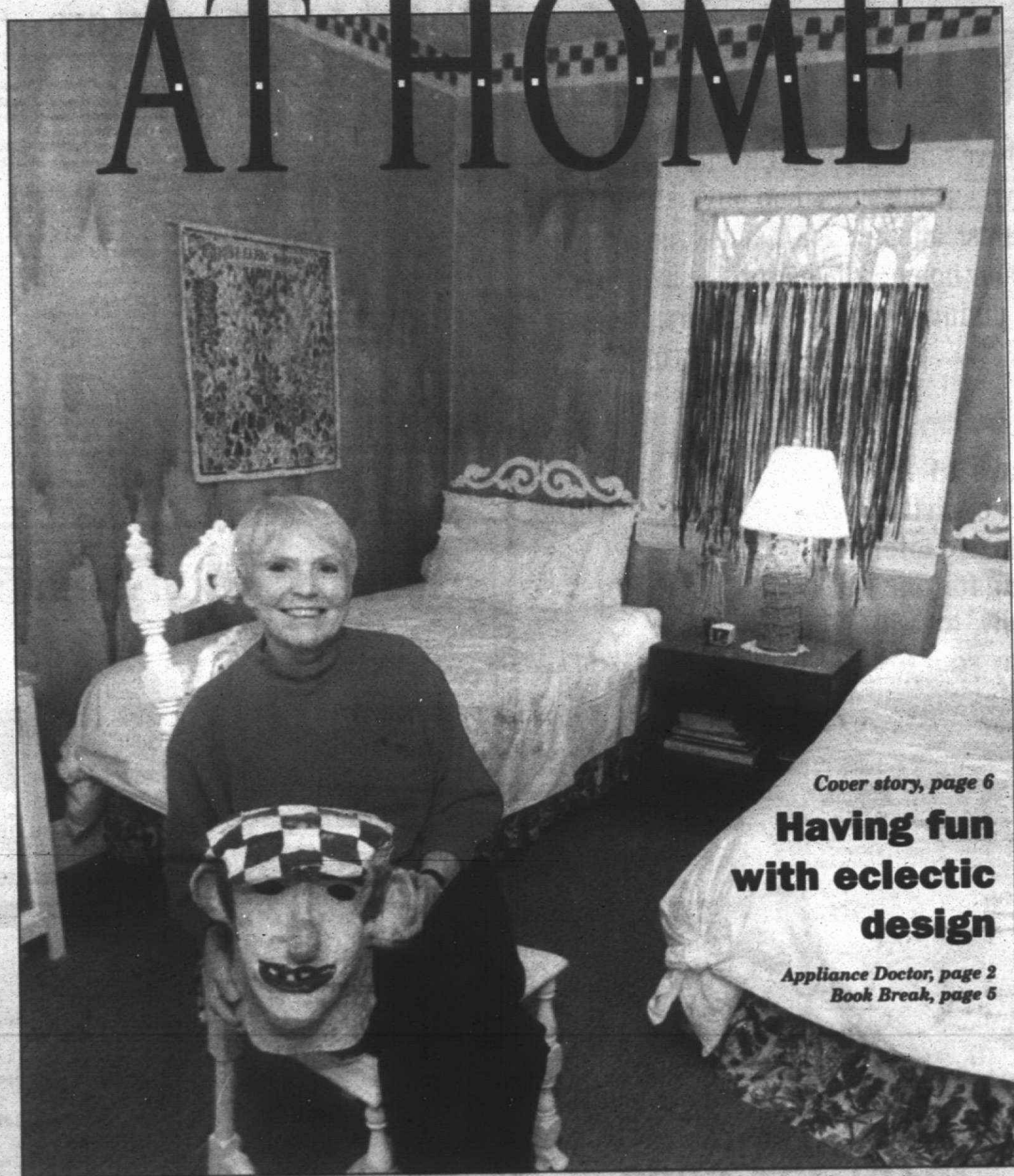
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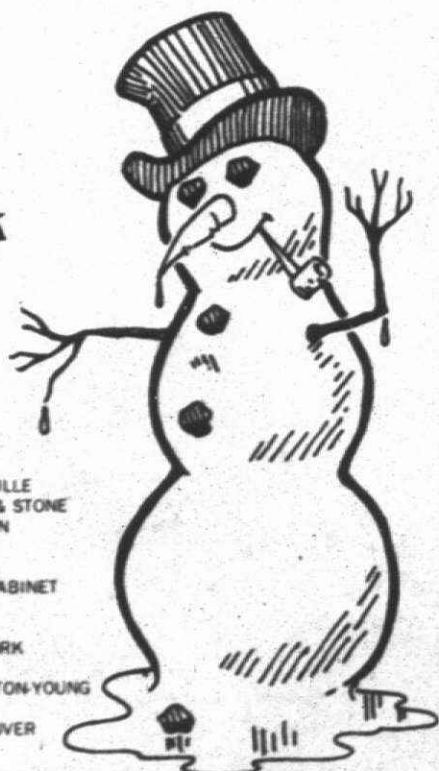
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'Common Sense' talk about telemarketers



JOE GAGNON

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In my relationship with Ms. Esther Shapiro, the director of Detroit Consumer Affairs, I have come to know what rip-off means in the world of consumerism. I have learned a great deal about the companies in this country who take in over 100 billion dollars using unethical practices. The difference I make in combating this is so small and, yet, I must always keep trying to make a difference.

Some people think of me as a guy who fixes washers and dryers and that's OK, as long as they listen when I talk about other issues dealing with consumerism outside the appliance industry. Let's

try this change on you the reader, and see if you listen.

On Jan. 1, new Federal Trade Commission (FTC) rules regulating the telemarketing industry went into effect. Some of the highlights are:

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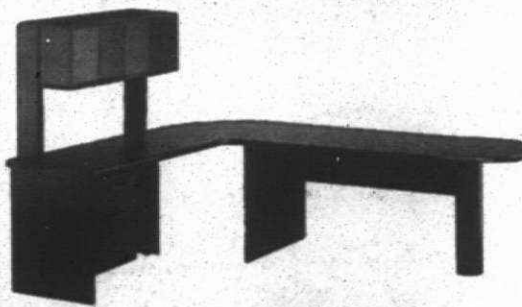
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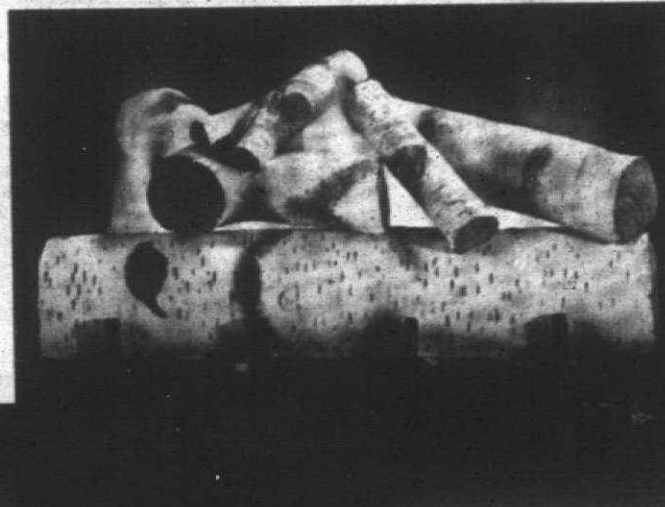
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Another subject please. In December of 1995, Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley revealed the results of his fourth annual scanner accuracy survey in retail stores in Michigan. Investigators bought a total of 280 items in stores located in Oakland County, Bay City and Grand Rapids. Scanners regis-

tered the wrong price on 14 percent of the items (20 percent in Oakland County), 60 percent of which were overcharges. Kelley said retailers must remember that when overcharges cheat customers, they have more to lose in long term image than they have to gain in a two-hour sale.

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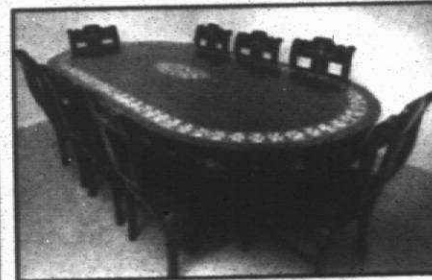
Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

Meeting is set

The next meeting of the Metropolitan Rose Society will take place 7 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and south of 13 Mile.

Thomas Taylor, Great Lakes District director of the American Rose Society, will be the speaker for the evening. He will discuss the proper ways to prune roses for spring and summer bloom. The public may attend.

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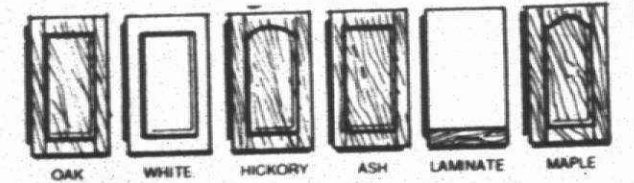
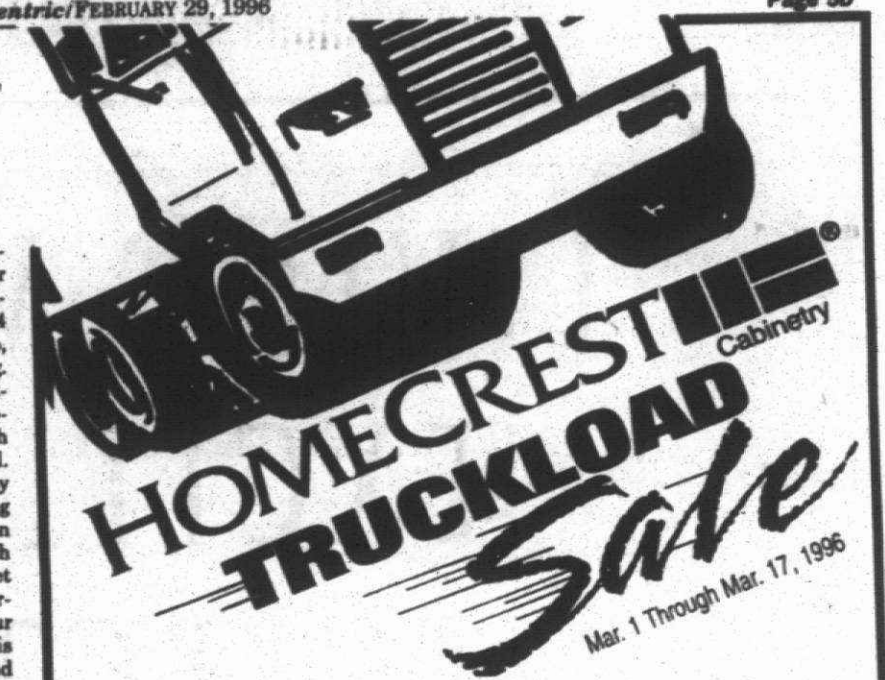
VICTORIA DIAZ

If you're looking for some good books to listen to, lend an ear to these:
"So Far," written and read by Kelsey Grammer (Dove, three hours, \$17.95). It may seem a little early for TV's popular "Frasier" to have put his life story together. But, considering all that's happened in his 40-something years, perhaps it's more than high time. There's all that fame and fortune, of course (most of which kicked in when he joined the cast of "Cheers"), but much of the rest has been a gut-wrenching roller coaster ride. Incredibly, both the actor's father and sister were victims of murder. All his marriages have failed. He's flirted with the drug scene and other less-than-wholesome pursuits. And, once upon a time, he was kicked out of the prestigious Juilliard School of Music. But let him tell you about that, and other high-low points along the way. In his familiar, mellifluous tones, he sounds sometimes very bon vivant, sometimes like the aging hippie next door. Whatever he sounds like, this is one engaging audiobook. "Independence Day," by Richard

Ford. Read by John Rubinstein. (Random House, three hours, \$17). Former sportswriter Frank Bascombe is a Realtor in Haddam, New Jersey. He is 44 years old, divorced, the father of two, and doesn't know where his life is going. Perhaps it isn't going anywhere. His ex-wife claims he's untrustworthy. His 15-year-old son Paul seems half-crazy with resentment toward the world in general. His girlfriend seems to be pulling away from him. His realty deals are falling through. Things are bad all over when he and Paul set out on a trip to patch up their relationship. Then, things get worse. Ford's resonant prose and razor-sharp perceptions of us as we make our way toward the next century make this ultimately hopeful story of home and family a memorable work. And, oh those conversations! Rubinstein's subtly-nuanced reading of one of Ford's best efforts is first-rate.

"The Liars' Club," written and read by Mary Karr. (Penguin, four hours, \$16.95). This autobiography by Texas writer Karr could have been subtitled, "We cried until we laughed." Having grown up in an atmosphere marked by lying, cheating, loneliness, stealing, drinking, rape, terrible sickness, and

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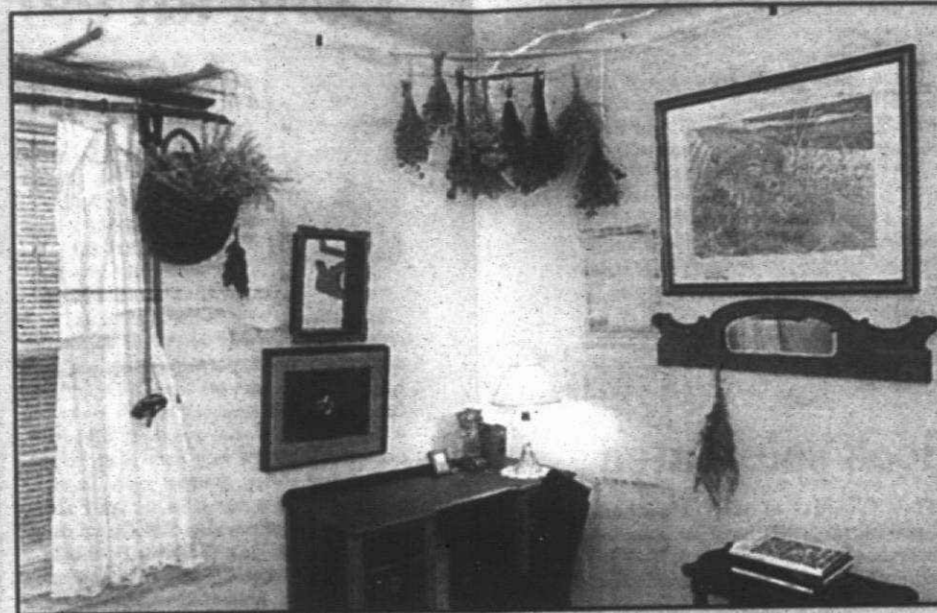
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Neo-rustic nostalgia: The corner of this formerly hot room is now subdued with drying herbs, a much-painted desk restored to its natural wood, a whimsically painted chair, antique lamp and Emil Weddige silkscreen.



On the cover: Sally Gerak sits in one of her imaginative guest rooms, drip painted in a Mediterranean blue with painted headboards, a papier mache mask that makes her smile and a bright scarf wall hanging by New Zealand artist Ken Done. Staff photo by Steve Cantrell.

Easy quilts: Sally Gerak loves quilting, with a brush not a needle. She painted a square quilt pattern on this chest and a crazy quilt on the chair. The softsculpture doll is by Nancy Camden Hauser, the little boy is a flea market find. The framed art is a salvaged textile piece. Hanging above it all is a Gerak made "scalawag" on which people can hang their mementoes.



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BY CORINNE ABATT • SPECIAL WRITER

You say you always wanted to do some wild, crazy design thing in your house, but don't have the nerve. Then it's time you meet Sally Gerak. You may already know her as a community activist and columnist for the Eccentric Newspapers, but there's another side to this talented person. Sally's a fearless innovator with a fine eye for color and form. Happily, she has a sure hand with a paint brush, whether it's floors, walls, ceilings or furniture, and some not-too-shabby sewing skills. Flexibility plays a major part in her approach to decorating. The Birmingham home of Sally and Joe Gerak is eclectic in its purist form - a tantalizing mix of antique, traditional and modern, accessorized with a fanciful collection of art from as near as Michigan and as far away as Mexico, Central America and beyond. But it's Sally's art that holds it all together.

Attention grabbers

The chests that flank the arch between the living and dining rooms grab your attention immediately.

"They started life as kitchen wall cabinets. We added a base and top. These chests were either gonna go to the trash or on each side of the archway. Resourcefulness is the guiding principle in my art," she said.

By chance, she picked a hardened, old roller to paint them blue and came up with a pleasant surprise - the texture and color of washed denim.

After seeing a picture of an Amish quilt, "Broken Bars," said to have inspired one of her favorite contemporary artists, Paul Klee, she knew the chests needed patches of bright color on the front. When completed, she named and signed each "Quilt I" and "Quilt II."

"I saw a piece in a folk art show at Cranbrook Museum signed 'The Folk Artist,' and I thought if he can call himself that, then I am the folk artist who made these."

The name fits, she said, because folk artists are untrained.

"I love quilts, but I don't have the time and patience to do quilts by hand."

French artist Henri Matisse is another creative giant who has influenced her work and it's most apparent in the bathrooms.

In these, Gerak has painted bold fields of bright flowers and abstract forms freehand on the vinyl floor, topped off with seven to eight coats of super polyurethane for a lasting waterproof finish.

In her most recent guest bathroom project, where she said she always wanted a painted floor cloth, she painted her own fake floor cloth on the vinyl.

On the walls, she wrote humorous, pithy sayings in bright colors, giving credit for several to funky, popular Michigan artist Nancy Drew. Those at eye level are written backward so they can be read while looking in the vanity mirror. Others are easiest to read sitting down.

As the Gerak children grew up and left, she redid their bedrooms. The boys' room where her first and future grandchildren will sleep

is in process.

Gerak calls her changes in daughter Julie's 1970s room "neo-rustic nostalgia." The white curtains, hanging from an apple tree branch rod, are secured by raffia loops. Bouquets of dried natural materials hang from a ledge mounted on the top of the window frame. Gerak designed this to avoid making nail holes.

The bed and the lap afghan, now a wallhanging on a wrought-iron rod, are farm sale finds. The flowered pastel dust ruffle started life a long time ago as a tablecloth and the pillow sham is made from the matching napkins.

Gerak stripped the paint from a small desk and gave it a natural finish to show off the original woods. She found a straight chair for the desk, painted it black, splashed a few daisies across the back and for fun and the benefit of tiny folk, painted grass around the feet.

Guest room

Down the hall is another guest room, designed, it appears, for those who won't make it to France's Cote d'Azur this winter but wish they could.

The brown and yellow color scheme, appropriate when it was occupied by a teenage son, has been replaced by rich blue set off by lots of white and accents of bright colors.

Gerak used a sponge to make the blue and white checked border just below the ceiling. When the blue she had chosen for the walls looked too dark, she said, "I started experimenting, so I mixed 50 percent water with 50 percent paint."

While fixing the drips, she was sidetracked and when she returned, she found the drips had turned into beautiful, undulating peaks and valleys.

"If you give up control and let the paint do what it wants to do, it looks wonderful."

When one son called her attention to a drip in the border, she told him it was OK, "I wanted it to be something I had done and I wanted it imperfect."

The two flower wallhangings, somewhat reminiscent of a Matisse design, but actually silk scarves by Ken Done of Sydney, Australia, came from a shop in Harbor Springs. A loose, white silk panel behind each scarf increases the contrast.

Gerak painted the headboards on the wall, to have the look but not the bulk of real ones. The flower print dust ruffles on the twin beds, too, are recycled tablecloths.

To add a splashy touch of magic at the windows, she went to her basement workshop and gathered up scores of ribbons, lengths of lace and trim of all kinds and looped them over the curtain rods. The light filters through, but upon waking after a night's sleep, it could take a few seconds for a guest to think whether this is Morocco, Martinique or good old Michigan.

But then, that's true of the entire house. It can't be slotted into a specific style or time frame. It's an ongoing work of art that keeps evolving, changing and growing more interesting all the time.



Sunny days: Bright colors and child like design bring warmth to a guest bathroom. The lettering can be read in a facing mirror. The "rug" was painted directly on the vinyl floor.

SOLID

PENNSYLVANIA CHERRY OR OAK

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death up-close, she writes about it in prose that is vibrant, sensitive, and incisive — and underneath it all runs a kind of dry-as-a-rattler's-tail humor. As the narrator of her own slightly bizarre tale, the flat-voiced author seems the perfect choice.

"High Tide in Tucson," written and read by Barbara Kingsolver. (Harper Audio, three hours, \$17). Don't miss this quietly effective reading of selections from Kingsolver's eloquent collection of essays, published last year in hardcover. Whether she's writing of the hermit crab who lives inside her desert home, or the Dewey Decimal System

that changed her life around, or a post-cold-war visit to a nuclear weapons facility, readers of Kingsolver novels like "The Bean Trees" and "Pigs in Heaven" will appreciate these essays. Some are less closely-reasoned than others, some seem even a little smug and self-satisfied. But most of these words bloom into a kind of fine music that transcends anything else, including Kingsolver's staunch political beliefs (which crop up with fair regularity).

Highlights include the introductory essay that begins, "A hermit crab lives inside my house." Kingsolver goes on from this mundane (though slightly

startling) message to things grand and cosmological, weaving it all together like the finest spider-webbing, but keeping our eye on the aptly named Buster all the while.

In one of the concluding essays, written after she has accidentally observed both a particularly beautiful and a particularly horrific side of nature, she notes, "Everywhere you look a joyful noise is clanging to drown out quiet desperation. The choice is draw the blinds and shut it all out, or/believe. What to believe in exactly may never turn out to be half as important as the daring act of belief."

Kingsolver's clear, faintly melodic reading of her own words approaches perfection.

Book sale slated

The Friends of the Huntington Woods Library will have its last used book sale of the season 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the library, 26415 Scotia.

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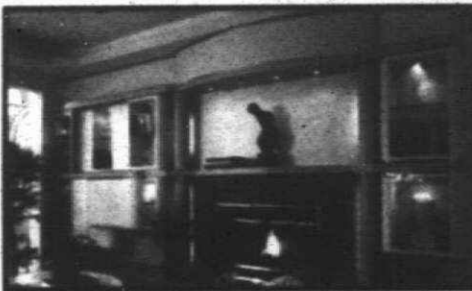
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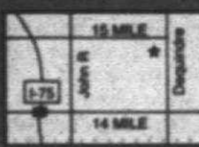
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BY MARTY FIGLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

"Island Hopping" is the theme of the Standard Flower Show presented by District 1, The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc., during the Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Hours are 3-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29; noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 1; 10

a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 2; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 3. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 to 14 and free for children under 5; including admission to all events.

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These exhibits will, as usual, be judged. You might want to conduct your own "contest" to see if you agree. In addition to these displays, the judged horticulture division will include many plants grown by individuals, such as flowering and foliage plants, herbs, cacti, dish gardens, forced branches and

See FLOWERS, 11D

Writers discuss marketing work

A seminar on how to get published, "To Market! To Market!", will take place 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Oakland University in Rochester.

The seminar is co-sponsored by Detroit Women Writers. Tuition is \$95; optional lunch is \$7.50. Registration deadline is Friday, March 1. Call (810) 370-3120 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for more information.

Successful screenwriter Jim Burnstein of Plymouth will speak on how a Michigianian makes it as a Hollywood screenwriter. Ten professionals, including a New York editor and agent, will discuss what editors are looking for, how to sell, regional markets, selling a story to many markets, special interest markets and finding your niche.

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Whether you're a rose-lover from way back or this is the year you begin, rose expert Dick Schmidt of English Gardens has all you need to know for spectacular results.

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Tuesday, March 5 - 6:30 pm
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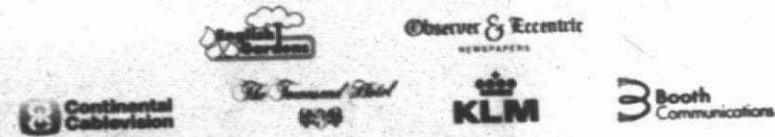
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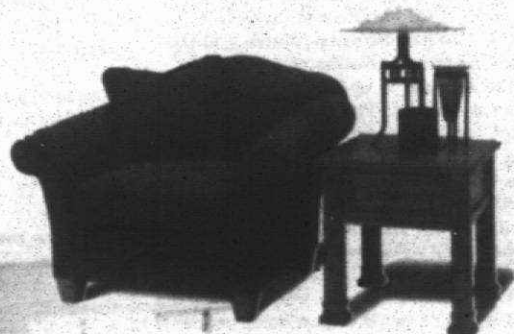


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Special events include an exhibit of Ikebana (the Japanese art of flower arranging) by master designer Toshi Shimura. Also, "Flower Arranging Made Easy" by Nancy Passfield (March 1), "Arranging Spring Flowers" by Jean Moran (March 2), and "Creating Natural Crafts," featuring a wreath of dried materials, by Pauline Flynn (March 3). Each demonstration will take place 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on the designated days.

Master composters will represent the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority and be available to answer your questions about composting and recycling.

A bevy of speakers will again present topics of interest to gardeners. Among the speakers are Jeff Cox, author and host of PBS's "Your Organic Garden," and Jim Wilson, author and host of PBS and H&G "Victory Garden" television shows.

Local speakers are Nancy Szerlag, Detroit News garden writer and Garden Spot host on WDIV-TV's "Newsbeat Sunday"; Mary Appelhof, author and expert on worm composting; Sue Hickcox, Sue Grubbs and Peter Bray, Oakland County master gardeners; Ernie Kramer, owner of Backyard Birds; Janet Macunovich, author, garden designer and Detroit News garden writer;

and Marty Figley, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers garden writer and lecturer.

Topics and speakers are "Great Container Gardening" 6 p.m. Feb. 29, "Container Gardening with Herbs" 5 p.m. Feb. 29 and "Growing From Seed the Easy Way" 8 p.m. Feb. 29, Szerlag; "Worms Eat My Garbage; They Can Eat Yours, Too!" 7 p.m. Feb. 29 and March 1 and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. March 2, Appelhof; "Spring Bed Preparation" 8 p.m. Feb. 29, Hickcox; "What's New in the Garden" 2 p.m. March 1 and 1 p.m. March 3, Figley; "Night Lighting Your Garden" 3 p.m. March 1, Grubbs; "Backyard Birding" 5 p.m. March 1 and 4 p.m. March 3, Kramer; "Growing Veg-

etables Organically" 6 p.m. March 3; "Easy-to-grow Perennials That Look Great Together" 8 p.m. March 1, "Organic Vegetable Gardening" 1 p.m. March 2 and "Easy-to-grow Perennials in Great Combinations" 2 p.m. March 2, Cox; Cold Composting: Do It the Easy Way" 2 p.m. March 2, Bray; "Tips for Busy Gardeners" 7 p.m. March 2 and 3 p.m. March 3, Macunovich; and "Landscaping With Herbs" noon March 3 and "Landscaping With Container Plants" 2 p.m. March 3, Wilson.

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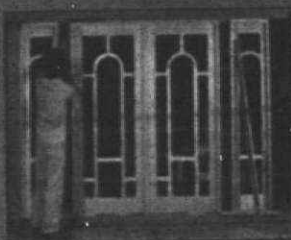
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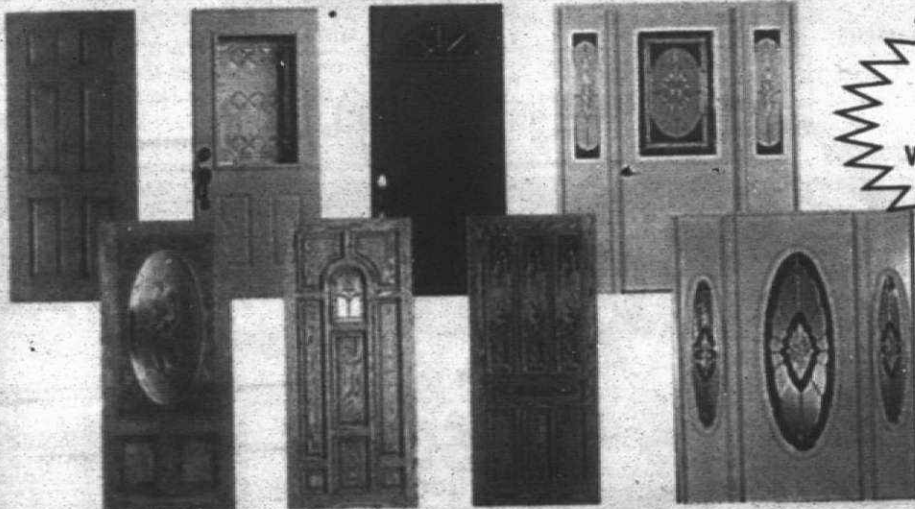
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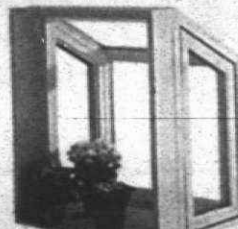
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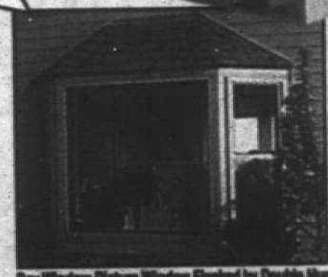
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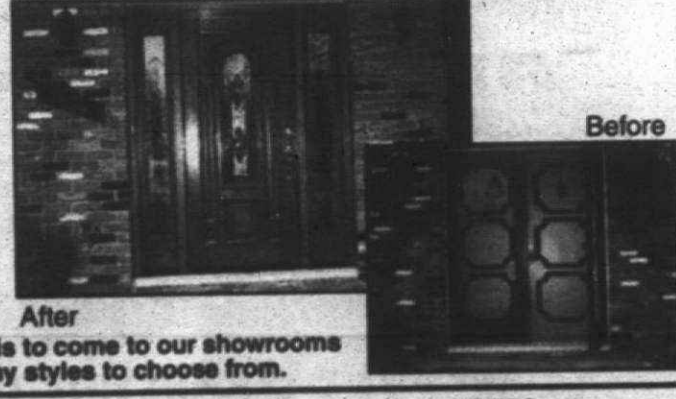
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Lindhardt earns CRS



Lynda Lindhardt

Lynda Lindhardt, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, has earned the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist. Lindhardt also holds the designations of Certified Buyer Representative and Graduate Realtors Institute.

Blondell name principal



Kenneth Blondell

Kenneth Blondell, an associate appraiser with Dean Appraisal in Birmingham since 1988, has been made a principal with the firm. Blondell, who has a marketing degree from Wayne State University, is a Member Appraisal Institute, a certified real estate appraiser and a licensed builder.

Rodde receives GRI



Donald Rodde

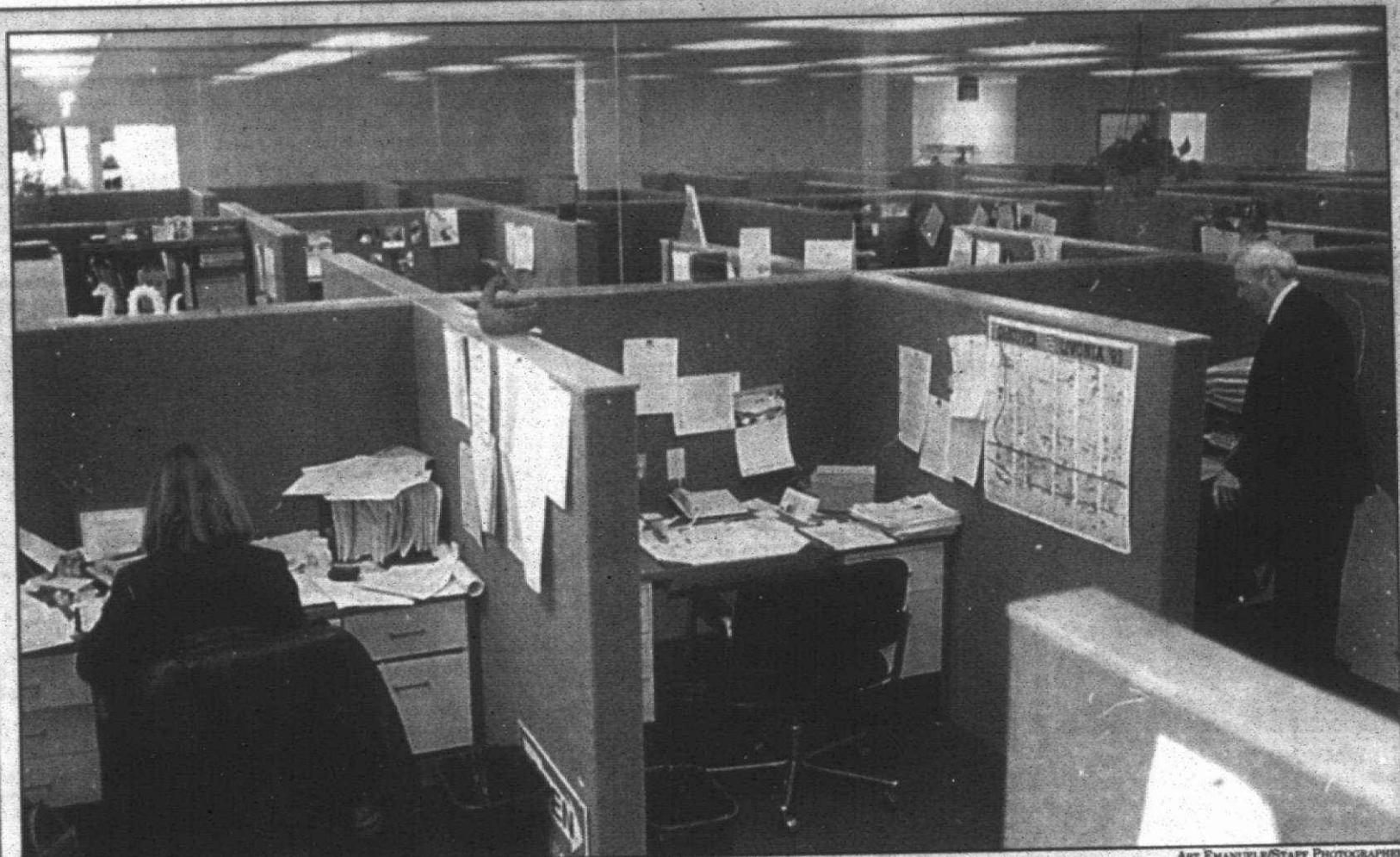
Donald Rodde, a Realtor associate with Re/Max West in Livonia and a resident of that community, has received the professional designation Graduate Realtors Institute. Rodde has a finance degree from Detroit College of Business.

She joins Plante & Moran

Kimberly Savela, a Livonia resident, has joined Plante & Moran Cresa, LLC, a provider of corporate real estate consulting services. Her areas of specialization include exclusive tenant representation and acquisitions. Savela, a University of Michigan graduate, previously worked for Equus as a real estate associate.

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At work: Real estate agents are everywhere — in the office, on the road, meeting clients and showing product.

Real estate agents make big commitment

BY DOUG FUNKER
STAFF WRITER

So, you think you might want to sell real estate for a living. To get a license, you have to complete a 40-hour, state-approved course provided by real estate associations, trade schools or realty firms. Then you have to pass an exam that covers such things as property law, contracts, appraisals, financing purchases, agency and fair housing. The course, offered during a variety of times and places, costs upwards of \$150. The exam, given monthly, costs \$18. The initial license, good for a year, is \$23. Then you have to find a sponsoring broker. Agents generally don't get paid until they make a sale. They share part of their commissions or pay a desk fee to help cover office expenses. Still want to be an agent? It's not required, but figure on joining a realty board to get direct access to sales listings and additional training. The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors charges a one-time application fee of \$100, plus an annual fee of \$100. Annual dues for membership in

state and national associations is \$147 combined. "Everybody thinks real estate is going to be a real easy profession," said Patricia Bean, director of the Southeastern Institute of Real Estate in Southfield. "They don't realize there's a lot of work behind it." "To get into this business, you have to have a cash reserve," said Sheila Clink, education director for the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors in Farmington. "You can go six months without getting a paycheck." So with licensing requirements, fees to join associations and competition — more than 7,800 Realtors currently registered in Oakland and Wayne counties — why do people go into the business? Few, it seems, choose real estate as an initial career path. Al Van Acker, an agent with Re/Max in the hills in Bloomfield Hills, switched from insurance to real estate 26 years ago. "I learned it was an area you could get paid for what you do," he said. "I was willing to work and knew if I did, I would get paid for it. It's been very good to me." Van Acker attributes the turnover in real estate to lack of training.

"I think brokers are responsible for that," he said. "I think some people are shocked when they really don't know what the business is all about, procedures, the work ethic it takes." Kathy Solan, an agent with Real Estate One West Bloomfield-Lakes, made the transition from the corporate world to real estate four years ago. "I figured downsizing was going to happen. I was taking on more responsibility. I really felt I had gone as far as I could. It was a family-owned situation. "I like being able to call my own shots," Solan said. "I like interaction with a variety of people. No two transactions are the same. You constantly challenge yourself and learn new things. "With real estate, you're in and out of the office, in and out of houses. It's not a repetitive-type situation. There's a tremendous amount of satisfaction helping someone fulfill a dream," Solan said. Carole Stevens, an agent with the Prudential Preview Properties in Novi, made a career switch about a year ago when technological changes affected her advertising business. "It seemed like a next logical choice," she said. "I'm a people per-

son, and I like to help people. That's why I came into the business." There was another attraction, too. "You're paid on your own effort," Stevens said. "Most successful people in life are risk takers." Mark Kleinknecht, an agent with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth, discovered while doing a drafting internship that he wanted more from a job than putting in time for a salary. "I wanted to be paid for my merits," he said. So six years ago, after graduating with a business degree from Central Michigan University, Kleinknecht went into real estate. "Investing in real estate interested me," he said. "I felt I could get involved and stay locally. It had high career potential." Kleinknecht described his most eye-opening experience. "You have to work like a dog. The level of commitment it takes to do the job appropriately is substantial. You're giving up a lot of family time. "You're either in or out," he said. "It's not a halfway thing. In the future, you're either going to be part of the 20 percent making money or 80 percent not. The public is demanding more of agents."

Management company shouldn't run condo board

REAL ESTATE
QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I am a member of our condominium board and have just learned that our management company is holding the ballots for the annual meeting and will not let any of the directors see this. One board member has questioned the propriety of the management company doing this, and when he consulted with the condominium association's attorney, the attorney indicated that he would not be prepared to bring a lawsuit against the management company, which is the first time this was ever disclosed to the board. What actions can be taken to retrieve the records? The attorney for the association has since resigned under threat of retribution.

A. The management company is merely an agent for the association and operates at the direction of the board. Sometimes management companies attempt to usurp the board's functions and boards allow them to do so. While that may be good in certain instances, the board cannot delegate away its legal responsibilities, notwithstanding the fact that the management company has assumed many daily functions. The board, if it is well advised, will keep a tight reign on the activities of the management company and the authority that it delegates to it. As to the ballots, they would presumably be books and records of the association, and the directors of the association would have a right to examine them so long as they have not been destroyed. As to the unwillingness of the attorney to pursue

the management company, that is something that presumably should have been disclosed to the association when the attorney and/or the management company first became involved with each other and the association. There are issues that come up on a monthly basis between the management company and the attorney that might require the attorney to advise the board of a problem with the management company. If the attorney is not in a position to independently represent the association, he/she may well be considered to be in a conflict of interest under those circumstances as would be the management company. You may be well advised to discuss your issues with independent counsel for the association who has no ties to the management company or your former attorney. Q. I am a condominium board member of some 15 years and have just been advised by our managing agent that the State Senate passed a bill last year that would legally mandate open meetings of the board of directors to its members and require that notice of that meeting be sent to the members of the association, at least 14 days in advance of the meeting, except in the case of an emergency. I think that that would unduly restrict my board's ability to conduct business and would jeopardize not only the sanctity of our meetings, but the ability to attract people to serve on boards because of the constant distractions and interruptions that co-owners would no doubt make at our meetings. Do you have any views on that subject?

fact, a condominium association is a nonprofit corporation and should not be treated any differently, legislatively, than any other nonprofit corporation since the directors of condominium associations are just as liable as any other director of any other profit or nonprofit corporation in most instances. Moreover, opening up the meetings, as a matter of law, to homeowners would, in my view, impair the attorney/client privilege, would undermine the ability of the association to carry out its business properly, would discourage people from serving on the board or otherwise express their views openly and candidly at board meetings and would, in general, undermine the ability of associations to function properly. While it sounds reasonable on its face to guarantee members of a condominium association the right to attend board meetings, those who are experienced in the operation and management of condominium associations know what dire results would occur if such attendance was mandated as opposed to being discretionary as determined by the board or by an amendment to the bylaws, which is the general rule in corporate law. I would strongly recommend that if your association has a position on this bill, that it write your state senator and state representative, as well as the governor, to express your views. Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



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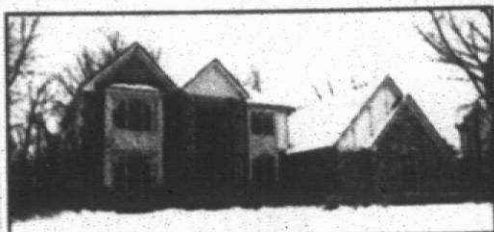
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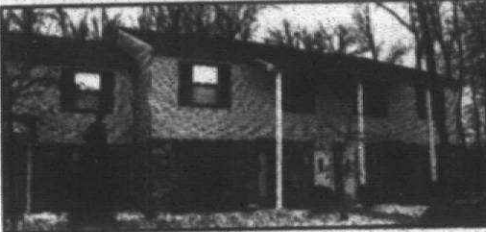
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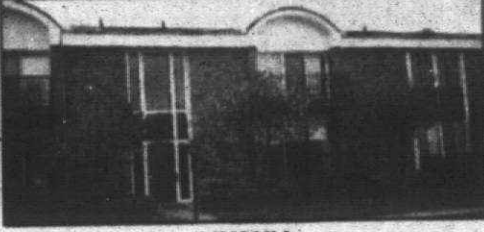
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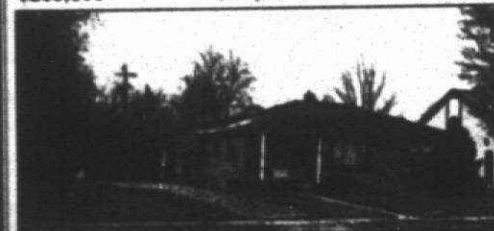
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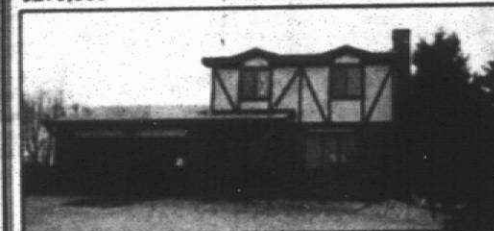
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Recreational offerings surround Lakeshore

Lakeshore, a site condominium community with 24 lots in Waterford, has much to offer prospective buyers.

A park/baseball diamond, nature preserve and wetlands partially borders the site on N. Avery off Elizabeth Lake Road.

Residents will have access to Lake Geneva, a spring-fed lake of about 15 1/2 acres behind the wetlands abutting the subdivision.

Much of the acreage will remain in a vegetative state.

"When I first saw the land, I got a good feeling," said John Schmidt, the developer/builder doing business as Consolidated Builders and Lakeside Carpentry. "Ducks were flying, geese were flying, deer were running through."

"It's very secluded. Park amenities are great," he added.

"It's a good subdivision for children," said Michael A. Carroll, sales rep at the site. "They have a park to play at right next door. There's an association sandy beach. You can go down there and have a picnic, have a swim."

"Neighbors say fishing is great," Schmidt said.

Five floor plans are available. Prices range from \$224,300 for a 2,200-square-foot ranch with three bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths to \$281,200 for a 3,024-square-foot two story with three bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths.

Finished walkouts, which add recreational space, a bedroom and an additional bath, are available on all five offerings for a premium.

Standard features on all plans include fireplace, air conditioning, first floor laundry, two car garage, basement, whirlpool tub in master suite, dishwasher and pedestal sink in half bath.

Premiums range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 on the dozen lots that border the nature preserve and wetlands.

Schmidt says he plans to build two models.

The main floor of the San Remo will feature an office, great



room/dining area, kitchen/nook and master suite.

The master will have two walk-in closets, separate tub and shower and dual sink vanity.

Two bedrooms, a full bath and loft area are planned for the upper level.

The basement will be finished with an all-purpose room, a bedroom and a full bath.

The base plan, 2,608 square feet, costs \$245,000. The deluxe plan, with finished basement and utility room, measures out at 3,735 square feet and costs \$260,000.

"We tried to do it all," Schmidt said of the San Remo design. "All the things you hear people want are incorporated there."

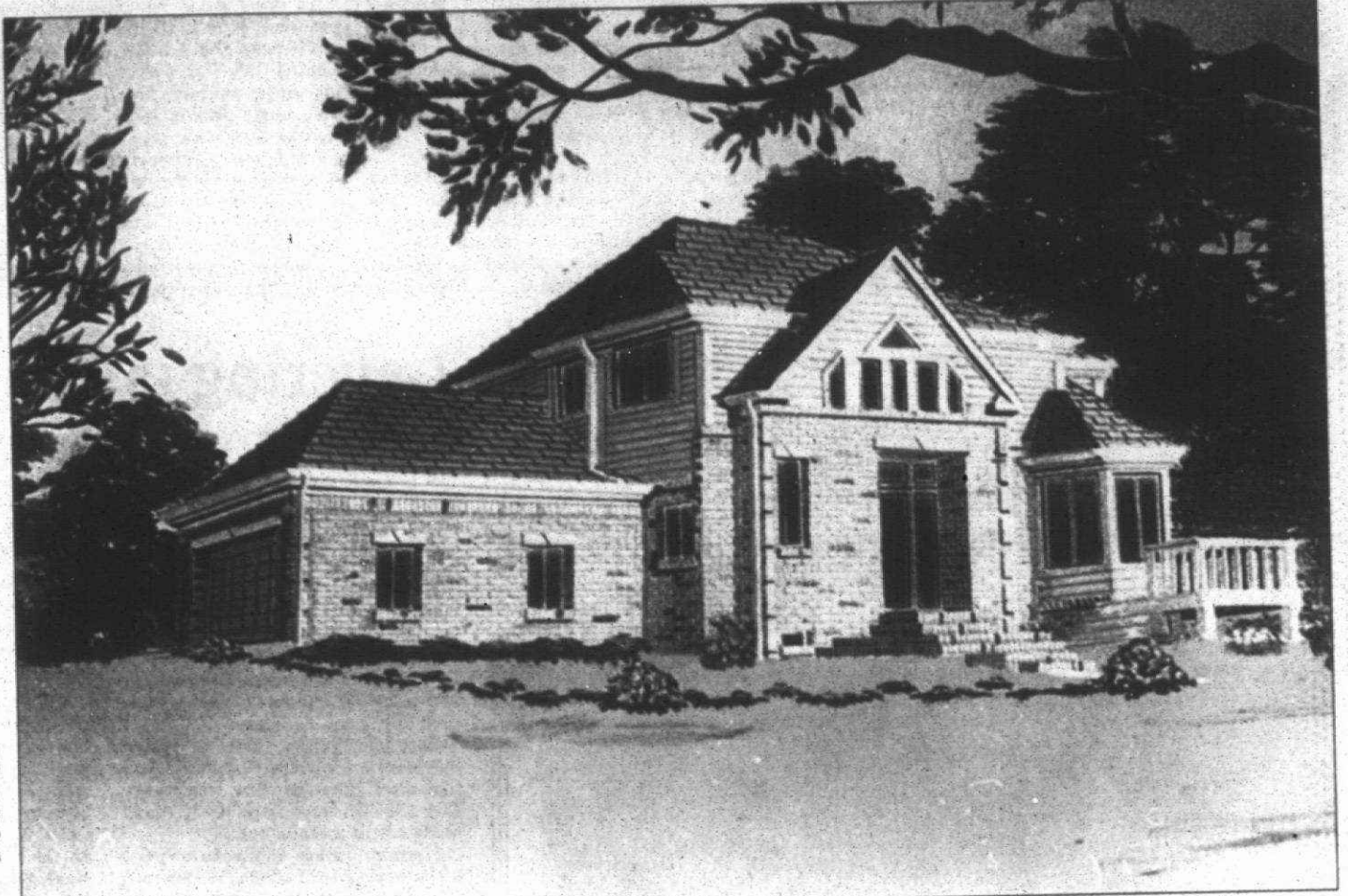
The second model to be built, the St. Tropez, is similar to the San Remo with an office, great room, dining room, kitchen/nook and master on the main floor, two bedrooms, bath and sitting area on the second floor.

The major difference is the St. Tropez has a front entry garage, the San Remo, side entry.

The basic St. Tropez plan, 2,668 square feet, costs \$248,000. The deluxe model, with finished basement, bedroom, bath and utility room, covers 3,841 square feet and costs \$263,600.

Carroll projected the typical Lakeshore buyer as an "upwardly mobile executive, young still, with children."

"You're close to a lot of things here... Pine Knob, the Silverdome," Schmidt said. "Summit Place is only five minutes down the road. Up Elizabeth Lake Road



Helena model: This story-and-a-half at Lakeshore features three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, great room, den, dining room, kitchen/eating nook and first floor laundry — 2,784-square-feet of living space.

is all the shopping you need."

"Oakland County airport is a hop, skip and a jump away," Carroll said.

The sub will be serviced by city water and sewers, the Waterford schools and sidewalks.

The property tax rate is \$28.13 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$250,000 condo at Lakeshore would pay just over \$3,500 the first year.

Schmidt said he's built about 25 houses, mostly on scattered sites, in the last seven years.

"I'm trying to offer new, modern construction in a nice setting," he said. "Real estate people are telling me, 'Get something up. We'll sell it.'"

Michael McCaw is the initial buyer in the sub.

"I like the area, I'm from the area," he said. "I like the setting on the small lake. It's pretty

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*John Schmidt
developer/builder*

much private. It's convenient for floor plan work."

McCaw added that he especially likes the number of windows, high ceilings and openness of his

A sales trailer at Lakeshore, (810) 681-7645, is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Mortgage rates up to 7.32%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty-year, fixed rate mortgages averaged 7.32 percent this week, up from 6.94 percent last week, according to a national survey released Thursday by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

It was the highest since Nov. 30, when rates averaged 7.33 per-

cent. The 6.94 percent average last week had been the lowest since Oct. 28, 1993, when it was 6.86 percent.

On one-year adjustable rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.34 percent, up from 5.19 percent last week.

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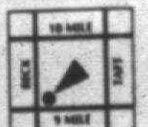


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How to squeeze a dishwasher into your kitchen

Of all the rooms in your home, your kitchen is probably the most space hungry, while at the same time being the most difficult to modify. And, adding a new major component to an already crowded kitchen may seem like an impossibility.

If you've wondered how you could squeeze a dishwasher into your kitchen, however, you might consider sacrificing a base cabinet to get the space. While this isn't always an acceptable trade-off, in many cases it's the only viable alternative.

Cabinet-for-dishwasher swaps won't work in every home, however. Cabinets that were built in place or not built to standard dimensions pose too many problems. Another roadblock can be a cabinet that was nailed down or screwed down from the top before the plastic laminate was installed. In this case, removing a base cabinet for a dishwasher

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means you'll have to look at a new countertop, as well.

Luckily, the best cabinets for this switch are also the most commonly installed. These are factory-built, modular units that are screwed together through their stiles, which makes them easy to remove. They also come with corner brackets mounted on the inside walls of each unit near the top. The countertop is screwed to the brackets from underneath so it can be easily removed. If your kitchen has these mix-and-match

cabinets, and you find a 24-inch base unit near the sink, you can install a standard dishwasher (there are models also available that fit in an 18-inch-wide base cabinet space).

In addition to the dishwasher, you'll need a 6-foot drain hose and two standard hose clamps. If your sink has a garbage disposal, you'll need a dishwasher connector kit to connect the dishwasher

drain hose to the disposal. Without a disposal, a dishwasher waste tee that is applied in the sink drain pipe is required. In either case, the hose you buy must be heat and detergent resistant. You can find ready-made dishwasher drain hoses, but a five-eighths-inch automotive heater hose is a common alternative.

To bring water from the sink's hot water pipe to the dishwasher, you'll need about 5 feet of three-eighths-inch O.D. soft copper tubing and a dishwasher "L" — a right-angle fitting with a five-eighths-inch male pipe thread on one side and a three-eighths-inch compression fitting on the other — to attach the tubing to the dishwasher. You'll also need a dual compression stop to replace the single compression stop that's on the hot-water pipe connected

to the faucet. A compression stop is a valve that controls the water supply to the faucet. Both hot and cold stops are usually found on the base cabinet floor, and they're connected to the pipes with compression fittings.

Your electrical code will require a dedicated circuit for your new dishwasher, so don't be tempted to pull the power from a nearby receptacle. In some jurisdictions, a dishwasher may share a circuit with a garbage disposal, but each appliance will need its own disconnect switch inside the base cabinet. Codes vary, so be sure to check.

To run power from a dedicated circuit, you'll need a free slot on your service panel, a 15-amp circuit breaker and at least 6 feet of flexible metal conduit to house the wires. To carry the power, you'll need enough 14-gauge, 2-wire cable with ground) to bring the power from the panel to the sink cabinet, plus insulated black, red and green wire to go from the sink cabinet to the dishwasher. You can also run insulated black, white and green wire standard conduit from the service panel to the sink. You'll also need box connections, a grounding clip, a single-pole switch and surface-mount switch box with cover plate.

And finally, double-check that the modular cabinet space will be adequate for a standard dishwasher. The cabinet space dimensions must be 24 inches wide, 24 inches deep and 34 1/4 inches high, measuring from the floor to the bottom of the countertop edge band.

By Popular Mechanics For AP Special Features



The Gayle: The Gayle is designed with a large unfinished attic that can be converted into an extra 1766 square feet of living space. The main floor has 3080 square feet of space.

House made for expansion

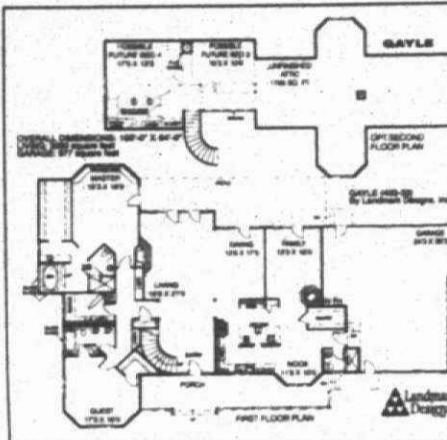
The unique floor plan of the Gayle is a perfect match for a family that might need more living space in the future. In addition to the 3080 square feet on the main floor, there is an unfinished attic that offers another 1766 square feet for prospective development. The loveliness of the floor design is enhanced by an exquisite wood exterior trimmed in brick. A wide front porch, covered and railed, adds to the overall charm of the Gayle.

To the left of the entry, a winding staircase leads to the attic. Straight ahead lies a huge open area that includes the living and dining rooms. The living room fireplace will provide plenty of warmth as you entertain your guests in comfortable surroundings. Four rooms, including the living room, have access to the long concrete patio in back. Summertime cookouts will make this a popular spot.

The sumptuous master suite is loaded with amenities. Numbered among them are a huge walk-in closet and private bathroom with two basins, raised spa and separate shower. Glass blocks enclose the shower and spa. There is also a bay window, with seat, that runs the length of the rear wall.

Down the hall, the guest bedroom is equally impressive. Here a walk-in closet, large sleeping area and private bathroom will make your visitors feel right at home. Separating the master suite from the guest room is a nice-sized utility room containing a built-in ironing board and sewing table.

The walk-through kitchen emphasizes the openness of the Gayle. This spacious area features a big walk-in pantry, island cooktop, vegetable sink, double ovens and a desk to help maintain household accounts. The adjacent breakfast nook is a bright, cheerful place to begin your day. Completing the main floor



Lots of space: The plans for the Gayle show large rooms, open spaces and room to expand upward to the large, airy attic.

is the fireplace-heated family room. The unfinished attic is set up to include possible future bedrooms, a den, home office, exercise area, library or music room. The plumbing is set to receive fixtures for a bathroom. The three car garage has ample storage space.

For a study kit of the GAYLE (403-33), send \$10, to Landmark Designs, P.O. BOX 2307-0E48, Eugene, OR 97402 (Be sure to specify plan name and number) For a collection of plan books featuring our most popular home plans, send \$20 to Landmark, or call 1-800-562-1151.

Layering is key in dressing windows

By BARBARA MAYER AP NEWS FEATURES

A properly dressed window today is more than a pinch-pleat drapery, sheer curtains, a valance or blinds. It may be all of these things. And more.

When the fabric is long enough to "puddle" on the floor and is layered at the windows; when the rods are decorative and capped with fancy finials; when a valance, fringe, braid and tassels complete the look, you've probably spent big bucks.

Sheers, valances and decorative hardware are currently popular. And, like most other window treatments, they come in three tiers: ready-made, ready-to-cut and custom.

Custom, made-to-measure with fabric and style of choice, is generally the most expensive. The less-expensive ready-to-cut treatments offer a limited selection of styles made in your choice of fabrics. Ready-made is the lowest tier in window dressing: While these mass-produced styles available at retail are plentiful and can be combined into fashionable treatments, they lack the fine workmanship you're stuck with the installation.

But they shouldn't be discounted. "Layering is the key word for stylish, new ready-made window treatments sold in curtain departments," says Cheryl Johnson, product manager of windows for Croscill Home Fashions of New York.

By combining several ready-made curtain lengths, shaped valances, ornamental braid and tassels and decorative hardware, you can create a custom look for less than custom prices. Johnson says that for a standard

double-hung sash, Croscill offers a three-layer treatment for about \$300 plus hardware. Start, for example, with a textured pink polyester panel that looks like raw silk and top it with a white-on-white floral sheer.

The two rod-pocket curtains are strung on a double curtain rod. Top it with a decorative rod and finials, and a pink teardrop-shaped valance with stah top and tassels trim.

Lillian Bender, merchandise director of Country Curtains, a mail-order house in Stockbridge, Mass., says repeating the pattern or color will give ready-made window decor more of a custom look. For example, she says, order the valance in the same check as the tiebacks or select a Roman shade and a valance in matching fabric.

Carl Rothbaum, president of Robert Allen Fabrics of Boston, says decorative rods are important for today's look. "There are some unbelievable rods out there," he says, "brass, wood, even gold-plated."

Country Curtains is among retail outlets with a large selection. "We now sell rods in wrought iron, brass, wood and resin," Bender says. There are decorative finials, too, and motifs as diverse as birds, leaves and stars.

Many manufacturers are using chameleonlike resins to create faux finishes ranging from verdigris on metal to plaster rosettes.

Shoppers will also find a wide variety of shaped and draped window-top treatments. Croscill, for example, has a gauzy Fortuny-pleated polyester "window wrapping" to twist and tie over a curtain rod and a "window

scarf," which can be wrapped around a rod or pulled through hardware rings or used as a topper over standard curtain panels.

Trimnings such as braid and tassels also are important for today's window treatments. A 90-inch length of braid for tiebacks or to loop over a decorative curtain rod is about \$15 from Croscill.

Ready-made curtains come in a variety of widths and lengths to fit most of today's windows made in sizes and shapes far removed from the traditional double-hung sash. Ready-made curtains also come in a variety of fabrics, patterns and colors. Croscill, for example, has a white sheer with a subtle vertical stripe of metallic thread and a floral sheer in soft mauve, lavender and green.

Buyers who don't mind spending a little more time and money might want to consider cut-to-order window fashions where pre-designed styles are available in a choice of fabrics.

Rothbaum's company has created 12 high-style window treatments sold through Home Depot's Home Expo stores in San Diego, Atlanta, Dallas and Westbury, N.Y. The customer chooses the style from samples on display then selects fabrics from a swatch rack of 1,180 fabric samples. There also are trims and charts to help in selecting coordinating fabrics. Prices start at about \$250, and the finished product takes about 10 days.

Choices include heavier fabrics such as damasks, yarn-dyed wovens and natural linen, all textiles associated with custom window treatments. "Prices start where ready-made treatments stop," Rothbaum says.

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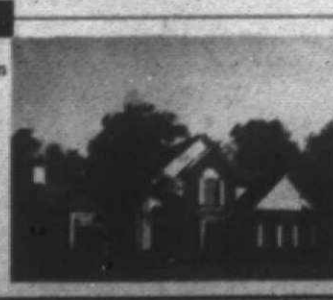
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January building starts up despite weather

BY JOHN D. MCCLAIN
AP NEWSWRIER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Builders ignored bad weather and a weak economy to boost new home construction in January, but the gain failed to erase a December loss that contributed to the first annual decline since the last recession.

The Commerce Department said Friday that new construction of homes and apartments rose 4.4 percent last month, to a 1.45 million seasonally adjusted annual rate, after falling 5 percent in December to 1.39 million.

December's decline combined with weak builder activity earlier in 1995 to drive housing starts down 7.3 percent for the year, to 1.35 million, the first drop since a 1.32 million plunge in 1991.

The report combined data from December and January, which had been postponed by the partial federal government shutdown at the end of the year.

The January advance surprised most analysts who had expected a second straight loss because of the weather and consumer anxiety over job and income growth falling below believed would offset falling mortgage rates.

"Given that we had a January blizzard, that the economy is weak, that inventories for homes are high and rising, it's surprising to say the least, that starts were up in January," said economist David Lereah of the Mortgage Builders Association.

Lereah and many other analysts believe the housing industry will improve gradually as the year continues.

"I think we're poised for strong home sales in the spring and through the summer," predicted Frank Nothhaft, an economist with

the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. "That's predicated on very low mortgage rates and an expected economic pickup as we get to the second quarter."

Fredrick Mac, as Nothhaft's company is known, said rates averaged 7.03 percent in January, well below the 9 percent when 1995 began.

The monthly payment on a \$100,000 mortgage with a 7 percent interest rate is \$665, while the payment on the same loan with a 9 percent rate is \$805 — a savings of \$140.

Still, few signs were evident of any imminent pickup.

A National Association of Home Builders membership survey in early February suggested builders remain cautious about the housing outlook.

And another gauge of future activity, building permit applications, fell 7.1 percent in January, to a 1.37 million annual rate. Permits rose 2.1 percent in December, to 1.48 million units.

Single-family starts, about 80 percent of new residential construction, rebounded by 1.4 percent in January, to 1.13 million units. In the West, they shot up 15.2 percent, to 395,000, after climbing 4.3 percent in December.

Regionally, starts jumped 16.9 percent in the Midwest in January, to a 346,000 annual rate, erasing a 6.9 percent drop in December.

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How to make a kids' kitchen corner

Kids love the kitchen. That's where the action is (and the snacks, too). But in most kitchens, too many cooks can create chaos and gridlock — depending on the amount of walking space and who has first dibs on the family's microwave oven and refrigerator.

Home economists from Whirlpool Corp. suggest adding an area or designating an existing spot, preferably an island counter, in the kitchen and turning it into a "kids' corner." Design the corner to sit on while they're eating, studying or sharing the day's happenings at school.

Store appropriate snacks, beverages, cooking utensils and serving dishes in the counter or into some special niche designed just for them.

"Installing a compact refrigerator unit for youngsters in the kitchen is a great idea because it saves space and works with available kitchen space."

"For today's busy families, incorporating a kid's corner into the kitchen not only is efficient space planning, but also a good way to encourage togetherness in the hours when everyone's setting it at home," comment Whirlpool home economists.

Today's compact appliances are perfectly sized for snack use; they take very little space in a kitchen or recreation room and can be installed almost anywhere. For youngsters, install compact refrigerators on the floor, under a counter or into some special niche designed just for them.

But in a recreation room or college dorm, it's a good idea to elevate the appliance by setting it on a platform or a sturdy box to put it at a more convenient height for taller users.

Install a microwave oven countertop level, on a shelf, or in a cabinet, selecting a height that's easy for children to reach and work with available kitchen space.

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REUSE TECHNICIAN
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Greenleaf Health Systems, a division of Henry Ford Health Services...

508 Food/Beverage
BIG BOY
8 Mile & Haggerty
Wait Staff Dishwashers
Immediate hire, will train...

508 Food/Beverage
CAFETERIA
Progressive manufacturing facility has openings for various positions...

508 Food/Beverage
DAMONS
THE PLACE FOR BBS
BY WYANDOTTE
Host Staff
Assistant Managers...

508 Food/Beverage
LITTLE ITALY RESTAURANT
Now hiring full & part time wait staff...

508 Food/Beverage
MAJOR MADDIES
Now hiring all positions...

508 Food/Beverage
DISH MACHINE OPERATORS
Start up to \$15.00 per hour...

508 Food/Beverage
SUBWAY
Now hiring all positions...

508 Food/Beverage
NIGHT MANAGER
COFFEE HOUSE
In Birmingham, looking for Night Manager...

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THE ITALIAN AMERICAN RESTAURANT
Now hiring all positions...

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BUDDY'S PIZZA
LIVONIA
HIRING ALL POSITIONS
WE OFFER FLEXIBLE HOURS...

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Join the Winning Team at Varsity Lincoln Mercury
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You + Our Free Training Program = A Successful Real Estate Agent
Call Phyllis Goodrich about our on-going training program that will have you "You" assisting sellers and buyers in the Western Wayne/Oakland Co. area.

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If you are a talented, highly motivated professional with exceptional design, color coordination and communication skills, and customer service oriented... we want to hear from you.

INSIDE SALES PERSON
We are seeking a motivated professional to join our Inside Sales team. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 2 years of inside sales experience in a retail or consumer goods environment. Compensation includes a competitive base salary and commission structure.

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\$700/hr. to start!
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Diane Mamon of Rochester Hills
Andy Howell of Farmington Hills
Fred McLawer of Livonia
Ken Kaener of Canton
Lauren Vogler of Farmington Hills
Karen Strubridge of Canton
Watch for the ad in the Classified section with details on how to enter the SRO CLUB contest.
Enjoy The Game!
Keep Reading The Classified Section For Great Buys!

Win Red Wings Tickets!
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS
You could be a lucky winner of four tickets to the Observer & Eccentric SRO Club. You receive 4 standing room only tickets to a Red Wings home game, food & beverages, and access to the penalty box during pre-game warm-ups.
Here's how to enter...
Send a postcard with your name, day phone #, and address to:
SRO CLUB
c/o OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS
36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.
A winner will be drawn for each home game during the regular season.
Winners will be notified by phone Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Employees of the Detroit Red Wings and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are not eligible.

WIN FOUR TICKETS
To The INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS HOME FLOWER FURNITURE SHOW
March 16-24, 1996
COBO CENTER Detroit, Michigan March 16-24, 1996
This year's show includes almost 400 exhibitors in 500,000 square feet of exhibit space. Exhibits include products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yards/gardens, remodeling, financing, arts & crafts, decorative accessories, furniture, appliances, heating and cooling.
Send your name and address - including your zip code - on a postcard addressed to:
Home-Flower-Furniture Show
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PLEASE ONLY ONE POSTCARD PER FAMILY
We'll impartially draw names for winners from your entries. Watch your hometown newspaper Classified sections, where we will print winners names.
If you find your name among the classified advertisements, call 591-2300, ext. 2153, and claim your tickets. It's as easy as that!
Winners Names will appear Thursday, March 7th, 1996.
Passes will be mailed to winners.

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1996 SABLE GS
4.5L Pkg. 3.0L V6 engine dual air bags, power windows/locks/driver's seat & mirrors, electronic AM/FM cassette, cast aluminum wheels, 80/80 split folding rear seats.

RETAIL LEASE 24 MONTHS '276**	RED CARPET LEASE ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM 24 MONTHS '6921**
Monthly Use Tax: \$14.56	Monthly use tax: \$19.80
Total Monthly Payment: \$290.56	Customer pays: \$7587.12
Reliability Security Deposit: \$200	RCL Cash: \$5000.00
Customer Cash Down: \$1014.48	Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$690.00
Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$1120.87	Customer Pays: \$1727.92
Customer Pays: \$7727.92	RCL Cash: \$5000.00
RCL Cash: \$5000.00	STU EVANS LEASE CASH: \$4800.00
STU EVANS LEASE CASH: \$4800.00	Total Due At Inception: \$8587.12
Total Due At Inception: \$8587.12	Total mileage allowed: 24,000
Total Mileage Allowed: 24,000	Mileage penalty: 15¢/mile
Mileage Penalty: 15¢/mile	Closed End Lease: 120 Available at this Price 145 at Similar Savings

1996 TOWN CAR EXECUTIVE
4.6 L EFI V8 engine, dual air bags, anti lock brakes, traction assist, aluminum wheels, power windows/locks/seats/mirrors & trunk, Hi level elec. AM/FM cassette, anti theft alarm, leather interior.

RETAIL LEASE 24 MONTHS '439**	RED CARPET LEASE ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM 24 MONTHS '10,867**
Monthly Use Tax: \$23.14	Monthly use tax: \$34.87
Total Monthly Payment: \$465.34	Customer pays: \$11,898.83
Reliability Security Deposit: \$475	RCL Cash: \$3000.00
Customer Cash Down: \$1029.58	Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$727.28
Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$727.28	Customer Pays: \$557.71
Customer Pays: \$557.71	RCL Cash: \$3000.00
RCL Cash: \$3000.00	Total Due At Inception: \$14,898.83
Total Due At Inception: \$14,898.83	Total mileage allowed: 24,000
Total Mileage Allowed: 24,000	Mileage penalty: 15¢/mile
Mileage Penalty: 15¢/mile	Closed End Lease: 117 Available at this Price 84 at Similar Savings

1996 CONTINENTAL TOURING PKG.
4.6 L EFI V8 Intech engine, dual air bags, anti lock brakes. All speed traction control, JBL auto dim. mirrors/compass, memory profile system, virtual image cluster, Anti theft alarm, leather interior.

RETAIL LEASE 24 MONTHS '439**	RED CARPET LEASE ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM 24 MONTHS '9900**
Monthly Use Tax: \$23.14	Monthly use tax: \$33.28
Total Monthly Payment: \$465.34	Customer pays: \$10,674.72
Reliability Security Deposit: \$475	RCL Cash: \$5000.00
Customer Cash Down: \$924.54	Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$622.88
Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$622.88	Customer Pays: \$2142.76
Customer Pays: \$2142.76	RCL Cash: \$5000.00
RCL Cash: \$5000.00	Total Due At Inception: \$13,874.72
Total Due At Inception: \$13,874.72	Total mileage allowed: 24,000
Total Mileage Allowed: 24,000	Mileage penalty: 15¢/mile
Mileage Penalty: 15¢/mile	Closed End Lease: 8 Available at this Price 66 at Similar Savings

1996 MARK VIII
4.6 L EFI V8 Intech engine, dual air bags, anti lock brakes, traction assist, JBL 10 disc changer, auto dim. mirrors, memory seats and side view mirrors, anti theft alarm, leather interior.

RETAIL LEASE 24 MONTHS '439**	RED CARPET LEASE ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM 24 MONTHS '10,449**
Monthly Use Tax: \$23.14	Monthly use tax: \$34.87
Total Monthly Payment: \$465.34	Customer pays: \$11,288.16
Reliability Security Deposit: \$475	RCL Cash: \$3000.00
Customer Cash Down: \$1320.85	Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$690.00
Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$690.00	Customer Pays: \$557.71
Customer Pays: \$557.71	RCL Cash: \$3000.00
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Total Mileage Allowed: 24,000	Mileage penalty: 15¢/mile
Mileage Penalty: 15¢/mile	Closed End Lease: 33 Available at this Price 80 at Similar Savings

1996 GRAND MARQUIS GS
157 Pkg. 4.8L V8 engine, dual air bags, power windows/locks/driver's seat/mirrors, electronic AM/FM cassette, auto lamps, locking wire wheel covers.

MSRP.....\$21,695
Stu Evans Disc.....\$1431
Rebate.....\$600

You Pay
\$19,664*
8 at this price - 22 at similar savings

1996 VILLAGER GS
691A Pkg. air conditioning, power windows/locks, anti lock brakes, speed control, 7 passenger seating, dual power mirrors.

RETAIL LEASE 24 MONTHS '249**	RED CARPET LEASE ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM 24 MONTHS '6157**
Monthly Use Tax: \$14.94	Monthly use tax: \$17.80
Total Monthly Payment: \$263.94	Customer pays: \$6587.12
Reliability Security Deposit: \$275	RCL Cash: \$1000.00
Customer Cash Down: \$695.80	Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$118.78
Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$118.78	Customer Pays: \$1054.49
Customer Pays: \$1054.49	RCL Cash: \$1000.00
RCL Cash: \$1000.00	Total Due At Inception: \$7587.12
Total Due At Inception: \$7587.12	Total mileage allowed: 24,000
Total Mileage Allowed: 24,000	Mileage penalty: 15¢/mile
Mileage Penalty: 15¢/mile	Closed End Lease: 18 Available at this Price 268 at Similar Savings

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Monthly Use Tax: \$17.34	Monthly use tax: \$20.17
Total Monthly Payment: \$302.34	Customer pays: \$6953.36
Reliability Security Deposit: \$325.00	RCL Cash: \$800.00
Customer Cash Down: \$1160.68	Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$118.78
Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$118.78	Customer Pays: \$605.00
Customer Pays: \$605.00	RCL Cash: \$800.00
RCL Cash: \$800.00	Total Due At Inception: \$6653.36
Total Due At Inception: \$6653.36	Total mileage allowed: 24,000
Total Mileage Allowed: 24,000	Mileage penalty: 15¢/mile
Mileage Penalty: 15¢/mile	Closed End Lease: 2 Available at this Price 21 at Similar Savings

1996 MYSTIQUE GS
371A package, defroster, power antenna, air, cassette, power windows & locks, light group, speed control, automatic, floor mats.

RETAIL LEASE 24 MONTHS '239**	RED CARPET LEASE ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM 24 MONTHS '6036**
Monthly Use Tax: \$14.34	Monthly use tax: \$16.99
Total Monthly Payment: \$253.34	Customer pays: \$6034.64
Reliability Security Deposit: \$275.00	RCL Cash: \$800.00
Customer Cash Down: \$695.79	Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$118.78
Tax on Retake Money & Down Pay: \$118.78	Customer Pays: \$1054.49
Customer Pays: \$1054.49	RCL Cash: \$800.00
RCL Cash: \$800.00	Total Due At Inception: \$7034.64
Total Due At Inception: \$7034.64	Total mileage allowed: 24,000
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Mileage Penalty: 15¢/mile	Closed End Lease: 6 Available at this Price 26 at Similar Savings

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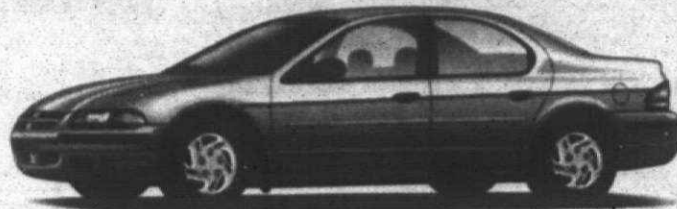
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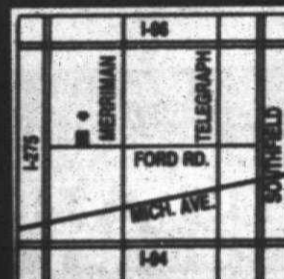
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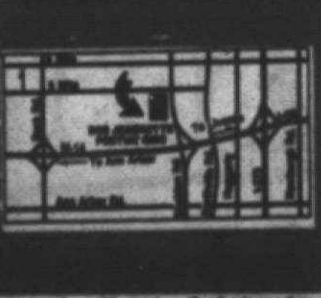
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