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Glitch delays rape trial



A district court oversight has resulted in the delay of a trial for a defendant charged with the Dec. 20, 1994, sexual assault of a neighbor in the Westland Meadows mobile home park.

By DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A legal glitch Tuesday delayed a trial for Westland rape defendant Anthony Guy Walker, accused of sexually assaulting his next-door neighbor at Westland Meadows mobile home park.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Michael Callahan adjourned the trial until April 3 because Walker has to be returned to Westland 18th District Court for a new arraignment.

In an oversight in district court, one of three felony charges against

Walker, 38, was inadvertently omitted when he was ordered last April to stand trial for raping his 25-year-old neighbor.

Walker was supposed to be ordered to stand trial on two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of armed robbery for a knife-point rape that occurred Dec. 20, 1994.

But one of the felony sex charges was accidentally omitted, and Walker's defense attorney this week was seeking to have the charge dis-

missed altogether by the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The defense contended that Walker had been improperly arraigned on three charges in Wayne County Circuit Court because of the district-level oversight.

To avoid an appeal, Judge Callahan decided to give Westland police more time this week to properly arraign Walker on the third charge.

"There's no appeal issue now," assistant Wayne County prosecutor

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Archers taking aim on lessons



Recreation program: Charles Southard, 9, (above) and John McFalls, 10, (at left) were among the youngsters who enrolled in a Westland parks and recreation department archery instruction which resumed its lessons this month. The lessons are held for youngsters 11 and younger behind the Bailey Recreation Center. The latest session began last week. The department teaches the basics of archery with safe, rubber-tipped arrows.



City says think spring

Think spring — that's the message from the Westland recreation department now that the snow has melted.

The city is offering a variety of programs for all ages.

Among them are the start of the Michigan DeHockey season, aimed at all ages of persons who want to play indoor hockey in tennis shoes instead of ice skates; archery lessons; beach volleyball, for which registration will start May 6; volleyball clinic for secondary school students; basketball clinics for all school-age students; and volleyball clinic for adults.

For homeowners, a gardening series will be held now through May 14.

An ongoing program this spring is the celebrity reading hour for youngsters between 2 and 8 every Wednesday night at the Rowe House, on Marquette east of Newburgh.

For more on the spring offerings, persons may call the department, housed in Bailey Recreation Center, on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh, at 722-7620.

Copies of brochures and informational sheets describing spring programs are available at Bailey Center.

Kohl's plans major expansion

By DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Kohl's is planning a major expansion of its Westland Center department store, which ranks No. 2 in business in the 132-store chain.

"The store is just an absolutely wonderfully performing store for Kohl's," regional vice president Beryl J. Buley said Monday. "The business has out paced the space at this point."

The store, on the east end of the city's busiest retail center, will be expanded from 66,773 square feet to 90,773 square feet at a cost of \$2 million to \$3 million, Buley said.

The price tag also will include a complete remodeling of the existing store to provide for wider shopping aisles, among other improvements, he said.

Kohl's will be expanded east toward Wayne Road, forcing some changes to motorist lanes and the mall parking area.

Construction of the 25,000-square-foot addition is expected to begin within 30 days, Buley said. The new portion of the building should be completed in four months, followed by an eight-month renovation, he said.

The store will remain open while

the changes are made.

"It's going to be a really exciting time," store manager Kim Winter said Monday.

The expansion will likely create more jobs, Buley said. "We expect the store to continue to grow, and that would mean the addition of new jobs," he added.

Buley said he couldn't predict the number of potential new positions.

A site plan for the Kohl's expansion won unanimous approval from the seven-member Westland City Council during a March 18 meeting at City Hall.

"That's more space for me to shop.

I'll support it," a smiling Councilwoman Sharon Scott said.

Most of the renovation work will be halted during November and December as Kohl's turns attention to the holiday shopping season, Buley said. But the entire project should be completed by next spring.

"Every department will be touched by the expansion," Buley said. "We'll have wider aisles and more room to shop."

Kohl's is in the site of the former Mainstreet store. Kohl's was issued an occupancy permit in late 1989, and a gradual increase in business has prompted the expansion.

See BUDGET, 2A

New city budget goes to council

By LEONARD POORE
STAFF WRITER

Westland homeowners will see a minimal property tax rate increase in their summer tax bills under a proposed budget submitted by Mayor Robert Thomas to the city council this week. In most cases, the increase will be \$15 to \$19 over last year's \$660 bill.

Under the charter, the council must receive the budget no later than April 1. The council will now schedule departmental reviews this month and next before holding the required public hearing in mid-May and acting on it by Monday, June 3.

Thomas is submitting a budget which calls for spending of \$36.291 million, up 1.7 percent over the current year's budget.

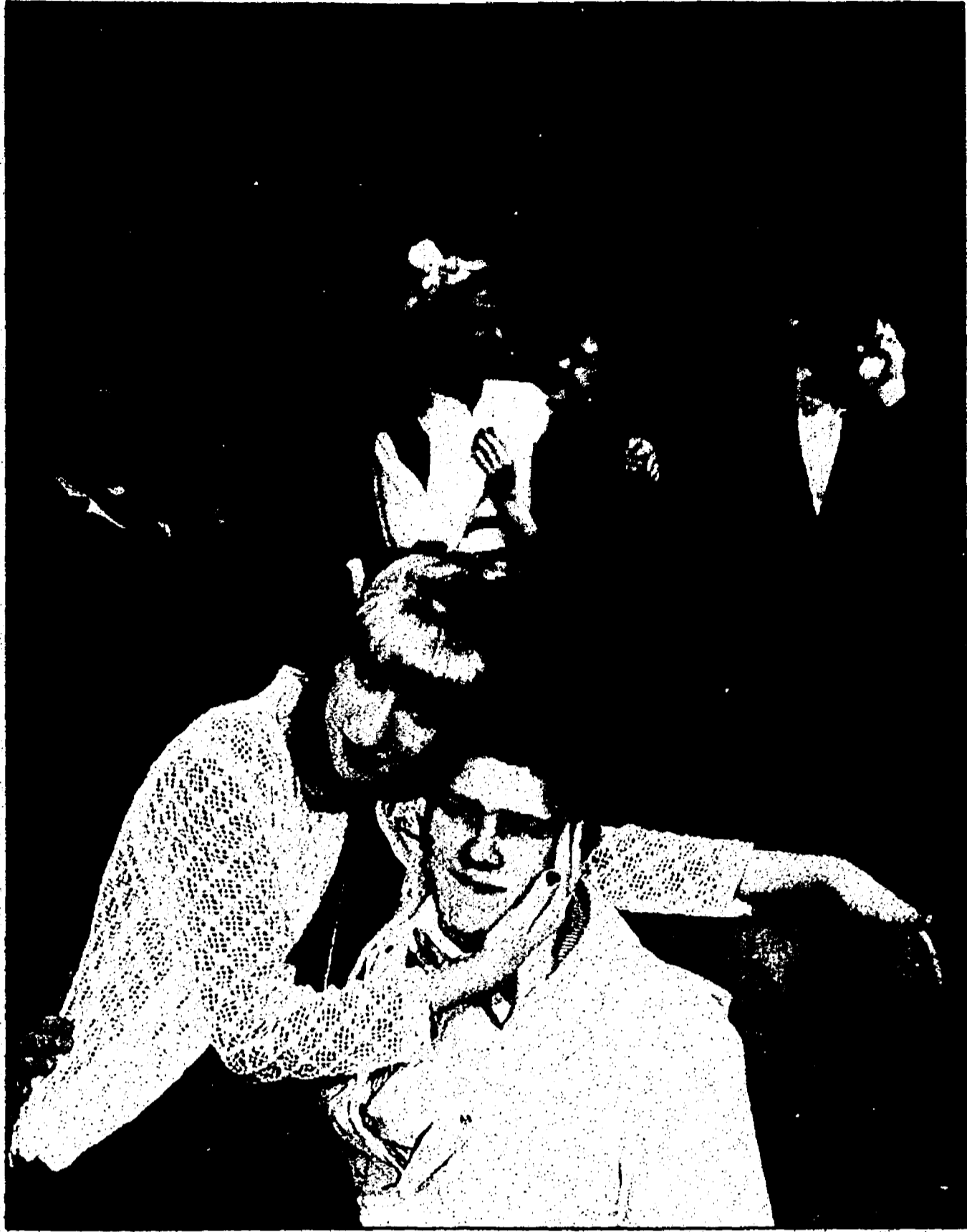
One major change in the proposed budget is the creation of two weighmaster positions within the police department to help reduce the truck overloading problem. Hopefully, the administration expects the fines to offset the cost of the new positions.

"Trucks traveling through our community are always overloaded and many of them travel our roads because they know we don't have

weighmasters," the mayor said in his budget letter to the council.

Thomas is asking the council to provide a one mill of property taxes to support the city's first independent library, which is now under construction and expected to open in November. Under state law, the council is allowed to levy up to one

Big business



JIM JACOBSON/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Flush with success: This weekend, the foibles of the corporate world get unloosed in Churchill High School's production of the musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." The Pulitzer Prize-winning classic from 1961 features Elisabeth Bousquet (back row, left), Jeff Druchniak, Colleen Callahan and Austin Rocha, and Jennifer Larsen (foreground, left) and Brian Haverkate. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performances at the school on March 28-30 are \$6 adults and \$4 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door.

Diagnostic services center opens at St. Mary hospital

St. Mary Hospital recently opened the registration area and lobby of its new Diagnostic Services Center on the second floor of the Pavilion.

The new center, which opened for patients on March 2, provides centralized registration for patients requiring diagnostic services, such as laboratory, radiology, respiratory care, cardiovascular services, EEG, nuclear medicine and pre-anesthesia evaluation.

The computerized registration area features a spacious lobby designed with patient service and comfort in mind.

Patients and staff benefit by combining registration and diagnostic services into one centralized location on the second floor.

Convenient access to the new area is from the Levan Road at the south end of the hospital.

Renovation of the Pavilion Lobby will begin Friday, March 29, in preparation for the opening of the new South Entrance in the spring.

The two-story lobby will undergo a facelift to include removal of the stairway, removal of the tile flooring and recarpeting.

During the four-week renovation of the lobby, entrances and elevators will remain open, and signage will direct patients to offices in the Marian Professional Building, Main Hospital, Diagnostic Services Center and Michigan Eye Institute. Extra measures are being taken to

accommodate patients and visitors, including a greeter service.

St. Mary Hospital appreciates the continued patience of those using the hospital during its ongoing construction program, said Sr. Mary Modesta, president and CEO.

The new Diagnostic Services Center and South Entrance are part of the \$36 million expansion project at the Livonia hospital.

The entire project is slated for completion in spring of 1997, and will include the West Addition, housing a new maternity center, women's center, and surgical suites.

The hospital at Five Mile and Levan is sponsored by the Felician Sisters and is affiliated with Beaumont Hospital.

St. Mary Hospital to host Women's Health Day

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold its second annual Women's Health Day from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the Holiday Inn in Livonia.

Women's Health Day will include a keynote speaker, a variety of one-hour workshops on health topics of interest to women, continental breakfast, lunch, a fashion show by Jacobson's and exhibits from local merchants.

Keynote address for the event will be "Walk-on-Water Women" presented by Melodie Chenevert, R.N., of Gaithersburg, Md.

Chenevert directs her own company, PRO-NURSE, and conducts workshops on communication skills, management strategies, creativity and innovation. She has extensive experience in education, nursing and therapy

and has written numerous publications for adults and children.

More is being asked of women, and women are asking more of themselves, says Chenevert. The drive to be it all, have it all, and do it all has given rise to the myth of the "Walk-on-Water Woman."

These women strive to be high achievers intellectually, creatively, personally and/or professionally. Unfortunately, today's women are up against shifting values, unforgiving schedules and conflicting priorities.

In her talk, Chenevert will explore some of the physical and emotional complications that today's women face. She will help women reassess their strengths and priorities so that they can attain what they want. If you can't walk on water, join us for a swimming lesson!

Workshop topics include

"Stress and You," "Abuse and Domestic Violence," "Creativity and Innovation," "Coping with the Loss of a Relationship," "Mid-Life Changes," "Building Self-Esteem," "Fabrics of Friendship," and "Women's Cancer Issues for the '90s."

The event, co-sponsored by the Marian Women's Center and St. Mary Hospital, is also supported by Project SMILE.

Holiday Inn-Livonia is located at 17123 Laurel Park Drive at I-275 and Six Mile. Advance registration is required by Thursday, April 11.

The charge is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. The charge includes workshops, continental breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-2882 or toll free at (800) 494-1617.

Livonia Heart Fund assists area students

With the ever-increasing costs of higher education, if your child announces that he or she wants to go to medical school, what is the first thing that would come to mind?

The pride and admiration for your child's ambition would probably be secondary to a more practical consideration — the astronomical cost. The average cost of medical degree, including an undergraduate education, in 1995 was about \$221,000 dollars.

Since 1984, the Livonia Heart Fund has been offering Livonia high school graduates interested in medical and criminal justice and education related careers a variety of scholarships to help these students achieve their goals.

The Heart Fund was originally established in 1977 to buy advanced life support equipment for the emergency room of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, primarily acute cardiac-care technology.

As a fund-raising event, the Livonia Heart Fund sponsors an annual golf-day benefit each year in August with cooperation from the Livonia business community and the city of Livonia.

In the past few years, the Heart Fund's focus has broadened to include many charities in the Livonia area as well as to include scholarships for Livonia

high school students. These scholarships and St. Mary Hospital are now the primary benefactors of the heart fund.

This year's scholarships offered by the Livonia Heart Fund include four, four-year grants of \$8,500 each, one four-year \$5,000 grant, and one two-year \$2,500 grant. These scholarships are for Livonia students interested in pursuing a career in business, such as accounting or economics, or health care, such as a medical, nursing, or physical therapy degree.

All of the scholarships are toward undergraduate education at Michigan schools: the University of Michigan; Michigan State University (criminal justice); Eastern Michigan University (education); Madonna University, and Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The four-year Ben Celani Scholarship to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, was first offered in 1987 when two scholarships were given. The recipients of those awards, Stevenson High graduates Vihal Bhagat and Kevin Berger, both completed their undergraduate education at Michigan and have graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School.

Bhagat completed his undergraduate degree in three years,

putting the fourth year of his scholarship toward his University of Michigan medical degree.

Bradford Wylie, a Churchill alumni and the 1988 recipient of the Ben Celani scholarship, graduated from Michigan in May 1992 with a bachelor of sciences degree in biology. He is in his final year of medical school at Wayne State University. Wylie says that one of the major benefits of the scholarship is that it allowed him to concentrate on studies, instead of worrying about having to earn extra money.

Robert Hutchman, the 1989 recipient of the Ben Celani Scholarship and a graduate of Franklin High, is now a junior medical student at Wayne State University Medical School.

To get more information about how to apply for any of these scholarships, students should contact their high school counselors or the Livonia Heart Fund.

Livonia student applicants may also call these Livonia Heart Fund directors: Bill Jahns at (313) 471-7511; Tom Celani at (313) 592-3232; Betty Jean Awrey at (313) 522-1100 or Bill Fried at (313) 421-5055.

The applications are due April 1, 1996 and individuals that the scholarships are awarded to will be announced by June 1.

State Rep. Gerald Law honored

Earlier this month about 200 hospice advocates filled a Lansing conference room to honor State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, with the Michigan Hospice Organization's Legislator of the Year Award.

The MHO represents 110 independent hospice programs statewide. Law represents the east and north portions of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville.

Tracy Muscat, co-chair of the MHO Legislative Committee, said Law has been a champion of hospice work in his district and in his work with legislators in Lansing.

More specifically, Muscat made reference to Law's efforts and sponsorship of proposed legislation to set up a separate licensing process for hospice residents.

Lawmakers and hospice advocates want home-like settings where they dying who live alone can go to spend their final weeks.

In his acceptance comments, Law said: "Not all hospice patients are able to remain in their home. Many people who suffer from incurable illnesses are dying with no one able to care for them or nowhere to go,

this legislation would help to change that."

Slater Mary Giovanni, president of Angela Hospice which opened Michigan's first hospice residential facility of its kind in Livonia, feels the legislation is crucial to the future of hospice care. "We hear almost every day from dying individuals who are alone and asking us for help... we are reaching out to take care of as many of them as we can in alternative settings such as our Care Center or unit at Plymouth Court, but there has to be more and Rep. Law has been a leader in helping to find the solution."



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Rep. Rivers sponsors art competition

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has launched an art competition for high school students in the 18th Congressional District.

The winning entry will be displayed this summer, along with artworks from districts across the country, in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol — an area dedicated to the skills of young artists.

The contest is part of An Artistic Discovery, the 18th

annual competition implemented by members of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize the creative talents of young Americans. Between now and May 31, members will conduct local competitions for high school students to select artwork to be displayed in the national exhibition.

The contest is being coordinated by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The competition is open to any high school in the 18th District which includes the communities of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, southwest Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Canton Township.

For more information, call competition coordinator Joanna Hulce at the Plymouth Community Arts Council (313) 416-4278.

Learning center to register students for summer terms

Madonna University's Learning Center is now accepting applications for its summer terms, which begin in June and July. Applications should be completed as soon as possible to allow time for an assessment of each student.

The tutorial sessions are designed for first through 12th-grade students who are experi-

encing difficulty with reading and its related skills.

Summer classes run on weekdays only. Block I is a two-week session beginning on Monday, June 17, and ending on Friday, June 28. Block II will run for two weeks starting Monday, July 1, and ending Friday, July 12. Block III is a three-week session start-

ing on Monday, July 15, and ending Friday, Aug. 2.

Students in Block I may choose to meet from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Participants in Block II will meet from either 8:30 to 10 a.m. or from 10:20 to 11:50 a.m. Block III can meet from either 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.; 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; or 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.



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HOUSE TO TRY AGAIN ON COURT REFORM

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Two suburban district judges are hailing the revival of legislative efforts at "court reform" — the simplifying of Michigan's multi-tiered justice system.

The plan, scheduled to be unveiled in the House today, won't require a voter-approved constitutional amendment to eliminate county probate courts. But it could result in two years in elimination of Detroit Recorder's Court.

"District judges across our state already act as circuit and probate judges," said Southfield District Judge Stephen C. Cooper.

"The arguments against court reform appear to come from those who are afraid of any change," said Wayne District Judge Carolyn A. Archbold. Circuit judges have argued against such change.

In its simplest form, "court reform" means a single trial court instead of the current system of circuit, probate, district and Detroit Recorder's Court, with all having the same pay and same jurisdiction. Because probate courts are established by the constitution, it would take a constitutional amendment to consolidate circuit and probate courts.

In Lansing, Rep. Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, will introduce

on Thursday a new substitute for his House bill 5158. Rather than eliminate courts, it will expand the powers of probate and district judges. Key elements:

- Probate judges would have concurrent jurisdiction, with circuit judges, over domestic relations cases. Probate courts could be called "family courts."

- All trial courts could handle equity cases.

- All matters involving the same family could be heard by the first judge to be assigned to the case. Reformers argue that under the current system, a family could find itself in probate court for a delinquency case, district court for the first step of a domestic violence case, and circuit court for divorce proceedings.

- Detroit Recorder's Court, which handles criminal cases in both Detroit and out-County, could be abolished by Jan. 1, 1998, unless the city agrees by Oct. 1, 1997, to be responsible for funding it. Recorder's judges would be "grandfathered" as Wayne County circuit judges. Detroit is the only city in Michigan where countywide circuit judges don't try major criminal cases.

The latter step is similar to a separate bill sponsored by Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. The Whyman bill would

abolish Recorder's Court and grandfather its judges as circuit judges, but without the option of staying in business if Detroit pays for it.

Whyman's bill is vehemently opposed by Detroit politicians, who say her motives are racial, as well as by Supreme Court Chief Justice James Brickley.

State government pays for a portion of all courts, but it pays the entire cost of Detroit Recorder's and Detroit District courts.

Plymouth District Judge Ronald Lowe insists reform is fair because district judges already are doing the work of circuit and probate judges. "Under emergency or special orders or as experimental 'pilot projects,' the Supreme Court and the state court administrator have already authorized full or partial trial court unifications," Lowe wrote in a February Michigan Bar Journal article.

One major change sought by Gov. John Engler and former Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, wouldn't be made. Under Nye's revised bill, Ingham Circuit Court would remain as the Court of Claims, handling prisoners' suits and claims against the state. Engler insists the Ingham judges are too liberal and pro-plaintiff. He wants such suits filed in the local jurisdiction.

COUNTY MARKS HEALTH WEEK

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara has declared April 1-7 as "Wayne County Public Health Week."

"This week is a wonderful way to remind people of the importance public health plays in protecting our health every single day," McNamara said. "For example, public health ensures our water is clean, our food supply is safe and diseases are kept under control."

The Wayne County Health Department will be showcasing its accomplishments and new initiatives.

The department has launched several new programs to promote health and well-being including a smoking reduction program, efforts to increase immunization rates and decrease adolescent violence, a campaign to promote rabies prevention and the recently implemented Community Health Assessment Program.

Also, the department's Envi-

ronmental Health division is providing certification training courses for all food-service managers as mandated by law.

"Public Health Week was established to recognize the contributions of public health and prevention services to America's well-being," said Dr. Donald W. Lawrenchuk, health department medical director. "A clean bill of health is one of life's most precious gifts and public health helps make that a reality."

During the week, the Wayne

County Health Connector, a van, will be parked outside county health department centers. Visitors will be able to hear prerecorded health awareness messages, receive informative pamphlets and have related questions answered by health department staff.

The van will be at the Westland Health Center from 9-11:30 a.m. Monday, April 1. The center is at 2501 S. Merriman in Westland.

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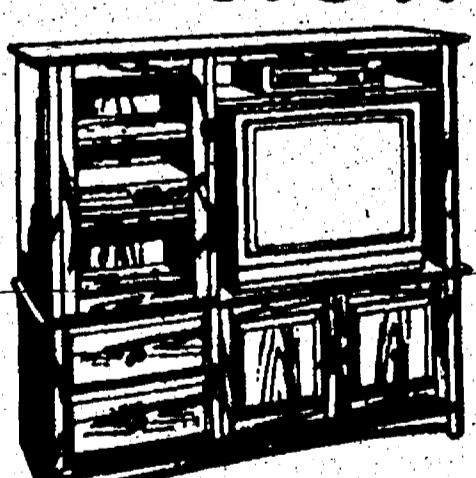
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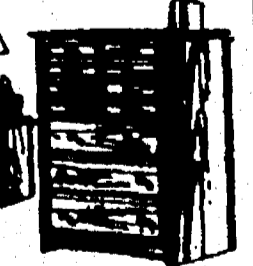
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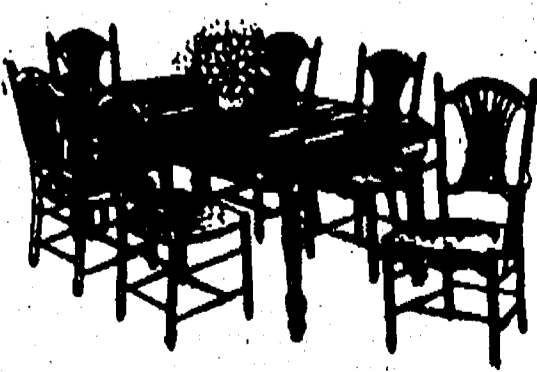
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AUTO THEFTS ON THE RISE

Some recent data from the Michigan State Police indicates that while overall crimes decreased motor vehicle theft has increased.

H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Theft), a statewide auto theft prevention program, has issued a "heads-up" on auto theft prevention, based on the results of the 1994 Uniform Crime Report, recently released by the Michigan Department of State Police. Statistics in the report, the most recent available from the Michigan State Police, indicate that while overall crimes from manslaughter to embezzlement decreased by 0.5 percent from 1993, motor vehicle theft was the only crime showing an increase — up 8.3 percent from 1993.

"This statistic shows that auto theft prevention tactics need to be reemphasized," William Liddane, director of H.E.A.T., said.

"This is the first increase in motor vehicle theft in the past 10 years. H.E.A.T. has played a major role in that milestone — offering auto theft prevention programs that educate the public and provide solutions on what they can do to help," Col. Michael Robinson, of the Michigan State Police, said.

"The key is keeping a steady flow of information out there so the public keeps thinking about protecting themselves," Liddane said. He said he believes citizens must play a larger role in combating auto theft. "We've had 10

good years and now we can't get complacent about this. People need to be aware of everything about auto theft — from carjacking to lesser known crimes, such as auto insurance scams, re-tagging operations and chop shops," Liddane said.

"People should keep their eye out for re-tagged vehicles," Lt. Paula Whitty of the commercial auto theft section of the Detroit Police Department, said. "That's when the original VIN (vehicle identification number) has been removed and replaced with another number, usually indicating a stolen vehicle. Anything that looks tampered with, probably has been," Whitty said.

When buying a used car, even from a dealership, consumers should make sure they have proper titles, the VIN intact and the federal sticker is on the inside of the driver's door, Whitty said. "That federal stickers should also match the VIN. All

the paperwork and vehicle ID should be in place and have matching information," Whitty said. If not, the car is probably stolen and the original owner is legally entitled to that car, she said.

Insurance fraud is trickier, Liddane said. "That's basically a paper crime — usually where a vehicle owner hides or disassembles a vehicle, reports it stolen to the police, and in 30 days, (if insured) receive reimbursement from the insurance company," he said. Liddane advises citizens to be aware if they see a vehicle being stored for an extended period of time — that is could be part of an auto insurance scam. Any citizen who has information about stolen vehicles or wants to report a tip should call the police and the H.E.A.T. tip line at (800) 242-HEAT and report what they know.

The tip line is monitored by the Michigan State Police Crimi-

nal Investigation Section in Livonia, the section directs tip information to the appropriate law enforcement agency in the state.

Tip callers are rewarded up to \$1,000 if their tip leads to the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected car thief, up to \$10,000 is rewarded if the tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of suspected theft ring members and or chop shop operators. H.E.A.T. also awards \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect.

As of March 15, 35 tips have been paid a total of \$61,150 with 57 vehicles recovered with a total value of \$624,500. Also, 89 tip calls have been made and 55 suspects have been arrested, as of March 15.

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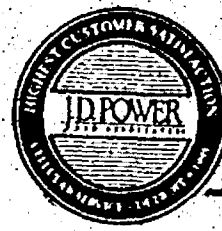


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Plan merits OK

Millage would boost services

Voters in the city of Westland will have a chance at the Aug. 6 primary to enhance their quality of life, save lives and protect their property. Assuming the city council formally places the 1.5-mill property tax proposal on the ballot, voters will have an opportunity to allow the fire department to have an advanced life support system, which is a higher level of emergency medical services, as well as the expansion of the community policing program.

There are several positive aspects of the proposed millage proposal.

One is that the modest proposal will be used for city services that will directly benefit residents.

The most valuable aspect of the ballot proposal is the advanced life support system which will literally be a life-saver for residents of all ages, particularly for elderly persons who make up the vast majority of EMS calls.

On the community policing program, the city administration started the initial aspect several months ago in the Norwayne neighborhood with one officer specifically to meet with the area's leaders, including business persons and building principals. Hopefully, the officer will get to know the neighborhood's concerns before they grow into serious problems.

If the ballot proposal is approved, Mayor Robert Thomas and the police department will have the money to expand the program for the entire city.

Viewing the proposal as a political campaign to inform voters and gain their approval, the mayor and city council are eager

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to have a positive, non-threatening approach, stressing that the money requested will be spent on expanding fire and police services, not just continuing existing services.

At the same time, the mayor and council agreed last month to make only one request for the money, a nice contrast compared to the voters' frustrations at being asked by school boards for money over and over again if the first request is rejected.

The planned millage proposal really represents a financial bargain for homeowners.

For example, the owner of an \$80,000 home would pay about \$60 a year for six years to pay for Advanced Life Support services and additional police presence in their neighborhoods.

A small price indeed for helping to provide a higher quality of life and improving crucial city services.

Older pets need homes too

An estimated 200,000 pets are euthanized in Michigan annually, according to the Michigan Humane Society.

That's a travesty when you consider that many of these dogs and cats were loved but for some reason discarded with the garbage.

This trend can be reversed — not only by people refusing to discard their animals — but also by adoption. A great number of the animals euthanized are adults, often as young as 2-3 years of age.

There are plenty of pet adoption agencies out there, including the humane society and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network, which has weekend adoption fairs.

True, there's nothing quite as heartwarm-

ing as a cuddly puppy or kitten. But there's also nothing as heartwarming as a pet who needs a home. By adopting older pets you already know what size the animal will be, what its habits are and what its needs are.

The dogs and cats that people have tossed onto the street are good pets. They just don't have anywhere to go — except the incinerator.

Adoption agencies also ensure the pet is spayed or neutered, has its shots and has been checked by a veterinarian before it comes to your home.

Also consider that older pets are perfect for working families who are gone all day. Older pets know the score. They trust you will return.

Spring delays arrival here

If spring had an official sound, it would be the crack of a baseball bat; a smell, lilacs and a sight, green buds.

And while the calendar says spring is here, folks in Michigan know that those sights and sounds are still a few weeks away.

The Tigers usually have an opening day where the weather is more likely to produce snow than sunshine. And even though the hardy crocus has been popping out from under snow covered patches, other spring flowers don't dare come out until April or May.

That means we will have to wait patiently for at least a couple weeks watching the weather maps and waiting for the real spring and not just the occasional warm day or two to finally arrive. While that sounds like grim

work, we can take pride in that it makes us more resourceful.

Here are a few tips to speed the wait:

- Visit a nursery or garden center to get in the "spirit of spring."
- Pick up a garden catalog and plan out a new landscaping scheme.
- Get a copy of the Tigers' schedule. Check out which home games you'd like to see in May or June. April can be a cruel month in Tiger Stadium.
- Get out the state map and remember the warm lakes of July and August

All those activities can take place inside, which is a good place to be until at least April.

Hurry, spring!



Waiting patiently: Nicholas Cicotte, 3, and mom, Bridgette Cicotte of Canton Township, stopped by Jaycee Park in Plymouth recently to enjoy a sunny afternoon. Both are tired of winter-like weather and are looking forward to warmer days.

LETTERS

Adult ed threatened

Gov. John Engler and the Michigan Legislature's proposal to cut out funding for adult education will hurt Michigan's families.

Gov. Engler and the Legislature the past few years have been intensely cutting these vital programs, programs that Michigan's families need. Instead of funding these programs they are giving adult education funding to wealthy companies such as Ford Motor, General Motors and Chrysler. Why are they doing this, you ask? So these companies can send their employees to classes such as stress management and foreign languages. Are these classes necessary and vital to Michigan's families? I think not.

Why can't these companies further train employees out of their own profits instead of our pocketbooks? This is because Gov. Engler needs these companies' financial support for his proposals, such as his Proposal A. For example, General Motors contributed \$100,000 to his Proposal A campaign. Is it just coincidence that GM received \$2,245,136 in grants from adult education funding?

Would we rather be training people to be independent of welfare or have GM send employees somewhere to learn German. The choice is ours; the taxpayers. Remember, we will pay the welfare benefits of the person who is unable to obtain job skills.

Our state elected officials approve the funding for these companies, but do not review and rule on each individual grant. That responsibility is given to a 20-member panel appointed by the Governor himself. Among the appointees are Richard Devos, president of Amway Corp. and Samuel Valenti III, president of Masco Capital Corp.

Together Amway and Masco received \$436,408 from the 20 appointees. Together they contributed \$75,000 to Engler's Proposal A. (Source: Michigan Jobs Commission & Secretary of State Election Bureau). If this isn't politics at its worst I don't know what is. We need this money to help individuals, not companies make more profits. True, we need companies to better themselves to make profits to help the economy. However, the taxpayers won't be paying the company's welfare bills when they don't receive training.

These proposals to give adult education funding to wealthy corporations is hurtful to Michigan. Write the governor, your state senator and representatives to stop this nonsense

from happening. Michigan needs adult education!

Dennis Whittle,
Ferndale

GI Bill for parents

Heaven help me, but I agree with Tim Richard (Business approach won't work with schools, Feb. 29)!

Schools should be run for the educational benefit of the students. Tenure, mission statements, unions, outcomes, cooperative groups, and other business programs borrowed from the corporate world should be thrown out.

Public schools should be required to use curricula and teaching methodologies that are proven to work for the students.

Since that isn't going to happen, let's cut to the chase. Vouchers and charter schools are only in demand because public schools embraced a host of "innovations" that don't work and parents don't like (i.e., whole language, inventive spelling, values clarification). In other words, without financial resources, parents have no choice but to send their child to public school.

Now, believe it or not, private schools are open to the public. They exist to serve the public — just as public schools are supposed to. Unlike public schools that are never shut down when children fail to learn, private/charter schools have to offer educational options parents want, or close their doors. The downside of private schools is the extra cost in addition to taxes already paid.

Most parents clamoring for charters and vouchers support the concept of public schools. However, public schools don't respond to valid complaints in a timely manner. Schools never accept blame when their programs don't work.

Instead, by the time the pedagogical pendulum swings back to what works, a generation of students has been miseducated. (Does anyone remember "look/say"?)

Parents and students can't afford to waste time waiting for public schools to come to their senses. Unless Richard can find a way for public schools to become accountable right now, he needs to get off of his anti-choice soapbox.

Parents should be able to spend their state per-pupil allocation at any institution that meets their child's needs. If public schools are confident that they already satisfy their constituents, they shouldn't be threatened by a K-12 type of GI Bill.

Patricia Alspach

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POINTS OF VIEW

Disability issues can affect everyone

Odds are eight in 10 that a person will acquire a disability at some point in their life. Even if one doesn't become disabled oneself, someone you know and love will.

For many of us who have disabilities, it is imperative to bring forth the issues facing the disability community. Our issues are really everybody's issues. But it is difficult to make headway in a society whose policy makers are, in general, not disabled — yet.

One major issue is "institutional bias." Institutional bias refers to a mandate by the federal government that each state's Medicaid program provide institutional long-term care for people with disabilities. Home-based, consumer-directed care is optional. In other words, states are required to pay for nursing home care for those who qualify for Medicaid. States are not required to pay for care that one has in their home. Consequently, many people are economically forced to move into a nursing home

due to characteristics of their disability(ies).

Recently, a guest columnist wrote to say nursing homes are largely good places to live. The writer worked for the industry and was attempting to do some damage control. In a relatively short span of time, three nursing home residents at separate facilities had wandered outside and died of exposure.

What this writer was trying to say, was that these were isolated incidents and that these bad apples weren't representative of the industry. I strongly disagree. Resident abuse is a common occurrence in most nursing homes.

The current environment stacks the deck in favor of nursing homes. Families increasingly require two incomes to survive. As people acquire disabilities due to aging, disease or accident, their family members are unavailable to assist them because they can't afford to stay home and provide care.

In Michigan, there is a program

called Home Help Service (HHS). HHS provides dollars for qualified Medicaid recipients to hire their own help in their own home. This allows some people to avoid institutionalization and reduces stress on the family.

Michigan spends about \$93 million on per year on HHS and over \$650 million for nursing home care. This 7.1 ratio is partly attributable to institutional bias.

One group working to end institutional bias is ADAPT (American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today). ADAPT's national goal is to redirect 25 percent of Medicaid dollars away from institutions and into consumer directed, home-based long term care.

Major opposition to diverting Medicaid dollars away from nursing homes comes from the professional association for nursing homes, the American Health Care Association (AHCA).

AHCA speaks for a \$60 billion-plus industry with 16 full-time lobbyists in Washington. Two thirds of nursing homes revenues, over \$40 bil-

lion, come from tax dollars via Medicaid (60 percent) and Medicare (8 percent).

ADAPT wants consumers to have the choice of using Medicaid dollars as they see fit. Simply put, the individual could choose to use dollars already available for institutional care for home-based care. In many cases, home care is less expensive.

AHCA agrees there needs to be more money available for home care, but not at their expense. While ADAPT and ACHA lock horns, one wonders where the public stands on this important issue. Where do other disability organizations stand on this issue? What about the medical profession?

Personally, I'm surprised there isn't more clamor to maximize personal independence and minimize the restraint of institutionalization.

The contrast between the two in terms of effect on the individual are startling. The person who lives in the community and has control over their affairs tends to be complacent and

dependent. After all, they've been put out to pasture.

To me, institutions promote existence, not living. But I share ADAPT'S opinion: Let the individual decide with a dollar for dollar option. Other disability issues include assisted suicide, unfunded mandates and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), health care and welfare reform, and mass transit to name a few.

These issues affect our whole society, not just people with disabilities. I am gathering people from western Wayne County interested in disability issues together to dialogue with future intent of community organizing and advocacy. If interested, please call me after noon at (313) 462-2423.

Guest columnist Scott Heinzman is a disabled resident who is a member of several community groups which promote human relations. Guest columns may be mailed to Community Editor Leonard Poger, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

B&D shows how companies hammer employees

An old friend told this story during intermission at last weekend's Plymouth Symphony concert in Novi High's auditorium.

In a rowing competition, the Japanese team had eight men at the oars and one coxswain to steer. The American team had one man at the oars and eight managers. The Americans lost by a mile. The managers fired the man at the oars and were duly accorded bonuses for analyzing the problem correctly.

Businessmen like Robert Eaton, chairman of Chrysler Corp., don't like such stories. Eaton spoke to the Economic Club of Detroit last week about the bashing in the media that managers get. "People like me and others who run companies like to think of ourselves as builders," he said. "And in spite of what the public hears and

reads, we do care about protecting jobs..."

One gets a different impression from the 1995 annual report of Black & Decker, the international maker of home and commercial tools.

Business has been good. Revenues were \$4.77 billion, up 50 percent from 1989. Earnings were \$216.5 million, up 620 percent from 1989. But jobs? If you check pages 46-47 of the fine print, you find jobs had dropped more or less steadily since 1989 from 38,600 to 29,300 last year — a 24-percent loss. That's 9,300 people out of work.

The directors each get a retainer of \$30,000 a year. They also get \$1,000 for each board and committee meeting. There were five board meetings, and most committees met four or five



TIM RICHARD

times, so they can take home \$39,000 to \$40,000 apiece — not bad for 10 meetings. Oh, and committee chairs get another \$3,000 on top of that.

The chairman, president and CEO of this deal is Nolan D. Archibald, a man who is so good, apparently, that

the free market system awarded him a salary of \$839,000 and a bonus of \$810,000. That's just the money payout. Archibald has perks and other personal benefits of \$57,000, including \$31,000 for personal use of the company plane. Some workers in the U.S. economy are supporting a family on his aircraft perk alone.

There are nifty stock options, too, but space is running out.

Is this just one horrible example, sensationalized by the media, of how American corporations are run? Two Associated Press stories of March 5 put some numbers on the anecdotes:

- Personal incomes in 1995 grew 6.1 percent.
- The average compensation for

chief executives of large companies jumped 23 percent in 1995.

Black & Decker shareholders were asked to approve a new Executive Annual Incentive Plan to be administered by a committee of the board. Says the proxy statement: "The committee does not anticipate that it will disclose the specific goal or goals for any fiscal year, because the committee believes that this information is confidential business information."

Upon confronting such arrogance, at least one stockholder voted a resounding "No."

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

Colleges adapt to change

As high school seniors think about college they are probably wondering what they are going to get out of it. With the increasingly chancy job markets, more non-traditional students (the parents, homemakers, assembly-line workers) are also going to college. Most college students are very aware that a college degree increases (but does not guarantee) their earning power. They sometimes forget that to increase their earning power they must increase their learning power; that's the real bottom line in today's world. As our society begins to rapidly change, students who can learn quickly and adapt will be most successful. An emphasis on understanding what and how students have learned is more important than ever.

People have the right to ask what they are getting for their money. From research, we know that quality management methods improve the quality of programs and help lower costs. Most colleges such as Madonna University are committed to improving quality, keeping tuition costs down.

Colleges offer more sophisticated levels of learning and therefore require a more sophisticated approach to assessing the outcomes of college graduates. Madonna University's College of Continuing and Professional Studies recently hosted its fifth annual conference on assessment with more than 100 participants from public and private universities from as far as Chicago. Two major initiatives were discussed, quality management programs for continuous improvement and a new innovative assessment requirement by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges (NCA), which accredits all colleges and universities in the Midwest. NCA now requires all colleges to measure and report on achievement of educational goals as part of accreditation.

Universities in the United States are among the best in the world. People from all over the world come to study here. Its international reputation is beyond reproach. Our strength is in our diversity of programs.

The NCA has been recommending a sophisticated approach that lets colleges identify what they think are the most important programs, assess and create reports.

Madonna University has taken this one step further by adding a continuous improvement process. For example, between 97-100 percent of Madonna's nursing graduates pass the national licensing exam on their first try. We continue to work toward a consistent 100

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percent passing, but we will not stop there. We set our standards higher than the test.

The reputation of our graduates on job performance aids more in their success than passing the exam. Both measures are necessary.

The purpose of a college degree is not only to provide a highly skilled work force but to educate people to understand the history, the powerful ideas, and the culture of people in the United States and throughout the world.

We know from the lessons of history that a well-rounded education prepares students for a dramatically changing world.

The fundamental question universities must anticipate and address is: "Are we preparing students to meet the challenges of the 21st century?" These challenges will be both technical and ethical.

Universities will still maintain traditions of knowledge in history, religion, social understanding, sciences and arts, while they must also link more closely to the immediate needs of employers. This will be a difficult and intricate task.

Universities cannot rest on their laurels, they cannot escape the quality assessment movement and they will have a much harder task defining and measuring progress. Just like the assessment movement that has been ongoing in our K-12 programs, there seems to be no turning back.

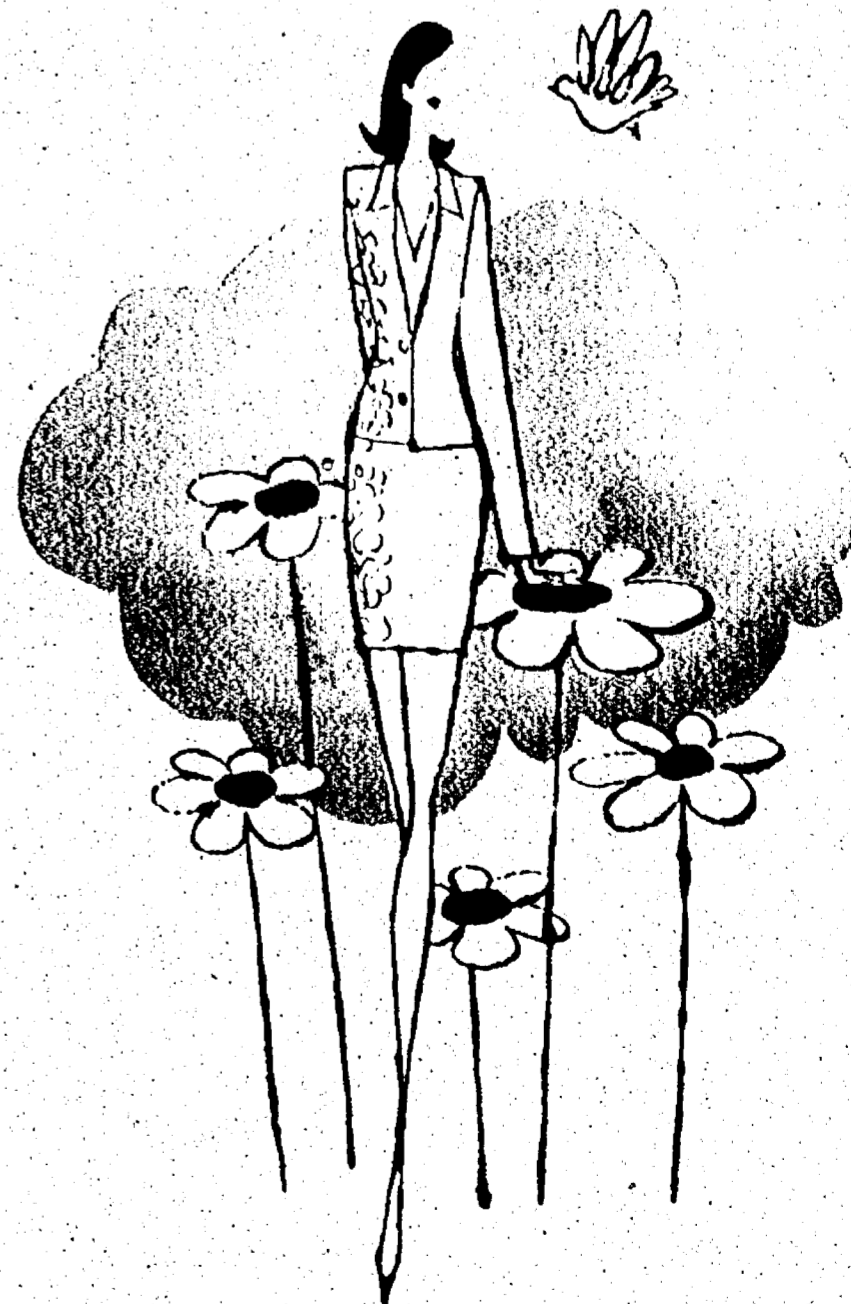
Colleges and universities will be taking a more in depth look at themselves which will help keep high higher education on top by offering increasingly better environments in which to learn. This renewed emphasis on assessment should also help our students become more flexibility and adaptable learners that are prepared to enter the 21st Century.

Paul Stemmer, Ph.D., is the current president of the Michigan Educational Research Association and is director of the Center for Research at Madonna University in Livonia.

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COUNTY FUND TARGETS BLIGHT

An economic development fund to aid distressed communities and neighborhoods in Wayne County was announced Monday.

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara and Wayne County Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon announced the creation of the 21st Century Fund.

"Wayne County faces significant economic and community development challenges as we approach the next century," McNamara said. "We have aging infrastructure, a shrinking population base and many blighted neighborhoods and commercial areas. The 21st Century Fund is designed to revitalize distressed areas while also creating jobs and enhancing the county's tax base."

Money from the sale of county surplus properties is being used to set up the fund, McNamara said. The fund has assets of about \$3 million and is projected to grow to at least \$25 million within the next five years as property sales are finalized.

The fund will take the county's economic development efforts to new levels, according to Solomon. "The county has created many innovative programs that have generated economic

opportunities and neighborhood revitalization," Solomon said. "However, these activities have been hampered somewhat by a lack of dedicated funding. The 21st Century Fund will enable us to maximize our efforts."

The fund will be used primarily for loans as opposed to grants. To create greater overall return, the fund will target projects that bring in other public and private funds.

The fund will support a range of projects, including land acquisition and preparation for housing; infrastructure; industrial site reclamation and cleanup; minority business development and downtown redevelopment.

The Economic Development Corp. of Wayne County will propose project plans for use of the fund with staff support from the county's Department of Jobs and Economic Development. The EDC, established under Public Act 338 of 1974, is empowered to undertake projects which promote industrial, commercial and residential projects within the county.

McNamara said he envisions the 21st Century Fund being a partner in projects initiated by Detroit Renaissance, the city of Detroit and other municipalities, the new Greater Downtown Partnership and other public sector and private sector development ventures.

"We look forward to supporting Mayor (Dennis) Archer's vision of making Detroit a great city again," McNamara said.

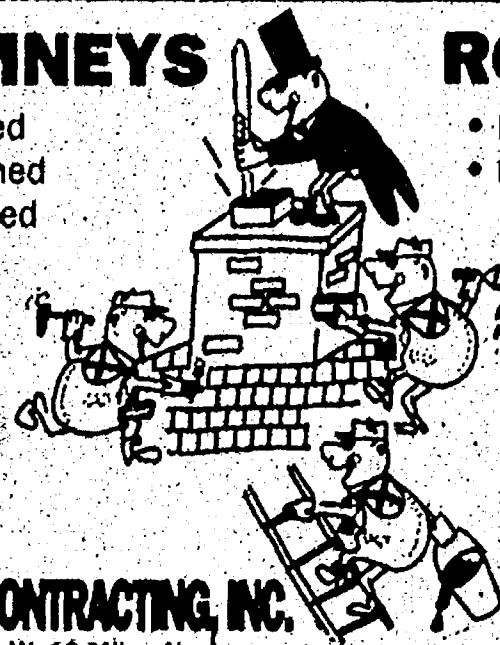
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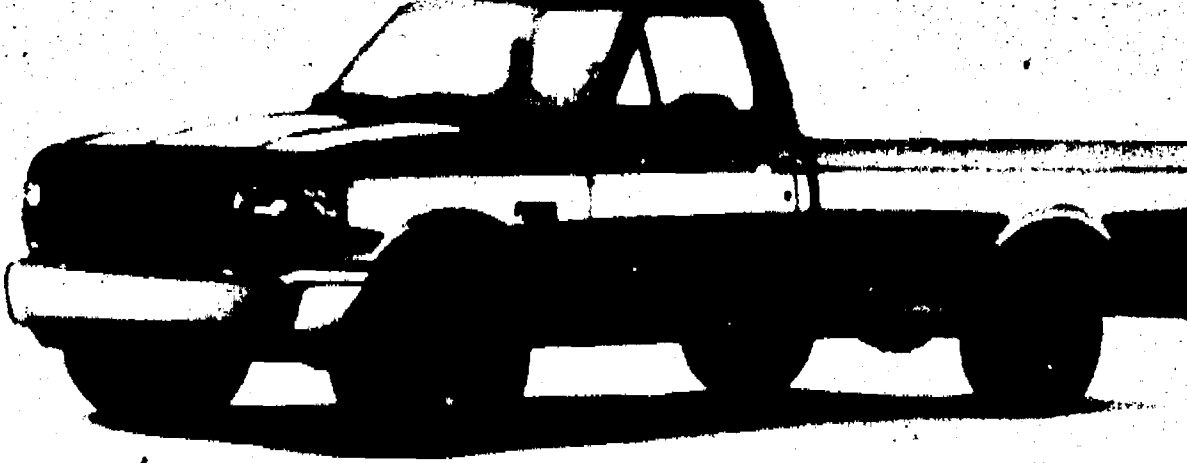
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KAREN MEIER

Simple things in the morning

I love things — the simpler, the better. And if a thing is too hard, well, there's a chance I might get crabby. Like Saturday morning when I was working on tax stuff, I did get crabby — taxes are so hard. And to think, just a half hour before I wasn't crabby at all. That's because I was eating breakfast, and breakfast is a pretty uncomplicated thing. Cereal is why.

Every morning I eat a bowl of cereal for breakfast. It's good, it's simple. It's simply good.

Oftentimes, I'm alone with my cereal; it's just too early for everyone else. Which is good because I usually act a bit to simply. For instance, I sit the box of cereal right smack in front of me where I can read it. And so the box boxes me in. And then I read all the sides of the box, the offers on the box, the recipes, the nutrition information, all pretty simple stuff. Somehow that simple cereal stuff helps clean out the cobwebs in my head and gets me ready for the day.

This love of the simple breakfast goes back a long, long way. Back to my childhood when to I would ask my father the night before to wake me up before he went to work which was usually around 6 a.m. I would get up and pad to the kitchen and get my simple breakfast set up — cereal, lots of it heaped in a bowl, milk, sugar and juice and the cereal box right smack in front of me.

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

Auction has safe sports in mind

It's considered an old adage, but Dr. David Janda firmly believes in an ounce of prevention. And that's why a weekend auction is being held to benefit his Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine.

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Dr. David Janda believes that prevention is the best cure for the health care crisis, and since he created the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine in Ann Arbor, he has taken it upon himself to prove that to Congress, medical professionals and the public.

"Health care needs to be made more affordable," Janda said in a 1994 interview. "The way to do that is by preventing need."

"Unfortunately the political elite have not really heard that message and it's a real problem," said Janda last week. "They keep talking about health care reform. They keep focusing on the availability and accessibility to care and manipulating health care need."

"What we should be talking about is the prevention of health care need."

To promote education and raise money for research, the institute is hosting its annual celebrity benefit auction 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 29, at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel and Convention Center in Dearborn. Radio personality Dick Purtan, formerly of Q95 and soon of WOMC, will serve as celebrity auctioneer.

The R&B act, One Wish, who won a 1994 Detroit Music Award for its single "Tell Me Why," will provide the entertainment. The all-male trio is scheduled to release its album,



TOM HAWLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Take your pick: Dr. David Janda and his daughter check out a football, signed by Walter Payton, which will be sold to the highest bidder at an auction for the benefit of his Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Friday evening.

"Romantic," in late April or early May.

The \$10 admission includes the chance to win two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the United States that Delta Airlines flies. Janda said that the admission price is intentionally low to allow more people to attend.

"We'd like to get as many of the

public there as possible," he said. "To us, \$10 is an affordable price. It's come as you are. There will be folks there in tuxes and some in sweat-shirts, and that's great."

Besides the drawing, a Grand Hotel getaway, a suite at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, a two-night stay at Palmetto Dunes Resort on Hilton Head Island, S.C., and bed and

breakfast getaways will be auctioned off.

A majority of the items offered are sports memorabilia, including: an Oscar Robertson basketball, a John Elway football, rookie baseball cards, a Wayne Gretzky tour stick, golf clubs, an Anfernee "Penny"

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Kroll-Cauzillo

Phillip and Carolyn Kroll of New Baltimore announce the engagement of their daughter, Penny Ann, to James P. Cauzillo, the son of Janet Cauzillo of Redford and the late John Cauzillo.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Anchor Bay High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. She is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. He is employed by the Ford



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An October wedding is planned.

Hugdens-Mervyn

Tom and Mary Hugdens of Pinckney announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula Anne, to Randy Lee Mervyn, the son of Ralph and Betty Mervyn of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Ypsilanti High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed as a legal assistant in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. He is employed by Foodland Distributors in Livonia.

A July wedding in Northville is being planned.



Kleshauer-Warren

John Kleshauer and Jeanne Murphy, both of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Jeanne, to John Wayne Warren, the son of George and Catherine Warren of Warren, Texas.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Michigan State University. She is employed as a kindergarten teacher in the Harnett County School System in Bunnlevel, N.C.

Her fiancé recently completed duty as a paratrooper with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler in July to study urban planning and real estate development.



A July wedding is planned for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Frantz-Tinskey

Ron and Janet Frantz of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Lynn, to Lawrence M. Tinskey Jr., the son of Joan Tinskey of Livonia and Lawrence Tinskey, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be attended Livonia Churchill High School and graduated from Suomi College with an associate's degree in business administration. She currently is employed as a business manager for Gwyer blueprint in Madison Heights.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and a 1987 graduate of Michigan State University. He is part owner of Owen Specialty Ser-



vices, a Midwest utility contractor.
An April wedding planned for Commerce United Methodist Church in Commerce Township.

VanDyke-Terski

Hobert and Connie VanDyke of Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela, to Bill Terski, the son of Jim and Jeanne Terski of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree in international business. She is employed by Valassis Inserts.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree in marketing. He is employed by Contract Interiors.

A June wedding is planned for



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Churches ready for Easter

If you thought carols were only sung at Christmas, you would be mistaken. Palm Sunday, March 31, marks the beginning of Holy Week as area churches celebrate the passion of Christ with special music, including carols.

The word "carol" originally meant a ring dance. It is believed that at one time people used to dance as well as sing to carol tunes. When they were most popular — the 1400s to the mid-1600s — they were sung at all times of the year. Many of the older carols, especially those from continental Europe countries, were written to be sung at Easter or in the spring.

Because people in the 1800s thought about carols only at Christmas, some of the best spring carols had Christmas lyrics put to their tunes. The song "Good King Wenceslas" originally was printed in 1582 as "Spring Has Now Brought Forth the Flowers."

With this in mind, local churches are putting the finishing touches to their music that will bring special meaning to the Holy Week observance and Easter celebration.

At Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia Festival Palm Sunday services will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. March 31. The Christ Our Savior Choir will feature Hal Hopson's

"Enter His Sanctuary Singing," accompanied by brass and organ. The Cherub, Choristers and Handbell Choirs will join the choir in singing "Hosanna to the Son" by Jodi Lynch. Palm crosses also will be distributed to worshippers.

On April 4, Maundy Thursday worship will be at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion and special music from the Christ Our Savior and Woodwind Choirs. As a part of the service, the altar will be stripped of all cloths, candles and furnishings in preparation for Good Friday.

The Good Friday service of the cross will be at 12:30 p.m. with special music and reflection. A candlelight Tenebrae service of darkness will be at 7 p.m., featuring the Christ Our Savior, Cherub, Choristers and Handbell Choirs. The service, entitled "Gathered on the Green Hill," is based on the newly commissioned work by Charles W. Ore, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away."

Easter Sunday will be celebrated with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise devotional, and festival communion services will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

The Christ Our Savior, Cherub, Choristers, Handbell and Brass Choirs will join in performing "On the Third Day" by Allen Pote at each festival

service. The spring carol, "Now the Green Blade Riseth," often performed as the Christmas carol "Noel Nouvele," will be one of the Easter carols sung by the choir.

An Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 4-10 years of age. Children under age 3 are free.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

The Chancel Choir of St. James Presbyterian Church will present the cantata, "Walk Worthy" by Joseph Martin, at 10 a.m. worship service Palm Sunday, March 31.

The Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:30 p.m. April 4 in the chapel and will include the serving of Communion.

St. James Presbyterian Church is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 634-7730.

The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth will have meditations and Communion at 12:15 and 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 4, at the church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

On Easter Sunday, April 7, there will be a dawn service at 6:30 a.m., followed by Easter breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Worship

services will be at 9 and 11 a.m. with the sermon, "A Risen Savior — Our Eternal Hope," by Dr. Dean A. Klump.

For more information, call the church at (313) 453-6280.

A group of churches in the Livonia community will gather for a 14th year for a special 12 noon community worship service Good Friday, April 5. The host church this year will be St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Six Mile Road just east of Merriman Road.

Churches participating in the service will be St. Andrew's Presbyterian, St. Timothy's Presbyterian, Rosedale Garden Presbyterian, St. Edith Catholic and Nativity United Church of Christ. The preacher will be Rev. Bob Seltz of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church.

The offering received will support Habitat for Humanity.

Garden City Presbyterian Church will host the ecumenical Good Friday service, sponsored by the Garden City Ministerial Association, at 12:30 p.m. April 5 at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road.

The theme of this year's service will be "Were You There?" with the Good Friday message told through stories and viewpoints of those who were present during the trial, crucifixion and burial of Jesus.

Participating will be Rev. Felix Lorenz Jr. of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Pastor Art Wilde of Good Hope Lutheran Church, Rev. Gretchen Denton of Garden City Presbyterian Church and Rev. Gary Damon of the First United Methodist Church. Each of the church choirs will sing an anthem during the half hour that is lead by their church pastor. There will be congregational singing and prayers as well.

The service will last until 2:30 p.m., however, people may attend as much as of the service as they can. A free will offering for the Garden City FISH will be received.

Ward Presbyterian Church invites the Livonia community to attend all or part of the services of worship that will begin at 12 noon and conclude at 3 p.m. at the church, Six Mile and Farmington roads, April 5.

The service will feature "The Seven Words of Christ" with music by the Chamber Choir. Messages addressing the "Seven Last Word" will be delivered by Dr. James McGuire, Dr. L. Edward Davis, Pamela Hodge, Dr. Bartlett Hess, Rev. David Brown Jr., Rev. John Quigley and Rev. James Killgore.

Members of the Chancel Choir will be singing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois under the direction of Dr. Jerry Smith. Soloists include Marjorie Baker, Gordon Walls, David Fianigan, William Butler, Lawrence Zane, Lisa Meyer, Keith Wilson, Ronald Wroblewski, Connie Grimes and Sherry Aronson.

Child care will be provided for children through age 4. For more information, call (313) 422-1150.

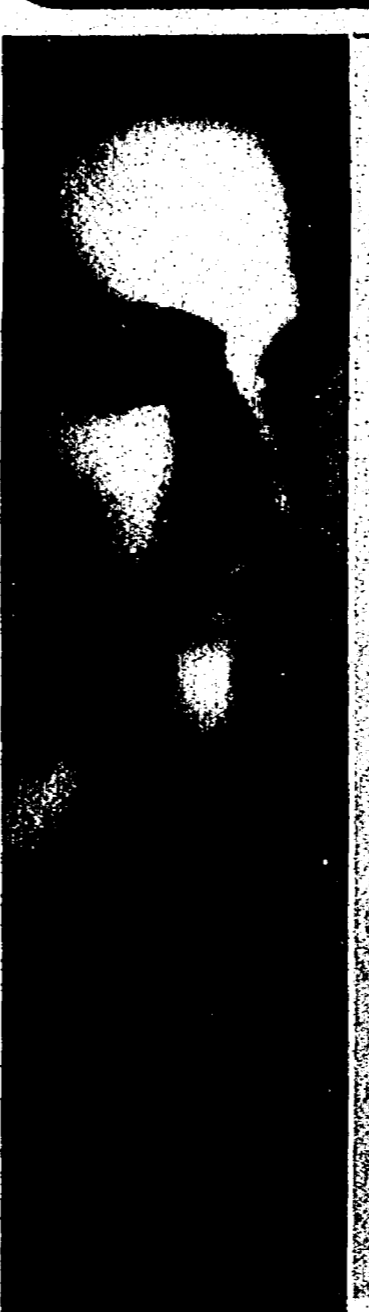
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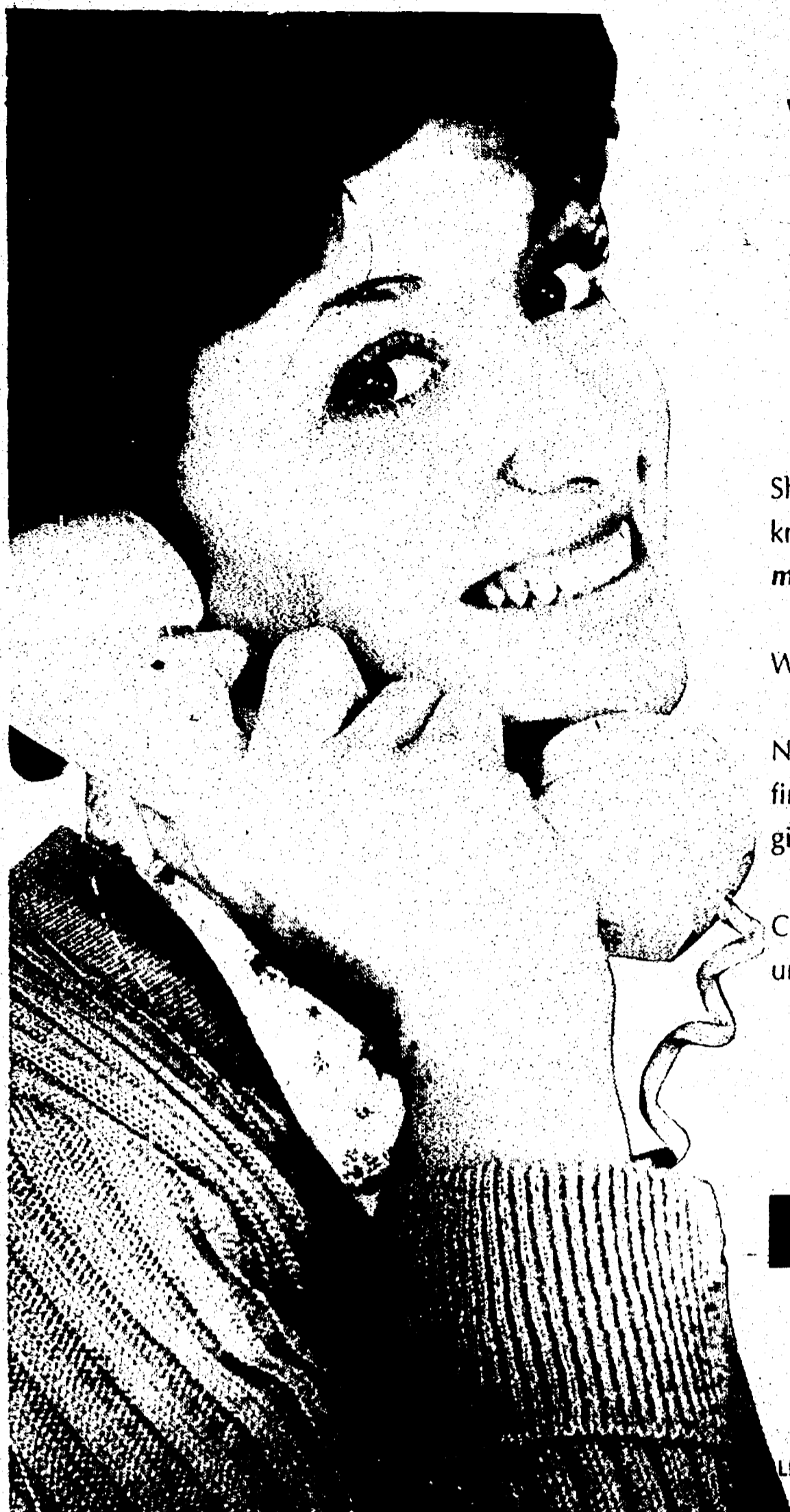
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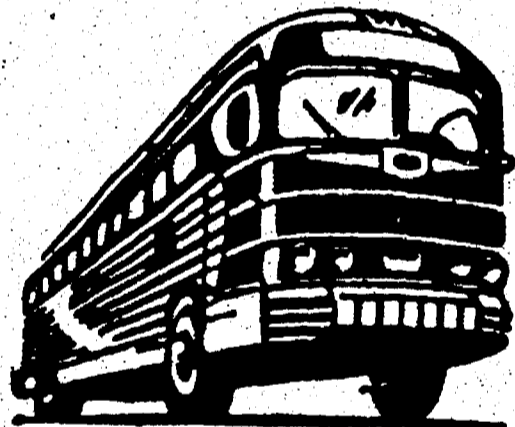
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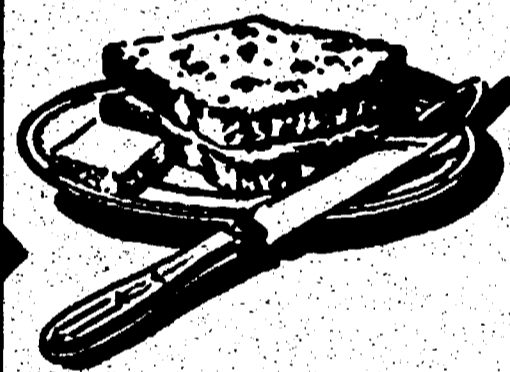
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RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

"IN GOD'S GOOD TIME"

St. Michael Church's three handbell choirs, children and adult vocal choirs will present their annual Lenten Cantata, "In God's Good Time," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. The presentation will be a combination of music and dance commemorating the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. A reception will follow in the gym. For more information, call (313) 421-5290.

"THE POWER AND THE GLORY"

Redford Baptist Church, 25292 Grand River at Seven Mile Road, presents "The Power and The Glory," a musical/drama that begins just before the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday and continues through the resurrection, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 30, and Sunday, March 31. There is no admission charge.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Children aged 12 and younger are invited to attend a free Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. A plastic bag is all that is required. For more information, call (313) 453-5252.

An Easter fair and egg hunt for children aged 3 through second grade will be held 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia. Parents accompany their children through different activity centers such as egg coloring, cookie decorating, craft making, and a photo session with "Happy Bunny." There is no fee for this event but donations will be collected at the door. To register, call (313) 522-6830.

20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Full Gospel Church of Plymouth will have a 20th anniversary celebration Friday through Sunday, March 29-31. Featured will be evangelist Jay Boyd and Family at 7 p.m. March 29-30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. March 31 at the church, 291 E. Spring St., north of Main Street. For more

information, call (313) 453-0323.

"THE FOURTH WISEMAN"

The Creative Arts Ministry of Northville Christian Assembly presents a musical drama "The Fourth Wiseman," produced by



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Carlton Quattlebaum, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30, and 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 31. The musical is loosely based on the book "The Other Maji" by Henry VanDyke, a story which was later released as a movie starring Martin Sheen as Artaban, the fourth wiseman. Northville Christian Assembly is located at 41355 Six Mile Road, one mile west of I-275. For ticket information, call (810) 348-9030

"MESSIAH AND MORE"

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Chancel Choir and Orchestra will present "Messiah and More" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 30, and at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 31, at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Complimentary tickets are available at the church music office. For more information, call (313) 422-1899.

PALM SUNDAY

New Life Lutheran Church youth and their leaders will lead an alternative, nontraditional worship service at 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 31, at the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, Plymouth. The forming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will feature a video, entitled "The Para-

ble." The traditional service, based on the Lutheran Book of worship and utilizing the preached Word, will be at 8:30 a.m. Both services will feature the procession with palms, the reading of the Passion from the Gospel According to St. Matthew and Holy Communion. Youth and adult education will be at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

"NO GREATER LOVE"

"No Greater Love," a music and drama presentation, including the living portrayal of Leonardo DaVinci's painting "The Last Supper," will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 30, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 31, at Tri-City Christian Center, 31396 Michigan Avenue (at Hannan Road), Wayne. There is no charge for the performance. For more information, call (313) 326-0300.

MOZART CONCERT

The Archdiocesan Chorus and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Noah Duncan IV, will present Mozart's Coronation Mass in C and Requiem at 3 p.m. Palm Sunday, March 31, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave. at Belmont, Detroit. The special concert will feature performances by soloists Julie Rose, Diba Alvi, Yvonne Friday, Margaret Bragle, Alvin Johnson, David Troiano and Carl Clen-

denning. Tickets at the door will cost \$12. For more information, call the cathedral at (313) 865-6300.

"GOD WITH US"

"God With Us," a musical by the sanctuary choir and orchestra, will initiate a series of special Easter worship experiences at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville, at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 31. For more information, call (810) 348-7600.

LENTE BREAKFAST

The Garden City United Methodist Women's Lenten breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31, at the church, 6443 Merriman Road. The Rev. Susan Dunlop, pastor of Faith United Methodist Church in Trenton, will be the speaker. A free will offering will be collected. Call the church office at (313) 421-8628 or Leona Guilder at (313) 421-2614.

LENTE DINNERS

Dinner and services will be held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, on Wednesdays during Lent. Dinners will be served in the Parish Center 5:45-6:30 p.m. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Dinners will be served buffet style and feature a "family-friendly" menu appealing to all ages. Worship services will present short contemporary dramas

to illustrate themes of repentance and renewal.

Dinner costs \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (313) 522-6830.

• St. Agatha Parish is sponsoring Lenten seafood dinners on Fridays - March 29 and April 5. The dinners include fish and chips (\$4.25), shrimp (\$4.75), baked cod (\$5.50), macaroni and cheese (\$3) and combination plate (\$8.75) and will be served 3-8 p.m. in the grade school lunchroom.

The St. Agatha Grade School is at 19800 Beech Daly, north of Grand River. For more information, call (313) 531-0371.

• The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will have a Lenten dinner program 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the church, 3 Town Square (across from the post office), Wayne. Participants should bring a dish to pass, with the meat provided.

HOLY WEEK STUDY

The Rev. Stanford Lucyk will conduct a three-part Bible study based on the Gospel of Mark from 7-8 p.m. Monday, April 1-Wednesday, April 3, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Rev. Lucyk, a Jerusalem expert and retired United Church of Canada minister, will teach with word and slides about Palm Sunday and Jesus's first day in Jerusalem in Monday, the events

of Holy Week on Tuesday, and the trial, crucifixion, and the resurrection of Jesus on Wednesday. Child care is available, and people may meet at the church for a soup and bread dinner from 6-7 p.m. A free will offering will help defer costs. For more information, call (313) 421-0749.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series on Thursday, April 4, with Sue Ann Daniel, ACSW, and her topic "Help for the Family in Grief." The program is free. Free resources are available and related books may be purchased at cost. For more information, call (313) 422-6038. The church is located at 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman, Livonia.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Michigan Promis Keepers' representative Jeff Nelson will be the featured speaker at the 21st annual St. Michael's Men's Good Friday Breakfast Event at 8 a.m. April 5 at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for boys 10 years and under. For tickets, call (313) 459-3333.

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Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9:15 and 11 a.m. at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail. The Cherub, Children and Youth Choirs will combine for the Introit with Psalms while The Cantabile Bells will perform the offertory and the Chancel Choir the cantata, "Missa Exultate," a longer work of music about the glories of the Lord.

Maundy Thursday, April 4, the Tenebrae service will be at 7:30 p.m. with a dramatic portrayal of the Last Supper and Holy Communion.

The Good Friday service will be at 12:15 p.m. and child care will be provided. Members of the congregation also will be participating in a performance of John Rutter's "Requiem" at 7:30 p.m.

at St. Genevieve Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia.

There will be a sunrise service (child care will be provided) at 8 a.m. Easter Sunday with worship service and Sunday School at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Breakfast, prepared and served by the United Methodist Men, will be at 7:30-10 a.m. in Gutherie Hall.

There also will be at 7:30 a.m. service Easter Sunday at Newburgh's original church at Greenmead, Eight Mile and Newburgh Road, Livonia. The public is invited to attend.

At Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, a special Maundy Thursday communion service will begin at 7 p.m. April 4, at the church, 21260 Haggerty

Road, Northville.

Easter Sunday will begin with a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. in the Atrium, followed by a continental breakfast at 8:45 a.m. The morning worship celebration will be at 10 a.m. Child care will be provided. The sunrise sermon will be "But, He Is Risen," while the 10 a.m. sermon will be "The Discovery of Easter," both delivered by Pastor Donald Irwin.

For more information, call the church at (810) 348-7600.

Holy Week at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland will include a Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 5885 Venoy Road. The Good Friday

Tenebrae service will be at 1 and 7:30 p.m. April 5.

Easter Sunday, there will be a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., followed by Easter breakfast at 7:30 a.m. The family service will be at 9 a.m., with a festival service with Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

Holy Week at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will begin with a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 4, at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. There will be two services at 1:15 and 7 p.m. on Good Friday, April 5, while Easter Sunday services will be at 7 and 10 a.m.

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SATURDAY



Brian Haley, the new mechanic on NBC's "Wings," a veteran of "Evening at the Improv," "Comic Strip Live," and the "Tonight Show" appears at Main Street Comedy Showcase in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 996-9080.

SUNDAY



Stars of the Bolshoi Ballet, under the direction of Yuri Grigorovich, perform ballet classics at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Call (810) 433-1515.



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Global glass goes to the edge

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Two years ago, Ferdinand Hampson began visiting artists' studios in Asia, Europe and North America to research the latest in contemporary glass. He showcases the findings in Habatat Galleries' 24th annual International Glass Invitational. One-third of the more than 90 exhibiting artists are new, selected on the merit of their images not their credentials or years of experience spent working with glass.

"The theme this year is a celebration of creativity. These new artists were juried on what they created, not on their resume. In years past, the International centered around geographical location and historical tradition. I think the theme will challenge the noted artists as well," said Ferdinand Hampson, president of Habatat Galleries. "Most of the this year's International is storytelling art or personal images, not always relying on the beauty of the material."

Traveling to museums, galleries and artists' studios from Czechoslovakia to North Carolina, Hampson learned of artists mixing materials and using traditional techniques in innovative ways. Mundy Hepburn combines glass and gas. A trip to his Connecticut studio led to an exhibit of Mundy's work in a separate building behind the gallery leased especially for the International. The only other artist shown there is legendary glass master Dale Chihuly with his new 10-foot long wall piece.

Hepburn's luminous glass sculptures use high frequency static electricity to light up carefully balanced mixtures of harmless gases such as neon, argon, krypton, helium and xenon. Colors arise from the blend of gases inside as well as from phosphors painted on the glass. Looking like sea life or strange creatures from outside our solar system, the glass sculptures literally move, reds flowing into blues.

"Mundy Hepburn's work is technology beyond. It's glass you have to plug in so we're going to display it in a darkened area where his 8-foot sculptures will rise out of the ground," Hampson said. In July, Hampson traveled to Taiwan to discover Hsueh Wang whose work



deals with cultural values of virtue, nature and the circle of life. Unlike America where the majority of glass artists mix materials Asian artists like Wang, who studied at Center for Creative Studies College of Art and Design in Detroit, concentrate exclusively on glass.

According to CCS' crafts department chairman Herb Babcock, Wang's "glass sculpture imparts a visual vitality to the classical." "I wanted to familiarize myself with Chinese arts of all types so I visited museums relying on historical tradition. Part of selecting works from other cultures is finding out about that country," said Hampson.

Although Troy artist Glen Michaels began exhibiting glass assemblages 30 years ago in New York, this year's theme challenged him to create pieces confined to a single concept. "Copper River" is a tall rectangular relief incorporating copper fused in

Mixing Materials: This untitled work by Robert Levin revels in a rawness created from glass, wood and rope.



glass. Using copper fragments as fine as human hair, Michaels surrounds them with unglazed gray tile reminiscent of the facade of a building or mountain. "I hope it suggests that it's a man made work being exposed. As if the side of a mountain has fallen away, or an echo of an archaeological site," said Michaels, best known for his 90-foot long mural in the Bricktown Station of downtown Detroit's People Mover. Michaels, whose primary work is private and commercial commissions, is currently creating a 100-square foot fused glass wall mural which flows into a pool in front of Beaumont Hospital.

Bigger and Better Hampson expands the International to include four levels of glass this year. Spaces, designed for showing Asian art and a retrospective of glass works from the 70s and 80s, will transport visitors into different worlds. Outside the gallery in the park will be a sculpture garden of glass.

Two weeks before the International, staff members unpacking the glass were in sheer delight as if it were Christmas morning. Catching their fancy were sleek and sophisticated raspberry and burnt umber geometrical works by Czechoslovakian husband and wife artists Stanislav Libenaky and Jaroslava Brychtova. As always, Emily Brock's found objects like old waffle irons turned into miniature diner scenes produced amazement. Large jars pierced by dozens of straight pins and looking as if they came from a mad doctor's laboratory by another artist drew mixed responses. Once assembled, said Hampson, the artist's intent will become apparent. He preferred to reserve his comments until then.

Began one year after Habatat Galleries was established in Dearborn, the International Glass Invitational is the oldest and largest annual exhibit of contemporary studio glass in the United States. Held in conjunction with Michigan Glass Month, the International continues to show the progressive growth of glass as a respected art material. Once considered a craft, the contemporary studio glass movement born 34 years ago, is now a contender in the world of fine art.

Celebration of Creativity

What? Habatat Galleries presents the 24th annual International Glass Invitational featuring more than 90 artists from around the world. Admission is free.

Where? March 30 through April 28. An opening reception to meet the artists takes place 8 p.m. Saturday, March 30. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, until 8 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Easter Sunday.

Where? 7 North Seginaw Street in Pontiac. Related Event: Immediately following the open, guests are invited to "Glass Bash," a Michigan Glass Month celebration in the Seroki Room at industry night club in Pontiac.

Local boy gets taste of stardom as teacup in Beauty and the Beast

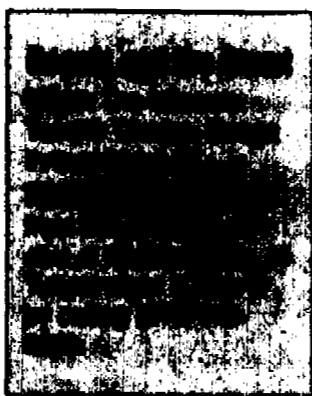
BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Seven-year-old Nathan Keen of Beverly Hills is getting his first taste of Broadway in "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," and he's loving it. Keen, 7, who plays Chip, an adorable and inquisitive tea cup in the full-length, stage musical now playing at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit was picked from approximately 60 children who auditioned for the part.

Keen who has been involved in local theatrical productions in metro Detroit since the age of three, prepared for his audition by watching the movie "Beauty and the Beast" and listening to the music. "I've never seen him so excited to be at rehearsal. He's having a wonderful time," said Nathan's father Christopher.

"It's fun to find someone from the local community to be in the show," said producer Robert W. McTyre, senior vice president of Walt Disney Productions. "We have one person who plays the part travel with us, and then pick one from the community where the show is playing." Detroit is only the third stop on the national tour of "Beauty and the Beast."

"Audiences will enjoy a full-length Broadway musical, complete with spectacular production numbers, elaborate costumes and unforgettable songs," said McTyre who grew up in Birmingham. "The sets



are enormous, there are special effects, and costumes. It's enjoyable for everyone. The show is fun for children, adults and couples. It's a touching love story, and a huge spectacle."

"Beauty and the Beast" tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial French town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped in a spell placed by a beautiful enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. Time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his

household will be doomed for all eternity. Nathan is dividing his time between home and the theater while the show is in production. He works with a tutor at the theater to make up the time he's away from school. "My wife Kim and I were in the Australian Opera Company and sung on stage in Sydney," said Christopher who is a graduate student studying conducting at Oakland University. He's also the conductor of the Detroit Ballet Orchestra. Kim teaches vocal music at Pierce Elementary School in

Birmingham where Nathan is a second grader.

"We noticed at a very early age that Nathan had a talent for singing, but we never forced him, it was always a game," said Christopher. "We took him to the theater, and he's taken classes from Nancy Gurwin. She showed him how to prepare for auditions." Nathan recently performed in Nancy Gurwin's production of "Peter Pan" at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

"He's a very talented little boy," said Gurwin of Southfield who taught Nathan how to perform on stage. "He's a natural, and has all the makings of a star. He's adorable, has a great personality, and he's fearless. He's taken private performance classes from me, and was cast in some of my youth theater productions."

The first venture of Walt Disney Theatrical Productions, "Beauty and the Beast" features Alan Menken's Academy Award-winning score, songs by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, plus new songs by Alan Menken and Tim Rice.



Nathan Keen

SPECIAL EVENTS

LSO presents cabaret

The Livonia Symphony Society will present "Cabaret '96" 7 p.m. Friday, March 29 at Burton Manor in Livonia. This Spring dance will feature the Jack Bronksha Quartet, show tunes by Emcee/vocalist Stephen King, and light popular music by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. The concert will be presented by LSO's Conductor Emeritus, Francesco Di Blasi.

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. Call Betty Jean Awrey (313) 522-1100 or the Symphony's 24-hour hotline (313) 421-1111.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present its Young Artist Competition 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 in the Kresge Auditorium, Madonna University.

The competition is open to family, friends, and the public for the admission price of \$2 each day. Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 425-4855 for information.



Conductor Emeritus: Francesco Di Blasi will lead the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at "Cabaret '96."

Concerts feature the classics

Every holiday season, it seems as if there is a "Nutcracker" performance in every city. Having packed away all the "Nutcracker" costumes and sets, the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, conductor Felix Resnick, and the Michigan Classic Ballet Company, Artistic Director Mary C. Geiger, jointly present "Animal Crackers" 3 p.m. Saturday, March 30 at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

This performance consists of ballet and music of two family masterpieces Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" to be narrated by Sherry Margolis of WJBK Fox TV 2 Eyewitness News, and Saint-Saens' "The Carnival of the Animals" to be narrated by local producer and actor, G. Brian Kaufman.

Geiger choreographed ballet to both works and has joined forces with the BBSO to present this live stage production. "Peter and

the Wolf" represents many children's first introduction to symphonic music and dance. As the brave Peter begins his wolf-hunting adventure, each character is represented by an instrument of the orchestra, delightfully combining fun and education. It's a classic tale enjoyed by young and old throughout the world.

"The Carnival of the Animals" combines Ogden Nash's hilarious poetry with tongue-in-cheek musical and dance depiction of animals like lions, birds, turtles and fish. "Camille St. Saens was racked with pains when people addressed him as 'Saint Saens.' He held the human race to blame, because it could not pronounce his name. So he turned with metronome and fife, to glorify other forms of life. Be quiet, please, for there begins, his salute to feathers, furs and fins." Thus begins "The Carnival of Animals."

The "Animal Crackers" Concert is underwritten in part by Pontiac Motor Division and Target Stores. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 children and senior citizens. To order tickets call the Michigan Classic Ballet Company (810) 661-4349 or the BBSO (810) 645-2276.

Margolis joined WJBK Fox 2 Eyewitness News team as a weekday anchor in September of 1984. She currently anchors "Eyewitness Morning" and "Eyewitness News at Noon." In 1993 she won an Emmy Award for Best News Anchor from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

G. Brian Kaufman is a producer, director, and actor who has worked on theatrical productions ranging from Shakespeare and grand opera to musical revues, to dinner theater to television and radio.

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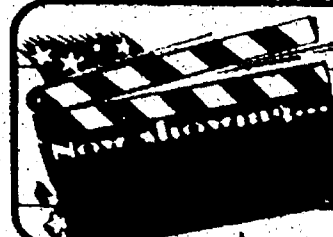
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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

MOVIES

'Girl 6' rates a 4 for Lee

BY JOHN MONAGHAN SPECIAL WRITER

On one level "Girl 6" returns Spike Lee to his roots as a low-budget filmmaker...

You can also see it as a vanity project of sorts, garnering wide release with seemingly little effort...

Lee leaves himself open for comparison. Here Theresa Randle plays a struggling actress...

She recreates herself daily, not only on the job but on the streets, donning a series of often outrageous outfits and wigs...

As Girl 6, she soon becomes

the most-requested operator, servicing a steady stable of clients. We see them, filmed mostly on video, calling from lonely bars...

The phone-sex idea is hardly novel. Robert Altman's "Short Cuts" had as one of its many characters a housewife who fulfilled callers' sexual fantasies...

As aimless as the whole project ultimately becomes, you actually look forward to Lee's ubiquitous cameo...

John Turturro shows up as a slimy theatrical agent along with Quentin Tarantino as a hot director known only as QT...

Following a recent foray into his childhood ("Crooklyn"), it's not surprising that Lee would again look back to his own past...

ter actress, plays the boss who encourages the woman to work from home.

If nothing else, "Girl 6" serves as a showcase for the chameleon-like Randle. You're reminded how good she is when Halle Berry shows up...

The twenty-plus vintage Prince songs (and a few new ones) give the movie a welcome sense of nostalgia...

To leave a message for John Monaghan, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox number 1886...

Grid of movie listings for various theaters including AMC Theatres, General Cinema, National Amusements, Star Theatres, and others. Each listing includes theater name, address, phone, and movie titles with showtimes.



Splitted comedy: Spike Lee (left to right), Jenifer Lewis and Theresa Randle in "Girl 6."

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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, 6200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)

"Anne Frank Remembered" (England - 1995). 7, 9:30 p.m. March 29-30; 4, 7 p.m. March 31. Made in cooperation with Amsterdam's Anne Frank House, this documentary combines vintage photos, new interviews with Frank's contemporaries, documentary film clips, and strangely beautiful footage of the rooms in which the girl and others hid

from Nazis during World War II. Narrated by Kenneth Branagh and Glenn Close.

"Halfmoon" (Germany - 1995). 7 p.m. April 1. Three short stories by Paul Bowles adapted for the screen, each introduced by the writer himself.

KINOTEK

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

"Pierrot le Fou" (France - 1965). 9 p.m. April 1-2. Director Jean-Luc Godard cast Jean-Paul Belmondo as a bored Parisian who steals off with his babysitter (Anna Karina) for a romantic romp and crime spree. A rare

treat shown here in wide screen.

MAGIC BAG THEATRE

22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$7)

"Postcards from America" (USA - 1995). 8 p.m. March 28. Three fictional stories from the life of a gay outsider, plotting his life with abusive father in the 1980s to his adult fascination with the American desert and the open road. Presented by South East Michigan Pride.

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)

"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.

"The Star Maker" (Italy - 1995). In this new film from "Cinema Paradiso" director Giuseppe Tornatore, a self-described talent scout tells beautiful young woman he can put them in the movies. Armed with a movie camera, he sells screen tests with hopeful reciting lines from "Gone With the Wind."

'Braveheart' victory a surprise

By KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Last month Lenny De Genio, a vice president at Bally's hotel-casino in Las Vegas, placed a bogus even-money bet that either "Braveheart" or "Il Postino" would win the Oscar for Best Picture. The prediction, made simply for entertainment purposes because the casinos don't take bets on the Oscars, was right on the money.

Mel Gibson's Scottish epic, "Braveheart" winner of Best Picture in the 68th annual Academy Awards, was not the favored choice of Observer & Eccentric readers who overwhelmingly picked "Apollo 13" to win for Best Picture. Nobody correctly answered all of the questions in our Observer & Eccentric Oscar contest. Three winners were randomly drawn from 10 entries, which contained the most correct answers. See chart for the winners.

First prize was awarded to Mrs. C. Cook of Birmingham who, with the exception of "Sense & Sensibility" for Best Picture, picked all of the winners.

Second prize went to Effie Mascarenhas of Southfield who predicted all of the winners, with the exception of Best Supporting Actor. Mascarenhas picked Ed Harris, but the winner was Kevin Spacey.

Our third prize winner was Suzze Tiernan of Livonia who picked all of the winners except Best Picture. Like Mrs. Cook, she predicted "Sense & Sensibility" would win.

The runners-up were: Rose Eickhoff of Livonia; Robert Lundberg of Owosso; Angela Mucci of Livonia; Charles Olschefske of Livonia; Nancy Korby of Farmington Hills; Richard S. Kosiba of Livonia; and Marjorie Sharp of Farmington Hills.

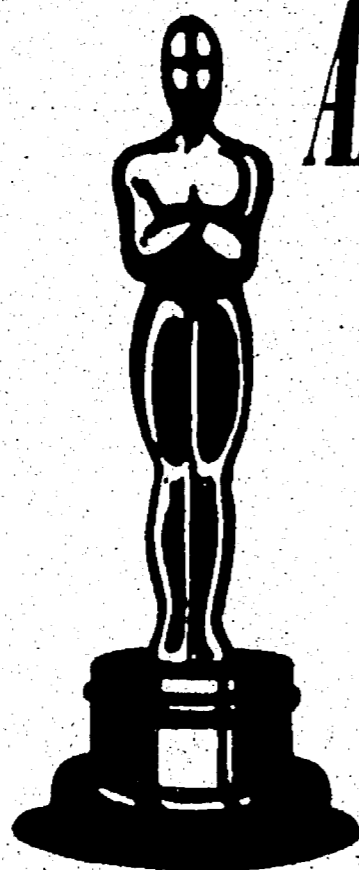
Thank-you to everyone who took the time to either send or fax us your entries. The response was unbelievable. We couldn't believe our good fortune at having so many readers enter the contest, and are

already starting to plan next year's contest.

*Christine Lahti, a Birmingham

native and graduate of Seaholm High School and Jana Sue Memel won an Oscar for "Liberian in

Love," a Chanticleer Films production in the Short Film (Live Action) category.



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SECOND PLACE WINNER: Effie Mascarenhas of Southfield

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ENTRY FORM

BEST PICTURE: "Apollo 13" "Babe" "Braveheart" "Sense & Sensibility" "The Postman"

BEST ACTRESS: Susan Sarandon ("Dead Man Walking") Elisabeth Shue ("Leaving Las Vegas") Sharon Stone ("Casino") Meryl Streep ("The Bridges of Madison County") Emma Thompson ("Sense and Sensibility")

BEST ACTOR: Nicholas Cage ("Leaving Las Vegas") Richard Dreyfuss ("Mr. Holland's Opus") Anthony Hopkins ("Nixon") Sean Penn ("Dead Man Walking") Massimo Troisi ("The Postman")

BEST DIRECTOR: Mike Figgis ("Leaving Las Vegas") Mel Gibson ("Braveheart") Chris Noonan ("Babe") Michael Radford ("The Postman") Tim Robbins ("Dead Man Walking")

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Joan Allen ("Nixon") Kathleen Quinlan ("Apollo 13") Mira Sorvino ("Mighty Aphrodite") Mare Winningham ("Georgia") Kate Winslet ("Sense and Sensibility")

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR: James Cromwell ("Babe") Ed Harris ("Apollo 13") Brad Pitt ("12 Monkeys") Tim Roth ("Rob Roy") Kevin Spacey ("The Usual Suspects")

ORIGINAL SONGS (The Breaking Category): "Colors of the Wind" (Pocahontas) "Dead Man Walking" (Dead Man Walking) "Have You Ever Really Loved a Woman" (Don Juan DeMarco) "Moonlight" (Sabrina) "You've Got a Friend" (Toy Story)

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Table with columns for gender and ethnicity: M Male, F Female, H Hispanic, W White, B Black, C Chinese, J Jewish, NA Native American

BOYS SWIM RANKINGS

Following is the final list of the best area boys swim times and diving scores.

Table with swim rankings for 200 MILEY RELAY, 200 FREESTYLE, 50 FREESTYLE, 100 BUTTERFLY, 100 BACKSTROKE, 100 BREASTSTROKE, and 400 FREESTYLE RELAY. Lists names of swimmers and their times/scores.

Kramer vs. Kramer brings MSU mat team together

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Michigan State University senior wrestler Jed Kramer interrupted a telephone conversation late Monday night to pay for some pizza at the front door.

Pizza? Up late? On a Monday night? It is really Jed Kramer, the guy who prides himself on being disciplined in the wrestling room, classroom and at home?

Kramer happened to be entertaining his brother, freshman Ezra Kramer, a member of the MSU wrestling team who lives in a dormitory across campus.

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Spartans 1.5 points toward their seventh-place finish in the team standings. He bowed out of the tournament with a 5-3 loss to his regular nemesis from the Big Ten, Northwestern's, who ended up taking fifth place.

Ironically, Kramer defeated 6-4 the last time the two met at the Big Ten meet, earning Kramer fifth place there.

Still, Kramer is satisfied how his career turned. He was one of four MSU co-captains during the 1995-96 season.

"To go in and wrestle varsity at a Division I school, that's even an accomplishment," said Kramer, who finished third in Class B as a senior at Thurston at 119 pounds.

"Now that the season is over, I guess I can eat all I want," said Kramer, a 1991 Redford Thurston graduate.

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coach the same year Kramer arrived on campus in 1991-92. One of Minkel's trademarks is having a well-conditioned team, which suited Kramer well.

Kramer was a cross country runner in high school and regularly won preseason distance competitions with the MSU wrestling team.

An MSU wrestling practice might be overwhelming for someone who is out of shape.

"It's a very intense practice," Kramer said. "We practice only in a T-shirt and shorts, not a sweat shirt, and I can remember losing six pounds once in practice. You sweat a lot."

Kramer wrestled as a freshman at 118 pounds with the MSU varsity before being red-shirted as a sophomore, mostly to catch up to some of the more experienced wrestlers in the Big Ten.

He was able to recover in about five weeks from a partial medial collateral ligament tear in his knee in the summer of '94. He also can laugh about a tough stretch a couple years ago when he competed despite sustaining stitches in his head in two straight matches sandwiched around an ankle sprain in practice.

Kramer, who attended eight different schools because of family moves before settling in at Thurston in the ninth grade, is keeping his teaching options open. The Kramer family once lived in South Carolina and Jed had a fondness for warm weather.

He feels he can help make a difference as both a teacher and coach.

"I hear of gangs starting up and what they're thinking, I'm not sure. Some parents, I don't think some care what their kids do. Some don't want to be overbearing and have no rules," said Kramer, who carried a 3.45 GPA in high school.

Saginaw rally denies Lathrup

BY MARTY BUDNER STAFF WRITER

This wasn't the way it was supposed to end for the Southfield-Lathrup basketball team.

Lathrup, which had never won a regional title prior to this year, lost Saturday's championship game to Saginaw, 67-60, at Michigan State University's Breslin Center before an entertained crowd of 11,342.

The loss snapped a 13-game winning streak and left the Chargers cherishing the memories of a 23-4 season record.

"It was kind of a dream run for Southfield-Lathrup, and the dream almost happened," said Lathrup coach Bob Herm. "We wanted it bad. It would have been a great, great victory. What a great experience."

Lathrup's championship hopes took a fateful turn midway through the fourth quarter.

The Chargers built a 62-43 lead with 5:48 remaining on a triple by Grays. But that would be their last basket until Grays made a four-point play four minutes later.

In between, Saginaw tallied 18 unanswered points to turn a nine-point deficit into a nine point advantage.

The Trojans began that run with three consecutive three-point plays to tie the score at 62-all. Then, as if Saginaw needed any more momentum, Chappell fouled out of the game at the 4:20 mark.

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Saginaw scored nine more points and the Chargers, without Chappell's steady influence on the court, played totally out of sync.

"At first, right when he got the foul you know we're in trouble," said Herm. "But we played without him before. We played against West Bloomfield without him and you're just hoping maybe you can weather the storm and some miracle can happen. We weren't going to give up."

"We were hoping to get it going, but what happened is that we tried to force the ball into Greg (Grays) a little too much. We were

still in it. We had a shot, but it's very disappointing," Lathrup, which rallied to a 77-67 semifinal victory Friday over Wayne Memorial, came out red-hot against Saginaw.

Lathrup led by as many as nine in the final quarter, 62-43, but Saginaw's Jason Peoples canned a three-pointer and that was the beginning of the brilliant Trojan run that would lead to their first state crown after four runner-up finishes over the years.

Grays finished with 21 points to lead the Chargers and Chappell was right behind with 18. Allison, who had a team-high 11 rebounds, chipped in with nine points.

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Scouting around

Websites have wealth of info on youth groups

By EMORY DANIELS
STAFF WRITER

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts alike have a wealth of information and resources available to them on the Internet.

I sampled just a bit of what's out there recently in a response to Sara, one of our O&E On-line users who wanted some Internet links on Cub Scouts.

One of my first stops was to an unofficial Boy Scouts page which included links to Boy Scouts of America Councils, BSA national phone numbers, national committees, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, Sea Scout Ships, Order of the Arrow, Camps & High Adventure Bases, Jamborees, Camporees & Other Encampments, Wood Badge Courses, and links to other U.S. and international scouting resources. The Universal Resource Locator was <http://www.scouting.org/>.

I also was interested in the Slovene Catholic Girl Guides and Boy Scouts Association, also an unofficial page, which can be visited at <http://www.uni-mb.si/~uelulv28b/scoutse.html>. Their scouting groups are Cub Scouts (ages 8-10), Scouts (ages 11-15), Rover Scouts (ages 15-21), leaders and spiritual assistants (21 and older).

"1997 National Scout Jamboree" is a highly-developed Website that can be visited at <http://w3.trib.com/~dnt/scouting/jambo97.html>. I learned that the 1997 Jamboree will be in Bowling Green, Va., July 28 through Aug. 5, and will be attended by some 34,000 Scouts ages 12-18. Activities will include aquatics, scuba diving, action centers, conservation, merit badge midway, arena shows, fishing, field sports including archery, shot gun and pioneering. The site gives the cost and criteria to attend.

This site also tells you how to subscribe to a Listserv discussion group on the 1997 jamboree by sending an E-mail message to majordomo@hoplite.org and in the message area type "subscribe jambo97" (without the quotes). The site also has a long list of jamboree Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) as well as a who's who list of adult leaders attending. By the way, the Webmaster who maintains the jamboree home page also maintains home pages for the Masonic order including one for Job's Daughters.

A Cub Scout leader seeking information on Awards and Advancement will want to visit <http://www.hiwaay.net/usscouts/csawards.html>. There are links relating to Tiger Cub Scouts, Cub Scout Advancement, Webelos Advancement, BSA Knot Awards for Cubs and leaders, and other Cub awards.

The best laid-out and most complete site I found was The Scout Hut which can be visited at <http://www.skypoint.com/members/artobin/scouting.html>. A lot of the information comes from both Listserv E-mail discussion groups and Usenet news groups postings on Scouting.

"The Scouter's Reference Shelf" is a very complete reference that's very nicely and graphically laid out with colorful yellow file folder tab-like indexing graphical devices. The "Creative Campfires" folder label, for instance, is loaded with such items as Creative Campfires Handbook, Skit Planning, Campfire Cheers, etc.

"Stories & Storytelling" includes "The Bear's Tail - an Indian Legend," how-to tips on effective story telling, how to use stories, and a Shaggy Dog Story. "Scoutmaster's Minute" folder includes the Scout Oath, Meaning of Honor, Know Your Camp, a

Scout Worship Services handbook, and messages and biography of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of boy scouting.

The official home page of the Girl Scouts of America can be visited at <http://www.gsusa.org/>. Upon arriving, the user finds a greeting from the national executive director and a "current news" link. Other pages offer information on How We Serve Girls, Funding the Organization, Volunteer Opportunities, Publications, National Facilities, Cookie Sales, Adult Education, Technology, and Special Dates among other links. (I've had mixed results connecting to this site, probably because of busy volume demands.)

A Girl Scouts Cookie Store can be accessed at [\[ies.openmarket.com/GSstore/\]\(http://ies.openmarket.com/GSstore/\). The Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council offers on-liners the opportunity to buy as many types of cookies as they wish and to establish an electronic account. Cookies are \\$3 a box with shipping charges being \\$3.50 for up to three boxes.](http://cook-</p>
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At the bottom of the page are links for all the flavors: Strawberries 'n Creme; Carmel deLites (my favorite); Lemon Pastry Cremes; Peanut Butter Patties (a former favorite); Shortbread; Thin Mints (America's favorite); Peanut Butter Sandwich; and Cinnamon Oatmeal Raisin Bars. Click on any of these links and see a picture and description of that cookie, and nutritional information. There is a button to "submit

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Information on the Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council, founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Ga., can be obtained by pointing to <http://www.ptgirlscouts.org/gsfacts.html>.

There's also individual councils and troops which have websites, such as:

•Pikes Peak, Colo., BSA Council at <http://bsapikespeak.webstuff.com/>;

•Cub Scouts Pack 50, Nahant, MA., at [http://www1.usa1/~jamesave/\(that's the numeral one after 'usa'\)](http://www1.usa1/~jamesave/(that's the numeral one after 'usa'));

•Pack 328's home page at <http://www.halcyon.com/jmm/rack328.html>. This page has link to

Austrian Scouting and to information on Philmont;

•Girl Scouts Hawaii at <http://rlanet-hawaii.com/gshawaii/>;

•Two Rivers Council of Girl Scouts, Quincy, Ill., at <http://www.bcl.net/~jtreese/scouts.html>; and,

•Association 22, Service Unit 6, Prince George County, Maryland, at http://www.infi.net/~bvandyke/s_u226.html.

You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by e-mail with emory@oeonline.com or fax number 591-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313)591-0903, at "log-in" prompt type "new" and at "Key:" prompt type GL6NY2. Past columns may be accessed online at <http://oeonline.com/~emory/archive.html>.



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NEW PROJECTS

The R.A. DeMattia Company, a Plymouth-based design, construction and land development firm, is working on three new projects.

The company will be constructing a 70,000-square-foot research and development facility for Percepton Inc. Percepton develops laser measuring devices. The facility will consist of 47,000 square feet of office space and 23,000 square feet of high-bay area and will be in the Metro West Technology Park in Plymouth Township.

Additionally, R.A. DeMattia is building a 68,500-square-foot headquarters facility for AVL North America Inc. AVL North America is an engine research and development organization and the building will consist of about 22,880 square feet of office space and 46,620 square feet of manufacturing space and will also be in the Metro West Technology Park in Plymouth Township.

R.A. DeMattia will also be constructing a 30,000-square-foot addition to the existing Motorama facility for an engineering area. The existing facility is 75,000 square feet consisting of 25,000 square feet of office space and 50,000 square feet of manufacturing space in Farmington Hills at the corner of Nine Mile and Gill roads.

Connie DeBord has joined the construction group as an administrative assistant.

ates Inc. in its 35th year of civil engineering, land surveying and municipal consulting, has a new location.

The new offices are at 37741 Pembroke, Livonia 48152, near I-275 and Seven Mile. The new telephone numbers are (313) 432-9777 and (313) 432-9788 for fax.

NEW COMPANY

The Industrial Technology Institute of Ann Arbor has been selected to establish a new company, Pathway Partners Ltd.

The contract award, from the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), is one of four awarded nationwide. Pathway Partners Ltd. will assist small and medium-sized manufacturers with access to financing and credit options.

"Pathway Partners, Ltd. will complement other operational services which ITI provides to Michigan's manufacturing companies and further enhance the competitiveness of the manufacturing sector in Michigan," Edwin Carlson, president of the Industrial Technology Institute said.

"The purpose of finding these contracts is to develop a method by which service providers at the MEP centers can forge strong relationships with financial intermediaries and institutions such as investment banking firms, merchant bank operations, leasing firms, venture capital firms and private investors that are looking for qualified firms with which they can do business," David Cranmer, manager of strategic partnerships at NIST/MEP, said.

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, an affiliate of the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership, is a division of the Industrial Technology Institute. The institute is an independent not-for-profit organization.

rary staffing company, has opened a fourth office in the Detroit area in Southfield.

The new office, which specializes in office clerical temporary staffing, is at 4000 Town Center, Site 190, in Southfield. Other Today's Temporary offices are at 400 Renaissance Center, Site 4003 in downtown Detroit; 2301 W. Big Beaver, Site 103 in Troy; and 2701 University Drive, Site 118 in Auburn Hills.

The new branch will provide temporary staffing services to businesses in southwest Oakland and western Wayne counties including the Farmington Hills, Livonia and Southfield areas. Handling the day-to-day operations of the office are Resa Abbey-Droste, territory manager, and Denise Oliva, operations manager.

"The growth and vitality of the Detroit business climate has offered an excellent opportunity for Today's Temporary to provide local businesses with quality temporary staffing services," said Brett Taylor-Morell. "We're very excited to continue or expansion within the Detroit area and look forward to even more growth in the future."

"At Today's Temporary, we strive to lead the temporary staffing industry in top-quality work performance," Taylor-Morell said. "We believe in not only providing the finest quality service for our clients, but also for our temporary employees, as well."

Hours for the new Today's Temporary office are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (810) 350-9777.

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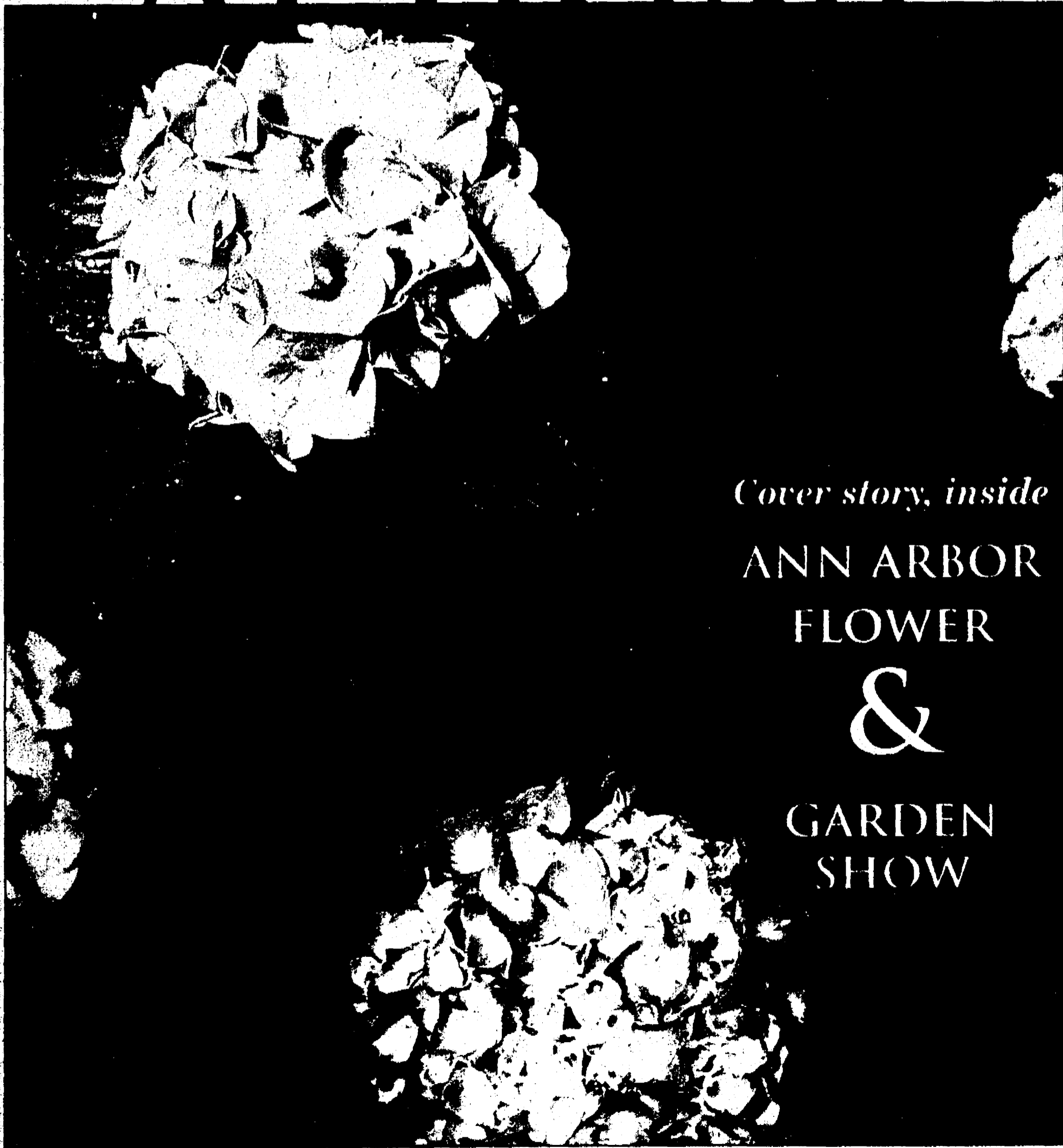
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Experts Rick Michulak and Vance Hanna will present a workshop on raft style bonsai. The public may attend. Admission is free. Call (810) 354-6119 for more information.

Rose club meets

The Detroit Rose Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 29, in the Pleasant Ridge Community Center, one block south of I-696 and one block west of Woodward.

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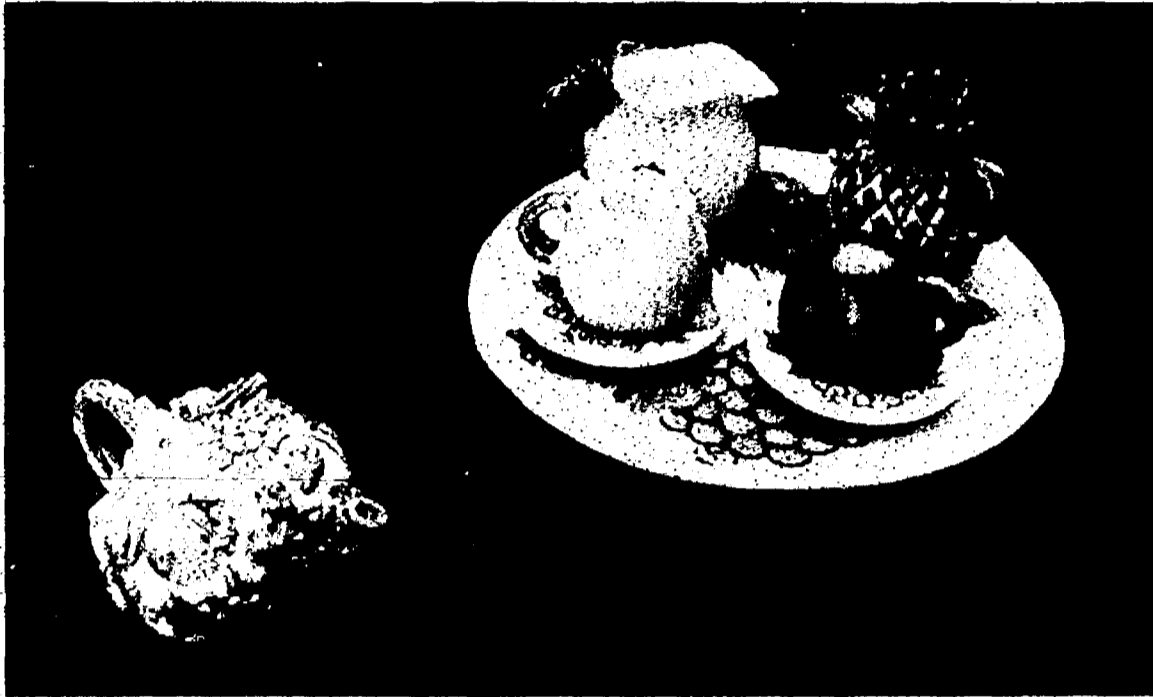
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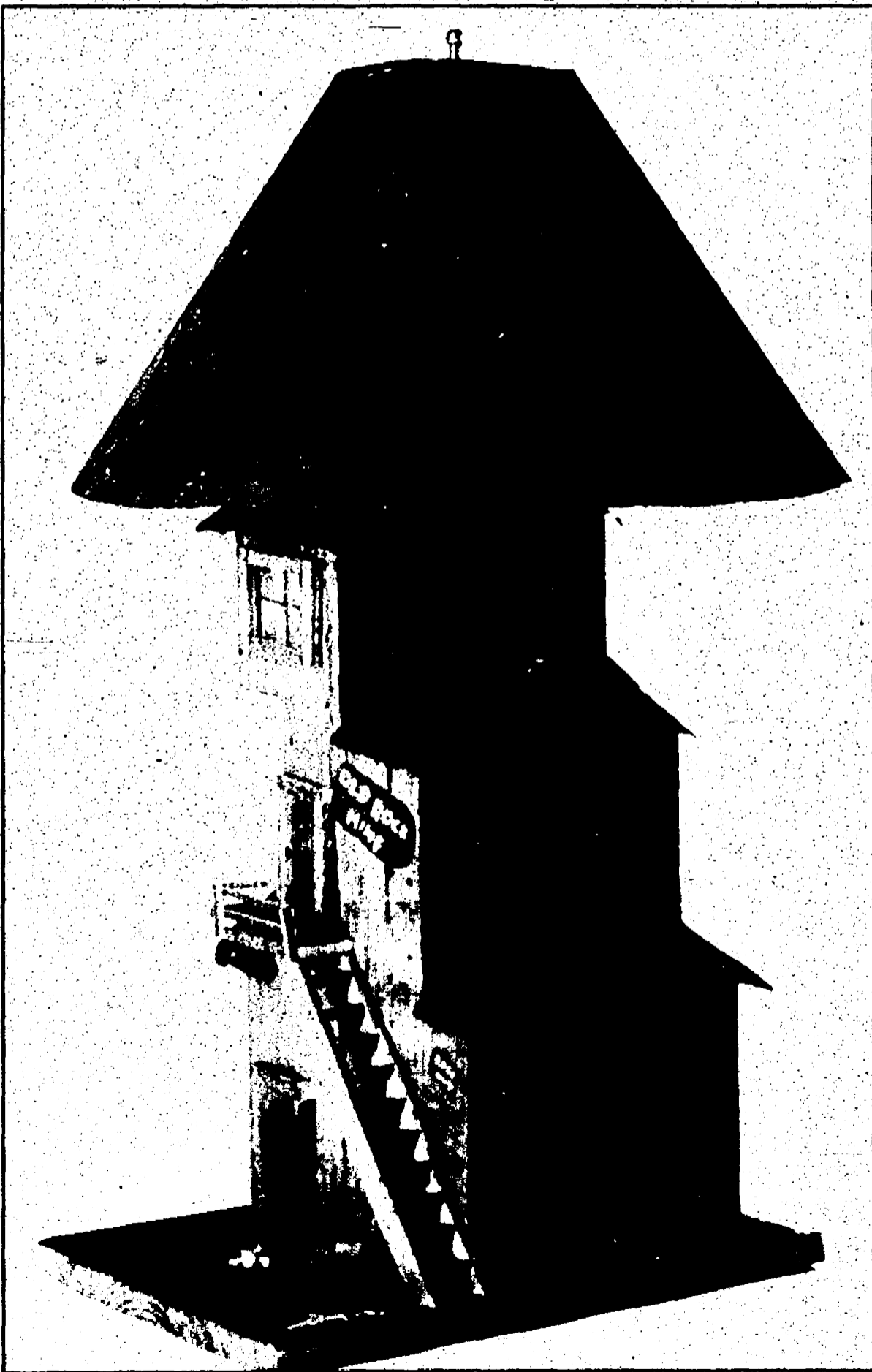
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Easter Tree Village

HARE RAISING: This intricately carved resin tree by Pacific Rim is a veritable bunny metropolis. It retails for \$29.95 at Heslop's at Meadowbrook Village in Rochester, Oakland Mall in Troy, Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield, the Merri-Five Plaza in Livonia and the Novi Towne Center in Novi.

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Nursery sets spring expo for weekend

BY MARTY FIGLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Bordine Nursery Ltd. will have its third annual Spring Garden Expo Saturday-Sunday, March 30-31, in its greenhouses at 1835 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, and 8600 Dixie Highway, Clarkston.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Admission is free.

The highlight at the Clarkston location is the new, improved, high-tech production facility. Tours will be conducted 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

Beautiful displays of colorful gardens and blooming plants await visitors both

young and old. Jodi Headlee, garden writer for The Oakland Press, will be on hand to answer your specific gardening questions 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in Rochester Hills and Sunday in Clarkston.

Exhibits by local landscape contractors such as Haley Stone Supply of Troy, Michigan Brickscape and Jim Babcock Landscape Architect of Rochester Hills and Dillman & Upton Lumber of Rochester will show how paving, brickwork, decks, gazebos and other structures can enhance your property.

Several non-profit organizations will

have displays and representatives available to explain what they're all about and answer questions. They include the Southern Michigan Unit of the Herb Society of America; master gardeners from both Oakland and Wayne counties, Global Releaf and the Chamber of Commerce.

The staff of Bordine's will share information about new gardening products and explain how they can best be used, from the benefits of proper potting soil to specific lawn programs.

In Rochester, the Rotary will offer food for hungry visitors, and the 4-H group will do the same in Clarkston.

Proceeds will go to these two non-profit organizations.

Excitement is in store for children at this Expo. A visit with the Easter Bunny 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at both locations — bring your camera — will get them ready for the holiday. They can also enjoy a pony ride for \$1 or pet the animals at the petting zoo. Other activities to keep them amused and busy include a fish pond, a hidden stamp game and potting a geranium seedling.

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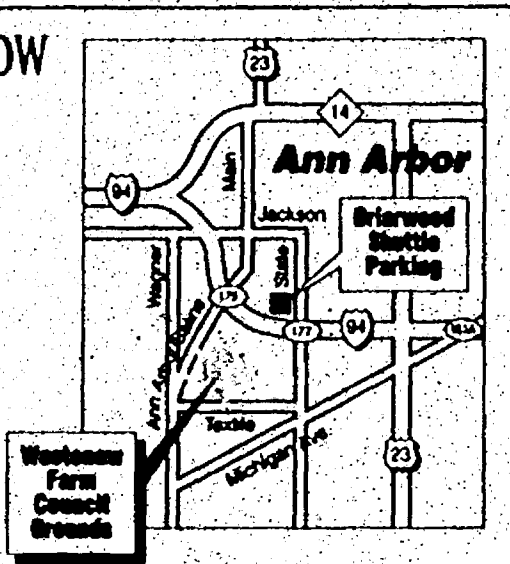
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COVER STORY

ANN ARBOR FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

Location: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor. General Admission: Thursday, March 28 through Sunday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Advance price is \$8. At the door price is \$9. Tickets available at all Kroger stores, Keller & Stein in Canton, Border's Book Store in Ann Arbor and Matthaei Botanical Garden.



MONET STYLE: William Brundon, a retired University of Michigan art professor, puts some finishing touches on a mural inspired by Claude Monet. Brundon and Lois Lovejoy have collaborated on the mural in Monet's Impressionist style as part of the featured exhibit 'In an Artist's Garden.'

ON THE COVER: A blooming hydrangea bush displays brilliant pink flowers. The colors of spring are alive at the Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show. Staff photo by Jim Jagdfeld.



DELICATE SALVIA: This Blue Hill variety is one of hundreds of flowers that will be in bloom especially for the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show.



WELCOME SPRING: These hyacinth, Delft Blue variety, are being force bloomed to be at peak of color at the flower and garden show. The UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens will have nearly 8,000 such plants in a variety of species.

SHOW CELEBRATES THE ART OF GARDENING

STORY BY HUGH GALLAGHER · STAFF WRITER

Artists have taken inspiration from nature since the beginning of time. It's only fair that nature take some inspiration from art - at least nature as artfully arranged by gardeners and landscape designers at the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show, sponsored by the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, March 28-31. The seventh annual show opens today at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Ann Arbor, see map and schedule. This year's theme is "Art in Bloom," paying homage to numerous artists with appropriate garden settings prepared by area garden clubs, professional nurseries and individual gardeners. The artists spotlighted in the exhibits include Vincent Van Gogh, Salvador Dali, Pablo Picasso, William Morris, Piet Mondrian and many more. Seven buildings will be connected by blossoming "greenhouse" tunnels. The show features over 500 displays and exhibits including landscape garden displays, floral creations, a Master Gardener booth, a Marketplace with over 45 commercial booths, educational and plant society exhibits, live music at a gazebo and an Antique Garden area featuring ornaments, accessories, furniture and more. The show's 2,400-square-foot feature garden, "In an Artist's Garden," has been inspired by Claude Monet's garden in Giverny, France.

The garden will include a series of arches with climbing roses, a walkway of nasturiums, the facade of Monet's Pink House, a pond with a section of Japanese bridge and a 60-foot mural painted in the style of Monet depicting the Seine and the landscaping of Giverny. The feature garden will be designed by Lodi Farms Nursery of Ann Arbor and the UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Adrienne O'Brien, horticulturalist at Matthaei, has been busy trying to force bloom nearly 8,000 pots of plants for the main exhibit and the linking tunnels. She has had to alternately warm and cool plants to get them blooming at peak times for the show. "As I get more experienced, it gets easier. I can tell what will bloom," she said. "I take records without fail." The Ann Arbor show includes a Standard Flower Show presented in cooperation with the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc. with judging in three categories - design, horticulture and special exhibits. Judging will be completed the day before the show opens. The show features 80 professional exhibitors, 35 gardening groups and 260 amateur exhibitors. The Cranbrook Garden Auxiliary will present a special exhibit featuring another artist recently in the news. "Since the major exhibit is Monet's garden, we thought we'd do Vermeer's garden because of the big Vermeer show in Washington. No one has ever seen Vermeer's garden, so that's

an advantage," said Phyllis McLean of Bloomfield Hills. The exhibit will feature a townhouse near a market square with a walled garden. Over the wall will be scenes of Vermeer's Delft. "You can see it from a window in all his paintings," said McLean. "We've tailored it to a Dutch garden. Vermeer was interested in perspective, line, linearity and we try to capture that." This is the fifth year that Cranbrook has participated in the Ann Arbor show. McLean said this was an important outreach project for Cranbrook. A hostess is always present at the exhibit to invite visitors to come to Cranbrook. "It gets quite exciting. Everybody is playing out their fantasies. I always learn a lot from other exhibitors," McLean said. Each exhibit offers a different challenge for the gardeners. Winifred Bunt of the Livonia Garden Club is working with Nancy Bannar on an entry called "Spacious Spaces." "Our category is masters of form and we have to design a garden to include a sculpture," Bunt said. This is Bunt's second year at the show. Last year the garden club did a lakeside cottage room with a fishing theme and took a second prize. This year her exhibit will be eligible for the Matthaei Botanical Garden Group Award. "We'll have a mixture of plants, different

foliage and flowers. The walls are a dusty pink and we'll work with those colors," Bunt said. Last year Keller and Stein Florist and Greenhouse of Canton won the People's choice award with its "Maytag Rag" exhibit, centering on an antique washing machine. This year the focus is on artist Georgia O'Keeffe. "We're doing a small porch and patio exhibit with the theme 'Georgia on My Mind' in reference to Georgia O'Keeffe," said Bob Simmons of Keller and Stein. "We'll have shades of purple based on her purple petunias." The O'Keeffe style flowers will be draped about "an old-fashioned Southern porch on a lazy afternoon." Florence Smith of Farmington Hills, director of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan District 1, will be focusing on a very different modern artist. "I'm entering a class called 'Hello Dali' as in Salvador Dali," said Smith. "I'm planning that I will try to get a feeling that will represent his work in color and form. I'll be using fresh plant as well as dried." The area for the exhibit is tiny, not to exceed 8 inches in any dimension and viewed through an 11 inch opening. "It's tedious to do. I have to keep the scale as well. I'm also involved in making miniatures and it helps." Complimentary shuttle buses will run every 15 minutes from Briarwood Mall.



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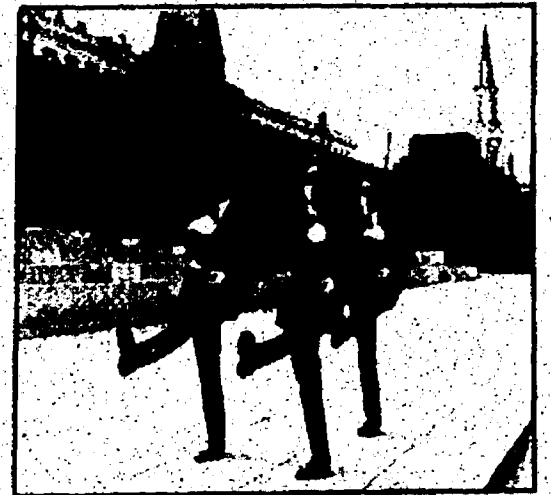
By tuning into your own emotions and asking yourself some important questions as you "read" a photograph, you'll gain insight and technical skills that will certainly help you in making your own photographs.

Begin by asking what the subject or main theme of the photograph is. Does it move you and how do you respond to it? How do you suppose the photographer felt about it?

Study the lighting. Is it harsh or soft? What direction is it coming from and what time of day do you think it was? Ask yourself what might happen to the picture if the lighting were different.

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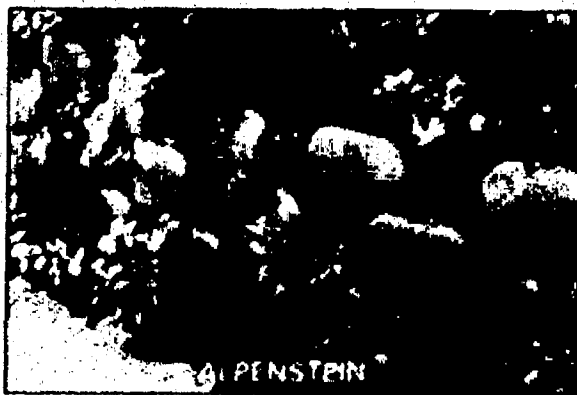
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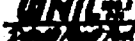
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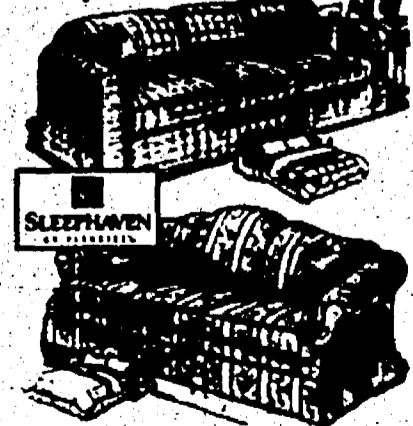
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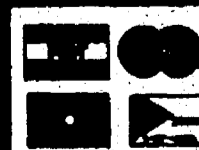


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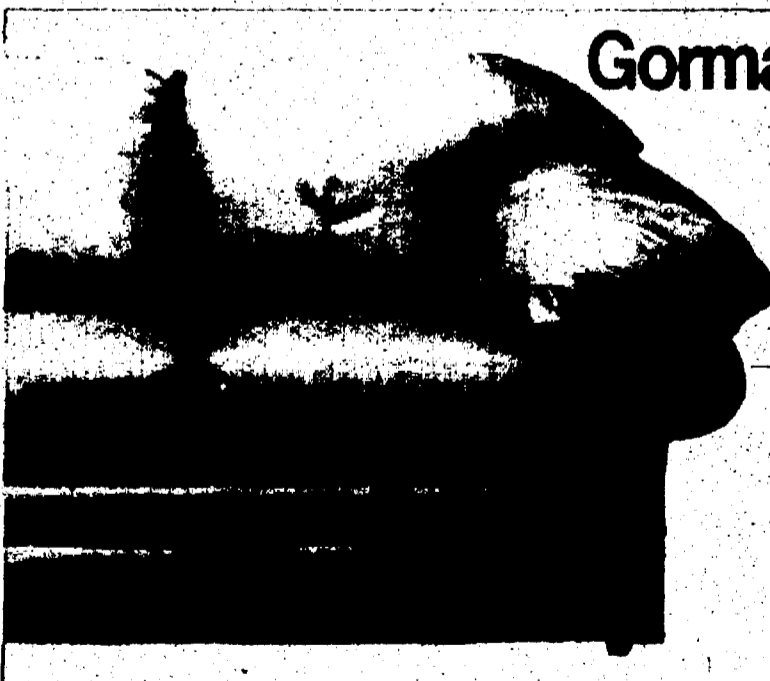
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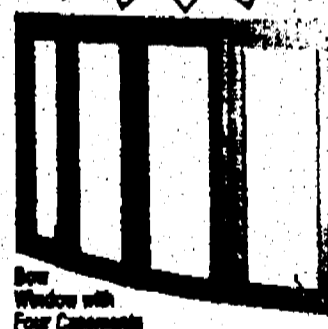
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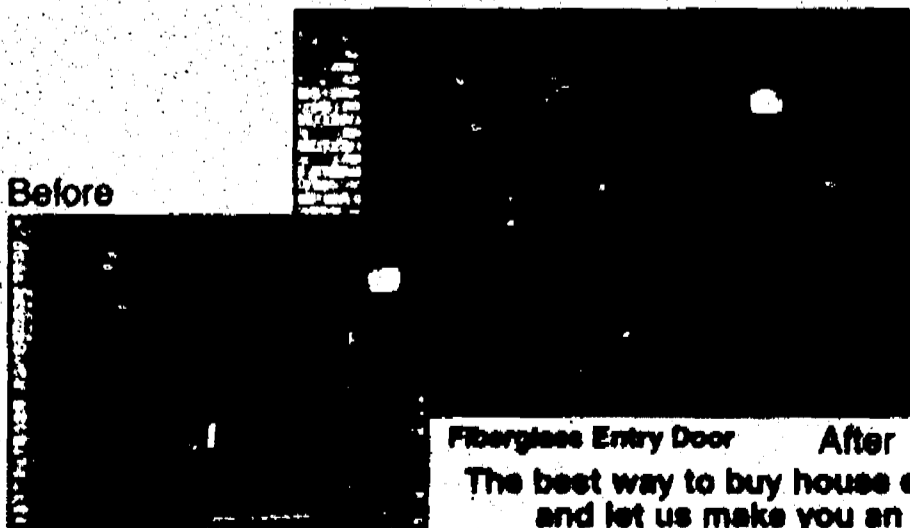
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This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other key personnel moves within the suburban real estate community. Send a brief biographical summary — including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired — to: Movers & Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Novetsky gets award



Howard Novetsky

Howard Novetsky, a Certified Residential Specialist with Real Estate One in West Bloomfield, has received the company's President's Council of Excellence Award.

The award is in recognition for the highest levels of quality service

and distinguished listing and sales achievement.

Leroue certified



Carol A. Leroue

Carol A. Leroue, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, has earned the professional designation of Certified Buyer Representative.

Leroue has 31 years experience in the real estate industry.

Little joins ERA staff



Martha Little

Martha Little has joined ERA Bankers Realty in Farmington Hills as a sales associate. She lives in Commerce Township.

Broock appoints 2

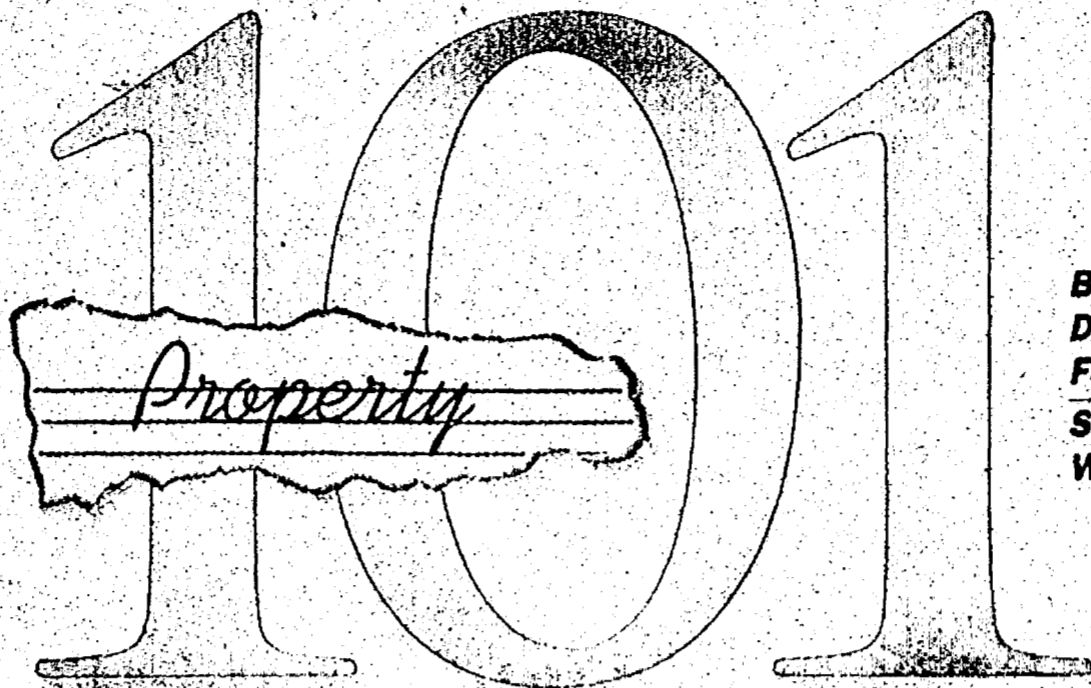
Two appointments have been announced by Max Broock Realtors headquartered in Bloomfield Hills.

Kenneth Kernan has been appointed a vice president and Birmingham office manager. He comes from the Hunneman Company Realtors in Boston where he was a regional manager of 11 offices.

Donald "Jerry" McKeon was appointed vice president of technology and marketing. He will be responsible for development of company-wide marketing materials as well as oversee the company's extensive computer system.

REAL ESTATE

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BY
**DOUG
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STAFF
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**A GUIDE TO
REAL ESTATE
LINGO**

Real estate has a language all its own. Earnest money, closing costs, escrow accounts. It's hard to play the game if you don't know the rules or the lingo.

"One reason being a good Realtor is when you explain to people what it means — and what it means to them — and help them make a qualified decision on total understanding," said Linda Rea, an annual multi-million dollar seller with Real Estate One in Troy.

"The one who really needs protection is purchasers," said Tom Nemes, a Farmington Hills lawyer who does a substantial amount of real estate work. "They're always enthused, caught up in emotion. Detail is often overlooked."

Here's some basic terminology buyers and sellers should know before they jump into the market.

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

A document submitted by prospective buyers detailing the terms and conditions of a purchase offer.

Because the document is legally binding if accepted, it should be examined by a lawyer before submission to the seller.

HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE

Usually required by mortgage lenders and a must at all times whether required by others or not unless you're very wealthy. It protects the owner against losses from fire, weather and criminal activity and damages from personal injury claims. Cost is several hundred dollars.

POINTS

A fee charged by a lender for a more favorable interest rate, payable at closing or rolled into the monthly payment.

A point is one percent of the money borrowed. Two points on a \$100,000 mortgage would be \$2,000. Generally, the more points paid, the lower the rate.

INSPECTION

Usually included as a condition of sale in purchase agreement by buyer, an inspection gives purchaser a third-party's overview of property's condition. An inspection can cost a couple hundred dollars.

EARNEST MONEY

A cash deposit, usually 3 percent of the proposed purchase price, included with a purchase agreement to indicate a buyer's sincerity in making the offer. Earnest money is applied to the down payment at closing.

HOME WARRANTY INSURANCE

Becoming more popular, usually offered as an inducement by sellers. It pays to fix major mechanical, electrical and plumbing problems for a year or two after purchase. Cost can be a couple of hundred dollars. Buyer should consider including this in purchase agreement designating the seller as the premium payer.

SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Required by state law, a form in which sellers describe their knowledge of the condition of the property.

DOWN PAYMENT

Up-front money paid by a buyer to acquire a mortgage. Traditionally, it's 20 percent of the purchase price.

TITLE INSURANCE

A policy to protect buyers and mortgage companies from challenges to legal ownership.

Sellers usually buy a policy for a buyer's protection as part of a standard purchase agreement, and the buyer purchases a policy that protects the lender for the amount borrowed.

Real estate agents handling a transaction usually arrange for title insurance. Cost can be several hundred dollars each way.

FSBO

For sale by owner.

MORTGAGE

Money borrowed from a financial institution to purchase a house.

MLS

Multi-listing service is a current list in computer or book form of houses available for sale compiled by realty boards. Descriptions usually include basic information such as location, how many rooms in the house, special features and asking price.

CLOSING COSTS

Fees charged by lender when a mortgage is needed to buy a house. Costs can include appraisal fee, credit report, survey, title insurance, recording fees and mortgage application/document preparation fees.

COMMISSION

A fee paid to agents by the seller for selling a house. Exact amount is negotiable, but the going rate here is about 6 percent. Commissions usually are split between agents representing buyers and sellers if both are involved.

BUYER'S (SELLER'S) REMORSE

The psychological feeling of regret about making a big change in life. It almost always passes.

PRIVATE MORTGAGE INSURANCE

Insurance required of a buyer by a lender to protect the outstanding mortgage in case of foreclosure.

Usually required if a downpayment is less than 20 percent, PMI can be costly — \$43 per month with only 10 percent down on a \$100,000 mortgage.

TRANSFER TAXES

Usually paid by the seller, the state/county transfer tax rate is \$8.60 per \$1,000 of a house's selling price everywhere in Michigan except Wayne County, where it's \$9 per \$1,000.

ESCROW ACCOUNT

Usually required by a mortgage lender, it allows homeowners to pay property taxes and, sometimes, homeowners insurance on an installment basis. Lender pays property taxes and insurance from individual accounts when due.

TAMMIE DAVIS/STAFF ARTIST

Classified

Board should have control over funds

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: Our board has placed our reserve funds in an account where the management company has signatory power. In fact, I am not sure that the directors themselves have any power to sign checks on the account. Is that a good idea?

A: No. The board of directors should maintain tight controls over the expenditure of association monies at all times. Unfortunately, there have been a number of instances of embezzlement by management companies in certain locations around the country, particularly in Manhattan and California. I

would not allow any third party to have any direct control over your funds without getting the requisite signatures from the association board members, i.e., at least two, particularly with respect to reserve funds. I recognize, of course, the difficulty in facili-

ating the remittance of day to day checks by management firms of the association funds if they need the association board's signature. The board must consider the pros and cons of giving the management company that flexibility with respect to the expenditure of association operating funds. However, as to reserve funds, I believe that the association should have exclusive reign over the expenditure and remittance of any checks from these accounts.

Q: I am attorney representing the buyer of a resale unit within a community association which is still under construction. Do you have any tips which I could consider beyond the normal aspects of reviewing the contract in any real estate purchase.

A: In the limited space available, may I suggest that you consider the following: (1) has the developer completed the recreational amenities, if any, and other common facilities and, if not, is it committed to do so by a certain date; (2) has the developer made the necessary financial contributions required by the

governing documents and/or the disclosure statement. If not, what is the likelihood that the unit owners will be required to fund a deficit in the association's working capital reserve accounts after the developer is departed; (3) has control over the homeowner association governing body been transferred to the unit owners; (4) if control has been transferred to the unit owners, has "transition" been completed. If not, is there an expectation of significant litigation with the developer for defects in the common areas or for the developer's failure to make the necessary financial contributions.

Robert Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominium, 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, MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

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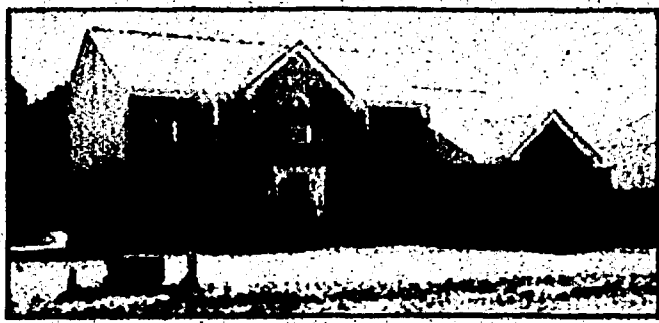
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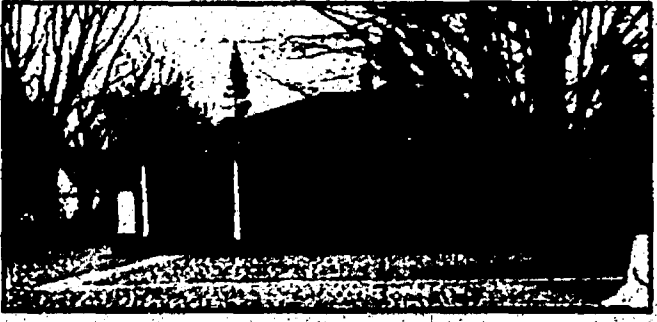
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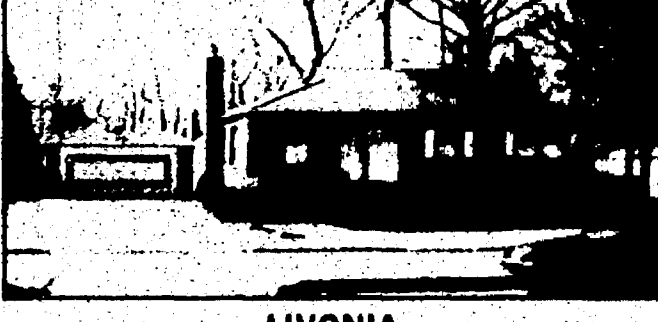
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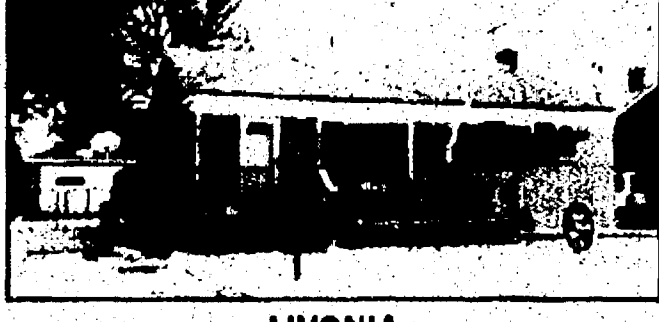
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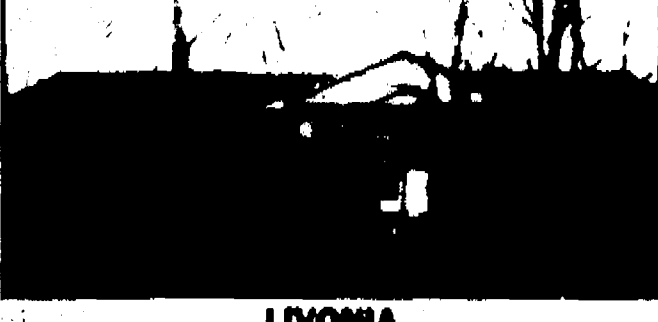
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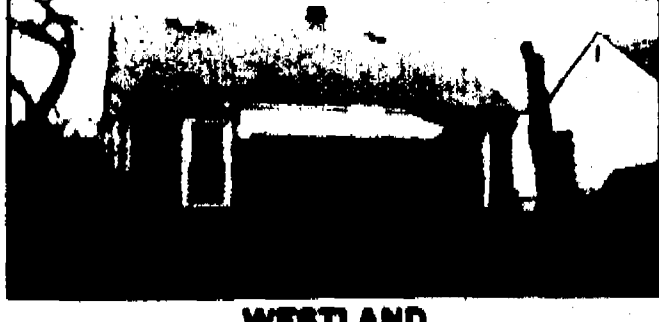
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Oakbrook Village avoids sticker shock

It probably shouldn't be too surprising that 108 of the 166 condominium sites in Oakbrook Village North, built in Commerce Township by MJC, have sold within a year.

Price certainly is a big factor. A 1,380-square-foot unit with two bedrooms and two baths sells for \$133,900. A unit of 1,630 square feet with three bedrooms and three baths goes for \$147,900.

The base price includes two-car garage, first floor laundry, dishwasher and range.

"The thing that makes it interesting to buyers is they're all end units, two to a building, as opposed to an attached complex that may have interior units," said Frank Munaco, MJC sales manager.

"Here, we put some niceties you might find in larger homes," said Michael A. Chirco, the builder/developer. "We give 'em volume ceilings, nice big windows, doorways."

"When people want to buy today, it's sticker shock," Munaco said. "When people find something affordable, they get excited. They see this as very affordable. It's affordable for working people and retirees."

Just two floor plans are available. The Easton situates everything on the main floor. A two-story sloped ceiling sits like a canopy over the great room and dining room. A half-wall separates the kitchen/nook from the dining room.

The model decorates one



bedroom as a den. The main bath has a combination tub/shower. The master, with cathedral ceiling, has two wall closets and bath with shower only.

The Franklin is a split-level. The main floor features great room with sloped ceiling, dining room, kitchen/nook, master with cathedral ceiling, two closets and shower, second full bath with combination tub/shower and a second bedroom or optional den.

A loft upstairs has a bedroom and bath. From the outside, the units are virtually indistinguishable. Vinyl siding is the primary exterior material with some brick and wood accents.

"We started thinking that because the ranch was more affordable, more people would want it," Munaco said. "But they've been selling about one for one. People coming out of bigger houses, if they could afford it, it's something they don't want to give up."



Franklin model: This condo at Oakbrook North has an upstairs bedroom and bath but still looks almost the same from the outside as the one-story Easton.

Most of the buyers are empty-nesters, but Oakbrook North isn't designed to be a senior citizens haven.

"There are children in here. We aren't a retirement community by any means," said Mary Mintzer, sales rep.

Popular options available at premium price include fireplace (\$1,795), air conditioning (\$2,300), skylights (\$1,250 a pair) and bay window (\$1,500).

The average ranch sold in the sub is upgraded to the tune of six to eight thousand dollars, Mintzer said.

"The floor plan, openness, layout — they love it," she said. "They can't believe how nice these are for the dollar. They do a lot of shopping. They educate themselves on what's available."

Oakbrook North is serviced by city water and city sewers. It's in the Walled Lake school district. There are no sidewalks.

The property tax rate is \$24.62 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$148,000 condo would pay just over \$1,800 in taxes the first year.

A trash removal fee of \$111 also is charged by the township. The monthly association fee is \$65.

Wesley and Karen Clark bought a ranch.

"What we like most is it has a spacious living area," Wesley said. "It feels big, and I also like that it has a two-car garage and full basement."

"We've had a couple of service issues, but they were taken care of as soon as I'd written the warranty request," he said.

Dick and Irene Stojak also selected a ranch.

"As soon as we walked into the models and saw how open and bright they were ... it's just what we were looking for," Dick said.

"My wife is handicapped ... and when we saw how easy it was to get around and how easy it was to get in and out of, it was just what we needed."

"The condo is well built," he added. "You don't hear your next door neighbor at all."

The sales office at Oakbrook North, (810) 624-0520, is open noon to 6 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

Strong surge in employment spurred housing construction

Jobs drive construction. And a strong surge in employment last year in southeastern Michigan spurred residential construction to a six-year high.

For 1995, builders here acquired permits for nearly 24,000 units — 19,500 houses and condominiums, the rest apartments — according to a tracking service based in Livonia.

The 10-county area surveyed included Wayne and Oakland, according to U.S. Housing Markets, published by Lomas Mortgage USA.

"Metro (Detroit) area recorded the greatest employment expansion in the country as the auto industry continued robust output in '95, feeding community of suppliers, R&D, design and high-tech firms," U.S. Housing Markets reported.

"Employers made about 115,000 net additions to payrolls

last year — annual growth rate of 4.8 percent, highest since 1985 record. Hiring surge brought three-year total to 225,000 net new jobs."

Builders of single-family product, houses and condominiums, were especially busy in the western and northwest Detroit suburbs — Canton, Novi, Farmington Hills and Waterford, the publication reported.

Apartment activity was especially strong in north Oakland, Lapeer and Genesee counties, following the employment boom along the I-75 corridor. The Auburn Hills-Lake Orion corridor was especially productive, U.S. Housing Markets reported.

While the number of multi-family permits here remained about the same last year as in 1994, volume in the more northern locales more than

doubled. Concessions disappeared on apartment rents, the publication said. Occupancy rates were in the mid-90 percent range in most modern projects.

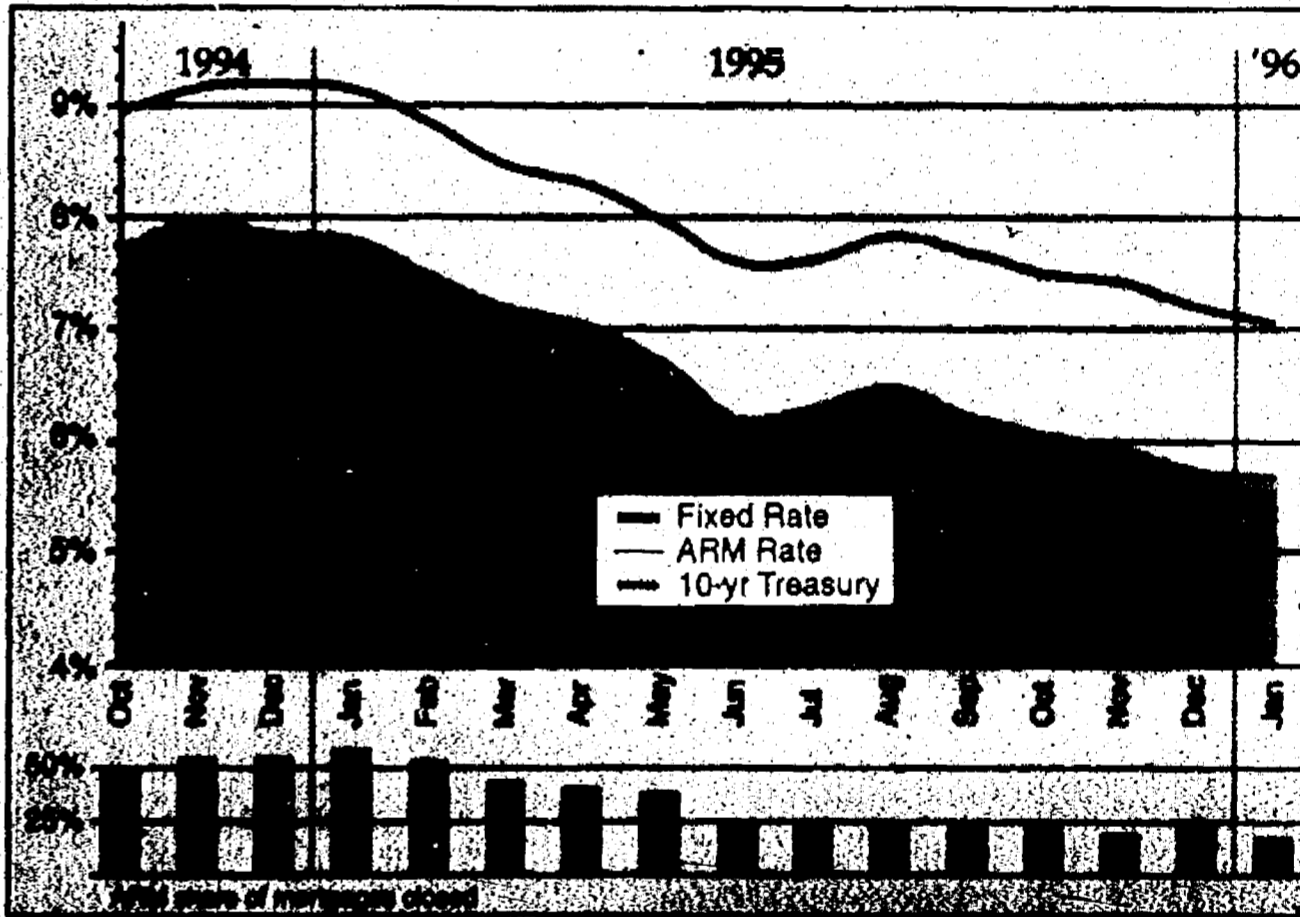
The thriving employment picture here also resulted in good news for owners of existing product, U.S. Housing Markets indicated.

"Strong economy leads to housing price inflation," the publication stated.

"Median (half above/half below) existing home sales price in fourth quarter just short of \$100,000 — nearly 15 percent higher than a year earlier, astonishing for a metro market of this size.

"Even used condos, typically weakest market niche, are selling well," U.S. Housing Markets reported.

Mortgage Trends



Mortgage trends: As the interest rates falls, fixed-rate mortgages become more popular than adjustable rate mortgages, U.S. Housing Markets reports.

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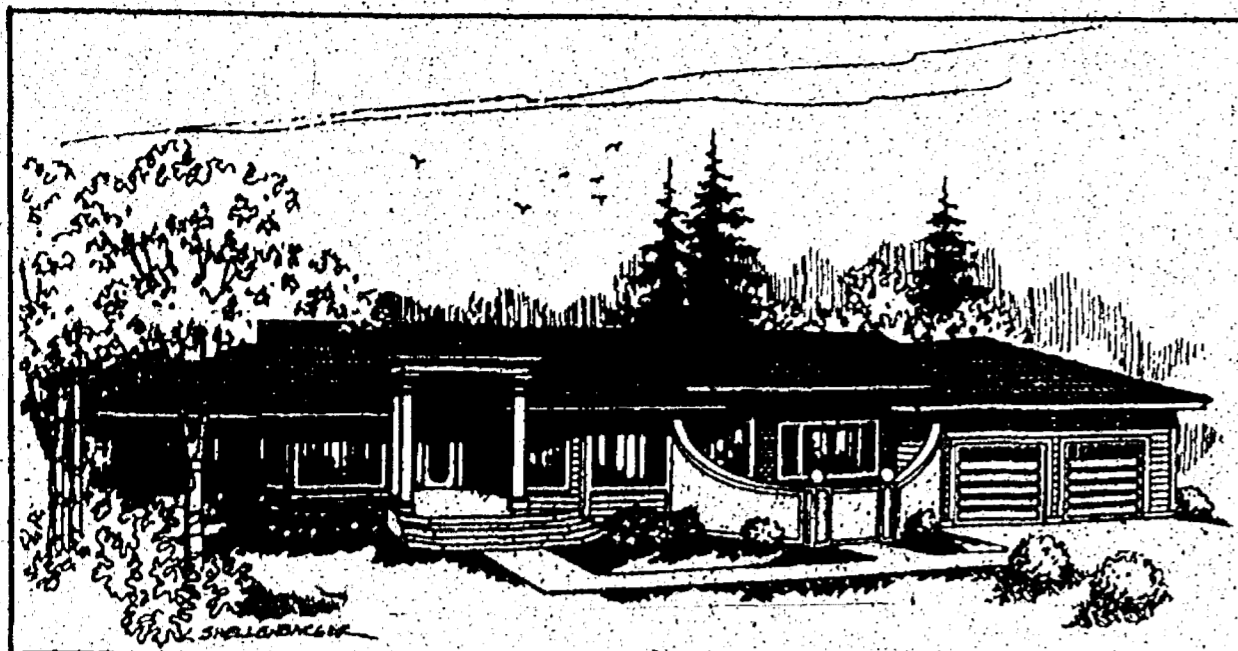
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The Renken is a spacious, elegant house, designed to meet the needs of couples who like to entertain. It includes 3,609 square feet of living space, with an additional 832 in the combination garage/shop, with a built-in workbench and cabinets to hold tools and materials. There is a darkroom in the garage, allowing for easy unloading of supplies.

The front facade is formal and majestic. Two tremendous columns support a regal, high-gabled porch, creating an elegant entrance mezzanine. Off to the right, flourishing greenery spills down graceful sloping planter walls that surround the patio.

Interesting angles abound throughout the house. The vaulted dining room is octagonal in shape and has French doors that open onto the landscaped patio. The parlor is a modified octagon, and the rest of the rooms defy classification.

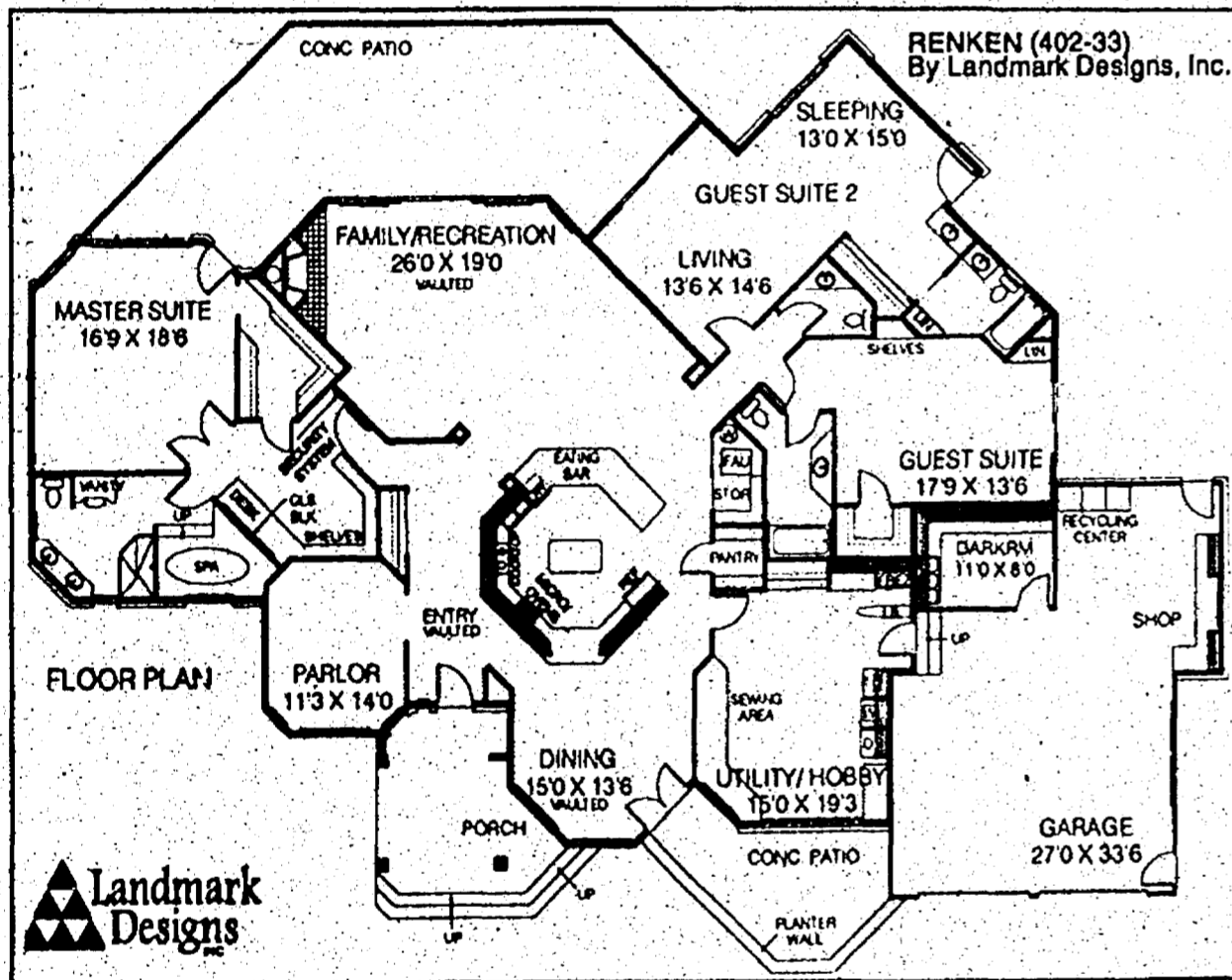
The main gathering spot in the house, the vaulted family room, is quite generous. Sliding glass doors open onto a substantial back patio, where summertime will find you at the barbecue.

The kitchen adjoins the family room and allows the cook to take part in the conversations during family gatherings. Kitchen features include a work island, an eating bar, cooktop, built-in ovens, microwave, dishwasher, and walk-in pantry.

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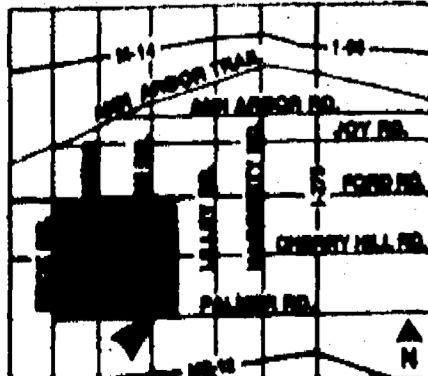
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