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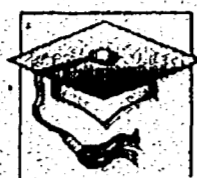
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Teachers expected to OK raises



The Wayne-Westland school administration is optimistic that the teachers' union will ratify a tentative settlement. The proposed salary raises are 3-percent this year and 5-percent next year.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials predicted Tuesday that teachers will vote overwhelmingly to ratify a contract giving them a 3-percent salary increase this year and a 5-percent raise next year.

Teachers will vote by secret ballot Monday at schools throughout the district, deciding on a tentative contract that — if ratified — is expected to be approved that same night by the school board.

The 999-member teachers' union, the Wayne-Westland Education Associa-

tion, received copies of the proposed settlement this week. Teachers met Wednesday afternoon at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium to discuss the pact.

"We made a good offer, and I think the teachers realize that this is a fair offer," said Bill Taylor, the school board's chief negotiator and the district's assistant superintendent for employee services.

School board members learned details of the tentative contract during a closed session Monday night. Some members had already indicated they

won't support the pay raises, but the agreement is expected to be approved by a majority of the seven-member board.

On Tuesday, school officials released details of the settlement that has erased fears of a potential strike. But WWEA president William Reece said he didn't want to comment at length until he presents the proposed contract to teachers.

The 3-percent raise this year and 5-percent raise next year come on top of a 2-percent raise that teachers already to receive this semester. The 2-percent in-

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Expansion?: Joe Barone, John Glenn High School 11th-grader, staples additional properties to his fictitious nation.

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History lessons: Richard Gordon, sitting in front of his history game board, poses a question to his John Glenn High School history class.

Teacher makes teens game for history class

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Richard Gordon combines the fun of Jeopardy, Monopoly and Risk to teach his students about American history.

At a time when teens are more awed by Madonna than President Abraham Lincoln, Gordon plays a game that virtually tricks his John Glenn High School students into learning history.

Gordon, a Livonia resident, calls it The Game of Skill and Challenge. It works like this:

Small groups of students form their own fictional countries, with names like Krynn and Exodus, and design flags for them. They also choose a form of government that can be democratic or a dictatorship.

After studying their American history lessons, the countries compete in class to answer review questions posed by Gordon. They can earn \$500 (in fun mock money) for easy questions and up to \$20,000 for tough ones.

One team recently won \$500 for knowing that Andrew Jackson was the only U.S. president brought before Congress for impeachment charges, which failed.

The student teams accumulate money to buy farms, forests, coal mines, oil wells, factories and even nuclear power. Prices range from \$2,000 for a farm to \$100,000 for a nuclear plant.

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Fire pact includes pay hike

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland firefighters will receive a 16-percent wage increase over four years while working fewer hours, an arbitrator has ruled.

The average work week for the 70-member Westland Firefighters Association Local 1279 will decline 10 percent under the ruling, which reduces the average work week from 56 hours to 50.4 hours by July.

Union president Ken Grabowski said Tuesday he's "pleased" that the ruling by arbitrator George Brannick favored the firefighters' union. But the ruling disappointed city officials, who haven't ruled out a court appeal of the decision.

Firefighters have been working without a contract for more than 2 1/2 years. They will receive retroactive pay for the new contract, which will expire June 30, 1994.

The firefighters will receive a 4 1/2-percent wage increase for each of the first two years of the contract, a 4-percent raise for the third year, and a 3-percent raise for the final year.

Mayor Robert Thomas said Tuesday he doesn't yet know what the raises will cost the city, but he said extra money had been budgeted to cover the retroactive pay.

Moreover, Thomas said he's not as concerned about the wage increases as the reduced work week, which could prompt some fire station closings unless more firefighters are hired.

Keeping all four stations open has been a longtime goal of Thomas, but firefighters have contended that they have been overworked.

Grabowski stressed that firefighters had made some concessions — such as losing two vacation days — in hopes of getting their work week reduced. The firefighters work in 24-hour shifts, he said, but they work an average of 56 hours a week.

Under Brannick's ruling, firefighters would see their work week gradually reduced to 50.4 hours by next July.

Mayor Thomas said the city will have to consider hiring more firefighters in order to keep the four stations open. Already, some stations don't have the capability to respond simultaneously with fire engines and ambulances.

"It's either that (hire more employees) or shut some of the stations down," Thomas said.

The city council is expected soon to discuss a potential court appeal, although city officials said no decision has been made.

Yule season

It may be just two weeks after Labor Day, but that doesn't stop the Kohl's specialty store at Westland Center from gearing up for the Christmas season. One corner of the store has been renovated with a huge Christmas tree, decorated with ornaments and surrounded by other holiday items.

Promotion

Shirley Haynes of Westland has been promoted to information systems coordinator of Northwestern Community Services, a Garden City-based youth and family counseling organization that serves western Wayne County communities. Haynes, who will be in charge of the organization's computer systems, has been with the agency for four years, starting as an accounts clerk. She is pursuing her associate degree in accounting from Schoolcraft College, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Junior College National Honor Society, was named to the dean's list three times, and is a three-time winner of the agency's employee of the month award.

PLACES & FACES

Flu shots

The Westland Seniors' Friendship Center, in cooperation with Ann Arbor Hospital, will offer flu shots for retirees on Monday, Oct. 5, at the center on Newburgh north of Marquette. Appointments will be made between 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. weekdays. Persons may make appointments at the center by providing name, phone number and a \$5 fee. The money will be given to the hospital and the county health department. The shots aren't recommended for persons who have a cold, flu or other illnesses at the time and those who are allergic to chicken, eggs, feather or chicken products.

Meetings changed

The Westland Senior Resources Department's seniors' advisory council has changed its meetings to

the second Friday of each month from the first Monday. Meetings will continue to start at 10 a.m. in the Friendship Center's Linden conference room, 1119 Newburgh at Marquette. The sessions are open to the public.

DARE donation

North Brothers Ford employees and owners have collected \$2,100 for the Westland police department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. Employees raised half the money in their second annual golf outing Sunday. The dealership agreed to match the amount. A check will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Monday to the DARE program coordinators at the Ford dealership on Ford near Farmington Road. Jim, Doug and Tom North will make the presentation.

School board

The Wayne-Westland school board will hold a business session at 7 p.m. Monday in central administrative offices, on Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne Road. Agendas will be available Friday afternoon.

Teachers from page 1A

crease had been negotiated in an earlier contract that was approved in February, 1991.

Earlier, union leaders had demanded an 8-percent raise for this year, alone, but they backed down amid strong assertions that the latest school board offer would not be increased.

Among other details of the contract:

- Taylor said the pact is expected to prompt the school board to seek a lower millage rate next year, instead of asking voters to renew the full 7.75 mill tax that was approved last year.

Rumors have circulated that the board might reduce the proposal by a quarter-mill, but Taylor indicated he'd like the cut to be even deeper.

- Annual longevity pay for teachers will jump from \$500 to \$700 for teachers with 15 years' experience; from \$1,000 to \$1,250 for those with 20 years on the job; and from \$1,600 to \$1,800 for teachers with 25 years' experience.

- The district's 18 alternative education teachers will become members of the WVEA, giving those jobs more significance and paving the way for an improved program, Taylor said.

- The district will stop paying for legal insurance for teachers in October — a move that Taylor predicted will save the district about \$200,000 a year.

- Teachers will be missing less class time for in-service training, cutting down expenses for substitutes and causing less disruptions

for students.

- The contract won't result in any educational program cuts, Taylor said. "We simply could not agree to any cut in the educational program."

- The agreement is expected to ensure that the district will maintain a general fund balance of at least \$1.6 million through the end of the 1993-94 school year, Taylor said.

- The pact also includes, intact, a nine-point educational-improvement plan suggested by Superintendent Larry Thomas, who took office July 1. That plan calls for a no-smoking policy on school grounds, an extra work day for teachers and more elementary parent-teacher conferences, among other measures.

Centralized police, fire dispatch to come on line

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A central dispatch system for police and fire emergencies in Westland is expected to be in place early next year, in a move that will streamline the city's two departments.

All police and fire calls will be handled at a central dispatch center at the police department.

Currently, fire calls made to the city's 911 hot line come to the police department and are then transferred to the fire department.

"Sometimes there's a little delay in switching fire calls," police Chief Emery Price said Tuesday. "This new system could cut down on time delays."

Fire and police officials hope to begin training personnel for the new dispatch system in the next couple of months in hopes of launching the system as early as February.

The city council, which approved money for the system, provided an-

other boost Monday night by authorizing the police department to hire a ninth dispatcher for the central system. As many as 12 dispatchers may be needed eventually, Price said.

Last month, the council balked at a recommendation by the city administration to pay for the dispatcher by transferring money from the fledgling Youth Assistance Program. That program is aimed at providing counseling and other help to youngsters who have brushes with the law but are not serious offenders.

Some council members, such as Sandra Cicirelli, have been strong proponents of the youth program.

Under council orders, the administration dropped plans to use money from the Youth Assistance Program to pay for the latest dispatcher.

As an alternative, the administration told the council that vacancies in the fire and police depart-

ments during July and August have freed up enough money to hire the ninth dispatcher. That proposal was offered as a budget amendment Monday.

Councilman Kenneth Mehl wondered whether the administration would adhere to the amendment as offered. He indicated the proposal didn't specifically state that a dispatcher would be hired.

"This budget amendment is wrong," he said, adding later that the administration "wouldn't have to hire a dispatcher. They could hire anybody they wanted."

As a result, Mehl offered a carefully worded motion saying that the budget revision would be specifically for hiring a new dispatcher, a move that will increase the number of police department employees to 119.

The council unanimously supported Mehl's motion, allowing the city to proceed with hiring the dispatcher.

Game from page 1A

As the game develops, the students can trade in some of their property for submarines, battleships, soldiers, airfields, Patriot missiles and even nuclear missiles.

The countries' possessions — noted on paper squares — are stapled to a game board that Gordon set up on a classroom wall. Each country has its own geographic area on the board.

As the game progresses, the countries are able to declare war, fend off attacks and even form alliances against a common enemy. They roll a die to move on the board. Countries can remain stronger by contin-

uing to answer questions and gaining more wealth and power.

The teams can even destroy leaders by nuclear attack, forcing the leader to answer a \$20,000 question to be reborn.

Teams in all of Gordon's classes compete. An afternoon class might come to school one day to find itself under attack by a morning team. Altogether, there are 36 teams, or countries.

Moreover, Gordon himself has a country, named Renaissance. If he stumps a class on a question, his country receives money and gradually accumulates power.

The game is only one way that students can improve their grades. They also are graded on the more common classroom activities, such as tests.

"I hate history, and this is real fun," 11th-grader Tiana Harris, 16,

said. "You learn history without realizing that you're learning it."

That's what Gordon, 48, likes to hear. The game meets the needs of all types of students — those who learn by reading textbooks, and those who learn by recalling what they've heard in class. It also is aimed at improving their scholastic achievement test scores.

Moreover, studying becomes more fun for the students. He's seen them studying in the school library before class. Some couples are giving up dates at the movies and arranging study dates.

Gordon, a former track and field coach of 24 years, has gained national attention for the game he has perfected over the last 10 years. Student teachers from the University of Michigan became so impressed at John Glenn last year that, when they returned to college, they told their professors about Gordon.

The result: He has become one of only 10 educators nationwide invited to explain his teaching method during a three-day seminar next month at the university.

It's being sponsored by the North American Simulation and Gaming Association Conference. It will allow teachers from across the country to learn from his success.

City, county spar over plans for Nankin Mills renovation

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

County parks officials have accused the Westland City Council of stalling the proposed renovation and expansion of the Nankin Mills Nature Center.

The dispute emerged Monday as the council rejected what they called incomplete site plans for doubling the size of the nature center at Ann Arbor Trail east of Farmington Road.

County parks director Hurley Coleman told the council that its decision could cause concern among members of a private support group, the Friends of Nankin Mills, that wants to get the project rolling.

Mayor Robert Thomas pledged to work with county officials this week to iron out the differences, in hopes the site plan will be approved by

early next month.

Councilman Kenneth Mehl said county officials have failed to address all the concerns of the city's fire and building departments. Moreover, architectural drawings for the nature center haven't been completed, he said.

Mehl indicated that approving the incomplete site plans on Monday would amount to giving preferential treatment to the county — a move that he said wouldn't be fair to other developers.

Council member Thomas Brown disagreed and said, "I think to delay it further would be unconscionable."

Brown stressed that the Nankin Mills expansion offers a unique opportunity for the city and county to work side by side on a project that both support.

"There aren't any of us riding the caboose. We're riding the passenger train," Brown said.

The existing 8,700-square-foot Nankin Mills historical complex would be renovated and expanded by 9,100 feet, making it a better nature center for city and county residents, including students who could learn there. The project, which will top the \$1 million mark, received grant money.

"We want this project to go because we believe it's going to benefit this city and its residents," Dan Navarre, the county's deputy parks director, told the council Monday.

But Mehl said the county should have to comply with necessary codes — like any other developer. And he denied implications from county officials that the council is stalling the project.

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I don't mean to gloat, but this woman, Renle Smith, is the most wonderful person you will ever meet. Really! I am excited to announce that she has joined my already INCREDIBLE staff here in Wayne and I am so happy about it that I am jumping up and down. I am singing (just ask my poor wife). I really mean it...if this group were ingredients in a recipe, you would be enjoying something truly wonderful, truly healthy, truly unequal.
Okay, so I'm gloating...but if you have the good fortune to meet Renle (or Mary Jo, Ann, Carol, Cyndi, Rose and Glendora) you will understand why I want to shout it from the rooftops.
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Renle, where have you been all my life?
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Pilgrims take to the sky

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

If climbing into the cockpit of, say, a World War II-era fighter plane, taking the controls and soaring into the clouds has been a life-long dream of yours, you're in luck.

There's a suburban club that can help you experience the thrill of flying — and you don't even have to leave the ground.

Members of the Flying Pilgrims RC Model Club get together at a site in western Wayne County to fly remote control model planes.

"They fly like the real ones," says club member Bert Brian.

But you can judge for yourself. The skies above the field will be filled with model planes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday during the "Fall Fly for Fun Phase Out."

Spectators are invited to attend the event on Lilley, north of Van Born, Canton Township.

A \$2 parking fee is optional and food concessions will be available.

If it doesn't rain, organizers expect between 2,000 and 2,500 spectators to see remote control biplanes, monoplanes and sail planes

that will be among the aircraft flown.

The 85 members of the Flying Pilgrims include a 14-year-old girl and a 76-year-old man as well as others from western Wayne County, Oakland and Monroe counties as well as Ontario.

Flying Pilgrims president Richard Vukmirovich, of Detroit, was at the field last week with his P-47 Thunderbolt flight aircraft, a scale of a World War II fighter used in Germany and in the Pacific.

Building the plane himself, he constructed the framework in about two weeks and spent another two months on finishing touches.

Members of the Flying Pilgrims joke that Vukmirovich owns the Airforce, referring to his 12 model planes.

"Last year there were 60 pilots and 70 airplanes at the show," Vukmirovich said. "This year they'll be bigger and better. All the pilots just come out for a fun time."

Spectators are known to do the same.

For information call Brian at 397-0835.



BILL BRENNER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It's a plane: Richard Vukmirovich displays his P-47 Thunderbolt model patterned after an aircraft flown during World War II.

Low blood supply prompts Red Cross to call on donors

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

While the nation is rallying to help Hurricane Andrew victims, local health administrators are asking for help in Michigan.

The Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross said the area desperately needs donors. Everytime someone donates blood it's processed into three components, red blood cells, plasma and platelets, which allows hospitals to give patients the needed component.

Inventories were depleted by a series of medical emergencies that began last week

requiring large amounts of platelets, which are most often used by Leukemia and cancer patients.

"At the time we were already quite low with inventory of platelets and Wednesday we had to rush imports of platelets from around the country, according to Mark Cornillie, a Red Cross spokesman.

"We tend to have blood shortages just about every summer, but it is unusual that we become urgent on platelets first."

While all the emergency needs were met last week, there could be a problem if there are additional emergencies requiring large amounts of platelets, according to Dr. A. William Shafer, principal officer for the

'A sudden demand could wipe out our safety net.'

Dr. A. William Shafer

Red Cross Blood Program in Southeastern Michigan.

"A sudden demand could wipe out our safety net," he said.

The Red Cross is asking donors to call 1-800-582-4383 and schedule an appointment.

"We're trying to open various centers and

extend hours and make things as convenient as possible for them to donate," Cornillie said. "We prefer people to call so we can schedule them."

Several of the centers will be open on Sunday in response to the shortage.

Meanwhile, mobil gas dealers are trying to meet the needs of disabled children. Some 150 dealers in the Detroit, Lansing and Grand Rapids area will be participating in a program to help children in need of physical rehabilitation at Beaumont Hospital's Pediatric Rehabilitation Center.

Between September 17 and October 3 participating dealers will donate two cents per gallon for all Super Unleaded Gasoline

sold between Sept. 17 and Oct. 3. They hope to raise \$40,000.

Beaumont's rehabilitation center provides specialized treatment for infants, children and teenagers who suffer from a wide variety of physical injuries, illnesses and birth defects, including cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries, amputations, muscular dystrophy, sports injuries, and arthritis.

"We know that Mobil cares about kids, Vera Stojanovic, Children's Miracle Network director said.

"They are being strong for our children by giving back a loving heart, a helping hand and most importantly a chance for life."

Schools: Bus system to stay

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia school district's new busing transfer system may be fine tuned, but no major changes will be made this year to meet the concerns of St. Michael Catholic School parents.

"Other (district) private schools are used to this transfer system," Livonia Board of Education president Pat Sari told about a dozen St. Michael School's parents Monday who voiced their concerns to board members.

The district includes the northern section of Westland with many Westland parents sending their children to St. Michael School, on Hubbard south of Plymouth Road.

"There could be small changes, there may be a better way of doing this. But you have to resign yourself — there's going to be a transfer system. There's simply no more money to be had."

The board approved the new busing policy last spring as part of an \$8.5 million cut in the district's \$103 million budget for 1992-93.

Under the plan, all academically gifted program and private school students ride their neighborhood bus to a transfer point at Frost Middle School, on Stark north of Schoolcraft. Then, they transfer to a bus going to their own school.

Safety concerns — for both the students who are bused and for

LIVONIA

Frost students who walk or ride their bikes through the buses' parking lot — dominated Monday's meeting.

One mother who's been going to the Frost site every day to monitor the buses' arrival times said she had seen Frost students three times "just being missed by the buses."

"There's a danger for Frost kids who cross the parking lot on bikes." Additionally, the parents said they are concerned about incoming buses that might hit students standing in the parking lot waiting to get onto their transfer bus.

The parents also said they are concerned about:

- A "corral-type atmosphere" at Frost that is confusing to young children.

- The efficiency of a busing system which many parents are now bypassing to drive their own children to school. Many of the buses are running half full, the parents said.

- Pick-up times which change daily.

- Bus rides which last an hour for students who live 10 minutes from St. Michael's.

- Buses which arrive late at St. Michael's, after the 8:30 a.m. starting time. Some students are miss-

ing the first 15 minutes of each school day, the parents said.

- Arrival time at school getting even later when winter weather arrives.

- The two parking lot aides who fail to wear special vests so that children can identify them and fail to carry megaphones so children can hear them.

- How the children will stay warm in the winter when the buses' engines are turned off in the parking lot and the youngsters will be left sitting in the buses.

- Some bus drivers still not shutting off their engines and standing outside their bus, two requirements set by the district.

- The toxic fumes generated by 25 buses running in the same area.

Charles Ritter, assistant director of operations, admitted the new busing system has had its share of problems.

"When you're transporting 9,000 kids, it's impossible not to have glitches," Ritter said. "It takes time to work them out."

Kathy Blaharski said the district isn't putting enough money into "Ritter's budget," a shortfall that is "putting kids in jeopardy."

One parent, Paul Storrs, suggested the district and parents meet together to iron out concerns.

"This money issue is getting in the way of safety," Storrs said.

Middle school pay-to-play strikes out

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Paying for middle school sports died a quick death in the Livonia school district, which serves the northern section of Westland.

Middle schoolers no longer will have to pay \$100 to play sports, but they will have a reduced list of sports from which to choose.

The turnabout came Monday when the Livonia Board of Education rescinded its earlier decision to launch a "pay-to-participate" program in its middle schools. A similar plan for the three high schools, with its \$140 fee, remains in place.

Lack of participation led to the quick demise of the fee. Students this fall, rebelling against the fee, stayed away in droves as schools tried to field teams for such sports as touch football and cross country.

Rather than let the entire middle school sport program collapse,

school officials decided to fund half of the program to "keep the program alive," said Superintendent Joseph Marinelli.

"This recommendation has a downside in that others may not understand that its implementation does not require a commitment of extra dollars," Marinelli said. "They may interpret that as 'backing off' on the part of the board and the administration. Actually, this may be the only way to ensure that students benefit from the funds that have been earmarked by the board for this purpose."

Students can now participate in the following sports without charge: girls softball, boys wrestling, boys basketball, girls volleyball, boys and girls track and field.

The following sports have been eliminated: boys and girls cross country, touch football, and girls

basketball.

School officials briefly debated whether to let the program limp along to see whether participation picked up later this year, or whether to drop it and fund a limited number of middle school sports. They had about one week to reach a decision.

Joseph Laura was the only trustee to vote against a partial restoration of the sports program. "It's unfair to make high school students pay and relieve middle school students."

While he voted for the restoration, trustee Ken Timmons said he has philosophical differences with the middle school sports programs.

"It's more of an activity program and not a lot of skills taught," Timmons said. "Our junior high athletics program leaves a whole lot to be desired."

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First Citizen nominees sought

Nominations are sought for the annual First Citizen of Westland community service award.

A four-member judging committee, to be named this month, will select the winner of the seventh annual award.

The First Citizen will be publicly honored at the Westland Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 10. As in past years, the name of the First Citizen will be announced the previous week.

The 1992 award will be given to a volunteer who has contributed to the quality of life in the Westland community.

Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22. Nominations are to be submitted to: Westland First Citizen Award, Westland Observer, editorial department, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

The award is cosponsored by the Westland Observer and the Chamber of Commerce.

Winners of the award, initiated in 1986 by the Observer to recognize a person for volunteer community service, in past years were Joseph Benyo, Thomas Brown, Sam Corrado, Linda Pratt, Sharon Scott and Margaret Harlow. Combined their backgrounds cover municipal government service, education, church groups, recreation and business.

Residency in the city isn't required for nominees, but persons submitting nominations should in-

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First Citizen

N O M I N A T I O N F O R M

Date: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Phone (business): _____ (home): _____

Occupation: _____

Community activities (other than job related) in 1991: _____

Community involvement prior to 1992: _____

What kind of impact has this candidate made in the Westland community? _____

Additional comments: _____

Name of nominator: _____

Address of nominator: _____

Phone of nominator: _____

Additional comments may be attached to a separate sheet. Mail to:

First Citizen
Westland Observer
Editorial Dept.
36251 Schoolcraft
Livonia, Michigan 48150

Deadline: 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, 1992

clude as much detailed information on the impact the person has had in his/her group or groups. There are no limits to the nominee's background other than the service must be as a volunteer.

Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22.

As last year's winner, Harlow will automatically serve on this year's

panel of judges. The other judges will be announced soon by the award's cosponsors.

At the Nov. 10 chamber luncheon, the winner will receive framed plaques, certificates and state legislative commendations from the Observer, chamber, and city, county and state officials.

Stop smoking course offered

FreshStart, a program sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is a three-week course designed to help people stop smoking.

Offered at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, the six-day workshop will be Mondays and Thursdays, Oct. 12-29. Participants may choose between the day class, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., or the evening class from 7 to 8 p.m.

The deadline for registration is Monday, Oct. 5, and the course fee is \$20. To register or for more information, call 591-2922.

Stevenson junior high anniversary plans set

Stevenson Junior High School will celebrate its 25th year with a series of activities next month.

The series of events will start with a ceremony during halftime of the Thursday afternoon, Oct. 8, home football game between Stevenson and Marshall Junior Highs. A reception in the school library will follow.

Invited are the community and

former employees.

There will be a dinner-dance Friday night, Oct. 9, from 5:30-11 p.m. in the Hellenic Cultural Center, on Joy east of Newburgh. There will be a disc jockey and a buffet dinner. The DJ will be Ralph Cabildo, a Stevenson grad who will provide music of the 1960s.

Alumni and former employees are invited with Sept. 30 being the tick-

et deadline. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

Scheduled to attend will be the school's first principal, Timothy Dyer, who was later promoted to Wayne-Westland school district superintendent. Dyer is now the executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Obtain tickets by contacting the school, 595-2500.

LUNCH MENU FOR SENIORS

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals for the week of Sept. 28. Meals will be served at noon at three locations: Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh at Marquette, Whittier Center, on Ann Arbor Trail between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, and Kirk of Our Savior Church, on Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne Road.

- Monday**
Stuffed cabbage, tomato sauce, parsley potatoes, baby carrots, birthday cake with ice cream, rye bread with margarine, milk.
- Tuesday**
Beef chop suey, rice, soy sauce, Oriental vegetables, sliced tomatoes, fruit cocktail, milk.
- Wednesday**
Beef patty Parmesan, peas and onions, tossed salad, grated

- cheese, orange, pizza bread, milk.
- Thursday**
Hawaiian chicken, buttered rice pilaf, chopped spinach, pear slices, chocolate chip cookies, wheat bread with margarine, milk.
- Friday**
Sloppy Joes, hamburger bun, corn coblett, coleslaw, applesauce with cinnamon, milk.

Woman takes to TV in attempt to free son

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

Linda Fannon, the Westland mother fighting to free her son from the clutches of Michigan's life law, continues to take her case to the airwaves.

Fannon planned to leave yesterday for a taping of the "Maury Povich" show, which will add a number of television appearances she's made on behalf of her son.

Her goal is to rally support against the Michigan law — supported by law enforcers as a get-tough approach to drug dealers — that mandates life in prison without parole for certain drug convictions.

In 1978 the Michigan law — known as the 650 law — mandates that anyone who manufactures, delivers or possesses or possesses with intent to deliver greater than 650 grams of a controlled substance will be sentenced to mandatory life in prison without parole.

Fannon's son, a 1986 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate, is serving a life sentence for delivery of more than 650 grams of cocaine.

'I think it's a very unjust to throw a kid in prison and tell him he's going to die in there, especially when the undercover cop got fired a couple of years later for allegedly stealing from the drug room and never even got prosecuted.'

Linda Fannon
Westland mother

Fannon lived off and on in Canton and Westland while he was growing up. He was a first-time offender when at age 18 he was charged, his mother said.

He recently turned 24 and remains in jail.

"I've been working on getting him out since it happened — for six years," Fannon said. "We've had a lot of media attention, on Faith Daniels, 'A Closer Look,' 'CNBC Real Story,' and 'Ed Bradley's Street Stories.'"

Fannon said she was confident about getting the law reversed.

"I think it's a very unjust thing to throw a kid in prison and tell him

he's going to die in there, especially when the undercover cop got fired a couple of years later for allegedly stealing from the drug room and never even got prosecuted.

"I will win, there's no doubt about it. He's got to come home."

A group of people are lobbying the state legislature to overturn the "650 law." If the group succeeds, the mandatory life sentences, like the one Fannon is serving, will be changed across the board.

Meanwhile, Fannon's attorney, Patrick McQueeney, expects to file a claim in the Wayne County Court of Appeals this month alleging that errors were made in Fannon's case.

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Tod Lulla, 9925 Rose Land, Livonia, Michigan 48150 Unit No. X-13 1 Chair, 12 Boxes
Terry Slupski, 31439 Brush, Wayne, Michigan 48184 Unit No. C-11 2 Dressers, 13 Boxes, 2 Bed Frames, 1 Misc. Furniture, 6 Bags
Craig Luper, 25521 Hathway, Livonia, Michigan 48150 Unit No. N-56 1 Elect. Floor Buffer, 2 Basketball Rims, 1 Table Saw, 2 Tool Boxes, 2 Suitcases, 7 Boxes, 1 Golf Clubs, 75 Magazines
Charles Parascandalo, 31141 Wildwood, Apt. 6108, Building 6, Weston, Michigan 48393 Unit No. G-18 1 Couch, 1 Chair, 7 Boxes, 1 Waterbed Set
Ronald Patton, 2038 S. Venoy, Westland Michigan 48185 Unit No. P-7C 12 Boxes, 3 Bags

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1992

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the last day of registration for the GENERAL ELECTION is Monday, October 5, 1992.

The Office of the City Clerk located in the City Hall Building, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, will be open for the registration of all qualified electors, not already registered, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In addition to the regular hours the Office of the City Clerk will be open for registration on Saturday, October 3, 1992 from 8:00 a.m. thru 2:00 p.m.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER
City Clerk-Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 5, 1992

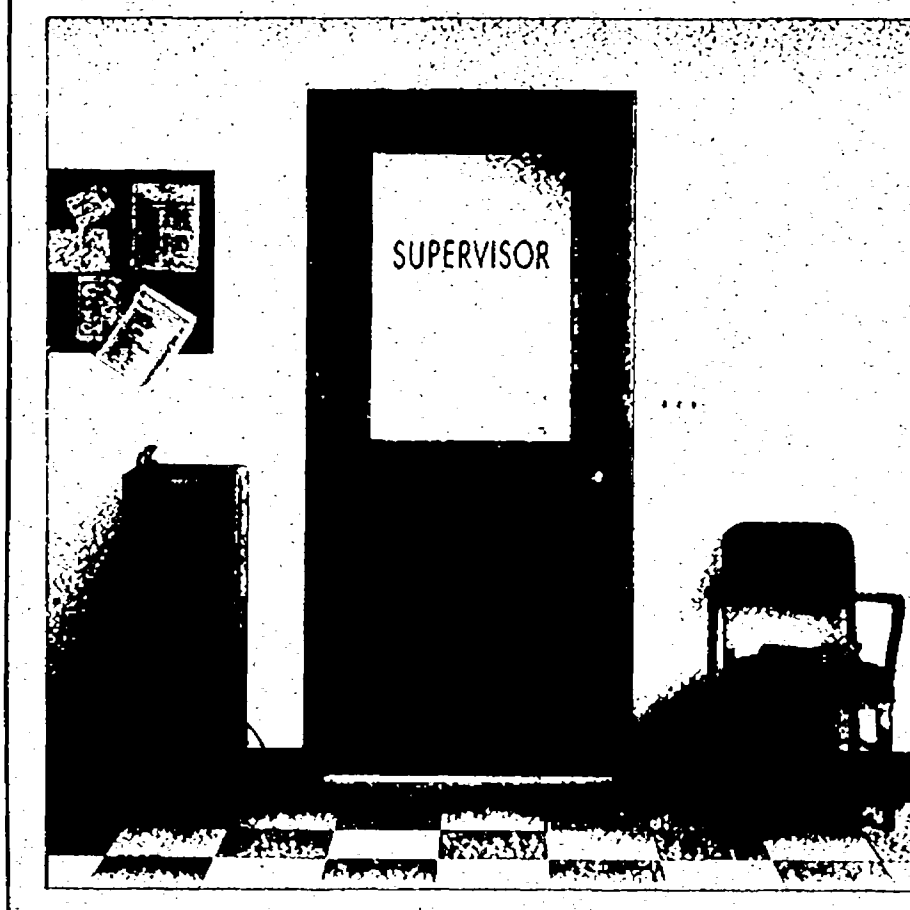
CITY OF GARDEN CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and Council of Garden City will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 5, 1992 at 6:50 P.M., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

On soliciting Public Comments on the Assessment Roll for the Northwest Perrin Drainage and Street Improvement Project which includes lots in the area from the east side of Henry Ruff Road west to Merriman Road and from the North Side of Marquette Avenue south to Florence Avenue.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER
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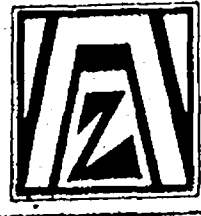
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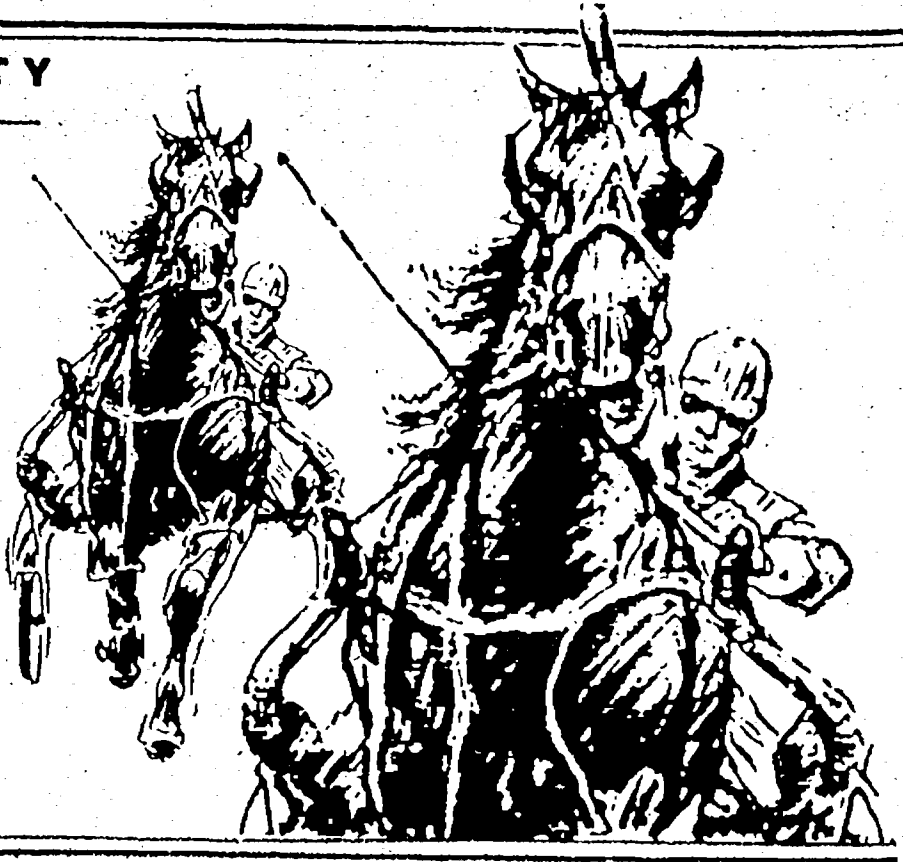
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Expert says 'C' benefits property owners

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan property owners would see the value of their assets rise under the "Cut and Cap" Proposal C on the Nov. 3 ballot, says economist Patrick Anderson.

Anderson's study puts the value increase at \$19 billion by 1997, the year the tax cut in Proposal C would take full effect.

"This would be over \$2,000 for every Michigan resident in real, spendable wealth — a further stimulus to the Michigan economy," said Anderson.

The phenomenon is called tax capitalization. "Whenever the cost of holding an asset declines, its value increases, since the owner now will be required to pay less each year," he said.

Proposal C would cut school property taxes 30 percent over five years, requiring the state treasury to reimburse school districts for the

lost revenue. It also would cap assessment increases at 3 percent or the rate of consumer price inflation, whichever is less.

Anderson is an assistant vice president at Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. in Farmington Hills. He also is a senior policy advisor for the Mackinac Center, which published his study. Mackinac Center is a conservative, Midland-based think tank which opposes taxes and favors privatization of governmental services.

Local impact

For a house with a current market value of \$100,000 and assessed at half of that value, a homeowner might expect to see the value rise \$4,400 to \$7,400 by 1997 — over and above any normal increase due to inflation, Anderson said.

Here are his calculations for some area communities showing market

valuation followed by 1997 tax bill savings:

- Farmington Hills, \$5,557, \$741.19.
- Livonia, \$5,559, \$742.
- Northville, \$5,195, \$690.
- Westland, \$7,400, \$1,002.

"Investors in commercial properties, such as apartment and office buildings, routinely capitalize the expense and revenue streams predicted for a property when estimating its market value," Anderson says in an appendix.

For example, if an apartment building returns rents of \$12,000 a month and has expenses of \$10,000, its income stream is \$2,000 a month or \$24,000 a year. If the market value is 10 times annual income, the building is worth \$24,000 times 10 or \$240,000.

This explains why high-tax rate communities such as Oak Park and Westland would see valuation increases in the \$7,400 range while

lower-tax communities would see smaller valuation increases.

Other effects

Total benefit to property owners by 1997 will be a net \$2 billion by most estimates, including Anderson's.

Giving consumers and businesses more to spend would stimulate the economy generally, resulting in higher sales tax, income tax and single business tax revenue, Anderson said. But he did not make estimates of how much revenue this stimulation would produce.

Engle contends the state could reimburse local school districts their lost revenue by dedicating half the historical 5 percent a year growth in state revenue. He sees no need for a state tax increase.

Others are skeptical, saying some increase in state taxes would be necessary to pay for the property tax cut.

Financial aid forum planned

U.S. Rep. William D. Ford, chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, will sponsor a student financial aid forum 7-9 p.m. Monday in Romulus High School, Wayne Road, just north of the I-94

Wayne Road exit. The session is open to western Wayne County high school seniors and their parents. Financial aid officers from colleges and universities will be on hand with information and advice.

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CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will print without charge announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person and a telephone number.

■ ASSUMPTION

Men and women singers needed for alumni choir for reunion in November. For information, call 477-5540 or (519) 256-2337.

■ AVONDALE

The class of 1957 will hold its 35th reunion Saturday, Nov. 7. For information, write Irene Walrad, 29210 Rock Creek Drive, Southfield, 48076, 559-2389.

■ BERKLEY

Acappella Choir 1953-83 will hold a reunion Oct. 10-11 in Royal Oak. For information, write to P.O. Box 760010, Lathrup Village 48076.

• The January and June classes of 1952 will hold a reunion Oct. 16-18, with a football game, dinner and dancing at Farina's in Berkley and Sunday brunch. For information, call 852-9190 or 547-9558.

■ BIRMINGHAM GROVES

The class of 1962 will hold a reunion Nov. 27-29. For information, call 350-9466.

■ BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM

The class of 1973 will hold a reunion Nov. 26, 1993 at the Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy. For information, call 824-8550.

• The class of 1982 will hold a reunion Dec. 23 in The Community House, Birmingham. For information, call 650-3606.

• The classes of 1966-67 will hold a reunion Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn. For information, call Patti Smith Botwick (67), 540-8317, or Carol Wollenberg Wedge (66), 642-7781.

■ BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER

The class of 1972 will hold a reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28 at the Troy Marriott. For information, call 294-8800 or 645-9587.

• The class of 1982 will hold a reunion at 7 p.m. March 6, 1993 at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. For information, call 380-6100.

■ BROTHER RICE

The class of 1967 will hold a reunion Oct. 9-11. For information, call 221-2280 or 255 Yacht Club, Rocky River, Ohio 44116.

■ CATHOLIC CENTRAL

The classes of 1962 and 1967 will hold a reunion Oct. 9-11 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Livonia. For information, call 471-2892.

■ CENTER LINE

The class of 1982 will hold a reunion Oct. 2 at the Club Monte Carlo, Utica. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803.

■ CHERRY HILL

The class of 1982 will hold a reunion Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Dearborn Knights of Columbus Hall. For information, call 824-8550.

■ CHIPPEWA VALLEY

The class of 1982 will hold a reunion Saturday, Oct. 10, in Mount Clemens. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803.

■ CLARENCEVILLE

The class of 1983 will hold a reunion Aug. 7, 1993. Information: 278-8851 (between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.) or 442-7494.

■ CRESTWOOD

The class of 1967 will hold a reunion Oct. 23 at the Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, call 824-8550.

• The class of 1972 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus Hall, Dearborn. For information, call 824-8550.

■ DEARBORN

The class of 1942 will hold a reunion Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Holiday Inn, Dearborn. For information, call 338-6033.

• The class of 1973 is planning a reunion. For information, call 562-2221.

■ DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD

The class of 1982 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 28. For information, call 360-2460 or 645-6218.

■ DEARBORN FORDSON

The class of 1973 will hold a reunion Aug. 28, 1993. For information, call 561-5309 or 422-1602.

■ DEARBORN EDESEL FORD

The class of June 1963 will hold a reunion in June 1993. For information, call 591-0746, 379-4272 or (800) 628-3673.

■ DETROIT BENEDICTINE

The class of 1972 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Laurel Manor, Livonia. For information, call 661-5780 or 462-2475.

■ DETROIT CENTRAL

The class of June 1952 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Baronette Hotel, Novi. For information, call 547-2044.

■ DETROIT CODY

The class of 1961 will hold a reunion Saturday, Oct. 10. For information, call 425-7094 or 624-6018.

• The class of 1967 will hold a reunion Nov. 14 at the Holiday Inn-West, Livonia. For information, call 363-1086 or (517) 546-7145.

■ DETROIT COMMERCE EAST

The classes of 1950-53 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Karas House, Redford. For information, call 746-9643.

■ DETROIT COOLEY

The class of 1942 will hold a reunion Oct. 24 at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. For information, call 437-6534.

• The class of 1972 will hold its reunion Nov. 14 at the Westin Hotel, Detroit. For information, call 259-3548.

■ DETROIT DENBY

The class of 1962 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. For information, call 824-8550.

• The class of 1952 will hold a reunion Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Royalty House, Warren, \$40 per person. For information, call 776-6496.

■ DETROIT EASTERN

School's all-class 23rd annual reunion will be 6 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Polish Century Club. For information, call 886-1921, or 755-6196.

■ DETROIT FINNEY

The class of 1972 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 28, at the St. John Hellenic Center, Sterling Heights. For information, call 824-8550.

• The class of 1967 will hold a reunion Saturday, Oct. 10. For information, write to P.O. Box 80069, Rochester 48308, or call 879-0848.

■ DETROIT MACKENZIE

The class of 1942 will hold a 50-year reunion Oct. 2 at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. For information, call 422-3507, 626-3719, 642-7812, 563-0161 or 349-4657.

• The classes of 1951-53 will hold a reunion in October. For information, call 746-9643.

• The class of 1952 will hold a reunion Oct. 16-18 at the Livonia Marriott. For information, call 835-0869 or 643-4984.

■ DETROIT MUMFORD

The class of 1962 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 28. For information, call 647-3335 or 851-3543.

• The class of 1957 will hold a reunion Nov. 27 in Southfield. For information, call 626-9646 or 626-5406.

■ DETROIT NORTHERN

The January and June classes of 1944 are planning a reunion. For information, call 661-0367.

■ DETROIT PARKER ELEMENTARY

The class of January-June 1961 will hold a reunion Oct. 17 at the Novi Hilton Inn, \$37.50 per person. For information, call 451-0806, 538-4300 (days), or 537-7199.

■ DETROIT PERSHING

The class of 1942 will hold a reunion Oct. 3 at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. For information, call 824-8550.

• The class of 1947 will hold a reunion Oct. 16 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, Warren. For information, call 293-4715.

• The class of January 1961 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Northfield Hilton, Troy. For information, call 824-8550.

■ DETROIT REDFORD

The class of June 1972 will hold a reunion Oct. 24. For information, call 425-1808 or 626-3941.

■ DETROIT ST. LEO

The class of 1942 will hold a reunion Oct. 3 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia. For information, call 422-6554 or 478-2011.

■ DETROIT ST. RITA

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■ DETROIT SHERRARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

The classes of the 1930s and '40s will have a reunion Nov. 27. For information, call 751-0211 or 751-6499.

■ DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN

The classes of 1941-43 will hold a reunion Oct. 23 at the Royalty House, Warren. For information, call 642-4700.

■ DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN

The January-June classes of 1943 are planning a reunion. For information, call 453-4518 or 344-4220.

■ DETROIT VISITATION

The class of 1962 will hold a reunion Oct. 3 at the Livonia Holiday Inn. For information, call 398-6614.

■ DETROIT WESTERN

The class of 1942 will hold a reunion Oct. 16 at the Dearborn Inn. For information, call 565-4997.

■ DETROIT WILBUR WRIGHT

The classes of the 1930s, '40s and '50s are planning a reunion. For information, call 751-0211 or 751-6499.

■ EAST DETROIT

The class of 1972 will hold a reunion Oct. 24 at Zuccaro's Country House, Mount Clemens. For information, call 824-8550.

• The classes of 1951-52 will hold a reunion Oct. 24. For information, call 824-8550.

• The class of 1982 will hold a reunion Nov. 6 at Zuccaro's Country House, Mount Clemens. For information, call 465-2277.

• The class of 1947 will hold a reunion Oct. 3 at the LFA Hall, East Detroit. For information, call 643-7407.

■ EAST LANSING

The class of 1973 will hold a reunion Aug. 14, 1993, at the University Club, East Lansing. For information, call 380-6100.

■ FARMINGTON

The class of 1977 will hold a reunion Saturday, Oct. 10, at Burton Manor, Livonia, \$35 per person. For information, call 669-2529.

■ FARMINGTON HARRISON

The class of 1982 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 28. For information, call 647-5725 or 435-4017.

■ FERNDALE

The class of 1967 will hold a reunion Oct. 24 at the Northfield Hilton, Troy. For information, call 824-8550.

■ FERNDALE LINCOLN

The January and June classes of 1953 are planning a reunion for 1993. For information, call 547-2202.

■ FRASER

The class of 1972 will hold a reunion Nov. 27 at the Van Dyke Manor, Sterling Heights. For information, call (800) 677-7800.

■ GARDEN CITY

The class of 1962 will hold a reunion Oct. 3 at the Carl Stitt American Legion Post, Dearborn Heights. For information, call 425-6835 or 421-5065.

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The class of 1982 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. For information, call 489-1030.

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The class of 1972 will hold a reunion Oct. 17. For information, call 427-5746 (after 6 p.m.) or 425-9712 (after 7 p.m.).

■ GRAND BLANC

The class of 1983 will hold a reunion Aug. 21, 1993, at the Holiday Inn, Grand Blanc. For information, call 380-6100.

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The class of 1957 will hold a reunion Oct. 17 at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Grosse Pointe. For information, call 465-2277.

• The class of January-June 1933 will hold a reunion July 30, 1993 at the Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods. For information, call 881-7539 (January) or 882-6472 (June).

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The class of 1973 will hold a reunion June 12, 1993, at the Assumption Cultural Center, St. Clair Shores. For information, call 824-8550.

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The class of 1952 will hold a reunion Oct. 17 at the Northfield Hilton Inn, Troy. For information, call 824-8550.

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The class of 1972 will hold a reunion Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Club Monte Carlo, Utica. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803.

• The classes from the 1930s and 1940s will hold a reunion 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, Warren. For information, call 626-2020, 565-3048 or 544-4738.

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The class of 1953 will hold a reunion in 1993. For information, call 724 Westview, Bloomfield-Hills 48304, or 644-3829.

• The class of 1952 will hold a reunion Oct. 24 luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. For information, call 462-4481.

• All-class 50th anniversary reunion will be Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Pairlane Manor, Dearborn. For information, call 293-2398.

■ JOHN GLENN

The class of 1972 will hold a reunion Nov. 27 at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi. For information, call 595-2303.

■ JOHN KENNEDY

The class of 1972 will hold a reunion Nov. 27 at the Laurel Manor, Livonia. For information, call 380-6100.

■ LADYWOOD

The class of 1982 will hold a reunion Oct. 3 at the Laurel Manor. For information, call 953-0039 or 478-5488.

■ LIVONIA BENTLEY

The class of 1966 is planning a reunion. For information, call 981-4215 or write to 14125 Riverside Dr., Livonia 48154.

• The class of 1977 will hold a reunion Nov. 20 at the Laurel Manor, Livonia. For information, call 788-1977 (hot line), 661-0962 (fax) or 22310 Antler Drive, Novi 48375.

• The class of 1972 will hold a reunion Nov. 27 at the Livonia Elks. For information, call 824-8550.

• The 1971-72 swim team is planning a reunion. For information, call Kyle Connolly, 1321 Fountain St., Ann Arbor 48103 or 995-6749.

• The class of 1968 will hold a reunion Aug. 7, 1993. For information, call 464-0579 or 421-1412.

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• The class of 1982 will hold a reunion Nov. 27 at St. Mary Orthodox Church Hall, Livonia. For information, call 226-4082.

• The class of 1973 will hold a reunion July 31, 1993 at the Novi Hilton Inn, Novi. For information, write to S.H.S. Class of '03, P.O. Box 531091, Livonia 48153.

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The class of 1960 will hold a reunion Oct. 23-24 at the Marriott Hotel, Livonia. For information, call 887-3296 or 887-9007.

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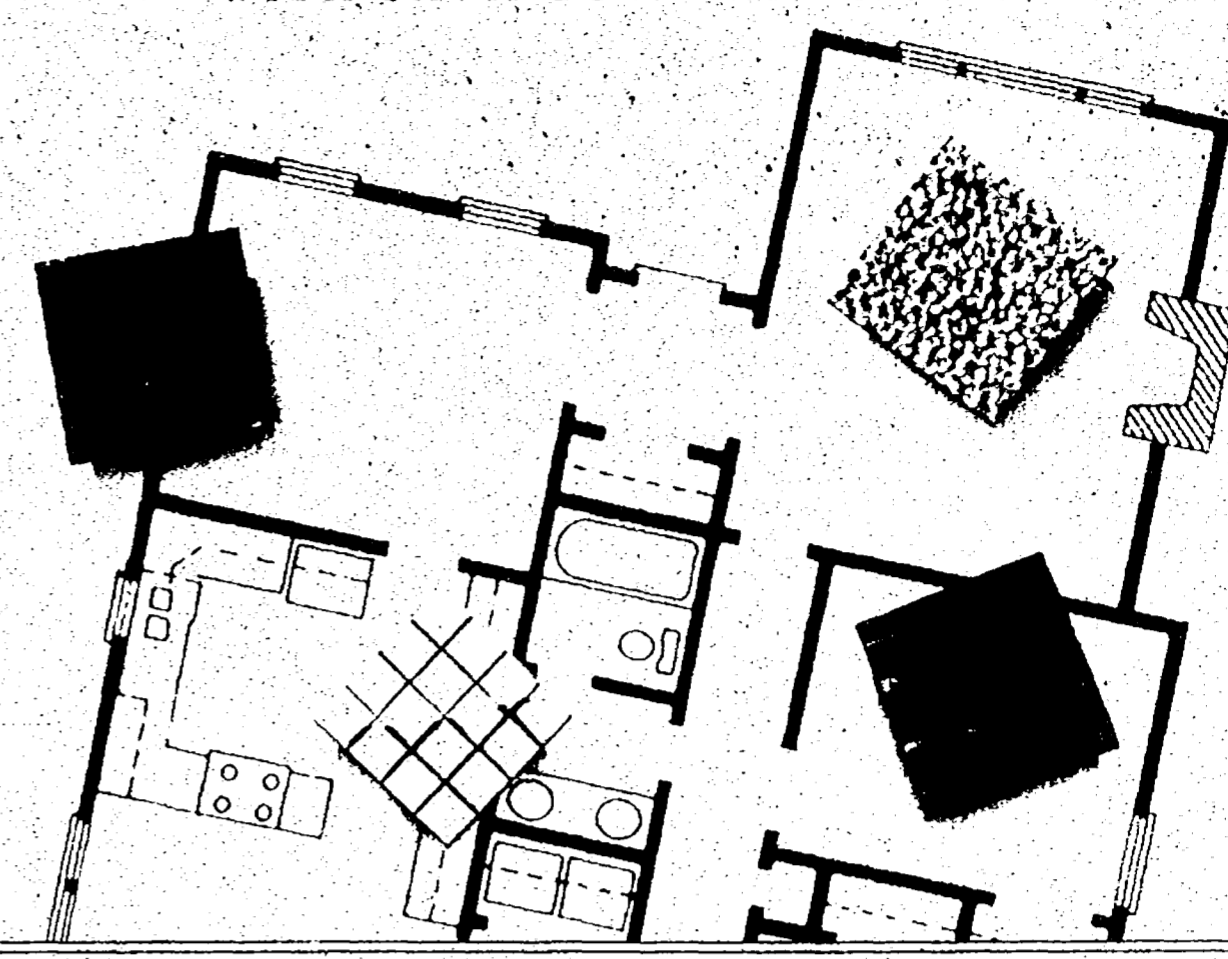
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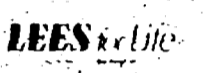
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The 10K (6.2 miles) walk is the first nationwide event sponsored by the American Heart Association.

"Heart disease is still our nation's Number 1 killer," said Michael V. Howe, chairman of the walk. "We will fight heart disease by raising \$100,000 with 1,000 walkers."

The Detroit-area walk is one of 13 in Michigan and one of 800 in the country.

Howe challenged other CEOs to organize and exercise teams of employees for the American Heart

Walk.

"Everyone wins. Our employees benefit from the exercise and we raise money for heart and stroke research," Howe said.

Howe, an avid tennis player and golfer, is president and chief executive officer of Young & Rubicam Detroit. He has headed Y&R's second largest office since 1990. Prior to joining Y&R, he was general manager of the Chrysler-Plymouth Division of the Chrysler Corp.

Registration starts at 8 a.m.; walk begins at 9.

For more information, call the development department of the American Heart Association of Michigan at (313) 557-9500.

Decisions



Taste tempting: Teresa Brown makes her selection at the Elite Sweets table at last Sunday's Culinary Extravaganza. The Livonia business was among more than 50 metro-area businesses which participated in the event which raised money for scholarships.

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Recreation bills expected to pass

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A package of state Senate-passed bills to turn idle railroad corridors into recreational trails ran into a bit of trouble in the House of Representatives.

"The bills ignore completely the property rights of adjacent property owners," Eaton County farmer Fred Miller told the House Conservation Committee Tuesday.

"The title histories can be extremely complex. There are clauses that say the title reverts to the previous owners or their heirs" when the land is no longer used as a railroad.

"Thirty-five percent of the original grants (to railroads) were easements. The state would not get

clear title. How the Senate passed SB 834 and 835 without challenge is a mystery," said the owner of Thornapple Farms.

The bills are sponsored by Sens. Robert Geake, R-Northville, and James Barcia, D-Bay City. Both are running for Congress, and passage of their bipartisan package is likely.

The Conservation Committee approved Geake's bill without trouble but gave 11 to 5 approval to Barcia's.

Supporting the Barcia bill was Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills. "These turn out to be very popular once they're in place and managed well," she said.

Opposing it was Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton. He fought unsuccessfully to remove a subsection that he said could give later trouble.

The subsection says that state preservation of the right of way "shall not be treated... as an abandonment, discontinuance or cessation of the use of the right of way for railroad purposes." If upheld by the courts, that section would mean the rail beds aren't really abandoned and couldn't revert to the original owners' heirs, as farmer Miller argued.

Kosteva called the idea essential by a fiction.

Geake predicted, correctly, the bills would make it through the House committee and is confident of full House passage before the

election break.

"The package creates no new trails. Rather, it provides standards that ensure local input in the creation and operation of trails in Michigan," the western Wayne County senator said.

Geake said the Barcia bill is essential to the package because it contains the tools for Department of Natural Resources to secure title to the land.

The bills set criteria for trailway designation, set criteria for permitted uses, and allow DNR to contract with local trailway management councils to operate them.

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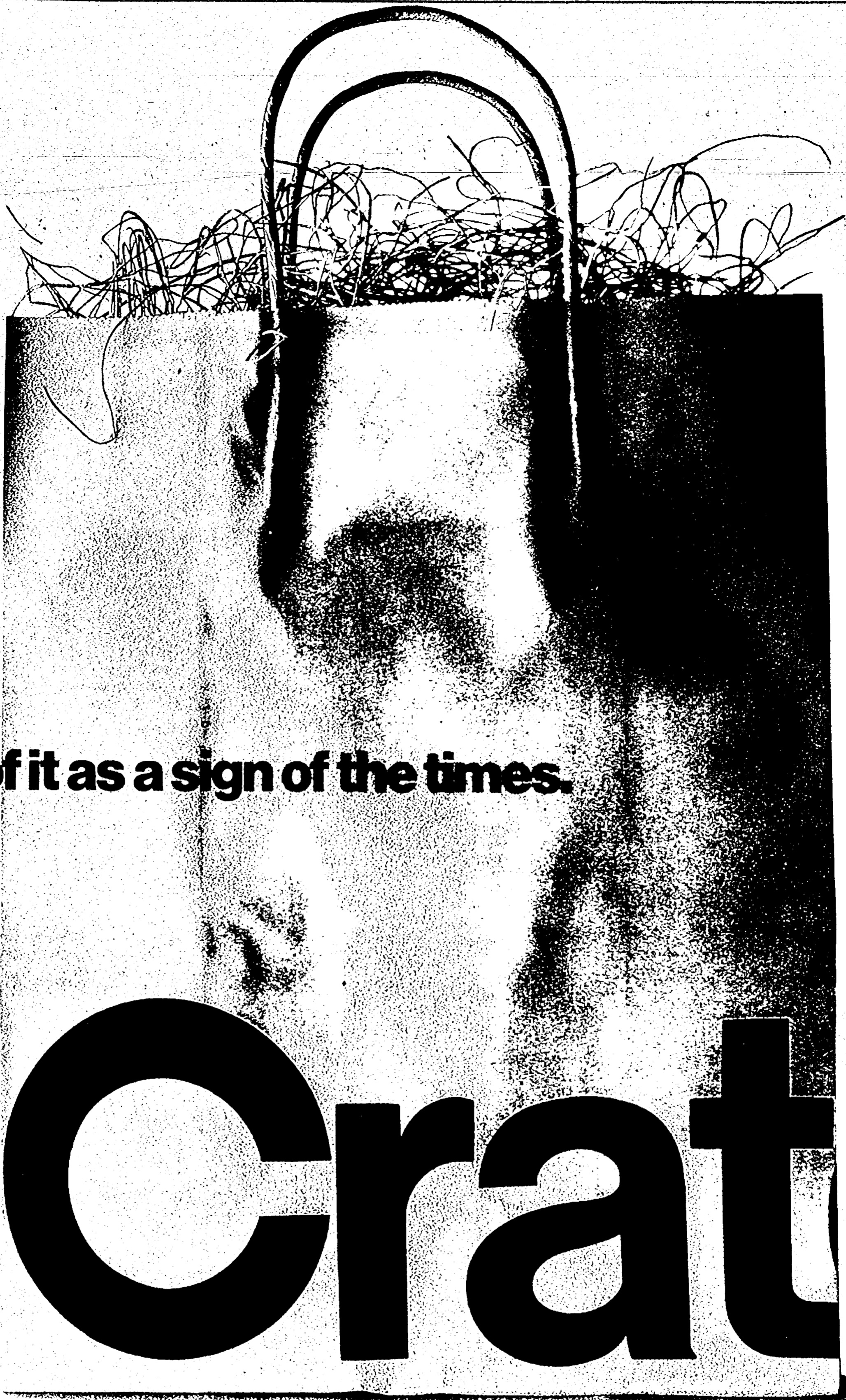
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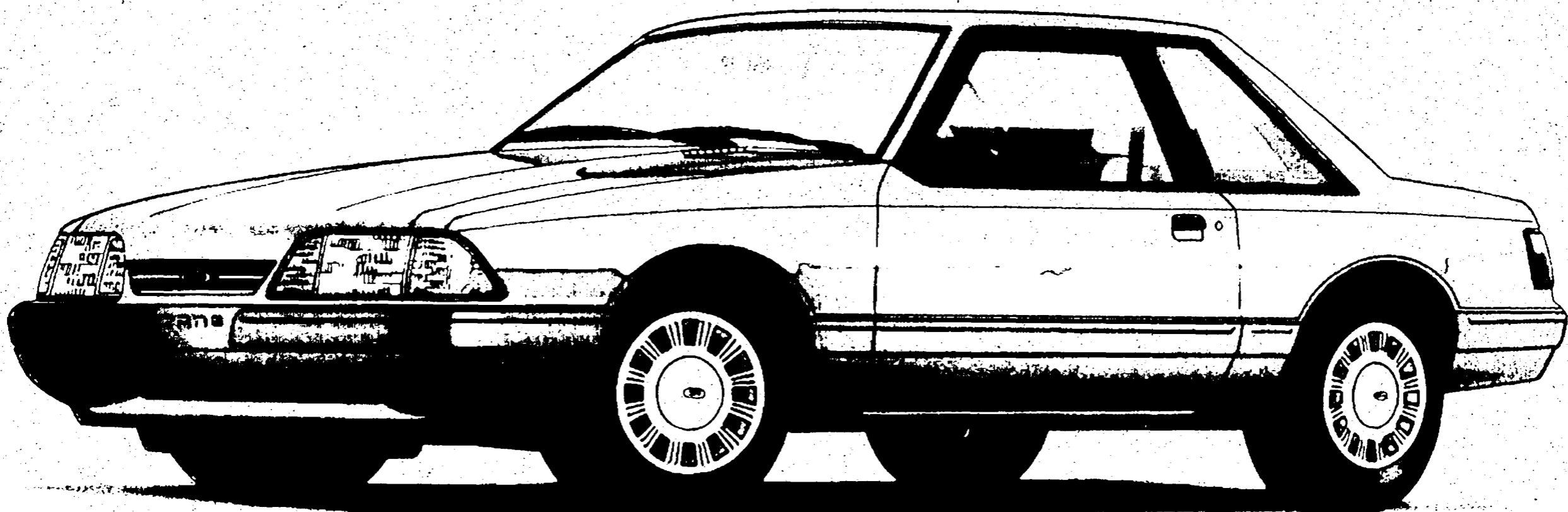
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Coming home

Rhonda Rutkowski Raylean of Westland has come home to start her teaching career. She has been hired as a fifth grade teacher at Johnson Elementary School, on Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburgh in the Livonia school district which serves the northern section of Westland. A 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, she is a 1986 graduate of Franklin High and the daughter of Donna and Stan Rutkowski of Westland. She is married to Jeffrey Raylean, a 1985 Franklin graduate and a 1991 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

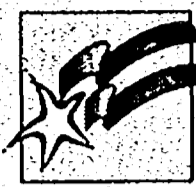
Road rally

A road rally co-sponsored by the Westland and Garden City Chambers of Commerce will be held Saturday night, Oct. 10, starting from the Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center parking lot. There is a \$15 per person fee, which includes prizes and supper. For a list of items participants should bring and an application form, contact the Westland chamber, 326-7222, or the Garden City chamber, 422-4222.

Differing cultures

Carmen Glen, a student of Churchill High School, which serves the northwestern corner of Westland, was a participant in Beloit College's First-Year Initiative Program, studying "Questions of the Self and the Other in the Americas." The FYI Program is a semester-long session for all first-year students at Beloit College in Beloit, Wis. The seminar began Aug. 15-22, meeting three to four hours each day, and then continues throughout the fall semester. There are 19 different courses for first-year students, all built along the theme "Our Changing World." The seminar examines how different ethnic and cultural groups from South, Central and North America co-exist with world views different from their own.

Bush to ride rails to Plymouth



President George Bush is coming back to the western Wayne County suburbs Saturday afternoon for the second time in a month. He will arrive by train in Plymouth's Old Village. Free tickets for local residents are available.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

President George Bush is coming back to western Wayne County Saturday for his second campaign stop within a month.

He is scheduled to arrive in Plymouth by train. "We're going to have the arrival of the train somewhere around 7 or 7:15 p.m.," said Peter Gaillard, a White House press officer.

The train — the mahogany paneled "Baltimore" — is scheduled to stop at

the railroad tracks at Starkweather just east of the Station 885 Restaurant.

"There will be a stage — he will not be speaking from the car but from a separate stage, we will build," Gaillard said.

Plans call for street barriers to be erected to limit access. Then, "We're looking to open up the gates to the public around 5 o'clock. There will be one entrance into the area," Gaillard said, on Starkweather south of Liberty.

Those wanting to hear Bush's address — "it might be somewhere in the

neighborhood of 15 to 20 minutes," Gaillard said — can seek parking at the Plymouth Cultural Center or Central Middle School.

"There is somewhat limited parking downtown," he said.

"There will be entertainment which we're working on currently," Gaillard said Tuesday. "Some high school bands, it's sort of fluid right now."

In a previous stop at a Canton Township park within the past month, the Garden City pompon squad performed for the president.

Plans call for the president to arrive at dusk. "We're looking to see the dark a little bit to our advantage, there will be a torch lit arrival," Gaillard said.

"There will probably be some bleachers, we want to make sure everybody

has a good view," he said.

As for politicians joining Bush on the platform, "It's safe to say the governor will be with him, beyond that we haven't gotten information," Gaillard added.

On Tuesday, a Bush spokeswoman at the White House declined to say why Bush was coming to Plymouth, adding his visit hadn't been officially announced.

The president and his wife are scheduled to stay Saturday night at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia.

The public must have tickets to get into the event. The free tickets are available at Plymouth City Hall, on Main near Penniman; Station 885 restaurant, and the Mayflower Hotel, on Ann Arbor Trail at Main.

Dems rap Quayle at 'Murphy Brown' party

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The announcement Monday that George Bush was coming to western Wayne County this Saturday didn't send area Democrats into hiding.

About 30 Democrats in this largely Republican enclave got a few digs in at Vice President Dan Quayle on Monday, during a "Murphy Brown" party.

"Murphy Brown," of course, is the name of a popular TV show and its main character, played by Candice Bergen.

Quayle last spring criticized the show as typifying some things that are wrong with America, as Murphy Brown chose to have a baby and raise her son with-

out a father.

His comments drew attacks from those supporting single mothers, claiming that Quayle was insensitive.

Anyway, the first "Murphy Brown" episode of the fall season — touted as a come-back at Quayle — seemed a good occasion for a party, said political activist and former Democratic Wayne County commissioner Bill Joyner.

He and Dennis Shrewsbury, a Democratic political activist, organized the gathering, held in the back room of the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth, not far from the Old Village business district where President Bush will visit Saturday.

They sent letters to about 1,000 regis-

tered Democrats in western Wayne County.

"We thought it would be fun to have a Murphy Brown equal-time party," Joyner said. "Family values defined by government is a non-issue. We thought we'd have fun with it."

Becky Tavarozzi ate a hamburger as the throng awaited the start of the show. "I think there should be a show of strength that there are Democrats in this area," she said.

Quayle, said Lynn Smelser, "just made a fool of himself."

Placed around the room were several signs hand-written by local high school government students. Among them were "Quayle Start Packing Your Golf

Clubs," "George Bush get Relected, Dan Quayle Spelt This," and "The George Bush Farewell Tour."

Facing one of the two TVs set on tables as showtime approached was Evelyn Devlin. "Now he's compromising, sending the baby a gift."

She was referring to Quayle sending Murphy Brown's "baby" a stuffed elephant.

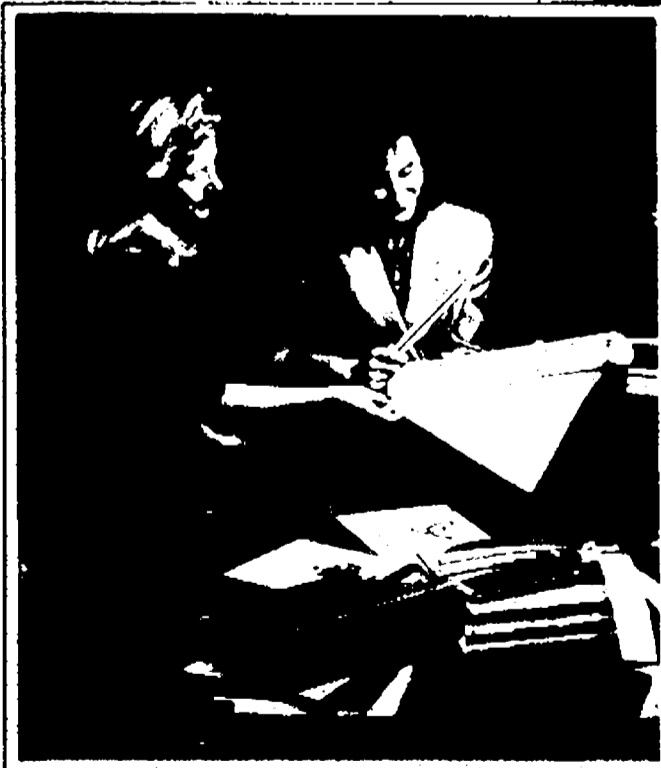
"What options did she have?" Devlin asked. "She could have had an abortion. Or she could have remarried her ex-husband and had an unhappy life."

Bobbie Krzywozcki of Ann Arbor, who is a Bill Clinton campaign worker, offered this assessment of Quayle: "He's a fascist pig."

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OBITUARIES

OLGA PIASTA
Services for Mrs. Piasta, 82, of Westland were held Sept. 19 from St. Kenneth Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. William Pettit officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mrs. Piasta died Sept. 16 in Wayne. She was born June 26, 1910, in Poland, a homemaker, former Detroit resident, and a member of Our Lady Queen of Angels, Detroit.

Survivors are sons Richard of Huntville, Texas, and Thomas of Canton Township; daughter Carol Gutowski of Plymouth; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister Stella Towas of Cadillac, Mich.; brother Roman Iwaszkiewicz of Oscoda, Mich.

Memorials may be sent to St. Hyacinth College and Seminary, c/o Franciscan Order, Granby, Mass. 01033.

Arrangements were by Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth.

JOSEPH JOHN VESCOZO

Services for Mr. Vescoso, 69, of

Westland were held Sept. 22 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland, with Fr. John Hall officiating. Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Vescoso died Sept. 19 in Wayne. He was born June 10, 1923, in Detroit. He was a Ford Motor Co. metal finisher, UAW member and member of St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland.

Survivors are wife Pauline; sons David of Westland and Michael of Westland; grandson Jake; brothers James, Charles and Victor and sisters Mary Petch and Jessie.

Memorials may be made through mass cards at St. Richard Church.

BETTY JEAN HIGDON

Services for Mrs. Higdon, 54, of Wayne were held Sept. 23 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland with Rev. Jack Story officiating. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Higdon died Sept. 18 in Garden City. Born May 31, 1938, in Louisville, Ky., she was a homemaker and member of Grace Independent Baptist Church.

Survivors are husband Tom; son Tommy of Port Lauderdale, Fla.; daughters Bettyann Kyle of Wayne and Barbarasue Lemmon of Wayne; grandchildren Chris, Dwayne and Shannon Lemmon; Jesse and Zachary Kyle, and sister Donna Coffey of Phoenix, Ariz.

GERTRUDE HAVERSTICK

Services for Mrs. Haverstick, 77, of Redford Township were held Sept. 24 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with the Rev. Thomas Belczak officiating. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Haverstick died Sept. 20. Survivors are husband, Harold; son, James of Westland; four grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Bertha Hanhardt and Anna McCallum.

Race walker takes it one step at time to marathon

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

After being hospitalized for yet another heart attack about eight years ago, doctors told Ed Andrysiak he was close to death and should move to a convalescent home. At 70, he was overweight and out of shape.

Andrysiak wasn't so sure about that medical advice. "I was taking more pills, but they never did any good," the Plymouth Township resident said.

Andrysiak's daughter, Judith Rudzewicz, also doubted the doctors' wisdom, and insisted that her dad move in with her family in Colony Farms.

Andrysiak, a widower, agreed in a New York minute.

Recovering was a struggle. Climbing stairs was too taxing, so Andrysiak had to sleep in the dining room.

By exercising, he began slimming his 5-foot-11, 212-pound frame. "I went from a 44 waist to a 34 waist," he said.

Progress came a step at a time. "When I started, I would walk with a cane across the street and sit down on the curb. Then I'd walk

back," recalled Andrysiak, who established the "Holy Strollers," a club of 50 walkers at St. John Neumann's Catholic Church in Canton.

Retired from Detroit's Murray Corp. and Ford Motor Co. where he worked as a general foreman and senior analyst for 42 years, Andrysiak worked his way up to walking two houses down and back. Even that was risky. "I had to take my pulse and find my heart rate" — doctor's orders, he said.

After three months, Andrysiak, a baseball and softball player much of his life, was walking a quarter mile. A few years later, one of Andrysiak's 18 grandchildren, a marathon runner, talked him into trying the 26.2 mile distance.

Andrysiak entered his first marathon, the Free Press International Marathon, in 1989. "My intention was to go 13 miles. When I came to the 13-mile point, I was fresh. I thought, 'Let's see how far I can go,'" said the great-grandfather of five.

To his amazement, he finished, racewalking in a time of six hours and 37 minutes.

Determined to improve, Andrysiak entered the 1990 Free Press

and knocked 10 minutes off his finishing time. He won the marathon's most improved runner award in the process. He repeated the feat last year, completing the marathon in 6:16.

Last year, Andrysiak was the oldest racewalker and the third oldest entrant in the Free Press marathon.

"This year's race is special, not only because he's in shape to race-walk even faster, but because he hopes to set a personal fund-raising record as well."

The tanned, lean Andrysiak in 1991 raised \$350 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, beneficiary of the Free Press marathon. He did it with the inspiration of a parishioner from St. John Neumann recently diagnosed with the incurable nerve disease.

"This year, I'm going for broke," says Andrysiak. "My six children, who are scattered all over the U.S., are raising pledges for me."

Maya's Delicatessen, a Plymouth eatery, is sponsoring Andrysiak in the marathon. Anyone interested in pledging money for M.S. in Andrysiak's name may do so by calling Maya's at 453-6870 or Andrysiak at 455-9042.

Madonna University to offer session for hearing-impaired

Madonna University in Livonia will add a session for hearing-impaired students to its second Elderhostel program for senior citizens Oct. 3-17.

"Since Madonna has the communication resources necessary, we have added a second week of classes for deaf and hearing-impaired persons," said Dr. Anita Herman, program coordinator. "This is a great way to create opportunity for all older adults."

Elderhostel is a non-profit, educational program for people 60 and older who want to continue to expand their horizons and develop new interests.

The program features short-term courses hosted by educational institutions from around the world. No

credit is granted and no homework or testing is involved.

For more information call the university, 591-5096 or 591-1203 for TTY users.

The session for hearing students will be Oct. 3-9 and classes for hearing-impaired students, conducted in American sign language, are set for Oct. 11-17.

Each session will offer three college-level liberal arts courses centered around the history and culture of Detroit. They are:

"Work, wages and Wheels: Detroit's Impact on the American Dream" — discover through lectures and field trips how the labor movement in Detroit's automotive industry changed the American workplace and study the lasting im-


part of assembly lines and labor unions on our economy.

"The Detroit Connection: Underground Route to Freedom" — study life in hiding and visit important stops in Detroit and Amherstburg, Ontario while retracing the movement of slaves from the South to freedom.

"Brushstrokes and Bricks: Art and Architecture in Detroit" — experience the unique art and architecture generated in multicultural Detroit and visit and study historic and contemporary works that reflect the urban setting.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Bridal business saga unearths broken promises

Businesses do go under. Suppliers, employees and customers get hurt.

But somehow the ongoing saga of the disappointments the owners of a chain of bridal salons have wrought on hundreds of brides-to-be and their families unleashes a particular anger.

It's estimated that about 5,000 women from all over the metro area, at what is supposed to be one of the happiest times of their lives, may have been duped by Gary and Donna Gottschling, owners of six bridal shops centered in Birmingham.

Sara Kominars of Bloomfield Township was married Sunday in a gown she had to order directly from the manufacturer after Boulevard Bridal broke several delivery dates. Her deposit was on a credit card, which the company appears to be willing to take off her bill. But several of her bridesmaids' deposits were by cash or check.

Kimberly Darling of Livonia was "strung along" until three days before her Aug. 15 wedding after ordering a dress from Today's Bride last January.

Panicky, she called Jacobson's, which was able to get the same wedding gown shipped overnight to them and altered before she exchanged vows.

Tuesday morning, an unidentified woman was seen filling out a report at the Birmingham Police Department against the Sue Gordon Salon, probably the most upscale of all the Gottschlings' operations. She had put a substantial deposit down on a \$6,000 wedding dress, eight bridesmaid dresses as well as silk flowers and petticoats — in an effort at one-stop bridal shopping.

Birmingham has, without a lot of fanfare, been somewhat of a bridal capital — with five major bridal salons.

Jacobson's and Alvins offer complete bridal services, and continue to come to the rescue of a number of the brides left stranded by Gottschling operations.

I remember several years back, while shopping for a daughter's wedding, being surprised that the other three, each with a different name but privy to much of the same merchandise, were



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owned by the same people.

True, each had its own aura. If you happened on a Saturday to enter Boulevard Bridal, a long, low, warehouse-like building on Hunter, you generally had to take a number. Dozens of brides-to-be floated in and out of dozens of dressing rooms and back into the heavily mirrored main sales area — to pick out dresses, fully view their choices and be fitted.

Today's Bride had a more personal atmosphere. Housed in a small, two-story building on Birmingham's

bypass, it was a step up in sales and service.

Sue Gordon, surrounded by galleries and boutiques, in Birmingham's North Woodward "culture gulch," was the quintessence of bridal salons. Appointments were encouraged.

But today, it doesn't matter. Regardless of price, size of the order, or the atmosphere and service rendered, deposits were taken for dresses the Gottschlings allegedly knew would not be shipped by the manufacturer because of unpaid debts.

Managers were also directed to sell dresses off the displays as new, according to an investigation by the Oakland County prosecutor.

Now, several thousand brides later, the prosecutor, Detroit's Office of Consumer Affairs and the Birmingham Police Department are closing in. A temporary restraining order has been issued preventing the owners from taking money for dresses not in stock.

And as of Tuesday morning, more than 50 reports had been filed with Birmingham police by women willing

to testify against the owners.

The Gottschlings were due in the prosecutor's office Wednesday, business records in hand, to answer questions under oath.

Through it all, the Gottschlings have been lying low. A statement was released that they are in negotiations to sell the bridal shops "because of adverse publicity." Recently, they apparently worked out an agreement to have dresses shipped from the manufacturer directly to brides who have weddings in the next 30 days.

Businesses do go under. Suppliers, employees, customers do get hurt. But rules exist for bankruptcies and closing businesses which don't seem to have been followed here. Somehow you hope these operators will be held fully accountable for their debts as well as the worries they've caused.

Judith Doner Berne is assistant managing editor for the Oakland County editions of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Quiz helps guide the way to November choices

Do him a favor. If you vote for President Bush, give him a Republican Congress. If you favor challenger Clinton, give him a Democratic Congress. Ticket-splitting means gridlock.

How do you decide if you're a Republican or Democrat? The abortion issue is useless. The Republican platform condemns it, the Democratic platform is pro-choice, but party members are split down the middle, if you've followed our news reports.

In this quiz, pick the answer that is closest to your opinion.

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
A. "Just 12 years ago, the forces of freedom were in tattered retreat. We all remember the flickering television images of blindfolded Americans being degraded by thugs. . . (With Iraq, Bush) did what a president must do. He led from powerful convictions

based on American values."
B. "Under Bush, crises have been managed, rather than prevented; dictators like Saddam Hussein have been wooed, rather than deterred. . . A post-Cold War restructuring of American forces will produce substantial savings beyond those promised by the Bush Administration. . ."

2. FREE TRADE.
A. "Now a huge international market is evolving. . . unprecedented economic opportunity. . . The free trade agenda for the next four years starts with the signing of a North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico. . . with 360 million consumers and a total output of \$6 trillion."
B. "Republican administrations pursued irresponsible free trade pacts, including one with Mexico where workers earn substandard wages and American corporations are rewarded for sending



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3. ATTITUDE TO BUSINESS.
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greater degree than any society on earth. . . because of an economic system that allows men and women to create wealth for themselves. . ."

B. "CEOs who pay themselves 100 times what they pay the average worker shouldn't get big raises unrelated to performance. . . (Our policy is) in contrast to the Republican policy of leniency to white collar crime, which breeds cynicism in poor communities. . ."

4. FAMILY VALUES.
A. "The two-parent family still provides the best environment. . . (W)here the father has deserted his family, children are more likely to commit a crime, to drop out of school, to become violent, to become teen parents, to take illegal drugs, to become mired in poverty, or to have emotional problems. . . We will re-

move the marriage penalty in the tax code. . ."

B. "Governments don't raise children, people do. People who bring children into this world have a responsibility to take care of them and give them values, motivation and discipline. Children should not have children. . . (M)ake it easier for parents to build strong families through pay equity. . . We support a family preservation program to reduce child and spousal abuse."

The A answers were taken from the Republican national platform, the B answers from the Democratic state (no. 2) and national platforms.

Next week: AIDS, energy, guns and whatever I have space for.
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Madonna launches fund drive

Madonna University hopes to raise \$300,000 with its 17th annual corporate fund campaign beginning Sept. 30. This year's teams of volunteers from the local business community and Madonna will seek cash and pledges from more than 1,000 area businesses, including those

in Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth and Novi. The campaign will run through Oct. 14. James Bonadeo, chairman of Bonadeo Builders, will head the fund drive. He'll be assisted by Cathy Broadbent of Plymouth Township, Alfred DeFlavia of Security Bank and Trust, Donald

DiComo of Kamp-DiComo Associates, Charlotte Mahoney of Detroit Edison, attorney Jerry Raymond and Peter Ventura of Wonderland Realty Co. With more than 4,400 students, Madonna University is located at the corner of Levan and Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Wetlands bill in trouble again

Once again a wetlands protection bill is in trouble in the Michigan Legislature. "We've been swamped with packets of information," said House Conservation Committee chair Tom Alley, D-West Branch.

"There will be no vote prior to the election," Alley announced Tuesday as he adjourned his panel's meeting — 15 minutes late — without taking up Senate Bill 622. "In the House, we're afraid the issues will be politicized." The Legislature is scheduled to close shop Oct. 8 until after the election.

To a room crowded with people waiting to testify, Alley said, "I'm sorry we don't have time to hear you. You've had an impact." The bill first was aimed at stripping local cities and townships of their power to regulate filling in of wetlands. Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, rewrote it to give the state power to regulate wetlands larger than five acres and local units control over smaller ones. Identical timetables and paperwork requirements would be set up. In addition, Honigman wrote Senate Bill 807 setting up regulatory criteria for local ordinances. Honigman last winter won agree-

ment from almost all the affected parties — builders, local units and environmentalists. The Senate passed the bills overwhelmingly March 25. But lately the coalition has split apart. The Michigan Association of Home Builders accused the Michigan United Conservation Clubs of repudiating the deal. The bone of contention is "density credits" — a plan to let builders use smaller lot sizes in exchange for protecting wetlands. Wetlands ordinances are used by many Oakland and Livingston counties communities.

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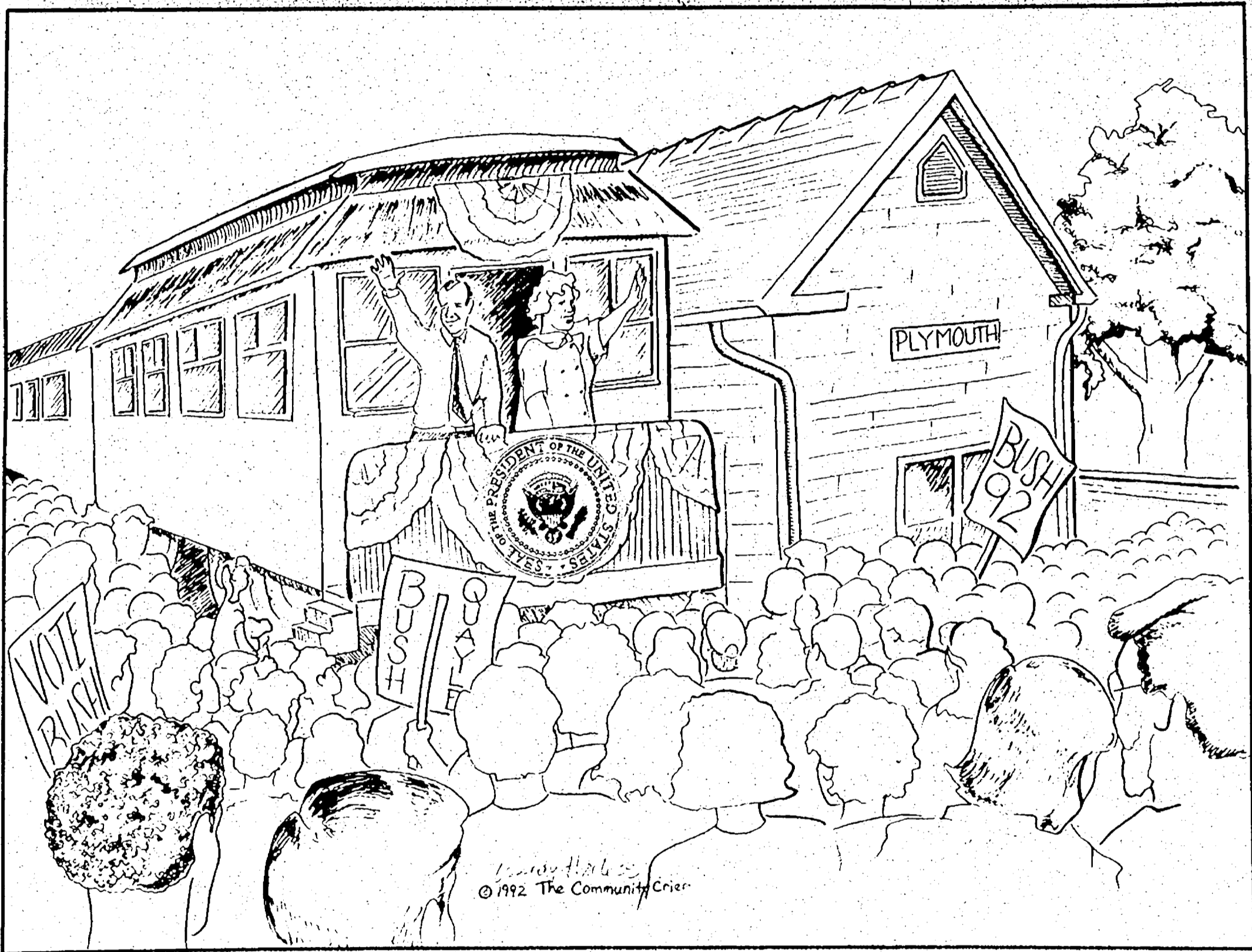
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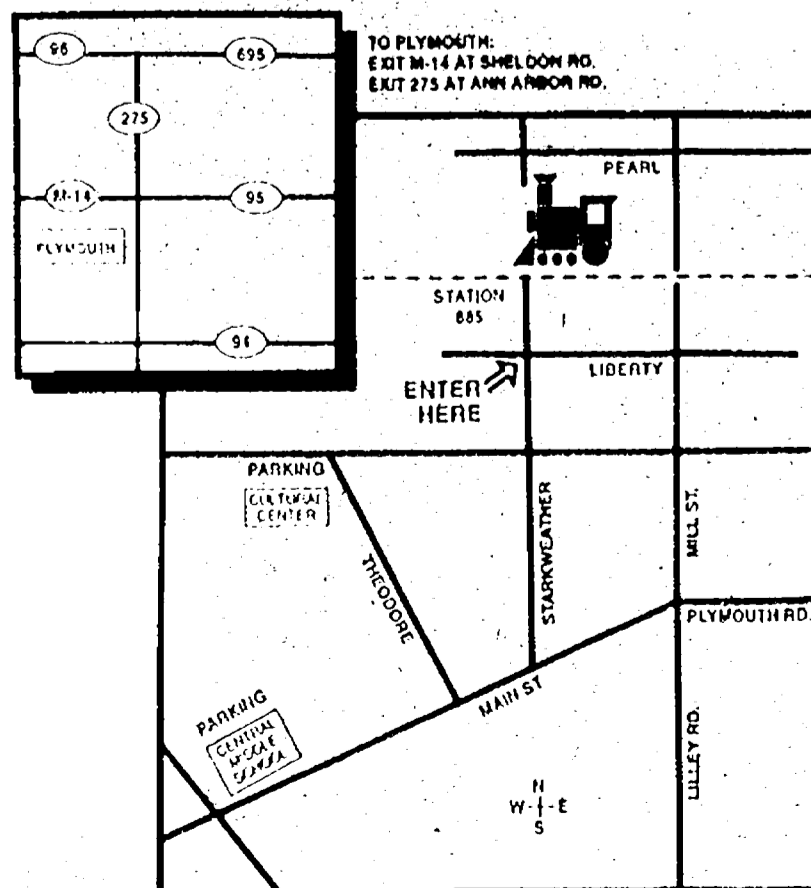


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La Casa

The second annual La Casa Music Festival will be 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward. Featured performers include David Rodriguez, Greg Trooper, Mark Germino, and Simon Bonney. All tickets \$15. For information, call 646-4960.

Golden Mushroom

In honor of its 20th birthday, for five weeks the Golden Mushroom, 18100 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield, is offering special six-course dinners along with their regular dinner menu selections. There are five different menus and each will be offered for one week starting Sept. 28. All dinners are priced at \$37 per person or \$47 per person with wine. Tax and gratuity are additional. For reservations and more information, call 559-4230.

Avon Players

Avon Players opens its 45th season with "Me and My Girl" a musical, Oct. 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24 at the playhouse in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call 375-1390.

Spotlights

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre Guild is sponsoring "Spotlights" a juried arts and crafts show in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University in Rochester. In addition to crafts, there will be informal modeling of costumes from past productions of Meadow Brook Theatre, a food court featuring a bakery, food demonstrations, tastings and other delicacies. Admission \$2, free parking. Call 656-9370 or 370-3316 for information.

Theatre Guild

The Theatre Guild of (Livonia-Redford) will present "The Cocktail Hour" by A. R. Gurney, 8 p.m. Oct. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, one block south of Five Mile in Redford. The play explores the often hilarious complications that ensue when a playwright seeks permission from his rather stuffy parents to proceed with production of a play which he has written about them. Tickets are \$7. Call 538-5678.

Dinner theater

Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills, just south of Long Lake Road, presents Broadway to Hollywood, now through Nov. 28. Cost \$23.95 includes dinner, show and one drink per person. For information, call 642-0100.

'Veronica's Room' a fine performance

BY KRIS SPENCER
STAFF WRITER

Performances of the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of "Veronica's Room" continue through Oct. 3 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital. For ticket information call 349-7110.

"Veronica's Room" belongs in the category of unnecessary plays," wrote critic John Simon when Ira Levin's thriller premiered on Broadway in 1973. Simon wasn't alone in his assessment. The show folded after 75 performances.

Nearly 20 years later, we find this "unnecessary play" opening the Plymouth Theatre Guild's 46th season. Considering the balance of the Guild's 1992 season including such favorites as "Matchmaker," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Noises Off" one must wonder why the group would open with a potential dud.

Taking a seat on opening night, I must admit I felt suspicious of what would follow. Then, in the true thriller fashion, I witnessed that all-important twist: it was a fine performance of a truly worthwhile play.

"Veronica's Room" is a fierce examination of incest and the dysfunctional family. Perhaps we weren't ready for it in 1973, but in this age of tabloid television and shock talk shows the play proves rather timely.

As the play begins, we witness a peculiar, yet seemingly innocent situation. An amiable elderly couple coerces an open-minded young

woman and her male acquaintance into following them home. It seems the young woman resembles another young woman who has since died from tuberculosis, Veronica was her name.

The couple tell the young woman of Veronica's psychologically unbalanced sibling Sissy. Apparently a good deal of Sissy's problem revolves around her delusion that Veronica is alive and angry at her.

While showing the young woman a picture of Veronica, they convince her that she is the answer to Sissy's problem: all she has to do is dress up as Veronica and reassure Sissy that she holds no animosity. With some hesitation the young woman agrees. But once she's prepared to act out of goodwill, she finds herself a prisoner in Veronica's room and in the dead girl's identity.

The evil to evolve in the play's second act involves the elderly couple and young woman's male acquaintances masquerading as Veronica's bitter, abusive parents and the well-paid family physician. What ensues is a mind game of truly twisted proportions, culminating in guilt trips, psychological breakdowns and murder.

In "Veronica's Room," playwright Levin ("Rosemary's Baby," "Stepford Wives") paints a disturbing, if not extreme portrait of the horrors of incest. Yet, despite its extremes, the show succeeds where most of our current pop culture fails on this grim subject: it conveys with precision the living hell of incest victims, without the schmaltz of made-for-TV movies, nor the gaudy



BILL BREWSTER/STAGE PHOTOGRAPHER

Show time: "Veronica's Room" showcases the talents of several local actors, including Kathleen Lietz and David McKnight.

sensationalism of Oprah and Geraldo.

By choosing Levin's play as its season opener, the Plymouth Theatre Guild exhibits the sort of gutsiness which makes for great theatre.

"Veronica's Room" stars David Price, Kathleen Lietz, David McKnight and Francine Hachem.

The director is Sally Dubatz, assisted by Janice Anderson. The producer is Deborah Kandler.

This play is not recommended for children.

Kris Spencer is a Birmingham-based freelancer, who specializes in music and entertainment articles in the metro area.



On the road: Michigan Opera Theatre artists Betsy Bronson, Maria Cimorelli, Karl Schmidt and Mark Vondrak will present a concert in Livonia on Oct. 9.

Michigan Opera Company to present show in Livonia

The Livonia Arts Commission will sponsor a musical presentation by the Michigan Opera Theatre entitled "Broadway Ala Carte" 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the Livonia Civic Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, in Livonia.

Singers from the Michigan Opera Company will present excerpts from "Brigadoon," "My Fair Lady," "Cats," "West Side Story," as well as a Rogers and Hart medley and Irving Berlin dance hits.

The singers are Betsy Bronson, mezzo-soprano, Maria Cimorelli,

soprano, Karl Schmidt, tenor, and Mark Vondrak, baritone.

Also featured will be six members of the Marquis Theatre Children directed by Inge Zayti of Northville.

Tickets can be purchased at the door beginning at 7:15 p.m., or obtained in advance at the Community Resource Office in Livonia City Hall on the fifth floor.

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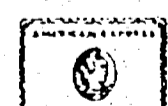


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BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

If someone didn't tell you about Grecian Tower Restaurant, you might miss it. Tucked in the Merri 5 Plaza on busy Five Mile Road in Livonia, Grecian Tower Restaurant serves up delicious home-cooked food daily.

You'll feel like, and be treated like, family. Steve Kaplantzes and his wife Sylvia opened the restaurant 20 years ago. Both were born in Greece. In October they'll be celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary. The Kaplantzes live in Livonia. They are active members of Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth Township, and supportive of community events.

Steve Kaplantzes said he learned how to cook while working at his uncle's restaurant in Detroit. Before opening Grecian Tower, he operated a coney island and barbecue carryout restaurant.

"This restaurant was dad's dream, and people love it. Everything is homemade," said Emmanuel Kaplantzes who helps his parents at the restaurant as he has since he was a child. His sister older Sophia, a dental hygienist and mother of two, and brother Ted, an engineer, have also worked at the family's restaurant.

Grecian Towers serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The family shares responsibilities. You'll always see one them behind the counter or in the kitchen cooking. The restaurant is not fancy, but cozy and very comfortable.

Customers call Sylvia "the doctor" because her lemon rice soup helps soothe their colds. It's available everyday, in addition to a homemade soup of the day.



Family cooking: Emmanuel Kaplantzes his mother Sylvia and father Steven work together at Grecian Tower Restaurant in Livonia.

omelettes including a Spanish and Greek, French toast, pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, and ham. There are early-riser specials daily.

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Breakfasts are pretty much what you'd expect to see anywhere, visit, they featured stuffed zucchini.

Greek specialties include lamb chops, stuffed grape leaves, Mousaka made with eggplant baked with ground beef and topped with a gold-

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The Chinese-American Educational Cultural Center of Michigan is celebrating the Chinese Moon Festival Sept. 26 to Sept. 27 with special events and a 12-course gourmet dinner at Oceania Inn in Warren.

and under, and \$3 for adults. After the performance, children 12 and younger will be served a free Moon Festival meal as an introduction to Chinese cooking.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, a 12-course Moon Festival gourmet meal will be offered at Oceania Inn of Warren, 24845 Ryan Road, south of 10 Mile. The event will benefit the Chinese American Educational and Cultural Center. Tickets are \$35 and tax deductible.

For tickets, information, call 663-0099 or 756-4664.

The festival celebrates the harvest. "It's the most important festival in Chinese culture besides the Chinese New Year," said Paul Leung, owner of Oceania Inn of Warren and Rochester, and program president for the 15th annual Chinese American Educational and Cultural Center Moon Festival.

For more than 3,000 years, since the Hsia Dynasty, the Chinese have preserved the beauty of the full moon and bountiful harvests by celebrating when the moon is at its brightest in the lunar year, said Leung.

Center presents accordion concert

Veikko Ahvenainen, a world famous accordion virtuoso from Finland, will present a concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

His repertoire, in addition to favorite compositions for accordion, includes music by classical com-

posers such as Bach, Schubert, Sibelius, Scarlatti and Rossini.

The concert is in honor of Finland's 75th anniversary of independence. There will be a dance after the concert. Tickets \$6 per person. For information, tickets, call 478-6939.

In this concert, Ahvenainen will

play a variety of accordions, depending on the music to be performed. But his favorite is the Volkovich instrument, the Bajan, which was made especially for him by master craftsman Jury Volkovich in Moscow, Russia. This handmade instrument is fully chromatic on both melody and bass sides.



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■ CASSINI ENSEMBLE
The Cassini Ensemble will present their first concert of the season 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13 at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth. Ann Arbor. For information call 769-2999. Tickets \$12 reserved seating, \$9 general, \$8 students and seniors.

THEATER

■ GEORGE BURNS
The new George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts opens its doors on Oct. 2. The first show will star George Burns and his guest Florance Henderson Oct. 2, 3 and 4. The theater is in Livonia at Plymouth and Farmington roads, one mile

from the 156 expressway. For tickets, information, call 1-800-589-8000. Tickets also available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

■ TRINITY HOUSE

Trinity House opens its 12th season Friday, Oct. 2, with the musical "Spinning" by Patrick Presen. Season Tickets \$32 each. The Trinity House Theatre is at 38840 W. Six Mile Road in Livonia. For tickets, call 464-6302. The other season shows include "Damien" by Aldyth Morris, opening Nov. 27; the "Quilters," a musical by Barbara Daneshak and Molly Newman, opening Feb. 26; and "The Lion" by Carlo Goldoni opens May 21.

■ PLYMOUTH GUILD

Plymouth Theatre Guild is holding auditions for "The Matchmaker," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Sept. 22-23, on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile. The cast includes 17 actors, men and women with an age range of 17-60. The guild is also holding a general membership meeting 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Water Tower Theatre. Members, and those who want to become involved with the guild's upcoming season, are welcome. For information, call 349-7110.

■ HANUKKAH

"Annie" continues at the Jewish Community Center in the Aaron DeJoy Theatre, 6800 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Shows through Sept. 26. For ticket information, call the JCC at 661-1000 or Gurwin at 354-0545.

■ "FOREVER PLAID"

Three Guys Productions presents the international musical hit "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Preview, Sept. 26, 27, 29 and 30. For times and tickets, call 645-6666. For information, call 544-3030.

■ PLAYERS GUILD

"Catch Me If You Can" continues Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Water Tower Theatre. Members, and those who want to become involved with the guild's upcoming season, are welcome. For information, call 349-7110.

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■ NEW ORLEANS JAZZ

Pete's Cabaret New Orleans Jazz Band opens the Royal Oak Arts Council Library Series 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Royal Oak Public Library. The program is open to the public, call 549-1381 for information.

■ DETROIT SYMPHONY

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Halls, 1992-93 Michigan Bell Just Jazz Series opens with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and a big band tribute to jazz legend Duke Ellington, 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1 at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, call Ticketmaster 645-6666 or the box office 833-3700.

■ FOLK DANCE
The Detroit Folkdance Club meets 8-11:15 p.m. Fridays at Booksite Elementary School, Cranbrook Road at Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. For information, call 338-0524.

■ BLUES

"Blues and Boogie Woogie" by Mr. B, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, opens the Auburn Concert Series in The Performance Space, Building F, Room 119 on the Auburn Hills campus of

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Pianist to launch music guild series



Musical event: David Owen Norris, winner of the Gilmore Festival Competition, opens the Cranbrook Music Guild's 41st season on Oct. 27.

■ The Cranbrook Music Guild chamber music series offers concerts in the intimate library of the Booth mansion, a splendid English country manor house filled with art, antiques and beauty at every turn.

In a major musical event opening Cranbrook Music Guild's 41st season, the Detroit-metro area gets its first look at English pianist David Owen Norris, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in the Library of Cranbrook House (Lone Pine and Cranbrook Roads).

Winner of the new Gilmore Festival competition in Kalamazoo, Mich., Norris will perform Haydn, Debussy and Messiaen on a Bosendorfer concert grand at Cranbrook House.

Season tickets, which including all five concerts, are \$65 each and

patron tickets are \$100. Individual concert tickets are \$15 with students' half price. For information, call 751-2435.

The Cranbrook Music Guild chamber music series offers concerts in the intimate library of the Booth mansion, a splendid English country manor house filled with art, antiques and beauty at every turn.

"The library has limited seating of 175 to 200 and is a haven for music lovers who savor the intimacy of salon-like concerts," said program director Elaine DeWolfe.

The Larson/Alvin Flute and

Harp Duo, two young virtuoso soloists, will perform 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24. The popular Christmas concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 features the Brass Quintet.

An extraordinary ensemble, the Ying String Quartet will perform 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. Composed of three brothers and their sister, the ensemble won raves at their Lincoln Center debut in 1991.

The season will close 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 with harpsichordist, Bradley Lehman, a doctoral student and 1992-winner of the Guild's scholarship award.

The Cranbrook Music Guild was founded in 1952, due mainly to the love of music and enthusiasm of the late Henry S. Booth, son of the founder of Cranbrook, said DeWolfe.



Musical duet: The Larson/Alvin duo with Laura Larson, flute, and Kerstin Alvin, harp, will perform at the Cranbrook Music Guild Series on Nov. 24.

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The symphony, under the direction of Felix Reznick, kicks off its season 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 at Handelmann Hall in Temple Beth El with "Halloween Classics." All concerts will be performed at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile & Telegraph.

Under the direction of guest conductor Charles Greenwell with guest artists Marci Shulman, Mark Vondrak, and Lawrence Formosa, the orchestra will present a program

featuring "A Night on Bald Mountain," by Mussorgsky, "Witches Ride From 'Hansel & Gretel'" and excerpts from Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera."

Take a "Symphonic Journey," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 in the Sanctuary of Temple Beth El with guest artist Don Baker, oboe.

Plan to attend one of six performances of the Nutcracker Ballet with the Michigan Ballet Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at West Bloomfield High School or 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 at South Lyon High School. Call

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The new year begins with "Symphonic Fireworks," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 in the Sanctuary of Temple Beth El. The concert will feature Dvorak's "Carnival Overture," Gershwin's "An American in Paris" and Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture."

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How? "Home picketing," Manoogian said. "Let's face it, that's an embarrassing situation to be put into. Neighbors get upset."

The union also has petitioned to intervene as an interested party in rate hearings before the state Public Service Commission.

Edison recently imposed changes in benefits and working conditions this summer after declaring an impasse in bargaining.

Knox and the Teamsters have waged a similar battle since a half dozen beer distributors imposed wages and conditions in the spring of 1991.

"Every time we find any function individual distributors are involved in, we get out there," he said. "In one case it was the wedding of an owner's son. We held a mock wedding outside the church."

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Effective or not?

Some academics like Elizabeth Barkley, chairwoman of the department of management and marketing at Oakland University, wonder what personalizing the negotiations adds to the overall process.

"That doesn't lead to that better relationship," she said.

The unions ask — what other choices do we have?

Then there are boycotts.

Newspaper Guild employees in the Adams unit (Macomb Daily and Daily Tribune) have coordinated an advertising and circulation boycott while staying on the job.

"Our people are still working, collecting a salary, but they can take action that's very effective in getting a company's attention," Jackson said. "I think companies get nervous when they see you, the employees, you the union, reaching out to people."

Guerrilla tactics generally take longer to prompt action than strikes, labor leaders concede. But they press on while working the political process to make the hiring of permanent replacements illegal during a strike.

That practice has been available since 1935, but rarely used until President Reagan fired striking air traffic controllers.

"Prior to 1980-81, when Reagan fired PATCO workers, you never heard of it or it wasn't publicized," Manoogian said. "Companies were hesitant to use it. When the president invoked it, he gave companies the go-ahead."

"We've got to have that striker replacement law revoked," he said.

"If I were in a union with the new climate and atmosphere, I'd be worried about calling a strike," Barclay said. "If you're willing to go on strike, there's certain risks associated with doing it. In the current climate, there is no guarantee or implied guarantee of coming back."

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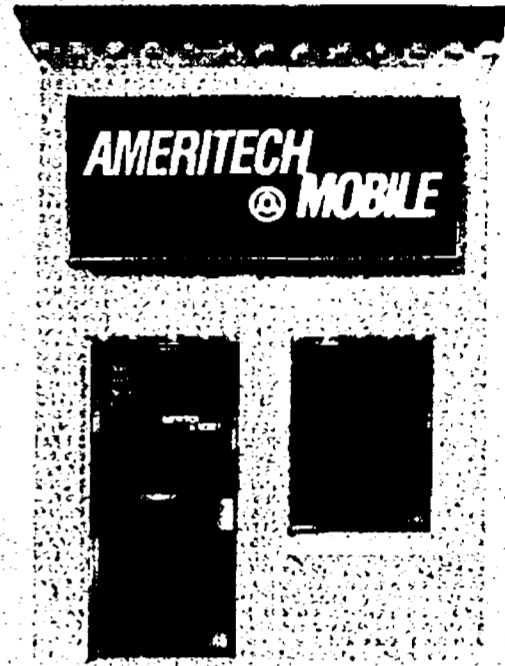


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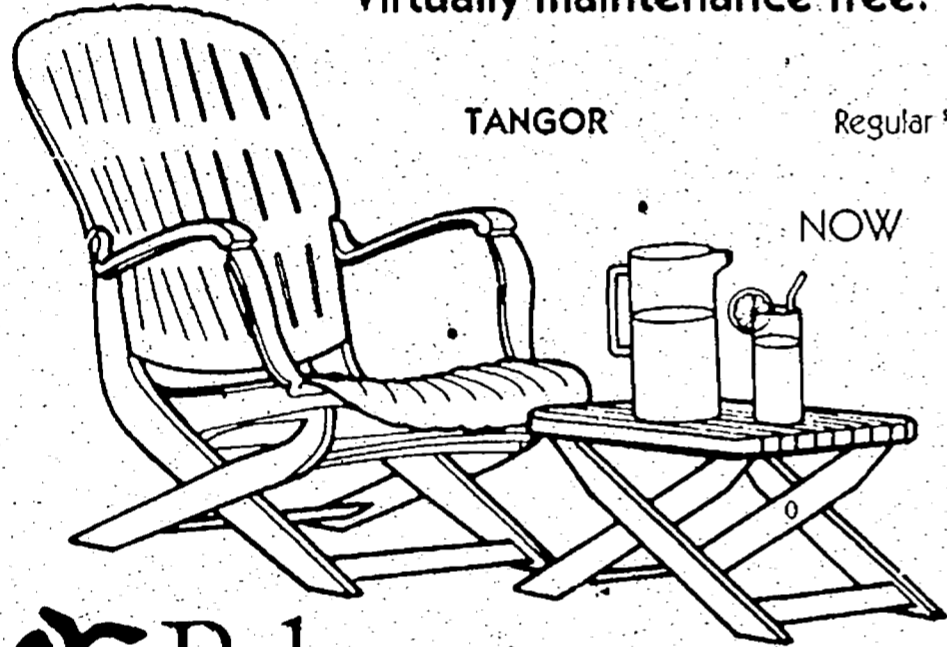
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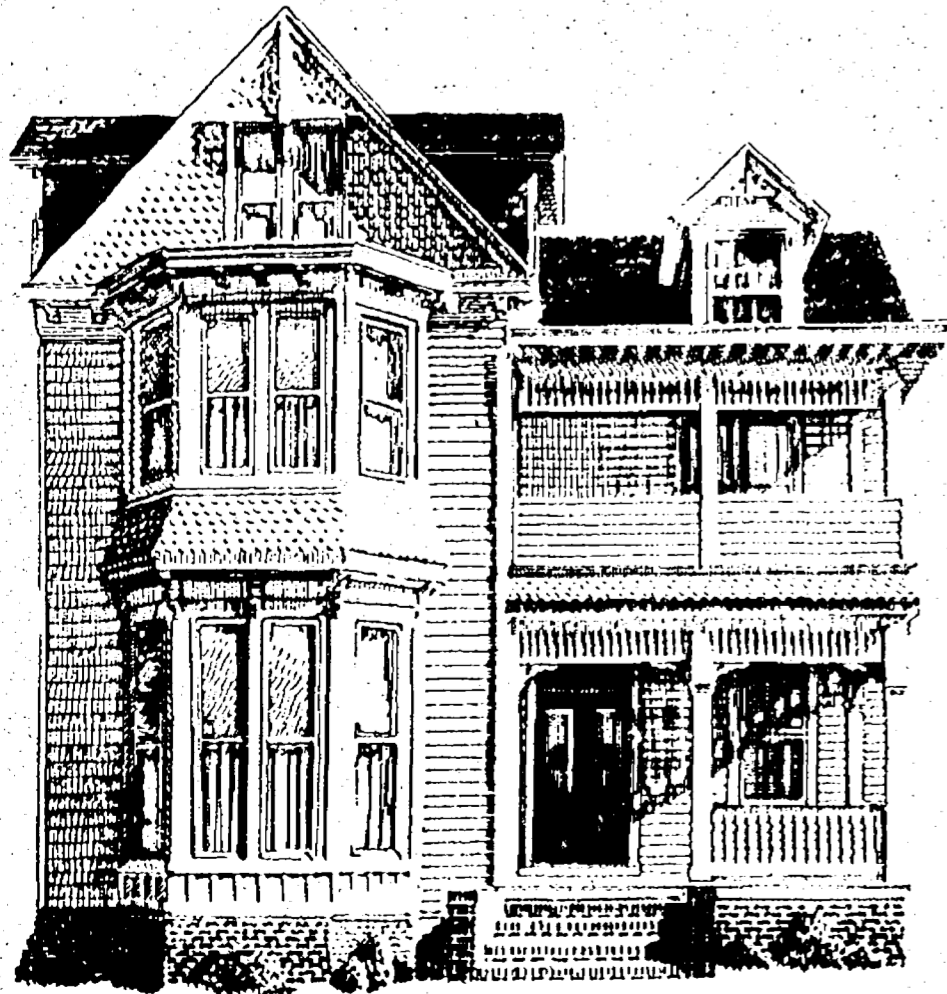
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Thomas J. O'Keefe of Royal Oak joined the staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia as vice president of business planning and physician services. O'Keefe came to St. Mary with over 10 years of health care experiences with his most recent years as a senior assistant medical director and director of professional operations at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

Timothy J. Cain, president of Cain & Associates, P.C., a Livonia public accounting firm, has entered into an agreement with Equity Search, Inc., a Buffalo New York, tax consulting firm, the joint entity, named equity Search in Michigan, Inc., will provide consulting services to client with IRS and states tax problems in the tri-county, Ann Arbor, Flint and Lansing areas.

Janssen Pharmaceutica is pleased to announce the appointment of Michele A. Orlando to the position

of sales representative in Detroit. prior to joining Janssen, she held the position of sales representative with Wallace Computer Services in Livonia. Originally from Westland, Orlando graduates from the University of Michigan with a B.A. degree in business.

Patrick A. Haggerty, self employed tax accountant, enrolled agent, and instructor at Schoolcraft College, has become a certified management accountant. He successfully completed comprehensive examination on accounting and related subjects and satisfied the required two years of management accounting experience.

Steven M. Kelley, principal of Kitch, Saurbier, Drutchas, Wagner & Kenney, P.C. was recently appointed chairperson of the environmental and energy policy committee of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

Jared D. Sparr, vice president at Sparr's Flowers and Greenhouse in Plymouth, has received the designation of AFID, awarded by the American Institute of Floral Designers. AFID is the most prestigious of all floral design designations.

John L. Loomis, M.D. of De-

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United Parcel Service in Livonia has honored Ronald Ritzler, Alan Pope and Richard Bettis of Livonia, Craig Rossano of Plymouth, John Walker of Westland, and James Sarna of Brighton for 20 years of service; and Deborah Standerfer of Westland, Gerald Gutierrez of Livonia and Lawrence Reynaert of Sterling Heights for safety.

Also, Scott Rice of Plymouth, an automotive mechanic, has been promoted to supervisor; Joe Lack of Novi has been promoted to Hub supervisor; William Eble of Rochester Hills has been promoted to on-car supervisor; Dave Bardram of Farmington Hills and Scott Greene of Westland have been promoted to human resources representatives; Tom DeMoss of Redford has been promoted to customer service representative; and Jon Cartwright has been promoted to Feeder on-car supervisor. To submit materials to this column please send a brief biographical summary along with a black-and-white photo, if possible, to: Business Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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To my surprise, Hutzel's private (LDRP) labor, Delivery, Recovery, Post-Partum rooms were among the most spacious and beautiful I've seen. I was glad and I'm more and more glad I chose Hutzel. Because at the last minute, my baby developed complications and a team of Hutzel specialists was right there to provide the care we both needed.

Like a lot of other women, I've learned there's no such thing as a routine pregnancy. Thank goodness there's Hutzel Hospital.

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Unions from page 1C

"We have a corporate campaign going on now," said Manoogian, who represents power plant operators, cable splicers, substation operators and meter readers at Edison. "We're exerting pressure on top management to let them know we're not happy. We're trying to force them back to the (bargaining) table."

How?
"Home picketing," Manoogian said. "Let's face it, that's an embarrassing situation to be put into. Neighbors get upset."

The union also has petitioned to intervene as an interested party in rate hearings before the state Public Service Commission.

Edison recently imposed changes in benefits and working conditions this summer after declaring an impasse in bargaining.

Knox and the Teamsters have waged a similar battle since a half dozen beer distributors imposed wages and conditions in the spring of 1991.

"Every time we find any function individual distributors are involved in, we get out there," he said. "In one case it was the wedding of an owner's son. We held a mock wedding outside the church."

"We went to a class reunion for one of the employers . . . (and

'A strike first of all is a weapon of last resort. It shouldn't be used unless it can be used effectively.'

*Doug Fraser
former UAW president and
current WSU labor studies
professor*

demonstrated in neighborhoods," Knox said.

The union also has gone out of its way to monitor expiration dates of beer shelf life, he added.

Effective or not?

Some academics like Elizabeth Barkley, chairwoman of the department of management and marketing at Oakland University, wonder what personalizing the negotiations adds to the overall process.

"That doesn't lead to that better relationship," she said.

The unions ask — what other choices do we have?

Then there are boycotts.

Newspaper Guild employees in the Adams unit (Macomb Daily and Daily Tribune) have coordinated an advertising and circulation boycott while staying on the job.

"Our people are still working, collecting a salary, but they can take action that's very effective in getting a company's attention," Jackson said. "I think companies get nervous when they see you the employees, you the union, reaching out to people."

Guerrilla tactics generally take longer to prompt action than strikes, labor leaders concede. But they press on while working the political process to make the hiring of permanent replacements illegal during a strike.

That practice has been available since 1935, but rarely used until President Reagan fired striking air traffic controllers.

"Prior to 1980-81, when Reagan fired PATCO workers, you never heard of it or it wasn't publicized," Manoogian said. "Companies were hesitant to use it. When the president invoked it, he gave companies the go-ahead."

"We've got to have that striker replacement law revoked," he said.

"If I were in a union with the new climate and atmosphere, I'd be worried about calling a strike," Barclay said. "If you're willing to go on strike, there's certain risks associated with doing it. In the current climate, there is no guarantee or implied guarantee of coming back."

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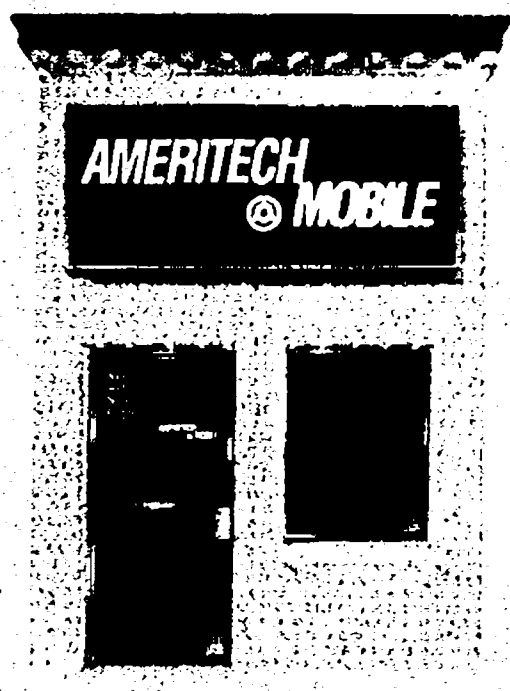
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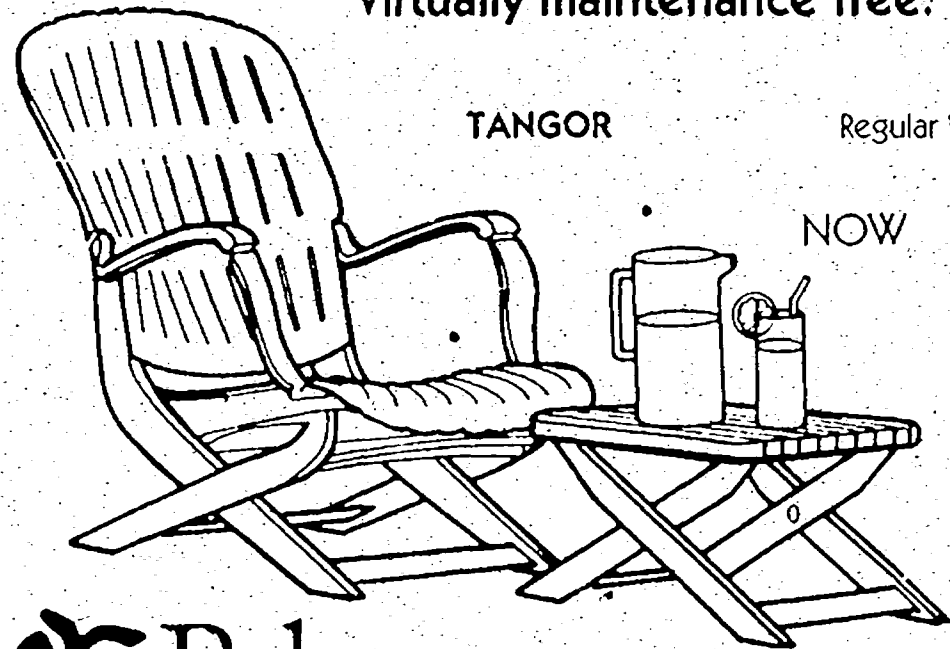
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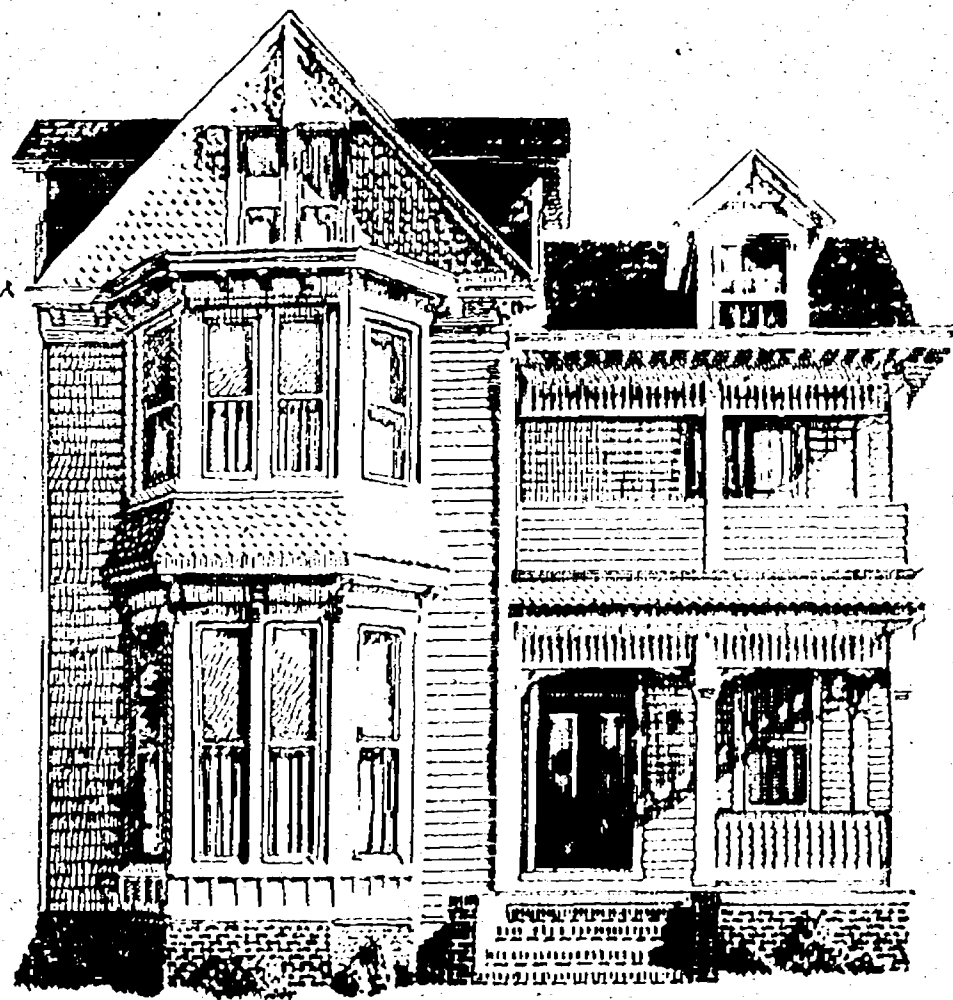
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BUSINESS PEOPLE

Northwestern Community Services is pleased to announce the promotion of Shirley A. Haynes to information systems coordinator. Haynes, a Westland resident, has been with the agency since 1988. First employed as an accounts clerk, she gained increasingly responsible duties in finance and personnel prior to her promotion.

Thomas J. O'Keefe of Royal Oak joined the staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia as vice president of business planning and physician services. O'Keefe came to St. Mary with over 10 years of health care experiences with his most recent years as a senior assistant medical director and director of professional operations at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

Timothy J. Cain, president of Cain & Associates, P.C., a Livonia public accounting firm, has entered into an agreement with Equity Search, Inc., a Buffalo New York, tax consulting firm, the joint entity, named equity Search in Michigan, Inc., will provide consulting services to client with IRS and states tax problems in the tri-county, Ann Arbor, Flint and Lansing areas.

Janssen Pharmaceutica is pleased to announce the appointment of Michele A. Orlando to the position

of sales representative in Detroit. prior to joining Janssen, she held the position of sales representative with Wallace Computer Services in Livonia. Originally from Westland, Orlando graduates from the University of Michigan with a B.A. degree in business.

Patrick A. Haggerty, self employed tax accountant, enrolled agent, and instructor at Schoolcraft College, has become a certified management accountant. He successfully completed comprehensive examination on accounting and related subjects and satisfied the required two years of management accounting experience.

Steven M. Kelley, principal of Kitch, Saurbier, Drutchas, Wagner & Kenney, P.C. was recently appointed chairperson of the environmental and energy policy committee of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

Jared D. Sparr, vice president at Sparr's Flowers and Greenhouse in Plymouth, has received the designation of AFID, awarded by the American Institute of Floral Designers. AFID is the most prestigious of all floral design designations.

John L. Loomis, M.D. of De-

troit, has been appointed staff physician at the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan. He will be responsible for coordinating medical care for Hospice patients within the City of Detroit.

United Parcel Service in Livonia has honored Ronald Ritzler, Alan Pope and Richard Bettis of Livonia, Craig Rossano of Plymouth, John Walker of Westland, and James Sarna of Brighton for 20 years of service; and Deborah Standerfer of Westland, Gerald Gutierrez of Livonia and Lawrence Reynaert of Sterling Heights for safety.

Also, Scott Rice of Plymouth, an automotive mechanic, has been promoted to supervisor; Joe Lack of Novi has been promoted to Hub supervisor; William Eble of Rochester Hills has been promoted to on-car supervisor; Dave Bardram of Farmington Hills and Scott Greene of Westland have been promoted to human resources representatives; Tom DeMoss of Redford has been promoted to customer service representative; and Jon Cartwright has been promoted to Feeder on-car supervisor.

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Chrysler move to suburbs sobering Masonry design contest entry deadline nearing



DAN McCOSH

I've always believed that urban sprawl was invented in Detroit, not in Los Angeles. Los Angeles merely got the credit, like they got the credit for Hula Hoops.

Regardless, the Detroit lifestyle, expressed in the pattern of highways, development and housing, has inexorably changed the way most Americans live.

What distinguishes us here is first, growth, the kind of growth that bulldozes and abandons as well as pumps hope into people's lives.

Mainly, however, it is growth of industry and commercial development that precedes most of the people and housing it requires to maintain it.

The great myth of Detroit is that its suburbs were formed by people fleeing the travails of the inner city — ridiculous on the face of it when

you realize the suburbs have 80% of the population and are still growing.

To paraphrase Chairman Lee, Detroit's growth started out in cornfields.

One could blame Henry Ford for all this, unless you ignore the previous pioneers that marched all the way out in the country to Mack and Woodward to found a catalog seed company.

But mainly, the auto companies built out in the middle of nowhere, in Dearborn, Flint, Lansing, or the GM building on West Grand Blvd., two miles from where the town houses ended.

In my lifetime, it was projects like the GM tech center, Northland Shopping Mall (the first big mall in the U.S.), and the Saline, MI plastics plant — huge blocks of commerce in the cornfields.

Land was cheap, utilities plentiful, and transportation easy. It was an odd formula for big incomes, short commutes, big lawns, easy shopping and a cultural wasteland.

Not many art museums in those cornfields.

The lifestyle is invasive today, and we are not about to turn it around.

Was it an accident, the result of economic engines pumping away silently out of control?

Sort of, but it also was the result of a pattern of real estate taxes, subsidies, and policies that encouraged it, giving the inside players each a share of the pie.

Chrysler's decision to move its headquarters from Highland Park to Auburn Hills was driven partly by its huge appetite for land, but also by the realization that the state was offering huge real estate tax subsidies to do so — not to mention current and federal money pouring in for everything from corporate depreciation allowances to an intelligent vehicle highway system in North Oakland County to handle the traffic.

There is, of course, no tax or obligation to clean up the mess left behind.

Witness the \$200 million in public funds, plus tax subsidies, it took to clear the site and keep the Chrysler-Jefferson plant where it

was — a facility less than half the size with low-paying jobs compared to the Auburn Hills technical center.

I am not altogether sure it is the role or responsibility of a corporation to do anything other than to take what it is offered.

In fact, tying the fate of a local community to the vagaries of an international corporation is ridiculous on the face of it.

Instead, it would be reasonable for the public agencies that make these policies to take note of their impact, and at least work towards a tax policy that is more rational.

I wrote these thoughts after deciding I was being a bit flippant in my first reaction to the carefully feigned surprise at Chrysler's decision to abandon Highland Park and head north.

The issues deserve more sober consideration.

Then, of course, Highland Park starts a petition drive to put slot machines in the old Chrysler design center. 'Nuff said.

Michigan architects participating in the 1992 Honor Awards Program for Excellence in Masonry Design must submit registration forms and a \$50 fee per exhibit by October 16, 1992, it was announced by Daniel Zechmeister, Executive Director, of the Masonry Institute of Michigan (MIM).

Registration forms will be mailed in August to member firms of the AIA Michigan — A Society of the American Institute of Architects.

The annual event is cosponsored by the MIM and AIA Michigan to honor distinguished accomplishment in architecture by members of the AIA Michigan. Cast bronze 'M Award' plaques will be presented to Michigan architects, owners and MIM member mason contractors of each winning project.

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■ Any building or project completed since May 1, 1989, is eligible for entry. Projects will be judged by three prominent architects from a major city not located in Michigan. The deadline for receipt of submission materials for judging is November 30, 1992.

Winning projects will be announced in March, 1993 at the 18th Annual Masonry Awards Banquet for Excellence in Masonry Design.

To obtain a registration form and rules, of the Masonry Honor Awards Program, contact the Masonry Institute of Michigan at (313) 458-8544.

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MARKETING INVOLVEMENT

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als is helpful to both parties and especially to an injured person. Animals also communicate with each other. Songs sung in spring are ways to get two individuals of the opposite sex together, and also to keep other males of the same species away. Call notes of birds are used to keep in contact with others and to alert others of danger. Just recently I was visiting Timberlands, a Michigan Nature Association preserve in northern

Oakland County and experienced an example of how animals warn each other of danger. I had stopped in a section of beautiful beech-maple forest to try and spot a woodpecker I could hear excavating for food. There were some other sounds from the forest but everything seemed calm. Then I heard the forceful sound of a chipmunk. When I turned in the direction of the sound, I saw a hawk fly down the pipeline clearing. The

sound of the woodpecker had also stopped. After a few moments, when the hawk was out of harm's way, another sound came from the chipmunk and the excavations of the woodpecker began again. This interspecies communication is not unusual. Warning calls of birds are recognized by other species of birds. Different calls can be given by a species to mean something different. For instance, if a bird finds a sta-

tionary predator it will alert others with a call that can be easily located. If the predator is moving however, the alarm call given is easily heard, but not easily located. That is because the bird giving the warning does not want to be located by the predator, yet it has warned others of danger nearby. A mammal, called the California ground squirrel, is able to communicate the kind of danger to others withing audible range. California

ground squirrels have one warning call that alerts others of a hawk or bird of prey approaching from the sky. Another alarm call designates a rattlesnake is approaching, and a third different alarm call indicates that a mammal predator is approaching. *Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.*

Cool weather right for fall color show

Cool weather may have dampened plans of Michigianians who thrive on summer, but fall color buffs should enjoy a spectacular viewing season, according to AAA Michigan.

"People are already getting excited because of reports that Upper Peninsula trees were changing color in early August," said AAA Michigan member services director Peter Erickson.

Weather conditions determine fall color. Bright sunny days and cool nights produce a good show. Daylight length is also significant. Shorter days cause leaves to stop producing chlorophyll and lose their green color.

Michigan's rainy summer helped growing conditions, which means that tree leaves will be bigger and healthier when they turn to autumn shades.

Late September marks the peak in the remaining northern third of the Lower Peninsula, early-to-mid October in mid-Michigan and mid-to-late October in southern lower Michigan.

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The NAACP-Inkster Branch, which serves 15 communities in western Wayne County, will present Michigan Supreme Court Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. at the annual Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner Sunday, Oct. 4.

Dinner and program are planned at 4 p.m. in the Holiday Inn-Fairlane, corner of Southfield roads.

Dinner proceeds will benefit the National NAACP and NAACP-Inkster Branch Scholarship Fund for undergraduate students.

Judge Sylvia James of the 22nd District Court will serve as emcee.

The dinner is the largest fund-raiser of the year for the 250-plus member branch which was chartered in 1967 to serve Inkster, Allen Park, Canton Township, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford Township, Westland, Wayne, Romulus and Taylor.

Tickets are \$40 per person, tax deductible and include a one-year membership.

For more information or tickets, call Dorothy Cooper or Eugene Thompson at 563-8685 or the NAACP-Inkster Branch at 595-3550.

Madonna honors Columbus

In honor of the 500th anniversary of America's discovery by Christopher Columbus, Madonna University will offer a series of free presentations in celebration of culture and diversity in the arts and humanities.

A video called "The Columbian Exchange" will be shown at 7 p.m. next Wednesday in room 251 on the Madonna campus. The film features the interchange of goods between the new and old worlds that made a lasting impact on history. It will be followed by a discussion.

At 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, there will be a mass in celebration

of multiculturalism in the campus chapel.

At 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 the Madonna University Chorale will do a musical tribute to Columbus in Kresge Hall featuring selections by Spanish composers of the 15th and 16th centuries.

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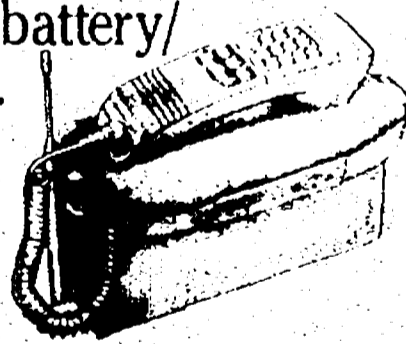
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REAL ESTATE NEWS

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points required by each mortgage lender. Points represent a fee charged by the lender at the time you secure your mortgage commitment. Each point is equivalent to 1 percent of the mortgage amount. Points are generally tax-deductible in the year paid.

you always have the choice of refinancing the mortgage if interest rates drop significantly.

A 30-year mortgage will enable you to make the lowest monthly payments. But the longer the life of the loan, the more you will pay in interest charges, and the longer it will take you to build equity in your home.

quires a payment every two weeks. When you pay your mortgage biweekly, you make the equivalent of extra month's payments each year, thereby reducing the life of your mortgage.

Adjustable rate mortgages. If you are buying a home with the thought of moving within five years, you may want to consider an ARM because they offer interest rates and monthly payments that are initially lower than fixed-rate mortgages.

Both 20- and 15-year mortgages are being promoted more widely these days. When compared to a 30-year loan, these mortgages offer home buyers an opportunity to save thousands of dollars in interest.

Biweekly mortgage are similar to other standard fixed-rate mortgages, except that the lender re-

visions for adjustable-rate mortgages, such as caps on interest rates. Also, look for an ARM that allows you to pay a fee to convert it to a fixed rate loan.

Other options: Balloon mortgages offer interest rates lower than those for a standard fixed rate mortgage. They enable you to make monthly payments at a fixed rate of a specific period of time, usually three to seven years.

Graduated-payment mortgages enable buyers to make lower monthly payments for the first few years of the loan and higher pay-

ments later, when the buyer, presumably has a larger income. Although payments gradually increase, the interest rate on the mortgage remains fixed.

A shared-equity mortgage may also be appropriate for those on a tight budget. In this arrangement, you can essentially share ownership of a mortgage with another investor, including the owner of the property, a family member or the lender.

Cats' midnight meows a thorn in the side of residents

Our neighbor has two cats who continuously howl during the middle of the night and are let out on the common elements without leashes.



ROBERT M. MEISNER

How can we deal with these night prowlers?

Inherent in the approval given to the co-owner regarding the maintenance of her cats is the expectation that he will live by the rules of the condominium and the appropriate ordinances of the municipality in which the condominium is located.

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We live in a recreational con-

dominium where there is a great deal of boating. One of the directors is an alcoholic who is extremely abusive to the residents even when he is on his boat.

Whether or not the member is a director, he is potentially creating a hazard to his health and the health of others. Obviously, there are local and state laws regarding this conduct. If it cannot be resolved internally, the association should con-

sider notifying the local authorities.

If, in fact, the member of the board is legitimately an alcoholic, he needs immediate attention for his illness. Perhaps the board can approach him and ask him to get help as soon as possible.

It may be appropriate for him to resign from the board of directors under these circumstances as it may be imposing liability on him and potentially the other directors, if he is in a constant state of intoxication. It is, of course, a delicate

subject and you may wish to consult with legal counsel for the association as to the best means of dealing with the particular director involved.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit topics you would like to see discussed in this column by writing Robert M. Meisner at 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms 48025.

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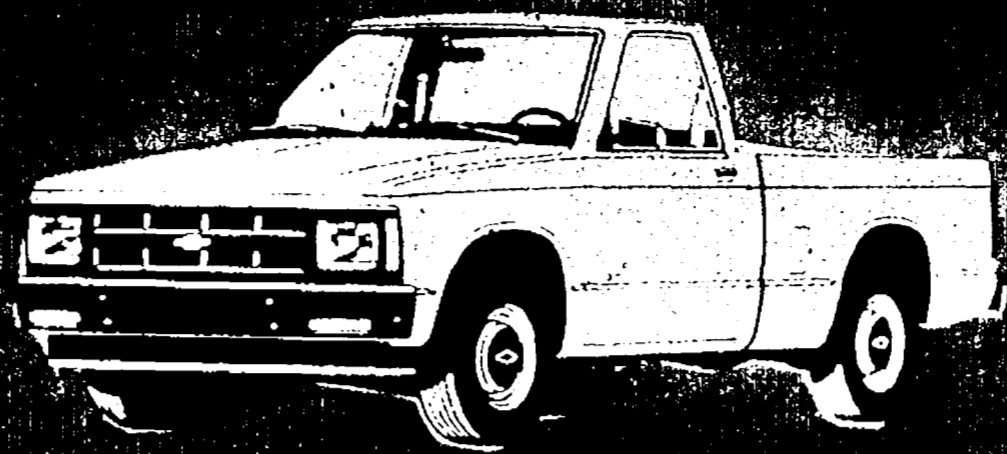
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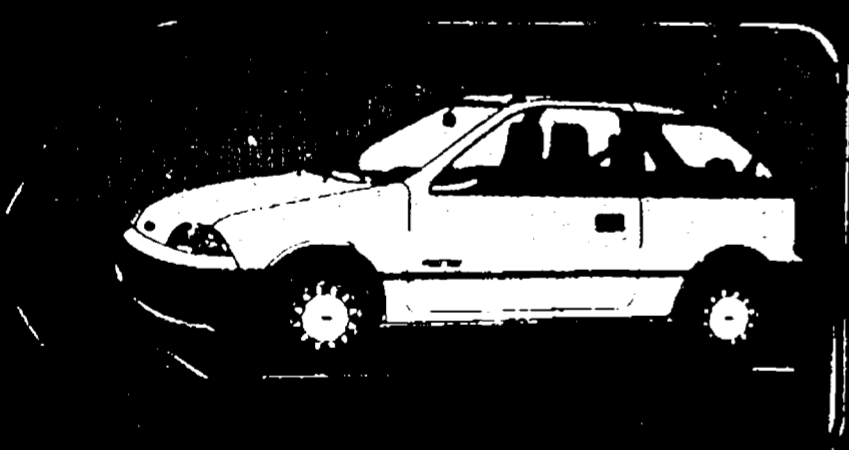
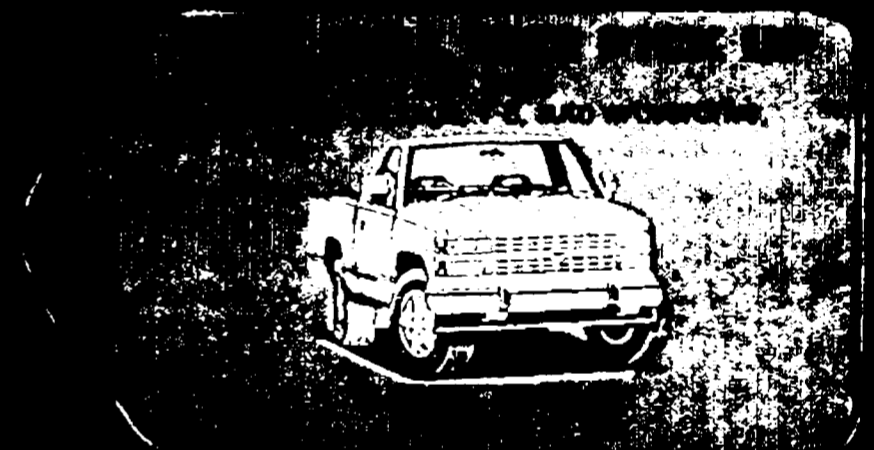
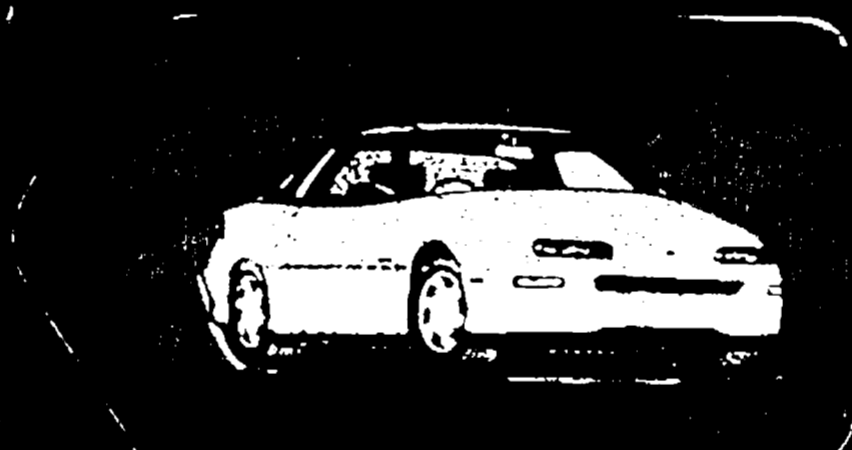
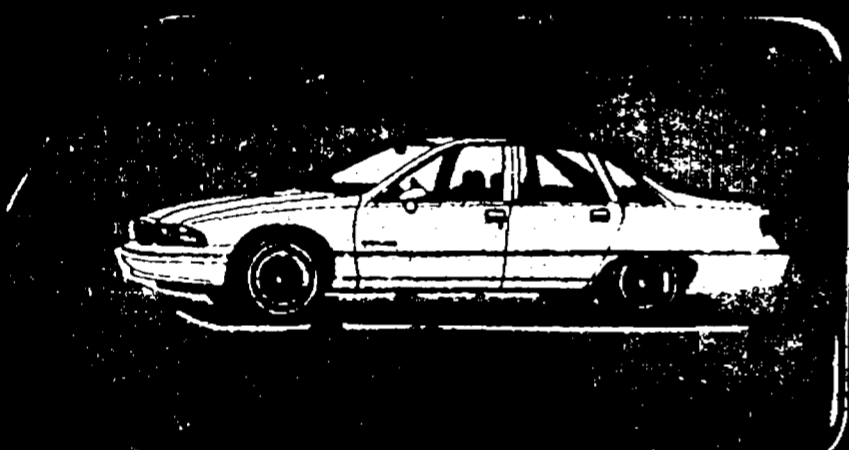
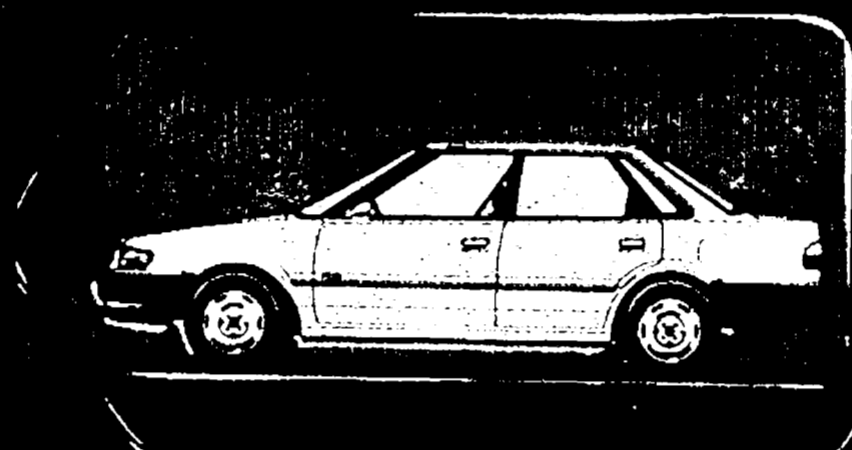
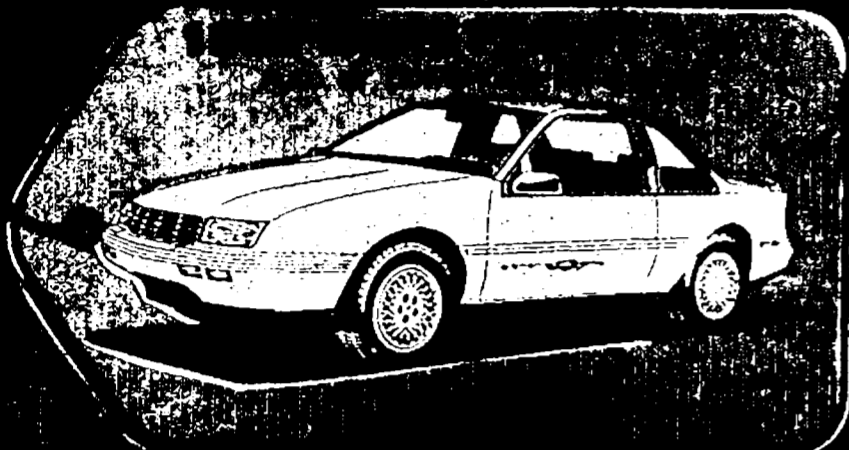
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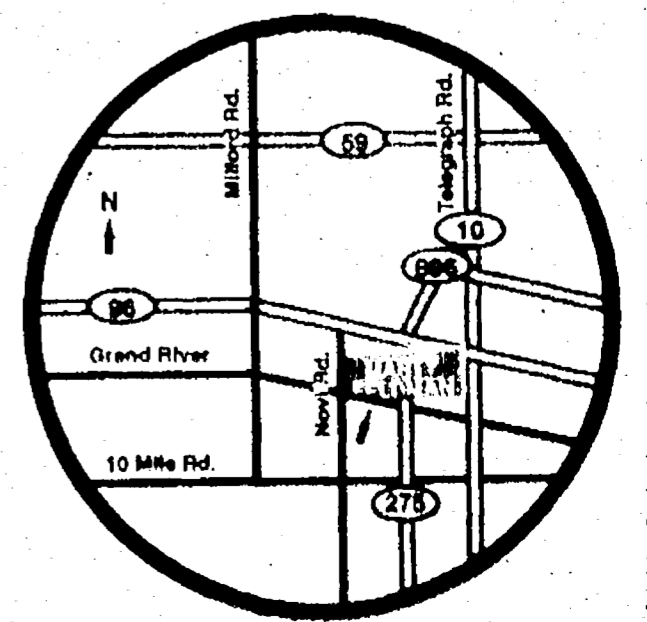
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McCann formerly was a property manager for Roger Kramer & Associates in Troy.

Labor's direction

ESD's Construction Activities Committee will open its 1992-93 luncheon series Oct. 6 with Miko Haller and Tim Nichols speaking on the future of labor/management relationships.

Haller is senior vice president of Walbridge Aldinger, where he is responsible for corporate labor relations, and vice president of the Construction Employees Council. Nichols is secretary-treasurer of the Michigan State Building Construction Trades Council.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Rackham Memorial Building in Detroit. Tickets are \$22 for members; \$25 for non-members. For information, call 995-4440.

Upcoming programs include: Pros and Cons of Design-Build on Nov. 10, TQM in Construction on Jan. 12, a celebrity luncheon on March 9 and a case study and tour of a construction project on May 11.

ESD's Construction Activities Committee was established to foster improvements in the construction industry and is comprised of members including design professionals, owners/users, contractors, suppliers and support services.

Economic development

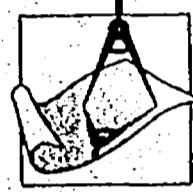
The Michigan chapter of the Association for Commercial Real Estate will host Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and L. Brooks Patterson, candidate for Oakland County Executive when they speak on economic development in metro Detroit at a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Reservation deadline is Oct. 7 for the 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. event at the Grand Manor at Fairlane in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25 for members, \$45 for non-members. For information, call Elmer Johnson at 255-0000.



Dream weavers

Luxury buyers seek more than status



Luxury home buyers take cocooning to a new level with top-of-the-line everything. Likely to be the last home they buy, luxury owners are more interested in the house fitting their lifestyle than in resale value.

Third of four parts

BY GERALD FRAWLEY
STAFF WRITER

Luxury home buyers have moved beyond needs when it comes to a motive for buying a house; now we're in the realm of dreams.

James Bonadeo, president of Bonadeo Builders in Plymouth, said luxury buyers want all the features of the move-up buyer, plus all amenities they can afford, but that's really not what they're buying.

"What's motivating them is not needs, but wants," he said.

"They have always wanted their dream home, but for one reason or another they could never have it."

Bonadeo said he has had luxury buyers come into his office carrying tattered, yellowed house plans that they've had for 20 years and ask him if he can build their dream home.

Dan MacLeish, president of MacLeish Custom Building Inc. in Troy, said defining a luxury home is not quite as simple as defining a first-time, move-up, or even a step-up house.

Builders and researchers often say \$400,000 and 4,000 square feet is a luxury home, but such statements are misleading.

"The difference between the upper end of the move-up market and the luxury market can best be described as the difference between the two buyers," MacLeish said.

"A move-up buyer walks into a house and the first thing he wants to know is how many square feet; the luxury buyer wants to know what he gets with the square feet," he said.

What the luxury buyer gets is as varied as the luxury buyer, he said, but there are some similarities among the home designs.

Almost without fail, luxury buyers demand first-floor master bedroom/bath suites. Frequently that means the ability to close off a "wing" of the home.

That "wing" will include the master bedroom/bathroom suite, and often a sitting room or library. They also often have their own heating and cooling systems.

"The only time they have to come out is to eat."

Nothing is mandatory in a luxury home, but some of the more commonplace amenities include front and rear staircases, two-story living rooms and

WHO THEY ARE: LUXURY BUYERS

	Luxury buyers	All new-home buyers
Average age	40	40
Household income	\$104,000	\$72,000
•One income	33%	37%
•Multiple incomes	67%	63%
Household types		
•Singles	16%	25%
•Couples w/children	58%	46%
•Couples w/o children	26%	30%
Number in household		
•One	5%	10%
•Two	36%	42%
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Source: National Association of Home Builders

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Housing permits surpass '91 pace

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Single-family housing permits in the Detroit-Ann Arbor metro area increased nearly 27 percent during the first six months of this year compared to last.

Permits were issued for 6,810 units through June, according to U.S. Housing Markets, a Livonia-based research publication of Lomas Mortgage USA, a national servicer of residential mortgages.

The survey area included Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe, Livingston, Lapeer and St. Clair counties.

Single-family residential permit activity nationally increased 24 percent, 14 1/2 percent in the Midwest.

"The only thing that strikes me about the local situation compared to the national is we're doing pretty darn good," said Brian Bragg, U.S. Housing Markets editor.

"Given the employment situation here and white collar layoffs in the last year or two, I think the numbers (of permits issued) have held up pretty good. It's not great, but not a disaster by any means," Bragg said.

Builders of single-family houses nationally are enjoying their busiest year since 1989, U.S. Housing Markets reported. But the recovery is one dimensional.

"The multi-family side of housing (apartments and attached condominiums) shows no inclination to bounce back," said Michael E. Patrick, president of Lomas Mortgage USA.

"Last year was the worst in more than 30 years for apartment builders and this year looks even weak-

er," he said.

Declining interest rates and modest resale prices provided incentive for the move-up market in Detroit-Ann Arbor, U.S. Housing Markets reported.

"Lower end doing well," the report indicated. "Demand steady for \$70,000-\$100,000 single family dwellings but weak for \$300,000 and up. Traffic and sales best in northeast M-59 corridor Macomb County and west in Canton-Northville- Novi area.

"Multis at low ebb, new construction lowest since 1983. Rental vacancy tops 15 percent in part of Oakland and Macomb counties, western Wayne where rapid apartment building occurred in last few years.

"Rents soft, landlords increasing services to keep existing tenants, offering rebates for stated occupancy periods. Concessions escalating. Older units suffering more as tenants demand modern amenities," the report concluded.

U.S. Housing Markets singled out Bernard Gliberman for boldly going ahead with a 400-unit single-family development in Ypsilanti Township near the soon-to-be-closed GM Willow Run plant.

Gliberman, president of Crosswinds Communities of West Bloomfield and president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, maintains that analysts are overreacting to one plant closing.

"What they're not looking at is between 1980 and 1990, 33,000 jobs were created in Washtenaw County," Gliberman said. "There is enough of a market, especially in



Going up: Builders of single-family houses nationally are enjoying their busiest year since 1989.

that (\$80,000-\$100,000) price range."

Detroit-Ann Arbor ranked 10th among metro markets in terms of single-family building permits pulled through June, U.S. Housing Markets indicated.

But several Midwestern areas scored higher than Detroit-Ann Arbor in terms of a hotness index — new housing units permitted per 1,000 population during the past four quarters — developed by U.S. Housing Markets.

Columbus, Ohio, with 3,713 single-family residential permits issued through the first six months, had an index of 7.1 per 1,000.

Detroit-Ann Arbor was 3.6. The index was 4.1 for the U.S. as a whole.

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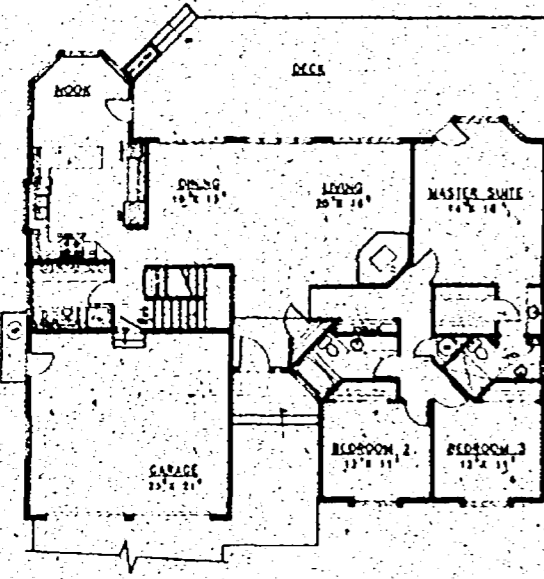
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The huge central living area could be outfitted as a family room or sectioned off as dining room and living room, depending on family preference. Behind the pellet-burning woodstove, which is seated on a large hearth, the clipped corner is lined with brick that holds and radiates heat long after fires have turned to ash.

Abundant counter and cupboard space wraps four sides of the large country kitchen. The counter that separates the kitchen from the nook serves as a buffet when needed and could be outfitted as an eating bar. Potted plants flourish in the narrow garden window.

A small step-in pantry is located in the passage-way to the two-car garage, across the hall from a comfortably large utility room with ample counter space for folding clothes. If the Deerhorn is built

over a basement, stairs would go between the pantry and the garage. Or the space could house a broom closet or expanded pantry.

Storage space lines the hall way to the bedrooms, all located at the left end of the room. A bay window adds elegance to the master suite, which has a walk-in closet, oversized shower and a second vanity in the dressing area. The other two bedrooms share a bathroom with combined tub and shower.

Odd angles are another feature of the Deerhorn. The breakfast nook is a semi-octagon, and only the utility room is totally rectangular.

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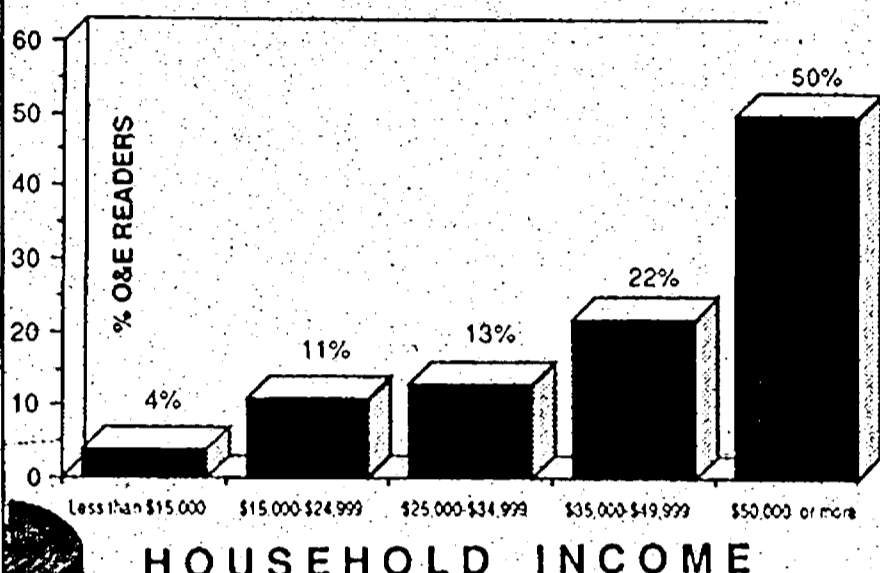
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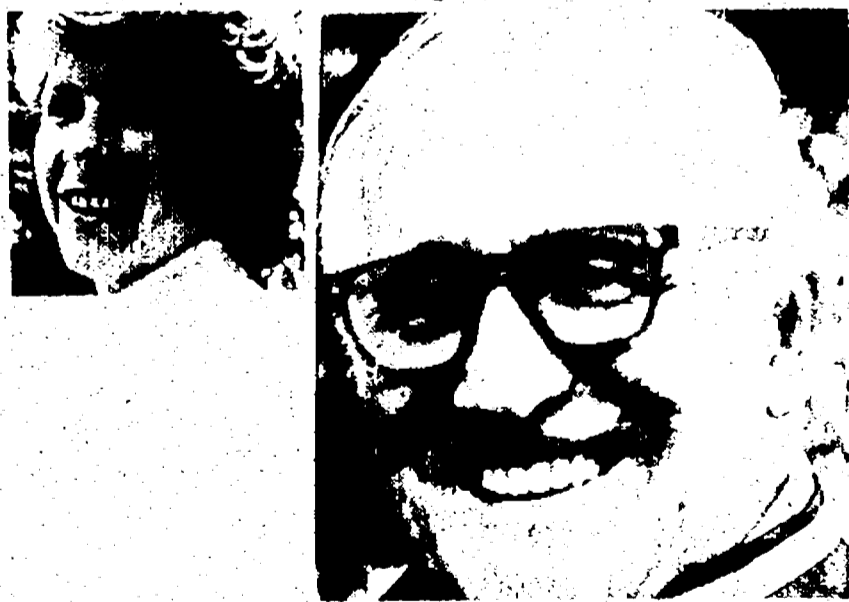
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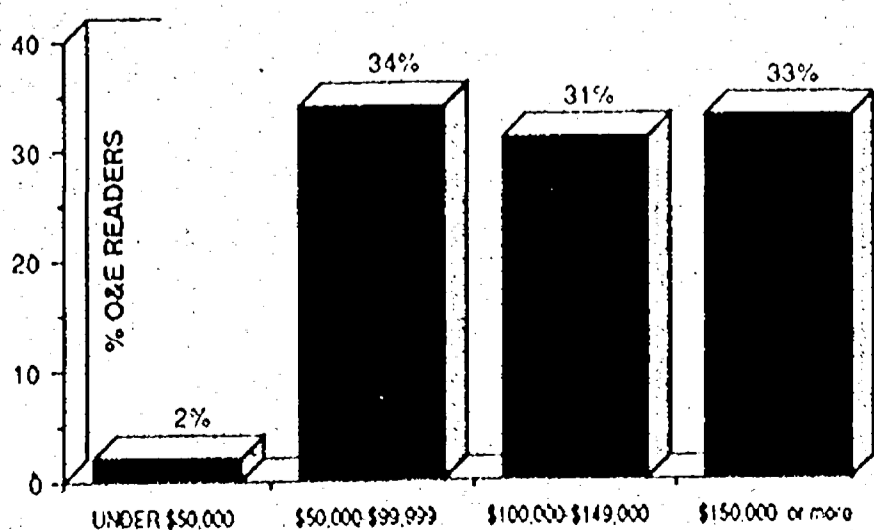


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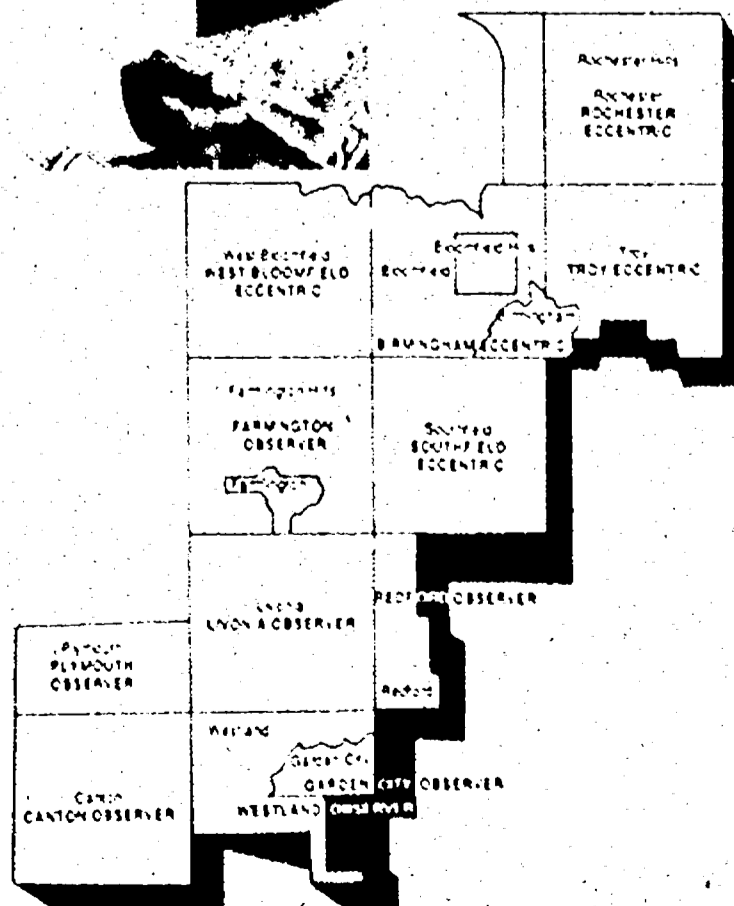
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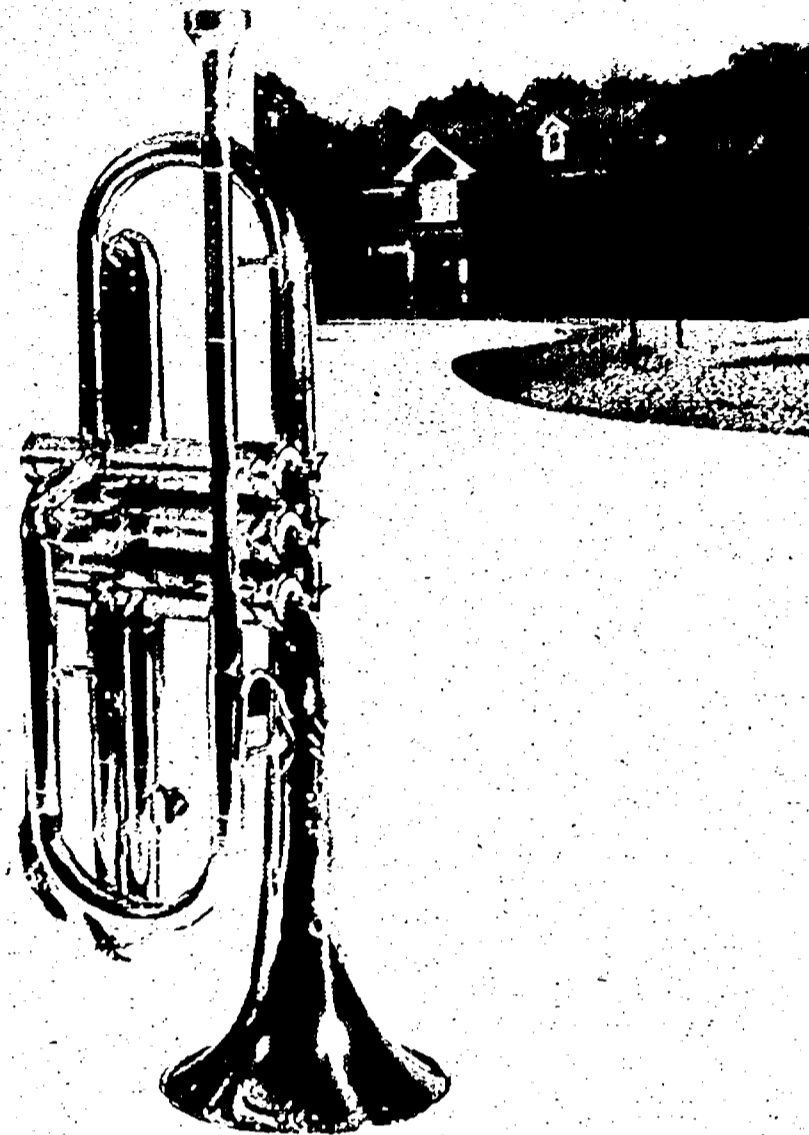
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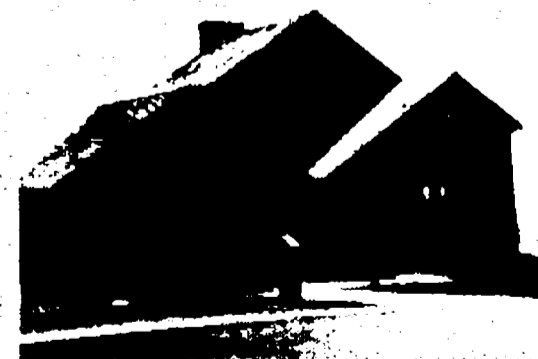


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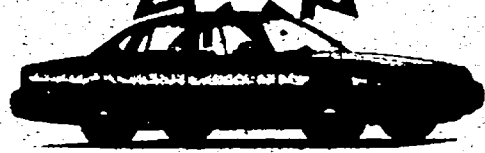
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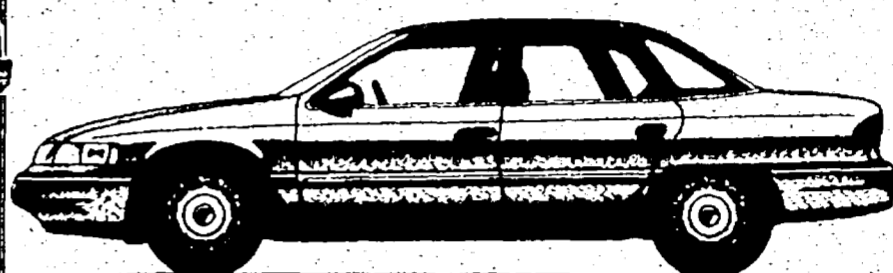
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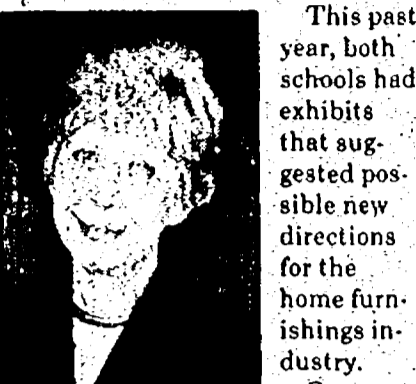
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BY HELEN DIANE VINCENT
SPECIAL WRITER

Student design exhibits always tempt us with the promise of the future, especially if the students are graduates of the Center of Creative Studies in Detroit and Cranbrook Academy of Arts in Bloomfield Hills.



Helen Vincent

This past year, both schools had exhibits that suggested possible new directions for the home furnishings industry. One should be reminded how these exhibits reflect differences between the schools: CCS is an undergraduate school while Cranbrook is dedicated solely to graduate education in fine arts and design.

"Most graduate schools of art and design emphasize the conceptual. Most undergraduates schools emphasize practical skills and education in various media," said Dr. Josephine Kelsey, CEO and president of CCS.

"Our graduates embody a working synthesis of the practical with the conceptual, making them ready to be productive professionals or to move on to top graduate programs," she added.

In viewing CCS student work, it becomes evident the concepts driving the industrial design department, headed by William House, complement the practical skills required of the students.

In his furniture studio class, students analyze key characteristics of various historical periods, then interpret them in scale and full-size furniture mockups. Commercial trends often are dovetailed into these designs, reflecting, in part, House's own professionalism. Many of these pieces are so up-to-date,

they warrant an annual showing at Zeising Associates in the Michigan Design Center, Troy.

Perhaps the most unusual piece, outstanding for its combination of daring style and subtle woodworking technique, is Robert Steele's "Tete-a-tete" dining table. The 42-year-old Steele, former hairdresser turned designer, seeks to "infuse his designs with the undulations of the human form." This quality is more apparent in some pieces than in others, but overall his work fits in with one of the aspects of the post-modern style, which plays with unexpected combinations of shapes and retro themes.

For individuality that owes more to sculpture than a furniture style, Fairuz Jane Arabo, one of the few young women in House's classes, has created a coffee table using a wood stacking technique. Proud of her Assyrian and Chaldean heritage, she has included an Arabic religious saying in the brass disc connecting the two sections of the table. Could it be that future home furnishings design will incorporate deeper symbolism?

Coming from the ceramics department, headed by Tom Phardel, are a number of experimental furniture designs using ceramic glazes with steel and other materials. Thirty-something Kaiser Suidan demonstrates some of the possibilities in an accent table suitable for indoor and outdoor use.

Meanwhile, John Gargano, who calls himself a ceramic object maker, creates large ceramic shapes that hang from the ceiling and jut from the wall. Not only do these pieces "personalize the home," as Phardel says, it's a sure bet they could redefine what we mean by "decorative accessories."

Undoubtedly, the most wildly inventive clock design you'll ever see is designed by Paul Clark. His source of inspiration is more Star Wars than home furnishings as we commonly know it. It certainly redefines our concept of "clock," giving us a far-reaching glimpse

into the home furnishings future.

Kelsey's statement about how the practical and conceptual define the key difference between undergraduate and graduate design schools especially applies to Cranbrook's recent change in design approach or philosophy.

Guided by Roy Slade, art academy president, the change takes the high road of design semantics. In an essay on Cranbrook design, Slade notes, "It's no accident that a design movement at Cranbrook should break away from Modernism as couched in the International Style or Bauhaus tenets." He goes on to explain: "Design semantics infuses meaning into the plethora of objects and graphics that have become mundane and boring."

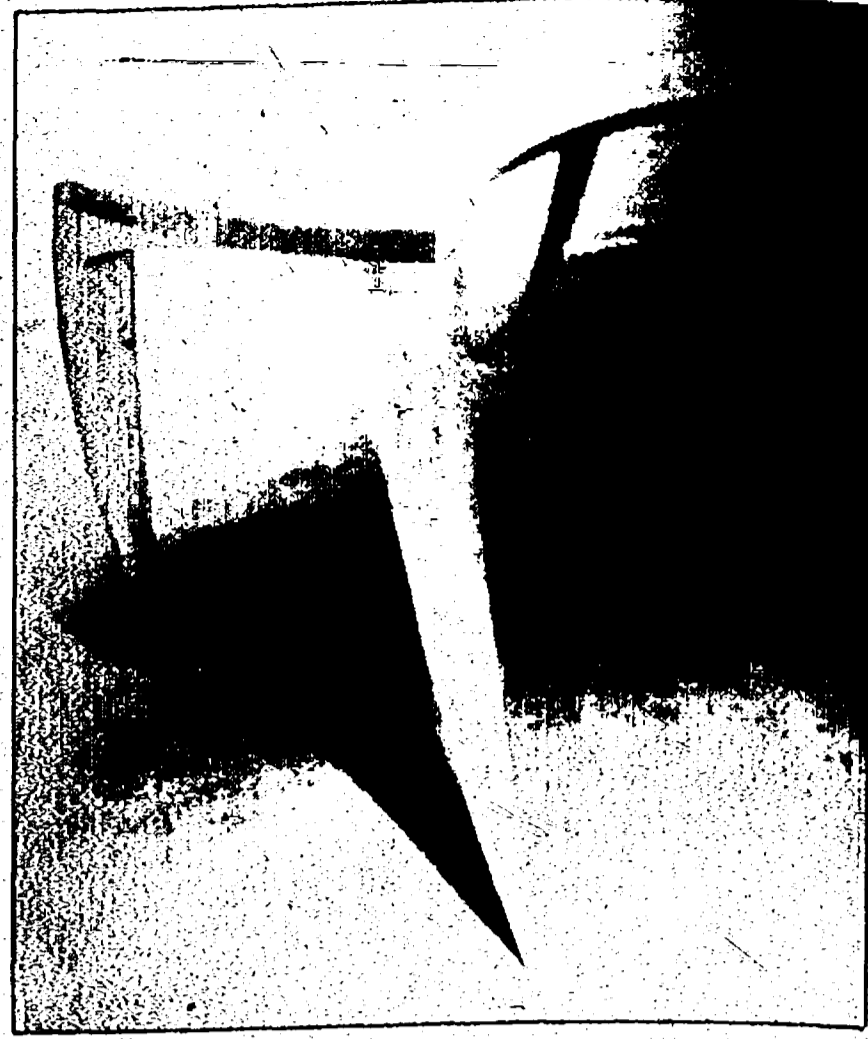
Design semantics itself emerged out of a school of linguistics and semantics (which analyzes words and symbols for their meaning). Once you get past the theoretical intricacies and the radical politics, design semantics forces students to look within themselves, to "decon-

struct" all conventional, or bourgeois, meaning — which also means seeing everything through the prism of language. Only then are students free to create a new vision.

Nearly all of the 61 graduate student works selected by Roy Slade for exhibition reflect this new design philosophy. Of the 25 students from the design, ceramics and fiber departments, only four or five students showed pieces that resembled objects sufficiently identifiable as furnishings.

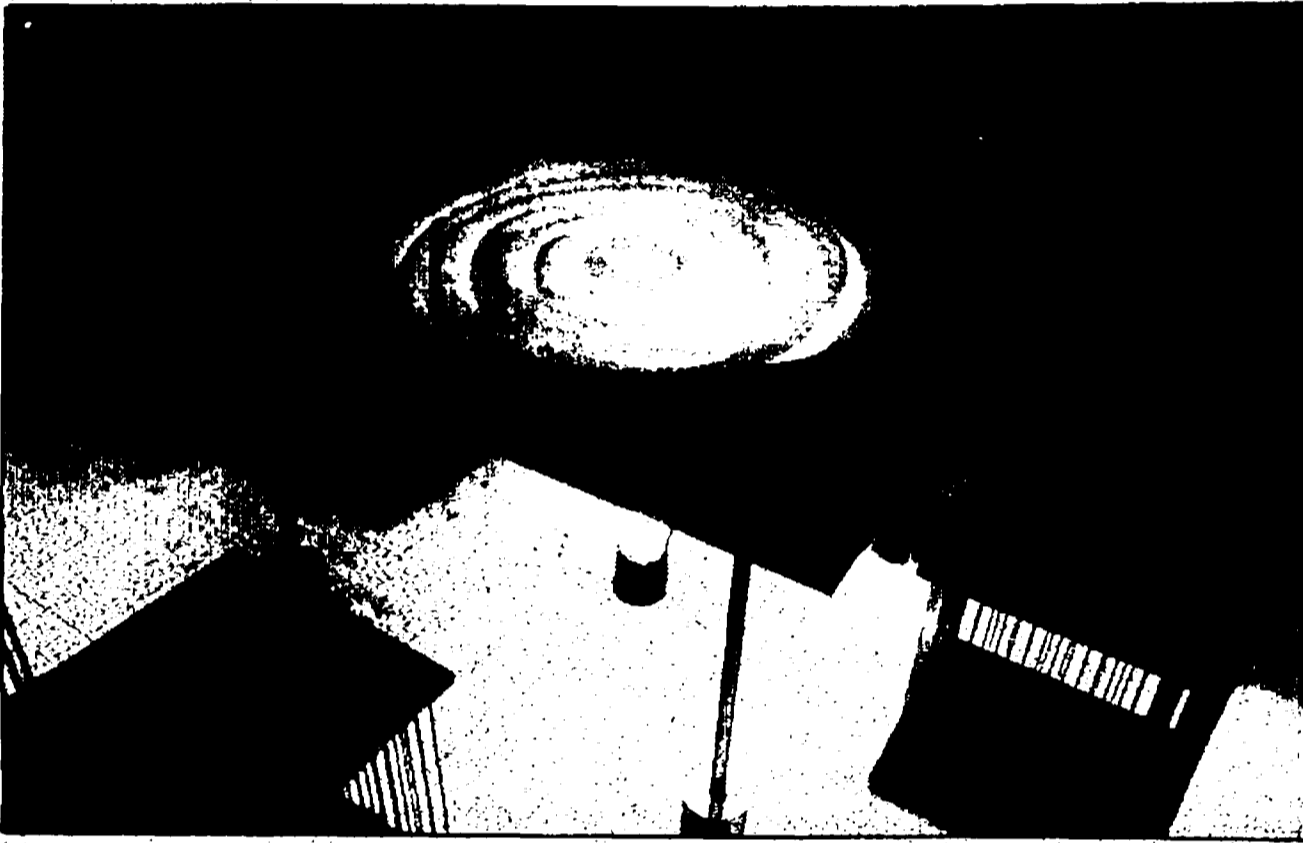
Even then, these few were offered as vehicles for a personal vision. The remainder contributed art pieces, or installations, also exploring personal metaphors and symbols as well as personal and social predicaments.

The weaving department head, Gerhardt Knodel, summarized the approach by saying, "Once the students have engaged in this critical dialogue, they're expected to return to the larger world as better artists and designers, all for being in touch with themselves... perhaps for having Cranbrook as an antidote to this lar-



STEPHEN CANTRELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A table with attitude: Robert Steele, an industrial design program graduate at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, designed this "Tete-a-tete" dining table; chairs aren't shown. The rock maple table is six feet long, 24 inches wide and 30 inches tall.



Shimmy and shake: That's what you do when you sit on the chairs drawn up to the table with a circular insert filled with sand. The steel, glass and leather installation is by Robert Rabinovitz, a graduate in the design department at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills. It's titled, "Playing in the System: The Human Experience of Sensorial Phenomena, 1992."

Hi-tech electronic wave spurs interactive environment

BY HELEN DIANE VINCENT
SPECIAL WRITER

At first glance, it appears like any luxe house of the '90s. Owners John and Gwen Williamson are taking the move into their new home in stride because it's the most recent move of many, including a Far East stint John did for Ford Motor Co.'s International Division.

Everything is being readied to make way for the furniture and the Williamsons' collection of Oriental art and accessories gathered from their travels in the Far East.

Both the furniture, whose wood finishes have all been lightened, and the extensive collection have already been pared with the help of Linda Bruce, a Farmington

Hills shop owner and interior designer who has had a longtime association with the Williamsons. Each design decision accommodates the enchanting view of the small lake and natural habitat the new house overlooks.

Once you move down the grand staircase to a spacious room below, also with the

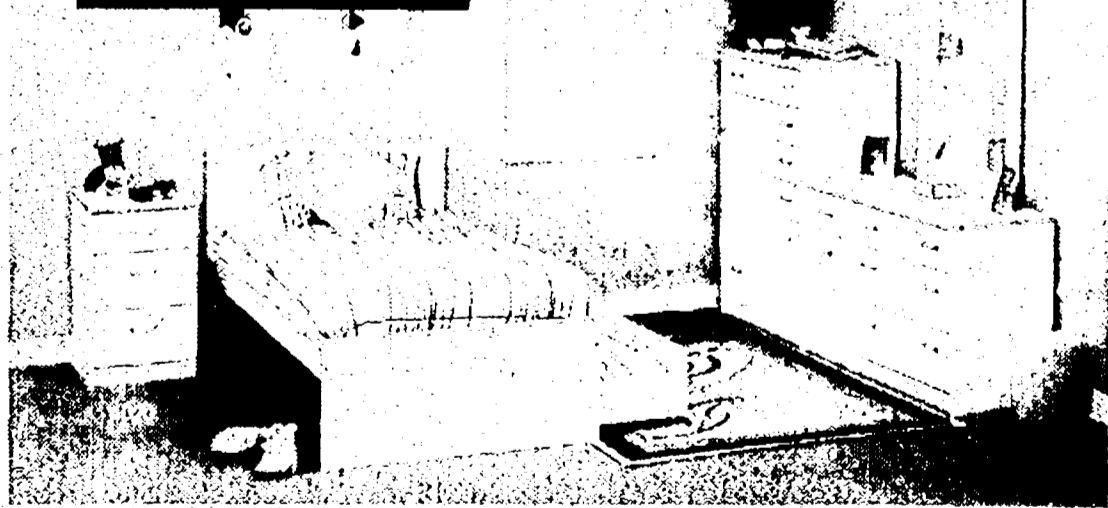
same view, you sense something else is different.

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Modern design appeals to ever-growing audience

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SPECIAL WRITER

Modern design has come a long way since emerging from the European political hotbed of the 1880s. And no wonder. The original thrust of modernism was based on a belief in progressive change toward a Utopian future relieved of most historic influences.

The movement, long dominated by an uncompromising elite of talented architects, textile and furniture designers, eventually gave way to the needs of an international marketplace with its competitive manufacturers, retailers and a new breed of interior and product designers.

Together they served, and continue to serve, a fast-growing segment with an assortment of styles created over the years: Classic Modern, Art Deco, Scandinavian, International, Classic Contemporary and Contemporary, a catch-all word for a range of cutting-edge designs.

Foremost among local retailers with a niche exclusively in modern furnishings is Bernie Moray, president of Gorman's Gallery of Fine Furniture in Southfield. He has served as president and is now CEO of the National Home Furnishings Association.

Moray and his staff are sought by a number of furniture manufacturers before their lines are brought to market. This close relationship extends to top-gun designers who make guest appearances at Gorman's, providing a first-hand contact with customers and their interior design needs.

At different times throughout the year, you might run across John Masceroni of Swaim, Vladimir Kagan of Directional, Milo Baughman of Thayer Coggin, H. Fillmore Hart of Preview and J. Beam Wade of Brueton Industries.

Baughman's "Free Style" (see cover photograph) for Thayer Coggin picks up on the strongest trend in all home furnishings: softening of shapes and extended use of color. Although modern will always be synonymous with black, white, and neutrals, his featuring of a wider palette of color opens up interior design to greater individuality and an atmosphere of warmth and contentment.

Baughman admits he likes "working both ends of the modern spectrum." He has done it by incorporating hints of the 1950s retro with the individualistic Art Furniture influence.

Pioneer modernists

While the softer looks gains momentum, J. Beam Wade of Brueton withstands the temptation by advancing the rigorous design principles of pioneer modernists. Except he has gone one step farther by blending the requirements of furniture with sculpture, focusing on structure and the strength of materials. It's the variety of materials in many colors and finishes that allows for an almost custom look with Brueton furniture.

Also Stanley Jay Friedman's "Angular" bold new seating group for Brueton provides a completely original style for the modern individualist. The combination of sharp geometry and soft radiused shapes exudes a new attitude. It's a bet you'll be seeing a lot more of these proportions in future modern design.

The metropolitan area boasts two other retail operations that also concentrate on modern furniture:

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MODERN DESIGN and how it has shaped home furnishing patterns within the Observer & Eccentric area dominates the thrust of this annual fall supplement.

The supplement, together with today's Creative Living section of the newspaper, spotlights folks on the cutting edge of invigorating design, including designers and retailers, and families whose homes showcase contemporary trends.

Stories include:

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About the cover: The Free Style Collection is freely influenced by both ends of the design spectrum: retro and art furniture. Milo Baughman designed the collection for Thayer Coggin. Particulars: five-piece sectional covered in periwinkle blue Allure, 100-percent washable polyester suede cloth, upholstery comes in 40 colors, approximately \$9,450. The upholstered chair and ottoman, approximately \$2,200, is covered in a 100-percent cotton print. At Gorman's Gallery of Fine Furniture, Southfield; Jacobson's; Sherwood Studios, West Bloomfield; Englander's; J.L. Hudson's. Also available to the trade at the Designer Group in the Michigan Design Center, Troy.

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Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield and Hillside Contemporary Furniture with two stores, one in Bloomfield Hills and the other in West Bloomfield.

Hillside has featured color in its advertising long before it was popular to do so. Sherwood Studios can be credited with sophisticated interior designs for clients also braving colors where one might expect the typical whites and neutrals.

Not until you step inside the Arkitektura/In-Situ showroom in Birmingham, and meet Andrew Fisher, president, will you get a more complete view of modern design — past, present, and future — and the mind-set required to carry it off.

Representing the modern pioneers, Arkitektura displays Frank Lloyd Wright's and Elieel Saarinen's pieces.

For the hottest, newest designs, Fisher makes available the Frank Geary Collection, made of slender bentwood laminate stripes. The KnollStudio bankrolled his project, which had as its source of inspiration an orange crate. Nonetheless, it won the 1992 Contemporary Furniture Award in New York City.

As far as a future modern classic is concerned, Fisher reserves this accolade for the French designer, Philip Stark, and his Royallon line, made for the renovation of the Royallon Hotel in New York. "Future generations will see his work the same way we now see Charles Eames or Harry Bertoia."

Dine on clear glass

Coming back to a more familiar scene and local talent, Larry Eppers, assistant store manager at Jacobson's in Birmingham, points out an elegant dining table made of optically clear glass. It's part of a line manufactured by Andrew Pearson Design, a Troy company, and is designed by Hal Brownfield, the company founder and president.

The table's many cut and polished facets creates an impression of large-scale jewelry and demon-

strates yet another aspect of modern design — the inherent quality of materials is potentially a source of beauty.

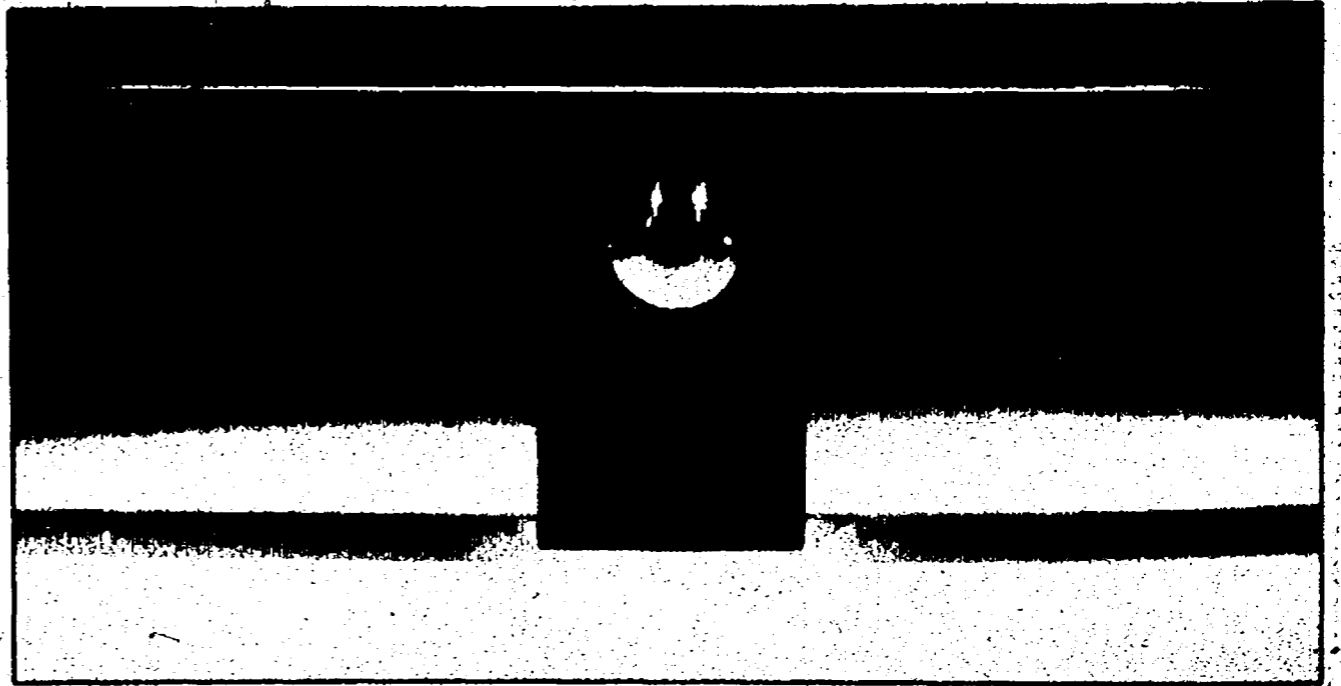
Eppers is quite intrigued with state-of-the-art developments in glass, which has such an important part to play in modern design.

This time, he points to the German import, Plenum, a wall system that employs technically advanced glass techniques involving fusion and curves. These subtleties are part of an overall trend in wall systems originating in Europe. The very American company, Ello, is doing similar things with its new Concord line, also juxtaposing wood with glass using curved facades.

The ultimate tribute to the modern movement, generating as it does technical proficiency and style explorations, is its capacity to help the consumer express the way they want to live.

Scott-Shuptrine's president, Gary VanElslander, and his youthful management team, understand this very well. As the recently opened Troy store amply demonstrates, Scott-Shuptrine is assuming an ever larger share of the local furnishings market.

It's doing it by catering to the still more demanding consumer with a range of home furnishing products grouped into six lifestyle collections for ease of selection. Of these six, one is decidedly modern in many of its guises, from authentic reproduction Stickley Mission Oak furniture by L. & J.G. Stickley to Ello, Premium and Thayer Coggin, among others, that make a contemporary statement.



Functional sculpture: J. Beam Wade designed the Maida console for Brueton Industries. Indirect lighting is housed in the top of the console, which is inset with sand-blasted peach, gray, bronze or clear glass. The console measures 20 inches wide, 30 inches high and 60, 72 or 84 inches in length. Priced approximately \$9,500, depending on grade of materials and finishes. At Gorman's Gallery of Fine Furniture, Southfield; Sherwood Studios, West Bloomfield; and to the trade at Billi Born Ltd., Michigan Design Center, Troy.

Aside from the lifestyle groupings, Scott-Shuptrine is putting a greater emphasis on lamps and accessories, reflecting increased consumer interest in these items.

Modern ideas spread

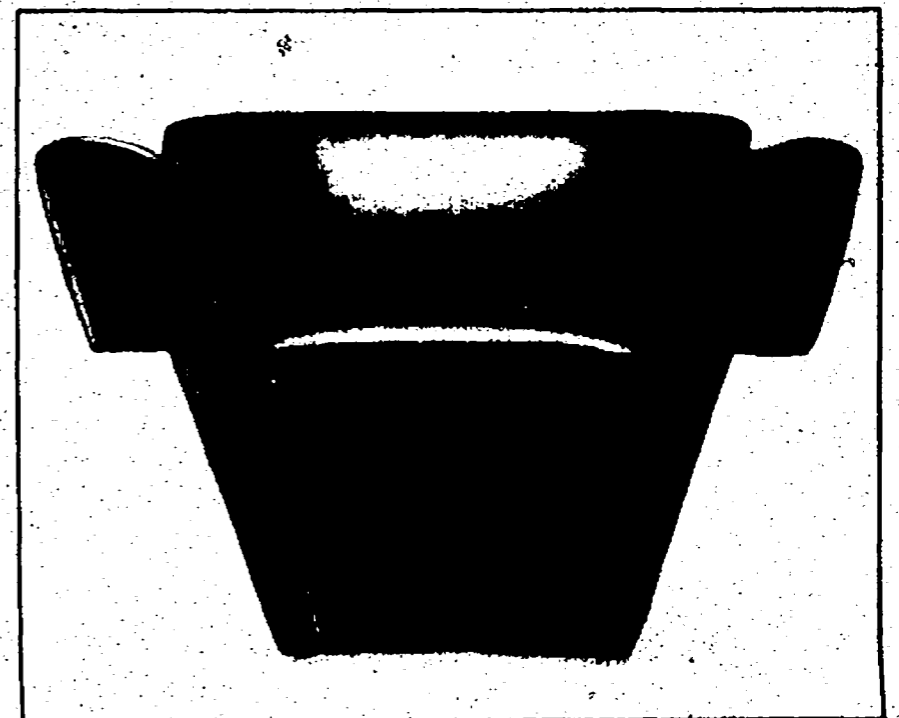
Though known primarily for traditional and transitional furniture, Classic Interiors in Livonia has gotten into the modern swing with Lane's Grove Park Collection, a scaled-down Mission Oak style initiated by the arts and crafts movement, which inspired Stickley in the first place.

No story on modern home furnishings trends would be complete without a nod to the large department and chain stores. Their role has always been providing an assortment of products and wielding a lot of purchasing power because of their size.

When you add to this the pizzazz of well-escorted room displays, whatever style is featured is bound to make a positive impression on the consumer.

Recently, J.L. Hudson, under the direction of Donna Stevens, who heads up all of Hudson's 40 designers, decided to send a strong message about contemporary. The results were urbane — a mix of Baker's Phister classic modern furniture with post-modern Rynone pieces in lacquer and leather set on bordered rugs and accented with JAB, Stroheim & Romann metallic-touched fabrics. Greens and corals were used throughout. Stevens admitted she'd "like to see more color used in contemporary settings."

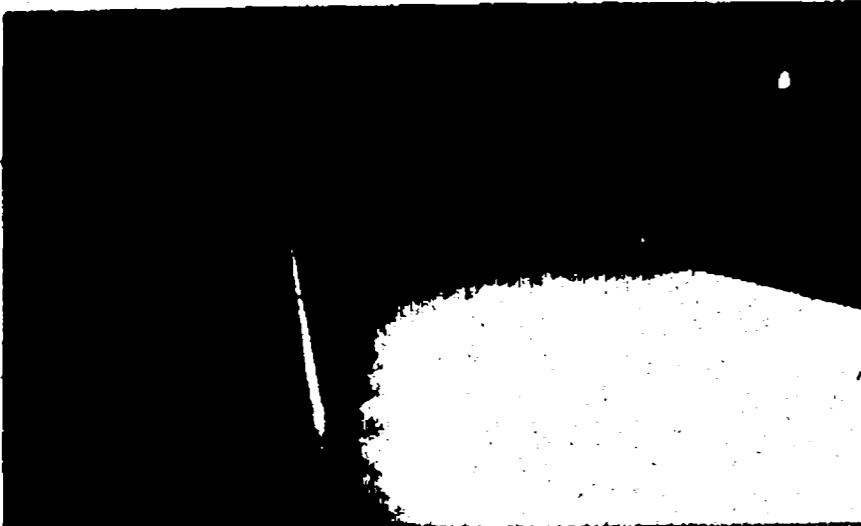
Taking all of these retailers together, then adding the number-one retailer in Michigan, Art Van, with its slick contemporary Natuzzi leathers, and J.C. Penney and Sears, whose trade-up assortments always include contemporary, you then know that modern furnishings, in one form or another, are here to stay.



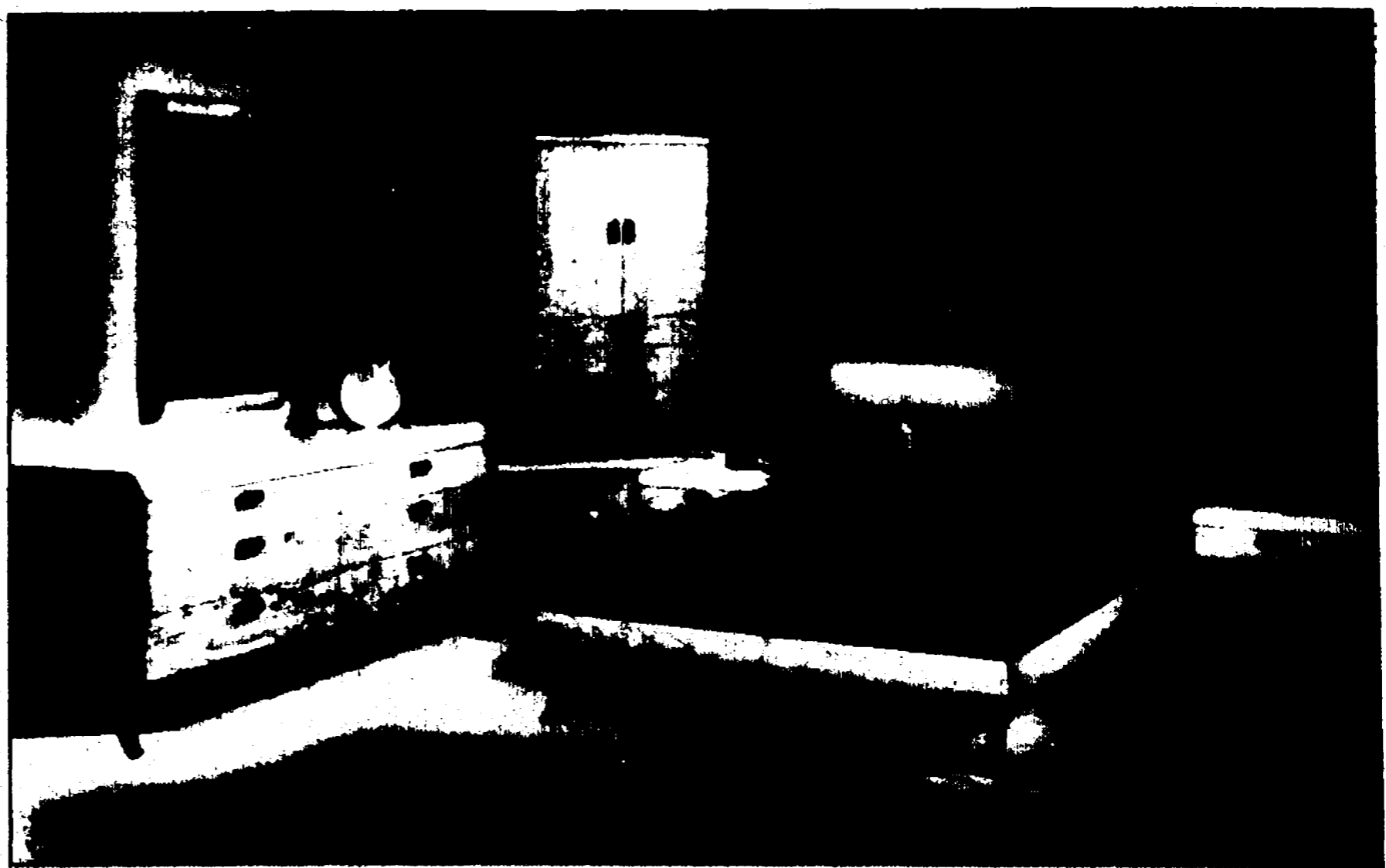
Showstopper: The new seating group, Angular, was designed by Stanley Jay Friedman for Brueton Industries. It's fully upholstered and offered in three sizes (lounge chair, two-seat and three-seat sofa) with companion ottoman in a variety of leathers and fabrics. Lounge chair price in leather, \$5,576; in customer's own fabric, \$2,565. At Gorman's Gallery of Fine Furniture, Southfield; Sherwood Studios, West Bloomfield; and to the trade at Billi Born Ltd., Michigan Design Center, Troy.



Shapely styling: This dining chair, designed by Sergio Orozco, is from Carson's. The metal base is available in brass finish. Priced from \$699 to \$1,199. At Scott-Shuptrine; Hillside Furniture; Sherwood Studios, West Bloomfield.



Poised for success: The Tabla lamp is designed by Mario Barbaglia and Marco Colombo for Italiana Luce, formerly the PAF company, and distributed by Koch + Lowy. The lamp is expected to play a pivotal role in the growing importance of decorative accessories. The finish is heat-resistant black technopolymeric. Uses a 12V 60-watt halogen bulb. Height 14 1/2 inches, base diameter 4 1/2 inches, arm extends 37 inches. Priced at \$345. In many local stores.



Touch of past: O.B. Solie designed this Arriva bedroom set by Ello. The black chrome cabriole-styled legs from the 18th century soften the modern lines in light cherry and darkwood. Price ranges from \$7,500 to \$9,000. Retail exclusively at Englander's. Available to the trade at Designer Group, Michigan Design Center, Troy.

Sleek

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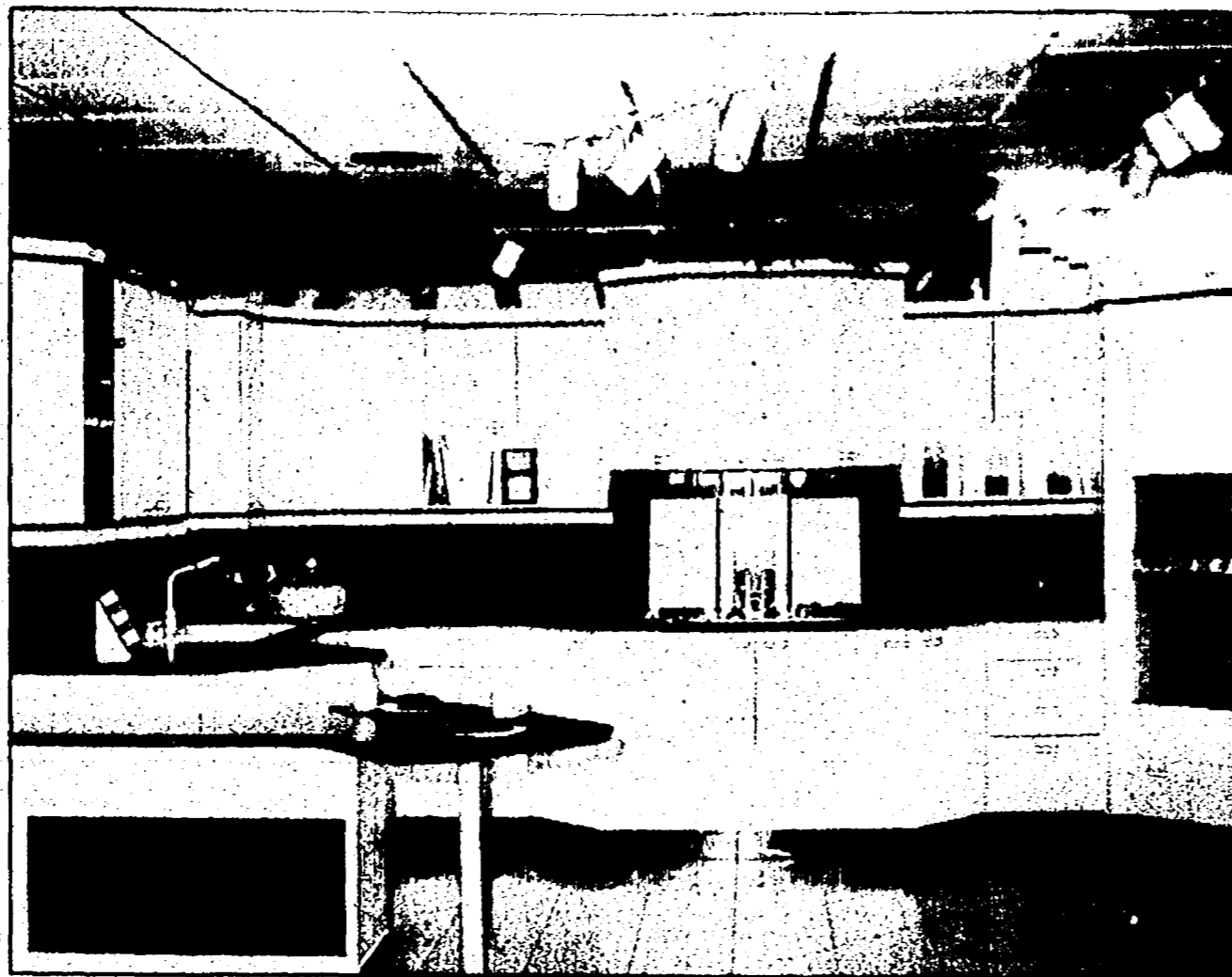
Jeff Scott, co-owner of Canac Cabinetry in Royal Oak, says light wood cabinets in a pickled or limewash finish are popular for contemporary and transitional interiors. And thanks to new paints and advanced applications, painted cabinets also are making a comeback.

"In the past, painted cabinets sometimes cracked with the expansion of the wood," Scott said. "Today, the paints give almost an 'automotive finish' to the cabinets."

CBM Kitchens and Baths in Livonia is beefing up its display of whirlpool tubs for customers who are building or remodeling. Jacuzzi and Samson even make a space-saver whirlpool tub to fit conventional openings in older homes.

On average, customers spend \$7,000 to \$9,000 for a complete bath, plus another \$2,000 for a whirlpool, says Bill Williamson, design consultant at CBM.

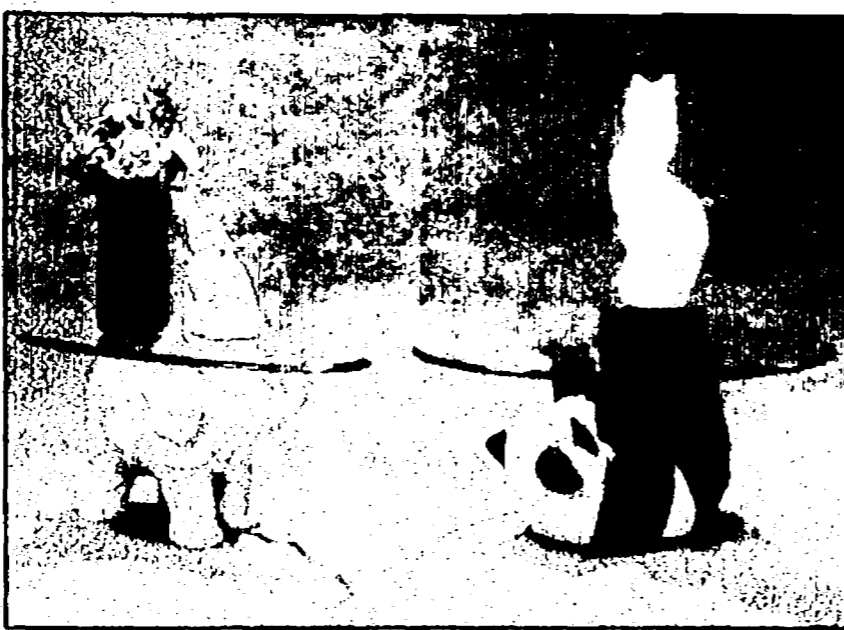
"The whirlpool is more popular than ever," Williamson said. "It's therapeutic but even the hum of the motor is relaxing."



Upbeat: Black and white kitchen features laminate cabinets, accented with black splash tile and black Corian countertops, by CE Cabinetry, Canada. All appliances, plus aquarium, are built in. Kitchen by Que Vie, Royal Oak.

Menagerie

Just for fun: Lane Furniture's Menagerie Collection offers whimsical occasional tables made of cast faux stone with a half-inch glass top (\$399). Tables available in a travertine, antique bronze, or black and white finish. At Charles Furniture Warehouse, Royal Oak.



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Study up on home design

An international home fashions show and bazaar, featuring "Around the World Vignettes" by area interior designers, comes to Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 17-18.

As part of the event in Shotwell Pavilion, local artists will show painting techniques, including faux finishes, tromp l'oil and painted furniture. A bazaar will feature international merchandise and foods.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. Admission is \$8 both days (children younger than 12 will be admitted free). There's a \$50-per-person champagne preview 8-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16.

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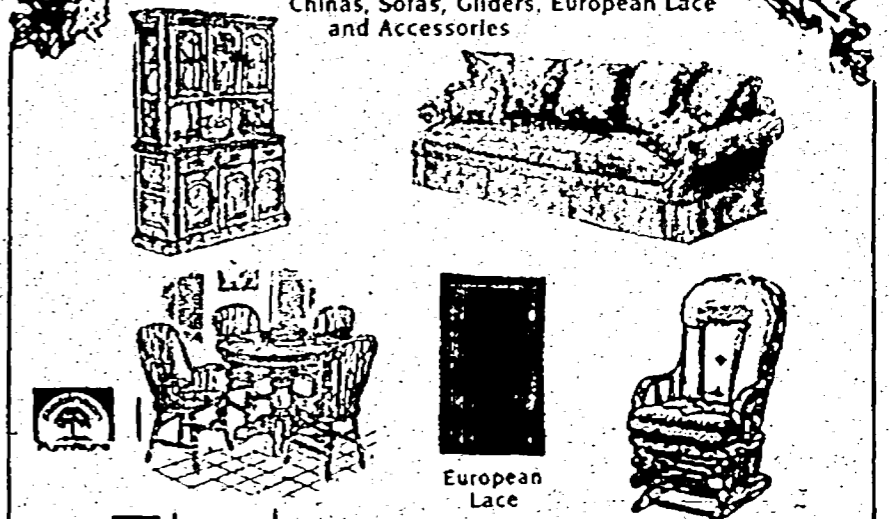
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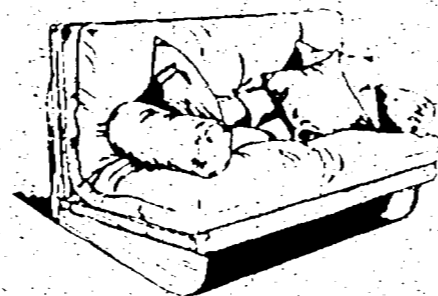
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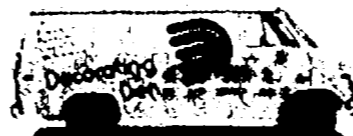
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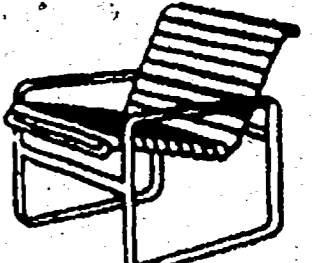
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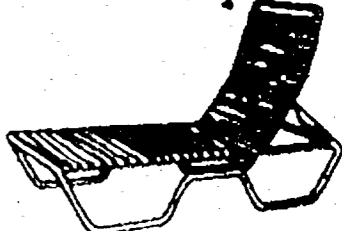
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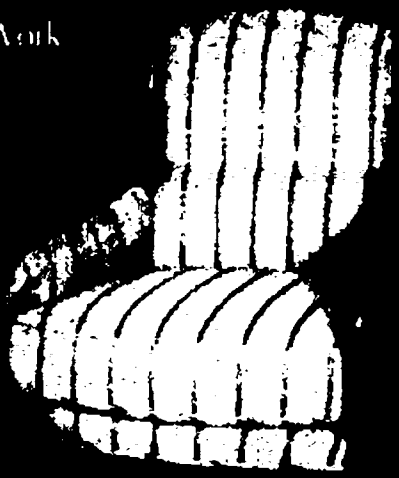
Unlikely canvas

Garage art Artist Donald J. Pearl brought one of his bold geometric color-scapes to an unusual canvas: the garage of his Farmington Hills condominium. Pearl, a self-taught oil painter whose palette is distinguished by fiery primary colors as well as deep ocean hues, took classes at the Chicago Art Institute. Before working with oils in 1986, he was a Michigan Watercolor Society member. His signature works from 1973 to 1985 were drawings done with Flair pens. Many of these pieces were exhibited in juried shows at the Scarab Club in Detroit and Oakland University in Rochester Hills. "I paint what I visualize mentally," he said. "My focus has been on angles and shapes and dramatic color combinations."



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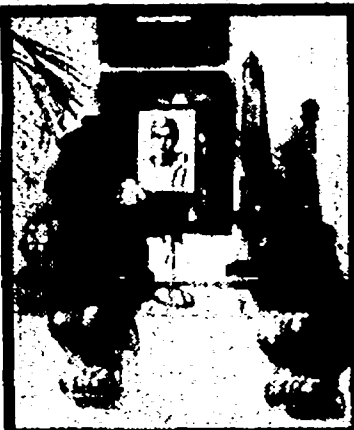


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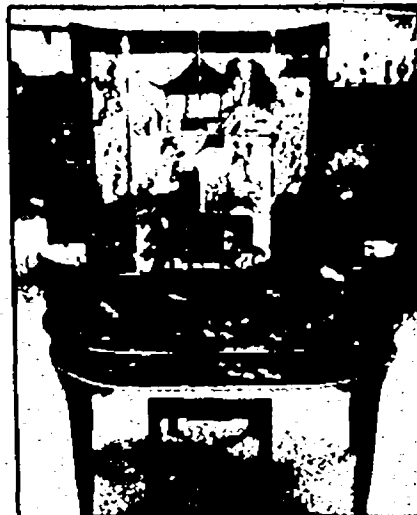
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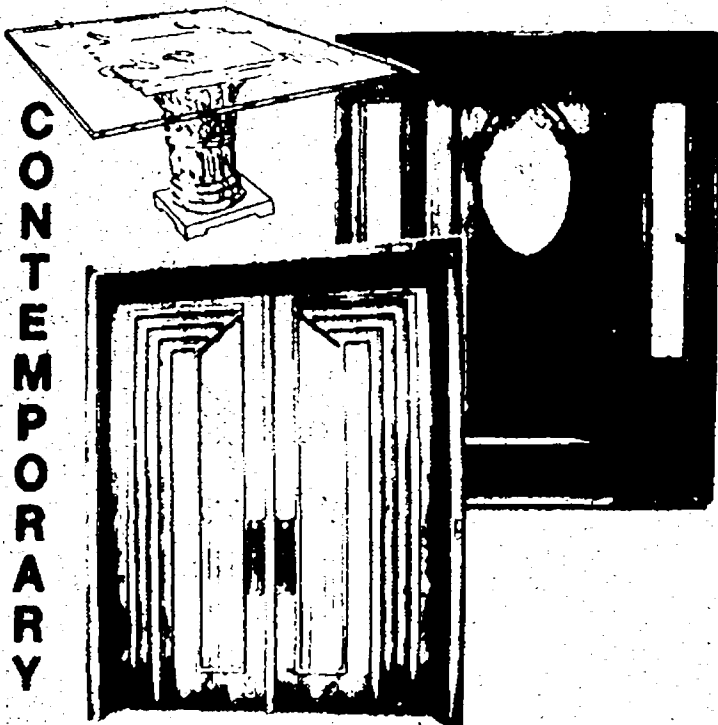
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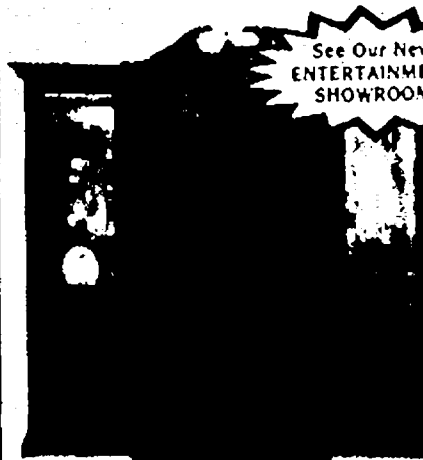
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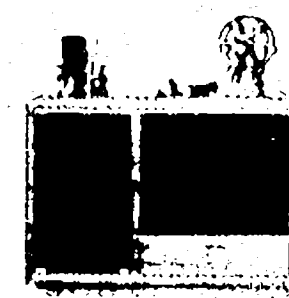
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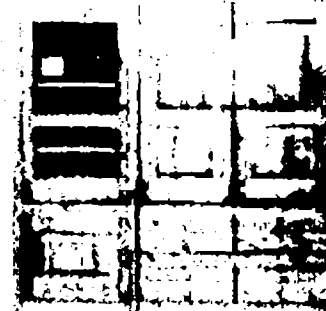
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Let kids co-design their rooms

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If you're a parent, you know kids shift from one activity to another before you can say Nintendo.

Moving from Monopoly to a computer game to a dance workout with a friend might be one daughter's idea of fun. Your son, on the other hand, watches "Fresh Prince of Bel Air," assembles model cars and relaxes with his stereo headphones when his homework is done.

More and more often, these scenarios take place not in the kitchen or family room, but in the kids' rooms.

"The bedroom is a youngster's multi-activity room for the '90s," says Bloomfield Township interior designer Terry Ellis, owner of Room Service and an allied member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

"And they should be co-designer," she said, "because this is their living space. They can have very definite color preferences and priorities as to how space can be used."

"With all the design buzzwords one might consider, space is critical," says Ed Wormsbacher, owner of Baby and Kids Bedrooms in Novi and Rochester Hills.

"Builders often don't consider lifestyles when planning bedrooms. For instance, even in smaller homes, walk-in closets are frequently installed in children's or second bedrooms. Heat ducts, electrical wiring, windows and doors can all present obstacles."

"Taking precise measurements of your son's or daughter's room will avoid overbuying or improper buying," Ellis and Wormsbacher agree.

If starting a new room or redesigning an older one daunts you, Ellis has some basic advice: "Think first what the room has to do, then think what your child wants it to do."

She has categorized what she sees as universal needs for growing kids. Space, budget, imagination and hobbies will help you pick and choose:

For functions, Ellis considers the following:

- Homework/computer desk and good lighting.
- Guest bed for sleepovers. Trundles, futons and sleeper chairs



WILLIAM HANSEN

Youthful look: The Pencil grouping, produced by Harper Designs, sports many room accessories as well as furniture pieces. At Bellini Juvenile Designer Furniture, Birmingham, Ann Arbor.

- Book and game storage area.
 - Personal space for collections of artwork or memorabilia. Can be corkboard, back of doors or extra storage in built-in cupboards or on shelves.
 - Mirror for grooming.
 - Floor space for board games, dancing, exercise.
 - Sitting area for reading.
 - Room for TV, VCR, stereo.
- Being practical doesn't mean boring. One of Ellis' personal designs is a loft bed atop a double-duty playhouse. A violet door is centered on the fascia structure. It's flanked

by a curtained window for a puppet theater or mock ticket booth on one side and a chalkboard on the other.

Ellis brought in the color turquoise for a two-drawer storage unit that runs the width of the play structure and sits flush with it. The occupant of the bed is protected by railing around the perimeter.

Childsized versions of adult styles give kids the freedom to relax in their room.

Bellini Juvenile Designer Furniture in Birmingham and Ann Arbor features a well-cushioned miniature loveseat and chair upholstered with a whimsical print called Rush

Hour. The primary-colored fabric sports puffed autos, which lend a light 3-D appearance to the pieces.

A consistent top-seller is the Pencil line of furniture and accessories manufactured by Harper Designs, says Gert Glazer, Bellini owner. The pencil motif is used in a downsized table and chairs, a clothes rack and other functional, fun options.

If whimsical furniture isn't the route you want to take, you can use imaginative murals or a motif like a wooden picket fence to house a stuffed animal collection for a small child to launch a theme room.

Royal Oak artist Julie Albanese painted a Wizard of Oz mural to go in a local child's bedroom. Another client's youngster received a custom wall scene of Babar, Celeste and their family.

Albanese also specializes in textural painting, restoration and trompe l'oeil — "fool the eye" designs that offer an alternative to wallpaper or murals.

Ellis reminds homeowners to keep in mind growing patterns: "If you use pieces with castors and handles, you can change an arrangement easily. Wallpaper borders and paint colors are other quick-change options."

Kids of the '90s identify with action heroes and storybook characters like generations before them. But never before has the choice in bedding so widely complemented those trends.

Juanita Wansac, domestic supervisor at Target in Livonia, says bedding items from recent movie hits like "101 Dalmatians," "Little Mermaid," "Batman" and "Beauty and the Beast" are high sellers. Likewise, the pattern "Save a Place," depicting wildlife and aimed at introducing children to conservation.

Wansac says old standards like Mickey and Minnie still sell well and Sesame Street for toddlers continues to be popular. "Most of the theme bedding offers sheet sets and comforters. Some also have blankets and matching curtains."

Wansac says other area Target stores in Canton, Westland, Farmington Hills, Rochester Hills, Pon-

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■ 'The bedroom is a youngster's multi-activity room for the '90s.'

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tic and Madison Heights tend to carry similar items.

Traci Fors, buyer for Baby and Kids Bedrooms, says bold geometric patterns and crisp stripes seem to attract older children.

Duvets, she says, are a modern alternative for bed covers. "The duvet is great because it eliminates the need for a blanket, top sheet and comforter," she said.

Bedding items with automotive motifs like "Going Places" and "Traffic Jam" are top sellers.

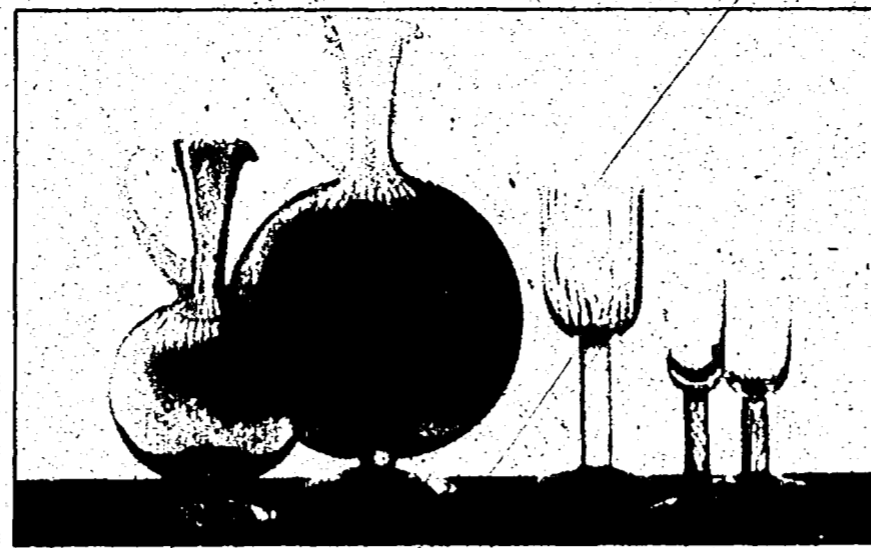
All of the above designs complement the "Space Saver" line of contemporary children's furniture pieces manufactured by Berg Imports.

The beds are perfectly suited for

sharing rooms, with a sibling or overnight guest. The top is a loft bed accessed by a ladder and the bottom bed is on wheels. On the reverse side of the Space Saver unit is a desk holding up a hutch unit. There also is a piece with a four-shelf bookcase and six drawer chest.

Another style from the same line boasts tubing in a variety of color combinations like primary red/blue turquoise, black and pink.

Fors also mentions the "Locker Room" collection of furniture manufactured by Lexington, which boasts a light bridge over the computer desk and has cabinetry instead of just drawer space.



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Selections out of ordinary

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The common characteristic of all its offerings, which vary in style from historically correct to contemporary, is not only quality but also a flair for something outside the ordinary.

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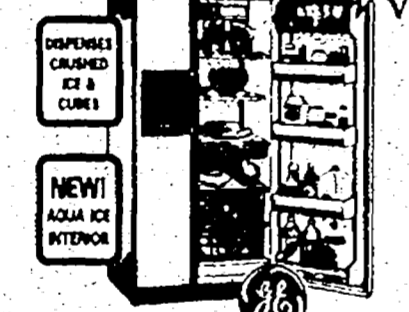
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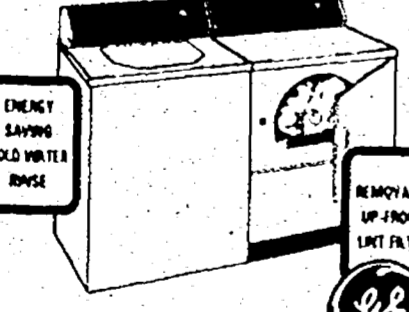
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R.L. Westland

This young man's skepticism regarding graphology comes as no surprise to me. He is a very intelli-

gent person and is not gullible. His mind is curious about many things. To get his answers, he asks questions, reads and analytically considers the information before making his determination. Logic often comes into play also. I am happy for his interest and sincerely hope he will advise me if I have made a believer of him. The numerous changes in his handwriting lead me to the conclusion he is in a state of flux about some issues and elements in his life. There are conflicts within this bright young man as there are within all of us. His desire to relate to others seems to be matched by an equally powerful desire (or need) to be cautious and uninvolved.

There is a private side to him. Few people are permitted to know him on an intimate basis. He probably goes within himself to find his answers. And some things he rationalizes away. Basically, he wants to be independent and would like to break with some of his traditional background. However, he may find it difficult as he appears to need emotional support from the mother figure. Our writer is prone to imagine slights and hurts. His protective defenses are ever alert to disapproval or criticism from others. This amount of sensitivity is usually a residue from too much criticism in the past. Compliments and approval would be most welcome.

Also permeating this handwriting is noticeable irritability. Much of it appears to be directed right at the writer himself. I do not know the cause of it, but he might want to work through it and prevent it from becoming a lifestyle. A healthy regard for money and what it represents cannot be missed. Perhaps they provide the security he didn't feel in his early life. When his signature is compared to the remainder of his handwriting it suggests that in some area he may feel superior to the father figure. Lines of handwriting that show such a marked upward slope often relate to someone who is making a real effort to remain optimistic but

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inwardly may not be feeling so upbeat. Continue to keep the faith and it will happen. This young man appreciates harmony and beauty in his daily life. Autumn with its gorgeous display of colors can afford pleasure and relaxation. Some interest in culture is also here. If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Signature, handedness and age are helpful. If you have two different styles, please include both. And objective feedback is welcome.

Kids and work can make life tough

"Every mother is a working woman." Those words can be seen emblazoned on stationery, calendars and giant buttons. But the fact remains that there is a keen distinction in our society between moms who stay at home full time and those who are employed in pursuits that take them away from home and family. In 1960, only 19 percent of women with children under age 6 were in the labor force. The 1970s was a decade of female liberation and solidarity. Women celebrated their freedom and independence by moving into the workforce in record numbers, and they postponed having children. By the late 1970s,

many of those women felt the desire to have children begin to rekindle. The 1980s became the "having it all" decade. The desire for children combined with the economic pinch, which caused many families to consider two incomes a necessity, brought even more mothers of young children into the labor force. By 1988, more than 56 percent of women with children under age 6 and a whopping 73.3 percent of moms with children ages 6-17 were employed outside the home. While the struggle between the desires and the needs of moms has created some chasms between at-home moms and those who work outside the home, it appears that

they may have more in common than they realize. Of the more than 30,000 mothers who responded to a 1990 Parents Magazine poll, 62 percent would work part time, 25 percent would stay at home, and 8 percent would work full time. In actuality, 28 percent work part time, 34 percent stay at home, and 39 percent work full time. It seems the majority of mothers, whether working at home or away from home, would prefer a part-time work situation. The two groups still hold divergent views of one another. Fifty-six percent of working moms admire their at-home coun-

terparts; 40 percent envy them and 8 percent are critical of them. Twenty-four percent had no opinion. On the other hand, 49 percent of at-home moms were critical of working moms; 31 percent admired them, 11 percent envied them and 28 percent had no opinion. The grass always seems greener on the other side of the fence. In that same Parents poll, 67 percent of the working moms said they miss their children while 61 percent of the at-home moms miss the income. One thing appears certain. What most moms really want the most is what's best for their children.

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8½, and Alan, 4½, worked full time until Patrick was born. Moran took six months off, worked part time for two years, then full time for a year before Alan was born. When she returned to work, she was able to job-share with another speech therapist and has been working part time ever since. It's worked out well. Moran's home in the morning to get the kids off to school and run errands. "That's a real convenience having the morning to do that," she said. She finds most people think it's wonderful that she's able to share a job. She occasionally is teased by colleagues when she comes to work. "They will say 'Oh, yeah, we didn't have the luxury of being home all morning.' Sometimes it kind of bothers me because I don't know if they're joking or if they're kind of serious about what they're saying, almost kind of envious that they were there since 8:30 in the morning and I was still at home having my first cup of coffee. So then, I have to remind them that I have things at home I have to do too and I have kids to get ready for school."

Moran had only one negative experience with an at-home mother. Her oldest son was playing with a friend at a neighbor's house when some name-calling occurred. The neighbor berated her for her son's behavior. "She proceeded to tell me that that's why she stays at home with her children and doesn't work so she can watch her children. I just assumed that meant I was this terrible mother because I work and I'm not at home to supervise my children. It was like something out of the Dark Ages." Cutting comments Dzialo also felt the brunt of some negative comments, "especially after I had the second one. With one, it's almost acceptable. But as soon as you have two and especially if they are close, people really make comments." Most of the criticism came from at-home moms and family members. Dzialo handled the negative comments by focusing on her career. There are times when Dzialo, regrets having gone back to work. Looking back, she might have waited until after the kids were in

school. "Now they're so used to it, that's part of how they perceive me," Dzialo said. "My kids are very comfortable with me working. I have never heard them complain at all. It's just part of the system here. And they also know that when Mom works, there is an added income in the house." She sometimes feels a little resentment and envy toward at-home moms, but it's not serious. "I still have that choice. Not all women have that choice. In my case, I have been very instrumental in some of our family decisions like to buy a more expensive home." Geppert, the osteopathic physician, enjoys the interaction with other adults that working outside the home brings, but admitted, "Sometimes you feel like you're just getting by. You get it done, but you feel like if you just had a little more time, you could have done this or that." Geppert believes at-home moms often spend their time doing things for other people. "They don't have

anything that's really all theirs. They have a tendency to get so involved in (their) families) that they don't take the time to give themselves any time. They're probably busier than us working mothers. "If I had a choice, I don't think I'd ever really want to stay home all the time. I think part time is ideal because you have time for yourself. If you have a career, you can pursue that and keep it current. Yet you have more time to be with your children. I admire women who stay home, but I don't think it's always fair for them." Moran's feelings about being an at-home mom have changed dramatically over the years. She'd like to get more involved in her children's activities. "I wish I could be a room mother. I wish I could go on all the field trips. I wish I could be more active in the PTO or even be more active in my church. I don't have that time to give to be a volunteer. I wouldn't be staying at home to clean my house, that's for sure."

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