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Life-savers' skills are boosted



Westland could soon have the best-trained fire department in the area, in terms of rescuing people during medical emergencies, officials say. The fire chief would like all firefighters to become fully trained paramedics.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland residents will have a better chance of surviving heart attacks, strokes, severe diabetic seizures and other life-threatening medical emergencies as city firefighters become full-fledged paramedics, fire officials say.

"I can say in all honesty that this is the way we're going to save lives," Fire Chief Michael Reddy said.

Officials are hoping for a state license by July 1 to launch the new Advanced Life Support (ALS) program. One paramedic unit will be placed on the road initially and will likely respond from the main fire station on

the southwest corner of Ford Road and Carlson, Reddy said.

Eventually, officials want to staff all four fire stations with paramedic units, if the city can afford the ambitious proposal.

"If you're going to have Advanced Life Support, you want it in your own back yard," Reddy said.

Of 6,770 emergency runs last year, alone, 75 to 80 percent included medical emergencies in which minutes — even seconds — can sometimes mean the difference between life and death, officials say.

"Many, many lives could be saved" with an Advanced Life Support pro-

gram, Assistant Fire Chief Mark Neal said.

Paramedics are better trained to save lives than emergency medical technicians who currently respond to emergencies, officials say.

Unlike EMTs, paramedics are capable of administering a wide range of drugs that can help keep victims of life-threatening emergencies alive until they reach a hospital.

Paramedics also are highly trained at defibrillation, a process in which they shock the heart and stop it

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A little cream and sugar mixed in



STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUELE

Coffee klatch: Rep. Lynn Rivers (below) enjoys a sip of coffee Tuesday morning during the latest of her coffee-hour discussions with residents. Among those taking part were Nadene Mitcham and Edna Venturino.

Rivers serves up government and coffee

BY LEONARD POGOR
EDITOR

Nearly a dozen local residents mixed their Tuesday morning coffee break with federal government issues Tuesday morning.

They did it through the latest of periodic coffee hours held by U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, whose district stretches from Garden City and Westland on the east to Ann Arbor on the west.

While the number of visitors at Leright's Restaurant, 626 S. Wayne Road, was smaller than the 20 who turned up at a similar get-together the previous day in Ypsilanti, Rivers said she was still pleased with the response.

Several persons talked to her about potential problems with the Social Security program while two others wanted to tell her of their



concerns of immigrants getting social service benefits in the U.S.

One couple, Donald and Edna Venturino, came to the coffee klatch primarily to thank Rivers for helping them resolve a long-standing problem in involving Mr. Venturino's mother's Social Security checks.

The problem surfaced more than a year ago when the women moved from Michigan to Ontario.

The Venturinos said they were appreciative of Rivers' help and wanted to thank her in person.

Part of her audience included several Westland public officials, including Councilwomen Sharon Scott and Justine Barns, Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Duane Moore and Ted Scott, Wayne County Community College board chairman.

Mrs. Scott and Rivers agreed that the federal government should do more to support education.

The councilwoman added that she is concerned about mandates approved by Congress without accompanying money.

Rivers told her that Congress last year took care of that problem and

eliminated unfunded mandates, a problem voiced publicly for years by city and school officials.

Scott commented that as a member of the Wayne-Westland school board, the district faced large expenses in government-mandated removal of asbestos from school buildings.

The WCCC chair, a former Westland fire chief, heard Rivers' comment that she is worried about potential federal cutbacks for community colleges.

Rivers said that she is organizing a public information forum March 23 on the various tax reform proposals being considered.

She was elected November, 1994, and took office two months later. Rivers succeeded Rep. William Ford who represented the district for 30 years before retiring.

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Changed assessment notices coming soon

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland property assessment notices, which will have two different figures for the value of homes, could be in the mail by Saturday, City Assessor James Elrod said Tuesday.

Elrod had hoped that property owners would already have their notices, but he said a county-level effort to update addresses has caused a slight delay.

One figure on assessment notices will show the taxable value of the

home, or the amount on which the property is taxed. The other will show the assessed value, which is the level of taxation if the property is sold or transferred.

"Instead of keying on the assessment, now it's the taxable value. That's what the taxes are based on," said Gary Evanko, Wayne County equalization director.

A property's taxable value can't increase annually more than 5 percent or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower.

This year, that means the taxable value of homes not sold will climb just 2.8 percent unless structural changes or additions have been made that would push up the home's value.

The changes came about as a result of Proposal A, a school-finance reform plan that Michigan voters adopted nearly two years ago.

Properties not limited to the CPI increase could see taxable values increase by about 4 percent, but a wide gap from the 2.8 percent CPI limit isn't expected, Elrod said.

The new system, however, could at times produce tax discrepancies between property owners who bought new homes and neighbors who stayed put.

"If you didn't move, you could be living in a house with a \$100,000 value but the guy next door (who bought more recently) will be paying on an \$800,000 value," Evanko said. "We are dealing with appreciation rates that are close to the CPI right now."

LeBlanc appointed

Westland City Councilman Richard LeBlanc has been appointed by his colleagues to serve on the Nankin Transit Commission for a two-year term, through Jan. 1, 1998. The commission oversees a dial-a-ride service for the elderly and the handicapped.

Bell ringing lessons

The Westland Seniors Resources Department is holding bell ringing classes every Wednesday afternoon in its Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh near Marquette. The program, held 3:30-5 p.m. every week, is a continuing program with participants able to join at any time. The class is free to Friendship Center members. Membership is \$5. There is a \$1 per session charge. The class is geared to having fun in a friendly

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atmosphere, said director Sylvia Koszorsky-Wlasek. The bells are easy to learn with the instructor teaching participants how to read music.

For more information, call the center, 722-7632.

Students honored

Two students who attended local high schools have been named to the Albion College dean's list for having a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the fall semester.

They are Jennifer Bockstanz, a John Glenn High School graduate, an English major senior and the daughter of Jack and Joyce Bockstanz of Northville, and Julie White, a sophomore, gradu-

ato of Churchill High and the daughter of James and Patricia White of Westland.

Wendi Mrosinski, also a Glenn High graduate, was named an Albion College Fellow for having a 3.7 or higher GPA for the past three semesters. She is a senior majoring in anthropology and sociology and religious studies, and is the daughter of Nancy King of Canton Township.

Town Hall meeting

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, an Ann Arbor Democrat whose district includes Westland, will hold her next Town Hall meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 2, in the Inkster Recreation Center, on Middlebelt just north of Michigan Avenue. Rivers, in her first term, said she will discuss federal legislation and answer questions from residents about the federal government.

Action delayed on water bills

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland residents would be billed six times a year for water service — rather than four — under a city administration proposal.

But Westland City Council members, concerned about a \$137,500 expense for additional employees and office equipment, chose Monday night to postpone a vote for one month.

The administration proposed the new billing procedure in response to fixed-income senior citizens who said they could plan

their budgets better with more frequent water bills, finance director Michael Gorman said.

The administration has received "a lot of complaints" from seniors who said they can't afford the quarterly water bills, he said. Some said they would prefer paying on a monthly basis.

In a compromise, the administration proposed billing water customers six times a year, rather than four, but the plan would require the hiring of six new employees, including three meter readers, two water billing clerks and a supervisor.

The cost: \$109,500.

In addition, the plan would require three computers and new furniture totaling about \$28,000, administration officials said.

Council watcher Dorothy Smith, who is a senior citizen, harshly criticized the proposal.

"Everything we do around here costs more money," she said.

Smith also told officials, "I think you need to put the city on a housewife's budget. You people don't know how to run this city."

Budget director Ronald Hocking said the new positions would eventually be offset by public ser-

vice department jobs that wouldn't be filled once they became vacant.

Hocking also said some new clerical positions are needed regardless of whether the city changes its billing procedures.

Councilman Glenn Anderson, who asked that the proposal be postponed, said he had reservations because of costs.

He also suggested that billing six times a year could possibly be achieved by estimating water bills, based on past usage, for the extra two billing periods.

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Presently, there is not that much difference between the taxable and assessed figures."

Assessed values could begin to outpace taxable values if the real estate market gets hot, Evanko said.

Meanwhile, the Westland City Council has established a schedule for property owners who want to appeal their assessments to the local Board of Review. To avoid long waits, appeals are by appointment only by calling 467-3160 or 467-3161.

The dates and times for residential appeals are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 5: 9:30 a.m.-noon; 1:30-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 6: 1-4 and 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 7: 1-4 and 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 8: 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1:30-4 p.m.
- Monday, March 11: 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1:30-4 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 12: 1-4 and 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 13: 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1:30-4 p.m.
- Thursday, March 14: 1-4 and 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Staff writer LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

Sexual assault charges are dropped Franklin names honor students

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Sexual assault charges against a Westland man have been dropped because the woman he was accused of attacking didn't appear in Detroit Recorder's Court, a clerk said.

Randall Schroeder, 31, was charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct after he was accused of sexually assaulting the woman behind Kelly's Emergency Room Lounge on Palmer, east of Merriman.

Schroeder could have faced a maximum 15-year prison term if he had been convicted. But Recorder's Court Judge Terrance Boyle dismissed the charge because Schroeder's accuser didn't

appear for a court proceeding in December, the clerk said.

The woman initially accused Schroeder of sexually assaulting her at 1 a.m. Oct. 21. She told police that she had phoned for a taxi cab and was waiting outside of the bar when she was forced behind the building and raped, Sgt. Terry Donohue has said.

The woman has consistently failed to show up in court. On Nov. 2, she didn't appear for a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court.

Even though she missed the court date, Schroeder was ordered to stand trial for third-degree criminal sexual conduct after he voluntarily waived his right to a hearing.

Donohue had voiced concerns even in November that the case might be dismissed. Prior to the preliminary hearing, the woman had stopped staying with her Detroit parents, and Donohue had tried unsuccessfully to find her.

Schroeder had been arrested at Kelly's Lounge after the assault allegedly occurred. The woman called police from a public telephone in the Merriman/Parkwood area after she said she was assaulted.

Franklin Middle School has listed the following students on its honor roll for the recent card marking period:

April Adams, David Randy Adams, Stacey Adler, James Arlie Allen, Janie Allore, Eric Dominic Anderle, Antoine Deandre Austin, David Austin, Jeffrey Bailey, April Ann Baker, Andrea Bean, Pamela Bean, Michael William Belanger, Daniel James Bierkamp, William Blackburn, Sherry Blanchfield, Lorie Boling, Megan Boljesic, Rashel Nicole Bone, Ashley Nicole Booker, Misty May Boring, Amber Naomi Borowiak, Audrey Elizabeth Brayman, Jennifer Britt, Nicole Rene Brooks, Katie Elizabeth Brothers, Ryan Allan Browne, Ryan Robert Bruno, Jamie Lee Buchanan, Jeffrey Edge Byrd, Nicole Lynn Campbell, Paul Chapman, Jeffrey Charbon, Lisa Charbon, Bradley Alan Chissano, Danielle Christensen, Jennifer Clark, Kerri Sue Cleavenger, Brent Andrew Colaianne, Tiffany Connor, Christopher Cox, Dawn Elizabeth Curley, Timothy Czyzak, Melissa Ann Dailey, Tarah Davis, Erick Matthew Diaz, Heather Dobrowski, Joseph Dodds, Jeremy Dore, Athena Marie Dzielengelewski, Deshayla Latrice Elmore, Kathleen Estep, Kristan Elizabeth Farago, Jonathan Ferris, Ronna Ferris, Crystal Flood, Brian Charles Fowler, Philip Jeffrey Frazee, Amanda Nicole Gardner, Olivia Gerhard, Daniel Gilbert, Joshua David Giraud, Elise Kathleen Goudreau, Jamie Lynn Griffin, Rena Gross, Shaun Michael Halaberda, Trisha Halaberda, John Hamlet, Amanda Lynn Hanner, Megan Hansor, Ryan Hardy, Carolyn Hayes, Nicole Hernandez, Stephanie Nicole Hilton, Justin Hirzel, Heather Hoener, Joseph Carl Hogaton, Alexis Houston, Timothy Hudson, Mary Huff, Jamie Hurt, Andrea Lace Johnson, Marqueta Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Robert Johnson, Jennifer Ellen Johnston, Jeremy Johnston, Ashlie Marie Jones, Melissa Jones, Joshua Edward Joseph, Sara Ann Kellow, Laura Knapp, Krystal Marie Kohler, Eric James Konopka, Julie Marie Kordupel, Craig Lang, Rodney Michael Laverty, Aaron Anthony Lindon, Crystal Lee Little, Jason Scott Little,

Westland home destroyed by fire

One Westland residence was destroyed and two others damaged Sunday during a late-morning fire at Westland Meadows, a mobile home park on the northeast corner of Van Horn and Merriman roads, a fire official said.

No serious injuries were reported. One elderly woman who suffered smoke inhalation was treated and released at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Harder said.

The blaze, blamed on "careless cooking," has been ruled accidental, Harder said.

The fire was reported at 11:20 a.m. Sunday at 119 Butternut. The woman and her pet dog managed to escape as flames spread through the mobile home.

The woman's residence was destroyed, and two neighboring mobile homes suffered exterior damages, Harder said. Two vehicles also sustained exterior damages, he said.

Catherine Spaulding marks 90th birthday

Catherine Elizabeth Spaulding of Westland recently celebrated her 90th birthday in Brighton with relatives and friends.

Attending were children Robert Eugene, Gerald Raymond, Shirley Ann Staggs, Mary Margaret Clute, Richard Ervin, Evelyn Rose Kiestler, and Elizabeth Lucille Talaga.

Another daughter, Rita Marie, of California, was unable to attend. The honoree's oldest son, James Francis, died in 1992, while her oldest daughter, Norma Jean, died in 1937.

Several family members and friends traveled distances for the occasion. A sister, Genevieve Lents of Loogootee, Ind., nephew Jerry Doyle of Vincennes, Ind., and friends Millie Drake of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mary Kiestler and Mary Bower attended.

The celebration was also attended by 20 of her 28 grandchildren and 13 of her 21 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Spaulding moved from her home town of Loogootee, Ind., 60 years ago to raise her family here. She is a lifelong member of St.



Catherine Spaulding

Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne and St. Richard Catholic Church in Westland. She has also donated her services and support to many local organizations.

She is a life member of VFW Auxiliary Post 3323 in Westland.

Franklin names honor students

Jessica Little, Danielle Luna, Eric Madden, Kayla Manners, Mikera Manning, Amanda Marsh, Kelly Martin, Melissa Kathleen Maylone, Kristina Mccehail, Shannon Marie McIntyre, Jennifer Mclean, James Robert Mettert, Jamie Milwee, Stephen Miltz, Tiffany Christine Mishloney, Justin Monit, Dale Moore, Amy Morterud, Sandra Ann Mroz, Elizabeth Janine Mummert, Christopher Napier, Michael Nausley, Charles William Nelson, Jessica Ann Nemeth, Nicole Nesbitt, Nicole Nibert, Jaime Novak, Colin O'Rourke, Melissa Osowski, Kate Palmer, Mark Palmer, Kara Pardee, Cynthia Marie Parish, Andrea Parnell, Alexis Davina Parr, Christina Marie Paul, Jennifer Paige Perdue, Alexandria Anelise Perry, Jocelyn Renee Perryman, Raymond Phillip Perusse, Annie Elizabeth Phillips, Jamie Pintar, Benjamin Poniatowski, Nicholas Poniatowski, Jennifer Ptaszynski, Melissa Irene Raymo, Jodie Ann Reel, Heather Nicole Rempert, William Raymond Richardson, Stephanie Rickel, Anna Marie Rizkallah, Jennifer Lynn Rizkallah, Rachel Nicole Rombo, Eric Rose, Heather Marie Ross, Brandon Sean Russell, Victoria Samples, Ryan Sanders, Samantha Sanders, Crystal Dawn Sansone, Dustin Clifford Schmitzer, Justin Alan Scott, Aimee Sedik, Bradley Paul Sedik, Robert John Shenkel, Christina Shoemaker, Jacquelyn Sikora, Kristin Lorraine Skelly, Brandon Richard Smith, Traci Lynn Smith, Justin Smoes, Amanda Rose Soderberg, Angela Solomon, Matthew Edward St. Antoine, Christina Staley, Chelsie Linn Stromski, Jessie Tabben, Jennifer Tarwacki, Lindsey Tennant, Jillian Marie Thomas, Lance Burson Thomason, Megan E Thrasher, Lauren Rae Tipinski, Rose Lynn Tooman, Roberta Towahack, Kristina Tavetkoff, Jacob Turnbull, Kelly Tyler, Thomas Tyler, Amy Colleen Veres, Jennifer Lynne Walker, Karissa Walker, Marshall Walls, Melody Ward, Kevin Watson, Toni Nicole Watson, Kristin Michelle Wellday, Gregory Allen Wilcox, Stacey Lee Williams, Molly Dawn Wilson, Jason Paul Winters, Stacie Lynn Woods, Elizabeth Marie Zarzecki, Michael Zikmund, Adam Michael Zimmerman.

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momentarily in attempts to regain a normal rhythm. Unlike EMTs, paramedics use a sophisticated, manual defibrillation system that allows them to continually monitor a patient's heart beat on a screen.

In a sense, Neal said, "Instead of taking the patient to the hospital, you're taking the hospital to the patient."

As paramedics are transporting a patient to an actual hospital, they are better trained than EMTs to take physician orders by radio. In turn, doctors know more about a patient's condition upon arrival at the hospital, Reddy said.

"It provides for continuity of care," he said.

In the 79-member Westland Fire Department, only 15 firefighters have received the 600 hours of schooling and training needed to become paramedics. Another 12 are currently enrolled in classes taught at Emergency Education Inc. (EEI), a licensed, Westland-based company.

Reddy envisions a department fully trained to provide Advanced Life Support, although taxpayers could be asked to approve a tax

increase to help pay for the program.

A fire department fully staffed by paramedics would put Westland in the lead of other area communities.

"I'm sure Westland is going to have the best medics around," said EEI operations director Bill Forbush, who is also a captain with the Garden City Fire Department.

Westland City Council members are considering asking voters in the August primary to approve a city charter amendment that would allow higher taxes to improve the fire and police departments.

A 1.5-mill increase has been discussed; it would cost an average homeowner with an \$80,000 house about \$60 more a year, Finance Director Michael Gorman has said.

Among other measures, the Westland Fire Department would upgrade its rescue vehicles to provide Advanced Life Support. Aging vehicles would be gradually replaced.

"A good ALS unit costs about \$101,000," Reddy said.

During a recent tour of EEI, firefighters could be seen practicing their paramedic training on a mannequin. Instructor Crystal Forbush, Bill Forbush's sister and business colleague, helped the trainees simulate an emergency.

Firefighters have one 12-hour training session a week.

They also complete training exercises with local hospitals where Westland-area patients are trans-

ported, including Garden City Hospital, Livonia's St. Mary Hospital, and Wayne's Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center.

If a full-fledged ALS system is put in place, Reddy said, more lives will undoubtedly be saved.

"It will make a tremendous difference in survivability," he said.

Medical literature provided by EEI notes that "even in the best of EMS systems, there is an inherent delay until the delivery of

ALS." One study shows that the outcome for cardiac arrest "is dismal" if Advanced Life Support is delayed beyond eight minutes.

"You really need drugs to keep (patients) away from the arrhythmia that will kill them," Crystal Forbush said.

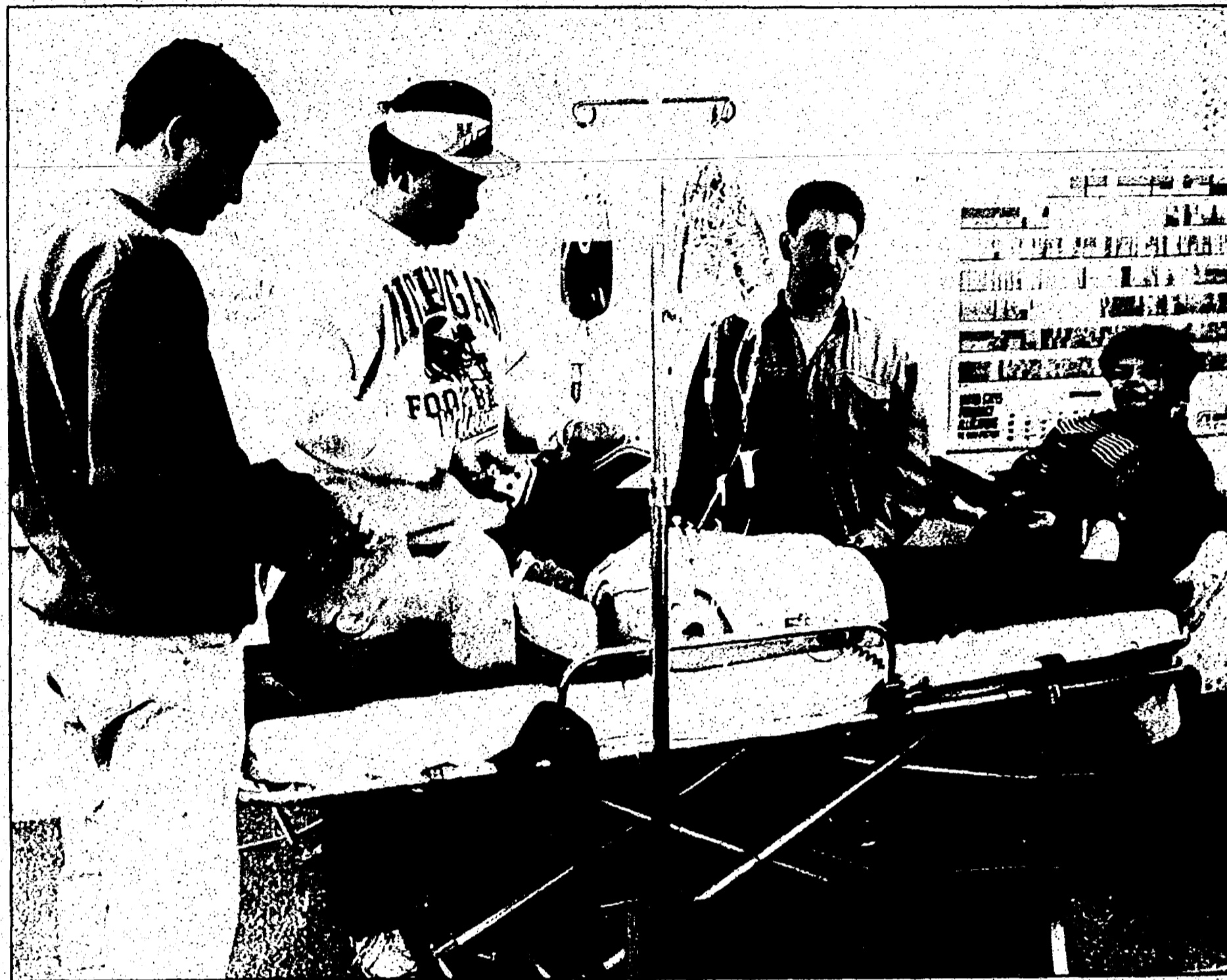
Reddy said many residents mistakenly believe that Westland and many other local communities already have paramedics on the job.

Fire officials will have to fight that perception if the Westland City Council places a charter amendment on the Aug. 6 primary ballot.

Advanced Life Support is but one of the public safety improvements proposed. The six-year millage increase would raise about \$11.5 million for Mayor Robert Thomas' Project 2000, a long-range proposal for improving the police and fire departments.



In the classroom: Paramedic trainees from the Westland Fire Department listen as instructor Crystal Forbush teaches a class at Emergency Education Inc., a Westland company that teaches life-saving measures.



STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUEL

Paramedic trainees: Practicing a defibrillation technique that they will later use on actual heart attack victims are, from left, Scott Neal, 25, David Wilbert, 31, and Mike Parsons, 31, all of Westland. At right is instructor Crystal Forbush, who simulates an emergency to which the paramedic trainees respond.



Life-savers: Mike Parsons, right, practices injecting drugs intravenously. Helping him stabilize the "patient" are, from left, Michael Murray, Scott Neal and David Wilbert.

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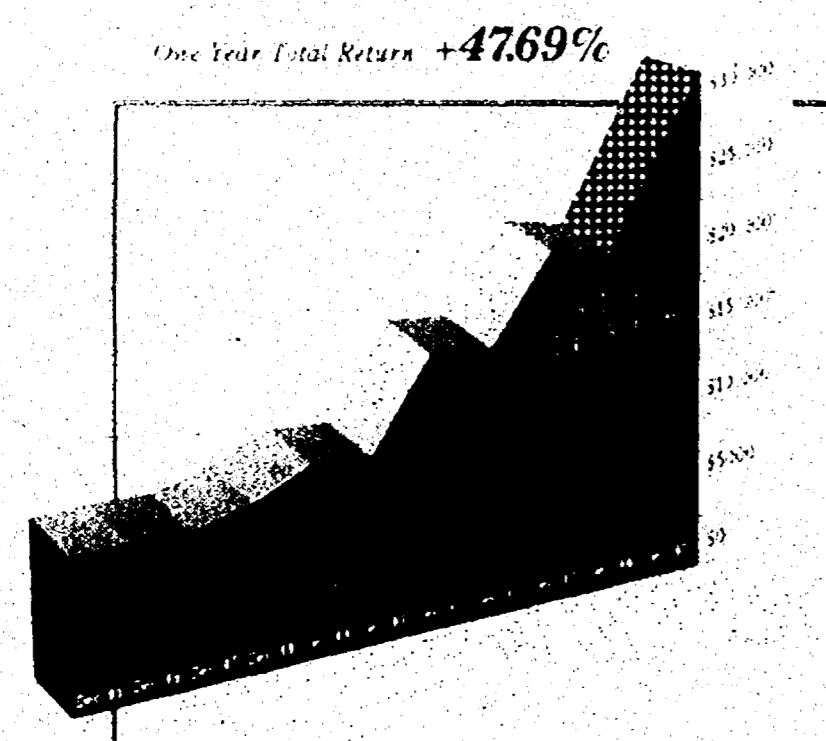
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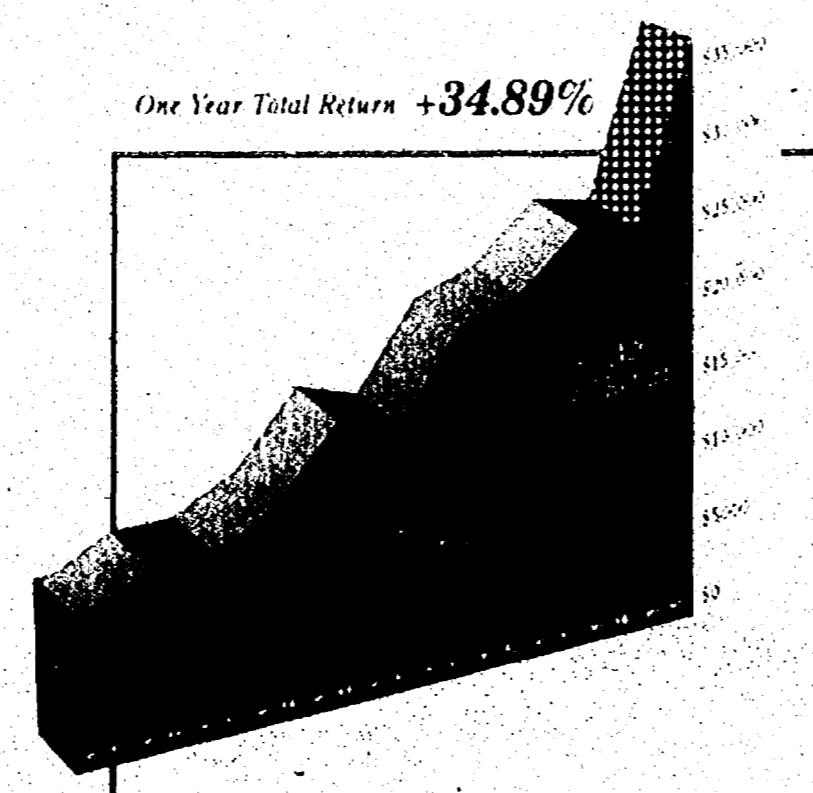
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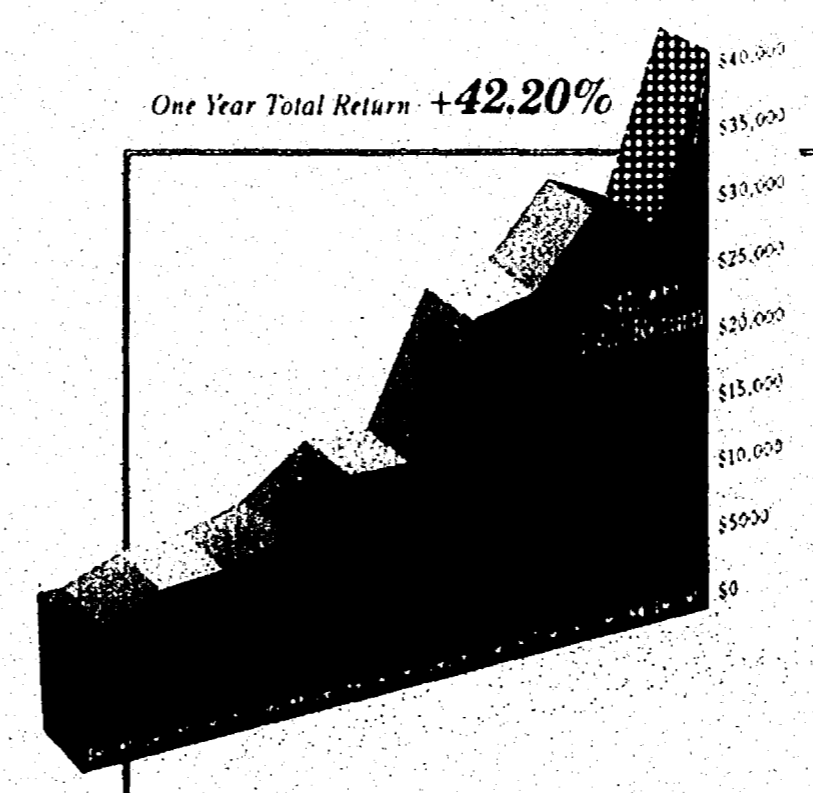
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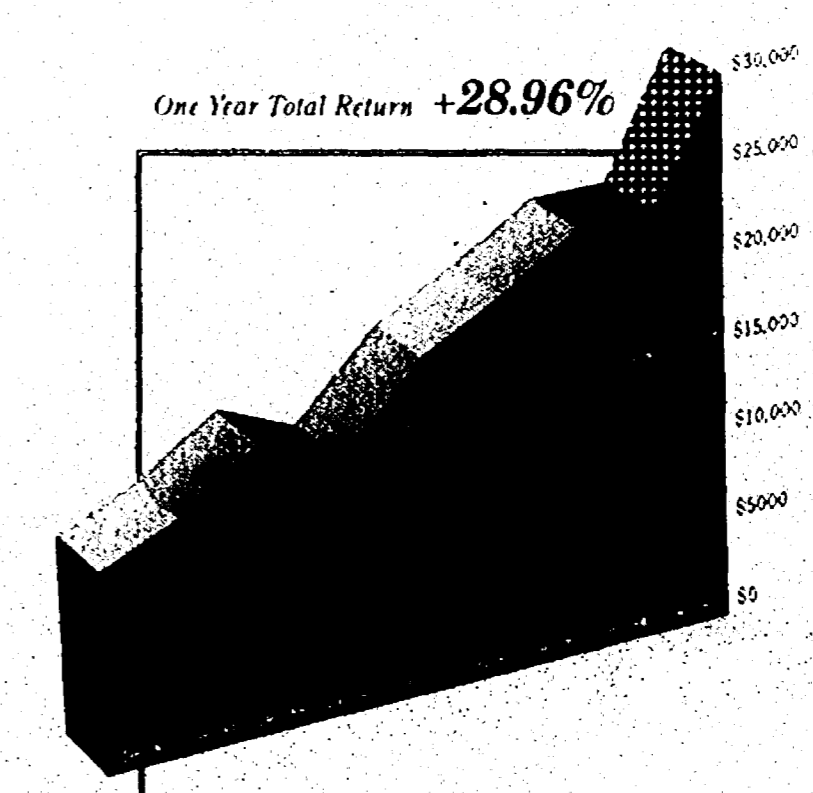
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Public comment sought on plans for two new area codes

Six potential plans for two new area codes are being studied, and the public will be asked for input.

A new area code will be added in the 810 area in 1997 and another in 313 in 1998. Southeastern Michigan is depleting its supply of available telephone exchanges because of the growth of telecommunications services such as cellular phones, pagers, modems and fax machines.

The proposals to add another area code in the 810 area include:
 ■ A new area code would be added to the southern portions of Macomb, Oakland, and Livingston counties. This plan includes the northern portion of Livonia, which is currently in the 810 area code.

■ A new area code assigned to Oakland County. This plan also includes the northern portion of Livonia, which is currently in the 810 area code.

■ Assign a new area code as an overlay to the existing 810 area, which includes northern Livonia. Both area codes would follow existing boundaries, with new service requests getting the new area code and all current 810 customers keeping their present numbers.

The proposals to add a new area code in the 313 area include:

■ A new area code would be assigned to everything outside of Detroit, the Grosse Pointes and Dearborn. Redford Township would get the new area code.

■ All of Detroit, Redford Township, the Grosse Pointes and Dearborn would receive a new area code. The rest of the area would remain 313.

■ Assign a new area code as an overlay to the existing 313 area. This means there would be two area codes within the existing boundaries, with new service requests getting the new area code and all current 313 customers keeping their present numbers.

The plans are "very much preliminary at this point," Joe O'Connor, president of Consumer Market Analysts in Troy, said.

About 1,200 interviews will be conducted, as well as public meetings and the public meetings will be scheduled soon, he said. The phone interviews will be conducted, literally, with map in hand, O'Connor said.

At the end of March a report of the research will be completed. By early or mid-April phone customers will know which plan was chosen, O'Connor said.

None of the plans is a perfect solution, O'Connor said. "Someone is inconvenienced," he said.

The overlay plan is being implemented in Houston and Maryland, he said.

Adding new area codes should keep southeast Michigan in phone numbers for eight to 10 years, according to Harry Semerjian, vice president of corporate planning at Ameritech.

When the numbers run out, a new numbering system will have to be implemented, Semerjian said.

Planning for the area code is handled by two groups. The first is a nine-member citizens' advisory committee with representatives from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, the city of Detroit, SEMCOG, the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, Ameritech and the Michigan Public Service Commission. The citizens' group is facilitated by O'Connor.

The second group is a telecommunications industry team with representatives from local telephone companies, long distance providers, cellular and paging companies, and alarm companies.

These two groups studied more than 20 possible plans before selecting six. Four guidelines were followed:

■ Plans must be technically and economically feasible, as telephone exchange boundaries don't

necessarily follow municipal and county boundaries.

■ Most, if not all, customers should be able to keep their current phone numbers.

■ If the new area codes split the current geographic boundaries (as

opposed to being an overlay) they must follow easily recognizable boundaries.

■ The new design must allow all four area codes serving Southeastern Michigan to exhaust their capacity at about the same time.

County to host health summit

The Wayne County Health Department (WCHD) will host a Health Summit to address the present and future health status of Wayne County residents from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Feb. 26, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 8600 Merriman in Romulus.

The purpose of the event is to identify high priority health concerns and, to later, implement improvement strategies.

"A healthy county is the catalyst for economic development and prosperity," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara. "Well people can enjoy longevity and make invaluable contributions to their communities."

The event will bring together 200 people, representing all sectors of Wayne County including members of the health community, business and political leaders, key interest groups and grass roots individuals.

"Statewide improvement calls for local action," says Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County Public Health medical director. "The vision of health assessment programs is to empower communities to take charge of their health and influence health care."

For more information on the Health Summit and/or CHAP, call Esther Twitty, WCHD Planning manager at: (313) 467-3463.

The WCHD will provide leadership and guidance to communities involved in the CHAP, while serving as experts in public health practice. Regardless of the health department's programs, they can be more effective if residents work collectively to assure conditions in which individuals can be healthy, according to Steve Gold, WCHD Planning and Evaluations director.

"Public health is not only having the lack of disease, but it should include underlying social determinates that lead to unhealthy people, such as the lack of employment, food, housing and recreation," Gold said.

The health conference was organized as a direct result of a statewide effort to improve the health of Michigan residents through Community Health Assessment Programs (CHAP). CHAP is one of 12 regional health assessment programs initiated and supported by the Michigan Department of Public Health.

The WCHD is part of a consortium of health departments in Southeastern Michigan participating in CHAP which includes: city of Detroit; Livingston County; Macomb County; Monroe County; Oakland County; St. Clair County and Washtenaw County. Additionally, CHAP is supported by the Southeastern Michigan Health Association.

Police show set

Madonna University will hold a police memorabilia show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 9, in the Activities Center.

Admission is \$2. For more information, call (313) 432-5441. Madonna University is at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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Solving problems

Parents offered skills workshop

A topic on the minds of many is the quality of education in local public schools and a related issue of learning skills to get into college or enter the world of work.

Over the years, parents and educational leaders have joined with employers to voice their concern over academic test scores and the employability skills of today's students.

What seems to be missing in the debate, with the exception of several school administrators and social service agencies, is the crucial role and importance that parents play in the raising of young children and setting standards, expectations and goals.

When people anguish about educational skills, they focus on the latest stage students are in, not the earlier stages that have a vital influence.

While educational strategies and techniques can always be improved, the key issue is educating parents, not just students, on how to raise responsible and competent people.

In previous generations, it was a different society — mostly stay-at-home mothers, families sharing meal times and mutual discussions and parents knowing what their kids were doing.

But the world and the community are vastly different today. There are more families headed by a single parent as well as more two-income couples.

Stepping into the important role of parenting education is a local school-related group. Formed more than a year ago, the group deals not only with academic issues but also the so-

cial issues facing families, such as crime, helping children handle their feelings as parents are divorcing, and personal health.

Fortunately, help is on the way with a series of programs sponsored by the Wayne-Westland school district's Family Resource Center with the help of other educational and social services groups, such as Westland Youth Assistance, New Directions, Hegira, and the state public health department.

The organization's next parenting education program is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, at Adams Middle School, on Palmer west of Venoy.

There are 21 topics that local parents can take advantage of — ranging from sibling rivalry, teen depression, single parenting, alternatives to yelling and screaming, among others.

The parents' day, which can be attended by youngsters, should go a long way not only toward improving academic test scores in the school district but hopefully solve some of the related social problems — gang activities, vandalism and others which affect all of us.

While the series of workshops won't solve all of Westland's problems, it will go a long way to dealing with the important social issues.

The best thing about the upcoming Parents' Day is that the fee is only \$3 per adult. Registration forms are available at your neighborhood schools.

Smart parents will obtain a form and submit them as quickly as possible.

Suburban school districts lose

There's an old joke in which the Lone Ranger says to Tonto, "We're surrounded by thousands of hostile Indians. What are we going to do?"

Tonto replies, "What you mean 'we,' white man?"

The joke is grimly real when communities ponder the reaction of state legislators and the governor to the Supreme Court decision in the Musselman case. In the late 1980s and early '90s, the state eliminated prefunding of school retirees' health benefits. The high court said the state didn't violate the Constitution, and that courts lacked power to mandate state expenditures.

"We won," said state officials. Who are the "we" who lost?

The Michigan Education Association, the teachers union that filed the Musselman suit, says it lost on the question of constitutionally

protecting members' benefits. Some loss. No other retirees have constitutionally protected benefits. MEA members aren't any worse off than anybody else. Politically, they actually may be better off by losing in court because their money is no longer a budget target in lean years.

The "we" who lost are local school districts. Lansing has effectively shifted a \$400 million or so burden to local school districts.

It's no great burden in rural, poor, outstate districts, which are reaping huge rewards from Proposal A's school finance reforms. But it is a burden in Wayne County suburban districts — the old out-of-formula schools. Whatever increases in state aid they get are likely to be largely eaten up this year by the need to fund retirees' health benefits.

So when voices in the State Capitol say we're better off in school funding these days, you need to know whom they mean by "we."

Road money falls short of need

Wayne County's roads are going into reverse.

For several years, local drivers have seen billboards advising them that "short term inconvenience means long-term improvement" as county roads are resurfaced. Many county roads also got new lanes, drains and shoulders — especially since County Executives William Lucas and Ed McNamara took over the old Road Commission.

No more. Money is running out. The county found the \$4.5 million it was getting from Lansing will shrivel to \$2.1 million this year and barely top \$3 million in 1998.

Two things have happened. First, the state has failed to hike the 15-cents-a-gallon fuel tax to meet revenue shortfalls caused by more fuel-efficient vehicles of the '80s. Second, the

Michigan Department of Transportation has put a higher priority on its own projects than it has on Wayne County projects.

The result is that all the regional planning done by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has been knocked into a proverbial cocked hat. SEMCOG is trying to renegotiate a new plan with the state.

"Your project is beyond 1996," a county official told a Canton Township group last week.

We repeat what we've been saying since 1988: State road funds are woefully inadequate. The longer we postpone the inevitable tax increase, the more taxes we will need to catch up, let alone get ahead.

C'mon, Gov. Engler and the Legislature. We know you're following a "taxpayer's agenda," but we remind you that taxpayers need roads, too.

Think spring!



Plan ahead: The mere mention of spring rejuvenates the spirit, and everything seems to take on a new perspective, especially for gardeners. Chase away the dull, gray days of winter by wandering through your favorite vegetable garden catalogs. Take heart, planting days aren't that far away.

LETTERS

Social problems

I would like to express my opinion on some things.

I have not worked for about two years because of medical problems. I have watched a lot of talk shows and get very angry when I see some of these shows. Today's generation is growing up in a lot of hate and anger for their own age and the disrespect for their parents, and friends, and neighbors. With the growing problems that the kids have to face today, like drugs, AIDS and a lot of people just out to hurt someone.

Not only all of those problems, but kids raising kids now. What happened to our family values that were taught to us in the past? We as adults forget things that were stressed on us growing up years ago. Yes, there is a lot of peer pressure on the kids this day in time, and that is one of the things that causes kids to want to quit school and to run with the wrong people.

I feel that today's generation is getting cheated. This day in time, the parents are having to work two and three jobs to make ends meet. There are a lot of single parents out there and a lot of married parents out there too, and it is hard for both. They are having to work six and seven days a week and 10 to 12 hours a day to make ends meet.

What ever happened to a 40-hour work week, giving families the weekend to relax and to do family things together? I feel that these kids have too much time alone, and that is why they get into much more these days. I feel that this would help get a handle on one of our problems for a change. The parents need to give more attention to the kids and to be a role model for our youth, who will soon be running our country.

It is time that we pull together and contact our politicians to get some of the laws changed that would give our kids a better and safe place to live. I think that we need to try to make things better and a lot more simple for them.

The next concern I have is the justice system is not really working. There are people getting arrested and by the time the officers get back out on their beat the criminal is back out on the street. That is causing the police to have to do their job twice as much, and twice as hard. This takes away from the rest of the citizens being protected. There are police officers getting shot, just doing their jobs. I feel for them and their families, having to worry all of the time is this going to be the last time

they are all together?

I also feel the same toward firefighters who put their lives on the line for us as citizens and taxpayers of the community. The ambulance crew also faces a lot of stress dealing with medical situations such as death, sickness, and injuries caused by some criminal activity just like firefighters and police officers.

It is time that we support our local services, and get some laws on the books that protect the ones that protect us. Arson is a crime and a firefighter gets hurt or killed, or a citizen gets hurt or killed, then the person who did the crime should pay, and pay dearly for the crime. If it is a police officer, the same. The old saying, you play, you pay.

Now there is another thing that bothers me is the U.S. wasting a lot of money to other countries, and there are starving and homeless people in this country that need it more. It's time that we help our own American people first. The money sent to other countries could provide education and job training for the homeless and the disabled people to help them get back up on their feet. Some people can't work because of a disability, and that is understandable, but there are some that won't work.

There are some that have tried to work, and there are people who will not hire a disabled person, and that discourages people to go out to look for a job. You fill out an application, and you never hear from them again. Then the next week there is still an ad in the paper for the same job. I have seen the ad again a month later.

It's time that we take control of our government and demand that they vote the voice of their constituents and move this country in the right direction. Clean up crime, up hold our family values, and clean up our communities, and make this a better and safe place to live. We need less crime and less violence and more respect for others.

Glenn Martin, Garden City

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Chasley Cook
Westland



"I think it's adequate. I had a stalking incident, and the police were very quick to respond."
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POINTS OF VIEW

Quality care

Overall, most nursing homes do a very good job

Gauging from newspaper, radio and TV news reports of recent days, one might assume that every area nursing home has a potential catastrophe lurking in its corridors. Incidents of abuse, neglect and lax security are all making headlines.

The truth of the matter, however, is that the overwhelming majority of Michigan's long-term care facilities (or nursing homes, as they are commonly called), which comprise 31,000 beds, provide quality care.

With over 20 years experience in the long-term care industry, I have worked with numerous dedicated administrators, direct caregivers and nursing assistants. These individuals have devoted their lives to seeing that residents receive the best possible care. The recent reports of nursing home residents dying as a result of wandering from facilities are tragic, but isolated, incidents. They do not reflect the high-

quality service provided in most Michigan facilities.

The majority of nursing home administrators are sensitive to the concerns expressed in the Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987. The crux of the disagreement pertains to the unclear standards and unfair system of imposing fines.

Currently, most facilities not only meet staffing requirements mandated by the state of Michigan, but exceed them. For facilities such as Botsford Continuing Health Center, staff numbers are not determined by ratios, but rather are based on the needs of their patients.

Stringent federal regulations are also in effect that provide that residents not be restrained to protect their personal rights and dignity.

Regardless of the nursing home regulations currently on the books, the most recent examples of local nursing

GUEST COLUMNIST



LINDA MLYNAREK

■ Regardless of the nursing home regulations currently on the books, the most recent examples of local nursing home neglect should still serve as a red flag for all of us.

home neglect should still serve as a red flag for all of us. Family members should take action to ensure that their relatives are entrusted to the care of highly qualified professionals. The first step to finding a quality facility is to do some research. Various groups such as the Health Care Association of Michigan (HCAM) and Area Agency on Aging (AAA) provide resources which outline guidelines and questions to ask of nursing home administrators.

Other credible references often come through word-of-mouth: hospital discharge planners, physicians, and other satisfied customers and family members.

By far, the best method of gauging the quality of a nursing home is through frequent visits. Ask yourself what kind of feeling you get while you're there. Who greets you at the door? What kind of security precau-

tions are taken? Watching staff interaction with patients also provides an indication of care. Most importantly, trust your instincts and your common sense.

Lastly, it's important to keep in mind that employees of the long-term health care industry have made a personal commitment to provide for the well-being of patients in their charge. They view their places of work not just as facilities, but rather as the residents' homes. Despite what you may read or hear, Michigan has a great deal to be proud of in its long-term health care facilities and the dedicated, caring professionals who staff them.

Linda S. Mlynarek, FACHCA, is administrator of Botsford Continuing Health Center in Farmington Hills. She is president of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators.

Only one candidate can read writing on the wall

Brother Al wrote from Out West to back away from our joint March vacation plan. He's changing jobs, leaving Kmart after umpteen years, to join rival Wal-Mart.

"It wasn't just the money, although that was better. The benefit package was much better, insurance plans, stock options, profit-sharing, dental plan, etc.," he said.

His note arrived several days before Kmart, headquartered in Troy, announced it is "streamlining" management. Many salaried workers will be demoted to hourly status, without the opportunity to earn bonuses. Many will take sharp pay cuts. Some streamlining.

A retail consultant was quoted as saying Kmart's labor costs are higher than its rivals, though Kmart pays the same for goods, pays the same for shipping, and has some of the best leases in the world.

That doesn't add up: Al leaves

Kmart for more money and better fringes; the expert says Kmart has higher labor costs.

One more bit of factual information: On employee bulletin boards all over the country is a Feb. 13 article from the New York Times about how AT&T is trashing 40,000 workers, or 13 percent of its work force. The brass also are giving thousands of current non-union workers a two-page form on which to list their credentials.

"The idea is that everybody has been asked to step out into a parking lot," said AT&T spokesperson Adele Ambrose. Added an AT&T human resources veep: "People need to look at themselves as self-employed, as vendors who come to this company to sell their skills."

To me it sounds like current workers, who have been doing satisfactory jobs for decades, are being told to apply for their jobs all over again. As the Times writer put it, "Critics say the



TIM RICHARD

layoffs demonstrate how modern companies treat workers as disposable tools."

The point of this column is to heighten your political awareness. The trashing of the skilled American white-collar worker isn't being discussed by the mainstream presidential candidates — Clinton, Dole, Alexander and that crowd.

Only Pat Buchanan is talking about it. "When AT&T lops off 40,000 jobs,"

he said last week in New Hampshire, "the executioner that does it, he's a big hero on the cover of one of these magazines, and AT&T stock soars."

Buchanan is a protectionist — an opponent of free trade and documents like the North American Free Trade Agreement. His campaign announcement followed last year's revelation that most of the companies that said they would increase employment if NAFTA were ratified actually did the opposite — cut jobs.

Political columnists, however, are treating Buchanan like a Nazi. One said his speeches were more entertaining in the original German. Another quotes Speaker Newt Gingrich as saying he'd be comfortable with any of the GOP presidential hopefuls — except Buchanan.

Political columnists picture Buchanan as a hatemonger, 19th century fundamentalist, Neanderthal, bigot — and that's when they're being nice to

him. I do not — repeat NOT — endorse Buchanan. I'm a policy wonk, an issues freak, a dealer in ideas like my hero Plato.

On March 19 Michigan Republicans face a presidential primary. The year's big issue is the nervousness of middle-class, middle-management, white-collar workers who fear being treated as disposable tools; that every economic indicator is sky-high with the exception of consumer confidence; and that only Pat Buchanan is talking about it.

Think about that in the four weeks ahead when presidential candidates come to town and bombard you with their inane commercials: What will they do about the longtime worker who is treated like a disposable tool and made to apply for his or her job all over again?

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

National standards need support

Gov. John Engler was interviewed last week by a group of Michigan business leaders at a forum sponsored in part by Walsh College, a business school located in Troy.

His comments on Michigan kindergarten through 12th grade education make perfect sense and represent a slap in the face to some of the radicals who are busily trying to rip up a public school system that is trying to improve.

Engler quote: "As a nation, we spend \$300 billion annually on K-12 education; it's not an area where we're underfunded. For that kind of investment, we have very little benchmarking, very little assessment. . . . We don't really have an adequate way to tell how a Michigan student stacks up against an Ohio student, or a California student or a Canadian student or a German or a Japanese student."

My comment: Right on, Governor. So why did you let your friends in the state Legislature eliminate the mandatory curriculum from the Michigan School Code, making Michigan one of only two states in the nation without specific requirements about what kids should learn in school?

Engler quote: "I think there has to be a national test. We're talking about reading, writing, math and science. Presumably there's not a Texas way to learn math and a Michigan way to learn math. You either learn algebra or you don't."

My comment: Right again, Governor. A national system assessing what kids actually learn is the single most important device I know to get real school reform. Why, therefore, do you tolerate your chums on the State Board of Education arguing that each school district and each charter school ought to be free to use any assessment test they want?

Engler quote: "It (a national test) has been strongly resisted by many of the education groups, because they are fearful it will be used to make comparisons, or that it could become the tool by which we could compensate teachers."

My comment: That's wrong, Governor, and you know it. The resistance to a national assessment system has come primarily from politicians who are scared of losing "local control" and right-wing religious groups who want their kids to learn creationism, McGuffey's Readers and the three R's.

"Education groups," which in the governor's vocabulary means "teachers unions," have mixed feelings about national assessment



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systems. The American Federation of Teachers, headed by Al Shanker, has been advocating national benchmarking for years. The National Education Association (parent of the Michigan Education Association, the largest teachers union in Michigan) has been more muted on the subject.

Engler is right in asserting that much teacher concern about any objective system of assessing learning is the fear that individual pupil performance will get linked to individual teacher compensation.

Teachers assert — rightly, in my view — that there are a lot of variables involved in learning, and it's just not fair to make any one teacher responsible for all of them. Families may be dysfunctional or not care; kids may be truant or on drugs or dumb; school materials may be lacking or merely bad.

That's all true. But it should not be beyond human creativity to figure out a way to link some part of teacher compensation to student performance.

I cannot think of any one step which would more dramatically reverse the realities of today's politics, where teachers unions are demonized and teachers are demoralized and angry, than for school employees to put themselves firmly on the side of learning achievement. It's a fundamental way for teachers to reconnect with kids, parents, employers and with their ultimate customers: the taxpayers.

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Funding cuts will delay 22 county road projects in '96

**BY BETH SUNDRIA JACHIMAN
STAFF WRITER**

Cuts in funding of the county's road projects mean 22 projects planned for 1996, including two local ones, won't be completed this year.

At a meeting of the Federal Aid Committee in Livonia Tuesday, local road engineers and elected officials heard the bad news and voted on which road projects wouldn't make the cut for 1996. That comes after Wayne County officials found out in January that the federal money it receives from the state will be cut.

Funding slashed

Instead of \$9.5 million in federal funds received from the Surface Transportation Program, the county expects to receive \$2.1 million for 1996.

Instead of \$4.6 million in federal funds from the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category C, the county expects to receive \$1.8 million for 1996.

Also, under added state road funds from the Build Michigan program the county expects to receive \$6.4 million instead of the \$15.2 million it received last year.

Two local county projects are on the list to be completed in 1996: one is on Newburgh Road at the CSX Railroad tracks in Westland and the other is on Canton Center Road from Michigan Avenue to Geddes Road in Canton Township. A local paving project is also scheduled on Schoolcraft Road in Plymouth Township.

Area projects cut

Two local county projects that won't be completed in 1996 unless more funding is found are Cherry Hill from Middlebelt to Inkster Road in Garden City and Inkster. The other is Seven Mile Road from 1-275 to Newburgh in Livonia. The projects are on the list for 1997 and 1998, respectively.

The committee approved the revised list of county road projects for 1996-98 with Canton Township Engineer Tom Casari voting against.

Cuts came when the Michigan Department of Transportation had nine major projects that were to be funded by a gas tax increase, according to Ed Siemert, director of engineering for Wayne County.

When the gas tax increase didn't come about, these projects weren't funded, so the state diverted about \$56 million over three-year period for use on its projects, Siemert said. The four projects in southeastern Michigan are the Davison in Detroit, M-69, the Haggerty Connector and I-96 in Livingston County.

Few alternatives

"There are a few rays of hope," Siemert said. The county can trade Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality money for road work money.

The county had been using those funds for the timed-traffic

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signal corridor projects, which involves installing new signals timed for optimum traffic flow.

But since the county is doing "a rearranging of deck chairs on the Titanic," according to Alan Richardson, the county's deputy director of engineering, more corridors won't be targeted for that project.

"We don't want shiny yellow signals over potholed roads," he

said.

Deadlines loom

The plan approved Tuesday will be forwarded to the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, which approves plans for road funding in southeast Michigan. SEMCOG must also meet a state deadline, so that the state can meet a federal deadline.

One reason these decisions must be made so late is that two

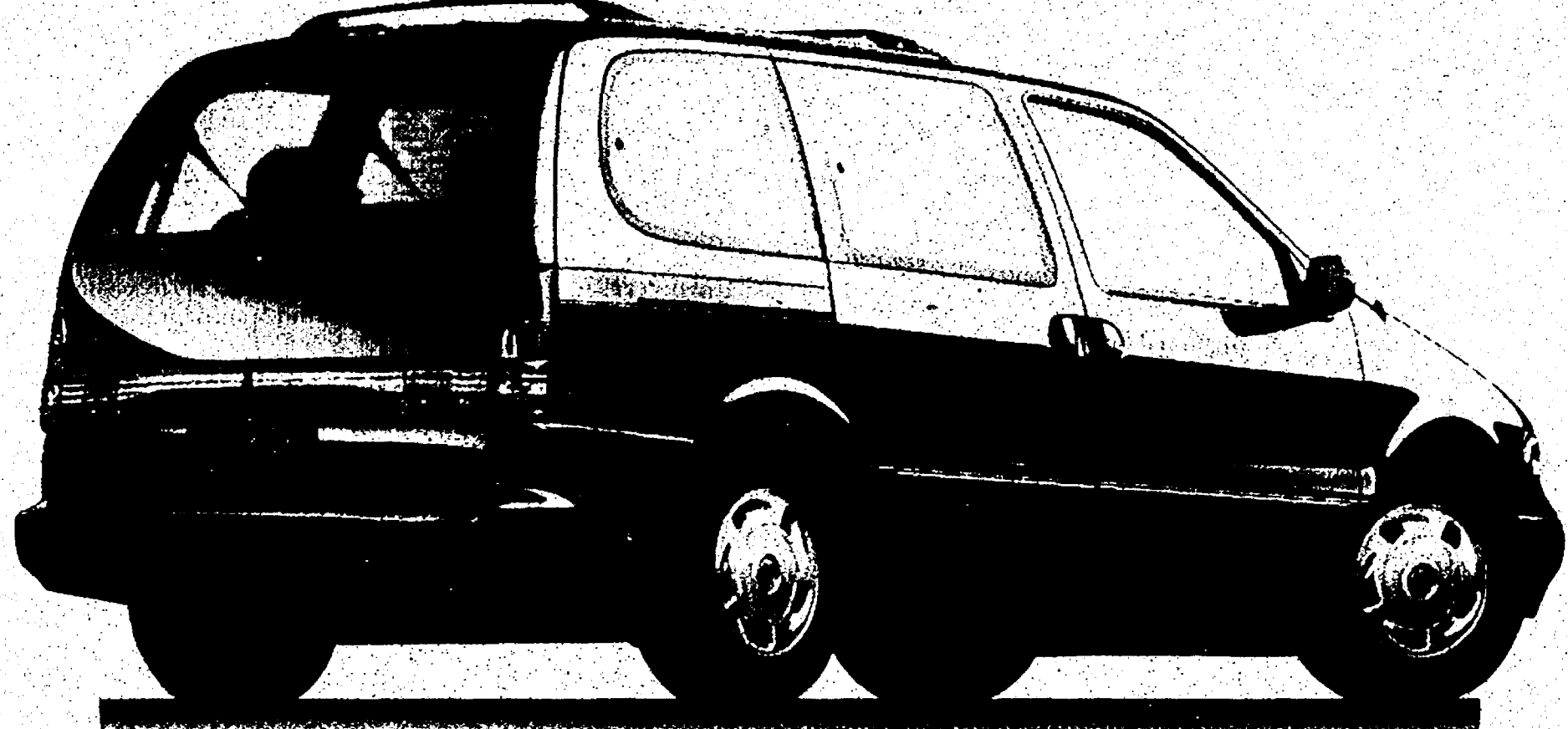
pieces of legislation on funding weren't approved until late November, according to Christopher Mann, coordinator of transportation programs at SEMCOG.

The road funding cuts are hitting everywhere in the state, Mann said. SEMCOG officials considered not approving changes in road work plans, but that will mean projects will come to a halt, Mann said.

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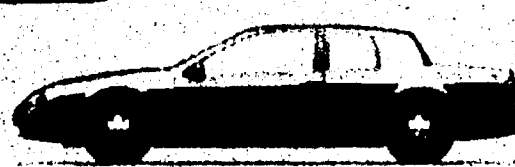
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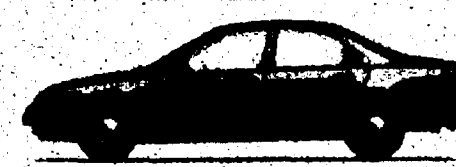
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I wonder what he'd think, that in 1996 we'd recognize him and remember him and even celebrate his birthday. I bet he had no idea way back when of how much of an impact he'd be making generations beyond.

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Washington's very familiar, rather stern-looking face has always been a presence in our lives. His portrait is looked at billions of times a day now, a couple hundred years after he died. I bet if he knew, he'd be mighty impressed.

And I'd bet he'd be impressed with the nation's capital being named after him. And a whole state. And bridges, towns, streets, monuments, mountains, universities. And the special, once-a-year sales at stores. I bet a smile would race across his stern, old face once he'd figured out what an impact he'd made.

So George, what can we say? You were quite a

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There's 'Hope' for kids with cancer

When the doors at Laurel Manor open on March 2 for Leukemia, Life, Research, Inc.'s 15th annual "Evening of Hope," it will be a celebration of the work being done to find a cure for childhood cancers.

Nicole Williamson didn't want to sit in Vinnie Johnson's lap, so the former Detroit Pistons star did the next best thing. He sat on the floor with the 2 1/2-year-old Livonia resident.

"She's a bit of a Momma's girl," said her mother Brenda. "She won't even let my husband put her to bed, so I don't ever get a break."

But this break in the routine was an exciting one for Brenda and maybe Nicole who wrapped her small hand around one of Johnson's fingers.

Usually hard at work at Pistons Enterprise, a Detroit-based corrugated packaging manufacturer, Johnson took a timeout at the Williamson's home on Monday. Spending time with "the kids" is part of what he does at the honorary chair of Leukemia, Research, Life, Inc.'s 15th annual "Evening of Hope" benefit.

"When it comes to kids, I have a special place in my heart for them" said Johnson. "This touches everyone who has kids, who has nieces or nephews."

The "this" is childhood cancer, and Nicole is one of the youngsters it has touched. In October 1994, at age 14 months, she was diagnosed as having neuroblastoma, a malignant hemorrhagic tumor, in her chest and abdomen.

After five months of chemotherapy, doctors at Children's Hospital of Michigan were able to remove the tumor along with 20 percent of her diaphragm and a small piece of her lung during a 4 1/2-hour operation.

That was followed by two more months of chemotherapy "to make sure they got it all." And since June 1995, Nicole has been in remission.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hello there: Just the mention of his name is enough to attract a crowd, but for ex-Detroit Piston Vinnie Johnson, it was a challenge getting Nicole Williamson, 2 1/2, in his court. The Livonia youngster gladly held his hand, but preferred her mother, Brenda's, lap.

"She knows she has a scare and that she got it at the hospital," said Brenda. "She never liked the doctors, but she liked the nurses. When the doctors came in her room, she'd cover herself with her blanket, thinking they wouldn't see her."

Long-term commitment

Nicole has benefitted from the work of LRL which is committed to finding a cure for all childhood cancers. Founded in 1981, LRL has raised more than \$2 million to finance childhood cancer research projects at Children's Hospital.

It has helped finance the PET scan at the hospital, the only one in the world, that can be used to detect in brain tumors are cancerous without invasive testing, said

Sharon Dragan DeVore, the driving force behind LRL's founding.

DeVore began a parent's support group in 1981 after her son P.J. was diagnosed with leukemia. He died in 1983, but part of his legacy is the "Evening of Hope" dinner-dance.

"LRL was formed when I found out there was no funding for research for childhood cancers at Children's," said DeVore, a Farmington Hills resident. "P.J.'s 2 1/2-year battle is over, but his legacy has given other children the chance to win the war with cancer."

"Evening of Hope" is LRL's premier fund raiser, growing from an initially gathering of 100 people to the 1,600 people the group hopes to have at Laurel Manor in Livonia on Saturday, March 2. The date is a

bittersweet one for DeVore; it would have been P.J.'s 21st birthday.

But the gathering will be a celebration. With Johnson's help last year, the organization raised close to \$65,000 that will be part of a \$139,000 endowment for the research team at Children's Hospital.

"Vinnie was instrumental in helping us raise the \$65,000," DeVore said. "And \$15-20,000 of that was from the silent auction of items from his personal sports collection."

According to Johnson, it was DeVore who attracted him to LRL. And after visiting Children's Hospital and seeing the kids, he wanted to do more — collecting items for the auction, going to the hospital to life spirits and the like.

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Tony and Honey Ores of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia, to Christopher Sallsbury, the son of William Sallsbury and Carole Ravichio, both of Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed as an executive assistant with Arrow Uniform Rental.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Dearborn Divine Child High School. He is employed as a police officer by the City of Detroit.

A June wedding is planned for St. Paul of Cross Church.



Clemens-Halgren

William J. and Judith M. Clemens of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynn, to Robert Grant Halgren of Chicago, Ill., son of Robert and Carol Halgren of Berrien Springs, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attended Michigan State University. She is employed as manager of the Tall Girl Shop in Chicago.

Her fiancé received his bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from Michigan State University in 1992. He is currently doing his graduate studies in cancer biology at Northwestern University where he also is a candidate for a doctoral degree.



A July wedding is planned at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Plymouth.

Lico-Jacobs

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lico of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Teri Ann, to John Kenneth Jacobs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burke Jacobs of Jackson, Miss.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University. A resident of Atlanta, Ga., she is employed as an advertising consultant for Southern Directory Co.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Mississippi State University. Also a resident of Atlanta, he is employed as a regional account manager for Brock Control Systems, a software development company.

A May wedding is planned at



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia.

McIntyre-Heard

Robert and Mary McIntyre of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Ann, to Gary Steven Heard, the son of William and Charlene Heard of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Garden City High School. She received her associate's degree from Henry Ford Community College and a bachelor of business administration degree, with a major in accounting, from Eastern Michigan University in 1994. She is employed as an internal auditor by First Chicago NBD.

Her fiancé is a 1981 graduate of Howell High School and a 1984 graduate of Michigan Technological University. He currently is attending the University of Detroit Mercy. He is employed as a test



engineer by the Ford Motor Company's Automotive Component Division.

An April wedding is planned for St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City.

Regan-Farrell

Joseph and Joyce Regan of Pinckey, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Catherine, to John Neely Farrell, the son of Tom and MaryBeth Farrell of Rogers, Ark.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree. She is employed by 16th District Court.

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A March wedding is planned



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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

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For updated events in the area, call 953-2005.

WEEKEND

PARENTING WORKSHOP
The Westland Youth Assistance Program will sponsor free parenting workshops from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Saturdays, Feb. 24, March 2 and March 9 in the Brayman Lounge, Bailey Recreation Center. Call 467-7904 to register. Family therapist Blair Morton will present the programs.

FISH FRY
St. Raphael Church, on Merriman near Beechwood, will start its Friday fish fry dinners, starting Feb. 23, to open the lenten season. Meals will be served 4:30-7:30 p.m. and 3-7:30 p.m. on Good Friday, April 4. A full fish dinner is \$6., a half-order \$5.25. A fish-shrimp combination or a shrimp dinner is \$6.25 each. Hot dogs and fries are \$1.50. Carry-outs are available.

BALL PLAYERS WANTED
The Garden City Youth Athletic Association will register boys and for its baseball, softball and tee-ball leagues from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 and March 2, at Maplewood Community Center, on Maplewood west of Merriman. Openings are for Garden City residents. For information, parents may call baseball and tee-ball commissioner Ken Kibbit at 513-8603 or softball commissioner Tony Gentile at 522-3642.

BLOOD DRIVE
An American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church's Haney Hall, on Michigan Avenue, east of Wayne Road, Wayne, for a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25. Walk-ins are welcomed. Appointments may be made by calling 721-6884.

UPCOMING

TOPS
The Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) group meets from 10-11 a.m. at Garden City Hospital's Community Health Education Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood. Registrations are at 9:15 a.m. The group assists members in obtaining and maintaining a healthy weight. Dues are \$4 a month. For information, call 537-6267 or 255-1766.

YOUTH RECREATION
The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA is registering boys and girls for its winter floor hockey and basketball programs. Registrations may be made at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road. Teams will play from Feb. 26 through April 20. Teams practice one day a week and play one game a week. The programs are for youngsters between 5 and 14. Fee is \$25 for Y members, \$40 for program members and \$15 for a program fee. Call 721-7044.

BLOOD DRIVE
An American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, west of Newburgh, Westland, for a blood drive from 1-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 29. For appointments, call 596-0766.

CARD PARTY
The VFW Post 7675 auxiliary will hold its monthly

card party and luncheon at noon, Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the post hall, on Ford west of Venoy. There will be door prizes and a raffle. Donation is \$4.

DAY CAMP
The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA is sponsoring a day camp this week during the school district's mid-winter break. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extended care available from 7-9 a.m. and 4-6:30 p.m. Call 721-7044.

READING PROGRAM
A "Celebrity Story Hour for Children" is under way in which local figures will read special stories to the children and lead a craft project or other activity every Wednesday evening. The program is sponsored by the Westland Recreation Department, Junior Civitians, Jaycees, Wayne-Westland Public Library and the Rebekah organization. With pre-registration required, tickets are being made available at the Bailey Center lobby counter from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. Parents are advised to register the first of each month. Complete schedules are available at the center. The program will be held in the Row House, on Marquette just east of Newburgh from 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays for children 2 to 8. 722-7620.

VETS TO MEET
The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 387, meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Bova VFW post, on Hix between Ford and Warren Road, Westland. The chapter is open to all Vietnam era veterans. Associate memberships are available. 728-3231.

BENEFITS

LOTTO DRAWING
The Garden City Knights of Columbus Council 4513 has a daily three-digit lottery drawing based on the Michigan Lottery daily numbers. Proceeds are used to finance the K. of C. Hall building improvements. Tickets are \$10 for the month with a guaranteed winner every day except Sunday. Tickets are available at the hall, on Ford east of Merriman. 425-6380.

FOR SENIORS


MONTHLY MEAL
The Wayne Ford Civic League will hold its senior meal from 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league's hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages and dancing to big band music, and door prizes. 728-6010.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

CHILD BIRTH CLASSES
Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a "refresher" childbirth education course, and a new support group for expectant teenage mothers. For information on all the programs, call 466-4330.

WEIGHT LOSS
Garden City Hospital will host a weight loss/peer support group at 11 a.m.

Youth recreation programs offered



YMCA registrations: The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, which also serves Garden City, has inside activities as part of its day camp this week (above) as well as registering boys and girls for its basketball and floor hockey programs, which begin next week.

Saturdays in Classroom 3 of the hospital's Medical Office Building, on Inkster Road near Maplewood. Members will focus on self-esteem issues and follow their own nutritional and exercise program. 261-4048.

BLOOD PRESSURE
Free blood pressure screening is available 9 a.m. to noon the third Wednesday of each month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. A registered nurse will be available in the emergency room. Cholesterol and glucose screening are also available for a nominal fee. Appointments aren't required.

FOR YOUTH

OPEN GYM
The Mayor's Task Force on Drugs and the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Department present "After School Open Gym and Activities" 3:15-5:15 p.m. Mondays at Stevenson Middle School, Wednesdays at Marshall Middle School, and Thursdays at Adams Middle School. The winter program begins the third week in January and the spring program begins the first week in April. Programs last eight weeks. 722-7620.

RECREATION
The Salvation Army will hold after-school recreation programs at its community service center, 2300 S. Venoy near Dorsey. The program serves children 7-11 from 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and youths 12-15 from 3-5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 722-3660.

EDUCATION

ADULT ED
Wayne-Westland Schools Adult Education has free classes in adult basic edu-

cation, GED preparation, high school completion, and vocational training. Register at Tinkham Adult Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland. 595-2429.

BINGO

LIONS BINGO
The Garden City Lions Club hold its weekly bingo at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Proceeds will benefit programs and services for the blind. 326-3344 or 425-4569.

WTCL BINGO
The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold a bingo from 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls softball program. The bingo games are held at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

DEMOCRATIC BINGO
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. 422-5025 or 729-8681.

BINGO AND SNACKS
The auxiliary to VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and provides charity games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the post hall, on Wayne Road at Avondale. 326-3323.

SHAMROCK BINGO
There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Boin, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO
"Smokeless" bingo meets

at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at St. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

NO SMOKE
"No Smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc. are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. 722-7632.

BINGO
Pope John XXIII assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. every Thursday. The hall is on 28945 Joy, Westland. 525-0585.

BINGO
Wayne Civitan bingo is at 6:30 p.m. every Monday on Elizabeth between Michigan Avenue East and Michigan Avenue West next to the Farmer Jack in Wayne. Money raised helps support many projects in the community, such as youth, park equipment, Special Olympics, First Night Wayne and reading projects. Information, 728-3915.

JAYCEES
Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. 525-2962.

RECREATION

INDOOR GOLF
Play indoor golf at Westland Golf Course, Merriman south of Cherry Hill, Westland, through video projections of specific holes at famous golf courses throughout the country.

For reservations, 721-6660.

BASKETBALL
Registration being accepted for men's and women's basketball leagues with Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford, Westland. 722-7620.

SQUARE DANCE
Beginner square dance classes held 7:30-9:30 Tuesdays in Bailey Recreation Center (behind City Hall), on Ford Road, Westland. Fee \$3 per person weekly. Mike Brennan, 274-3394.

FOR DISABLED PEOPLE
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. 722-7620.

OPEN SWIM
The Wayne-Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 7-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Family swim is 8-8:45 p.m. Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. 721-7044.

WOLVERINE PACERS
The Wolverine Pacers, a race-walking club, meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. Saturdays in Levagood Park, Dearborn. Gary Gray (313) 464-8890.

SKATING STARTS
The Westland Sports Arena has opened its annual skating and drop-in hockey programs in the arena on Wildwood and Hunter. Open skating is noon-1:45 p.m. weekdays and 1-2:45 p.m. weekends. Drop-in hockey will be 10-11:45 a.m. weekdays. 729-4560.

ON THE ROAD

GC TRAVEL
Garden City Travel Club. Information, call trip director Laree Yard at 522-4446.

CLUBS IN ACTION

CAMPING CLUB
Moonliters Camping Club meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages, scheduled campouts during the camping season. Harvey and Marion Grigg, 427-3069.

WEEKENDERS
The Weekend family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. 631-2993.

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS
The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at Ryan's Steak House, on Warren Road east of Wayne Road. It offers an eight-week seminar on public speaking called "Speechcraft." The fee for Speechcraft is \$30. 466-1635.

DEMOCRATS
Garden City Democrats meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Maplewood Community Center, Room 6. Alice Leclercq, 421-1169, or Billy Pate, 427-2344.

GARDEN CITY LIONS
The Garden City Lions meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Silver Sa-

loon, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Contact Henry Tolk, 421-4964.

HOST LIONS
The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Denny's Restaurant, Wayne and Cowan Road.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
For more information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir, 326-1466.

CHILD BIRTH ASSOCIATION
Classes for childbirth preparation are being offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Caesarean preparation also offered. 459-7477.

WESTLAND JAYCEES
Westland Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Bova VFW Post, on Hix south of Warren. Hot line, 261-7856.

CORVETTE CLUB
The Corvette Club of Michigan meets at 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn. Glenn Simms, 675-5633, or Paul Jenkins, 981-4254.

CAMARO BUFFS
The new Eastern Michigan Camaro Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at Krug Chevrolet in Taylor. 326-5658.

AMBASSADORS
Ambassadors Junior Civitan is seeking people ages 13-18 for community service activities. The club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 36993 Marquette, east of Newburgh. 729-5409.

PURPLE HEART
The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

SCHOOLS

OPEN HOUSE
The Garden City Cooperative Nursery invites parents to an open house at the facility, based in the Garden City Presbyterian Church, on Middlebelt, south of Ford. It will be 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, March 18. There are openings for the fall. Interested parents may call Shari Schmidke, 261-1345.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community Schools have ongoing registration for the preschool program, housed in Marquette School, on Marquette east of Wayne Road. There is a free program for eligible 4-year-olds in the Kids Plus program and a tuition-based program for others. Call 696-2640 for more information.

HEAD START
Garden City Public Schools has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in its Head Start program. Eligible are those in low- or modest-income families and/or having disabilities. Classes meet Monday through Thursday mornings. For information, call supervisor Judy Hanson, 425-0540.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48160, or by fax to 313-691-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2107 if you have any questions.

Event: _____
 Date and Time: _____
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 Telephone: _____
 Additional info: _____

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Charismatic Episcopalian Church celebrates its growth

The Charismatic Episcopal Church is one of the fastest growing denominations in the world. Started in June 1992 with three churches — two in California and one in Arizona — the CEC now has more than 200 churches worldwide and is growing at a rate of one new church each week.

The rapid growth experienced by the CEC worldwide is reflected in the Midwest and Michigan. Three new dioceses have been formed, including the Diocese of the Great Lakes, composed of the churches in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

With just one church in Michigan and one in Ohio two years ago, there now are nine churches including the Church of the Risen Lord in the Canton Livonia area,

Church of the Resurrection in the Brighton/Howell area and Church of the Holy Nativity in the Bay City/Midland/Saginaw area. New churches are being planned for Detroit, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Traverse City.

As part of the celebration of the CEC's growth in this area, the new Diocese of the Great Lakes will meet for worship and fellowship 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Church of the Risen Lord, which meets in the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 114 chapel, 8850 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

There will be time for conversation, refreshments and a chance to meet the bishop-elect, Rev. Frederick G. Fick and Archbishop Randolph Sly.

Sly, Archbishop of the Eastern

and Central Province, will preach and celebrate the Eucharist. He also will be at Church of the Risen Lord Sunday, Feb. 25, to receive new members into the CEC and for confirmation and baptism. Sunday worship is at 10 a.m.

Fick, Rector of Church of the Holy Redeemer in the Troy/Sterling Heights area and the first CEC church in Michigan, has been a minister for more than 20 years. A graduate of Concordia College and S.S. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, he has served at churches in Ohio and Michigan as a youth minister, Christian school principal and pastor.

He was ordained a priest in the CEC in 1993 and in 1994 was appointed Canon Missioner for the then Great Lakes Missionary District. He will be consecrated as a bishop in the Charismatic Episcopal Church on May 10.

Besides the mission churches being planned by the CEC, a wide spectrum of congregations, including Independent Charismatics, Pentecostals, Episcopalians, Methodists, Wesleyans and Lutherans, are coming into the movement. Christians in the United States, the Philippines, Europe and Africa are finding a home together in the new work of the Holy Spirit.

According to Rev. Kenneth

Bieber, vicar of the Church of the Risen Lord, the birth and growth of the CEC is part of a larger Holy Spirit-inspired movement that seeks a convergence of the ancient streams of Catholicism with the equally ancient evangelical and charismatic streams.

The Catholic stream includes liturgy, sacraments, canon, creed and councils. The evangelical stream means personal conversion and witness to Jesus Christ and accepting the Bible as the word of God containing all things necessary for salvation. The charismatic stream includes the ongoing power of the Holy Spirit in the church's worship and ministry.

"All churches in the CEC com-

bine elements of charismatic ministry, with sacramental worship and celebrate biblical values and orthodox, evangelical teaching," Bieber said. "The three streams of the church converge and form one mighty river of worship."

One important aspect of the CEC is the recovering of the early church government wherein all diocesan bishops also are parish priests. As the number of congregations increases, the geographic areas of dioceses are shrinking, he added.

Further information about the CEC is available by contacting Rev. Bieber at (313) 397-7132 or Rev. Fick at (810) 739-8639.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

CHOIR TOUR

As part of its 1996 tour, the Chapel University Choir of Chapel University in Columbus, Ohio, will make a stop at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia, for a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. The group is under the direction of Dr. Lynda Hasler.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church Talk It Over will feature "Learning To Love and Be Loved" with certified clinical social worker Larry Herron at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. Free child care will be available.

Single Point also offers BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) for adults only at 8 p.m. to midnight the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark Road north of Schoolcraft, and volleyball in Knox Hall at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

MINI CONVENTION

Church of the Risen Lord, a mission of the Charismatic Episcopal Church of North America, will hold a mini convention for the newly created Diocese of the Great Lakes Saturday, Feb. 24.

The convocation gathering will start with worship at 3 p.m. followed by fellowship, refreshments and information ending at 6 p.m. The Most Rev. Randolph Sly, archbishop of the Eastern and Central Province, will preach and celebrate the Eucharist.

Sly also will be at the Church of the Risen Lord at the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Feb. 25, to receive new members, offer confirmation and baptism. The church meets in the chapel of the Disabled American Veterans Hall, 8850 Newburgh, at Joy, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 397-7132.

'REQUIEM FOR INNOCENTS'

"Requiem for the Innocents," a music concert composed by Louis Cantor, music director at St. Louis Catholic Church in Clinton Township, will be performed at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at St. Genevieve Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia.

Written to commemorate the

victims of abortion, the concert features a full orchestra, chorus and soloists Jonathan Ringel, Patty Cooper, Cathy Russman, Andrew Wickstrom and Vincent McCoy.

Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$9 at the door. They are available by calling St. Genevieve Church at (313) 427-5220 or Right to Life Livonia/Redford at (810) 615-4180.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?," a weekly program to answer questions about the religion, is being broadcast Sundays at 8:30 a.m. on CKLW-AM 800. Topics include "Our Care of Our Children" on Feb. 25, "Does Christian Science Have Baptism, Communion — the Christian Basics?" on March 3, "Spiritual Healing, How Can I Be Sure It Works?" on March 10, "What Is It Like To Be a Christian Scientist Today?" on March 17 and "Ministering and Ministers" on March 24. The series also can be heard at 1:30 p.m. Sundays on WQBH-AM 1400. It is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local

Christian Science churches. For more information, call 1-800-886-1212.

P.A.C.E.

P.A.C.E. (Post-Abortion Counseling and Education), a support group and safe place for women to share and receive the hope and healing they need, will begin meeting Tuesday, Feb. 27. For meeting times and further information, call Dawn Downs at (313) 722-2839 or Susan Copeland at (810) 349-4120. All calls are personal and confidential, and the group is a nonprofit organization.

BIBLE STUDY

Aglow Fellowship, a network of caring women, will have Bible study for women who want to learn and share Scriptures at 7 p.m., beginning Tuesday, Feb. 27. The group will meet in Canton. For more information and the location, call Paulette at (313) 397-2973 or Chris at (313) 453-6894.

LENTEN DINNERS

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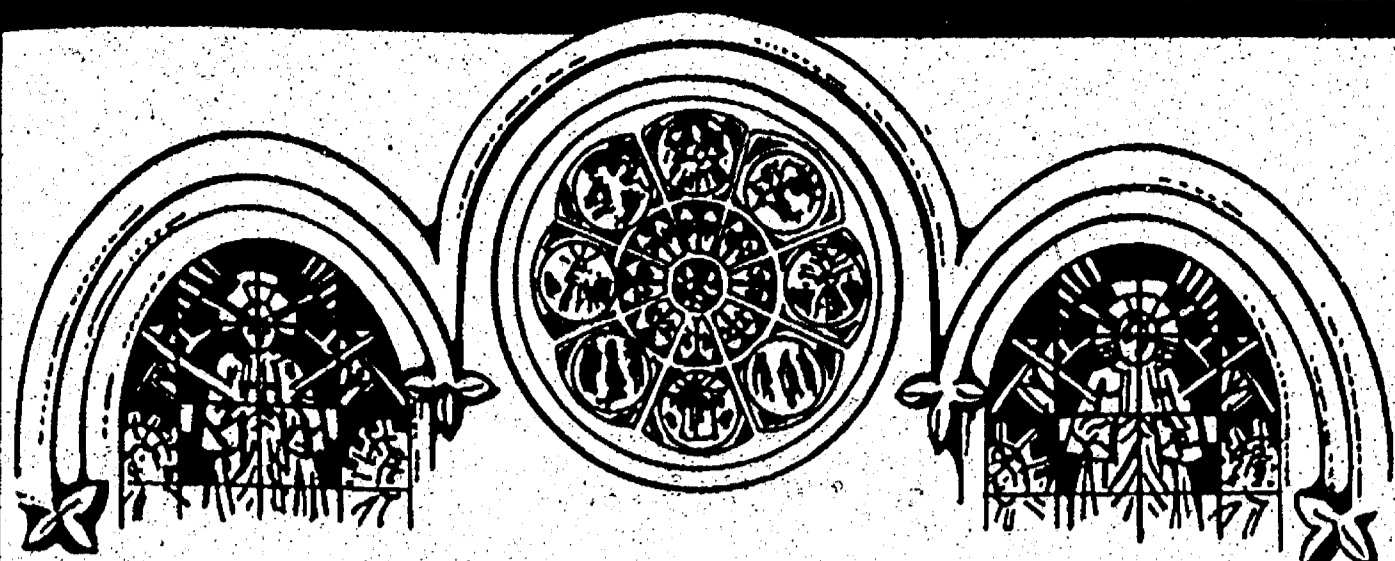


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GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene, I've been very interested in your column and am quite curious what my handwriting analysis means.

Thank you for taking the time to do so. A.S. Bloomfield Hills

Today we are looking at the handwriting of a woman who wants to live life to the fullest. She appears to be a little restless and enjoys being busy. She would

probably find a dull routine boring and unwelcome.

Feelings of responsibility and conscience are daily companions. A solid foundation was built in her early training and she continues to draw from it. A firm attitude toward ethics, morality and social responsibility cannot be missed.

The notion of "should" dominates her thinking much of the time. When she does not do what she knows is right, she begins to experience guilty feelings.

To her family, friends and beliefs, she is loyal. I think it would be very difficult to dissuade her from her beliefs.

Her thinking is clear and alert, which is an aid to her inborn in-

telligence. She can effectively direct herself to her goals because of her inner balance and sense of order. In addition, she is objective, has initiative and uses time efficiently.

Our writer is self-disciplined and goal-directed. Work must meet her own high standards, which often verge on perfection.

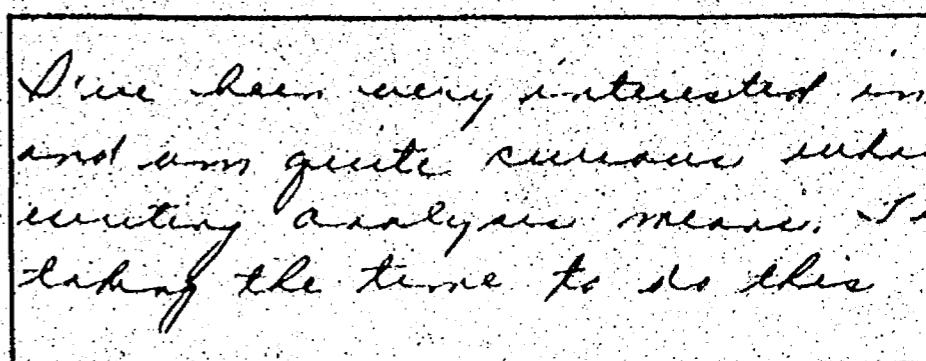
She makes excellent use of all rule books. Authority figures are held in respect. She wants to establish a solid foundation in everything she undertakes. Instinctively, she senses the hierarchy in any group and will adhere to protocol with a passion. Her need for approval helps her make the "right" friends. In any involvement, she both expects and enjoys

hard work.

She is a people person who seeks harmony in her relationships. Empathy is a strong trait of hers. At times she may be a little friendlier than she inwardly feels. When choosing her close friends, she appears to be a tad selective.

Self-consciousness and sensitivity to criticism are minor traits found in her handwriting.

Lest you get the feeling that she is all business, let me mention that she enjoys conversing. In addition, she has a nice little sense of humor which is an aid in keeping perspective in her busy life. Humor also brings sunshine into the home.



If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48160. Please write a few paragraphs about yourself, using a full sheet

of white, unlined paper and writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies are not possible. However, objective feedback is welcome.

Religion from page 16A

Lent. Dinners will be served in the Parish Center 5:45-6:30 p.m. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Dinners will be served buffet style and feature a "family friendly" menu appealing to all ages. Worship services will present short contemporary dramas to illustrate themes of repentance and renewal.

Dinner costs \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (313) 522-6830. St. Agatha Parish is sponsoring Lenten seafood dinners on Fridays — Feb. 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and April 5. The dinners will be served 3-8 p.m. in the grade school lunchroom.

Featured chef is the Rev. Thomas Slowinski and the menu includes fish and chips (\$4.25), shrimp (\$4.75), baked cod (\$5.50), macaroni and cheese (\$3) and combination plate (\$6.75), served with french fries or potato salad, coleslaw or tossed salad and roll and butter. Clam chowder and beverages also are available. The St. Agatha Grade School is at 19800 Beech Daly, north of Grand River. For more information, call (313) 531-0371.

Church of Wayne will have a Lenten dinner program 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the church, 3 Town Square (across from the post office), Wayne. Participants should bring a dish to pass, with the meat provided. The dinner will be 6:30 p.m., followed by entertainment at 7:15 p.m. The entree and entertainment will be chicken and pastor Fred Cooley on Feb. 28, pork loin and Stephanie Mulken and the music of the dulcimer on March 6, meatloaf and Strings of Faith

(string instruments from South Lyon United Methodist Church) on March 13, ham and the Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Enhancement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America on March 20 and turkey and dressing and the Vocal Dimension of Wayne Memorial High School on March 27. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (313) 721-4801. Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Lenten dinner

and program 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 and March 17, and Thursday, March 28, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The entree will be ham and Christian singer Ron Moore will perform on Feb. 25. Swiss steak and the musical ministry of Sharon and Robin will be featured on March 17, and turkey and Dr. James E. Tuttle of Calvary United Methodist Church in Flint on March 28. For more information, call the church at (313) 433-0149.

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FRIDAY



"Before and After" starring Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson opens at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Jerzy Semkow conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as they play the Second Symphonies of Beethoven and Rachmaninoff at Orchestra Hall. Call (313) 833-3700.

SUNDAY



Farmington Area Philharmonic features pianist Dickran Dickman in a concert at Clooney Auditorium, Mercy High School. Call (810) 478-2075.



Hot tix: Longhorn World Championship Rodeo comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills Feb. 23-25. This year's theme is "Hate off to America." Tickets range from \$11 to \$18. Call (810) 645-6666.

TREASURES OF VENICE SURVEYS GOLDEN AGE

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Unless you're planning a trip to Hungary, the Detroit Institute of Arts "Treasures of Venice" exhibition may be your only chance to view 16th, 17th and 18th century Venetian paintings from the collection of the Museum of Fine Arts in Budapest.

Portraits, landscapes and genre scenes relay religious, mythological and allegorical themes by masters such as Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese, Tiepolo, Bellini, and Giorgione. The DIA is the last venue on the American tour before returning to Budapest May 12.

George Keyes, former curator of painting at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, co-organized the 55 piece exhibition made possible, in large part, with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Keyes is now the Elizabeth and Allan Shelden curator of European paintings at the DIA.

"It's a special opportunity. With two exceptions these paintings have never been seen before," said George Keyes during a tour of the exhibition prior to the Feb. 18 opening.

"Venetian painters were among the first to be exposed to oil. It allowed the artist to produce a depth of color and translucency, a symphonic quality of color. These are outstanding works underscoring the magic of Venetian colorism."

Like a row of dominoes, one generation of artists gives way to the next. Rubens, Van Dyck, Poussin and Velazquez assimilated elements of the Venetian golden age of painting. The colorism of Titian deeply affected Rembrandt.

"The tradition of Venetian painting is absolutely essential to European and American painting. So much of European and American portraits is derived from Venetian portraiture. This was a new way of looking at portraiture where someone was represented as a personality and not as an icon," said Keyes referring to Veronese's portrait of an aristocratic man.

"All art is very linked to history. It enhances our understanding of history. The 17th century, which has been the forgotten century, is well represented in the Budapest collection."

Much of the work is dramatic or psychological intense. Inspired by Rubens, and influenced by Caravaggio and the colorism of Venice, Johann Liss captures the decapitation of an Assyrian general in "Judith with the Head of Holofernes." From the Apocryphal Book of Judith, the painting is much like a Rubens' with its splendid modeling of male musculature, and luminous flesh and beauty of a woman.

According to Madonna University art department chairperson Ralph F. Glenn who earned a master's degree in 17th century painting from Harvard University, the artworks reveal not only the influence of noble patrons and wealthy



merchants who enjoyed the sensual pleasures but that of the Catholic Church which was trying to counteract Protestantism in the north by commissioning religious paintings.

"Venetian art had a far reaching influence. It grew out of Renaissance painting but added this exuberance and flair. Every gambit of human emotion is represented in 17th century painting: different moods and feelings and atmosphere. Color became very vivid," said Ralph F. Glenn, a Bloomfield Hills resident.

"It's really a high point of Western art history, the handling of subject matter. It's infused with all this energy in ways that never had been achieved before."

Prior to the tour one-third of the paintings underwent extensive cleaning and conservation. "Sleeping Shepherd" by Jacopo Bassano (1510-1592) was extensively overpainted. The genre scene depicts the longing for the simplicity of rural village life. Once thought to have been painted in dark tones, the cleaning brightened the shepherd, sheep, dogs, cows and horse.

DIA



Caravaggio Influence: Sleeping Girl by Domenico Fetti (1688-1623) to have portrayed Mary Magdalene's conversion to Christianity. The dark background is reminiscent of Caravaggio. Tiepolo's spellbinding painting of St. James Conquering the Moors spans more than 10 feet in height.

TREASURES OF VENICE

What: Exhibits of 16th, 17th, and 18th century paintings from the Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest, whose collection of Venetian artworks is considered one of the largest and finest outside of Venice.

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

When: Through May 12. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Cost: Admission including a recorded tour \$5 adults, \$2 children and full-time students. DIA Founders Society members free. The exhibition is free on Wednesdays with museum admission. Call (313) 833-7900.

Groups of 10 or more adults desiring assistance in planning a visit may call (810) 642-3881.

Related Programs: Lectures, videos, and workshops including one for children called Carnival Masks.

"For the first time in more than 350 years, the American audience is seeing what the artist had in mind," said Keyes.

"Bassano worked in a small town in hill country. There was nothing like the Sleeping Shepherd in painting before, a genre pastoral-rural setting. Bassano developed a palette all his own. The black raspberry across the shepherd's shirt, you see it and know it's a Bassano."

In the first gallery on panel in a microclimate controlled vitrine, where the 55 percent humidity maintains a stable environment, is Marco Basaiti's The Dead Christ and Vincenzo Catena's The Holy Family with a Female Saint. Both were influenced by Giovanni Bellini. Titian, the first to abandon panels for canvas, was a student of Bellini's. As official painter of the Venetian republic, Titian was obligated to render portraits of government officials for a series hung in the Palazzo Ducale. A fire in 1577 destroyed the entire series. Surviving portraits are replicas or variants of the paintings meant for the council hall.

"The masterpiece of the exhibit is Tiepolo's theatrical large scale painting of St. James Conquering the Moors. He was Spain's patron saint," Keyes said.

"Originally commissioned as an altarpiece for the Spanish embassy in London, it was never installed. It was thought the horse would offend the British's delicate sensibilities."

According to the exhibition catalog, co-edited by Keyes, during World War II this canvas was rolled up and taken with the rest of the collection to Germany. It only reached the Hungarian border where it was found lying in the snow in 1945. The damaged painting was repaired in 1988 with the aid of the Hungarian National Art Foundation in New York.

A series of lectures, videos, films, and workshops related to the exhibition are scheduled through May 12.

On March 9 Ensemble Ouabache performs music of the 17th and 18th centuries on authentic period instruments. April 20 Keyes will speak about Titian's genius and early impact. A video on April 27, "Paolo Veronese: Between Art and Inquisition" examines Veronese's controversial painting of the Last Supper.

"This is the first Old Masters' show we've done in 10 years. Each gallery invites you to go on," said Keyes.

"I hope people will take advantage of these Venetian highlights from the collection of the Museum of Fine Arts in Budapest, learn to enjoy this golden age of painting and be seduced by the color."

THEATER REVIEW

Hit comedy retains charm on 'Big' stage

"Big" continues at the Fisher Theatre 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through March 10. Tickets are on sale at the Fisher and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (810) 645-6666.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
CRITIC WRITER

"Big" is fun, colorful, spectacular, youthful fun.

The Broadway-bound musical version of Penny Marshall's hit comedy retains much of the movie's charm and adds some merriment of its own. The enduring movie image of Tom Hanks and Robert Loggia happily tapping out a tune on a giant keyboard at F.A.O. Swartz was inspiration enough that "Big" was perfect musical comedy material.

That scene provides an early, busy

and winning production number called, rightly, "Fun."

Perhaps wisely, the producers found a Tom Hanks' look-alike and sound-alike to play Josh Baskin. Fortunately, stage veteran Daniel Jenkins is a fine performer in his own right who sings, dances and clownes superbly and conveys the pathos of a boy too far from home. He never quite conveys Hanks' exquisite discomfort of being a boy in a man's body, but perhaps this is more a difference between stage and movie than between actors.

Josh, of course, takes the big trip across the river from suburban New Jersey to the Big Apple and gets a job at a toy company (cool). He finds that adults have a special talent for turning potentially enjoyable and fun work into dehumanizing drudgery, but he also finds out about love.

Love comes in the form of marketing expert Susan played and sung by

Crista Moore, who moves from brittle sophisticate to warm, caring, child-like again convincingly.

The young performers are notable. Brett Tabiel is Josh's more outgoing buddy Billy and Tabiel shows great confidence on stage. Patrick Lewis plays the young Josh as a sweet, shy but charming young boy and he gives heart to a song about the mysteries of adult love. The youth chorus of break dancers, singers, skateboarders and mall rats is excellent.

John Weidman's book stays true to the movie and updates the lingo to keep it fresh. There are some slow serious moments and not enough of the movie's physical comedy. Richard Maltby's lyrics are alert to the language of the junior high set, though a few steps behind as adults always are. He also turns out some fine lyrics on parenthood and the agony of puberty.

The "musicals" biggest disappoint-

ment is the music. David Shire stays true to the traditions of American musical comedy, a relief from the currently popular operetta forms of Andrew Lloyd Webber. And he does break away for some fun with rap and hip-hop. But there aren't any knock-out memorable songs or fresh musical ideas or sense of adventure. Perhaps the best moments are Josh's plaintive "I Want to Go Home," and the young Josh's "I Want to Know."

This show has eye-popping production values and under Mike Ockrent's direction it moves and sounds spectacular. The Robin Wagner sets are outstanding, from a rotating thrill ride at the carnival to a fabulous toy store to a sophisticated uptown apartment everything looks wonderful.

And with some tweaking "Big, the Musical" looks like it could be a winner!



Broadway-bound: Daniel Jenkins as "Josh" in the musical version of Penny Marshall's hit comedy "Big."

Tour Poland this summer

Jane and Ed Wojtan of Livonia are hosting their fourth tour of Poland June 9-23. The price for the 16-day tour, "Our Vision of Poland," is \$2,285 per person. Call (313) 425-2727 for more information, and a detailed fact sheet.

Each day is an adventure. Travelers will visit Warsaw, Lublin, Zamosc, Zakopane, Krakow, Czestochowa and Wroclaw.

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concentration camp at Auschwitz, the birthplace of Chopin, and the 600-year-old Monastery of Jasna Gora, Poland's holiest place, the shrine with the icon of the Black Madonna.

"Many interesting and beautiful places will be visited," said Ed Wojtan. "We'll stop at palaces, castles, museums, and places for excellent shopping. Poland is a land of spectacular natural beauty. It's a land of rich history, cul-

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FINE ARTS

Art auction benefits school

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

On a recent afternoon in Plymouth, first graders at New Morning School were having fun creating ceramic tiles for a Shaker-style table, one of hundreds of items set to go on the auction block Saturday, March 23 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Tickets for the 20th annual auction, which includes dinner, are \$50 per person. For information call, (313) 420-3331.

Garden City potter Judy Buresh supervised the production of clay relief to be installed in a glass-top coffee table crafted by David Keep. Forty early primary and middle school students took turns shaping the clay into cactuses, teepie toads and turtles.

The theme of this year's auction to benefit the non-profit parent pre-K through 8th grade cooperative school is a Beach Party. So, the kids chose their own Southwestern desert theme using a terra cotta and black color scheme. The project was not a new one for students who created a wall mural on an animal theme

while on a trip to Pewabic Pottery in Detroit several years ago.

"The materials and colors we're using are all natural earth tone colors. Each student did a drawing to work from," said Diane Harrison who coordinated the tile workshop.

Camels were a popular choice of subject matter. Leah Brunk of Plymouth chose to create her humpbacked animal because "there are not that many of them in the desert." Beth Barrett, also of Plymouth, chose the camel because of her expertise on the subject. It seems she intensely studied the animal in a class last fall.

"They have feet as large as plates and two eyelids. The bactrianus camel I'm doing has two humps and lives in a desert that's really snowy," said Beth Barrett.

Nathan Musleh of Canton stuck to the theme by sculpting a horned toad. Bret Driscoll of Livonia created an entire landscape on the square of cardboard. As Driscoll formed a sun and teepie, Buresh reminded students to work large because the clay will shrink some 14 percent in the kiln.

Buresh, who exhibited her pottery in the school's arts and crafts show in November, took home the tiles for firing and finishing. She became involved in the project for

a number of reasons after being invited to do so by art show chairperson Leslie Stolaruk.

"I'm doing it because of the chance to work with kids and to do something for the community," said Buresh.

A quilt made by students went for \$1,000 in the auction last April. After costs, the students split the \$662 profit with the school.

Founded in 1973, the state-certified New Morning School offers individualized academic instruction in small classes. Tuition covers only 70 percent of operating costs. Last year's fund raising auction brought in \$97,000, about one-fifth of the school's operating budget. Many of this year's items, ranging from hand crafted jewelry to a trip to the Olympics, were donated by local businesses and artists.

Kids, express yourself

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CALLING YOUNG ARTISTS

Kids are invited to express their artistic ability at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Feb. 27 through March 3. For more information call (313) 397-0999.

Materials will be provided for children to make a drawing which will be displayed on a wall in the library's youth department.

MUSICAL EVENING

Canton Project Arts presents a performance by artists of the

ART BEAT

Michigan Opera Theatre Saturday, March 9 at Summit on the Park Community Center. The musical program begins 8 p.m. with refreshments of flavored coffees, tea, punch and desserts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person, or \$120 for a table of 8. Seating is limited. Call (313) 397-6450 to reserve your tickets. Summit on the Park is at 46000 Summit Parkway, off Canton Center Road in Canton Township.

The program includes a wide range of selections from "Cats" and "Phantom of the Opera" by Andrew Lloyd-Webber to music of the 40s.

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MOVIES
Is America ready for Chan?



JOHN MONAGHAN

"Welcome to New York." "Get rid of the gun." Lines like these, spoken endlessly to a dialogue coach in a seaside motorhome, are Jackie Chan's lasting memories of working in America.



Action flick: Jackie Chan holds on to a runaway hovercraft in New Line Cinema's "Rumble in the Bronx."

The time was the early 1980s. Chan, having just kicked and jabbed his way into the chopsocky forefront with a string of Hong Kong martial arts movies, moved to Hollywood, which was still clamoring for an heir to Bruce Lee.

The resulting movies — "The Big Brawl," "The Protector," and, yes, "Cannonball Run" — only left him frustrated. "They didn't want me to do anything except practice English," Chan said recently in a New York interview. "I say 'I want to do that stunt.' They say, 'no way.'"

"Now I am in total control," Chan says, not bragging, but matter-of-factly, the way things should be. Anyone lucky enough to see the Hong Kong films he's made in the past decade know why Chan's blend of comedy and outrageous action have made him the most popular box office draw in the world.

Friday will mark the American opening of "Rumble in the Bronx," in which Chan single-handedly takes on mobsters and a motorcycle gang. It broke box office records in Asia last year and its success here could result in wider release for other Chan films, including the superior "Drunken Master II."

New Line Pictures, in an aggressive publicity campaign, has cleverly gotten the word out. Ask anyone in the company's target audience of 12- to 24-year-olds who Jackie Chan is and they will likely answer, "That guy who does his own stunts."

Chan proudly shows his scars from some of those life-and-death pratfalls: an aborted tree-jump in "Armour of God," a three-story fall through awnings in "Project A." Chan fans know to stick around after one of his movies, where failed stunts and outtakes play beneath the closing credits.

In creating a viable action movie persona, Chan considers himself "more real" than Schwarzenegger or Stallone. "They say,

PREVIEW

Jackie's action in not power. You need one punch knock somebody down. You always fight with somebody over 10 punch, 20 punch; the guy's still standing there. I say 'no, I'm not fighting real fighting.' For me, fighting is an art."

American interest in Chan got a boost at last year's MTV Movie Awards, where he received lifetime achievement honors. The presenter, Quentin Tarantino, "Funny because like me he learned a lot of thing from video and Hong Kong movie. I learned a lot from American movie," Chan says.

Despite its American setting, "Rumble in the Bronx" was made for a primarily Asian audience (and went on to break box office records there last year). That's why some of the locations, which were filmed in Vancouver, British Columbia, may appear a little strange. Don't look too close, for instance, or you'll see a range of mountains jutting behind a New York harbor.

According to Chan, who is still surprised that his movie is opening on 1500 American screens, "We had a lot of hard time filming the cameraman, 'No, no, no. Too Vancouver. Move a little bit.' But later on 'what the hell, just shoot it.' I don't think Asian people know real Bronx anyway."

For its American debut, New Line has re-edited "Rumble," dubbed it (with Chan doing his

own vocal work) and added a more American action movie score. Despite the R-rating, Chan has always appealed to a family audience, so don't be surprised that his sidekick is now a wheelchair-bound 8-year-old.

Whether or not Chan breaks into the American market is not his greatest concern. A bigger problem is time. At 41 he finds the stunts more and more difficult. With Hong Kong going back to mainland China from British rule in 1997, the face of the film industry will likely change.

"I hire different director because I know my acting life is not too long," Chan says of current collaborator Stanley Tong. "I mean, I'm not die. It's this kind of action. How long I can keep doing this? This way, as soon as possible, I finish all my movies."

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Where to find videos

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Go ask for a Jackie Chan movie at your local video store. I dare you.

After the video jockey scratches his head and sends you to the martial arts section, you may find some of Chan's earliest movies, like "Spiritual Kung Fu," where the mop-topped karate kid gets coached by clown-faced applita with spray-painted plastic animals on their heads.

In the action section, you may discover one of his failed American movies or, if you're lucky, "Police Story," whose successful run at the New York Film Festival in 1985 gave it a limited art house release and some video exposure.

And then there's the Evergreen Supply Company, . . . which has become the connection for serious Chanaholics.

True fans haunt Chinatown theaters in cities like San Francisco, New York, and Toronto. Bootlegs of Chan movies (including "Rumble in the Bronx") show up regularly at comic book and film conventions and on New York street corners.

And then there's the Evergreen Supply Company, an Asian grocery store on Lahaer Road just north of 8 Mile Road in Southfield which has become the connection for serious Chanaholics. Over 1,000 Asian film titles line the walls here, though they're in no particular order.

You may spend an hour looking for the tiny American lettering over the Chinese characters, but it's more than worth the effort. Here you will find the good stuff: "Armour of God," "Project A," "City Hunter," "Drunken Master II," and other titles from the past 10 years.

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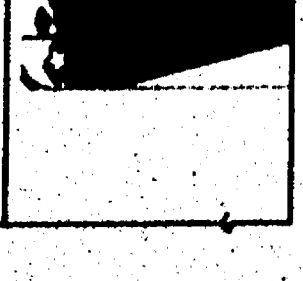
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SCREEN SCENE

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

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

"Antonia's Line" (Netherlands - 1995). 7, 9:30 p.m. Feb. 23-24; 4, 7 p.m. Feb. 25. A 90-year-old woman, thinking this day will be her last, reflects on her life and time spent with the three generations that will carry on her legacy.

"Talk" (Australia - 1995). 7 p.m. Feb. 26. 7 p.m. Feb. 28. Stephanie and Julia, friends and comic book collaborators, spend a day in Sydney examining their love lives, sex lives, and work lives until a strange chain of events alters their lives forever.

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

"Sense and Sensibility" (Britain - 1995). In a superior film adaptation of the Jane Austen novel, tragedy changes a family's circumstances and alters the romantic aspirations of its daughters.

"Dead Man Walking" (USA - 1996). Sean Penn makes a wel-

come return in front of the camera as a condemned man who forms a controversial friendship with a Catholic nun (Susan Sarandon). A decidedly offbeat drama directed by Tim Robbins.

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

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$8; \$2.95 twilight)

"Mr. Holland's Opus" (USA - 1996). Richard Dreyfuss plays a high school music teacher who dreams of composing a symphony that will change the world.

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

"Georgia" (USA - 1995). Jennifer Jason-Leigh and Mare Winningham play sisters, respectively a struggling rocker and serene folk-rock superstar. Their tense relationship isn't helped by the one's popularity, the other's tendency for self-destruction.

MICHIGAN THEATRE
603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (313) 668-8397 for information.

(\$6; \$5 students/seniors)
"Wild Reeds" (France - 1995). 3:15 p.m. Feb. 26; 9:20 p.m. Feb. 26 - 27. Love and politics collide in this coming-of-age story from France. Set in 1962, shortly after the Algerian War, it centers around the relationships of teenagers, two of whom come together despite their opposing beliefs.

"Georgia" (USA - 1995). Feb. 26 - 28. See Maple Theatre listing above.

OSCAR MICHEAUX CINEMA
The Billiard Gallery, 417 E. Adams, Detroit. Call (313) 963-7665 for information. (\$10)

"Films from the African Diaspora." Feb. 24 - 26 (call for showtimes). Among the titles: "Extra Change," a realistic portrayal of African-American youth; "Selbe, One Among Many," a Senegalese film about daily life in West Africa; "Saar," from Canada, about six women of diverse ancestry who gather for a night on the town; along with "Perfect Image?," "Nice Colored Girl," and the controversial "Warrior Marks."

STAR JOHN R
John R at 14 Mile, Madison Heights. Call (810) 585-2070 for information. (\$6; \$3.50 matinee/twilight)

"Richard III" (Britain - 1995). Sir Ian McKellan stars in this ambitious but uneven attempt at updating Shakespeare to the 1930s. Though the hunchbacked king seems at home in the era of Mussolini and Hitler, director Richard Loncraine doesn't know whether he wants the movie to be



MIRAMAX FILMS

Drama: Max Perlich (left to right), Jennifer Jason Leigh and Ted Levine in Ulu Grosbard's 'Georgia' now playing at the Maple Theatre.

classical or over-the-top.

STATE THEATRE
2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 961-6450 for information. (\$1)

"Hackers" (USA - 1995). 9 p.m. Feb. 26. A pair of misfit teenagers discover danger and love when they hack their way into the files of a major corporation, uncovering a money-shuffling scam.

REDFORD THEATRE
17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

"The Sound of Music" (USA - 1965). 8 p.m. Feb. 23; 2, 8 p.m. Feb. 24 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). The still-popular, still-syrupy musical stars Julie Andrews as the governess whose care of the prolific Von Trapp family turns into a love story with their father and an adventure story against the Nazis.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SCHEDULED TO OPEN Friday, Feb. 23

"MARY REILLY"
A gripping drama of good and evil, love and passion about an innocent maid who idolizes her employer and benefactor, Dr. Jekyll, but finds he's hiding a horrible secret about his assistant Mr. Hyde. Stars Julia Roberts and John Malkovich.

"FRENCH TWIST"
Exclusively at the AMC Maple. A love triangle with a (French) twist. Breaking with the traditional format of the love triangle, this mad-cap romp presents the battle of the sexes from a new perspective — the woman's.

"BEFORE AND AFTER"
Based on Rosellen Brown's best-selling novel about an upscale couple finding themselves engineering a cover-up after their 17-year-old son is accused of murder. Stars Meryl Streep, Lian Neeson.

"RUMBLE IN THE BRONX"
Action-comedy about a Hong Kong police officer who comes to New York for his uncle's wedding. Stars Jackie Chan.

"UNFORGETTABLE"
From the director of "Red Rock West" and "The Last Seduction" comes a suspense thriller with a sci-fi twist about a medical examiner who attempts to unravel the mystery behind his wife's death. Stars Ray Liotta.

SCHEDULED TO OPEN Friday, March 1

"DOWN PERISCOPE"
A naval officer's dream of command turns into an underwater nightmare when he's handed the reins of a decrepit diesel submarine and a motley crew of misfits to match. A contemporary comedy starring Kelsey Grammer.

"THE STAR MAKER"
Lively story of a self-described talent scout and his travels through the back roads of Sicily. Armed with a camera, his mission is to sell screen tests to poor village folk.

"ANGELS AND INSECTS"
Exclusively at the AMC Maple. Mark Rylance, Kristin Scott-Thomson and Patsy Kensit star in a story about a penniless biologist who gets trapped in an erotic web of deceit.

"UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL"
Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer team up for a contemporary romance set against the high-pressure world of television news.

SCHEDULED TO OPEN Friday, March 8

"BOTTLE ROCKET"
The story of three who would be thieves who learn the importance of friendship, honor and duty as they ineptly pursue a life of crime.

"HEAVY METAL"
The milestone animated science fiction fantasy classic returns with re-mastered SDDS sound track featuring Black Sabbath, Blue Oyster Cult, Cheap Trick and others.

"IF LUCY FELL"
Lucy and Joe are looking for love and they've made a pact. If they don't find it by their 30th birthday they've vowed to jump off the Brooklyn Bridge together. With the clock ticking and their date of with the bride looming they just might find true love after all. Romantic comedy stars Jessica Parker.

"HELLRAISER IV: BLOODLINE"
From the mind of Clive Barker comes a terrifying new chapter in the chilling series he introduced at most a decade ago.

SCHEDULED TO OPEN Friday, March 15

"EXECUTIVE DECISION"
Action thriller set in the sky. An elite team must storm a hijacked

747 in order to save the 400 on board and another 40 million people on the ground. The tricky part is that the plane must be recaptured while still in the air. Stars Kurt Russell, Steven Seagal.

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STREET SCENE

Local bands honor slain musician



CHRISTINA FUOCO

When Steve Krass of Feisty Cadavers died from a gunshot wound sustained during a robbery attempt in Detroit, it sent the Detroit local community into a tailspin. Now that some of the emotions are settling, a group of local bands will pay tribute to Krass during a nearly 10-hour concert beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$10 for the all-ages show.

Among those scheduled to perform are surviving members of Feisty Cadavers with guest vocalists, Hoarse, Trash Brats, Big Block, and Speed Machine, featuring members of Speedball and The Suicide Machines.

Krass, a Redford resident, was walking to his car after attending a Motorhead/Speedball concert in early January at Harpo's in Detroit. He and two friends were approached by the gunmen who wanted the car. Krass was shot as he tried to drive away and he died a few days later.

For more information about the show, call St. Andrew's at (313) 961-MRLT.

Bush will begin working on its next album in early summer with a fall or winter release date, Bush bassist Dave Parsons said during a recent interview. After the tremendous success of Bush's debut album "Sixteen Stone," Parsons isn't worried that the band will suffer from the sophomore jinx with the new record, which will be produced by famed alternative rock producer Steve Albini.

"You can't be worried about

things like that. You have to trust your instincts and trust your songs," he said.

The English quartet also doesn't worry about rumors that are spread about its members.

"The secret is, you don't read them. There are pieces of things that I hear quite often, like little bitchy comments about us. I think part of that is due to the fact that our success has come so quickly. No one expects to have a career like we've had."

The band plays The Palace of Auburn Hills on Wednesday, Feb. 28, with No Doubt and the Goo Goo Dolls. Tickets are still available. For more information, call (810) 377-0100 or (810) 645-6666.

Singer/Songwriter Matt Smith, His Name is Alive's Warren DeFever and Third Gear Records owner Joe Greenwald have collaborated to create "Detroit Elec-

tric," a compilation of underground music from Detroit. The Demolition Doll Rods, Outrageous Cherry, Medusa Cyclone, Rocket 455, Gravitar, Godzuki, and Princess Dragon-mom are among the acts that appear on the CD, available at most independent record stores. The CD release party will be held at 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, and will feature performances by some of the groups on the record. For more information, call (313) 832-2355.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco, you can write to her at the Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or via e-mail at CFuoco@aol.com. You can also leave her a message by calling, with a Touch-Tone phone, (313) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130.

Prince fans gather for memorabilia show

Fans of "Prince" will meet at the Holiday Inn (Livonia-West), 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive (off I-275 at 6 Mile Road) in Livonia Feb. 24-25 for the second annual world wide fan appreciation con-

vention Prince Fest 1996. Tickets are \$15 in advance for both days; \$18 at registration for both days; \$10 party only; \$8 memorabilia show only. Call (616) 375-2776 for information.

Register 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. During registration you can purchase a ticket for the "party" or the memorabilia show. Tickets will also be available at the door. Rare video and

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PTG's 'Oklahoma!' entertains

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents 'Oklahoma!' 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through March 2; 6 p.m. Sunday Feb. 25 at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile Road...

BY BOB WEIBEL STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Theatre Guild has a unique problem for community theaters. Too many talented performers. Director, James Morliss's solution for 'Oklahoma!' is to

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double cast some of the leading roles. This may have complicated rehearsals, but the show doesn't appear to suffer.

PTG's 'Oklahoma!' is a most entertaining production. The 1943 Rogers and Hammerstein fanciful musical about the love affair between a cowboy and country girl set the standard for modern musical theater as it success-

fully integrated dialogue, song and dance numbers.

Jason Corney (as Curley) and Kamryn Wolf (as Laurey) give splendid performances as the high-spirited cowboy and the headstrong farm girl. Neither will admit the obvious, they are meant for each other. And so each pursues the other in roundabout ways. Both are in fine voice for such memorable tunes as 'Oh, What A Beautiful Morning,' 'Surrey With The Fringe On Top,' and 'People Will Say We're In Love.'

William McCully is very good as Jud Fry, Curley's rival for Laurey. Not only does he sing well, ('Lonely Room') but McCully's sinister suitor contrasts nicely with Curley's upbeat attitude. Wendy Sielaff, as Aunt Eller Murphy, is graceful and skillful in her role as the calming influence over the affairs of the heart and soul.

Dawn Marie Turner (as Ado Annie) and Matthew Manuel (as Will Parker) are excellent as the second leads. Turner sparkles as the flirty Ado Annie. And her 'I'm Just A Girl Who Can't Say No' is a show stopper.

Manuel is rollicking good fun as a comic bumpkin. He does a nice job with 'Everything Is Up To Date In Kansas City' and in

his pursuit of Ado Annie. Trouble is she has eyes for a traveling peddler. (Ali Hakim), played with great dexterity by Phillip Lukasik. There is one complication, however, The peddler isn't interested in marriage. Unless, of course, the father (played by Ed Cox) shows up with the moonlight shining on the barrel of a shotgun.

Well, around and around they go in one great song and dance after another. The second act opener, 'Farmer and the Cowman' is especially good and the show's closing number 'Oklahoma!' never fails to please. Eventually, of course, they all get paired off at a box social. Ali Hakim ends up with one Gertie Cummings (played by Jennifer Rembisz) who's bizarre comic laugh can only be described as something between a siren and a screech owl.

PTG put their unique revolving stage to good use, Mary Lynn Kuna's costumes are marvelous, Cindy Cooper's choreography is spirited and musical director/conductor Margaret Wunschl's orchestra never overpowers the performers. And kudos to producers Genevieve Terry and Al LaCroix for putting all the pieces together.

For alternate performances, Michelle Rae will appear as Laurey, Debbie Pletzer as Ado Annie, Judy Ryckman as Aunt Eller, and Peter Hathaway as Jud Fry.

School of Fish singer goes solo

Josh Clayton-Felt performs Thursday, Feb. 22, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

The California band School of Fish was one of those groups that couldn't help but write a great pop song. Acts like Paul Westerberg, the Divinyls, Crowded House and Lloyd Cole recognized the band's talent on its self-titled debut and its follow-up 'Human Cannonball' and invited the quartet along on tour.

From 1989-1993, lead singer/songwriter Josh Clayton-Felt rode high on his band's success that included the songs 'Three Strange Days' and 'Take Me Anywhere.' But something didn't feel right to Clayton-Felt. Songwriting with fellow guitarist Michael Ward became more and more isolated and Clayton-Felt believed more and more like he was compromising his musical

tastes.

"It's basically, being in a band sometimes you kind of have to write for the idea of what the band is. When Michael and I formed School of Fish, we were discovering what that sound was going to be. As time went on, the two of us started going in different directions," Clayton-Felt said during a recent phone interview.

"The first album, we wrote together in the same room. For the second, we'd just pass cassettes back and forth. For the third, I couldn't imagine what that would have been like. It got to the point where it made more sense to try to do something else. You have to follow your muse and if it's taking you in the direction (opposite) of the band, that's what you're gonna do the best."

He listened to his muse and created 'Inarticulate Nature Boy,' his debut solo album due out on A&M Records on March 19.

Except where hook-laden songs are concerned, 'Inarticulate Nature Boy' is an about face from School of Fish.

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Golden Gloves show

The Livonia Boxing Club will be sponsoring a second-round Detroit-area Golden Gloves Tournament beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Motor City Athletic Club, located at 22218 Grand River, just west of Lahser in Detroit. General admission tickets are \$7 per person. Reserved seating is \$10. The semifinals will be held Wednesday, Feb. 28 in Windsor, Ontario. The finals, featuring Open, Novice and Senior Novice (A and B) divisions will be Saturday, March 9 at Novi High School. Winners and runner-ups will advance to national competition and possibly the U.S. Olympic Trials. For ticket information, call (313) 531-1096.

Warner tops 1,000

Western Kentucky senior guard Dawn Warner (Livonia Franklin) broke into the 1,000-point club in Saturday's 99-34 women's basketball rout of visiting Southwestern Louisiana. Warner finished with 12 points, five rebounds and three assists in 25 minutes as the Lady Toppers improved to 13-9 overall and 8-2 in the Sun Belt Conference.

CYO cager co-champs

Livonia St. Colette's fifth- and sixth-grade boys basketball team capped a 9-1 season recently with a 39-13 victory over St. Thomas Aquinas to earn a co-championship in the Catholic Youth Organization's West Division. Members of St. Colette include Brandon Chitwood, Ryan Drotel, Greg DuMont, Nick Ehlendt, Tony Hoblack, Brad Karas, Bill Marsack, John Minicilli, Jerry Shinkonis and Marshal Sied. The team is coached by Gary Drotel and Rick Marsack.

Scholar-athlete finalist

Livonia Churchill tennis player Neel Chokski will receive a commemorative plaque for being a spring finalist in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award program. Farm Bureau Insurance, in its seventh year of sponsorship, will give a \$1,000 college scholarship to 24 recipients, one in each sport of the MHSAA sponsors. Churchill's Chris Kiehler (ice hockey) will be honored during halftime ceremonies of the state Class C boys basketball finals Saturday, March 23 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

Livonia skier advances

Seventh-grader Matt Gable of St. Michael's Grade School in Livonia qualified for the Central United States Ski Association's championships March 1-3 at Marquette Mountain in the Upper Peninsula. Gable was one of four male qualifiers from Region 3 in the J-4 (ages 11-12) category. He will compete against J-3 (ages 13-14) and J-4 skiers from the five Great Lakes area regionals. The top 10 advance to the Prater Cup championships at Crested Butte, Colo. March 20-24. Gable recorded a pair of fourth-place finishes Feb. 17-18 at Sugar Loaf in Traverse City in the Giant Slalom. Melded with his third- and fourth-places in the Slalom at Boyne Mountain Jan. 27-28, it put him in the CUSSA championships.

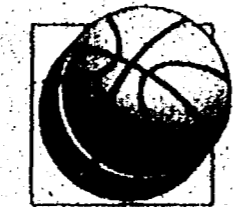
Puritan sports auctioneer

Dick Puritan Q95 radio will serve as host for a celebrity auction to benefit The Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine in Ann Arbor from 7-10 p.m. March 29 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. The \$10 admission at the door entitles participants to a raffle ticket for two round-trip air fares to anywhere in the continental U.S. on Delta Airlines. There will also be an opportunity to bid on such items as: Leased 1996 GM Cadillac, hotel get-aways, sporting event tickets, sports memorabilia (signed by Walter Payton, John Elway, Wayne Gretzky, Arnold Palmer, and the Detroit Tigers), jewelry by Matthew Hoffman, entertainment and golf packages. For more information, call Angela Kruipin at (313) 434-3390.

Football tryouts

The Motor City Cougars semi-pro football team is seeking players and coaches for the upcoming season. Open tryouts for players will be at 1 p.m. Saturday March 2 at the Inkster Recreation Complex. Anyone wishing further details should contact Mr. Terrance at (313) 534-4478. To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to Brad Emons, 36261 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150, or send via fax to (313) 591-7979.

CC wins thriller over Borgess



Detroit Catholic Central earned a berth in the Catholic League boys basketball championship game with a thrilling one-point victory Wednesday night over Redford Bishop Borgess.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Justin Hoener and Michael Jordan were side-by-side in the Detroit Catholic Central locker room Wednesday night, reliving their 59-58 Catholic League semifinal playoff victory over Redford Bishop Borgess at Schoolcraft College. "I just told Justin he saved me," Jordan said. Actually, Hoener was just seeking some redemption for himself. True, Hoener rebounded Jordan's miss from about 10 feet and scored the winning basket with 2.54 seconds left. But Hoener was especially glad he could make up for his own mis-

cues, particularly a couple travelling calls in the fourth quarter. "(Assistant) coach (John) Mulroy always says, 'Keep going to the glass,'" said Hoener. "It's something we work on, being down one, two, three." The Shamrocks will play the winner of tonight's Birmingham Brother Rice-Orchard Lake-St. Mary's game in the championship at 4 p.m. Sunday at University of Detroit-Mercy's Callhan Hall. Hoener's basket came after Aaron Jessup had given Borgess a 58-57 lead with a three-point play with 17.82 seconds left. The Shamrocks didn't have a timeout left and pushed the ball to

Jordan, whose shot over a Borgess player hit the rim and was grabbed by Hoener. The Spartans contested his put-back, but coach Roosevelt Barnes wishes one of his players was there seconds earlier. The Shamrocks had a 41-34 rebounding advantage, including 13 from senior center Eric Gilbo. Senior point guard Jerome Ross, who played outstanding defense against CC's prolific shooter Marc McDonald, led the Spartans with 14 points and sophomore Samuel Hoskin had nine to go with 10 rebounds. "We played good defense but we did not wrap up the ball," Barnes said. "It's a game of aggression and we were not aggressive at all. We stand flat footed on the last rebound. If we get the rebound, we win the ball game." CC senior guard Chris Misiak had

10 of his team-high 15 points in the fourth quarter. He made three triples in the fourth quarter, including his last with 1:05 remaining for 58-52 CC lead. Borgess wouldn't quit and answered with a triple by sophomore guard Kevin Jordan with :43 left to cut the deficit to 56-55. Hoener scored all eight of his points in the second half. Jordan added 13 points and tied Richard Turk with eight rebounds. McDonald was held to eight points on 3-13 shooting. The Spartans, 13-5 overall, led 29-23 at halftime and enjoyed a 41-33 lead following a steal and layup by Jessup with 2:47 left in the third. Jordan and Hoener scored four points each during an 8-0 CC run, however. Misiak gave the Shamrocks their first lead, 46-45, since the first half with a three-point shot early in the fourth.

Chargers finish off Harrison

Livonia Churchill is the Western Division volleyball champion in the Western Lakes Activities Association. On Monday, the Chargers defeated host Farmington Hills Harrison, 7-15, 15-7, 15-12, 15-10, to finish the divisional schedule at 5-0. Jill Sarnovsky and Amanda Eszes came off the bench in the third and fourth games to help close out the victory for Churchill. Sarnovsky had three kills, while Eszes had two crucial blocks and a kill when the game was tight.



Smash hit: Livonia Stevenson's Laura Krol (No. 6) drills a shot past a pair of Plymouth Canton blockers during Monday's Western Lakes volleyball match. Stevenson won in five games.

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Kelly Ashworth was Churchill's top hitter with 14 kills. Theresa Arciero added 11. Junior setter Karl Buzewski also stood out for the Chargers.

Ladywood wins again

Catholic League A-B Division champion Livonia Ladywood (38-8 overall) won the Operation-Friendship crown for the fifth straight year with a 15-9, 15-5 triumph over Detroit Public School League champion Henry Ford. The match was played Monday at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher. Erin LeSage led the victorious Blazers with five kills and seven aces serves. Teammate Stacey Judd also had five kills, while Jenny Young and Jessica Geracz each contributed two blocks. Other noteworthy performances were turned in by Nicole Vondracek (nine assists), Katie Brogan (eight digs), Shannon Swish (six digs) and Natalia Rozell (two aces). On Saturday, Ladywood was among five state-ranked teams participating in the Temperance Bedford Invitational. The host Kicking Mules came out on top by winning the championship final over Kalamazoo Central. They ousted Ladywood in the semifinals, 12-15, 15-8, 15-11. Ladywood finished 4-0 in pool play by sweeping Churchill, Hanover-Horton, Carleton-Airport and Ann Arbor Huron. The Blazers also beat Burton-Atherton in the elimination round. Ladywood rallied from a 10-1 deficit in the first game to beat Bedford behind the blocking and hitting of Sarah Poglitz, Geracz and Judd, along with the defensive play of Jill Wilson.

Stevenson prevails

In a WLA match Monday, host Livonia Stevenson went five games to defeat Plymouth Canton, 15-2, 15-7, 12-15, 9-15, 15-5. Setter Nicole Tobin racked up 39 assists as the Spartans improved to 15-9-13 overall and 6-4 in the Western Lakes. Top hitters for Stevenson included Kristi DiBasio (10 kills), Catherine Garry (seven), Stacey Nichols (six) and Laura Krol (five). Gina Palmeri went 10-for-10 blocking, including three solos. Top servers included Krol (23 for 23), Julie Richardson (18 for 18), Beth Pinneo (16 for 16), Palmeri (10 for 10) and Garry (nine for nine).

Franklin stops Falcons

Junior setter Randi Wolfe led Livonia Franklin to a 12-15, 15-13, 15-1, 15-2 victory Monday over visiting Farmington. Wolfe had 23 assists, 15 digs, seven aces and six kills. Cathy Wolfe added 13 digs and three aces. Other Patriot standouts Amanda Ricotta (32 digs/seven kills/five aces), Janine Bosman (seven kills/18 digs), Lindsay Rowe (two aces/three digs off the bench), Melissa Zawacki (six kills/two block-assists), Jenny Antanosian (three kills/10 digs), Melissa Thompson and Danielle Wensing (five kills/four blocks). The Patriots, who played without senior captain Melissa Wolvin (knee injury), are now 4-21-8 overall and 2-9 in the WLA.

WLA unbeaten string to 84 on Monday by downing visiting Westland John Glenn, 15-0, 15-6, 15-1.

Shelley Sills, a senior middle hitter headed for the University of Toledo, led the victorious Rocks with nine kills and nine service aces, including five aces.

Salem is now 38-6-2 overall and 11-0 in the Western Lakes.

Huron Valley falls

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran remains in search of its elusive first win of the season. On Tuesday, the host Hawks fell to Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian, 15-10, 15-3, in a match at St. Paul's in Livonia. Huron Valley (0-20-2 overall) made good on 19 of 24 serves, but broke down defensively and in service reception. Senior Nikki Kightlinger had three kills and two blocks, while freshman Amy Brandenburg went three-for-three serving.

Spartans pin Wayne, earn trip to Battle Creek

BY BILL PARKER
STAFF WRITER

The Spartans are going back to Battle Creek. With a pair of victories over Walled Lake Western and Wayne Memorial in last night's Division I team regional tournament at Brighton, the Livonia Stevenson wrestling team won its second straight regional title and earned a return trip to the state championships. Unranked Stevenson, 19-2, meets No. 6 ranked Bay City Western, 32-6, in the Division I quarterfinals at 8:15 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. Last year, Stevenson made its very first trip to the team state finals. The Spartans bowed out to Clarkston in the semifinals.

"I'm on 'Cloud Nine,'" said Stevenson coach Don Berg. "The first one was nice, but the second one is even nicer. Nobody expected this one. No one thought we'd be going back to

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state. The kids presented me with my 105th win today and it takes us back to Battle Creek. I couldn't be happier." After thrashing Walled Lake Western (which finished 15-2) in the semifinals, 41-30, the Spartans went head-to-head with Wayne Memorial (21-7) in the regional finals. (The Zebras beat South Lyon in the other semifinal, 34-30.) Senior 189 pounder Mike Burgess clinched the championship with a 9-3 decision over Wayne's Pat Grzecki. With the win, the Spartans surged ahead 35-19 with just two matches left. Stevenson voided the final two matches for a 36-31 victory. Although Burgess won by six, he didn't seal the victory until the closing seconds. The match was tied at three after two periods and Burgess started the third on top. "All I could think about (going into

the third period) was my coaches pushing me at practice. I knew if I won we would win and if I lost we could lose. I wasn't thinking about losing. It just made me go out and work harder." With 37 seconds remaining in the match and the score still tied at three, Burgess turned Grzecki to his back and earned three points. The Spartan bench exploded in celebration. Burgess picked up three more back points with 22 seconds left to seal the win. "I really wanted us to go back to state," added Burgess. "Last year I wrestled on JV, but this year I helped earn my keep." The Spartans won eight matches in the finals. Katahiko Sueda (103 pounds) staked the Spartans to a quick 5-0 lead with a technical fall in 4:25; Dave Falson (125) picked up four points with a 12-4 major decision; Dan Christenson (130) won a big 3-1 decision on a takedown against two-time Observerland

champ Richard Watson with three seconds left in his match; Jon Sata (135) earned a technical fall in 5:37; Nick Petryk (140) won his match 11-5; Eric Reese (145) came through with a pin in 1:32; and Mike Allison (171) won by void. For Wayne, Joe Banko (112) won by pin in 1:19; John Nichols (119) won a major decision, 13-0; Jim Siwula (152) earned a 9-6 decision; and Sean McInerney (160) won by pin in 1:38. "We made them realize we were on the mat," said Wayne coach David Davis. "There were some close matches that didn't go our way, and had some of them swing our way we could have been ahead 35-31. "At the beginning of the season it was difficult to know what kind of a dual-meet team we had, but things panned out in our favor," added Davis. "This team has performed well all year. The teams that beat us were all quality teams."

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Wayne's Watson, Buckner win Division I individual crowns

Wayne Memorial will send five wrestlers to the Division I individual regional this Saturday at South Lyon.

Laramie is 14-8, Nichols is 30-11 and Garrison is 25-11. Glenn had a pair of runner-ups at Adrian...

poloyn regional. Livonia Clarenceville, meanwhile, advanced brothers John and Craig Rose.

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Spartans send 8 to South Lyon

BY DAN O'NEARA STAFF WRITER Mike Burgess debunked the notion Livonia Stevenson doesn't have quality wrestlers...

"I'm more comfortable at 215. I came here and gave it all I had, and I'm pretty satisfied with the way it turned out."

"I think it's a pretty easy district and regional at 103. I just have to be mentally prepared for the regional and not be overconfident."

In the Division I individual district tournament at Walled Lake Western, he continued a recent tradition by winning the 215-pound title.

The Spartans also qualified Dan Seder (112), Jon Sata (135) and Eric Reese (145) for the regional.

There were only eight wrestlers in the 130 bracket, and Christenson easily advanced with a 16-0 decision and by pinning No. 2 Lenny Christoff of Novi.

Burgess was one of five Stevenson district champions and eight Spartans who qualified for the regional at South Lyon this weekend.

Churchill's Bob Fowler (275), Chris Seder (160) and Eugene Barbu (189) placed second in the district.

"Last year I got knocked out by Jason Milne (of Garden City). It's a good win, coming back and taking it this year," Christenson said.

After facing two-time state champion Craig Martin in practice the last few years, Burgess eventually benefited from the experience and is taking his turn in the spotlight.

"Getting beat up teaches you the good and bad things about wrestling," Burgess said. "It teaches you to always go hard."

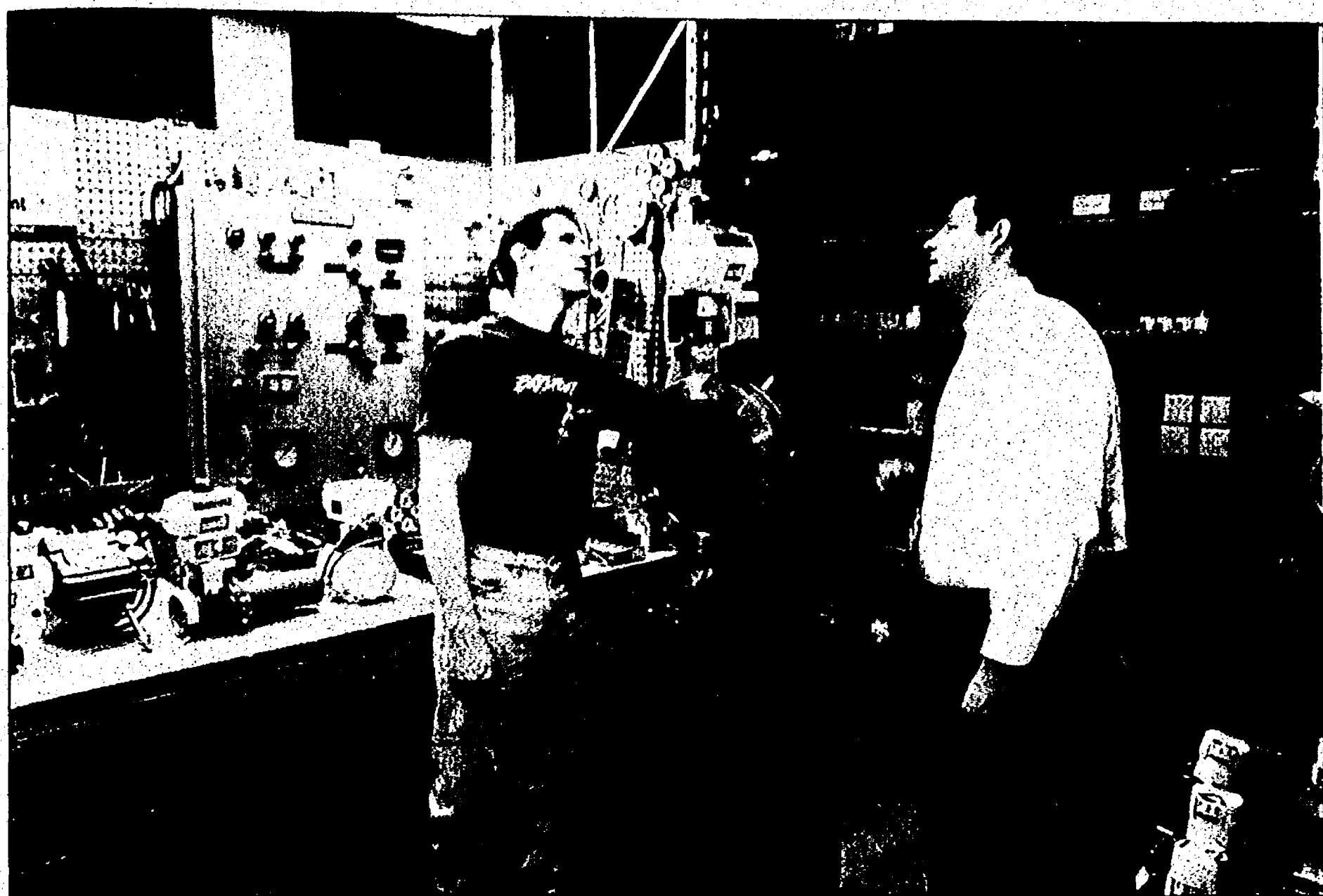
"I knew what he had and what I had to do to beat him," Petryk said, adding he was feeling the effects of the flu, as was Burgess.

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ISO inspection: Jim Ballantyne and Richard Rice inspect a 12-inch high process automated valve package at Harrison Piping Supply Company in Livonia. The company has been awarded ISO 9002 certification.

Company awarded ISO certification

A Livonia company, Harrison Piping Supply, has been awarded the highest global standard for quality — ISO 9002 certification.

"Our company has always prided itself on quality," said Jeffrey D. Harrison, president and CEO of Harrison Piping Supply Company. Harrison's father started the company in 1959. Jeffrey Harrison and his brother, Donald W. Harrison, executive vice president of corporate operations, run the company.

They started a drive last year to

obtain ISO 9002 certification, which involves documenting procedures at the company.

A quality standard system created by the International Standardization Organization, ISO is based in Geneva, Switzerland, and is used to simplify the international exchange of goods and services by developing a common set of quality standards.

ISO 9002 is similar to ISO 9000, but applies to facilities with products that are designed and serviced by a subcontractor.

Certification is awarded once a company has implemented and proved through documentation and performance that it meets all technical quality system requirements.

"This puts us on a global standard for quality," Jeffrey Harrison said. "We're proud of carrying on a tradition that my father started."

The certification ensures that employees are fully trained and document the way they do things, according to Timothy Wilkins,

corporate controller.

The employees have embraced the process, according to Donald Harrison. "I'm very proud of the fact we achieved this. I'm very proud of our employees," he said.

The company's corporate office and main warehouse are on Schoolcraft west of Newburgh Road in Livonia. It distributes and wholesales pipes, valves, fitting, boilers and heating products as well as industrial specialties, instrumentation and control products.



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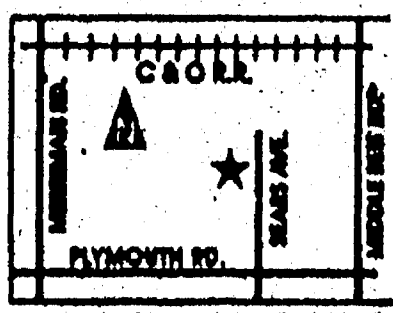
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Scout plugs eagle project on Internet



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EMORY DANIELS

Jeremy Nuanes, 17, of Golden, Colo., is raising money for his Eagle Scout project to build a monument in memory of federal workers who have been killed while doing their jobs.

Working with sculptor Joe Cipri, Jeremy wants to erect a monument on the grounds of the Denver Federal Center. The monument would pay tribute to members of the U.S. armed forces and other men and women who have died while performing their duties as federal workers, such as firefighters for the Bureau of Land Management or Forest Services, diplomats like the three who recently died in Bosnia, and members of the federal agencies who died in the Oklahoma bombing.

The monument's design is a globe sitting on an obelisk. Resting on the globe will be an American bald eagle and the American flag. The eagle and flag are draped over the globe as if to symbolize the protection and security America and its citizens have brought to the world. The monument will stand more than 8 feet tall and the outstretched wings of the eagle will have a span exceeding 5 feet.

The memorial and base are expected to cost about \$24,000. He has organized and set up an account with the Credit Union of Denver, titled the "Eagle Project Memorial Fund" and has spent hundreds of hours promoting the project to individuals and groups. He sends a commemorative pin to anyone who donates \$5 or more, and will send a 22-inch replica of the memorial done by the artist to anyone donating \$2,500 or more.

This is not a pitch for anyone to donate money because I cannot affirm the credibility of the project. What is interesting to this column's subject matter is that the high school student has selected the Internet as one of the major means to promote his Eagle Community Service Project.

Jeremy designed a home page about the project and has placed it on the World Wide Web at <http://www.usa.net/~tilde/mark/mtrvino/jnuanes.html>. E-mail inquiries may be made to his mother, Sharon Nuanes, at snuanes@do.usbr.gov, or to the Scout himself at jnuanes504@aol.com.

Speaking of Scouts, the Girl Scouts of America have a home page on the Internet to promote the sale of Girl Scout cookies. Girl Scout councils nationwide are experimenting with supporting cookie sales on the World Wide Web. In fact, leaders nationwide can now download a program called Cookie Manager's Assistant by visiting <http://www.cals.com/cwelch/loudoun.htm>.

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to.com/clia and arrive at Cruise Lines International Association's (CLIA) new home page. The home page includes a "travel agency locator" to direct potential cruisers to their nearest CLIA-affiliated travel agency. Once users type in the ZIP or area code of where they want to find a travel agency, they'll get a listing of travel agencies that fit the description. Each appears with the name of a CLIA-affiliated agency, along with the address and phone number.

Clear With Computers Inc. has a new WWW site at <http://www.cwcinc.com>. CWC's home page greets users with easy-to-navigate screens of information on company background, an explanation of the sales automation industry and thorough descriptions of the company's sales system and support services. The site also features an electronic contact compatibility which allows interested viewers to send for more information. Also, prospective employees are able to create an "online resume" and send it directly to CWC's human resources department. A complete listing of job opportunities and descriptions of the company's many employment opportunities can be found online.

United Technologies Automotive's Website, possibly the most comprehensive available by an automotive component supplier, can be accessed at <http://www.uta.com>. This site offers highly graphical or text-based information about the company, including articles by employees, news releases, downloadable photo images, information on key executives, media contacts with phone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses, job information with online job postings expected in the future. The site is expected to help provide product engineers and purchasing managers at customer companies with a broader understanding of what United Technologies offers.

Pharmacia and Upjohn Inc. have a Website to increase awareness about male impotence, a condition that affects an estimated 10 to 20 million men in the U.S. This site, which can be reached by pointing to <http://www.impotent.com>, offers facts about the incidence, causes and treatment options of impotence, an impotence quiz that will be updated regularly, and a toll-free 800 number for those wanting a free information kit, including the names of local physicians specializing in the treatment of impotence.

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

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SATURDAY, FEB. 24

ESTATE PLANNING

Insurance agents seeking an opportunity to update their knowledge of estate planning can enroll in Schoolcraft College's one-day "Estate Planning Techniques" class 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The course will provide an overview of the estate process, including calculating estate taxes and techniques available for the conservation of estate assets and the reduction of estate taxation. Techniques will include working with gifts, charitable giving, the use of wills, and the use of trusts. To register or for more information, call Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services office at (313) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275 in Livonia.

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The Michigan Department of Treasury has announced that taxpayers can now order and receive Michigan tax forms by fax. Callers must use a fax phone and may order up to six forms per call. This is an automated system that is available 24 hours per day. To obtain forms by fax, call (810) 754-0362.

Callers are provided with step-by-step instructions for using the fax system, including how to obtain a menu of the forms available by fax and how to select those forms. Callers should be aware that the transmission will begin immediately.

The fax service is available for forms only. Instructions can be ordered by calling 1-800-FORM-2-ME. The instructions will be sent within two weeks.

TAKE CREDIT

The Revenue Commissioner's Office of the Michigan Department of Treasury is asking taxpayers to be sure to take the Headlee Amendment Refund tax credit on their Michigan 1040 or Michigan 1040EZ income tax form. According to Department

records, 7.6 percent of early filers have not taken this credit, which is available to every taxpayer.

When the Headlee Amendment Refund credit is not taken on an income tax return, the return is being "kicked out" of the system for further processing. "The return will be corrected within the department and will not require any additional information from the taxpayer," Revenue Commissioner Thomas Hoatlin said.

"However, refunds to taxpayers who did not take the Headlee Amendment Refund credit will be delayed several weeks for the additional processing."

If taxpayers continue to miss claiming the credit in the same percentage as they are now missing it, more than 300,000 taxpayers could be affected by having their refund delayed to make the correction.

"We encourage taxpayers to carefully read their income tax forms and information booklets to avoid making errors that may delay their refunds," Hoatlin said. Last year, all error-free refunds were issued within three weeks.

The Headlee Amendment Refund credit is taken on Line 17a of the MI-1040 form and on Line 10 on the MI-1040EZ form.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

COFFEE CONNECTIONS

Coffee Connections will host Mike Mosher, manager of User Services of Merit Network, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The designer of a Free-Net in Genesee County, Mosher is a pioneer of Internet networking in Michigan. Mosher's presenta-

tion will provide several case studies enumerating how businesses of all sizes are saving money, providing better service and reaching previously untapped markets by embarking on the Internet. The seminar will be held at Coffee Connections, the cyber-cafe in Cafe Bravo, in the Main-Centre building at the corner of Center and Main in Northville's downtown. Reservations are required. A \$10 entrance fee will be

charged. Due to limited seating, the presentation will be limited to the first 35 people to sign up.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

QS-9000

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center will present a seminar titled "QS-9000: Control Plans & Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)." The seminar will give an overview of control plans and FMEAs which are a requirement for QS-9000 registration. The seminar will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Industrial Technology Institute, 2901 Hubbard Road, Ann Arbor. The registration fee is \$125 and includes all course materials and lunch. The speaker will be Jeffrey Spencer, a manufacturing consultant specializing in providing training and consulting in process improvement and statistical analysis tools. Previously he was chief engineer and director of manufacturing services for RWD Technologies Inc. For more information or to register, call 1-800-292-4484, Ext. 4107.

RETIREMENT

A free seminar on retirement and estate planning will be 7-9 p.m. at 1-275 and Seven Mile in Livonia. PaineWebber's account vice president Gregory R. Wright and investment executive Philip P. Bocketti will be the speakers. The topics of discussion will be preparing for retirement, tax ramifications of retirement, maximizing return on IRA accounts, pension distributions, IRA rollover or 10-year averaging, lump sum distributions and sensible estate planning. Call Tom Grossman at 1-800-852-6228.

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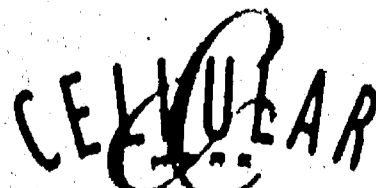


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HEARTSAVER CLASS
— Oakwood Healthcare System is offering an Adult Heartsaver CPR class 6:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 in the Oakwood Healthcare Center-Dearborn, 10161 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. To register, call (800) 543-WELL.

DIABETES EDUCATION
— Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics 18 and older. "Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes" will be held at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The series of eight classes provides information on self care and the successful management of diabetes. Classes will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Feb. 27 to March 21 in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B. The \$75 fee includes a support person. CareLink members receive a 10-percent discount. For more information, (313) 655-2922.

LIFE WITH DIABETES
— Oakwood's Community-focused Health Promotion Network offers a Life with Diabetes series Thursday evenings, 7-9 p.m. from March 7 through April 18 in the Plymouth-Canton schools. The six-week series presents topics of concern to those living with diabetes. Family members are urged to come at no extra cost. A physician's order is required for participation. Cost of the series is \$30; to register call (800) 543-WELL.

SAVE A LIFE
— Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Club is soliciting donors for blood and marrow on Save a Life Sunday, March 10, through its Phoebe Foundation. The event

is planned to help three-year-old Phoebe Yauck, who was diagnosed Jan. 4 with a rapidly spreading deadly form of leukemia. The only child of Laura and Bob Yauck of Novi has been hospitalized since the diagnosis and is undergoing chemotherapy. She continues to receive blood transfusions, and may need a marrow transplant.

The Save a Life Sunday screening will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at the Beverly Hills club, 31555 Southfield Road, north of 13 Mile. It will be coordinated by American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan.

In the Detroit area, there are currently 93 people waiting for a marrow match, and a blood donor has the opportunity of saving the lives of four people. For more information, donor appointments or financial support, call (810) 642-8500.

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— Due to a severe shortage of blood in Southeast Michigan, Oakwood Healthcare System joins the American Red Cross to sponsor a two-day blood drive. The first day will be Friday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Spring Arbor College, 23400 Michigan Ave., second floor, Dearborn. On Monday, March 4, the drive will be held from 6:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the Adray Conference Center at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center-Dearborn, 18101 Oakwood, Dearborn.

To schedule an appointment for the Village Plaza blood drive, call (313) 278-5161; for Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center blood drive, call (313) 593-7010.

FAMILY-CENTERED CARE
— St. Mary Hospital's Radiation Oncology and Community Outreach departments are co-sponsoring a Prostate Screening Day to be held at the hospital from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 2. This free program is open to men throughout the community and will include a prostate exam by a

staff physician, a blood test to measure the Prostate Specific Antigen, and educational material. The screening will be held in the Marian Pavilion, 14655 Levan, Levan Road entrance. Advance registration is requested. For more information call (313) 655-2922 or (800) 494-1650.

CHILDBIRTH CLASS
— Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience.

A one-day class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. Cost of the class is \$75, which includes food. For information or to register, call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

PARENTING CLASS
— Oakwood Healthcare System's Community-focused Health Promotion Network is offering an Active Parenting Today class for parents of children ages 2-12.

The six-session course will teach parents how to really talk to their kids. Topics include: instilling courage and self-esteem, understanding your child's thinking, creating cooperative kids, solving problems together, making responsibility a reality and more. Cost of the class is \$45; both parents may attend at this price if sharing materials. Pre-registration is required at (800) 543-WELL.

Classes will be held Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. now through March 2 at Oakwood Hospital Downriver in Lincoln Park; Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. from Feb. 27 through April 2 at Madison School in Dearborn Heights; Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. from March 4 through April 15 in Woodhaven Schools; and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. from March 7 through April 18 in the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

BREAST-FEEDING SUPPORT
— The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia has answers to questions about breast-feeding through its Breastfeeding Support Group. The group meets from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room A. Mothers and babies under one year of age are encouraged to attend. There is no charge, but registration is required. Call (313) 655-3314. The center also has breastfeeding supplies and educational materials.

St. Mary is also hosting a Breastfeeding Class 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 28 in Pavilion Conference Room A. The class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy and will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother and family. Cost of the class is \$15 and registration is required. For information call (313) 655-2882 or (800) 494-1617.

POSITIVE PARENTING
— The Marian Women's Center, St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, will offer a free lecture on "Positive Parenting" from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, in the hospital auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. Guest speaker will be Corinne Kee, a clinical associate and adjunct faculty member at Madonna University's School of Nursing.

There is no charge for the lecture, but reservations are requested, since seating is limited. Call (313) 655-2882 or (800) 494-1617.

SPORTS MEDICINE
— On March 28-30, the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine will host the fourth annual Mid-American Sports Medicine Symposium. People from throughout the U.S. and Canada are expected to attend the event at the Ritz-Carlton Convention Center in Dearborn. As part of the symposium, a Celebrity Auction will be held Friday, March 29, with local radio personality Dick Purtan as celebrity auctioneer. For more

information, call (313) 434-3390

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
— St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a free Mental Health Family Support Group meeting every Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. on the fifth floor of the main hospital near the Five Mile entrance. This meeting provides education and support services to friends and family members of people suffering from mental disorders. Registration is not required. For more information, please call (313) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277.

PRESSURE SCREENING
— A free blood pressure screening is offered between noon and 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren roads). Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

PRESSURE TESTING
— Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens is offered at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the Maplewood Community Center (on Maplewood, West of Merri-man).

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HEALTH LECTURES
— Cardiac education lectures are offered every Wednesday at Garden City Hospital on such topics as: risk factors; healthy eating; cholesterol; medications; and exercise (education materials included). Registration required; call 458-3242.

SICK CHILD CARE
— "Comfort Corner," day care for sick children, is offered on a daily basis at Garden City Hospital 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren roads) for a reasonable charge. Call 458-3338.

NEWBORN NEEDS
— Newborn Care is a two-session class at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren roads), that helps expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes infant/child CPR conducted by American Heart Association instructors. Call 459-3330 for class times and registration.

MARRIAGE CLASS
— St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Premarital AIDS Class from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 and 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B near the Levan Road entrance. The hospital is at Five Mile and Levan. Upon completion of the class, participants will receive certificates necessary to obtain a marriage license in Michigan. Registration is required, with March 1 deadline for March 9 class and April 4 deadline for April 11 class. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

INFANT APNEA CLINIC
— Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center-Dearborn has opened its new Infant Apnea Clinic.

Apnea is a pause in the respiratory pattern that lasts 15-20 seconds. Apnea can be normal in some infants, but can also lead to significant problems such as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. "New technology called 'smart' or 'memory' monitors enables us to utilize computer analysis of possible apnea events at home," said Dr. Thomas A. Malone, corporate director of Neonatology and director of the Apnea Clinic. "In the past, false alarms kept infants on monitors for a prolonged period of time, and led to parental anxiety. This new technology allows us to discontinue the monitor earlier and (use it) only on those who are the highest risk." Patients are seen on Wednesday afternoons in Suite 202 of the Medical Office Building at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center-Dearborn. For information, call (313) 593-7135.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from all Observer-area hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Newsmakers, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

Dr. Omar A. Majid, a radiation oncologist at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and a West Bloomfield resident, received a three-year appointment as Cancer Liaison Physician for the Hospital Cancer Program. The Cancer Liaison Program is an integral part of the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons, based in Chicago. He is now part of a national network of more than 2,000 volun-

teer Cancer Liaison Physicians who provide leadership and support to Commission on Cancer activities.

Established in 1956, the Commission has approved more than 1,400 cancer programs in institutions across the country. It reviews each cancer institution's cancer programs for conformity to high standards set by the Commission and encourages participating hospital to equip and staff themselves so that they are able to provide the best in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

St. Mary Hospital is affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Alisa Anderson has joined St. Mary Hospital in Livonia as unit manager for the Emergency Center. Her responsibilities include staff scheduling and the establishment and enforcement of departmental policies

and procedures.

A native of Livonia, she most recently served as assistant nurse manager in the Emergency Department at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Mich. Prior, she was a staff nurse in the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Unit at Marquette General and worked at the Emergency Department at Grace Hospital in Detroit before moving to Marquette.

She received her RN and BSN degrees and has taken classes toward her master's degree in nursing from Northern Michigan University in Marquette. She has maintained her certification and instructor status in Basic Cardiac Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support and is also certified in Advanced Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, Advanced Trauma and Advanced Pediatric Life Support

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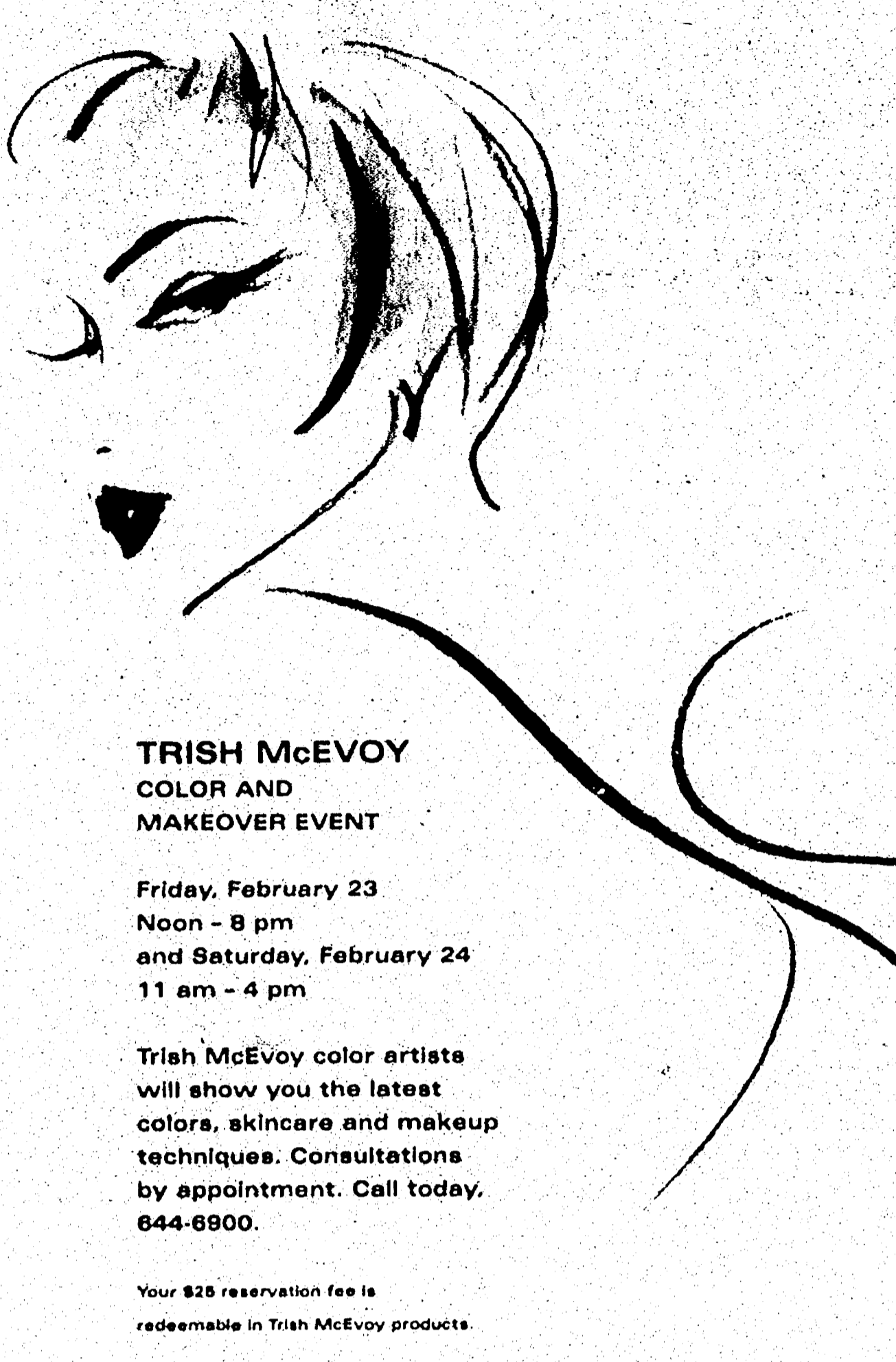
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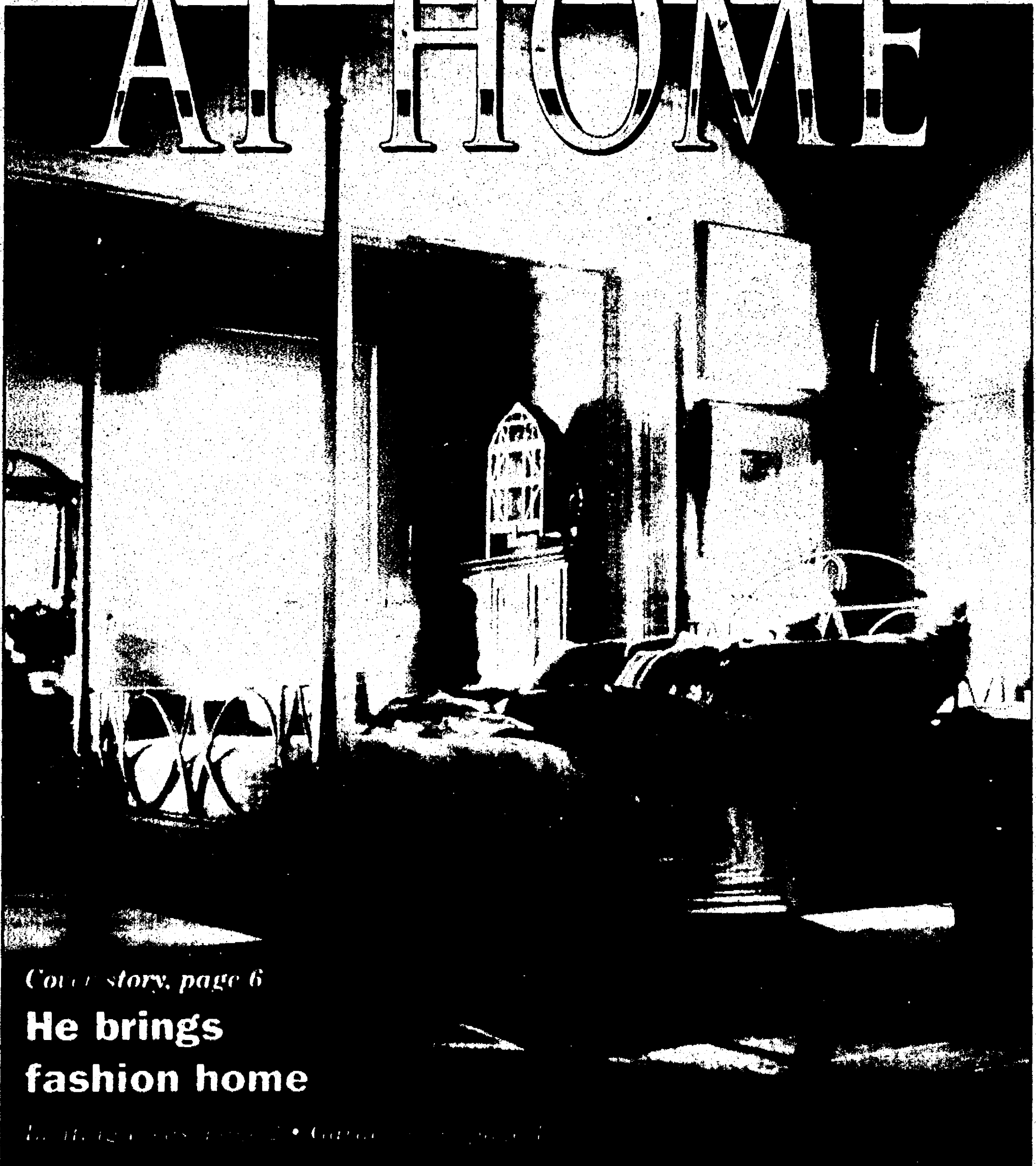
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RUTH MOSSOH JOHNSTON

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GINGER NUT COOKIES

- 1 1/2 cups margarine or unsalted butter
- 1/4 cups sugar
- 1/4 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 extra large eggs
- 3 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 cups pecans, coarsely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups crystallized ginger, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large bowl of an electric mixer, cream the margarine or butter. On medium speed, add both the sugars and beat until fluffy. Add the vanilla and mix thoroughly. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after the addition of each egg.

In a separate bowl sift together the flour, baking soda and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the creamy margarine and sugar mixture a little at a time, beating until well mixed.

Add the chopped pecans and crystallized ginger — mix only to incorporate all ingredients.

On a lightly greased or sprayed cookie sheet, drop the batter two inches apart and bake approximately 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Transfer the cookies to a cooling rack and cool.

Dip cooled cookies into melted bittersweet chocolate by holding and dipping only one half into the melted chocolate. Place dipped cookies onto a piece of waxed paper and let harden. Yield 90 to 100 two-inch cookies.

Ruth Mossoh Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin.

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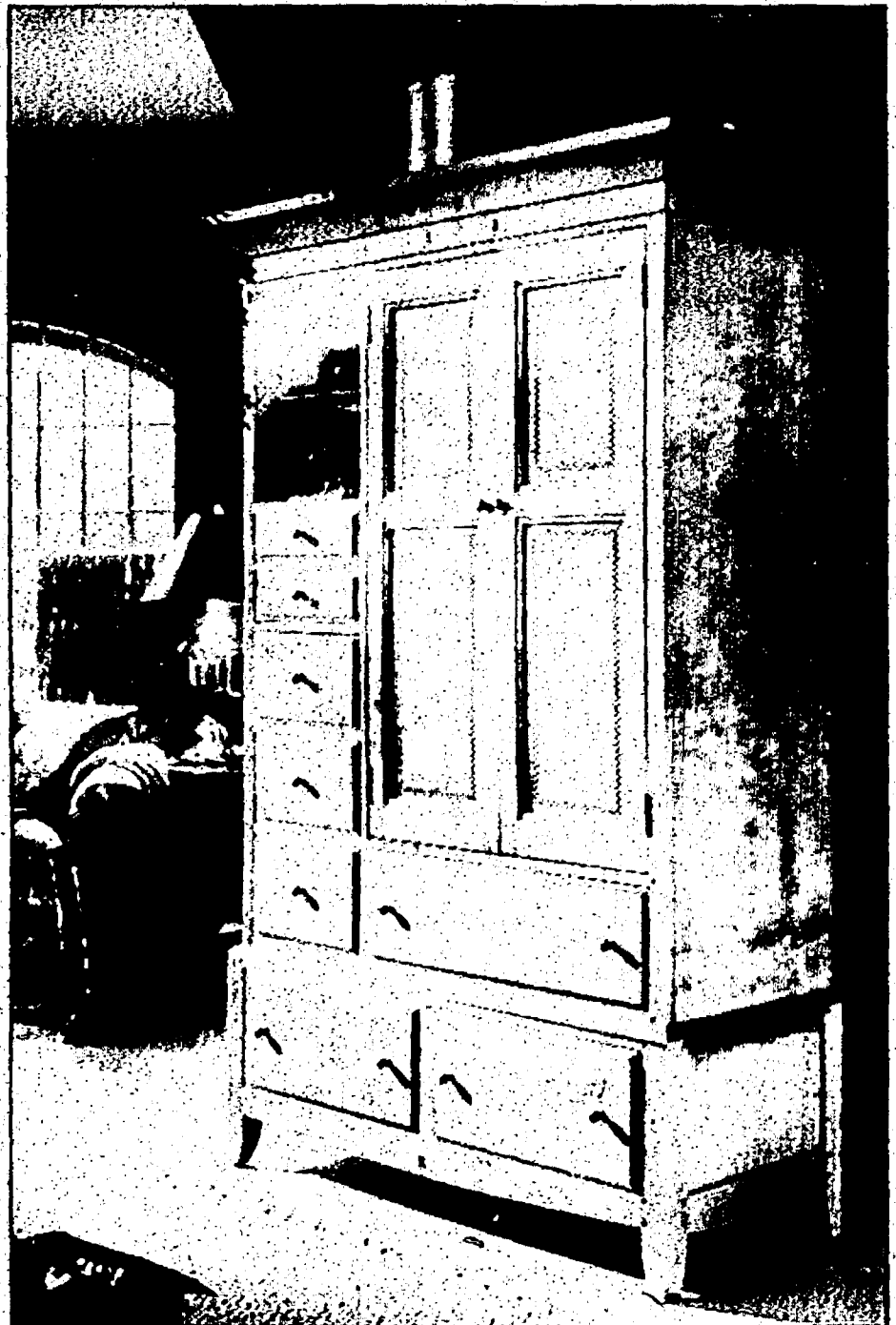
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GARDEN SPOT

It's time to start planting garden seeds — indoors



MARTY FIGLEY

You can get a head start on the gardening season by sowing seeds indoors and now is the time to begin. The task is enjoyable and fascinating as new life comes from the seeds as they begin to sprout.

The seed package will indicate if the plant is a Half-Hardy annual (HHA) or Hardy annual (HA) — sometimes listed as "warm" or "cool season" plants. These can be started indoors four to eight weeks before planting out. Half-Hardy perennial (HHP) and Hardy perennial (HP) seeds can be started six to 10 weeks before planting out.

Almost any container at least three inches deep with drainage holes can be used to start seeds. Plastic milk jugs, egg cartons, clay flower pots, homemade pots from newspapers, or commercial peat pots or seed trays are all OK. Wash previously used containers in a 10-percent solution of bleach and water and

rinse well. Moisten clay and peat pots before planting.

Medium

You can make your own growing medium or buy it ready-made. If you concoct your own medium it needs to drain freely, and be disease free and not too high in nutrients. Seeds started in a soil-based mixture that provides enough nutrients for life indoors allow the plants to stay in the same mixture until they're transplanted outdoors. A good commercial potting mixture mixed with vermiculite is fine.

If you use a soil-less nutrient-free medium, frequent feeding or transplanting to a container with potting soil (which contains nutrients) will be necessary to keep them healthy.

Before planting, moisten the medium and fill the containers to within 1/4-inch of the top of large pots and 1/2-inch for small or shallow containers, tamping the sides and bottom so the soil is even. Sow the seeds the depth specified on the package — a rule of thumb is to

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COVER STORY

Julian fashions for home

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • SPECIAL WRITER

Contrasting colours: Julian designed the trellis paisley print for his Hudson Sofa.



On the cover: Alexander Julian designed the Wing Tip Bed with detailed veneers and a diamond relief depicting the argyle for which he is famous.



Fashion statement: Julian incorporates designs from his menswear into the Bow Tie Table with cherry veneers that connect with boutie shapes in pine with pine borders. Chairs feature wingtip design in chair back and leg.

Coty Award-winning fashion designer Alexander Julian admits to having affairs with color.

His latest is with lichen, a gray-green moss he has incorporated into a new furniture line called "Alexander Julian Home Colours" available at Scott Shuptrine in Troy, Bloomfield Hills and Novi.

Recognized since 1981 for his use of color in men's fashion, he has designed the 162-piece collection of traditionally-inspired bedroom, dining, occasional and upholstery styles for Universal Furniture, a Masco company in North Carolina.

"There's a direct parallel between the fashion and furniture designs that benefits from 20 years experience of combining patterns and colors. What I'm doing is taking Old World tradition and making it more useful for the future," said Julian, whose own Connecticut home appeared on the cover of House Beautiful in November 1994.

"I want the pieces to have longevity. Something we in design have learned is that you can't dictate. That's why I've designed furniture now that's relaxed but elegant and traditional."

What sets the line apart is that Julian designs his own fabrics. With an eye for color, texture and detail, he mixes stripes with polka dots and pastel paisley in one-of-a-kind fabrics. A tweedy textile on a sofa combines lichen with the complementary colors yellow and purple. His watercolor and gouache paintings have surely played an influence here.

Julian's signature is evident throughout the collection as he infuses designs from his clothing such as argyle or diamond shapes, and bowties into wood veneers. Distressed finishes like blueberry, weathered pine and fresh cream give the wood a lived-in look.

"I'm not designing for a particular age group or price range but a taste level. It's people who want to have interesting expressions in their interiors. They want to combine fashion and intelligence in the same sentence," said Julian, the youngest designer ever to be inducted into the Coty Hall of Fame and to receive the Cutty Sark Career Achievement Award Background.

Julian, who sleeps on one of his own beds, grew up working in his father's clothing store in North Carolina. The first fashion designer to create his own fabrics, he worked with European mills to explore unusual color combinations. His textile design is part of the Cooper-Hewitt's permanent collection at the Smithsonian.

Julian has had a lot of firsts in his life, including being the first to design pro and college sports uniforms for the Charlotte Hornets NBA team and the University of North Carolina's men's and women's basketball teams. He also designed racing



Alexander Julian

and crew suits for Mario and Michael Andretti, Nigel Mansell and Paul Tracy.

His fashions for celebrities include men notable in their respected fields from Bill Cosby, Harry Connick Jr. and Maury Povich to President Bill Clinton. Julian created the wardrobes for Robert Altman's film "The Player." This undertaking resulted in his newest collection, Couture Menswear, available only on a custom-made basis. A portion of the proceeds from the collection benefits various charities.

Besides men's fashions and furniture, Julian is also known for designing bed linens with Dan River, area rugs and eyewear. Comfortable and elegant.

David VanElslander, vice president of merchandising for Scott Shuptrine, was familiar with Julian's men's fashion designs long before deciding to offer the furniture collection to customers. VanElslander is sold on its comfortable looking yet elegant styling.

"It's a casual living collection. We see more of the market headed in the direction of people furnishing a home where they can go and be relaxed. We're not seeing the formal dining or living room. Even the wood in the collection has a more casual finish, a matte finish. It has that lived in feel to it," VanElslander said.

"Alexander Julian is a good designer. It doesn't lack style. He uses a lot of the colors he incorporates into his clothing. Designing his own fabrics makes them unique with strong design and color palette. We went with it one, because of his name and second, the style of the furniture and the value, and because he ties it all together so well."

Retro Loveseat or Wicker Sleigh Bed, Julian says he designs with the body in mind because "without the human body there is no design." A master of color, Julian tops off contemporary floor and table lamps with shades in solid colors ranging from cranberry to slate. The beauty of the collection is that all of the pieces are interchangeable for an eclectic look.

"His fabrics are definitely the new direction in color, moss green mixed with the mauves, a very soothing color palette," said James Hostnik, interior designer for Scott Shuptrine in Troy.

"The line caters to younger couples who want a traditional look but not the formality of 18th century styles. They don't want something that's trendy. They want a look that blends across, a comfortable look. They want to be able to live with the furniture.

"They like a continuity of look not mismatched pieces. It mixes well with other styles because each one is beautifully unique. The distressed finish blends nicely with oaks but blends in with cherries."



Distressed look: The Weathered Pine Cocktail Table combines antique metal corner straps, decorative iron work under the beveled glass, and diamond overlays on the apron for a less formal look.

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plant the seeds at a depth equal to their diameter. Label the containers with the name of the plant and the date. No additional water should be necessary at this time.

Going for cover

Cover with a piece of glass or plastic bag — you'll need to open the bag to check on the germination process.

For seeds that don't require light, cover the container with cardboard, aluminum foil or newspaper in addition to the glass or plastic, and set them in a dark place. Those that require light should be placed in indirect light in an east or west window. If you use fluorescent lights, place them three to six inches above the containers and keep them on all the time. Maintain a room temperature of 65 to 70 degrees. Bottom heat can be supplied by special heating cables and it does help some seeds to germinate.

Don't allow the growing medium to dry out — that is sure death for the seeds and seedlings! When watering is necessary, set the pots in a tray of tepid water until the soil surface is moistened. Let the container drain when the surface is damp, or water from above with a fine mist.

When you see the first signs of life, gradually remove the coverings — punch holes in the plastic, small at first, or lift the corner of the glass. This takes about a day. Gradually is the word — a too-sudden exposure to the

air can cause damping off. The seedling can now be gradually put in bright light or four to five inches below lights, temperature a constant 60 degrees Fahrenheit is ideal.

Feeding

Water when the soil surface appears dry. As soon as the plant has developed three true leaves it will need to be fed. Apply a liquid fertilizer one-half the strength recommended twice a week for the first three weeks, then use full-strength about every 10 days. Feed after watering.

As soon as the first pair of true leaves has developed, thin the seedlings carefully (you can simply cut them off at soil level) or transplant them into individual pots. This process is called pricking out and is done by gently loosening a small clump of seedlings with a knife, fork or stick. Be careful that you don't damage the tiny roots. Poke a hole into the newly prepared pot and gently set the plant at the depth it originally grew.

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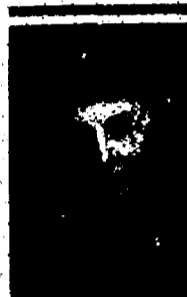


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INTERIOR MOTIVES

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Part II
Consult the prestigious magazines that have great colored illustrations. They will help you to envision the drama and "derrier cri" (last word) of very formal and elegant French interiors.

The architecture of the room must resonate the contents. It is useless to fill a home with extravagant furniture if the backgrounds are plain walls. Required is the detailing of panels, the crown mouldings, the columns, the pilasters, the height of the French doors, the fireplace surround and hearth, the candelabra wall sconces of crystal and bronze dore, and countless other details that evoke formal French.

As a designer I am obliged to design, and this is where I begin to develop a spatial and significant milieu. It is necessary to advise my client that the preliminary costs will be significant. There aren't many tradespeople out there to translate my ideas into reality, and

these craftsmen are aware of their value. I am fortunate to know where these people can be located.

Floor plan

Having designed the architectural details for the required rooms, beginning with the foyer, I am ready to lay out a preliminary floor plan for the living areas.

Because this French is formal, the floor plan will have to conform. In most cases I oppose too many pairs. However, it is going to be obligatory to have more pairs than in an informal setting. A superb pair of Louis XVI consoles topped with a complimentary pair of sconces emanates the first refinement. An oil painting above the mantel is in order. Magnificently framed mirrors are also necessary to these French interiors.

Gilt in many forms prevailed in formal French. "Bronze dore" adorns much of their furniture. Other opulent adornments were "Ormolu mounts" encrusting cabinets, tables, a "bureau plat" (which we would call a flat-topped

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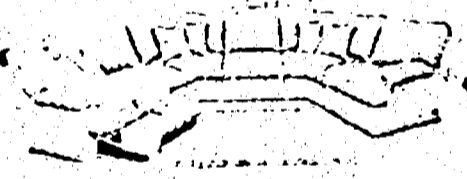
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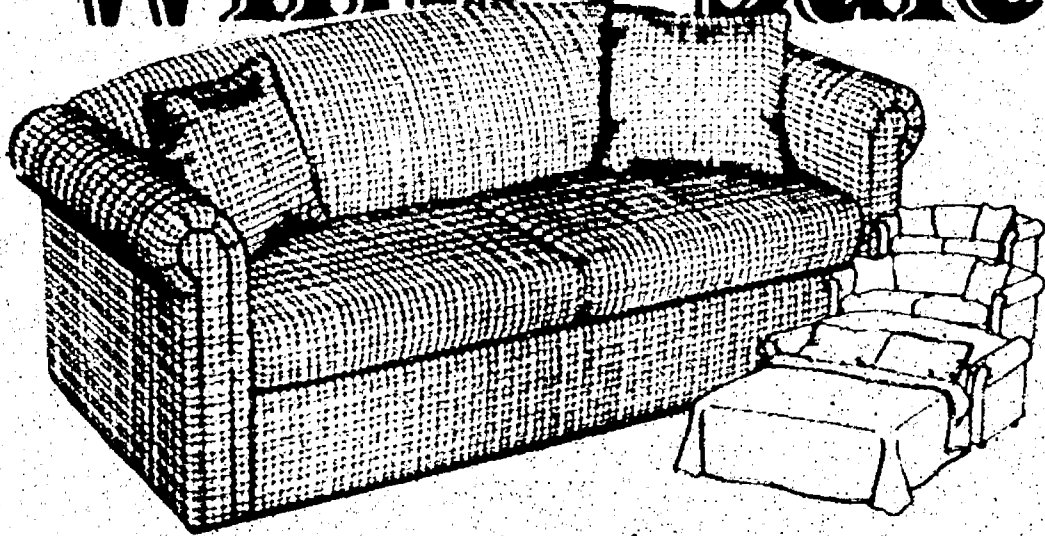
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desk) and chairs.

In this aristocratic mixture master gilders and bronzemakers stamped an artist's mark. The burned off mercury vapors were deadly, so these men lived a perilous life. "Savoir vivre" means knowing how to live with this elegance. These artistic achievements were symptoms of an age sinking into decadence.

Exquisite

Surviving antiques of this era fetch a king's ransom. Much of the foregoing is in museums, but many fine reproductions can be found. They also are expensive beyond comprehension. I haven't discussed lacquered and "japaned" cabinetry. There really aren't enough adjectives in my vocabulary to describe their beauty.

Once more, look through the prestige magazines to be apprised of their magnificence. In this day and age the finest apartments on Fifth Avenue in New York are furnished in this manner. Not all had to be super-rich!

The above exquisite cabinetry was executed in exotic woods: mahogany and tulipwood were favorites. Marquetry (inlaid patterns) required prodigious skills of the ebenistes (cabinet-makers). The tops were inlaid to match the fronts. If irreparable damage took place over the years it was acceptable to add a marble top, because many of the pieces were marble topped in any case. Louis III, IV, V, VI, Regence and Na-

poleonic upholstered furniture is at its best in damasks, silks, satins and velvets. Cotton is too plebian. Bergere or fauteuil chairs may have wooden frames that are painted or gilded. Dining room furniture in any of the above periods can be seen in many local stores, and is much admired.

Light fantastic

Lighting fixtures are almost always crystal with bronze dore mountings. If "rock" crystal it is even more costly and dazzling. The uninformed might think these crystals have been cracked. They really are pieces of jewelry. Candleabra of the same ilk are wall-mounted throughout the premises. Lamps are again bronze dore with more crystal. If there is a shade to keep away the heat of candles it must be made of painted toile (tin).

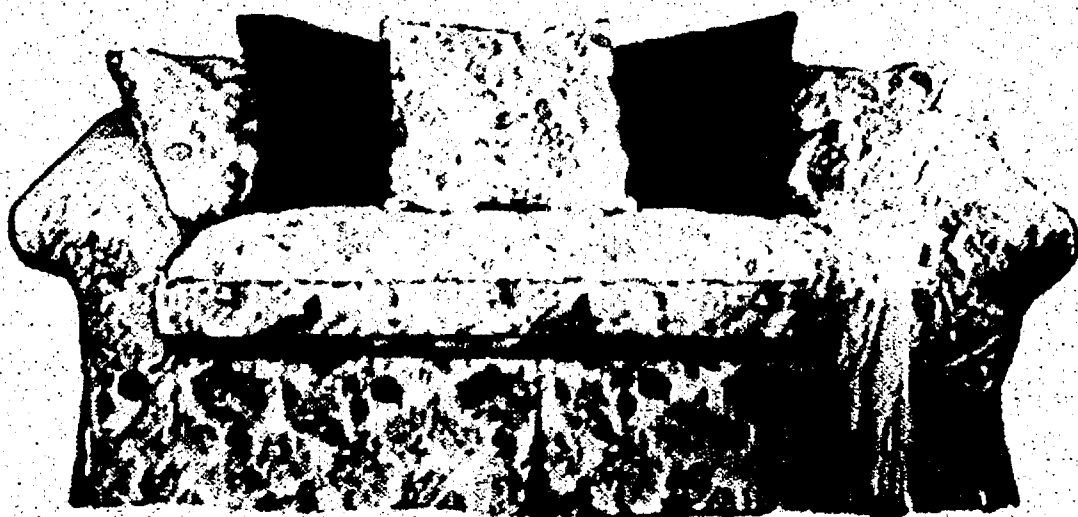
Once more, appropriate accessories bespeak this elegance. Marble urns with bronze dore mountings are appropriate. So would be Nevers or Vincennes soft paste china. Sevres porcelain is even more formal.

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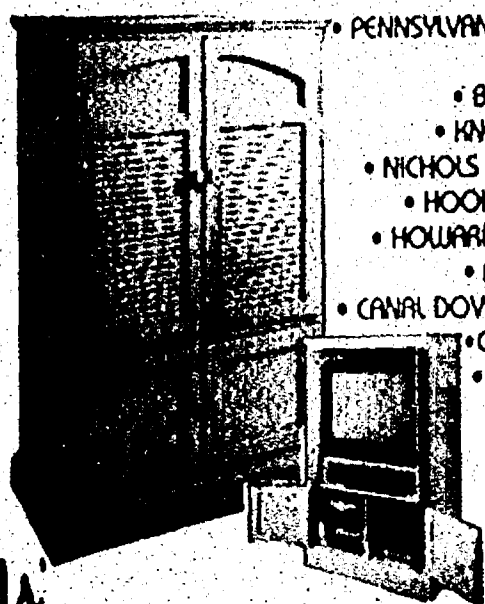
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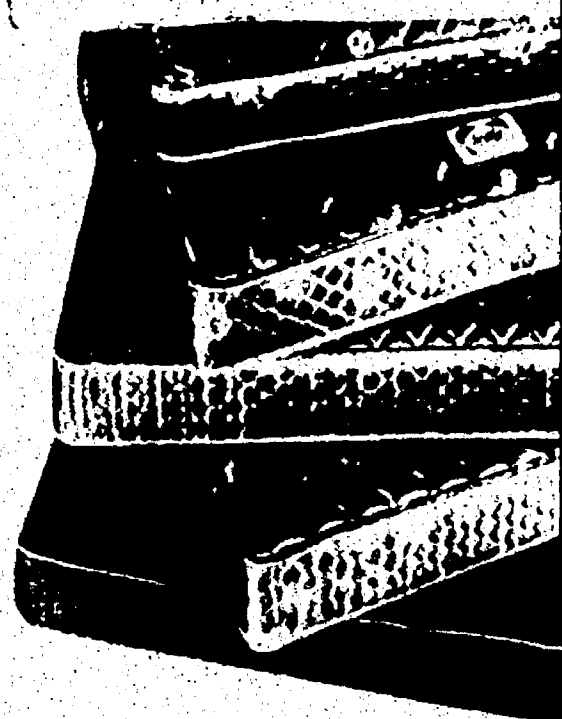
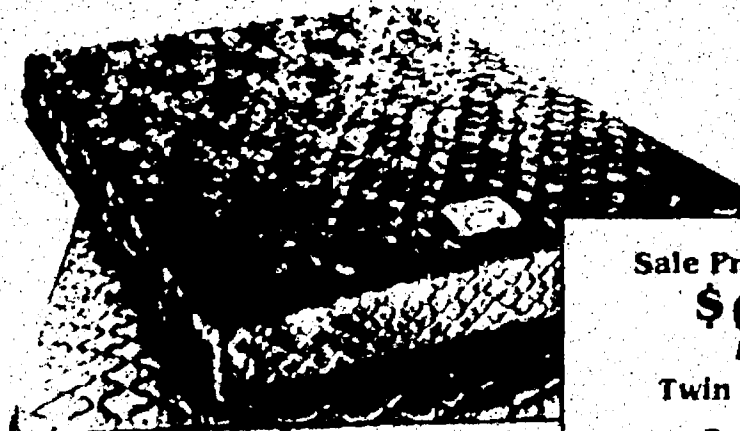
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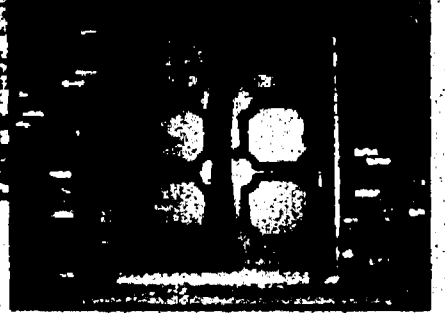


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Rutkowski appointed



Gregory Rutkowski

Gregory R. Rutkowski, a Canton resident, has been appointed loan officer for Ross Mortgage in the Livonia office.

Rutkowski previously served as a mortgage loan officer for PNC Mortgage Corp. of America in the metro area and in several division manager positions with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago-Detroit Branch.

He's been involved in the financial industry for 28 years.

Parr joins service



Jerry M. Parr

Jerry M. Parr has joined MJL Corporate Transferee Service in Farmington Hills as a consultant handling both residential and commercial properties.

Parr, a business owner for more than 35 years, has held a real estate license for nine years and has been involved in commercial real estate through a number of self-owned properties.

Realtors name board

The Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors, a trade association, has named offices and directors for 1996. Bruce W. Siegel, president of Flint-based Siegel Realty & Management, is DACBOR president; Robert J. Pliksa, president of Property Services Group, Birmingham, president-elect; James A. Sands, vice president, Standard Federal Bank, Troy, secretary/treasurer; and Derek L. Brown, director of Detroit Operations for Terice Tosto, past president.

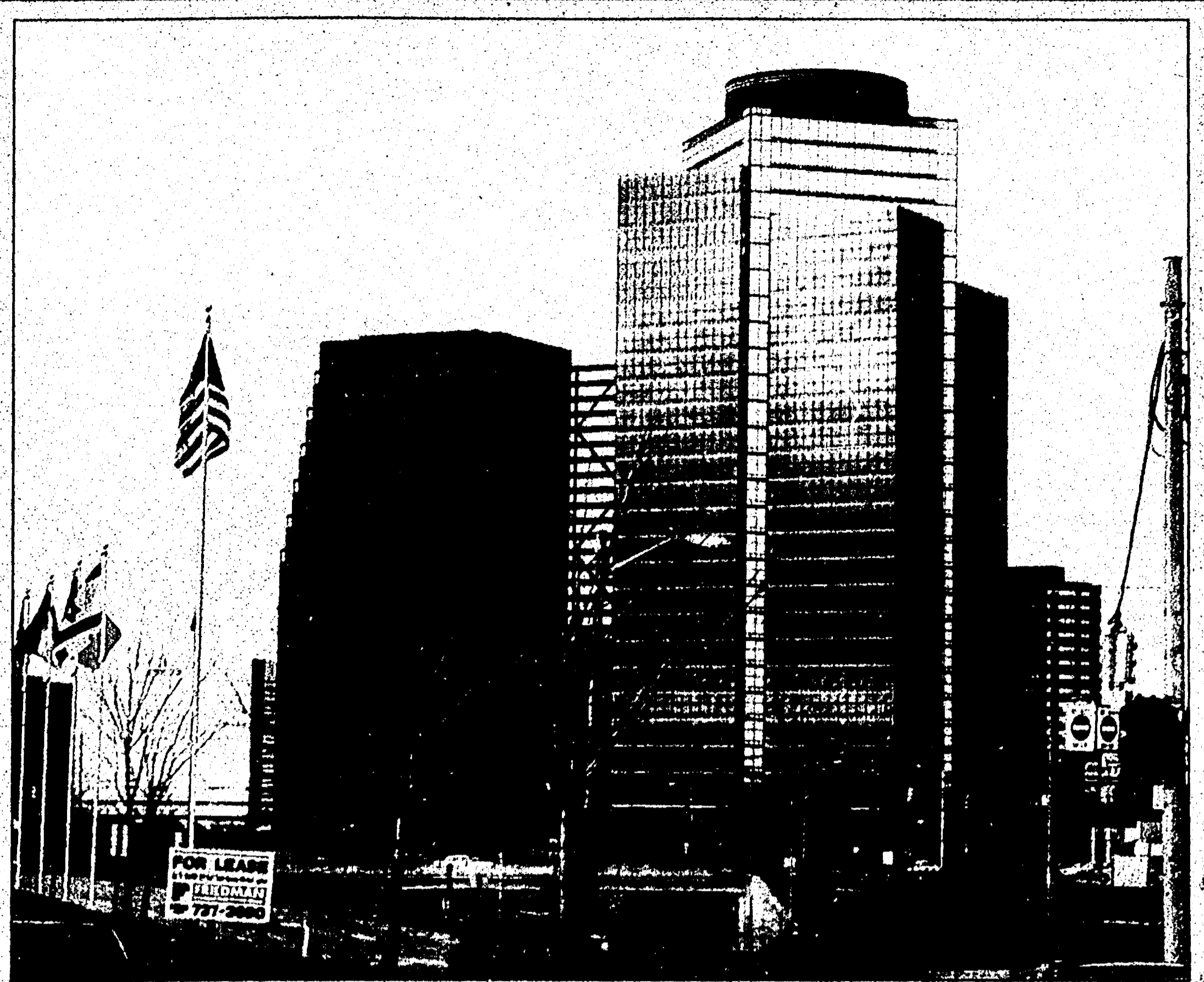
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JERRY ZOLYNSKY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Office space: Vacancies in top-notch office buildings in metro Detroit declined substantially last year.

Commercial real estate affects lifestyle

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By DOUG FUNK
STAFF WRITER

Why should anyone other than a building owner or top-executive tenant care whether the local office/industrial market is good or bad? Does it really matter?

You bet it does, maintain several real estate agents, members of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, who specialize in commercial transactions here.

A sizzling industrial market and rapidly improving office market which the association recently reported for southeastern Michigan touches peoples lives sociologically and economically on a daily basis.

Where you work and how you get there is a variation of the old saying, if you look sharp and feel sharp, you tend to work sharp.

"More than ever, people are concerned with quality of life," said L. Mason Capitani, a Troy broker. "You're seeing more corporate concern among higher ups. They're raising standards."

"In terms of developing office parks, they're into heavy landscaping and campus settings," said Joan R. Basse, a vice president with Terice Tosto in Bingham Farms.

"We're doing demographic maps where employees are," said David N. McNabney, a Bloomfield Hills broker. "Now, it's not only who they're going to be calling on, but can they get to the office?"

And that goes beyond just top executives, Basse added.

"Work is stressful," she said. "Corporations are looking at building health facilities. They're providing facilities for child care. They recognize that turnover is one of their greatest problems."

There's local property tax ramifications as vacancies decrease due to an improving economy, rents rise and the buildings increase in value.

"When taxing authorities catch up, a certain degree of revenue comes from real estate taxes to support communities," said Paul S. Hoge, an associate broker with Signature Associates in Southfield and president of the Michigan SIOR Chapter.

There are other tangible money benefits, too.

"As (vacancies) creep up to more normal levels, it drives up employment in the construction sector," Scott Elliott, managing officer for CB Commercial in Southfield.

That, in turn, has another a spinoff effect on residential construction.

"People want to be close to where

they work," Hoge said, citing tremendous residential growth in communities like Auburn Hills and Clarkston along the I-75 corridor.

Office vacancy rates in quality Class A office buildings in southeastern Michigan not including Detroit's central business district decreased to 11.1 percent from 15.6 percent during 1995, SIOR reported.

The vacancy rate in less fancy Class B office buildings here also decreased by two percentage points to 15.7 percent.

An acceptable break-even point for landlords is about 15 percent, McNabney said, although profits can be made at lower levels depending on what the owner paid for a building and current economic factors.

Except for Southfield and Troy, two large markets with higher than average office vacancies, landlord concessions to lure tenants have virtually stopped.

"Free rent is a thing of the past," Basse said. "Landlords have reduced allowances for buildouts. It's definitely getting to be a stronger landlord market."

"Some of the tight markets are the I-275 corridor, Dearborn, Farmington Hills," Elliott said. "Auburn Hills is very tight. Although Southfield still has the highest vacancy rate, it's had

the most absorption."

A strong local economy, which continues to be driven by the auto industry and a general lack of office construction in recent years has led to absorption.

"We're seeing growth in the entrepreneurial, middle market . . . 5,000 to 50,000 square feet, CPAs, engineering firms," McNabney said.

The industrial market here is going great guns.

Only 5.4 percent of nearly 196.4 million square feet of available space was vacant here at the end of 1995, SIOR reported.

"We're seeing the strongest rental rates in 10 years, the Livonia market in particular," said Larry Emmons of Terice Tosto.

"There's never been a tighter market than it is now," added Peter E. Kopic of Terice Tosto.

Land apparently is becoming a scarce commodity for developers of industrial facilities, SIOR members report.

"The biggest shortage I see in the market now is land," said John M. Coury of Capitani Inc. "Lease rates are very strong. Land prices, when you find them, are very strong."

"I never expected ground prices would be as high as they are now," Capitani said.

Condo directors can be removed by members' vote

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QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I am a member of a condominium association. Lately, several fellow co-owners and I have become very displeased with the actions and attitudes of two members of the association's board of directors.

We feel that these particular individuals are no longer acting in the best interests of the association.

Is there anything that the co-owners can do to remove these directors?

A. Yes. The vast majority of condominium associations in Michigan are incorporated under Michigan's Nonprofit Corporation Act. As such, these associations and, in turn, their respective board of directors, are governed by the act, along with the association's articles of incorporation and bylaws.

The Nonprofit Corporation Act provides that (unless otherwise provided by the articles of incorpo-

ration or bylaws) a director or even the entire board of directors may be removed with or without cause by majority vote of the members who are entitled to vote at an election of directors.

Although the election of directors usually occurs at the annual meeting of the association, the Nonprofit Corporation Act provides that members may call a special meeting in accordance with the association's bylaws.

Accordingly, you should review your association's bylaws to determine the procedure for calling a special meeting of the association. At that meeting, by a majority vote of all of the co-owners, the directors that you have complained of can be removed.

However, you should check your association's bylaws to determine whether they provide for a different procedure for removal of directors.

Q. I have heard about a case recently where a tenant who had a reporter first refusal in a commercial setting attempted to exercise it when the landlord corporation sold all of its stock.

Does such a sale, in your opinion, result in

the right of the tenant to exercise his right for his refusal.

A. No, not based upon a recent court of appeals decision, which answered the question of first impression in this state. The court basically held — along with an overwhelming majority of courts in other jurisdictions — that the sale of all of the stock of a corporation does not constitute a "sale" of the corporation's real property triggering a lessee's right of first refusal to purchase the conveyed property.

A specific provision should be made in the lease to deal with this contingency in the future in order to clarify same in light of recent court decisions.

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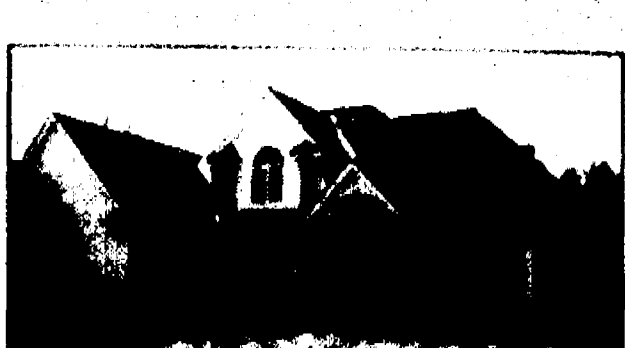
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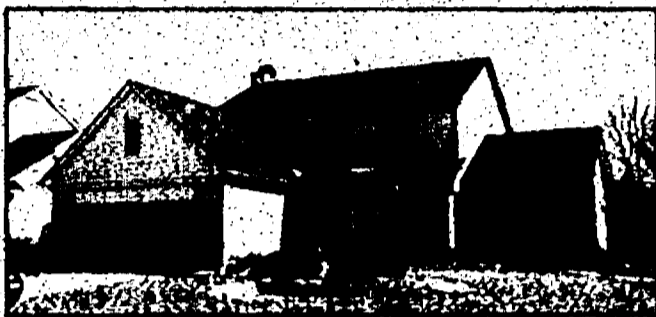
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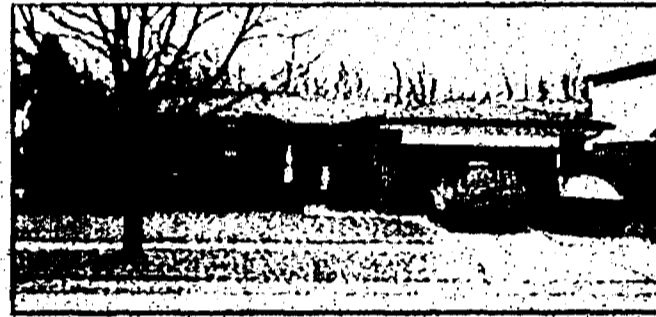
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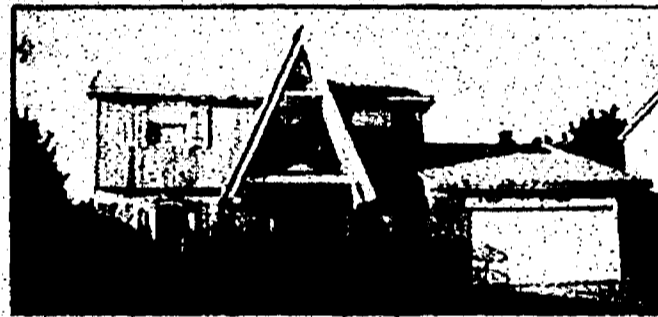
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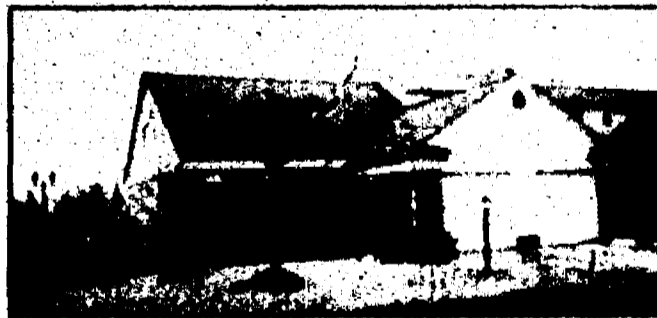
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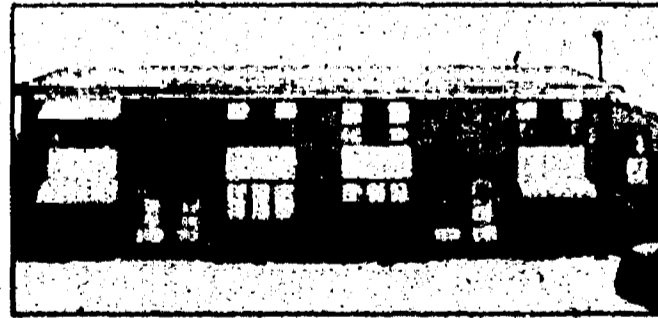
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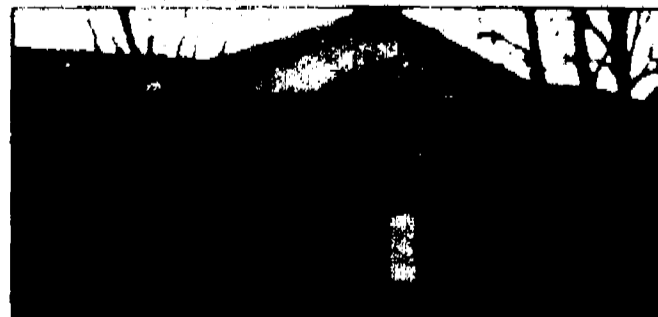
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Meadowridge Glens has it all at a good price

Sloped ceilings, skylights and plenty of cabinet space define condominium units at Meadowridge Glens in Livonia.

So do the attached two-car garage, fireplace, air conditioning, first-floor laundry, oven, dishwasher and basement included in the base price.

And speaking of price, 15 of the 25 units at the six-acre site on Seven Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt can be purchased for \$130,000 or less.

That's for a two-bedroom, two-bath ranch of 1,420 square feet.

"These are some units," said Gidon Zaft, president of Bridgeway Construction, the developer/builder. "We open everything to the top."

Two similar ranch plans with the same basic layout are available.

Each has a family room with fireplace, kitchen/eating nook, two bedrooms and two baths. All of the rooms, including the baths, have a sloped or high ceiling.

The Glen, with windows along the kitchen and eating nook, has two skylights in the family room and one in the master bath. The Lodge, with windows along the family room and master suite, will have a skylight in the kitchen.

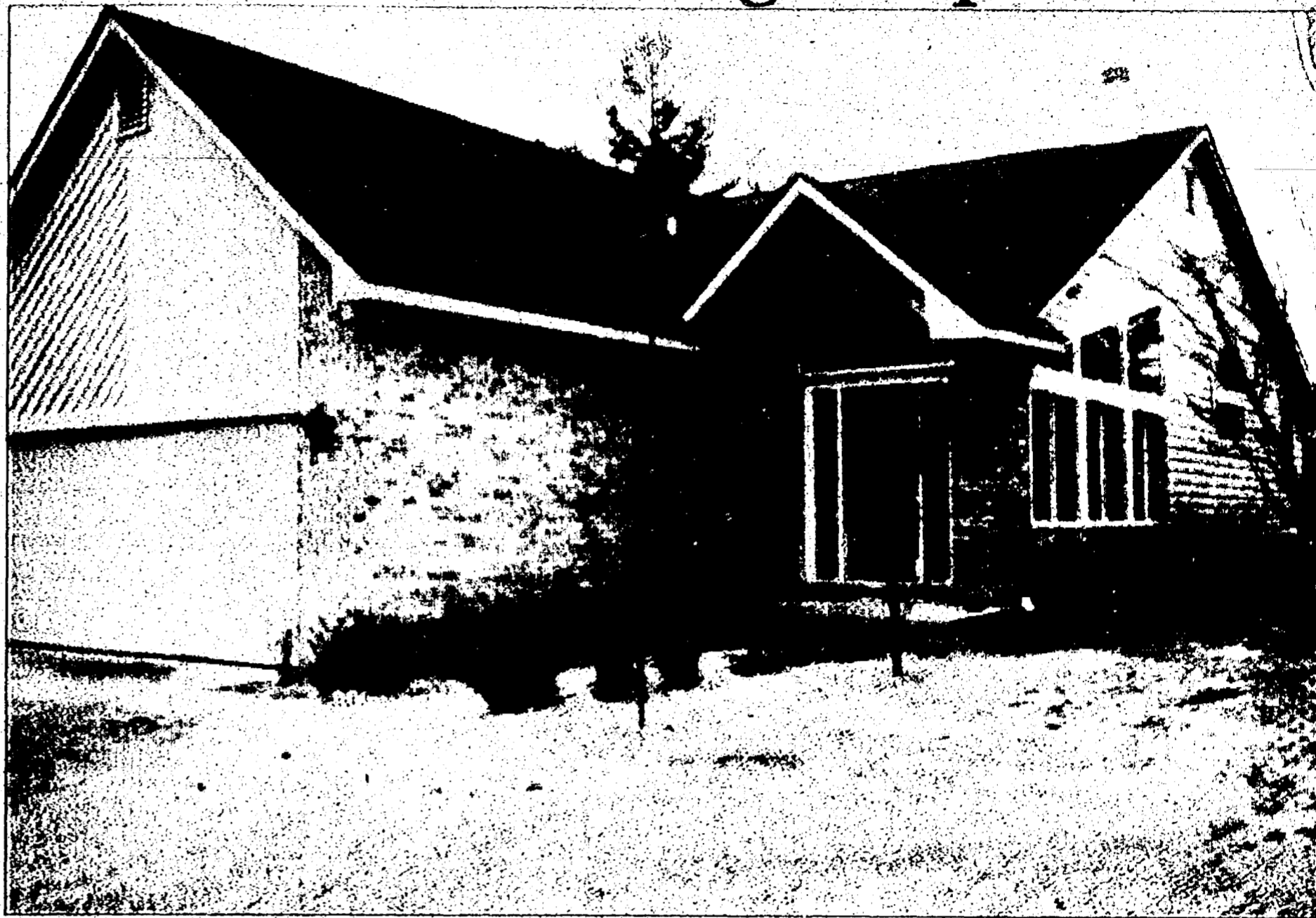
The kitchen in the Lodge is a little narrower, Zaft said, but has about 10 percent more cabinet space. Both kitchens have a half wall, serve-through and a long counter.

The Glen and Lodge each have a covered porch at the front door, an entrance through the garage and doorwall in the master suite.

"I wanted to come up with something nice, but was worried about the size (of the units)," Zaft said. "I thought it would look like an apartment. I put in skylights, volume ceilings. The transom window (over the front door) gives it a special look. Little stuff like kick plates on the door."

Exteriors are brick and wood siding.

Many visitors look at the units from the outside and mistakenly



ART EMANUEL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

believe they're two-stories, said Dee Harden, sales rep.

"They're really surprised when they come in," she said. "They think it's a whole new world."

"They like the spaciousness, openness. Everyone is impressed by the basement, how well laid out and useable it is. They're really impressed by the bathrooms. And the fact this is a small community," Harden said.

Zaft said he's spent more than \$100,000 on landscaping the site. "With the grounds, people already have a good idea what it will look like," he said. "The lights are gorgeous at night."

The typical buyer — retirees, people on the verge of retirement and people just starting their careers — probably won't have children, Zaft projected.

"For young couples, rather than an apartment, this is an extremely attractive place to live," he said.

Zaft explained how he was able to price units in the lower third of the \$100,000 range.

"We bought the land right, developed everything in one shot, built everything in one shot. We got very lucky utilities were close by."

The subdivision, serviced by city water and sewers, is within the Clarenceville school boundaries. There are no sidewalks.

The property tax rate is \$32.48 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$128,000 unit in Meadowridge Glens would pay about \$2,080 the first year.

Meadowridge Glens: Ranch units at a small condominium community in Livonia feature plenty of volume space inside.

The monthly association fee is currently \$58.

Eleanor and Robert Varty are nearing retirement.

"We bought because we're sizing down," she said. "We have property up north. We don't want outside work. We want everything convenient — first floor laundry, master on the first floor, a well-laid out kitchen area."

Convenience to nearby shopping amenities — "we never have

to use a car" — also proved to be a draw, Eleanor Varty said.

Jackie Leiter and Robert Robinson also were impressed with Meadowridge Glens.

"We like the fact there's only two units per building. That gives a little more privacy," she said. "The interior was just what we were looking for — two bedrooms with great room and two baths."

"The price was right, too," said Leiter, adding that she was taken

■ **'They like the spaciousness, openness. Everyone is impressed by the basement, how well laid out and useable it is. They're really impressed by the bathrooms.'**

Dee Harden, sales rep

with the number of features included in the standard price. "We weren't nickled and dimed."

The model at Meadowridge Glens, (313) 538-9318, is open 1-7 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

These publications give information on building "green"

Although there is no one clearinghouse or central resource for listing and measuring the quality of "green" building products, a number of different guides and directories currently exist. Consumers who are thinking of building a "green" home either have to do the research themselves, hire a

"green building" consultant or work with a builder who has a reputation in this area. A few of the "green" guides currently on the market include:

Guide to Resource Efficient Building Elements. Lists hundreds of "green" building prod-

ucts, including foundations, framing, panel systems, sheathing, wallboard, roofing, windows etc. Cost: \$25. Available from the Center for Resourceful Building Technology; contact Steve Loken

at 406-549-7678.

Environmental Building Products Guide. Guide under development by the Eco-Group Inc. will list hundreds of "green"

building products. Contact: David Drummond at 602-496-0211.

Sustainable Sourcebook. Produced by the Austin Green Builders Program. Describes "green" building options. Presents guide-

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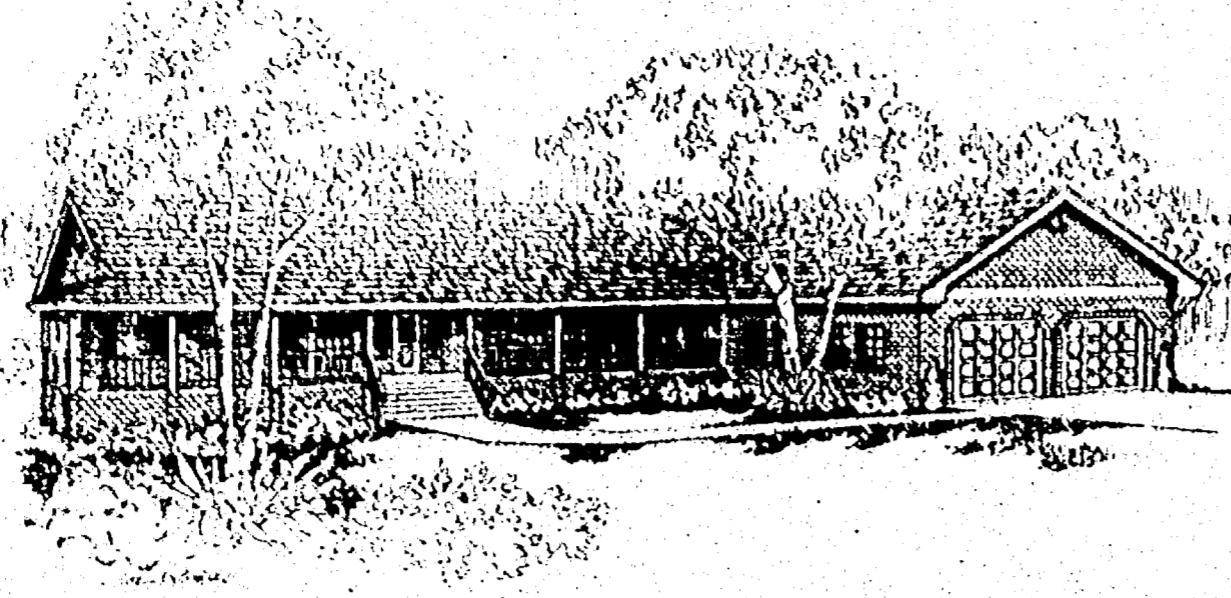
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The front living room is quite large, has a hardwood floor and is heated by a cozy fireplace. This comfortable room is well suited for entertaining. The tiled walk-through kitchen is a cook's delight. A full array of built-ins, garden window, vegetable sink and raised eating bar are among the kitchen features. A pass-through serving space to the adjoining

The main gathering spot in the Card is a huge vaulted family room. Carpeting, built-in phone bench, fireplace with an attractive floor to ceiling stone face and an optional pass-through woodbox are among the many features.

dining room eases the work load. The garden window overlooks a broad back deck while a semi-circular planter enhances the view.

The main gathering spot in the Card is a huge vaulted family room. Carpeting, built-in phone bench, fireplace with an attractive floor to ceiling stone face and an optional pass-through woodbox are among the many features. A full skylit bathroom is just outside the family room.

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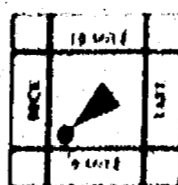
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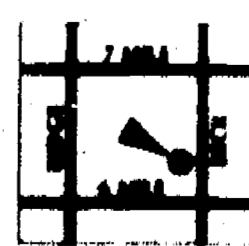
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Average Sales Price \$94,781

Wayne stats: Home sales in Wayne County for 1995 topped the \$1.7 billion mark, according to Advertising That Works.

1995 was a seller's market

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Was last year a seller's market in metro Detroit? The numbers help tell the story.

Sales of houses and condominiums in Oakland and Wayne counties were down 10 percent, according to a Bloomfield tracking service, but the average sales price increased in each jurisdiction by more than 7 percent.

There were 22,929 sales last year in Oakland County compared to 25,499 during 1994, reported Advertising That Works. The average sales price in 1995 was \$140,856 compared to \$131,214 the previous year.

In Wayne County last year, there were 19,050 sales compared to 21,202 for 1994. The average sales price in '95 was \$94,781 compared to \$88,229 the previous year.

The average sales price doesn't exactly mesh with number of sales and aggregate dollar value of total sales because sales obviously below market value were excluded from computations.

Figures were obtained from deed records.

They include houses and condominiums, brand new and existing.

There can be no doubt that 1995 was a seller's market, said Steven Bartley, president of Advertising That Works.

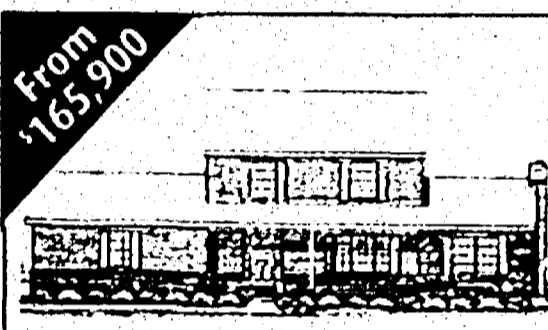
"With all the refinancings going on, people might feel they were locked into their houses for a couple of years," he said.

Advertising That Works categorizes sales in \$25,000 increments.

The largest number of sales in Oakland County, 3,681, fell in the range of \$75,000 to \$100,000. The next largest amount, 2,931, were between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

In Wayne County, 4,415 sales were in the \$50,000-\$75,000 range, with 4,235 between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

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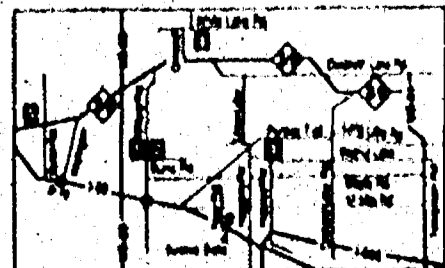


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Look for dry hardwood to burn in the fireplace

AP — Your fire won't fizzle if your wood is dry.

Fireplace fires that fizzle, according to an article by John H. Ingersoll in the current issue of Country Living, are set, 99 times out of 100, with improperly seasoned "wet" wood.

In its natural setting, a tree may be 60 percent moisture, 40 percent wood fiber. A properly seasoned log is made up of no more than 15 percent to 25 percent moisture.

It takes at least a year of air drying outdoors to season hardwood logs, according to one woodsman and three years to reduce the moisture in softwoods.

Fireplace fires that blaze up too high can be frightening. If flames fill the firebox and threaten to burst into the chimney, they

could ignite creosote crusted on the chimney lining and lead to a chimney fire.

Runaway fires usually are the result of piling up too many logs, especially if the logs contain a high concentration of flammable resins, oils and tannins. Three split logs are plenty to build an attractive, warming fire.

Equally important is an annual chimney cleaning by a professional "sweep" trained to rid the chimney of dangerous blockages, creosote and debris.

If only softwoods — pine, spruce, cedar, etc. — are available in your area, then burn softwood carefully. It is packed with more natural chemicals than 95 percent of hardwoods. Among hardwoods, only cottonwood, tupelo and sycamore contain as much flamm-

Nearly all hardwoods are more dense than softwoods. They burn longer and deliver more heat than softwoods. Hardwoods hickory, oak, ash, maple, beech, birch and apple are at the top of the heat-producing list.

able oil as softwoods.

Softwoods make ideal kindling. Logs are easy to light if the wood is dry and they provide a quick burst of heat, ideal for a fire designed to last an hour or so before retiring or for a quick warm-up on a cold morning.

Resin-packed softwoods often contain pockets of creosote and water. In a fire this mixture can explode, emitting the sound of a pistol shot and sending a burning

ember spinning away from the log. A fire screen that completely covers the hearth opening is your best protection.

Softwoods containing more than the ordinary reservoir of creosote include juniper, hemlock, tamarack, spruce and cedar. The densest and longest-burning softwoods are Douglas fir and eastern larch. One cord of either species delivers about the same heat value as 150-200 gallons of fuel oil or

250 cubic feet of natural gas.

Nearly all hardwoods are more dense than softwoods. They burn longer and deliver more heat than softwoods. Hardwoods hickory, oak, ash, maple, beech, birch and apple are at the top of the heat-producing list. A cord produces the same heat as 200-250 gallons of fuel oil or 250-300 cubic feet of natural gas.

Firewood usually is sold by the cord, with split and stacked logs filling a space 4 feet high, 8 feet long and 4 feet deep. Fire logs usually are available in 16-inch or 24-inch lengths — sometimes in 12-inch lengths. A cord provides you with between 280 and 375 pieces of firewood.

Check the cut ends. If there are radial cracks, the wood is seasoning, if not completely seasoned. The cut ends of wet wood show either no cracks or very fine ones.

Prices follow the law of supply and demand. Where forests are plentiful, \$80 to \$90 per cord is not unusual. In settled suburbs and suburbs, a cord ranges between \$100 and \$180. In our largest cities, firewood is often sold by the bundle. The price for a bundle of 10 split logs in New York City is as high as \$10 — which works out to about \$350 to \$400 a cord.

By Country Living a Hearst Magazine For Associated Press Special Features

Filing plugs can be dangerous

Q: Can I file down the wide tip on a polarized plug without bad effects?

A: No! Inserting a polarized plug the wrong way around, which becomes physically possible when you file down the wide prong, could cause a shock hazard by making the appliance cabinet live even when the switch is turned off. The slots in a polarized receptacle are different sizes to prevent this very thing. The wide slot is connected to the neutral wire and the narrow one to the hot wire. The polarized plug ensures that the inlet side of the appliance switch is connected to the hot lead. This keeps components beyond the switch inside

the appliance from being electrically hot when the switch is turned off.

If you have nonpolarized outlets and need to plug in a polarized appliance such as a TV set, don't ever file down the wide prong. Instead, you should replace the receptacle with a polarized outlet and make sure it has been wired correctly with the neutral wire going to the terminal for the wide prong and the black hot lead going to the one for the narrow prong.

If you decide to do the job yourself, you can get the polarized outlet at any hardware store or home center. The copper-colored screw is the one to which you at-

tach the black wire and the silver-colored one is for the white wire.

Q: We live in northern New England and are thinking of insulating the walls of our 100-year-old house. What are our options in a project like this, and is this something we can do ourselves?

A: Insulating above-grade wall cavities in existing houses is a high-ticket job. You should consider it after you've first insulated your attic and then weatherstripped all doors and windows and filled all cracks.

Product options here include loose fill or foamed-in-place insulation. Both jobs require expensive equipment and expertise making this a job for a professional contractor. Improperly installed loosefill settles leaving voids at the tops of the walls. Urea formaldehyde foam does not settle and seals gaps very well but its vapors are offensive and can be a carcinogen.

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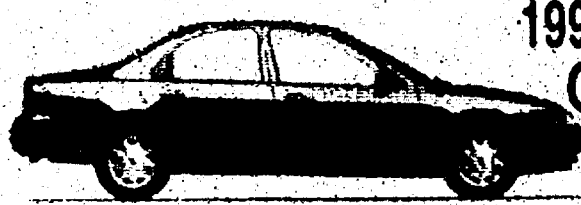
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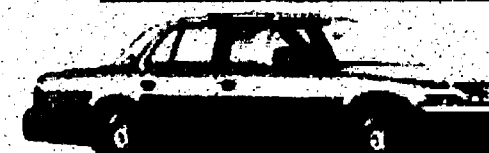
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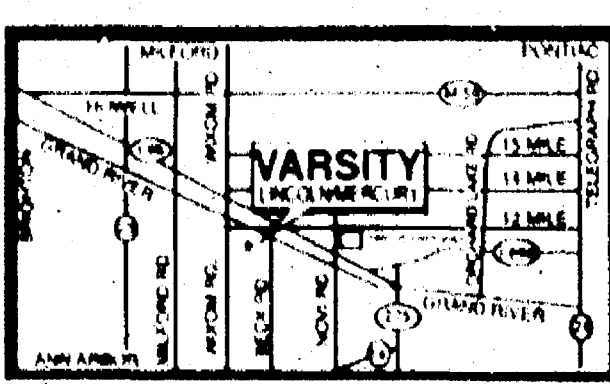
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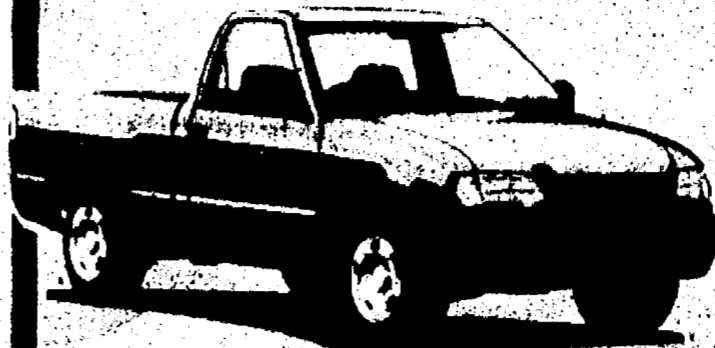
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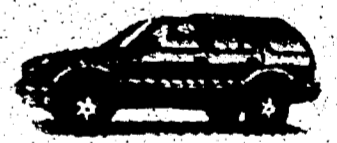


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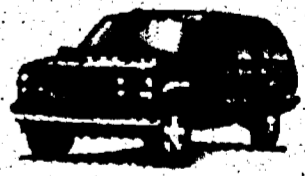
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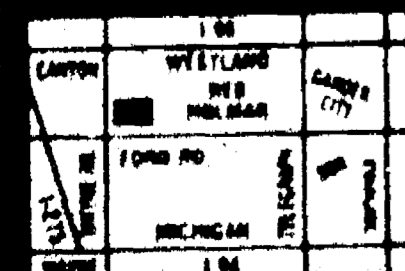
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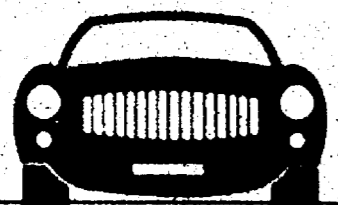
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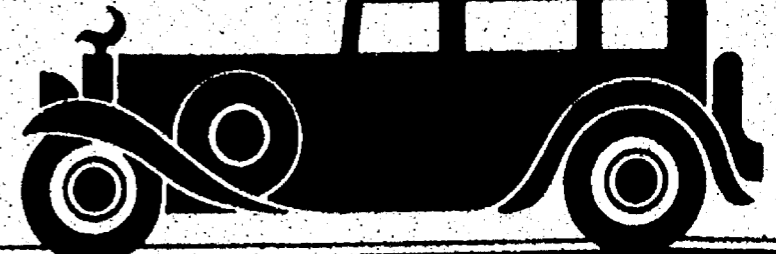
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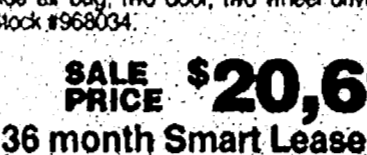
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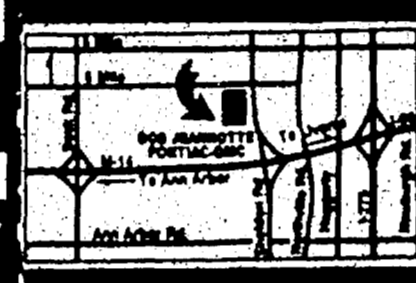
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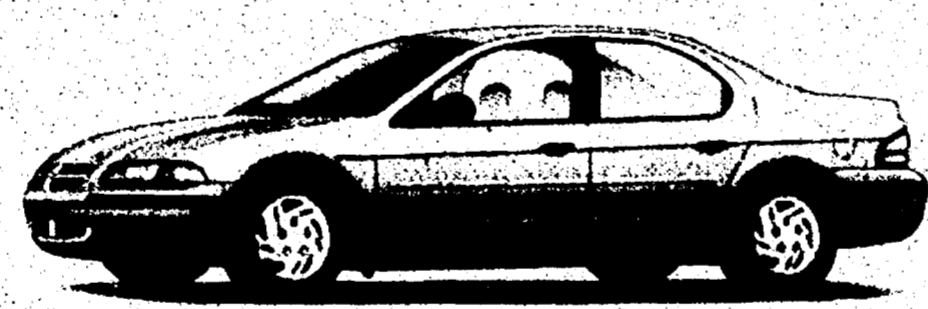
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