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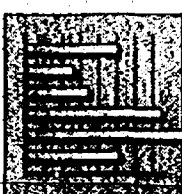
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## Strip mall vacancies soaring



There are new businesses sprouting up throughout the city, mainly in the Westland Center area, but the city administration reports that the vacancy rate in strip malls has soared to 19 percent.

BY LEONARD POGER  
EDITOR

Despite a strong economy and major recent retail developments, the city of Westland reported that its strip retail center vacancy rate has nearly doubled in less than three years, according to the city administration.

The vacancy rate, according to an Aug. 5 report to the city council, was

19 percent, compared to 10.4 percent in October 1993.

The survey of retail strip malls' vacancies doesn't include single-use buildings or Westland Center, said Scott Veldhuis, the city's economic growth director.

If the vacant large buildings are included, the rate would be substantially higher.

While there is new construction throughout the north end of the city and some vacant building being reused by new tenants, there are several single-use buildings standing empty with large "for lease" signs in front of them in the Westland Center area.

Those are the former Forest City/Handy Andy home improvement/hardware business, on Central City Parkway west of Wayne Road, which closed this summer; the Source Club, on Newburgh and Warren Road, which shut its doors three years ago, within a year of its opening; and Phar-Mor, on Central City

Parkway south of Warren Road, next to the Value City complex, which was shuttered shortly before it was scheduled to open several years ago.

High-visibility vacancies in strip malls are the former Marshall's specialty store at Westland Crossings, on Warren Road at Wayne Road, and the former Crowley's business in Wildwood Plaza, on Ford and Wildwood.

Veldhuis, in an interview Tuesday, said that there were some 400,000 square feet of new develop-

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## Neighbors share memories, good times



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Reunion time:** The first annual Fairchild Street reunion took place last Saturday at the Westland City Park where 75-plus guests enjoyed the festivities. Organizer Susan Boland-Seever of Garden City said: "Fairchild is and was a family street, was not just neighbors." Ashley Pomorski, 6, of Milford whose grandmother is Pat Pomorski, now living in Milford, raised Ashley's father, Steven, on Fairchild. (Above) She takes a swing at the pinata filled with candy. For more on the event, which will be repeated next year, turn to the story and other photos on Page 3A.

## Car show coming

Rev up your engines, because the 7th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet, sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 8, in Central City Park. The one-day show runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with 18 different classes of vehicles.

The chamber is promising "activities, music, food and fun for all ages." For participants showing a vehicle, advance registration is \$10, and a space at the swap meet is \$20.

To register, call the chamber at 326-7222. Information about car club discounts is also available by calling the chamber.

## "Friends" sought

Anyone interested in joining or learning more about Friends of the Public Library of Westland

## PLACES & FACES

is invited to attend a general meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Cultural and Historical Meeting House on Marquette, just east of Newburgh. For more information, call 695-8632.

Friends of the Public Library of Westland is dedicated to raising money to support Westland's first-ever library, slated to open in November on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren.

## Student earns degree

The University of Cincinnati has announced that Prince Rodriguez of Westland has earned

his master of science degree from the College of Engineering.

## Car wash slated

The Westland-based Salvation Army's youth group will have a car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the organization's 2300 S. Venoy community center. Suggested donations are \$2 for cars, \$2.50 for mini-vans and \$3 for vans and trucks. Funds raised will be used to expand an outreach program for teenagers.

For more information on the youth group or other programs and activities of Salvation Army, call Capt. Mark Welsh, corps officer in charge of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 722-3660.

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## REAL ESTATE UPDATE



by **Chris Elder**  
TO ROLLOVER OR NOT TO ROLLOVER

If you have been moving around a lot, you should know about this tax tip. Let's say that in the last 2 years you have moved twice, selling two homes and buying a third.

You originally bought House A for \$100,000, but then you sold it for \$250,000 and bought House B for \$275,000. That's a \$150,000 of taxable gain on house A that gets "rolled over" into House B. But what if you sold House B for \$300,000 and bought House C for \$325,000, both within 2 years of selling House A?

You have bought and sold two homes within a 24-month period. The tax law states that you must roll the taxable gains from the first house sold into the last house purchased in the 24-month period. In other words, the \$150,000 taxable gain from House A does not rollover into House B, but "jumps" into House C. This means you only owe on the taxable gain from B to C - the \$25,000, not the \$150,000 gain from House A. (This example does not take into account selling costs.)

Always consult a tax expert on real estate matters. It can save you money. In addition to being a long time member of the Multi-million Dollar Club, Chris Elder is also a licensed builder. For professional advice on all aspects of buying or selling real estate, talk to me at Century 21 Towne Pride. Please come by office at 36450 Ford Rd., Westland, or phone me at 313-326-2600

ments in recent months since a survey of strip malls vacancies was done by a private consulting firm last year.

Those include one building housing Dick's Sporting Goods and MedMax, on Central City Parkway just east of Nankin Boulevard, the Red Robin Restaurant, on Warren Road and Central City Parkway, and the under-construction Circuit City electronics retail business, on Central City Parkway east of Nankin Boulevard.

All those are in the city's "downtown" section, which is dominated by Westland Center, at which a major, two-story Sears store is scheduled to have construction begin next month and be completed by the following November.

Some three miles away, Arbor Town Square is under construction on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt. Following site plan approval by the city council, the property owner/developer demolished the former Cooper School on the site and begin work on the retail strip center. Identified as tenants so far are Sears Hardware and Arbor Drugs, which will relocate from its current site across the street.

But the vacancy rate in strip malls continues to worry city officials.

A good example is the northeast corner of Warren Road and Middlebelt, which was the site of Danny's Supermarket, a drugstore, a hardware business and smaller businesses. While some small businesses remain, there are more vacancies than occupancies.

Meanwhile, the vacancy rate has been going up and down in recent years before soaring in the past 15 months.

Veldhuis, in his memo to the city council several weeks ago, said that the square footage

**'We've done some marketing and advertising in the past... We have also had contacts with brokers.'**

*Scott Veldhuis*  
economic growth director

vacancy rates of strip malls were 10.4 percent nearly six years ago; increased to 11.1 percent in 1991; 11.9 percent in 1992 before dropping to 10.4 percent in 1993; going back up to 12.4 percent in the spring of 1995; and the current 19 percent.

He said the survey doesn't include single use, free-standing buildings, medical suites, office buildings or the mall.

Veldhuis said that the city continues to receive contacts from potential users for the business vacancies.

"Many come in to talk to us and they go out and try to get financing," he said.

"We've done some marketing and advertising in the past," referring to packets of community information and demographics being sent to interested people.

"We have also had contacts with brokers," he said, who receive a commission when a deal is completed.

On the Phar-Mor building, "there is an occasional contact" but no real progress to report.

There have been no contacts on the vacant Forest City/Handy Andy building, he said.

When a broker calls about strip malls, the city provides them with information on leasing costs, available sites and other related information, Veldhuis said.

## Hillary's fans organize



**Fan club formed:** Sharon Arthur (left) and Jan Murray are co-coordinators of the new Metro Wayne Hillary Rodham Clinton Fan Club, which meets the third Thursday night of each month in the City of Wayne library, on Wayne Road near Michigan Ave. The two are showing off a large flat of the First Lady and a T-shirt with her portrait. Arthur will join with leaders of 149 other fan clubs Sept. 4-5 in the White House to meet with the First Lady. Interested persons may contact Arthur at 722-7235.

## St. Matthew principal named

St. Matthew Lutheran School, which serves students from Westland and Garden City, has a new principal.

Jeff Burkee is the school's principal and director of Christian education for the school, on Venoy just north of Ford.

The school, which began its new year last week, was led by co-principals last year.

One of last year's co-principals

was Clayton Kelley, who retired earlier from Garden City High School where he served over the years as counselor, teacher and coach.

The other co-principal last year was Chris Elliott, who also taught seventh- and eighth-graders. He is now in the Flat Rock Public Schools.

Burkee comes to his new assignment after receiving his bachelor's degree from Concordia River Forest in Illinois. He is working on his master's at the University of Houston in administration.

Over the years, he has been principal at Zion Lutheran in Pasadena, Texas, as well as a teacher/principal at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Fords, N.J., Immanuel Lutheran in Rosebud, Mo., and St. John's Lutheran in St. Louis, Mo.

Burkee and his wife, Cathy, have six children, Sarah, Jonathan, Jason, Christina, Rosemary and Abigail.

The school, which houses kindergarten through the eighth grade, also announced other staff changes for the new year.

They are Carol Burk, first-grade teacher; Tom Pfeiffer, fifth/sixth-grade teacher; Richard Schumacher, seventh/eighth-grade teacher; Judy Matthews, third/fourth-grade teacher; Barbara Hinck, second/third-grade teacher; Ann Pfeiffer, preschool/kindergarten teacher; Sandy Mayberry, assistant; and Laura Corsun, teacher's aide.

There are still openings in all grades. Interested people may call 425-0261.

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Sharing memories: Rhonda Lofton Reynolds, of Westland; Sue Boland Seever, of Garden City, who organized the Fairchild Street Reunion, and Janet Boland Worden of Westland chat during the reunion.



Oldtimer on hand: The oldest member at the Fairchild Street reunion this past Saturday was Hickie Cleveland, 75, and one of the original owners who moved in 37 years ago when Fairchild was developed.

## Neighbors share memories, good times

At least 75 people attended the first annual Fairchild Street reunion Saturday to share memories and photos.

Susan Boland-Seever, who grew up on the block of Fairchild between Wildwood and Christine in the 1960s, said she and others will plan the next reunion next year, hoping that more people will attend.

The reunion, held in Central City Park, was open to current and former residents of the block and extended families who lived in the 42-home block from the late 1950s to the mid-1970s.

Boland-Seever, who lived on the block from the time she was 1 until the age of 13, said she got the idea for a neighborhood reunion in late May and put things together in about two months of planning and work.

Although she hasn't lived on the Fairchild block for many years (she is now 38 and living in Garden City), Boland-Seever said "I still have

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good memories. Fairchild will always be home to us no matter where we go."

She described herself as a "nostalgia person" who had the idea of a neighborhood reunion "rolling around in my head for five to six years."

During the all-day reunion, participants enjoyed children's games and had use of the nearby Bailey Center outdoor swimming pool and water slide.

The family that traveled the longest distance came to the event from Virginia.

Boland-Seever said that she hopes families will come next year from Washington.

## Livonia schools open doors

School starts this week for elementary students in Livonia Public Schools, which serves the northern section of Livonia.

All students in kindergarten through sixth grade in Livonia schools have a half-day of school Monday. Full-day sessions began Tuesday.

Kindergarten students in the a.m. session attend from 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. Kindergarten students in the p.m. session attend from 12:15 to 3 p.m.

The following schools will begin at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss

at 3 p.m.: Buchanan, Cooper-at-Whittier, Hoover, Hull, Kennedy, McKinley, Randolph, Taylor, Washington and Webster.

The following schools will begin at 9 a.m. and dismiss at 3:30 p.m.: Adams, Cass, Cleveland, Coolidge, Garfield, Grant, Hayes, Johnson, Marshall, Roosevelt, Nankin Mills and Tyler.

In the four middle schools, only seventh-graders will attend school today. They report at 8:15 a.m. and will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m.

Both seventh- and eighth-graders will report Tuesday. School begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m.

In the three high schools, only ninth-graders have a full day of school today. School for all high school students begins Tuesday. At Churchill, school starts at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 2:20 p.m. At Franklin, school starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m. At Stevenson, school starts at 7:40 a.m. and ends at 2:09 p.m.

## Decision time

### Retired teacher plans an appeal

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

Mary Authier, a retired Livonia Public Schools' teacher, wants to appeal a recent court decision that, if it stands, will force her to pay the \$175,000 bill for the stem-cell bone marrow transplant she had in 1993 in Henry Ford Hospital.

After a one-day hearing, Wayne County Circuit Judge Kaye Tertzag recently dismissed the Livonia Education Association's bid to overturn an arbitrator's ruling that went against Authier.

Through a lawsuit filed by the LEA, Authier sought to get the case back into arbitration so that it could be argued once again.

Authier, who lives in Dearborn Heights, said Tuesday she will ask the MEA to appeal Tertzag's ruling. An appeal would come from the MEA, not the LEA, said LEA president Karen Zyczynski.

"What am I going to do with a \$175,000 bill?" Authier asked Wednesday. "This gives me another chance, another opportunity to find a way to take care of the bill."

The deadline for filing an appeal to the MEA is today. Even as the appeal deadline inched ever closer, Authier has wavered back and forth in her decision whether to go ahead with it.

"My strength is giving out," said Authier, who taught at Kennedy Elementary for 25 years and retired in 1994.

"I've gone through this for three years. It's a burden when you have this hanging over your head."

On Friday, Authier received a letter from the Michigan Education Association (MEA) saying that it will not appeal Tertzag's ruling.

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Mary Authier  
retired Livonia teacher

W. Grove Sandrock, MEA director of legal services, told Authier that, for the MEA to appeal, a precedent must have been set that would be harmful to a large number of teachers.

Authier is appealing the MEA's decision to the national teachers' union, which Sandrock told her she had the right to do. The appeal will be filed through the law firm of Hoekenga and Farrell of Southfield.

Authier's dispute with the district and its insurance carrier, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, goes back to 1993.

Authier had been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, bone marrow cancer, in January 1992. To save her life, she opted for a stem-cell bone marrow transplant in November 1993.

Blue Cross considers this transplant experimental and does not cover it under insurance policies. Blue Cross is the plan administrator for the district, which is self-insured.

Blue Cross told Authier's doctor in April 1993 that it would not authorize payment of the bill.

In October 1994, the LEA filed a grievance against Livonia schools for payment of the bill.

The grievance ended in arbitration.

In August 1995, an arbitrator ruled in the district's favor, saying that the "untimely" filing of the grievance went beyond the 15 days mandated by contract. Tertzag's ruling backed this view.

"The judge accepted the board's brief and supported the school district's position," said John Rennels, assistant superintendent for personnel. "The district is not required to pay any money. We believe we would have prevailed, even if we had argued the case on its merits. Timeliness was the issue focused on by the arbitrator."

In his decision, Tertzag said he must accept an arbitrator's finding. He cannot overturn it just because he disagrees with it, he said.

Additionally, Tertzag said, the court must accept an arbitrator's interpretation of the collective bargaining agreement, even if the arbitrator misread or misapplied it.

However, in this case, the arbitrator's ruling was a "reasonable interpretation" of the contract, the judge ruled.

LEA attorney Daniel Hoekenga said it's up to Henry Ford Hospital as to whether they will send a bill while the appeal to the MEA is in process.

"Henry Ford Hospital has been remarkably patient and caring," he said.

Hoekenga said the LEA did not file a grievance until 1994 because it believed the transplant was covered under a Blue Cross rider issued in 1993. It wasn't until October, 1994, that the LEA found out that the transplant was not covered, he said.

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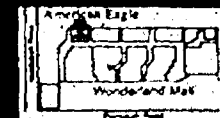
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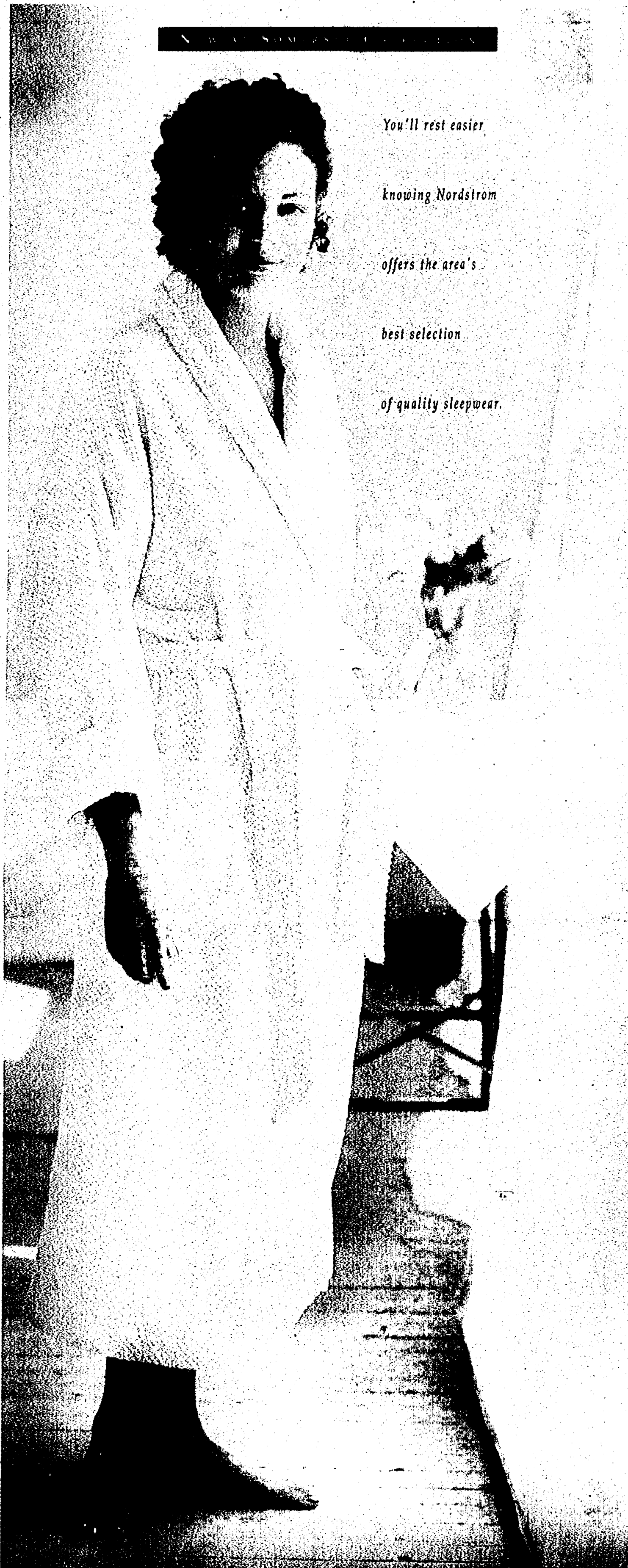
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# Area Dems make the most of convention contacts

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

**CHICAGO** — Keeping tabs on western Wayne County delegates at the Democratic National Convention:

For Michigan's 157 delegates, one of the most popular men at the convention is U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena.

"He has a lot of dealings with my boss," said Mike Duggan, deputy Wayne County executive and a Livonia resident.

"He (Pena) worked with us on the whole road issue with Gov. Engler," said Duggan, referring to the three-month fight in which the Republican governor tried to scoop up counties' and cities' shares of federal aid for state road projects.

"He was a key figure in making sure Wayne County got its road share. And he was a key in the \$150 million expansion at Metro Airport."

Pena and Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros were the two Clinton cabinet stars at a Chrysler Corp.-UAW brunch Sunday honoring Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer — a bash on the Navy Pier that drew even some General Motors executives.

But a trio of Detroit News reporters had to stand outside. "They weren't invited," said a Chrysler-UAW spokesman from Farmington Hills — a former Detroit News reporter who refused to cross the picket line 13 months ago.

A Free Press reporter explained that Chrysler had invited all the media, but the UAW insisted on uninviting the two Detroit papers, where several unions struck July 13, 1995.

## Kay Beard's scrapbook

It has been a productive week for Kay Beard's scrapbook, even before the heavy politicking started.

The Wayne County commissioner from Westland met, and had snapshots taken with, four members of the Clinton cabinet: Federico Pena of Transportation, Donna Shalala of Health and



PHOTO BY DOUG ASHLEY

**Networking: Deputy County Executive and Livonia resident Mike Duggan made contact with U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena at a Chrysler Corp.-UAW brunch Sunday. Pena was a key figure in the \$150 million expansion at Metro Airport.**

Human Services, Henry Cisneros of Housing and Urban Development and Robert Reich of Labor.

"I have a long list of things to do, and I'm going to do all I can," Beard said early Sunday. "After you spend this much to come to a convention, you want to see all you can."

Several snapshots were in reception lines, but there was a working conversation with Reich because his department has much to do with the School-to-Work Act Advisory Committee.

"I'm the only Michigan person and only county person appointed to it," Beard said. Her name was put up by an aide to former U.S. Rep. William D. Ford. Other members include a former Miss America, John F. Kennedy Jr., CEOs of big companies, students and parents.

The panel will advise the administration on the implementation of a 1994 that the

Republican platform proposes to repeal.

Beard, an 18-year Wayne County commissioner, wears a second hat: She is on the executive board of the National Association of Democratic County Officials.

"Today there's the Chrysler brunch for Dennis Archer. At the Hyatt, we're going to hear Jim Carville; he's Clinton's campaign manager. We get a briefing from

top Democratic officials on the issues, county and national.

"Tonight there's the Michigan delegation party at the Shedd Aquarium. Tomorrow morning there's the delegation breakfast (followed by a caucus).

"There's a luncheon for the National Association of County Officials. There's a reception from 2 to 4 called 'Women Win' at the Sheraton. That costs \$125. This is costing me a lot.

"They're starting a foundation for Ron Brown (Commerce secretary killed in an April plane crash). That's going to cost me another \$100. I can't pay that out of the officer's expense fund because we don't have that any more," said Beard, whose last national convention was the 1980 Carter-Kennedy brouhaha in New York City.

For emphasis, Donna Clark, a 13th Congressional District delegate from Van Buren Township, added: "People don't realize how much it's going to cost."

Clark is a teacher's aide and member of the National Education Association, which has 400 delegates, the largest single bloc at the convention.

## The McKnights

Dick McKnight, 13th Congressional District chair, is "making connections with people who will help us" because he expects VIP visits in fall.

"We'll open an office in western Wayne County in Westland," said McKnight, a Westland resident who has a law office in Livonia and served on the Livonia Board of Education.

"When Clinton ran in '92, he

went to Wayne Memorial High School. Mondale also came that way in '84," said McKnight during an interview at the downtown Westin Hotel, where the Michigan delegation is ensconced.

With him were wife, Gail, the Westland district judge, and son Edward.

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# Local delegates praise speakers

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

CHICAGO — Michigan delegates said it was a toss-up between actor Christopher Reeve and the Bradys as to who gave the most memorable speech in the early days of the Democratic National Convention.

"Christopher Reeve he appealed to our sense of humanity," said delegate Terry Ahwal, a Livonia resident and executive assistant to Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

"He asked us to help others less fortunate. It was not only what he said but his being there," she said of the former Superman who was paralyzed in a fall from a horse.

"And Sarah Brady's message — the guns, the Brady bill, banning assault weapons," Ahwal added. Jim Brady was Republican President Ronald Reagan's press secretary when he and Reagan were shot in 1983; Brady suffered brain damage.

Democrats invited the Bradys to speak because the so-called "Brady Bill" on gun control was signed by President Clinton.

"The most moving had to be Reeve," said MEA local 1 president Lu Battaglieri, delegate from Rochester Hills, "but the Bradys were most on topic and had first-hand experience (with gun wounds). It's a reminder we're all vulnerable."

"Sarah Brady, because it's hard to argue with experience," said retiring state Rep. Maxine Berman of Southfield.

"When I was an English teacher, I told students, 'Talk

## 'Christopher Reeve he appealed to our sense of humanity.'

Terry Ahwal,  
Livonia delegate

seven days for a gun permit. Let me tell you about my family's inconvenience."

"The police officer," said Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, who listened hardest to Chicago patrolman Mike Robbins. "It's courageous to be shot 11 times and come back and talk about it."

"The actor, Edward James Olmos," said delegate Kay Beard, a Wayne County commissioner from Westland, "because he talked about children. It was powerful."

"Bonior was pretty good," said Paul Policchio, executive vice president of the Service Employees International Union, representing Wayne sheriff's deputies and nursing home workers, among others.

House minority floor leader David Bonior of Macomb County linked the Republican convention to the 57th anniversary of *The Wizard of Oz* movie, quipping: "Buchanan doesn't have a brain, Gingrich doesn't have a heart, and Dole is on his way back to Kansas."

"Christopher Reeve was most moving," said attorney Dick McKnight, Westland resident and chair of the 11th Congressional District, "because he said we're all family, and we all have value."

"The Bradys and Reeve," said Mildred Jeffrey, grand dame of Michigan Democrats, the labor movement and Wayne State

University. "Brady was always a comfortable guy, a nice person even though he was working for a person (Reagan) I didn't vote for. Sarah Brady had an underlying anger; she cared for him and was determined to keep after it (the gun control bill)."

"Hillary," said former state Sen. Lana Pollack of Ann Arbor. "It's not women's issues. It's women who are driving the issues of compassion. Women have much higher expectations from government than men. Women never accepted the notion that government is the problem. They have a different attitude."

Pollack said first lady Hillary Clinton was a major hit before standing-room-only crowds. "Women's support of Hillary shows they're confronting the lies head-on — the gutter politics against that woman for four years."

### Footnotes:

Want a snapshot of any famous Democratic woman? See Barbara Rom, the Bloomfield Hills lawyer and party fundraiser, who was performing heavy duty camera work on the convention floor Monday night.

"I'm busy taking Jessye Norman's picture," Rom said, delaying an interview. The Metropolitan Opera star was born in Georgia, attended the University of Michigan and visited the Michigan delegation on the floor.

"I have Hillary. Tipper (Gore, the vice president's wife). Sen. Barbara Boxer. Diane Feinstein. Barbara Mikulski. Donna Shalala. And that's just in the first hour and a half," said Rom, who attended women's forums and a group called Emily's list (Early Money Is Like Yeast — it raises

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Robert Ficano,  
Wayne County Sheriff

the dough)."

"It disturbs me that Republicans claim family values for themselves when our president and incumbent Sen. Carl Levin stayed married to their spouses."

Security is super-extremely tight at the United Center, where delegates meet. It takes about four times as long to get through the gate as at the GOP convention in San Diego. In prime time Monday, it took 75 minutes to enter the gate.

One reason appeared to be that metal detectors were set high to detect the smallest objects. Quipped Michigan chair Mark Brewer: "A fellow ahead of me had on so many buttons that he had to take his shirt off."

Another, so the story went, is that a hacker broke into the Democratic National Committee's computer and copied the code for credentials. Delegates, guests and media were told not to encase their credentials in plastic so that security guards could use scanners on every ticket.

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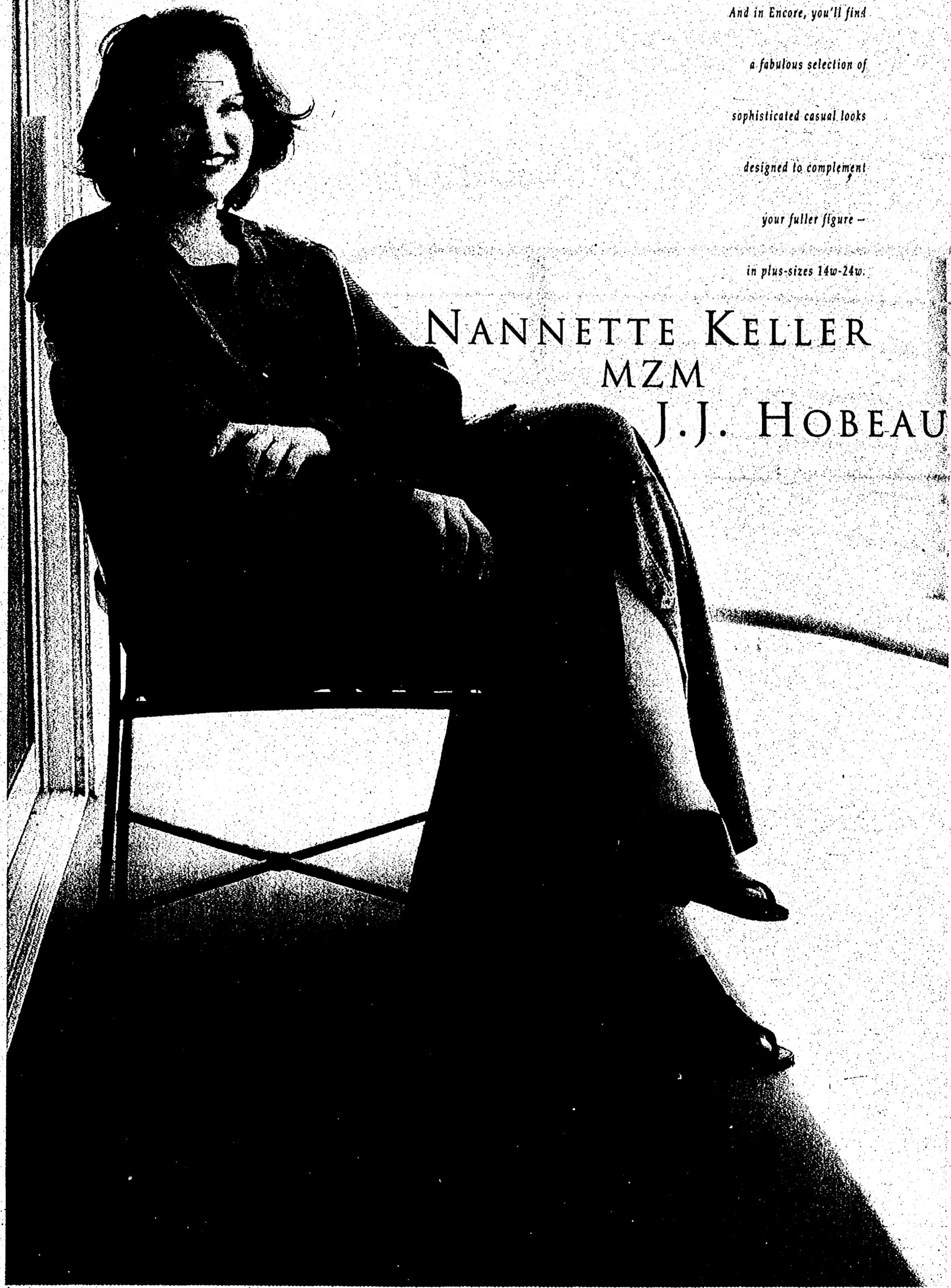
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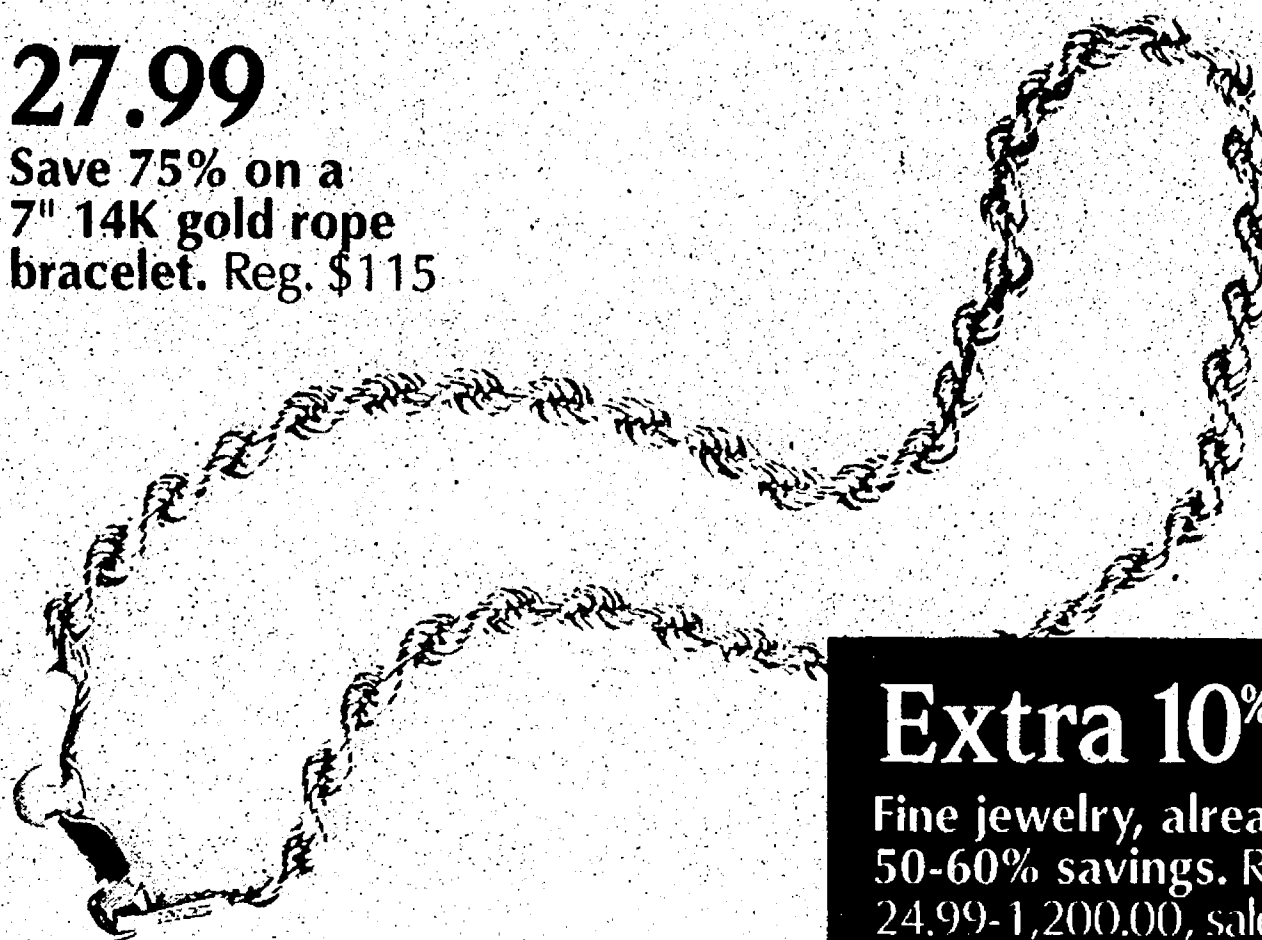


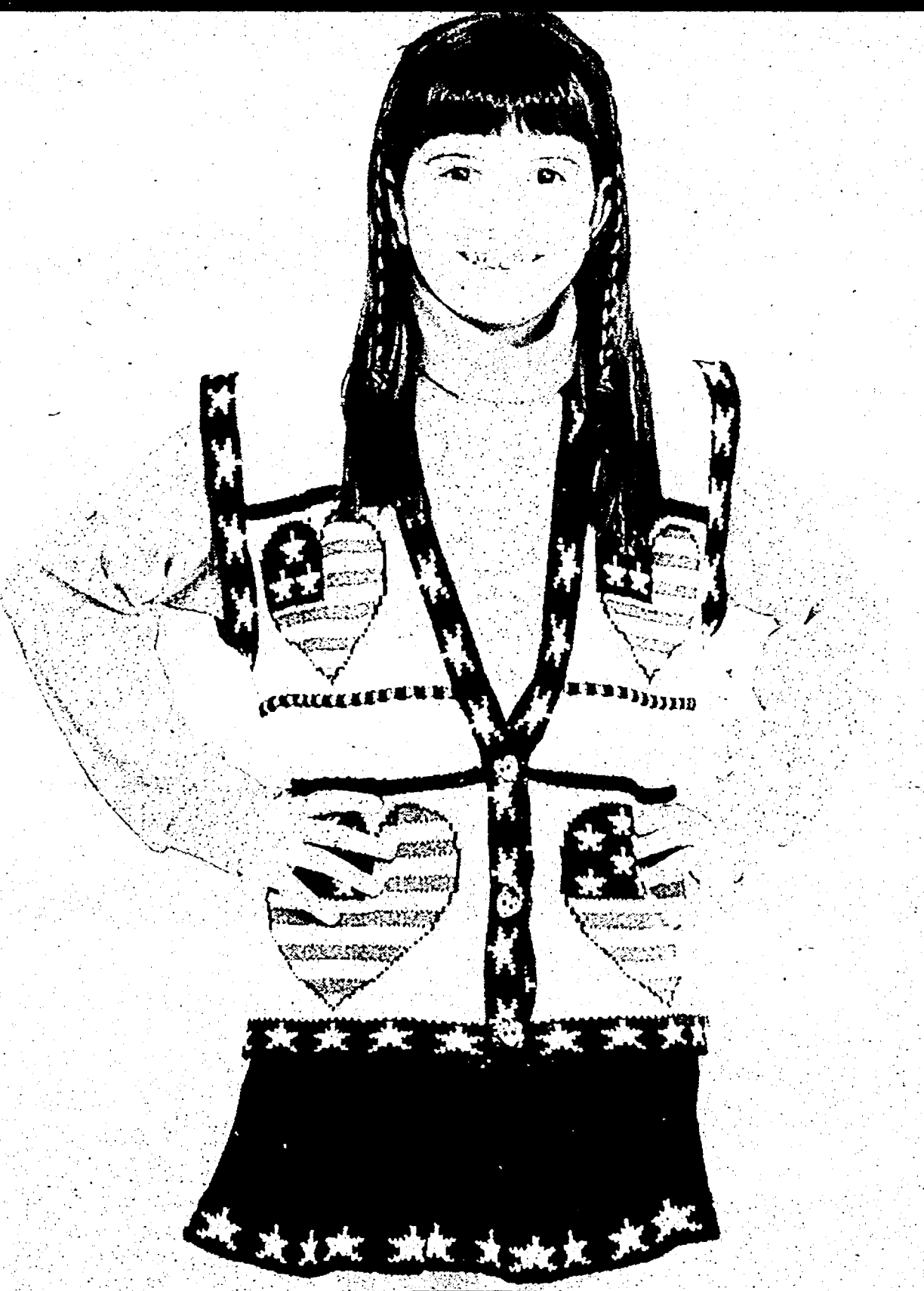
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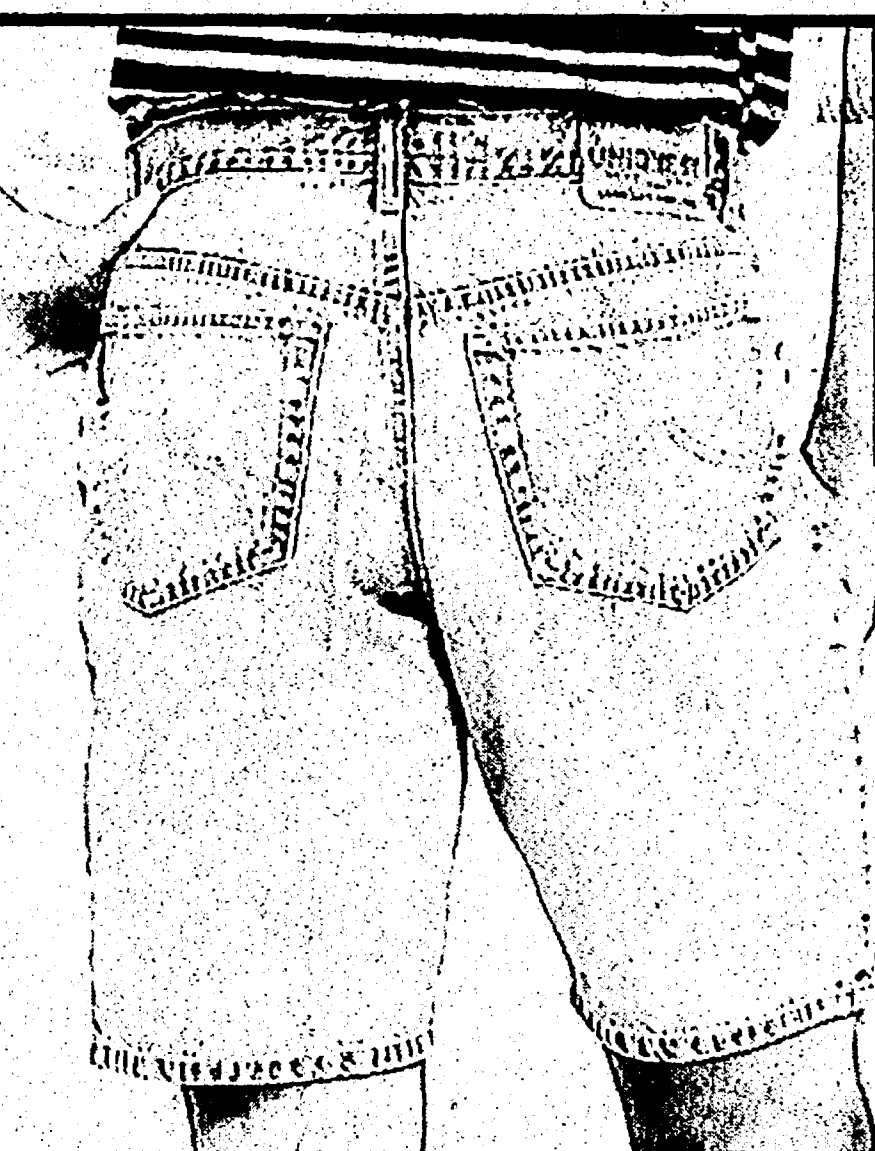
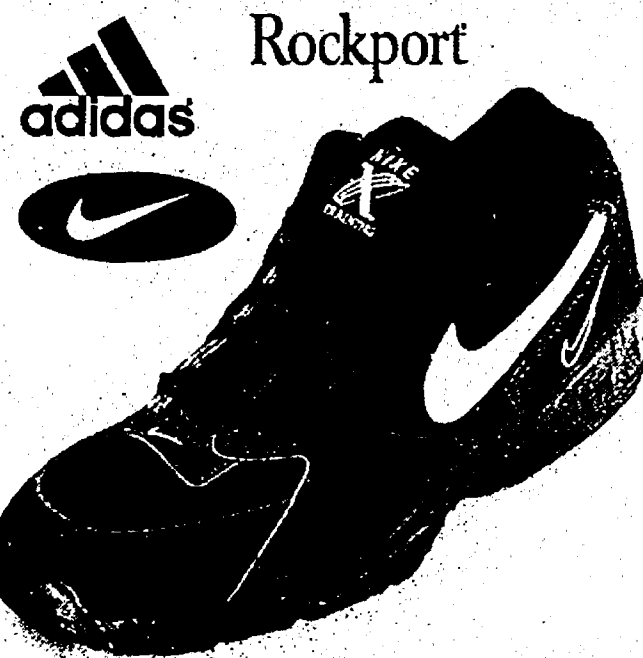
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**'I don't want to see the Democrats overconfident.'**

*Robert Ficano,  
county sheriff*

# Ficano in Chicago

## Party veteran attends first convention

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

**CHICAGO** — For 20 years, Bob Ficano has been politicking — for Schoolcraft College trustee, for state representative, for County Clerk Jim Killeen, for himself as sheriff.

But this is the first time the Livonia Democrat has gone to a national convention. In fact, his being sheriff for 13 years has been an impediment until 1996.

"The Democratic primary was so close to the national convention that to take off a week and a half — it didn't make much sense," Ficano said. This year the primary was Aug. 6 and the convention began Aug. 25. "It's the first time I've had a chance to run (for a convention slot)."

Actually, Ficano is an alternate. County Executive Ed McNamara — who used to scoff that the sheriff is younger than his — McNamara's children — is a delegate. By Monday evening, however, McNamara had yet to show up at the convention.

Ficano was a tender 32 and a deputy county clerk when, in early 1983, he was appointed sheriff by a panel of county officers headed by his boss, Clerk Jim Killeen. Ficano succeeded William Lucas, the newly-elected county executive who wanted to appoint his own protege as sheriff.

Killeen prevailed. Killeen, in his white-haired 60s, was a fervent believer in promoting young people to responsible offices — people like San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros (now Clinton's



PHOTO BY DOUG ASHLEY

**Time to gather: Wayne County Sheriff and Livonia resident Robert Ficano greets former Dem gubernatorial candidate and former Michigan State University trustee Larry Owen at a convention reception.**

Housing secretary) and Bob Ficano as sheriff.

"I'm living proof he tried to bring young people into the system. His wife and daughter came to my fundraiser," said Ficano. Killeen died in 1994.

Ficano blended in with the crowd of delegates, alternates and hangers-on as he boarded the shuttle bus to the United Center. He likes it. "It's well-organized. Upbeat. It's the Democrats' to lose this time. And it will be much closer than anybody thinks," he said. "I don't want to see the Democrats over-

confident."

Sheriff Ficano credits President Clinton with having "an urban agenda — put officers on the street. We're working with his drug czar to get some money."

Ficano doesn't know how he was selected to be among five delegates to appear on NBC's cable on-line program. "I'm doing a diary for them. They picked the youngest delegate, which I'm not, and the oldest, which I'm not, and three others," he said.

Ficano's diary observations:

"Democrats had class in not interfering with the Republican convention. It was low-class for (Republican nominee Bob) Dole to come to the Chicago suburbs. There are certain protocols you go through."

He liked speeches to the Michigan delegation by House minority leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri and presidential communications chief George Stephanopoulos on the need for caution about Clinton's reelection chances despite high poll numbers.

"Polling is national," said Ficano, "but the president is running 50 different state elections. It will be difficult in Texas, Alabama and Mississippi."

Clinton's whistle-stop train trip through West Virginia, Ohio and the Michigan cities of Wyandotte, Royal Oak, Lansing, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo is "a smart move. The Midwest is important to him."

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"It's great to see people coming out to enjoy the park," Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County Parks, said.

"Parents can bring their children with tricycles and bicycles with training wheels on Saturdays and Sundays. It's also a great place for skaters; more and more are coming to Hines Drive since so many communities have passed ordinances against skating in the streets," Coleman said.

Hines Drive will be closed from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive for the Sunday in the Park program. Parking is available at Warrendale (Warren Avenue east of Telegraph); Merriman Hollow (Merriman Road and Hines Drive); and Nankin Mills Picnic Areas (Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail).

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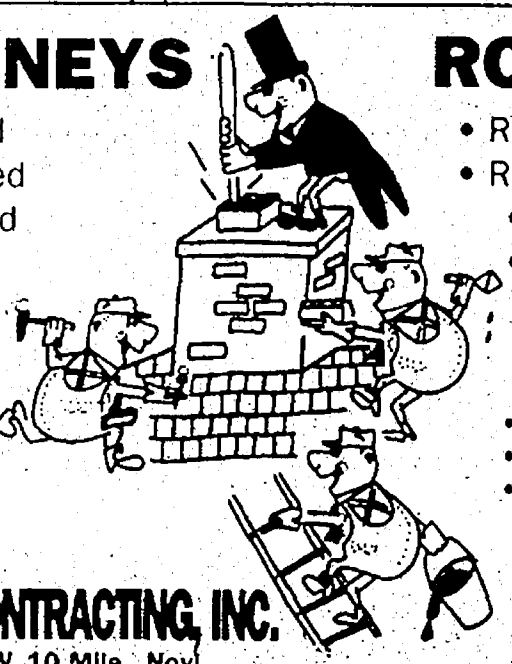
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But parents were still upset about lower-than-expected academic test scores, the loss of busing and the pay-to-play policy for athletes and students taking part in extracurricular groups, such as band and orchestra. While busing and the free extracurricular programs were later restored, many families moved out of the district because of what they saw as a declining educational program.

But compared to several neighboring school districts, Wayne-Westland looks pretty good.

The proof is that 108 non-residents have applied to enroll in the district under the state's new "schools of choice" program.

Under the new program, local districts must have acted by June to either "opt in" or "opt out" of the schools of choice program, that is, agree to enroll non-resident students or to shut the door.

If the doors are open, then students may apply for openings in other districts in the same county, if there is space available.

The Wayne-Westland administration announced last week that 108 non-residents have applied and have been accepted for the new school year.

Most of them came from Inkster, Romulus and Detroit with a smattering from nearby Garden City, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton.

While the district may have its problems, there are enough parents and students who feel that the quality of education and the school environment offered by Wayne-Westland are superior than those in their home districts.

In addition to the boosting of the Wayne-Westland's reputation in getting so many non-residents, the district will gain a financial advantage.

With the new 108 students and a loss of four students who enrolled in neighboring districts under the schools of choice program, Wayne-Westland will receive about \$291,000 to partially offset the state aid loss from the declining enrollment.

When the smoke clears, the district will gain valuable bragging rights in its fight to stem the enrollment decline caused by families looking elsewhere for better schools.

Hopefully, the district will use the schools of choice news to attract other non-resident families who want an improved quality of education for their sons or daughters.

## Labor Day reflects struggles

Labor Day has become the official "end of summer" holiday, a last chance to hit the beach, the park or the back yard barbecue.

The days of the giant labor union parades and stirring speeches about workers' rights are long past. The day's meaning is lost on most Americans, even those who have benefited from the labor movement.

Recent years have been hard on unions. President Ronald Reagan's decertification of the air traffic controllers sent a chill throughout organized labor and emboldened many employers to take a strike with the intention of busting unions. The irony of this is that Reagan was once a union leader as president of the Screen Actors Guild.

In 1945, organized labor accounted for 33.4 percent of the American workforce. As recently as 1980, unions set a high for actual membership with 19,843,000 members, about 21.9 percent of the 1980 workforce. Last year, union members accounted for only 14.9 percent of the workforce and numbered 16,360,000.

As union membership has declined over the last 16 years, so has the real value of wages. But as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, union wages are considerably higher than non-union wages. In 1995, the median weekly earnings for union members were \$602 compared to a median of \$447 for non-union workers. The department notes that other factors besides the lack of collective bargaining account for this discrepancy, but unions do provide a leverage that non-union workers don't have.

It is often said that unions have created their own problems: Many unions were infiltrated by or made deals with organized crime. Many unions pushed for excessive wage and benefit increases when companies weren't prosperous enough to afford them. Many union leaders became as fat and happy as the management they golfed with. Many unions

took on social issues such as civil rights and government benefits when their more conservative members opposed them.

All of these things are at least partially true.

But organized labor from the days of the conservative Samuel Gompers and the radical Eugene Debs has had the positive effect of lifting most Americans into the middle class and giving each generation the hope that they will prosper better than the generation before. Unions argued that if the creators of wealth were given their fair share, the economy would grow faster and stronger. It was an argument that even Henry Ford could understand when he instituted the \$5 a day minimum so his workers could have the opportunity to buy the product they made.

Unions have been in the forefront on such major innovations as social security, health care benefits, shorter working hours, restrictions on child labor, safer working conditions, food and drug inspections, student loans and minimum wage laws. Some unions, notably the United Auto Workers, also took a lead in the civil rights struggle and in fighting to improve the economic status of blacks and women.

Many of those who complain about unions have benefited from the union movement. The wages they receive were won on the picket line, whether directly or because union wages set a new standard that drove up wages in non-union shops. The benefits we now receive as a matter of course from companies and the government were the fruits of long and often bloody battles.

This Labor Day we should take a moment to remember why we have the day off and why we can afford the steak on the grill and the back yard in the suburbs.

"Solidarity Forever" has lost its thunder, but we should never forget the legacy it has left.

ARKIE HUDKINS



### LETTERS

#### Not tricked

As a senior citizen, I take issue with the comments made in the Observer which accuse me and other seniors of being tricked by AMC theaters.

Anytime you manage to take care of yourself and your family for more than 50 years it means you must be doing something right.

It also means that it's a pretty rare day, indeed, when someone can pull the wool over your eyes and make you believe in things that they want you to believe in.

Personally, I'd like to thank the folks at AMC for showing an interest in what we, as senior citizens, had to say about their project.

They showed us respect for our ideas, listened to our concerns, and asked many questions about what we thought would make Livonia a great city.

All of us who came to the city council meeting on Aug. 12 did so because we wanted to. Don't insult our intelligence by saying we were duped into going to the meeting.

As senior citizens, we go to movies too. And unlike many theaters, AMC provides us with senior discounts as well as nice service.

We look forward to the new movie theater and we are sure it will be bright spot for Livonia in the future.

Virginia Gardade

hand and not support circuses which use animal acts and exploit them to the extent of death. These elephants are crying out for help. Please find it within your hearts to help these beautiful, exotic animals.

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M. Evans

#### A big thank you

Our family would like to express a big thank you to all the Observer & Eccentric employees who organized the Carrier Appreciation Picnic held at Kensington Metropark yesterday. Our family had a fantastic time! It's not often that a company would go to that extent to thank young people. Not only did the Observer & Eccentric staff arrive very early to reserve and set up the area, but they managed to keep several hundred kids organized with games and prizes throughout the day. The food and fun was never ending.

I hope this will be an annual event since it brought carriers from so many cities together for a great time and gave all of us a chance to meet many people from the Observer & Eccentric who generally just talk to on the phone.

Vicky MacDonald

#### Politics or pork?

A typical yet sad example of how today's political process of elections is conducted can be found in the results of the latest Wayne County parks millage proposal.

It seems more than ironic that the greatest financial donors to the Friends of the parks campaign were organizations that received some of the greatest contracts from the Wayne County Commission.

For one example, DeAngelis Landscaping in Woodhaven received \$6.4 million and \$72,000 contracts from the commission.

Their "donation" to the Friends of the Parks was \$3,000. Is it any wonder that citizens are getting disgusted and frustrated?

Are we talking politics or porkitics?

Anthony Brehler

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#### QUESTION:

How are you going to celebrate Labor Day?



"Probably go golfing."

John Shay



"I think we'll have a family outing to the State Fair. We usually go each year. Then we'll have a family cookout."

Jill Queen



"I'm going up north."

Dave Boyt



"We're going to Vermont to visit friends."

Ruby Eskridge

We asked this question at an area post office.

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## They 'choose' to dream the impossible dream

In the dream world of certain politicians, education is a huge market. Parents want freedom to choose the best schools for their kids. Poor kids, in particular, need this kind of market choice because rich families can pack up and move or send the kids to private schools.

In this dream world, "schools of choice" will wipe out bad schools, the way the car market eliminated DeSoto and LaSalle.

The dream world is inhabited by Gov. John Engler, Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, and a few luminaries on the State Board of Education. Their ideology tells them free markets work, so they believe free markets work.

The facts are far different.

Back in the 1980s when Metropolitan Fund and the late Chuck Muer were pushing school choice, Minnesota Gov. Rudy Perpich was brought into town to explain his state's sys-

tem. Perpich revealed that only 1 to 4 percent of parents ever wanted school choice. He thought choice was a good idea, but mathematically not particularly important.

For years, Michigan has had a choice system called property transfers. It is used by families who live on the edge of school district A but would rather be in district B.

These cases go before an administrative law judge in Lansing and then to the State Board of Education. Most transfers involve rural residents; Eaton, Clinton and Livingston counties generate many cases. This company has newspapers in those counties. So when cases arise, I read the judge's report and often the transcripts from cover to cover.

The politicians who live in a dream world don't. If Tim Kelly, Engler's emissary to the State Board, reads them, he fails to tell the boss about it.

In reality, here is why parents



TIM RICHARD

exercise choice by seeking property transfers from district A to B:

■ Dad and mom work in town B. If Junior gets sick, it's less disruptive to pick him up from B school than to backtrack 20 miles to A school.

■ Dad and mom shop and bank in town B.

■ Dad and mom go to church in town B, they grew up in town B, and their social contacts are there.

■ The grandparents, aunts and relatives all live in town B and are avail-

able to take in the kids if the parents have to work overtime.

■ Dad died, mom remarried and moved, but the kids want to stay in the school where their friends go. The oldest boy is taking swimming lessons, and the other district doesn't have a pool.

■ The family lives in district A, but district B's schools are eight miles closer, and the kids wouldn't have to waste so much time on the bus if the property were in district B.

■ The family really wanted to be in district B, and the Realtor told them the house was in B, but they didn't find out until months later the house was really in A.

Very, very rarely does a parent testify that the school program is better in district B. And when mom says so, she usually is referring to a particular teacher who can handle her kid's problem.

That is the real world. Nothing

about market forces and competition and all that hogwash.

This is not to suggest parents have poor reasons for requesting "choice" through property transfers. Their reasons are excellent and practical. The administrative law judge and the State Board members who read the transcripts most often grant the transfer.

The point is that the requests have nothing to do with the dream world of market forces.

Survey after survey has revealed that the overwhelming bulk of parents are most interested in having their kids attend the neighborhood school.

If there's a problem with the neighborhood school, they demand the elected school board — not mythical market forces — fix it.

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

## Their secessionist theories are misguided and faulty

BY MEL KAPLANI  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Like human mosquitoes swarming to suck the lifeblood out of our economy, Wayne County secessionists are misleading their sympathizers in a misguided effort to create four county governments where only one has gone before.

One of those individuals, Jeff Schroder of Northville, actually believes he can end affirmative action, a court-ordered remedy for racial prejudice, by seceding from Wayne County.

Another, self-described "patriot" Leonard Mannausa of Brownstown, claims more government means more responsive government. A third, Greg Theokas of Grosse Pointe Park, thinks more government would bring more efficient government. All of them are sadly mistaken if not beguiling.

If the real problem is inefficient, non-responsive county government,

the solution is replacing non-responsive inefficient elected county representatives with someone better-suited and more able to perform the task. Otherwise, given three new counties, we'd have four times as many problems as we have now.

On background, Wayne County has been in existence with its present boundaries since 1827. The old Wayne County Board of Supervisors was formed in 1851 and had grown to 135 members by 1966 when the Supreme Court ruled that one-person, one-vote representation must be established. That led to creation of a 27-member county board of commissioners with both legislative and executive powers.

In 1981, voters approved a new county charter with an elected county executive, reducing the number of commissioners from 27 to 15, retaining an elected prosecuting attorney, clerk, sheriff, treasurer, drain commissioner and register of deeds.

Voters eliminated the county road

## GUEST COLUMN

commission in 1984 and the drain commissioner in 1986.

Today, Wayne County operates a sheriff department and jail; circuit, probate and juvenile courts; departments of education, health, social services, environment, economic development, libraries, parks, roads and public services, elections and treasury; and one of the largest airports in the country; just to name a few.

All those services require personnel, buildings and equipment which would be senselessly duplicated at great expense if we divided one county into two or more. Only the naive would believe such a division could cost less than taxpayers now provide for those same services, none of which would exist in Wayne County if not for the existence of people who need and want them.

Nevertheless, county government

could become more responsive if we fine-tuned the charter we have instead of starting over from scratch. We need smaller, more efficient government, no new bureaucracies needing more taxes.

One of the ways we can improve is by enacting term limitations for all elected county officials. As a result, they would remain closer to the people they serve instead of becoming imperialists bent on self-promotion.

We should adopt zero-based budgeting, examining every department every year to see how much they spent and what taxpayers received in return for their money, comparing that with the cost of privatizing services to save money and reduce the power of special interests.

We need to streamline and depoliticize the county commission, reducing it from 15 to nine members elected at-large instead of from districts, as non-partisan citizens instead of career politicians.

Once elected, commissioners should either work full time or receive part-time pay and reduced staffing for the part-time work they now do.

Finally, primary elections for county officials should be held in September instead of August to improve voter participation. August primaries are nothing more than private political conventions held at public expense, serving only to limit choice and reduce the influence of the majority who foot the bill.

Enacting such changes by charter revision would save millions of dollars in salary and benefits, reduce spending and achieve more representative, responsive county government. Following the lead of secessionists with ulterior motives centered around racial division will only create more of the same problems they now decry.

Mel Kaplani, a Riverview resident, owns Kaplani Insurance Inc. He can be reached at (313) 383-7770.

## Reunion brings memories and concern for son's future

I graduated from high school way back in 1956. Our class was small, only 58, and over the years seven have died and another eight have just kind of disappeared.

But our 40th class reunion last weekend was well-attended; we had 25 middle-aged classmates Saturday night at dinner, including one who came all the way from Singapore.

The event gave me the chance to test a theory that's occurred to me as I've moved through the years: As people get older, they become more and more like themselves. When kids graduate from high school, for example, who they are can be glimpsed, but when they reach middle age the experiences of the years seem to amplify and sharpen the original tendencies of character.

It's true. Dave, the red-haired scrappy ball player in school, had grown a beard and won a wife, but he was even more scrappy and talking up a blue streak. Mike, the tall, gangling brain of the class was still tall and gangling, but now just a bit stooped and focused as a successful professor at the University of North Carolina. Wendy, a glamour girl when we graduated, wore lovely sophisticated clothes that showed off her still-beautiful figure and sunny personality.

My reunion also came a poignant time. My son, Nathan, starts his own high school career next week when he enters ninth grade. As I listened to my classmates reminisce, I was struck at what a different world Nathan will be entering than the one I had known 40 years earlier.

Different and far more dangerous.

Of course, there are still cars driven too fast by teen-agers who still think they are immortal. But even those of us who were sexually active in high school — only a tiny minority ever went beyond petting — never thought about AIDS.

And as for substance abuse, the worst I ever heard about in my class was when some kids bought a bottle of blueberry brandy on our senior trip to New York; Nathan faces an entire pharmacopoeia of addictive and threatening drugs and a youth culture that is starting to glamorize getting hooked.

Forty years ago, the tolerable bounds of mischief seem laughably mild today. The event recalled with greatest shame over the weekend was electing the ugliest girl in the class to be homecoming queen. Our homeroom teacher, Miss Chipman, put her foot down on that one. Of course, she never found who made paint



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bombs out of egg shells and threw them on the walls of a rival school.

Today, it seems unsurprising for kids to slash the tire on an entire fleet of school buses or to try to burn down a school building. If an important part of a culture is defined by the limits to shame, we're living in an entirely different world than the one of my youth.

Maybe I lived in a protected world 40 years ago — I grew up in Ann Arbor — but there was very little sense of the racial and ethnic divisions that so slash and crosshatch our society today. Sure, there were Jewish and Asian and African-American kids in our school, but it wasn't until I went off to college that I was faced with the stereotypes that Jewish people were pushy and Asians were brains and African-Americans couldn't be trusted.

Last week, Nathan, with the casual, stereotyped wisdom of a 14-year-old in today's world, told Kathy and me that someone was a "nice, pushy Jewish lady." Forty years ago, I never would have known or noticed.

And, of course, 40 years ago we had none of the pop culture that so efficiently infests our society today through broad band technology. We had radio and fuzzy black and white television when I graduated; Nathan has VCRs, CD-ROM computer games, MTV, Walkman and Discman and endless TV.

Thinking about the world that my son will be facing next week, I feel a slight chill of worry. Maybe I'm getting old and the days of my youth look innocent and happy when bathed in the bright gauzy moonlight of 40 years. But I'm going to be praying for my son and his safety a lot over the next few years.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.



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# Ross: Dems stake out middle ground

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

CHICAGO — Democrats are turning middle class and to the middle-of-the-road even as Republicans veer to the hard right, says platform builder Doug Ross.

"The national Democratic Party put 25 super-delegates on the platform committee to make sure the president's views would be strongly represented," said Ross, the West Bloomfield resident who was assistant secretary of Labor in Bill Clinton's administration until last fall.

"All along we tried to make sure the party connects with the great American middle class and those who aspire to the middle class."

"Democrats drifted away from the great middle class," said Ross, pointing to these differences between the 1984-88 platforms and the 1996 platform on which Clinton is seeking reelection:

■ "The '80s platforms were for larger government and more

**■ 'What most Michiganians want is government that is supportive of economic growth, a leaner and more efficient government, and social and cultural tolerance.'**

Doug Ross,  
Dem platform builder

public spending. This platform calls for reducing government even more and cutting taxes.

■ "The '80s called for every imaginable program versus giving people the tools to solve their own problems."

■ "The '80s stressed the rights of criminals. This one stresses the rights of victims."

■ "On education, we call for charter schools, public school choice and performance standards to keep good teachers and remove bad ones. The earlier platforms called for more money for the educational status quo."

"What most Michiganians want is government that is supportive of economic growth, a leaner and more efficient gov-

ernment, and social and cultural tolerance.

"There has been a tendency by the left to use government to manage the economy, and for the right to use government to manage social life. But there's no reason economic growth and tolerance cannot be compatible."

Isn't that Libertarian talk?

"Libertarians are strong on markets and tolerance," said Ross, "but they have no sense of community to create a safety net. It (Libertarian ideology) doesn't reflect that we're interdependent."

Ross has come a long way since the 1970s, when he led the Michigan Consumers Lobby effort to remove the sales tax on

food and drugs. He served a term in the Michigan Senate and worked in both the Commerce and Labor departments in Gov. James Blanchard's terms (1983-90).

As rumored, he's pondering a run for governor in 1998.

"I'm connected to a think tank called the Progressive Foundation. And I'm teaching in the school of public policy at the University of Michigan."

"Over the next two months, my priorities are 1) the president's reelection, 2) Sen. Carl Levin's reelection and 3) the state House of Representatives."

"I'm seriously thinking about it (governor). I'll make some decisions soon after the election," Ross said.

**Footnote:**

Here is how a Chicago Tribune headline writer summed up the Democratic convention's first day message:

Give us your tired, your poor, your votes

# Union leader: Labor won't desert Clinton

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

CHICAGO — "I don't think labor could be happier," said Paul Policchio, Novi resident, Democratic delegate and executive vice president of the Service Employees International Union.

"The whole platform focuses on working people, the bread-and-butter issues. That's the heart and soul of labor. Jobs. Education. Health care. Streamlining government."

"The Democratic Party (of the '80s) went on a path that diverged from the center. But now (Republican nominee Bob) Dole will be hard-pressed to peel off working class votes as Reagan did. Inflation is so low that unions can negotiate real raises."

Policchio reflected between speeches by national figures at the Michigan delegation's breakfast in the Westin Tuesday. Consumers Power Co. sponsored the repast of scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, cereal and fruit.

"Labor unions don't even have a whip structure in place," he said, referring to a network that passes The Word to the rank and file.

(Michigan) have connections to unions — either members or spouses."

Many Michiganians don't spend the day with the state delegation, as Republicans do. Democrats identify with interest groups like labor, women, educators, ethnic groups, education and so on.

"We have our own union caucus at the Hyatt. Now we're linking to individual unions. We heard (Labor Secretary Robert) Reich the other day on issues relating to working people."

Policchio serves the Midwest branch of one of the least known unions of both public and private employees. Say "union" and most people picture the older industrial unions like auto, steel, mine and rubber workers.

"We're diverse. We have health care and nursing home workers, building service, state employees, Wayne County deputies, Corrections Department officers. We have scientists and physicists as well as janitors. It's not a monolithic movement."

SEIU has 35,000 members in Michigan and a total of 1.1 million making it No. 3 in the

nation. Policchio sees another reason labor won't desert Clinton, despite low unemployment and inflation statistics.

"Working people — even those with jobs — have a great deal of insecurity. They want to know,

'Is there a safety net if the employer decides to eliminate my job?'

"We had (proposed) a significant improvement in health care. The medical lobby stopped that. Clinton did the best he could."

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## FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

### Van snafu no problem

Hi, everybody! It's good to be back. And I must say, it was good to be away, too. I had some great fun with my family these past three weeks. We were hoarding fun because those rainy, cold, gray days and school schedules, and breakfast and dinner without the sun are just around the corner.

So we had picnics. We went to a circus. To the zoo. To a lake. We stayed home to pitch a tent in the yard and make S'mores on the grill. We read books on the front porch. We watched a very dumb movie in the family room and ate popcorn. And rode a Ferris wheel. And oldest son Tony and I played four-handed piano songs while crickets outside in the yard sang cricket songs. And we did a bunch of other stuff too.

Now, as my mother would say, "You got it out of your system." But I didn't really. Call me greedy, but I'll never get time with my family "out of my system." What I will do is come back to reality. And I'll come back refreshed and re-energized. Kind of like a battery.

As a matter of fact, just like a battery. Just like the battery in our van that got all drained recently, and that I (and I'm so proud to say this) recharged myself without blowing anyone or anything up.

This happened just the other day. Husband Ron was out of town on business for a few days so I guess you could say I was in "charge."

I suppose a dead battery shouldn't have presented much of a problem, or challenge, or scare, but I once witnessed a car battery explosion during a jump start. The explosion happened to someone very close to me, both in proximity and heart. It was horrible. The noise, the blast, the smell. It was very humbling and scary. And that was 12 years ago. But the memory has given me a rather enormous respect for automotive batteries.

Anyway, when I went outside on this recent night to check on the van windows to be sure they were up before going to bed, my heart sank. The dome light was on inside the van. And it'd been eight hours since anyone had been in there.

I went back inside my husbandless house to get the keys. I whispered incantations, "Please start, oh trusty old van. Please start. I don't know much about getting you to start if you refuse me. So please, just start."

I climbed in behind the steering wheel. I put the key in. And turned it. Vrrump. Click. Silence.

All righty then. I'll figure this out. Carmen has to be at gymnastics practice in Westland at 8 a.m. Baby Steven has school up at Five Mile and Haggerty at 9:30 a.m. The vegetable market is six miles from my driveway and dinner tomorrow without vegetables wouldn't be responsible. I'll figure this out. I'll get this van to start. I will.

Tony suggested the battery trickle charger electric gizmo that sits among many other gizmos in the "Don't Touch This Stuff If You Don't Know What You're Doing" place. I gulped. "Should we?" I asked him.

"Well, yeah. I guess. That's what it's for," he offered.

I shrugged.

So at 11 p.m. we did it. We stepped into the Zone and fetched the Gizmo. We'd gone this far, we might as well see it through now.

There were directions in the Gizmo box. Unfortunately, they'd been written by a presumptuous expert who presumed a little too much. Like the gizmo user knowing what an engine block looks like. Is it a block? Does the engine sit on a block? Is the engine shaped like a block? Am I a block-head? The instructions also presumed I know a carburetor on sight. These things are not obvious, they are not labeled under the hood, or in the owner's manual. I looked. And fuel line? There are tons of lines and tubes and hoses, none of them labeled. And if I'm messing with electricity and battery acid and positive charges and negative charges I'm going to need labels.

I was getting late now. My eyes were itchy and blurry. My mind was refusing to process information sensibly. I turned away from the useless vehicle, picked the gizmo up that could save its life, put it safely away, and resigned. For the night. I'd face this in the early morning. After resting. It would all make sense in the morning.

Guess what? It didn't. But in the light of day I remembered, I wasn't a blockhead. I could do this. And sure enough, after one false start (I put the negative clip on a painted part of the frame), I got the trickle gizmo battery charger to perform its three-hour magic. Not in time for me to get Carmen to gymnastics, my friend Nancy got her, but in time for Steven's school and in time for dinner vegetables.

And, I might add, in time to make me proud of my small, yet meaningful, accomplishment.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, call her at 953-2047, mailbox No. 1883.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Training for the big ride: On Sept. 2, Nick O'Shea (left) and the Rev. Sylvester Taube will leave from St. John's Family and Life Center in Plymouth Township on a 1,600-mile bike trip to Texas.

### The Retrouvaille program saved Nick and Virginia O'Shea's marriage. To show his appreciation, Nick O'Shea along with the Rev. Sylvester Taube are riding bikes to Texas to raise funds for the program.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

When Nick and Virginia O'Shea lost their 3-year-old daughter Eileen to leukemia in 1976, they stopped communicating with one another. For 14 years, they stayed together for the sake of their five remaining children until spending a weekend in 1989 at a troubled-marriage program presented by the Rev. Sylvester Taube.

The O'Sheas, members of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Redford Township, became such believers in the Retrouvaille experience they began volunteering their time as presenters.

On Sept. 2, Nick O'Shea, 65, and Taube, 58, will leave St. John's Family and Life Center in Plymouth Township on a 1,600-mile bike trip to Fort Worth, Texas, to raise funds for Retrouvaille. Virginia will follow in a van with water and fruit to prevent their legs from cramping. The trio will arrive in time for the national Retrouvaille conference in October. O'Shea and Taube rode 227 miles of the route in August of 1995 in 94 degree heat and high humidity. It

was so hot Virginia had to buy head bands in between rest stops.

"We've been preparing by biking and walking about 50 miles a day," said Taube, assistant director of the Archdiocese of Detroit's office for family and youth.

The O'Sheas, who've been married 39 years, and Taube are asking people to donate one penny a mile. Although Catholic in origin and orientation, the weekend experience followed by six meetings is open to married couples regardless of religious background. Funds from the bike trip will go toward scholarships for those unable to afford the \$75 registration fee and \$350 cost due at the end of the weekend.

"No one's ever turned away because of money. Sometimes couples are proud. They're embarrassed. That's why we're trying to establish a scholarship fund," Virginia O'Shea said.

The trio has already raised \$5,000 from Chrysler-UAW Local 412, the Knights of Columbus Council, and St. Columban in Birmingham. The use of the van was donated by Sherry Crepeau of

Dearborn Heights, saving the effort hundreds of dollars.

Retrouvaille is a worldwide program. After attending the national conference in Texas, the O'Sheas and Taube will travel to Ireland, Nick's birthplace, to train others in helping troubled marriages the Retrouvaille way.

Founded in Quebec in 1977, the program was presented to French-speaking couples as the "Look Again." Translated into English by a Retrouvaille community in Toronto, the program began spreading throughout Canada and the United States in 1982. By this time, it became even more effective after the Toronto community strengthened the content and developed post-weekend meetings. In 1991, the name was changed to Retrouvaille, a French word meaning rediscovery.

Locally, couples participate in programs held six times a year at hotels. Each couple has their own room. They're not asked to share their stories. Instead, peers share theirs. The 2 1/2-day program is presented by a team of married couples and a priest. Each couple is assigned a number to maintain their anonymity.

"We're not preaching to them. We're telling them our story. What we do is teach them how to share feelings and listen to one another. Because this is a protected environment, they're able to concen-

trate on just that and realize there's something worth salvaging," said Nick O'Shea, a Chrysler retiree.

"The only thing they have to share is with their spouse," Taube said. "For me, it's extremely rewarding when you see the transformation. I'm convinced couples choose the right people to marry. I'm just as convinced too many get divorced so easy. Love takes commitment and work."

A follow-up study done two years after completing the program shows more than 80 percent of couples remain together or have reunited after divorce.

Mike and Sue Williams of Waterford went through the Retrouvaille program in October of 1995. Married for four years, they were having communication problems.

"Retrouvaille gave us the tools to focus on feelings instead of thoughts and opinions, and the ability of communicating those to our spouse. What we learned there continues to help the healing and growth of our marriage everyday," said Sue Williams, 48.

Mike Williams said in addition to that, "We learned love is a decision. Every morning now we tell each other, I made a decision to love you today."

For more information on Retrouvaille or to make pledges or donations, call (313) 237-6052.

## Zonta Club fashion show full of flair

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Diggs describes the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County Area's fashion show on Wednesday, Sept. 18, as a working woman-friendly event.

"We've had other fashion shows since the club started in 1979, but this is the second year we've done it in this manner, for the working woman," said Diggs, a Plymouth resident and Zonta Club treasurer.

"They can come on their way home, have dessert and mingle with some other interesting people, view some fashions, do some shopping and head home."

Held at the Parisian store at Laurel Park in Livonia, "Fashion Flair II" begins at 6:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and include desserts from Pfectionately Yours, and flavored coffees.

"Fashion Flair II" is a benefit for the Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County Area hopes to raise more than \$2,500 for WRC scholarships.

"It's a cooperative project between the volunteers at the Women's Resource Center and our Zonta Club with all the profits coming back here for scholarships for women, books or tuition or child care," said Sylvia Vukmirovich, chairwoman of the fashion show, and a counselor at School-

craft College.

Information about the event is available 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center at (313) 462-4443.

The ticket price is, in effect, refundable. Each ticketholder who spends \$150 or more that day or the two days immediately following the event will receive \$20 off her bill.

The show, Vukmirovich explained, will feature fall clothing and coats for women of all sizes. A representative from HCL bags will also be there to raffle off a bag. Other prizes include a \$25 gift certificate for Parisian.

Diggs said she expects a good crowd after the positive response they received at last year's event.

"Everybody seemed to respond very positively last year. Parisian had fresh people come in for the event so we had a good assortment of service people."

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization for women in business and the professions. Currently, there are more than 33,000 women in the world who are paid members and work toward the international goal of improving the status of women.

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County Area meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Anyone interested in club activities should call Evelyn Munday at (810) 476-1980.



STAFF PHOTO BY CRAIG BRILL

Preparing for event: Sylvia Vukmirovich, chairwoman of the Zonta Club's Sept. 18 fashion show, and Nancy Swanborg, director of the Women's Resource Center, look over the tickets for "Fashion Flair II" at Parisian in Laurel Park.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279.

PAINTER'S POTPOURRI The Village Painters are hosting "A Painter's Potpourri" art show and craft sale from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Entry forms are available for the fourth annual juried fine art exhibition Saturday-Friday, Oct. 5-11, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

ST. THEODORE St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is holding its annual Busy Bee Boutique craft show from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road.

Friday, Nov. 1-Saturday, Nov. 2, at the church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. In addition to the quilts, the church will feature needlework crafts.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY Applications are being accepted for crafters for Madonna University's 12th annual holiday arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-3.

FESTIVAL OF FASHION Crafters are wanted for the 24th annual Redford Suburban League "Fall Festival of Fashion Show" 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE Table rentals are available for the 11th annual Christmas bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster Road, Redford.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN Table rentals are available for crafters at the church's craft show 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 26550 Cherry Hill Road, Dearborn Heights, is holding its annual fall craft show and bake sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.

NEWBURG UNITED Needlework crafters are needed for the Newburg United Methodist Women's quilt show

1996. KETTERING SCHOOL Exhibitors are sought for Kettering Elementary School's 10th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the school, 1200 S. Hubbard, Westland.

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN Tables are available for the 15th annual arts and crafts fair at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 24931 Union, Dearborn, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold its eighth annual holiday craft show 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the church and school, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE Crafters are wanted for the 14th annual arts and crafts boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Crafters are needed for Schoolcraft College's fall craft show Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9-10, at the college 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL Dearborn High School is hosting "Arts and Crafts Extravaganza '96" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the school, 19501 Outer Drive.

ST. AGATHA'S The St. Agatha's Woman's Club is taking reservations for its fall and Christmas boutique Saturday, Nov. 23.

TIMOTHY CIRCLE Timothy Circle will present its eighth annual arts and crafts show from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River.

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# Writer has insight into other people's thoughts

## GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene, I am 41 years old and a single mother. I live in Mississauga, Ontario, with my 16-year-old son. My sole hobby is reading but I could pass the time watching funny shows on TV and in

the movies. I'm working as a part-time administrative assistant in one of the co-op housing in metro Toronto. I was visiting some friends in Livonia when I came across your column. I would love to have my handwriting analyzed and I thank you in advance, Mrs. Green, for your analysis.

M.Z.

- Canada Today's writing that eliminates loop formations and also incorporates printed forms in the body of the writing, tells us the writer adheres to a philosophy that is rational, pragmatic and get-to-the-point. She appreciates brain-storming sessions and think-tank enclaves, but only if they produce workable solutions, not wild speculation and fanciful theories. She has pared down both her writing and her thinking to the essentials. Accuracy and precision are the writer's forte. Habitually she places her emphasis on details and rarely overlooks little things. She is also thorough. Trivial things may cause her to become unsettled.

Her memory is retentive. She tends to check and double check to be certain everything has been handled to her standards. Intuition is pervasive in this

*I live in Mississauga, Ontario with my son. My sole hobby is reading but I could pass the time watching funny shows on TV and in the movies. I'm working as a part-time Administrative Assistant in one of the co-op housing in Metro Tor*

handwriting. She has quick flashes of intelligence that are more of a general impression than she would have if she actually thought about something for the same length of time. Her hunches are often more right than wrong. She can rely on her insight because she knows from experience that it is reliable. In addition she has insight into other people's thoughts and feelings.

She is loyal to family and

friends. Once an attitude is fixed it is difficult for anyone to change her mind. Loyalty serves to strengthen her purpose. Once committed, she goes all the way. She is true to those she cares for and will not let them down. Any shrinking of responsibility may cause pangs of blame or guilt. On the other hand, she expects the same unquestioning loyalty that she gives in both personal and work relationships. The writer's approach in both speech and action is direct. She seeks

efficiency and lack of waste. She is a practical person with a discerning mind and a matter-of-fact attitude. She sets realistic goals.

Her astute mind can quickly penetrate the smokescreen and get right to the point. She concentrates on the essentials and can tell the important from that which is not.

In both speaking and writing, she is concise. She uses as few words as possible and makes every word count. Her succinct style helps to move things right along.

Clarity is her main concern. She wants facts and information without embellishments. Lengthy explanations are not necessary. If she has a task to do she takes direct action. She is a speedy worker with many short cuts. She can also simplify problems. The writer is orderly and

organized. Efficiency has tremendous appeal to her. She has little patience with schedules that lack efficacy. Once she makes plans she carries them out methodically.

The writer wants to be in control of her life and be accepted by others. She may work better by herself than as a team player. With all these positive traits fulfillment seems to be eluding her.

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# Moderation Management helps problem drinkers

A national support network for people beginning to abuse alcohol, called Moderation Management (MM), has started a new chapter in the Detroit area.

Labeled as a revolutionary and needed early recovery option by a growing number of experts in the alcohol abuse field, Moderation Management is the brainchild of Audrey Kishline of Ann Arbor.

She started MM two years ago with a handful of people. There are now 60 chapters in 38 states, with the latest chapter starting in Farmington Hills.

A homemaker, mother of two young children and problem drinker, she sought help from a treatment center 10 years ago when she began to drink at harmful levels on a daily basis. As a woman with already low self-esteem, she says her treatment experience was humiliating and harmful, and resulted in an even more destructive drinking pattern: abstinence then binge drinking.

Four years ago, after discover-

ing that she was misdiagnosed as an alcoholic, and that moderation programs were common in other countries, she chose to moderate her own drinking. Frustrated that there were no self-help groups available for people who want ongoing support to reduce their drinking and want to find moderation and balance in all areas of their lives, she founded her own group.

MM's key concept is that many beginning problem drinkers can reduce alcohol consumption and avoid developing alcoholism and other health problems. That flies in the face of traditional therapies for alcohol-related problems which treat all alcohol abusers as alcoholics regardless of the level of problems experienced and are based on total abstinence from alcohol.

Kishline argues that there is a distinction between an early problem drinker who has experienced mild to moderate problems from over drinking and an alcoholic, who has become physically dependent on alcohol after long-term and heavy alcohol con-

sumption.

Unlike Canada or the United Kingdom, there are very few professional programs in the United States designed specifically for the early problem drinker. One such program, DrinkWise, is available at the University of Michigan Medical Center at Ann Arbor and at several Oakwood Hospital and clinic locations. The Ann Arbor location reports that 70 percent of its participants have dropped their consumption from 21 drinks to less than seven drinks per week.

Professionals on MM's advisory board cite studies showing that moderation or a reduced

drinking goal is a reasonable and maintainable recovery goal for many people who address a drinking problem at a very early stage. They believe that problem drinkers should be given the choice and support to attain either moderation or abstinence, Kishline said.

"There is agreement that total abstinence is the only choice for those who have reached severe stages of alcohol dependency," Kishline said. "Problem drinkers who are not successful with moderation in MM are encouraged to go on to an abstinence-based program."

People who come to MM meet-

ings are provided with information about alcohol and moderate drinking limits, behavior modification techniques, support from other members, and are encouraged to take small steps toward other positive lifestyle changes, such as diet, exercise and reducing stress.

One of the most important strengths of the program, according to Kishline, is that 30 percent of MM members go on to abstinence-based programs such as AA, Women for Sobriety, or SMART Recovery. She has received supportive letters and calls from members of AA with long-term sobriety who believe

that those who have come to AA by way of MM are more serious about the necessity of remaining sober, although many people in the treatment industry appear to be outraged by MM precepts, Kishline said.

The Farmington MM group meets 7-8 p.m. every Thursday in the Marge Brown Room of the Universalist Unitarian Church, 25301 Halsted, between Grand River and 11 Mile Road. For more information, call Moderation Management at (313) 677-6007.

## Grief series set for kids

Community Hospice Services (CHS) is offering its six-week "Connections" Children's Grief Series from Tuesday, Sept. 23-Tuesday, Oct. 29. The series, which encourages participation from parents and other caregivers, will begin at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner, followed by group sessions at 7 p.m.

Topics such as reactions and feelings associated with loss, defenses and protecting feelings,

support systems, coping and adjusting will be covered. The series concludes with a memorial service to help the children understand that their loved ones will never be forgotten, and that eventually it will be easier to remember them with less pain.

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"Accreditation is an important step for our agency. It signifies a high standard of accomplishment and service for which we are proud to be recognized," said

Dr. Ouida Cash, YLC executive director of Youth Living Centers.

Established in 1975, YLC offers a broad range of services to abused, neglected, homeless and at-risk children and families in need throughout southeastern Michigan.

From a single program, the Counterpoint Runaway Shelter and Crisis Center, YLC has grown to include 12 programs,

serving thousands of people each year.

"The accreditation process rigorously examines an agency practices with regard to such issues as personnel qualifications, ethical standards, financial management and quality of services," said David Shover, COA executive director.

"Only those agencies that meet the highest national standards are approved."

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The COA is a national accrediting body founded in 1977 to establish an independent, objective process of agency review in the field of mental health and human services. More than 620 private and public agencies in the United States and Canada are accredited by the council. In Michigan, more than 70 organizations have received accreditation through Council review.

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"The process of accreditation is

instrumental in examining our programs from a perspective

other than our own," Cash added. "With the standards of national accreditation in place, we can continue to improve our existing programs and work to make our future programs even

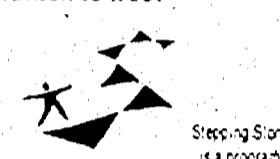
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## NEW VOICES

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**MICHELLE JONES** of Westland announces the birth of **TYLER MCKINLEY** July 3 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Michael and Joyce Kozub, and Ellisso and Larry Jones of Westland.

**BRIAN and JACQUELINE, PENSKI** of Livonia announce the birth of **SHAY JOSEPH** July 10 at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Danielle, 11. Grandparents are Dolores and Joe Zalewski of Inkster, and Stan and Lois Penski of Garden City.

**MR. and MRS. DALE RADCLIFF** of Taylor announce the birth of **MARY ANN** June 3 at Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Johnathon, 7, Erica, 6, Erin, 5, and D.J., 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Felton of Newport, Jerry Barron of Carbon Hill, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Radcliff of Westland.

**NOEL and AMANDA WILSON** of Redford Township announce the birth of **TRENTON ROBERT** June 7 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mike and Dale Boves of Garden City, Rick and Vicki Drazen of Garden City, and Robert and Debby Wilson of Tucson, Az.

**KENNETH LYLE and TAMMY LYNN JENSEN** announce the birth of **SAMANTHA ANN** June 17 at Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Steven James, 12. Grandparents are Ken and Kathy Jensen of Belleville, James Klassen of Romulus, and Susan Wahlers of Westland.

**KEVIN F. and HOLLY LYNN MASZATICS** of Garden City announce the birth of **ZACKARY HAROLD** June 20 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Francis and Joan Maszatics of Dearborn.

**DAVID and MARY GAGIN** of Garden City announce the birth of **ALEXANDER DAVID** June 28 at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Kaitlin, 2. Grandparents are Hugh and Patricia Gagin of Redford, and Patricia Sheehan of Livonia.

**DIANA and DALLAS GIBSON** of Westland announce the birth of **CODY LEE** June 14 at Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Christopher, 8. Grandparents are Don and Fran Little, and Eva Gibson of Westland.

**KELLY and BRADLEY KLUKOWSKI** of Canton announce the birth of **KEVIN BRADLEY** June 27 at Garden City Hospital. He joins a half-brother, Douglas, 13, and half-sister, Holly Lindon, 13. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Turner of Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. William David of Westland.

**CHRISTINE KELLER and RICKY ALLEN SHARPE II** of Redford announce the birth of **RICKY ALLEN SHARPE III** June 11 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sherman G. Keller of Redford.

**MICHAEL BONE** of Canton and **RENEE RYAN** of Plymouth announce the birth of **KYLE ANTHONY BONE** June 12 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Donna and David Bone of Canton, and Ron and Pam Ryan of Plymouth.

**PETER and PAMELA SHILLINGFORD** of Detroit announce the birth of **ALEX** June 18 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Brian and Ingo Shillingford of Southfield, and Don and Cathy Curtis of

Redford. **DAVID and JEAN BIDNER** of Livonia announce the birth of **KATHERINE MARY ELOISE** June 19 at Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Robert, 3. Grandparents are Mourad and Roberta Arganian of Madison, Wisc., and Jo Bidner of Brooklyn, N.Y.

**MARY and RICHARD STATON** of Detroit announce the birth of **LACEY BRIELLE** June 19 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jocelyn and Daniel Carter of Detroit, and Diane and Richard Staton of Westland.

**BRIAN and JENNIFER NIEMI** announce the birth of **KOLE EDWARD** June 24 at Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings Kristen, 10, and Kameron, 5. Grandparents are Eino and Betty Niemi of Dearborn, and Bea and Jim O'Toole of Westland.

**LORI FOSTER** of Inkster and **KEITH DONALDSON** of Canton announce the birth of **ARON CAMERON FOSTER** June 22 at Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings, Joe, 10, and Corey Foster, 4. Grandparents are Richard and Alice Foster, and Jean and David Donaldson.

**RANDY and SUSAN GASSER** of Livonia announce the birth of **AUTUMN JOY** June 21 at Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Brice, 8, and Angela, 4. Grandparents are Doris Gasser of Rittman, Ohio, and Oliver and Emma Jean Stieglitz of Grabill, Ind.

**DAWN and JOHN MOFFITT** of Garden City announce the birth of **PATRICK JOSEPH** June 21 at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Grace, 22 months. Grandparents are Robert and Peggy Butler of Livonia, and Mary Moffitt of Inkster.

**JAMES and DIANE HICKOX** of Livonia announce the birth of **KATELYN MICHELLE** July 2. Grandparents are Joe and Marcia Rosati of Livonia, and Jan and Fred Nader of Farmington Hills.

**BILL and DEBBIE BEAUDOIN** of Westland announce the birth of **JACOB WILLIAM** June 5 at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. Grandparents are Mel and Marge Tockstein of Westland, and Anne Beaudoin of Amherstburg, Ontario.

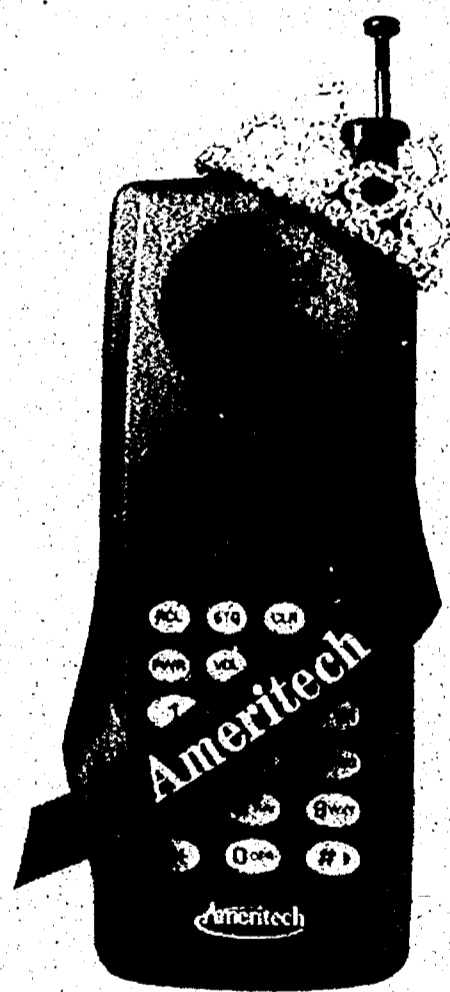
**JOHN and LAURA DESMIT** of Garden City announce the birth of **ZACHARY EDWARD** July 12 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Laurence W. Nagy, D.D.S. of Plymouth, and John E. DeSmit Sr., of West Branch.

**PAUL and CYNTHIA STANLEY** of Livonia announce the birth of **HANNAH LAKE** July 22 at Cottage Hospital, Grosse Pointe Farms. Grandparents are Alice and Stan Janusz of Sterling Heights, and Eileen Standley of Plymouth. Great-grandmother is Helen Janusz of Detroit.

**ROBERT and JACKIE SNYER** of Canton announce the birth of **ANDREW NICHOLAS** June 7. He joins a sister, Ashley, 6, and two brothers, Steven, 4, and Matthew, 2. Grandparents are Bob and Joan Snyder, and Richard and Marilyn Endlein of Livonia.

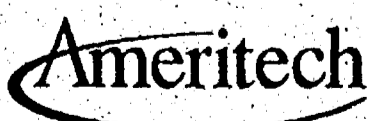
**BRETT and COLLEEN WATSON** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, **SYDNEY TAYLOR**, Aug. 6 at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. She has a brother, Ryan Keith, 1. Grandparents are Mary and Don Huson of Dearborn, Bert Donley and Joan Rutter of Plymouth, and Ken and Diane Watson of Redford. Great-grandparents are Al and Juanita Watson of Montpelier, Ohio.

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**Calabro**

August and Eleanor Calabro of Detroit were the guests of honor at a surprise 40th wedding anniversary party held Aug. 25 at Mia Mia Restaurant in Livonia.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 1, 1956, at St. Alphonsus Church in Dearborn, followed by a reception at the VFW Hall in Dearborn Heights.

The Calabros have six children - Debbie (John) Blunden of White Lake Township, August (Bernadette) of Dearborn, Thomas (Jan) of Dearborn Heights, Camille (Keith) Smith of Livonia, and David and John, both of Detroit. They have five grandchildren - Nichole and Sara of White Lake Township, Lily of Dearborn, and Tommy and Joey of Dearborn Heights. Camille and Keith Smith are expecting a child.

After retiring from the Detroit Free Press in 1992, August works part time at Joe Stacy's Golf Range in Hazel Park. Eleanor is also retired but works part time as a bus driver at Bishop Foley High School. The couple enjoys golfing.



**Blanchi**

Americo (Rico) W. and Joan Bianchi of Plymouth and Fort Myers, Fla., marked their 45th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows June 30 at St. Kenneth Church. A family dinner was held at the Roman Forum restaurant. A 20-day tour of Italy and Sicily in May was also a part of their celebration. On their trip the couple met for the first time Joan's aunt Amelia and her family.

The couple was married June 30, 1951, at St. Colman Church in Cleveland, Ohio. She is the former Joan Marrapese.

The Bianchis have three children - Richard (Rick) M. of Plymouth, Dawn Lang of Canton and Mark A. of Commerce Township. They also have four grandchildren, Gregory of Philadelphia, Pa., and Russell, Raymond and Candace Lang of Canton.

Rico retired five years ago after 40 years of employment with Ford Motor Company. Joan worked at Century 21 for 13 years.

They are active members of St. Kenneth Church and the Italian American Cultural Club of Livonia and they enjoy travelling.



**Farmer**

Les and Betty Farmer, 27-year residents of Westland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception given by their children at Roma Banquet.

They were married Aug. 24, 1946, at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Detroit. She is the former Elizabeth Pantera.

They have three children - Glenn, Linda Mason and Jeanette Abney - and five grandchildren.

Les, who retired from Ford Motor Company two years ago, has been active in the Boy Scouts for 43 years. He also volunteers as a helper for second-grade readers at Hayes School.

Betty has been active in Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts as a Girl Scout leader and Den Mother, and also as a Den Mother instructor. She has been a library aide at Hayes School for 15 years.

The couple, who are members of the PTA, enjoy volunteering for the Red Cross and going to camp with the sixth grade

**Dickmann**

Burnell and Helen Dickmann of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family.

The couple exchanged vows Aug. 24, 1946, in Perryville, Mo.

They have four children - Sharon (Robert) Dey of Fairfax, Va., Barbara (Thomas) Hagan and Lyn (William) Englund, both of Livonia, and Kurt (Mary) Dickmann of Novi. They have eight grandchildren.

He was a self-employed manufacturer's representative while his wife was a supervisor for Sears. They retired five years ago. The couple is active in their church and senior groups. They also enjoy travelling.

**Routledge**

Dr. G. Douglas and Betty Sims Routledge celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a dinner party given by their children at Appetaser Restaurant in Milford.

The couple exchanged vows July 28, 1956, in Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

The Routledges have four children - Doug Jr. (Dawn) of Mason, Dave (Kari) of Highland, Mike (Susie) of Troy, and Alisa (John) of Livonia. They have four grandchildren and another on the way.

He is a counselor while his wife is employed as a bank assistant manager. As a couple, they enjoy travelling.

**SINGLES CALENDAR**

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• Single Mingle Dance 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30 at the Historic Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Avenue, north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. D.J., cash bar, and hors d'oeuvres. Admission \$6, nice casual, no jeans.

• Pizza/Movie Night 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31. Meet in Buddys, lobby, 31646 Northwestern Highway just west of Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. After dinner enjoy a movie at Old Orchard or Americana West Theater. Dinner, \$8, all you can eat. Non-members add \$1 reservation fee. (810) 861-9909

• Volleyball/Softball and Picnic 5:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 2 at Shiawassee Field Diamonds 2 and 3, Shiawassee between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road in Farmington. If raining, meet at 5:30 p.m., Page's Restaurant, Grand River

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• Burger and Movie Night 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 at Mr. Joe's, 26077 West 12 Mile just east of Northwestern Highway, Southfield. After dinner, movies at the Old Orchard or Americana West theaters. Non-members add \$1 reservation fee. (810) 851-9909

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• First Presbyterian Church of Northville's group meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 9:45 a.m. Sundays at the church, 200 E. Main, Northville.

• Volleyball 6:30 p.m. every Sunday at Park Place Apartments, outdoor court, Eight Mile between Griswold and Meadowbrook, Northville. \$1.

• Euchre night, the second and fourth Wednesday of the month; \$4.

• Divorce Recovery Workshop 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 19, in the Library/Lounge. Series/\$30: Call for details. (810) 349-0911

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• The Rev. Paul Clough leads scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall, Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia.

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• Volleyball, 6-10 p.m. on Thursdays in Rotary Park on Six Mile.

• FYI, Single Parent group meets at 7 p.m. first and third Tuesday, the Calvin Room, Ward Presbyterian Church.

**SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES**

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**Galliers-Bennett**

Gary and Sally Galliers of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Christy Lynn of Ann Arbor, to Joseph Bradley Bennett of Ann Arbor, the son of Robert and Lynn Lagana of Redford.

A graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, the bride is a student at Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé graduated from Redford Union High School and Eastern Michigan University where he earned a degree in finance.

An October wedding is planned at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.



**Wilk-Grzanowski**

Jim and Mary Jane Wilk of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy Lynn, to Andrew Marion Grzanowski, the son of Marion and Carol Grzanowski of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School who attends Wayne State University Nursing School. She is employed by Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a Madonna University graduate who is enrolled in the PhD program in biochemistry at Wayne State University.

An October 1997 wedding is planned at Church of the Divine Child.



**Ruszkiewicz-Dickson**

Thomas and Cheryl Ruszkiewicz of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Cheryl, to Steven Milton Dickson of Ypsilanti, the son of Maryann Dickson and the late Bobby Dickson of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Canton High School and has been a licensed cosmetologist since 1991. She has completed business course work at Schoolcraft College and is employed by Cross Street Hair Station in Ypsilanti.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Franklin High School and he has completed course work at Schoolcraft College. He is employed by McKinley Properties in Ypsilanti.

An October wedding is



planned at Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia.

**Skylakos-Clifton**

Alex and Angela Skylakos of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to David Clifton, son of Kathleen Clifton and Alan Clifton of St. Clair Shores.

The bride-to-be graduated from Plymouth Salem High School and Michigan State University and is attending law school at Syracuse University in New York. Her fiancé graduated from the University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods and Columbia University in New York City.

A July wedding is planned at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.



**Quick-Valovick**

Ron and the late Janice Quick of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Meredith, to Douglas Paul Valovick, son of Paul and Sandy Valovick of Westland.

The bride-to-be graduated from Plymouth Canton High School and Albion College and is engaged in social work in Chicago. Her fiancé graduated from John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University and works in accounting.

An October wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth in October.



**Digby-Corrado**

Charles and Lee Digby of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Charlotte, to Paul Daniel Corrado, the son of Martha Makowski of Wayne.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are 1995 graduates of John Glenn High School, Westland. They are stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga.

A September wedding is planned at First Baptist Church, Wayne.



**Wilkins-Forster**

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wilkins announce the engagement of their daughter, Camille Kathryn, to Mark Charles Forster, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Forster of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1981 Lakeland High School graduate. She earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Central Michigan University in 1985, and is pursuing a master's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1979 and earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University in 1985.

They are employed by AAA



Michigan in Dearborn. An October wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

**Prost-Benton**

Bob and Betty Prost of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lynne Prost of Livonia to Scott J. Benton, the son of C.R. and Kathy Benton of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be graduated from Novi High School in 1987 and Eastern Michigan University in 1991. She is employed at Mackinac Savings Bank in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé graduated from Plymouth-Canton High School in 1986 and Eastern Michigan University in 1990. He is employed at Ford Motor Company.

A September wedding is planned in Livonia.



**Gebauer-Kruszynski**

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gebauer of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lynn, to Robert Curt Kruszynski of Garden City, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kruszynski of Glennie.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 Garden City High School graduate. She is employed by Diabetes Self Care, Livonia. Her fiancé, a 1987 Livonia Franklin High School graduate, works at Huron Valley Steel in River Rouge.

A September wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.



**Sahabi-MacRae**

Ali and Carolyn Sahabi of Southfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Tia Mariem, to Scott Jerald MacRae, the son of Gerald and Virginia MacRae of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a student at Oakland University in Rochester. Her fiancé is employed by Schulze and Burgess Co. A May 1997 wedding is planned at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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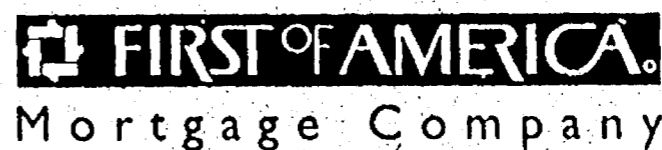
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**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" a weekly program to answer questions about the religion, is being broadcast 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. Topics include "Is Christian Science adequate care for children?" on Sept. 1, "Why would anyone join the Christian Science church as an adult?" on Sept. 8, "Why doesn't Christian Science mix prayer with medicine?" On Sept. 15, "What are Christian Science nurses?" on Sept. 22 and "What kind of person was Mary Baker Eddy really?" on Sept. 29. 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 (800) 886-1212.

**SUMMER WORSHIP**  
New Life Lutheran Church, a developing congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has traditional worship at 8:30 a.m. and alternative worship at 10 a.m. Sundays. A children's message and supervised activities area for small children are offered at both services. The congregation worships temporarily at the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, Plymouth. For more information, call Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

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The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worship services at 2 p.m. Sundays at 1075 Venoy Road, Garden City. The Rev. G. Diaz officiates. For more information, call (519) 973-8487.

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church's Men's Bible Breakfast meets from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Thursdays at Kerby's Coney Island, Six Mile and Newburg roads. All men are invited. Call Dave McNeil at (313) 522-6830 for more information.

**SINGLE POINT**  
The Single Point Ministries Olympics will be held from 7 p.m. until dark Friday, Aug. 30, at Rotary Park, Livonia. Bring your own food and a team of five persons to compete. To sign up, call the office at (313) 422-1854. Single Point Ministries also offers a time of fellowship and encouragement for single adults at 10:45 a.m. Sundays, and volleyball on Thursdays at Rotary Park from 6 p.m. until dark. The cost is \$1.

The ministries kicks off its fall seminars with a divorce recovery workshop from 7-9:30 p.m. for seven consecutive Thursdays beginning Sept. 12, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, Farmington at Six Mile roads, Livonia. Pre-registration is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. A growth seminar, with Tom Whiteman, president of Life Counseling Services, will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Knox Hall. The \$15 cost includes lunch.

The program continues on Saturday, Sept. 28, with a grief seminar with Dr. John Canine, director of Maximum Living Consultants and Cathy Clough, director of bereavement for Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor, that will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. "Stepping Stones," a program for children who have lost a parent through divorce or death, is scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. for seven consecutive Thursdays beginning Nov. 7. Registration for the program, offered to children in kindergarten through the 12th grade, begins Sept. 26. The cost is \$10. A free parents' meeting is also offered while the children are in the classes. Free child care for children aged 4 and younger is also offered. For more information, call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

**NEW BEGINNINGS**  
New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia, continues with its monthly Speaker Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, when the Rev. Chuck Sonquist discusses "Dreams and Deeper Aspects of Grief." The program is free. The church is located at 30900 W. Six Mile Road (east of Merriman). For more information, call (313) 422-6038.

Ron Winans' Family and Friends Choir, the Fairfield Four, Vanessa Bell Armstrong and her sisters, Charlene and Margaret Bell, join Witness, Christian comedian Broderick Rice and Elder Donnie McClurkin as headliners at the fifth annual Farmer Jack Motor City Praise-fest, Friday, Sept. 6-Sunday, Sept. 8, at Hart Plaza in Detroit. The event is free. For more information, call (313) 459-6969.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
Arbor Hospice is sponsoring its

12th annual memorial service and picnic dinner to celebrate the lives of loved ones who have died, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, in the pavilion on the hill at Plymouth Township Park. More than 100 Arbor Hospice staff, volunteers, families and friends will be in attendance. The Plymouth/Northville/Canton attendees will join others who have lost a loved one and have been participating in the Arbor Hospice Bereavement Groups. For more information, call Cathy Clough (800) 783-5764.

**SOUNDS OF SUMMER**  
Organist Greg Hamilton will perform during "The Sounds of Summer Organ Bash," 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile Road (at Farmington Road), Farmington. A tour of the pipe chamber follows. A freewill offering will be taken at the concert. For more information, call (810) 626-7906.

**LIFE CARE MINISTRIES**  
Life Care Ministries, a Christian crisis phone line, is seeking vol-

unteers. A 12-week training class starts Monday, Sept. 9, in Livonia. For more information, call (313) 427-1580.

**CHORUS AUDITIONS**  
The Archdiocesan Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Norah Duncan IV, is holding auditions by appointment from 6-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, and Monday, Sept. 16, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave. (at Belmont, just north of Chicago), Detroit. The Archdiocesan Chorus, estab-

lished more than 20 years ago, is the official chorus for major liturgical events at the cathedral. The chorus also performs two concerts with orchestra annually as part of the Cathedral Culture Series. Rehearsals are held at the Cathedral from 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Parking facilities are well-lit and monitored during rehearsals. Rehearsals begin Oct. 14 and end in May. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (313) 237-5782.



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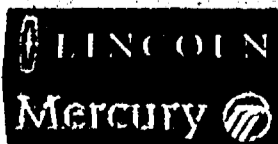
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### St. Robert's wins title

The St. Robert Bellarmine (Redford) men's softball team captured the Northwest Catholic Softball League championship on Aug. 21 by posting a 10-6 come from behind victory over St. Michael's of Livonia.

St. Robert's, coached by Don Richmond, won all six of its playoff games en route to the title.

The team posted a 10-3 record during the regular season to win its third consecutive division title. Over the last three years, St. Robert's has posted an impressive 35-6 record.

Team members include: Phil Camp, Jim Caron, Mark Drozdowski, Chuck Durant, Bob Genna, Hank Grosso, Ed "Hammy" Hamacher, Rocky McHenry, Dave McIntyre, Denny McMahon, Bob Moriarty, John Putrow, Don Richmond and Fred Stocking.

### Altounian named coach

Four-year assistant Marty Altounian was recently named varsity wrestling coach at Livonia Churchill High School.

The hiring came earlier this summer. Altounian, 29, replaces Brent Withington, who resigned for personal reasons after last season.

Currently employed as a jeweler, Altounian has also served as offensive and defensive line coach the past four seasons for the Charger varsity football team.

He is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School (1985) and played four years football (1985-89) as a standout nose guard at Wayne State University.

Altounian's assistant coach will be Rick Minard.

### Bantam icers wanted

The Livonia Knights Bantam AA Travel hockey team (ages 14-15) is seeking two players for its team. Non-district players are welcome.

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To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (313) 591-7279.

## Patriots expect results in '96

**Nine of 11 starters return on defense this season as Livonia Franklin tries to be a factor in the Western Division football race.**



BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Turn on the lights, the party is about to begin for Livonia Franklin football.

No more Saturday afternoon football for the Patriots, who take to the gridiron on Fridays with their brand new \$104,000 system.

Franklin plays its first three games on the road before its inaugural homecoming opener, Friday, Sept. 27 against Northville.

And electricity is in the air over a Franklin team which could be a sleeper this fall in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Nine of 11 starters return on defense, while six others are back on offense.

Despite a 2-7 record a year ago, six of Franklin's seven losses were by a total of 27 points. The Patriots took Class A playoff qualifier and WLAAs champ Farmington Hills Harrison to the wire before losing, 22-21. They also knocked off Class AA qualifier Livonia Stevenson.

"Last year we were in every game but two, Trenton and Walled Lake Western," Franklin second-year coach Rick Lee said. "The kids are excited about the lights. Anticipation is high, but right now we're staying focused on what needs to be done in the first four weeks. We've had a real good first two weeks of camp."

The Patriots open their season Friday, Sept. 6 at Sterling Heights Stevenson, a perennial state power



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Patriot leaders: Expectations are high as captains (from left, front) Brett Karwowski, Jay Myrand and Steve Ashbay return along with the versatile Paul Terek. In background is the varsity team running sprints.

and Class AA playoff semifinalist a year ago.

"Our most immediate goal is to win that first one, that's number one," Lee said. "To win that would be a big lift to our program."

Lee believes Franklin is improved in a number of areas.

"I think we're faster overall and the kids during the off-season did everything we asked as far as lifting (weights) and running track," he said. "And they've done the job in the classroom. Right now we

have a team G.P.A. of 3.3. The after-school study table works."

Franklin scored only a total of 99 points last year (while giving up 138), but things could change.

A veteran and huge offensive line could be one of the area's best.

Three-year starter Jay Myrand, a 6-foot, 230-pound senior, an All-Western Division pick, anchors a talented group which also includes two mammoth tackles, second-year varsity starter Matt Lawson (6-5, 280), a junior, and third-year vari-

ty member Mike Klisz (6-6, 265). Center Mike Allam (6-0, 210), a senior, was also a starter a year ago along with senior tight end Brett Karwowski (6-1, 225).

Battling for the right guard position are seniors John Maddison (5-10, 185) and Aaron Patyna (5-8, 180).

"Our offensive line has a lot of experience," Lee said. "What they'll be doing this year is adjusting throughout the game and making

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## Chargers ready to play

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

If Livonia Churchill's football fortunes are going to change, a veteran offensive line could provide the kick-start.

"We'll be an I-formation team with some tweaking from what we've done in the past," Churchill fifth-year coach Steve Naumcheff said. "We expect to score when we get inside the red zone (20-yard line)."

"We have to control the ball, and to do that we've got to get first some first downs to get us going. We're not a flash and dash type of team. Out of the box we have to push their big guys out to get some yardage."

Churchill's football woes during the 1990s are well documented. The Chargers are 1-53 during the decade, including back-to-back winless seasons. They have lost 19 straight dating back to 1993 (against Farmington).

What separates this Churchill team from others?

"I'd say the quiet persistence that our veterans are offering the program," Naumcheff said. "From our vets to our seniors, they've done it throughout the year. We're really a bunch of no names with no returning all-leaguers. But they're confident as a team and we'll do our maximum, which is all you can ask for."

The offensive line returns captain Nic Wight, a 6-foot-1, 190-

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pound senior who moves from center to tackle.

The other returnees include senior tackle Bob Fowler (6-1, 230) and senior guard and co-captain Joe Ramlawi (5-7, 205). Junior Brett Wells (6-2, 210) will start at the other guard.

The center slot is up for grabs between two sophomores Brian Demos (6-0, 170) and Jon Schwartz (5-10, 170), along with senior Eric Weir (6-1, 225).

"The offensive line is our strong suit as far as experience," Naumcheff said. "And because of our veterans on the offensive line, that's where we've got to hang our hat and control the ball, along with doing a good job on special teams."

Calling the Charger signals will be senior co-captain Nathan Jerome (6-1, 160), a starter since the fifth game of his sophomore season.

"He has the versatility to throw and run," Naumcheff said. "He's a competitor and his knowledge of the game continues to grow. He's been through a lot of tough experiences. He has a lot of game experience and has shown a lot of resilience."

With all-purpose leader Todd Wilson having transferred last January to nearby Stevenson, the Chargers will depend on

senior David Murphy (5-11, 175), who has been plagued by injuries the past two seasons, to fill the void at running back.

Sophomore Ryan Kearney (6-0, 150), the Western Lakes Activities Association 110-meter hurdles champ as a freshman, will be the wingback.

Another sophomore, Carey Tulik (6-0, 185), along with senior Vinnie Ascione (6-0, 180) will contest for the fullback job, according to Naumcheff.

The wide receiver spot will be shared by senior returnee Matt McCormick (6-1, 175), junior Dave Derigiotti (5-9, 180) and junior Pat Gruska (6-2, 180).

Both Brian Scudds (5-10, 210) and Nick McGowan (5-9, 150), a pair of seniors, return at tight end.

Defensively, the Chargers will play a 3-2.

Most notable losses to graduation were linebackers George Shanlikian, a first-team All-Observer pick, and Jason Kopchak. Both are members of the Wayne State University team.

"That position is wide open," Naumcheff said. "Demos, Scudds and (senior) Brandon Henderson (5-9, 190) are in the forefront. And junior Nick Lamb (5-10, 190) is also vying."

The defensive front-three will include Ascione, senior Nate

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Churchill veterans: Livonia Churchill will rely on returnees (from left) Matt McCormick, Joe Ramlawi, Nic Wight and Nathan Jerome this season.

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BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's opener was spoiled Tuesday as Dearborn Fordson's Lady Tractors roared back for a 54-47 girls basketball overtime win.

The host Spartans led most of the way until Fordson, last year's Mega-Red Division co-champions, put on a late spurt behind the play of sisters Zeinab and Nazek Mroueh.

The 5-foot-10 Zeinab, a bruising three-year starter at center, finished with a game-high 26 points and 18 rebounds. She also made a clutch basket inside with only seven seconds remaining in regulation to knot the count at 41-41.

Then Nazek, who was quiet most of the night, came alive during four-minute extra session by scoring eight of her 10 points, including a long triple with 1:56 left to give the Lady Tractors a five-point cushion.

"I kept telling our girls during the timeouts that we need to get over this hump," Fordson coach Guy Del Guidice said. "We

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Working OT**

**Fordson's late rally sinks Spartans, 54-47**

played catch-up the whole game. "When we went to our full-court man-to-man pressure it turned it around for us and maybe it made them play faster than they like. For the first game we showed a lot of character."

Stevenson, which led by as many as eight points during the third quarter, shot a miserable eight of 40 from the field over the final 20 minutes.

"Part of it was poor shot selection and we weren't crashing the boards like we had earlier in the game," said Stevenson coach Wayne Henry. "We just got soft on the boards. And they (Fordson) were able to get put-backs and free throws."

The Spartans, however, led 40-37 on a basket by Carolyn Courtright with 1:26 to play, but Jessica Smith countered with a give-and-go hoop off a set-play coming out of a timeout with 1:04 to go.

Stevenson's Melissa Backus split a pair of free throws with just under 33 seconds remaining to give her team a two-point advantage.

Fordson then threw the ball away 13 seconds later, but regained possession after the trail official ruled the ball had been deflected.

Mroueh then sent the game into OT with her clutch hoop.

"Zeinab had just two points last year against this team (Stevenson) and wanted to prove something," Del Guidice said. "She hurt her shoulder early diving for a loose ball and most girls would have come out, but not Zeinab."

Stevenson, with virtually a brand new starting lineup, had a more balanced scoring attack.

Backus, Lindsay Wilhelm and Gina Palmeri each tallied nine, while Jackie McClowry chipped in with eight. Courtright added six.

"Even though we had the lead, we weren't doing anything dominating enough for the other team to roll over and play dead," Henry said. "They were still very much in the game."

The Spartans also could have put it away at the free throw line, but shot only 13 of 29 (44.8 percent). But Fordson was just

as inept from the stripe, canning just 11 of 27 (40.7 percent).

"Basically we have five new starters on the floor," Henry said. "I was pleased with the way they played most of the game and I think the people in the stands were surprised with the way they played."

"We did some good things offensively, but when you experience the pressure without the a lot of varsity experience, they were forced to make some bad decisions."

"We just have to be patient because of the inexperience factor."

Mroueh scored all 10 of Fordson's points in the opening quarter, but only had a total of 12 during the next three periods. She added four in OT.

"Part of it was fronting her early-on," Henry said. "Palmeri had some deflections, but then they made better lob passes and the weak-side help was not there. The girls guarding her understood who they had to stop, but not the rest of the team."

**Thurston topples Pats; Lions devour Rockets**

Redford Thurston and Redford Union earned berths in the championship game of the Redford Union Girls Basketball Invitational with victories Tuesday night.

Thurston rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Livonia Franklin, 34-30, while RU had an easier time against Ypsilanti, 45-27.

The teams played for the championship Wednesday night at RU. Thurston trailed 24-19 after three quarters before overtaking Franklin with a 15-6 advantage in the final eight minutes.

Jessica Lanto led Thurston with nine points. Jennifer Medina added seven points, making seven of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter to help the Eagles hold on to their lead.

"Our defensive play helped create offense," Thurston coach Mike Schuette said. "It wasn't a real offensive game, it was a hot day."

Franklin, which led 16-15 at halftime, was led by Julie Warner's 13 points. Randi Wolfe added six.

**LATHRUP 53, CHURCHILL 33:** A young Livonia Churchill squad showed its youth Tuesday, losing to visiting

outscored Glenn 12-10 in the fourth quarter.

Senior guard Kathie Suda led Glenn with 15 points. Freshman forward Samantha Crews added nine.

Three Lions reached double figures, led by Brooke Rath's 21. Shannon Kroil and Lisa Wesa scored 13 and 12 points, respectively.

"Rath was amazing," Denison said. "She can shoot the ball from 15 feet away and runs the court with the ball well."

**BENEDICTINE 66, LUTH. WESTLAND 28:** Lutheran Westland's season began the year on a losing note Tuesday as the Warriors fell to Detroit Benedictine in the first game of the Royal Oak Shrine Tournament.

The Ravens dominated from start to finish, taking a 19-8 lead after one quarter and extending the margin to 33-13 by halftime and 52-17 after the third quarter.

Senior guard Jenny Twietmeyer paced the Warriors with 11 points. Benedictine was led by junior guard Patrice Hearns' 19 points.

"Speed was a big difference tonight," Westland coach Ron Gentz said. "We converted only eight of 24 free throws and missed 11 layups in the first three quarters, which didn't help. We may have been able to keep the game closer, but the better team definitely won."

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The Bulldog Puppy program (8 and under), coached by Patrice Gould, will also practice from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday at Schoolcraft College. (The pool is located in the Physical Education Building on the southeast corner of the campus.)

For more information, call club president Rod Whitbeck (810) 380-3407; Joe Carlin at (313) 464-0663; Dave Wuensch at (810) 477-7754; or Gould at (313) 459-0887.

**CLARENCEVILLE SWIM CLUB**  
Registration for the Clarenceville Swim Club, home of Olympic gold medalist Sheila Taormina, will be 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, starting Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The school is located on Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile roads. There is no registration deadline. All abilities are welcome.

A general membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the Clarenceville High School cafeteria. Parents are welcome.

For more information, call Mary Ellen Mathie at (810) 476-6659.

**STINGRAYS SWIM CLUB**  
The Michigan Stingrays Swim Association will conduct registration at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Farmington Hills Public Library on 12 Mile Road.

The Stingrays, a non-profit, age-group swimming program, are entering their 26th year.

Practice sessions begin Tuesday, Sept. 3, at Harrison High School and continue through March. Youths who register can swim the first week at no cost.

For information call Cindy Steff at (810) 478-4484.

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"The tournament is limited to the first 20 teams. The entry fee is \$100 per team. Referees will be provided.

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**Menopause Support** - Michael Gatt, M.D., an obstetrician/gynecologist at St. Mary Hospital, will discuss "Hormone Replacement Therapy" at the Marian Women's Center 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B near the south entrance off Levan road. The menopause support group gives women the opportunity to share with others in a private, confidential, relaxed environment, questions and concerns about menopause and other mid-life health and personal items. For more information, call (313) 655-3314. The Marian Women's Center is adjacent to St. Mary Hospital at Five Mile and Levan roads, Livonia.

**Bloodmobiles** - The following are American Red Cross bloodmobiles open to the community during the month of September: Thursday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at State Farm Insurance, 14021 Middlebelt (training room). For appointments, call (313) 513-3907; Sunday, Sept. 15, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail (Fellowship Hall). For appointments, call (313) 422-0149; Thursday, Sept. 19, from 2-8 p.m. at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 29015 Jamison (activities center), Livonia. For appointments, call (313) 427-3718.

**Pain Management** - A symposium for patients and caregivers dealing with pain will be held 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Madonna University at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. The program, sponsored by the nursing departments of Madonna and Oakland Community College, will increase awareness on the multi-dimensional nature of pain and will educate patients and caregivers about pain management and self-care. "Taking Charge of Your Pain" includes workshops on adaptive exercise, communicating/explaining pain, depression, humor, pain medication, meditation and patients rights. Neal Shine, retired publisher of the Detroit Free Press and a cancer survivor, will deliver the keynote address. Registration is \$5 in advance (by Aug. 30) or \$6 at the door. For more information, call Nancy Krieger at (810) 471-3133.

**Participants needed for cancer study** - Researchers at Detroit's Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute are looking for area women to participate in a study for breast cancer prevention. The Breast Cancer Prevention Trial, established in 1992, is an international effort to determine whether the drug tamoxifen can prevent breast cancer. Tamoxifen has already proven effective treatment of breast cancer, to prevent recurrence in women already diagnosed with the disease. To be eligible, women must be 35 years or older, with a family history of breast cancer or a personal history of benign breast biopsies. Participants will receive either the drug or a placebo. For more information, call Erica Anderson at (313) 745-9600 or Ann Marie Ferris at (313) 993-0097.

**NICU survivor picnic** - Oakwood Healthcare System is hosting its 13th annual NICU Reunion Picnic for former Neonatal Intensive Care Unit patients of the Oakwood Hospital or Medical Center-Dearborn and Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne NICU departments. The picnic will be held 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road. For more information, call (313) 593-8750.

**Open Heart Open** - Oakwood Healthcare System is sponsoring a golf outing to benefit its Cardiology Center of Excellence to reduce heart disease. The 18-hole outing is set for Monday, Sept. 9, at Dearborn Country Club. Cost is \$150 per person for Open Heart status and \$200 for Friend of Open Heart designation. Each includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and dinner. For more information, call (313) 791-1234.

**Living with Cancer group** - Community Hospice Services and Comprehensive Hematology Oncology Physicians are co-sponsoring a free six-week group for people coping with cancer, their family and friends. The group meets for two hours on Thursdays beginning at 6 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Mercury-Hubbard Building, 4900 Mercury Drive, in Dearborn. The group is offered free of charge. For more information and registration, call Maureen Karby at (313) 522-4244.

**Smoking cessation classes** - St. Mary Hospital will offer a series of four smoking cessation classes, "Smoke-free Living," 7-9 p.m. Sept. 9, 12, 16 and 19 in Pavilion Conference Room B. The \$25 course fee includes all materials. For more information, call (313) 655-2922 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1650. Registration is requested by Sept. 2. St. Mary Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, is located at Levan in Livonia.

**Infant care** - St. Mary Hospital is holding an infant care class 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 12 and 19, taught by a registered nurse. The first class, "Getting To Know Your Newborn," focuses on care of your well infant, including feeding, bathing, sleep and activity habits. The second class, "Caring for the Sick Infant," features infant safety, such as how to childproof your home, immunizations and signs of illness. The class is not just for parents, but anyone who cares for infants. Cost of the class is \$18 for one session or \$35 for both. For more information, call (313) 691-3314.



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**Healthy kids:** Scenes like this will be repeated throughout western Wayne County on "Super Saturday," Saturday, Sept. 7. Pictured here are Erin Klei, 3, and her father, David, and Mary Lou Anolick, RN, of St. Mary Hospital at a free immunization clinic last Saturday at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. The special event was sponsored by St. Mary Hospital, Wonderland Mall, and A&W Restaurant.

## 'Super Saturday'

### Hospitals team up to offer free immunizations



Proper immunizations can prevent serious childhood disease. That's why area hospitals, the county health department and other sponsors are joining together to make Saturday, Sept. 7 a special day.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

As part of the statewide campaign to "Immunize Your Little Michigander," the Michigan Department of Community Health, Wayne County Health Department, local hospitals, McDonald's, Meijer, Blue Cross Blue Shield and other sponsors are joining together to offer free immunizations on "Super Saturday."

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, the following locations will accept walk-ins: Oakwood Healthcare Center, 2345 Merriman in Westland; Mission Health Center, 37595 W. Seven Mile, Livonia; and Westside OB/GYN, 5800 N. Lilley Road, Canton. Pre-registration is not required. Parents should bring their child's immunization record.

"Super Saturday" is targeting ages birth to 2 but children of any age will be immunized. For more information, call 1-800-26-BIRTH.

"The purpose is to increase the number of children vaccinated from age 0-2 because the state came in dead-last last year nationally. The reason is, it's so hard to reach children because they're not in school," said Jan Arsanault, Wayne County

Health Department immunization coordinator.

"Proper immunization can prevent serious childhood diseases which can be life-threatening and fatal to children. Although vaccines are available we still see cases of measles, mumps and rubella. We live in a small world these days. People are coming in from other countries with childhood diseases. We have to maintain the level of vaccinations."

According to Arsanault by age 2 children need four DPT, three Hepatitis B, three oral polio, four Hib and one measles, mumps and rubella. Measles may not seem dangerous but it can cause serious complications such as pneumonia, and brain inflammations leading to convulsions, hearing loss and mental retardation.

During Donald Lawrenchuk's 14 years as medical director of the Wayne County Health Department, one of the saddest and most preventable deaths he documented was that of a little girl who had not been immunized against measles. The child's father had signed a personal waiver during the 1989-91 outbreak which nationwide caused more than

130 deaths, half of whom were young children. Two of every 1,000 children who catch measles dies from it. Add to the high numbers of children unvaccinated because of waivers, the fact that vaccines on average are only 95 percent effective and you begin to see the danger.

Parents are encouraged to call, come and get their children up to date. Under age 2, only 64 percent of Michigan children are vaccinated, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"The national average is 75 percent," said St. Mary Hospital's wellness program coordinator Marianne Simanek, a registered nurse.

St. Mary Hospital is making immunizations available at the Canton OB/GYN office.

Besides the Westland location on "Super Saturday," Oakwood Healthcare System and Garden City Hospital will also offer free immunizations to the first 100 children attending its "Safety in the Park" program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail and Edward Hines Drive, Westland. Although bicycle and inline skating safety is the thrust of the day, immunizations as well as blood pressure screening will also be available.

The safety event is cosponsored by Wayne County Parks, D&D Bicycle, AAA Michigan and Dearborn Heights Rotary.

"We're participating in Super Sat-

urday because we don't find these kids until they enter kindergarten. Accessibility and awareness are some of the reasons children aren't being immunized," said Suzanne Truskowski, Oakwood Healthcare System's Keep Kids Safe team leader.

McDonald's will provide orange drink and cookies for children after vaccination at the health clinics. According to spokeswoman Michelle Fournier, McDonald's has been a strong supporter of immunizations. Bag stuffers and trayliners listing immunization sites and schedules will be utilized in more than 200 of their southeast Michigan locations now through Sept. 7.

The Michigan Ronald McDonald House Charities will underwrite the production of materials to help parents identify which immunizations are required and at what ages children should receive them. Health department volunteers will distribute the materials in McDonald restaurants on "Super Saturday."

"McDonald's cares about families and we want to do all we can to encourage parents to immunize their children on time in order to help them stay healthy," said Brian O'Mara, senior regional marketing manager for McDonald's Corp.

"Immunization education is part of our long-standing commitment to kids and follows the tradition of the Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald House Charities."

## Medical chief outlines HIV/AIDS policy

By MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

Once again, the new school year packs together in classrooms large groups of students and teachers who mix and mingle with each other every weekday.

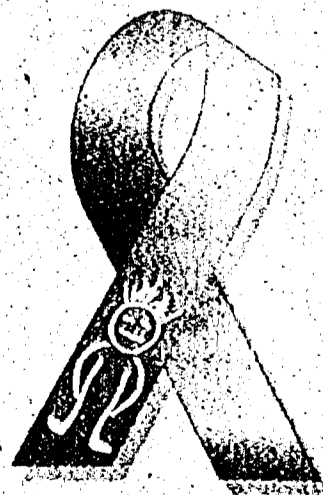
As medical director for Wayne County's Medical Department, Donald Lawrenchuk, M.D., has a unique view of those thousands of classrooms spread across 33 school districts in Wayne County: the chance of not finding in each district a person affected with the HIV/AIDS virus is remote.

"This exists in such large numbers today that it's incomprehensible to think someone in those districts is not affected," Lawrenchuk said. "The numbers are large enough that every school district has a number of HIV-infected peo-

ple. They could be students, teachers, administrators. Experts feel comfortable in general in allowing these kids be put in the school environment. In casual situations, risk is not there. It's not zero, but close to zero."

Keeping HIV/AIDS victims in class might be alarming to persons unfamiliar with the virus. When dealing with loved ones sitting next to an infected person, panic can set in and logic go out the window.

But the federal government and the state of Michigan believe so



strongly that an HIV/AIDS person can't infect others in a classroom that they have a mandate written into law that prohibits excluding persons from a class because they have the virus.

Federal law considers an HIV/AIDS person handicapped, and prohibits discrimination against them.

The only way an HIV/AIDS child can be kept out of class is if the child bites or scratches another child or has open body lesions, Lawrenchuk said.

Persons with other communica-

ble conditions may be excluded from class and kept out until the condition no longer exists.

"When a health professional or a building administrator suspects a child has a communicable condition, except for HIV/AIDS, they may exclude that student to get a determination by a professional," Lawrenchuk said. "The student may return when there no longer is a communicable disease."

In 1993, Lawrenchuk's department sent a 3-inch-thick manual to every private and public school in Wayne which explained the legal rules for communicable diseases.

There is no requirement under Michigan law that others in the classroom be told of the student

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**ASSOCIATION OFFICER**

Gerald M. Belian, vice president of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers of Plymouth, has been elected president-elect of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.

The society represents professional engineers, engineers-in-training and students throughout Michigan. It is an affiliate of the National Society of Profes-

sional Engineers that has more than 60,000 members, 2,650 of whom are Michigan Society members.

**NEW VICE PRESIDENT**

Joe Gray has been named vice president, wheel-end products, at Bosch Braking Systems-Americas in South Bend, Ind. Gray is responsible for leading Braking Systems' wheel-end products business enterprise. In addition, Gray retains responsibility as president of Braking Systems' ABS group and remains a member of the Bosch Braking Systems global management team. Gray joined Braking Systems in



Gray

February 1995 and was previously president of Bundy Corp. in Warren and before that was vice president of manufacturing for VarsityKelsey-Hayes in Livonia. He holds a bachelor's degree in aviation engineering from Western Michigan University. He will be based in Braking Systems' facility in Farmington Hills.

**JOINS LAW FIRM**

Anthony J. Mavrinac has joined the Detroit office of the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone. As an associate in the finance and development department, he will be involved in local and



Mavrinac

national real estate finance matters. He is a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, and received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College. Prior to joining Miller Canfield, he was associated with the law firm of Day, Berry and Howard of Hartford, Conn. He lives in Plymouth Township.

**NEW ACCOUNT REPS**

Dynamic People of Livonia has added two new account representatives. Ann VanGorden of Pinckney joined the staff in May as a senior account representative and will be serving Livonia and the northwest suburbs. Frose "Flo" Cannon of Canton Township joined the firm in August as an account representative and will be serving Downriver and the southwest suburbs. Additionally, Lisa Muzzin was

promoted from operations manager to branch manager. Muzzin is a resident of White Lake and has been with Dynamic People for three years.

**JOINS SPICER**



Woodcock

Jean Woodcock, formerly of Livonia, recently joined Spicer Engineering Company of Saginaw as a staff engineer. She is a recent graduate of Lawrence Technological University of Southfield with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. She is working in the environmental engineering department. Woodcock is a 1992 graduate of Stevenson High School. She is the daughter

of Craig Woodcock of Redford Township and Sue Woodcock of Livonia.

**JOINS BREWER**

Shauna Iciek has joined Brewer Associates Marketing Communications of Livonia as a media planner. Iciek is a Kalamazoo native and a recent graduate of the University of Arkansas. She received a bachelor's degree in journalism with an emphasis in advertising and public relations. Iciek was an account executive and feature news reporter for the Arkansas Traveler, the student newspaper at the university. Before joining the Traveler staff, Iciek was an announcer for National Public Radio in Fayetteville, Ark., and helped produce and anchor a student news program called "Arkansas on Campus."

*Many investors fall prey to undercurrents*



ARTHUR E. ZASKE

The investment media heartily enjoy touting Warren Buffet, Peter Lynch, George Soros and the like. Each has gained superstar status. Each is considered a successful investor and a

the engineering department, as his engineers are consumed with moving their 401(k) money daily to catch the best performers. However, most investment counselors realize that constantly "changing horses" usually leads to poor performance.

**Switching generates risk**

When investors bounce in and out of funds, additional risk is created over and above the inherent risk of the investment. Here are three classic investor mistakes:

- **Buying high:** Investors tend to pour money into funds after a clear uptrend has been going for awhile, usually after the best gains have been achieved.

- **Selling low:** Investors often bail out of long-term investments during a perceived temporary market decline.

- **Investment through the "rear view mirror":** Investors often buy mutual funds that performed best during the past few years. Inevitably, in the next few years, different funds do better. Many investors then switch funds into the "next" last year's winner.

So why is everyone trying so hard to win?

We live in a very competitive society that equates success with winning. Our tremendous preoccupation with sports at all levels reveals this. It is no longer popular to be a fan of the home team unless they are winning. Sports fans and commentators seem to enjoy bashing professional athletes, coaches and owners for not doing what it takes to win.

Now, put those same public sports antagonists in the private world of their own chosen activity and the standard changes.

Picture the start of the Boston

Marathon. There are thousands of runners, but there are only 15 or so who are really running to win. All of the rest are running to achieve some very personal goal - a personal best time or the simple joy of finishing.

While some are natural runners, others are physically handicapped, overweight, or very young or very old. Many are even pushing child carriers. Each has a specific personal goal in mind. If a runner achieves his or her personal goal, do they not win? Are they not successful?

**Successful investors**

Psychologists call reaching one's personal goal self-actualization. We believe it is more important for an investor to be self-actualizing than it is for the investor to get the best return. That sounds pretty self-serving coming from a conservative investment counselor, until one considers the "Ying and Yang" relationship between return and risk.

It is a fact of life that these characteristics are joined at the hip. High risk means high return. Low risk means low return. The same forces that drive investors to seek the best return are driving them to take the greatest risk.

Each investor assumes risk. The amount of risk the investor is comfortable with should be a part of his or her guiding precepts and overall investment objective.

Successful investors measure financial objectives in absolute dollars, not relative percentages. In order to pay for the children's education, buy that retirement home, or achieve and maintain a comfortable lifestyle, investors must have absolute dollars. Percentage points do not pay the bills. An investment loss is a

loss of absolute dollars. It can change one's life. Suddenly, seeking higher percentage-point returns on an investment portfolio may not be as important as avoiding high risk and a debilitating loss of capital.

**Balance risk with return**

Why should an investor take any more risk than necessary to achieve his or her specific personal objective? Is it to get there faster?

Ultimately, the level of returns an investor seeks will determine how fast the investor must go. However, there are greater risks to going faster. The marathon runner understands those risks - muscle cramps, injury, dehydration, exhaustion, heart attack - all of which can cause a runner to fail in the attempt to reach their goal. The faster an investor tries to go, the more likely a debilitating loss will occur.

But trust in the fact the few who escape disaster will be published, held up as the truly successful investors.

Are you a successful investor? Are you on track to reach your financial goals? Are you comfortable with that risk?

If you can answer these questions positively, you are a successful investor. If you are unsure, perhaps you should talk to a financial advisor, because there is no reason why any rational investor cannot be successful - unless you believe that you have to get the best return to be successful.

Arthur E. Zaske is co-founder of Zaske, Sarafa & Associates, Inc., an investment counsel firm in Birmingham. Zaske is presently principal and chief investment office of ZSA. The ZSA Website is: <http://www.zsa.com>

**Madonna University to present seminars**

Three seminars, presented live by satellite at Madonna University, will allow participants to learn from experts in the fields of business, time management and self-employment.

Tailored for managers, business owners, corporate executives and entrepreneurs, the Seminar by Satellite program kicks off on Tuesday, Oct. 8, with "The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success as Applied to Business: A Practical Approach."

Best-selling author Deepak Chopra will share his insights

about the power of self-knowledge and how it can lead to greater productivity and career success.

"Time Management: It has nothing to do with watching the clock" will be broadcast Tuesday, Oct. 29 with Hyrum Smith, chairman of the Franklin Quest Co., producers of the Franklin Day Planner Time Management System.

"Finding Your Perfect Work: the new career guide to making a living and creating a life" will conclude the program on Tues-

day, Nov. 19. Presenters Paul and Sarah Edwards are the authors of six best-selling books on self-employment.

They will share key strategies to becoming successfully self-employed.

All three seminars are presented at Madonna University at I-96 and Levan road in Livonia.

The seminar begins at 12:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall with an introductory presentation by a Madonna University faculty member, followed by the live interactive satellite broadcast.

The seminar will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

Cost for each satellite seminar is \$25 per person, with group discounts available when more than one person from a business enrolls, or if an individual enrolls in more than one seminar.

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FRIDAY



Tom Arnold stars in the family-comedy, "The Stupids" opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



The Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine, Rochester, presents its Celebrate Michigan Artists exhibit to Sept. 27. Show here is the first place entry, "Grandma's Attic," a mixed media wallpiece by Valerie Mann, call! (810) 651-4110.

SUNDAY



Gin Blossoms open up for Neil Young and Crazy Horse with Steve Earle at Pine Knob Music Theatre, (810) 377-0100. See story inside



**HOT TIX:** Armored knights on horseback vie for Queen Gwendolyn's favor at the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly.

## STUDENTS COME TO FESTIVAL TO PLAY

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

**J**azz is the only music that we can claim as ours, and its future rests with the next generation. This year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 at Hart Plaza downtown on Jefferson will feature 105 events on four stages including headliners, Kenny Burrell, Stanley Turrentine, Carla Bley, Jimmy Smith, Toots Thielemans, Jimmy Witherspoon, Jane Ira Bloom, Straight Ahead, Chico Hamilton, Henry Threadgill, Jane Bunnett, Orange Then Light Blue, Randy Johnston, A. Spencer Barefield, Malachi Thompson, Tom Peron and Bud Spangler.

See festival schedule inside

But Montreux is outstanding, not only because it draws international talent, but because of its educational component.

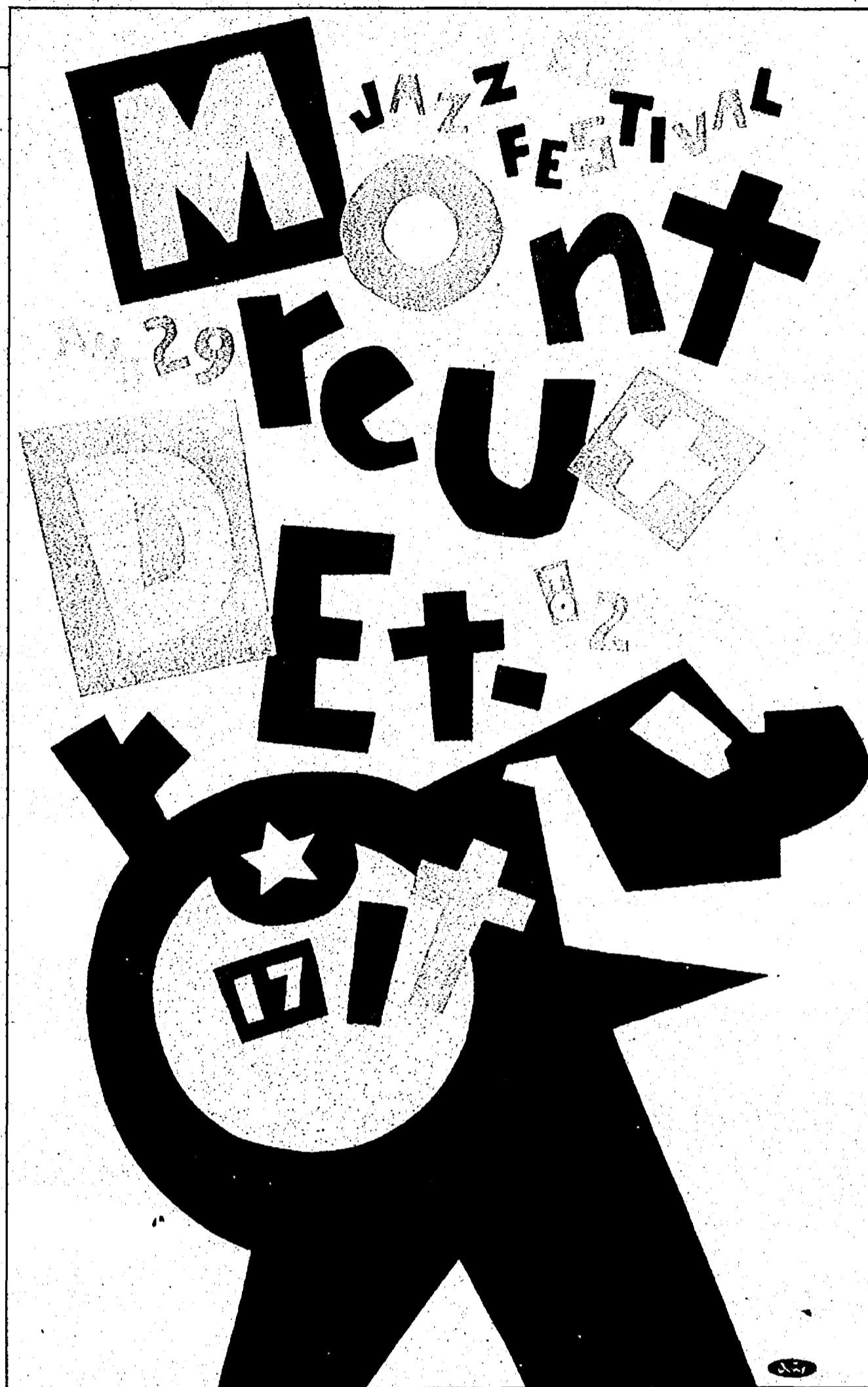
One of the four stages — Hudson's Bop Shop, will feature middle school, high school, and college groups. At the Pepsi Jam Academy Stage, a tented venue, student and amateur musicians can participate in free clinics and jam sessions.

"We wanted to make these educating events as easy to attend as possible," said festival director Jim Dulzo. "So they are free and located right in the middle of all the action. Anybody interested in learning to play jazz can attend. Just show up, and if you have a horn or guitar, bring it. We'll have a piano, bass and drums on-site."

Seven top Michigan jazz artists — Ed Gooch, Jack Pierson, Phil Lasley, Donald Walden, Chris Collins, Andrew Speight and Teddy Harris — will each offer a 75-minute clinic on jazz improvisations. These clinics sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Jazz Association, take place 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 to Monday, Sept. 2. There is no 5 p.m. clinic on Monday.

The nightly student jam sessions were "the surprise new hit of last year's festival," said Dulzo. "A lot of students and amateurs showed up and had a fine time jamming with an excellent trio from Wayne State University. The jam sessions take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, and 5:15-7:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2.

Jazz is passed on generation to generation by professional musicians. Geri Allen-Roney featured in Robert Altman's "Kansas City," said Marcus Belgrave "was like a musical father. I've learned so much from him." Roney, who



Poster: Scott Whaley of Rochester Hills, senior art director at J. Walter Thompson Detroit, designed this year's Montreux Jazz Festival poster.

performed at the Birmingham Jazzfest in July, studied with Belgrave while attending Cass Technical High School in Detroit

As a youngster, Brad Felt of Bloomfield Hills, who, with the exception of last year, has played his tuba at every Montreux Jazz Festival since its inception, was inspired by musicians who visited his school.

"Some of my favorite gigs this year were in local high schools and junior highs," said Felt who presented concerts with well known local saxophonist Steven Wood. "After the concert we had an open forum and invited the students to play with us."

This year, for the first time, Felt will be performing with his own Quartet — drummer Danny Spencer of San Francisco, formerly Detroit, who has played with Joe Henderson, Bobby Hutcherson and other top musicians, Paul Keller on bass, and Jacob Sacks, piano.

"It's important for me to show tuba can lead a

small group and be the only horn," said Felt who sees bright spots on the jazz horizon. He and 89 other musicians performed at the successful Second Annual Michigan Jazz Festival at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills on July 21. A week later, jazz fans flocked to Birmingham for the fourth annual Jazzfest. "It's nice to see other things popping up," said Felt. "Montreux helps give jazz more impetus. Jazz is for everybody, but it's not part of pop culture. It's not presented with the hugeness and dollars behind it that pop music is."

Focus: HOPE's Community Arts Department with jazz pianist/musicologist Harold McKinney is presenting a program for children ages 4-12. McKinney's program 2:45-3:45 p.m. each festival day, combines the NewBop prose of jazz history with improvisation to explain how certain jazz rhythms and phrases can trace their origins to African tribal drum rhythms and early African American music.

EXHIBITION

## Counter-culture illustrator makes 'Fiction Burn'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

When Glen Barr was growing up in Livonia, he never dreamed one day he'd make a living as an illustrator designing for such diverse mediums as advertising and animated videos. Many of the original artworks created for these commercial venues, and a series of recent paintings, are featured in his one-man show at C Pop Gallery in Royal Oak.

Barr's counterculture-themed "Fiction Burn" takes viewer from a seedy smoke-filled strip club on Michigan Avenue to two cars racing a locomotive in "Beat the Devil."

"You can inject your own scenario into it. Michigan Avenue was from an experience I had. Most of it's influenced by B movies from the 1950s," said Barr. "What I hope people get is some kind of exhilaration. They're kind of adrenaline-boasting visuals."

Created especially for the show over the last few months, many concepts for the paintings come from sketchbooks that he constantly fills while sitting in front of the TV, among other places. Some of the

### "Fiction Burn"

**What:** A one-man show of paintings, cartoons, album and magazine covers by Glen L. Barr.

**Where:** 515 S. Lafayette at Sixth in the Old Church, Royal Oak; (810) 398-9999, through Aug. 31. However, most of the work will remain on exhibit until Sept. 7.

ideas were inspired by friends, and their cars, others by dreams. To begin one of the acrylics-on-Masonite, he simply transcends the present, "feels like a director and sets up a scene."

An admirer of the Old Masters, the Ferndale resident uses a palette similar to Dutch painters. Sepia dominates a portrait of a nude female standing erect on the edge of a wooden chair in "The Girl." Barr miniaturizes the figure to produce a looming, surreal sensation. In the background, her shadow crouches, appearing to be tortured by some sort of inner demons.

Barr works in layers, varnishing each one as it's completed. Then he sets the piece aside for a couple of days to allow time to decide "where to take it from there" because he's "constantly growing" as an artist. All of the frames Barr creates from found objects. Unfinished wood slats surrounding "The Girl" give the piece a raw, cutting-edge look.

Best known for creating the background illustrations that helped launch the animated Nickelodeon series "Ren and Stimpy," Barr has illustrated album covers ranging from MCA's "Saturday Morning Cartoons" by alternative bands to "Which Doobie U.B."

While taking art classes at Livonia Franklin High School, Barr realized how lucrative the graphic arts could be as he designed T-shirts in marker for other students. After graduating from Center for Creative Studies College of Art and Design in Detroit, he worked as an illustrator for Skidmore Inc. in Southfield. At night, he freelanced in a Royal Oak studio until, finally, he'd paid his dues as his litany of



Beat the Devil: Glenn Barr lets the viewer decipher the intent of this large scale painting priced at \$5,000.

accomplishments demonstrates. W.B. Doner commissioned him to design a Diego Rivera poster for the Detroit Grand Prix in 1989. In 1995 and 1996, he created T-shirts for New York designer Anna Sui's spring and fall lines. From illustrating D.C. Comics series to the intro for Tim Allen's "Home Improvement" show, Barr has done it all, including designing video covers for "Dennis the Menace." He recently returned from California where he worked on an animated video for singer Bjork set for release by MTV in October.

"Glenn is very versatile, as you can tell by all of the different styles and mediums that are in the show," said gallery owner Rick Menore.

## FINE ARTS

# Artist Steele captures grim side of city life

## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

While some artists paint idyllic landscapes, Jack Keijo Steele captures the grim side of life in the city. A student at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills from 1940 to 1942, the 77-year-old painter sets up scenarios in the streets below tenements and Victorian dwellings that have seen better days.

The urban landscape is a sight most suburbanites never "see" as they breeze through these areas on their way to somewhere else. Steele makes us stop and look.

A quarter century retrospective of these large-scale paintings never seen before continue on exhibit through Sept. 8 at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth across from the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"I started taking painting seriously in junior high because it was a real challenge," said Steele, a 48-year resident of Garden City. "I get my ideas from life itself when I'm thinking hard on a subject. I hope the viewer will feel a little kinship toward it. There should be a reminder of what it was like, that there's a social conscious."

Born in Ironwood, Steele began observing and recording what he saw on brown sheets of papers purchased for two pennies from a butcher shop. His father's death at the age of eight changed his perceptions of life forever when Steele's mother moved her three children to the urban landscape of Detroit. It was here he pursued his art at Cass Technical High School and Meininger Art School. He paid his tuition by sweeping floors and washing windows.

Steele applied for entrance to Cranbrook while working on the assembly line at Ford Motor Company. For the next two years he studied on a full scholarship with Zolton Sepeshy. After serving in the Air Force, he returned to his mother's home in Wayne to paint in an old wooden garage in 1940. Steele married his wife Helen in 1947. They raised five children together. The family's Sunday afternoon rides were a cruise down Michigan Avenue to view the remains of Skid Row on their way to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

An admirer of "the strong paintings by German Expressionists," Steele says, many years ago he was inspired by Pieter Bruegel, Rembrandt, Goya and other Old Masters. Using a dark palette with splashes of color he draws us in to a world where much of the day and night is spent on the streets, stoops and porches as time drags on. From 1954 to 1980, not much changes in the dreary scenes. The viewer can almost feel the intense heat.

Steele competed extensively in juried shows in the 1950s and 60s winning many awards. The rise of pop art in the 60s forced him to withdraw from the painting scene but he did not stop painting.

One day in 1962, he was out driving and stumbled upon a radiator shop at the corner of Ford Road and Venoy in Westland. Steele was so inspired he hurried home to retrieve his tools.

"The Manager" focuses on a dumpy, trash-strewn business long since torn down. The greasy, tattooed manager looks forlorn as he rests his arm and head on a telephone post. An A&P sign in the background and a stack of old Time magazines in the foreground are the only semblances of civilization. There's so

much to see in these works. Steele places dozens of images in each scene but always give the viewer a place to rest. In this case, a dog sits nearby.

"We've had a good response to the show. Most of the people seem to like looking at the nostalgia," said Scarab Club board member Greg Stephens.

A cast of characters reveal their lot in life in "Hell's Kitchen." The 1974 New York City street scene emerged from a time when Steele found himself in an area where "nice people don't go because it isn't safe." A clown with a sock puppet on one side of the painting seems to mirror a hippie decorated with peace signs on the other side as a clarinetist blows his horn.

"It was quite an experience. It was at the end of the hippie movement. My wife and I were going to Greenwich Village and took the wrong bus," he said.

Steele retired as a clay modeler in the styling department at Ford in 1980. That year he painted the latest work in the show, a self portrait. The haunting canvas features Steele as a puppeteer manipulating four male figures.

Jack Keijo Steele was finally "discovered" in 1993 when former Cranbrook professor Michael Hall and his partner David Lusenhop as co-owners of Fulcrum Fine Art Gallery in Cincinnati curated an exhibit of his paintings for a 1994 show at Cranbrook. Long overdue, the exhibit focusing on the period from the Great Depression through the 1950s, established Steele as one of the Urban Realists of this era.

Linda Ann Chomin of Canton Township is a freelance writer specializing in the visual arts. Her Artistic Expressions column appears weekly in the Arts & Entertainment section of The Observer Newspapers.



Self Portrait: Jack Keijo Steele challenges himself as a painter to portray the human condition. This self portrait is one of 17 large scale paintings on exhibit in a retrospective at the Scarab Club.

## ART BEAT

## CALL FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is still looking for student artists to sell their work at their 25th annual artists and craftsmen show Sept. 7-8 at Central Middle School, Church and

Main Street. Held in conjunction with the Plymouth Fall Festival, the show features more than 100 artists exhibiting painting, photography, clay, sculpture, fiber, tinsmithing, children's wooden toys, calligraphy, and English

smocking on children's and adult's clothes. Admission is a \$2 donation for adults, \$1 seniors/students.

"We're still looking for students from kindergarten to 12th grade to be involved. They can sell their arts and crafts," said show chairwoman Carolyn Simons.

The artists and craftsmen show is the primary fund-raiser for the PCAC, which provides art classes, a children's theater program, the music in the park series, a volunteer picture program in the Plymouth-Canton elementary schools, and grants and scholarships for teachers and students.

For more information about exhibiting work in the student booth call the arts council at (313) 416-4ART.

## OPENING RECEPTION

"A Social Passion," a one-woman show of paintings and constructions by Connie Lucas opens with a reception 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile.

A painter for 30 years, Lucas is an award winning artist who earned a master of fine arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. She deals with the subjects of war, violence, peace and child abuse in this 25 piece

show running from Sept. 3-27. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia begins its Fall classes 7-10 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 17 with "Landscapes in Watercolor" taught by Westland artist Sandra Weed. The course, \$65 for members/\$70 nonmembers, runs six weeks. VAAL membership dues are \$20 per year.

Farmington Hills watercolorist Edee Joppich's "Creative Approach to Watercolor," for which there is always a waiting list, starts Oct. 7. Other offerings this term are workshops in pastel, watercolor monotypes, and painting glass ornaments.

An independent study group scheduled to begin 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 for six weeks is \$3 per session.

For more information about classes call Billie Thompson at (313) 427-9683.

## WALK WITH ART

Help support the Detroit Radio Information Service, southeastern Michigan's only reading service for the blind and print impaired, by taking a walk with art Saturday, Sept. 21.

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STREET SCENE

# Gin Blossom's Wilson enjoys 'good life' on tour

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

As lead singer of the successful roots rock band Gin Blossoms, Robin Wilson is loving the good life.

"You can quote me on this, I think the greatest thing about being the headliner on tour is having runners available to you," Wilson said.

"He took me to Meijer. I had to get some stuff like batteries, a plastic bin to recycle aluminum. I had a really fulfilling day so far."

Wilson, who was born in Detroit, was spending the day in East Lansing preparing to begin the next leg of his tour that night at the Michigan Festival. The Tempe, Az.,-based band had just returned from a month-long break, unprecedented for the band.

"It was a whole darn month. It's always the weirdest thing to have time off then you get on the bus again and you realize, 'Oh yeah. This is our reality. The back of the bus in an 8 by 8 space is the reality in which we live.'"

The Gin Blossoms, who return to Michigan Sunday, Sept. 1, to open for Neil Young and Crazy Horse at Pine Knob, are touring in support of "Congratulations I'm Sorry," its second full-length album for A&M Records.

The 13-song album carries on the band's reputation for soul-baring lyrics and hook-laden melodies. Even the recording process wasn't much different than the Gin Blossoms' debut release "New Miserable Experience" (A&M).

"We recorded it in the very same room in Memphis, Tenn., at Ardent Studios with (producer) John Hampton. ... John is our buddy and we just wanted to make a record in Memphis where there's a rich tradition of recording and rock 'n' roll," said Wilson, whose band also includes guitarist/songwriter/singer Jesse Valenzuela, guitarist Scott Johnson, bassist Bill Leen, and drummer Phil Rhodes.

Kicking off with "Day Job," a rollicking salute to their musical career ("I'm never going back to college/For just one good day job"), "Congratulations I'm Sorry" showcases the Gin Blossoms' penchant for ballads ("Not Only Numb," "As Long As It Matters"), jangly pop rock ("Whitewash," "Competition Smile") and pedal steel guitar, country/western-influence songs ("Memphis Time").

Bass player Leen coined the name of the album.

"I guess it's just supposed to symbolize that there's a lot of ups and downs we personally have been through. There's been a lot of good and bad over the course of the last four years of whatever," Wilson explained.

The lowest point of the band's career was when founding member Doug Hopkins committed suicide in December 1993. Hopkins was fired by the band because of his alcohol problems during the recording of "Experience," a collection of songs mostly written by the troubled Hopkins. Afterward, Hopkins became increasingly bitter over his former bandmates' success

and committed suicide. He had penned the two biggest hits from the record - "Hey Jealousy" and "Found Out About You."

Hopkins' downfall is alluded to in the song "Follow You Down," where a quivery-voiced Wilson tells the story of a friend who wants to jump off a bridge. In response, he sings, "Anywhere you go, I'll follow you down. I'll follow you down, but not that far."

Ironically, "Follow You Down" was the first hit single from "Congratulations I'm Sorry." One thing that he's not sorry or guilty about is the band's ability to write successful pop songs.

"We've had a string of them and we're quite happy with that. We don't think that's the most important thing, though. ... The bulk of our awards come from being involved in a creative process. We're perfectly happy to have hit records. We've always been pleased with the commercial success.

"We have different goals with the creative and commercial aspects of our career. Our goal on the creative side was to make a record that we liked and was strong enough to play it for a year on the road. Commercially, my personal goals for the record is to see it sell half as many as 'New Miserable Experience.' With 'Follow You Down' we're on line to do that."

Wilson was born in Detroit 31 years ago. After living in a series of suburbs that he can't remember except for Dearborn, Wilson and his family moved to Arizona at the age of 5.

"It's a funny story. We went to



Not jealous or jaded: Gin Blossoms - from left, bassist Bill Leen, ex-Detroiter/vocalist Robin Wilson, guitarist Scott Johnson, drummer Philip Rhodes, and guitarist Jesse Valenzuela - open for Neil Young and Crazy Horse, Sept. 1, at Pine Knob Music Theatre in support of its sophomore effort "Congratulations I'm Sorry."

Arizona because my dad had a lot of allergies. When we moved there, Phoenix had really clean, dry air. Now the air pollution in Phoenix is so bad my dad can't live there anymore. My dad's thinking about moving back here," said Wilson whose aunts, uncles and cousins still live in the area.

Wilson, who is engaged to be married in late September, remains in Tempe, Az. "That's all I dream about when I'm here on tour - Canyon Lake and getting back. The canyons and the plant life and the animal life is very exotic and beautiful. It's truly my favorite place on planet earth."

The Gin Blossoms along with Steve Earle open for Neil Young and Crazy Horse at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$35 pavilion and \$20 lawn. For more information, call (810) 377-0100.

# Screaming Trees delay release of album for quality



CHRISTINA FUOCO

"Dust" is the first album from the Screaming Trees since 1992's "Sweet Oblivion." But although there were four years between albums, the Seattle-based

band wasn't exactly just sitting around.

"We made one album after we finished touring (for 'Sweet Oblivion') said guitarist Gary Lee Conner during a phone conversation from his upstate New York home. "We didn't like it. We did it way too fast so we spent a couple years writing more songs and recording. ... It

took us forever. We wrote hundreds of songs and scrapped all but 10 of them. We probably could have done two other albums."

Conner said that they wanted to put out a quality record and not fall victim to a slump.

"I kept hoping (the first album that was scrapped) was good but I realized that it wasn't. It's

scary to see other artists who make a really good record and then make one that isn't so good. You wonder what happened. Didn't they realize this was really terrible? That was the kind of things we were thinking about."

Conner calls "Dust" one of the band's best records. "Dust" marks a maturation and a heightened emotion in singer Mark Lanegan's vocals. The album, produced by George Drakoulias (Black Crowes, Jayhawks, Tom Petty), features an array of instrumental touches including Mellotron string lines

and Hammond organs.

"We always had a lot of keyboards on records but I played most of them. They weren't played really well," Conner said with a laugh. "For this album we hooked up with Benmont Tench (of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers), an amazing keyboard player. It gave the album a really cool feel."

Pearl Jam guitarist Mike McCready, Masters of Reality's Chris Goss, and classical cellist Milori also stepped into the studio with the Trees, bassist Van Conner and drummer Barrett

Martin.

On Friday, Aug. 30, the Screaming Trees will join the Manic Street Preachers to open for Brit pop stars Oasis at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are still available. For more information, call (810) 377-0100.

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MOVIES

Bizarre Brando makes 'Moreau' worth watching

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JOHN MONAGHAN

For those who wonder what Marlon Brando does all day on his island home, "The Island of Dr. Moreau" offers a fascinating, often unintentionally hilarious answer. In what may be the most bizarre studio release of the year, the jumbo method actor plays a crazed scientist lording over genetic experiments on a

tropical isle. You'd think Hollywood would have had enough of H.G. Wells' once controversial science fiction yarn, which celebrates its centennial this year. Charles Laughton did it best in 1933 (in "Island of Lost Souls"), while Burt Lancaster, in 1977, tried to keep his dignity among hammy costars and cheesy makeup effects.

Dignity no longer concerns Brando, who enters in thick pancake makeup, carted around on a Cleopatra-style throne by his "children," a hideous population of man-beasts. He's doted on by a

deformed midget (a truly amazing piece of work) who wears matching outfits and, in one scene, even pours ice into his master's tall ice bucket hat.

Money. Ease. Interest. Brando chooses his roles pretty much in that order, like Laurence Olivier did in his later years. Even swathed in huge robes, bee-keepers' hat covering his pasty face, you can still see the workings of America's greatest living actor.

You also can't help but be reminded of "Apocalypse Now," where Brando's Colonel Kurtz set himself up as the ultimate power in the Vietnamese jungle.

A mellow version of Dennis Hopper's drugged-out photographer, Val Kilmer plays a fellow researcher who serves as Moreau's zookeeper.

Kilmer, used to showy performances, tries in vain to hold his own. Talking to one of Moreau's creations, a dog boy, he pulls out a squeak toy and dismisses him with a condescending "fetch." In his most extreme example of Brando-envy, he stuffs his shirt and mimics the actor's muffled lines after the doc is inevitably killed by his own creations.

David Thewlis, so powerful in Mike Leigh's "Naked," plays the hapless English diplomat who ends up Moreau's guest on the island and through whose eyes we see much of the weirdness. He's also the only one who appears to take this movie seriously.

The creatures themselves are a fun bit of special effects, a B-movie cross between "Planet of the Apes" and "Cats," but on an A-movie budget. We see men crossed with leopards, hyenas, dogs and cats, the latter represented by Moreau's beautiful daughter (Fairuza Balk), whom Thewlis grows infatuated with. Most amazing is how many talented people landed on this



PETER SORAL

Sci-fi thriller: Fairuza Balk (Aissa) and David Thewlis (Edward Douglas) star in "The Island of Dr. Moreau," a remake based on H.G. Wells' classic story.

"Island," including director John Frankenheimer, reportedly brought in when Kilmer and Brando ran Richard Stanley (still credited as screenwriter) off the set. Veteran cinematographer William Fraker brings atmosphere to the jungle locales.

My vote for goofiest movie of the year, "The Island of Dr. Moreau" is not without its peculiar charms. Call it a guilty pleasure, but it's always fun to see Hollywood's best and brightest make monkeys — not to mention hyenas — of themselves.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES. A grid of movie listings for various theaters including AMC Theatres, Star Rochester Hills, and others. Lists titles like 'The Island of Dr. Moreau', 'Courage Under Fire', and 'The Phantom' with showtimes and ratings.

SCREEN SCENE

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

Detroit Film Theatre 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 832-2730 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Wallace and Grommit: The Best of Aardman Animation." Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 (call for showtimes). A compilation of short films and commercials by British animator Nick Park. His Wallace and Grommit, an eccentric English inventor and his faithful dog, appear in the Oscar-winning "The Wrong Trousers" and "A Close Shave."

"The Monster" (Il Mostro) (Italy - 1995). 7 p.m. Sept. 2.

Italian funny man Roberto Benigni directs and stars in this wacky story of a man mistaken for a serial murderer.

Magic Bag Theatre 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Monty Python and the Holy Grail" (Britain - 1975). 9 p.m. Sept. 4. This lampooning of knightly deeds is almost as legendary as old King Arthur himself.

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, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Trainspotting" (Britain - 1995). A runaway hit in Britain: the story of five liars, losers, junkies, and thieves on the road to self-destruction in modern-day Edinburgh. Directed by Danny Boyle, who made the clever thriller "Shallow Grave."

"Emma" (USA - 1996). It showed up as a modern story "Clueless" last year. Now Hollywood has brought Jane Austen's novel to the screen as the real thing, a beautifully filmed and exceptionally acted tale of a woman who fancies herself a matchmaker but falls short when it comes to her own romance. Gwyneth Paltrow stars.

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BOOK BEAT

# Mackinac Island inspires memorable reads



ESTHER LITTMANN

Visits to Mackinac Island always bring out the story-teller in me. There's the natural beauty, local color, and rich historical background that make this former center of the fur trade and modern resort area a perfect setting for a novel.

Two Michigan authors who

## Book captures Holyland beauty

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

David Roberts was a distinguished 19th century British landscape artist who rose from poverty to a place of prominence in English art circles.

His reputation was solidified by a book of lithographs based on his drawings of scenes from the Holy Lands done during a trip in 1838-39.

Now Stewart, Tabori & Chang, a New York publisher that specializes in large format art books, has released an eye-popping recreation of the original color plates with historical and artistic commentary, selections from Roberts' journals and present-day photographs of the scenes captured by Roberts. The book, "Yesterday and Today, The Holy Land," has a suggested retail price of \$60.

Anyone interested in history, art or the Bible will find this book stunning. Roberts attention to the most minute details of architecture, landscape, costume and human form make these pictures especially vivid. They are rightly regarded as among the best documentary recreations of the Holy Lands during that period. The large 10 1/4" by 14" format and the beautiful coloration make the book a treasure. In addition to the Roberts' drawings, the book also contains maps and covers from the original edition.

specialize in young people's literature have already discovered Mackinac's potential. Gloria Whelan's "Once On This Island" (Harper Collins, 1995, \$14.95) tells the story of a family caught up in the throes of the War of 1812. When the British army invades their remote Michigan island and conquers Fort Michilimackinac, 12-year-old Mary O'Shea and her sister and brother face some new challenges.

Within days, Mary's widowed father must leave the island

because he refuses to compromise his patriotism by swearing allegiance to the British crown. His plan is to join General Hull's American forces at Fort Wayne in Detroit.

That means Mary and the older Angelique and Jacques will be left alone to work the farm and look out for one another. They're up to the challenge, their father insists, since he'll only be gone for six months.

Though saddened by his impending departure, Mary is proud when her father expresses faith in her courage and fortitude and places a gold coin in her hand, saying, "Spend it only when there is great need."

But months stretch into years. The Americans are not prepared to fight the well equipped British and their Indian allies. Winters on the island present numerous hardships. Food is scarce, and Angelique and Jacques become restless. At the brink of adulthood, they want more out of life than the daily drudgery of farm labor and household chores. A handsome British soldier at the fort and the lure of adventure

among fur traders direct their attention elsewhere.

Yet Mary's spunk and fierce loyalty to her father and country are unswerving. Even the loss of her best friend Gavin, an Indian orphan raised by white settlers, fails to dampen her spirits or dim her vision for a brighter future.

An award-winning writer, Gloria Whelan brings to life the customs and concerns of Michigan residents living in the early 19th century. Her book is sure to fascinate and inspire middle-school readers and beyond.

• Rochester pharmacist Robert A. Lytle spent his boyhood summers in the Les Cheneaux Islands of eastern upper Michigan. His fond memories of swimming, sailing, and fishing are recorded in two fictional works entitled "Mackinac Passage: A Summer Adventure" (1995) and its sequel "Mackinac Passage: The Boathouse Mystery" (1996, \$11.95), both published by Thunder Bay Press.

Little do Pete and his friends know that more than robbery is at stake. They soon find themselves in a predicament that requires quick thinking, teamwork, and conquering their fear of the frigid waters of Muscallonge Bay.

Young readers (10-14) will enjoy this book of friendship and adventure.

Action, humor, and suspense — plus some Michigan geography — make "Mackinac Passage: A Boathouse Mystery" as well as its predecessor a good choice for summer reading.

Both books can be purchased at Halfway Down the Stairs Children's Book Shop on 114 E. Fourth St. in Rochester.

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In addition to being a chronicle of Roberts' work, here arranged following the order of creation for the first time, the book is also a celebration of the lithographic art. Belgian lithographer Louis Haghe created the plates from Roberts' drawings.

The commentary by Fabio Bourbon is informative and the book's design by Patrizia Balocco Lovisetti is outstanding. The only flaw in this presentation is careless editing in this English language version, translated by Antony Shugaar. As a newspaper reporter I am tolerant of occasional typos, a bane of newspapers usually caused by impending deadlines. But an art book of this quality and prepared with this attention to detail in its art reproduction should also be impeccably edited.

That's a small quibble, because the book's value is in Roberts' art — precise, alive to local culture, informed by a love for the play of light and dark and reverent about the Biblical sites but never maudlin or sentimental, and equally respectful toward Islamic holy places. Though it is Roberts' landscapes that are most famous, his interior architectural renderings and his portraiture are also impressive.

The publishers are promoting the book as a form of time travel and the contrasts and comparisons with the photos (most excellently done by Antonio Attini) do create a fascinating trip to the Holy Lands then and now.

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**DINING**

# Cafe Oliverio moves, loyal customers follow

Artie Oliverio has again packed up his kitchen and taken it on the road.

This time, Cafe Oliverio has found a new home in Farmington Hills, bringing a group of loyal regulars and a New York-style Italian cuisine to an airy, casual ambience.

The move from Royal Oak to 11 Mile and Middlebelt brings chef Oliverio closer his area restaurant origins - Long Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township in the early 1980s. It also, he said, puts Cafe Oliverio closer to 90 percent of its regular patrons. "They claim this is much better, closer for them," Oliverio said.

But as always, said Oliverio and new business partner Tom Timmons, Cafe Oliverio's menu boasts fresh ingredients and made-from-scratch dishes that can be specially prepared.

"There's a lot of things we do here you can't get anywhere else," said Timmons, who formerly owned Peacock's Cafe & Grill on the same site and now handles the business side of things at Cafe Oliverio. "Everything is finished, sauteed, cooked to order."

Oliverio, a Brooklyn native with 25 years in the restaurant business, prides himself on light sauces made of imported tomatoes, stuffed pastas from his New York factory, seafood brought in

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fresh daily and a unique, versatile menu with many dishes of his own invention.

"You can come here every night for a year and never eat the same thing twice," he said.

He pushes the Eggplant Rollatini - rolled eggplant stuffed

with angel-hair pesto and covered by marinara sauce and cheese that's served as an appetizer or an entree - and salmon dishes cooked in three different styles.

There are a dozen appetizers on the dinner menu, from the soup of the day to a tortelloni for two filled with cheese and pumpkin in a cream and wine sauce.

The restaurant also offers a dozen pasta dishes, another dozen entrees, seafood, New York strip steak served three different ways, beer and wine (a liquor license is in the works), desserts and coffee and a small menu for children. Several meatless dishes are available.

Oliverio also runs a wholesale food business that serves other area Italian restaurants. Sauces by the quart are available at the cafe.

Oliverio and Timmons say the restaurant, remodeled since its days as Peacock's, has a less-formal feel to it than when it was on Woodward. There, they said, a fancier atmosphere, along with a bar and a piano, gave it an unintended posh feeling.

Diners "felt like maybe it was for special occasions, which it wasn't intended to be," Timmons said.

The move has also reduced overhead and allowed price cuts of up to \$4 on entrees, Oliverio said.



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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Michigan Chili Cookoff - Five Lakes Grill**

This year's cookoff on Sunday, Sept. 8 has been moved to the Five Lakes Grill in Milford. Tickets are \$35 per person, includes beer, wine, pop, mineral water, coffee as well as a wide variety of vittles. Two bands will alternate on stage, Mariachi Nuevo Zapopan and the R.F.D. Boys.

Tickets available at the Lark or Five Lakes Grill, or by calling the Lark 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (810) 661-4466. Winner represents state at World Championship Cookoff, proceeds go toward scholarships for culinary arts students.

**COPPER MUG CHILI COOKOFF**

Al's Copper Mug, 1704 W. Maple (corner of Maple and Decker) Walled Lake will host a chili cookoff and benefit fundraiser noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. Country music by "The Rambling Country Band," cold beer, Chicago Hot Dogs, grilled burgers, Italian sausage. For more information, call (810) 624-

9659.

**Jazz on Orchard Lake**

Alexander Zonjic and Friends will play an open-air concert at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake to benefit the college's academic programs and scholarship fund, 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. Sampling of wines and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets \$35, \$100 and \$250. Call (810) 683-0521.

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Gourmet meal with wine, Monday, Sept. 9, premium cigars supplied by Churchill's, Cost \$175 per person, call (810) 358-3355

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Culinary Extravaganza, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Sample food from metro Detroit's finest restaurants, enjoy music by members of the Jack Brokensha Quartet, or place a bid in the silent auction, prizes include a dinner for eight prepared by Chef Jimmy Schmidt at his restaurant. Tickets \$40 per per-

son or two for \$75. Call (313) 462-4417.

**Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar**

Sponsoring benefit with Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, 6:30-10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, titled Nefertotee, at the restaurant, 303 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, tickets \$30 for non-members, \$25 for Kelsey Museum members, \$15 students, call (313) 647-0441. Approximately 50 local artists have designed original tote bags. All proceeds support Kelsey Museum's educational and outreach programs.

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## Condo conversion gives ownership option

River Crossing Townhome Condominium, an apartment conversion, offers buyers a unit of 1,300 square feet with two or three bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths and partially finished basement from \$67,490 to \$90,000.

About a third of the 97 units off Lahser between Nine and 10 Mile roads in Southfield are still available.

Units are clustered three to seven per building. Exterior materials are brick and aluminum siding. No unit is stacked on another. All have private entrances.

Existing oven, dishwasher, refrigerator, cabinetry, furnace and central air conditioning are included in the base price.

"We put them in proper condition," said Douglas Bock, a partner in the conversion. "When we sell, everything is functional."

A one-year protection plan on the furnace is included in the purchase price. New front doors and porch lights also are included at base price. Units will be painted and carpeted at no extra cost.

New appliances, cabinets, counter tops, plumbing and light fixtures are available at a premium.

"We saw an opportunity to offer product not being offered, a large square foot unit, for less than paying rent in a location where people wanted to be," said Michael E. Berger, a partner in the venture.

"We thought the location is excellent," said Walter Cohen, another partner. "Road patterns are excellent, plus employment in Southfield, itself."

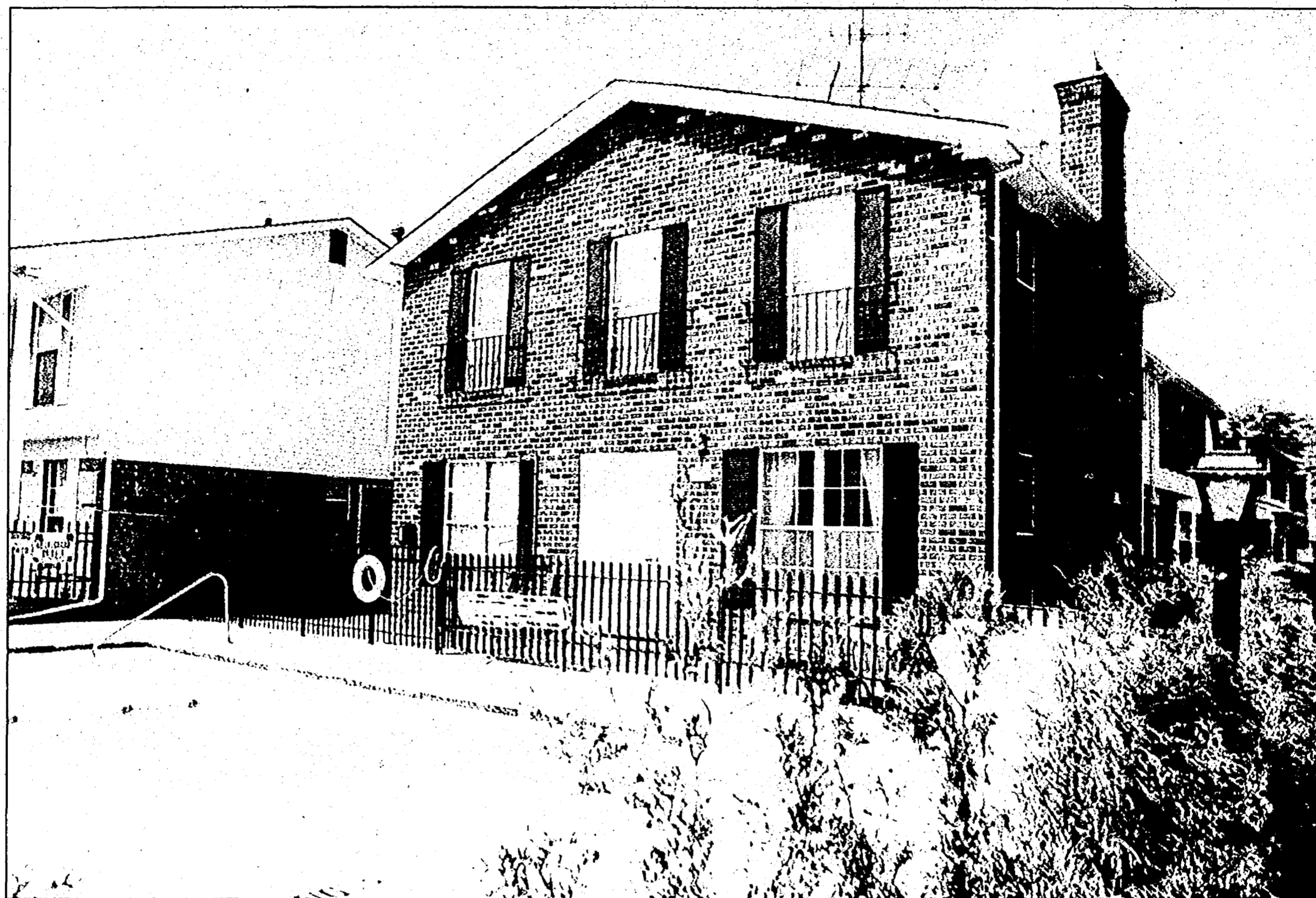
"Southfield is a terrific place to live," Cohen added. "They have a fantastic library, schools. I think they won parks and recreation awards the last 11 years."

River Crossing previously was Hidden River Apartments. It was built in 1975. Rents recently ranged from \$750 to \$800, Berger said.

"The whole concept here is offering ownership below rent," Berger said. "That's the beauty of River Crossing. You can own with substantial improvements being done."

"The last owners kind of let it run down a tad," Cohen said. "We've done a lot of work."

The model has a living room, dining room, kitchen/nook and half bath on the first floor, three bedrooms upstairs. The master has a shower and two closets. A second bath with combination tub and shower is upstairs.



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Ownership amenities: A pool, clubhouse, carport and access to a nature area are provided owners at River Crossing Townhome Condominium.



The basement has a laundry tub and washer/dryer hook-up. The model, with extras and upgrades, carries a price of

\$92,000. Prices vary depending on location within the project, kind of windows (bay versus regular), kind of porch, whether it's an end unit (premium) and what new/upgraded features buyers select from the menu.

The farther you buy back towards the woods and a branch of the Rouge River on the property, the more expensive your unit.

"You're in the center of a metro area," Cohen said while showing off the wetlands. "Look how quiet it is. How old would you say that oak is - 150 years?"

Buyers at River Crossing get one covered parking space in a carport and access to a pool and clubhouse on the grounds. Water

is included in the maintenance/association fee, currently \$124 per month.

A mix of empty-nesters downsizing, young marrieds and singles looking for an investment are buying. There aren't a lot of young children in the complex.

River Crossing is within the Southfield school district boundaries.

The property tax rate is currently \$56.61 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$70,000 condo there would pay about \$1,980 the first year.

Jacqui E. Jones, the sales rep, rented in Hidden River before buying after the conversion.

"The biggest thing people are impressed with is the size, space," she said. "They're impressed with the number of baths. The basement is a separate area where you can get away."

Connie Reddix moved to a three-bedroom unit at River Crossing from an apartment.

"I like the vicinity," she said. "When I looked at the model, I fell in love with it. I like the way the kitchen is laid out with a breakfast nook. I like when you first come in, there's a little vestibule, then the living room and dining room."

"It's quiet. I have a patio door off Lahser and a little hill (berm)," she said. "I have beauti-

ful scenery. "I have to give the sales rep and mortgage people credit," Reddix said. "They were wonderful. I had no problems at all."

"I was looking for something spacious that met my economic needs," said Rikki Marclis, who also bought a three-bedroom unit at River Crossing.

"I wanted a private entry. I wanted a more home-like structure," she added. "I love the basement. I enjoy the quietness, room, space."

The sales office at River Crossing Townhome Condominiums, (810) 357-3080, is open 1-6 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

### Simple bathroom renovation

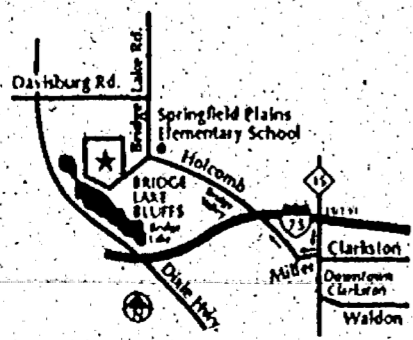
Nearly any home-remodeling poll, when asked which room is of paramount importance, homeowners replay with unwavering, single-mindedness: the bathroom. Like any other room in the house, the bathroom requires a face-lift now and then. Yet, upscaling the look of your bathroom does not necessarily mean a major renovation. Replacing a deteriorated bathtub may be a simple solution that will make a big impact. Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath, the original of the whirlpool bath, suggests the Venicia whirlpool bath.

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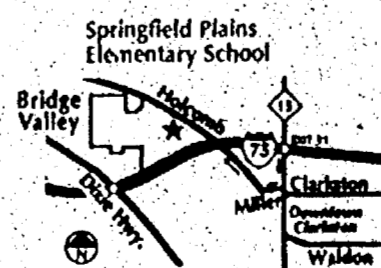
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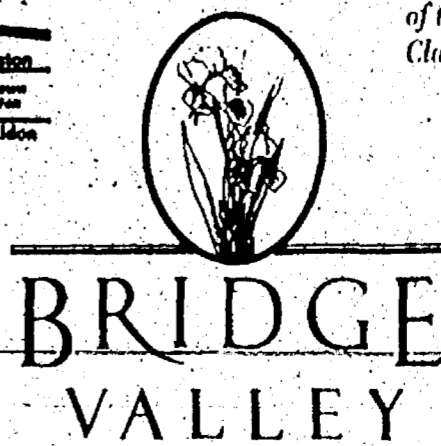
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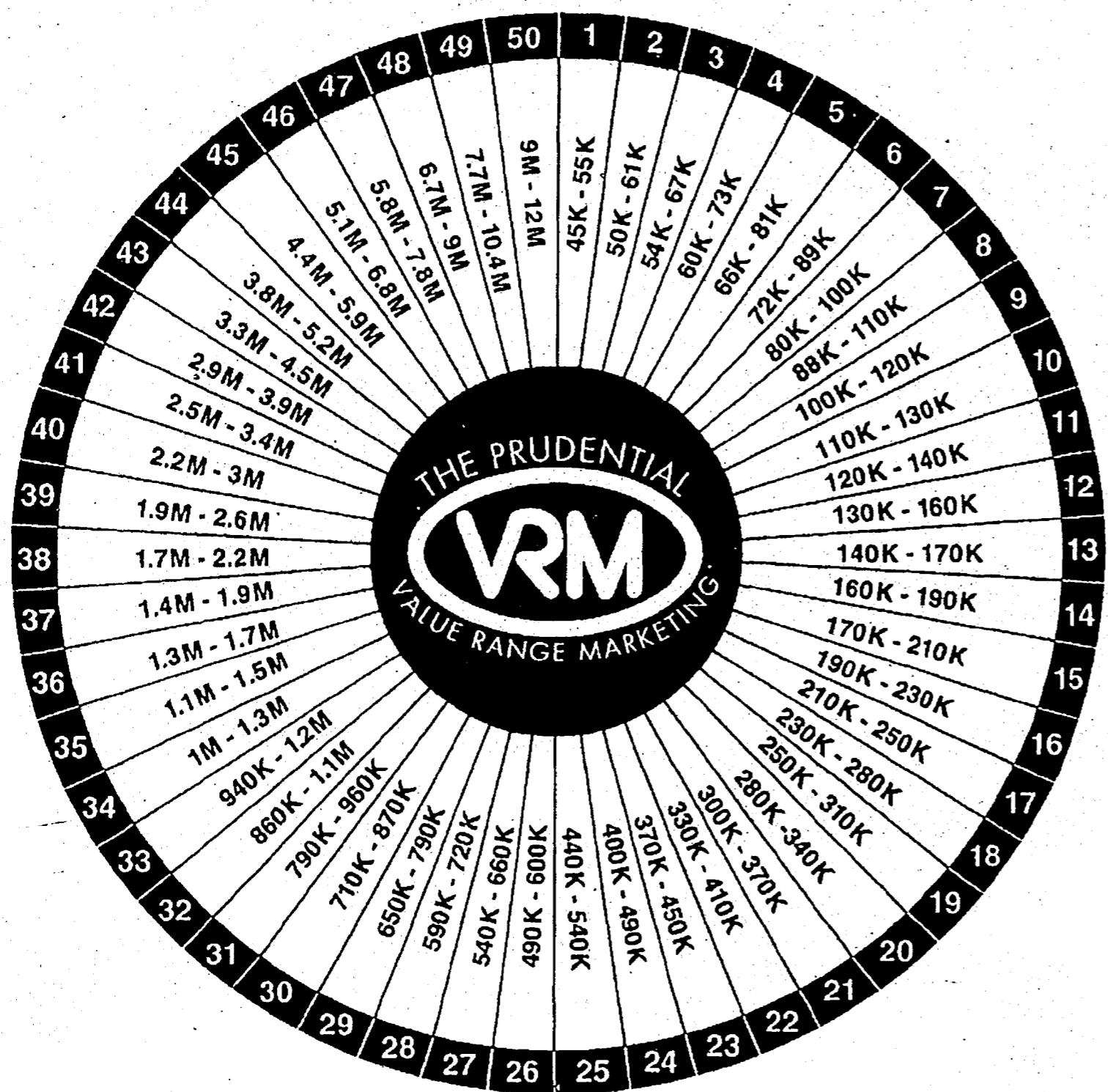
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# Prudential sells homes by price range

## The Prudential Great Lakes Realty Value Range Marketing Wheel



Prudential Great Lakes Realty, headquartered in Clarkston, has launched a program it believes will redefine the listing process to benefit both home buyers and sellers.

The new approach, value-range marketing, replaces the fixed asking price with a predetermined price range.

"For buyers, it expands the pool of homes available to view," said Jennifer Zardus, marketing director. "Under sellers ... it eliminates under- and over-pricing. It attracts more buyers and invites more offers."

Here's how it works. When a seller lists a home with a fixed asking price, that price tends to be higher than true market value. Sellers list under the assumption there will be negotiations that will bring the price of the house down, so they may inflate the initial listing price.

This hurts the seller because it limits exposure of the house and immediately excludes a number of qualified buyers from a potential transaction. Most buyers automatically rule out houses above their price range without even looking.

For instance, if a house is listed at \$135,000, buyers looking in the \$125,000 market won't bother. With value-range marketing, the same house would list at \$120,000 to \$140,000, broadening the market and pool of potential buyers significantly.

Also, value-range marketing prevents sellers from having to reduce the listing price, which can be damaging to the image of the property and discourage potential buyers.

A price reduction is included in the value-range marketing as the lowest acceptable bid, so it's not necessary to lower the listing price.

Fifty ranges have been established starting at

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*Jennifer Zardus, marketing director*

\$45,000-\$55,000 and going up to \$9 million-\$12 million.

When a value-range marketing listing agreement is signed by a seller, the property is marketed through newspaper advertising with a special VRM logo. A VRM rider is displayed on the yard sign. The property is entered into the multiple listing system under the appropriate pricing parameters.

The added visual elements provided by the company make it easier for the public to automatically target VRM listings.

"VRM is technically not a new concept; it's simply repackaged," said Daniel E. Stiehl, co-owner of Prudential Great Lakes Realty.

"The VRM negotiation process is a viable way for the buyer and seller to have greater control than traditionally-negotiated transactions," Stiehl said.

"VRM increases buyer choices. They see a greater number of homes, especially homes that never would have been a consideration because of the price.

"Plus, buyers can compare similar homes on the market and thus make a more educated offer when negotiating for their desired home," Stiehl said.

Prudential Real Estate Affiliates adapted the concept from its origins in Australia. Two affiliates, one in San Diego, the other in Colorado Springs, piloted the

program in the U.S. VRM listings sell three to five times faster than the market average, and 30 percent of its listings now are VRM, the California broker reported.

Sixty-five percent of sellers who listed with VRM sold for more than they expected, and just one sold at the bottom of the price range, the Colorado broker indicated.

About 15 percent of Prudential Great Lakes Realty listings were VRM 30 days after the program was implemented here, Zardus said. Sellers can list either VRM or the traditional way.

Realtors throughout the metro area have been given a copy of Prudential's VRM wheel to match numbers on for-sale signs with the price range.

Sellers who have a firm price they want to get and aren't willing to negotiate would do best listing traditional rather than VRM, Zardus suggested.

"Buying and selling homes in the future will be much more competitive than it is now," said Jerome M. Baranski, co-owner of Prudential Great Lakes Realty.

"With fewer real estate agents doing a greater amount of business and smaller companies being folded into larger companies, the need for advanced technology and alternative ways of conducting business are essential in being successful.

"We feel the VRM concept is a step forward in offering pricing alternatives to the growing number of educated buyers and sellers," Baranski said.

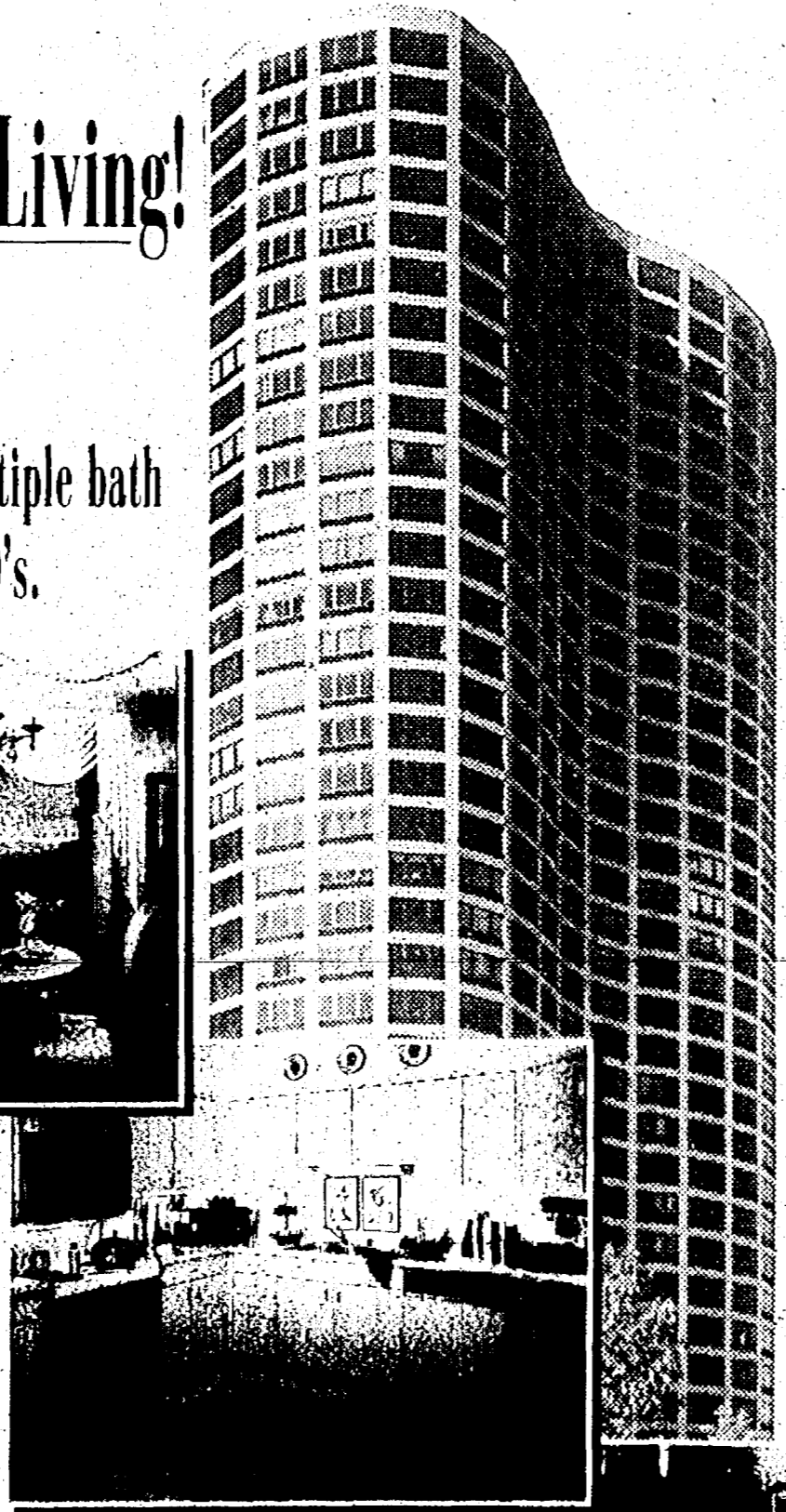
The Prudential Great Lakes Realty has 10 offices including Bloomfield Hills, Clarkston, Farmington Hills, Rochester Hills, Troy and West Bloomfield.

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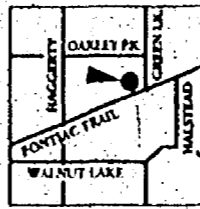
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# You can help accelerate mortgage application

By DAVID MULLY  
SPECIAL WRITER

To help expedite the processing of a mortgage application, the borrower may be asked to provide a variety of information at the time of application. Listed below are some of the items you will generally need to supply. It's important to remember that these are only "guidelines" because different programs have dramatically different documentation requirements... so what's needed for a VA loan may be entirely different than what's needed for a conventional loan with 20 percent down! Contact your loan officer to determine what will be required for the particular mortgage you are interested in.

■ A copy of the sales agreement and all addendums, signed by the sellers and buyers. This is always needed.

■ A copy of the Realtor's ticket, if possible. This is a big help in ordering the appraisal.

■ A complete legal description of the property to be mortgaged, which is needed to order the title work.

■ Original statements for the most recent two-three-month period from all depositories (banks, credit unions, money markets, etc.). Include the correct name, address and account numbers for all accounts.

■ Correct name and address for all employers of borrower and/or co-borrower for the present year and the previous two calendar years. Also provide the most recent pay stub showing year-to-date earnings and W-2s for the two previous calendar years.

■ Borrower and co-borrower's addresses for the last two years. Also, you will need social security numbers for all applicants.

■ If you are self-employed, provide federal tax returns, including all schedules and attachments for the two previous

calendar years. Also provide an accountant-prepared profit-and-loss statement and balance sheet through the most recent quarter.

■ Name, account number, balance and monthly payment for all creditors (stores, credit unions, revolving lines of credit, etc.). Copies of the most recent statements may be helpful in determining minimum payments for underwriting purposes.

■ Accurate information on any home currently owned including name, address and account number of the mortgage holder. Please provide the same information for any home previously financed but sold within the 12-month period preceding date of application.

■ Complete information on any other real estate owned including rental properties, vacation homes, time-share units, etc. If renting, provide the name and address of present landlord and any landlord within the last two years.

■ A letter signed by the borrower that itemizes and U.S. Savings Bond holding by issue date, serial number and denomination. For stock holdings, bring a copy of the certificates themselves of your most recent brokerage statements.

■ VA applicants need a Certificate of Eligibility of DD214 of "in-service" letter. FHA applicants need photo identification such as driver's license, and a copy of the social Security card for both borrower and co-borrower.

■ If alimony or child support are to be used toward qualifying for the mortgage, bring documentation of receipt.

■ In the event that the applicant has been involved in a judgment, collection, divorce or bankruptcy, copies of the releases, discharges, decrees or evidence that the accounts are paid in full need to be provided. Contact your loan officer for more detail.

■ Finally, bring enough funds to pay for the credit report and appraisal.

Although it looks like a lot of information to gather, having a complete set of documentation as described above will certainly help your mortgage application proceed as quickly as possible.

have edged up slightly to an average 7.50 percent. Adjustable-rate mortgages were recorded at 6.10 percent, edging down from last week's average of 6.25 percent for our area of the country.

## Interest rates:

Here are some recent interest rates that may be helpful to you in tracking the direction of rates for home mortgages. These are just a guide. Be sure to call a lender to get current rate quotes. In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed rate for the North Central area for the week ended Aug. 23, 1996, moved slightly upward to 8.00 percent (U.S. average 7.93 percent). A week ago, the average for the U.S. was 7.88 percent, and one year ago it was also 7.88 percent. Current 15-year fixed-rate mortgages

David Mully is a Novi/Northville area mortgage loan officer with nine years mortgage financing experience. He is knowledgeable in all areas of financing with special interest in financing FHA-approved condominiums. For the most up-to-date list of approved FHA condos in your area or help with any mortgage financing, call Mully at 810-488-9712 or toll-free at 1-800-405-3051. You can access Mully's previous mortgage shopping articles on-line at <http://oeonline.com/emoryd/mully>

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### ■ Kirco project

Kirco Development/Construction of Troy has broken ground and started work on a new 41,000-square-foot headquarters and shop for Yarema Die & Engineering in that community.

Plans call for demolishing two existing buildings on the site and erecting a three-story structure with administrative offices and a self-contained shop for engineering through prototype to fabrication and testing functions.

Construction will feature decorative block and metal exterior and extensive cranes and specialty features.

Daniel DeRemer & Associates of Birmingham is the architect.

Last year, Kirco took charge of a renovation and expansion of Yarema's manufacturing facility across the street from the present project.

### ■ Tenant collections

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts a program covering collections from tenants, how to find and collect the money and how to avoid bad tenants 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 at the Ramada in Southgate, 1720 Northline Road one block east of I-75.

Cost is \$10 for non-members. Beginning landlords interested in a free introduction package may contact Wayne Koehler at (313) 277-4168.

### ■ Licensing classes

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors offers a series of six-hour continuing education seminars, one of which must be completed by Oct. 31, to fulfill annual state real estate licensing requirements.

Each session goes 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming seminars are slated for Wednesday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 21 at Columbia Center, 201 W. Big Beaver, Troy, and Wednesday, Sept. 25, Standard Federal Bank, 2600 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost is \$35 per session. To register, call Carole Kowalik at (810) 879-9560.

### ■ Political update

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a general membership program "Michigan's Political Climate and Future Economic Growth" 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

Speaker: Dick Postumus, Sen-

ate Majority Leader.

In addition, a special report will be given by BIA on the state's new Model Energy Code.

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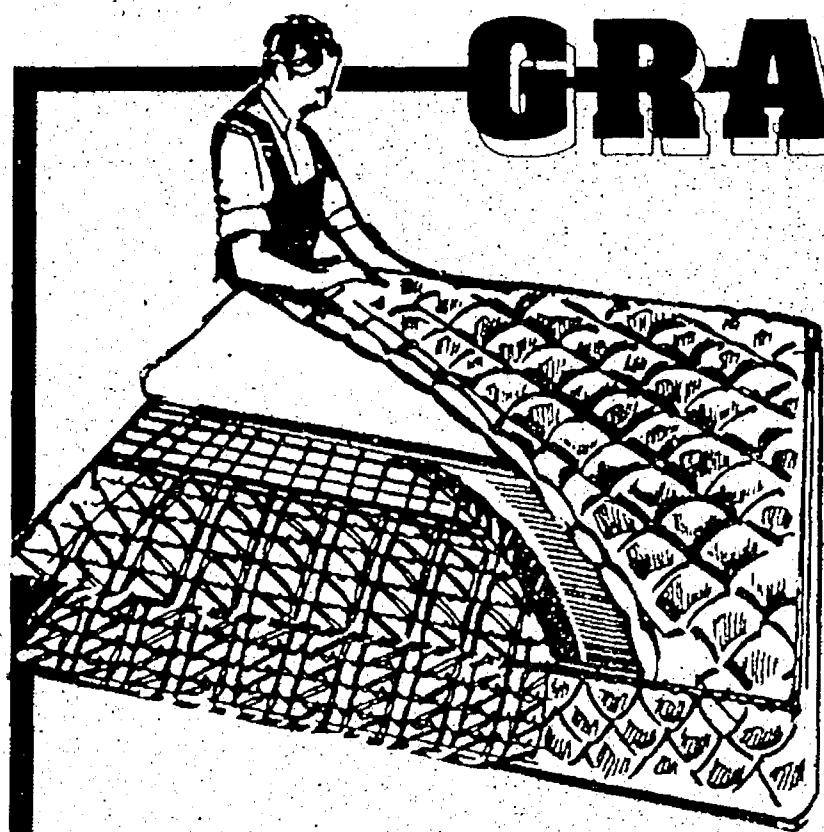


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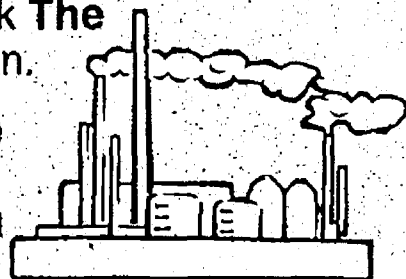
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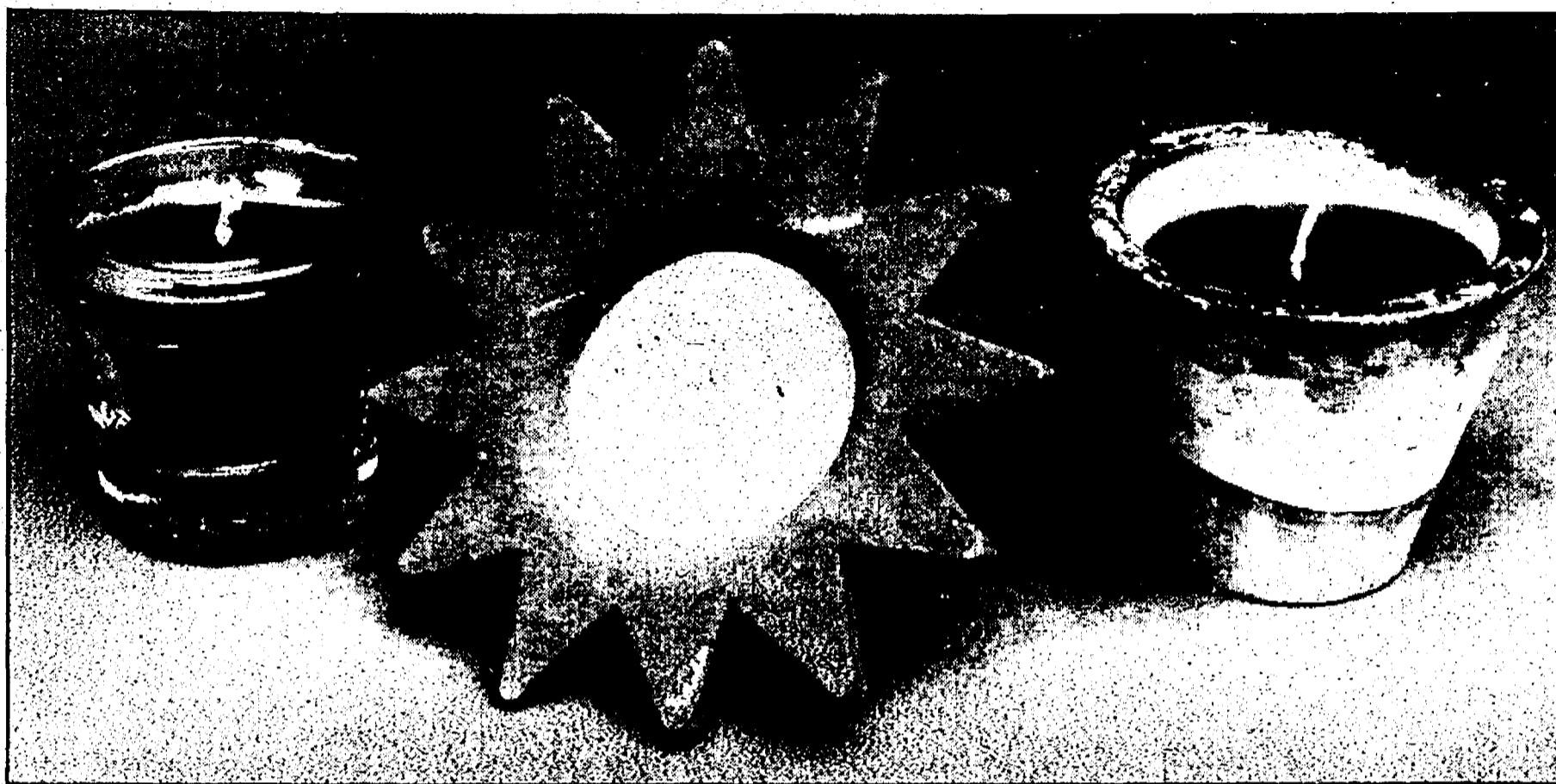
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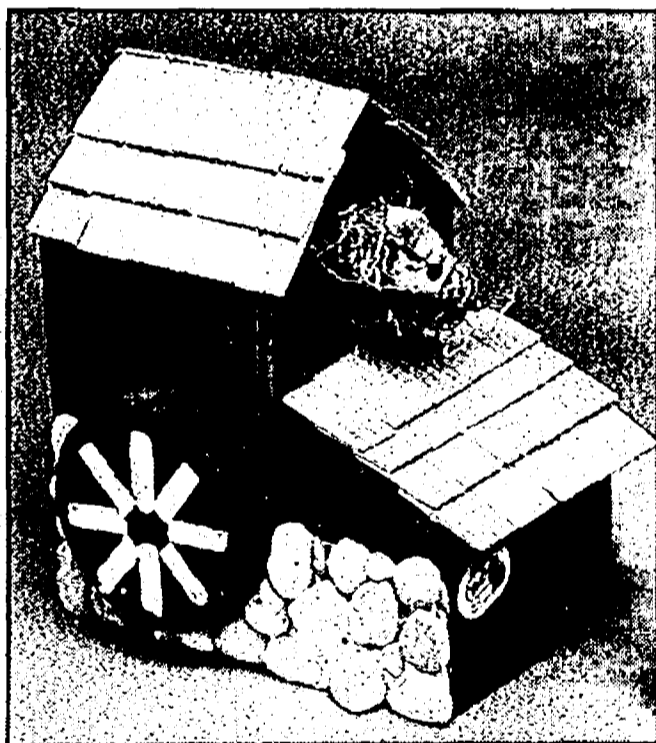
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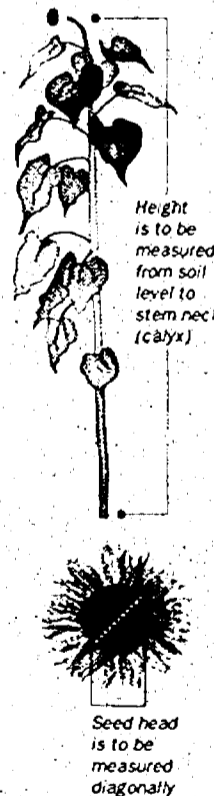
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**HIGH HOPES CONTEST**

Submit your entries as follows:

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE NEWSPAPER. Use the entry form below (or a facsimile) printed in this newspaper. Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, Aug. 31, 1996. Fill in all the blanks. Clearly print or type the information. Include area code with your telephone number and the best time of day to call if we wish to take photographs. Children should include their ages. Your comments about how you care for the plants can also be sent along with the entry. This information may be passed on to our readers when we announce the winners. There are two categories of winners in this High Hopes Sunflower Contest: The tallest sunflower and the one with the largest seed head (not including the rays of the flower), grown in the 1996 season through Aug. 31.

1. Sunflower measurement must be taken from soil level to the base of the head where the stem attaches to the flower.
2. Seed head measurement must be taken diagonally across the seed head (not including the rays of the flower).
3. Participants must send the official entry form (or a facsimile) to: High Hopes Sunflower Contest, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Judges will notify contest finalists to verify height and size.
4. Winners will be announced in the newspaper in September.
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6. Decisions of the judges are final.
7. Entrants must live in Oakland or Wayne County to be eligible.



My sunflower height is: \_\_\_\_\_ My sunflower's seed head is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ If Child, include age: \_\_\_\_\_

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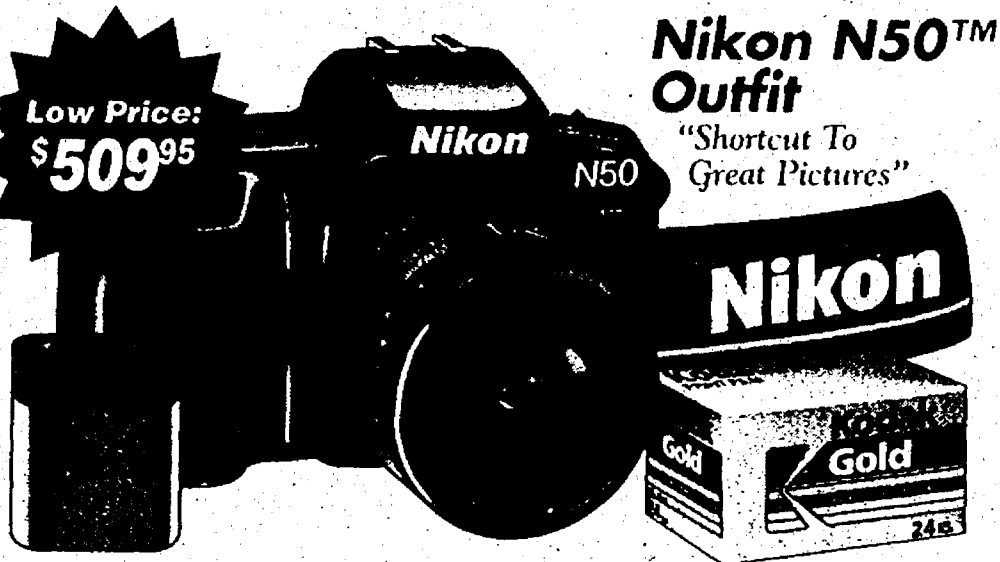
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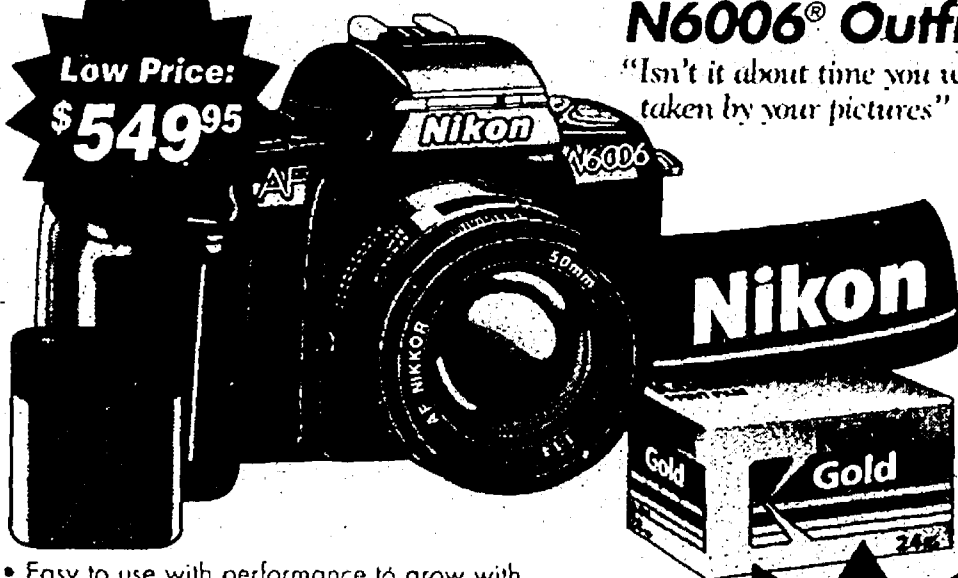


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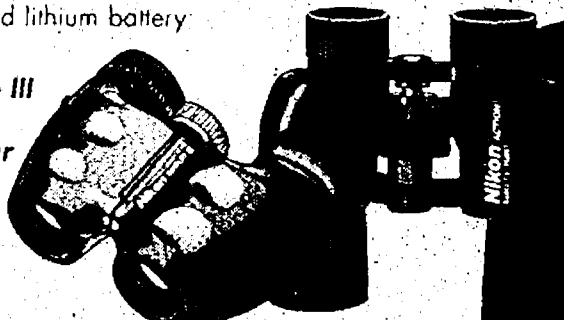


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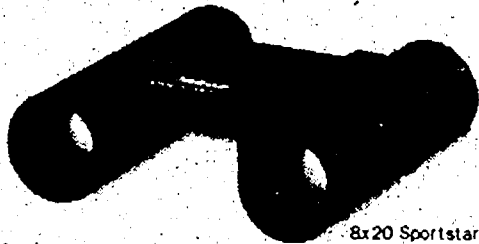


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# Take some time to enjoy the garden



MARTY FIGLEY

In these last few weeks of summer, take time to sit in a quiet place and enjoy some new gardening books along with a cup of tea or coffee.

"Seeds," Peter Loewer (\$25, Macmillan), begins with what a seed is and does. In simple layman's terms, Loewer's explanations

are easily understood and fascinating. This book is a must, especially for future botanists.

We also learn how to plant them for optimal results, origins of plants and diverse information such as that one of the earliest records of germination of seeds (stored for 15 years) was recorded in 1846. We meet seedsmen from many parts of the country and learn the history of their seed houses and their role in seed production and distribution. Many nurseries and exchange companies are described in detail.

Loewer has included several reviews of books especially geared for seed collectors. He has also profiled several collectors and relates unusual and sometimes harrowing experiences in their quest.

### Women's works

"Between the Apple-blossom and the Water," edited by Pamela Norris (Little Brown, \$17.95), is a collection of word vignettes of woman and gardens. Each narrative is taken from novels, poems or gardening books by women, published between 1860 and 1935 at a time when women were beginning to venture out of the house to pursue hobbies other than embroidery, etc.

Authors include Vita Sackville West, Edith Wharton, Louisa May Alcott and Katherine Mansfield. A suitable painting by artists such as George Samuel Elgood, Sidney Shelton and Hugh Norris accompanies each piece.

In "The New Northern Gardener" (Firefly, \$24.95), Jennifer Bennett has expanded her important book, "The Harrowsmith Northern Gardener," written several years ago. A new chapter on flowers with a list of more than 100 hardy ones (and personal notes) will enable gardeners in our zone to realize success with a large number of these plants.

The herb section includes mail-order and zone information, and the how-to diagrams enhance the directions Bennett so carefully gives. If you are trying vegetables for the first time, here is good advice with descriptions of many - and growing information. The author

details the process from beginning to end for information from gardening directly in the ground to containers. Check out the harvest and storing chapter, too.

### Floral portraits

"Hydrangeas," Toni Lawson-Hall and Brian Rothera (Timber Press, \$34.95) is an excellent book with all the details of these versatile shrubs.

The first half deals with all the "technical" aspects from garden sites, propagation, cultural needs, where the genus originated and an interesting chapter about bloom color and soil requirements. We learn that color changes were first recorded in the late 18th century and since then botanists have tried many experiments to learn what works. Their results are here.



The second half contains the portraits giving all pertinent information of this large genus. The color photographs are excellent. I especially like the drawings of the leaves illustrating the shape and veining, and individual flowers showing their forms.

Dorling Kindersley has added four new titles to the Eyewitness Garden Handbooks. They are "Garden Trees" (\$17.95), "Shrubs & Climbers" (\$19.95) managing editor Francis Ritter, "Perennials" (\$19.95) and "Roses" (\$17.95) managing editor Helen Parker. Each book is divided into two sections and follows the same format.

The color plant portraits illustrate hundreds of plants and includes desirable information such as habit, light requirements, cultivation and size. If a generic group is large, additional information is given, for instance dahlias, chrysanthemums and hostas. A quick flip through the pages further shows that the plants are grouped into specific categories for seasonal interest or type (i.e. roses). The second section deals with growing techniques and plant care.

"Taylor's Guide to Orchids," Judy White (Houghton Mifflin, \$19.95), is suitable for experienced or novice growers. All cultural information and photographs of more than 300 varieties of orchids is included, and White has done a superb job.

### High Hopes

There's still time to enter our High Hopes Sunflower Contest. Look for the entry form on page G3 of this section.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone then her mailbox number, 1859.

## INVITING IDEAS

# State fair party is blue ribbon winner



RUTH  
MOSSOK JOHNSTON

As a child and teenager, I loved going to the Michigan State Fair. When I was little, animals and kiddie rides were my passion. As I grew older, I'm sure my folks thought it was an ideal place for me and my friends to meet boys. Not so; well, usually not so; my interest was usually centered around food!

I guess some things never change. My mouth still waters when I think about carnival treats, things like tart-crisp apples glistening with caramel topped with roasted chopped nuts; cotton candy; batter-dipped, golden fried corn dogs; triple scoops of creamy ice-cream in a sugar cone; plump hot dogs topped with sauerkraut, onions and mustard; huge crispy, golden, too-hot-to-handle, french fries served in a paper cylinder splashed with vinegar (that was my Mom's favorite), and salt water taffy that stuck to your teeth, so much so, that you could taste it for nearly half a day.

I still enjoy those glorious foods, even cotton candy; they're my inspiration for a state fair theme party to celebrate the end of summer.

It's a great idea for a neighborhood get-together or weekend event for family and friends. You could even host blue ribbon contests for pie making, jams, and cakes. Have everyone bring his "best try" for each category and award blue ribbons. Take this idea one step further and make it a fund-raiser for your favorite local charity, church, synagogue or school.

Cover picnic tables with red-and-white checkered cloths and matching napkins, decorate with streamers, balloons, and metallic ribbon. Rent "State Fair" (1962) starring Pat Boone, Ann Margaret, Bobby Darin, Tom Ewell and Alice Faye, and plug in your VCR so everyone can watch. Serve corn dogs, french fries, and other carnival fare, or create a menu of blue-ribbon-winning recipes.

## MAIDA HEATTER'S COUNTY-FAIR CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE

Yield: 12 generous portions

Cocoa Cake Layers

2 cups sifted cake flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

6 tablespoons strained unsweetened cocoa powder (preferably Dutch Process)

1/4 pound (1 stick) sweet butter

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 1/4 cups sugar

2 large eggs

1 cup milk

Adjust rack to center of the oven and

preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter two 8-inch round layer-cake pans, dust them with flour, invert and tap lightly to shake out excess, and then set aside.

Sift together the flour, baking soda, salt, and cocoa and set aside.

In the large bowl of an electric mixer, cream the butter. Add the vanilla and then the sugar and beat well. Beat in the eggs one at a time, scraping the bowl with a rubber spatula and beating well after each addition.

On low speed add the sifted dry ingredients in three additions, alternating with the milk in two additions. Scrape the bowl with the spatula and beat only until smooth after each addition.

Divide the batter between the prepared pans and spread smoothly.

Bake for 35-40 minutes until the layers just begin to come away from the sides of the pans.

Cool the layers in the pans for 5 to 6 minutes. Then, with a small, sharp knife, cut around the sides to release. Cover each layer with a rack, invert, remove the pan, cover with another rack and invert again, leaving the right side up to finish cooling.

Prepare a flat cake plate or serving board by placing four strips of wax paper around the outer edges of the plate. Place one cooled cake layer upside down on the plate, checking to see that the papers touch the cake all around.

If you have a cake-decorating turntable or a lazy Susan, place the cake plate on it.

## CHOCOLATE ICING

5 ounces (5 squares) unsweetened chocolate

1 cup heavy cream

1 1/4 cups sugar

1/4 cup (1 stick) sweet butter

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Chop the chocolate into small pieces - it is all right for them to be uneven - and set aside.

In a heavy 2 1/2- to 3-quart saucepan stir the cream and sugar to mix. With a wooden or rubber spatula stir over moderate heat until the mixture comes to a boil. Then reduce the heat and let simmer for exactly 6 minutes.

Remove from the heat, add the chocolate, stir until it is melted, then add the butter and stir until it is melted. Add the vanilla and stir.

Partially fill a large bowl with ice and water. Place the saucepan of icing in the bowl of ice water and stir frequently until completely cool. Then stir constantly until the mixture begins to thicken.

When the icing begins to thicken,

See JOHNSTON, G6



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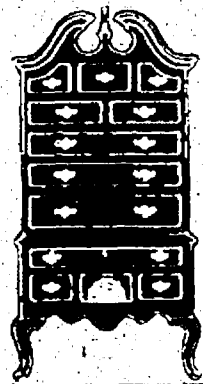
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JOE  
GAGNON

In 1979 I bought my existing business from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carmack, who had owned it for many years before and wanted to retire.

Today, Mr. Carmack, who is in his mid-80s, is in failing health; yet he maintains that sharp mental attitude that made him so successful.

He lives with his daughter, Judy, and every few weeks I pick up some Kentucky Fried Chicken and we spend a few hours of conversation, which I so dearly love.

He is a man I have greatly admired for his business philosophy of helping others. I have used his principles for the past 17 years in business with the same belief that he has. What goes around comes around and when you do good for others, it comes back to you.

That wasn't the case in March 1995 when the Detroit News ran a front-page story with my picture, announcing to the world how the Appliance Doctor was taking Carmack Appliance into bankruptcy court and filing under Chapter 11. The embarrassment of it all was a very depressing period in my life. I blamed others when I should have blamed the one sole person responsible: myself.

Today, after 14 months of having the court watch everything over my shoulder, my company has been removed from Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Court. It has taken a lot of hard work and an attitude of knowing what the business can and cannot do. The court wasn't mean to me, but rather very cooperative in teaching me how to get out of this serious bind.

I have also felt a certain amount of pride at the end of all this. It is rare for a company in Chapter 11 to get out of the predicament it is in. All in all, it has been a very big lesson in the life of a guy who has always worried about

others and didn't pay attention to what was going on around himself. Lesson learned.

Eighteen months ago I began doing my appliance show on WJR radio, which has proven to help others and achieve success. Much has happened during this period, and I'm sure you'll read about it soon in the columns of other writers. There has been so much written lately about this radio station that I stand so proud of that I feel I must defend their decisions of late.

Those who write the negative are those who don't work for WJR, and - without knowing the full scope of what's going on - show their ignorance to those of us who are in the know.

Many business experts inform corporations that they can't do things the way they used to; they have to change or they will stand still and fail. My bankruptcy might never have occurred if I would have followed the advice of experts. I'm sure you will see more changes at WJR, and they will be positive ones that incorporate good business sense and a continuing attitude of caring for their radio audience.

In closing this personal side story let me thank this newspaper for allowing me to write this weekly column and all the people along the way who have helped me. I want to thank all of you who read this column and listen to the radio show. I could never have achieved this limited amount of fame without the support of you. It is hard to explain how much I care for others without making it sound like a con job so I will just carry on doing what I do and try to make all of you proud of me. I can't do it without you.

*Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.*

## Johnston from page G5

remove it from the ice water and stir/beat briskly with a rubber or wooden spatula until it becomes smooth and thick enough to spread - or about like a very heavy mayonnaise. It should take only a few seconds or maybe a minute or so of stirring/beat. If the icing remains too soft, return it to the ice water briefly, then remove and stir/beat again.

When the icing is thick enough, quickly spread it about 1/3 inch thick over the cake on the plate. Cover with the second layer, placing it right side up (both flat

sides meet in the middle), pour the remaining icing over the cake, and with a long, narrow metal spatula spread it over the top and sides of the cake. If you wish, form large swirls on the top, using the spatula to indent the icing from the outer rim toward the center in a rather abstract daisy shape.

Remove the wax paper strips by pulling each one toward a narrow end.

*Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in*





**Flower power:** Careful composition allowed Monte Nagler to produce this interesting and impact-filled picture of a building detail in Avebury, England.

## Details offer big opportunities



MONTE  
NAGLER

When we see an interesting building, we often photograph the entire structure, thinking this is the best way to capture it on film.

Yet buildings provide many opportunities for the photographer to create exciting and, in many ways, unusual images of scenes that are always present that the majority of people pass by without seeing. Even buildings that overall may be quite dull may offer terrific photographic potential.

What I'm referring to is photographing building details.

An ornate door handle, an unusual window arrangement, the graphic quality of a fire escape, a pattern of bricks or a section of peeling paint - all can provide excellent picture potential.

Churches, in particular, contain many photographic opportunities. Details of statues, columns, stained glass and stonework all would work well and could form the basis of a photographic essay.

You'll most likely need a telephoto lens to enable you to "move in close" to

your building detail. Use a tripod to get your camera steady and fine tune the composition.

Time of day can play an important part in photographing details. When the sun is low or at an acute angle to the subject, textures are enhanced and shadows will play an important role in the final result.

In the English village of Avebury, where the homes and cottages are resplendent with building details, the scene shown here really caught my attention. The white iceberg roses winding up the wall combined with the flower barrel and window made the perfect composition. Overcast lighting highlighted the textures, and what you see here is a nicely executed shot of a building detail.

Moving in close and photographing building details will reward you with many outstanding pictures indeed.

Try to "say something" with your photos and attempt to have them reflect the essence of the buildings or structures you are photographing.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873.

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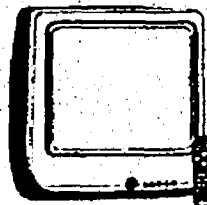
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## COVER STORY

## On the cover:

Barry Harrison and Arturo Sanchez of the Art-Harrison Interior Design Studio of Birmingham work wonders, making such creations as sconces featuring shades made of coleus leaves. Staff photos by Jerry Zolynsky.



Magic in store: Barry Harrison (the Harrison of Art-Harrison) shows one of the designers' imaginative pieces, part of a current display at Neiman-Marcus in Troy. Art-Harrison made exclusive designs for the store.

PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

## They're wizards by design

BY MARY KLEMIC • AT HOME EDITOR

**T**hose Art-Harrison people are wizards by design. That's the Art-Harrison Interior Design Studio, where they work wonders transforming or enhancing old pieces and creating others. Their handcrafted items are made specifically for the customer's space and needs.

"We're designers, we're not just decorators," said Arturo Sanchez, who is a partner in the Birmingham business with Barry Harrison.

A retrospective of Art-Harrison designs is displayed throughout Neiman-Marcus at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy, through the first week in September. Art-Harrison designed exclusive furnishings for the store.

Art-Harrison also consists of Roberta Murray and Shane Inman, an intern from Michigan State University. The designers have tackled a wide variety of projects, for clients including a small family on a budget and a large law firm.

"It doesn't take any skill to throw gold at a project," Sanchez said. Rather, it takes thought to work within budget constraints, he said.

One project stayed within a \$300 range.

"We did a real simple cottage-type

look," Murray said. "We made (the client) so happy."

### Fun in style

The designers convey a sense of fun as well as of style. Old cedar chests or bureaus become functional flights of fancy, painted with scenes that include family members or family history. A child's desk features flat "flowerpots" that fit into grooves to stand as adjustable bookends, and a drawer that swings out in an arc to the side rather than straight ahead.

"We strive to make things different, that have never been seen," Sanchez said.

Among the pieces on display at Neiman-Marcus are zebra hide stools with bronze hardware and nickel head trim. The stools are flat so they can be used as tables as well as for seating. The hides belonged to the client.

Also featured at the store is an ottoman called "Little Miss Muffet Meets Judy Jetson," with hand painted fabric and silver-leafed, futuristic-looking legs; benches and tables with curved legs and hand brushed finish; and sconces with hand painted wood and shades made of coleus leaves from the front walk of the designers' office.

One customer had a marble piece

from France. The designers used it as the top of a vanity table. The legs of the table were covered with suede, secured with tiny nickel tacks arranged in a curve to conceal the seam. The pastel tones of the marble matched the soft colors of the dressing room (converted from a spare room) where the table was placed.

For another client who collected lace, the designers fashioned an unusual display piece. The furnishing is like a ladder that hangs on a wall. Longer items can be draped in the back, while shorter ones can be arranged on shelves with copper backing, tilted for view.

In other projects, a kitchen was given a personal touch, with family members selecting different pieces of Pewabic tile to be arranged on the wall; and the designers devised a way to hang a large tapestry. Instead of laying flat against the wall, the tapestry curves — it has a forest scene, and the effect is like being in a forest.

### Put to use

These wizards work their magic with a number of tools and equipment.

"Tim Allen would be jealous," Sanchez said.

Nothing goes to waste, and almost

anything can be put to use. A mahogany day bed Art-Harrison designed for a Detroit Symphony Orchestra Showhouse featured a sea-grass mattress.

"We like to use all different (types) of material," Harrison said.

The designers are particular about every detail. They painstakingly knotted material by hand to form a basket-weave look on some tuffets.

"We make sure everything's right," Harrison said.

"We both work on every project."

They will present clients with gifts, such as a furnishing or accessory made of odds and ends from the project.

The business partners balance the avant-garde and the conservative. Sanchez studied industrial design at Center for Creative Studies and interior design at Wayne State University. Harrison, a member of the Kentucky Department of the Arts, studied fine arts at Eastern Kentucky University and at Morehead. The two have paintings at the Ashley-Chris Gallery in Grosse Pointe.

Their future plans include developing a line of china and stemware; but they will continue delighting clients in residences and businesses.

"Half of our customers (become) our best friends," Sanchez said.

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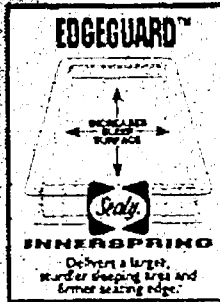
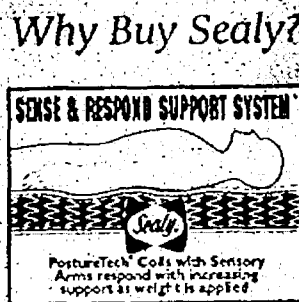
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# Choose wallpaper that's easy to install

(AP) - If you can survive scanning endless pages of wallpaper books and find a pattern that suits your decor, color scheme and budget, hanging the wallpaper will come easy.

For your first job, choose a wallpaper that is easy to install, such as an inexpensive (less than \$20 a roll) pre-trimmed vinyl paper. Vinyl wallcoverings come paper-backed and fabric-backed, and both go up nicely. These papers don't stretch out of shape, even if you reposition them several times on the wall. Fabric-backed papers are more expensive and well suited for bathrooms or kitchens, where humidity can be a problem. Fabric-backed vinyls can be scrubbed and easily stripped off walls at a later date.

You can choose between prepasted wallpaper and those requiring adhesive. Pre-pasted paper only needs to be dunked or soaked in warm water to activate the paste impregnated in its back. Other wallcoverings are hung on the wall with an adhesive applied with a roller. If you use one of these papers, ask your wallpaper dealer for an appropriate adhesive.

Look for paper with a pattern repeat or drop of 10 inches or less. Pattern drop or repeat refers to a pattern's

length (a repeat or drop of 10 inches is a pattern that repeats itself every 10 inches). The larger the drop, the more paper is wasted getting the pattern to align between the pieces.

You'll find the pattern repeat on the back of each pattern in your wallpaper sample books and on the roll's wrapping. By choosing a pattern with a small repeat for your first project, you can avoid excessive waste.

Build success into your first attempt by choosing a simple bedroom. Don't try a bathroom, kitchen or two-story hallway at first.

First, look in the back of the wallpaper book for a notice that tells you the area of each roll. Most rolls of American wallpaper contain about 36 square feet of material. Allowing for waste due to the pattern drop and trimming, the roll covers about 30 square feet. A roll of European (metric) wallpaper contains about 28 square feet and covers about 23 square feet of wall (these are based on wallpaper with a drop under 18 inches).

To calculate how much paper you need, first find the wall area. Add the length of each wall, and multiply this

total by the ceiling height. Multiply the height of each door and each window by its width. Add the door and window areas and subtract this from the wall area. This gives you the surface area to be papered. Add about 20 percent to the total papered area to allow for the few bad cuts (inevitable on your first job).

Divide this number by the area that your wallpaper roll covers, and that's the number of wallpaper rolls that you need. Make sure the paper is from the same lot or batch. The batch number is stamped on each roll, and all the rolls should have the same number. If you run short and have to order extra paper later, you might get a roll from a different batch run. The color or repeat pattern might not match exactly, even if you order the same pattern from the same store.

Clean the walls thoroughly and repair holes, cracks or dents. Wash or paint the room's woodwork and trim. Unless the woodwork is natural or its paint is in good shape, it will probably look dingy next to the new paper. It's easier to paint it now than after the paper is in place.

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# The right windows save energy cost

**Q.** My husband and I plan to build a new home next year when we retire. Can energy efficient construction techniques make that much of a difference in comfort and energy costs down the road? We plan to stay in the house for many years.

**A.** Energy costs do affect a homeowner's monthly budgets, so it makes sense to take some time to formulate an energy-efficient plan for new home construction or even just a room addition to an existing house.

An obvious way to improve energy efficiency would be to replace your furnace with a 90-percent-plus-efficiency unit. Basement walls can be insulated to four feet below grade on the exterior or interior, and house wraps and better insulation are good options. Even caulk around windows, doors and at sills will reduce air infiltration into the home.

The selection and quality of windows and doors is often overlooked as more homeowners are becoming involved in the design and construction decisions for their new houses and remodeling projects. This is due to the bewildering array of choices available in this product category.

The subject warrants more research



than others because windows and doors account for approximately 40 percent of the energy losses in your home. Additionally, window and door designs are limited only by your imagination and play a dramatic role in the look of the new house or room addition. When selection windows and doors, the following three factors should be considered:

- glass options
- type of framework
- air infiltration

Consumers no longer choose just one type of glass (glazing) for the openings in their entire house. For instance, windows on the sunny southern or western sides of a house should have solar-protective glass to help limit heat gain and

ultraviolet fading problems. Windows on the north and east sides may need glass with high insulating properties to protect from blustery cold winter winds.

Other windows may face heavy street traffic or active play areas, so glass with noise-insulating properties may be needed. This type of designing will make you more comfortable, lower future energy costs and allow designs with large windows to be used without sacrificing efficiencies.

Framework incorporates the construction, insulation, exterior cladding, hardware, weather-stripping and thermal breaks of the windows or doors. Look for a manufacturer that offers top-quality manufacturing, freedom of design and trouble-free performance year after year and backs his promises with a good written warranty on components and glass.

Obviously, you should buy your windows from a company with an established reputation so it will be able to service your warranty.

Comparing different windows in terms of air infiltration can be a simple and accurate process since the National Fenestration Rating Council has established standard testing and labeling for manufacturers. All windows should come with an easy-to-read label.

The lower the "U" value, the better the energy performance.

Modern construction techniques make the home a thermal envelope. Homeowners make openings in their thermal envelope to allow natural light to filter in, ventilate in a controlled way and meet their personal design objectives.

The choice regarding windows and doors is an important one and well worth the extra time and investment up front. These decisions can help save you money in energy costs down the road.

*Eric Brakke, general manager, Conservations Unlimited Inc.*

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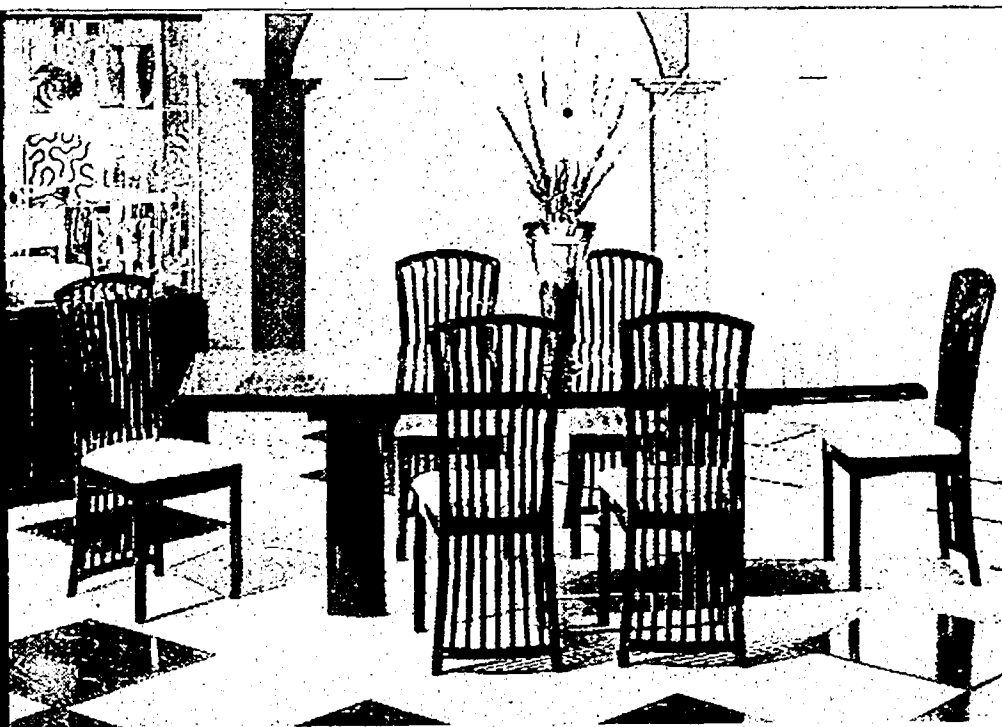
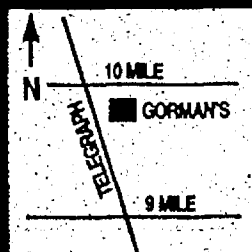
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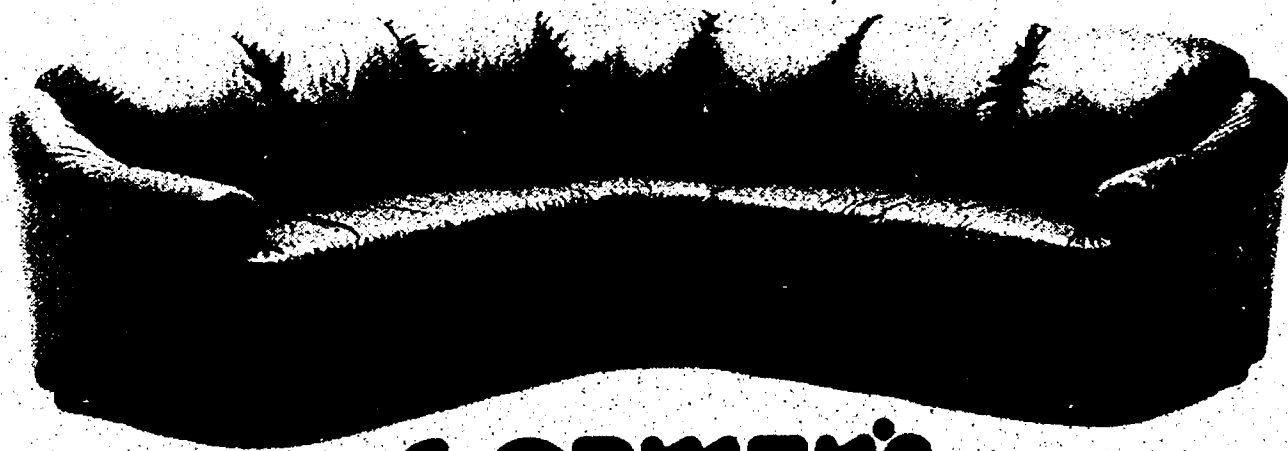
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BY MARTY FIGLEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

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By learning the requirements of the tree we are considering, whether it is a native or a new cultivar, we can better assure our success.

With this in mind, our Ohio neighbors in Columbus will conduct a one-day tree symposium that should be of great interest to many. Ohio State University's Chadwick Arboretum and the American Horticultural Society will host the second annual Great American Garden Lecture Series 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at the OSU Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road. "Trees are Terrific: Putting Them in Their Place" will focus on selection, design, maintenance and survival of trees in urban landscapes.

A \$60 registration fee includes a box lunch if pre-registered. Members of the American Horticultural Society can register for \$45. For information, call the Chadwick Arboretum at (614) 292-

4678 or (614) 688-3479, or the AHS at (703) 768-5700.

"Participants will discover the diversity and beauty of new and native trees that are used to create contemplative wooded retreats in a small-scale garden," said Janet Oberliesen, program coordinator and development officer at the OSU Chadwick Arboretum. "The speakers will absolutely capture your imagination and give you a new appreciation of trees!"

Topics and speakers are: "Designing Their Space," landscape architect Warren Byrd Jr. of the University of Virginia; "Rediscovering Our Native Trees," plantsman Jim Wilson of "Victory Garden"; "Engineering Our Future Trees," Frank Santamour of the U.S. National Arboretum; "Maintaining Healthy Trees," horticulturist Nina Bassuk of Cornell University; and "I Look at Trees from Both Sides Now," associate professor Jim Chatfield of OSU Extension. A tour of the OSU Tree Research Program is included.

Proceeds from this symposium will benefit the educational programming of the OSU Chadwick Arboretum and the AHS.



MARTY FIGLEY

*Limb-erling up: Many things need to be considered when choosing the correct tree for a garden.*

## Quick, easy decorating ideas beautify home

Are you plagued by unsightly rings on your coffee table? Distressed by the scratches on your favorite rocker or the burn on the antique dining table that has been in your family for generations? Perhaps you're looking to redecorate an old room, but just don't think you have the time. Never fear - help is on the way, and her name is Leslie Linsley.

One of the most trusted craft experts in America, Linsley has published more than 45 craft books and writes two-syndicated columns on home decorating for First magazine. Her latest book, "Leslie Linsley's 15-minute Decorating Ideas"

(St. Martin's Griffin), is simple enough for the novice, yet imaginative enough to appeal to the expert. The topics covered include:

- Instant and weekend makeovers
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Readers can learn everything from selecting the right paint to setting the table for a seashore dinner. This book is a must for anyone looking to add a little beauty to a home. Here is an exam-

ple of the helpful hints you will find:

### QUICK FURNITURE FIXES

• Scratches - To quickly conceal minor scratches on cherry, maple or mahogany, use Mercurochrome or iodine. Use liquid shoe polish in a color to match walnut or oak.

If there's a deep scratch, touch it up with stain. Then fill the cavity with polyurethane. Let dry, and sand lightly with extra-fine sandpaper. Go over the area, and the entire surface if needed, with paste wax.

• Gouges - Plastic wood can be used to fill deep gouges. If the gouges are shallow, they can easily be sanded and

restained.

• White marks - Water rings don't have to be permanent. It's easy to remove them with a mixture of toothpaste and baking soda. If the white ring was caused by heat, rub with a cloth and mayonnaise. Wipe, let dry, then rub with furniture oil.

• Burns - Use a cotton swab dipped in nail polish remover to rub the darkened area. Take care not to touch the surrounding surface. Mix equal parts of nail polish remover and clear nail polish, and dab with the brush over the scarred area.

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# With area rugs, what's old is new

BY BARBARA MAYER  
AP SPECIAL FEATURES

The wall-to-wall carpeting is threadbare and stained in high-traffic places, but it's still good around the edges.

Or the hardwood floors, just redone, are worth showing off.

Either case calls for an area rug, or rugs. Area rugs — especially those that reek of old money — are more stylish today than carpeting.

To some extent, this is merely a turning of the wheel of floor fashion. But it coincides with an abundance of affordable reproduction rugs — Orientals, Aubussons, needlepoints and more — and consumer desire for "conversation rugs" that reflect personal interests.

"The reproductions in some cases are so well done that they can fool even the keenest eye," says Bebe Winkler, an interior designer in New York.

The ample supply also coincides with the increasing scarcity — and rising prices — of antique rugs, and with a growing interest in antiques in general, according to David Amini, president of Beauvais Carpets Inc., a to-the-trade importer in New York.

With so many appealing designs, there's a temptation to use more than one in a room. Winkler put two Arts

and Crafts style rugs in her living room — a 9-by-12 and a 6-by-9 that share general design and color themes.

Rather than reproductions, Winkler prefers antique Orientals which have faded to a fine patina, but budgets rarely permit such extravagances. Amini says a 10-by-14 antique Aubusson might sell for \$50,000, an excellent copy for about \$14,000. Good copies of needlepoints and early 20th-century Arts and Crafts rugs are in the \$3,000 to \$5,000 range.

Even more affordable are area rugs found in carpet departments, specialty stores and mail-order catalogs. Rugs that buck tradition and are alive with color and pattern beckon the buyer.

"Consumers seem to be looking for rugs that reflect their personal interests, whether it be fruits and vegetables, birds, golfing, flowers, dogs or anything else," says Pam O'Toole, carpet fashion coordinator for Shaw Industries of Dalton, Ga.

Several new patterns were shown recently in New York by the Carpet and Rug Institute. From Milliken & Co., LaGrange, Ga., comes a field of quirky birdhouses with a border of birds. Joy Carpets Inc., of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., introduced a rug featuring brightly-colored balls with letters and numbers.

There's no rule on whether you should shop for furniture or floor coverings first, but those in the know generally start with furniture. A furniture plan helps determine rug size, and upholstery swatches can be carried along while rug shopping to help in pattern and color selection. Make sure the fabric swatches are of good size. Little can be learned from a 2-inch square, Winkler says.

"People will find that stripes and small pattern fabrics will work with almost any patterned carpet, but large multicolor floral prints will present more problems," Winkler says.

If you're doing more than one room, she says, don't worry about using the same period or similar colors. A different type of area rug in every room is not only acceptable, it is more interesting.

To make the most of your money, choose rugs smaller than 12-by-18 feet because reproductions generally are made in smaller sizes. Therefore, large sizes are disproportionately expensive because they are either custom or antique.

Room-size rugs typically leave a 12- to 16-inch border of wood floor showing. But smaller sizes can be used if you

cluster furniture around an area rug, rather than on it. Winkler usually allows about 4 inches of bare floor in front of the sofa. A rubber pad under the rug and a coffee table or ottoman on the rug can anchor it.

Rugs with a center medallion are rather unpopular today because they can throw off the design balance of a room, Amini says.

But Winkler says that shouldn't color your choice, particularly in antiques.

## Rose group forming

"Roses — West," a new American Rose Society, is now forming.

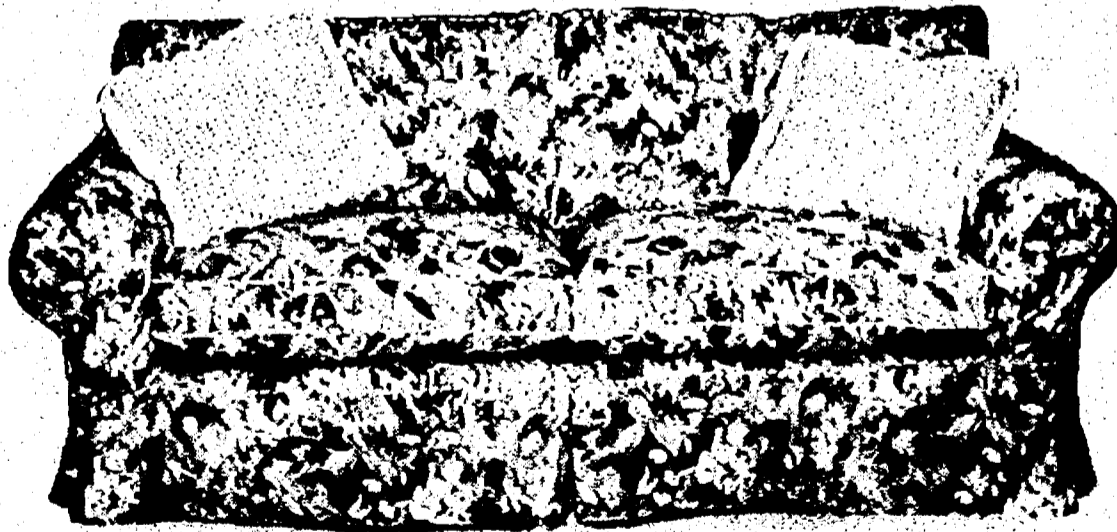
The society offers opportunities to meet new friends, great meetings and speakers, social hours, rose shows, national and state conventions, a spring pruning clinic, a summer clinic and tour, picnics, a holiday dinner and a monthly newsletter.

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# Lighten up your life with a sunroom

(NAPS)—Studies show that as Americans are spending more time at home, they are investing more in home amenities to help them better enjoy free time. Sunrooms are one such amenity. Ranked as the top feature in new homes by more than one-third of consumers in a survey by Professional Builder & Remodeler, sunrooms have become the room of choice for many families.

The natural light, open airy feeling, and view of the outdoors create a unique and refreshing environment in the home that appeals to those looking for a retreat. In fact, relaxation is the number one reason homeowners add

glass enclosures, according to a survey by Patio Enclosures, Inc., the nation's largest sunroom manufacturer.

When considering a glass enclosure, consumers should consider three types of rooms: three-season rooms, year-round insulated rooms and solariums.

### ■ Three-Season Enclosures

Three-season rooms are glass enclosed, with large windows or sliding doors and screens on all sides, and a solid roof which may contain glass panels. This type of room is the most popular due to its moderate cost and versatility. Three-season rooms are not designed to be heated, and are typically closed off from the rest of the house in

the winter.

### ■ Year-Round Enclosures

A year-round insulated enclosure looks similar to a three-season room, but it is built with insulated glass so it can be heated and cooled for use in every season.

### ■ Solariums

Solariums are made with glass on all sides with a curved or straight-eave glass roof for a complete feeling of outdoors. Because they are made entirely with insulated glass, they can also be used throughout the year. Solariums are the most expensive sunroom option, and they are considered the most

stylish.

Common to all sunroom types is a good return on investment. The National Association of Remodelers reports glass enclosures provide a 70-percent return nationwide.

And to maximize energy savings, Patio Enclosures, Inc. recommends separating your sunroom from the rest of the house with a door.

For a free booklet about sunroom types, and how to choose a sunroom contractor, call Patio Enclosures, Inc. at 1-800-480-1966. Or write Patio Enclosures, Inc., Free Booklet, P.O. Box 186, Macedonia, Ohio 44056.

## Designers' homes on tour Sept. 8

The Michigan Chapter of the International Furnishings and Design Association presents Designers' Homes on Tour, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8.

The tour will feature five residences of designers in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area.

Tickets, \$20 each, are available the day of the tour by calling (810) 852-8555. Tickets may be bought in advance at the following locations:

Azar Oriental Rugs, (810) 644-7311, and Hagopian World of Rugs, (810) 646-7847, both in Birmingham; Ash Showroom in Bloomfield Hills, (810)

858-7010; Bellissima, (810) 650-9557, and Chapman House, (810) 651-2157, both in Rochester; The League Shop in Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 882-6880; Mutschler Kitchens in Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 884-3700; Structural Accents in Royal Oak, (810) 549-6777; and Arkay Walker in St. Clair Shores, (810) 772-5295.

The IFDA is a not-for-profit organization. Proceeds from this tour help pay for its student design scholarships and maintain the Michigan chapter for the year. Call (810) 852-8555 for information.

## Madonna University will host exchange of perennial flowers

Madonna University will host its first perennial flower exchange 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 14, in the covered patio outside the Take 5 Lounge in the main building at the university, in Livonia.

"This will be a good way for flower lovers to add variety to their gardens at a low cost," said Sherry Klisz, director of Madonna University's Center for Personalized Instruction and orga-

nizer of the event.

Participants are asked to wrap their perennials in small plastic bags to keep in moisture.

The cost of \$.20 per person includes table use and coffee and donuts. Proceeds will be used for the CPI. For more information, call Klisz at (313) 432-5597. Madonna University is at I-96 and Levan in Livonia.



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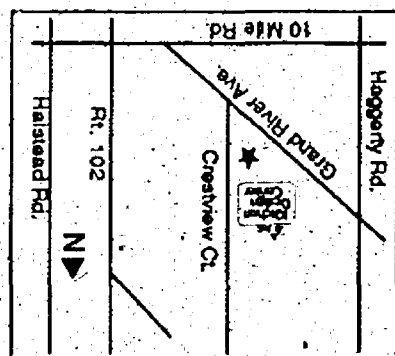
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# Shade challenges gardeners

BY J ROBERT NUSS  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) - Shady gardens and landscapes often present the greatest challenges to the home gardener. With a better understanding of the types of shade you have, the nature of the site, and the plants you choose, it is possible to create an attractive landscape in all settings.

Before you begin to plan and plant, you need to know the types of shade you have and their limitations so you can select plants that will grow under those specific conditions.

Full shade under trees with heavy foliage presents the biggest challenge. Such areas get almost no direct sunlight during the growing season, allow for little air circulation, and rarely have enough ground moisture to support additional plants. These conditions can be improved by pruning trees high for more light and air, but be selective and don't destroy the shape of the trees. There will still be competition with tree roots for moisture.

To enhance the interest of full shade areas, apply a mulch around trees and define the edges between the mulch and the lawn where the shade pattern is the heaviest. Large mulched beds under trees serve to unify a planting and provide a growing area for surface ground covers like English ivy (*Hedera helix*). This is one ground cover that seems to tolerate the low light and

moisture levels often found under dense tree canopies.

Open shade is found in areas open to the sky but shaded by high walls, buildings, rows of shrubs, or trees. Some deciduous flowering shrubs do nicely in these areas, but most will have fewer flowers than they would in sun or lighter shade. Select light-colored flower varieties for best results. Coralberry (*Symphoricarpos* species), warty barberry (*Berberis verruculosa*), Japanese holly (*Ilex crenata*), and Oregon hollygrape (*Mahonia Aquifolium*) will all do well in open shade.

Half-shaded areas get some direct sunlight in the morning or afternoon. Many broadleaf evergreens, such as Japanese andromeda (*Pieris japonica*), drooping leucothoe (*Leucothoe fontanesiana*), many varieties of rhododendron, and mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*), do well in open shade as long as the site is protected from winter winds.

Areas with light shade get a broken flow of sunlight throughout the day from light filtering through the leaves of trees on adjacent properties. Nearly all species of viburnums and most deciduous flowering and evergreen shrubs perform well in light shade. Some plants to consider here would be arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*), mapleleaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*), witchhazel (*Hamamelis* species), or chokeberry (*Aronia* species).

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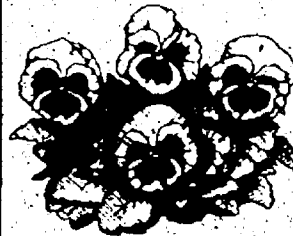
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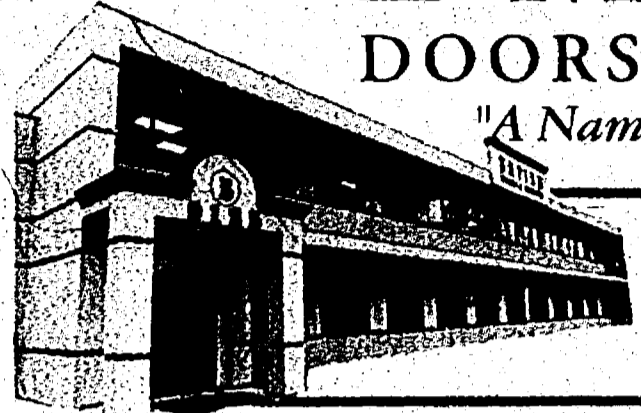
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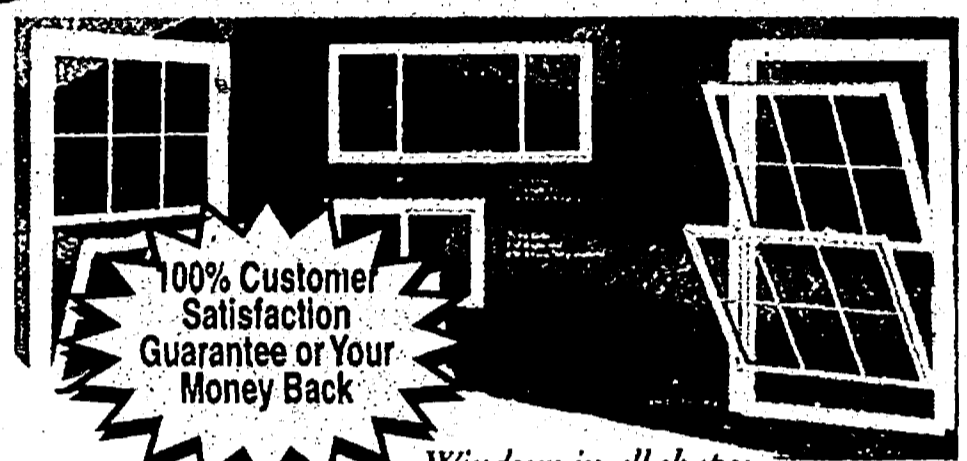
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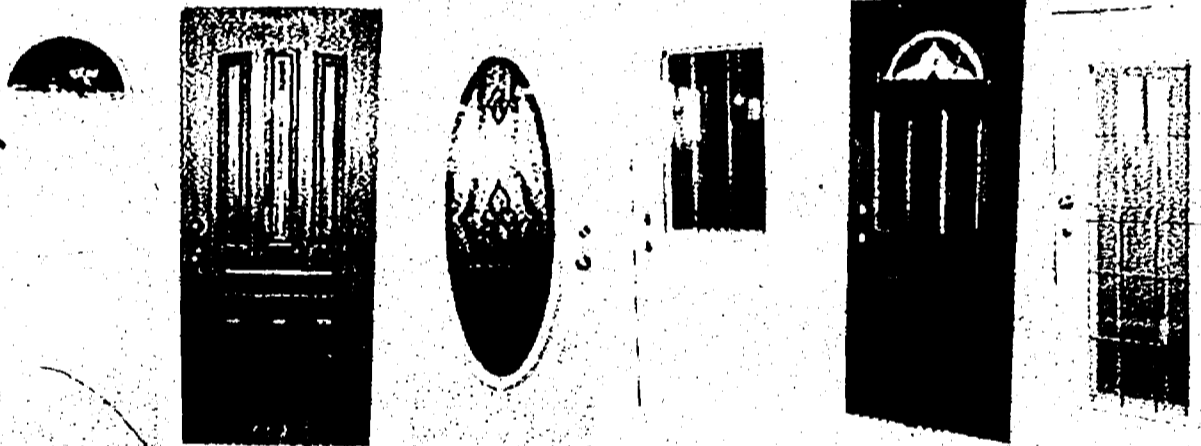


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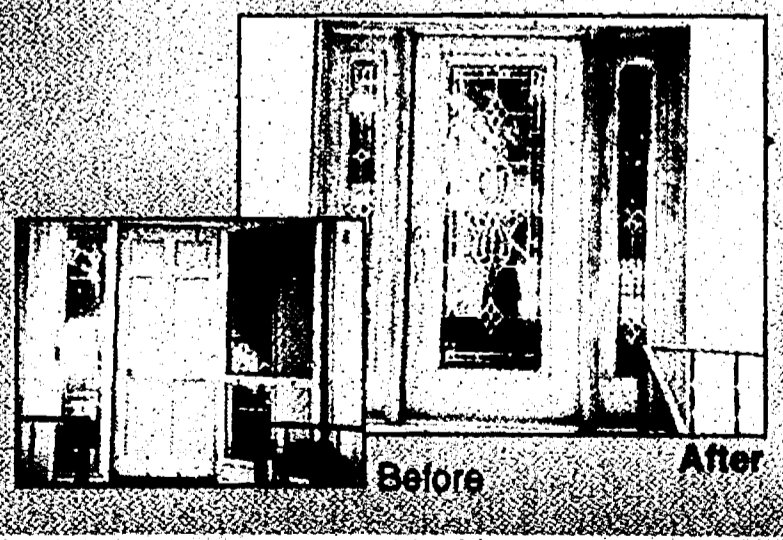
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Dan MacLeish

Dan MacLeish, president of MacLeish Building, has again been designated as one of America's best residential builders and included in the Editor's Choice Home Plans

Book by Better Homes and Gardens. MacLeish, a Troy resident, currently is building in Beach Forest and Vineyards South, both in that community.

**Craig joins RE/MAX**



Diane Craig

Diane Craig has joined the Novi office of RE/MAX 100 as a sales associate.

An eight-year veteran, Craig will continue to specialize in residential properties in Northville,

Novi, Brighton, West Bloomfield and Milford. She lives in Northville.

Prior to joining RE/MAX 100, Craig was affiliated with Prudential Pre-view Properties.

**Architects take office**

Several architects with area connections have taken on leadership roles with American Institute of Architects-Michigan, a professional association.

Arthur F. Smith, a Rochester Hills resident and principal of Arthur F. Smith Architects in Southfield, is vice president/president elect.

Gary Skog, Bloomfield Hills, affiliated with Harley Ellington Design in Southfield, is treasurer.

Past president F. Graham Dickens, Farmington Hills, Contract Interiors in Southfield, along with Carl Roehling, a Birmingham resident with Smith, Hinchman & Grylls in Detroit, a regional director, serve on the state association's board of directors.

**Carley elected chair**

Garry G. Carley, executive vice president and secretary for Standard Federal Bank in Troy, has been elected 1996-97 chairman of the Michigan League of Savings Institutions.

He lives in Bloomfield Hills. The league represents all 27 of Michigan's savings institutions with total assets exceeding \$30 billion.

# REAL ESTATE

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## Firms learn how to handle disaster

BY ARLENE FUNKE  
SPECIAL WRITER

Hundreds of people are working in their eight-story, mostly glass Troy office building when emergency sirens begin shrieking.

Outside, a blackened sky and high winds present the possibility of a tornado coming.

Confused and panicky people jam elevators, rushing to the downstairs lobby. There, crowds of people are jammed up against doors and windows, oblivious to the danger of injury by shattered glass.

"In an emergency, would you know what to do?" asks Jane Buiting, a Bloomfield Hills emergency preparedness consultant.

"As a property manager, you are responsible," said Buiting, 45, who formed Disasters by Design, Inc., a consulting service, four years ago.

Buiting experienced that Troy incident a few years ago, recalling a scene of "absolute, mass confusion."

Fortunately, the storm didn't spawn a tornado, and no one was hurt, but "the potential was there," she said.

Managers of office buildings, apartments and other structures where people work, live or spend time have "minimal" knowledge of what to do in an emergency, according to Buiting.

"Most employees are told nothing, and assume everything is okay," Buiting said. "That's a mistake."

People don't like to think about how they would respond to an emergency, said Pete Baldwin, deputy fire chief in Farmington Hills.

"The biggest problem we have in emergency management is convincing people they need it," said Baldwin, 43.

Buiting is a former property manager with 16 years' experience. She formed her company after hearing how colleagues in other cities suffered after hurricanes and earthquakes.

Buiting works with companies, property-management organizations, units of government and police and fire teams on ways to protect people and buildings.

Her specialty is organizing mock disasters. Most are sponsored by professional property-management organizations as training for its members.

"Seeing is believing," Buiting said. "It's prevention. The emphasis is on saving lives."

Managers of office, commercial and residential buildings recognize safety needs, said Robert Gerholz, president of a 130-member local chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM). Members of this organization earn, through education and training, the designation certified property manager.

"I think the whole idea is good one, either in-house or with a mock disaster," said Gerholz, 40. "There is always



**Helping out:** Firefighters help victims of the the mock disaster, which was staged so businesses can learn to deal with disaster.

concern about the safety of tenants."

So far, Buiting has organized 14 mock disasters, mostly in other states. Her only local job was in 1992, when she coordinated a mock gas line explosion at a Farmington Hills Clarion Hotel, now a Best Western.

In Farmington Hills, many safety features were incorporated during the construction boom of the 1980s, there is always a potential for emergency evacuation, said Baldwin, whose department took part in the mock disaster at the Clarion.

Property managers typically worry about fires, natural disasters, tornadoes, earthquakes or hurricanes, depending on the area and explosions.

More disturbing, in recent years, has been the increase in shootings in the workplace, and fears about bombings and other terrorist activity.

Potential clients are corporations, managers of office buildings and apartment complexes and units of government. Buiting obtains most of her clients through referral.

Buiting works closely with police

and fire experts, and rescue response organizations such as the Red Cross which have great combined expertise.

"There is a real need to bridge the link between the private and public sectors," Buiting said.

Buiting's fees depend on the complexity of the job, ranging from a few hundred dollars for a simple response plan, to thousands of dollars for a mock disaster. Her most costly project was \$15,000.

"Most property owners do care about safety," Buiting said. "They're not sure of their expertise."

When Buiting organizes mock disasters, she creates a script. Special effects, such as loud noises, fake smoke and theatrical "blood" for dramatic effect. Rescue workers, emergency officials and Red Cross personnel must respond quickly to evacuate people and treat "victims."

Emergencies cause panic, said Ed Amos, American Red Cross director of emergency response for Southeast Michigan, who took part in the mock disaster at the Clarion.

## What to look for:

All commercial office buildings and apartments should have an emergency response plan, say experts.

People may need to be evacuated from buildings because of fire, natural disasters such as storms and earthquakes, explosions or other emergencies. A quick, correct response is essential.

"In case of a fire, most people die in the first five minutes," emergency preparedness consultant Jane Buiting said. "Most people haven't gone through a fire drill since they were in school."

Some factors Buiting takes into consideration when preparing an individualized response plan include:

- Layout of building and location of exits.
- Possible storage of hazardous materials in building.
- Location of emergency shelters.
- Whether someone has been designated responsible for calling 911.

"Without a plan, it's difficult to respond effectively," said Amos. "Drills reinforce our preparedness (and) give us an opportunity to work with other response agencies."

At the Clarion, fake smoke billowed through the hallways. Police and firefighters from Farmington Hills and surrounding communities rushed to the scene.

Ladders and special equipment were used to evacuate students who posed as victims, some of whom stood at windows screaming.

The "victims," who "originally thought it was a joke" got caught up in the drama, Buiting said.

"It was a good drill," Buiting said. "There are so many problems with disaster. If you don't know what to do, at least you can learn what not to do."

Each drill includes a critique to see how rescue attempts could be improved.

"I'd like to think that things would run that smoothly in a real incident, but I'm not sure it would," said Baldwin.

George Bonk, executive director of Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit (BOMA) is hoping to schedule a mock disaster for the 260 members of his organization.

"I think this would be a fantastic learning experience for everyone, not just my members," said Bonk, 61. "I have a plan, but we just can't pull it off."

Planning a successful mock disaster requires six to nine months of planning, finding a suitable location, and obtaining cooperation with governmental units and rescue organizations, according to Buiting.

Bonk believes fears about possible adverse publicity, and fears about the bombings in New York, Oklahoma City and Atlanta are blocking his efforts.

"It's a legitimate concern," Bonk said. "Just look at what is happening."

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**Amid the action:** Jane Buiting walks through the mock disaster outside the Clairion Hotel in Farmington Hills.

## Acapulco condominium could be problematic

**REAL ESTATE QUERIES**  
Q. I am interested in buying a condominium in Acapulco on the bay. I am wondering if you have any information concerning the availability of such a high rise.



ROBERT M. MEISNER

A. As in most resort areas in Mexico, condominiums are being promoted by developers. Unfortunately, when you buy a condominium in Mexico, you are not able to get title to the property if you are a foreigner. However, you basically have ownership rights. Another problem with buying in Acapulco is that it is almost impossible to obtain financing because of inflation. A new set of

high rises that are going up in Acapulco which I recently have inspected can be purchased for \$344,000 in U.S. dollars with a downpayment of

\$120,000 and 36 payments of \$6,222. There would also be an insurance obligation to pay \$3,860 with respect to the land contract payments. The condominiums have a number of fine amenities and are on the ocean. There are opportunities for purchase, but, again, caution may be the better part of valor in regard to buying real estate in Mexico at this time.

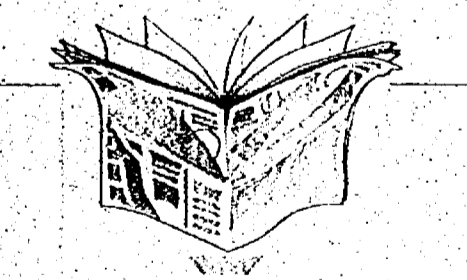
Q. We are having problems with our exterior siding and wonder against whom we might have recourse. The developer says that the manufacturer is responsible, and we are not sure who we should be pursuing. Do you have any recommendations?

A. Normally, the developer/builder, as captain of the ship, is responsible for the product that is being sold to the consumer. Even though the manufacturer may be culpable, while the consumer may have a claim as well against the manufacturer, its most direct claim

is with the builder/developer that presumably provided it with an express warranty and/or a warranty implied by law regarding the purchase of the house.

The builder/developer may seek recourse against the manufacturer if there was a manufacturing defect as opposed to a problem with installation. In any event, you should consult with an attorney knowledgeable in these affairs who can examine your particular needs in your particular situation.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



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The main floor is an exceptional example of the wise use of space combined for comfort, practicality and beauty. Here you entertain with confidence in large, open rooms with plenty of windows for enjoying the view and ushering in the light. A wrap-around porch, with waist-high railing, frames the front of the handsome Hopkins 3.

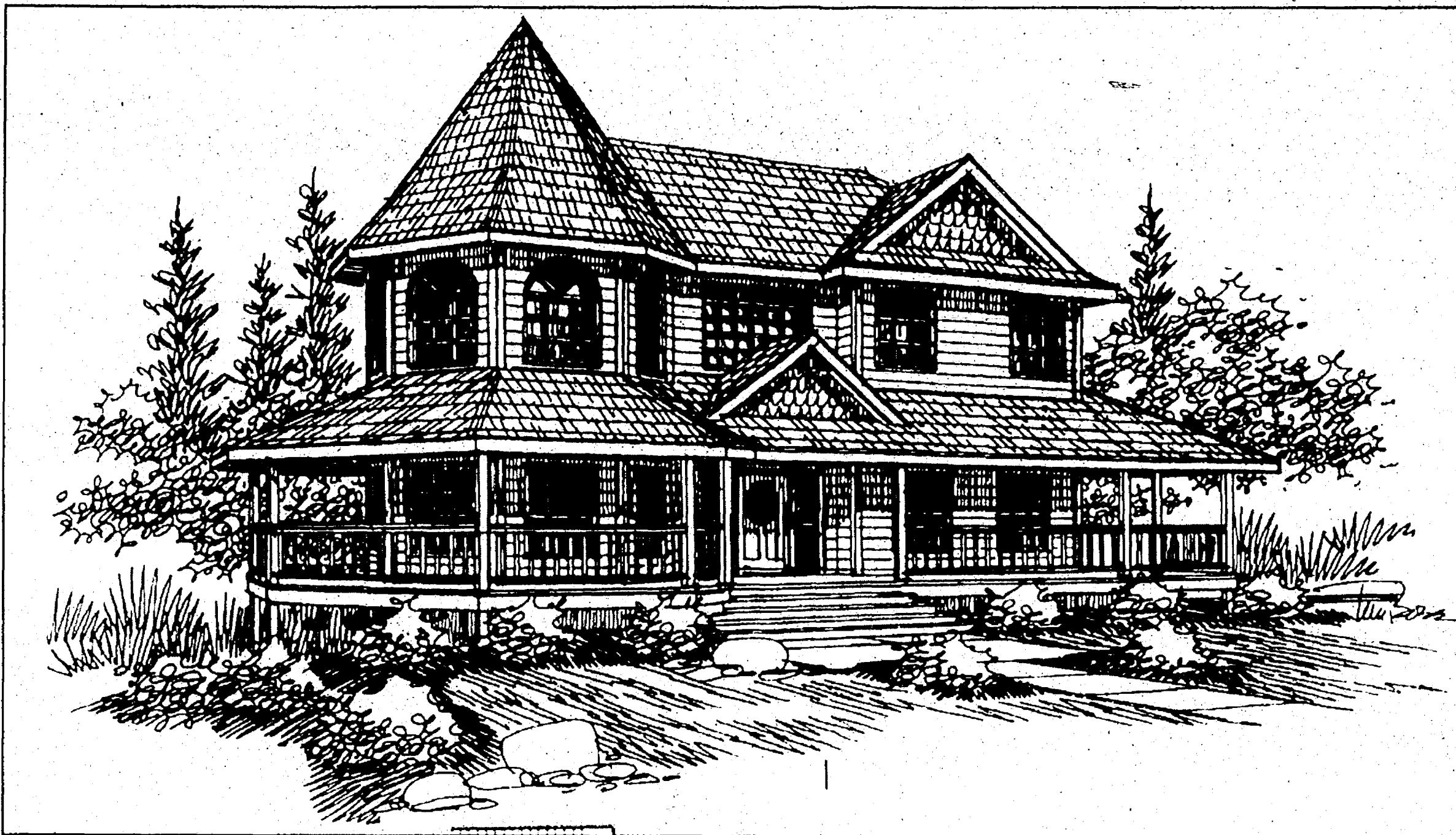
Your guests will admire the generous vaulted entry as you show them into the adjoining octagonal room. Here, savor before-dinner conversation in front of the propane fireplace. The dining room is placed between the kitchen and living room.

The spacious U-shaped kitchen features an island cooktop, double ovens, appliance garage, walk-in pantry and a cozy breakfast nook. A big family room is situated nearby and opens onto a deck where a sunny day can be fully appreciated.

A good-sized home office, with plenty of storage, is at the front of the house.

The upper level of the Hopkins 3 contains the elegant sleeping quarters. The huge master suite features a coffered vault above the bed area, a fireplace and a walk-in closet. The master suite also boasts a private bathroom with linen storage, twin basins, spa tub and an oversized shower.

Bedroom two is octagonal in shape,



with a vaulted ceiling. A full bathroom serves as a buffer between bedrooms 2 and 3.

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30-year mortgage rates fall to lowest level since April 4

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This was down from 8.23 percent last week.

The source of these numbers is a national survey released Thursday by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

It was the lowest level since April 4, when rates averaged 7.78 percent.

Rates generally have been falling since July 11, when they averaged 8.42 percent, the highest since 8.62 percent in March 1995.

On one-year adjustable rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.89 percent.

This was down from 5.98 percent last week.

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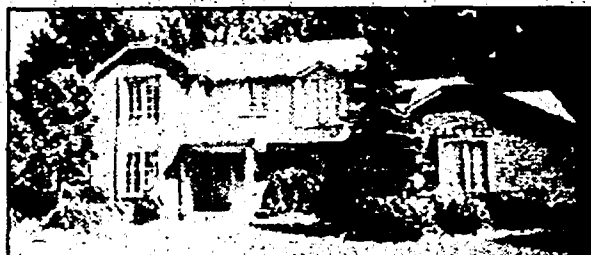
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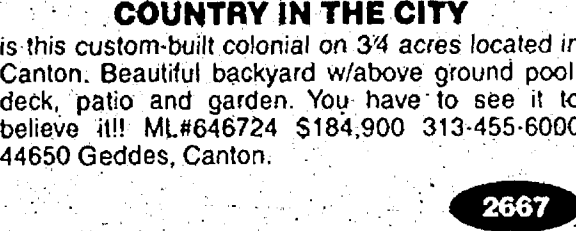
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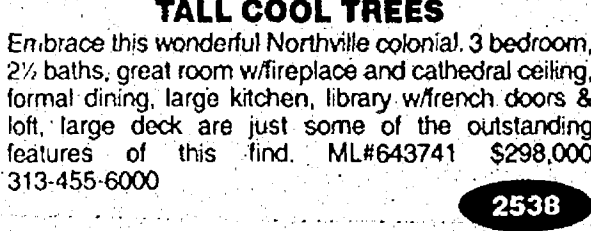
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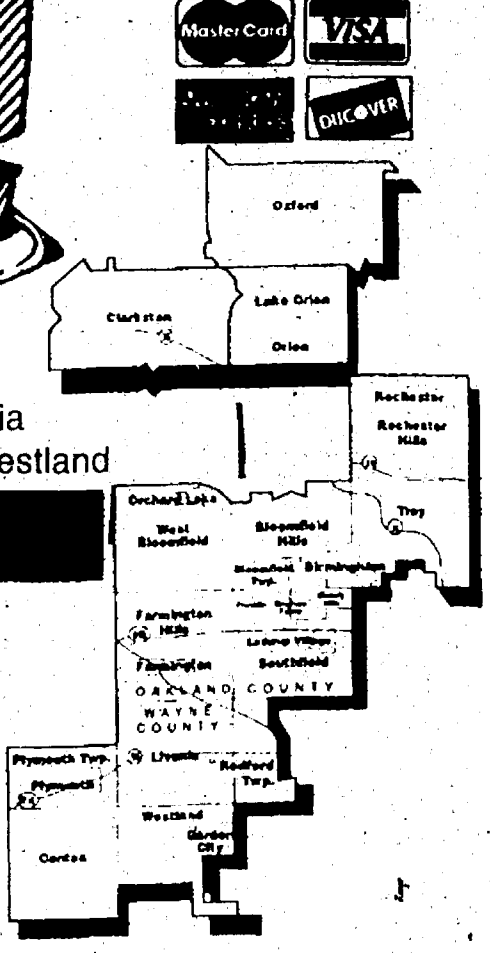
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Plymouth Cultural Center

(525 Farmer) 10 weeks

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor

M/W 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact Sept. 23 M. Hopson

\* T/TH 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact Sept. 24 Staff

Sat 8:30 A.M. Body Sculpting Sept. 28 S. King

\* Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

NO CLASSES: October 1st

### 16 - LIVONIA

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

(30650 Six Mile Rd., E. of Merriman) 10 weeks

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor.

\*\* \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes

\* M/W/F 9:30 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 9 P. Peltz

M/W 5:50 P.M. Low Impact Sept. 9 D. Davis

M/W 7:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 9 K. Treadwell Smith

M/W 8:10 P.M. STEP Sept. 9 K. Treadwell Smith

\* T/TH 9:10 A.M. Low/Hi Impact Sept. 10 T. Brandon

\* T/TH 10:15 A.M. Body Sculpting Sept. 10 T. Brandon

\* Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

**Faith Lutheran Church**

(30000 5 Mile Rd., W. of Middlebelt) 10 weeks

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor.

\* M/W 9:15 A.M. Body Sculpting Sept. 9 T. Brandon

\* Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

### 17 - FARMINGTON

**Piemontese**

(38500 W. Nine Mile Rd., E. of Haggerty) 10 weeks

1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69

\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor.

\*\* \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes, or bring own step

M/W/F 6:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 9 K. Black

M/F 8:20 A.M. Low Impact Sept. 9 S. Kambouris

\* M/W/F 9:35 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 9 L. Pierce

M/W 6:00 P.M. STEP I Sept. 9 P. Kerwan

M/W 7:10 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 9 H. Jones

M/W 8:15 P.M. STEP II Sept. 9 K. Smiley

W 8:20 A.M. Aerobic Circuit Sept. 11 S. Kambouris

T/TH 8:25 A.M. Aerobic Circuit Sept. 10 N. Nuccitelli

\* T/TH 9:35 A.M. STEP I Sept. 10 P. Kerwan

T/TH 5:55 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 10 I. Lokar

T/TH 7:05 P.M. STEP II Sept. 10 L. Gignac

Sat 8:30 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 14 L. Burke

\* Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

\*INDICATES BABYSITTING IS AVAILABLE

FARMINGTON CONTINUED ON NEXT COLUMN

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**Faith Covenant Church**  
 (14 Mile and Drake) 10 weeks  
 Call 810-661-9191 for more information  
 1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69  
 \$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor  
 \* M/W/F 9:20 A.M. Low/Hi Impact Sept. 9 P. Carlson  
 \* M/W/F 10:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact Sept. 9 M. Scherer  
 \* T/TH 9:45 A.M. Body Sculpting Sept. 10 K. Harrison  
 T/TH 6:45 P.M. Low/Hi Impact Sept. 10 K. Roberts  
 \* Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

**Sponsored by: Farmington Hills Recreation Center**  
**Farmington Hills Activities Center**  
 (28600 11 Mile Rd., Gate 4, Door C.) 10 weeks  
 1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69  
 \$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor  
 \*\* \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step  
 \* M/W 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact Sept. 9 S. Brown  
 M/W 7:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 9 S. Williams  
 \* T/TH 9:30 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 10 J. Stec  
 T/TH 6:30 P.M. STEP II Sept. 10 Staff  
 \* F 9:30 A.M. Aerobic Circuit Sept. 13 J. Stec  
 Sat 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 14 Staff  
 \* Babysitting available/\$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

**18 - NOVI**  
**Novi Civic Center** 10 weeks  
 (45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., bet. Novi & Taft. 810-347-0400)  
 (Non-resident fee 20%)  
 Please bring a mat or towel to classes  
 1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72  
 \*\* \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step  
 \* M/W/F 9:00 A.M. Low Impact Sept. 9 G. Morad  
 \* M/W/F 10:15 A.M. STEP II Sept. 9 L. Gignac  
 \* M/W 6:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 9 L. Burke  
 M/W 7:10 P.M. STEP II Sept. 9 B. Kabodian  
 \* T/TH 9:00 A.M. Body Sculpting Sept. 10 S. Flanagan  
 \* T/TH 10:15 A.M. Low Impact Sept. 10 J.T. Vardya  
 Sat 8:00 A.M. STEP II Sept. 14 B. Kabodian  
 \* Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

**Novi Meadows**  
 (25549 Taft, N. of 10 Mile)  
 (Register through Novi Comm. Ed. - 810-449-1206)  
 1 day per wk/\$32 2 days/\$44 Unlimited/\$56  
 \$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor  
 Session 1: 8 weeks  
 M/T/W/TH 7:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 16 T. Snurka  
 Session 2: 8 weeks  
 M/T/W/TH 7:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Nov. 11 T. Snurka  
 NO CLASSES: Nov. 28th or Dec. 23rd through Jan. 3rd

**19 - SOUTH LYON**  
**Sponsored by: South Lyon Community Education**  
 (Register thru S. Lyon - 810-437-8105)  
 STEP rental \$1.00 per week payable to instructor  
**Dolsen Elementary School**  
 (56775 Rice St. S. of Gr. River, E. of Milford Rd.) 10 weeks  
 1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54  
 \$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor  
 M/W 6:15 P.M. STEP Sept. 16 P. Mason  
 M/W 7:30 P.M. Low Impact Sept. 16 P. Mason

**2 - NOVI**  
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 NO CLASSES: Nov. 28th, Dec. 23rd through Jan. 3rd.

**12 - WALLED LAKE**  
**SPONSORED BY:**  
**Walled Lake Conl. Ed.**  
 (Register Through Walled Lake. 810-960-8333)  
 1 day per wk/\$45 2 days/\$60 Unlimited/\$80  
 \$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor  
**Maple Elementary**  
 (on Maple Rd., E. of Haggerty) 11 weeks  
 M/W 6:30 P.M. Low Impact Sept. 16 J. Bell  
 (NO CLASS November 27th)  
**Loon Lake Elementary**  
 (on Loon Lake Rd., bet. Benstein & Wixom Rd.) 11 weeks  
 T/TH 6:30 P.M. Low Impact Sept. 17 A. Parsons  
 (NO CLASS October 31st or November 28th)  
**Community Ed. Center**  
 (in gym, on Pontiac Trail, bet. S. Commerce & Maple) 11 weeks  
 \* M/W/F 9:45 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 16 R. Van Maele  
 \* Babysitting available through Walled Lake Day Care. \$3.00/child.  
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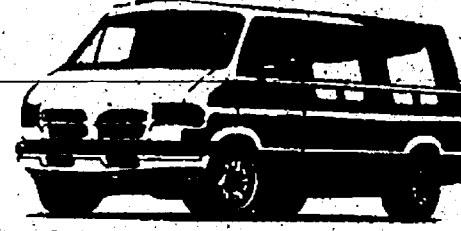
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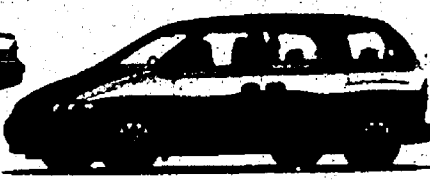
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