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PLACES & FACES

Town Hall meeting

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas will host his next Town Hall Meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Senior Resource Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road.

For information, call (313) 467-3200.

Field trips offered

Staffers at the Bailey Recreation Center pool and waterslide are offering end-of-the-school-year field trips for students to learn about water safety, and to enjoy use of the pool and waterslide and lunch and playtime in the park.

Cost is \$4 per student; children must be at least age 5 and 48 inches tall to use the waterslide. Dates available are May 27-30, June 2-8 and June 9-13. For more information or reservations, call pool supervisor Debbie Lindquist at 722-7620 or 595-2303.

Summer hiking

Kids can learn about hiking, using a compass and what to take with them into the woods during a hands-on, fun-filled hour of games and discussions 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 3, at the Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, south of Warren Road.

The class for elementary school-age children is free and will be held in the Performance Pavilion behind the library, or in the meeting room inside the library in case of rain.

The event is co-sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department, the library and the SOLAR Club, which stands for School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation.

Class leaders named

Jessica Joyce and Holly Kaye have been named co-valedictorians for the Class of '97 at Lutheran High School Westland. Nicole Smith and Ben Werling were named co-senators.

Community garage sale

Time for spring cleaning or getting rid of items that garage? Spaces are still available for the spring Westland Community Garage Sale to be held Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot between Westland City Hall and the police department on the south side of Ford Road.

Any resident or business that wishes to sell items is welcome. Space cost is \$20 or \$25 for premium spots. For reservations and information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (313) 526-7223.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBFIELD

Being arraigned: Chuck Skene (left) fired Westland Parks & Recreation director, awaits arraignment Tuesday on embezzlement charges in Wayne District Court. At right is his attorney, John Thomas of Plymouth.

Skene is charged

A former mayoral appointee in Westland was in court this week, facing multiple counts of embezzlement. He is free on personal bond.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Charles Skene, fired as Westland parks and recreation director amid allegations he stole city money, stood mute Tuesday as a Wayne district judge arraigned him on five felony counts of embezzling.

A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf.

Skene, 46, could face a maximum 10-year prison term if convicted as charged.

One week after Mayor Robert Thomas fired him, Skene appeared calm as Wayne District Judge Carolyn Archbold arraigned him on charges of embezzling money from the city-run Bailey Recreation Center.

Archbold released Skene on a \$5,000 personal bond and scheduled a May 14 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial on the charges.

The arraignment was held in Wayne District Court because Westland judges disqualified themselves from hearing the case of a city official.

Outside of the courtroom, Skene declined to comment on allegations that he embezzled hundreds of dollars from the Bailey Recreation Center from Aug. 7, 1996, to April 12 this year.

"I really would like to comment, but I can't," he said.

Skene, a Westland resident, had been employed as

the city's parks and recreation director since Feb. 9, 1993. His salary was \$63,339. He formerly held a similar position in Plymouth.

In court Tuesday afternoon, Skene's attorney waived the reading of a warrant from county prosecutors that contains allegations of embezzling.

But a copy of the warrant, read by the Observer, showed that Skene is charged with five counts of taking more than \$100 from the Bailey Recreation Center and a therapeutic booster program based there.

Upon conviction, embezzling is punishable by up to a 10-year prison term and a \$5,000 fine.

Skene told Archbold that he is now employed by Comma Communications of Plymouth, affiliated with The Community Crier newspaper.

Officially, Skene was fired

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Youth pulls grandfather from rough seas

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 13-year-old Westland boy has become a family hero since he pulled his drowning grandfather to shore from rough waters off Florida's west coast last week.

Jesse Williams, a Marshall Middle School seventh-grader, saved his 65-year-old grandfather, Ed Smigelski of Dearborn Heights, during an April 22 incident that almost turned a family vacation into tragedy.

"That's my hero," Smigelski said Monday, one day after the family returned to Michigan from a week-long vacation.

Jesse and his grandfather had been horsing around in 5-foot waters on a beach near St. Petersburg when a large wave knocked Smigelski down.

"I couldn't get up," the grandfather, a Michigan Bell retiree, said. "I started tumbling over and over, and then I don't remember a thing until

I woke up on the shore. I was like a beached whale."

Jesse didn't immediately realize that his grandfather was in trouble, because the two of them had been joking around in the waters.

"Then the waves kept going over his head, and I could see that he was spitting up water," Jesse said. "Then his lips started turning purple, and he wasn't talking to me, anymore. I knew then that something was wrong."

Jesse remembers little about the rescue.

"I didn't really think about how to do it; I just did it," he said. "I was kind of shocked after it was all over."

The two had been vacationing with Jesse's parents, Sharon and Robert Williams. Sharon Williams

was in the water but closer to shore when her son rescued her father.

"The water was real rough," she recalled. "The undertow was so bad that my dad couldn't get up after he fell. The water would go over him and then he would come back up. Then he would go under again."

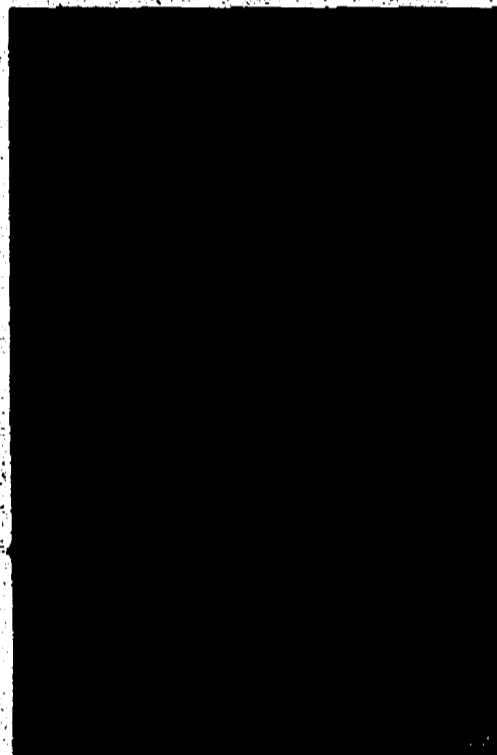
"Jesse was real calm when he pulled him out," she said.

Someone ashore summoned medical help, but Smigelski had regained consciousness by the time rescue workers arrived to attend to him.

Jesse, who weighs 130 pounds and stands about 5-foot-9, said he doesn't recall whether he had a difficult time rescuing his 200-pound grandfather. He just remembers grabbing a hand - he doesn't know

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PEOPLE



Jesse Williams — saved his grandfather on vacation

New state laws up the ante for drunken drivers

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Driving drunk is a costly gamble.

Not only do impaired drivers run the risk of losing their licenses and causing death or serious injury, beginning April 1, convicted offenders could permanently lose an expensive stake in the game - their automobile.

The new laws, Public Acts 490-493, call for serious ramifications for the convicted drunken driver, repeat offender and minor with the most significant consequence being the seizure and forfeiture of their vehicle.

While the intention of the laws is to arm the judicial system with another tool in the battle against driving drunk, some questions have been posed regarding the thoroughness of the legislation.

"It remains to be seen how smoothly this law will work," said Westland police Sgt. Tim Abram-

'I would guess in most cases it will be the opinion of the judge, based on the severity of the incident, as to whether a vehicle would be seized...'

Sgt. Tim Abramski,
—Westland police

ski. "I'm not sure enough time has been invested to determine the resources and availability of people necessary to fully implement these laws."

In Westland, local ordinances have yet to be passed making these laws.

Abramski, a forfeiture authority in the narcotics division of the department, said time and energy spent investigating and prosecuting an individual and seizure of the vehicle places a considerable burden on the court system, local law

enforcement agency and legal counsel.

"It's not always known the time constraints, additional paperwork and costs to municipalities to make use of what people perceive to be a good law," said District Judge Gail McKnight of Westland's 18th District Court.

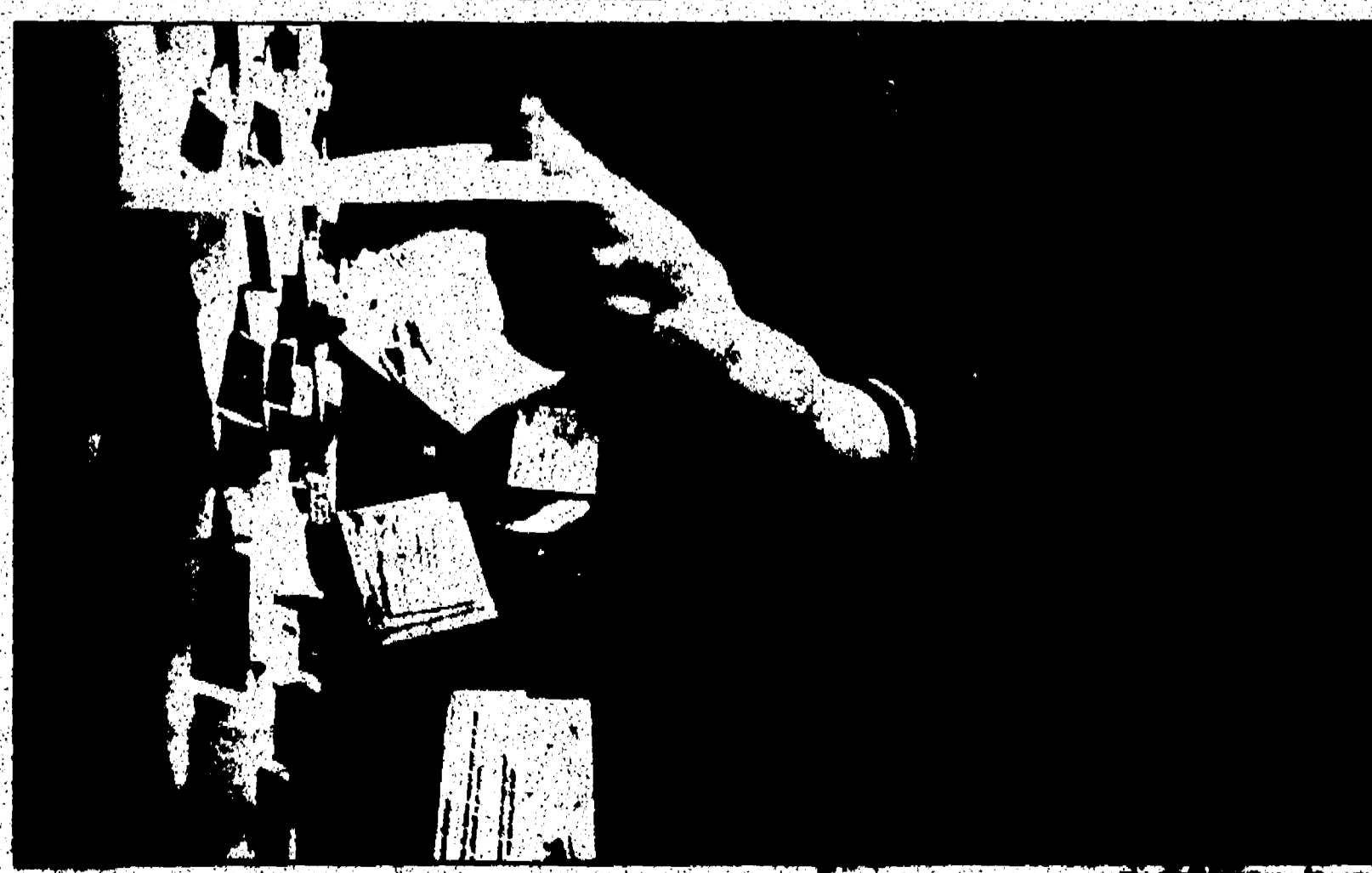
"There is a tremendous number of very technical and detailed processes involved ... with the greatest amount of the burden placed on the police."

Losing your car

Specifics of the acts allow authorities to seize and forfeit a vehicle for a first conviction, warrantless arrest for drunken drivers stopped or sleeping on the roadside, and the impounding of vehicles driven by minors to transport alcohol.

Also, judges have the ability to seize a car after a second impaired conviction within seven years.

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They deliver

Sorting mail: Michael Miazgowicz, a fourth-grader at Hayes Elementary School in Westland, sorts mail quickly at the Hayes post office with his sorting partner, Lauren Lang. These students are participating in a post office program, done in cooperation with the Westland post office. For a story and more photos, please turn to page A3.

More money

City carrier adds \$500,000 to payout pot

See related editorial, A18

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

The city of Westland's insurance carrier has agreed to pay \$500,000 to boost a pot of money aimed at repairing 402 homes damaged by massive sewer flooding, officials said Monday.

News that the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority would provide money marked a significant departure from an earlier position that no dollars would be released. MMRMA had refused to release any money taking the stance that the city shares no responsibility for a Feb. 20-21 sewer backup.

MMRMA's decision boosted flood-repair coffers to \$5.75 million, but Mayor Robert Thomas said during a council study session Monday that a minimum of \$6.1 million will be needed to begin settling homeowner claims.

On Tuesday, City Attorney Angelo Plakas placed the figure closer to \$6.5 million, and he predicted that negotiators still need \$1 million more to begin settling claims.

Even so, MMRMA's decision to help pay for sewer damages to 402 north-end basements began to close a gap that officials feared couldn't be narrowed.

Negotiators for sewer-system contractors and their insurance companies continued efforts this week to try to seal efforts to begin paying homeowner claims.

"They're as close as they've ever come to having a full pot," Thomas said Monday.

Reserving right to sue

MMRMA agreed to pay \$500,000 but reserved the right to file a lawsuit to try to recoup the money, city officials said. Insurance carriers for Peter Basile & Sons Construction and Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Engineering Consultants — both of Livonia — had already agreed to contribute to

the fund.

Insurance representatives for Lanzo Construction Inc. of Birmingham have refused to allocate any money — a decision that city officials say has stalled progress.

Officials remain hopeful that MMRMA's decision to release money may convince insurance companies to put in enough money to begin settling claims — although officials had no guarantees early this week.

Some Westland City Council members Monday indicated an interest in exploring whether the city can provide enough money to close the gap, amid hopes of recouping the money later. No decision has been made on that proposal.

Thomas commended mediator Laurence Connor and City Attorney Plakas for convincing MMRMA to release money for home repairs.

The latest development came as homeowners entered their 10th week of waiting for settlements to pay for home repairs and to replace personal belongings.

Officials said negotiators want to ensure that there is enough money to settle all claims so that some homeowners don't get left out.

Motions on Friday

Meanwhile, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Talbot is scheduled to hear motions tomorrow on two class-action lawsuits filed on behalf of homeowners who suffered sewer-backup damages. However, one attorney hinted privately that motions seeking to certify the suits may be postponed.

Attorneys say that Talbot will certify only one of the two class-action lawsuits — filed separately by attorneys Geoffrey Fieger and Steven Liddle. Even so, homeowners could proceed with a second lawsuit, but it wouldn't be a class-action suit.

Both lawsuits name the city, Peter Basile & Sons, Lanzo Construction Inc., and Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment. The city

hired the three companies for a \$10 million, federally mandated sewer-separation project.

The Feb. 20-21 sewer backup occurred because a large sewer chamber that was supposed to empty into a 72-inch pipe near Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail was improperly blocked by a concrete wall, Thomas has said.

In another development, city officials Monday discussed how to pay a \$644,737 bill from companies that made emergency repairs to furnaces, water tanks and other home appliances in the flood's aftermath.

Some city council members had suggested approving a General Fund budget amendment without specifying a source of revenues to pay for it. Council members Charles Pickering, Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc had opposed that plan during an April 21 meeting, prompting Monday's study session.

On Monday, city officials unveiled a different scenario that would pay the tab from the water and sewer fund. The mayor said the bill could be paid legitimately from that fund.

That proposal also sparked opposition. Pickering said he fears that using money from the water and sewer fund would eventually force residents to pay higher water-sewer bills to replenish the money.

Thomas pledged that no water-sewer rate increase would be necessary — an assurance that council president Sandra Ciorelli said she wants to see in writing.

The council is expected to consider the \$644,737 tab during a 7 p.m. meeting Monday.

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from his Westland job April 22 for "poor performance." Thomas said last week.

Skene had nearly lost his job two years ago. He and the mayor had differences as early as June 1994, and Thomas had threatened to fire him before they made amends.

Thomas has said that Skene's performance improved for a while but "then he backed off."

Skene's duties included overseeing the parks and recreation department, and he also was involved in such city activities as WinterFest.

On Tuesday, Archbold had planned to schedule Skene for a May 7 preliminary hearing. But

"I really would like to comment, but I can't."

Chuck Skene
—former recreation director

his attorney, John Thomas of Plymouth, asked for an additional week.

Thomas has appointed Robert Kosowski — director of the city's golf course and ice arena — as interim parks and recreation director. The Westland City Council is expected to consider confirming Kosowski as director on Monday.

Jesse from page A1

which one — and moving toward the shore.

Sharon Williams said her son is a Marshall honor student who loves music. He plays drums, keyboards and guitar, and he even writes some music.

"He also likes computer games, and he likes to read," she

said. "And he's in the school band."

"I'm real proud of him," the mother said.

So is Smigelski.

"I wouldn't be here right now if it hadn't been for him," the grandfather said. "He's a good boy."

Business events scheduled

The Westland Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring two business events during the month of May.

The group's annual Awards Luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road. Here, winners of the Business Person of the Year and the Athena Award will be presented.

The chamber's annual Joseph F. Berio Scholarship winner will also be announced at the monthly luncheon, which costs \$13. The scholarship is given to a student who will pursue a business or technical related

field and who has overcome some type of adversity.

The chamber also hosts its monthly "Wake Up Westland" breakfast on Tuesday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, just east of Middlebelt. This month's topic is "How to Collect Bad Checks and Other Bad Debts" with speaker and attorney Chuck Clos of the law firm of Asker, Chapp and Clos. The event is free to chamber members and \$20 for non-members.

Call (313) 326-7222 for more information or reservations for either event.

Area cooperative nurseries celebrate with week of activities

The Michigan Council of Cooperative Nursery Schools, Inc. and its member schools are celebrating the third Parent Cooperative Nursery School Week throughout this week, April 27-May 3.

Members include the McKin-

ley Cooperative Preschool on N. Wayne Road in Westland which serves residents of Westland, Livonia and the surrounding area.

"We planned this week to showcase our 198 member parent cooperative schools around

the state and to highlight their commitment to low-cost, high-quality education through parent education and community involvement," said Bernadette Hamilton, MCCN president.

Parent cooperative nursery schools are staffed by teachers

who meet Michigan Family Independence Agency listing requirements and are administered by the parents of the students. Parents take on such tasks as bookkeeping, housecleaning and assisting teachers in the classroom.

"Our schools offer high quality early childhood programs at reasonable rates," Hamilton said. "Yes parents do need to participate to keep costs down, but their involvement means the schools have high safety and pre-academic standards."

Although Hamilton admits finding time to run a nursery school may be difficult, especially for two-parent working families and single parent families, many schools have adapted their programs with sliding tuition scales or paid teacher aides so that even the busiest parents

can be actively involved in their young child's education.

"Many of our schools are better off because mothers are bringing professional skills and more and more fathers are getting more involved in our schools as well," Hamilton said.

Parent Cooperative Nursery School Week festivities kick off on last Friday, April 25 at the MCCN's 46th annual meeting and conference in East Lansing.

For more information, call (313) 562-4596 or McKinley Cooperative Preschool at 729-7222.

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Students give project their stamp of approval

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

A handwritten letter to a friend can be a very thoughtful gesture.

A composition with little importance to anyone except the receiver, the expression can be a simple greeting, a declaration of love or a learning experience according to the results of a Livonia elementary school program.

Hayes Elementary School in Westland recently assumed the operation of a student-run, in-school post office that's led the way for a flood of written exchanges that has teachers cheering.

One of only a dozen programs in the Detroit metropolitan area, the Hayes Elementary School "Wee Deliver" post office has been up and running since March with mail carriers making two deliveries a day to keep up with the enveloped traffic.

A national program initiated by the United States Postal Service, the program provides elementary schools with materials and training to operate an in-school mail service similar to the regular post office in their community.

Managed completely by fourth graders, the in-school post service at Hayes gives kids an opportunity to write letters to friends, teachers and staff members as a way of encouraging and improving their writing skills.

According to Hayes media services coordinator, Ruth Elliott, the program has motivated students and taught them to connect with real-world experiences.

"It teaches them responsibility and creates a connection between school and work," said Elliott.

Along with Elliott, Hayes principal Jerry Nehs, Westland post office customer service supervisor Jack Truesdell conducted interviews of fourth-graders interested in 11 Wee Deliver positions



Having fun: Fourth-grader Zachary Rottell said he enjoys delivering the mail at the Hayes Elementary in-school post office.

Letter writers are required to neatly print return and forwarding addresses . . . If mistakes are found, "return to sender" is stamped on the front including photocopied correction notifications to alert students to their errors.

including postmaster, nixie clerk, facer, sorter and carrier.

Students were required to successfully complete a civil service test and complete an application prior to the interview, said Elliott.

The school is divided into towns from which students created addresses. Each town represents an author, president or inventor and address numbers signify designated classrooms.

Letter writers are required to neatly print return and forwarding addresses in all capital letters with correct punctuation and the Hayes Elementary School stamp located in the upper right hand corner of each envelope.

According to current student postmasters Ashley Lazenby and Stephen Beahon, they have the discretion to mail or return to sender, any letter that is not properly addressed.

"We let some things slide," said Lazenby, "but we have to make sure they're not going to do it again."

"It could be a one-time mistake or maybe they don't care — but it's up to us to decide," said Beahon.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Student delivery: Ashley Lazenby (center) and Stephen Beahon (right) are the two fourth-grade postmasters at Hayes Elementary's in-school post office. They are working with nixie clerks Danielle Sergison and Julie Mott (far left).

Three large student-designed mailboxes are located within the school. Twice a day at 9 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. postmasters retrieve the contents of each box and begin the process of overseeing the delivery of the mail.

Two facers are in charge of stamping the Wee Deliver insignia on each envelope. Nixie clerks then look over pieces of mail for letters not properly addressed. If mistakes are found, "return to sender" is stamped on the front including photocopied correction notifications to alert students to their errors.

Sorters assume the task of placing addressed mail in author, inventor and

president-town boxes for delivery by carriers.

Donning a blue mail satchel with the Wee Deliver logo, mail carriers make deliveries to each classroom box.

Lazenby and Beahon said their third day on the job was challenging as Secretaries Day brought a surge of correspondence to staff member Shirley Jarof.

"Because it's Secretaries Day we got more than 200 letters in this morning," said Beahon, "and we had a problem getting some of the post office workers to help us do other jobs."

"We explained that we really needed them to help everybody else out and

eventually it worked out OK," said Lazenby.

The Westland post office supervisor said the program has continued to be successful from the school and postal services point of view, because it enhances a child's writing skills while preparing them to work in a business environment.

"It's a lot of responsibility," said Lazenby, "but it's been fun for students to be able to write back and forth with each other. It's always neat to receive a letter from a friend and we get to help people communicate like that."

WESTLAND ACHIEVERS

Westland Achievers is a column that runs regularly in the Observer, highlighting achievements and accomplishments of Westland-area residents. To submit an item for this column, please send to: Editor, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax information to (313) 591-7279.

Two Westland residents have received bachelor's degrees from Siena Heights College in Adrian, Mich. Ava R. Foster received a BAS in Allied Health/Nursing and Yvette E. Knight a BA in General Studies.

Concordia College of Ann Arbor has announced that Daniel Burk has received an offer of admission for the fall of 1997. He will be a 1997 graduate of Lutheran High School Westland and is the son of Thomas and Carol Burk of Westland.

Ronald L. Schomer will be a freshman at Northwood University in Midland this fall and is a recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year. The scholarship is awarded to a student who had exhibited academic excellence during his or her high school years.

Schomer will graduate from John Glenn High School this spring and will work toward a business degree from Northwood. He is the son of Ronald Schomer of Westland and Jacqueline Donohue of Canton.

Westland resident Jerri Michelle Cotreau has graduated from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga. She received a Master of Education in Speech/Language Pathology.

Julie Ramsey of Westland has received the George DeDecker Endowment Scholarship to be used for educational pursuits at Madonna University in Livonia during the 1997-98 year. She is a sophomore majoring in nursing and will receive \$726. To be eligible for Madonna awards and scholarships, students must be officially admitted to the university full-time and have a 3.2 or higher grade point average.

tant recently presented at the National Science Teachers Association's 46th annual convention in New Orleans.

David Bydlowski, a consultant for Wayne County RESA and seventh-grade science teacher Fred Ribis and Charles Kline from Stevenson Middle School presented a session called "Science Explosion: The Music and Magic of Science."

They were three of more than 14,000 teachers, scientists and education leaders who met to exchange ideas about teaching science.

Several Westland students from Michigan Technological University in Houghton were named to the Dean's List for the winter quarter. They include: Sharon Grace Dzarnota, a senior majoring in Engineering Technology, Mark Robert Foxler, a senior majoring in Chemical Engineering, and Andrew Michael Szornyl, a senior majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Eight students from John Glenn High School in the Wayne-Westland district received awards from the Tandy Technology Scholars program, which honors those who have achieved excellence in math, science and computer science. They include: Marjorie Kathryn Brooks, Deepak Bhagwan Dashairya, Allison Clare Domzalski, Phillip Ronald Ducher, Ingrid Erin Knoff, Latol Tremika Messor, Joan Raicu and Stephen Jeremy Smith.

The following students from Westland have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield for the fall semester. To be named, a student must maintain a 3.6 grade point average for the term: Michael Falatine, Phillip Klug, Mark Kobis, Thomas K. Maslak, Carlos Manzo, Stephen Merritt, Karen Reed, Christopher Tilli, Jeffrey Wickman and Robert Wickman.

Four area high school students will represent Michigan at the

23rd annual Future Problem Solving International Conference June 13-16 at the University of Michigan. The four students — Sandra Vashor, Scott Ripelle and Tyler Ripelle from Churchill High and Julie Yambasky from Stevenson High — earned the honor of representing the state by placing second last month at the Michigan State Bowl, where they competed against 65 other teams.

Shari Terese Jedinak has signed with the NCAA for Women's Rifle and has been accepted to Xavier University for the fall semester. She also won the Father Bushman Award from the college. She is a student at John Glenn High School and is a Westland resident, where she is involved in marching band and dance. She recently won the Presence and Composure portion of the Westland Junior Miss pageant.

Seven Westland students were among 460 receiving advanced degrees at winter commencement from Eastern Michigan University. Receiving master's degrees were: Monica Ervin, Brittnia Tiana Fetyko, Karin Kristene Johnson, Tun-Chun Kao, Julie K. Malone, Kimberly Ann Milton and Joseph Andrew Teramino.

Several Westland students have been named to the Dean's list at the Detroit College of Business. They include: Erika Applebaum, Dawn Bartos, Allison Marie Bungardas, Frank Colosimo, Carol Cooper, Kyle Fisher, Kelley Marchelle Gee, Susan May Glover, Sherry C. Irving, Loretta Ann Pullins, Kelly L. Sanders, Deanna L. Stohl and Virginia A. Thrower.

A Westland resident was recently inducted into Madonna University's Kappa Omicron Nu, an honor society for family and consumer sciences majors at the Livonia-based school. Randa Safadi, a junior, was one of 16 students inducted into the chapter.

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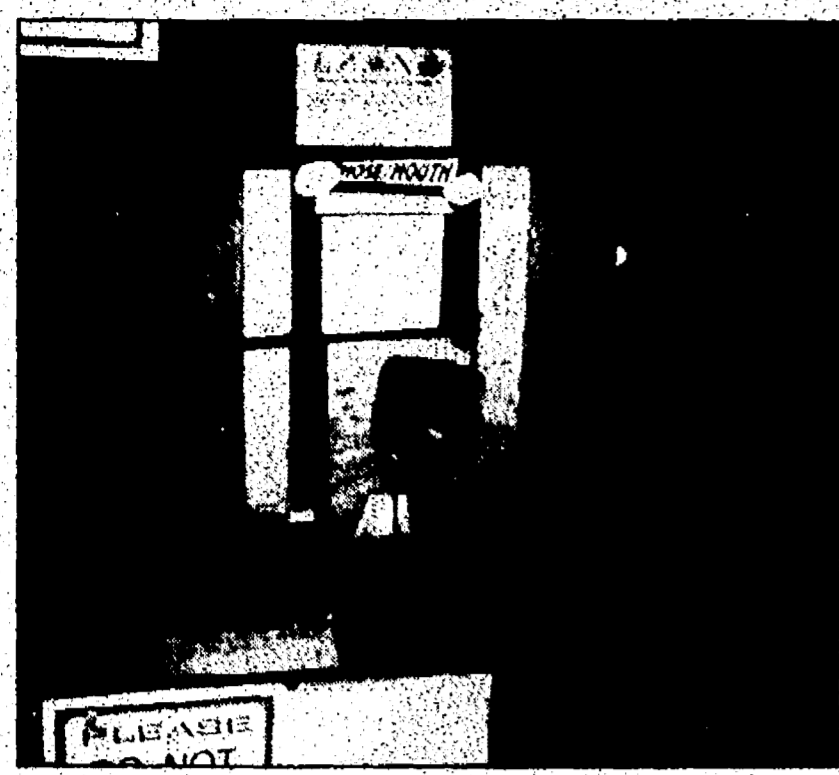
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At Wildwood: Hundreds of students participated recently in the school's first science fair. Here, second-grader Craig Fuchs stands by his project.

Students celebrate the sciences by hosting annual project fair

Students, staff, families and friends gathered at Wildwood Elementary in mid-March to celebrate the school's science fair. Halls and the gymnasium were filled with families and science fair projects. Almost all of Wildwood's students participated in this year's fair. Projects in the fair included: volcanoes, solar systems, kaleidoscopes, earthquake models, toothpick bridges, plants, simple machines and magnets — just to name a few.

Projects were judged in four categories: group, family, individual and classroom. All of these categories were judged per grade level and all students received a participation certificate and prizes.

"Overall the science fair was a great success thanks to all of the students' great work, family participation and an overall excitement for science," said teacher Kari Tousain. "Students are already planning projects for future science fairs."

The March 19-21 event was co-chaired by Tousain and John Skinner.

'Empty Bowls' fund-raiser Monday

On Monday, May 5 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will host the second annual Empty Bowls Food Bank fundraiser, sponsored by the Salvation Army, Kids First Homeless Program, the Family Resource Center and the Wayne-Westland Dyer Senior Citizens.

The luncheon costs \$10 per person and will be held at the Dyer Senior Center, located on Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Food will be donated by the Dyer

Seniors and the William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center. Musical entertainment will be provided courtesy of the John Glenn Music Department and Vandenberg Elementary School students have created placemats for the event.

Each person attending will receive a hand-crafted bowl made by district art teacher Paul Chisholm.

All proceeds will go directly to the Empty Bowls Food Bank, which serves families in

the Wayne-Westland district. For information about the event or to make donations to the food bank, call Denise Shirey at (313) 695-2914.

Empty Bowls is a nationally recognized program to fight hunger in the United States. Since the inception of the program last year, a total of \$2,700 has been raised. To date, the program has distributed \$1,600 in food and food vouchers to families in the Wayne-Westland district.

Adopt a pet for 'Be Kind to Animals' week

All three Michigan Humane Society metro area shelters — including the one in Westland — are preparing for an adoption extravaganza to be held May 3-4.

Adoption hours at Westland and Rochester Hills shelters will be extended for the Pet Adoption that weekend from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday and the MHS Detroit shelter will be open

from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days, said Michele Mitchell, MHS community relations director.

"We'll have special activities, drawings for prizes and refreshments. It's really like a big party for the animals and the celebrating comes in each time we send a cat or dog home with a new family."

The Pet Adopt-a-thon kicks off national "Be Kind to Animals

Week." More than 1,000 shelters nationwide will take part in this year's event. In 1996, 700 pet adoption centers found homes for more than 12,500 homeless animals during the first Adoptionthon.

"We adopted (out) over 300 animals," Mitchell said. "Our goal this year is 350."

Everyone who adopts an animal from the Michigan Humane

Society during the Adoptathon will receive a framed Polaroid photo of their new pet, along with a complimentary pet care kit from Iams. All visits are eligible to enter a drawing for three one-night stays at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn.

The Westland shelter is at 37265 Marquette, just east of Newburgh. For information, call 9810) 852-7420.

Spring art exhibit and sale slated for next week

The Garden City Fine Arts Association, which includes members from the Westland community, will hold its annual Spring Exhibit and Sale, Monday through Friday, May 5-10 at the Garden City Public Library, 2012 Middlebelt at John Hawk.

The awards presentation and opening reception, open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, May 5.

Original works of art by members of the GCFAA will be on

display and available for purchase through the week — just in time to select the perfect gift for mom on Mother's Day — Sunday, May 11, said an association spokeswoman.

Artists specialize in a wide variety of styles and subject matter, and painting and drawing media. And for the first time, GCFAA members will display 3-D pieces, including original ceramics and sculpture in various media. Exhibit hours are 10

a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

The exhibit will introduce a new 3-D media category to the existing wet media and dry media cash prize award categories.

Another "first" at the show will be the availability of matted, unframed works for purchase.

As in past years, the exhibit and sale will include a raffle with the prizes to be original art

works created and donated by members.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from: individual members; or The Art Gallery, Sheridan Square, 30116 Ford Road; Thursday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., or the exhibit information desk at the library, during exhibit hours.

For information regarding membership, contact Bob Sheridan, president, at (313) 422-6400.

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Schoolcraft College

Trustees OK campus improvement plan

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Trustees at Schoolcraft College approved a \$26.3 million master plan that will bring expanded study areas and classrooms to the Livonia campus.

On April 23, the board authorized the master plan, 5-1. Chair Patricia Watson, vice chair John Walsh, trustees Mary Breen, Brian Broderick and Dick DeVries supported the plan, while trustee Steve Ragan voted against it. Trustee Carol Strom was absent.

The plan cost the district \$16,000. It was completed by the architectural firm of Straub, Pettitt and Yaste.

Ragan opposed the plan because he wanted more board involvement in the plan and land use reviews.

"I do wish we had been involved earlier, and allowed to comment earlier," Ragan said.

Walsh was impressed with the report, but would have wanted

to have more input. DeVries supported it because the board needed to submit it to the state, but he said he also "wasn't happy" with the process.

Trustees received a copy of an original plan in February with items added to it in March after administrators met with students and instructors.

Schoolcraft College administrators outlined proposed improvements at the main campus in Livonia and the satellite campus at the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president of business services, first outlined the plan for trustees in February.

"The undertaking is to try to develop a plan over what we need over the next decade," Raby said. "This is probably something we'll have to do again every five years."

"All of this is to make Schoolcraft the best educational institution we can in having the right amount of space and the right kinds of space. Those are

the goals, and that's on a 10-year horizon."

The master plan includes laboratory renovations at the Forum Building, renovations to the Liberal Arts Building, expanded student seating in the Liberal Arts, Applied Science and Forum buildings and the Radcliff Center, and the expansion of the Media Center.

Trustees have approved budget adjustments for \$58,000 for the Forum Building, \$180,000 for the Liberal Arts Building, \$200,000 at the Radcliff Building and \$40,000 for the library.

Six 500-square-foot classrooms will be renovated in the Liberal Arts Building to become four 750-square-foot classrooms. A 2,500-square-foot study area will be constructed at the west entrance.

Students can expect to obtain larger study areas in the Applied Science Building with the renovation and expansion of two west entrances into a 6,000-square-foot lobby/student study space and vending machine

area. A similar 1,800-square-foot addition is planned for the Forum Building.

Space concerns aren't anything new at Schoolcraft, Raby said.

"I don't think you'll find any agency or company that has exactly the space it needs," Raby said.

In 1998-99, improvements proposed are a lab consolidation at the Radcliff Center, equipping each classroom with a facility computer work station, expanding the Metallurgy Lab in the Applied Science Building, and the creation of office space in all buildings for part-time faculty and an expansion of distance learning capabilities.

The plan highlights additions and expansion at the Radcliff Center to include Garden City Junior High School, but Raby reiterated that would only occur if Garden City trustees had indicated that they were willing to sell the site to Schoolcraft.

GOP backs Senate bill to curb crash lawsuits

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Drivers who crash on state roads would find it tougher to sue the state, counties and cities for road flaws under a bill passed by state Senate Republicans.

"Too tough, say Democrats. 'Gross negligence is virtually

an intentional act," objected Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton.

"This could save the state \$10 million a year on claims we've been paying," said the sponsor, Republican Leon Stille of Spring Lake.

The Senate passed the bill April 23 on a party-line vote --

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OBITUARIES

JAMES L. MONTROSE
Funeral services for James Montrose, 65, of Wayne were held in St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Ray Bucon. Local arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Montrose died April 22 at his home. He was a job setter. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 111, Wayne.

Surviving are: wife, Rose Marie; sons, Kenneth, John, James Jr., Robert, Thomas; daughter, Suzanne Hillard; parents, John and Mary Fiorini; brothers, George Fiorini and John Fiorini; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

SOLOMUS BUSSELL
Funeral services for Solomus Bussell, 86, of Garden City were held in Calvary Baptist Church, Canton Township, with entombment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Officiating was the Rev. Roland F. DeRenzo and Mr. George E. Huntsman. Local arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church Project 2000.

Mr. Bussell, who died April 23 in Dearborn, was born in Baxter, Tenn. He was a clerk in the railroad industry.

Surviving are: daughter, Connie Heavenridge of Livonia; sister, Delpha; brother, Elmer Martin; two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. Mr. Bus-

sell was preceded in death by his wife, Callie.

JENNIE K. HENSLEY
Funeral services for Jennie Hensley, 65, of Garden City were held in John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Edward Prus of St. Raphael Catholic Church. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Hensley, who died April 19 in Ann Arbor, was born in Sumpter. She was a seamstress.

Surviving are: sons, Ron Jr. of Westland, Gary; daughter, Patricia Parris; and five grandchildren. She was previously married to Ron Hensley Sr.

LOUIS J. DEI
Funeral services for Louis Dei, 77, of Garden City were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Gary D. Headapohl of St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Mr. Dei, who died April 18 in Florida, was born in Detroit. He had worked as a driver.

Surviving are: wife, Dolores; son, Timothy; daughters, Dawn Maning and Joyce Friar; sisters, Cleo Bromm, Joan Koscielny; and four grandchildren. Mr. Dei was preceded in death by a sister, Merilda Brehmer.

ROBERT J. RIDLEY JR.
Funeral services for Robert Ridley, 50, of Wayne were held in

Uht Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth.

Mr. Ridley died April 21 in Garden City. He was employed as a driver.

Surviving are: wife, Kathryn; sons, Robert, III; Michael Lawrence, Nicholas, Christopher; parents, Robert and Margaret; brother, Larry; sister, Lynn Chwastek; and one grand-daughter, Alisha Lynn.

SAMUEL SHEPARD
Memorial services for Samuel Shepard, 72, will be 3 p.m. Friday, May 2, at V.F.W. Post 1888 with Honor Guard, 2636 Veteran's Parkway, Trenton, Mich. District Chaplain Robert Pavea will give the eulogy.

Mr. Shepard died April 26 in Shreveport, La. He was a World War II Veteran and very active and was founder and Past Commander V.F.W. Post 10168, Riverview. He earned his high honor as cootie. He was also a member of Post 217 American Legion.

Surviving are: children Wendy Free, Connie Howard, Patricia Beghin, Dale Slusarski, Gary Shepard, Terry Shepard, Earl Shepard, Clayton Shepard and Shirley Solgot; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

PATRICIA J. FERA
Funeral services for Patricia J. Fera, 46, of Wayne were held in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland with burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Officiating was the

Rev. Robert Leatherwood from First Baptist Church of Canton.

Mrs. Fera, who died April 21 in Wayne, was born in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: son James Fera of Dearborn Heights; brothers Howard Morrow of Pinckney, Larry Morrow of Fowlerville and Brian Morrow of Westland; mother Myrtle Slack; and several nieces and nephews.

RUTH M. HUMPHREY
Funeral services for Ruth M. Humphrey, 92, of Plymouth were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Marvin Summers, of New Hope Baptist Church, Cremation rites were accorded. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

Mrs. Humphrey, who died April 26 in Plymouth, was born in Marion, Ky. She was a homemaker. Surviving are: son Ken Humphrey of Garden City; brothers Ted Moran, Cleo Hughes and Duke Lanham; sister LaVern Davidson; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, and daughter, Doris.

EDWARD H. WILEY
Funeral services for Edward H. Wiley, 60, of Garden City were held in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Bob McDonald and the Rev. Oscar Holloway.

Mr. Wiley, who died April 24 in his Garden City residence, was born in Columbus Township, Mich. He lived in this area 12 years. He was a mechanic with Mike's Sunoco Gas Station for 19 years and was a member of Fairhaven Baptist Church.

Surviving are: wife Linda; sons Edward, Guy Guyor, Mark Guyor and Kevin Guyor; daughters Marie Norris, Deborah and Joy Guyor; mother Wanda Enders; brother Donald Wiley; sister Marlene Garrett; and 10 grandchildren.

LOUISE F. JOLY
Funeral services for Louise F. Joly, 87, of Westland were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Michael Markulike of St. Dunstan Catholic Church. Memorials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Surviving are: daughter Bernadette Cataline of Westland and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Johann Staley and son, Robert Joly.

MARY ROSE MILKO
Funeral services for Mary Rose Milko, 62, of Westland were held in Uht Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Gerard Bechard. Cremation rites were accorded.

Mrs. Milko died April 24 in Detroit. She was a homemaker. Surviving are: husband Ray-

mond of Garden City; son Raymond of Garden City; daughter Annette Rowland of Ann Arbor; brother Don Richards; and one grandson.

MARGARET D. TALLON
Funeral services for Margaret D. Tallon, 85, of Westland were held in St. Bernardine of Siena Catholic Church with burial at Heavenly Rest Cemetery, Windsor, Ontario. Officiating was the Rev. Angelo Bovenzi, C.S.B. Memorials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Local arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tallon, who died April 27 in Wayne, was born in North Bay, Ontario, Canada. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: son Edmund, Jr.; daughters Shirley Gagne, Patricia Husak; brother, Jack Stewart; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmund, and son, Fr. John C.S.B.

FRANKLIN HUFFMAN
Funeral services for Franklin Huffman, 61, of Belleville were held in Uht Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth. Cremation rites were accorded. Mr. Huffman died April 24. He was a landscaper.

Surviving are: son Arthur of Belleville; daughters Anna Campbell and Tammy Shepard; brothers Alvin and Hiram; sisters Judith, Mary Lou, Vera and Dorothy; and 11 grandchildren.

Crop Walk on for Sunday

Churches representing Westland and Wayne have joined forces to walk for hunger this weekend in an effort to alleviate this worldwide problem.

This year, they are hosting a six-mile Crop Walk on Sunday, May 4 starting at 1:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Wayne on Wayne Road.

Churches representing Westland and Wayne have joined forces to walk for hunger this weekend in an effort to alleviate this worldwide problem.

In 1996, \$13,000 was raised, and organizers have projected a \$15,000 goal for the May 4 event.

Each participant will recruit sponsors who pledge money. Seventy five percent of the proceeds will benefit world hunger projects, and 25 percent will stay local to be allocated for the area's needs. For 1997, the Sal-

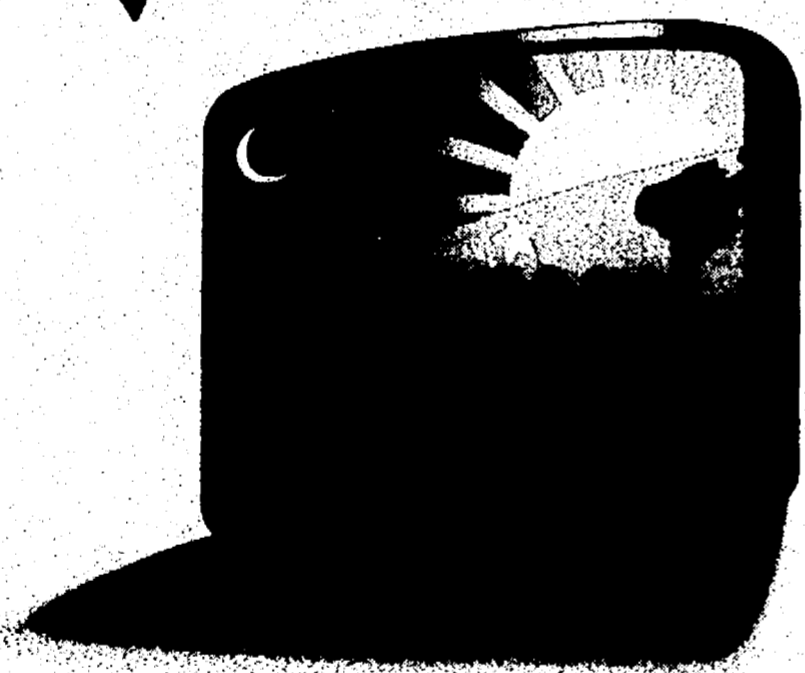
vation Army will receive 10 percent, the FISH program will receive 10 percent and St. Vincent DePaul will receive 5 percent.

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House lawmakers split on aid to 13 at-risk schools

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

There was little "common ground" when Democrats in the state House of Representatives pushed through a \$10 million bill to aid 13 at-risk elementary schools.

"This aid should be general, not specific," objected freshman Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton, summing up the Republican argument that it's wrong to create new categorical aid programs.

"I searched diligently for common ground," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt. "This bill looks at some schools with obvious and certified problems. This has been tried in Texas, Tennessee and Florida. Results were phenomenal."

House Bill 4443 won approval April 22 on a nearly party-line

55-52 vote. Supporting it were 53 Democrats and two Republicans. Opposed were 52 Republicans. Absent were two Democrats.

All area lawmakers voted with their parties.

The Senate is likely to kill it as another Democratic attempt to compile a record of advocacy rather than accomplishment.

Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-Holland, said the bill benefited 13 school buildings: one in Battle Creek, three in Detroit, four in Grand Rapids, one in Highland Park, and four in Muskegon.

"The best use of that money is to add it to (general) appropriations or to professional training," said Dalman, "rather than just 13 buildings."

She noted the state is being sued for a half-billion dollars or more over categorical aid in the

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Durant case, now before the state Supreme Court.

HB 4443 would provide selected schools:

- A full day of kindergarten.
- A mentoring program for improving reading skills.
- A 17:1 pupil-teacher ratio for kindergarten through third grade.

- A teacher training program for target schools.
- A parent training program designed to enhance home enrichment and support for the school curriculum.
- A "family resource center" with a certified social worker and nurse.

Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, lost his amendment to require that phonics, the use of speech

sounds, be offered as a reading alternative. The vote was 43-61 with five absent.

"English is a phonetic language," said Cropsey. "This would not be a mandate. It would be one of the approaches."

This time it was the Democrats' turn to accuse the GOP of ignoring the lessons of recent history.

Said Rep. Jim Agee, D-Muskegon: "In the new school code, we went to a general powers act. A school district could do anything that wasn't prohibited. The other side (Republicans) wanted local control."

"Now, they are attempting to dictate not just the curriculum

but a specific technique."

Here is how area lawmakers voted on the Cropsey phonics amendment:

Yes - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

No - Eileen DeHart, D-West-

land, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

The bill is likely to be referred to the Senate Education Committee. Refer to House Bill 4443 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

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Republicans for, Democrats against - and sent it to the House, where its prospects appear dim.

'Pick' case

The bill was prompted by a 1996 state Supreme Court decision in the case of Pick vs. Gratiot County Road Commission. The 4-3 majority ruled that road officials can be sued if they fail to post warning signs or signals at hazardous spots such as intersections.

"We were very pleased when Pick (victory) came down," said Wayne J. Miller, Bingham Farms attorney who filed a brief on behalf of the Brain Injury Association of Michigan. "We have had one case on hold for two years pending the result of Pick."

"Motor vehicle accidents are a very significant cause of brain injuries," said Miller. "When there are less means of compensation, there is less of an incentive (for road agencies) to do a good job."

Miller said previous appellate court decisions have swung "so far to the right" in favor of road agencies that it was "gratifying the Supreme Court drew the line on this insanity."

He blamed "the Engler administration and the Republican hierarchy" in the Legislature for reducing injured people's chances to collect and taking the pressure off safety efforts.

The high court decision last June 5 sent the case back to a circuit judge for trial. The majority opinion was written by Justice Michael Cavanagh (D) and signed by James Brickley (R), Conrad Mallett Jr. (D) and Charles Levin (Ind.) with Patricia Boyle writing a concurring opinion.

What bill does

The Senate bill amends the Governmental Immunity Act to:

- Say there is "no liability for failure to install a guard rail if failure was in conformance to generally accepted engineering standards."
- Give immunity unless there was "gross negligence" by the road authority, defined as "conduct so reckless as to demonstrate substantial lack of concern for whether an injury results."
- Limit damages by a person who had no auto insurance.
- Provide governments an "absolute defense" if the injured or killed driver was drunk or on drugs and was more than 50 percent at fault. If the driver were less than 50 percent at fault, damages could be reduced.

"The premise of the bill," said Dingell, "is that there's a huge amount being paid to undeserving persons for imaginary negligence by MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation)."

Dingell said engineering standards are "a guide, not the final answer," in road design.

Stille called his bill "a reasonable compromise" because it provides for some liability over guard rails. "We pay out more, as a state, than all Midwestern states combined. Michigan is No. 3 in the entire Union payments."

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Fiscal impact

Democrats said the GOP exaggerated the savings in the bill.

Stille said the average payout over the last 10 years has been \$16.8 million a year, and the highest payout was \$28.5 million in 1995.

A Senate Fiscal Agency analy-

sis showed that in fiscal 1995-6 the state paid out \$9.1 million in road claims. In three of the last 10 years, the annual payout has been more than \$20 million.

No statewide data were available for highway negligence payments by county and municipal authorities, said the SFA.

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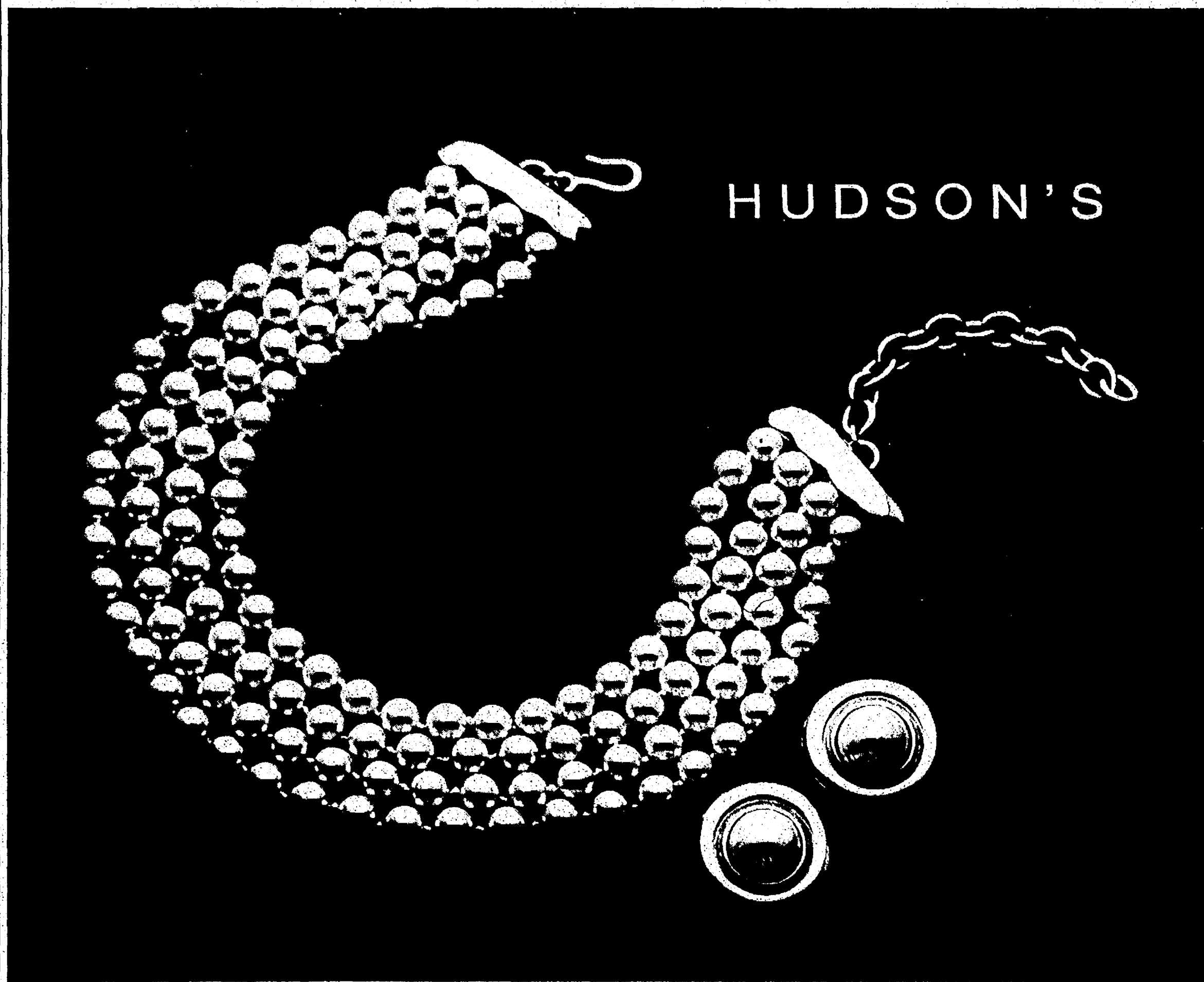
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Walkers head to Hines Park for fitness program

Wayne County parks is encouraging people of all ages to break out their walking shoes and head on over to Hines Park and participate in the Walk Michigan events.

Walk Michigan is an annual fitness program organized by Michigan Recreation and Park Association to promote good health and to highlight the many recreational facilities in Michigan. Walkers of all ages have an opportunity to partici-

pate in walks sponsored by Wayne County parks, and enjoy the beautiful parks.

Registration for Walk Michigan is easy. To register for a Walk Michigan event, simply attend the event, and fill out a registration card. Each time you come to a Walk Michigan event you will fill out a registration card. All the cards will be entered in the drawing for the grand prize trip for two to Mackinac Island and the Governor's Annual Bridge Walk.

"Walk Michigan is a very popular program," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "It is popular not only because of the obvious health benefits, but also because of the great scenic routes in the Wayne County parks. Walkers will also enjoy seeing the improvements to the parks as a result of the new millage that was passed last August."

For more information on this or any other Wayne County parks program, call (313) 261-

1990. Walk Michigan events are as follows:

- Thursday, May 1, 6:30 p.m., Nankin Mills Area, Hines Drive east of Ann Arbor Trail.
- Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m., Warrendale Area, Hines Drive east of Telegraph.
- Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m., Holiday Nature Preserve Cowen Section Nature Walk, across the street from Service Merchandise in Westland. Use their parking lot on the north side.

- Thursday, May 15, 6:30 p.m., Warrendale.
- Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m., Nankin Mills.
- Thursday, June 5, 6:30 p.m., Warrendale.
- Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m., Nankin Mills.
- Tuesday, June 10, 6 p.m., Warrendale Area. (Bring the children and enjoy a children's concert.)
- Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m., Warrendale.
- Wednesday, June 25, 6:30

p.m., Nankin Mills. (Enjoy a movie in the park.)

- Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13, noon, Warrendale. (Enjoy the Polka Fest.)
- Tuesday, July 15, 6:30 p.m., Nankin Mills Area. (Bring the youngsters for a children's concert.)
- Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m., grand prize drawing and picnic, Nankin Mills Area. (Bring picnic food, family and friends and have some fun in the park.)

Beanie Baby raffle, race to benefit MADD

Two events are scheduled in May to benefit the Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

MADD will conduct a Beanie Baby Raffle at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at The Animation Station, 298 S. Main Street, Plymouth. People have an opportunity to win a basket full of about 12 Beanie Babies.

The winner need not be present at the time of the drawing to win. Tickets are courtesy of Alphagraphics, and cost \$1 to enter the raffle. They can be purchased at the Animation Station or people can call MADD at (313) 721-8181 for more information.

Carol Nalepka, MADD spokesperson, said the basket was created through the generosity of a woman who also lost a relative in a drunk driving accident several years ago.

The woman called MADD and notified the group she had about six or seven Beanie Babies to donate. The Animation Station stepped in, offered to help MADD and displayed the babies, and the basket grew.

"It's one of those things where we didn't have to do anything," Nalepka said.

The second annual 5-kilometer MADD/Caryn Casaz "Run From The Heart" is scheduled for May 17 at Merriman Hollow in Hines Park in the memory of Amy Alexander and Caryn Casaz who were killed in separate accidents in Hines Park.

Runners and walkers will proceed east on Hines Drive 2.5 miles, then turn around and return to Merriman Hollow.

Walkers are welcome. People who are interested can contact MADD at (313) 721-8181 for forms and more information. Registration begins at 8 a.m. the day of the run.

Money raised from both events goes to help MADD give support to families who have lost loved ones in drunk driving accidents, appear at trials involving fatal drunk driving accidents, create victim impact panels, fund red ribbon campaigns and guest speaker visits at local high schools.

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Consumer tips

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Michigan is fortunate to have several strong laws that protect consumers from fraudulent business practices, and was a ground-breaking state when adopting the auto "lemon" law in the 1980s, said Westland's state representative.

Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, serves as vice-chair of the House Consumer Protection Committee which oversees legislation aimed at protecting the rights of Michigan consumers. She said many issues being considered at this time in Lansing include readability of consumer contracts, credit card offers via telephone, and other telemarketing techniques.

The FBI reports that 14,000 illegal telephone sales operations bilk U.S. and Canadian consumers each day, DeHart said.

The National Fraud Information Center currently tracks 10,000 illegal telemarketers calling victims in the United States and Canada, and reports an average of 2,000 cases to the police and FBI each week.

Many seniors fall victim to this because of high-pressure sales tactics and offers of prizes, investment opportunities and foreign lotteries, she added.

The National Fraud Information Center offers these tips on dealing with unwanted telemarketers:

■ Don't judge a caller by voice or demeanor.

■ Be alert to anyone who tries to be your friend on the phone.

■ Tell the caller you want to check out the offer and will call back with your decision. A legitimate telemarketer will always

let you have time to think it over. Illegal telemarketers will step up their high-pressure strategy.

■ When in doubt, call the National Fraud Information Center toll-free at 1-800-876-7060. The center tracks thousands of illegal telemarketing scams. Their counselors will help determine whether an offer is legitimate.

DeHart's office offers a publication entitled "The Consumer Information Book" which has useful information about Michigan's consumer protection laws. It also contains several phone numbers and addresses of state agencies to direct consumer-related complaints.

To obtain a copy of this, call DeHart's Lansing office toll-free at 1-888-833-8494.

Community book club meets again May 14

If you like to read books and talk about books you read, join the book discussion group at the Public Library of Westland.

The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. in the Library's Community Meeting Room.

On Wednesday, May 14, the

featured book is Dyan Sheldon's "My Life as a Whale." Participants are expected to have read the featured book before each meeting. To register for the Book Discussion Group and reserve the books, call the library at (313) 326-6123.

The library is located at 6123

Central City Parkway, between Ford and Warren roads in Westland. Hours are Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays through Memorial Day from noon to 5 p.m.

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three drunken driving convictions within 10 years or an alcohol conviction where a driver caused serious injury or death.

"Persons change their conduct as a result of different remedies," said McKnight. "Some after fines and costs, others sincerely have a change of heart, others are terrified of jail and there are those that don't like something they've paid a lot of money for taken away."

Abramski said the laws outline alternative measures judges can impose and more severe recommendations police officers and prosecutors can make to the courts.

"I would guess in most cases it will be the opinion of the judge, based on the severity of the incident, as to whether a vehicle would be seized," said Abramski.

He added that second- or third-time offenders or instances where serious injury or death were involved would warrant the application of the new laws.

Applying the law

McKnight said the court would be more likely to apply forfeiture to those facing license revocation when the court has no choice but to terminate driving rights.

"If a person is looking at losing their license for one year or more they are the ones we'll be looking at as candidates for seizure," said McKnight. "The vehicle sitting in their driveway that's not supposed to be driven becomes an attractive nuisance."

The Westland judge said she fears "more sophisticated drinkers will never have a car in their own name and therefore it's not subject to forfeiture."

Under state laws, individuals with suspended licenses still have the right to own a vehicle and have it meet all the necessary requirements of the Secretary of State regardless of their driving status with the court system. At this point the same goes for individuals whose car

has been seized. Abramski said the laws would have the least impact on those who can buy another vehicle, while those without money would be "out on the street."

Under another law, underage drinkers can now be arrested based on the preliminary findings of a breath test and could have their license restricted or suspended after the first conviction.

Additionally the owner of the vehicle used to transport alcohol might have his/her vehicle impounded for 15 to 30 days, if the person had knowledge or

gave consent.

Although Public Acts 490-493 became state laws April 1, McKnight said it is necessary for the Westland City Council to make it a local ordinance before it goes into affect in this area.

"It is a necessary hammer and one more reason to persuade people to change their behavior," she said. "The courts don't create solutions, the solutions have to come from within people."

Highlights of the law

The following is an outline of four new Michigan laws that took effect April 1, 1997 targeting drivers who get behind the wheel after drinking.

■ **Public Act 490:** Allows for the warrantless arrest of an intoxicated person found in the driver's seat of a vehicle, if any part of that vehicle intrudes onto the roadway.

■ **Public Act 491:** Gives judges the power to seize a vehicle for first-time drunk driving conviction; a second impaired conviction within seven years; three drunk driving convictions within 10 years; or an alcohol conviction where a driver caused serious injury or death.

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■ **Public Act 492:** Penalties pertaining to underage drinking or possession includes fines up to \$100 or 90 days in jail. Community service and substance abuse counseling for first-time offenders. Police can arrest minors based on the results of a preliminary breath test and a driver's license can be suspended or restricted after just one conviction.

■ **Public Act 493:** The owner of a vehicle used by a minor in the transporting of alcohol could have his or her vehicle impounded for 15 to 30 days, if that person had knowledge of or gave consent to the use of the vehicle for transporting alcohol. Police are required to notify a minor's parents or legal guardian following a drunk driving arrest.

—Source: AAA of Michigan

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN EXHIBIT "A" NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 1997.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSON MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1997, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 1997. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 1997, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

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MARTHA PITSENBARGER
Secretary, Board of Education

Publish: May 1, and May 8, 1997

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The Salvation Army of Westland is hosting a seminar aimed at protecting your loved ones' future.

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DIANNE L. NAY
Secretary, Board of Education

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Annual School Election.

Publish: May 1 and 8, 1997

GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1997

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annual election for School District of the City of Garden City will be held in said School District on Monday, June 9, 1997.

Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, provides in part as follows:

The inspectors of election at an annual or special election shall not receive the vote of a person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city or township in which the person resides.

The last day for receiving registrations for the annual election will be Monday, May 12, 1997. Persons residing in said School District registering after 5:00 p.m., on Monday, May 12, 1997, will not be eligible to vote at the annual election. The City Clerks' Office will be open Saturday, May 10th between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Under the provisions of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, registrations will not be taken by school officials, and only persons who have registered as general electors with the appropriate Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside, or through registration at a Secretary of State drivers license bureau, are registered school electors.

Members for the Board of Education of School District of the City of Garden City will be elected, and Trustees for the Schoolcraft Community College District will be elected.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan.

GEORGE KORDIE
Secretary, Board of Education
School District of the City of Garden City

Date: May 1 and 4, 1997
Publish: May 1, 1997

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Schoolcraft College will graduate approximately 930 students at its 32nd annual commencement Saturday, May 3.



Hillemonds

The graduates, especially those with advanced technical skills, face a vigorous job market, according to Schoolcraft placement personnel.

Commencement ceremonies begin at 6 p.m. in the Physical Education Building. Paul Hillemonds, president of Detroit Renaissance and former state Speaker of the House of Representatives, will deliver the commencement address and receive an honorary degree.

Hillemonds became president of Detroit Renaissance in 1997 and is charged with tapping the corporate resources of Metro Detroit's largest companies to foster economic development and urban renewal.

The son of a minister, Hillemonds was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1978 as the Republican representative from Allegan County. He subsequently became Republican Leader, Co-Speaker and Speaker of the House.

He has been a political science instructor at Hope College and is a resident of Plymouth Township.

Other honorary degree recipients are Harry Greenleaf, the longest serving member of the college's board of trustees, and Kenneth Hulsing, a founder and former president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors.

Greenleaf, former member of the board of trustees at Schoolcraft College, served three six-year terms from 1977-85 and held positions of chair, vice chair and treasurer.

As a legacy to Schoolcraft students, he established the Harry and Audrey Greenleaf Endowment.

A 36-year employee of Ford Motor Company, Greenleaf has worked tirelessly for the advancement of education. He was a board member of the Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program for

minority students, a trustee delegate to the Michigan Community College Association, a founding board member of the Schoolcraft College Development Authority, and a member of advisory committees at his alma mater, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Greenleaf has engaged in many community activities, including membership on city committees, board memberships at his church and the Jaycees, and leadership involvement in the Republican Party. He is a resident of Livonia.

Hulsing, founder and former president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors, exhibited a long, distinguished and devoted service to scholars in his roles on the board.

A former engineer at Detroit Diesel, Hulsing served as a board member and president of the Engineering Society of Detroit. He was board president of the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Association and the Horizon Health Systems and a member of the Michigan United Way and the Foundation for Educational Opportunities of Wayne County.

His community commitment has been demonstrated by involvement in the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Salvation Army, the Plymouth Rotary Club, as well as serving as board member and board president of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. An elementary school has been named in his honor.

He lives in Plymouth Township. Edwin A. Schulz will be a Distinguished Alumni Recipient. Schulz, a certified public accountant and partner of Sutherland and Yoe, is a 25-year member in his accounting firm.

Schulz, a resident of Plymouth for more than 40 years, is characterized by his long-term commitments. Schulz graduated from Schoolcraft in 1972 and earned his bachelor of business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and a past chair of that organization's Accounting and Auditing Committee.

Schulz's memberships include the board of directors of Community Literacy Council, the Plymouth Chamber Leadership Committee and the Plymouth Fall Festival Board of Directors. He is past president of the Plymouth Rotary Club, the Plymouth Rotary Foundation and a trustee of the



Schulz



Greenleaf

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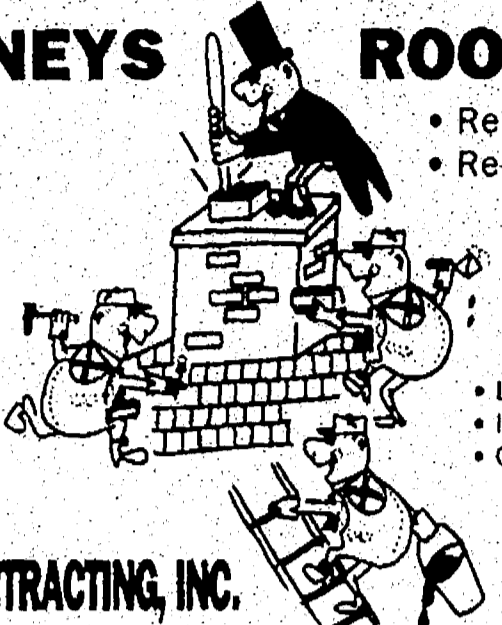
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Rotary District Foundation. With the economy healthy and the state's unemployment rate lower than the national average, graduates — in particular those with skills in technical fields and computers — should have little trouble finding jobs, said Elaine Gerarge, Schoolcraft job placement technician.

"I find employers are asking us for job candidates with high skill levels," Gerarge said. In the Schoolcraft graduating class, popular majors are science, engineering, registered nursing, business administration, criminal justice and liberal arts.

The following are local residents among the Schoolcraft Class of 1997:

Helewski
Livonian Sherril Helewski did not have a smooth road to her graduation to receive an associate degree in computer information systems. She graduated from high school in 1981 and decided to go to college when she and her husband were about to divorce. The couple reconciled, but she realized she had no salable skills. Her first day at Schoolcraft was almost her last. She was in her math class when she realized she had missed her first English class the day before.

She ended that first day at college shaking and crying in the office of Sirkka Gudan, assistant

dean for academic and assessment services. She even stopped by her husband's shop and told him she would drop a class. He told her, "You can't quit when you've just started."

She admits she was completely unhinged that day. "I look back on it now and laugh," she said. Still, she had hard work ahead of her. "It was all uphill," she said. "I struggled in English and math and got one-on-one tutoring. I lived with my tutor in the Learning Assistance Center every day."

"Getting a degree is one of the biggest accomplishments in my life. I've grown up a lot and gained a lot of self-confidence. This is the first time I've finished something I started."

Arnold
Teresa Arnold of Westland didn't want to go to college and was not interested in marriage after her first marriage dissolved. Arnold slipped on ice in a parking lot where she worked in March 1992 and as fall approached, she still was laying on the couch, staring at the ceiling. She decided to resume her college career and enrolled at Schoolcraft.

Her first class was Speech, and as an ice-breaking exercise, the instructor sent Teresa and Todd off to the cafeteria to conduct a 15-minute interview and introduce each other to the class.

At the end of the class, the instructor asked if the students would be willing to have a soft drink with the person they interviewed. Teresa said yes and Todd was waiting for her after class. She, however, had to pick up her daughter, and Todd thought she wasn't interested.

Fate intervened again, and Teresa and Todd were paired as study buddies. Three months later, they decided to marry. On May 3, they will graduate together, both with business degrees.

Silvestri
Teresa, Lisa and Sandra Silvestri of Livonia will give the Silvestri family a lot to celebrate on May 3 when they graduate with associate degrees. The three women, ages 25, 24 and 21, actually are a little behind their sister, Nancy, who graduated last year, though all four entered at the same time. The sisters didn't plan to graduate at the same time, but all are working full- or part-time.

Teresa and Sandra took morning classes and spent their afternoons working in the family-owned Villa Bakery in Garden City. Lisa has a job at an office supply store in Livonia, works in the bakery on the weekends, and could take classes only at night. Teresa will graduate with a liberal arts degree, plans to work in the medical field, and may continue her studies. Lisa, already working in the office

supply store, majored in general business. Sandra, who studied office information systems, will be married next November and hopes to find work in her field.

Waltsgott
Once Letta Waltsgott of Garden City sets her mind to something, there is no stopping her. Waltsgott wanted to go to school, but there was always something that stopped her — finances, feelings of inadequacy, a new marriage, children and a divorce.

Ten years after high school graduation, she enrolled in Schoolcraft because she felt a community college would be less intimidating than a bigger school. She used the Learning Assistance Center for tutoring and career counseling. Three years ago, her brother was violently killed, and at the same time she was accepted into the occupational therapy program, she took over the raising of her sister's three children. It has taken her four and a half years to get her degree, maintaining an A-minus average. She has worked part-time, gone to school and taken care of her three children and her sister's three children who range in age from three to 18 years. Waltsgott plans to transfer to a four-year university.

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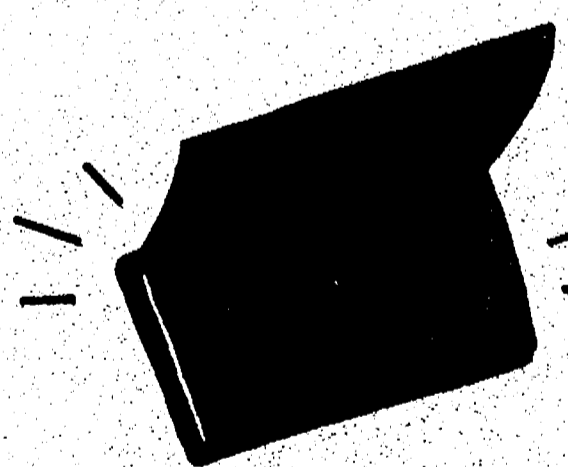
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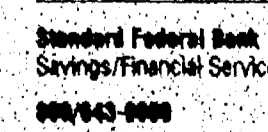
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Area chiefs, county officials spar over county jail costs

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The leaders of a group of western Wayne County police chiefs believe Wayne County should house more convicted misdemeanants, including ordinance violators.

County officials believe they have more than delivered on the county jail services, but that they have no legal obligation for housing local ordinance violators.

While the two sides continue to discuss a 10-year county jail millage set to expire this year, it is apparent the two sides don't agree on the way the county's jail operates.

Wayne County voters approved 1 mill in August-1988 to acquire, construct or operate jail misdemeanor or juvenile detention facilities.

That money also could be used for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution. One-

What locals paid

The August 1988 millage brought Wayne County the following from the western suburbs in 1996: \$1.3 million, Canton Township; \$391,000, Garden City; \$3.2 million, Livonia; \$11.7 million, Plymouth and Plymouth Township; \$882,000, Redford Township, and \$1.2 million from Westland.

But these communities also paid outside communities to house misdemeanants and many ordinance violators in jails there. In 1996 that included Canton, \$94,422; Garden City, \$63,586; Livonia, \$302,266; Plymouth and Plymouth Township, \$186,000; Redford Township, \$425,724, and Westland, \$225,493.

10th of a mill was earmarked to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training

institution. Last week, Garden City Police Chief David Kocsis said he was "wrapping up" a letter outlining the chiefs' opposition to the millage request. He expected to send it within days.

"I just don't feel there is any meaningful dialogue," said Kocsis. "They're not even cognizant that we have a disagreement. I think it's evident that they don't care what our position is."

Mike Duggan, assistant county executive, has offered to meet with the chiefs and other suburban leaders to discuss the county millage. He presented a report on April 18 to members of the Conference of Western Wayne, a consortium of leaders from 18 communities in western Wayne County. Included are the cities of Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Redford.

Duggan told them the millage money was raised for the county

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDELD

Jail spat continues: The Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck housed more than 6,000 inmates from suburban district courts in 1996. That facility's operations are financed through a nine-tenths of a mill and Wayne County's general fund, but police chiefs and community leaders from western Wayne County still question why they need to spend money in outcounty jails to house misdemeanants.



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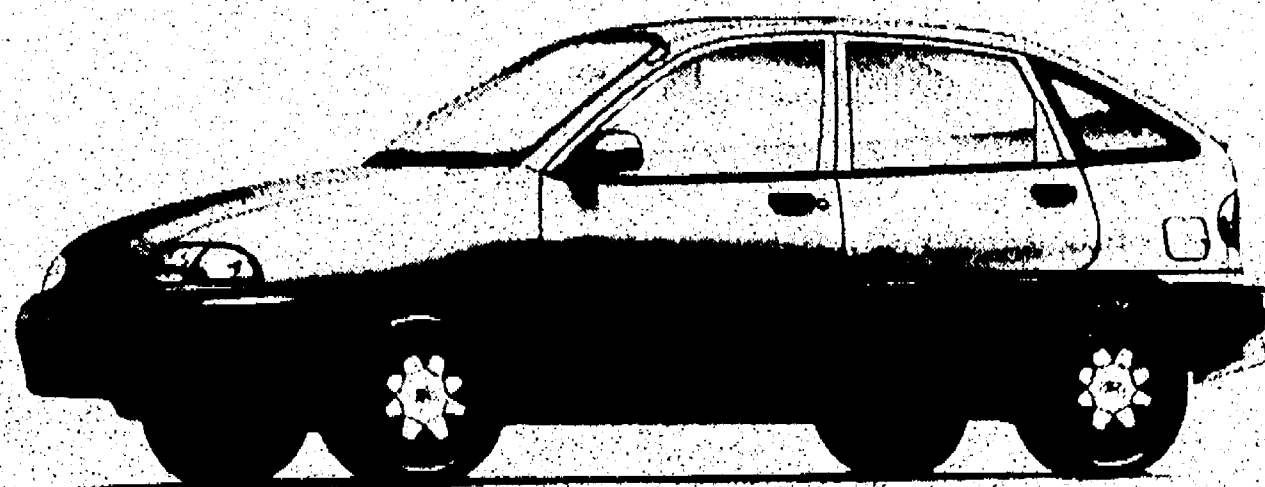


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obligations, "but we are not going to pick up the city and township obligations," Duggan said.

"If someone wants to talk about releases or the crime problem, I'll meet with you. But if the purpose is to browbeat us, it will be a short meeting."

Duggan reported that the county promised 1,220 beds, yet delivered 2,720 beds. (See related story.)

"Look at what's happened since 1992," Duggan said. "Local judges now have the tools to lock up offenders. Crime is down 12 percent in Wayne County, and 6,000 criminals were locked up in Hamtramck."

County obligations

Duggan said the county lacked pretrial beds that needed to be added, and it was the county's responsibility to provide them. "We were releasing hundreds of pretrial felons."

The county formed a task force, and the state cracked down on juvenile crime.

"There was a shortage of (juvenile) beds, and Gov. Blanchard wanted us to contribute to it," Duggan said. That meant \$3 million a year for an expansion of beds in the state juvenile system.

Duggan said the county's legal obligations under 100 or more years of state law were determined to be as follows: pretrial felons, felons sentenced to less than one year, sentenced misdemeanants and 50 percent of the cost of the state's housing of juvenile delinquents.

"We promised to spend \$3 million more," Duggan said. "Today we are spending \$16.5 million."

Most other district courts operate on a countywide basis. If communities wanted to give fines received from offenders to house criminals, Wayne County would take it, Duggan said.

Duggan still faced his share of detractors.

Still seeking answers

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey thought the costs of \$1 million for prisoners in Wayne County, and spending another third of that to send elsewhere, was "excessive." That totaled about \$4 million over four years.

Duggan said the county must set aside 360 beds for misdemeanants, of which about 200 or 220 were from the suburbs.

"It's not fair of you to say, 'pick up the city's tab,'" Duggan said. "You leave out of the equation of what you get in fines."

In 1996 Wayne County housed 103 misdemeanants, 69 felons and two ordinance violators from Livonia's 16th District Court.

But Livonia paid Isabella County \$302,266 to house misdemeanants, many of who were ordinance violators. That cost \$30 per day per person before

July 1996, which was increased to \$34. Those prisoners did not receive early release.

Livonia police do not make any distinction between misdemeanants and ordinance violators in housing prisoners out-county, only that they are considered misdemeanants. A majority of those are city ordinance violators, said one police official, but those actual figures were not compiled in any report.

"If Livonia (taxpayers are) paying \$1 million a year, that is a pretty significant amount for a facility we really don't use that much," Kirksey said later. "For us to pay (the county) an additional \$35 (per prisoner), it is salt in the wound."

"It's cheaper for us to use Isabella County. The Wayne County jail is not a cost-effective solution. We want to do our best to support the county, because it is keeping the criminals off the street."

Kirksey believes if Wayne County negotiated with CWW three major points (that is increase the number of available beds, ensure inmates serve the entirety of sentences and reduce the cost per day charged by Wayne County), the CWW may endorse the millage.

No certainty

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack asked Duggan what part of the millage proposal would outline any "certainty of punishment" of sentences to prisoners.

Duggan said that was a good question. "Prisoners are not serving the entire time they are sentenced to," Duggan said.

Yack added: "I think the reason they are sent elsewhere is the certainty of punishment. You must operate at a higher cost. It is \$35 elsewhere. Sixty dollars is a bad deal."

Yack said later: "The chiefs have dealt with this issue for four or five years now, and you can sense their frustration."

"They thought when the issue was raised that it would include misdemeanors and ordinance violators, but Mike wants to make that distinction. He has documentation that says otherwise."

Yack said corrections officials would cost less than deputies used to oversee the facilities.

"It would be great to make this work, but it's a heck of a lot of money if you take the money we send to them and the amount of money we spend ourselves."

"I'm not optimistic that a solution can be found, but maybe someone will take a different approach."

Misdemeanant dispute

Westland Police Chief Emery Price challenged Duggan's con-

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Jail stats fail to impress police

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County's Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck detained 6,033 inmates from Wayne County suburban communities and townships in 1996, including 1,115 sentenced felons, 3,782 sentenced misdemeanants and 1,098 ordinance violators.

That included 513 people convicted of crimes in Westland: 111 felons, 298 misdemeanants and 103 ordinance violators. It included 174 inmates for crimes committed in Livonia, or 69 felons, 103 misdemeanants and two ordinance violators.

Redford sent 352 inmates there, while Garden City sent 161. The 35th District Court, which services Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships and the cities of Plymouth and Northville, sent 219 convicted criminals there.

Mike Duggan, assistant county executive, broke down the statistics at a meeting on April 18 with the Conference of Western Wayne, a consortium of leaders from 18 communities in western Wayne County.

Duggan had hoped to ease the concerns with his report, which he called "good news" from a county standpoint. But he failed to alleviate everyone's concerns over the use of county millage money.

"The most important thing to me is the bottom line," Duggan said. In 1992, the first full year the jail was open, Wayne County saw 20,000 fewer crimes committed than in the previous year, according to Michigan State Police.

"Crime in Wayne County remains today 12 percent below the levels before the new beds were added," Duggan's report stated. "Locking up more than 10,000 additional prisoners a year has contributed to making Wayne County a safer place."

Duggan: Promises kept

During the 1988 millage campaign for voters to approve a new one-mill levy for jail operations, Wayne County promised 230 new pretrial beds in the downtown jail, a new 840-bed facility for sentenced felons and misdemeanants and about \$3 million more in new state beds

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to lock up juvenile criminals or about 150 new beds.

The county added 314 new pretrial beds to its downtown facility, the 840-bed Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck was built three years after the millage passed, and \$16.5

million was earmarked annually for 870 new state beds for juveniles by 1996.

The total beds promised during the millage campaign was 1,220. The county delivered 2,724 since the 1988 millage campaign, Duggan said.

The Nathan report

In 1986 a lawsuit was filed against the county, claiming it was failing to meet its legal obligations in providing jail beds. Hundreds of pretrial felons were being released, as were misdemeanants.

The county's legal obligations to house prisoners were pretrial felons, felons sentenced to less than one year, sentenced misdemeanants and 50 percent of the cost of the state's housing of juvenile delinquents.

Gov. James Blanchard wanted the county's commitment of \$3 million a year for a major expansion of beds in the state juvenile system.

A citizens task force was created by the Wayne County Circuit Court in the lawsuit. The court hired the firm of Nathan and Associates to analyze the need for new county jail beds.

Completed in the spring of 1988, the Nathan Report concluded that 1,070 new beds were needed to house pretrial felons,

sentenced felons and misdemeanants.

In June County Executive Edward McNamara recommended to the task force a new millage for the recommended beds and additional beds for the state juvenile system.

Jail budget

In 1988, the county's budget for jail and state juvenile beds was \$56.7 million. In 1996, that figure was \$113 million. The jail budget more than doubled during that same time period, from

\$35.7 million in 1988 to \$75.6 million.

The nine-tenths of a mill raised \$26 million, the one-tenth \$3 million for the county youth facility.

But the 1996 expenditures of nearly \$43 million dwarfed that revenue, as the county used nearly \$17 million in general fund monies for jail operations and its 50 percent split with the state on youth beds for \$16.5 million.

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tention that ordinance violators now were distinct from misdemeanants. That distinction was never made before, Price said.

Price suggested that Wayne County should be the "gathering point" for all misdemeanants.

Duggan said he would sit down with any committee on the jail issue, but again reiterated that Wayne County was billing communities for ordinance violators as it has under state law for more than 100 years.

The city of Grand Rapids sued to force Kent County to pay for housing ordinance violators in 1980, but the Court of Appeals ruled that since Grand Rapids was a city getting the fine revenue from the ordinance viola-

tors, the city had the clear responsibility under the 1846 Act for paying for the prisoners.

But Price responded that even the county's prisoner forms did not distinguish ordinance violators from misdemeanants. Duggan again said the county would house ordinance violators, if communities wished to give fine revenue to Wayne County.

Kocsis said he found it "odd" that Wayne County was just building a juvenile facility this year, when the one-tenth mill was levied in 1988.

Kocsis said later wants to know why other major counties, namely Macomb and Oakland, house their misdemeanants at no charge to local communities.

"And if (Wayne County is) so overwhelmed and over budgeted, why just stay with one mill?" Kocsis asked.

"Why are the residents of Wayne County paying for medical treatment of state prisoners?" Kocsis acknowledged that some of that cost — \$6.6 million since 1992 — was attributed to misdemeanor prisoners.

The 1987 ballot language states nothing about juvenile beds, only that funds were earmarked for detention facilities, which were not built, Kocsis said. Kocsis would like to see the state involved in the discussion.

Talks won't end

Despite the disagreements,

Kocsis believes their opposition can change if the police chiefs are given the right information.

"If you give us all the information we need so we can understand it, we may support it and say 'hey we were wrong.'"

Westland Mayor and CWW chair Robert Thomas later said the board needed additional information.

"We will decide as a board what we want to see from the millage," Thomas said. "We are spending a lot of money for the county jail and we are spending a lot of money outcounty."

Eight Mile group plans auction May 5

Members of the Eight Mile Boulevard Association will be "Going, Going...Going Eight Mile" as the group adds a fundraising auction to its fourth annual meeting, Monday, May 5, from 5-7 p.m. in the Michigan State Fair's community arts building.

"Our selection of items will reflect the variety you find in the 1,800 businesses on Eight Mile," said auction chair Tom Storey.

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'Smile Walk' aids disabled kids

The first annual "Walk a Mile for a Smile," a five-mile family walk, run, stroll or roller blade, will help benefit the developmentally disabled children receiving dental care at the Detroit Institute for Children at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 10.

The event will be held at Merriman Hollow in Hines Park at the Merriman Road entrance between Warren and Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. It is sponsored by the Grottoes of North America, a masonically affiliated fraternal organizations with groups located throughout the United States and Canada.

All proceeds from this walk will go to the dental program at the Detroit Institute for Children.

For years the Grottoes have been providing aid to children with cerebral palsy and are now undertaking the job of raising money to help pay for the dental

care of handicapped youngsters.

Pledge forms and more information are available by phoning John Brown at (313) 941-3475 or Bob Livingston at (313) 261-0983.

The Almatta Grotto of Dearborn, a group of "people helping people," has already donated approximately \$3,000 to the Detroit Institute for Children's dental clinic. The dental clinic at the Institute provides a full range of dental care, including cleanings, restorations, root canals, and simple extractions for children with disabilities.

About 950 patients, including siblings of patients, receive care from the dental staff who specialize in serving the needs of physically or neurologically impaired children. In most cases, these youngsters are not welcomed in a general dental practice because their treatment is time consuming, difficult, and requires special training.

Many dentists are also uninterested in treating these youngsters because they are poor, with only a \$9,000 median annual family income.

A special effort is made to educate these families regarding oral hygiene. Because many of the children are multiply disabled, simple things like brushing the teeth become more difficult. These youngsters also usually require more frequent dental visits because the medications many receive for muscle spasms and seizures cause extreme swelling in the oral cavity demanding more complex care.

Each year more than 4,000 children and their families from all over Michigan seek the specialized medical and rehabilitative care provided at the Detroit Institute for Children, a United Way funded agency. "Walk a Mile for a Smile" is one fund-raising support activity.

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In the brief live auction, beginning at approximately 6:45 p.m., attendees can bid on a Harley Davidson jacket donated by the Detroit Renegades, seats in the WXYZ-TV's luxury box at the Palace for a Pistons game next season, a golf outing at the Woodlands contributed by Waste Management of Michigan or a billiards party for 20 Snookers Pool & Pub.

The silent auction, beginning at 6 p.m., will feature nearly 100 items, including golf outings, a wheelbarrow full of gardening items, sports memorabilia, oriental rugs, fine wine, lunches with celebrities and politicians and many more items.

Sponsors for the event include St. John Health Systems, Greenman's Printing and Imaging in Livonia, Madison Bank and the

Plumbing & Heating Industry of Detroit.

Restaurants and caterers along the corridor will serve up a "Taste of Eight Mile" for the meeting. The Red Oak Steak House will grill steak and chicken appetizers on site for guests.

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Tempers overflow Time for action on sewer issue

Residents and our elected city officials have been patient far too long. Even the mayor has grown tired waiting for decisive action about flooding sewers which have left more than 400 homes in this city damaged and residents angry about delays.

Although he can't officially sanction residents to take legal action, he has done just that in so many words. "I would probably already have my name on one of them (the lawsuits) at this point," he told an Observer reporter last week. "I'm not going to keep telling these people that they should wait another week or two weeks."

Of course, Mayor Robert Thomas' hope was that the insurance carriers for contractors — to date, just anonymous faces to most of us because their names have not been released — would come to some sort of settlement to pay out the multimillion-dollar tab for cleaning up this mess which occurred Feb. 20-21 near Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail.

Regardless of who is at fault, the problem was ultimately caused by failure to remove a blocked bulkhead on a \$10 million city sewer upgrade project. Sewer water that was supposed to flow into the new system was blocked by concrete and backed up into area basements.

Residents are concerned not only with their homes and belongings: Some have complained of health concerns.

The city has been straddling a precarious fence over two months. Push, but not too hard lest the insurance companies walk away. Get this matter settled so it doesn't end up in the courts, and possibly take years to untangle.

It was a good strategy, but unfortunately, talks collapsed and one of the contractor's insurance carriers has walked away despite an agreement by the others to pay out close to

\$5 million in damages. But more money is needed.

And city officials are still tottering.

Action Monday night was encouraging: The city's municipal insurance carrier has agreed to bring \$500,000 to the table in addition to the money offered by several other insurance carriers. But there remains an estimated \$1 million shortfall to pay off damage caused by the flooding, including what is needed for residents and to pay the tab for city expenses.

We remain concerned that the clock is ticking.

In fact, if no further progress is seen this week, we expect to see city officials huddled planning their own course of legal action. We support and endorse this if it becomes necessary. City officials cannot sit back as defendants in two class-action lawsuits and not take decisive action of their own. If that occurs, residents also deserve to know the names of the insurance companies involved.

City tax dollars are at stake.

Although, as we have said in the past, the buck stops with the city on municipal projects, the city and its residents are entitled to recoup that loss from the negligent companies who were paid to do work for the citizens of Westland and to provide assurances that their work meets a certain quality standard.

Not only is money an issue, but also the collective reputation of the contractors involved. Although most know this and appear cooperative in this matter, the Birmingham-based Lanzo Construction — the contractor which walked away from the table — apparently does not.

This project certainly did not offer quality to Westland residents. What residents and the city got was a smelly mess that is starting to stink even further as time goes on.

Kudos to winners



Enjoying the moment: Margaret Harlow enjoys time with friends and family at last week's Wayne-Westland family YMCA recognition dinner.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



They're honored: Westland business owner Margaret Harlow and longtime Wayne political activists Patrick and Karen Norton accepted the YMCA's top service awards during the annual ceremonies, held at the Hellenic Cultural Center last week. At left, Karen and Patrick Norton talk to former Mayor Gene McKinney.

LETTERS

Setting record straight

On March 10 we received the most devastating news our families have ever had to deal with. Our daughter and niece, Nicole Lynn Mugurian, was killed in an auto accident.

This was hard on all of us and a day does not pass without a tear being shed for the loss of the young, vibrant 14-year-old who had so much more of life to live. Therefore, you can imagine the shock to our families when, after arranging funeral details, we picked up the Westland and Livonia Observer & Eccentric newspapers of March 13 and read, in your article by Casey Hans, "Crash claims teen, injures 2," that alcohol and narcotics were suspected factors in the accident, with only Nicole's name appearing in the article. We were very hurt and upset to think that this article was printed with no feeling or regard to our families.

We want to set the record straight with respect to Nicole's character. Her autopsy showed no signs of drugs or alcohol.

Nicole was a bright student, who was very compassionate; she was a source of support and consolation to her peers who had problems and was a good friend to them. Because of the loss of her mother at age 9, she was very mature in many ways and related well with others with family problems.

We demand an apology to our families and friends for implying that Nicole may have been using drugs and alcohol and a clarification of the statements about drugs and alcohol in your article.

Perhaps your writers should stop and consider other families' feelings in the future.

The Mugurian, Telfer and Grech families
Livonia and Westland

To clarify: Any reference to drugs and alcohol related to the driver of the vehicle, who was identified in later news stories and who has been charged in this case. A toxicology report from the Wayne County Medical Examiner shows that all tests of Nicole Mugurian for drugs and alcohol were negative. — Editor

Quality of life

The Observer recently ran an article on

President Clinton's proposed decrease in spending for noise mitigation programs at U.S. airports.

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers (whose district includes Garden City) voiced her opposition to this reduced spending by stating, "This is completely unacceptable," indicating that this is a "quality of life issue."

I wonder what kind of "quality of life" Rep. Rivers feels this nation will have with uncontrolled federal spending, runaway budget deficit, and increased tax burden on the workers of this nation.

If people living around the airport are concerned about their quality of life due to noise, they can move, and it won't cost the taxpayers a penny.

It's not your money, Rep. Rivers.

I understand the rhetoric surrounding issues like Medicare, Medicaid, school lunch programs, Social Security, and the need to keep a certain level of dignity in the populace of this nation. However, we need to draw the line somewhere. Our federal government does not have an unlimited supply of tax money to spend.

I live on a main road and the noise from trucks and high schoolers who can't afford to put a muffler on their car, not to mention the sound systems on cars that you can hear two blocks away, is unbearable.

Send some of those federal dollars this way, Rep. Rivers, so I can purchase central air conditioning for the summer months and keep my windows closed. That would go a long way to improving "quality of life" in your own district.

In light of the mounting federal deficit, Rep. Rivers' position on this issue is ridiculous, not to mention "too noisy."

Rick Baloga
Livonia

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Ameritech botched code changes

What telephone area code are you in — this week?

Ameritech has a customer relations fiasco on its corporate hands as western Wayne County prepares to change from area codes 310 to 248 and from 313 to 734.

Two years ago, Ameritech split part of the old 313 area code into 810. One would have thought the planners might have foreseen the growth in business and avoided a second change. The two new area codes will be costly to customers.

Homeowners will have to inform puzzled out-of-the-area friends about changes. In some cases, they will wonder why neighbors just a block away have different area code. Businesses must print new business cards, stationery, invoices and pamphlets at their cost.

Some of the confusion could have been avoided if Ameritech had assigned different or longer codes for car and cellular phones. Most of those users program their numbers so that they are punching just a couple of digits anyway.

Much of the problem resulted from overselling of telephone "services" for cellular, fax, vehicle and computer calls.

The comedy of errors began in 1984 when a federal anti-trust suit broke up the old Bell system and resulted in a series of new regional operating companies, or Baby Bells, like Ameritech.

Meanwhile, there is a weekly barrage of news releases from would-be competitors complaining that Ameritech is resisting their entry into the market by requiring those who would use another service for nearby long-distance calls to dial a five-digit prefix (e.g., 10-288 in the case of AT&T).

Now that competition is breathing down its neck, Ameritech, notorious for charging long-distance rates for calls to neighboring cities, has come up with a new gimmick. From a

recent mailing: "You make a lot of local toll calls, so we'd like to give you a way to save 33 percent off those types of calls."

After two more sentences of puffery, Ameritech says: "You're already enjoying the new Ameritech simple, flat rate for Michigan — only 15 cents/minute. Call anywhere in your Ameritech local toll area. Call any time of the day or night; any day of the week.

And so on.

First question: Why did Ameritech wait 13 years to introduce this 33 percent savings plan? Second question: Why couldn't Ameritech have explained CallPack 33 in its 14-inch-long letter? Why didn't Ameritech put it in writing in the first mailing?

Meanwhile, Ameritech is before the Michigan Public Service Commission seeking rate increases for a gobbledygook of residential bands known as A, B, C Call Plan 50, Call Plan 400, Call Plan Extended and Call Plan Unlimited. Said Attorney General Frank Kelley on March 4:

"MPSC should be particularly skeptical of Ameritech's proposal to increase local exchange rates in Michigan when it is currently reducing local exchange rates in its other states ..."

"While Ameritech is proposing to increase some residential customer rates by \$1.25 per month in Michigan, the company has proposed the following rate reductions in its other states ..."

The attorney general cites free Touch-Tone in Ohio and Indiana; residential cuts of 55 cents a month and business cuts of 50 cents to \$7.55 in Ohio; residential and business cuts of 41 cents a month in Indiana ("fourth reduction in two years"); and both residential and business cuts in the millions of dollars for Illinois.

Ameritech's customer relations fiasco seems to become worse by the day.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Improving driver training will pay off

This newspaper and others have written too many stories about new, young drivers in our communities who died or were involved in serious accidents.

Perhaps it was one or more of these that finally pushed our state lawmakers to remedy Michigan's deficient driver education program. Given primarily through the public schools, it was a program that was cost rather than quality-driven.

Since 1980, mandatory drive time had been whittled from six to four hours plus testing and classroom instruction had declined from 30 hours to 22. In addition, students who took the driver education course given through the public schools didn't even have to take a road test.

Public schools' driver education instructors flatly said they couldn't

cover all the necessary information in the time allotted. Many parents acknowledged they were afraid to drive with their children while they were learning. And, theoretically, a 16-year-old could get his license with less than four hours drive time.

That was then. Now, a new state licensing law requires drivers younger than 18 to prove their driving ability on the road and over time. And it requires parental involvement. A three-step licensing process took effect April 1. The process is specific:

- To obtain a learner's license, a teen must be at least age 14 years, 9 months old; complete the first-round of a driver education course approved by the Michigan Department of Education including six hours of on-the-road-driving with an instructor; pass a vision test and meet health stan-



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dards set by the Secretary of State; and obtain written approval from a parent or guardian.

- To gain an intermediate license, a teen must be at least age 16; successfully complete six months of practice driving; complete the second round of a driver education course approved by the Michigan Department of Education; have no convic-

tions/civil infractions, license suspensions or crashes; and complete a minimum of 50 hours of behind the wheel practice driving, including 10 hours of night driving that is certified by a parent or legal guardian. Then he or she must pass a road test conducted by a state-approved independent examiner. It includes stopping, turning and parallel parking.

- To obtain a full, unrestricted license, a teen must be at least age 17; hold an intermediate license for six months; and complete 12 consecutive months without a moving violation, crash, license suspension or violation of the graduated license restrictions.

Revising driver education to demand more skills and responsibility from the student driver and greater involvement by parents is going to

pay off for all of us down the road.

However, a couple of speed bumps remain. Taking the road test out of the hands of the Secretary of State and giving it to independent licensees — an individual, company or school district — was obviously done to keep costs down.

No set fees for road tests is another area of concern. I'm sure state lawmakers figured that competition will direct the price, now hovering in the \$30 to \$40 range. It would be unusual for a new system not to have start-up problems. But, the state must remain accountable for making sure that the part of the licensing process now in the hands of the private sector actually works.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers.

Depriving inmates of rights costs taxpayers

May 1 is Law Day, and our high school kids are being told that "ours is a government of laws, not of men." It comes just a few days after the TV series on "Ivanhoe," featuring bad Prince John, the guy who was forced nearly 782 years ago to sign Magna Carta, indicating that somebody besides the monarch has rights.

We are teaching prison inmates something quite different this Law Day.

First, our state in 1994 passed a crippling amendment to the Open Meetings Act saying prison inmates have no rights to public documents. What does that mean in practice? Can't they even have their own prison records, health records, stuff like that?

No, not as a matter of legal right, members of HASTA (Hispanic Americans Striving Toward Advancement) told me recently. They are in a mini-

mum security institution on East Parnall Road in Jackson. The important point, in my mind, is that most of these guys are going to be out pretty soon.

If they want anything, it's up to the Department of Corrections to decide whether they can have it. There is no rule of law. They were eliminated from the law, remember? What lesson will they take home with them?

The Department of Corrections (DOC) found FOIA an intolerable burden. Each inmate was filing an average of 1.3 FOIA requests per year, mostly for their own records.

Up Lansing way, there's a big trial going on in Ingham Circuit Court — John C. Cain, et al. vs. DOC. It's a class-action question of inmates' property rights. It began nine years ago and has been expanded to include access to courts, use of telephones, use of typewriters and computers. Ken McGinnis, the Engler adminis-



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tration's director of DOC, talked about the suit in an "Off the Record" interview Sunday on public TV. Asked if inmates had any inherent constitutional property rights, McGinnis made the incredible reply: "None at all."

There is no written law, enacted for better or worse by the Legislature or voters. "Our basic position," said DOC spokesperson Marjorie Van Ooten, "is we have the right to decide what prisoners can have and how much they

can have."

Many, including fellow journalists, fishin' buddies and lawyer friends, argue that inmates have "no rights at all." The heck they don't. Check the U.S. Constitution, Art. VIII of the Bill of Rights. Check the Michigan Constitution, Art. I Sec. 16.

And check recent Michigan history. For a dozen years, our prison system was run not by our elected governor but by a federal judge, a very liberal Kennedy Peace Corps appointee named Richard Enslin. By screwing up on inmates' rights, our leaders cost us hundreds of millions of tax dollars making corrections in Corrections.

I have observed two things about inmates during several visits. Many have huge arm and upper torso muscles. They also know appellate law.

I'm uncertain, however, how many could support themselves once they get out. We have a prison industries system employing 2,400. That's out of

some 40,000 prisoners. Six percent.

Last year, our legislators passed a new prison industries law supposedly allowing more firms to contract with DOC for prison labor. The catch is that they can make only products not normally made in Michigan or even the United States. They are supposed to compete with Asian products.

Even that measure was opposed by the prison guards' union and the state AFL-CIO.

What are we teaching the inmates about work? That they should go to Taiwan or Thailand upon release to hire out their skills?

I have a wild notion that guys who are working, and learning a skill, will have less time to develop torso muscles, fashion weapons, file tons of appellate briefs, and look for ways to aggravate John Engler.

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

Volunteers get things done

Based on a memo drafted on the last Friday of the life of Michigan's former governor, George Romney, the Presidents' Summit for America's Future took place this week in Philadelphia.

A star-studded cast — including President Bill Clinton and former Presidents George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford and retired Gen. Colin Powell — considered how to provide each child with a stable relationship with at least one adult, a safe place to go after school, adequate health care and marketable skills.

Reflecting on the goals of the meeting is sad work. It's bad enough that the structure of many American families has deteriorated so that providing a stable relationship with a grown-up and finding a safe place for kids to go after school are national goals.

And it's a social indictment that providing adequate health care and marketable skills for the 15 million children in poverty is a matter for national debate.

I would offer two observations about the summit and the chances that anything concrete will come out of it.

First, star-studded casts and elevated speeches might make fine TV, but in themselves they don't get much done. For the summit to have any impact at all, the organizers must find ways to get out of the spectacle in Philadelphia and into the reality of countless communities and home towns across Michigan.

That means a whole lot of people will have to be jolted out of their present habits into something new. Local employers will have to go beyond mere words to encourage their workers to get out and volunteer. Local service clubs like Rotary and Kiwanis will have to step up the already-high level of community caring. Organizations such as school PTOs and churches will be asked to look outward as well as inward.

Second, the premise behind the summit — that the best way to achieve these sadly simple, overwhelmingly valuable goals is by igniting a new burst of volunteer service — is significant.

It suggests that central social assumptions of prior years — that it was the job of families to provide adult role models and safe places for kids; the job of schools to provide marketable skills to students; and the job of society to make sure decent health care was available to all — have in some large degree come apart.

Had this summit taken place in the 1960s, the predictable cry from well-meaning liberal types would have been for more governmental involvement, revitalization of social service agencies, more spending for schools. I didn't hear much of this coming out of Philadelphia. Even President Clinton's call for Congress to appropriate \$2.5 billion for a five-year reading



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program for third-graders sounded kind of stale.

Why this sea change in public attitude? Certainly, constant right-wing yapping about the evils of government has contributed. But I believe a more fundamental factor is the widespread perception of poor productivity of virtually all governmental agencies, from the federal level all the way down to individual communities.

Take it from a grumpy old reporter: The single toughest statistic to get out of government is the one that measures the number of concrete outcomes delivered — potholes filled, kids given marketable skills, immunizations provided to families — and then to try computing the cost per unit.

The bureaucratic apologists will tell you that budgets are not organized that way, that the demand for hard cost per unit of outcomes is unrealistic, that congressional or legislative appropriations are in such a form so as to make such calculations impossible.

Hogwash. The main reason government's productivity is terrible is that governmental units have no incentive and therefore little reason to measure their own productivity. What you can't measure, you cannot manage.

And the reason most folks think the best and most productive way to achieve the goals of the national summit is through volunteers and voluntary agencies at the local level is that they are very highly productive. Take your local Rotary Club: Its administrative overhead for community service projects is virtually zero. Take your local church's feeding program for poor people: Its administrative costs per person fed are a fraction of the government's social service agencies.

That's why the emphasis at the summit was on voluntary and not-for-profit groups. It's the right place to start.

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KAREN MEIER

From Uruguay to Plymouth by way of E-mail

Andrea and Gustavo - I just now heard from them! Can you believe it? Andrea and Gustavo! All the way from Uruguay! Who would've thought!

You ask, who are Andrea and Gustavo? Well, I'll tell you. I'll tell you right now. OK. Here goes - ready or not.

Andrea and Gustavo. From Uruguay. They are ... They are ... They are ... I don't know! I don't know who they are!

I know this: they sent me an E-mail letter just now. They sent it to my computer in the upstairs of my house. Right here in North America. In Plymouth. In the blink of an eye! That astounds me.

And Andrea told me, and this was a little bit frightening, and I quote, "I got your name through the Net." Through the Net? She got my name through the Net? Yikes! How did that happen?

As you know, I am not handy with computers, E-mail, Internet, worldwide Webs, those sorts of things. They baffle me. Easily. So, I'm telling you, if you happen to be handy with computers, maybe you can help clear this up.

You see, all I have is an E-mail address and that's it - no Web page, no Web site, no Webs, Nets, or anything else, just an E-mail address. Is it possible that just by having an E-mail address my name got out there, in the Net somehow?

Now, this Uruguayan family who has my E-mail address also knows my name, even the Mrs. part. They know about my work with Down syndrome research and my work raising awareness and hope for children with Down syndrome. This far-away family knows this about me.

I'm glad, that's good. Very good. But how did this happen? This Net, this Web thing, whatever, seems to have a mind of its own, and it's so far-reaching. I guess in this case, that's good.

So little information

In the letter from Uruguay, Andrea writes, "There is so little information (here) I didn't know what else to do." So she contacted me thousands of miles away, in a different hemisphere for pete's sake, to get answers. And I'm more than happy to help out.

"I live in Uruguay," Andrea explains, "a country with only 3 million people of population and Nutritional Intervention is not a known subject. It is very important for me to know about other experiences, because for what I've been reading, I think of putting my baby into a nutritional program, but it is difficult to make a decision when the subject is not much known and it refers to your kid's health. The truth is that I have to do all the research on my own."

"I'm so happy to be able to tell her, and Gustavo, that that doesn't have to be anymore. I can tell them research has been done - some; the results are encouraging and promising, and hope, health are out there, but, most of all, I can tell them, there's no need for them to start at square one with this."

They don't have to be "on their own" anymore. So there it is: the huge, baffling, long-armed, electronic mail system CAN be a very good thing!

That letter from the other side of the world demonstrates how good can come out of this computer-electronic-gizmo age. Computers can benefit in real, very real, ways. We can reach out (to places we're completely unfamiliar with) and help one another (even those we'll never meet). Computers can connect us in very positive ways, no matter how far away we live.

Speaking about far away, here's something that made me realize the vast distance this E-mail letter traveled. In her letter, Andrea said it's autumn in Uruguay now and winter's coming. What a funny thing. Here it's spring and summer's on the horizon. It's all upside down, opposite. Far away.

Intriguing differences?

After reading that, I looked up Uruguay in the encyclopedia to see what other intriguing differences there might be between there and here. I always figure far away places for being very different. Vastly different. But as I read through the pages in the encyclopedia, I didn't see 'vastly different.'

I saw differences, but I saw similarities, too. For instance, the country of Uruguay and the state of Michigan are nearly equal in size in terms of square miles. (Uruguay happens to be the smallest of the South American countries). And another thing, Michigan and Uruguay have a lot of water around them and in them and

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

High note: Courtney Picard is one of some 30 children who have signed on for Norma Atwood's Rising Star Singers. Atwood teaches members a combination of music and movement that they use as part of their community performances.

Stars brighten music scene

When Norma Atwood retired as music director at an Ann Arbor church, she decided not to sit around and do nothing. She formed community youth choir.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Most people retire to stop working and begin a leisurely lifestyle. Not music teacher and performer Norma Atwood of Canton.

She recently retired as director of music for First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor but in keeping with her frenzied lifestyle she quickly took on another project.

Inspired by her work with youths as a music teacher at Arnoldt Williams music store in Canton, Atwood created The Rising Star Singers four months ago. The community youth choir, she explained, gives children the rare opportunity to share what they

have learned in music classes.

"As I was working with children or teen-agers in private study, I realized they weren't being given the opportunity to perform outside in the community," said Atwood, also a former music director at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland. "By forming a performance group it gives them the opportunity to put to practice what they are learning."

Working with The Rising Star Singers gives Atwood a sense of freedom that she didn't have with the church choirs.

"They're performing songs that are secular as opposed to sacred; they're sort of upbeat musical songs," she said. "One is 'Catch a Falling Star,' an old standard.

Another has to do with friendship. I like to bring them upbeat songs that they can sing and move to and bring a message.

"Basically, this is a combination of music and movement, which does not happen too much in the church situation. The other groups I have directed have been more Christian-oriented. I also worked with older folks."

Her goal with The Rising Star Singers is to develop different performance packages, so the group can perform in a variety of settings - summer festivals, organization meetings and senior centers. Atwood also hopes to use the creative abilities of the 30-member group.

She has pegged a handful of students, including 13-year-olds Shawn Tanner of Westland and Justine Blazer of Canton, to sing solo. Courtney Pickard, 9, of Canton, and her sister Chelsey sang the Mary-Kate and Ashley Olson song "I Am a Cute One." Another

girl in the group sings and plays the guitar. Students in the group show off their talents during rehearsal with the hope that they can bring it to performances.

Blazer is hoping that the group can incorporate more pop songs into its repertoire.

"I've like to see us sing 'Lean on Me' - the pop version that has a dance with it," she said.

The group has practiced its skills during private performances at a home and at Ernesto's Restaurant. On Sunday, June 1, The Rising Star Singers will perform as part of "Family Fun Day," a celebration of Michigan's 160th birthday and Michigan Family Day at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes animal shows, a display of antique bikes, cars and fire engines, police and fire department demonstrations, arts, crafts and bake sale, face

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'90s technology gives auction a boost

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

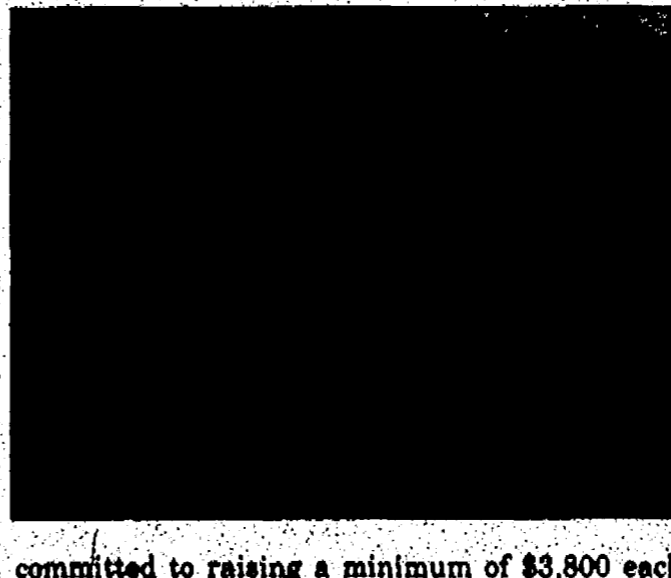
Karen Carroll and Wynona Frost each needed to raise a few dollars relatively quickly to make sure they get to Anchorage, Ala., and Lake Tahoe, Nev., respectively.

The idea they happened upon is combines the thrill of bidding at an auction with the technology of the 1990s - Lunch! with the some metropolitan area's notables with bidding by fax or the mail.

"Let's Do Lunch!" is the Detroit duo's way of cementing their spots on the current Leukemia Society of America's Team in Training.

"It's a wonderful creative idea," said Denise Figurski, campaign director for the society's Michigan Chapter, of the fund-raiser. "They thought for small business people and the average person it would be a great way to go one-on-one with some interesting people."

Carroll, a cyclist, and Frost, a walker, have



committed to raising a minimum of \$3,800 each to be a member of LSA's Team in Training. A national program, team members commit to

training for a marathon or cycling event and raise money to help fight leukemia and its related cancers.

In return, the twosome are provided with coaches to help them train and prepare for the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage and the Lake Tahoe Century Ride in Lake Tahoe as well as their airfare, accommodations and entry fees.

"This is really a great program because it's a win/win program," said Figurski of Team In Training. "Participants get to do something they would never think they could do. They raise money for a good cause and get to go on a really great trip."

A popular fund-raiser, more than 600 walkers, runners and cyclists have participated in the Michigan Chapter's Program. In fact, the chapter topped \$700,000 for 1996.

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The chapter also provides team members with fund-raising supplies to help meet their goals. Frost and Carroll used those materials to put together their "Let's Do Lunch!" benefit and "really manage to get a nice diverse group of people," Figurski said.

The VIP lunch list that Frost and Carroll came up with includes Deputy Wayne County Executive Michael Duggan, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, attorney Geoffrey Fieger, WCSX radio personality Jim "JJ" Johnson, Crain's Detroit Business associate publisher/editor Mary Kramer, Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, Detroit Police Chief Isiah McKinnon, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara (lunch for two), Detroit Deputy Police Chief Benny Napoleon, Detroit Pistons Dance Team coordinator Shay Scott and newspaper columnist Charlie Vincent.

In lieu of lunch, WXYT News-talk Radio personality Ike "Mega Man" Griffin is offering an hour with him at the studio. While WDIV-TV news anchor Carmen Harlan's offer is a studio tour during the 5 p.m. broadcast. Michigan Lt. Gov. Connie

'I think this is a wonderful idea and I hope it goes well. If it does go well, we'll make a yearly thing and add more VIPs to the list.'

Denise Figurski
—Leukemia Society of America

Binsfeld and first lady Michelle Engler have contributed an autographed PJ Huggabee Bear.

The minimum bids are \$100. The highest bidder is entitled to Lunch! with the selected VIP. Lunch will be at their convenience and expense.

Bidding will be strictly by fax and mail, and bids can be submitted for one or more VIPs. They must include the bidder's name, full address and day and evening telephone numbers. Bids must be received by midnight Wednesday, May 7.

The bids can be faxed to (313) 533-9256 or by mailing them to TNT Auction c/o Frost, 19504 Bretton, Detroit 48223-1269.

The duo also has set up a Bid Hotline — (313) 438-2506 — for bidders to ask questions and check on or up their bids.

Winners will be notified within a few days of the end of the auction and will have three days in which to make payment.

Hopses are to raise at least \$3,800, Figurski said.

"I think this is a wonderful idea and I hope it goes well," she added. "If it does go well, we'll make a yearly thing and add more VIPs to the list."

As for people interested in participating in Team in Training, an informational meeting will be held in July. Runners will be competing in the Honolulu Marathon in December or the Disney Marathon in January, while riders will be entered in the El Tour de Houston in November.

"There's nothing nicer than being in Hawaii in December," said Figurski. "For the last three years, the day we've left for Honolulu has been snowy. The trip is a wonderful break from reality."

For more information about Team in Training, call the Leukemia Society of America's Michigan Chapter at 1-800-456-5413.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Performance plus: Norma Atwood started The Rising Star Singers to give children the opportunity to perform in the community. They'll do just that at "Family Fun Day," a celebration of Michigan's 160th birthday and Michigan Family Day, Sunday, June 1, at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

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painting and Andy the Robot from Huron Valley Ambulance. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance or \$3 at the door. Children age 3 and younger are admitted free. For more information, call (313) 930-5032 or (313) 996-0070.

The Rising Star Singers rehearse weekly at Arnoldt Williams. Although auditions were held in January, Atwood is looking for new members.

Those interested in trying out can call (313) 453-6586. There is a \$50 membership fee which helps cover the group's expenses.

Atwood explained that youths can benefit in many ways by joining The Rising Star Singers.

"No. 1, you are being given the opportunity to perform and show

your talent and to nurture your talent; you learn what performance is all about," she explained. "Two, you get to meet kids from all over. It's a social as well as musical experience."

Atwood persuaded voice student Blazer to join the group.

"I thought I could meet new people and have a chance to perform," Blazer said. "There's not a lot of singing groups for kids our age where we can perform."

Tanner joined the group because she "loves to sing."

"Everybody told me I had a good voice. Singing is what I want to do with my life," she said.

Atwood, who also teaches Kindermusik and private music classes at Arnoldt Williams,

admits that running The Rising Star Singers "takes a lot of energy." But it's not as difficult as she imagined.

"Basically, I found in developing it that there was a lot of interest out there," she said. "When I mentioned it, the kids were very excited about having a youth performance group. It was not as difficult as I thought it would be."

"But the development of it certainly does take time and energy."

Atwood's dream is to take the children out on the road.

"I'd like to see them get the opportunity to bring their talents not only in this community but outside this community as well."

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beautiful beaches to go along with the water.

And because of that, lots of tourists flock. And Detroit (our biggest city) and Montevideo (their biggest city, and capital) are both situated on the water. And the similarities didn't stop there. There were more!

I shouldn't have been sur-

prised, though. I should've realized similarities existed even before I opened any reference book. All I had to do was look at that E-mail letter from Andrea and Gustavo, at what they were doing on behalf of their child, at their hope, at their devotion to their family, to see that some things are the same — no matter

what hemisphere.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or reach her at her E-mail address: FamilyRoom@worldNet.att.net.

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. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

The Livonia Franklin High School Vocal Music Department will have its all-day Music Fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3. There will be crafts, antiques and collectibles, flea market, car wash, clowning, children's fun and games and more. The Franklin choirs, youth and adult bands, jazz band and local popular groups also will perform throughout the day. Food and beverages also will be available. For more information, call (313) 4725-3688.

MCFADDEN-ROSS

The McFadden-Ross Museum will have a herb plant-craft sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the museum, 915 S. Brady, Dearborn. For more information, call 565-3000.

3 CITIES ART CLUB

D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel will host the 3 Cities Art Club annual spring art exhibition and acquisition Saturday, May 10, through Thursday, May 22, at Once Upon an Easel in the Golden Gate Plaza, 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton. The exhibit will feature daily artist demonstrations 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday, until 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at (313) 453-3710.

TRI-CITY ELDERCARE

The Tri-City Eldercare Coalition is looking for crafters and

demonstrators for its arts and crafts event slated for Saturday, June 7, at the Daniel E. Riney Hall, 139 E. Great Lakes, River Rouge. For more information, call (313) 381-7380.

LIVONIA YMCA

The Livonia Family YMCA is accepting applications from qualified crafters for one-day Mulberry Market Saturday, Nov. 1. For more information and for applications, call the Y at (313) 261-2161.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft College is seeking unique crafters for its fall craft show Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8-9. Crafters in all handmade media are invited to apply for spaces in the juried show. Applications accompanied by photographs are required. For an application, call (313) 462-4417. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

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WIC Clinic to hold open house

An open house at the Western Wayne County WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Clinic Wednesday, May 7, will showcase an achievement by two state agencies in offering one-stop health services for pregnant women and young children.

The open house will be 1-3 p.m. at the clinic in the Wayne County Family Independence Agency Child and Family Center, 253 Ecorse Road, Taylor.

"This is an excellent partnership between two government agencies to simplify the system for the people we serve and to increase the likelihood of their use of services available to them," said Marva Livingston Hammons, FIA director.

Supported by the Michigan

Department of Community Health, it is the first WIC clinic ever to be housed in an FIA facility.

Since it opened last December, the clinic has provided health assessments to more than 650 women and children.

WIC provides food to improve the diet of pregnant women, women with young children and infants and children. It also provides nutrition education and health screening and referrals to appropriate health and social services. The clinic also began providing immunizations in February.

"We want to expand upon this one-stop convenience concept for people in need of services offered by the Michigan Department of

Community Health and the Family Independence Agency," said James Haveman, MCDH director. "Why should people have to go all over town when one-stop services can be arranged with cooperation by two state departments."

"We need more of this kind of effort."

"The FIA's role to identify and facilitate service delivery to WIC clientele, knowing that 70 percent of WIC clients receive public assistance," said Samuel Chambers Jr., director of FIA/Wayne County.

For more information about the open house, call the Western Wayne WIC Clinic at (313) 296-5330.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Grenier-LaBute

Jim and Sharon Grenier of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Dawn Marie, to Gregory Joseph LaBute, the son of Norman and MaryAnn LaBute of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, who earned a degree in recreational therapy from Michigan State University, is employed as a senior recreation therapist at The Women's Treatment Center in Chicago, Ill.

Her fiancé, who attended Lawrence Technological University and graduated from Michigan State University, is the kitchen manager at The Common Grill in Chelsea.

A September wedding is



planned at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia.

Rockwood-Sattler

Leslie and Beverly Rockwood of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Jane, to Eric Andrew Sattler, the son of Frederick and Ruth Annette Sattler of Belleville.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil and environmental engineering. She is employed by L&L Engineering in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Belleville High School. He received his bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Johnson Controls in Plymouth.



A July wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

Percy-Whalen

Richard and Shirley Percy of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Joy, to Brian Leonard Whalen, the son of William and Diane Whalen of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed as a physical therapist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a physical therapist by Rehab West.

An August wedding is planned



at the Pine Knob Mansion.

Smith-Dysarz

Glenda and Robert Smith of Lexington, Ky., formerly of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie A., to Glenn Dysarz, the son of Lois and Charles Dysarz of Dearborn.

A graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, the bride-to-be attends the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Her fiancé is an Edsel Ford High School graduate.

A fall wedding is planned at the Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village.



Sokolosky-Anthony

Dr. and Mrs. James Sokolosky of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Jean, to John Walter Anthony IV, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Anthony III of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in political theory and English. She is employed as a writer and editor by Joyce Julius and Associates in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is an assistant project manager for Vance Corp.



A September wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Sprott-Taylor

Oliver Wendell Sprott of Beaumont, Texas, announces the forthcoming marriage of his daughter, Alisa Dannel, to Robert Taylor III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor Jr. of Redford.

The bride-to-be is employed by the Ford Motor Co. in New York.

Her fiancé is employed by Neiman Marcus in New Jersey.

A May wedding is planned for James Street Methodist Church in Bridgetown, Barbados.



Pallszewski-Longway

Lawrence and Carolyn Pallszewski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori, to Jeffrey Longway, the son of Herbert and Mary Lou Longway, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed as an executive assistant at Deekay Enterprises Inc. in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering technology. He is employed as a liaison engineer by Litens Automotive.

A May wedding is planned at



St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

Hreben-Maksimowicz

Ann Maria Maksimowicz and George Francis Hreben Jr. were married on Sept. 14 at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia. The Rev. Gerald Flannery officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Tadeusz Maksimowicz of Livonia and the late Janina Maksimowicz. The groom is the son of George and Judie Hreben of Novi.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She will receive her bachelor of business administration degree in December from the University of Michigan. She is employed as an administrative manager by PMC Machinery Sales.

The groom is a 1985 graduate of Bishop Borgess High School. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co. at its Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne.

The bride asked Elisabeth Lisawski to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Becky Lann, Terri Hreben, Michele Nou, Lauriel Ralston and Crissy Leschinski. The flower girl was



Tessa Amoroso.

The groom asked Michael Bolser to serve as best man with groomsmen Dave Boersig, John Kenny, Mark Dilley, Bob Hollingsworth and Mark Maksimowicz. The ring bearer was Scotty Kaurenen.

The couple received guests at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Kauai, Hawaii. They are making their home in Northville.



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For the depot: Three hundred walkers took to the streets of Livonia last October and raised more than \$18,000 during the 1996 Livonia CROP Walk for Church World Service. Also benefitting was the St. Vincent DePaul Food Depot in Wayne and the Christian Communications Council's Meal on Wheels program which each received checks for \$1,855.64. Last week the Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Eggebeen (from left) of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Dr. Chuck Sonquist of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church went to Wayne to give the check to depot manager John Bolde. The Livonia CROP Walk has become one of the top 100 such walks in the country. Held on the first Sunday in October, organizers have already set a goal of 350 walkers and \$25,000 in pledges.

5 women honored by Scouts

Five women have been selected to receive the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council newest honor, "Women of Distinction" Award.

The council's 1997 "Women of Distinction" are Karen Wilson of Plymouth, Laurie Berry of New Boston, Mary Ann Fogle of Saline, Dr. Alice Roelofs and Patti Schebil, both of Ann Arbor.

The honorees will be feted at a luncheon set for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the Ypsilanti Marriott, 1275 S. Huron St. Ann Arbor Mayor Ingrid Sheldon will emcee the celebration.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council launched the new award program as part of its year-long celebration of Girl Scouting's 85th anniversary. The honorees are women whose commitment to community life exemplifies the highest ideals of Girl Scouting.

Tickets for the awards luncheon cost \$25. Reservations can be made through Wednesday, May 7, by calling Huron Valley Girl Scout Council at (313) 971-8800 or (800) 49-SCOUT, Ext. 224. Proceeds from the luncheon will support Girl Scout programs.

Wilson is president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation

Board of Directors and member of the Northwestern Community Services Board of Directors, Plymouth Community Arts Council and Administrative Board of Plymouth United Methodist Church.

As president of Central Distributors of Romulus, she is the first woman to serve on the Anheuser-Busch Wholesale Advisory Panel.

She also is a member of the Romulus Drug Task Force Committee and has been responsible for alcohol awareness programs in junior and senior high schools.

Berry is vice-chair of the Monroe Chapter of the Karmanos Cancer Foundation. She has been chair of the Christmas walk for two years and chair of the community outreach program of Hospice of Monroe.

She is the founder and leader of the Diabetic Support Group of Monroe County and the Ostomy Support Group of Monroe and has chaired the Walktober Fest for Diabetes for four years.

Berry also is a member of the State of Michigan's Tech 2000 Committee and the Stephens Ministry at Community Lutheran Church in Flat Rock.

The 1996 recipient of the Athena Award, presented by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce to its businesswoman of the year, she owns and operates the Home Care Shoppe in Monroe.

Fogle has served as board member of Saline Community Hospital and Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, secretary-treasurer of Saline Community Directions (senior citizen housing), treasurer of American Legion Auxiliary, co-chair of Saline Hospital's Pumper Power Race, co-chair of Picnic in the Park, member of the Saline

Kiwanis and coordinator of Christmas in April.

The vice-president and branch officer of the Saline office of Comerica Bank for 10 years, she was Saline's Citizen of the Year in 1993.

Roelofs is founder and president of Adult Learning Systems, which serves developmentally disabled and mentally ill adults and children.

She has worked with Amnesty International and with the American Friends Service Committee to help refugees and political prisoners. She has tutored migrant workers and refugees in English as a second language.

Fogle has written several books on practical living skills, guides to help people become accustomed to their local communities. She consults with other agencies to promote community integration and human rights.

Schebil is an active member of the Board of Directors of SAFE House/Domestic Violence Project. As commercial lighting manager for Gross Electric in Ann Arbor, she helped with the construction of SAFE House.

She also coordinated the special lighting at Washtenaw Community College for the Hands-On Museum auction and provided pro bono lighting consultant services for the Ann Arbor Historical Society and the Ann Arbor YMCA.

In cooperation with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, Schebil developed a SCUBA diving program for at-risk teen girls for Huron Valley Girl Scout Council and has helped with fund raising for the annual Huron Valley Girl Scout Golf Open.

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New Morning School is a state-certified and licensed non-profit school and the only prekindergarten-eighth grade cooperative school in Michigan. Parents aide in the classroom, clean the building, lend their personal skills to special projects, and assist in raising money for the school.

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Smith

James and Mary Smith of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception given by their children.

The couple exchanged vows on April 12, 1947.

They have two married children - Lawrence Smith and wife Judy and Janice Conway and husband Robert, all of Redford. They also have four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter - Rob, Amy and Jim Conway, James Smith and daughter Stephanie of South Carolina.

He retired from the Ford Motor Co. in 1980, and they have enjoyed traveling since



then.

Berry

Bill and Joan Berry of Livonia celebrated their 40th anniversary during a weekend at a surprise location with the children and grandchildren.

The couple exchanged vows on April 27, 1957, in Farmington. She is the former Joan Berry.

Forty-year residents of Livonia, the Berrys have three children - Sue Perlin of Novi, Nancy Rothenhoefer of Syracuse, N.Y., and Charlie Berry of San Diego, Calif. They also have four grandchildren.

He is an employee of the Ford Motor Co., while she works with Dr. Donald Silver. They are very active at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Livonia and enjoy golf, bridge club and



traveling.

Conn

Harry and Vicki Conn were the guests on honor at a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party, given by their children in Westland on March 29.

The Conns, three-year residents of Windsor, Wis., were married on May 13, 1972, in Garden City. She is the former Vicki Sylvester.

They have four children - Amy, Audrey and Alane, all of Windsor, Wis., and Darren of Livonia.

He has been on active duty in the U.S. Army and holds the rank of sergeant major. She is employed by Bell Laboratories in Madison, Wis.

They are active in the State of Wisconsin Technical College System and the U.S. Army Non-commissioned Officers Association. Their interests include hiking, bicycling and coaching ath-



letics.

As part of their anniversary celebration, they plan to hike portions of the Appalachian Trail in the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia in June.

Cyr

George and Elizabeth Cyr of Clinton Township celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of wedding vows during Mass Sunday, April 20, at St. Louis Church, and at a small reception for family members and friends, held in the parish hall.

The couple exchanged vows on April 19, 1932 at St. Martins on the Lake Church in Detroit. She is the former Elizabeth Klee.

The couple has 13 children - Mary Ann Brehmer of Madison heights, the Rev. Richard Cyr of

Sterling Heights, Tom Cyr of Algonac, Jacqueline Whalen of Anchorage, Alaska, Paul Michaels of Harper Woods, Gary Cyr of San Jose, Calif., Doug Cyr of Livonia, Janet Mowid of Roseville, Donna Dery of Clinton Township, Bernadette Coats of Canton, George Cyr of Harrison Township, Diane Keucken of St. Clair Shores and Gerilyn Daughterty of Cookesville, Tenn. They also have 42 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren.

Hospice to hold training day

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's hospice program will offer a training program in May for caring men and women who want to make a difference in their community.

The volunteer training sessions will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., beginning Saturday, May 3, at the Institute's East Regional Office, 15111 Thirteen Mile Road at Hayes in Warren.

The program will include training in communication skills, loss and grief issues, legal documents, and the history of hospice.

According to Volunteer Coordinator Cathy Dominici, hospice volunteers run errands, spend time with bereaved children, fulfill special wishes, and provide support to terminally ill persons and their families.

"Energetic and optimistic people who are sensitive to the needs of others, make great volunteers," she said. "Through simple acts of kindness, everyone benefits from and experiences the healing power of human presence."

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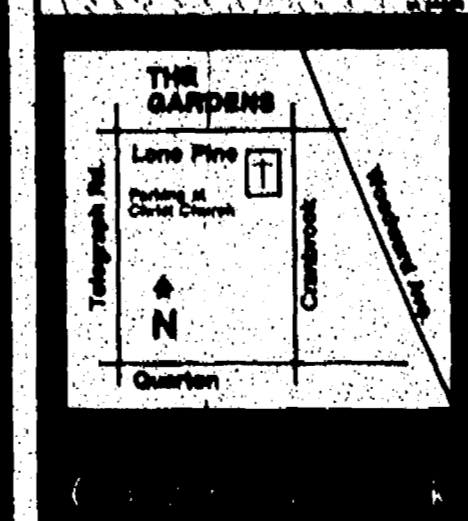
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RELIGION CALENDAR

Listings for the Religion 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. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

NEW BEGINNINGS
The Rev. Chuck Sonquist will discuss "The Grief Process" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The program

is for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one. The group meets on Thursdays year-round and features speakers the first Thursday of the month. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (810) 380-7903 or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
The Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will have its May Fellowship Day Friday, May 2, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The day will

start with continental breakfast at 9:15 a.m. and will feature retired teacher Nancy Stoner speaking on "Growing Seeds in Prepared Soil." Cost will be \$2 and reservations must be made by April 29 by calling Norma Roberts at (313) 591-2127. Babysitting will be available by reservation, and participants should bring their love pillows.

SPECIAL ADDRESS
The Rev. H. George Anderson, presiding bishop of the 5 million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be the preacher at the Festival Eucharist at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Meadowbrook Road, north of 10 Mile Road in Novi.

The worship service will highlight the 1997 Assembly of the Southeast Michigan Synod. Anderson will represent the voting members of the Southeast Michigan Synod on the "State of the ECLA" during their assembly being held at the Novi Hilton Hotel Friday and Saturday, May 2-3.

RUMMAGE SALE
Newburg United Methodist Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 2, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 3, at the church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-0149.

Lutheran High School Westland will have its annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fri-

day, May 2, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 3, at the school, 33300 Cowan Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. Saturday will be a \$2 a bag sale.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Grace Baptist Church will have its 35th anniversary celebration and homecoming Sunday, May 4. The special day of services will begin at 10 a.m. with a Sunday School program for all ages. Morning worship will begin at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary and be followed by a family pot luck dinner in the fellowship hall. At 2:30 p.m., there will be a "singspiration" to enjoy a time of praise, thanksgiving and prayer. Child care and transportation will be provided. For more information, call the church at (313) 425-6215.

'GOD WITH US'
"God With Us," a service of praise and worship, will be celebrated at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, May 4, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth. The celebration will feature special music with congregational signing and the Alleluia Choir. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-5252.

PRAISEMAKERS
The Praisemakers of Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present a collection of praise songs and memory verses in a

musical entitled "Shine" at the 6:30 p.m. service Sunday, May 4, at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The choir is under the direction of Bob and Valerie Keese, Sandy Squires and Shona Vincent, Jim and Karen Webber and Lorena Wheeler. Refreshments will be served after the program. For more information, call the church office at (313) 464-6722.

TEAMKID
TeamKid, a club which blends activity with interactive learning, discipleship and Bible memory, meets 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. TeamKid is for youngsters in first through sixth grades and provides practical, Biblical answers in a fun and interesting setting. This year's theme is "Running the Race" and focuses on character building traits, such as honesty, courage and self-control.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER
A charismatic prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. For more information, call John at (313) 422-5611.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m.

Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. Topics include "What kind of person was Mary Baker Eddy really?" on May 4, "Media Coverage of Christian Science" on May 11, "Why don't Christian Scientists take medicine?" on May 18, "Is it possible to heal without medicine?" on May 25 and "Is Christian Science just a health therapy or does it deal with relationship, business and other problems?" on June 1.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

HISPANIC CHURCH
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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Men Who Make a Difference, a small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly man," meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The presentation, made possible through "Focus on the Family," will be open to men and women of all faiths and denominations. For more information,

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Church welcomes ex-radio show host

Dr. Oswald Hoffman, for many years the voice of "The Lutheran Hour," will visit Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Livonia on Sunday, May 11, to help it celebrate a triple anniversary.

Members will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the church and the 150th anniversary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as well as the dedication of its new educational wing and fifth anniversary of the dedication of the new sanctuary.

Hoffman will preach at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. There also will be a catered dinner, featuring four entrees, at 1 p.m. in the Livonia Campus Parish Center. Tickets for the dinner are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children.

Hoffman was the featured weekly speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" for 33 years until his retirement in 1988. During his tenure, he became widely recognized as one of the U.S.'s outstanding churchmen.

Early in his career, he served as an instructor at Bethany College, Mankato, Minn., and then the University of Minnesota as a classical language instructor.

As a leading Protestant church leader, he received the Gold Medal Award in 1992 from Religious Heritage of America and the Secretary of Defense Award for outstanding service to



Dr. Oswald Hoffman

military personnel, particularly those serving overseas.

An author of numerous magazine articles and several books, his latest work is his autobiography, "What More Is There to Say But Amen." The book includes stories of his early days as a pastor and White House visits with Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Livonia is at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-275. For more information, call the church office at (313) 522-6830.

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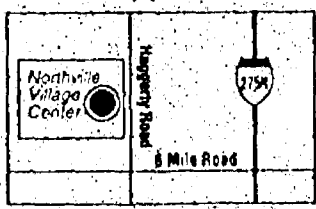


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NEW VOICES

KATHY BRYAN and **WILLIAM JAWORSKY** of Westland announce the birth of **WILLIAM ZACHARY JR.** Feb. 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister and three brothers — Elizabeth, 8, Carl Jr., 6, Daniel, 4, and Bradley, 3.

JAMES and **TAMMY DAVIS** of Inkster announce the birth of **DAKOTA RAYMOND** April 3 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has two brothers, Trevor and Clint, and one sister, Chelsea. Grandparents are Flossie Davis of Garden City and the late Jimmie Davis, Betty Wrobel of Inkster and the late Kenneth Wrobel.

ANDREW and **MICHELE PIERZYNSKI** of Westland announce the birth of **BRANDON** March 20 at Oakwood Hospital In Dearborn. He has a sister, Amanda, 3. Grandparents are Virgil and Elaine Manis of Dearborn Heights, Haline Pierzynski of Westland and Edward Pierzynski of Richmond Hill, Ga.

ED JOHNSON and **CAROL GATECLIFF** of Westland announce the birth of **EMILY JANE JOHNSON** Feb. 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has three siblings — Edward II, 10, James, 3, and Kaylie, 2. Grandparents are Marlene Johnson and Irene and Donald Gatecliff, all of Westland.

EVERETT and **SHELLY**

FARMER of Garden City announce the birth of **JASON DANIEL** Feb. 8 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has a brother, Jeremy. Grandparents are John Corrao Jr. of Garden City and Orasue Farmer of Saginaw.

MARK and **KRISTINA LANDINI** of Canton announce the birth of **ANDREW JAMES** April 17 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. He has a brother, Michael, 3. Grandparents are Skip and Betty Landini of Plymouth and Bill and Janet Murphy of Canton. Great-grandparents are Julius and MaryAnn Landini of Redford, Winona Thome of Wayne and John Dittmeyer of Quincy, Ill.

MICHAEL and **LAURIE PAYTER** of Canton announce the birth of **TANNER WILLIAM** Feb. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a brother, Adam, 5, and a sister, Heidi, 2. Grandparents are Stan and Adele Michalik of Canton and Bill and Grace Payter of Nisula. Great-grandmother is Maria Testani of Dearborn Heights.

DARREN and **LORRIE JANIK** of Garden City announce the birth of **EVAN JAY** Feb. 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has a brother, Darren Kelly Jr. Grandparent is Dolores McElrath of Dearborn Heights.

JANE and **MICHAEL GEROU** of Plymouth announce

the birth of **THOMAS GEROU** Feb. 25. He has a younger brother, Miles, and sister, Elaine.

ANDREW and **CAROL LINCOLN** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **BRANDON ANDREW** Feb. 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister, Jennifer Granchi, 16, and a brother, Joel Granchi, 10. Grandparents are Warren and Helen Lincoln of South Rockwood and Jack and Audrey Hymes of Redford.

JOSEPH and **DAWN TONNA** of Westland announce the birth of **STEVEN MATTHEW** Feb. 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has three brothers, Joey, Michael and Johnny, and two sisters, Mindy and Laura. Grandparents are Richard and Betty St. Amour of Lansing and Mary Tonna of Pinckney.

REBECCA COLLIER and **VINCENT GRIFFIOEN** of Garden City announce the birth of **SIDNEY LYNN** Feb. 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Collier of Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Griffioen of Grand Rapids.

CHARLES and **LORETTA HANSCHU** of Westland announce the birth of **ELIJAH CHARLES** Feb. 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has a brother, Joseph Norman, and a sister, Amelia Ruth. Grandparents are Norm

and Joyce Hanschu of Canton and Howard and Ruth Keast of Inkster.

DONNA and **TIM BLACKBURN** of Redford announce the birth of **TYLER WAYNE** Feb. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Joshua, 6 1/2, and Chelsea, 21 months. Grandparents are Joan and Gordon Finlay, Marcy and Dave Schoeneman and Jim and Betty Blackburn.

MARK and **DEANNA MULLINS** of Westland announce the birth of **MATTHEW** March 22 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has two brothers, Michael, 9, and Brandon, 3. Grandparents are Herb and Rose Mullins of Westland, Gloria and DJ Desjardins of Belleville and Gary and Laura Groves of Farmington Hills.

KENNY and **PATRICIA HYLTON** of Westland announce the birth of **JACOB WAYNE** Feb. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Christopher, 9, and a sister, Brittany, 6. Grandparents are Wayne and Carolyn Stringer and Loretta Hylton, all of Westland, and the late Jacob C. Hylton.

BRENT and **PATTY BOUCHER** of Garden City announce the birth of **SYDNEY TERESE** March 23 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a brother, Ryan.

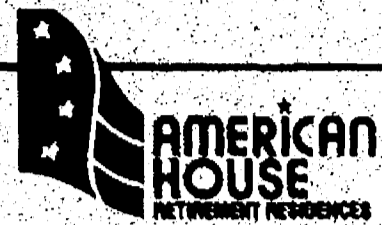
Grandmother is Theresa Boucher of Garden City.

SHERRI L. UREN and **MICHAEL T. BOWERS** of Canton announce the birth of **VELLA JOY BOWERS** Feb. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Jasmine N. Bowers, 6. Grandparents are Susan and Ron Emerick of Charlotte, N.C., Joy Liberty of Inkster and Fred Bowers Sr. of Flat Rock.

RAY and **DEANNA LAWSON** of Westland announce the birth of **MACKENZIE ROSE**

March 27 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a brother, Kody Johnson. Grandparents are Garnie Lawson of Wayne and Danny and Beth Ventress of Livonia.

DAN and **JANICE PRIEST** of Westland announce the birth of **SARAH LAURIE** Feb. 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Phyllis Scarlett of Flat Rock, formerly of Westland, and Terry and Kathy Priest of Grand Rapids.

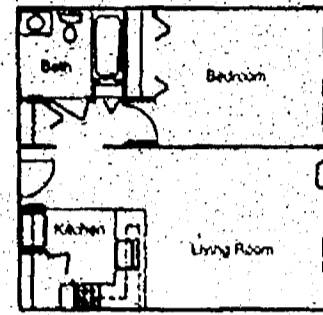


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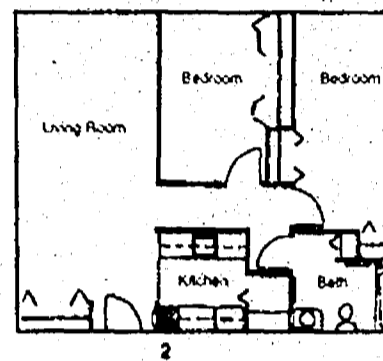


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MHSAA tackling athletic-induced student transfers

It appears the Michigan High School Athletic Association is going to get tough with athletically-motivated transfers.

The issue, which has been discussed the last two years, is going to come up once again when the MHSAA's Representative Council conducts its spring meeting, May 4-6, in Gaylord.

The proposed regulation would make a student-athlete ineligible for two semesters, rather than one, if a transfer was determined to be athletically-motivated; and the transfer did not fit one of the 15 exceptions of the MHSAA's transfer rule.

An athletically-motivated transfer would be defined as, but not be limited to the following conditions:

- One seeking a superior athletic team;
- One seeking a team consistent with the student-athlete's ability;
- One seeking relief from conflict with the philosophy or

action of an administrator, teacher or coach, relating to sports;

• Or one seeking to nullify punitive action by the previous school.

The regulation, however, would not address situations where undue influence occurred.

During the MHSAA's fall update series, over 75 percent of those school administrators in attendance surveyed (855 responses) favored the rules changes.

The Council studied the proposed regulation, as well as feedback received and similar rules in other states, at its December (1996) and March (1997) meetings.

What does this all mean? If this rules change passes, it could change the landscape of future moves. People are going to have to think about the consequences before transferring.

There have been some well-documented cases of this occurring in Observerland the past few years.

It's disappointing, however, that the MHSAA won't tackle the undue influence issue, but maybe this an end-around play.

My question is, who is going to judge these cases and determine if a transfer is indeed athletically-motivated? You can bet you're going to see some potential litigation in this area.

The bottom line is that many surrounding state athletic associations make you sit out a year anyway.

This should be interesting.

More MHSAA rumblings

The Representative Council is also considering moving the girls basketball finals from Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena to one of three sites: Breslin in East Lansing, University Arena in Kalamazoo and Rose Arena in Mount Pleasant.

The Lower Peninsula Wrestling Individual Finals may be conducted over a three-day period with consideration given to Joe Louis Arena in Detroit or VanAndel Arena in Grand Rapids. The two-day, two-site format in the Battle Creek-Kalamazoo area has hosted the individual finals since 1988.

And it's also been recommended, by a 24-2 vote, that the MHSAA's Lower Peninsula Cross Country Finals remain at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Count me out for that one.

Area ice shavings

Every time I watch a hockey game on TV, I see a local player.

If Westland's Mike Modano of the Dallas Stars doesn't get you out of your chair, then you don't appreciate a true talent.

He has enjoyed a breakthrough season with the Stars, ranking second during the regular season in the plus-minus category. He has become a great two-way player and the sky appears to be the limit.

I was always impressed with his maturity level. His parents, Mike and Karen, must have done a fantastic job because he always seems so poised.

I read the other day that Livonian Chris Tancill (Stevenson High), who was shuttled back and forth all season between San Jose of the NHL and Kentucky of the AHL, had a goal and an assist in a 6-4 first-round win for the U.S. National Team over Latvia in the World Championships.

Tancill, who helped Wisconsin win an NCAA championship in 1990, was a late addition to the U.S. squad, which won its first two games.

And if you follow the International Hockey League's Turner Cup Playoffs, you'll see former U.S. Olympian Mark Beaufait (Stevenson) as one of the leading scorers for the Orlando Solar Bears. Beaufait helped Northern Michigan to the 1991 NCAA crown.

And former Livonia Franklin High student Dennis Smith is a veteran defenseman for the Michigan K-Wings, who recently lost their series, 3-1, to the Detroit Vipers.

I also learned reading an old edition of the Orange County (Calif.) Register that former Franklin and Michigan State standout Mike Donnelly was no longer with the Vipers, and had been talking contract with the Los Angeles Ice Dogs of the IHL. Donnelly, who led MSU to the 1986 NCAA title and was College Player of the Year, spent several years in the NHL, and most recently was in the New York Islanders' training camp.

Wondering what happened to Livonia's Al Infante?

The 1984 Olympian played for the San Jose Sharks, but was beset by injuries, including a back problem.

27th Observerland meet at RU

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

So this is what it's come to, a coach suggesting there be a metal detector at Saturday's 27th Annual Observerland Boys Track Relays.

How times have changed. Certainly, one wasn't needed at the first Observerland, way back in 1971.

Boys didn't wear earrings back then.

"We need a metal detector, only for Plymouth Salem runners," joked Salem coach Geoff Baker, whose team lost points and a certain Observerland championship last spring because one of his runners was disqualified for wearing an earring.

The DQ meant the Rocks had to share the title with Westland John Glenn, this year's overwhelming favorite. As the Rocks step off the bus, Baker probably will feel like a bouncer checking IDs at a bar.

"The jewelry stays home," Baker said. "We're not there to make a fashion statement, we're there to run hard and win."

One coach immune to this problem is Redford Catholic Central's Tony Magni, whose school code doesn't allow jewelry. If his runners are wearing hats to the meet, Magni said, they better have the bill facing forward.

"I don't even like hats," Magni said. "We go out to eat and they want to wear their hats."

Redford Union is the site of this year's race, which starts at 3:30 p.m. with the field events. The preliminaries begin at 6 followed by the finals at 6:30.

"We need a meet like this to get us fired up," Baker said. "If you can't get excited about Observerland, running under the lights, in great weather which I hope we have, then you shouldn't be running. It brings out the best in everybody."

Glenn might spoil everyone's time. Glenn was the runaway winner of the Elks Relays and has lost only to Ann Arbor Huron in five dual meets. Salem, CC and Farmington Hills Harrison are the strongest challengers.

The Rockets could lead comfortably after the field events, where they are favored in both the long jump and high jump relays and are strong contenders in the throwing events.

Livonia Franklin has the best pole vaulter, senior Paul Terek, who has already cleared 15-6, but the Rockets have a chance to score there, too, with Randy Glenn and Mike Rebant

BOYS TRACK

WHAT: 27th annual Observerland Boys Track Relays.

WHEN: 3:30 p.m. Saturday (field events), followed by the running preliminaries at 6 and the finals at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Redford Union's Howard Kraft field, located on Puritan Road (5 1/2 Mile Road) between Inkster and Beech Daly roads.

WHO: Redford Bishop Burgess, Plymouth Canton, Detroit Catholic Central, Livonia Churchill, Farmington, Livonia Franklin, Garden City, Farmington Hills Harrison, Westland John Glenn, North Farmington, Northville, Plymouth Salem, Southfield-Lathrup, Redford St. Agatha, Livonia Stevenson, Redford Thurston, Wayne Memorial and Redford Union.

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Glenn favorite: Jim Koch provides depth for the Rockets in the hurdles events. Glenn tied Salem for last year's title.

each clearing 12-0.

The Rockets are led by one of Observerland's top athletes, senior David Jarrett, who set a new school record last week (23 feet, 6 1/2 inches) in the long jump.

Joining Jarrett in the long jump are Tim Moore, who has leaped 21-1, and Andre Dawson, who has jumped 19-7 1/2.

The high jumpers include Mike Phillips and Moore, who have cleared 6-2, and Devin White, who has cleared 5-10.

"By the end of the field events, they could be kicking butt," Baker said.

Jarrett also runs the open 100 meters and could contribute in the sprint relays. The 400 relay is intact with sophomore Reggie Spearmon, seniors Steve Hester and Aaron Stephens and junior Harden James recording the area's second best time at 44.3.

The same will run the 800 with the possible exception of Jarrett, who may be the anchor.

"I imagine we'll probably be put in that role (of favorite)," Glenn coach Jess Shough said. "We've always been contenders. If we have a chance to do well, we have to do so in the field events. That's where we've had success and hope anyway to keep doing that."

Salem's strength is in the distance events, where juniors Scott Kingslien, Andy Briggs and Ian Searcy excel.

Rob Hawley gives the Rocks hope in the hurdles.

"We're going to try to score in every event and by the time the end of the meet comes around, maybe

we're hanging around," Baker said. "That's our philosophy."

CC should be boosted by the return of its top thrower, Brian Douglas, who has battled mononucleosis all spring.

Even without Douglas, the Shamrocks have three of the top six shot putters, led by Dan Dominguez with an area best toss of 63-2 1/2. The Shamrocks' foursome of Wayne Brigeo, Craig Skalski, John Faunce and Chris Laney also have the area's best 3,200 time (8:25.0).

"We should do well in the discus, shot and distance events," Magni said. "According to what you see in the paper and at the Elks Relays where no one was even close, it's going to be Glenn (in first). But I tell my guys if you can't be first, get a trophy. That's our goal."

Harrison's foursome of Keith Battle, Chris Knox, Jerrard Johnson

and Jason Sharpe, have the best time in the 400 relay (43.4) and 800 relay (1:30.3).

Senior Nick Shaieb, who has Observerland's best throw in the discus with a toss of 162-7, gives the Hawks hope in the throwing events.

The Hawks are 4-0 in dual meets and won the Novi and Milan Relays.

"We've always been close but no cigar," Harrison coach John Reed said. "We have strength in our balance. We have ability to score in every event opposed to being just heavy in sprints."

Livonia Stevenson might not challenge in the team standings, but the Spartans distance relays will be tough. They have the area's best distance runner, Rob Block, clocking the top time in both the 1,600 (4:36) and 3,200 run (9:51.3).

Franklin bats hot in 15-4 win

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's softball team is certainly making the grade during the midway point of the Western Lakes Activities Association season.

The Patriots ran their overall record to 12-3 and 5-0 in the Western Division of the WLAA with a convincing 15-4 victory Monday at Livonia Churchill.

First-place Franklin recorded a season-high 20 hits in the win over the defending Western champions, who dropped to 5-7 overall and 1-4 in the division.

A seven-run Franklin first inning all but erased Churchill's hopes of a victory.

Randi Wolfe, a senior second baseman headed to Eastern Michigan University this fall, had two of Franklin's seven hits during the opening inning. Patriots' pitcher Jeff ...



Franklin player Melisa Thompson (front) is ... and third by Churchill catcher

GIRLS SOFTBALL

ball up a little high in the strike zone and tried to get a little too tricky with her change-up."

But her improvement over last year has been significant.

"She hit 32 batters a year ago and I don't know how many she walked," Jimenez said. "It's so neat to see her be successful. She worked very hard in the off-season."

"She does so well and she has our highest (batting average). She's a good role model because she always stays so positive — just a great attitude and it's neat to see everyone go along with it, even from a junior. She always has a compliment for everyone."

Jimenez has also credited former Northville varsity coach Frank Friemund, the Patriots' pitching coach, for Jendrusik's development.

"He's been working with her and the number one thing this year is her control. And she's been throwing her change-up for strikes."

"Frank calls all her pitches and he's been calling great games. I'm right there along with him and we talk about it quite a bit."

Jimenez knows the second half of the WLAA Western Division schedule is going to be difficult.

The Patriots play Monday at second-place Plymouth Canton and take on defending WLAA champion Walled Lake Central in a crossover on Wednesday.

"We're going to play Saturday in the Richmond tourney and that

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BEST OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK LISTINGS

Following is a list of Observerland best boys track times and measurements. To report updates, coaches can fax information to the Observer at (313) 581-7279 or call Brad Emons at (313) 953-2123.

SHOT PUT
 Dan Dominguez (Redford CC) 53.2
 Ron Pennington (Wayne) 53.4
 Nick Shaleb (Harrison) 51.6
 Matt Lawson (Franklin) 50.11
 Mike Samples (John Glenn) 50.8
 Brian Douglas (Redford CC) 45.10
 Chris Koss (Redford CC) 45.7
 John McFayden (Churchill) 45.1
 Kirk Moudros (N. Farmington) 44.2
 Kevin Kell (Canton) 43.5

DISCUS
 Nick Shaleb (Harrison) 162.7
 Mike Samples (John Glenn) 154.5
 Matt Lawson (Franklin) 154.2
 Ron Pennington (Wayne) 149.5
 Kevin Kell (Canton) 144.4
 Kirk Moudros (N. Farmington) 129.11
 Dan Dominguez (Redford CC) 129.7
 Kurt Boardman (John Glenn) 128.2
 Dave Hester (Salem) 128.0
 Mike Magretta (Churchill) 124.7

LONG JUMP
 Dave Jarrett (John Glenn) 23.6
 Paul Terek (Franklin) 22.3

Tim Moore (John Glenn) 21.1
 Kevin Woods (Harrison) 20.1
 Dustin Campbell (Luth. Westland) 20.3
 Eric Larsen (Canton) 19.8
 Andre Dawson (John Glenn) 19.7
 Ryan Krum (Thurston) 19.5
 Eric Migrin (Stevenson) 19.2
 Devin White (John Glenn) 19.1

HIGH JUMP
 Joel Fodor (Harrison) 6.3
 Clay Jenoval (Farmington) 6.2
 Mike Phillips (John Glenn) 6.2
 Tim Moore (John Glenn) 6.2
 David Popiel (Redford CC) 6.2
 Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 6.2
 Dan Collo (Franklin) 6.0
 Mike Discher (Salem) 6.0
 John Lowry (Farmington) 5.10
 Nick Pfeiffer (N. Farmington) 5.10
 Lavelle Guess (Wayne) 5.10
 Mike Zdziebko (Canton) 5.10
 Devin White (John Glenn) 5.10
 Jason Meagrow (Canton) 5.10
 Dustin Campbell (Luth. Westland) 5.10

POLE VAULT
 Paul Terek (Franklin) 35.4
 Randy Glenn (John Glenn) 12.6
 Mike Rebant (John Glenn) 12.0
 Ryan Kosutic (N. Farmington) 11.6
 Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 11.6
 Luke Horton (Lutheran Westland) 10.6

Nick Coleen (Farmington) 10.6
 Matt Weber (Churchill) 10.6
 Anthony Grech (Franklin) 10.6
 Jon Vogel (Stevenson) 10.6

100-METER DASH
 Chryl Knox (Harrison) 10.9
 Harden James (John Glenn) 11.0
 Jerrard Johnson (Harrison) 11.0
 Paul Terek (Franklin) 11.1
 David Jarrett (John Glenn) 11.2
 Mike Shull (Salem) 11.2
 Scott Kingstien (Salem) 11.2
 Cameron Mingo (Wayne) 11.3
 Jamie Seals (Harrison) 11.3
 Ryan Krum (Thurston) 11.3
 Dave Koshizawa (Canton) 11.3

200-METER DASH
 Keith Battle (Harrison) 22.9
 Jerrard Johnson (Harrison) 23.0
 Paul Terek (Franklin) 23.1
 Harden James (John Glenn) 23.1
 Mike Liefel (N. Farmington) 23.3
 Scott Kingstien (Salem) 23.3
 Brian Teehey (Redford CC) 23.4
 Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 23.4
 Matt Freeborn (Stevenson) 23.7
 Dave Koshizawa (Canton) 23.9
 David Jarrett (John Glenn) 23.9
 Steve Hester (John Glenn) 23.9

400-METER RUN
 Andy Briggs (Salem) 52.2

Ian Searcy (Salem) 52.2
 Paul Terek (Franklin) 52.4
 Brian Teehey (Redford CC) 53.0
 Harden James (John Glenn) 53.1
 Jason Sharpe (Harrison) 53.1
 Mike Liefel (N. Farmington) 53.7
 Matt Fair (Salem) 54.0
 Byron Miller (Canton) 54.2
 Jon Page (Canton) 54.4

800-METER RUN
 Ian Searcy (Salem) 1:58.8
 Andy Briggs (Salem) 1:59.7
 Jared Roth (Harrison) 2:02.2
 John Faunce (Redford CC) 2:02.2
 Chris Laney (Redford CC) 2:02.7
 Andy Ebendick (Luth. Westland) 2:02.9
 Joe Wojtowicz (John Glenn) 2:03.6
 Rob Block (Stevenson) 2:04.6
 Wayne Briggie (Redford CC) 2:06.9
 Jon Page (Canton) 2:07.8

1,600-METER RUN
 Rob Block (Stevenson) 4:36.0
 Joe Wojtowicz (John Glenn) 4:36.8
 Joe Hubert (Redford CC) 4:37.0
 Jared Roth (Harrison) 4:38.4
 Nathan Jerome (Churchill) 4:40.0
 Jon Little (Salem) 4:43.0
 Craig Skalski (Redford CC) 4:45.0
 Ian Searcy (Salem) 4:45.6
 Andy Briggs (Salem) 4:45.7
 Josh Burt (Franklin) 4:45.9

3,200-METER RUN
 Rob Block (Stevenson) 9:51.8
 John Griffin (Redford CC) 10:02.1
 Jon Little (Salem) 10:07.0
 Jared Roth (Harrison) 10:20.5
 Joe Hubert (Redford CC) 10:21.1
 Shaun Moore (Canton) 10:22.8
 Dan Danic (Redford CC) 10:29.3
 Josh Burt (Franklin) 10:31.0
 Jon Berman (N. Farmington) 10:33.5
 Matt Shannon (Redford CC) 10:35.0

110-METER HURDLES
 Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 14.9
 John Faunce (Redford CC) 15.2
 Jason Sharpe (Harrison) 15.4
 Jim Koch (John Glenn) 15.5
 Ryan Supplee (Franklin) 15.8
 Chris Knox (Harrison) 15.8
 Mike Samples (John Glenn) 15.8
 Brent Accurso (Franklin) 15.9
 Cortny Robison (Redford CC) 16.2
 Jason Woehike (Redford CC) 16.2
 Tim Moore (John Glenn) 16.2
 Ryan Ollinger (Lutheran Westland) 16.2

300-METER HURDLES
 Rob Hawley (Salem) 41.4
 Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 41.5
 Jim Koch (John Glenn) 41.7
 John Callahan (N. Farmington) 42.5
 Wes Morland (Harrison) 42.7
 Ricky Bryant (Harrison) 42.7

Brent Accurso (Franklin) 43.1
 Tim Moore (John Glenn) 43.6
 Dan Stankster (Redford CC) 43.7
 Steve Hicks (Stevenson) 43.7

400-METER RELAY
 Farmington Harrison 43.4
 Westland John Glenn 44.3
 Plymouth Canton 46.4
 North Farmington 46.7
 Redford Catholic Central 46.7
 Plymouth Salem 46.7

800-METER RELAY
 Farmington Harrison 1:30.3
 Westland John Glenn 1:32.4
 Plymouth Canton 1:34.6
 Plymouth Salem 1:34.6
 Redford Catholic Central 1:35.8

1,600-METER RELAY
 Westland John Glenn 3:36.1
 Plymouth Canton 3:37.7
 Plymouth Salem 3:38.5
 Livonia Churchill 3:40.0
 Farmington Harrison 3:40.6

3,200-METER RELAY
 Redford Catholic Central 8:25.0
 North Farmington 8:25.3
 Plymouth Salem 8:28.8
 Westland John Glenn 8:39.7
 Plymouth Canton 8:39.9

Rockets first in Waters

Westland John Glenn edged Toledo Whitmer in Saturday's Dick Waters Relays held at Monroe High School, 90-88.

Eleven schools combined in the meet.

It was the Rockets' second invitational title of the year.

Leading the way was Mike Samples, who captured the shot put with a toss of 50 feet, 8 inches, and the discus (154-5).

David Jarrett added a first in the long jump with a leap of 22-5 1/2. Teammate Tim Moore was fourth in the same event at 19-11.

Moore also finished fifth in the high jump (6-0).

The foursome of Reggie Spearman, Steve Hester, Aaron Stephens and Harden James took a pair of seconds in the 400- and 800-meter relays with times of 44.3 and 1:32.4, respectively.

Joe Wojtowicz finished third in the 800 run (2:03.6) and 1,600 run (4:36.8).

Jim Koch added a third in the 110 hurdles (15.5) and a fourth in the 300 intermediate hurdles

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(41.7).

Wojtowicz and Koch also teamed up with Mark Lovett and Terry Thomas for a fourth in the 1,600 relay (3:36.05).

In the 100 dash, James took fourth (11.06) while Jarrett was fifth (11.22).

In the pole vault relay, Mike Rebant took fourth (12-0), while Randy Glenn was sixth (11-0).

The Rockets' 3,200 relay foursome of Kevin Derwich, Justin Keyes, Josh Keyes and Wojtowicz finished sixth (8:39.7).

Warriors finish 8th

Lutheran High Westland took eighth with 32 points in a 16-team field Saturday at the Monroe-Jefferson Invitational.

Dearborn Heights Crestwood won the team championship with 117.

The Warriors' Andy Ebendick won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:02.9. Dustin Campbell

added a second in the long jump with a leap of 20- 1/2.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

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Shot put: Dan Dominguez (RCC), 49 feet, 8 inches; **discus:** Mike Smyrka (U-D), 128-2; **long jump:** Bob Turpin (U-D), 19-1; **high jump:** David Popiel (RCC), 5-11; **110-meter hurdles:** Sheku Riddle (U-D), 15.89; **300 hurdles:** Riddle (U-D), 42.09; **100 dash:** Brian Teehey (U-D), 11.7; **200:** Turpin (U-D), 23.12; **400:** Teehey (RCC), 54.5; **800:** John Faunce (RCC), 2:05.7; **1,600:** Joe Hubert (RCC), 4:40.0; **3,200:** John Griffin (RCC), 10:11.0; **400 relay:** U-D Jesuit, 45.95; **800 relay:** Redford CC (Tim Finnerty, Don Stankster, Tony Keshishi-an, Teehey), 1:36.16; **1,600 relay:** U-D Jesuit, 3:43.0; **3,200 relay:** Redford CC (Wayne Briggie, Greg Skalski, Faunce, Chris Laney), 8:47.0.

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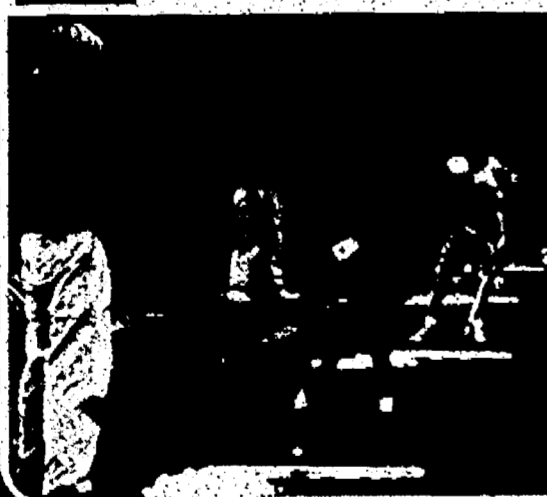
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Area schools top CC's academic tourney

St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford Township won the fifth annual Invitational Eighth Grade Academic Team Tournament held in March at Catholic Central High School. St. Robert's won its first first place in the tournament. The school has entered each year of the tournament and fared well consistently under the tutelage of Rose Dugas. Invitations were sent to about 60 schools. A field of 16 teams

was chosen to compete in a day long series of games to challenge the skills of seventh and eighth graders in the area. St. Michael's School in Livonia placed second. They, too, have entered each year and placed in the top half of the schools entering. Susan Lininger has led the team to the top group each year. Another five-year "veteran" squad is the team from Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth. This year they finished third overall under the

direction of Pat Fair. The fourth-place winner was a newcomer to the CC Invitational this year. Hartland Farms Middle School, coached by Pat Richards, rounded out the top squads. All participants in the tournament received certificates of participation, as well as breakfast and lunch served by the CC Quiz Bowl Moms. The schools placing in the top four, received trophies for their accomplishments, along with the opportunity to vie for

an academic award to attend CC. Other schools in this year's tournament were: Livonia's St. Edith, Garden City's St. Raphael, Redford's Our Lady of Loretto, Redford's St. Valentine, SS: Peter and Paul of Detroit, Northville Christian School, Gaudin Academy in Redford Township, South Lyon Middle School and Central Middle and West Middle schools both from Plymouth Canton.

Schoolcraft plans summer orchestra school for students

Young musicians can perform with a professional string orchestra during Schoolcraft College's Summer Music School. The school, which is for older elementary through high school students, is divided into two two-week sessions. July 14-25 features solo piano and piano duets instruction. During July 28-Aug. 8, the focus is on chamber music

and piano concerto performance with the live performance. The cost is \$245 for a two-week term. For information or to schedule an audition time, contact Donald Morelock (313) 462-4400, ext. 5218. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275.

Ameritech grant funds tech training at Madonna

Most of the time Michigan's independent colleges compete with each other for students, faculty and funds. However, this week, thanks to an Ameritech grant, they worked side-by-side to develop ways to integrate technology in the classroom.

Ameritech granted \$110,000 to the Michigan Colleges Foundation to create the Ameritech Faculty Development Technology Program — a technology training program for faculty at 11 of MCF's 14 member colleges. The program was launched at Madonna University this week.

Other workshops will take place this summer at Madonna University, Calvin College and Albion College.

Ameritech-Michigan President Bob Cooper urged workshop participants to get involved. "Whether your familiarity with electronic communication tools is just beginning, or relatively advanced, I encourage you to participate fully in all of the workshops and to share your expertise," Cooper said.

Every Michigan college is faced with the challenge of integrating technology in the classroom. "Pooling our human resources and ideas, along with Ameritech's grant makes the task less daunting," said Bill Liebold, MCF president.

Liebold said that rather than prescribe a one-size-fits-all solution, the collaborative effort helps each college build training solutions that fit the individual institution's needs.

At the program kickoff, more than 85 college representatives from across the state participated in one of the following three workshops:

■ Teaching with Technology — an introduction to e-mail, the Internet, and presentation software.

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Workshop teams will get back together during the summer to develop curriculum on the three issues. A wrap-up and sharing session will be scheduled in the fall.

"All of the materials developed in the workshops will be put in a 'toolbox' on the MCF web site to facilitate communication, planning and idea sharing," Liebold said.

The Michigan Colleges Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized in 1949 to provide an efficient and effective medium through which business and industry can invest in Michigan's independent colleges. MCF is one of 38 similar state and regional associations throughout the nation.

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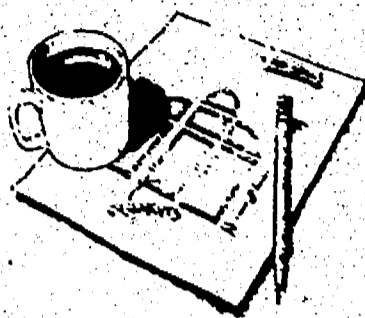
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MARTY FIGLEY

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Thyme has been used for centuries as an incense in religious ceremonies and to fumigate. The balsamic fragrance of the plant spoke of graceful elegance and was an expression of praise and admiration. It has antiseptic properties, recorded by the Roman poet Virgil (70-19 B.C.). Young ladies often embroidered a

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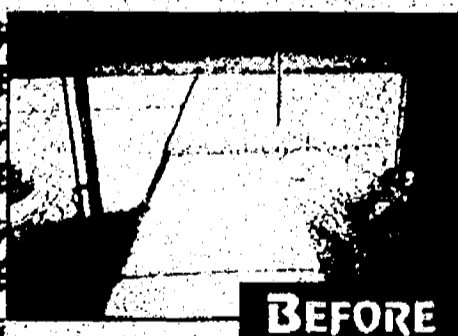
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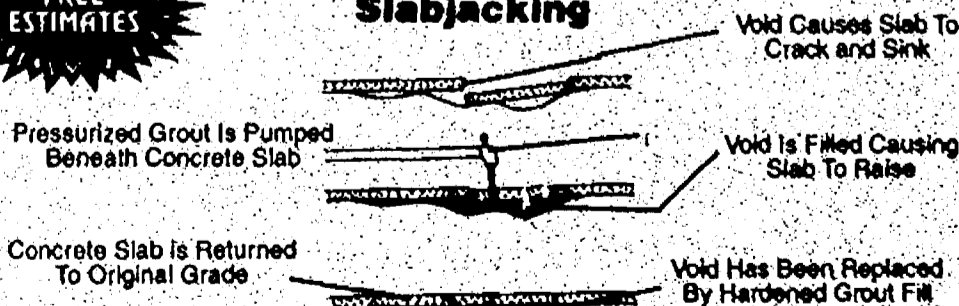


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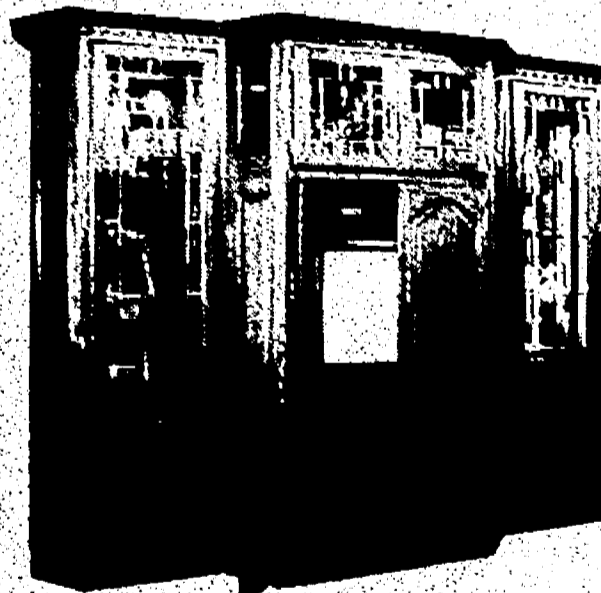


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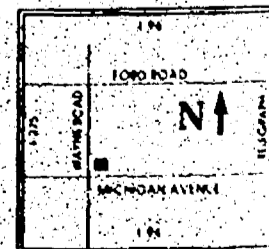
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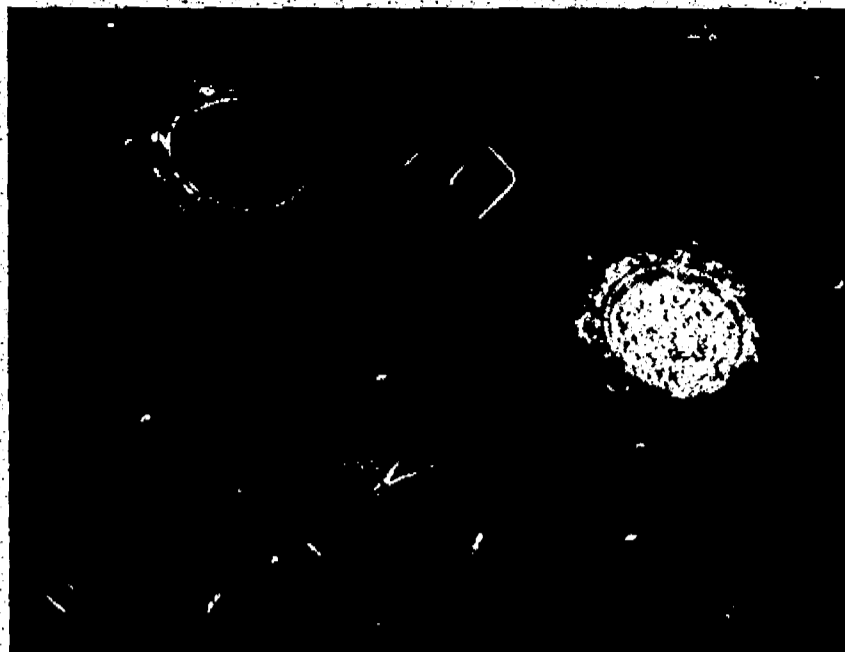
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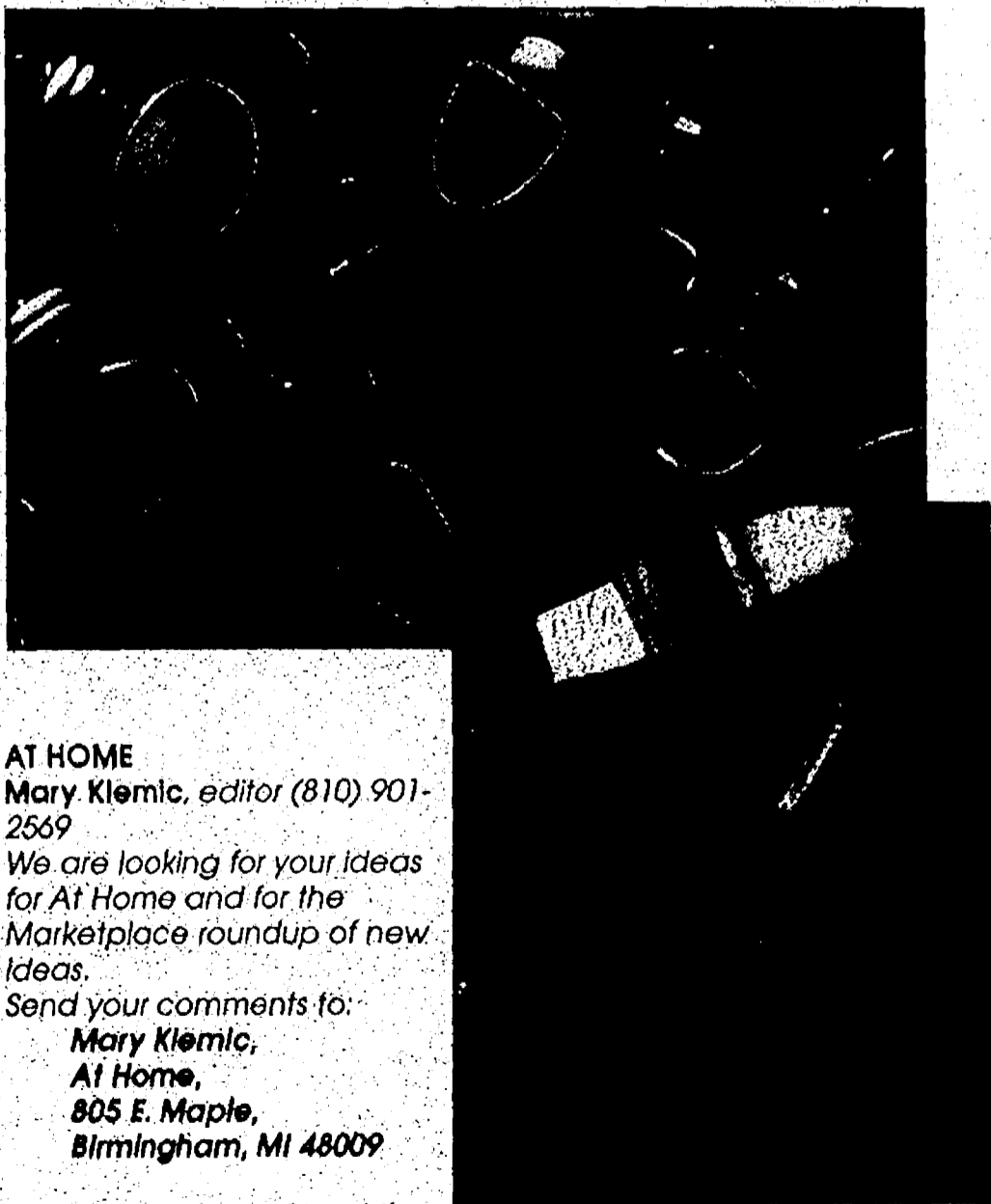


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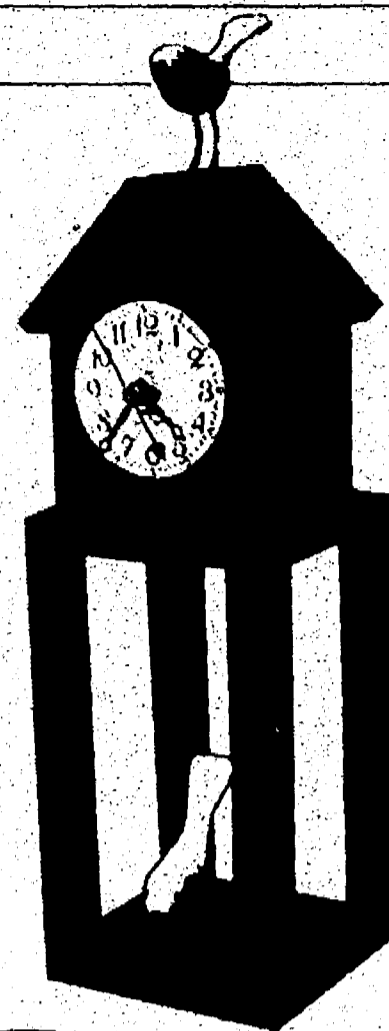
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Little items, big sale

Many minis: These are just two of the 300 dolls and 700 pieces of



furniture featured in the sale of a museum-quality miniature collection 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 2-3, at Miniature Makers' Workshop, 4515 N. Woodward in Royal Oak. Call (810) 549-0633. The 18th century harpsichord shown here is by Ralph Partelow of Colorado and the doll by Paulette Stinson of Indiana; the "Gone With the Wind" dolls are by Stinson. Many of the pieces, handcrafted on the standard of one inch to the actual foot, are by nationally known artisans. Among the area craftspeople whose work is featured are Sue Foucher of Farmington Hills and Elizabeth Staryk of West Bloomfield. The one-of-a-kind work of many of the artisans was displayed in the 1993 "Masterpieces in Miniature II" show co-sponsored by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association and Miniature Makers' Workshop.

Figley
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many of them!

The nomenclature of the plants can get quite confusing, but some of them are so alike, only trained specialists can tell the difference.

Not all will survive in zone 5, but many of them will and they do contribute much to the herb garden. It is a versatile plant that can cascade over a rock or low wall, fill in pockets in the patio, billow around stepping stones and be quite at home in a container.

Thyme originated in the Mediter-

ranean countries and does best when the soil isn't too rich. Overly-fertilized, rich, heavy soil and too much water probably kills more thyme plants than does neglect. They like well-draining, porous soil and most varieties prefer full sun. If you keep them pruned, new growth is encouraged.

I grow five kinds of thyme in my garden and love them all. I believe my favorite is Lemon Thyme (*Thymus x citriodorus*), which I find flavors green beans to perfection. It grows around a small

sundial in the garden.

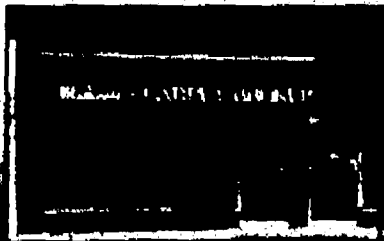
Common or English Thyme (*T. vulgaris*) is a staple plant that has a more upright growing habit, doesn't spread as readily as many of the others and is another excellent culinary thyme.

Golden Thyme (I don't know the variety - there are several) adds a golden glow among the stepping stones, and blends prettily with a dark green Creeping Thyme (again there are many). One of the first plants I put in the garden was Woolly Thyme, which grows among the

rocks in the little garden under the dogwood tree. There are so many varieties that you must make your own decision about preferences. You can choose from those with culinary or ornamental purposes. I have used the creeping varieties to make little wreaths, and especially enjoy the garden when they all bloom in their pink, blue or lavender dresses. The leaves also add a sweet scent to potpourris.

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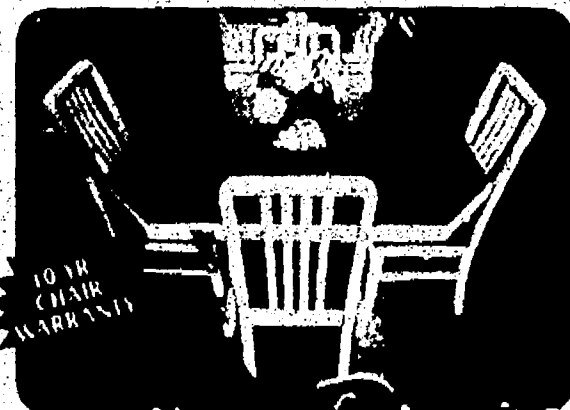
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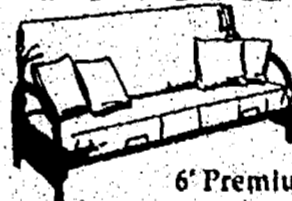
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Cool sophistication gives warm welcome

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

Cool sophistication that extends a warm welcome. That describes the Bloomfield Hills residence of Rick and Joyce Inatome and their four children.

It could be said that the style reflects the Inatome reputation. Rick Inatome, president and CEO of Inacom Corp. and American Speedy Printing, is known as a business visionary. The house is visionary - contemporary and timeless, dramatic and comfortable.

Inatome will be honored as Michigan's Man of the Year at the Golden Jubilee Cinderella Ball of the American Lung Association of Michigan's Women's Committee. The ball, which supports programs designed to promote healthy lungs, will take place Friday, May 2, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

"When we were out in California everything was pastels," Joyce Inatome said. "About two years ago I couldn't stand pastels. I tried to get something more dramatic."

She wanted something that was comfortable at the same time. For example, the carpeting was peach.

"It was a 'look but don't touch' look."

Taupe was the solution. As the color throughout the first floor, it

allows subtle touches that speak softly while they make an impression. Accents come from black, tan and white tones.

The family has lived in the house for eight years. It was designed by TMP of Bloomfield Hills and built by Joyce Inatome's father before he retired. His custom home building company was William J. Kitchen and Sons.

The foyer features a high, soaring ceiling and a black-and-beige area rug. Round columns bear what resembles marble but is actually made up of strips like decoupage. This marble appearance is found in other places around the house, including at the staircase and on other walls.

Sunlight pours into the sunken great room through large rectangular windows. Recessed lighting provides illumination from overhead. Furnishings include a metal floor lamp, and a low, square coffee table with legs in a dark, graceful curve. A pattern in upholstery on chairs is similar to the design on a vase.

One end of the room is cozy, a little room in itself, featuring an antique white cabinet with cylindrical, scroll-like handles that houses the TV. The area rug pattern here, in taupe and dark shades, looks like a mosaic.

White columns stand under a speckled granite island counter in the kitchen; drawers and other storage space are under the granite top as well. Sink fixtures are black. Chairs at the island and at a long table in the spacious room are black metal, but their slightly rough texture keeps them from appearing cold. Over the table hangs a chandelier with a sleek design.

The dining room features a large, black granite table with gold decoration on the legs. The upholstery on the curving chairs contains a pattern of Oriental lettering. Leaves flow upward on the chandelier. At one end, by the sheer drapes of the window, is a pair of plain, translucent Japanese screens. The window looks onto a small Oriental garden.

White pillars give an architectural accent in the family room. Nearby walls are textured, covered with polymer that was sprayed on with a pressurized gun over the old wallpaper. Small flecks of gentle light can be seen.

Rick Inatome also is chairman of Liberty Business and Industrial

Development Corporation, and co-president of Michigan Future Inc., a think tank of Michigan industrial leaders. Gov. John Engler appointed him to the Michigan Jobs Commission Board and to chair the advisory board of the Michigan Information Network.

Inatome is being recognized at the Cinderella Ball for his distinguished business career as well as his dedication to civic and charitable projects and organizations.

Residents from Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Canton, Farmington Hills, Franklin, Orchard Lake, Plymouth, Rochester Hills, Troy and West Bloomfield are among those on the 1997 Cinderella Ball Committee.

Also at the ball, Michelle Engler will be honored as Michigan's Woman of the Year; the Heritage Award will be given to Art and Mary Anne Van Elslander; and a painting by renowned portrait artist Patricia Hill Burnett of Bloomfield Hills will be auctioned. Entertainment will be by Mel Ball and Colours.

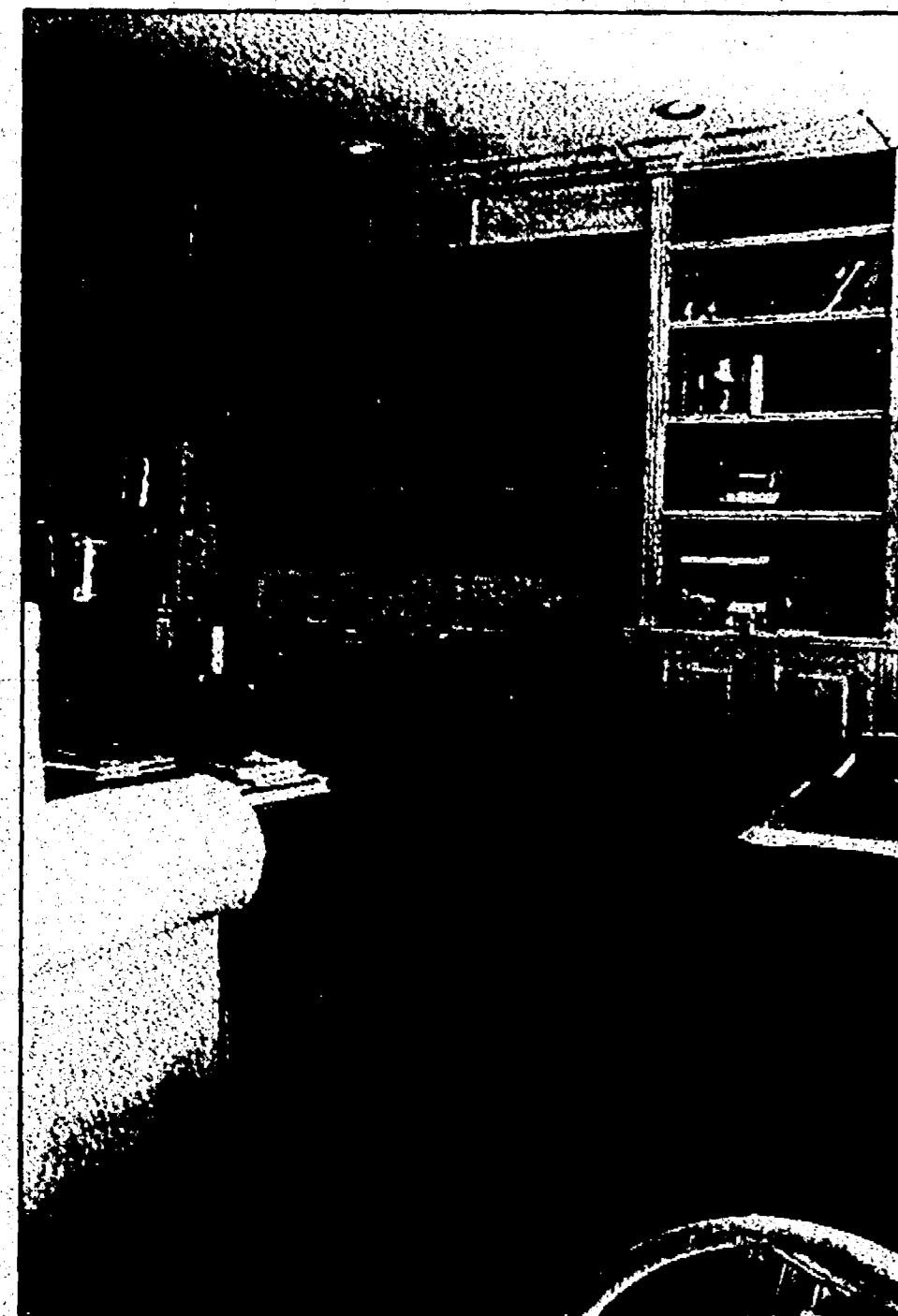
Tickets to the event range from \$175 to \$1,000 each. For more information and tickets, call the American Lung Association of Michigan at (810) 559-5100.

On the cover

Comfortable surroundings: Joyce Inatome and the family pet pose in the Inatome home, which is decorated in taupe. Photo by Bill Hansen.



Warm welcome: The dining room (above) is both ornate and intimate, with a table of black granite and gold decor, and chairs bearing a pattern of Oriental lettering on the upholstery. Translucent Japanese screens are by a window that looks onto an Oriental garden. The great room (below) is decorated in taupe, black and metal.



Gathering places: White and off-white tones continue the inviting look of the Inatome home in Bloomfield Hills in a family room (at left). The kitchen (at right) features a counter of speckled granite on white columns, and black metal chairs at a long table. Photos by Bill Hansen.



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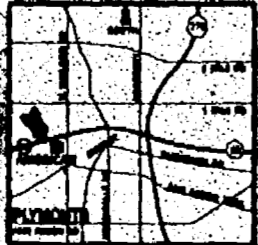
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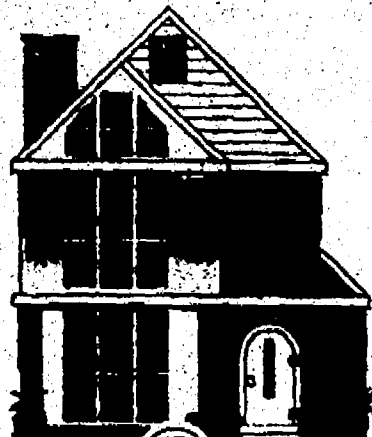
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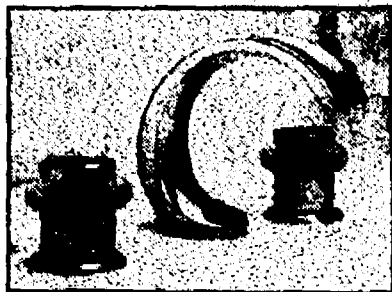
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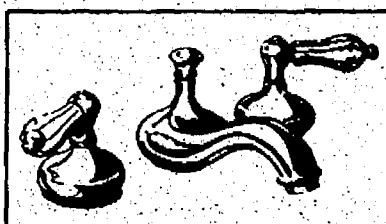
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■ The Detroit Historical Society plans a Sunday Stroll 2 p.m. May 2 at Elmwood Cemetery. The stroll lasts two to three hours, rain or shine. Wear walking shoes. The meeting place and parking instructions will be on the ticket, available at the society office, 5401 Woodward in Detroit. Tickets aren't sold on the day of the stroll. Fee is \$4 for DHS members, \$8 for non-members. The stroll accommodates a limited number, so get your reservation in soon. Call (313) 833-1405.

■ The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottomail Lane in Shelby Township, will have an open house noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Call (810) 739-6319. Learn how to stretch your decorating dollars beautifully in a variety of home decorating classes for the "talent impaired" at the center this month. Topics include "EZ-Build Faux Fireplace" Monday, May 5; "Window Magic" Tuesday, May 6; and "Living Naturally" Wednesday, May 7. All classes are \$30 each and run 7-10 p.m. Call for information.

■ Jeanne Everill of Clawson will teach a class on flowers for Mother's Day Wednesday, May 7, at Miniature Makers' Workshop, 4515 N. Woodward in Royal Oak. Call (810) 549-0633.

■ Adopt a homeless dog or cat 1-4 p.m. every Saturday at Trainers Academy, 30581 Stephenson Highway, south of 13 Mile and across from Home Quarters in Madison Heights. The event is sponsored by the non-profit Top Dog & Cat Rescue Group. Call (810) 680-1426.

GARDEN

■ The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile. The speaker for the evening will be Marty Figley, noted garden columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Her topic will be "Happy Birthday Flowers." The public may attend.

■ The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will present their Spring Perennial Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 3-4, at 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. Admission is free. The sale is a one-stop-shopping experience full of advice from plant experts and more than 30,000 perennials. A special Friends presale will take place 3-7 p.m. Friday, May 2, for those wanting to get first selections and a 10-percent discount; memberships will be available at the door. Take US-23 to the Geddes Road exit, then head east to Dixboro. Call (313) 998-7061.

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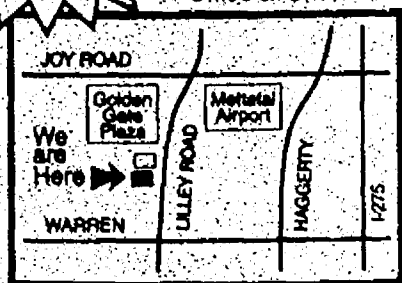
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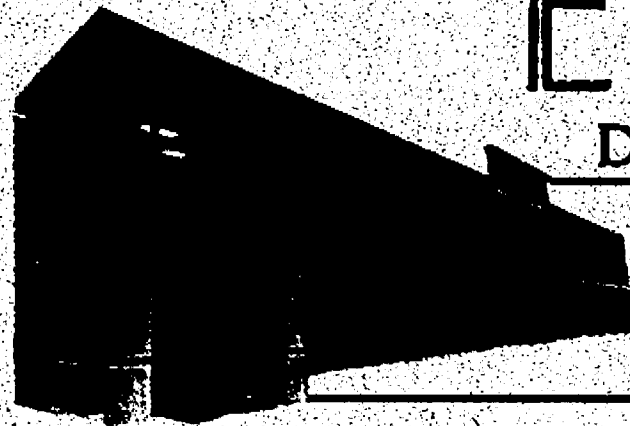
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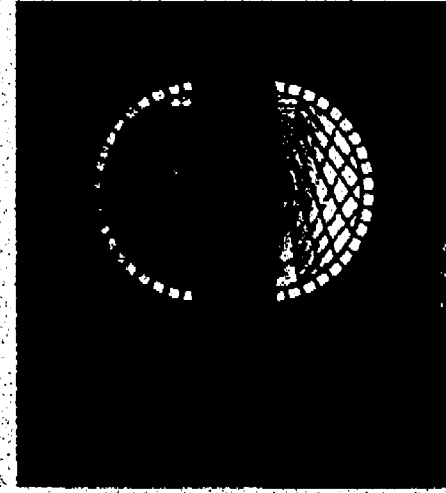
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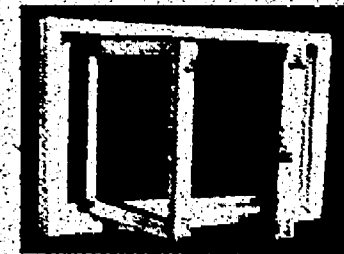
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MOT's 'Marriage of Figaro' captures Mozart's genius for melody

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly at the completion of his one-year apprenticeship with the Michigan Opera Theatre, bass singer Frank Pitts has arrived at a revelation. "Opera is not just the 'Fat Lady' singing," said the Rochester Hills resident.

That type of light-hearted understatement is perfectly suited for the flowing spectacle of "The Marriage of Figaro," considered by critics and audiences alike as the most entertaining operatic comedy ever.

MOT's production of Mozart's well-known opera, featuring Pitts and several local residents, opens this Saturday and runs through May 17. An additional performance was added in response to the unexpected strong public demand. Increasing ticket sales along with MOT's expanded 1997-98 performance schedule are sure signs that Motown is gaining international recognition for another type of music.

Few other operas are as accessible as Mozart's masterpiece. Novices merely have to appreciate Figaro's familiar aria "Non piu andrai" ("Say good-bye now to pastime and play, lad"), the finale to Act I, to grasp the broader dimension of melodrama put to song.

"The genius of Mozart is that

he plums the depth of emotion and delineates characters with music that's perfectly structured, yet highly expressive," said David DiChiera, MOT general director. "He summed up the Classical period and ushered in the Romantic period."

For those who consider opera esoteric and designed exclusively for the trained ears of multi-lingual aristocrats, think of "The Marriage of Figaro" as "Seinfeld" in the realm of recitative and aria - opera for every man. The lasting influence of comedy, as they say, is in the sub text, or what isn't said explicitly. For wit and characterization with an ever-twisting slapstick timing, "The Marriage of Figaro" is an operatic can't miss.

While "Seinfeld" is a show about, well, nothing in particular, Mozart's deft transformation of Pierre Beaumarchais' controversial play has the appearance of a harmless slapstick adventure about, well, "Yada, yada, yada..." Of course, some may ask questions about meaning and historical context.

On a superficial level, "The Marriage of Figaro" takes place on the day of Figaro's wedding to Susanna. Both are servants of the Count and Countess Almaviva. The Count tries cunningly to win Susanna's "favor" before the marriage. Spin offs from the main story line, to use

On Stage
What: "Marriage of Figaro," an opera in four acts by Mozart presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre
Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit
When: May 3, 4, 7, 9-11, 17; 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 2 p.m. on Sundays.
Tickets: \$20-\$75; (313) 874-7464, (810) 645-6666.

Seinfeldian logic, is a lot of "yada, yada, yada" with amorous characters eventually finding hormonal closure.

But more importantly, there's a strong revolutionary aesthetic running through Mozart's opera.

In the late 18th century Europe, there was a fermenting undercurrent of class resentment between the peasantry and bourgeoisie. In the early 1780s, Beaumarchais' play was banned because it presented a servant, Figaro, who proves superior - at least in matters of the heart - to his master, Count Almaviva. After the Vienna Emperor Joseph II was convinced that all political inflammatory elements were discarded from the play, Mozart's adaptation was allowed to open. That was 1786, three years before the French Revolution destroyed the ruling

European aristocracies. Nineteenth-century German composer Richard Wagner whose opera "The Flying Dutchman" carries on in a much heavier Romantic spirit, noted how Mozart's opera transcended the times. "Beaumarchais' play contains cunning and calculating beetles while in Mozart they are transfigured into human beings."

While unflinchingly comedic, the opera is hardly uncomplicated, said John Paul White, a professor of music at Oakland University and professional opera singer. "The style of 'Figaro,' which is basically talking on pitch is modern musical theatre," he said. "And until then, it was unusual for an opera to focus on very common people."

"The Marriage of Figaro" also presents an uncommon opportunity for Joe Pokorski of Rochester Hills. In the role of Don Curzio, Pokorski faces the challenge of singing with a stutter as the serious, yet difficult-to-take-seriously barrister. At 23, he is one of the youngest and most promising cast members.

"There's an excitement and thrill when performing at the (Opera) House like your body is being torn in half," said Pokorski, who has appeared in MOT's "La Traviata" and "La Boheme." Two days after "The Marriage of Figaro" closes in mid



Comedic classic: The Michigan Opera Theatre performs Mozart's famous opera, "The Marriage of Figaro."

May, Pokorski will travel to Germany, where he'll sing lead tenor in the international cast of "Phantom of the Opera."

Meanwhile, longtime MOT performer Frank Buchalter of Troy, brings an every man approach to his role. By day, Buchalter is the program direc-

tor at WKQI-FM. Beginning on Saturday, Buchalter, who's performed with MOT since 1979, will sing in the chorus.

"I tell people, 'My (musical) interests range from 'Hootie and the Blowfish' to Mozart,'" he said. "I'm just happy to be one of the peasants."

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attend our most popular, sell-out-type shows."

The lawn fixed seating will allow 1,350 more patrons on the hill making the total capacity at the venue 16,624. By the beginning of the 1998 concert season concession stands will be built underneath the new seating area.

Other improvements planned for the summer include expanding the Pine Knob Courtyard, resurfacing the areas of the main parking lot, and adding landscaping and painting throughout the grounds. The venue will also switch to Independence Township's public water supply.

Mary Oleniczak, executive director of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, said "some bigger named stars" are coming to the series which runs from June 21 to July 13 at the Power Center, Burton Memorial Tower, Lurie Carillon, and Blanche Anderson Moore Hall at the University of Michigan.

Junior Brown and the Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic kick off the festival Friday, June 21, with country singer Tammy Wynette,

pop act the BoDeans, R&B's Neville Brothers, comedy act Capitol Steps, and diva Betty Buckley set to perform during the 14th annual season.

Rhythm and blues and jazz are on the docket at Chene Park Music Theatre on the Detroit River waterfront. Patti LaBelle, Isley Brothers, George Duke, Bobbi Humphrey, Will Downing and Phil Perry are among the confirmed acts. Chene Park promoter Thom Pride said that the "Jazz on the Beach" series at Belle Isle will return this summer.

Package deals

Music fans will get more bang for their buck this summer as package tours become more frequent. The Lilith Fair (Sarah McLachlan, Paula Cole, The Cardigans, and Fiona Apple), R.O.A.R. Tour (Iggy Pop, Sponge), Ozzfest (Ozzy Osbourne, Black Sabbath, Pantera among others), Fruit of the Loom Country Comfort Tour (Hank Williams Jr. Travis Tritt), Warped Tour (Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Social Distortion),

Further Festival (Bob Weir, Mickey Hart), and Blues Music Festival (B.B. King, Robert Cray Band) are confirmed.

H.O.R.D.E. Festival organizers said that the festival featuring Neil Young, Morphine, Widespread Panic, and Primus is tentatively set to hit Pine Knob Sunday, July 27-Monday, July 28.

The Big Top Festival - rumored to include techno artists Banco de Gaia, BT, Spring Heel Jack, Fluke, Faithless, and Ninja Tunes' DJ Food, Coldcut, and Kid Koala - is also tentatively scheduled to come to Detroit this summer. Other techno packages are in the works.

Details on the Lollapalooza Festival were not available at press time but are expected to be announced soon.

Country concert promoter Nathan Vestal of Rochester's Southern Exposure public relations and promotions firm has Collin Raye, Crystal Bernard, and selected country music "baby bands" tentatively scheduled to perform at the Phoenix Plaza

Thursday, June 26.

Radio station festivals are hitting the circuit again this year. CIMX-FM (88.7) will have its "89X Birthday Bash" with Beck, Pavement, Soul Coughing, Sloan and Dr. Octagon, Wednesday, May 28, at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre in Pontiac. Its sister station CIDR-FM (93.9) is hosting "Riverfest" on Sunday, June 29, at the Phoenix Plaza. Morphine, Odds, Patty Griffin, William Topley, Thornetta Davis, Whiskeytown, and Stewart Francke are among those performing at the concert which benefits Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Metro Detroit.

Details about WHYT-FM

(96.3)'s "PlanetFest '97" will be released within the next couple of weeks, according to Mark Wuggazer, the station's marketing director.

"What we're working on is even bigger and better than last year and that's not just hype. We're looking at securing a really major league superstar headliner and that ain't no joke," he said.

WWW-FM's Budweiser Downtown Hoedown is returning to Hart Plaza in Detroit Friday, May 16-Sunday, May 18. Headliners include Burning Daylight and Diamond Rio on Friday, May 16; Buffalo Club, Mark Wills, David Lee Murphy,

Mark Chestnutt, Holly Dunn and Patty Loveless on Saturday, May 17; and David Kersh, Jeff Wood, Kevin Sharp, and John Berry on Sunday, May 18. The free festival starts at noon every day.

"It's a much better value overall," Corey explained about multi-act shows. "It's a longer show. There's more acts. We haven't seen some of the package tours that were out last year like Lollapalooza, House of Blues shows that were very popular last year. If you add those to the mix - we're assuming that we're going to get some portion of those - it really makes for very strong season."

Benefit spotlights music for the heart

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts in Birmingham will present nationally-known pianist David Syme in a concert to benefit persons with disabilities 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 at The Community House in Birmingham.

Tickets are \$25 per person and includes Afterglow. For tickets and more information call (810) 646-3347.

Proceeds will benefit therapy, art instruction, athletic training, and leisure services for children with special needs.

Syme is well known to Detroit audiences for his appearances

with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and for classical concerts in venues such as the Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center and major halls in 11 European countries. A Juilliard trained pianist, Syme is called "The Human Jukebox" for his uncanny ability to recall and play thousands of songs on the piano. Since 1990, the West Bloomfield resident has become known to millions of radio listeners through his live, call-in request shows. He has played favorite songs on radio stations from coast to coast, including WJR in Detroit. This is the second time Syme will give a performance to benefit FAR Conservatory.

"Last year's performance was

great for children and adults," said Connie Lott, FAR Conservatory executive director. "David and his band do a wide repertoire of songs that are popular with everyone."

FAR Conservatory opened in June 1974 with classes in drama, music, art, dance, and ice skating. FAR continues to provide innovative services to its clients, and has expanded its challenge to serve all children, adolescents and adults with special needs. Students have a range of disabilities that include mentally and emotionally impaired, closed head injured, autistic, learning disabled, speech impaired, deaf, blind, and physically impaired.



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MOVIES

'Volcano' is a blast when L.A. gets blobbed by lava

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

Who says movies aren't educational? At one point in the \$100 million "Volcano," a flaming lava ball shoots from the top of the burbling inferno and heads for a passerby of bystanders.

The relative trajectory of lava balls isn't the only thing I learned from the movie. I also discovered that, despite their bottomless bag of computer-generated tricks, Hollywood disaster pictures have advanced little since the days of "Earthquake" and "The Towering Inferno."

acters and stories aren't what we go to these movies for. Rumbling explosions, deadly lava, general mayhem - this is where "Volcano" really delivers. The action starts at the La Brea Tar Pits, where volcanic activity had made it one of Los Angeles' major attractions.

L.A.-haters, including those who live there, will especially enjoy watching Wilshire Boulevard's glitzy storefronts buried beneath a spreading blob

of lava. The movie includes close encounters with the lava in storm drains and subway tunnels and though you have the ubiquitous shot of the guy running with his clothes on fire, the casualties are far less than a good Schwarzenegger film. City workers and volunteers race the clock to set up barricades to divert the menace from nearby neighborhoods.

The ultimate disaster of "Volcano" is the same one that befalls any movie with a battalion of screenwriters. Some char-



Drama: Mike Roark (Tommy Lee Jones) and his daughter, Kelly (Gaby Hoffmann), flee from the deadly destruction in "Volcano."

acters that were important in an earlier draft make way for someone else's concept. Such is the fate of the self-centered entrepreneur whose

Beverly Hills high rise plays a major role in battling the gusher. We don't even get the satisfaction of seeing his pride and joy topple (preferably on him)

because he walks out of the picture 10 minutes prematurely. Instead we get "Volcano's" lame attempt at settling L.A.'s much-reported racial tension in a subplot between a policeman and an agitated resident. I wanted out when a little kid, looking for his mother, points to the soot on the faces of both black and white survivors, and says, "They're all the same."

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES. OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC. A grid of movie listings for various theaters including General Cinemas, Showcase Dearborn, Star Theatres, United Artists, and others. Each listing includes the movie title, rating, and theater name.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, May 2. "WARRIORS OF YKUTIE" Action adventure centers around a teenage boy transported to a parallel universe where he befriends five "kung fu kangaroo" soldiers. "AUSTIN POWERS: INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY" Comedy about a world-class playboy and part-time secret agent who is cryogenically frozen in the 1960s...



Multimedia: "Stain: unconsummated acts," a performance by Mark Fox and Anthony Leunsmann 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, combines puppetry, animation, sound art, sculpture and painting. In "Stain" performers operate in a space shared with animated film.

Scheduled to open Friday, May 9. "CHILDREN OF THE REVOLUTION" Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. A black Red comedy about communism and Stalin's love child in Australia. "FATHER'S DAY" Comedy about a woman who cons two

old boyfriends into searching for her runaway son by convincing each of them that he may be the father of her child. Stars Robin Williams, Billy Crystal, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Nastassja Kinski.

Stars Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman. Scheduled to open Wednesday, May 14. "SPRING" Comedy about romance as two friends decide to sabotage the relationship of a lovesick (spring) couple and how love can blossom despite all efforts to thwart it.

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Newest Deli Unique is the place for power breakfasts

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

For bagel noshing it's not. For power breakfasts, where cellular phones are kept busy, it is. Business professionals are mixed with friends out to lunch together. Dinner hours are very casual at Deli Unique of Bloomfield Hills.

Due to conservative signage regulations in Bloomfield Hills, the Kingsley Inn and Suites, still in the process of major renovation, has no marquee for Deli Unique, housed in the hotel's former coffee shop. Its transformation from a 1950s atmosphere has made it a combination of typical New York style deli and good family restaurant seating 100.

The only promotion before Deli Unique's opening in late February was the Unique Restaurant Corporation's (URC) newsletter. Loyal patrons of URC dining spots, now numbering 12 in Oakland County, acted as field soldiers spreading the word. Former coffee shop regulars have joined the ranks for breakfast and lunch.

URC's 38-year-old owner Matt Prentice has kept his deli roots alive with the Deli Unique concept. His vision, however, extends far beyond this. His corporation, under the direction of managing partner Keith Schofield, has full responsibility for food services at the Kingsley. Extensive renovation and redesign of the Kingsley's former dining room to URC's 13th restaurant Northern Lakes Seafood Company is in progress.



Deli fare: Keith Schofield, managing partner (left to right), Ray Grimes, kitchen manager, and Lea Porteus, general manager, at Deli Unique of Bloomfield Hills.

Auburn Hills resident Tim Wilkins, with 18 years restaurant experience in the Machus corporation, signed on with URC last October. He assumes Food and Beverage Director responsibilities at Northern Lakes scheduled to open in early June.

Ray Grimes is chef at the Bloomfield Hills Deli Unique. Together with manager Lea Porteus, he keeps the food dished out on premise while simultaneously filling faxed-in lunch orders. If you take this lunch route, ask for the special fax-in

order discount. Looking for a relaxed lunch hour recently were Sue Jarvis of Oxford and Lisa Wylin of Waterford, who dubbed Deli Unique "a great place to meet a friend for lunch." Jarvis, President of Aristocrat Limousine

Service located in the annex next to the Kingsley, estimated that she'd had lunch at Deli Unique about 20 times since the opening. Her favorite is Crab Pasta Salad; a tri-color rotini pasta tossed with broccoli and tomatoes in housemade ranch dressing, \$7.50 for the large and \$5.25 for small. She also said the soups were "great" and the housemade corned beef "excellent."

Wylin called the decor "mod, stylized and comfortable." She praised both the good service and her Turkey Reuben "with lots of meat."

Billed as Grrrrreat Omelettes, they are the morning eye opener features at an average of \$5.75 each. There's lox, eggs and onions, and a lox platter, but not bagels, lox and cream cheese. For lunch or dinner, the specialty of the house is corned beef. You can order it as a Dinty Moore, a Reuben, URC Deluxe or Double Deli with pastrami. All sandwiches are \$6.95. There are burgers, traditional \$4.50 and turkey served with teriyaki glazed mushrooms and onions \$5.25 or a Vienna Dog \$3.50.

Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup \$2.25 for a cup and \$2.75 for a bowl is monikered "gentle chicken soup" by Schofield. It's definitely hearty with chunks of chicken, carrots, onions, celery and tender egg noodles. At the same price, there's the soup of the day, traditional mushroom barley and low-cal Russian cabbage borscht. Following a Jewish theme, however, is Yiddish Cheeseburger. This is where you can get lox on a bagel with toma-

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onion and cream cheese! And there's Bubbi's Favorite, slow roasted brisket on a grilled onion roll with horseradish. Bubbi, in case you're unfamiliar, is Jewish for grandmother.

A kid's menu designed by Lea Porteus' nine-year-old son Collin, a fourth grader at Northwood Elementary in Royal Oak, completes a family-oriented eating experience. There are crayons, too!

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CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATIONS TREASURES
Presents the Cinco De Mayo Weekend Fiesta, Friday & Saturday, May 2-3, all you can eat Mexican buffet 4-8 p.m. Friday, May 2 and 8-10 p.m. Saturday, May 3; Macarena and Jalapeno Eating Contests, Pinata Busting at midnight, drink specials, \$5 cover at door, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, (313) 462-2196. Big Smokedown Spring Cigar Social 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, \$25 guys in advance, \$20 ladies, price includes three premium hand-rolled cigars, gourmet appetizers, plus scotch & specialty brew sampling. Tickets limited to 100, call (313) 462-2196 for reservations.

OLD MEXICO
Live Latin music 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 2-3; 7-10 p.m. Sunday, May 4; Mariachi band 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 5, 5566 Drake Road (at Walnut Lake Road) West Bloomfield, (810) 661-8088.

SPECIAL EVENT KENTUCKY DERBY AT LADBROKE DRC
You don't have to travel to Kentucky to enjoy, or bet on the Kentucky Derby. Celebrate Derby Day Saturday, May 3 at Ladbrooke Detroit Race Course. Post time for a full day of live and simulcast

races is 11:30 a.m. The 123rd running of the Kentucky Derby will be at 5:32 p.m. At Ladbrooke DRC's newly opened simulcast wagering facility, The Inside Track, patrons can watch the race on 212 television monitors live from Churchill Downs in Louisville, sip Mint Juleps, and place their bets. There are another 500 TV monitors located within DRC, so that everyone can get a good view. Admission is \$2; parking is free. Ladbrooke DRC is on the corner of I-96 and Middlebelt Road in Livonia, call (313) 525-7300 for information. Dining options include the new first floor restaurant with The Inside Track, the 800-seat room overlooking the outdoor track, the members only Ladbrooke club, and concession stands for the casual diner. In addition, live racing will be featured from DRC's own mile-long oval track.

BENEFITS BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL
Brother Rice Scholarship Benefit, 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday, May 2, Kingsley Hotel and Suites, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$125 per person, call (810) 647-2526. The event will feature a wine tasting hosted by Madame Triffon Master Sommelier of Unique Restaurant Corp., strolling dinner, catered by Matt Prentice of Unique Restaurant Corp., dancing accompanied by the Sixxoxe Vitale Orchestra, casino gaming, cigar sampling, and cognac

tasting.

LE GALA DE CUISINE
Benefit for Cranbrook Schools 3-6 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at 550 Lone Pine Road, features 50 of metro Detroit's most popular chefs and jazz saxophonist George Benson in a Roaring 1920s celebration of Cranbrook Schools' 70th anniversary. Tickets \$125 (friend) \$150 (patron) and \$200 (benefactor), call (810) 539-3360 for tickets, or (810) 645-3000 for general information.

INTERNATIONAL JOURNEY OF FOOD AND WINE
Begins Sunday, May 11, with a "culinary tour" of Italy at the Ritz-Carlton, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn. The 1997 Journey, sponsored by Ford Motor Co., consists of four week long tributes to be held on selected weeks between May and November. Each will salute the food and wine of a particular country or continent, and include a Wine-Maker Dinner, Wine Tasting, and International specialties served throughout the week in The Grill, the hotel's restaurant. Fifty percent of the proceeds from all four

Wine Tastings will be donated to four charities. CATCH (Caring Athletes Team for Children's & Henry Ford Hospitals) is the recipient of the 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 16, Italian Wine Tasting. The cost is \$35 per guest. All four Wine Tastings will be "walk-around" receptions featuring approximately 20 wines, complementary hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment appropriate to the international theme. Wine Maker Dinners will include a five-course gourmet dinner, a variety of wines, and entertainment. Commentary will be provided by chefs of The Ritz-Carlton, and representatives of

international wineries. A taste of Italy awaits at the 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15 Wine Maker Dinner. The cost is \$90 per guest. For reservations, and more information, about The International Journey of Food & Wine, call (313) 441-2100.

GREAT LAKES GREAT WINE ALL-AROUND
Sponsored by Oakland Community College's Hospitality Department, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, third floor J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$40, call (810) 471-6340. Great wine paired with great food from

top restaurants including Golden Mushroom, Tribute, Rocky's of Northville, Pike Street, Flvo Lakes Grill and Morels. Proceeds benefit scholarships for students in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Programs at OCC.

THE GARDEN PARTY, LA FETE AU JARDIN
June 1 in the gardens of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, 27400 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills offers entertainment, wines from around the world, and an incredible array of food. Call (810) 626-7527, Ext. 280. Event proceeds benefit the Center's programs.

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New Buffalo area is thriving, dynamic

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I am interested in your impressions of the New Buffalo area, which I understand is booming as a condominium developmental area.

I am from out of state and am concerned about investing in that area.

A. In attempting to answer your question, I have recently visited New Buffalo. As a result of that

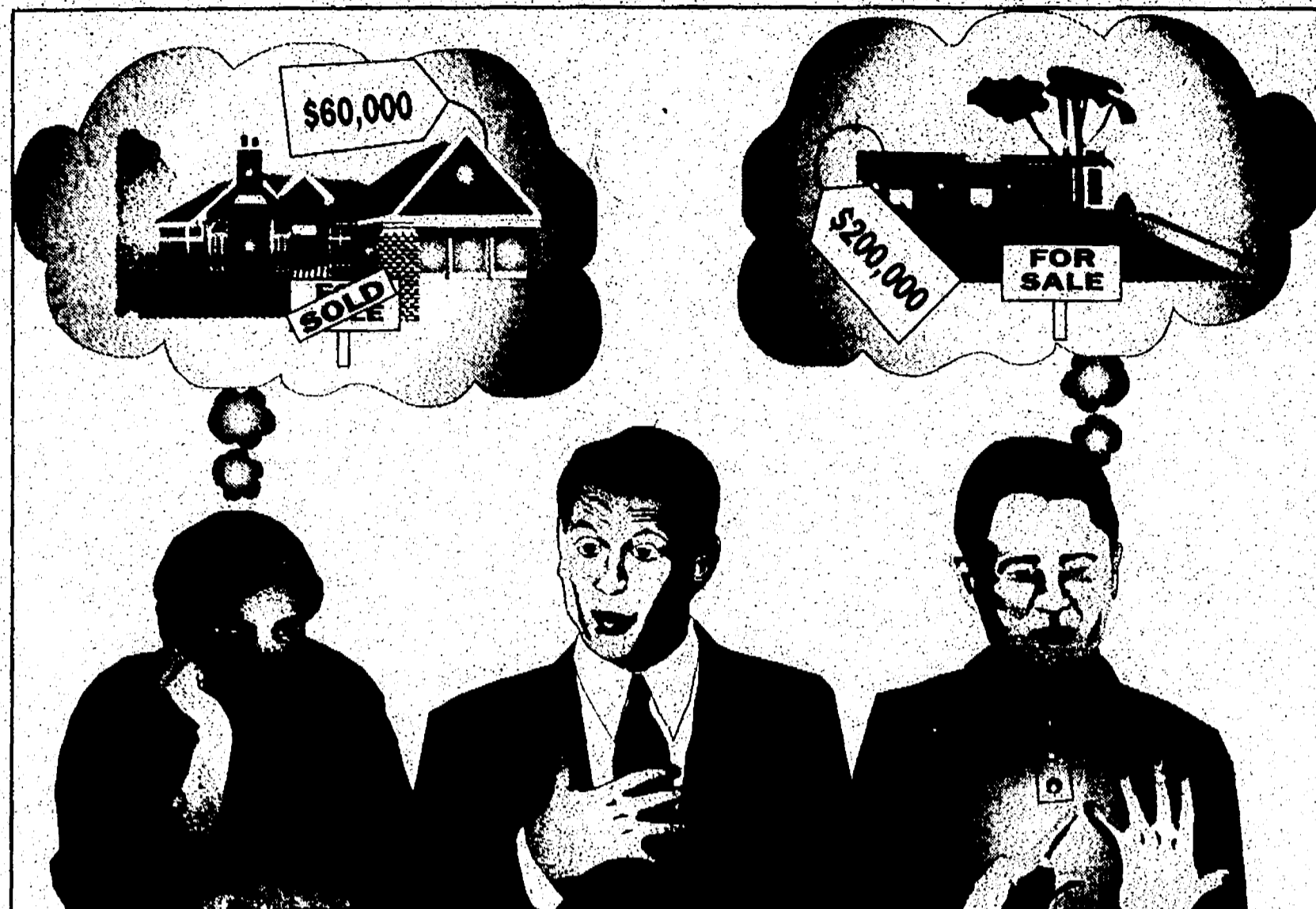
trip, I have learned that it is both thriving and dynamic in terms of its waterfront development.

There are a substantial number of condominiums being constructed in addition to a substantial number already built and sold and there is also talk of opening up casino gambling in the area.

As in any other situation for out of staters, it is important to understand the consequences of purchasing a condominium in Michigan, including the operational aspects of the condominium association, particularly when there are many non-resident owners frequently not on the premises.

It is important to review the condominium documents with counsel in Michigan who is best suited to both analyze the condominium documents, as well as the other issues regarding the operational and management structure of the condominium association and its financial condition.

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. His email address is Miener@mich.com and his web site is <http://www.meisner-law.com>. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



In the middle

Realtors try to balance the unrealistic demands of both buyers and sellers

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Residential real estate transactions can be smooth or rocky.

Buyers who know where they want to live, what they want in a home and how much house they can afford before contacting a Realtor will greatly expedite the process.

Sellers who can separate emotional attachment from market value and maintain quality showing condition also will greatly expedite the process.

You would think this goes without saying. But it apparently doesn't.

"I've had client sellers who may have an unrealistic goal in terms of pricing," said Diane Howard, sales associate with Real Estate One in Plymouth. "They may have been in their homes for a while and they're not in touch with market values."

"That can also work the other way," Howard said. "Buyers can only spend X-amount of dollars, but they would want more than they could buy."

There are other roadblocks besides sellers and buyers trying to squeeze each other financially due to lack of knowledge or greed.

Things like the condition of the house. "Sellers get very comfortable in a house," said Tracey Toppa, a Realtor with Century 21 John Cole Realty in Redford. "It doesn't mean that a potential purchaser will look at it like they do. A lot of people can't see beyond clutter."

"I recommend when city inspections are required, like Detroit and Westland, they don't wait until they sell to get an inspection," Toppa added. "Usually they're good for a year or two. What if repairs take a long time?"

A seller with a sentimental attachment to a house can bog down the

'I asked them if they had an idea where they wanted to live. They said they had pretty much narrowed it down to somewhere between Sterling Heights and Waterford and Clarkston and Ferndale.'

John Newman
Realtor

process, said Al Girardot, a Realtor with the Prudential Great Lakes Realty in Troy.

"They'll say something like, 'I built these cabinets myself and they have to be worth blah, blah, blah,'" Girardot said. "It's extremely hard to tell them sometimes someone else may not even want them."

Girardot recalled several instances where empty-nesters still had the growth lines of their children in highly visible places that probably would mean nothing to buyers except a fix-up project.

Buyers can save time and avoid aggravation by focusing their search.

John Newman, a Realtor with Max Broock in Birmingham, described a recent experience with first-time buyers. "I asked them if they had an idea where they wanted to live. They said they had pretty much narrowed it down to somewhere between Sterling Heights and Waterford and Clarkston and Ferndale," Newman said.

"I said we can't be driving all over the countryside. Come into the office.

We're going to take a little trip on a computer," Newman said.

Buyers also should sort through needs and wants. How important really is a fireplace, first-floor laundry, two-car garage?

"If they say they need a basement, I'll ask why," Newman said. "If they're into woodworking, that makes sense. But if they need a basement because someone told them, maybe they don't. If they're 23 years old, they probably don't have a lot of stuff."

"There's confusion, sometimes, on the style of house they want and how big a house they think they have to have," Newman added.

Buyers can get a sense of what specific markets offer by visiting open houses. They can find out exactly how much they can borrow by getting a mortgage pre-approval. That's a big time-saver and shows a real commitment.

Here's a few other thing buyers and sellers can do to enter the real estate client hall of fame.

■ Sellers - Open rooms by storing some furniture and bulky collectibles. Thoroughly clean garages, basements and closets. Throw things out. Make sure the house is available for showing.

■ Buyers - Line up and price home inspection and legal services before you need them. Know the source of money for the mortgage down payment and closing costs. Be available for walk-throughs.

■ Sellers and buyers - Carefully select a Realtor by asking family and friends for referrals. Interview prospects. Trust their advice.

Existing home prices
From National Association of Realtors

Greatest increases

Market	Median Sales Price \$Q '96	% Year Change
New Orleans	\$ 89,300	+15.5%
Sioux Falls, S.D.	90,300	+13.7%
DETROIT	112,600	+12.9%
Rippling/Kennebec, WA	111,000	+12.6%
Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IO	61,300	+12.5%
Portland, OR	145,600	+11.0%
Mobile, AL	83,500	+10.3%
Charleston, WV	89,200	+10.0%
Green Bay, WI	100,500	+9.5%
Houston	85,700	+9.0%
Tallahassee, FL	112,700	+8.7%
Trenton, NJ	135,800	+8.6%
Bergen-Passaic, NJ	200,200	+8.6%
Girville-Spartanburg, SC	105,300	+8.4%
Daytona Beach	75,200	+8.4%
Toledo, OH	82,300	+8.1%
Lincoln, NB	99,500	+8.0%
Charlotte, NC	117,400	+7.9%
Eugene-Springford, OR	116,200	+7.9%

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

Key factors to selecting a mortgage lender



DAVID C. MULLY

A newly released survey, Citibank's Report: "Americans Talk About Home Mortgages," underscores the importance that personal relationships play in determining how consumers select a mortgage lender, how they prefer to apply for a mortgage and which additional products and services they would like to see offered by

their lender. As a consumer of mortgage services, do you see your own needs being addressed here? Are these the factors mortgage lenders should be improving on to serve you best? Let me know if you agree or disagree.

The survey, commissioned by Citicorp Mortgage Inc. and conducted by Roper Starch Worldwide Inc. in a random telephone sample of 1,012 Americans, found that 78 percent of those who responded considered a pre-existing relationship important in choosing a mortgage provider. Other methods of choosing a lender were a referral by a friend or family member (72 percent), recognition of the lender's name (55 percent), information provided in the workplace (52 percent) and a referral from a real estate broker (50 percent). Only the rate being offered scored higher (90 percent).

Interestingly, among those who say it is "very important," the survey indicated that women place greater emphasis on a pre-existing relationship with a lender than men (52 percent vs. 41 percent).

Americans prefer personal contact over new technology in the application process

The preference for a personal relationship was also evident in the way Americans said they would prefer to apply for a mortgage. With little variance by factors such as age, gender, region, household income or education, an overwhelming majority of respondents (84 percent) said they would prefer to apply for a mortgage in person. This is surprising when loans by mail, fax or phone are becoming commonplace.

Applying by telephone was the second-most-preferred method, mentioned by 8 percent of respondents. Americans in the 44-54 age group, those planning to refinance a current mortgage in excess of \$10,000 showed a greater preference for a telephone application than the general population (10 percent, 11 percent and 26 percent, respectively).

Newer technologies such as the Internet (3 percent) and video conferencing (1 percent) still have a long way to go in winning the hearts of potential mortgage customers. Not surprisingly, those in the 18-34 age range are a little more willing to use the Internet (6 percent) than those 35 and older (2 percent).

Americans want to expand their relationships with mortgage providers

The strength of the lender relationship was also reflected in the variety of

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Computer attacks paperwork delays

Buying a new home or applying for a refinance can be slowed by waiting for a home loan. The whole process - the offer, the loan application, the credit report, the appraisal report and the paperwork - is taking place as the home buyer daily watches interest rates ebb and flow and the process often doesn't get resolved until the very last day of escrow.

"It is often said by loan originators that the choke point in processing a new mortgage or a refinance is the appraisal report - most of the other components of a new loan can be head in 24 hours or less," said Michael Schafer, president of United Systems Software.

The process of appraising is still basically the same that it was in 1980s, but new technologies are being introduced into the field that are saving consumers days of waiting.

The appraisal process used to go something like this: An appraisal order is sent and may sit a half day or more before it is accepted by the appraiser. The appraiser schedules and completes

the home inspection, then returns to the office to complete the paperwork: First, the photos must be developed - and this can mean driving to the local photo store to develop photos in lousy weather. Then it's time to spread the photos on the desk to determine which goes with which address.

Next the paper version of the report must be prepared. This means printing and collating multiple copies of an 1- to 12-page Uniform Residential Appraisal Report. Maps must be cut out and pasted. Then photos must be glued on the maps and a property sketch must be drawn. Then flood maps and plat maps must be to complete the job. Then, all the pages must be collated properly and additional copies made before the final report can get packaged and mailed.

Overnight delivery can add an extra \$10 to \$15 to the price tag; hand delivery can be expensive, too. Mailing the report may take two or three days, and faxing a 12-page, legal-size fax paper with photos is not fun. Once the appraisal report arrives at its destination,

it might be routed through as many as three people's hands before reaching the right one, and the appraiser has no proof of it being received.

Electronic data interchange eliminates these bottlenecks. Appraisals can be ordered, created and delivered electronically with modules such as United Systems' AppraisalLink.

Use of this new technology enables a loan originator to send an appraisal order to the appraiser's electronic mail box on the Internet. A copy of the order can be sent via pager, to reach the appraiser in minutes. The appraiser can acknowledge and accept this order in minutes from the field. Digitized photos are automatically inserted into the report.

An appraiser can collate, bundle, copy, package and electronically deliver an appraisal to the loan originator's desk, saving days in the final process and saving the consumer days of wondering how their new home fared in the appraisal process.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

Due to a computer changeover at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, we are unable to publish the most recent home sales from Wayne County. We will resume publication of the home sales information as soon as possible.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real estate briefs features news and notes on professional associations, office activities, upcoming meetings and seminars, new services/products and consumer publications.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Greater Detroit Chapter of the Construction Financial Management Association offers a dinner presentation, "Safety and the Bottom Line," 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the Skyline Club, 2000 Town Center, Southfield. Cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members.

SURVEYORS MEETING

The Society of Professional Surveyors Southeast Michigan Chapter presents a planning/brainstorming dinner meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Stephenson Haus, 26000 N. Chrysler Drive, Hazel Park. Cost is \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door. Reservations required by May 6 at (810) 844-5400.

HOME BUYING WORKSHOP

Vicky Love, a mortgage consultant with Tranex Financial, presents a Home Buyers Workshop 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, May

8, at the Southfield Community Education Center, 18575 West Nine Mile.

Topics include finding the right house, negotiating the best deal and avoiding common mistakes.

Cost is \$12. To register, call (810) 746-8700.

MORTGAGE SEMINAR

Ross Mortgage presents a free, no-obligation seminar, "Avoid Costly Mistakes When Shopping for a Mortgage," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile just west of Middlebelt, Livonia.

For reservations, call (810) 968-1800.

REAL ESTATE INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a panel discussion on Insights to Real Estate Investing 7 p.m. Friday, May 16, at the Royal Oak American Legion, 1815 Rochester Road.

Dinner is \$14 for everyone. Cost of the program is \$10 for non-members, free for members. Reservations required by May 13 at (800) 747-6742.

BUILDER'S LICENSE TRAINING

Builder's Training Services offers a 16-hour training program to prepare for the state builder's license exam 6-10 p.m. May 12, 14, 19 and 21 at the

Livonia Elks Club, 31117 Plymouth Road one block east of Merriman.

The class also will be presented 6-10 p.m. May 8, 13 and 15 at the Clawson Troy Elks Club, 1451 E. Big Beaver east of Rochester Road.

Cost, which includes a training manual and carpentry textbook, is \$245. To register, call (810) 436-9610.

LICENSE TRAINING II

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education also sponsor a state pre-license building class 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays May 19 through June 2 at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost, which includes textbook, is \$170. Registration required by May 15 at (313) 623-9277.

RIVERPOINTE REALTY

Bill Nabers and Judy Walker announce the opening of their new brokerage, Riverpointe

Realty, in Detroit's historic Indian Village.

The firm will specialize in waterfront properties.

Walker, selected Realtor of the Year by the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors, will continue to own Red Carpet Keim in Southfield.

Nabers, a past president of the South Oakland County NAACP, formerly was affiliated with Century 21 Today.

THE MICHIGAN GROUP

The Michigan Group, with offices in Livonia, West Bloomfield, Union Lake and Ann Arbor, has been honored by Chicago-based RELO/the International Relocation Network as a peak producer for generating more than \$5 million in referral sales.

Fred T. Madley, president of the Michigan Group, and Terry Levett, director of relocation, attended the 27th annual RELO Conference in Orlando.

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MORTGAGE MARKET

Table with mortgage rates for various lenders including American Finance, Approved Mortgages, First Alliance, JMC Mortgage, North American Mortgage, Old Kent Mortgage, Standard Federal Bank, and a 30 & 15 Jumbo Comparison chart.

Mortgage rates down

WASHINGTON (AP) - Interest rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages slid to 8.08 percent this week but remained above 8 percent for a fourth consecutive week, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. said Thursday.

above 8 percent since and was 8.16 percent last week. Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for those refinancing mortgages, averaged 7.62 percent this week, down from 7.71 percent a week earlier.

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other products or services that respondents said they would like their mortgage lender to provide. Specifically, they most often mentioned property and/or casualty insurance (33 percent), equity loans (29 percent) and car loans (20 percent).

ation would be approved (5 percent); getting or not having enough money to qualify (6 percent); and lack of confidence that their best interests are being considered (4 percent).

CALL COLDWELL BANKER SCHWEITZER REAL ESTATE

Real estate listings for Farmington Hills, Dearborn, Redford, Plymouth, and Livonia, including descriptions of properties and contact information for Coldwell Banker Schweitzer.

Quality Better Homes Real Estate NW advertisement with contact information for 7700 S. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia, (313) 462-3000.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary, including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 691-7279.

Phil Superfisky, a sales associate with ERA Rymal Symes in Novi, has received the Leaders Circle Award from ERA Franchise Systems for listing and sales production.

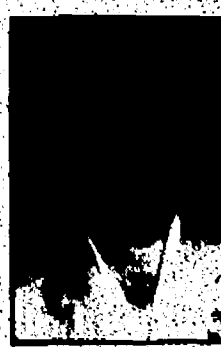


Superfisky

Superfisky has been in the business for more than 20 years, specializing in the Northville/Novi area.

Ivan S. Yee has been appointed as a loan originator and **Annette Blue** and **Matthew Sheppard** have joined the financial services department at the Lutz Companies in Southfield.

Charlotte Jacunski, a Realtor with Century 21 Row in Livonia, has received the company's Centurion Award for sales achievement for a third consecutive year.



Jacunski

Jacunski, a Livonia resident, also has received the Quality Service Award, nominated by her clients, for outstanding customer satisfaction.

Louise Bisogni, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Professionals in Clarkston, has been awarded the Humanitarian & Community Service Award by the North Oakland Board of Realtors.

A Waterford resident, Bisogni's involvements include Lighthouse North and Children are Precious.

Jerry V. Farstvedt has been named commercial loan manager for Oxford Bank. He joined the financial institution in 1988 as a commercial loan officer.

Farstvedt, a Lake Orion resident, is past president of the Oxford Community Development Authority.

Howard Novetsky, a Realtor with Real Estate One in West Bloomfield, has received the company's President's Council of Excellence Award for quality service and listing/sales achievement.



Novetsky

Novetsky is a Certified Residential Specialist.

Campbell/Manix, a Southfield design/build contracting firm of industrial and commercial buildings, announces two executive promotions.

Gary T. Burkhart, P.E., has been promoted to vice president. He holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Ohio State University and has more than 20 years experience in the construction industry.

Richard P. Dopp, CPA, has been promoted to chief financial officer. He formerly served as controller for seven years. Dopp has a B.S. degree from Western Michigan University and an MBA from Wayne State University.

Kahn Associates promotes 8

Albert Kahn Associates, an architectural and engineering firm located in Detroit, has promoted eight as part of a strategy for continued growth and diversification of services.

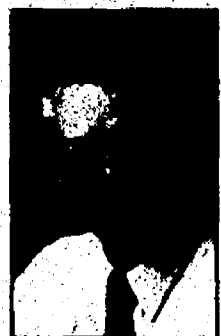
Four new senior vice presidents join Gordon Holness, Kahn's president and CEO, on a new executive leadership team.

Robert Mauck, a Bloomfield Hills resident, is senior vice president/treasurer. He previously served as vice president and director of special projects.

Charles T. Robinson of Birmingham is senior vice president/director of engineering services. He will continue with existing responsibilities as director of design-build services.

Stephen Q. Whitney, who also lives in Birmingham, is senior vice presi-

dent/director of architectural services. He continues his existing role as director of health care services.

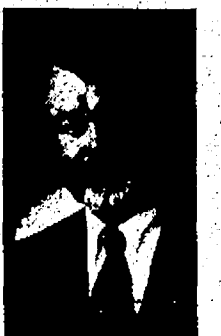


Mauck

Hank Ritter is senior vice president/chief operating officer. He formerly was vice president and director of structural/civil engineering.



Robinson



Whitney

Four other firm members also received promotions.

George Barbu, a Rochester resident and vice president, becomes director of program and construction management. He formerly was director of project management.

Gar Hoplamazian of Beverly Hills

moves up to director of structural/civil engineering. He was assistant director in that capacity.

Cynthia Pozolo rises to the rank of director of special projects from that assistant director post.

Paul Maxwell, a vice president becomes director of project management from assistant director.

Questions about your home

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Q. I have an oil-fired furnace, and I change the oil filter every other year. However, if an oil-fired furnace ignites properly, and gets an adequate amount of fuel oil when it ignites, is there any point in installing a new fuel nozzle? Can anything else go wrong with a fuel nozzle in addition to getting dirt in its orifice? What is your opinion concerning the need for replacing a fuel nozzle on an oil-fired furnace?

A. Homeowners often make the mistake of visually inspecting their furnace and concluding that it works properly and efficiently. An oil furnace that functions without generating an odor, puff back or rumbling noise may not be operating efficiently.

Several operating features must be at peak performance for an oil burner to be efficient. Some of these features are draft over the fire box, stack temperature, gas concentration, smokiness of the exhaust and the proper oil-spray pattern for the shape of the combustion chamber. Because of the complexity in considering all these things, tuning up an oil burner is generally a job for a technician trained in oil-burner repair and maintenance.

The oil-burner nozzle, which directly affects the spray pattern, can have problems aside from dirt clogging its orifice. A nozzle can get overheated, because of an improper burner tube setting or back pressure in the combustion chamber, and it can develop gum and sludge formations on the inside and outside.

Nozzles have slots precisely ground in the inner tip which cause oil to swirl as it is forced through the orifice. These slots can become coated with sludge and gum, and in some cases it is practically impossible to see whether the

slots are thoroughly clean without using a microscope.

A nozzle orifice is polished to a glasslike finish. If it becomes clogged, and you try to clean it with a wire or pin, you can ruin the finish. This will cause streaks in the spray. Considering that a nozzle costs about \$10, we would certainly recommend replacing it every time the oil burner is tuned up.

Q. I have a problem inside my unheated attic. During the winter, frost and ice form on the attic roof. I have 6 inches of fiberglass insulation on the attic floor. The attic has two windows, and if I leave the door leading to the attic open, this seems to prevent frost and ice from forming. Is there a moisture problem? A new roof was installed about 12 years ago.

A. The frost buildup on the underside of the roof deck in the attic is not a moisture problem, it's a ventilation problem. Even with a vapor barrier under the insulation, some moisture will always find its way up to the attic as a result of open joints or seams in the vapor barrier, cavities in walls or open sections around

vent pipes and interior chimneys. In an adequately ventilated attic, the air movement will dissipate the moisture to the extent that frost will not develop on the cold surfaces.

You indicated that there are two windows in the attic. Are they closed? Quite often attic windows are kept closed, otherwise, they allow rain and snow to enter. If the windows are open, are they located so that they provide cross ventilation?

According to the Federal Housing Administration's minimum attic ventilation requirements, the ratio of the total unobstructed ventilation opening to the attic floor area should not be less than 1/150th except when a vapor barrier is used on the attic floor, in which case the ratio may be 1/300th.

If you are concerned that rain will enter the attic when the windows are open, you might consider replacing the windows with louvers or jalousie type windows which, when open, will deflect rain.

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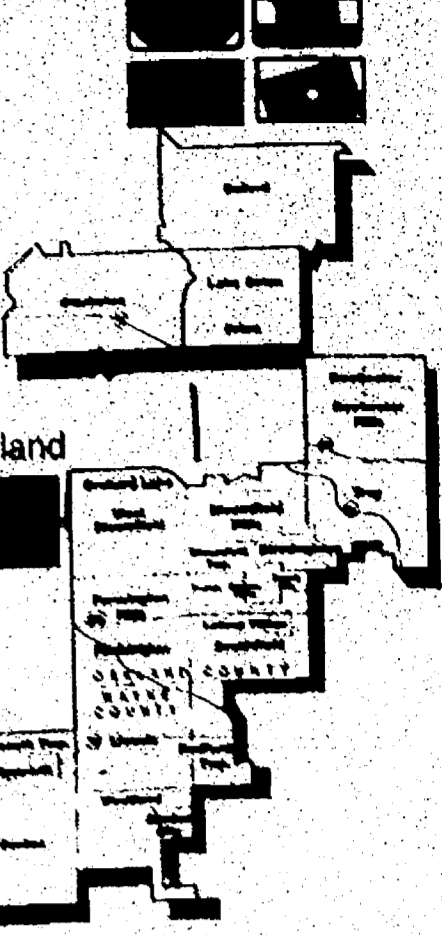
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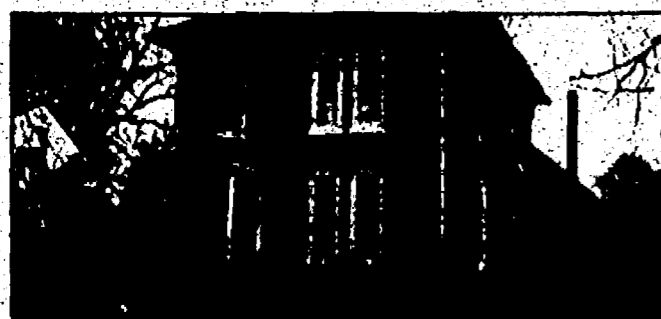
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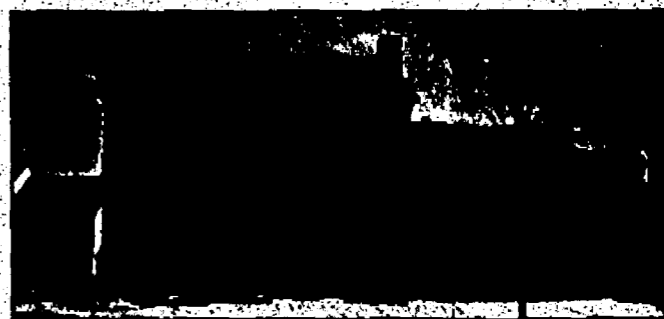
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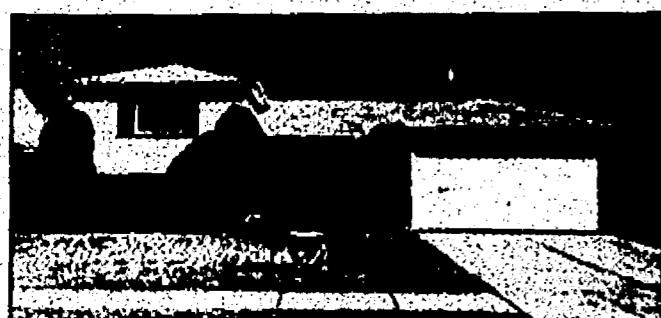
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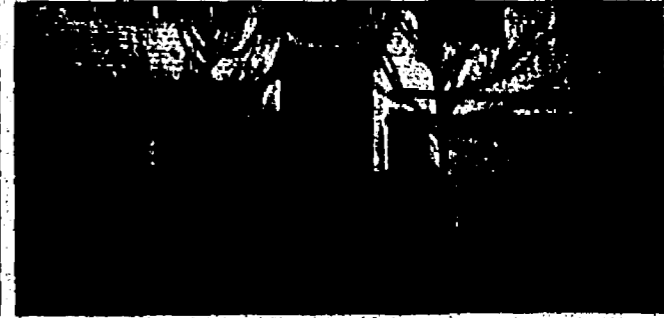
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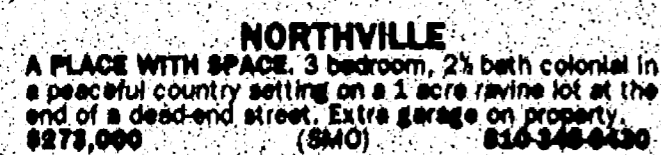
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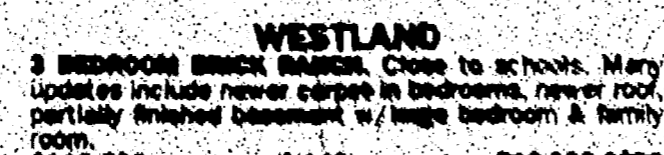
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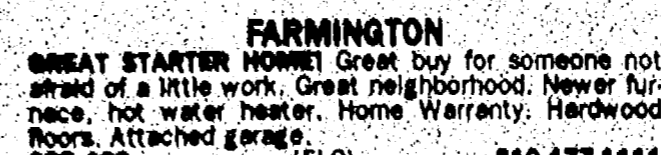
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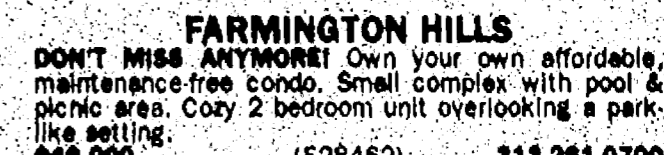
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- ✓ Clean or repair merchandise.
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