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Council begins review of mayor's budget

By Mary Klemic
staff writer

Mayor Charles Pickering, presenting his proposed 1983-84 budget of more than \$18 million to the Westland City Council, has asked that the full-eight mills allowed for city operations under the charter be levied.

The proposed budget totals \$18,036,247, almost \$900,000 less than the 1983 fiscal year budget, and projects an ending balance of \$287,000.

It also includes a suggested increase in water and sewer rates of \$2.05 per 1,000 gallons.

"We simply must take matters into our own hands if we are to resolve the fiscal crisis of the city," Pickering told the council at its first budget study session last Wednesday night.

REVENUE from local millage will

decrease because Westland's State Equalization Valuation has dropped 5.6 percent, the mayor said. He said one mill in the 1984 fiscal year will represent \$610,747, a decrease of \$36,500 per mill from the previous year.

"This factor, combined with significant declines in federal and state revenue sharing this past year, demands that the full millage be levied," Pickering said.

"To do otherwise — to reduce the millage as either token frugality or for political advantage — is to play loosely and dangerously with the financial stability of the city and would severely limit our ability to provide even the most basic service to residents."

The proposed budget doesn't call for additional layoffs or service reductions, according to Pickering. He said the budget does feature a "more equitable" user-pay system for the multi-

purpose arena and the Bailey Recreation Center, and provides for the recall of a firefighter.

COUNCIL President Thomas Artley expressed some dissatisfaction with extending the operating millage to eight mills. The present operating millage stands at 7.16 mills.

"There should be a little more prudent look at the operations on a day-to-day basis," Artley said. "I think we can live with a little less revenue than the full eight mills."

Water and sewer rates now total \$1.84 per 1,000 gallons. The proposed budget would hike water rates to 98 cents (now 84 cents) and sewer rates to \$1.07 (now 80 cents) per 1,000 gallons.

The budget also suggests that people more than six months behind in their water bill payment have a 30-percent

penalty fee added to their bills. The penalty is now 20 percent.

"I understand some communities have it as high as 50 percent," Finance Director Larry Williams said.

DEPARTMENT proposals in the new budget may be altered slightly. The administration will reallocate \$740,000, now listed under one overall expense category called "motorpool contribution," back to the different departments, according to Ken Kunkel, of the city's auditing firm of Plante & Moran.

As presented last week, the largest proposed department allocations go to the police and fire budgets, with \$4,560,000 and \$2,758,000 respectively.

A total of \$1,875,000 has been proposed for highway maintenance, while

\$1,190,000 has been recommended for sanitation.

Also included in the proposed budget are allocations of \$875,000 for parks and recreation, \$838,000 for finance, \$693,000 for the District Court and \$592,000 for debt administration.

Federal funds expected for the proposed budget total \$560,500, or 3 percent (a decrease of \$230,000), while state shared revenues total \$4,357,000, or 29.74 percent.

"Federal revenue sharing is down due to the changes from the 1980 census allocation formula," Williams said.

Also included in the general fund revenue for the budget are taxes, \$9,269,000; charges for services and fees, \$2,656,000; and miscellaneous revenue, such as interest income and contributions from other funds, \$1,591,000.



places and faces

DECLARING the need for "greater public awareness from the American people," the Westland City Council last week passed a resolution urging the state to declare 1983 as the year committed to action on the issue of prisoners of war and those missing in action from the Vietnam war who may still be alive in Southeast Asia.

THE COUNCIL also gave permission to Harris Kehr VFW Post 3323 and to Disabled American Veterans Chapter 45 to sell poppies in Westland from May 19-23.

MARIE PAYNE of Westland was one of three Madonna College students who recently served as reactor panelists in meetings of the sociology section of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters in Ypsilanti.

The students gave their opinions to college professors from throughout Michigan on two films which examine the concepts of scientific management, "high-tech" evolution and quality of life in the American workplace.

Payne has completed degree requirements in a double major, sociology and sign language studies, and will receive her diploma in May. She is employed by Ford Motor Co.

TWO STUDENTS from Alma College are in the news. Joseph Naughton, a 1980 graduate of John Glenn High School, has been elected an associate trustee representing the senior class of '83-84 on the college's board of trustees. He is serving as an associate trustee for his junior class.

The son of Patrick and Joanne Naughton, he is taking premed studies at Alma.

Also making news is John Mulcrone, a freshman from Westland, who was one of 25 students participating in a dance concert at Alma last month. He performed in three modern dances during the concert.

A 1982 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia, Mulcrone is the son of Helen Mulcrone of Westland.

TWO NEW members of the Madonna College branch of the Criminal Justice Association, Lambda Alpha Epsilon-Mu Chi, are Westland residents Tom Kolpack and Shari Lee Saucedo.

Kolpack and Saucedo were recently sworn in to the Madonna chapter of 70 members which began in 1975. The national association was founded in 1937 and began inducting women in 1978.

Members are either enrolled in Madonna's criminal justice program or active in some way in the criminal justice department.

FORMER COUNTY Commissioner Thomas Presnell has been appointed by the city council to the zoning board of appeals to fill the unexpired term of John Auten. That term concludes in May 1984.

Presnell's former county commission district was redrawn following the 1980 census and is now represented by Democrat Kay Beard.

THE MICHIGAN Legislature has proclaimed April 10-16 as Private Property Week, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Realtors and its more than 18,000 members.

Activities include the selection of a home for painting and refurbishing as well as distribution of apple seedlings to more than 20,000 Michigan residents. The apple blossom is the state flower.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Drivers who are frequently stopped along Ford Road while waiting for trains to clear the tracks will see their tax dollars at work come

May 1 when work resumes on repaving and widening Ford as well as completing work on the overpass located just east of I-275.

Road work resumes

Have you noticed all the work that crews from Consumers Power and Detroit Edison are doing along Wayne Road in Westland?

That, folks, is a sure sign of spring and the annual start of road construction. This is one time to rejoice for drivers who have gritted their teeth while driving over Wayne Road south of Warren, slammed on their brakes at Wayne and Hunter or waited for a train to pass at the railroad crossing on Ford Road.

Repairs and widening of those two roads are expected to be completed during this construction season, according to Henry Lundquist, director of Westland's Department of Public Service.

WAYNE ROAD will be widened to five lanes and repaved from Warren south to Cherry Hill. When completed, drivers will have a left-turn lane for the full length of Wayne all the way south to Glenwood. That section of the road from Cherry Hill south was reconstructed last year.

"This will take care of one of the most hazardous intersections in the city," Lundquist said. That area includes Wayne Road from Hunter to the U.S. Post Office just south of it. He add-

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State auditors request highway fund records

By Sandra Armbruster
editor

State auditors have asked for records of Westland's highway construction funds as part of their examination of two transfers in which the city's general fund "borrowed" money from the other funds in order to meet payroll in June 1982.

The audit began several weeks ago after the state received an inquiry from Westland councilman Kent Herbert, the city's former finance director who was fired when the current mayor took office.

Westland's own auditor, Ken Kunkel from the firm of Plante & Moran, said he had no idea where the state was currently with the audit or whether the audit was completed.

This isn't the first time the city has been audited by the state. Kunkel said that has happened four or five times in the last 10 years.

"They have to follow up if a com-

plaint is filed. Usually it is resolved," Kunkel said, adding that "I don't expect anything to happen" with the audit.

HERBERT said, however, that he has learned there will be an official reprimand from the state, although no criminal charges will be filed.

The councilman said that he initiated the investigation after finding a \$330,000 transfer from the highway construction funds listed in the city's annual audit for the 1981-82 fiscal year. He later found out there had been another transfer of \$600,000.

"I knew there should not have been activity in those funds. So I decided to go back and look up to see what it was advanced for. Based on that, I wrote the auditor general and asked him to look into it," Herbert said.

In his letter to the auditor general, Herbert questioned the use of "restricted" funds, the manner in which the loan or borrowing was identified, and why the council wasn't asked to approve the transfer.

CALLING IT another example of council harrassment, Mayor Charles Pickering said, "It's unfortunate that Kent Herbert took it upon himself to ask for an audit without first asking me about it."

"I'm very disturbed. This is strictly politics, and it does nothing for the city."

Pickering declined to comment on the audit itself until he gets the report.

Herbert said he understands that most of the money transferred to the general fund has been paid back, but "since we don't get any reports from the mayor, I don't know for sure."

Kunkel said that the transfers were made to meet payroll at the end of last June.

"You're not supposed to borrow from bond construction funds. As I understand it, the complaint was that the funds weren't totally paid back, but they really had been," said Kunkel.

He explained that the money was paid back in September and that one

fund had owed the city \$300,000 which was "offset against the borrowing."

THIS ISN'T the only question that council members have had about fund transfers.

The council earlier had questioned a \$200,000 fund transfer, which Herbert said he later learned was "legitimate."

"I'll tell you right now that Larry Williams (finance director) who gave notice several months ago that Friday was to be his last day) did the same thing before which I approved and was aware of although it's not a good business practice," Herbert said.

A later request to transfer money from special assessment paving funds was dropped by the administration when it discovered there wasn't enough money in the accounts to legally allow

the transfer, according to Kunkel.

"It was inadvertant on the part of the finance director. So it was abandoned," Kunkel said.

Council President Thomas Artley reiterated that the reason the council questioned the transfer was that it doesn't receive enough information from the mayor.

Last week councilman Charles Griffin said that he has yet receive a cash flow analysis he had requested in February.

"If members of the council were really concerned, I would think that rather than go behind my back and ask for an auditor, I would think they would come forward," Pickering said.

"Communication is a two-way process. I have a telephone here that very rarely rings."

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Description aids police in arrest

A Westland man has been arraigned for the early morning holdup of a 7-11 store at 1826 S. Merriman last Wednesday.

Sean Michael Walsh, 27, faces a preliminary examination April 18. He was charged with armed robbery at his April 6 arraignment before 18th District Court Judge Thomas Smith. Walsh is currently held at Wayne County Jail on \$100,000 bond.

An employee at the store told police a thin man, described as white, 5 feet 7 inches, wearing a black leather jacket, baseball type cap and jeans, brought a

16-ounce bottle of beer to the counter at 1:05 a.m. He took out a handgun and held it on its side on top of the counter, with its barrel pointed at the worker.

The gunman ordered the worker to give him the money in the cash register. After she gave him the contents, he had her pick up the money drawer to see if anything was under it, police said. He then fled south from the front of the store.

THE GUNMAN'S description was broadcast to police cars. Minutes later, Westland Police Officer William Warden spotted a man who fit the descrip-

tion riding a 10-speed bike less than a block from Northgate. Police said Warden stopped the man, later identified as Walsh. He reportedly found a U.S. Army replica .45-caliber automatic pistol in the man's waist band, a wad of money totaling \$40 folded in half, \$7 in food coupons and a 16.9-ounce bottle of beer.

Westland Police Lt. James Hornkohl praised the police for the arrest.

"The main thing was getting a good description of the suspect and having the cars out there in the area," Hornkohl said.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Bob Breckenridge of Plymouth, a Consumers Power Company employee, breaks up pavement along Wayne Road with a co-worker in the cab. The crews are rerouting gas lines in preparation for the widening and repaving of Wayne Road.

City saved road work funds

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ed that the area has one of the highest accident rates in the city.

"Hopefully all that will be resolved when construction is completed," he said, adding that completion is expected by the end of the current construction season.

Already Consumers Power crews are moving gas lines and rerouting them in some instances. Detroit Edison crews are due to move electric cables. City employees also will be moving fire hydrants to allow for the widening project.

Cost of Wayne Road improvements is pegged at \$1.2 million, with the city's share amounting to about \$120,000. Lundquist said that the city's advance of \$50,000 to the county to get the project started will be applied to its share of the cost.

FORD ROAD also is scheduled for completion by October of this year. Construction is expected to begin again on May 1.

Lundquist said that Ford was completed from Venoy to Wildwood last year, other portions were repaved and work on the overpass where the C&O railroad crosses Ford also was begun.

This year Ford will be widened and repaved, with turning lanes at major intersections, west from Wildwood all the way to I-275 in Canton Township and the overpass will be completed.

Cost of the Ford Road work is estimated to total nearly \$10.3 million. The city is picking up \$270,733 of that cost.

Lundquist said that the city's current budget problems won't affect the road work.

"We planned for the project and set aside money. It's from the road fund and gasoline taxes," he explained.

"When people drive over the viaduct and don't have to wait for the train (to pass) on Ford Road, they can say, 'That's part of my tax dollars right there.'"

Realtor board plans home-buying seminar

Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors will offer a free seminar on how to buy a home at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Livonia City Hall auditorium, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

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Although the session is free, reservations are required. Call 478-1700 or 538-4640 for reservations.

More than 3,000 people attended similar seminars in 1981 and 1982.

String of purse snatchings may be linked, say police

By Mary Klemic staff writer

A Dearborn motorist almost lost her purse to two youths who smashed her right front car window and grabbed the purse from the vehicle as she was stopped at a light at Cherry Hill and Henry Ruff last Sunday night.

Two Inkster youths, 13 and 15 years of age, were arrested shortly after the incident, and the woman's property was recovered. The two are in the Detroit Youth Home.

Police are comparing the teenagers' descriptions to those of suspects wanted in 10 to 15 purse snatchings in Westland.

Police said the woman, 29 years old, was driving east on Cherry Hill shortly after 6 p.m. As she stopped at the light at Henry Ruff, she looked to her right and saw two young men sitting on a bus stop bench there.

Both were described to police as black and 15-17 years old. One of the

pair, 5-foot-11 and weighing 180 pounds, wore a blue and white cap, ski jacket and jeans. The other was described as weighing 140 pounds and wore a baseball cap, light colored jacket and new jeans.

THE WOMAN told police she had looked away when suddenly her right passenger window shattered and an object struck her in the hip. She saw the second youth reach inside her car, grab the purse and hand it to the first. The pair ran south.

Police said two Garden City men, 17 and 18 years of age, saw the robbery and chased the thieves through an apartment complex. They lost the suspects on Sholka south of Cherry Hill.

Westland and Inkster police began checking the Garden City Park area after the woman saw the pair run north there. Some 20 minutes later, Inkster Police Officer Martin Yurachek stopped two youths at East and Rosewood. Police said the two fit the

description of the suspects, except that one youth wore a bright blue sweatshirt. Police reportedly unzipped the sweatshirt and saw it was covering one that matched the description.

The woman's address book was found laying between one suspect's feet on the floor of the Inkster police car, according to police. Police said the woman's credit cards and house keys were found on the suspect, while her \$22 was found on the other.

Police said, the two teen-agers took them to an address on Sheridan in Garden City, where they recovered the woman's purse, wallet and personal property.

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THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS
Salary Ordinance - Police Department - Command Officers

Position	Effective January 1, 1983
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Chamber finds savings with energy analysis



Calculating energy costs at the Westland Chamber of Commerce is Don Theis, one of the energy analysts who have been trained to work in the program.

"Saving big bucks." That's what an energy analysis program for small businesses in Westland could mean, according to Joyce Wheeler, executive secretary of the chamber of commerce.

The program, called Westland Energy Savings for Tomorrow (WEST), is funded by federal government through the Michigan Energy Administration. Goals of the program are to increase energy awareness of businesses and residents, and to provide low cost/no cost techniques for energy conservation.

"I think this is a really good thing, especially for those who don't want to do an analysis because they think it's too costly," Wheeler said. "When you put together what all the businesses could save by conserving energy, you're talking big bucks."

THE CHAMBER, whose building is located on Ford west of Wayne Road, was the first to receive the free service last week, and Wheeler was impressed with suggestions that she said could be implemented immediately without cost.

"The energy analyst offered good suggestions that we could immediately see a response from, like dialing back 10 degrees at night, adjusting the toilet so it doesn't use as much water when its flushed and keeping the lights off in rooms that aren't in use for a half hour," she said.

Since tenants in the chamber's building are there during evening hours, Wheeler said it would be difficult to dial down then. But the thermostat could be turned down during weekends, she said.

"We have a thermostat that can be programmed, but no one knows how to work it too well," she said.

Wheeler, who expects to receive more detailed energy conservation suggestions from the analyst later this week, said that saving energy is "something we're not used to doing. We've been raised that way — to use the energy consuming products that we've got available."

That's a way of life that may have to be altered, she noted.

PERFORMING the energy analysis for Westland businesses are retired city residents with work experience in heating, cooling, architecture and engineering. They are trained to conduct the analyses for small commercial and industrial buildings, according to Dale Farland, Westland city planner.

Each analysis takes from three to eight hours, with the average being four to six hours. The process includes reviewing utility bills to assure that the appropriate rate is being charged, checking the heating and cooling systems, insulation and caulking among other procedures.

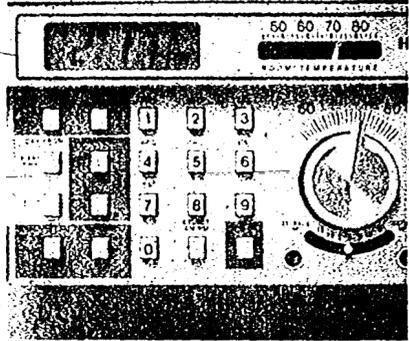
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Farland stressed that the program is strictly voluntary and that the analysts are not city employees. All analyses will be kept confidential and no business representatives will be allowed access to those who participate in the program for the purpose of selling a product or a service.

Business owners interested in arranging for an energy analysis should contact Wheeler at the chamber office by calling 326-7222.



Energy analyst James Happ inspects caulking along the windows of the Westland Chamber of Commerce building on Ford Road.



Thermostats such as this one at the chamber office may be programmed to automatically turn down the heat after building is closed.

Staff photos by Bill Bresler

Cops find possible link in murder of 2 teens

By Bill Casper
staff writer

Police now are looking into the possibility that the slaying of 19-year-old Christina Lynn Castiglione of Redford Township may be related to a similar unsolved murder of a 16-year-old South Lyon High School sophomore.

The South Lyon teen, Kimberly Louiselle, was last seen alive March 20, 1982, a year minus a day before Castiglione disappeared from Redford.

Louiselle was last seen getting into a car on Six Mile and Merriman roads in Livonia, about four miles from where Castiglione was last seen hitchhiking along westbound Five Mile near Lola Valley park between Telegraph and Beech Daly.

Both were strangled to death and both bodies were dumped in wooded state game areas of Livingston County.

"WE HAVE looked at that (Louiselle) case, and we will investigate the possibility that the two slayings are connected," said Detective Sgt. John Crete, who is heading the Redford police probe of the Castiglione murder.

"But I want to emphasize that we don't have any evidence at this time to link the two incidents," he said. "We still don't have any solid leads regarding Miss Castiglione's disappearance or slaying. We have checked out and eliminated a number of tips we received from the public."

"We still have maybe five more tips to check out, relating to people we want to talk to," Crete said. "The tips have just about stopped coming except for one letter we received that names a person we

should talk to, and we're in the process of contacting that individual.

"I would like to request that the police telephone numbers be printed again because the more they appear the better the chance someone who knows something might see it and come forth with information that could help us break this case," Crete said.

Anyone with any information on the disappearance and/or slaying of Castiglione is urged to call Redford police at 537-3030 or the Livingston County Sheriff's Department at 517-546-2240.

Livingston County Sheriff Dennis DeBurton, who Thursday confirmed police speculation that the cause of Castiglione's death was due to strangulation, said he thinks there is a possibility the two slayings are related.

HOWEVER, HE too said there is no evidence linking the two murders.

DeBurton said the autopsy report, which he received last week, determined Castiglione was strangled to death. He said she also may have been sexually molested.

"Tests are still being done at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in East Lansing to determine if she was sexually molested," DeBurton said. "But there is some indication at this point that leads us to believe she was."

"Louiselle also was sexually molested, a motive that could link the two slayings," he said. "The method of the killings are the same, and the other similarity between the two slayings is the location where the bodies were left."

Louiselle's nude body was found in the Island Lake recreation area near Kensington Park in Green Oak Township, about 20 miles from where Castiglione's body, naked from the waist up, was found by a hunter near Howell 10 days after she disappeared.

Castiglione was last seen alive shortly after 8 p.m. by her boyfriend, who was traveling as a passenger in a car with a group of friends on westbound Five Mile, according to Redford police.

ONLY HER boyfriend saw her hitchhiking, and police did not say why he didn't ask the driver of the car he was in to stop to pick her up.

They did stop at a party store on Beech Daly and Castiglione's boyfriend parted from his friends to await her arrival, police said. When she didn't show up, he went looking for her.

He is not considered a suspect in the slaying, police said.

Castiglione, who lived with her parents on MacArthur, was a 1982 graduate of Redford Union High School.

The recently organized Redford Union High School Alumni Association has initiated a reward fund to help solve the homicide. The group started the fund with a \$100 donation and are asking for additional contributions to build the fund.

Checks and money orders should be sent to the Christina Castiglione Reward Fund, care of Redford Union Alumni Association, 17711 Kinloch, Redford 48240, according to Sharon Krause, association president.

Girls elude masked man

A 14-year-old Westland girl eluded a masked man in dark clothing who tried to grab her last Thursday night.

In a separate incident the same night, a man grabbed a 16-year-old girl and threw her to the ground. He was frightened off by the teen-ager's screams.

The 14-year-old told police she was walking at the northwest corner of Vansull and Florence shortly after 9 p.m. when she saw a man wearing a dark ski mask with an orange stripe, a dark coat that may have been a sweat jacket, dark pants and tennis shoes approach her.

Police said the man, who came from Florence, was white and had dark hair. He was in his late 20s to early 30s and five feet nine, with a medium build. His hands were dirty, possibly with auto grease.

The man asked the girl where "Adam St." was located, according to police. The teen-ager, frightened because of the man's dress and the way he approached, began to quickly walk away. He then told her, "If you yell I'll hit you hard and hurt you," and tried to grab the girl. She ran away, screaming.

Police said the suspect was last seen running south on Vansull.



Joyce Wheeler, executive secretary of the chamber, sits down with Dan Clifford to review findings of the energy analysis.

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Entry forms listing name, address and telephone number should be pasted to the back of each photograph. Forms are available at WWOCBR member offices.

Winners will be selected in each of the following areas: Detroit, west of Woodward; Northville, Plymouth and Canton; Redford and Livonia; Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi; Garden City, Westland, Wayne, Inkster and Dearborn Heights; Southfield, Bloomfield Hills and West Bloomfield. A panel of judges will announce the winners on June 1.

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LAMAZE
Monday, April 11 — The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association is offering a Lamaze orientation class at 7:30 p.m. in Newburgh Methodist Church in Livonia. This is an introduction to the Lamaze birth technique and features a birth film, "Nan's Class." There is a \$1 charge at the door.

BINGO
Monday, April 11 — The Paralyzed Veterans of Michigan, based in Garden City, will hold a bingo fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m. every Monday in the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ford east of Merriam. Proceeds are used to support programs for the handicapped.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP
Tuesday, April 12 — Women's support group meets 1-4 p.m. every Tuesday afternoon in Room 109, St. John Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road. For more information, call the YMCA at 721-7044.

LATHERS SCHOOL
Tuesday, April 12 — Lathers School PTA will present Mary B'sowl speaking on "what to do when your children won't leave home" at 7:30 p.m. Lathers School is located at 28351 Marquette at Harrison.

MUSIC BOOSTERS
Tuesday, April 12 — The Franklin High School Music Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Patriot Inn in Franklin High School. Parents and students are welcome to attend.

EXERCISE CLASSES
Wednesday, April 13 — An exercise class for mothers with babies and small children will be held 10-11:30 a.m. at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile between Farmington and Levan in Livonia. The class is sponsored by the Lamaze Childbirth Association of Livonia. The fee is \$22. To register, call Yvonne Bouchard at 464-1215.

CRIME PREVENTION
Wednesday, April 13 — The Garden City Police Department's Crime Prevention Bureau will have public meeting at the Maplewood Community Center at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Forgotten Issue within Crime Prevention." The speaker will be Capt. Roger Wilkes, Garden City Police Department. Det. Lt. William Sandman will be available to answer any questions concerning crime, Crime Prevention or Neighborhood Watch. Monthly meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month until June.

AARP MEETING
Wednesday, April 13 — The Dearborn Heights-Westland Chapter 1642 of

community calendar

Non-profit groups should mail items for the calendar to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The date, time and place of the event should be included, along with the name and phone number of someone who can be reached during business hours to clarify information.

the American Association of Retired Persons will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, three blocks west of Beech Daly. Tickets will be on sale for the annual card party to be held at Berwyn Center on May 18 for \$2.50 each.

KITELINE
Wednesday, April 13 — Franklin High School Kite Line will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the principal's conference room. This group is for parents of Franklin High School students to meet and discuss questions and concerns.

BOAT SAFETY
Wednesday, April 13 — A DNR Safe Boating Class sponsored by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Gibraltar Flotilla 11-03, will be held at 7 p.m. in Plymouth Salem High School, Room 2208, free of charge. This class is for 12- to 16-year-olds and is four weeks long.

PRESCHOOL HOUR
Wednesday, April 13 — The Wayne-Westland Public Library will host a six-week series of preschool story hours. Parents may register their children at the library, or by calling 721-7832.

CAMERA CLUB
Wednesday, April 13 — The Westland Camera Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road. "Photo's help when disaster strikes" will be the topic.

FREE CHEESE
Wednesday, April 13 — Free cheese will be given out to Westland residents from 2-4 p.m. at two locations, VFV Hall Post 251, 6149 N. Wayne Road, (phone 326-0110) and Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, (phone 595-0288). Free cheese will also be given out on Thursday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CHINESE AUCTION
Wednesday, April 13 — Boy Scout Troop 740, sponsored by the Lathers School PTA, will hold a Chinese auction at the school, 28351 Marquette, at 7 p.m. Auction envelope can be obtained from a member of Troop 740 at the door of the auction, or by calling 427-6033.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
Friday, April 15 — Last day applications will be accepted for space at the Garden City Jaycees Spring Carnival to be held May 5-8. For information, call 595-6915.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB
Saturday, April 16 — The Metro Wayne Democratic Club is having its annual Spring Dinner Dance at 8 p.m.

in the United Auto Workers Local Hall located at 48055 Michigan Avenue in Canton Township. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$7.50 for seniors and retirees. For more information, call 595-7270.

COMMUNICATIONS
Saturday, April 16 — A communications workshop on public relations, "Bridging the Gap," will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch. For more information call the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at 722-7620.

LIONS CLUB
Sunday, April 17 — The Garden City Lions Club has bingo Sundays in the American Legion Hall, Middlebelt south of Ford. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Silver Bar Restaurant, Middlebelt north of Ford.

BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, April 18 — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary is sponsoring its first blood drive from 2-8 p.m. at the DAV hall, 30942 Ford Road in Garden City. For appointments call 563-7873.

SOFTBALL
Tuesday, April 19 — An organizational meeting for men's morning softball will be held at 10 a.m. in the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road. Teams must be composed of 75 percent Garden City, Wayne-Westland residents. A resident is defined as anyone

living or working 30 hours per week or more in the three cities. Entry fee includes a \$20 forfeit fee which will be refunded at the end of the season if no games are forfeited. Call 729-4560 for more information.

WILL/LIVING TRUST
Tuesday, April 19 — A lecture and discussion session on Will and Living Trusts will be held from 10-11 a.m. in the Westland Center Auditorium, downstairs in the Emporium. The seminar is free, but reservations are necessary. Call 425-5001. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served.

STRESS
Wednesday, April 20 — The American Lung Association's Breathers Club will feature Alan Schmidt speaking on the garden at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3 of the Garden City Hospital, 6245 N. Inkster Road.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
Table space for arts and crafts are available for St. Thomas A' Becket Festival on Memorial Day weekend, May 27-29. The cost for a seven-foot area is \$25. Call 981-0306. St. Thomas is located at Lilley and Cherry roads in Canton.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Garden City at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, April 18, 1983, at 7:15 P.M. for discussion of the following:
On Business License fees
RONALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer
Publish April 11, 1983

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
RESOLUTION NO. 3-83-086
ORDINANCE NO. A-83-003

The City Council hereby adopts and establishes the following salary ranges for its Supervisory, Technical, Non-Union and Administrative Employees for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 1983.

POSITION	SALARY ORDINANCE - SUPERVISORY, TECHNICAL, NON-UNION, ADMINISTRATIVE				
	EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1983				
	A	B	C	D	E
City Manager	\$37,476	\$9,725	\$41,316	\$3,282	\$5,561
Police Chief	\$2,833	\$4,265	\$3,979	\$7,777	\$9,666
Fire Chief	31,079	\$2,633	\$4,265	\$5,978	\$7,777
City Clerk-Treasurer	30,068	\$3,372	\$3,150	\$4,808	\$6,548
DPS Director	29,758	\$1,288	\$2,852	\$4,455	\$6,420
Parks & Recreation Director	28,379	\$9,798	\$1,288	\$3,853	\$4,595
Deputy Treasurer	24,012	\$2,812	\$2,673	\$2,796	\$2,186
Dir. of Administrative Serv.	23,736	\$4,929	\$6,169	\$7,477	\$8,851
Community Development Dir.	23,726	\$4,923	\$6,169	\$7,477	\$8,851
DPS Supervisor	23,643	\$4,648	\$26,111	\$2,447	\$2,789
City Building Inspector	23,671	\$4,655	\$6,098	\$7,403	\$8,772
Parks Supervisor	23,152	\$4,310	\$5,525	\$2,802	\$2,142
Recreation Supervisor	19,943	\$2,940	\$1,987	\$2,086	\$2,240
Recreation Program Supervisor	14,872	\$5,617	\$6,527	\$7,417	\$8,078
Senior Citizen Supervisor	14,272	\$4,990	\$19,240	\$6,522	\$7,354
Executive Secretary	17,902	\$8,797	\$19,737	\$2,724	\$2,760
Senior Secretary	16,605	\$7,435	\$8,307	\$19,212	\$2,183
District Court Judge					Maximum provided by law

Personnel included in this employee group (with the exception of the District Court Judge) will be evaluated every six months according to performance standards approved by the City Manager. The pay ranges for each position shall be adjusted as part of the annual budget review process and shall reflect comparability with bench mark positions in other communities. Salary adjustments for the City Manager shall be approved by the City Council. The City Manager shall authorize salary changes within the ranges established for all other positions, based upon documented performance.
VINCENT J. FORDSELL, Mayor
RONALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk
Adopted: March 21, 1983
Published: April 11, 1983

campus news

FERRIS STATE COLLEGE

Kim Cesarz, a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, received a Second-Year Award and the Dean's Academic Award at Ferris State. Cesarz, a sophomore who is on the college's women's basketball team, compiled a 3.28 honor point average in accounting.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Twelve Westland residents were among those honored at U of M-Ann Arbor's annual Honors at Convocation recently. All of the 12 earned Class Honors for maintaining an undergraduate academic record of at least half A's

and half B's for two terms, or one term for new students, during 1982.

In addition, three of them were named James B. Angell Scholars. They maintained an all-A record for two or more consecutive terms as undergraduates. The three are Stacey O'Toole, of the Residential College; and Robert Gerber and Timothy Powell, both of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts.

The remaining honor students from Westland are: Michael Caruana and Raymond Macika, both of the College of Engineering; Lisa Hartsell, Paul Helgren, Kathleen Saenz and Elizabeth Stokinger, all of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts; Katherine Klemann, of the School of Music; Geraldine Savage, of the School of Nursing; and Tony Orlando.

obituaries

EVELYN MAY FOURNIER

Services for Evelyn May Fournier of Westland were held April 6 from the Ross B. Northrop & Son Funeral Home. A. Theodore Halsted officiated. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery. Mrs. Fournier, 68, died April 3. She was a homemaker. Surviving are sons, Donald J. of Canton and Robert J. of Detroit, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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Blanchard's challenge: control costs

NOW THAT Gov. James Blanchard has cleared his first big hurdle by securing legislative approval of an income tax increase, he and his administration should find ways to deal with the problems that made a tax increase necessary.

It might be easy to slide away from dealing with the complexities involved in evaluating how state government money is spent. It might be tempting to focus on any number of projects that would enhance the reputation of the new administration — jobs programs, for example.

But now is precisely the time for the new administration to judge the programs the state is funding and to determine where scarce resources can be saved. Two areas especially need looking into: the escalating costs of social welfare and the higher education system.

There may be little sentiment within the administration for talking about cutting social welfare costs at a time of high unemployment, but that

phase of the budget accounts for 37 percent of the state budget, and increasingly the public is becoming restive about these costs.

THERE IS also the enormous task of evaluating the condition of our colleges and universities, which are declining in enrollments, funds and reputation.

Each college and university feels it should have certain prerogatives in developing and maintaining programs, but a serious coordinated effort must be made to consider elimination of duplicating services.

The tendency at this point might be for the governor to forego the rigors of hassling over budgetary matters to try to restore his image as a Democrat who is really and primarily concerned about unemployment and the creation of jobs and lose his image as the man who raised the income tax.

The governor campaigned hard to create an enduring image of himself as the governor who would provide "jobs, jobs, jobs" for the unemployed. But there is a big difference between running for political office and running a state government.

In fact, a governor can do little to restore the health of a state's economy — state government hasn't the power — or to actually create jobs. What he can do is work at creating the kind of climate which attracts businesses and business investment.

Blanchard has made a good start in this direction by appointing three major committees. The governor will be able, no doubt, to do other things to try to deal with the unemployment problems caused not as much by state problems as by national and even world economic problems.

But his real business as governor should be to work at making state government more efficient. This means taking head-on the problems involved in getting under control the burgeoning costs of social welfare and fashioning an educational system which will eliminate costly duplications while maintaining reputable institutions.

To the extent that he shows progress in these areas, he will be succeeding in his charge as governor. To the extent that he delays and becomes involved in other issues, he will be losing the opportunity to make progress.

TO THE shallow cameras of TV, the news seemed to be that Robert A. Ficano would take over the office of Wayne County sheriff from Loren Pittman at 8 a.m. today.

To legal scholars, the news was that former deputy county clerk Ficano had title to the office because he was appointed under state law by a panel of other county officials. County Executive William Lucas had named Pittman to succeed him only under provisions of the new county charter. It was the inferior claim.

The power struggle behind the scenes is murkier. And it's not over.

Loren Pittman knew when he walked into Circuit Judge Paul Ternaes' courtroom Wednesday that he would be a loser. He sat next to me. He told me so.

The court argument Wednesday was over the time that Pittman would actually vacate the office he has been occupying for a little more than three months. Pittman, under-sheriff to former sheriff William Lucas for 13 years, was named sheriff by Lucas in December.

put out the word six days early and then wouldn't invite Ficano to the ceremony announcing the contract. Lucas already has won that round.

• Court staffing. The Sheriff's Department is to take over guard duties in Recorder's Court from the Detroit Police Department. The court assignments are considered a lot pleasanter than jail duty, which is what most sheriff's deputies are engaged in these days. Court guards get to keep business hours. One suspects that the longer the Lucas-Pittman team can hang onto the sheriff's office, the more assigning they can do.

• Hines Park patrols. Ignoring Ficano, Lucas announced the Sheriff's Department would begin patrols in the 22-mile Hines Park soon. There is still work to be done, however, in negotiating with local officials on scheduling. Ficano would like to do that work.

• Other patrols. It's still under wraps, but there is a possibility of other kinds of patrol work which could be done by the Sheriff's Department.

All these matters are coming to a head. A clear winner in the court battle, Ficano is understandably eager to get his hands on the levers and understandably suspicious about the other guy's reluctance to depart the office.



Bob Wisler



Tim Richard

Sure-fire predictions: Oscar losers

ONCE AGAIN it's time to pick the Oscar losers. Losers? That's right. Anyone can and has picked the winners. I, for one, am tired of hearing about the winners.

Picking the losers is getting harder every year. I wish the Academy would make it easier, like nominating Arnold Schwarzenegger for "Conan the Barbarian." I can't complain too much, though. My picks this year are as solid as a crew of dogs as Admiral Byrd ever hitched to a sled.

Without further ado, here are the candidates least likely to win an Oscar:

WORST BEST PICTURE NOMINEE: "Missing." There ought to be a saying in Hollywood: "If you want to send a message, get Western Union. If you want to distribute propaganda, get Costa-Gavras." Sorry, Cos, but we know one director who's going to have an Oscar missing from his mantle this year.

WORST BEST ACTOR NOMINEE: Jack Lemmon for "Missing." Enough's enough already with this Lemmon. The guy got an Oscar for "Paper Tiger" in 1973. Isn't it time to stop nominating him to be an also-ran? Let's wait another 10 years and give him one of those special Oscars.

WORST BEST ACTRESS NOMINEE: Julie Andrews for "Victor/Victoria." I can see the Academy nominators hashing out the Best Actress field: "You mean Marsha Mason hasn't done anything this year? Well, who are we going to throw in to fill out the list of nominees? Geez, and she was so handy — when you honor her, you also honor Doc Simon. Wait a minute! Julie Andrews did all right playing a woman playing a man playing a woman in 'Victor/Victoria.' And she's married to a Hollywood big shot — director Blake Edwards. It's a natural!" For rounding out the list, maybe.

DIRECTOR NOMINEE WITH LEAST CHANCE: Wolfgang Petersen for "Das Boot." Wolfgang did an excellent job, but the odds are against him. Statistics show that no one named Wolfgang has ever won an Oscar.

WORST BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR NOMINEE: Robert Preston in "Victor/Victoria." Preston was fine, but his nomination is suspect in that it may have been engineered by Blake Edwards, director of "Victor/Victoria." Really, didn't Edwards do some politicking to get his picture so many nominations? No doubt he'll reissue the film with ads saying "Nominated For Three — Count 'Em — Three Academy Awards."

WORST BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS NOMINEE: Lesley Anne Warren for "Victor/Victoria." See the Best Actress and Best Supporting Actor comments.

WORST BEST ORIGINAL SONG: "If We Were in Love" from "Yes, Giorgio." If the Academy were wise, it would have "Second City Television's" John Candy, dressed in his Luciano Pavarotti makeup, sing this song on the awards telecast. That, at any rate, would be intentionally funny.

There you have it. And, I might add, I was 100 percent accurate last year. Nobody I said would lose won. How many of your top-notch film critics can say the same?



Richard Lech

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Burroughs plant situation 'stabilized' — Blumenthal

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Burroughs Corp. workers who feared the Plymouth Township plant might be closed could breathe a little easier after board Chairman W. Michael Blumenthal's remarks last week.

"The situation was deteriorating," Blumenthal said, "but now it has stabilized."

Blumenthal held a news conference prior to Thursday's stockholders meeting in the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium and was asked about the Plymouth situation. The international manufacturer of business computers had considered shifting many manufacturing operations to the non-union, lower wage-paying South.

Asked if any work would soon be moved out of Michigan, Blumenthal answered flatly, "No," then added:

"THE NECESSARY but painful process of restructuring has pretty well been completed. The labor-management committees in Plymouth are going well. We will continue the present production there through 1986. "We are looking at putting other (products) there."

Blumenthal put Burroughs' employment in Michigan at 4,000, down from the 5,500 of about two years ago. "I



W. Michael Blumenthal no 'no' for Michigan

would hope as business increases, that would increase," he said.

"Some (Michigan) costs are higher, some are not, but it's really a question of productivity. With the kind of cooperation we're getting — increasing productivity — there is no reason why production can't increase. This is our home state."

DOES THAT mean expansion at the

Plymouth plant?

"You're re-interpreting what I said somewhat more exuberantly than I intended," replied Blumenthal between puffs on a cigar.

"Results have been good. It doesn't mean we are exuberantly happy. The situation was deteriorating. It has now stabilized. We can look to the future with more optimism."

Last fall Burroughs negotiated wage concessions of \$1 an hour over the next three years.

Early in 1981 Burroughs closed its Wayne plant, consolidating operations in Plymouth, and citing wage differ-

entials of \$3 to nearly \$4 an hour between UAW rates in southeastern Michigan and rates in Florida, California and the East Coast.

ON OTHER matters, Burroughs officials reported:

- Employment worldwide was down to 62,000 from 66,900 at the end of 1981.

- Revenues in 1982 topped \$4 billion for the first time, up 23 percent from 1981.

- But net income was \$117 million, down 21 percent from the previous year's \$149 million and "less than we

had hoped for," in the words of finance VP James Unruh. Major reason: Burroughs stopped marketing several older products and wrote them off as losses, reducing net income by \$84 million.

- Capital expenditures fell to \$225 million in 1982 from nearly \$246 million a year earlier. But Blumenthal said 1983 capital outlay would rise 10 or 15 percent to the \$265 million range, and engineering, research and development would get 20 percent more.

RECOVERY IS under way, but Blumenthal's personal view is that much depends on what happens to "real" interest rates — the difference between

the bank rate and the rate of inflation. "They ought to come down . . . but if that is not the case, then I am somewhat nervous," he said.

Burroughs will not move into the personal or home computers business. Said Paul Stern, 44, who became president last year: "One of our company's traditions has been to create uniquely appropriate solutions for large, sophisticated customers who need to process huge volumes of data at very high speeds. We've achieved significant gains in speed and memory capacity, while cutting the system's air conditioning and power requirements in half."

outdoors

Fly expert to talk on Huron trout

By Lem Messee
outdoors writer

There's trout fishing going on. It's only a half-hour drive. It's happening even though the regular trout season doesn't open until April 24.

And you can learn about the kinds of artificial flies those trout will hit when the Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Father Lord-Knights of Columbus Hall at 39050 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Dan Davis, expert from the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, will talk about fly

patterns and tactics on the Huron River, where 2,400 adult brown and rainbow trout were released March 29.

The "catch and release" season started April 1 on the stretch of the river in the Proud Lake-State Recreation Area in western Oakland County. That stretch runs from the little Moss Lake dam to a point 100 yards downstream (west) of Wixom Road.

The Huron River from there to Main Street in Milford is a designated trout stream and may not be fished at all until the official trout opener April 30. After that date (the last Saturday in

April), the entire stretch — from Moss Lake to Milford — is open to regular trout fishing.

A family-oriented club, Four Seasons is also planning a perch outing, and members will swap their own latest fishing reports. Visitors are welcome, and refreshments will be served, said club spokesman Tony Brehler.

BELLEVILLE LAKE, with its unrestrained speeders who buzz fishermen, has never been among my favorite waters. But the piscatorial fact is that it's one of southern Michigan's best fishing

waters, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

Nearly 10 years after total fish removal and restocking, Belleville, an impoundment of the Huron River in western Wayne County, never looked better. Said DNR's report:

A netting survey last fall produced "bluegills averaging seven inches each; walleyes everywhere, ranging to 27 inches long; channel catfish, many 'hogs' to 14 pounds; plus excellent angler reports of trophy large and small-mouth bass, not to mention the occasional tiger musky."

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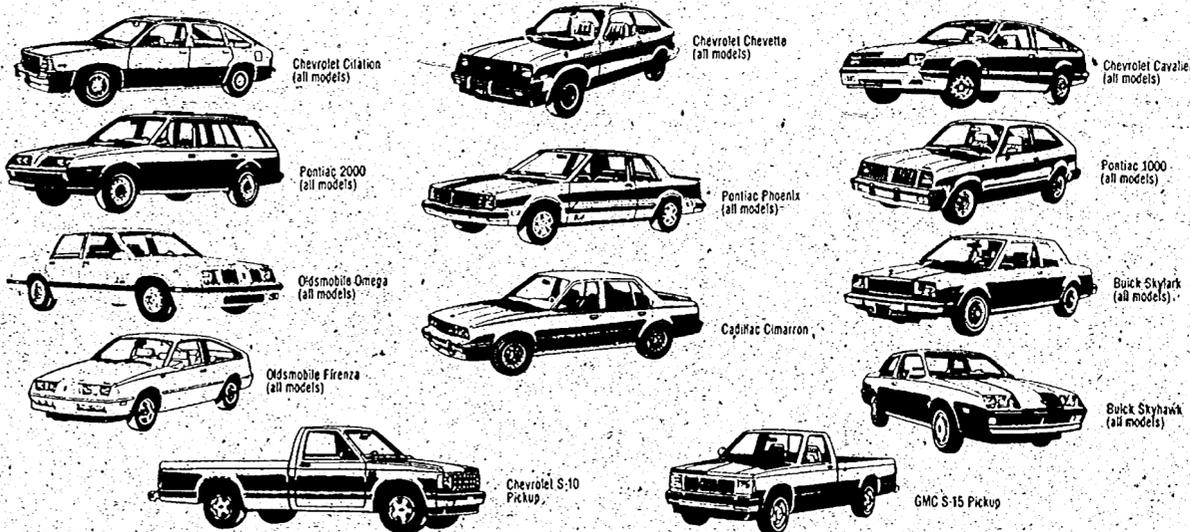
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Escargots... Watch Them Go!

Within the past decade, small gems of French cuisine have found their way into American hearts... quiches, crêpes and Brie, for instance. Another great French favorite, the escargot, is rapidly joining the ranks of delicious discoveries we wonder how we ever lived without.

Escargots, you might say, are French soul food, enjoyed by everyone from presidents to farmers, from grand-père to les enfants. They are featured in restaurants from expensive Paris eateries to neighborhood bistros, and on family tables as well. Sizzling hot, succulent, aromatic, escargots are adding new excitement to our own parties.

We need to get better acquainted with the virtuous escargot. The aristocrat of the table is the Helix variety from France and central Europe, white or gray with a distinctively spiral shell. A land-lubber cousin of the clam and oyster, escargots travel through life at three inches per minute, devouring vines and grasses. The creature's sex life is as odd as its appearance, for the escargot is a true hermaphrodite with both male and female characteristics. This seems confusing, but escargots seem to work it out all right.

While today's escargots are associated with France, their appeal has been universal since antiquity. The Chinese considered them a delicacy, especially served with shark fins and plover eggs. Escargots have been favorites of the pleasure-loving Romans since the days when women gathered them while their husbands hunted bigger game. Later the Romans bred escargots, fattening them in pens until they got too chubby to crawl back into their shells. Caesar and his legions, in fact, introduced the escargot to the French, who instantly knew a good thing when they found it. Napoleon loved escargots, and issued them as rations for his troops.

The ancients also knew that the marvelous gastropod offered excellent nutrition. Escargots cruised the Mediterranean with sailors, providing a source of fresh food. The meat is almost 100 percent protein and also provides vitamin C and minerals. And escargots are good news for dieters; each half-ounce escargot has only six calories.

You can purchase escargots in cans, with or without shells, in gourmet shops and most supermarkets. They come in three sizes: very large (très gros), extra large (extra gros), and giant (géant).

The French traditionally prepare escargots in the Burgundian fashion, served in the shell with a winey, garlic-herb butter. A pincer is used to hold the shell, while a tiny fork extracts the aromatic morsel. Recently, the escargot has come out of its shell to take bows in a variety of wonderful party dishes. They provide a great Sunday brunch, for instance, mixed with scrambled eggs, chopped parsley, and minced shallots, topped with crumbled St. Paulin or Roquefort cheese.

Cassolettes d'Escargots combines them with a wine and garlic cream sauce; Escargots Classique offers them in beautifully seasoned red or white French wine sauces; Escargots en Brochette skewers them with bacon; Escargots des Bois finds them stuffing large fresh mushroom caps.

Plump, tender, exquisitely delicious, new to many American palates, escargots are a true treasure at party time. Watch them go!



GO FOR MORE FREE ESCARGOTS RECIPES

We're so enthusiastic about escargots that we gathered more recipes than we had space to run. An attractive recipe leaflet, illustrated in color, entitled "The Civilized Escargot," is yours for the asking. Also two additional recipes for:

- **Potage aux Escargots**—A velvety cream soup enlivened with leeks, celery, and French dry vermouth, garnished with chopped fresh fennel leaves. Most unusual, a real winner for parties.
- **Quiche aux Escargots**—Another party superstar teaming escargots in a creamy filling with French dry white wine and shredded Beaumont or St. Paulin cheese. Crust from packaged mix.

To receive your recipes and "The Civilized Escargot," send a stamped, self-addressed No. 10 envelope to: Food and Wines from France, Dept. C-E, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

ESCARGOTS EN BROCHETTE (Snail Kabobs)

- (Makes about 6 servings)
- 1 can (approx. 8 oz., 36 in. each can) extra large escargots
 - 12 slices bacon, each slice 1/4 inch thick and cut into 4 pieces
 - 1/2 cup melted butter
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/4 cup minced parsley
 - 1 clove garlic, mashed
 - 2 teaspoons minced shallots
 - 2 cups fine dry bread crumbs

Spear snails on skewers alternating them with pieces of bacon. Combine butter, salt, pepper, parsley, garlic and shallots. Brush mixture thickly over snails and bacon. Press kabobs into crumbs coating them completely. Place skewers on a rack in a shallow pan. Drip remaining butter mixture over kabobs. Broil slowly until brown and crisp. Turn, drip with butter and broil until brown. Serve very hot.

ESCARGOTS DES BOIS (Snails in Mushroom Caps)

- (Makes about 6 servings)
- 12 large size fresh mushrooms
 - 2 T. lemon juice
 - Salt and pepper
 - 2 cans (approx. 5 oz., 12 in each can) large escargots, drained
 - 1/4 cup butter
 - 1/4 cup minced parsley
 - 1/4 cup minced shallots
 - 1 garlic clove, minced
 - Dash Cayenne
 - 1 T. each French dry white wine and lemon juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt

Stem mushrooms. Trim stems and chop finely. Place caps hollow side up on cookie sheet or shallow baking pan. Sprinkle caps with lemon juice and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place escargots into caps. In bowl, mash butter until soft and creamy. Stir in chopped mushroom stems, parsley, shallots, garlic, Cayenne, wine, lemon juice and salt. Spoon mixture over escargots. Bake in preheated hot oven (400° F.) for 15 minutes or until piping hot. Serve garnished with parsley and cherry tomato halves, if desired.

CASSOLETTES D'ESCARGOTS

- (Makes about 6 servings)
- 1/4 cup butter
 - 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 - 2 shallots, chopped
 - 2 T. chopped parsley
 - 1 lb. small button mushrooms, trimmed
 - 1 can (approx. 8 oz., 36 in each can) extra large escargots, drained
 - 1 cup Alsace Riesling wine
 - 1 cup (1/2 pint) heavy cream
 - 1 T. flour
 - Salt and pepper
 - Dash nutmeg
 - 6 slices toasted French baguette

In a large sautépan, heat butter and sauté garlic, shallots, parsley and mushrooms for 5 minutes. Stir in escargots and wine. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Mix cream and flour until smooth, pour into sautépan and stir until thickened. Simmer, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Place slices of baguette into bottom of 6 individual casseroles. Spoon escargots and sauce over top. Serve at once.

ESCARGOTS CLASSIQUE

- (Sauce for about 24 escargots shells)
- 24 large escargots
- Red Wine Sauce:** 1/2 cup dry French red wine, 1-1/2 cups soft butter, 2 shallots, minced, 2 cloves garlic, mashed, 2 T. minced parsley
- OR White Wine Sauce:** 1/2 cup dry French white wine, 1-1/2 cups soft butter, 1 shallot, minced, 1/2 teaspoon Herbes de Provence, 2 T. minced celery leaves

Drain escargots and mix with wine. Simmer for 2 minutes, then let cool in wine and drain. Mix butter, shallots, garlic and parsley or mix butter, shallot, Herbes de Provence and celery. Put about 1/2 teaspoon butter mixture into escargot shell, add an escargot and then seal shell with one teaspoon of the butter mixture. Place filled shells into shallow escargot pan and bake in preheated hot oven (425° F.) for 5 to 6 minutes or until butter is melted and escargots are very hot. Serve with escargots pincers and forks.

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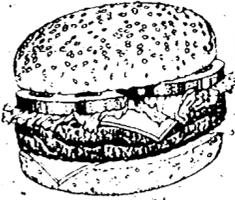
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Sweet-tooth treat at RenCen Friday

If you are an unrepentant dessert lover, you can give your sweet tooth a real work out Friday as the Renaissance Center wraps up a week of celebrating its sixth birthday with a "How Sweet It Is" party.

Many of the RenCen's restaurants will be offering samples of their desserts for 50 cents. The sampling will be done on the Promenade Stage of the Westin Hotel beginning at noon.

Among the 'goodies' to be tasted are fruit dipped in chocolate from Godiva Chocolates, fruit jello from Bagel Nosh, strawberry pie from Big Boy, fudge, cheese corn and caramel corn from Otto's and Stro's will be there with six flavors of Jice cream. Nemo's will offer cheesecake, Dionysos some baklava and even McDonald's will be there with orange drink and pie. The Koney, Island Inn will serve rice pudding and the Cookie Machine brownies.

The Kyoto restaurant will be serving Rice Pudding with Mandarin Oranges, the recipe for which they are sharing with dessert lovers who'd like to try to match their at-home skills against the Kyoto's chef. Also sharing is the Westin Hotel: Its restaurants will be serving Coupe Grinzin - Sour Cherries with Kirsch Creme, Black Forest Torte Squares and Mandarin Mousse with Whipped Cream and Mandarin

Orange. Here are the recipes for the Mousse and the Kyoto Rice Pudding.

LAFONTAINE'S MANDARIN MOUSSE

- 6 egg yolks
- 6 tbs powdered sugar
- 12 egg whites
- 7 tbs granulated sugar
- 1 pt. whipping cream
- Fresh orange juice (to taste)
- Grand Marnier (to taste)
- 1 tbs grated orange peel

Whip egg yolks with powdered sugar until a ribbon forms when beater is removed. Next whip egg whites until soft peaks form, gradually adding granulated sugar. Whip cream until firm. Fold yolk mixture into cream, adding several drops of fresh orange juice and one tablespoon of grated orange peel which has been soaked in Grand Marnier for one hour. Fold in beaten egg whites, chill and serve.

KYOTO RICE PUDDING

- 1 cup rice
- 5 cups milk
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 can of mandarin oranges
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 tbs cream (half and half)

Simmer rice and milk for two hours. Add eggs, vanilla and cream, stir in mandarin oranges, chill and serve.



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Greg Melikov

Food shopping, Florida-style: Leave cash, checks at home

Grocery shopping enters the next phase of the electronic era in 1983: "super marketing."

The innovator: Publix supermarket chain.

The state: Florida. The benefits: Publix will make money; participating financial institutions will save money; customers can leave cash as well as checkbooks home.

Shoppers will be able to wait into any of the 275 Publix stores in the Sunshine State and pay for their groceries electronically.

Since 1975, when Hollywood Federal Savings and Loan Association began installing automatic tellers in Publix stores in Broward County, the two outfits have experimented with the machines.

Automatic tellers have proven popular in Hollywood. In October, 79,000 Hollywood Federal customers used the machines at just one of the 30 stores in Broward.

"I DON'T think you can pick a better location than a Publix store," said R. John Bianco, vice president of payment systems at Hollywood Federal.

Fifty to 20,000 people a week go into each of their stores. Where else can a bank put a machine that would be a better location?"

Publix is outfitting the remainder of its Florida stores with \$8.3-million worth of automatic tellers to form what it says will be the first super marketing network in the nation.

After a shopper selects the groceries, Publix will transfer payment from the customer's banking or savings account directly into his or her Publix account at the check-out counter.

Any financial institution can participate by linking up with the Publix computer in Lakeland. The charge, from \$5,000 to \$130,000, will be based on the institution's size and the types of transactions it authorizes on the Publix machines.

So far, 25 banks, savings and loans and credit unions, mostly headquartered in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, have agreed to join the teller-machine network.

While Publix will charge financial institutions an additional fee of five to 60 cents per transaction, none of the banks, S&Ls or credit unions plans to

charge their customers for using the machines because they'll be saving money. It costs \$1 to \$1.50 for a human teller to process a withdrawal, according to Bianco.

Electronic funds transfers for the Nashville-based Financial Institution Services Inc., which is marketing the network for the supermarket chain.

"This levels the playing field between the small guy and the big guy," Mardis said.

Publix will be able to generate lobby traffic and fee income. It will show a profit on the investment by processing more than 6,000 transactions per machine monthly, said Howard M. Jenkins, Publix vice president of research and development.

In addition, the network is expected to reduce bad-check losses that run several million dollars a year. The losses are so burdensome that Publix plans to begin another experiment in March. "Debit-card readers" will be installed

in its five Hollywood stores at a total cost of \$100,000.

Debit cards look like plastic credit cards, but are used to withdraw funds from a user's account and deposit them immediately in the account of a place of purchase. This could spell the beginning of the end for checks nationwide.

FOR EXAMPLE, a Publix customer using a debit card would wheel the groceries to a check-out line to learn the total amount of the purchase. He or she would insert the debit card in a reader the size of a file-card box and enter his or her secret code, using a keypad on the box. The amount of the purchase would be withdrawn from the customer's financial institution account and be deposited directly in the Publix account.

Electronic funds transfers will guarantee Publix receipt of money owed and allow it immediate use of those funds as well as cutting down on bad-check losses.

Super marketing has a bright future, Publix believes, and the chain is banking on it.

Hard-to-break habit

Do you buy and eat foods out of habit? Most people do.

Habit was sighted as the principle factor that determines nutrition practices in a recent study by the Community Nutrition Institute and Marketing Science Institute. It was found that what people like or dislike is the most powerful influence on the foods they buy and eat.

Other important factors that shape the American diet are concerns with staying within the food budget and concerns about weight and dieting. It was found that almost two out of three persons said they had tried to lose weight in the last year and almost half said that controlling the weight of family members is an important consideration in food selection.

Simple as cake

No-knead bread is easy to make

Kneading is unnecessary for this bread, as the name no-knead bread indicates. No-knead bread is an easy, quick method of bread preparation — as easy as preparing a cake.

Similar to batter breads, no-knead bread dough can be shaped and baked on cookie sheets.

NO-KNEAD GRANOLA-HONEY BRAID
1 package active dry yeast

- 1/4 cup warm water (105 to 115°)
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup lukewarm milk (scalded then cooled)
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 cups granola (any flavor) crushed
- 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- Granola Filling*below
- Honey Butter Glaze*below
- Dissolve yeast in warm water. Stir in

eggs, milk, margarine, honey, granola, 1 cup of the flour and the salt. Stir in remaining flour; continue stirring, scraping dough from side of bowl, until soft, sticky dough forms. Cover and let rise in warm place until double, about 1 hour. (Dough is ready if indentation remains when touched.)

Stir down dough by beating about 25 strokes: Turn dough onto well-floured surface; roll or pat into rectangle, 18 x 12 inches. Prepare Granola Filling; spread evenly over dough. Cut dough into 3 strips, 18 x 4 inches. Roll each strip into rope; pinch edges and ends to seal. Place ropes diagonally and close together on lightly greased cookie sheet. Braid ropes gently and loosely. Do not stretch. Pinch ends to fasten; tuck under securely. Cover and let rise until 1 1/2 times original size, about 30 minutes. Place oven rack below center of oven. Heat oven to 350°. Bake until braid is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped, 20 to 25 minutes. (If braid is browning too quickly, cover loosely with aluminum foil.) Cool slightly; spread with Honey Butter Glaze.



This No-Knead Granola-Honey Braid looks as good as it tastes.

*GRANOLA FILLING: Mix 1 cup granola (any flavor), crushed, 1/2 cup honey and 1/2 cup firm margarine or butter.
*HONEY BUTTER GLAZE: 1/4 cup powdered sugar, 2 tbs margarine or butter, softened, 1/4 cup honey, 1 to 2 tbs milk. Mix all ingredients until smooth and of desired consistency.

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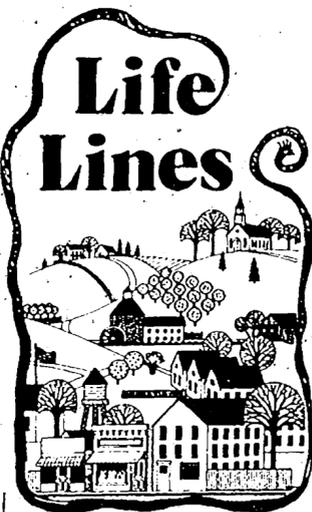
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THE AMERICAN Lung Association now is accepting applications for Camp Sun Deer, its free summer camp for kids with asthma. Applications must be completed by the child's parent and physician by Monday, May 16. The camp will be held June 26 to July 2. Eighty-five asthmatic children ages 9-12 who are Michigan residents will enjoy a week of boating, swimming, archery, nature hikes, arts and crafts and special activities. Camp Sun Deer is located at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center on Clear Lake, near Dowling.

LUNCHEON and fashion extravaganza are on tap at Fairlane Manor in Dearborn Saturday, May 14, for the benefit of the Myasthenia Gravis Association. Fashions will be Saks Fifth Avenue. Door prizes will include some nifties from Saks as well as area merchants. Donation is \$20.

THE STAFF and board of directors of First Step, the Westland-based agency which fights domestic violence, are screening applicants for the job of executive director. The position was recently vacated by Gayle Mattson-Croninger of Ann Arbor. Until the job is filled, Millie Jaffe of Livonia will be acting director, and Cheryl Bader of Plymouth will continue her work as director of First Step's shelter for battered women and children. Volunteers are still needed by the organization, according to Judy McDonald, coordinator of volunteers. They can become peer counselor advocates or children's advocates. Or they can be involved in fund raising or community education. To call First Step, dial 425-8000.

THE BETTS art show will appear in Livonia Mall Wednesday to Saturday, April 13-17. There will be a variety of art media and performing artists.

EVERYBODY loves to eat fresh, tasty, home-cooked meals and still lose weight. Nobody knows more about how to do it than Weight Watchers' executive chef Larry Janes. He'll be conducting low-calorie cooking demonstrations at Wonderland Center 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, and at 10 a.m. and noon Wednesday, April 20. On Thursday, April 21, he'll be at Mid-8 Center at Middlebelt and Eight Mile roads. As with all WW demonstrations, free recipes will be given to all those who attend.

COFFEE lovers should mark their calendars for a taste-tasting experience by Leonard Sokol on how to make delicious coffee drinks using a variety of coffee beans at Hudson's Westland store from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21.

MAJOR BANKS will be giving away a Family Affairs Check List and Balance Sheet in observance of Family Affairs Month that started April 1. The check list-balance sheet will aid families to determine their net worth and whether they have taken care of important financial matters. It also should serve as encouragement for the heads of households to establish a plan for retirement and family financial security.

SEVERAL area artists are involved in the second annual demonstrating art fair "Objects of Art" 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Ss. Peter and Paul, 7718 Westwood, Detroit. Livonians who will exhibit are Margene Mieras with stenciling and Bruce Modetz with stained glass and Tiffany-style lamps. Westlanders exhibiting are Patricia Storey with dried and silk flowers; Betty Wotring with oils on wood and canvas; and Marci Zyck with children's clothing.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Tom Hamilton knows of several objects that can help the homeowner save water.

Savings on tap

Gadgets squeeze savings from water bill

By Sherry Kahan
staff writer

Not everyone knows that people pay water bills for water entering the house and sewage bills for water leav-

ing the house. However, most people are aware that heating water is costly.

So it seems clear that any way an individual can reduce water use will save him money. Fortunately modern technology has come up with several inexpensive ways to do this.

Involved in the business of selling these items is Tom Hamilton. He has several that cost less than \$8.

Sales manager of Aqua Miser Inc. in Farmington Hills, Hamilton is a wholesaler who sells flow-restricting showerheads. These easily connected devices not only reduce shower water usage, they cut down on the heating of hot water.

Hamilton also sells a toilet dam that can be placed in the toilet tank. It is made of two pieces of plastic over flexible steel. Bend it to form a protective ring around the drain, and it could save you half the water ordinarily used in a flush, noted Hamilton.

When the toilet flushes, down whooshes the water that is inside the dam. The water outside remains, and does not have to be added again and again when the tank fills up.

"The average tank holds six gallons," said Hamilton. "Using this hedge around the drain saves up to three gallons per flush. Most people don't realize that 45 percent of the water bill is from toilet use."

The two toilet dam panels cost \$6.95.

HAMILTON'S MAIN business dealings are with owners of rental property and motels, who, unlike the homeowner, have many, many toilets and showers in service.

"The restricting of water through the showerhead does not affect the pressure of the spray," he explained. "It cuts down the water used by a standard showerhead by about one-third. It puts out 2.45 gallons per minute compared to a standard showerhead which uses seven to eight gallons per minute."

"The reason the spray continues to be strong is because the aperture openings are smaller than average. The aerator plate on the underside has fewer holes and smaller holes. As the water rushes in, it has a smaller area to go through. This creates more pressure. The water is fighting to get through."

Hamilton estimates that showering is responsible for 30 percent of the water bill.

Various kinds of restrictors are available. One that is popular with rental property owners is vandalproof, according to Hamilton. It is put on with a tiny Allen head screw that requires a difficult to buy tool to remove. Therefore, it is difficult to carry it away.

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A flow restrictor showerhead is in the background. A flow restrictor for a faucet is in the foreground.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Dave Rhode displays two of his wood carvings on exhibit through April 30 at Alfred Noble Library.

Artist carves name for himself in wood

By Sherry Kahan
staff writer

Dave Rhode of Livonia was about 39 when he took up a hobby he now describes as "the greatest thing I've ever gotten into."

Woodcarving was his thing then, and it still is. He joined the Livonia Woodcarvers Association, and took his chisels to a continuing education class taught by Roy Sipes. Later he became a student of George J. Kellhofer, a master wood carver from Germany whose woodcarving studio is in Frankenmuth.

It's a real commitment. The class meets for three hours Friday nights, and the drive is at least three hours roundtrip.

HOW TO SHARPEN his tools correctly and how to control them, were the lessons that the beginning carver first picked up. Next he had to learn how to make a cut in the wood with audacity and aggressiveness, with courage and confidence.

"Most amateur woodcarvers worry about

taking off too much wood," he said. "You have to concentrate on not taking too much off in the wrong place. You can recover from an error as long as it's not too severe."

But the Rhode eye and the Rhode hand were steady. So that four years later he has completed enough work to have his own exhibit in Alfred Noble Library on Plymouth, west of Farmington in Livonia.

It will be there until April 30.

"IT TAKES PATIENCE," said Rhode in what may be the understatement of the year. Look at the fingers on the hands of Jesus in his crucifixion carving. A false move could mean disaster. The rib cage must be gradually gouged out ever so delicately.

"The rib cage and the face were the hardest parts for me," he said. Nor were the eyes easy. "It was difficult to get depth around the eyes and eyelids without losing detail," he explained.

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Women and communications: Men make the rules

The real challenge for women who want to be successful whether it be in business or interpersonal relationships is to learn how to communicate in a male-dominated society, says a psychology professor at Michigan State University.

But if they are aggressive and opinionated they offend male colleagues and sometimes female colleagues who still hang on to the old value systems.

The challenge, said Donelson, is for women to recognize how both their verbal and nonverbal communication styles are interpreted.

"Women need to recognize the unfriendliness of the rules by which inferences are made about us," said Donelson. "The rules are not ones we have participated in making, yet they are the ones by which we are judged."

WHILE A WOMAN might think she is cautious, careful or even polite in her speech, saying, "That's probably the case," or asking a man, "What do you think?" men have a different interpretation, said Donelson. "They think that a woman is evasive, that she doesn't have any ideas of her own and that she's never sure about herself."

The language of our culture tends to reinforce the problem, said Donelson. Women are said to chat, nag, gossip or even bitch while men doing the same thing are said to talk, discuss, remind

or complain. And women, she said, are often the worst offenders, using those words to describe other women.

Women, she said, have made some strides, and many women believe they have overcome some of the problems of women talk, but the value system remains ingrained in many, said Donelson.

"CHANGING THE HEAD is quite different from changing the gut," she said. "And many women whether consciously or unconsciously still operate

from the gut. They speak out and then are made to feel guilty. And guilt is a very effective control."

Donelson said she doesn't want women to give up some of their characteristics of warmth, politeness and concern, but she wants women to recognize how some of these communication cues are interpreted.

"Part of the problem is that every interaction is a choice point," said Donelson. "Women have to think exactly what it is they want to say and recognize how they want it to be perceived."

A smile, a tilt of the head or an uptight high pitch of the voice can all undermine how a woman's words are perceived, said Donelson. A high-pitched voice, for instance, is often interpreted as immaturity, nervousness or emotionalism.

The best choice for women is to try to blend the two communication styles: to remain polite and concerned and yet express opinions clearly and concisely.

It's not enough for women to know that they know," said Donelson. "They have to show that they know they know."



consumer mailbag
Grace Gluskin
of Concern, Inc.

I never thought much about taking tax deductions for my volunteer work. But since I've been laid off, I've increased the amount of volunteer work I do quite a bit. Can I take the time I spend volunteering off of my taxes?

William W. Canton

A number of tax benefits are available for volunteers under the general charitable contribution deduction of the Internal Revenue Code according to the National Center for Citizen Involvement, but not the value of time donated. First, the organization you do volunteer work for must have approval as a qualifying organization from the IRS (Internal Revenue Service). If in doubt, ask for proof of tax-deductible status.

Then the following out-of-pocket expenditures may be deducted: direct gifts of money, automobile mileage at

nine cents a mile, bus and cab expenses, parking and tolls, special uniforms, telephone bills, entertainment and meals given to others, costs of meals and lodging (if away overnight), travel expenses per diem allowance, tickets to charity benefits above intrinsic value. The above deductions can be taken by those who itemize their deductions as well as those who take the standard deduction. But those taking the standard deduction may take only 25 percent of the first \$100 in contributions from their 1982 taxes.

A complete description of federal tax deductions for volunteers can be obtained from your local IRS office. Ask for publication 526, Income Tax Deductions.

Consumer Mailbag answers your questions. Address mail to Grace Gluskin, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy 48068.

Assertiveness is Phoenix seminar topic

"Grant, Schooling and Job Placement — What Whitman Center Has to Offer" will be the topic when the Phoenix Divorce Support Group for women meets 7:30-9:30 p.m., Monday, April 18, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Sharon Jaska, placement counselor, will be the speaker.

On Tuesday, April 19, Kathy Arpi, M.S.W., from the Feminist Therapy Center, will be speaking to the group on "Assertiveness" and why it is necessary for women to be assertive. This meeting will be at Southminster United Presbyterian Church, 21845 Wick Taylor, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 21, Margaret Barton, Livonia attorney at law will be speaking to the Canton Phoenix Group. Barton will be giving a divorce overview and answering questions. This group meets at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon north of Ford Road 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Phoenix meetings, sponsored by the YWCA of Western Wayne County, are open to women who are divorced, separated or contemplating divorce. These groups meet the first and third week of each month and serve as a support system for women during the divorce process. New members are welcome at anytime.

For information about Phoenix, contact Pamela Cronenwell, YWCA area director, at 561-4110 during business hours.

"These products are installed easily," commented Hamilton, who believes that everyone living in areas where water is scarce should be required by law to install them.

He can be reached for further information on water saving at 722-7635.

Stylization shows restlessness

Dear Mrs. Green:

My sister-in-law is very interested in graphology and reads your column regularly. She once told me that the first time she saw my handwriting she thought I wrote like that as a joke. Unfortunately, she declined to clarify her statement. Can you explain it?

J.P. Livonia

Dear J.P.:

Today I am not going to break your handwriting down into its components. Because each trait is so interrelated I am going to deal with the total picture or what graphologists refer to as the gestalt.

Your stylized handwriting tells me you are a unique and beautiful person, one who wants to communicate and be understood.

Woven throughout is an inordinate need for love and understanding. Starting as the formative years it seems the parental influence, as you see it, was not unified. The amount of love, or the manner in which it was given, may not have filled your emotional needs.

Extreme restlessness is pervasive throughout your writing. You seem to be constantly on the move. Nervous energy does not allow you to relax. Change and variety are important.

Your aspirations are high and determination is extremely strong. Often it appears that the determination and activity are overdone. Might you be trying too hard in your effort to prove yourself to someone?

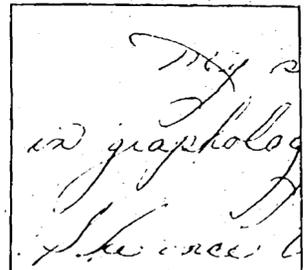
You are an emotional person. These feelings can vacillate quickly and some times without too much reason. Friction is something you dislike. Often you feel you are the one who must appease or acquiesce.

It seems it is difficult for you to bring your innermost feelings into the open and discuss them. Possibly the same would apply to the worry I see here. The thinking seems to be, if I ignore them they will go away.

At the time you wrote your letter you were in a rather negative frame of



graphology
Lorene Green



mind. And I also see you are searching in the abstract area for some answers. Many contemporary books stress the importance of a positive mental attitude. "Psycho-cynernetics," "The Power of Positive Thinking" and "Your Erroneous Zones" are a few that are both inspirational and illuminating.

Note: Some of my readers would like to hear from people who have had their handwriting analyzed through this column. If you are willing to supply me with the feedback from your analysis for use in the column, please enclose a self-addressed envelope with your letter and I will contact you. Send your letter to Lorene C. Green, in care of this newspaper. Use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, and write in the first person singular. Age and handedness are also helpful.



m.m. memos
Margaret Miller



The time change is good

"Time for that tomorrow." "We'll figure it out later." "There's no rush."

Phrases like these keep creeping into our conversations as the man of our house and I feel our way toward a different way of living.

We rarely said anything like that when we both were on hectic work schedules. Decisions had to be made today — there was something else looming tomorrow. And always there was a rush.

Nor could we afford such an attitude when we came to Florida for annual vacations. Then we always had to fit umpteen activities into a finite number of days away from the job. Scheduled leisure has its imperatives.

Now, though, we really can postpone what doesn't fit properly into the day at hand. We have, as much as any human beings can ever have, the luxury of tomorrow.

TIME IS A strange commodity. Philosophers have called it the fourth dimension. In recent years it has been the dimension of my life hardest to manage. I often considered it my enemy; at least my adversary that always had the upper hand.

Everything took too much time, even studying time management. Deadlines

were with me always. I'd strain to meet them or worry a lot about not meeting them.

Right after getting to Florida, I was talking about the shortage of time. If I had just a little more of it before moving day, I noted, I could have packed and organized much better.

No, said our student daughter, who had made the trip with us and joined us for our first few days. Time has nothing to do with it, she went on. You fit what you have to do into the time available, and you fill completely whatever time you have.

SHE'S RIGHT, of course, about time as she must look at it and as I always have.

But I feel a difference. Time seems kinder now. It permits more variances. I give a bit instead of always demanding. As we keep telling ourselves, "We'll take care of that tomorrow; there's really no rush."

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for the Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband, Joe, recently retired to Florida, where she will continue to write her MM Memos.

Diet counts

Right now, scientists are not sure about the role eating habits play in cancer. Studies have shown that people who eat a lot of fatty foods and who do not eat much dietary fiber may be more likely to get cancer of the colon.

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what's at the movies

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DEADLY EYES (R). City is terrorized by a colony of super-sized rats that find humans easy prey.

GANDHI (PG). Epic film about Mahatma Gandhi, political and spiritual leader who led movement for Indian independence from Britain. Magnificent performance by Ben Kingsley as Gandhi.

THE GIFT (R). Bedroom farce with Pierre Mondy as a retired, married banker whose quiet life is changed by an unusual gift — an international beauty.

HIGH ROAD TO CHINA (PG). Action, romance and adventure as Tom Selleck and Bess Armstrong make their way across the orient in a race against time.

LOCAL HERO (PG). Wry look at a Texas oil company's intrusion into a quaint oceanfront village. Stars Burt Lancaster, Peter Riegert, Fulton McKay and Dennis Lawson.

THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER (PG). Handsome adventure film from Australia presents mountain boy's passage into manhood. Kirk Douglas plays double role as two feuding brothers. Newcomer Tom Burlinson has title role.

MAX DUGAN RETURNS (PG). Marsha Mason, Nell Simon, Donald Sutherland and Jason Robards combine talents in story of schoolteacher who struggles to support her young son, then receives big-money gifts from ex-convict father.

THE OUTSIDERS (PG). C. Thomas Howell, Matt Dillon and Ralf Macchio star in adaptation of S.E. Hinton's classic about conflict between poor and rich boys in Tulsa of 1966.

SUMMER HEAT (R). Long, warm, languorous summer afternoons can lead to a pleasant dalliance and more.

TOOTSIE (PG). Offbeat comedy with Dustin Hoffman as a struggling New York actor who can't get a job until he dresses as a woman to audition for a role in a soap opera.

TOUGH ENOUGH (PG). Story of country-western singer, who tries for a career in the boxing ring, was partly filmed in Detroit. Stars Dennis Quaid, Warren Oates, Pam Grier and Stan Shaw.

THE YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY (PG). Australian director Peter Weir's film is weak in content but strong in atmosphere in romantic adventure amid exotic, powder-keg setting of Indonesia in 1965.

MOVIE RATING GUIDE

- G General audiences admitted.
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Chamber music featured

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Isabelle Huppert is one of the stars of "Coup de Torchon" (Clean Slate), a complex French film set in French West Africa in the 1930s.



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Powerful drama about colonialism vying for Oscar

In French with English subtitles, "Coup de Torchon" will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at the Detroit Film Theatre of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

One of the five contenders in the Best Foreign Language film category of the Academy Awards is the French entry "Coup de Torchon" (Clean Slate), directed by Bertrand Tavernier.

Set in French West Africa in 1938, it is an ambiguous moral tale — part black comedy, part existential musings and part Charles Bronson vigilantism.

The splendid French actor Pierre Noiret is impressive as the central character, Lucien. Lucien is the dull-witted and spineless police chief of the village of Bourkassa, a dusty, ugly protuberance in the desert. There is mention of a mining operation nearby. Otherwise, the main activities of the white population are hunting, fornicating and beating the black population.

The gross-racial prejudice with its callous and brutal mistreatment of the natives is rationalized by the French colonial authorities on the grounds that the natives are inferior and without souls.

IT IS LUCIEN'S redeeming virtue that he does not share these views. In this racist cesspool, the police chief too lazy to arrest anyone appears the model of fair and impartial justice. The absurdity of the situation gives "Coup de Torchon" its bizarre character.

When one of the local white inhabitants urges Lucien to exercise his authority and clean up the town, Lucien responds that if the government had wanted a brave, honest and diligent police chief, it wouldn't have hired him.

The honesty and cynicism of this remark suggest that Lucien is not as slow as he appears to be. Yet, if this is true, why does he deliberately play the fool and let others take advantage of him?

His brother-in-law (who may be his wife's lover and may or may not be her brother) sponges off him; his wife cuckolds him; other officials humiliate him, and the worst scum in the village, two pimps, make him the butt of their insults and practical jokes. Lucien daily suffers these indignities and responds only with a sheepish smile.

On the other hand, we know he is not insensitive. He displays a humanistic concern for the natives and a comprehension of the politics of colonialism that seem totally at odds with his dull image.

WHEN HE CAN no longer maintain these differing aspects of his character, the result is explosive. The passive police chief becomes a shotgun-wielding enforcer who has commissioned himself to rid the town of its human trash.

When he shoots a harmless native and starts talking about himself as Jesus, we know we're dealing with madness, not just anger or revenge. Was he driven mad by what he saw around him — the injustice, hypocrisy and cruelty? Or was he a mentally unstable person who might have gone mad whether in Bourkassa or Montmartre?

The character of Lucien is unique and so puzzling that it pulls away from the rest of the film. It creates an unresolved tension as "Coup de Torchon" equally develops two major themes which demand our attention: One is Lucien's descent into madness and the other is an indictment of colonialism. At the same time, throwaway remarks about good and evil, which may have been intended to give added meaning to the film, only add to the confusion.

The result is a film that has the quality of a surrealist painting, where familiar images are put together in unfamiliar combinations. Like the paintings, "Coup de Torchon" may appear more profound than it is (attacking colonialism is a relatively safe pastime).

Nevertheless, whether profound or pretentious, this is a highly original and intriguing drama.



Philippe Noiret and Huppert appear in a scene from the movie, also starring Jean-Pierre Marjelle and Stephane Audran.

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Kids help parents overcome fear of computers

Technophobia. You might call it a "terminal illness." It's the queasy feeling you get from the new word processor in the office. Your hands feel clammy as you touch the keyboard. The screen seems to give you a headache.

"Computers are still very intimidating to many of us," said Steven Sternberg, director of the University of Michigan's Children's Center. "They look expensive and complicated. We're afraid we'll press the wrong button and break them."

"We're also afraid of what computers might do to us," he said. "They haven't fully shaken the 'dehumanization' image."

tionate to their lifetime, kids have had much more exposure to the machines than most adults.

That gave Sternberg an idea — that children could help their parents overcome computer anxiety by joining with them in a two-way learning experience.

He designed a family computer workshop in which a parent and a child could work cooperatively at programming a computer to get answers to a specific problem. Each would draw upon his or her own store of knowledge to help the other solve the problem.

It's a cliché, but I think we're mostly uneasy about things that are unfamiliar; things we can't understand.

"Why are many of us afraid to change a spark plug? Because if you open the hood, you see all these crisscrossing wires and fear complex machinery. You're afraid you'll break something," he said.

"PERHAPS THE first thing adults need to learn about computers is that they are really not that fragile. In most cases, the worst thing you might do is push the wrong button and erase what you've done. If that happens, you simply create the information again."

Programming classes at the U-M Children's Center use LOGO, a computer language Sternberg says is easy to learn and challenging for people of all ages.

Developed by Seymour Papert and others at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, LOGO is well-suited to parents and children because it is designed so you "learn to program as you program," he said.

"Papert's book 'Mindstorms: Chil-

dren, Computers and Powerful Ideas' (Basic Books) is a good introduction to the language. You can also learn it yourself by purchasing LOGO, which comes with programming and utilities discs and an instruction booklet, at any computer store," Sternberg said.

"COMPUTERS are not like the 'new math.' We can't wait for our kids to outgrow... sit back and hope they will disappear, and I'm not sure we'd want them to."

"They have streamlined bank transactions and supermarket checkouts. They've simplified many areas of our lives even as they have complicated others."

So as scientists look at ways the "new technology" broadly affects people's lives, Sternberg is intrigued by the influence it may have on a smaller scale, on parent-child relationships.

"I don't mean to say that working together on a computer would solve

problems or demonstrably change a family relationship. But I think it can, like many things, add a new dimension to that relationship. It can create a new line of communication.

"As a parent, as an adult, you can naturally do most things better than your child," Sternberg said. "There are also probably things that your child can do better than you; turn a cartwheel, perhaps, play the violin. The computer offers challenges you can meet together."

TECHNOPHOBIA is an adult affliction, Sternberg points out. Preschoolers at the Children's Center and elementary school youngsters enrolled in the Center's Saturday computer classes take to the terminals as ducks to water.

"They feel much more relaxed with computers," he said. "They've grown up with them, seen them on television, used them in the classroom. Propor-

"IN NEARLY all situations, the adult possesses knowledge and passes it onto the child. But with computers, many parents and children are starting even."

"They can learn simultaneously. In some cases we may even see the child taking the lead and, to a certain extent, teaching the parent."

In the process, Sternberg thinks kids might help their parents break out of their self-built "technophobic fortress."

"Why do computers scare us? I know

County, local road funds rise

Wayne County Road Commission will get \$37.4 million during fiscal 1984 in revenues generated from state fuel taxes and license plate fees — nearly \$7 million more than this year.

Counties and municipalities are expected to get a bigger share because of the recently passed legislation increasing the state gasoline tax, according to

the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Nearly \$680 million in revenues will be targeted for highways, roads, streets and other transportation programs statewide this year. In 1984, nearly \$789 million in revenues will be generated statewide.

In Wayne County, communities will get the following:

Garden City — \$694,100 last year; \$839,600 this.

Livonia — \$2.2 million; \$2.7 million.

Plymouth — \$194,100; \$234,700.

Wayne — \$395,800; \$478,800.

Westland — \$1.6 million; \$1.9 million.

O'Hair top counsel May 1

Wayne County Executive William Lucas has appointed Circuit Judge John D. O'Hair as his new corporation counsel.

O'Hair, 53, will be responsible for providing legal services to Lucas's office, the county commission and all other county agencies. He will assume the \$62,500-a-year post May 1.

O'Hair has been a Common Pleas

and Circuit Court judge for 18 years and is former assistant corporation counsel for the city of Detroit.

He is an associate professor and serves on the board of trustees at Detroit College of Law. He is vice-chairman of the Judicial Tenure Commission.

A native Detroit, O'Hair is married and has a son.

Bee school is April 23

Southeastern Michigan's 45th annual bee school will be conducted April 23, in the Liberal Arts Building at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association in cooperation with the college, the school is designed for beekeepers with one or two colonies, persons planning to acquire their first hive and professional apiarists.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the program begins at 9 a.m. Ten sessions are scheduled throughout the day, covering such topics as "Beekeeping for the Hobbyist," "Equipment Assembly," "Spring Management," and "Bee Diseases."

Falkenburg also is a member of the Industrial Technology Institute, created by the state to coordinate high-technology information from the public and private sectors.

The program is part of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce Morning Seminar Series. For reservations, call the chamber, 651-6700.

OU prof will talk on robots

"Robots That Think?" is the topic of a free public lecture at 8 a.m. April 13 in Room 203 of Dodge Hall on the Oakland University campus, Avon Township.

Donald Falkenburg, OU engineering professor, will present the lecture. He is acting director of the university's Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation.

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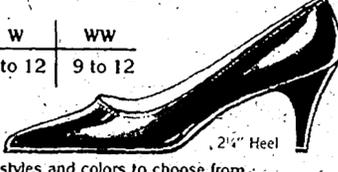
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Panthers give linemen chance to show pro skills

By Brad Emons
staff writer

The Michigan Panthers stayed right in their own neighborhood to get a pair of offensive linemen.

Tony Vitale, formerly of Plymouth Salem and Central Michigan, and Tom

Piette, ex-Redford Union and Michigan State, were playing alongside each other during the Panthers' 29-20 USFL loss to the Denver Gold Monday night at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The loss, witnessed by 11,000 fans, dropped the Panthers to 1-4 on the season. They played yesterday against

Herschel Walker and the Generals in New Jersey.

"It was frustrating to lose because we played hard and gave all we had," said Vitale, a 6-foot-3, 270-pound guard. "We made stupid mistakes and beat ourselves."

Piette, a 6-4, 250-pound center, became a part of the action because starter Wayne Radloff (from Georgia) was out. His family from Redford Township was on hand to cheer him on. "Rad" had some intestinal flu so I had to play and carry on," Piette said. "There was no time to worry. I had to go in get the job done."

DESPITE CONSTANT player shuffling by the Panther management, Vitale is glad he gained the chance to prove himself as a pro. He started the first three games, but now he shares time with two recent acquisitions from the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I'm the swing guard," he explained, "but I'm playing a lot. The other guys have four years' experience on me."

"I've accomplished what I've set out to do — and that's play in the pros. The life — it's great. I have my own place now and I room with two other guys on the team."

Last summer, Vitale was signed by Green Bay of the NFL as a free agent and then released. He was picked up by Baltimore, but failed to survive the final cut.

He came back to his home in Canton Township and shortly after signed with the Panthers through Pro Sports Management of Baltimore.

"I WENT with the new league and started lifting weights," said the former All-Mid-American pick. "I went into camp (at Daytona Beach) and there were over 200 guys there."

"The first day we had 40 offensive linemen. I saw everybody and I knew it would be tough."

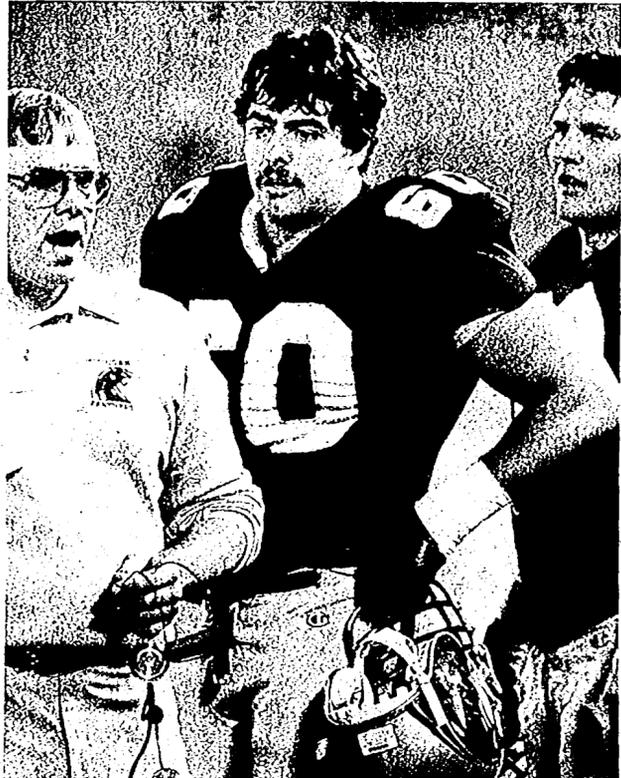
"But I made it because I'm aggressive, my strength and I'm a pretty good pulling guard. And going through the NFL camps really helped me a lot. I picked up the offense real well."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Tom Piette was at the center of things during last week's game with the Denver Gold. The Michigan Panther center, shown snapping the

ball to quarterback Bobby Herbert, was pressed into service because starting center Wayne Radloff was out with the flu.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Tony Vitale (No. 60) gets instruction by one of the Panther coaches during last week's game vs. the Denver Gold at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Vitale, however, said "pass blocking is the name of the game."

"It's right in the playbook," he said. "They can teach you how to roadblock, but pass blocking is what gets you there. The run game is important, but you have to protect the quarterback."

PIETTE, came into his fifth season of college football as one of the top centers in the country. He was selected All-Big 10 as a junior.

But a knee injury in the Michigan game (Oct. 9) put him out almost half of the season.

Piette recovered near the end of the MSU's campaign and later played in Hula Bowl, a collegiate all-star game.

He bypassed a chance with the NFL and signed as a territorial pick with the Panthers shortly after, becoming Radloff's back-up.

Vitale was also bothered by a bad knee for a time.

"It happened in training camp and I had to miss three days," Vitale said. "It swelled up, but I had it drained and now it's all set."

According to the offensive guard, physical talent is not the total key to success.

"I think I'm as strong as most guys," he said. "I really haven't had a hard time with anybody (defensive linemen). The mental aspect, though, is very important. It's 75 percent mind. You have to concentrate to get it all together."

"The coaches criticize, but you can't let it bother you. The criticism is structured to make you become a better player."

WSSL paves way

Churchill frontrunner in Western Lakes race

By Brad Emons
staff writer

The strongest girls' soccer league in the state?

That's easy — the Western Suburban Soccer League (WSSL).

In a final statewide coaches poll last season, five of the WSSL's 10 teams were rated in the top 10.

The ranked teams included No. 1 Livonia Churchill, No. 2 Northville, No. 4 Livonia Stevenson, No. 8 Livonia Bentley and No. 9 Livonia Franklin.

And with over 60 girls' teams in the state, the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) decided it's time to hold a state tournament and settle the No. 1 dispute.

Here is a rundown of area teams for this season.

• **LIVONIA CHURCHILL** — The Chargers appear to be the team to beat as they lost just two starters from last season's 16-2-1 squad.

The top returnees is senior All-Stater Teri Zeches, who pumped in 30 goals last season. She is joined by All-League picks Dorene Dudek (center-half) and Kim Vatica (fullback).

The team's second leading scorer, Amy Brow (10 goals), also returns, along with Jill Clamotto, Terry Groat, Dorothy Brown, Lori Hilden and Sarah Edwards.

Freshmen Jennifer Huegill and Jenny Sawicky are also expected to make big contributions.

"I feel we have more depth and that will help," said coach Ed Dudek. "Right

soccer

now we're like a rowing team. "We have to learn to work together. Right now it's early. We're splashing the oars all over."

"There are a lot of good teams out there. The first six games we'll find out where we're at."

Churchill opens against a strong Plymouth Salem squad Wednesday at home.

• **LIVONIA STEVENSON** — "We plan on being in contention for everything," said coach Noreen Divens, now in her sixth season. "We picked up some strong freshmen this year and that will give us some help."

"I feel we're well balanced this year."

Stevenson lost just two starters from last year's 17-3-2 squad. The Spartans will be going after their third straight division title and second consecutive Schoolcraft Invitational crown.

Senior wingers Tina Galindo and Stephanie Riddle are also proven performers along with sophomore Mary Kay Huasey, who picked up the scoring slack for the Spartans last season.

• **All-League center Andrea Bokoš** will lead the '83 squad. Cheryl Galindo, a second-team center-fullback, also is back.

• **LIVONIA, BENTLEY** — Fifth-

year coach Paul Scicluna is banking on youth.

"We'll rely on youngsters," he said. "We have eight freshmen and six are starting. We had seven start last year."

Bentley was 7-7-2 overall a year ago. Lisa Rigstad, an All-League choice as a sophomore, returns after scoring 20 goals a year ago. Janey Remski, meanwhile, is the team's top senior.

Scicluna expects big things from freshman striker Kim Patterson, the team's "most finessed player." Midfielder Amy Weber and fullback Kristi Green, both freshmen, will also play key roles this season.

"The team to beat is Churchill," said Scicluna. "And Stevenson is solid."

"We have six or seven teams in our league that are really strong."

• **LIVONIA FRANKLIN** — "We have talent, but as of now, we're not ready because of the weather and some of our girls have been on vacation," said fourth-year Patriot mentor Tom Caranicas, whose team was 9-7 last season.

"I'm very optimistic," he added. "Most are back from last year, but our timing is a little off."

Caranicas said "the offensive line looks decent" because of the return of captain Dawn Brda.

While Brda coordinates the front line, center-fullback Sue Caprara, Kim Jonik and Heather Brda will spearhead the backline.

Caranicas said that freshmen Mary Schulds and Laura Alcalá "should



make a big difference for us at midfield."

• **PLYMOUTH SALEM** — The Rocks, who went a respectable 8-5-2 in their first season of varsity play, expect even better things in '83, according to coach Ken Johnson.

"Actually," said Johnson, "we look better than last year. "We'll have a good defense. If we stay clear of injuries and keep in the right position, we'll be strong."

The team revolves around junior goalkeeper Sarah Wallman, who allowed just 1.4 goals per game last season.

Wallman has a host of solid defenders in front of her, including junior All-League Colleen O'Connor and seniors Kelly Clarke and Robin Brandt.

One of the team's top athletes, senior Jacque Merrifield, will move from midfield to forward because of the loss of Pam McBride to softball.

Merrifield is joined in the middle by junior Kathy Prochazka.

Shelly Staszal, who scored 17 goals as a sophomore en route to All-State honors, patrols the right wing and veteran Maureen Dazer returns on the left side. Freshman Julie Tortora will also be an attacker.

Sophomores Ruth Knoeri and Tracie Greenhalge also hope to crack the starting lineup.

• **GARDEN CITY** — "It's kind of hard the first year, but the kids are coming along," said coach Steve Vakratsis. "The girls are willing to learn at practice and I think they'll make good progress."

"We have the hustle, but we need more communication on the field and we have to control the ball."

Although the Garden City program is in its infant stages, Vakratsis said his first-year club has the potential for a winning season.

Fran Boehnlein is the team leader at center-fullback. She is the captain.

Karen Felts, a forward, has also been impressive so far with her team play and digging skills.

Other players hoping to contribute early in the season are Dawn Sullivan, Lisa Clark, Renee Clark and Pam Harkness (the team's midfielder).

"This is a young team," said Vakratsis. "We have only three seniors."

• **OTHER TEAMS** — Second-year coach Tony Longro must replace standout Reggie Ruggiero off a Plymouth Canton team that finished 1-5-1 in league play and 3-7-2 overall.

But the Chiefs look strong defensively with return of defender Margie Wangbichler.

Livonia Ladywood and Redford Bishop Borgess, meanwhile, will return for another season of action in the Catholic League and will compete in the state tourney along with Garden City, an independent this season.

Livonian exercises competitive muscle

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Dennis Remer had to be challenged as a kindergartner.

"He was taking some tumbling classes through the Parks and Recreation in Livonia when he told his dad it was 'baby stuff,'" recalls his mother, Rose Ann.

So both Sandy and Rose Ann Remer enrolled their son in the Go-fer Gymnastics Club of Westland where a love affair with the sport has begun.

The nine-year-old Remer, believed to be the only competing male gymnast in

Livonia, has shunned the Cub Scouts and little league baseball in favor of a sport he hopes will transform him into an Olympian.

"He and his dad went to see Kurt Thomas (a world champion) at Joe Louis and they got to shake his hand," Rose Ann said. "Dennis really lit up when he saw him."

Remer performed last week in the Great Lakes meet at Lansing where he finished second overall in the Class IV (7-10 years) age division.

His all-around score of 49.7 was just one-tenth of a point out of first. Remer's best individual finishes were

recorded on still rings, where he took third with a score of 8.6, and fourth on high bar with an 8.5.

HE FINISHED fifth in four other events, including his favorite — floor exercise.

He will have competed in four meets around Michigan before winding up his season with the state meet May 21 at Schoolcraft College.

Remer, coached by Ron Westerman, an ex-Schoolcraft gymnast, has been training two years at Go-fer.

He regularly works out four times per week, 2 1/2 hours per session

"I like the meets because I get to meet people there," said the shy youngster. "It's a lot of fun."

Conditioning is something Westernman stresses during the workouts.

"We do push-ups, sit-ups, jumping-jacks and running-in-place," Remer said. "Sometimes I get sore wrists, but I don't get that tired."

"We work on everything."

The Go-fers have five competing male gymnasts, including two others in the Class IV age group (Doug Stible of Canton and Josh Berkelbaugh of Bloomfield Hills).

"WE HAVE great support from the families," said Rose Ann. "We get tired of driving back-and-forth. It's a one hour sacrifice."

"But we're happy to do it for Dennis. He's eager to practice."

When Remer isn't practicing at the club, he's doing it at home. He sets out a mat in his yard.

"I usually work outside with my friend across the street," he said. "He's interested in joining (the Go-fers), but I don't think his dad wants him to."



Dennis Remer, young gymnast.

Anderson wonders after Gibson show

By W.W. Edgar
staff writer

Sparky Anderson, the white-haired manager of the Detroit Tigers, is learning the hard way that the platoon system he had conceived to make the team a pennant contender is not going to work.

When the team left training camp this spring to open the major league season, Sparky proudly stated that, with the number of good outfielders he has, it would be wise to platoon them.

He figured that he could use certain players against certain pitchers.

IT SOUNDED GOOD. To use the system, he tossed aside the plan to make Kirk Gibson, the former Michigan State football star, his designated hitter and thus make use of his power at the plate.

The new platoon system went on display Friday in the opening game and before 51,350 persons, the second-largest gathering in two years, the idea backfired.

Instead of making Gibson the designated hitter, he sent him to right field to play defense. It was a mistake that cost the Tigers the opening game to the Chicago White Sox, 6 to 3.

The proof came in the sixth inning. With the Tigers leading 3 to 1, behind the fine pitching of former Canton resident Milt Wilcox, Gibson put on a show that neither the fans nor Sparky will soon forget.

WITH TWO MEN out and a runner on third base, Gibson misplayed a hit to the right field corner. This bobbled allowed a run to score.

On the very next pitch, the ball sailed toward him in right field again. This time he didn't misplay it.

He had it in his hands and dropped it.

Before the fans were finished booing,

baseball

the score had been tied at three runs.

With the show of misplays, the entire Tiger team felt apart. Wilcox, who had pitched a great game until then, allowed two more hits and hit a batter to indicate to Sparky that the platoon system wouldn't work.

GIBSON'S PLAY WAS reminiscent of his failure of two years ago when he misjudged a fly to the outfield, and dropped another, to make the Tigers a team that no longer was a pennant contender.

The final score, 6 to 3, was fitting. It showed the difference between the two teams. It was the first time that the White Sox had opened a season in Detroit in 20 years.

The crowd, which was surprisingly quiet while Wilcox was the master of the situation in the early innings, was a surprise.

But while they came to cheer, they remained to boo the failure of the platoon system.

SPARKY WAS QUIET after the game, and it is more than likely that he will follow the old rule from now: If you have a winner, stick with it.

So, it will not be a surprise if he returned to his original idea with Larry Herndon in left field, Glenn Wilson in center, and Chet Lemon in right — and Gibson appearing only as a designated hitter or a pinch hitter.

That is the lesson Sparky learned on opening day.

It made a difference in the entire team. It was playing a great game of aggressive baseball until two pitches wound up in right field and sent it to defeat.

Odd performance occurs at Merri-Bowl

While some areas across the nation have not been heard from, the trial plan sponsored by the American Bowling Congress to speed up bowling has not produced the desired results.

It had been hoped that the league time could be reduced from two and half hours to one and one half. But from the reports turned in thus far, the best has been a two-hour period for a five-man team. With the ladies it was a bit longer.

In the days before the automatic pinsetter the leagues seldom required more than an hour and a half. The pinsetter slowed up the game, and this

meant an added financial burden to the proprietor.

THE ODDDEST series of the year was rolled by Jan Lantto at Merri-Bowl during the past week. She posted at 601 the hard way. She opened with 212, followed with 267, then couldn't stand the rare atmosphere and finished with 163. At the finish she was delighted that she has bettered 600.

NINE NEW MEMBERS were inducted into the area's 700 club during the week with Merri-Bowl and Westland Bowl sharing the honors with three apiece.

in the pocket by W.W. Edgar

At Merri-Bowl Claude Krause posted a 706, Ron Genjar a 704 and Larry Barringer a 700.

At Westland Bud Le Blanc fashioned a 722, Mike Foley a 709 and Bob Chuba 702.

At Wonderland Lanes two more were inducted as Gred Nicord rolled a 750

and Mike Kane a 715 that included a 279 game.

WOODLAND LANES — Jack Vanderzee paced the Ford league with 658, but John Schramm stole the show when he rolled games of 214, 214 and 225 for 653 and didn't have an open frame.

GARDEN LANES — Ann Setlock, a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame, was back in her old form in the ladies' classic when she set the pace with a 612. Meanwhile, in the Massey-Ferguson league Joe Ayty showed the way with a 685.

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• SPRING FUN RUN

The Livonia Family Y will host a spring tune-up Fun Run.

Registration for the one, three and six mile events is scheduled from 8-9 a.m. The cost is \$3 for two participants in conjunction with the Livonia Y's two-for-one membership drive.

The one mile run begins at 9 a.m. followed by the three and six mile runs at 9:15 a.m.

Certificates will be awarded to all participants and prizes will be drawn.

For more information, call Al Panackia at 261-2161.

• BIG BASS

Mike Miller of Westland has a big fish story. He snared a 25-inch bass last month in Newburg Lake. The catch weighed eight pounds-12 ounces.

Maynes spikes way to crown

Maynes Insurance of Livonia recently captured the state Class A men's (18 years and over) volleyball championship at Schoolcraft College.

The event was sponsored by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA).

Maynes, three-time Livonia city champs, defeated Troy for the championship, 15-7, 14-16, 15-7, behind the spiking of Bruce Temby.

Defending champion Haggerty Lumber of Walled Lake placed third in the tournament.

Other members of the championship team include player-coach Mike O'Toole, Bob Maynes, Bill Maynes, Rick Krycynski, Mike Lampkowski, Joe Lang and Steve Morche. They helped Livonia finish the regular season with a 32-1 record and gain a spot in the state playoffs.

Borgess thinclads off to roaring start

Detroit Benedictine's Darren Marsh captured three events, but Redford Bishop Borgess came away with a team victory Wednesday in a non-league boys' track meet, 86 1/2-36 1/2.

The Spartans won their opener as Jim MacDonald, Tim Hanks and Fred Owens each won two individual events.

Marsh, meanwhile, was victorious in the 800-meter run (2:01.0), 1,600 run (4:40.7) and 3,200 run (10:24.3).

Owens captured the 100 and 200 dashes with clockings of 11.1 and 23.0,

respectively. He also teamed up with Marion Pittman, Jim Holdscaw and John Patten to win the 400 and 800 relays in 44.6 and 1:32.8, respectively.

Jim MacDonald grabbed firsts in the shot put (45 feet, nine inches) and discus (124-3). Borgess' other field event winner was Chris Clark in the high jump (5-8).

Hanks ruled the long jump (20-0) and 400 run (54.0). He was also a member of the winning 1,600 relay squad along with Patten, Steve Bassett and DeVaughn Effedge in a time of 3:37.8.

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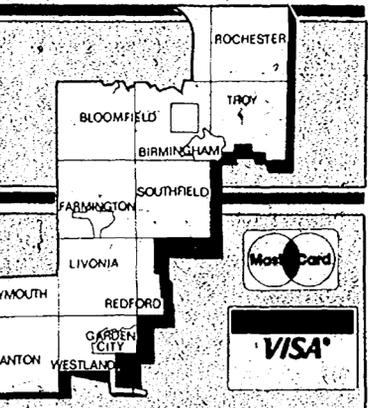
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