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Curbside leaf pickup proposed



Mayor Robert Thomas has proposed a curbside leaf pickup and a shifting of eight jobs in his new budget. While property tax rates are to be only slightly higher, water and sewer rates may soar 26 percent.

BY LEONARD POGEM
EDITOR

Westland homeowners will pay a few dollars more in property taxes this summer but get more for their money, said the city administration.

One new program planned in the city budget submitted by Mayor Robert Thomas to the city council last

week is a curbside leaf pickup, expected to be held over six to eight weeks in the fall.

The proposed cost will be \$245,000, of which \$125,000 will pay for five machines, \$20,000 for temporary labor, and \$99,000 for composting.

Based on his recommendation that the millage rate be set at \$13.31 per

\$1,000 of state-equalized valuation (about the same as the current year), homeowners will pay about 3.3 percent more because of the increases in local assessments.

The increase is the smallest in several years, not counting the statewide property assessment freeze two years ago.

The increase amounts to about \$13 per year for a family in a home valued at \$60,000.

But the administration warned that other costs not part of the city budget will rise substantially.

The big one will be a recommended

26-percent boost in water and sewer rates, which Thomas said is required by the federal government to meet anti-pollution rules.

If eventually approved by the city council, most homeowners will pay about \$20 more per quarter.

In revealing details of his budget, which will cover the fiscal year beginning July 1, the mayor said that eight positions have been eliminated as part of a reorganization of the city's workforce, with eight new positions added.

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Center expands customer services



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Free flower: Shirley Smolarek (left) of Canton Township receives a free carnation from Westland Center general manager Carol Rutz after the opening of its expanded customer services.

Mall expands customer service

Westland Shopping Center shoppers have a new service offered in a new location.

Following a ribbon-cutting ceremony, the center's management introduced the new customer-service center, "At Your Service," relocated to the east court near the elevator and escalator. The first 300 visitors

to the new center received a carnation, a coupon for one free gift wrap, and a free stroller rental cart, good for one year.

Carol Rutz, center general manager, said that the "At Your Service" staff intends to help shoppers with stroller rentals, free wheelchair use, gift-certificate sales, gift wrapping,

and copy and fax services.

The relocation is the latest improvement of the center, which has 936,000 square feet of retail space. Just one month before, the postal service branch, located on the lower level for nine years, was moved to the main level with additional space and 24-hour postal box availability.

Council approves payouts

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Unused vacation and sick time accrued by retiring or departing police and fire employees prompted the City Council on Monday to approve a \$360,000 budget amendment to cover the payouts.

The money — contractually owed to the employees — will bring to \$540,000 the amount the city expects to pay out this year for accrued vacation and sick time of 16 workers who are either retiring or leaving their jobs.

The latest budget amendment prompted Councilman David Cox to suggest that the city each year should

BENEFITS

try to set aside the money it will eventually have to pay out for the accrued time.

That would soften the blow of the budget amendments and also ensure that future city leaders don't inherit the debts of current officials, Cox said.

By contract, the 16 fire and police employees will collect on the vacation and sick time that they have accrued. The amount to be received by the workers ranges from \$3,228 to \$45,000.

City officials indicated that the payout is a double-edged sword. Though the budget amendment is an expensive one, the employees receiving the money also should be commended for being productive and missing little work during their tenure with the city, Cox said.

He recommended that, if necessary, the city should consider phasing in a plan to begin setting aside the accrued money on an annual basis. The city could place the money in a separate account and still collect interest, he said later.

"It should be funded on an annual basis," Cox said.

His thinking appears to be in line with that of state officials, city budget

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Cop honored for aiding abused children

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Police Sgt. Laura Moore has seen the burned skin, the crushed bones and the bruised bodies of abused children. She will never forget the boy who, virtually starved since birth, weighed a mere 18 pounds at the age of 3.

She has seen the worst in people

whose relentless, abusive behavior has left children scarred for life. She has seen children who died at the hands of their supposed loved ones.

More important, she has fought tirelessly to protect the children who couldn't protect themselves. She has put child abusers and molesters behind bars, and she has helped the helpless to find new homes — and

new hope.

For that, Moore received the Service to Children Award from the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Out-Wayne County at a March 30 ceremony.

"I would hope that I've done something to make a difference," she said Tuesday. "I've spent most of my life trying to protect children."

Approaching retirement, Moore received the award in the final year of her 25-year career with the department. She was nominated by Nancy Diehl, child abuse unit director with the Wayne County prosecutor's office.

In 1969, Moore became the first female officer ever to join the West-

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Traffic altercation ends in shooting of driver

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

With a bullet still lodged in his left leg, a Detroit motorist said Wednesday from his hospital bed that he was "doing fine" after being shot Tuesday during a traffic altercation in Westland.

Demetrius Stephens, 31, said he feared being killed after he briefly captured one of three suspects on Henry Road, north of Van Born, during a foot chase that followed the traffic altercation.

Another suspect, aiding the captured man, sprayed gunfire at Stephens, wounding him once in the left knee.

"He let off six or seven shots," Stephens said during a telephone interview from the University of Michigan Hospital. "I couldn't move."

All three suspects fled on foot, abandoning a car that was reportedly stolen earlier in Inkster. The men remained at large Wednesday; anyone with information is asked to call Westland Detective Sgt. Marc Stobbe at 721-6311.

The incident began at 5:50 p.m. Tuesday in Inkster as Stephens, driving on Carlisle between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, was going home from his job at Woodbine Tool Co. in Romulus, he said.

Driving a 1989 Eagle Premier, he was hit by a 1980 Monte Carlo carrying three suspects who fled west on Carlisle, with Stephens in pursuit, Stobbe said. The suspects then went south on Middlebelt and west on Van Born.

At Henry Road, the suspects made a sudden U-turn on Van Born in an attempt to drive east-

bound, but they were hit by a third car in which no one was seriously injured.

The suspects abandoned the Monte Carlo and ran north on Henry Road, Stobbe said. Stephens caught one of them and held him until being shot by another suspect who opened fire, Stobbe said. A stray bullet also hit Stephens' car.

Police are investigating whether the Monte Carlo was actually stolen or whether it was reported stolen to protect the suspects.

The suspects were described as black males. One was about 24 years old, 6 feet tall, 150 pounds, with a thin face and short hair. One was about 23, 5-foot-8, stocky, with "peach fuzz" and a mustache. A third suspect was described as 18, 5-foot-10, thin, with light brown hair.

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But he noted that of the two new posts, that of weighmaster and personal property appraiser, will help raise revenues for the city.

Also proposed by the mayor are three new dispatchers (bringing the total to 12) as part of the centralized fire-police dispatching service; three additional firefighters (there are now 70) to help the administration keep all four fire stations staffed more than they are now; and a purchasing agent to provide for centralized purchasing.

The eight posts to be eliminated will result in those people being reassigned to other positions, Thomas said, in stressing that no one will be laid off.

To be eliminated are the last three remaining department of public services crew leaders: a hydrant maintenance worker, a paint and body employee, a water systems maintenance employee, a computer operator, and a DPS clerk.

"The work (by those) will be done by others in the departments," Thomas said.

The mayor, accompanied by finance director Michael Gorman and budget director Tim McCurley in unveiling his proposed budget, said that planned spending for the new fiscal year will be \$31.8 million, about 4.38 percent more than the current year's \$30.490 million.

The extra spending will be covered by the increase in property assessments.

Of the total budget, local property taxes will cover nearly half, or \$15.2 million. Most of the balance will come from state-shared revenues, which will bring in another \$7 million, and direct charges for specific services, at \$2 million. Smaller revenue sources make up the rest.

Commenting on the changes in the city's workforce of about 330 employees, Thomas said that the reorganization is to make sure "every position is justified" and

that "everyone here is providing a good service."

Of the proposed \$3.2 million levy, the general fund would get \$840,000, or the same as last year. The balance would go for police, fire, public contributions, building authority debt, and Central Wayne County Sanitation charges for incinerating rubbish.

The council plans to hold departmental hearings this month, followed by a required public hearing on Monday, May 2, and approval of the budget and millage rates on Monday, June 6.

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director Tim McCurley indicated. In the future, local officials may be required to set the money aside, McCurley said.

The budget amendment was among six approved Monday by the council. Others included:

- An additional \$65,000 for fire department overtime. The added expense has been caused by several factors, including a rash of gang-related fires in the city's southeast section and the computerization of the fire department, Chief Larry Lane has said. Despite the overtime, city officials still can't guarantee that all four fire stations will be fully staffed at all times, city officials said.
- A \$23,740 amendment to pay

for entry-level testing of potential police and fire employees. In the fire department, alone, 609 applicants are to be tested — the largest number ever in a single year, city clerk Diane Pratt said.

"Jobs are hard to get, and these kids are preparing themselves to get what's there," Lane said.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott suggested the city consider an application fee in the future.

- A \$23,000 amendment for property tax refunds decided by the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
- A \$12,000 amendment for city postage.
- A \$2,000 amendment for Historical Museum maintenance.

Concrete action

City to hire architectural firm to begin long-awaited library

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

In a major step to build a public library, the Westland City Council voted Monday night to hire an architectural firm for the long-awaited project.

The 7-0 vote to hire TMP Associates Inc. drew scattered applause from library enthusiasts who strongly supported the Bloomfield Hills-based firm.

"We think they will do a real good job for us," library board chairwoman Marjorie Kay Daniels told the council.

The latest action came as city leaders are moving swiftly to begin using a \$1.3 million state grant. The state had earlier tried to renege on the money, prompting a lawsuit that Westland officials won.

In selecting TMP from among 10 firms, the council accepted a recommendation from an architect selection committee. Daniels, in a memo to council members, wrote that TMP "has considerable experience with the design and construction of public buildings."

The firm has been involved in projects in Rochester Hills, Independence Township and Livonia Public Schools, among other places.

Some city officials differed Monday on whether architectural fees should be paid from the general fund or from the city's Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA). The latter fund contains about \$8 million for public improvements — money that the city plans to use for the library.

Either way, the city will have to pay the architectural fees and then seek reimbursement from the \$1.3 million state grant.

Some officials, such as finance director Michael Gorman, appeared worried that the state might not

reimburse the local TIFA fund as readily as it would the general fund.

But council president Thomas Brown said the city has intended all along to use TIFA monies. Moreover, he voiced worries that library money spent from the general fund "might not find its way back" to the fund.

"It seems like we're changing the rules after the game started," Brown said.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin cautioned both sides against belaboring the issue. "Let's don't make a mountain out of a molehill," Griffin said.

In choosing TMP, the council authorized the library board and Mayor Robert Thomas' administration to work out specific contract details with the architectural firm. The contract still must be approved by the council.

In coming weeks, the council is expected to approve a measure to levy up to 1 mill to operate the library. One mill represents \$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized property valuation.

City officials can levy that amount without seeking voter approval, but they have indicated that they don't expect to levy the full mill.

Many other major decisions remain to be made about the project, such as where the library will be built. Several sites are under consideration.

On Tuesday, councilman Glenn Anderson said the city has to move quickly on the library project because it can no longer depend on other cities for library services.

"Our citizens are going to be left out in the cold if we don't do something and move expeditiously," he said.

Clerk admits embezzlement

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland gas station employee who lied when she claimed she was robbed at work is scheduled for sentencing April 18, after pleading guilty to embezzling the money.

Dawn Marie Kuck, 19, never got to spend any of the \$900 she embezzled because it was spent by two male accomplices, who have pleaded guilty to related larceny charges, police reports have said.

Christopher Allen Panos, 18, of Westland and Jeffrey Allen Grigal, 19, of Plymouth Township received the \$900 from Kuck on Dec. 28 when they went to the Citgo station on the northeast corner of Wayne Road and Marquette, police have said.

Kuck arranged the fake robbery, police said. She first spoke with Panos, who worked at a tire shop next door to Citgo, and Panos arranged to have Grigal help him, police said.

Panos wore a ski mask and Grigal wore a cap to disguise them-

■ Dawn Marie Kuck, 19, never got to spend any of the \$900 she embezzled because it was spent by two male accomplices.

selves during the fake robbery, police said.

All three defendants have pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the incident. Kuck could face up to 10 years in prison for embezzlement, and Panos and Grigal could face maximum five-year terms for larceny charges.

The case unfolded after Kuck took a polygraph test and failed it, Westland Detective Sgt. Marc Stobbe has said. All three defendants subsequently provided police with written statements about their involvement in the embezzling incident, Stobbe said.

Police reports have indicated that Panos and Grigal later split the money and didn't give any of it to Kuck. The reports also said Kuck warned the men that she would "get tough" if she didn't receive at least \$100.

Not-guilty pleas had been en-

tered for the two during their earlier arraignment in Westland 18th District Court. But all three pleaded guilty last month when their cases were sent to Recorder's Court for trial.

Employees suspected of store thefts

Employees are suspected of stealing nearly \$16,000 in merchandise and money from a Westland business that sells video games and equipment, police said.

No arrests had been made early this week, but a complaint has been filed by the loss-prevention director of FuncoLand on Wayne Road, south of Warren, said

Westland police Sgt. Jay Deschenes.

The company official has filed three separate police reports

accusing specific employees of embezzling money and stealing video games and equipment made by such companies as Sega and Gameboy, Deschenes said.

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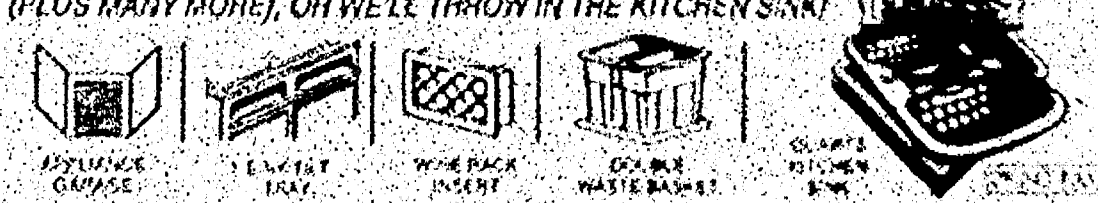


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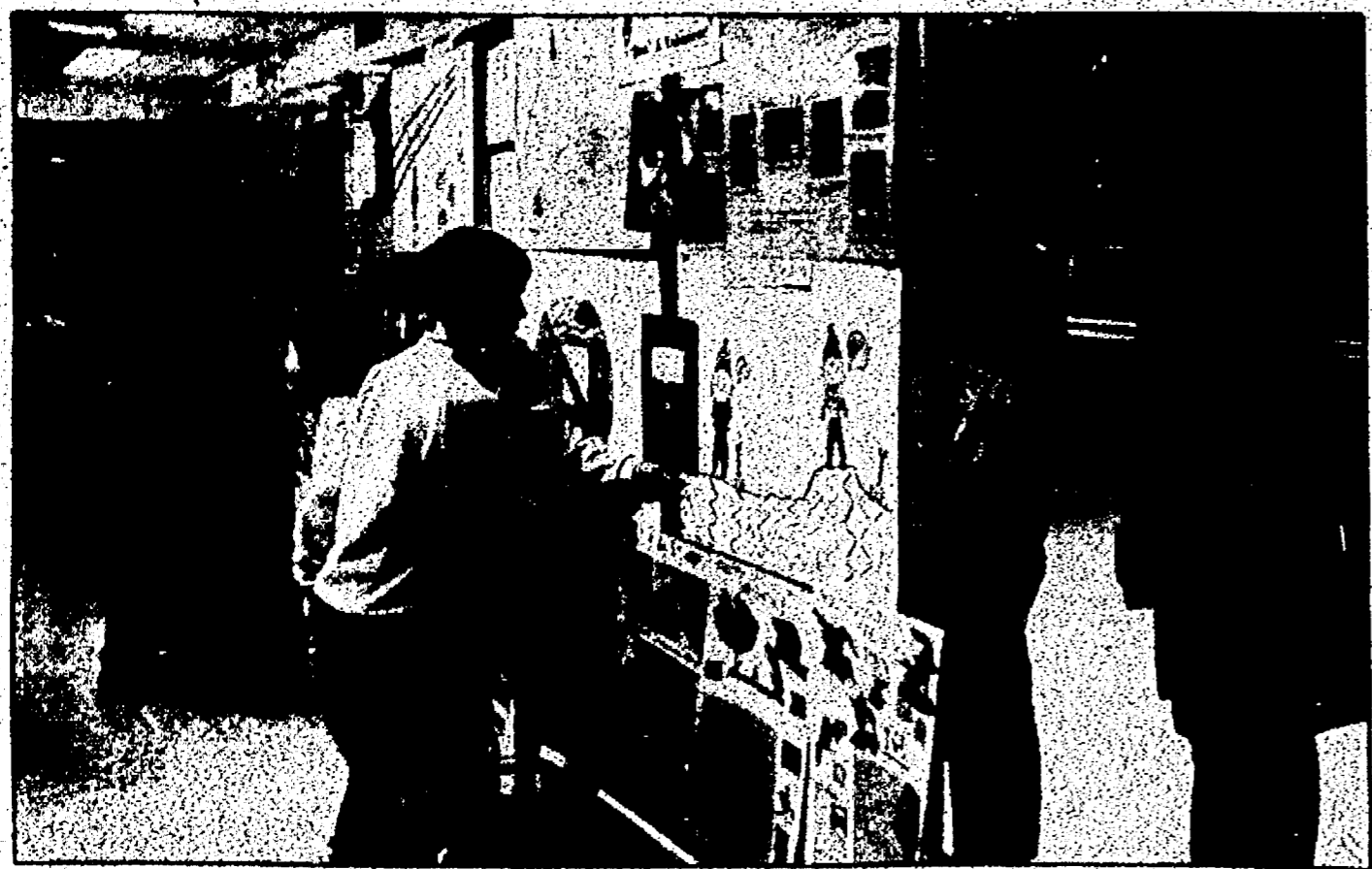
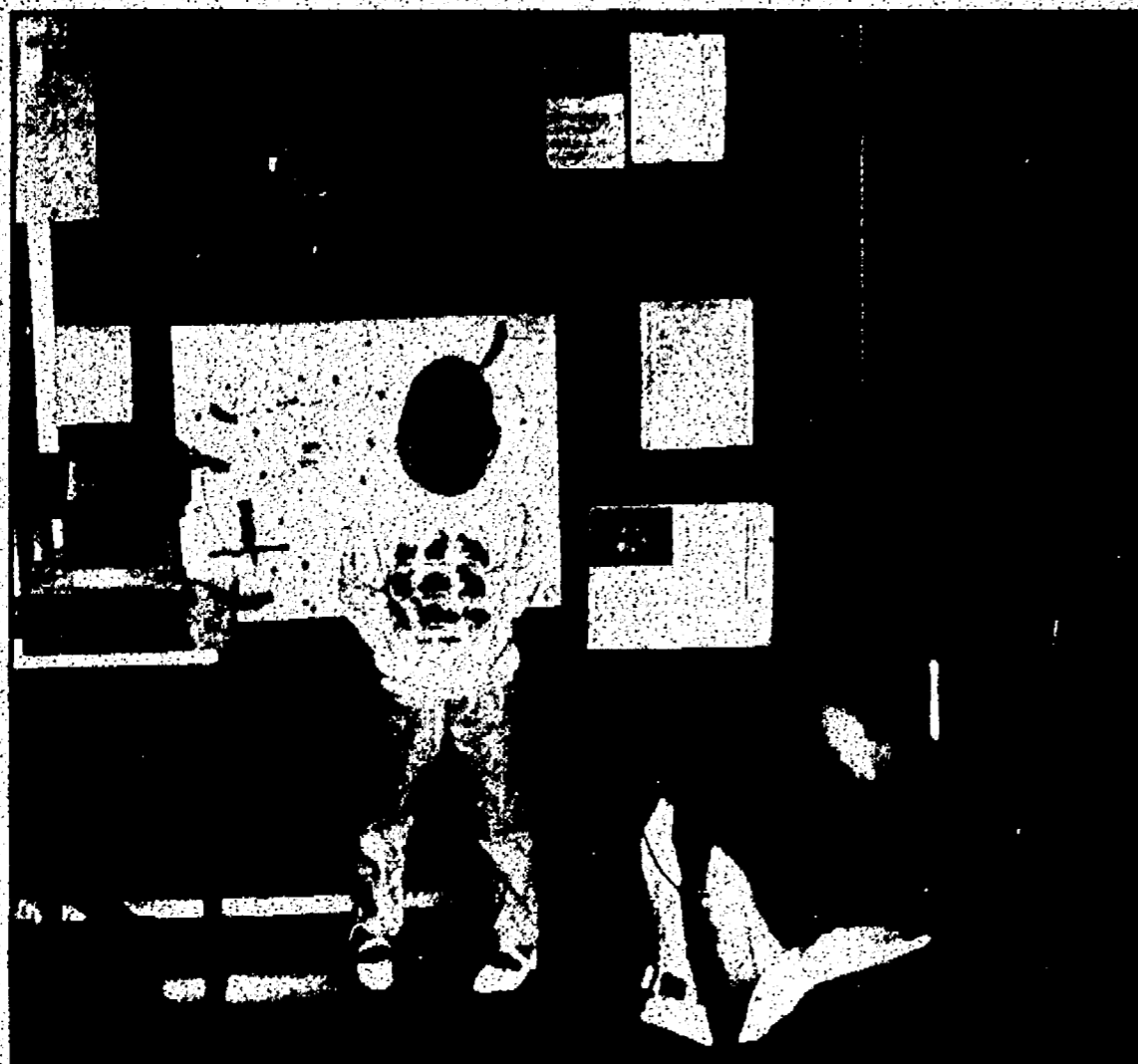
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Bird feeder:
While her father, Brian, takes her picture, Haley Albertson stands in front of her project.



Volunteer projects: Parents and children walked around Franklin High looking at the volunteer projects done this past year by 1,000 Livonia students.

Student volunteers honored

One big celebration took place last week to thank the 1,000 Livonia school district students who spent hours doing some type of volunteer work through the Livonia PTA Council's Youth Making a Difference program. The celebration — complete with punch, cookies, a musical group and thank-you letters from school and city officials — took place at Franklin High.

On display for all to walk by, see and applaud were individual explanations of the multitude of projects on which the students had worked this past year.

"We gathered to honor the 1,000 students who

gave unselfishly of their time to volunteer in their community," said Joyce Galindo, president, Livonia PTA Council.

Before starting their project, students and their sponsors signed commitment forms spelling out what their volunteer work in the city would be.

The program includes students in the northern portion of Westland, which is served by the Livonia school district.

Each student received folders containing thank-you letters signed by the PTA Council, school administrators and teachers and Superintendent Joseph Marinelli.



STAFF PHOTOS BY ANN HEALEY

Animal helper: Stephanie Cumming, 9, and Jennifer Maywell, 9, of Grant Elementary look over one student's project that dealt with cruelty to animals.

State law allows students to 'test out' of some classes

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Starting next year, Michigan high school students may "test out" of courses in which they are not enrolled.

But administrators of the Livonia school district, which serves the northern section of Westland, don't see the new state law as a step forward for either the students or for education in Michigan.

Westland's Richard McKnight of the Livonia Board of Education called it a "sneaking statute."

"It's an attempt to get kids out of the system earlier so we can save money," McKnight said.

Trustee Ken Timmons called it a "poor law" that will ultimately hurt students.

"What will happen if we take all the sharp kids out of classes?" Timmons asked. "Kids learn from each other. Classroom socialization is an important part of growing up. The kids will be the losers here. This is strictly an economic issue."

The district's three principals

must now determine how Section 1279b of the Michigan State Aid Law will be executed at Churchill and Franklin High, which serve Westland students, as well as Stevenson, possibly as soon as the end of the next school year's first semester.

Tests must be written for students who choose to "test out."

The statute contains specific guidelines for districts to follow.

The guidelines are:

■ High school students have two ways to "test out" of courses in which they are not enrolled. They can show a "reasonable" level of mastery by getting a grade of C- plus or better on a final exam. Or, they can show such mastery through a portfolio, performance, paper, project or presentation.

■ Any high school student may take the final exam in any course.

■ Exams will be graded either "pass" or "fail." The scores students earn will not become part of their grade-point average.

■ Once students successfully "test out," they may not receive credit for a course lower in the

course sequence in the same subject area.

The statute leaves it up to districts to decide whether the credit earned in "testing out" will be counted toward graduation. The only stipulation the law makes here is that, whatever decision the district makes, it must be applied equally to all students.

In a discussion Monday of the new law, administrators recommended that credit earned by "testing out" not apply toward the 22 credits needed to graduate from Livonia Public Schools.

Ken Watson, director of secondary education, said that high schools need to review all final exams to make sure that "testing out" exams are not more difficult in one school and easier in another.

"They need to be fair from building to building," Watson said.

"Testing out" exams will be given twice a year, during the week final exams are given.

"I'll be surprised if large numbers of students do this," Watson said.

Students sing way to honors

Six vocal music students of Livonia Public Schools' Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program recently won top honors in a singing competition held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The competition was sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Singing — State Auditions (NATS). NATS is an organization made up primarily of college-level voice teachers.

Stevenson High senior Renee Carriere placed first among high school women. Churchill High junior

Patrick O'Reilly placed first among high school men. Churchill High junior Kelli McBride won second place for high school women.

The following Churchill students placed second, third and fourth, respectively, in the high school musical theater competition: junior Leslie Soranno, senior Amy Winebarger and junior Carlie Firth.

The auditions feature 12 categories for singers, ranging from high school to graduate-school level.

The CAPA students were directed by Steven Kosinski. They were accompanied by Sue Nienhuis.

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Neighbor raises concerns about group home resident

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man admitted he may have erred when he gave a toy tank to a mentally impaired neighbor who lives in a group home in the 37600 block of Beechwood, near Ford and Newburgh.

John Phillips, who has three sons, said he became concerned Monday when he again saw the mentally impaired man in his back yard, with two more toys in his hand.

"I'm not saying he would hurt children," Phillips told the city council on Monday, but he asked city officials what he should do about the situation.

City officials said the state

Department of Social Services, which oversees supervision at the group home, would be contacted.

Phillips said the incident began when the mentally impaired man found the toy tank on the ground, on the group home side of a fence. Phillips told the council he decided to let the man keep the toy.

In retrospect, Phillips said he may have erred and unintentionally encouraged the man to try to take more toys.

When Phillips saw the man taking two more toys on Monday, he asked the man to put them down. But Phillips said a woman from the group home intervened and warned Phillips

that he would "go to jail" if he touched the man.

Phillips said the man left the toys and returned to the group home.

Concerned about potential encounters between the man and neighborhood children, Phillips asked the council what he should advise his neighbors, other than "putting bars on their windows."

"I could be jumping the gun," he said, "but there's a lot of weird people in this world."

City attorney Angelo Plakas noted that DSS is responsible for licensing the group homes.

Mayor Robert Thomas said his administration would look into the matter.



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16-year-old Westland resident arrested in drive-by shooting

BY WAYNE PEAL
AND ALICE COLLINS
STAFF WRITERS

Shotgun blasts shattered the quiet of an early spring evening Tuesday for residents of a south-west Southfield neighborhood, and four teens are expected to face serious criminal charges in the aftermath.

Southfield police said a gathering of about 15 youths was the target of a drive-by shooting shortly after 6 p.m. on Shiawassee near Indian, in the John Grace area of the city.

"It's a miracle that no one was injured," said police spokesman L.A. Moore.

Despite that, police Wednesday were seeking attempted murder warrants in connection with the shooting against a 16-year-old Southfield girl, a 17-year-old Southfield boy, both neighborhood residents, and a 16-year-old Westland boy and a 13-year-old Farmington Hills boy.

The 13-year-old boy was identified by witnesses as being the shooter.

Three males were passen-

gers in a 1988 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by the girl, police said.

Police said the group of intended victims was gathered around a car that had just come by. They were talking with those in the car "and milling around" when some of the youths saw the approaching Pontiac come through a stop sign at an accelerated speed, Moore said.

"I think that alerted them that something might be happening and as the car went by, two, maybe three shots, sprayed buckshot toward the crowd. The kids scattered and ducked for cover."

"That type of weapon and that ammunition, because it spreads out as it goes, could have caused serious injury or death," he said. Police found two ammunition casings at the scene.

Police aren't sure what the motive was, Moore said. But the intended victims and those in the drive-by car, knew each other. Most of those involved live in or around the area.

Moore said he doubted the incident was gang-related.

"It doesn't appear to be. But there does seem to be bad blood

between some of the people involved."

Police arrested the girl shortly after the shooting while she was still behind the wheel of the car, which belongs to her family.

The 17-year-old was arrested at his home on Inkster Road, less than a mile from the shooting site. Moore said Wednesday that a warrant against him had not yet been obtained.

The 13-year-old and the Westland youth were arrested at a gas station at the nearby intersection of Beech and Eight Mile roads.

The three juveniles were lodged in Children's Village in Pontiac while charges against them were being pursued.

The 17-year-old is considered an adult in the eyes of the law. The prosecutor's office was expected to seek waivers so that the two 16-year-olds could also be prosecuted as adults. The 13-year-old will probably be prosecuted as a juvenile, Moore said.

Police said they recovered the shotgun at Lola Valley Park, Redford Township, roughly three miles from the shooting site.

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land police force. She formed the department's youth bureau and, at that time, was the only officer who handled child abuse and neglect cases and sex crimes.

A former Police Officer of the Year, Moore has been encouraged that such crimes have drawn increasing attention during her tenure. Many children who once would have suffered under a shroud of family secrecy have been helped.

"We're not burying our heads in the sand anymore," Moore said.

Some problems remain, however, and Moore has had her share of worries when she's seen the justice system allow an abused child to return to an abusive home.

"That's my biggest frustration," she said.

When she joined the Westland police force, no officers were solely assigned to juvenile crimes. That has changed as violence committed by and against juveniles has escalated.

It might seem that any police officer would become insensitive and jaded after 2½ decades of



Laura Moore: wins honor

working on crimes against children. But, in nominating Moore, for the award, Diehl stressed the sergeant's sensitivity to children.

In fighting child abuse, Moore has let no obstacle stand in her way. She even took on a popular minister and his wife whose congregation continued to support them even after they pleaded

guilty to child abuse. They kept their church but lost two children to foster homes.

In an era of teen gangs and gun-toting students, Moore still maintains that such problems wouldn't be as widespread if only parents and the justice system could intervene earlier in children's lives.

"If they're taught violence, that's all they know. You have to teach children from birth that violence isn't acceptable," she said. "You're not ever going to eradicate crime, but I think you could really cut it a lot."

Parents need to accept more responsibility for their children, and that includes limiting the violence that youngsters see daily on TV, Moore said. Children see TV characters killed and maimed in violent ways.

"We've gotten immune to it," the sergeant said.

For the next nine months, Moore will continue to do her job, helping children and sex-crime victims. When she retires, she can leave knowing that, for some children, the world is a safer place because she cared to help.

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Ex Ford aide runs for Congress

Making families more secure by concentrating on four key issues — jobs, education, health care and crime — is the message David W. Geiss will deliver throughout the 13th District in his bid for a seat in Congress.

The 13th district includes Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township and part of Livonia.

Geiss, a Democrat and former chief of staff to U.S. Rep. William D. Ford, opened his campaign Tuesday morning at the William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center in Westland.

"I want to help the many families in Michigan and the 13th District who worry about how they will get by in the next few years."

"Our world is changing so quickly — the constant struggle to keep our families safe, healthy, educated and employed becomes harder and harder every year," said Geiss.

Geiss, who grew up in Dearborn and graduated from Fordson High School, worked as a tool machinist for many years while raising his family. He attended Henry Ford Community and served on the Taylor City Council for six years — two of those as chairman. He also was elected to the Wayne County Charter Commission in November 1980.



David W. Geiss

In 1988, he became active with UAW Local 189 and in 1989 was elected bargaining committee chairman. He was served as financial secretary-treasurer of Local 189 from 1973-1983.

Geiss managed Ford's 1982 campaign and after the election he served as chief of staff in Washington, D.C. until Friday.

He described Ford as "my friend, my mentor and my sup-

porter."

"One of my top priorities in Congress will be job training and retraining, with the main focus being on education," said Geiss.

Health care reform is a very personal issue for the Geiss family. Seven years ago, his wife, Jacqueline, was diagnosed with leukemia and underwent intensive chemotherapy.

"Fortunately, I had a great employer — Bill Ford — who allowed me to take medical leave to be with her during this time."

"I want to be sure that all workers can get coverage that will see them through the expense of an unexpected illness and that the coverage be transferable if they choose to switch jobs or find themselves without a job."

On violent crime, Geiss advocates certainty of punishment.

"I believe we need truth in sen-

tencing, so that a 20-year sentence for a violent crime means 20 years, not three or four," said Geiss.

Geiss, who now lives in Wayne, said he knows the 13th District.

"I've lived in Dearborn and Taylor. I helped put this district together," said Geiss, referring to the redistricting that was done more than two years ago.

Geiss is the third Democrat to enter the race. An Ypsilanti attorney also is seeking the Democratic nomination. Bryan Amann, a Wayne County Commissioner, had previously announced but withdrew last month citing family concerns.

John Schall, formerly of Livonia and now of Ann Arbor, has announced his bid for the Republican nomination.

The filing deadline is May 10.

Hosts of grad parties facing new liabilities

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair has issued a press release warning adults who intend to host high school graduation parties, or who rent premises or a limousine to high school graduates in connection with a high school prom or graduation party.

A new criminal statute that takes effect June 1 will apply to any adult who owns or controls "premises" defined as any "place of assembly." If the adult allows those premises to be used by individuals less than 21 years of age to consume alcoholic beverages, the adult is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 30 days, or by a fine up to \$1,000, or both. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the adult is guilty of a misdemeanor pun-

ishable by imprisonment up to 90 days, or by a fine up to \$1,000, or both.

"The obligation of parents, limousine rental companies, hotel and motel operators, and other adults not to contribute to the delinquency of minors with respect to alcohol consumption is now more clearly stated in our law than ever," said O'Hair in the press release.

"The goal of our legislators is a noble one: to stop the perennial springtime story of bright and hopeful young graduates who die in car crashes. I fully expect local police agencies in Wayne County to be very vigilant this prom and graduation season to be sure that the laws of the state of Michigan on underage drinking are strictly enforced."

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Max Fisher wins 1994 Alexis de Tocqueville award

Max Fisher, widely recognized locally, nationally and internationally as one of the leading industrialists and philanthropists, has received the 1994 Alexis de Tocqueville award from United Way of America for his outstanding volunteer service.

This award is United Way's top national award honoring volunteers.

Over the years, with Fisher's guidance and leadership, the United Way for Southeastern Michigan has raised millions of dollars to provide necessary health and human services. He served as chairman of the 1961 Torch Drive and as United Way chairman of the board from 1966-68.

Fisher was also one of the founding members of Detroit Renaissance, a non-profit corporation dedicated to the physical and economic revitalization of Detroit.

He served as that organization's first chairman from 1970 to 1981 and again from 1983 to 1989. He was directly involved with projects to rebuild the city's riverfront that included the development of the Detroit Renaissance Center.

He also saw the need for others to see the positive aspects of Detroit, bringing the 1980 Republican Convention and later the Grand Prix race, which has become one of the premier races on the Grand Prix circuit.

Further, Fisher was instrumental in the establishment of New Detroit, Inc., the nation's first urban coalition, serving as the organization's second chairman. New Detroit, Inc., which receives its funding through a corporate solicitation conducted by United Way for Southeastern Michigan, grew out of the 1967 Detroit riots and serves Detroit's minorities, poor and disadvantaged, as a resource and advocate of necessary social change.

Max Fisher has demonstrated an unparalleled sense of personal commitment and dedication to this community, to this country and to the world," said Virgil Carr, president, United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

"It takes a rare individual to achieve the heights that Max Fisher has in his lifetime as an entrepreneur, industrialist, advisor to world leaders and philanthropist," he continued.

Nationally, he has served as an advisor on health and human service issues to Presidents Richard M. Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and George Bush. It was his expertise and leadership on the urban scene that prompted Richard Nixon to name him chairman of the National Council on Voluntary Action, a coalition working to meet American urban problems.

And on the international front, Fisher is known as the "quiet diplomat." No private citizen has played so profound a diplomatic role between Washington and Jerusalem.

Despite the breadth of his activities, he has chosen to live his life out of the public eye, quietly fostering relationships between the U.S. and Israel. In Israel, he has helped with relocation of Russian Jews, built hospitals and schools, planted trees and worked to bring the most precious gift of all — peace to an area of the world that has known nothing but war for decades.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir once said, "Max Fisher is a unique individual. Without his vision, many things we take for granted would not exist. As the leading Jewish personality in the United States, Max Fisher played a major role in this bridge building process."

Even at 85, Fisher continues to serve in a leadership role with many organizations.

He remains honorary chairman of United Way for Southeastern Michigan and a member of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society. He is also considered an elder statesman in the Jewish Community and is actively involved in Jewish Federation, United Jewish Appeal, United Israel Appeal, United HIAS Service, B'nai B'rith International and Task Force for Operation Independence, among many others.

The National Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award was created in 1972 by the United Way of America.

The national society was named for Alexis de Tocqueville, French aristocrat and author who visited the United States in 1831. Tocqueville wrote admiringly of the spirit of the voluntary association he observed in the United States in his Democracy in America.

"The Tocqueville Society is an integral part of the outreach of United Way of America," said J.C. Penney Co. Chairman of the Board and CEO W.R. Howell, 1992-94 Chairman of UWA Board of Governors.

"Our award recipients serve as both inspiration and confirmation for the millions of Americans who are likewise committed to helping people in need."

Past winners of the Alexis de Tocqueville award include Bob Hope, former President Ronald Reagan and Henry Ford II.

Fisher received his award on March 20 at the 1994 United Ways' Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas. Fisher's daughter, Mary Fisher, founder of the Family AIDS Network introduced him and Michigan Governor John Engler remarked on Fisher's contributions to the state of Michigan.

OBITUARIES

DR. ROBERT M. JUGAN

Services for Dr. Jugan, prominent Garden City Hospital physician and a doctor in private practice for 35 years, were April 7 from the John Santeu and Son Funeral Home, with interment in Island Memorial Park, Grosse Ile.

Dr. Jugan, 61, died April 4 in Garden City Hospital.

Born in Ecorse, Dr. Jugan was active in numerous professional and Garden City Hospital organizations.

His 35-year family practice, based in Dearborn Heights, included patients from throughout western Wayne County.

A graduate of the University of Detroit and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (Missouri), he interned at Garden City Ridge Hospital in 1958-59.

He has served on the hospital's board of directors, finance com-

mittee, and executive committee; was president of the Garden City Hospital Professional Corporation; and was named physician of the year in 1985 and 1987.

Dr. Jugan was also active in leadership roles in regional and state health-care organizations.

He was president of Health Plus in 1984, named an executive committee member of Prudential Plus in 1988, and joined the Medical Providers Organization board of directors in 1989. He was also a Trust Physician Medical Group Leader and a medical group leader for Comprehensive Health System, Inc., and OmniCare health plans.

He was elected president just a month ago of the newly formed Garden City Hospital Physician Health Organization.

Outside his medical office and the hospital, Dr. Jugan was a

boating enthusiast, enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was a member of the Grosse Ile Yacht Club.

He had been a Dearborn Heights resident since 1988.

Survivors include: his wife, Sandra; daughter, Michelle Wahl; sons Michael, also a physician, and Jeffrey; six grandchildren; and mother, Helen Jugan.

Memorials may be donated to the Garden City Hospital Development Fund, 6245 N. Inkster Road, Garden City 48133.

DEVILLO E. BILLS

Services for Mr. Bills, 87, of Westland were April 4 from the Uht Funeral Home, with interment in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Rev. Stanley Jenkins officiated.

Mr. Bills died April 1 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. Born Nov. 28, 1906, he was a chief power engineer.

Survivors include: his wife, Ethel Mae; daughters Agnes Vernier and Pat Traskos; son Robert; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

WALTER H. MALONEY

Mr. Maloney, 49, formerly of Westland, died March 28 in the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. His remains were cremated.

Born Sept. 27, 1944, Mr. Maloney, a pipe fitter, was a Northville resident.

Survivors include: his wife, Fran; parents Finch and Martha Maloney; brothers Mervin, Jesse, Charles and Andrew; and sisters Enna Bea Combs and Ida Cole. His birth mother, Jean Maloney, preceded him in death.

Arrangements were by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

DAVID FRANCIS VELOZ

Services for the Westland infant were April 8 from the Uht Funeral Home, with interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia. Rev. Gerard Bechard officiated.

The infant was born March 31 and died April 1 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Survivors include: parents Joseph and Christina Veloz; twin brother Leo; sisters Ann and Rita; grandparents Margaret and Frank Reyer, John Veloz and Alex and Elsa Flores. Another grandparent, Rita Flores, preceded him in death.

WILLIAM F. WEIN

Services for Mr. Wein, 77, of Wayne were April 6 from St. John Episcopal Church, followed by cremation. Rev. Raymond Zips officiated.

Mr. Wein died April 2 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Born May 6, 1916, he was a retired systems analyst.

Survivors include: his wife, Jane; daughters Carol Urbaniak, Dawn Jenkins and Michele Anhalt; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother Frank; and nephew William.

Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

MARQUERITE E. WILSON

Services for Mrs. Wilson, 84, of Wayne were April 5 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Rev. Robert Millar officiated.

Mrs. Wilson died April 2 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Born Jan. 17, 1910, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: son Bryce of Westland; daughter Billie Swank; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

CHARLES JOSEPH KADLEC

Services for Mr. Kadlec, 82, of Wayne were April 2 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Beverly Bottega officiated.

Mr. Kadlec died April 1 in Hope Care Nursing Home. Born Aug. 8, 1911, he was a supervisor.

Survivors include: daughters Charlene Kenyon and Kim D'Arcy; sons Joe and Terry; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters Helen Filip and Elaine Shattock; and brothers Joe and Bill.

WILLIAM H. BERRY

Services for Mr. Berry, 66, of Dearborn Heights were April 5 from St. Mel Catholic Church with burial in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Berry died April 2 in Garden City Hospital. Born April 28, 1927, in Malta, he was a plant manager.

Survivors include: wife Carmen; sons William, Jr., Joseph, Ronald and Charles; seven grandchildren; four brothers; and five sisters.

Arrangements were by the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING April 18, 1994 CITY OF GARDEN CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and Council of Garden City will hold a Public Hearing on April 18, 1994, at 7:15 p.m., at the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 699 Woodward Road, Garden City, Michigan.

To which public comments on the amendments to the AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) Ordinance.

All persons interested in the above are hereby invited to attend this Public Hearing and be heard.

DONALD D. SHAWALTER,
City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING March 21, 1994

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RENOVATIONS TO HOLMES AND RILEY MIDDLE SCHOOLS LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIVONIA, MICHIGAN BID PACKAGE NO. 19

The Livonia Schools Board of Education will receive firm subcontractor and material supplier bids for Sitework, General Building, Mechanical and Electrical trades for the construction of building and classroom renovations to Holmes and Riley Middle Schools, located within the Livonia Public School District.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a \$15.00 non-refundable deposit payable to Livonia Public Schools, at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48343 (313) 334-2000, on or after Thursday, April 1, 1994. Plans may also be reviewed at the office of the Architect, TMP Associates, Inc., 1191 W. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303, and in the F.W. Dodge and C.A.M. Plan Rooms. Pre-bid meetings will be held Wednesday, April 27, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. at the Livonia Public Schools Business Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of Mr. Arthur Howell, Director of Operations. It shall be delivered to the Livonia Public Schools Business Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48343, or at the office of George W. Auch Co., 735 S. Paddock St., Pontiac, MI 48343, but must be delivered no later than 4:00 p.m., May 10, 1994. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the architect and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder. A bid bond executed by a surety company acceptable to the Livonia Public Schools or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Livonia Public Schools shall be submitted with each proposal over \$15,000.

All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days. Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Livonia Public Schools Business Office starting at 10:00 a.m., May 11, 1994. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informality therein. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

SUSAN J. THOMPSON,
Secretary
Board of Education

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Race aids breast cancer screening

Organizers for Saturday's third annual Race for the Cure say 5,800 runners have registered for the event to be held at the Detroit Zoo.

Parking is expected to fill fast so Jane Hoey, race organizer, encourages participants to car pool or arrange for a ride to and from the Detroit Zoo.

Once the zoo parking areas are filled, buses will shuttle from Oakland Community College in Royal Oak and at the State Fair Grounds (use entrance No. 3 turn on State Fair which is one block south of Eight Mile), Hoey said.

Race participants can go directly to OCC or to the zoo where race guides will provide further parking instructions.

The third Detroit Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure is a 5-kilometer run/walk/racewalk and one-mile fun run which brings together people of all ages and athletic abilities to promote breast cancer awareness and early detection.

Runners and walkers can still

The first 1,000 finishers receive commemorative Race for the Cure lapel pins, and the first 2,000 finishers receive pink carnations. Pink is the color that symbolizes breast cancer awareness.

register for the race Saturday morning from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Cost is \$20.

Michelle Engler, Michigan's First Lady, will start the race.

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The local race is dedicated to the memory of Alexa Kraft, a runner, wife and mother of five, who died of breast cancer in 1988 at the age of 39.

Nearly 7,000 Michigan women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 1994, and 2,000 will die of the disease this year. But, accord-

ing to Gwen MacKenzie, Michigan Cancer Foundation-Prentiss Comprehensive Cancer Center vice president, events such as the Race for the Cure, can help turn those numbers around.

"Right now, our best defense against breast cancer is early detection -- screening, mammography, self-examinations and physicians' physical breast exams," MacKenzie said. "When breast cancer is detected in its earliest, most-treatable stages, chances for cure increase dramatically."

Among the thousands of walkers and runners will be hundreds of breast cancer survivors and their families. They will be wearing — with honor — the pink ribbons, buttons and visors that have come to symbolize the nation's

awareness of breast cancer.

Proceeds from the 1994 race will continue to support breast cancer educational and screening activities throughout southeastern Michigan, with special emphasis on reaching low-income, medically underserved women.

The Detroit race is presented locally by the MCF-Prentiss Comprehensive Cancer Center. Its local sponsors are Jacobson's, ComputerWare, WDIV-TV 4, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, WNIC-FM, William Beaumont Hospital Mammography Services, The Mortgage Authority, Preferred Medical Associates, the Detroit Edison Foundation, Plunkett & Cooney, Loomis, Sayles & Co. Inc., the Taubman Company, Dykema Gossett, Amosna Corp. and Comerica Bank.

Participants will be admitted to the zoo free of charge after the race.

For information on cancer and services, call the Cancer Information Service of Indiana and Michigan at (800) 4-CANCER.

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Global ReLeaf of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the state Urban and Community Forestry Council are giving prizes to people who identify the biggest tree in their community.

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ficate honoring her or him for finding the biggest tree in town.

In honor of Arbor Day, participants of all ages may search their communities to find the tree with the greatest circumference. A prize will be awarded to each individual who locates the largest tree

entered from each city, town, village, or township.

A separate prize goes to the individual locating the largest white pine, Michigan's state tree.

Each entry will be verified. Multiple entries are fine. Entries must be postmarked on or before

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Judges sought for bulging suburbs

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

One year, certain suburbs top the region in building permits. A few years later, with development and population growth, they're seeking more district court judges.

The state Senate next week will take up a House-passed bill to add one judge each in the 35th District Court (Northville-Plymouth-Canton), 47th District (Farmington and Farmington Hills) and Oakland Circuit Court.

District 52-1 (Novi, South Lyon, Milford and Walled Lake) is eligible to add one judge, but local officials declined.

"It (Senate action) has got to be real soon," said Graham Crabtree, counsel to Senate Judiciary Committee chairman William Van Regenmortel, R-Denison. "The chairman wants a hearing right after spring break due to end April 12."

Candidate filing deadline is May 10.

Chamber has demographic guidebook

A reference guide on southeast Michigan demographic economic information and research is available for purchase through the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

The guide identifies more than 100 sources of demographic and economic information on southeast Michigan and describes the focus and sponsor of the information, the frequency with which it is updated, and the cost of the material.

The guide is available for \$10 through the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce by calling Melissa Armstrong at (313) 596-0333, or writing her at 600 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit 48226.

Wayne 11th Republicans host Secchia

Peter Secchia, a former U.S. ambassador to Italy and former Michigan Republican national committeeman, will speak to the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee beginning 6 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Tickets are \$35 each. For reservations, call Dan Piercecchi at 591-3293.

The average annual operating cost per new judge to the state is \$170,000. The costs include salaries, Social Security payments and \$6,000 in recording equipment.

Meanwhile, voters will be adding four Court of Appeals judges in the Nov. 8 election — all in a new southwestern Michigan's 3rd District. District 1 (Wayne, Monroe and Lenawee counties) will actually lose a judge in the reapportionment scheme. Appeals Judge Thomas J. Brennan, who is over 70, is retiring and will not be replaced.

Adding a judge is a three-step process.

First, the State Court Administrator's office analyzes caseloads and issues a recommendation. That office makes recommendations freely. For example, the court administrator asked for 12 new Court of Appeals judges (currently there are 12) and got four.

Second, the local funding unit must ask for the increase, agreeing to bear its share of the cost. In the 35th District, the two North-

ville, the two Plymouths and Canton Township agreed to add a third judge. In the 47th, the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills agreed.

But there was a problem in Oakland County; the funding unit for District 52-1 and circuit court. The court administrator recommended a third judge in the district court and two more in circuit court. The county board agreed, only to one circuit judge.

Third, the Legislature must pass a law expanding the court, agreeing to bear the state's share of the cost. That's the issue before the Senate Judiciary Committee next week.

"Average annual operating cost per new judge (to the state) was \$170,000," said the court administrator. The costs include salaries, Social Security, and \$6,000 in recording equipment.

Here is what the State Court Administrator said in support of its recommendations for new trial judges:

■ 35th District (Plymouth, etc.) — "In 1992 the court had 20,186 new filings per judge compared to 11,196 statewide per district judge."

(The higher than average drunk driving caseload is particularly significant.) "Three free-ways have expanded the economic and population bases."

■ 47th District (Farmington area) — "Cases that require significantly greater judicial time than a typical case are especially high in this court. The court is located in an area of increasing population growth and commercial activity."

■ 52-1 District Court (Walled Lake, etc.) — "From 1991 to 1992 reported new filings increased by 12 percent." (The judges of this division average over 1,500 more non-traffic cases than the statewide average. The division is located in an area of rapid economic and population growth.)

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Area residents to attend youth violence seminar

Representatives from Westland, Plymouth, Farmington and Farmington Hills will join about 160 other professionals from the metropolitan area at a seminar on "Youth Violence: Who's In Charge?" Thursday, April 14, at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield.

Beverly Coleman-Miller, a physician and an authority on the prevention of youth violence in communities, will be the featured speaker.

The seminar includes a cross section of professionals and community representatives, including elementary, middle and high school educators and administrators, social workers and counselors, law enforcement officers, judges, attorneys, probation officers and youth care specialists, according to Jeanne Knopf DeRoche, president of The Knopf Co. Inc. of Plymouth.

The seminar will address the severity of community violence, trends and differences in urban and rural communities and a prevention model from public health through law enforcement. The afternoon session will present what works and what doesn't in community prevention of violence, steps that need to be taken to ensure a clear purpose and effective plan.

"When we see images of discrimination or death in Bosnia, Somalia or elsewhere in the world, the U.S. rushes in to help, sending peacekeepers, warriors and mediators. Yet there's a chronic undeclared war taking place in our own cities; a war which needs the same level of attention and amount of resources that is, of necessity, offered across the world," said Coleman-Miller, an internal medicine specialist who has been

treating the victims of inner-city violence for years.

"Violence is bred in the environment; it's a learned behavior," said Coleman-Miller, "and our streets and homes are the classroom. It's time we, as responsible adults, begin to unteach it."

Coleman-Miller is a consultant to several U.S. departments, including Health and Human Services, Education, and Justice. She holds a medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine.

Registration is limited. Cost is \$95 for the one-day seminar which includes lunch and materials. There is a discount for two or more from the same organization. For reservations, call The Knopf Co. in Plymouth at 1-800-420-4343.

SC schedules taxation hearing

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees will hold a Truth-In-Taxation hearing 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18.

The hearing is required by law because the board of trustees wants to raise the millage Schoolcraft collects by about 0.0534 mill to a total of about 2.27 mills.

Folks interested in commenting on the board's intention may attend the public hearing in the board room of the Administration Building, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Also, the board will have another public hearing 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, to take public comment on the proposed 1994-95 general operating budget.

County gets dislocated worker money

The Michigan Jobs Commission gave \$310,000 to the Wayne County Private Industry Corporation under the Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance Act.

The money will be used to provide readjustment services to help ease the disruption that employees, employers and communities face due to major plant closings or layoffs in Wayne County.

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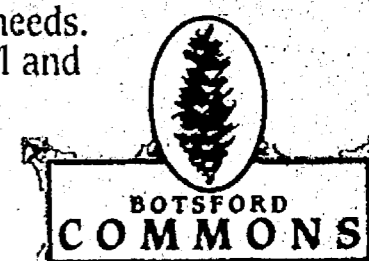
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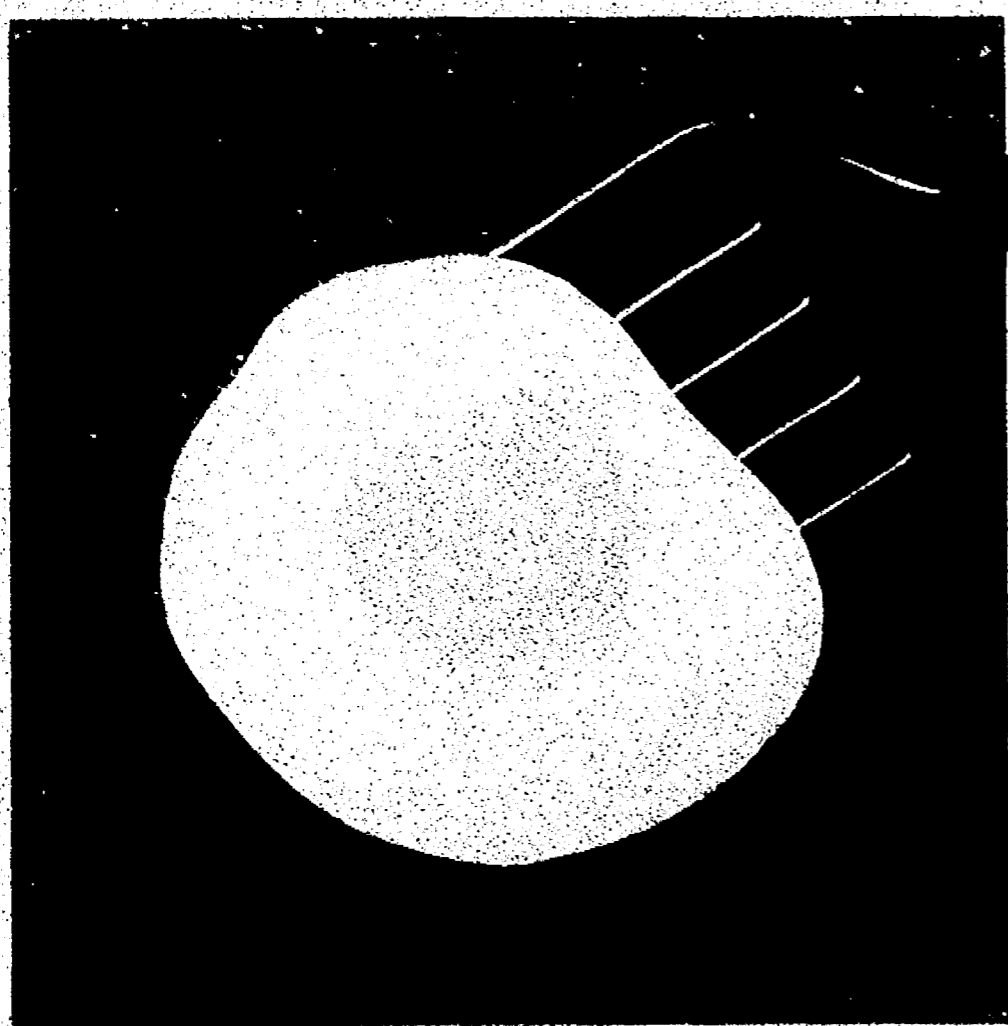
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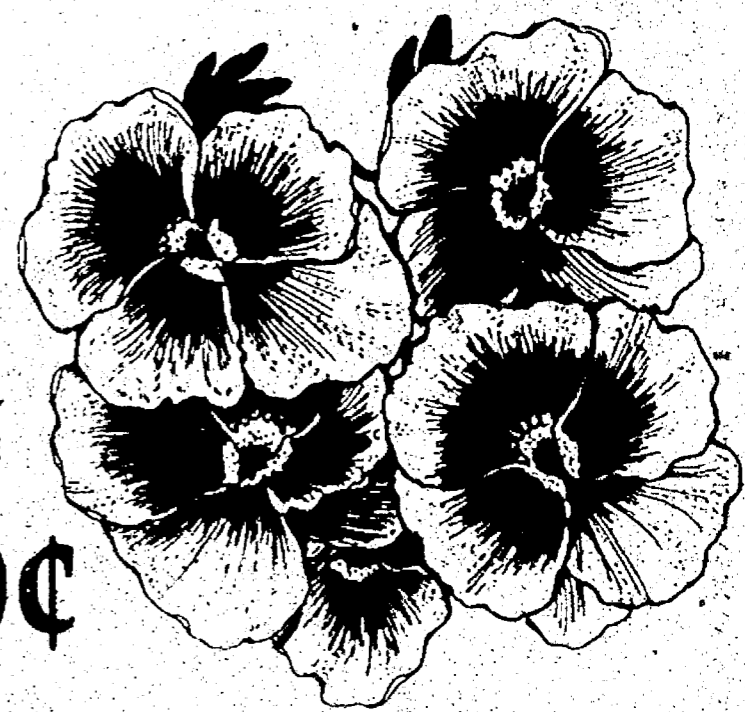
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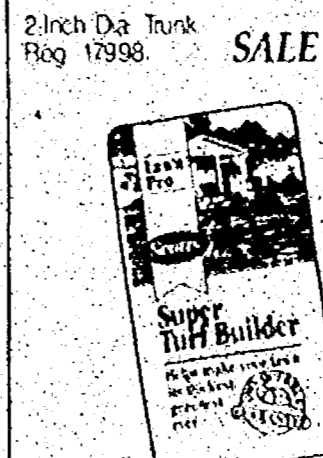


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Library plans programs

The Wayne-Westland Public Library will start registration next Monday for its preschool story time program, to be held Wednesday mornings, April 20 through May 26. The program is aimed at children ages 3½-5. Registration should be completed in person at the library, on Wayne Road at Sims, said Linda Baum, youth services librarian. There is no charge for the program. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 728-7832.

The library is also sponsoring a free story time and crafts program at 7 p.m. Mondays at the Bailey Recreation Center, on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh, directly behind City Hall. The program, which began this week, will continue through April. Topics will include parachutes next Monday and a rhythm band performance on April 26.

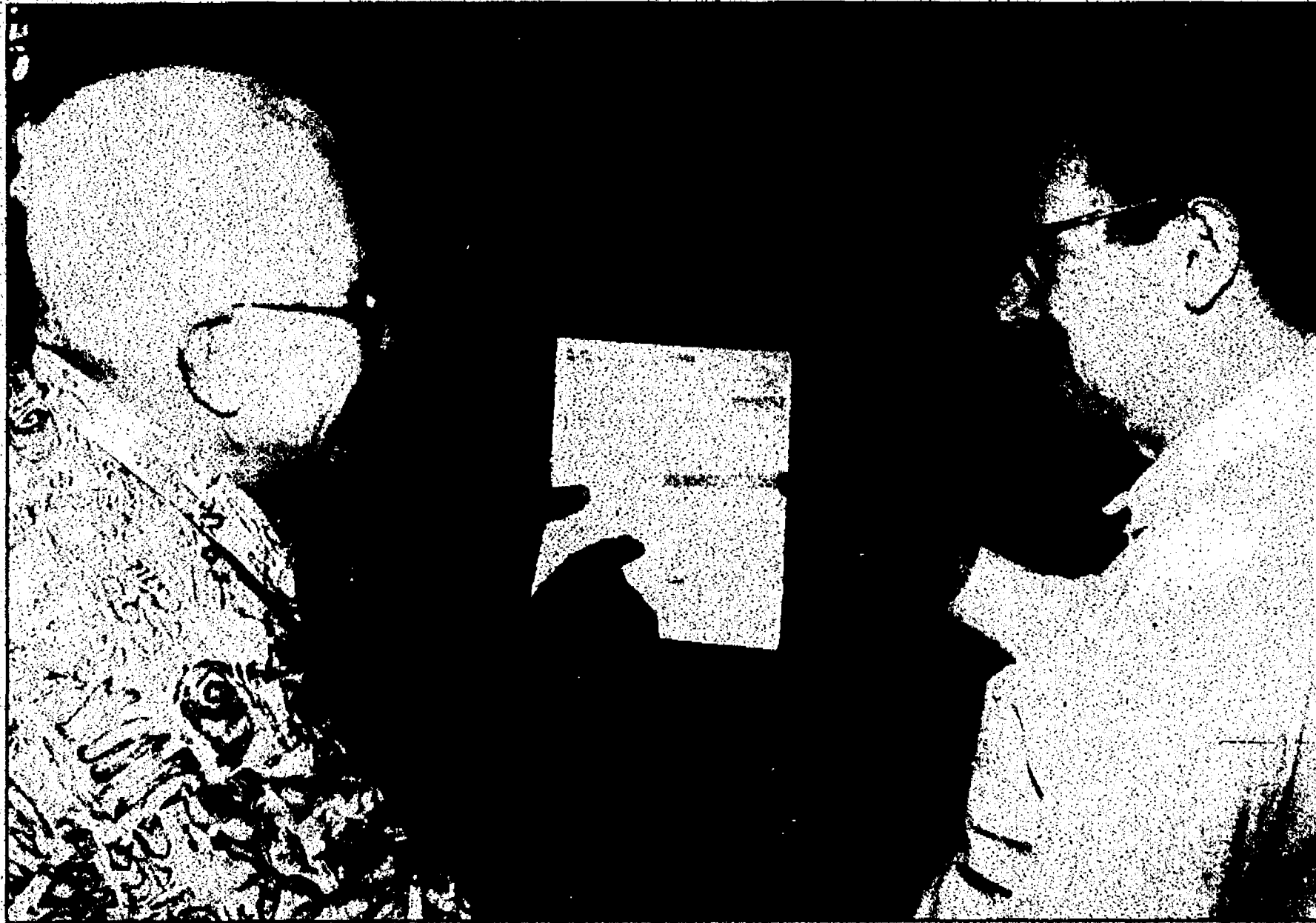
"The Frog Prince" children's play will be produced by the library at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in observance of National Library Week. The show will be at the State IV theater, in the State-Wayne Theater, on westbound Michigan Avenue, just west of Wayne Road. Tickets are free and available from the library April 16-22.

Softball signups

Westland softball players are eligible to register for a slo pitch softball teams being formed by area Jaycees.

Competition will start May 1. Games will be Sunday afternoons. Entry fee is \$45 per player. Eligible are men and women ages 21-39.

For information, call the Jaycees' hot line, 722-1630.



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Free help: Tax preparer Allen Moody (left) helps J.C. Farley with his tax returns at the Westland Friendship Center.

Seniors get help during a taxing time

It's a taxing time for Westland residents, but retirees are getting help.

The assistance is in the form of free income tax preparation offered two days a week this week and next in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh near Marquette.

Facing an April 15 deadline to file federal and state returns, local retirees are taking advantage of the free service, provided by volunteers from the Westland-Dearborn Heights American Association of Retired Persons, Chapter 1642, in cooperation with the Westland

Senior Resources Department and its volunteers.

Persons planning to use the free service are advised to bring with them their 1992 tax returns, current W-2 and W-2P statements, Social Security 1099 and all other 1099 forms, real estate property tax bills

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

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

THIS WEEKEND

FAMILY FARE

The Westland Jaycees will hold a daylong family life seminar 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at the Salvation Army community service center, on Venoy south of Palmer. There is an admission fee of \$5 per person, \$5 per family. Children are welcome to attend. There will be lunch, children's activities and speakers on a variety of topics, such as communication, fire safety, First Step organization for abused wives, Youth Assistance counseling program, and discipline. Call Donna Gildea, 729-8763.

SPRING ON THE FARM

Margaret Schmidt, popularly known as "the farm lady," will present her spring program at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Children ages 4-8 can visit with a live lamb and find out how maple syrup is made. Register at Noble Library, 421-4235.

KIDS' ART

Arts and crafts for children age 5 and older meets 4-5 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Maplewood Center, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City. Cost is \$1 per child per class. New craft is made each week. Reservations, 525-8846.

CRAFTS/BAZAARS

RUMMAGE/CRAFTS

There will be a rummage, craft and bake sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 28-30, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28630 Cherry Hill, near Harrison, Garden City. Lunch will be available. 427-3660.

TAX HELP

FOR SENIORS

AARP Chapter No. 1642 will offer free income tax service to low-income seniors:

Garden City — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, through April 14, at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman and north of Ford. Appointment, 525-6348.

Westland — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Thursday, through April 14, at Friendship Community Center, 1119 N. Newburgh at Marquette. Walk-ins welcome. 722-7623.

CLUBS

CH.A.D.D.

Ch.A.D.D. of Northwest Wayne County meets 7:20 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Civic Center Library, 52777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. Dr. James Windell, "master of discipline," will present "Eight Weeks to a Well-Behaved Child." Check-in begins at 7 p.m. 390-0847.

DAR

John Sackett Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution meets for a noon luncheon Saturday, April 8, at St. Matthew's United Meth-

odist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Roger Kerr, 64th Regiment of Foot, will present a program on "Tea, More Than a Beverage: A Social Encounter." Betty Tripp, 422-4072.

AARP

The Dearborn Heights and Westland AARP Chapter 1642 meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights. Guest speaker Mark Cestelinski will lead a program on "Home Care," with a question and answer period following.

CAMPING CLUB

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

WEEKENDERS

The Weekend family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. 531-2993.

TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters International Club No. 6694-28 meets 6 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland, for people who want to practice and develop public speaking skills. 421-0284.

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS

The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets 6 p.m. Thursdays in Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road. 455-1635.

DEMOCRATS

Garden City Democrats meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Maplewood Community Center, Room 5, Alice Leclercq, 421-1169, or Bill Pate, 427-2344.

UNITED WE STAND

United We Stand, America's Michigan 13th Congressional District, meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Thursday of the month at the Roman Forum, on Ford, west of I-275 on the south side, Canton. A social gathering begins at 6 p.m. Maggie Sutton, 485-9998.

GARDEN CITY LIONS

The Garden City Lions meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Silver Saloon, 6651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Contact Ivan Nunneley, 422-6056, or Henry Tolk, 421-4931.

HOST LIONS

The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Red Lobster Restaurant, on Wayne Road, north of Ford.

CHILD BIRTH ASSOCIATION

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

WESTLAND JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Boys VFW Post, on Ilix south of Warren. Hotline, 722-1630.

Improving the classics



Tips given: Penelope Crawford, one of America's leading performers on historical keyboard instruments, will present a piano lecture in the area that will include suggestions for livelier and more stylistic performances of the music of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. The public is welcome at the lecture, sponsored by Livonia Piano Teachers Forum, that will begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, in Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt in Livonia.

CORVETTE CLUB

The Corvette Club of Michigan meets 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn. Glenn Simms, 675-3633, or Paul Jenkins, 981-4254.

CAMARO BUFFS

The new Eastern Michigan Camaro Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at Gordon Chevrolet, on Ford west of Merriman, Garden City. 326-5658.

FUN-SEEKERS

Fun-Seekers adult group meets the first and third Saturdays of each month for activities such as whirlyball, moonlight bowling, apatball, riverboat dinner cruise and theme parties, wallyball, volleyball, softball and pool league, camping trips, canoeing, rafting. 622-2166.

AMBASSADORS

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

SCHOOL GROUP

The Wayne-Westland Citizens for Education Committee meets 7:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House (formerly the Rowe House). The group informs people of issues regarding

the community schools. 729-1748.

PURPLE HEART

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

RECREATION

FOR DISABLED PERSONS

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

OPEN SWIM

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

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

LIFEGUARD COURSE

All life-guarding course will be 2:15-5 p.m. through May 14, at Wayne-Westland YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road. Upon completion of the course participants must be 18 years of age and have a current CPR and first aid certificate. Cost \$45 for Y members and \$60 for program members. Bring swim suit to each class. 721-7044.

DULCIMER CLUB

The Mixolydian Mountain Dulcimer Music Club meets 7-10 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Patchin Elementary School, Newburgh south of Warren Road. This is a new group with players of all levels. Marie Naster, 981-3772.

SCHOOLS/PRESCHOOLS

KIDS PLUS

Wayne-Westland school district preschool program, "Kids Plus," is accepting registration 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 18-29, by appointment at Roosevelt/McGrath Elementary School. This is a free preschool program to those who qualify. Children must be 4 by December and need two "at risk" factors to qualify for this Michigan Department of Education preschool. 595-2660, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ST. DAVID'S

Applications are being accepted for next September's classes at St. David's Nursery School, 27600 Marquette, Garden City. There are openings for 3-year-olds in morning classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Betty, 427-5915.

GARDEN CITY

Garden City Cooperative Nursery is accepting applications for next fall's class for 3-year-olds. The school is located in the Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City. Diane, 425-4549.

MCKINLEY

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne, is accepting applications for children ages 2-4. Call Donna at 522-8501 about 4-year-olds, Francie at 425-4654 regarding 3-year-olds and Jennifer at 459-5195 about toddlers. The preschool is not church-affiliated.

BENEFITS

GARAGE SALE

A senior citizens' garage sale will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 14-15, at the Berwyn Senior Citizen Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights. There will be baked goods and refreshments for sale. 277-7054.

RECOGNITION BANQUET

Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 and its Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring their annual "Recognition Banquet" at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Police officers and firemen of the year from Westland and Wayne will be honored as well as officers and firefighters who deserve special recognition. Tickets are \$10. Send checks to the

Auxiliary 3323, c/o Wanda Boice, 32769 Hazelwood, Westland 48185. 595-8890.

METRO WAYNE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The club holds bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, two blocks east of Middlebelt, Westland. Proceeds go to help needy people and senior citizens as well as sponsoring two Little League baseball teams every year, and support for the Penickton School for the Blind. Call Cliff, 729-8681, or Carol, 422-6026.

BINGO

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

HISTORY ON VIEW

GC HISTORY

The Garden City Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays in the Log Cabin on Cherry Hill east of Merriman. Admission is free.

VOLUNTEERS

BLOOD DONATIONS

The American Red Cross will accept blood donations:

Saturday, April 9 — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36600 Cherry Hill, Westland. Jane Hilslop, 721-2452.

Tuesday, April 12 — 1:30-7:30 p.m. at R.N. Home Health Care, 2401 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Bill Bucieniski, 274-5450.

Wednesday, April 13 — 3-9 p.m. at Schoolcraft College, 1751 Radcliff, Garden City. Bill Bucieniski, 274-4749.

Friday, April 15 — 2-8 p.m. at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35851 Cherry Hill, Westland. Mildred Cook, 721-4749.

Friday, April 15 — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lutheran High School, 33300 Cowan, Westland. David Koenig, 422-3100.

Thursday, April 28 — 2-8 p.m. at St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1646 Belton, Garden City. Francis Tofil, 502-0263.

A PLACE TO LIVE

Youth Living Centers are looking for families for abused and neglected teens who are in immediate need of a place to live. All teens are supervised by Youth Living Centers staff and are in school or working. 728-3400.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Youth Living Centers are looking for people interested in being an evening receptionist, a youth mentor or people to work with the youth assistance program. Dorothy Murphy, 728-3400.

FOSTER PARENTS

Youth Living Centers offers classes for people interested in becoming foster parents, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a two-week session. Noreen Green, 728-3400.

FOOD DELIVERY

Volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to deliver meals to homebound, disabled, elderly people in Westland one hour or more per day, one or more days per week. 326-4444.

GIRL SCOUTING

Michigan Metro Girl Scout

Council and Huron Valley Council are looking for girls and adults who would like to be involved in Girl Scouting. Michigan Metro, 964-4475, Huron Valley, 483-2370.

SENIORS

DINNER-DANCE

The Wayne Ford Civic League Seniors will hold a dinner-dance noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of each month at the Boys VFW Post, on Ilix, south of Warren Road. Admission is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Live music to be provided by Mark Berryman and Band. 721-0871.

LINE DANCING

Line dancing lessons will be offered to senior citizens at 10:45 a.m. each Friday at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, at Marquette. Fee is \$2 per session. 722-7632.

CARD GAMES

Wayne Ford Civic League Seniors hold card parties 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the last Monday of each month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, near Marquette. Admission is \$2, which includes a light lunch. 721-0871.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.

Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

HAWAIIAN DANCE

A Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oria. Sign up at the front desk or call 722-7632.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

FLU VACCINATIONS

Inoculations against flu will be offered at Annapolis Hospital, 33155 Annapolis Ave., Wayne. Vaccinations will be given Tuesdays for a cost of \$5. For appointments, call 467-5555.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Free blood pressure screening will be available 9 a.m. to noon the third Wednesday of each month at Annapolis Hospital, 33155 Annapolis Ave., Wayne. A registered nurse will be available in the emergency room. Cholesterol and glucose screening are also available for a nominal fee. No appointment necessary.

SUPPORT GROUPS

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a support group for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one, will offer a six-week series 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, April 14 to May 19, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. After the six-week session, the group will continue meeting every Thursday. 422-6038.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 313-591-7479. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2107 if you have any questions.

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Livonia helps family of boy killed by van

By BILL CASPER
STAFF WRITER

People opened their hearts and their pocketbooks to pay the funeral expenses for the family of Michael Thomas Tomes, the 4-year-old boy who was struck by a van and killed March 7 while playing near his house in northwest Redford Township.

The boy's parents, Elmer and Deborah, didn't have enough money to pay for their son's funeral, but neighbor Tim Wiggle began collecting donations to help the family and people responded in a big way. Elmer Tomes just recently got a job, but he hadn't received his first paycheck before his son's funeral, Wiggle said.

"I'm very shocked by the response from the community and I'm happy everybody is helping us," said Deborah Tomes. "I know my son Michael would appreciate all the help."

About \$6,000 was donated, enough to pay the funeral expenses, estimated at about \$3,000, Wiggle said. The remainder will be used by the family to help pay for the college educations of the Tomes' other two children, Wendy, 6, and Shawn, 1.

Tomes said she and her husband will establish a college trust fund for their two children with contributions in excess of the funeral expenses.

"The response was overwhelming," said Wiggle, a Redford Township municipal employee. "The boy's parents were very moved by the response. I'm stunned by the amount of people who responded with donations, and the amount of money that came in."

"I would guess that about 200 to 300 people and eight businesses made contributions. Just about everyone on our street contributed and about 100 township employees made donations."

The family also received contributions from outside Redford, from residents of neighboring communities such as Livonia, Farmington and Detroit.

Donations ranged from \$2 or \$3 from residents to \$1,000 from a business owner.

The owner of a Farmington party store donated money for the grave's headstone.

"The family and I want to thank everyone in case someone doesn't receive an individual thank-you card," Wiggle said.

Michael was playing baseball near his parents' home with his older sister and a group of neighborhood children shortly after 6 p.m. March 7 when he darted onto Negaunee, south of Eight Mile and east of Inkster Road, in front of a van.

Wiggle and other neighbors have been complaining to township police for years about cars and commercial trucks speeding through the residential area.

Some residents have started videotaping traffic on Negaunee to seek help from Wayne County officials in addressing the problem.

Redford police officers will continue to monitor that stretch of Negaunee, township police officer Michael Szuba said.

Michael was taken by ambulance to Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, where he was pronounced dead at about 7 p.m. after efforts to resuscitate him failed, Szuba said.

The van is owned by Rainbows Rentals and was driven by a 24-year-old Farmington man who is employed by the Redford firm.

There is no indication of negligence on the part of the driver, who is not expected to be charged in connection with the traffic fatality, Szuba said.

The boy suffered injuries to his abdomen, neck and head after being hit by the van and was possibly run over by one of the tires.

The driver of the van that hit Tomes was working for Rainbows Rentals at the time of the accident, but Szuba said he didn't know if the employee was making deliveries or pickups on Negaunee or just cutting through the neighborhood between Grand River and Eight Mile.

Hospital showcases birthing facility

St. Mary Hospital will have an open house in its new Miracle of Life Center from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 17.

The public is invited to tour the hospital's newly remodeled maternity center on the third floor of the hospital to see what's available in maternity care.

From private labor, delivery, re-

covery rooms and postpartum rooms to a family-centered philosophy that includes mother-baby nursing and a visiting policy totally directed by new mothers, the center strives to give each mother and family a positive birthing experience.

Visitors will see displays from area merchants, including educa-

tional toys, maternity fashions and baby furniture. There also will be nutrition and baby-care information for new mothers, and clowns for the kids.

A \$275 grand prize from the Baby Depot in Canton will be offered, and raffles for gift certificates from other local businesses are planned.

Redford Symphony to play

The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra will present its Cabaret Concert Sunday, April 17, at Thurston High.

The concert, which will begin at 8 p.m., will spotlight featured violin soloist Patricia Strimpel, 17, who will perform the first movement of the Symphony Espagnole by Edouard Lalo.

The conductors for the Cabaret Concert will be Joseph Lewis, M.D., and Bennie Moon.

Some of the selections the orchestra will play are: "The Star-Spangled Banner"; "Coronation March" by Meyerbeer; "Symphony Espagnole" by Lalo; "Crown Diamonds Overture" by Auber; "La Finta Giardiniera" by Mozart; "Der Freischütz" by von Weber; "March Slave" by Tchaikovsky; "Gavotte" by Gossec; "Russian Sailors Dance" by Giliere; and "Do I Hear a Waltz?" by Richard Rodgers.

Strimpel began piano studies at age 3, under the tutelage of her mother, a concert pianist and teacher. She showed such outstanding interest and talent that at age 7 she was allowed to study a second instrument — the violin. Her current teacher is Derrick Francis, first violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Strimpel for the past three years has played first violin in the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. She also is a former member of the Metropolitan Youth String Orchestra.

Her initial contact with the Redford Symphony Orchestra was April 16, 1989, in Thurston High when her mother, Marjorie Connell Strimpel, performed the Mendelssohn First Piano Concerto with the orchestra. Strimpel, who was then 12 years old, sat in with the violins of the orchestra as they rehearsed for the concert.

Strimpel is a senior at Regina High in Harper Woods, where she maintains a 3.9 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society. Her ambition is to become a physician, and she plans to enroll in a college pre-med course.

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More action needed Council should OK new library

Will the city of Westland, the state's 10th largest city, finally get its own independent library?

The Observer, which has consistently supported a library for many years, hopes so.

The city took a major step Monday night when it approved an architectural firm to design a new library.

Comments from Mayor Robert Thomas and a majority of the city council at a recent council meeting, made it clear that formal establishment of a library will come soon, possibly this month.

If the council and administration proceed as scheduled, creating a new library would be a major step forward.

The best part of a new library would be that it comes as a financial bargain. The \$9-10 million construction and equipment cost would be paid from Tax Increment Finance Authority funds and a state construction grant.

In effect, the building of a library would be equivalent to paying cash for a new public improvement and not having to borrow money. The operations would be paid through a slight net millage rate increase of only 50 cents per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, or about \$30 per year for a typical homeowner.

With voters' approval of Proposal A on March 15 and the local school millage rate slashed to 6 mills from the high 30s, the added library cost would be largely negligible.

The selection of an architect is a major first

■ Hopefully, the city council will soon formally create an independent library, which would substantially improve the community's quality of life.

step toward getting an independent library. The Observer hopes that the council and administration, with plenty of supportive energy provided by the library board, will continue to keep its eye on the target of getting an independent library.

While financial details are important and shouldn't be ignored, they shouldn't get in the way of the ultimate goal.

The city of Westland has suffered too long having to beg library services from its neighbors.

Soon, those neighbors may not have those services available. Canton Township already charges local patrons an annual fee.

The Noble Library branch in Livonia, used by many residents in the northern section of Westland, is facing shortened hours or closing because of the ongoing financial crunch in the city of Livonia.

Hopefully, the council will follow the mayor's strong recommendation and approve creation of a new library as soon as possible.

It would certainly enhance quality of life for all age groups in the community.

Parks need untouchable fund

Michigan has a chance to rescue one of its greatest treasures — its parks system — from a future of continual neglect that might never be reversed.

The 75-year-old parks system, which has provided recreation opportunities to millions of residents and tourists, has been the victim of declining money. That has translated into higher fees but fewer park workers and less money to maintain the grounds.

Legislators have been working on a ballot proposal to change the state constitution that would create an endowment fund for the parks and prevent diversion of money from the Natural Resources Trust Fund for other uses.

The trust, started in 1932, is funded by revenue from oil and gas found on state land. But that money in the past has been raided for other projects, including balancing the state budget.

The constitutional amendment would end that practice, creating an endowment fund of \$20 million a year specifically for the 100-park system. In a few years interest from the fund could be used to improve parks, better staff them and buy other land to further enhance and protect the existing parks.

The fund would ease the budget burden while adequately providing money for a resource that can't be replaced once it is lost.

State appropriations for the parks shrank from 79 percent to 30 percent of the system's budget, and user fees made up some of the difference. But the parks have had to run on ever leaner budgets at the same time many parks are overused or in disrepair.

Private interests wouldn't be expected to hire wildlife biologists, naturalists and the other professionals needed to maintain a top flight park system. It is the state's responsibility to protect this resource, especially because tourism is our second biggest industry.

Some critics in the Legislature have said their constituents don't use the parks and de-

rive little benefit. But whether you use them or not, they attract tourism, which brings a lot of money to the state, and the parks ensure that generations to come will be able to enjoy the out-of-doors.

The constitutional amendment would simply use money from natural resources taken from state land to protect and preserve that very land. It is not an added tax. Interest from the fund would eventually provide operating money for the parks system.

The endowment fund has support from the Michigan United Conservation Club and many recreation professionals statewide.

Local units of government can provide many recreational activities, but for the most part, they do not have the means to provide the kind of recreation the state parks service can.

Although Wayne and Oakland County communities provide active recreation parks, residents have to rely on metro parks and nearby state parks that are heavily used and understaffed if they want to go to beaches, wooded trails or winter recreation areas.

The endowment fund would relieve that pressure on parks and protect the future of this great resource from the whims of state legislators looking for money for other projects.

Both the Senate and House have worked on the issue, and should come up with a ballot proposal. This is one of the best deals for Michigan.

The creation of an endowment would preserve a resource that can't be replaced, with money derived from oil and gas fees and without increasing taxes. The Legislature must do its job and get this to the voters for the November election.

If they do, the people of Michigan have a chance to pay themselves back by preserving the future of the tourist industry along with a heritage of parkland for future generations.

ARKIE HUDKINS



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LETTERS

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Protect the environment

I'm writing in support of the recent coverage by the Westland Observer of the former Nankin Township dump site. Though these types of issues are often difficult to report, they provide valuable enlightenment to the community. We now have another cat that has been let out of the bag; the question is, how will we deal with it?

There currently exists disparity among officials representing federal, state, county and local jurisdictions. This historical butting of heads serves no purpose except to confuse citizens and waste their tax dollars.

Residents living near this former landfill deserve complete disclosure of all the facts (including 10-year-old records), not technical rhetoric.

Unfortunately, my experience with the Cooper School site has taught me that they can expect continued conflicting information because, those that regulate and those that are potentially responsible rarely agree on anything.

Already we have seen arguing over the size, types of wastes, need for more testing, exposure rates and risks. The list will only get longer and longer as the fees for the lawyers and environmental consultants grows larger and larger.

So what's an average person to do? Whom do you trust? Trust your heart. If you are not satisfied with the way things are being done, then demand that they be done differently. Realize whose best interest is being served in this situation and if it's not your family's, why not?

This problem of contaminated sites is not new, it is also not limited to the city of Westland.

We have before us an opportunity to acknowledge and address this issue, we look to our elected officials to work with the community openly and honestly, yet we as parents must remember that we are the experts when it comes to protecting the future of our children and grandchildren.

Cheryl Graunstadt, Westland

Board members knocked

I am a sophomore at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

As part of an assignment for my legislative process course, I had the misfortune of attending the March 28 Wayne-Westland board of education meeting.

I say "misfortune" because I spent about 4 1/2

hours watching what is probably the most inept collection of politicians known to man.

Very little, if anything, was accomplished at this meeting other than the board members fighting among themselves. Board members Francis Winter, Vicki Welty, and Mathew McCusker were especially uncooperative and contributed mightily to the fact that nothing was accomplished.

It seems our school board members would rather waste time bickering than do what they were elected to do — namely, represent the children of this district. As a few of the board members hinted at this meeting, until the school board works together we will continue to have a substandard school board — and it will be the kids who suffer.

Dennis Little, Westland

Flower ban blasted

My family has been involved with the Cadillac Memorial Gardens (West) Cemetery, on Ford and Wildwood roads in Westland, for about 28 years. A few days ago, the cemetery altered its long-standing policy concerning artificial flowers and disallowed the placing of them on gravesites. This policy was implemented without notice to relatives or loved ones, and has resulted in the removal of all gravesite decorations, whether it be artificial flowers or an inflatable Easter bunny.

It's my opinion that this new policy will be extremely traumatic to uninformed family members who visit the cemetery only periodically and who have placed flowers on a grave, not knowing that the cemetery has removed them within hours of the placement. The flowers are then thrown unceremoniously into a large pile with thousands of other flowers and decorations which are not even subject to the new policy.

Upon voicing a complaint with the cemetery manager, the manager stated that he has experienced injuries from the throwing of the small wire support within the flowers by the lawnmowers, indicating that it was like getting hit with a "22-caliber bullet." When documentation was requested concerning these incidents involving any of the cemeteries within his organization, he would not or could not produce any. I would like to note that the manager did state that potted flowers would be allowed for one-week periods during "specified" holidays only.

Although the cemetery is a private organization, it provides a vital service to the community. Therefore, I would like to respectfully request the management reconsider this heartless and emotionally cruel policy and, if need be, I will voluntarily cut my family's gravesite at no expense.

I would also ask that any concerned relatives or friends contact me at 422-3215 to sign a petition or express your concerns personally to the cemetery office at 721-7101.

Lyle Dickson, Garden City

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you agree or disagree that smoking should be banned in all public places?

We asked this question at the Kroger store at Ford and Wayne roads in Westland.



"I prefer that it would be because of the health effects on the non-smokers, as well as the smokers."

Robert McFarlane
Westland



"I think it should be. I have two kids, and I don't think it's healthy."

Karl Schwallier
Westland



"I agree because I don't smoke."

Donna White
Westland



"I agree. I work at Metro Airport, and I have allergies. I have to take medicine just to go to work."

Connie Harwood
Westland

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POINTS OF VIEW

Adolescents' behavior can cause parents pain

During my career as a psychologist, many frustrated parents have asked me just what normal adolescence is like. The operative word here is normal. During that period called adolescence the world does seem turned upside down. What is considered normal adolescent behavior may seem abnormal to those around him or her.

There have been volumes written about this critical period of development. One newspaper column could only begin to scratch the surface. There are numerous factors which need to be addressed.

One is identity (Who am I? What will I be? Where am I going?). Others are human growth and development (height and weight and the abundance or sparsity of each, hormones and emerging sex drives); peer pressure as it relates to socialization, smoking, drugs/alcohol, delinquency; emotional roller coasters of exaggerated highs and lows; and conflicts over teens' demands for greater freedoms (use of the car, staying out later, dating, traveling to other cities or states).

Others include conflicts over parental requirements for greater responsibilities (cleaning up the bedroom, bathroom or kitchen, cutting the grass, shoveling the snow, doing the laundry, doing better in school), and conflicts over appearances (hairstyles, hair-dos, caps worn back-

wards, gym shoes that are never laced up).

It may be as if an alien invader had taken over that child who only a few years ago had asked to help bake cookies, help wash the car or do something extra just because.

Any combination of these issues may be reason to consult with a therapist, to help reach some common ground where parents and adolescents alike feel they have been heard and respected and their issues have been addressed.

These teen and even preteen years have been described as a period of stress and storm. It is a time when nothing seems to look right or fit right. Bodies seem to change abruptly... and without warning.

A heretofore clear forehead may all of a sudden sprout a zit the size of a red light atop a police car, capable of stopping traffic a block away. And no amount of Clearasil or makeup is going to take care of it. Body parts are too big or too small. Boys may seem to trip over their own feet and go through a half-size a month in some very expensive athletic shoes. (What ever happened to Reds or Red Ball Jets?)

Adolescence is that period that immediately follows months of not being able to get their to shower at all. That almost



GUEST COLUMNIST

JIM MORCHE

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impossible-to-enforce once-a-week shower rule has been replaced by a limit on

showing no longer than half an hour. The adolescent's shower has taken on the aura of a ritual that lasts forever... every day... and drains the hot water tank of its last reserve.

It's a time of self-focus when clothing and appearances make all the difference. However, that clothing may not be at all what parents think of as appropriate.

Sons and daughters all of a sudden are wearing things that parents were ashamed to throw away, let alone give away. (How come it costs more for jeans that are stonewashed and half-shredded than it does for those nice dark blue denims?)

No mirror in the house escapes the teen's inspection. Each may be visited several times daily as adolescents try to get a glimpse of how they might be viewed by others. It is the perspective of others, particularly peers, which shapes how teens feel about themselves. The mirror becomes more, however. It is a rehearsal stage on which to try out a new smile, a sneer, a wink, a look, a grimace, a laugh, a gesture, new shades or the beginnings of a mustache. There is an imaginary audience awaiting each performance.

I liken adolescence unto the middle of a three-stage process: childhood, adolescence and adulthood. Think of a child as being in a small boat. The water rises

and falls, is sometimes choppy, the weather sometimes stormy. However, the child has little freedom, little control or mastery over what happens to him or her. Meanwhile, far away on the shore is a dock. The adult can stand on the dock, walk around and has great freedom.

Each of us probably has tried to get out of a canoe or rowboat onto a dock. We found ourselves half crouching, half standing, trying to balance our weight, shifting from one leg to the other, reaching for the stability of the dock yet not wanting to let go of the boat. It is that transition... difficult, awkward and sometimes unstable... that I think of as adolescence.

One night I was struck by this dilemma, this reaching for adulthood yet not wanting to let go of childhood.

It was dusk. On the playground were several teenagers, smoking and drinking beer on and around the swings on which they may have played not that many years earlier. There they were, silhouetted: boys and girls/young men and young women/adolescents.

Jim Morche is a psychologist with Northwestern Community Services Inc., a private, non-profit counseling agency for youths and their families. The agency is based on Merriman in Garden City.

Memoirs of a sister who lost Race for the Cure

Carol Silverman and her friends will be walking the Race for the Cure at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Detroit Zoo for the first time.

Silverman, of Bloomfield Hills, had planned to participate in the annual fund-raiser for breast cancer research last year.

She changed those plans to be in Tennessee, where her sister was undergoing last-ditch experimental treatment for a cancer that had first invaded her breast tissue 12 years before.

Sad, isn't it, that the breast — regarded as a symbol of womanhood — has become for all too many women a vehicle for anguish or death.

Silverman's sister, former Wayne County resident Fanny (Jill) Gaynes, knew that full well.

The first chapter in her book, "How Am I Gonna Find A Man If I'm Dead,"

is called "Scorching the savage breast."

The book, scheduled for publication later this month, chronicles her 12-year battle against cancer with candor and a heavy dose of humor. She died last October.

For those who are afraid to do or have a breast exam, for those who have had even a small brush with the terror that pulses through you after discovering a lump in the breast and the exquisite relief of finding that it is benign, and for those who have actually been diagnosed with breast cancer, it's a hard read.

But a worthwhile one.

Her up and down battle, trying to keep up with the latest research, trying to keep down the ever-creeching cancer, is a tribute to her spirit, her friends and family and to the medical profession.



JUDITH DONER BERNE

"Had she been here, she would have gone in a wheelchair," said Silverman of Saturday's race, which already has nearly 6,000 people registered, including 300 cancer survivors. She bases that on her sister's determination to live, her belief in medical research and her dedication to helping others who

are still fighting the battle she lost.

"Many cancer survivors are incredible people. My sister impacted so many lives — as sick as she was she was so willing to help people."

In the preface to her book, Gaynes makes it clear she doesn't advocate any particular kind of therapy for a person with cancer.

"What I do recommend is that you ask a lot of questions, do a lot of reading and find out what your options are," she writes. "... Research continues, more results come in and expert opinions change. Again, do that research."

"And never lose hope."

Unfortunately, a lot of us may well need both the document of determina-

tion by Gaynes and the medical research, support and education money that the race provides, part of which stays in southeastern Michigan.

That's because nearly 7,000 Michigan women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 2,000 will die of the disease — just this year.

But I don't have to tell you that. All of us know more people than we care to count who have been affected by breast cancer — as well as their children, husbands and parents.

Walk, race/walk, run or make a donation Saturday on their behalf — and on your own.

Judith Doner Berne is the managing editor of *The Eccentric Newspapers*. You can reach her at 901-2563. Gaynes' book can be ordered through *Borders or Barnes & Noble* bookstores.

State has the right to set standards for our schools

You didn't ask, but 11 public hearings are coming up in May on public school accreditation standards in Michigan.

We all got bogged down during the Proposal A debate — sales tax, income tax, homestead exemption deadlines, cigarette tax, assessment cap, money, money, money. I expected somebody would ask what, if anything, Lansing was doing about education reform. Now things are moving fast.

The day after the March 15 Proposal A election, the State Board of Education approved new standards to accredit public schools. They include MEAP assessment tests, attendance, dropout rates, graduation rates and other criteria.

Oh, it's not final approval. A committee gave it to the State Board; the State Board is sending it to local and intermediate school districts, colleges, universities, chambers of commerce and the like; and then come the hearings.

■ **Wayne Intermediate School District** — 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, May 9; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10.

■ **Oakland Intermediate School District** — 1-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10.

■ **Detroit Public Schools** — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, and 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 12.

Since the summer day when the Legislature abolished local school operating property taxes, I hardly covered the State Board of Education. A letter from board member Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, jostled me.

It seems the now-famous PA 25 of 1990, the law setting up school improvement plans, was updated in the laundry list of laws passed by the Legislature on Christmas Eve day. The new law is PA 335 of 1993.

"Every school building in Michigan is expected to meet state accreditation standards," Beardmore told an educators conference March 17. "Failure to become accredited will result in financial penalties to the school district."

The state can accredit schools for three years. Accreditation can be at one of three levels: full, interim, non-accredited.

Other changes are coming down the pike.

■ **"Core curriculum outcomes"** — The State Board has a Sept. 1 deadline for developing a model core curriculum in "math, science, reading, history, geography, economics, American



TIM RICHARD

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government and writing," but not "attitudes, beliefs or value systems." Note the word "outcomes." A student may "test out" of some courses.

Commented Beardmore: "No more can a teacher say, as some are reputed to have done, 'We covered the material' or 'I taught it; they just didn't learn it.' Learning is the essential thing, not the names or numbers of courses."

■ **School year** — PA 335 sets the usual 180 days of instruction this year but shifts to a 200-hour standard for 1994, 220 hours in 1995, 1,035 in 1997 and 1,050 in 1999-2000. Goal is 210 instructional days by 2009.

■ **Endorsed diploma** — A pupil scheduled to graduate in 1994, 1995 or 1996 must pass state or local proficiency tests to get a state endorsement on his or her diploma.

Some complain this is a state takeover of local control. Wrong. Since 1837 Michigan has had state supervision of public schools in its constitution. "Local control" never has been in the Michigan Constitution.

Finally, the state is doing what Lewis Cass, Stevens T. Mason and John D. Pierce wanted it to do.

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Finding birth parents

Law would make searches easier

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Adults who were adopted as children will have a new tool to find their birth parents in a package of bills winding through the Michigan Legislature.

They can get a court-appointed "confidential intermediary" to locate birth parents and ask them if they wish contact with the children they gave up for adoption years ago.

"Some of us do that already," said Oakland Probate Judge Joan E. Young. "We may authorize a staff member or someone from an agency."

"It has been successful. The times I've used it, it has worked well. The birth parent is asked, 'Do you want to be found?' The majority say yes. Sometimes they say, 'Not right now,'" Young said.

A Bloomfield Township resident, Young was a member of the Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld's Commission on Adoption that worked in 1991-2 to suggest administrative changes and new laws.

It's confidential

The "confidential intermediary" (CI) bill was sponsored by Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham. It codifies into the probate code the kinds of efforts Young and other judges tried.

The bill also would ease the problem adult adoptees face in obtaining non-identifying information about their parents. Many testified in House hearings held by Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, that the inability to learn their own genetic histories prevented them from getting treatment.

Other key elements of the Bouchard bill:

■ After receiving a petition from an adult adoptee, a probate judge could appoint a CI who would take an oath not to report "identifying information in sealed records without written consent" of the birth parent. A CI who released confidential information could be held in contempt of court.



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Joan Young
Probate judge

■ The CI would be allowed access to confidential adoption records and would approach the birth parent through "a discreet and confidential inquiry." The birth parent could say "yes," "no" or "not now." A "yes" would have to be in writing.

■ The CI's compensation would be limited to reimbursement for actual expenses from the petitioner.

Bouchard's bill has passed the Senate and will be taken up by the House Judiciary Committee after the spring break.

Speed it up

One goal of the Binsfeld Commission was to find adoptive families faster for abused and neglected children who are wards of the state.

That already has occurred through administrative changes that required no change in the law, Young said, praising the work of Richard Hoekstra, director of the division of adoption services for the state Department of Social Services.

"In 1991 we did 1,320 adoptions. In 1993 we did 1,959," an

increase of 48 percent, said Hoekstra.

"First, we made changes in 1992 in our contracts with private agencies that we rely on to place half of our children. We give them (agencies) a financial incentive to place them within the first eight months of wardship — don't let them linger."

"Second, we made a diligent effort to get kids listed on the exchange," a state directory of available children.

Of the 5,000 adoptions done in Michigan each year, about 20 percent were of state wards, the Binsfeld Commission reported.

In 1991 some 1,600 children a year were becoming state wards, but only 1,200 a year were being adopted. So the pool of state wards was growing at 400 children a year. At that rate, the pool would have grown to 5,000 by the year 2000.

So the DSS effort to speed the process is being hailed as good news by those who want to see children "united with their forever families," in Binsfeld's words.

Refer to Senate Bill 299 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Society seeking foster families

The Methodist Children's Home Society is looking for foster families for children up to the age of 14.

The society contracts with

Wayne County to put kids in foster homes until they are adopted. To hear more about being a foster parent, call LaTonya Shephard at 531-4060. The next information

session will occur 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at MCCHS headquarters, 26645 W. Six Mile in Detroit.

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WESTLAND SPORTS SCENE

Team Michigan picks

Team Michigan, featuring high school hockey stars from across the state, will try to defend its championship at the Chicago Showcase Tournament April 13-17.

Team Michigan is coached by Redford Township resident A.J. Baker, with assistants Tom Yockey of Plymouth and Sean Flynn of Livonia. Michigan won last year's championship after finishing runner-up in 1992.

Among the 21 players on the roster are defenseman Steve Grom and forwards Dan Higham and Todd Kessler of Livonia Churchill; and Greg Vaguera of Redford Catholic Central. Also on the team is Wes Blevins of Westland John Glenn, who played for the Michigan Nationals Junior team.

Girls softball signup

Registration for Pigtail/Powderpuff girls softball (ages 9-13) will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, April 4-15 at the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation office (annex of City Hall).

For more information, call 261-2260.

Open baseball tryouts

The Westland Federation 16 and under baseball program will hold open tryouts at 6:30 p.m. (until dark) Saturday, April 30 and 4-6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1 at Westland John Glenn High School. (There are no residency requirements.)

For more information, leave a message at 261-6752 (all calls returned).

Under-17 goalie wanted

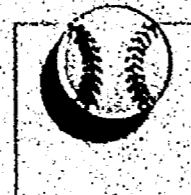
The Livonia Youth Soccer Club boys under-17 (Hitch Division) soccer team needs a goalkeeper for the upcoming season. (Only unsigned players may try out for this position.)

For more information, call Chris Morgan (665-1620) or Gordon Wells (525-3222) for a tryout date and time.

Jose heir apparent to Holmes

■ Both Livonia Churchill and Franklin should contend in the Western Lakes along with Westland John Glenn. Ladywood is favored in the Catholic League's Central Division.

BY BRAD EMMONS
STAFF WRITER



The good news for area softball teams is that pitcher Kelly Holmes has graduated from Plymouth Canton High.

She's safely out of town, throwing smoke in Ann Arbor for the University of Michigan.

As a senior, Holmes went 20-3 with 321 strikeouts in 165 innings, not to mention an eye-popping ERA of 0.20. As a junior, Holmes led Canton to a Class A championship final before falling to Jenison in extra innings, 2-1.

But the bad news, except at Livonia Churchill, is that the area's second-best pitcher is back again.

Karen Jose, who threw in the shadows of Holmes the past three years, is numero uno in Observerland until somebody knocks her off.

Jose, a senior right-hander, went 15-3 last year with an earned run average of 0.78. In 126 innings, she recorded 187 strikeouts and only 22 walks.

And if that wasn't enough, Jose hit .339 and led Churchill's defense with 32 assists.

"Churchill, because of Jose, is going to be the power on our side (Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association)," Livonia Franklin coach Joe Epstein said. "But I think there's a quality pitcher on every team on our side."

Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge, who must replace All-Area catcher Chrissy Daly, said the Western Division "has a lot of balance."

"On our side you have Northville, Farmington Harrison and Franklin,"



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Breaking up: Christy Wrybowski (top) Westland John Glenn is one of the area's top players. The senior shortstop hit .500 as a junior. She is one of the big reasons why Glenn could contend in the Lakes Division.

she said. "And Canton won't be weak."

Epstein, now in his 11th season, knows what it takes to go all the way in the state tournament.

He guided the Patriots to the Class A title in 1986 and has a pair of runner-up finishes (1985 and 1990).

Franklin, 17-13 a year ago, is also looking for a catcher, but will be well-armed on the mound with the return

of junior pitchers Becky Jansen and Tina Allen.

On the Lakes Division side of the WLAA, Westland John Glenn (15-15) could be a factor with the return of All-Area shortstop Christy Wrybowski, who hit .500 with 48 hits and 27 stolen bases. Catcher Jamie Cook, who hit .370, also returns.

The key will be pitcher Lynn Little, who was 11-14 last year with a 3.97

earned run average.

Another strong area team will be Livonia Ladywood (22-12-1), which upset Canton 1-0 in last year's district tournament.

The Blazers have everybody back except for All-Area pitcher Mary Jo Kelly, who is now playing at the University of Detroit Mercy.

See PREVIEW, 2B

Rolling along

Madonna sweeps for 5th straight

The wins continue to mount for Madonna University's baseball team.

After getting pounded 15-0 in the opener of Saturday's non-district doubleheader at Grand Valley State, the Fighting Crusaders have rattled off five consecutive wins — four of those in NAIA District 23 play.

"I'd like to keep it rolling," said Madonna coach Mike George. "But we're still not playing as well as we're capable of playing."

The most recent victories were a pair of 10-run mercy wins over district foe Grand Rapids Baptist Tuesday at Madonna University Park. The Crusaders won the opener 12-2 in six innings and the nightcap 11-1 in five.

Ryan Grabetz improved to 3-0 by winning the first. He went all six innings, allowing two unearned runs on eight hits and no walks, striking out eight. Brent Stuytevant took the loss.

BASEBALL

George Leung, who leads the team with a .373 batting average, had three hits and two runs batted in. Chris Gajewski posted the game totals. Jeff Pendell and Scott Anderson each had two hits, with Pendell scoring twice and knocking in a pair and Anderson scoring three times, with one RBI and two steals.

Craig Benedict, a freshman from Plymouth Canton, made his second mound appearance of the season in the second game and tossed a one-hitter through five innings. He gave up a first-inning single (that led to an unearned run) and two walks, fanning three. Lance Roark was the loser.

T.C. Rapids had three hits, two RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases to lead Madonna's attack. Jim Solak, Shawn Penzak and Pendell each had two hits,

Solak driving in a pair and Penzak and Pendell getting one RBI each.

The wins improved the Crusaders' record to 20-7 overall, 4-0 in the district. Baptist is 1-14 overall, 0-4 in the district.

On Monday, Madonna swept district rival Tri-State 3-1 and 7-0. Solak's five-hitter (with four walks and four strikeouts) upped his record to 4-0 in the first game; Louie McKaig got his first win (he's 1-4) in the second, allowing two hits and three walks, striking out six.

Craig Peterson, who tied the game with a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning, brought in an insurance run with a solo homer in the sixth. Penzak's run-scoring double in the fifth put the Crusaders ahead.

In the second game, Solak and Craig Overalla each had a homer.

See CRUSADERS, 3B

Lady Crusaders whip Grand Rapids

An abbreviated double-header — eight innings total — enabled Madonna University's softball team to open NAIA District 23 play with a couple of wins.

The Lady Crusaders swept Grand Rapids Baptist 10-2 in an eight-run mercy in five innings and 10-6 in a game stopped after three. Dawn Terrasi improved to 3-4 by winning both games; she allowed two runs on four hits and a walk, striking out six. In the opener, and gave up one earned run on four hits and two walks (four strikeouts) in the nightcap.

"We're playing very good team softball at this point," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "I'm very happy with the way things are going. We're having a lot of fun right now."

Jennifer Pinter led the assault in the first game, driving in four runs with a two-run homer in the second and a two-run double. Lynda Welch added three hits

SOFTBALL

and two runs batted in; Jill Burt and Michelle Birchmeier each had two hits and a pair of RBI; and Mandy Armstrong and Mo Paulin had two hits and an RBI apiece.

In the second game, Holly Jondro and Birchmeier each contributed two hits and two RBI to the attack. Jeanne Baxter had two hits and an RBI, and Ronnie Ronco and Armstrong added a hit and a run batted in each.

Poor weather halted the second game after three, but the Baptist coach agreed to let the result stand as a complete game.

The wins improved the Crusaders' record to 13-5 overall, 2-0 in the district.

On Monday, Madonna split a pair with non-district foe Grand Valley State, winning the first 6-7 in eight innings and losing the

second 5-3 in Allendale. Terrasi was the winner in the opening game, going all eight innings and surrendering three earned runs on 12 hits and two walks, fanning six.

Birchmeier had three hits and two RBI, but it was Burt and Armstrong who got key run-scoring singles in a three-run eighth-inning rally. Burt had two hits and Armstrong had two RBI; Pinter also had a hit and two RBI. A three-run Laker rally in the bottom of the seventh tied the game at 5-5.

The Crusaders managed just six hits in losing the second game. Welch took the loss; her first after five wins; she gave up three earned runs on eight hits and two walks (four strikeouts) in six innings. Ronco, Jennifer Zach and Pinter each had a hit and an RBI, but the Crusaders stranded eight baserunners, including the tying runs in the seventh.



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Safe at first: Jake Henry of Westland John Glenn beats the tag put on by Garden City's Steve Zylla. The 1994 baseball season kicked off Tuesday as Glenn beat Garden City in five innings, 9-1, as rain halted play. Bryan Besco pitched three scoreless innings with seven strikeouts. Reliever Brian Morrison had two RBI.

GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, April 7
Garden City at Oak Forest (2), 11 a.m.
Fr. Salsom at Southgate (2), noon
Liv. Franklin at U-D Juhl (2), noon
Redford Union vs. Allen Pk. Central
at Madonna University Park (2), 1 p.m.
Westland Glenn at Mad (2), 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8
Wayne Mem. at Oak Forest (2), 11 a.m.
(Madonna University Park Tournament)
Redford CC vs. Bishop Rice, 10 a.m.
Divine Child vs. DeLaSalle, noon

Consolation & Misc. 2 & 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 9
Redford Union at Southgate (2), 11 a.m.
St. Symon at Kenilworth (2), noon
W.L. Central at Ry. Carlton, 1 p.m.
Hawthorn at Farmington Hills (2), 2 p.m.
(Yaleland Tournament at EMU)
Westland Glenn vs. Willow Run, 10 a.m.
Ypsilanti vs. Toledo Star Line
Champion vs. East, approx. 3 p.m.

BOYS TRACK
Saturday, April 9
Redford CC vs. Allen Arbor Forest

at Farmington Hills Mercy, 11 a.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double headers)
Saturday, April 9
Calvin College at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 10
Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double headers)
Friday, Saturday, April 8-9
Madonna at Adrian Tournament, TBA
TBA — times to be announced.

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REGIONAL PHYSICAL
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Livonia St. Michael results

BOYS

Sixth Grade (CYO Division): Kevin Vanham — first place (sit-ups, shuttle run); Brad Bescoe — second place (push-ups); third place (standing long jump); Jeff Polts — third place (50 yard dash); first place (600 yard run).

PE Division: Scott Elstone — third place (sit-ups); second place (push-ups); Adam Guyot — third place (shuttle run); first place (600 yard run); Dan Wozniak — first place (standing long jump); second place (50 yard dash).

Seventh Grade (CYO Division): Louis Wu — first place (sit-ups); second place (push-ups); first place (600 yard run); Brent Lams — first place (push-ups); fifth place (shuttle run); Jason Jackett — second place (standing long jump); first place (50 yard dash).

PE Division: Don Bruckas — third place (sit-ups); second place (push-ups); Brian Kussynski — first place (shuttle run, standing long jump); Matt Heger — first place (50 yard dash, 600 yard run).

Eighth Grade (CYO Division): Brian Fox — third place (sit-ups, 50 yard dash); Mike Canola — fourth place (push-ups); first place (600 yard run); Matt Soyle — first place (shuttle run); fourth place (standing long jump).

PE Division: Todd Elstone — second place (sit-ups, push-ups); Ian Decker — first place (600 yard run); Matt Giza — second place (standing long jump); third place (50 yard dash).

GIRLS

Sixth Grade (CYO Division): Rachelle West — third place (sit-ups); Corney Wisnering — fourth place (push-ups); first place (standing long jump); Christine Kestler — third place (50 yard dash); first place (600 yard run).

PE Division: Stephanie Hoyer — third place (sit-ups); first place (50 yard dash); Rebecca Surawiec — first place (flexed arm hang); fourth place (standing long jump); Jennifer Cristante — third place (shuttle run); first place (600 yard run).

Seventh Grade (CYO Division): Rebecca Surawiec — fourth place (sit-ups); first place (600 yard run); Tracey DeWitt — first place (flexed arm hang); third place (standing long jump); Angela Jacobette — fifth place (50 yard dash); first place (shuttle run).

PE Division: Jeanne Whalen — third place (sit-ups); second place (flexed arm hang); Maelyn Gauder — first place (shuttle run); fourth place (50 yard dash); Marie Hayden — second place (600 yard run).

Eighth Grade (CYO Division): Denise Harlock — first place (sit-ups); flexed arm hang; Kendall Carey — first place (shuttle run, standing long jump); Jenny Duncan — fourth place (50 yard dash); second place (600 yard run).

Limited turkey permits to go on sale

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The mailman brought disappointment to thousands of prospective gobbler hunters recently when refunds were mailed out to unsuccessful spring wild turkey permit applicants.

But all is not lost.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has announced that 1,189 left-over spring wild turkey permits are available. The left-over permits go on sale tomorrow on a first-come, first-serve basis at DNR district offices.

The permits may be picked up in person or by mail. Walk-in requests will be filled first and mail-in requests will be filled at the end of each day as long as permits are available.

Over 600 permits are restricted to private land use in the south-central portion of the southern

Lower Peninsula. The Jackson district office (517-780-7900) will issue 591 private land permits, the Shiawassee district office (517-625-4600) will issue six permits and another 47 are available at the Plainwell district office (616-685-6851).

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People are scrambling to get their returns in the mail as the April 15th tax deadline draws near, but don't overlook a golden opportunity to help restore the state's endangered plants and animals and support nongame wildlife.

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"The people of this state have consistently shown their support

for protecting and enhancing Michigan's natural heritage, and I encourage everyone to continue their support through the income tax checkoff," said Michigan Department of Natural Resources director Roland Harmes. "The fledging of the first peregrine falcon in 35 years on a building in downtown Detroit and the birth of a trumpeter swan, gone from the state for nearly 100 years, shows that individuals can have a visible, positive impact through these donations."

Since its inception in 1983, the Nongame Wildlife Fund has received over \$5.5 million from Michigan taxpayers to benefit endangered and threatened animals and plants as well as a number of other natural heritage species.

This support has allowed research and surveys of bald eagles, loons and gray wolves in Michigan. In addition, last year the Nongame Wildlife Fund supported construction of a cage to protect one of North America's largest bat hibernating areas, an abandoned mine in the Upper Peninsula.

Crusaders from page 1B

and two RBI. Solak slugged a two-run homer in the fifth, one of his two hits, and Overatits added a solo shot in the fifth. Anderson also had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI.

Last Saturday, the Lakers struck for five runs in the fourth and 10 more in the fifth in dismantling Madonna. Anderson and Jeff Miller each had two hits for the Crusaders, but Grand Valley got a pair of grand slam

homers — by Deandre Jamison in the fourth and Mike Berr in the fifth. Joe Dentzer (1-1) took the loss.

The second game was more to Madonna's liking; a 4-2 win. Mike Grahl (2-0) gave up two runs in six innings on six hits and three walks, fanning seven; Sean Henkel earned the save, his fifth.

The Crusaders got three runs in the first, two on Aaron Jones' double. Mike Syjud added a solo

homer in the fifth. Penzak and Kurt Wilczynski each had two hits.

Tournament of Champions: The first-ever Madonna University Tournament of Champions, featuring four top prep baseball teams, will be Friday at Madonna University Park.

Redford Catholic Central will go against Birmingham Brother Rice in the first game at 10 a.m., with Warren DeLaSalle and Dearborn Divine Child following at noon. The consolation contest will be at 2 p.m., with the championship at 4 p.m.

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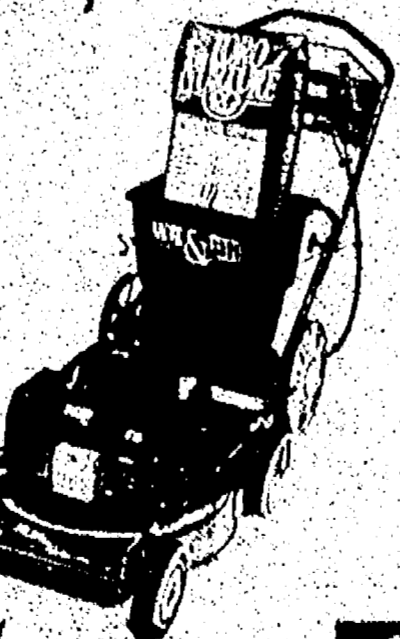
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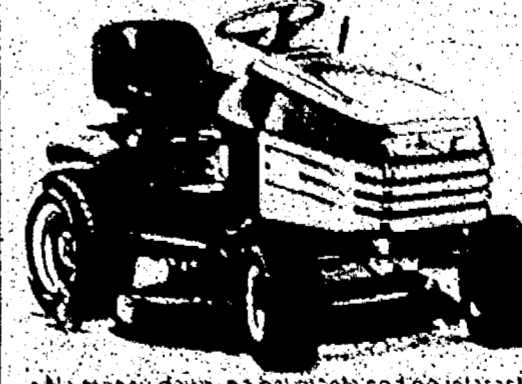
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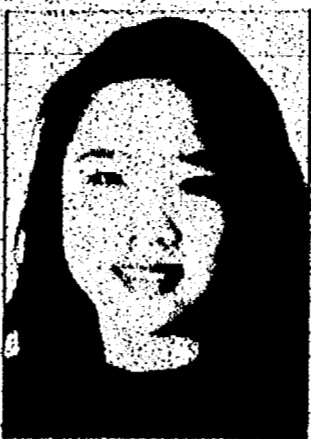
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Observerland boasts best gymnasts in state

BY C.J. RISAK
AND DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITERS

Plymouth Salem finished third at this year's state gymnastics final. Plymouth Canton tied for fifth.

So is it any wonder these two teams dominate the Observer's all-area team, filling seven of the 10 first-team spots?

The talent isn't limited to those two schools, not by any means. But when one school boasts the top all-around gymnast in the state, and the other has five of the top six all-arounders at the state regional meet — well, the evidence is obvious.

It makes it difficult to compete against such ability. Salem had more Division I all-arounders (five) than the rest of the area's teams combined.

Still, possessing the talent is one thing; doing something with it is another. The Rocks had a young squad (two seniors among its top five) that improved enough to come within 1 1/4 points of repeating as state champ.

But perhaps the true test of an all-area team is this: If you took away Canton's all-around champ and the four first-team Salem picks, you'd still have a pretty impressive team.

ALL-AREA TEAM

Katey Gilles, freshman, Canton: Gilles won the Division I all-around state championship and also placed first on vault, second on beam, fourth on bars and fifth on floor exercise.

She was the WIAA vault and all-around champion as well, placing second on bars, third on beam and seventh on floor at that meet. She was undefeated in all-around competition, which included 12 dual meets and five nationals.

Gilles set school records on vault (9.65), bars (9.6), floor (9.65) and all-around (37.6). Her best score on beam was 9.4. She is the second Elite All-American at Canton but the first to win that honor in every event.

"Her accomplishment stands by itself," coach John Cunningham said, "but the best thing about Katey is she's a wonderful individual. She's the best gymnast Canton has ever had to compete at the high school level, but I think it's a higher accomplishment when people make comments like that."

McLissa Hopson, junior, Salem: Hop-

ALL-AREA GYMNASTICS FIRST TEAM

Katey Gilles	Plymouth Canton
McLissa Hopson	Plymouth Salem
Sarah Makins	Plymouth Salem
Kristen Kosik	Plymouth Salem
Zoe Yockey	Plymouth Salem
Michelle Tsai	N. Farmington
Elyse Turner	N. Farmington
Brie Wall	Plymouth Canton
Kim Nowak	Plymouth Canton
Shelley Underwood	Westland Glenn

SECOND TEAM

Carrie Smolinski	Farmington
Kristen Nichols	Westland Glenn
Sarah Coombs	Westland Glenn
Alysa Sofos	Plymouth Canton
Aznerne Brenner	Plymouth Canton

HONORABLE MENTION

Salem: Mindy Andrews; Canton: Ange Lamier, Karl Jackson, Michelle Ormrod, Windy Selen; Farmington: Mary Dean; N. Farmington: Stephanie Cohen, Hilary Lum, Farmington: Maureen Genatowski, Kelly Vesch.

son came into the season burdened by the pressure of expectation. Kim Miller and Courtney Gonyea were gone; Hopson was the Rocks' top returnee.

She handled the situation extremely well, according to coach Johanna Anderson. "A lot was expected of her," Anderson said, "and she really came through."

Her best event? The all-around, actually. "She's strong in all events," Anderson said. "It's hard to pick one, but if I had to I'd say the balance beam."

Indeed, Hopson had the area's best score on the beam: 9.5. Canton's Gilles had the top scores in every other event.

Hopson performed well at both the regional (second in the all-around, 36.80) and at state meet (fourth in the all-around, 36.85). She had the area's second-best score in the all-around (36.85) and floor exercise (9.50).

Sarah Makins, senior, Salem: "She improved every meet," Anderson said of the gymnast who supplied a lot of surprises this season.

Like at the state finals: "I didn't expect her to get to the (individual) finals on beam and she did," Anderson said (she finished 10th). And then there was the Western Lakes Activities Association meet: "She won the conference on bars, which was really surprising."

But the event which seemed to illustrate Makins' attitude best was the beam. "She improved the most on the balance beam," said Anderson. "She's very aggressive, doesn't let fear get to her. She's fallen very hard during warm-up right before she has to compete, but she doesn't drop a thing from her routine."

Makins finished 17th at state (35.45) and fourth at the regional (35.30) in the all-around. She had the area's third-best

score in the bars (9.3) and was fourth in the floor (9.35).

Kristen Kosik, freshman, Salem: Kosik will find herself stepping into a situation like Hopson's in the near future. She has the ability to rank among the state's premier gymnasts.

"It's amazing how we got more and more out of her as the season wore on," said Anderson. "At our first dual meet she was shaking like a leaf, but by our last meet she was controlling her nerves much, much better."

"She really improved throughout the season. She was one of our top four girls all year, which is hard for a freshman. I think she handled it very well. She has very tight form; she's a very clean gymnast. I'd compare her to Melissa (Hopson). They have a lot of similarities in form."

Kosik's best event: the vault. She posted the second-best score in the area (9.30). She was also 19th in the state (35.15) and sixth in the regional (34.65) in the all-around. Kosik placed eighth in the vault at the individual state finals (17.45).

Zoe Yockey, sophomore, Salem: Night and day — that's how Anderson described Yockey's emergence.

"She's a completely different gymnast from last year," the Salem coach said. "She went from very sloppy, with terrible form, to a very controlled performer."

"I think it's maturity."

Yockey didn't just refine her routines, but added more difficult tricks, too. "Floor is her strongest event," said Anderson. "Her tumbling has gotten so much better. She has a lot of original dance in her routine that others don't do."

Yockey was 22nd in the state's all-around (34.50) after placing fifth at the regional (34.90). Her 9.25 was the area's seventh-best score in the floor exercise.

If she matches this year's improvement next year, Salem will again find itself among the state's elite teams.

Michelle Tsai, senior, N. Farmington: Tsai was seventh in the state among Division II all-arounders. She also placed sixth on bars, 11th on vault and floor and 18th on beam at state.

Tsai was a regional champion on vault, placed sixth on bars and beam and finished third in the all-around. Competing against Division I girls at the WIAA meet, she was second on vault and fourth on bars and floor.

Her best scores ranked her among the top 10 in the area in each event: 9.05 on

vault, 9.4 on bars, 8.65 on beam, 9.25 on floor and 35.95 in the all-around.

"I'm glad her career ended the way it did, because she worked all year round and it was a nice way to go out," North coach Jeff Dwyer said. "The all-around is indicative of true gymnastics ability."

Elyse Turner, senior, N. Farmington: Turner also was a four-year member of the North Farmington team and a steady, consistent performer for the Raiders. She was one of the top all-around gymnasts in Observerland with a season best of 34.65. Coming out of a difficult regional, she qualified for state on beam. Her scores 8.85 on vault and 8.9 on beam placed her among the best in the area.

Brie Wall, junior, Canton: Wall qualified for state as an all-arounder and placed 22nd in Division II. She was fifth on bars and beam at the WIAA meet while competing against some of the best Division I gymnasts in the state. Wall had season bests of 8.7 on bars, 8.65 on beam and 34.25 as an all-arounder.

"If the season had been a month longer, Brie would have had some wonderful accomplishments," Cunningham said, adding Wall hadn't done gymnastics in three years and missed the first month of practice because she was a diver on the Canton swim team.

"It took her awhile to build up her skills and get her confidence back. If she had another month, I have the feeling Brie would have been a (state finals) qualifier in two or three events, easily. We're going to see some fantastic things from Brie next year."

Kim Nowak, sophomore, Canton: Nowak competed as a team member at the state meet in three events and qualified into finals on floor, finishing 12th. She scored a season best 9.4 and placed third on floor at the WIAA meet. She also was seventh on bars in the league, also against Division I competition, and had a high score of 8.5.

"Kim and Brie are like gymnastics times bombs," Cunningham said. "They were excited about getting into the finals and realized what they have to do to get better."

"Kim has the ability to be one of the best floor exercise people in the state. I was pleased with what she accomplished this year, but I'm looking forward to what she can accomplish next year."

Shelley Underwood, sophomore, Glenn: Underwood qualified for state as an all-arounder, finishing 16th in Division



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Handling the pressure: With Salem coming off a state championship season, Melissa Hopson found herself in an unenviable position: being the team's top returning gymnast. She shouldered the burden well.

II. She made the finals on floor and placed sixth. She was a regional champion on floor and beam, and she was second in the all-around.

At the WIAA meet, Underwood placed eighth on beam and floor, competing against some of the best Division I gymnasts in the state. She had season bests of 8.5 on vault, 9.2 on bars, 9.15 on beam, 9.3 on floor and 34.75 all-around.

"I really enjoyed working with Shelley," Glenn coach Debbie Tomasko said. "She's very dedicated and talented, and I think she'll go far."

"She had to find her place this year, being a sophomore and coming from the junior high. She had a hard time at the beginning and was testing things out. But she came out on top at the end of the season, and I'm really proud of her."

Shining star: Canton's Katey Gilles (right and below) made her mark in her first season competing at the high school level. She was unbeaten in all-around competition, winning the state championship, and she set school records in every event. Not bad for a freshman.

Katey Gilles
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County sheriff's department aims to check on gun dealers

BY RALPH R. ECHLINAW
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department has begun a new program to check the records of county gun dealers.

Sheriff Robert Ficano hopes to catch licensed dealers who have sold guns to people not legally qualified to buy them.

The method is to compare the record of guns sold to the dealer and the record of guns the dealer sells. Licenses will be revoked and charges filed where appropriate.

Although this job has previously been performed solely by agents from the federal government's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Picano cites a 1930 state law that says "local law enforcement officers" may get

in on the action.

"I think (Picano) is onto something worth doing," said Wayne County chief assistant prosecutor George Ward.

In a March 30 press release, Ficano says the ATF has agreed to train sheriff's deputies to inspect gun dealers. But ATF special inspector Carol Jordan said April 1 that the deal "has not been approved."

Nancy Mouradian, Ficano's chief of staff, said that "if the ATF doesn't agree to provide the training, we will proceed regardless."

Gun dealers are licensed by the federal government and pay \$66 for their licenses. There are 13,632 licensed dealers in Michigan and 15 ATF inspectors to check on them. Almost three-

fourths of the licensed gun dealers do their selling outside of stores. Ficano said these people are selling guns out of car-trunks and over their kitchen tables. In Wayne County there are 1,800 licensed gun dealers.

Ficano says 10 deputies will be trained to perform these inspections, and fewer than 10 will be assigned to the job. No overtime will result, and no other duties will be cut back or eliminated, Ficano said.

Ward agrees that the legal oversight of gun dealers leaves something to be desired. "When there's nobody checking up on you, you get sloppy," he said. "You get careless, and the law is forgotten."



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KEELY WYGONIK

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For those who love mysteries, enjoy art exhibits or relish gourmet dinners, The Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills is offering "A Mystery at Margoloh Gallery" 7 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the center in the Longacre mansion, 24705 Farmington Road.

Nick C. Kaine Productions will perform an original drama that incorporates mystery, suspense and a love story. Dinner will feature cherry chicken and other gourmet goodies. The cost is \$29 per person. Call 477-8404 during business hours. Works by local artists will also be displayed throughout mansion for public viewing and sale.

St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake is holding a wine tasting benefit 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at the Galeria on campus. Advance tickets are \$10, call 683-0521 or 683-9718.

Celebrate spring Saturday, April 16 at a dinner dance to fund athletic scholarships at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Appetizers served 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Tickets \$35 per person. Call (313) 462-4417. Dance to the music of the Johnny Trudell Orchestra.

Elvis gives his regards to Berkley at Westborn Fruit and Flower Market, 2254 Woodward, Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17. All money received for refreshments — hound dogs and pop — will be donated to the animals at the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society in honor of hound dogs everywhere.

Doug Jacobs and his Red Garter Band will entertain 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, mixing Elvis favorites with family favorites.

Birmingham Village Players will hold their fifth annual Theatre Arts Ball 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30 in the Birmingham Community House. The Country & Western Jamboree and Silent Auction will feature line dancing, a country western band and the Village Voices. Tickets are \$75 per person. All proceeds will be used for building renovation. Call (810) 643-8084 or (810) 646-0040 for tickets.

If you like line dancing, grab your partner and head out to the second annual Country/Western dance at the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills 7 p.m. Friday, April 15. Basic instructions in two-step and line dances will be offered. Admission is \$13 per person. Proceeds will be used to continue educational and cultural programs offered by the center. Call 477-8404 for information.

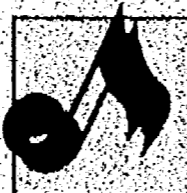
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What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- What's new at the movies.
- Upcoming plays and concerts in your community.

PSO to present 'Grandiose' concert

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER



An art-filled evening awaits Plymouth Symphony Orchestra concertgoers 8 p.m. Friday, April 15, at Plymouth First Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens and \$5 students K-12. Call (313) 461-2112.

The concert will feature guest artists soprano Glenda Kirkland and alto saxophonist Shizuo Kuwahara of Novi, winner of the symphony's Youth Artist Competition winner.

"There will be an art display — Women of Artistry featuring the works of five local artists — Susan Argiroff, Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, Julie DiGiordano, Carol Lynn McCreedy and Norma McQueen," said Linda Alvarado, president of the Plymouth Symphony Society. "Combining art forms is wonderful experience for concertgoers. All arts can contribute to an audience's enjoyment."

Russell Reed will conduct the symphony in a concert titled "Grandiose" which includes "The Marriage of Figaro Overture," by Mozart and Mahler's "Symphony No. 4."

"Mahler's symphony is a wonderful introduction to one of the more impressive 20th century composers," said Alvarado.

Kirkland, who will join the symphony for Mahler's symphony, has won the Regional Artist Award from the National Association of Teachers of Singing, the Society for Musical Arts "Young Artist Award," and was finalist in the local Metropolitan Opera Competition.

She received her education at the Juillard School and is currently a professor of voice at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Her opera credits include the Michigan Opera Theatre's productions of two of Bizet's most popular operas — "Carmen," and "The Pearl Fishers." She has also been a favorite in Gerstein's "Porgy and Bess," Mozart's "Don Giovanni," and Puccini's "Madame Butterfly."

Kuwahara, 17, a senior at Novi High School, proved that "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again," by winning the symphony's Youth Artist Competition in December. He placed second in last year's competition.

Kuwahara has played alto saxophone for six years, and was drum major for eight weeks last summer at Interlochen Arts Academy. He also performed with the World Sax



Youth artist: Shizuo Kuwahara, winner of the Plymouth Symphony Youth Artist Competition, will be featured at the April 15 concert.



Guest artist: Soprano Glenda Anderson Kirkland will perform with the Plymouth Symphony on April 15.

Quartet on Voice of America radio. Kuwahara studies alto saxophone with Tim McAllister at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

On April 15, Kuwahara will play "Concerto for E flat saxophone, opus 26," by Paul Kreston.

Advance tickets are also available at: Novi Parks & Recreation, 45175

10 Mile, Novi, Novi Community Education Office, 25345 Taft Road, Beitner's Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, Evola Music, 215 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Giftfinder Music, 302 E. Main, Northville Bookstore/Main, 101 N. Center, Northville, and Dearborn Music, 42679 Ford Road, Canton.

LSO hosts chamber, children's program

Frank DiBlasi leads the Livonia Symphony Chamber Orchestra in a program which includes music by Telemann, Debussy, and Haydn, 8 p.m. Friday, April 15 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The children's concert 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, also at the Livonia Civic Center Library is titled "Old-Time Movie Mania." Narrator Rob Mason will explain how music from

1920s and 1930s movies creates a mood.

Tickets are \$12, general admission, \$8 seniors (age 62 and older); students (age and older) \$6, and children (under 12), \$3. Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 464-2741 for tickets.

Advance tickets are available at: Livonia Civic Center Library, Hammill Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia and Madonna University, Livonia at Schoolcraft.

Friday's concert program includes Telemann's "Concerto in f major" featuring Robynn Rhodes, flute; Kristen Williams, oboe; Colin Lord and Lisa Dills, clarinet; and Brandon Gagnon, piano.

Haydn's "Divertimento" will feature Rhodes, Williams, Lord, Jim Poe, bassoon and Carl Karoub, French Horn. After intermission, the audience will be treated to selections from old-time movies including the

music of Scott Joplin, Claude Debussy, George Cohan and John Phillip Sousa.

DiBlasi will lead the full Livonia Symphony Orchestra in a special concert with the New Reformation Dixieland Band and winners of the Young Artist Competition, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30 in the Carli Auditorium of Churchill High School in Livonia. Call 421-1111 or 464-2741 for tickets.

Local talent cast in comedy at Bonstelle

Marnie Baumer of Garden City and Thomas Suda of Lathrup Village are will be appearing in Bonstelle Theatre's production of "Charley's Aunt," April 15-24 on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit.

Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturdays, April 15-16, 22-23 and 2 p.m. Sundays April 17 and 24. For tickets, call (313) 577-2960.

Baumer appears as Amy Spettigue and Suda as Stephen Spettigue. "Charley's Aunt" is the sto-

ry of Oxford undergraduate, Charles Wykeham, in pursuit of a beautiful girl, Miss Amy Spettigue. Charley's aunt is Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez, a wealthy widow who will be visiting Charles at school, at the same time Amy plans her visit. Great! Aunt Donna Lucia can chaperone! But, she sends a wire, she'll be arriving late, what to do? Charley gets his roommate, 'Babbs', to dress up as his "aunt," so that his plans to woo Amy can move right along. Enter an entire cast of characters and the confusion begins.



Comedy: Lord Fancourt Babberly (center) enjoys being one of the girls while impersonating the wealthy aunt from Brazil with Amy Spettigue (Marnie Baumer), left, and Kitty Verdun (Robb Hannenberg) right.

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■ PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

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■ MEADOW BROOK

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

■ GROUP DUO, FARMINGTON AREA PHILHARMONIC

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■ SCHOOLCRAFT

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■ SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY

Concert 7 p.m. Sunday, April 10 at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion features pianist Vladislav Kovalsky, winner of the first prize in the National Russian Competition. Tickets \$9 adults, \$6 senior adults, call (810) 354-4717 or (810) 551-7408.

■ DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY / DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS

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Triumphant return: Daniel Cooney of Westland returns to the Fisher Theatre April 12-17 as Che in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Evita." Donna Marie Asbury reprises her depiction of Eva Peron, which wowed Fisher audiences in September. David Brummel plays Peron. Call (810) 645-6666 for tickets or (313) 872-1000 for information.

■ DEKALIAN DUO

Rush Hour chamber concert 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. 11 Mile Road. Program includes works by Telemann, Kuhlau, Bozza and Ginastera performed by flutist Anne Decker and oboist Arianna Kalian. Admission is free.

■ CLASSICAL BELLS

Southfield Cultural Arts Concerts in the Garden Series will feature Classical Bells, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at St. Ives Church, 29350 Lahser, north of Twelve Mile

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Unlikely trio makes passionate 'Threesome'



When they said the dorms were coed, they didn't mean guys and girls would be assigned to the same rooms. But Alex has a name that puts her in the male column, as far as the university computer is concerned, so she finds herself squeezed into the most intimate of living arrangements with two guys she has never met before.

As different as they are from each other, Eddy and Stuart have become best buddies in the short time they've roomed together, and they aren't quite sure how to react to this beautiful but prickly intruder. It doesn't take long, however, for all three to become friends, then much more as their relationship evolves into a triangle of love, passion and mixed signals.

Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin and Josh Charles star in "Threesome," a comedic yet bit-

PREVIEW

ing look at college life. The TriStar Pictures presentation of a Motion Picture Corporation of America Production is written and directed by Andrew Fleming and produced by Brad Krevoy and Steve Stabler. The executive producer is Cary Woods, and co-producer is Brad Jenkel.

Wanting to explain the boundaries of friendship further, Fleming decided to see what would happen when he put members of both sexes, and of differing sexual orientations, together in close quarters. The result: "Threesome."

Alex, played by Boyle, is a drama student who finds Eddy intellectually and emotionally stimulating, but who reluctantly must look elsewhere to satisfy her physical needs. Baldwin, in the role of Stuart, is a party-hearty business student with an unflagging interest in booze and sex. Eddy, played by Charles, is a

young man whose studious, serious side doesn't prevent him from kicking back and having uninhibitedly good times with best friends Stuart and Alex.

Boyle has appeared in movies such as "Mobsters," "Wayne's World" and "Where the Day Takes You." She also played the role of Donna Hayward in the provocative series "Twin Peaks."

Baldwin is perhaps best known for his television role in "The Young Riders," but has also appeared on the big screen in hits such as "Born on the Fourth of July," "Crossing the Bridge" and "The Beast."

Charles starred in "Dead Poets Society," and on television in "Murder in Mississippi" and "Cooperstown."

"Threesome" features a mix of rock music from General Public, Tears for Fears and U2.

The film is set to be released in local theaters this week.

It is rated R (Restricted, under 18 requires an accompanying parent or guardian).



Complicated trio: Alex (Lara Flynn Boyle), Stuart (Stephen Baldwin) and Eddy (Josh Charles) are college roommates whose friendship evolves into a triangle of passion and mixed signals in the contemporary comedy "Threesome."

Producers take the easy road in 'Major League' sequel

AP — When a movie scores a home run — or even a three-bagger — the options for a sequel are threefold:

1. The producers can follow the "Star Wars" formula and take the same characters into a new and original adventure. This requires talent and imagination.

2. They can go along with the "Predator" method and pile on stunts, special effects and production values. This is very, very expensive.

3. They can go the way of "Home Alone" and repeat the same plot with tiny variations.

This is easy.

The producers of "Major League II" took the easy way.

There is little to distinguish the first "Major League" (itself a moderate hit) from the 1994 model. The same characters, mostly. The same plot, almost. The same ending, entirely. That doesn't mean "Major League II" is not enjoyable. In many ways it is a hoot, a pleasant way to spend 105 minutes in the theater, especially if you are a devotee of what used to be called America's Favorite Pastime.

The three teammates are back

REVIEW

with the Cleveland Indians, older but no wiser. Pitcher Rick Vaughn (Charlie Sheen), the onetime hog-riding Wild Thing, turns up with tailored suits and a curvy agent. Catcher Jake Taylor (Tom Berenger) returns with aching knees and an inkling that his playing days are over.

Third baseman Roger Dorn (Corbin Bernsen) has somehow bought ownership from the predatory general manager (Margaret Whitton) and desperately

watches his hapless team from the clubhouse.

The returning Indians include Pedro Cerrano (Dennis Haysbert), who has traded voodoo for Buddhism, and Willie Mays Hays (Omar Epps), who became a movie action hero in the off-season.

Among the new players: Tanaka (Japanese comedian Tanaka-Ishibashi), a kamakazi outfielder from the Tokyo Giants;

Rube Baker (Eric Bruskotter), the hayseed catcher who has a block about throwing back to the pitcher; and Jack Parkman (David Keith), the meanest player in the majors. All these plus the great Bob Eucker as the team's radio announcer, and the unbilled Randy Quaid as an obnoxious fan.

This motley group supplies enough mirth to carry the team

along the familiar path of falling apart and regrouping to challenge the league championship. David Ward repeats as director, and he displays a clever hand with comedy and the diamond action. He wrote the serviceable script with R.J. Stewart.

The Warner Bros. release of a Morgan Creek film was produced by James G. Robin. The rating is PG, mostly for language.

Redford Theatre hosts organ concert

The historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, presents "Spring Into Spring" 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9. Tickets are \$8, and available during regular scheduled movie nights at the theater. Tickets will be available the night of the performance at the theater box office. Call (313) 537-2569 for information.

Featuring concert organist Melissa Ambrose concert, Ernie Willoughby, tenor and Patricia Duensting, soprano, the concert will feature tunes about spring,

and some of your favorites from the big screen and stage.

Ambrose has a bachelor of arts degree in organ performance and is continuing her education toward a master's degree at the University of Michigan. She is currently the organist and associate director of music at First Congregational Church in Royal Oak.

Willoughby is a member of the Madrigal Choral of Southfield, and a tenor soloist at Nativity Episcopal Church in Bloomfield Township. He was a member of

the Michigan Opera Theatre Chorus during the spring 1993 season, and sang with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra when they presented their DSO Pops Weekends in 1992.

Duensting is soloist, alto section leader, and audition chairman for the Madrigal Choral of Southfield. She is a member and serves on the board of the Birmingham Musicals as National Music Week Chairperson. Before coming to Michigan, she was a professional member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus.

UPCOMING MOVIES

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:

Opening Friday, April 8

■ "Florio" — (DIA exclusive) a haunting tale about two children who learn the story of a curse that shaped the fates of their ancestors, and those they are about to meet.

Opening Friday, April 15

■ "Cops and Robbers" — The lives of the average suburban Roberson family are changed when a no-nonsense veteran cop moves in to stake out the house next door. Comedy starring Chevy Chase.

■ "White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf" — Disney sequel adventure finds Jack London's legendary animal and his new master facing danger and excitement.

■ "Surviving the Game" — A homeless man discovers he has been recruited as a human hunting target and must use his street smarts and instinct in order to survive.

■ "Serial Mom" — A black comedy about the "perfect suburban family" and the possibility that

"Mom" may have segued from car-pooling into serial killing. Opening Friday, April 22

■ "Brainscan" — Teenage boy faces a living nightmare when his playing of an interactive fantasy game might in fact be responsible for real murders.

■ "Chasers" — A couple of "Chasers" (the Navy equivalent of MPs) retrieve an errant enlisted woman and find themselves well over their heads on an eventful trip back to their base.

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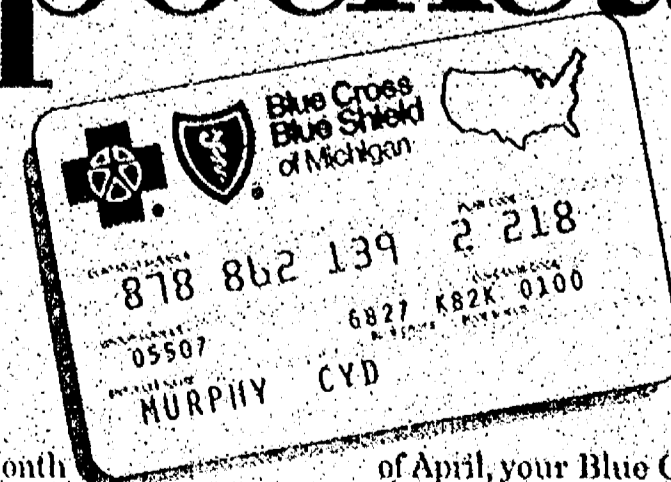
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Exchange students need homes

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No awards for violence

Next to peer pressure, the media has proven to have great influence over children, especially adolescents. Television and radio pump out the latest tunes in rap music and popular video entertainment. Much of today's rap music has seductive, controversial lyrics, lyrics that suggest violence and have sexual themes.

Not only are children chanting controversial lyrics as early as 3 years old, they're imitating seductive dance moves watched on television and video. And if that's not enough, more and more violence is portrayed on movie screens and headlines in our newspapers. But violence displayed on television is perhaps the most influential on younger children because they're home most of the time.

Television is the window to the outside world for children. It supposedly depicts what it's like outside the secure walls of home. It's no wonder children, especially those under 8, associate violence as natural with a weird twist of glamour and heroism.

Take for example one case where a child was watching a popular cable TV cartoon, "Beavis and Butt-head," where the characters were jokingly playing with matches and setting fire to property. In this real reported case, a young child, after watching this controversial, but popular, show, imitated what he saw and set fire to his home.

I recently observed a child who appeared to be around the same age at the doctor's office. He repetitively sang, "Bad boy, bad boy, watcha gonna do, bad boy, bad boy." He proudly sang this familiar tune for the television show "Cops" as he challenged his mother while climbing outside the rail of the stairs. Another television show with explicit violent scenes had made an impression on a young sponge-like mind.

When violence is depicted as cool, no big deal, and scenes show partial nudity, in some cases fully exposing unclothed bodies, they send a direct but confusing message to young people. Youngsters, not having the advantage and much-needed communication from parents or other caring adults to help interpret and sort out worthwhile television from worthless TV hype, are prime beneficiaries of negative media presentation. Children use television as a barometer to measure social and moral expectations.

Fiction becomes real

Because television is so accessible and immediate, children can spend hours in front of the screen, tuning into a variety of stations, including special cable programs and adult entertainment, adopting the language and behaviors of real and fictional characters.

Unfortunately, it's the negative behaviors and questionable character presentation that frequently catch the attention and watchful eyes of children. Without enough positive media to counteract the bad and active parent intervention, children learn to accept violence as "the way it is," as part of a social norm.

When violence becomes a way of life outside viewing videos and television as it is true in the lives of many young children and teens, aggressive behavior becomes more acceptable, not solely due to witnessing acts of violence, but also having to be subjected to situations where they have no control. Feelings of helplessness and vulnerability become prevalent. Children often take on the blame for why bad things happen to and around them, which is especially true as it relates to domestic violence or an environment where children are victimized sexually or subjected to other abuse.

Aggressive behavior played out after being exposed to frequent TV violence, quarrelling, destroying property and degrading others, are kinds of behavior that can manifest themselves when a child barges into an area, leaving a trail of smashed items, purposely ravaging a tidy room, or deliberately seeking to injure other children by destroying what they are doing.

Viewing repeated violence and listening to questionable music can encourage them to try things they aren't emotionally nor physically mature enough to handle or to deal with the consequences. Violence can be accelerated, because of a consistent stimulus. The violent messages children receive through television or in their own home or school environments can easily be internalized. The result is children becoming resistant or openly defiant.

Playing referee

In a world where children aren't as naive about sex and violence as maybe children were 25-30 years ago, it is unavoidable for parents and educators to be involved in addressing

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BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

At the urging of club members, Jim Happ prepares to turn on the fine light. But there's a small problem. He can't find his gavel. It looks a bit bleak for the president of the Westland Civitan Club, especially since a missing gavel is "a fineable offense."

Club members aren't helping the search, nor are they responding to his "I know one of you took it" comments. He's right on the money, as member Linda Quinn pulls it out of her bag.

"That fine light is like an eternal flame," Happ says, reaching for his wallet.

Club members, on the other hand, say he's "the fastest and smoothest at paying fines." By the end of the evening he had shelled out \$3.60 for such offenses as forgetting the governor's banner at the recent mid-year convention, misspelling a few names in the dinner meeting program, and, of course, for the missing gavel. Quinn and company chuckle, but not too loud. They, too, get hit with a few good-

natured fines.

"Paybacks are the fines," says Marlene Dean-Doran, the oldest club member and quite possibly its best recruiter. By and large the female members will tell you they joined Civitans because they "went swimming with Marlene." Swimming is an aquatics class Doran participates in at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Dyer Pool.

"I was in the pool and she wouldn't let me out," said Karen Gregory, director of youth development. "Marlene dragged me around to all kinds of things. It was like we were connected at the hip. I've only been in six years. After six months, I was secretary and a year later I was president-elect."

The Civitans group was founded in 1917 in Birmingham, Ala., when a group of business and professional men started meeting for weekly luncheons to discuss ways they could improve the community. With a motto of "building good citizenship," the organization has grown to 55,000 members in 1,800 clubs worldwide.

A recognizable sign of the Civitans at work is the candy boxes

Civitans have special feelings for special work



Hard at work: Westland Civitan Gerri Falkner (left) of Howell filled syrup cups, while club president Jim Happ of Westland washed pots and pans during the club's recent Bunny Breakfast.

found beside cash registers in participating businesses. Serviced by volunteers, 100 percent of the net proceeds goes to the Civitan International Research Center, which is working on a cure for mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

Plenty to do

But the clubs do even more. Time is one thing the Civitans give to the community. The Westland club's imprint can be seen in a lot of different areas: the recent Bunny Breakfast and Great Marshmallow Drop, Civitan Park, and "the glue that holds them together," the Special Olympics.

It was the efforts of seven Civitan clubs - including those in Wayne, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Dearborn - that organized the first Special Olympics in Wayne County in 1976.

"One of my major emphases for joining was the Special Olympics; I was interested in working with the Wayne club and six others to put together the Wayne County Special Olympics," Doran said. "Now we have Mint Day and Tag for Special Olympics. It's the glue that holds us together."

The Westland club was chartered in June 1978 after the Wayne Civitan Club declined to admit the wives of members. The Civitans were the first service organization to

open its door to women in 1974, and the Wayne club did accept women, just not wives of members, Doran said.

Since then, it has gone on to make a name for itself in the city and the state. It is the first club to score a "three-peat" for district governor. Doran is the past governor, Ron Falkner is the current governor and Gregory is the governor-elect.

Falkner and his wife, Gerry, lived in Redford at the time they joined the Westland Club. Ron was involved with a "blended" baseball team at Michigan Bell, and a Civitan member was the driver. He asked Ron if he'd like to join. He gave it a shot and after seeing a presentation on the Special Olympics was hooked.

The club was the closest one at the time for the Falkners, and even though they now live in Howell, they've kept their ties with the Westland Civitans, driving some 60 miles to be at the monthly dinner meetings.

"When we moved to Howell, we started a club there, but this is still home," said Gerri. "I couldn't quit this club; I'm the recording secretary here and president of the Livingston Civitans."

If being district governor and belonging to two clubs isn't enough, the Falkners are also the Westland

See CIVITANS, 3C

Conference focuses on women's health

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's not unusual to hear talk about the skeletons in people's closets. For some, it's a reference to deep, dark secrets or scandals waiting to be uncovered.

But for Dr. Natalia Rico, that skeleton represents the person each of us should be. "In each person, there's an extraordinary person trying to be free," said Rico, a psychologist with Humanistic Resources in Farmington Hills. "In the course of growing up and based on the feedback from people, we learn to become whom other people think we should be rather than being who we are."

Rico will talk about that person inside in her keynote address - "Just Who Do You Think You Are?" - at the third annual Women's Health Agenda for the '90s.

Sponsored by the Womencenter of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus and Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center and Health Service, the conference will be 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, April 30, on the OCC campus at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

The speech will be from the woman's point of

view of self-esteem. According to Rico, self-esteem can take a tumble when a person becomes alienated from her true self. That alienation can leave a person "with a constant sense of having a skeleton in the closet."

"In order to be desirable, you may believe you should look like Cheryl Tiegs and because you don't look like Cheryl Tiegs, you feel you're not desirable," Rico said. "So you end up spending an inordinate amount of time with self-loathing, when you could be developing other talents that are rewarding."

It also boils down to a perception of value and can be found in school and at home. The perception is that going to work is more viable and valuable than a woman staying home to care for her family. Likewise, getting good grades is what it takes to succeed.

"Words like 'supposed to be' or 'should be' are dead giveaways," Rico said. "You don't need a professional title to be viable and the role in the home is extremely valuable. If you have a child with a learning disability, you will find he feels bad about himself because he doesn't fit."

A person Rico points to as being true to his true self is Oscar-winning director Steven Spielberg, described as a "terrific student."

Spielberg was "more interested in wandering in the desert" with his movie camera and his mother, who supported and encouraged him. By today's standards, his mother would be considered inadequate and a contributor to his delinquent behavior, enough to get Protective Services involved.

The conference will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. in the OCC's Tirrell Hall (J Building), with activities moving to Smith Theater for the welcome at 9 a.m. and Rico's speech at 9:15 a.m.

Following a 15-minute break at 10:30 a.m., there will be three different workshop sessions. The workshops will cover such topics as the myths of menopause, sexual abuse, the politics of women's health and breast cancer, female genital mutilation, developing a positive body image and lifestyles after 50.

The cost of the conference, which also is supported by Sinai Hospital and Zonta of Northwest Wayne County, is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. The fee includes lunch. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is recommended by April 15.

Registration can be completed by sending a check, payable to Oakland Community College, to the Womencenter, OCC Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills 48334-3570.

Only our soul can negotiate life with depth, meaning

MORAL PERSPECTIVES



REV. DAVID STRONG

Spring is a good time to have something new pop into our awareness. After a long winter, we are ready for change. Consider picking up either of the most recent books by Thomas Moore, "Care of the Soul" and "Soul Mates." I find them exciting reading.

His books have been at the top of the New York Times best selling list for the past two months. A long article about him appeared in a daily paper last week. Raised a Catholic on Detroit's east side, Moore has something to tell us about the soul. His books are about the individual soul, how we feed the soul, how our society ignores the soul. Yet his books also

provide us insights into social values and social problems.

Our congregation is hosting homeless people this week. The women, children and men whom I have talked with might be considered different from you and me. Yet Moore helps us see a connection between these people and our own condition. The homelessness we see on our city streets is a reflection of a deeper homelessness we feel in our hearts.

"The trash on our streets, the abandoning of old buildings, and the construction of cheap housing reflect our souls which dismiss the values of the past and may also reflect our anger at the world. Our trash," says Moore, "is a reminder — not yet healed by imagination — of the past we have neglected."

These are meanings for us to ponder, Moore believes that our soul is connected with everything

that we encounter. Places and things have soul when they are part of our memory. Things of the past may have meaning and beauty even though they have lost their practical function. Our mania with antiques has the quality of a search for roots in the past. For Moore, everything, including everything thought to be negative, is food for the soul.

What is the soul? We would like to have a neat definition. Yet, this desire for definitions is itself a symptom of our lack of soul. Soul is impossible to define. It is close to imagination, to music, beauty, to the meaning of a special tree or hillside. Soul is an attachment of the heart. Soul is not so much about change as about depth. Soul grows through deep observation and acceptance.

"Fulfilling work, rewarding relationships, personal power and relief from symptoms are all gifts

of the soul. They are particularly elusive in our time because we don't believe in the soul..." (from the introduction to "Care of the Soul")

Moore's most recent book is "Soul Mates." Have you ever felt a particularly strong attraction to another person? We need to honor the mystery of such experiences and sort out what they mean to the soul. Psychology and morality may well fail to lead us through such important encounters in our lives. Only our soul can negotiate life with depth and ultimate meaning so that we honor the depth of our personhood and the personhood of others.

The writings of Moore face us with the question: Can we have religion or morality without soul? Is America looking for the "quick fix?" Have we depersonalized and objectified faith to such an extent that, for example, there is no deep

learning from negative experience? Is confessing your sins enough to do the job? Moore thinks not.

For Moore, even depression and body illness may contribute to a person if they are examined by the soul. He is very critical of religions that seek to rid us of our encounter with trouble or pain. Such a religion keeps us from discovering meaning in the dark night of the soul. I have discovered that his observations are true.

Ponder the question. What is sacred in everyday life? The question challenges our unexamined assumption that everything is secular, without the aura of God's creative love. For example, ecology is not an earth science. It is a question concerning our home, our soul's response to the home in which we live.

A friend of mine went into the hospital for a very serious illness.

In the process he lost about 100 pounds. He told me that as he went through these life-threatening troubles he felt that he was surrounded by an aura of prayer. This is a tough, down-to-earth man. I am heartened by his witness of soul. He has grown from his trying experience.

Finally, I like the insight of Thomas Moore that soul is nurtured by the simple decision to pay attention. Soul grows through small things, such as flowers, birds and quiet walks that feed us tidbits of meaning. Soul cultivating is a great adventure. Moore's writings are good guides in this adventure.

The Rev. David Strong is pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Detroit. If you have a question or comment, call him at 953-2047, mailbox number 1878, on a touch-tone phone.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

RUMMAGE SALES

The Congregational Church of Wayne will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 8, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9. Saturday will be \$1.50 a Bag Day. The church is at 2 Town Square, Wayne.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church will have its annual spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 15, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads, Novi.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

Northville Christian Assembly will offer a divorce recovery series 7-9:30 p.m. beginning Friday, April 8. For more information, call (810) 348-9030.

BETHANY WEST

The Bethany West Chapter, a nonprofit Catholic organization for divorced and separated Christians, will have a Stupid T-shirt

dance (casual clothes) at 9 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church on West Chicago, east of Inkster Road, Redford. Admission is \$8 and includes beverages and munchies. For more information, call Bruce at 522-3976 or Karen at 261-3602. The chapter also has a support group that meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For information, call Sue at 562-2805 or Pat at 522-4262.

YOUTH SOCIAL

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will sponsor a social dance at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9, for Detroit area youth at the Bloomfield Hills church. For more information and directions, call 981-4108.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Congregation Beit Kodesh will have its annual Holocaust Memorial Service at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at the synagogue, 31840 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The guest speaker will be Erna Gorman, a survivor of the Holocaust and one of the Hidden Children. A candle lighting ceremony will

follow. There will also be a musical composition, "Vanity of Vanities," edited and performed from the original Hebrew by Rabbi Craig Allen. Cantor David Gutman will conduct the Yizkor service. And refreshments will be served.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Those interested in learning more about Christian Science can tune into WSDS radio, 1480 AM, at 7:30 a.m. Sundays. Topics include "Does Christian Science do anything about the world's problems?" for Sunday, April 10.

VIDEO SERIES

The Detroit First Church of the Nazarene is sponsoring the video series, "How Should We Then Live?" The 10-part series was produced by the late Francis Schaeffer, world-renowned philosopher and theologian, and examines the rise and decline of Western thought and culture. The series will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 10. Detroit First Church of the Nazarene is on Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road, Novi.

BIBLE STUDY

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton will start a new Bible study series 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, beginning April 12. The in-depth study will take a look at the book of Hebrew and will last approximately nine weeks. There will be group discussion and individual daily devotions. The church is at 42690 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call 981-0286.

STUDY GROUPS

The Ann Arbor Zen Buddhist Temple will offer yoga classes Tuesday evening for six weeks, beginning April 12, and a Zen meditation course Thursday evening for five weeks, beginning April 14. For more information, call the temple at 761-6520.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Couples with strong marriages can improve and deepen their relationship through a marriage encounter weekend Friday, April 15, through Sunday, April 17, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. For more information, call (810) 349-8195.

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young people's concerns — sometimes playing referee. Teachers and counselors witness acts of violence much too often in school. Teens tote the weapons. Some say they need them to protect themselves against gangs or others' poses, just like what they see on TV, at the movies or right in their own neighborhood.

Media violence may not be totally to blame, true enough, but it sure can hold its hand up high and stand up and be counted for helping to promote it in an indirect way.

Parents must strive to make home a place where violence is null and void. Limit television to one hour of good time TV watching. Work on building better unity and self-esteem in the family. Put the family influence back on the top of the list where it should be. Listen carefully to the lyrics of the music your kids listen to. Are messages being sent that are com-

patible with your family's philosophy?

Again, there are no easy answers. We may not be able to answer why someone chooses to act violently, to be associated with violent acts, or promote it in any way. It's unrealistic to consider not reporting violence in the newspaper because people must be informed.

On the other hand, flaunting violence as a means of entertaining does have a significant negative impact on our children — our society. We can't, in one breath, ask why the violence, then in the next breath do the minimum about getting our own homes in order. Everyone should start from where they are.

If you have a question or comment for Eartha DeYampert, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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LORENE GREEN

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I hope this idea is received in a positive way and since you have read this far, would you consider studying my handwriting and giving me a response. Thank you. D.B., Plymouth

Thank you for your suggestion. Column space is always a necessary consideration, but I will try to give more detailed explanations in the future.

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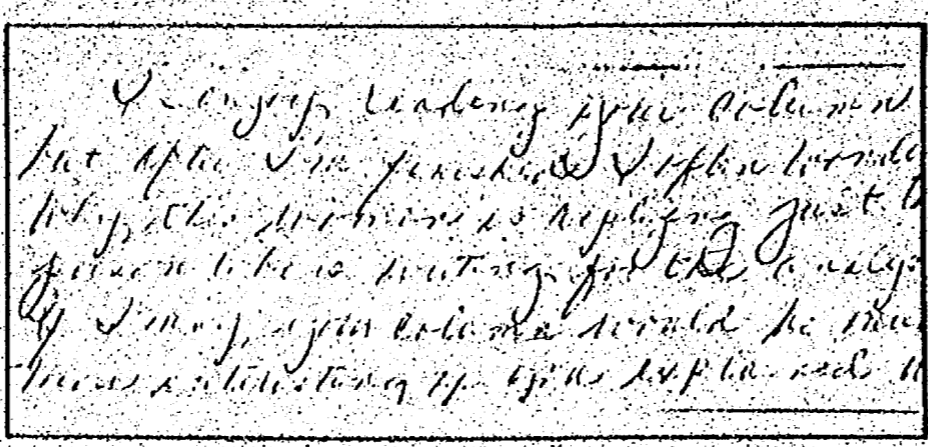
written on a full sheet of unlined paper is because spacing is a very important consideration when analyzing handwriting. Since yours was written on a note card and the lines are a little too crowded, I am not able to ascertain if the entangled lines are the way you usually write or are caused by limited space on the card. Entangled lines usually suggest one who is involved in too many activities and may be having difficulty prioritizing. I'll have to let you be the judge.

Today's writer is thoughtful, sympathetic, compassionate and friendly. Her feelings can be read in her eyes, facial expression and body language. Others are attracted to her warmth and cannot help but like her.

Making a good impression is important to her and she has a desire to be esteemed by others. To merit this, she can be counted on to put forth her best effort.

In her work, she is efficient, and it reveals the strong sense of pride she feels about it. Her pride is often fed by the appreciation that comes from other people. She sets high goals for herself and is not afraid to work hard to accomplish them.

Self-consciousness weaves through this handwriting, making her too aware of any limitations she perceives. Unfamiliar situations may cause her to feel ill at



ease. Close supervision with someone looking over her shoulder can also do the same. Seemingly, she tenses up when she feels she is being judged. Perhaps she feels restricted by past experiences which she keeps bottled up.

Perhaps she has been hurt in the past. To prevent this from recurring, she has her guard up often.

Basically, this is a modest person who does not promote herself. She tends to wait for the breaks rather than make opportunities to let other people know of her capabilities.

Because she does not do things with great showmanship, she tends to think there is something exaggerated about such a procedure. She may be more comfortable when she is in the background, although I do think she may be willing to assume more responsibility to promote herself.

This writer is inclined to be somewhat opinionated. Once her mind is made up, she can be rather firmly based.

This is usually an upbeat woman who views life with optimism. However, something in her life is not the way she might like it to be and is causing her to feel a little down at this particular time.

The humor I see in her handwriting tells me she can laugh and enjoy the lighter side of life. I love humor and feel it helps us keep things in perspective.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are helpful. And objective feedback is always welcome.

Since then, he's gone on to sell \$16 worth of flag pins, more apples and even dog biscuits.

Happ and his fellow members are always looking for new members. Recruitment has been a "feast or famine" proposition, but with next week designated as Civitan Awareness Week, members believe it's an excellent time to take a closer look at the organization.

The club has evening meetings the second and fourth Thursday of the month at a local restaurant or at the Rowe House on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. And a lot of its projects happen on weekends or in the evening, so people who work can participate, Happ said.

If things like being huggers at the upcoming Special Olympics aren't enough of an enticement, Happ points to the members themselves. "When I joined it wasn't for the volunteer work at the time; it was the members," Happ said. "My reason for joining was the people. It's turned out to be best fun I've had in a long time... even with all the fines."

For more information about the Westland Civitan Club, call Elaine Cockrum, vice president for membership, at 595-0296, or write the club at P.O. Box 45, Westland 48185.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jackson

An afternoon dinner party is planned to honor Clayton and Grace Jackson of Livonia for their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married on April 5, 1944, in their hometown of Bad Axe, Mich. She is the former Grace Tucker.

Residents of Livonia since 1946, they have four children — Susan and Alden Degayner of Ionia, Bette and Raymond Niman of Westland, Dan Jackson and his fiancée Linda Stephens of Livonia and Lisa and Mark Lynett of Westland. They also have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He retired 14 years ago from the Burroughs Corp., where he had worked for 38 years. He also was a longtime member of the Ridgevale



Rod and Gun Club near Alpena. She has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Livonia for 45 years.

Juranek

Golden wedding anniversary bells rang for Eugene and Betty Juraneck March 24.

The Livonia couple renewed their vows on March 20 at a party given in their honor by their children — Bob, Larry, Sandy Canfield and Mary Ann Bane. Along with friends and relatives at the party at the Botsford Inn were their six grandchildren — Monica, Corrine, Brandon, Robert, Steven and Ryan.

The couple originally exchanged vows on March 24, 1944, in Detroit. They have lived in Livonia for 45 years.



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club's Special Olympics representatives. Ron has been to the International, state and local games in his more than 16 years with the Special Olympics program.

"The best part for me, I guess, is because it helps the less fortunate and it gives you a personal satisfaction of working with Special Olympics," Ron said. "That's the two biggest things for me."

Good advertising

Quinn has belonged to the organization for five years and "is already a past president." She points a finger at Marie Johnson when asked how she discovered the club. Johnson had posted an announcement on the Post Office door that caught Quinn's eye. The

'My reason for joining was the people. It's turned out to be best fun I've had in a long time... even with all the fines.'

Jim Happ

sign "was illegal" but enough to make her want to know more.

A year later Quinn's husband, Patrick, joined, in part because he was working as hard as his wife. Besides, she decided to pay his dues, so he "had to join."

"I think every project we do is enjoyable, especially when the project turns out well," Quinn said. "We do more than Special Olympics. We do things for the senior citizens and for the kids. There's a lot of variety. If we do

something you don't like, there's other things you can do... even be president."

It's got personality

Each club has its own personality, according to Happ. The Westland club has a hands-on personality. It's very active, doing a lot with the city and its annual festival.

Some of the projects include selling mints and tags for Special Olympics, and delivering valentines to the residents at the Hope Nursing Center. The club also helped raised money to provide Civitan service dogs for the hearing-impaired. Training such dogs cost \$4,000 each and so Michigan Civitans have raised enough for four dogs. They also raised another \$7,000 for a service dog for a physically challenged person.

"We do so much that we don't get credit for, but it's fun and a great service to the city," Happ said. "When I joined I thought I couldn't sell anything to save my life, but within two weeks of joining I was in front of Kmart selling apples."

Hospital to offer life support class

A preparatory course in Advanced Cardiac Life Support will be offered in April and May in Conference Room A of the Marian Pavilion at St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile at Levan.

The six-day course will be 1-3 p.m. or 4:15-6:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 19, 21, 26,

28, and May 3 and 5. Registration is required and may be done by calling 591-2922.

The class is designed to prepare nurses for completion of the ACLS certification course. The class will provide a review of the management of a patient in a cardiac emergency.

St. Mary sets open house

In recognition of National Occupational Therapy Month in April, the occupational therapy staff at St. Mary Hospital will hold an open house 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 13.

The open house will be in the physical medicine and rehabilitation department on the lower level of the hospital.

During the open house, staff members will simulate various aspects of occupational therapy treatments and provide opportunities for visitors to experiment

Staff members will provide opportunities for visitors to experiment with treatment procedures.

with treatment and assessment procedures.

Occupational therapy displays also will be in the main lobby of the hospital and the Marian Pavilion lobby from April 11-15. For information about occupational therapy call 591-2955.

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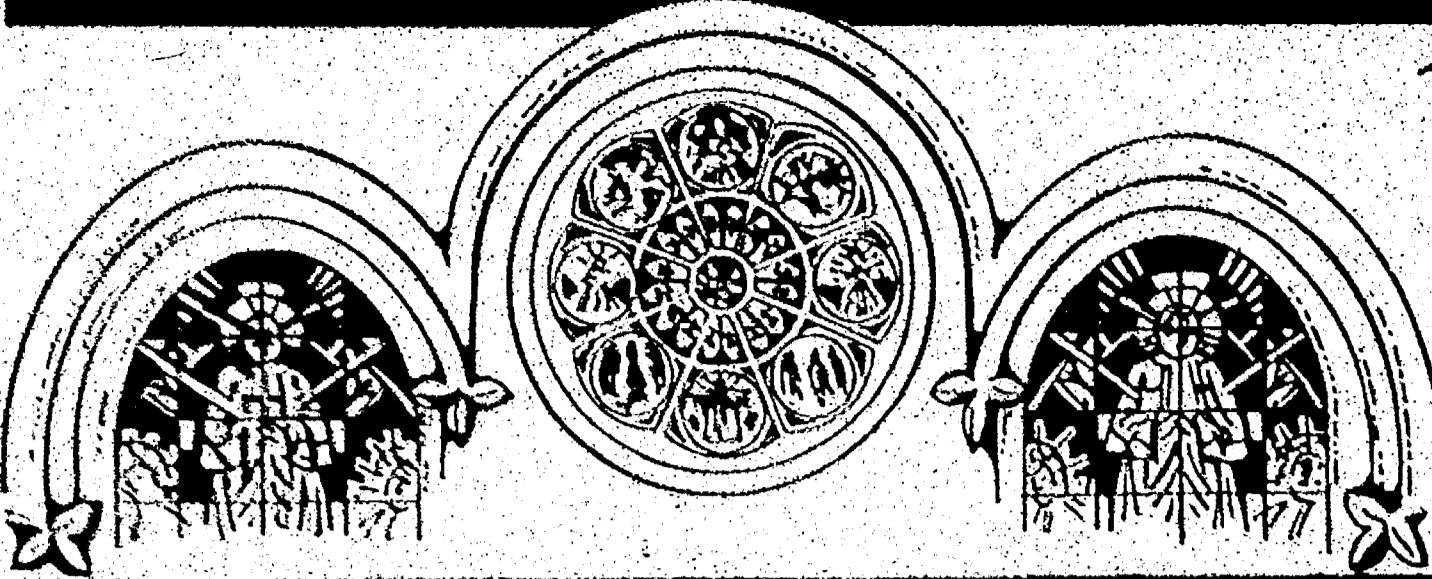
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Stevens-Boyle

Dorothy and Earl N. Stevens of San Ramon, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Earlene Eys, to Gregory Alan Boyle, son of Barbara and Robert Boyle of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of California High School and the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. She is employed by Byer California in San Francisco.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan Tech. He is employed by York International Corp. in Pleasanton, Calif.

An October wedding is planned in Dublin, Calif.



McKinnon-Hinckley

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McKinnon of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Beth, to Joseph Charles Hinckley, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinckley.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Michigan State University. She is employed by Blue Care Network as a customer service rep.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Garden City High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by Pepsi-Cola as an account development rep.

A September wedding in First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills is planned.



Ruddell-Lawrence

Richard Ruddell of Wisconsin and Mary Wright of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Leigh Ruddell, to Kent Thomas Lawrence, son of Arthur and Sue Lawrence of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Woodhaven High School and attends Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Society Bank, Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by Encotec Laboratories in Ann Arbor as a chemist.

A June wedding is planned in St. John Neumann Church, Canton.



Bailey-Bowling

Lynn and Patricia Bailey of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Jean, to Kenny Ray Bowling, son of Bill and Selda Bowling of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attended Grand Valley State University for two years. She is attending Washtenaw Community College for a degree in nursing. She is employed by Plymouth Court Health Facility in medical records.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is employed by A&F Inc.

A May wedding is planned in Fairhaven Baptist Church, Westland.



Badger-Tactac

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Diane) Badger of Macomb announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Marie, to Robert George Tactac, son of Dr. Albert Tactac of Plymouth and Isabelle Tactac of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

Her fiancé is working toward a bachelor of science degree in computer science. He is employed by Brass Craft as a computer programmer.

A June wedding is planned in St. Veronica Church, Eastpointe.



Broad-Wiktor

Mr. and Mrs. David Broad of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Marie, to Michael Joseph Wiktor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wiktor of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Northville High School and Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Schoolcraft College as a word processing secretary.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Eastern Michigan University with a degree in actuarial science. He is working on his master's degree in economics. He is employed by National Bank of Detroit as a trust investor.

A June wedding is planned in Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville.



Henderson-Spencer

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Henderson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Suzanna Henderson, to Shawn Dale Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Spencer of Franklin.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and will graduate from Wayne State University after completing her field work. She will earn a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and will graduate from Olivet Nazarene University in May with a bachelor's degree in business/marketing. He will be employed as a sales representative at Underwriters Insurance Agency.



A June wedding is planned in Detroit First Church of the Nazarene.

Mecklenburger-Marchio

Victoria Ann Marchio and David Bernard Mecklenburger were married Sept. 18, 1993, at the Meadow Brook Hall Estate in Rochester by Rabbi Daniel Schwartz. She is the daughter of Mary Jane and Anthony Marchio of Livonia and he is the son of Lois and Alvin Mecklenburger of Highland Park.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and received a bachelor's degree in commercial art from Madonna University. She was employed as a regional creative services manager by Advo Systems Inc. in Livonia.

The groom is a graduate of Highland Park High School and received his bachelor's degree in accountancy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a certified public accountant employed by Gepco International Inc. as the chief financial officer.

Sister of the bride Annette Marchio served as matron of honor with bridesmaids sister of the bride Catherine Sterlitz, sister of the groom Jill Mecklenburger and Caroline Seman.

Wichman-Roch

Laurence and Susan Wichman of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Ann, to Jeffrey Scott Roch, son of Ray and Marie Roch of Canton.

The bride-to-be is studying accounting and will graduate from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas next year.

Her fiancé, a Las Vegas resident, is studying for the upcoming police academy test.

A September wedding is planned in St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church.



Mitchell Stern served as best man with groomsmen brother of the bride Louis Marchio, Thomas Lembeck and Keith Landy.

Katherine Sholem and Jessica Thimmig served as flower girls. Austin Marchio served as ring bearer.

The bride wore a white silk shantung gown beaded and embroidered with Alencon lace. It had a chapel-length train.

The couple sailed throughout the Virgin Islands for their honeymoon. They are making their home in Chicago.

Sheridan-Armstrong

Heather Ruth Armstrong and Steven L. Sheridan were married Dec. 31, 1993, in Grace Lutheran Church in Redford by the Rev. Victor Halboth. She is the daughter of Tom Armstrong of Redford and Linda Armstrong of Whitmore Lake and he is the son of Bob and Barb Sheridan of Peck, Mich.

The bride is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by the Warehouse Club in Skokie, Ill., as a buyer.

The groom is a graduate of Ferris State University and Michigan State University. He is a student at the Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and is employed as an X-ray technician at Belmont Hospital in Chicago.

Christy Schurman served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Amy Gustafson, Sharon Fisher, Tammy Wiechert, Sara Howard, Jill Mahaffy and Karen Sheldon.

Darin Sheridan served as best man with groomsmen Tim Sheridan, Dan Sheridan, John Armstrong, Todd Mahaffy, Brian Mahaffy and Scot Sheldon.



The bride wore a traditional white gown with a tulle skirt and train.

The couple received guests at St. Mary's Hall in Southfield before leaving on a skiing trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo. They are making their home in Chicago, Ill.

Rettell-Tesner

Jane Elizabeth Tesner and David Michael Rettell were married Oct. 30, 1993, in St. Martha's Catholic Church in Okemos, Mich., by the Rev. Jonathan Wehilo. She is the daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Arthur Tesner of Okemos, formerly of Livonia, and he is the son of Julie Rettell of Clinton Township and David Rettell of Macomb.

The bride attended Livonia Stevenson High School for three years and graduated from Okemos High School. She is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture. She is employed as a landscape architect for Johnson, Johnson and Roy Landscape Architects in Ann Arbor.

The groom is a graduate of Mt. Clemens High School and Michigan Technological University with a degree in civil engineering. He is employed by STS in Lansing.

Jennifer Broz served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Lori Tesner, Stephanie Tesner and



sister of the groom Renee Holand. Courtney Marshall served as flower girl.

Scott See served as best man with groomsmen Jeff Pelletier, Michael Ross and David Junak.

Brothers of the bride Chip Tesner, Peter Tesner and Richard Tesner served as ushers.

Kerr-Ressegulo

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kerr of Redford Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Mary, to David Lynn Ressegulo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ressegulo of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Thurston High School and has an associate's degree in manufacturing and production planning from Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Master Automatic Inc. as an executive assistant.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Church Hill High School and has a bachelor's degree in graphic advertising with a minor in fine arts from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is employed by United Parcel Services as an account executive.



An April wedding is planned in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia.

Bury-Walker

William and Janet Bury of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Joan, to David Dee Walker Jr., son of David and Gladys Walker of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed by MLW Associates Inc. in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School and is also attending Schoolcraft College. He is employed by Ols Spunkineyer Inc. in Farmington Hills.

An April wedding is planned in St. Thomas A' Becket Church.



Truesdell-Clatterbuck

Clyde and Sue Truesdell of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Lynne, to David Arthur Clatterbuck of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is employed as a tax processor for American Realty Tax Services in Southfield.

Her fiancé is employed as a fabricator for Roush Technologies in Livonia.

A September wedding is planned in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.



Eldridge-Martin

Linda Marie Martin and John Richard Eldridge were married March 6, 1993, in SS Simon & Jude Catholic Church, Huntington Beach, Calif., by the Rev. Christian Mondor. She is the daughter of Don and Carolyn Martin of Canton and he is the son of Priscilla Eldridge of Escondido, Calif., and the late Boyd W. Eldridge.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University with a degree in fashion merchandising and marketing. She is employed by Nordstrom in Costa Mesa, Calif.

The groom is a graduate of Orange Glen High School and Palomar College in San Marcos, Calif. He is self-employed.

Christy Stocks served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Gina Torres and Carolyn Lehmann.

Brother of the groom Mark Eldridge served as best man with



groomsmen Kurt Fegg and Scott Martin.

The couple received guests at the Tale of the Whale in Balboa, Calif., before leaving on a trip to London, England. They are making their home in Huntington Beach, Calif.

'Rhapsody in Red' benefits American Red Cross chapter

The finishing touches are being applied to "Rhapsody in Red," a gala spring benefit for the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The dinner-dance will be Friday, April 29, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn, and will have

the president of the American Red Cross, Elizabeth H. Dole, the former U.S. deputy secretary of state, Dr. Clifton Wharton, and his wife, Dolores, as special guests.

The goal is to raise \$100,000 for American Red Cross disaster services for residents of Wayne, Oak-

land and Macomb counties as well as increase community awareness of the services provided by the Southeastern Michigan Chapter and expand the base of friends and volunteers for the Red Cross.

The evening will begin with a VIP cocktail reception at 6:30

p.m., followed by dinner and dancing at 7 p.m. in the hotel's Grand Ballroom. Music will be by Grammy Award-winning singer Jack Jones and the Big Band sounds of the Johnny Trudell Orchestra. The attire is formal with black tie dress and red or white gowns preferred.

Attendance is limited to 400, and ticket prices are set at four levels: ruby at \$500, platinum at \$350, gold at \$225 and silver at \$175. Each has its own benefits, all of which include dinner and dancing. Platinum and ruby ticket holders are invited to a pre-gala reception with Dole.

There also will be an auction with Leslie Hindman of Chicago's Hindman Galleries as the celebri-

ty auctioneer. On the auction block will be a 1994 Ford Mustang convertible, a gift from the Ford Motor Co., a piece of fine jewelry donated by Harry Winston Jewelers, and a travel package that includes hotel accommodations at the Hotel Arts Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain, provided by the Ritz-Carlton.

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BOOK BREAK



VICTORIA DIAZ

New Livonia romance novelist strikes it big

It seems to me there's an unusually high number of literary talents throughout Michigan. (Maybe it's something in the water?)

Just when I'm feeling really pleased with myself, and thinking I have a fix on every one of the writers in this area, a new author - or two, or three, or half-a-dozen - pops up, and there goes all my self-satisfied smugness.

Meet Marian DeLabbio Jastrzembki, a.k.a. Marian Edwards.

Her first romance novel, "A Year and a Day," comes out this spring from Zebra.

The 40-ish Livonia writer has not studied writing in any formal way and has never been published before. But even as she worked on the love-and-adventure story, the former airline stewardess felt it definitely "had something."

A lot of writers feel that way, of course, but in this case, a number of other people agreed, including several contest judges and an acquiring editor at Zebra. "A Year and a Day" reached the final rounds of the 1992 Romance Writers of America Golden Heart Competition. Editor Ann LaFarge, on reading the manuscript, urged Jastrzembki to give Zebra a chance to buy the book when she was ready to sell.

When that time came, LaFarge bought "A Year and a Day" exactly as submitted, with no request to alter even a single word in the hefty, 400-page manuscript. And Jastrzembki avoided the agonizing marketing difficulties usually experienced by first-time writers.

That may have been because she isn't a first-time novelist. Though "A Year and a Day" will be her first published novel, Jastrzembki already had penned one book and almost all of a second by the time she got down to writing the historical romance set in 12th-century Scotland.

By writing the first novels, she taught herself a great deal about "the mechanics of writing," she says. And, through her unsuccessful attempts at trying to sell the first, she learned something about the highly competitive writing market and her own talents.

"I think when you're a new writer, you don't really realize what the market is like," she says. "I'd read some contemporary Harlequin romances and decided I was going to write one. It looked so easy. But then, when I started working on it, I found out how difficult it was. And 450 pages later, I realized I wasn't a contemporary (Harlequin) writer."

Jastrzembki, who writes from an at-home, computer-equipped office, remembers sending that manuscript out to Harlequin and various other romance publishers and subsequently receiving what she calls "wonderful rejections."

"I was really fortunate," she says. "I encountered people who would tell me, 'It's not right for our line. But I do think you have talent and I wish you would pursue this. Please send us anything else.'"

The trouble was, though she was working on a second novel (a western), she didn't have anything else completed. And then, in its quirky little way, fate intervened.

One of her four sons underwent major surgery and by the time he had recovered, her interest in the western novel had quietly slipped away.

In its place was "A Year and a Day," which seemed to have almost fully formed itself while Jastrzembki's conscious thoughts were focused on the crisis at hand.

She sat down, she remembers, and simply started "pounding out" a story about medieval Scottish clans and a politically arranged union between a man and a woman who find themselves in the middle of murderous clan rivalries.

"I think the idea had been rattling around in my head for a long, long time," she says. "Years ago, when I was researching for another book, I happened to come across, just in a footnote, a (medieval) Scottish law that said a Scotsman could marry and, just one day after his first wedding anniversary, could divorce his wife for any reason. That fascinated me and I really think that's where I first got the idea for the book."

"By the time I started writing it, although I don't work from outlines, I had in my head key scenes at the beginning, plus the middle, and the end."

(As to researching the book, almost all historical and geographical research was conducted among the shelves at the main Detroit Public Library and Livonia libraries and through area

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- See what Observerland art lovers have to say about "The Age of Rubens" at the Toledo Museum of Art.
- Marty Figley's Garden Spot column.
- Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.



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Ready to show: Livonians Eileen Bibby (left) and Al Weber will demonstrate watercolor techniques at the Livonia Artists Club Spring Show this weekend in the Livonia Civic Center Library. From left, Bibby's watercolor, "Log Jam" (\$500) and Weber's watercolor, "Grandmother's Quilt" (\$600).

Livonia artists turn focus on their work



Livonia Artists Club's annual spring show and sale will feature demonstrations and fine art from club members this weekend in the atrium at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

Visitors to the Livonia Artists Club Spring Show will see watercolor demonstrations and a range of fine art representing the work of nearly every club member.

The show runs 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10, in the atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, on Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road. Admission to the show is free.

The spring show and sale is the club's biggest yearly event and one that usually draws plenty of browsers.

Visitors will see about 150 paintings, priced from around \$40 to \$600. A selection of unframed art starts at \$5 to \$10.

"The show is a way for the community to see what we're doing and a way for us to interest new members. Our work gets better every year and I think people enjoy seeing it," said club publicist Terri Willyard, a Livonia watercolor artist.

Club president Jack Hemphill of Livonia likes the atrium location because it's a bright, beautiful background for fine art and a busy spot on weekends.

"I think the show will get some extra attention from people just visiting the library. It's a good show with some fine artists. We're happy to have browsers," said Hemphill, a retired commercial painter, who does realistic oil painting.

The juried show includes the

works of about 30 artists, who work in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, pen and ink and mixed media.

Audrey DiMarco, a West Bloomfield artist, will award cash prizes for first, second and third place, and a ribbon for honorable mention. Showgoers will vote for the People's Choice award.

Livonia watercolorists Al Weber and Eileen Bibby will demonstrate their painting styles during show hours and be on hand for questions.

"Demonstrating is fun because it's not something people generally get to see. Kids especially love to watch. The crowd of children around me at one show was so large, I could hardly paint," said Bibby, whose watercolor, "Snow Storm," won first place at this month's Milford Fine Art Show.

The retired industrial designer took up oil and acrylic painting in 1984 and started working in watercolor a few years later. Her monographs and watercolors, done in an interpretative style, sell for \$100 to \$500.

"My work's taking a nice direction that excites me. I start with an idea and, somewhere along the line, the paint tells me what to do. 'Snow Storm' started out as a snow scene and turned into a storm scene," Bibby said.

Weber, a retired Ford Motor Co. clay modeler, will show transparent watercolors priced from \$75 to \$600. His representational work ranges from flowers and landscapes to vintage cars.

Weber had a one-man show in 1991 at the Scarab Club, Detroit, and he shows with the Dearborn Arts & Crafts Club.

"The Livonia club is small, but we always put on a good show. We've got some strong artists who are dedicated to their work," he said.

Livonia Artists Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of every month in Room C at the Livonia Civic Center Library, September through May. Annual dues is \$15. Membership information, open to artists of all abilities, will be available at the show.

Eskimo Art gallery plans final show, sale

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

For more than 40 years, Eskimo Art Inc. has bridged miles and centuries.

The non-profit corporation, with its gallery in Ann Arbor, presents art work by the Inuit people of the Canadian Arctic. The Inuits have been making art since about 600 B.C. Today, the works are a popular contemporary art form. The Inuits have developed a major source of income through the marketing of their art.

Since Eskimo Art Inc. was founded in 1953, \$1 million has been raised for the Inuit people. This month, the

gallery will have a final show and sale of its entire inventory of carvings, prints and other Inuit materials. The gallery and retail sales will be terminated and the permanent collection will be donated to a museum for public display and research.

"This is doing something so that people can help themselves and simultaneously broaden the understanding of the American art market for a remarkable kind of art," Philip Power said of the corporation's original purpose.

Power, chairman of the Suburban Communications Corp., which owns

the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, his father, Eugene Power, and James Houston founded Eskimo Art Inc.

The gallery is in a beautiful setting at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. Deer, raccoon and other wildlife sometimes appear on the gently sloping grounds outside the building.

Inside the gallery is another form of nature. Animal, human and spiritual figures in lithographs, carvings and other art forms are keys to a special culture.

There's something nice about

every one," said Irma Thompson, sales manager.

Viewing the work brings a remote place and time right at hand, with touches of mystery, whimsy, drama and history. The Inuit population of about 25,000 is distributed across northern Canada. Each of the 30 art-producing communities has its favorite subjects and distinctive style.

"Inuit" has replaced "eskimo" as the preferred term. "Inuit" means "the people" in Inuktitut.

Except for one item in slate, the

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Artheat features vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Write: Artheat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

ART ON DISPLAY

Visual Arts Association of Livonia will host a spring art exhibit May 1-27 in the Livonia City Hall lobby, Farmington Road and Five Mile. A public artists' reception will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

Exhibit co-sponsors are the Livonia Cultural League, city of Livonia and Livonia Arts Commission.

GLASS ART

Royal Oak artist Marsha Filippiak will dis-

Art Bear

play her stained glass in contemporary and art deco style April 4-29 in the Livonia Civic Center Library second-floor showcases.

She got hooked on stained glass in 1979 when she and her husband moved to an old house and she noticed several areas where stained glass would look good. A class in stained glass followed.

"I enjoyed working with glass and continued doing so as a hobby," she said. "I had friends interested in purchasing stained glass

from me so I started doing a few home shows and found it to be successful. So in 1984, I started my own business (Marsha's Stained Glass)."

Filippiak works with cabinet makers and interior designers. Her jobs include a panel for a privacy window in a limousine. Her ideas include stained glass matted and framed as abstract art on a wall and stained glass used as window treatment.

ART CALL

Attention, Observerland artists: Artists and crafters may apply for booth space at the eighth annual Detroit Festival of the Arts Sept. 16-18 in Detroit's University Cultural Center. Deadline to apply is June 10. Call (313) 577-5088.

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carvings are in soapstone or serpentine. Many of the carvings have a marblelike appearance, in black, white and such soft colors as green and aqua. Stone has replaced ivory as the most popular material in contemporary Inuit art.

Stonecut works are prints made from etchings in stone. About 50 prints are made from a stone, which is then destroyed.

The artists travel great distances to quarry quality stone. Most of the sculpture is made with hand tools (more artists use small power tools too). Saws, axes, adzes, hammers, chisels rough out a carving's shape; then files, rasps, steel wool and sandpaper do fine work and finishing. Pen knives or nails make detailed incising.

Pieces in the gallery have their own personalities. A goose has a gentle expression. A seal reclines on its side with its head raised, reminding the viewer of a person lounging with his or her head propped on an elbow. An owl is shown not in its usual sedate pose, but with its wings majestically spread. One bear is a rollicking dancer, another is a proud

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James Houston

hunter. Eagles, falcons, rabbits, muskox and fish are here too.

The spirit world is represented in masks, and in pieces that are groups of heads or faces.

Examples of the detail of the work may be seen in the claws and teeth of animal subjects, or in the edging on a figure's coat and the expression on his or her face. The wings of a bird taper to translucent tips that cradle the light. A lithograph called "Raven Takes the Catch" features an intricate, feathery design in the bird's body and subtle shading in the boots of the fisherman.

The idea for the organization came when Houston returned from Baffin Island, where he was posted with the Canadian Air Force.

"It was a kind of folk art, no doubt about it," said Houston,

who now lives in Connecticut. "A wonderful kind of folk art, made in hard materials — stone, ivory, whalebone."

Houston showed samples of the art to the Powers. The idea was born to form the corporation to bring the art to the American market, stabilizing the economic life of the Inuits and helping with the public's appreciation of the art.

"We decided that Eskimo Art has fulfilled its original purpose," Power said.

The final show and sale will take place April 9-29 at 44 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday, and by appointment. The gallery will be open 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 9. Call (313) 665-9663 for information.



Beautiful bird: This carving is one of the Inuit works at Eskimo Art Inc.



"Drummer": This figure in yellow and green soapstone is one of the Inuit carvings at Eskimo Art Inc., which has brought art of the northern Canadian people to a broader American market for more than 40 years.

Gallery helpers sought

Gallery service volunteers are needed to greet and assist visitors in the Detroit Institute of Arts museum galleries.

No special qualifications or background are required. A training session will take place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9, in the Holley Room at the DIA, 5200 Woodward. For more information, call 833-0247 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Be EnergyWise



New from page 1D

Scottish societies. Jastrzebski has never visited Scotland.)

These days, Jastrzebski is working on the first book of a two-book contract she signed with Zebra shortly after she sold "A Year and a Day" to the romance publisher in 1992.

She's also working on a book-signing schedule and looking forward to meeting first-time readers throughout the Detroit area. A complete signing schedule will appear in The Observer soon.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia, a longtime member of Detroit Women Writers, tracks the books and literary industry for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She says

"By the time I started writing it, although I don't work from outlines, I had in my head key scenes at the beginning, plus the middle, and the end."

Marian Edwards

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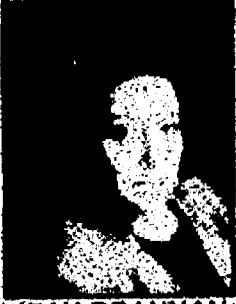
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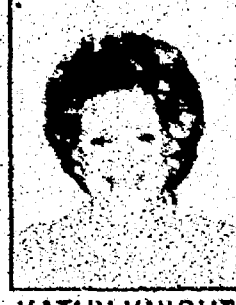
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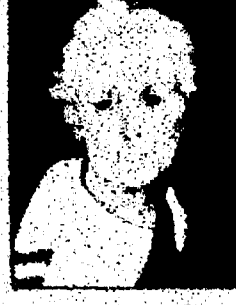
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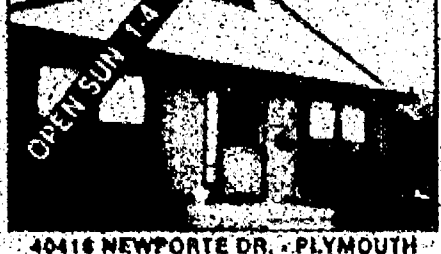


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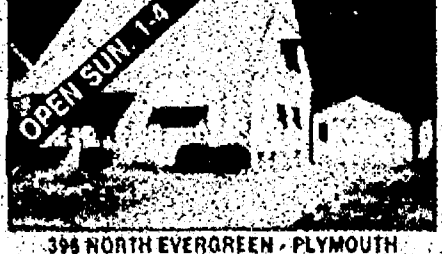


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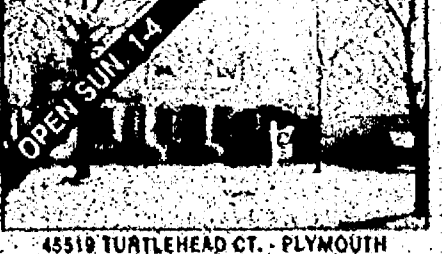


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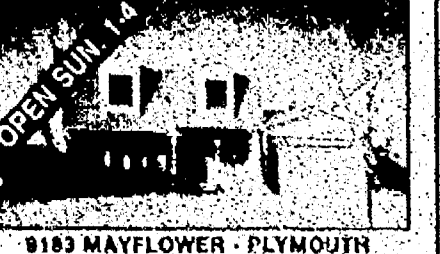


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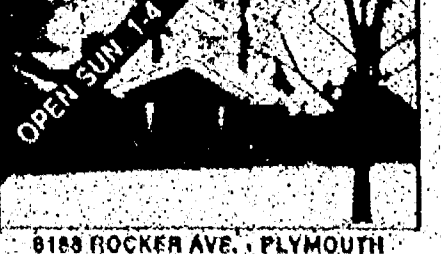


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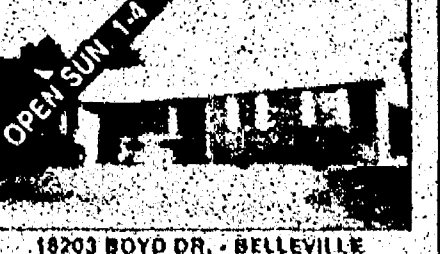


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Museum conference scheduled

By LINDA ANN CHROMI
SPECIAL WRITER

The Metropolitan Detroit Museum Education Roundtable presents a one-day conference 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Drive, Dearborn.

"The Museum as an Educational Resource for the Community" is being hosted by the Detroit-area nonprofit organization founded in 1992.

Its participating members represent 17 area museums, institutions and community groups including: Detroit Institute of Arts, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Froy Museum and Historic Village, Kelsey Museum/University of Michigan, Michigan State University Museum, Pewabic Pottery, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Science Center, Children's Museum & African Heritage Cultural Center, Detroit Public Schools, Your Heritage House, Graystone International Jazz Museum, Kalamazoo Public Museum, Aisha Shule W.E.B. DuBois Prep School, Sault Ste. Marie Foundation for Culture and History, Flint's A.P. Sloan Museum, and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

The conference is open to interested museum professionals, teachers, community groups, families and students. "We're a new chapter in town. We hope to keep in touch with other museums to promote educational programming," said Sarah Towne Hufford of the DIA's department of education.

Keynote speakers are John H. Falk

and Lynn D. Bierking, president and associate director of Science Learning Inc./Museum Experience Associates, Annapolis, Md. Internationally known for research and writings on family learning, they will discuss "Ways That Learning Takes Place in Museums."

The afternoon session features national authority and activist for African-American history and cultural heritage, Kowena Stewart, executive director of the Motown Historical Museum. Stewart will share her vision in "A Museum Collaborative: A Must for the 21st Century."

Concluding the conference will be a panel discussion, "Identifying Common Denominators Among Cultures," moderated by museum consultant Marvin Chatman.

Museums have long been repositories of artistic, historic and scientific artifacts and experiences.

As society has become more diverse and complex, the role of the museum as a cultural bridge has expanded. In such a society, museums become a nucleus playing a vital role. Its function through many offerings is twofold: to celebrate the rich cultural differences existing in society and to show people of all cultures their oneness.

The program will address ways the museum can become a unifying resource in its community.

Preregistration is required. Cost is \$15 for nonmembers; \$12, members; \$10, students. To register, call Sarah Hufford at the DIA (313) 833-9758 or Leslie Williams, Children's Museum/Detroit Public Schools at (313) 494-1218.

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and Nov. 18-20 in Louisville, Ky. Cost is \$450.

A session on "Painting Portraits that Glow in Watercolor" will be conducted by Jan Kunz Monday-Friday, July 11-15, in Boston. The workshop will feature live models for two days and photos for three days.

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Art workshops are slated

Christine Unwin of West Bloomfield has scheduled creative art workshops for this spring and summer.

For information, write Unwin at 6850 Brookshire Drive, West Bloomfield 48322, or call her at (810) 669-4738.

Christopher Schink, author of "Mastering Color and Design in Watercolor," will present a session Friday-Sunday, April 8-10. The cost is \$175.

Nita Engle will present landscape watercolor techniques Friday-Sunday, April 29-May 1, in Alexandria, Va.,

EXHIBITIONS

Send announcements of Oakland County and Wayne County art gallery exhibitions to: Creative Living Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009 — fax (810) 644-1314. Our complete listing of current area exhibitions is available by fax or mail for \$4.95, if paying by VISA or MasterCard, call (313) 953-2022, order document 7301 and leave all required information, including your VISA or MasterCard number and expiration date. If paying by check or money order, write: Brian Waser, Information Systems Coordinator, O&E, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, and order document 7301. With either method, leave a daytime phone number and indicate if you want delivery by fax or mail. The listing is updated weekly.

PLYMOUTH FRAMEWORKS
Continuing — An exhibit features contemporary artist Barbara Wood. "An artist who communicates with the viewer" and "emotional energy" are descriptions of Wood and her work. Focusing on women as her primary subject, Wood brings fresh delight in her reflection of mood and intimate scenes capturing the essence of a moment others have experienced. Fascinated with color, her pictures can be bold and vigorous or have a poetic delicacy. Through April. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

day, 833 Penniman, Plymouth, (313) 459-3355.

NATIVE WEST
Continuing — "Rain." Celebrate nature's gift to the Earth. Rain symbols are everywhere in Indian culture — songs, baskets, bowls, water jars, sculptures, textiles, jewelry, clothing, rattles, bandoliers, paintings. Rain is linked to the powers of healing, to returning ancestors who bring life to the living, to the origin of weaving. Runs to April 10, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

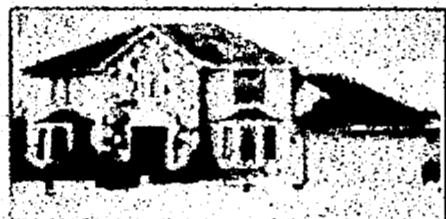
LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY FINE ARTS GALLERY
Continuing — Livonia Arts commission features photography by two internationally award-winning photographers, Monte Nagler of Farmington Hills and Tony Spina of Bloomfield Hills. Show runs May 7, Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY
Continuing — Artifacts Art Club mixed media exhibition of fine art to April 29 in the lobby of the city hall, Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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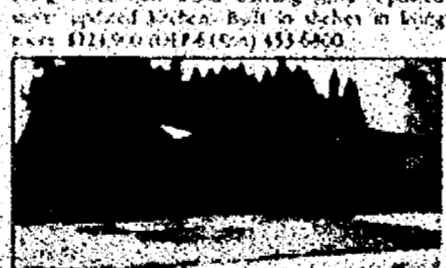
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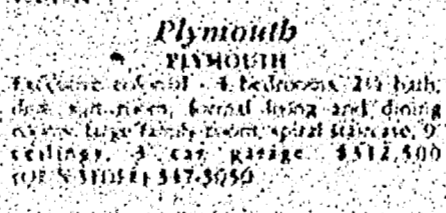
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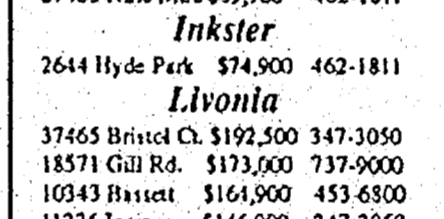
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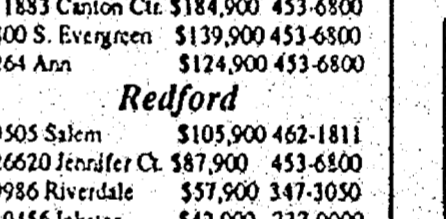
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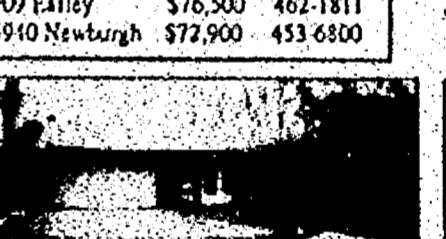
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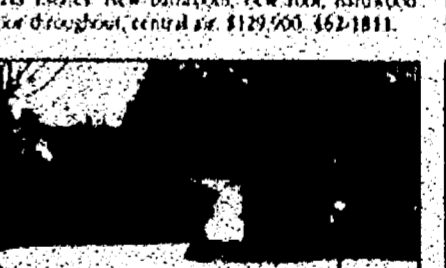
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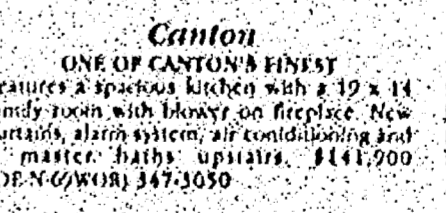
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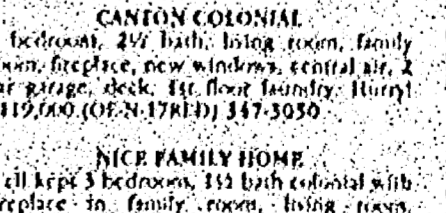
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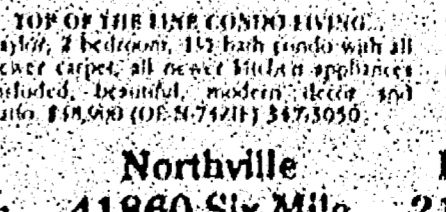
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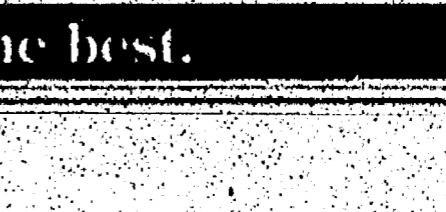
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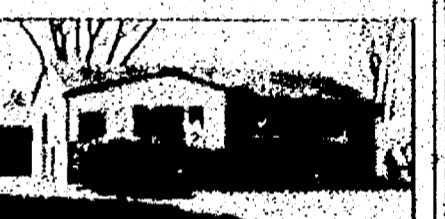
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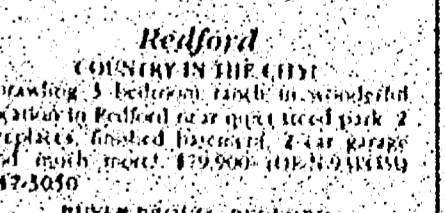
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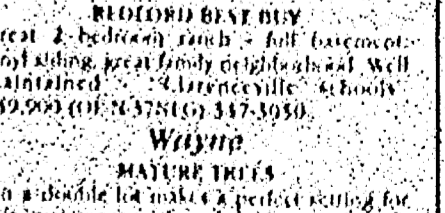
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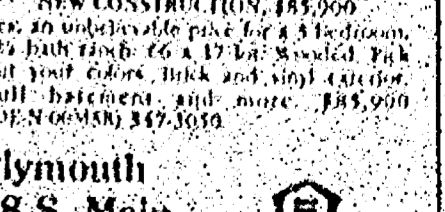
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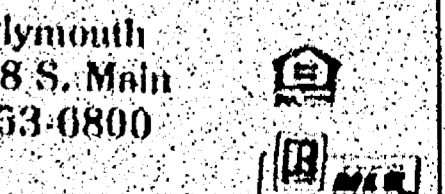
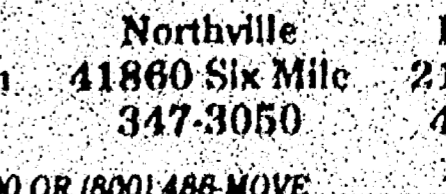
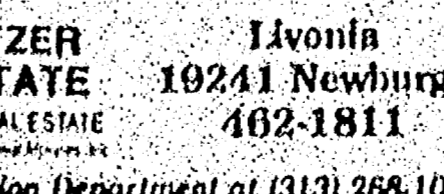


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LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY SHOWCASES

Continuing — Livonia Arts Commission will present stained glass in contemporary and art deco style by Royal Oak artist Marsha Fillipak to April 29 in the second-floor showcases of the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

CREATIVE FRAMEWORKS

Signing — Detroit artist William Moss, whose works focus on Michigan traditions like Olympia Stadium, Briggs Stadium, Detroit City Hall, Bob Lo Dock, Edmond Fitzgerald, Rose Terrace will sign limited-edition prints 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 853 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

FIRST THURSDAY

Today is the "First Thursday" of the month. The North Woodward and Townsend Street art galleries in Birmingham will have extended hours tonight. Call the individual galleries for more information.

GALLERY AUTOMANIA

Thursday, April 7 — The eighth annual Hot Rod Heritage Fine Art Exhibit will run through May 21. Artist Ron Vermelen of Leamington, Ontario, and a few of the other 26 featured artists will attend the opening Thursday. Vermelen is noted for the "country realism" and atmospheric quality of his automotive art. The exhibit is the only one of its kind devoted to depicting America's hot rod era through fine art. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 304 East St., one block east of Main between Third and Fourth in downtown Rochester, (810) 656-8571.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Thursday-Saturday, April 7-9 — The gallery's 22nd annual International Glass Invitational will continue through May 7, spotlighting works by more than 100 artists. Auction of glass work from the '70s and '80s 7:30 p.m. Thursday; opening reception to meet the artists 8 p.m. Saturday; preview 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday (April only), in the Triatria Building at 32255 Northwestern Highway, Suite 45, Farmington Hills, (810) 441-9090.

LEMBERS GALLERY

Thursday and Saturday, April 7 and 9 — New works by Wendy MacGaw will be exhibited to April 30. Opening reception 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday; discussion with the artist 2 p.m. Saturday. MacGaw earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from the School of Art at the University of Michigan and a master of fine arts degree in metalsmithing from the Cranbrook Academy of Art. She is inspired by the forms of industrial and architectural structure and by their ongoing obsolescence; she searches for forms that are evocative of our particular landscape and yet inherently inaccessible. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and by appointment, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 642-6623.

O.K. HARRIS/DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Thursday, April 7 — An exhibit of New York City facade paintings by Susan Holcomb and landscape paintings by Robert Poplack will continue through April 30. Opening reception for the artists 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Fire escapes, store windows, graffiti and daylight fill Holcomb's realistically painted canvases. Poplack paints the countryside with energetic, expressive grandeur, supplying viewers with a warm, relaxing summer day, from clay-red rooftops lining a river bank to cows grazing in vast meadows. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 430 N. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 433-3700.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Thursday, April 7 — An exhibit of recent watercolor and oil paintings by native Detroit artist Ellen Phelan will continue through May 14. Opening reception to meet the artist 6-7 p.m. Thursday. The featured work is a continued investigation of the psychological attitudes represented in the image of the doll. Phelan's dolls alert us to stereotypes by commenting on contemporary sexual politics with a sly humor. Although painted in the most elegant manner, the contents of the paintings are fierce. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 642-8250.

XOCHIPILLI GALLERY

Thursday, April 7 — Paintings by award-winning Michigan artist Ellen Wilt, professor emerita at

Eastern Michigan University, are exhibited through April 30. Opening reception for the artist 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Wilt's work reflects her philosophy: making every moment count, exploring every new idea and rejoicing with others in her luck of surviving a near-fatal illness. Her paintings evidence her joy and the savoring of life. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and by appointment, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 645-1905.

SANDORA COLLINS

Thursday, April 7 — "Slumped Glass: Work by Peter Crisp" continues to April 30. First Thursday Art Walk 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. April is Michigan Glass Month. Crisp has received international recognition for his work in slumped glass and pate de verre. Slumped glass is a warm glass process. In a kiln at about 800 degrees Celsius, sheet glass laminates are heat slumped using full or part molds. Pate de verre is a paste mixture of crushed glass and oil that is fused onto the piece. The gallery is at 470 N. Woodward in Birmingham. Call (810) 642-4795.

300 GALLERIA OFFICENTRE

Friday, April 8 — "Once Upon a Time . . . Happily Ever After," an exhibit and sale of works — all based on fairy tales and fantasies — by 109 Detroit area artists, will continue through May 7. Opening reception, featuring refreshments and entertainment, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday. The show and sale will benefit the Michigan Opera Theatre's upcoming ballet production of "Cinderella." Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, on 12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern Highway in Southfield. Call (810) 355-4450 for more information about the opening reception.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Friday, April 8 — "Recent Paintings: Pentimenti" by Louise Herring continues to May 6. Reception to meet the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday. Herring strongly responds to the relationship between architectural structures and organic forms found on urban walls. She works from photographic images that often are incorporated into the paintings. The images are meant to be explored slowly and to be enjoyed for their expressiveness and investigation of the painting process. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday,

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, (810) 334-6710.

PONTIAC GLASS COMPANY GALLERY

Friday, April 8 — The newly opening gallery's premiere exhibit, continuing to May 6, will feature a show by the Michigan Glass Guild, a non-profit organization comprised of local glass artists. Opening reception 5-9 p.m. Friday. Fifteen local artists representing different facets of glass work — hot, fused (warm) and flat (cold) glass panels and sculpture — will be featured in addition to a Robert Trainer retrospective. The gallery is at 23 W. Lawrence in Pontiac. For information, call the gallery at (810) 332-6610 or the guild at (810) 547-0507.

ARIANA GALLERY

Friday, April 8 — "A Touch of Glass," featuring exciting works for Michigan Glass Month, will continue through May 7. Opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday; meet featured artist David Jaworski and preview his newest work. Jaworski will lecture on how his glass is developed and evolves into unusual sculptures 1 p.m. Sunday, April 10; reservations are suggested. Along with Jaworski, the show will feature works by David Davis, Carole Perry, Elizabeth Mears and an array of emerging artists from all over the United States. The gallery is at 119 S. Main in Royal Oak. Call (810) 546-8810.

GALLERY: FUNCTIONART

Friday, April 8 — Selected works by Richard Bennett, who combines the art of sculpture with the craft of furniture design, are featured through April 30. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday. Gallery: FunctionArt is at 23-B W. Lawrence, next to the Lawrence Street Gallery and behind the Pike Street Restaurant in Pontiac. Call (810) 333-0333.

DETROIT FOCUS

Friday, April 8 — "(ART) Works," an exhibit of pieces by Thom Bohnert, Robert Caskey, Brian Liljeblad and Catherine Smith, will continue to May 14. Opening reception 5:30-9 p.m. Friday. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 33 E. Grand River, Detroit, (313) 965-3245.

URBAN PARK

Friday, April 8 — Five exhibits will run through May 2; opening reception for all shows 6-9 p.m.

Friday. The exhibits are a one-person display of works with a feminist viewpoint by Chicago artist Mary Ellen Croteau; "Creative Expression," art works and writings by sexual assault survivors and significant others, presented by the Southeast Michigan Anti-Rape Network; "Evocative Strategies," ink drawings by Mark Powers of Artists Cooperative, The (A.C.T.); "Flowers," works focusing on floral themes by Dick Fahnestock of A.C.T.; and "Children of Color," a group show by Dreiphaup Vocational Technical Center students ranging in age from early 20s to 72. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, in the third level at Trappers Alley, 508 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 963-5445.

MARDIGIAN LIBRARY

Friday, April 8 — "Renaissance, Reform, Reflections in the Age of Durer, Bruegel and Rembrandt: Master Prints from the Albion College Collection," an exhibit of 16th and 17th century prints from northern Europe, will continue at the library at the University of Michigan-Dearborn to May 8. Linda Stone-Ferrier, professor at the University of Kansas, will speak at the opening reception scheduled 6-10:30 p.m. Friday. The display will feature religious, genre and military themes of northern Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries. UM-D students in the art administration program organized, researched and installed the exhibit under the direction of art history professor Shelley Perlove. The display is sponsored by the university's Art Administration Program and Fine Art Associates. Call (313) 593-5400 for library hours. For more information about the show, call UM-D art curator Joseph Marks at (313) 593-5087.

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Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10 — In honor of Michigan Glass Month, the gallery will celebrate the 15th annual Exhibition of Ancient Glass through May 7. Opening reception 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The collection originates from Egypt, the Eastern Mediterranean, the Near East and the Roman Empire, including marbled, core-formed, cast and blown glass representing 2,000 years of glass history. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 1-5

p.m. Saturday, 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 540-1800.

HABATAT/SHAW GALLERY

Saturday, April 9 — A one-person exhibit of the trompe l'oeil sculpture of Victor Spinski, and a display of work by sculptor Michael Hough, will continue through May 7; opening reception to meet the artists 8 p.m. Saturday. Also presented through May 7 will be "Contemporary Jewelers: Nine Modern Masters," opening reception 8 p.m. Saturday. Spinski produces "trick of the eye" sculpture of great technical expertise and witty, sometimes biting, social commentary; they confront the viewer with the very nature of perception. Hough's work consists of multi-elemental totemic sculptures and wall pieces that are poetic visual narratives. His totems, 7 to 9 feet tall, are comprised of numerous stacked objects. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment, in the Triatria Building at 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, (810) 851-8767.

JEAN PAUL SLUSSER GALLERY

Saturday, April 9 — A bachelor of fine arts exhibit by Allison Propert, Kelly Bambach, Jennifer Brooks, Stacey Westley, Loryn Weisenberg, Gwen Gorfinkle and Kerri Vandenberg continues to April 9. Reception 7 p.m. Saturday. A B.F.A. exhibit by Liz Davis, Moneka Hewlett, Elizabeth Wilson, Christine Delroar, Carolyn Lawrence, Nicole Daigault, Lisa Taffe and Jennifer Bonin will take place April 12-15; opening reception 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday in the University of Michigan Art and Architecture Building in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 764-0397.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Sunday, April 10 — "Prints and Drawings in the Age of Rubens" continues through May 22. Nancy Sojka, assistant curator of graphic arts, will discuss selected works in the show and their relationship to the DIA's paintings by Rubens 2 p.m. Sunday. Call 833-7900.

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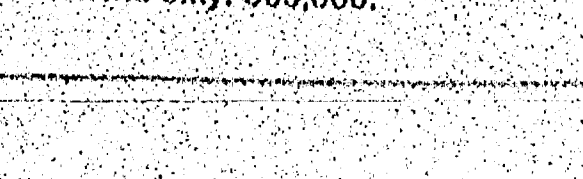
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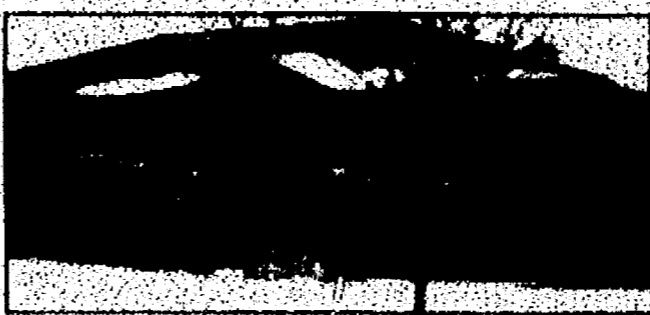
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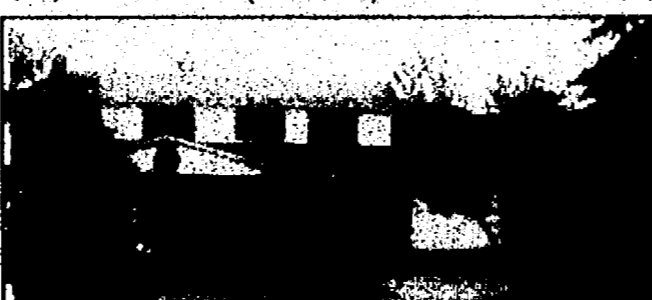
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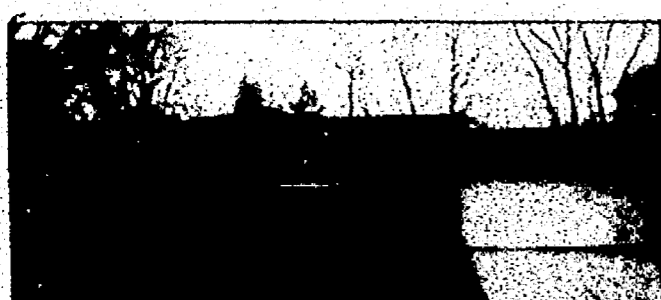
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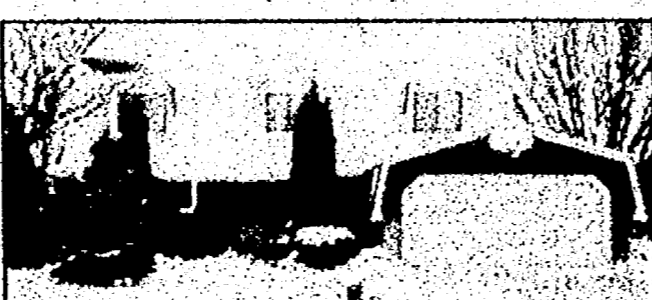
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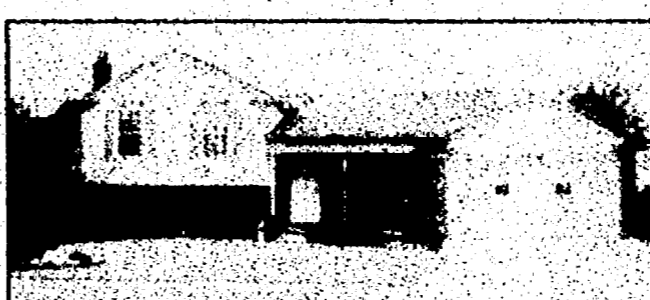
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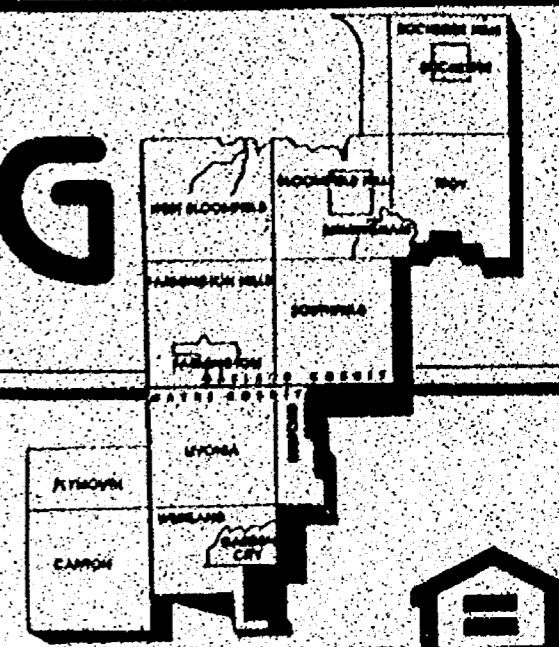


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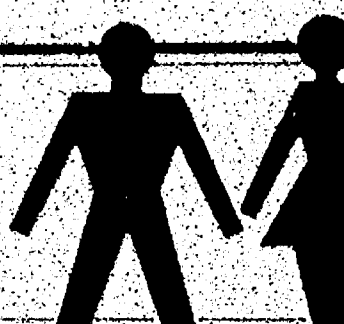
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BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary—including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired—to: Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Harold A. Poling, retired chairman and CEO of Ford Motor Co., was elected to a one-year term on the William Beaumont Hospital board of directors. The Bloomfield Hills resident has been a trustee of the Royal Oak hospital since 1984.



Poling

Marilyn Steffens of Troy was promoted from senior consultant to manager in the audit department of Deloitte and Touche, Detroit. She joined the firm in 1988 specializing in real estate services.



Steffens

Karen Heise of Plymouth was promoted from account executive to senior account executive for Bozell Worldwide Advertising, Southfield. She's assigned to the Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer Advertising Association accounts.



Heise

Kemper Securities named Ernest L. Hughes of Plymouth to the Chairman's Circle of Excellence, based on sales excellence, ethical business practice, service and professional growth. He's vice president-investments for the firm's Plymouth office.

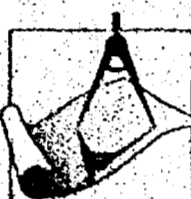
Lisa Matzenbach of Troy was promoted from traffic coordinator to the new position of network sales coordinator for Music Technologies Inter-

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Come on in: Gary R. Leigh, developer of Walnut Brook Estates, said he spent more than \$1 million on landscaping improvements before building the first house in the subdivision.

Walnut Brook condos: unique but in harmony



Most new residential subdivisions stand out for one reason or another. Once in a great while, however, several factors blend together to make a sizzling impression. Then a project really stands out from the crowd.

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Walnut Brook Estates, a detached condominium complex in Rochester Hills, is different in several respects.

First off, the developer, Gary R. Leigh, spent upwards of \$1.3 million landscaping the 45%-acre site

before allowing construction to begin on the first unit.

Then, Leigh established a 30-point quality assurance program that addresses everything from architectural design to daily cleanup at the site.

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High standards: A 30-point quality assurance program at Walnut Brook Estates will ensure architectural and construction integrity, the developer maintains.

Mexico taking part in suburban expo

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

The largest group of Mexican subcontractors ever to attend an exposition in the Detroit area to showcase what kind of work they can do will be here April 19-21, organizers and promoters of an event in Novi said.

"I have 15 Mexican companies coming," said Katie Noonan, director of international trade and development for the Contract Manufacturers Association headquartered in Troy. "They're coming to personally meet Detroit players."

The North American Free Trade Agreement and an improved local economy have sparked interest from south of the border, Noonan said.

"(Mexican) companies find their markets (along the Mexico-U.S. border) absolutely flooded," she said. "Now, they're looking to expand their area of exposure. It makes sense now that the automotive capital is back on its feet. This is a most viable area to come to."

The 10th annual Contract Manufacturers Expo will feature upwards of 200 exhibitors, Noonan said.

"Essentially, we're talking job shops here—tool and die, stampings, precision moldings, electronics," she said.

"Attendees at the show are buyers. Those are original equipment manufacturers, first-tier buyers and maybe second-tier suppliers. There's a veritable outsource placement going on in Detroit now. No one is doing their own jobs now," Noonan said.

"Local manufacturers are scrambling for sources. It's unbelievable how much work is available now. People with exhibits are people with capabilities to pick up contracts."

"The expo is essentially a three-day sales call," she said. "You get everybody under one roof and duke it out."

"The dollar value of business generated is impossible to forecast because every company is different," Noonan said. "For exhibitors, their yardstick would be how many sales reps would it take to generate calls they get at the expo."

Several thousand buyers have attended previous shows, Noonan said.

Mexican exhibitors could conceivably win out over local exhibitors, she said.

"This is competition at its greatest," Noonan said. "It's incentive. This is capitalistic. This is free enterprise. I haven't heard anything except enthusiasm and excitement about the show."

Several companies with area connections have high hopes going into the expo.

"We figure it will net us probably 20 new accounts and 10 major sales. We're looking at doing \$100,000 in business from leads from this show," said Paul Silver, sales manager for RMS Inc. of Troy, which markets and installs technical equipment for designers and engineers.

"This is also an image building and marketing awareness opportunity," Silver added. "There's an untold amount of PR and advertising benefits you get just from being seen at this show."

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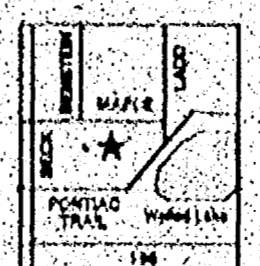
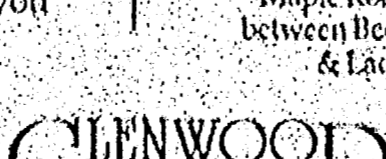
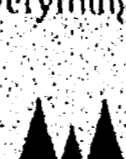
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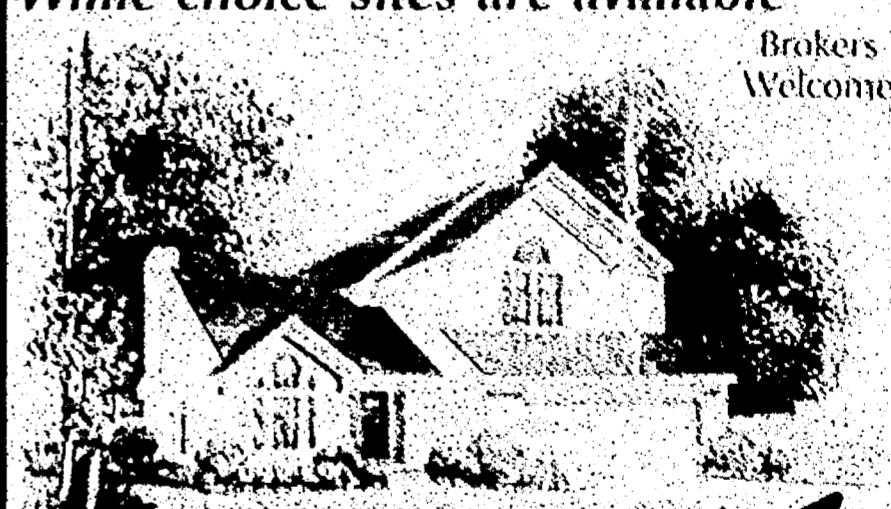
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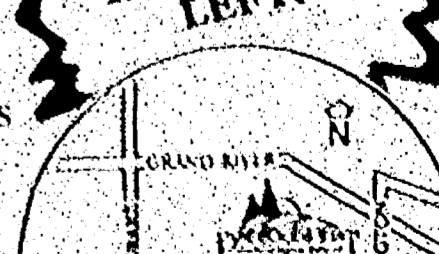
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Sheldon L. Stone of Birmingham joined Plante & Moran, Southfield, as a management consulting associate. He specializes in banking, retail and service organizations. He previously was consulting director for Aim Executive, Troy.



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Michigan National Corp. Farmington Hills promoted Carol Repko to vice president. As director of welfare benefits, she oversees administrative, legal compliance and budget responsibilities for employee welfare benefit programs.



Repko

Richard I. Loeb of Huntington Woods, an attorney in the Detroit office of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, was appointed vice chairman of the F-1 Fiduciary Responsibility Committee of the Probate and Trust Division of the American Bar Association's Section on Real Property, Probate and Trust Law.



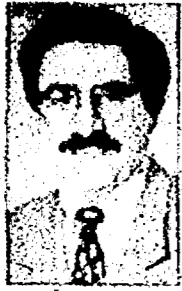
Loeb

Gordon A. Shull of Farmington Hills, a licensed representative for The Equitable, earned the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation from The American College, Bryn Mawr, Penn. His office is in Troy.



Shull

James T. Bender of Bloomfield Hills was named president and chief operating officer of Ziebart Corp. and Ziebart Canada, Ltd. He joined Ziebart's technical and marketing services division in 1978.



Bender

Ted J. Andruss of Rochester Hills joined ESPN's Detroit sales office as vice president of advertising sales in the mid-eastern region. Before joining the network, he was vice president sports sales for Turner Broadcasting.



Andruss

Thomas H. Bergh of Southfield, previously a senior associate of Raymond & Prokop, became a shareholder in the Southfield law firm. He practices in the employee benefits, estate planning and business groups.



Bergh

Jim Williams of Berkley becomes art director for The Berline Group, a Bingham Farms advertising and public relations agency. He previously was art director for Bruce & Chato Advertising, Bloomfield Hills.



Williams

Raymond Markum of Westland joins Tennyson Chevrolet, Livonia, as an auto bodyman. He has 15 years' experience as a painter and bodyman, including more than four years with Manco in Redford. Detroit's Vince Ogletree, a student at Detroit College of Business, joins the parts-sales department.

Marta Rand-Weston of Royal Oak joined Unique Film & Video, Farmington Hills, as assistant editor. She's worked for Producers Color, Southfield, Filmcraft, Farmington Hills, and several Detroit-area advertising agencies.

The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers recognized two Oakland chapter members: Martin Gabriel of Bloomfield Township, senior reliability engineer for Ford Motor Co.'s powertrain operations, was named Michigan's Engineer of the Year. Robert Blanchard, a Lawrence Technological University student in Southfield, is Michigan's student of the year. The two, nominated from 19 statewide chapters, were recognized for contributions to MSPE and to the public.

Walnut from page 1F

Leigh sells lots only to buyers — not builders — to better maintain quality control. Buyers pay \$110,000 to \$165,000 for a lot. Hove Construction of Bloomfield Hills does the building.

Buyers can select from hundreds of designs provided by Leigh or bring in their own plans — as long as they meet quality standards.

And if that weren't enough, buyers at Walnut Brook will know that their little corner of the world probably will remain in a fairly natural state since it's bounded by a golf course, park and nature preserve.

"The number-one thing we hear (from visitors) is that it will be private forever," Leigh said. "Number two is the quality approach we take. People like that. Third is the beauty of the place."

You can start with the landscaping.

Leigh said he planted 600 trees including white spruce and red pine, 21 rock outcroppings, thousands of perennials, 1,000 flats of annuals and 110 low voltage lights.

Electrical and cable utility lines are underground.

Then there's the quality assurance and architectural control measures.

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Gary R. Leigh

For instance, ranches must be at least 2,400 square feet, two stories, 3,200 square feet. All garages must be side entry. Each homesite must install and maintain an outdoor lamp.

Driveways shall be constructed of asphalt, brick pavers or aggregate, not concrete. Only in-ground pools are allowed. Fences marking boundaries aren't permitted.

The majority of exterior walls must be brick or stone. High-quality shingles are required, as are non-obtrusive ridge-type roof vents wherever possible.

Also, builders and landscapers

must clean up their job sites every day.

The subdivision, north of South Boulevard between Crooks and Coolidge, is just a couple miles from two freeways. Yet right next door deer, fox and heron play in a wildlife sanctuary.

Leigh figures that houses in Walnut Brook will start at \$330,000 to \$400,000 and top out at about \$500,000 including lot.

"Most of the people in here are professionals — doctors, lawyers, CPAs, engineers or business owners or people who have real responsible positions in a company," Leigh said.

About 23 of the 74 lots have sold.

The subdivision is serviced by city water and sewers. Annual maintenance fee is projected at \$700 to \$800.

Leigh said he could make more money by selling lots directly to builders to sell to buyers, but he believes that selling to buyers and then limiting builders makes for better quality and control.

"The word in development is get in and get out," he said. "What happens sometimes when a builder owns the land is they do what they've got to do."

"I would be better off financial-

ly selling to builders, but personally I'm not happy with that," Leigh said. "I would make more money, but I'm making enough money... good money."

"I really want to be proud of the work I do. The real key is you can't make it just words. It's got to be a commitment in time and money," Leigh said.

Several people with houses under construction in the subdivision are looking forward to moving in.

"I just liked the location and how it gave an up north feeling," said Barbara Mahalia, an associate real estate broker who is buying with husband, Joseph, a doctor.

"We enjoy the fact we're buffered by a golf course on one side, a nature preserve on the other and wetlands behind," she added.

Mid Golusin, a business owner, said he came upon the development while playing golf at Pine Trace.

"What attracted me was the way Gary Leigh was developing the fantastic landscaping and entrance," Golusin said. "It's in a very good location. You're right off I-75 and Adams, right off M-59 and Crooks, only two or three miles from the Somerset Mall area."

"Gary is pressing the integrity of building going on," Golusin continued. "Nobody is going to put in a schlock house. He's preserving everyone's interest. I like that."

"I thought they did a great job making it attractive," said William A. Beluzo, a lawyer, who is buying with his wife, Evelyn.

Walnut Brook is in the Avondale School District. The tax rate for city, county and school services in the wake of the March 15 statewide election is \$36.33 per \$1,000 of state-equalized valuation, half of market value.

That means the owner of a \$400,000 house in the subdivision would pay about \$7,250 annually in property taxes.

The sales office at Walnut Brook Estates, (810) 299-0030, is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Mexico from page 1F

Silver said he isn't worried that Mexican exhibitors, which he suspects are involved mainly with tooling and parts, will compete for business with him.

"Usually there is business we get as a result of attending, otherwise we wouldn't go," said Sheryl Harmon, vice president of NC Servo Technology and Master Tek in Westland.

Her companies are involved in hydraulic, electronic and instrumentation repairs.

"It can be very lucrative meeting with potential customers," Harmon said. "You're there, your reps are there, you have your booth. You can show them a lot more. Sometimes, you can make very good connections."

Midwest Business Systems in Southfield, an information technology company, participates in trade shows to cultivate relationships, not necessarily sales, said Brian Cartwright, marketing director.

"We're hoping to make contact with companies serious about being in compliance with Ford and Chrysler specifications," he said. "We're looking for a long-term relationship. Sales relationships are secondary."

Sales generally follow from good relationships. Cartwright conceded.

Alan R. Peterson, sales manager for 3-Dimensional Services in Rochester Hills, a provider of design, engineering and graphic prototype services, looks upon expos

as a necessary evil.

"All our competition is there so we have to be there," he said. "It's just one of those things you have to do. If you get one good person (sale) out of every three or four shows, that's what you need."

Automotive Appliance Co. of Livonia, a parts stamping operation, will participate in its first expo, said Larry Cripps, vice president and general manager.

"We're hoping to pick up some sales leads," he said. "Having never done one before, we don't know what audience will be there. It's a new experience. We'll give it a try to see how it works out."

"Our biggest customer now is Ford and it's short-term," Cripps added.

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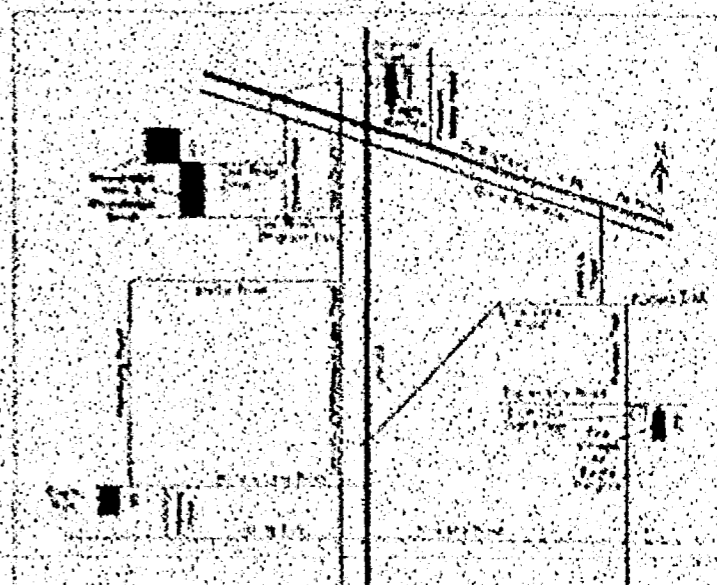


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Valassis part of Mexico City promotion firm

Livonia-based Valassis Communications has entered a joint agreement with QPON S.A. de C.V., an affiliate of XAHRE S.A. de C.V., to form a Mexico City-based promotion company, Valassis de Mexico.

VCI management said the new joint venture will provide promotion marketing services to Mexican package goods manufacturers, as well as U.S.-based companies

that market their products in Mexico.

Specific terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

QPON is an affiliate of XAHRE, a holding company for a variety of Mexican businesses. QPON and its affiliate have an important and highly respected business presence in Mexico, which makes it an ideal partner to enter this growing market, VCI

management said.

"This joint venture represents the first of what we hope to be several international expansion opportunities for VCI," said David A. Brandon, VCI president and CEO.

"Mexico's proximity, tremendous growth potential, and evolving retail industry make it a prime market in which to contribute our promotion expertise."

VCI management said the Mexican retail industry is in the midst of rapid growth and change, marked by an increasing number of hypermarkets and mass merchandisers, as well as heightened consumer demand.

In addition, NAFTA is attracting new U.S. products to Mexico, which need promotion marketing services to gain a foothold. The newly formed company is expect-

ed to capitalize on this expansion by offering a variety of promotion marketing services.

Operations are scheduled to begin in summer.

Valassis Communications Inc. is a Fortune 500 company that produces and distributes free-standing inserts to nearly 55 million U.S. households each week through Sunday newspapers.

The company provides a special-

ty and solo promotions produced by its Valassis Impact Printing Division; run-of-press couponing directly on the pages of newspapers; Newspaper sampling programs; and in-store marketing products through its new Valassis In-Store Marketing Division.

Valassis has eight sales offices and three printing facilities in the U.S. and had fiscal 1993 sales of \$681.4 million.

DATEBOOK

Datebook features upcoming events around the suburban business community. To list an event, write: Datebook, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

SAFETY PROGRAM

The American Society of Employers sponsors a seminar "How to Build an Effective Safety Program" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Speaker: Richard Zdeb, Michigan Department of Labor. Cost is \$20. Advance registration requested at 353-4500.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

SUPERVISION

The American Society of Employers presents a seminar "Principles & Practices of Supervision" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on three successive Tuesdays starting this date at its offices, 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Cost is \$395 for members, \$475 for non-members. Advance registration requested at 353-4500.

CANDIDATES QUEST

The National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit Chapter host Lana Pollack and Donna Romney, candidates for the U.S. Senate, at a dinner meeting 6 p.m. at the Southfield Marriott. Cost is \$25. For reservation information, call Chinyere Neale at 396-3576.

HEALTH CARE

The Business Enterprise Development Center presents a seminar "How National Health Care Affects Small Businesses" 9 a.m. to noon at its offices, 1301 W. Long Lake Road, Suite 150, Troy. Cost is \$45. To register, call Brooke Hicks at 952-5800.

RAIL TUNNEL

The Michigan-Southwestern Ontario Chapter of the Canada U.S. Business Association hosts Robert A. Walker,

vice president of CN North America, who will discuss "The Rail Superhighway: Ties That Bind" 11:30 a.m. at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison, Detroit. Cost for the lunch and program is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. For reservations or information, call Dennis Loy at 496-7579.

PRIMAGING

The Detroit Chapter of the Business-to-Business Marketing Group, American Marketing Association, hosts a program "Changing the Perception of Kelsey-Hayes" during a luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Speaker: Tony Petrucci, senior vice president at Anthony M. Franco. Cost is \$16 for members, \$21 for non-members. For reservations, call Milton Shapiro at 682-7124.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

MARKETING ASSOCIATION

The Detroit Chapter of the American Marketing Association hosts Vincent Barabba, executive in charge, General Motors Business Decision Center/Corporate Information Management, 5:30 p.m. at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. For reservations, call Kay Bonnici at 569-7095.

LIVING TRUSTS

PaineWebber presents a free "Living Trust Seminar" 7-9 p.m. at Holiday Inn, 47123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Speaker: Gregory R. Wright, retirement planning consultant with PaineWebber. For reservations, call Catherine Carlyle at 464-3440.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center sponsors a five-week course "Fundamentals of Human Resource Development" 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays on campus in Livonia. Topics include job design and planning; interviewing and hiring; employee development; and performance evaluation. Cost is \$129. To register, call 462-4448.

TRAINER TRAINING

Oakland University Continuum Center offers an evening workshop "How to Design and Present a Training" 7-10

p.m. on campus in Rochester Hills. The program is suitable for in-house trainers, supervisors and counselors who present seminars. Fee is \$39. Registration requested by April 10 at 370-3033.

EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

Career Solutions, a non-profit entity of American Transition Consultants, presents a roundtable session on exploring new career choices 6:30-9 p.m. at William Tyndale College, 12 Mile and Drake, Farmington Hills. Topics include contract employment, temporary employment and owning your own business. A donation of \$5 is requested to defray costs. To register, call Diane Ring at 553-2444.

MARKETING TIPS

The International Association of Business Communicators Detroit Chapter presents a program "Coordinating an Integrated Marketing Program Without Losing Your Mind" 7:30-9 a.m. at the Community House, Birmingham. Speaker: Sheila Sasset, a marketing consultant who has won the Advertising Excellence Award from the Adcraft Club of Detroit. Cost is \$17 for members, \$24 for non-members. Reservations requested by April 8 through Nancy Skidmore at 546-5490.

MARKETING PLAN

The Michigan Practice of Deloitte & Touche sponsors a seminar "Developing a Successful Marketing Plan" 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Livonia Marriott, 1-275 at Six Mile. Presenter: Geraldine Laikin, senior manager for emerging business services at Deloitte & Touche. Cost is \$80. To register, call Stephanie Chnstel at 769-6200.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

The Oakland University Division of Continuing Education presents a workshop "Total Quality Management: Tools and Techniques for Production and Inventory Control" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills. Cost is \$205, \$175 for American Production and Inventory Control Society members. To register, call 370-3120.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

BOARDROOM HOD

The Women's Economic Club presents a seminar "Unlocking the Door to the Boardroom: How to Get on a Non-Profit Board" 6 p.m. at Michigan National Corp. headquarters, 27777 Inkster Road, Farmington Hills. Members are free, guests \$10. For information, call 963-5088.

BASM CLASS

The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Michigan Association of Home Builders offer a class "Energy Efficient Construction" 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the BASM offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. Cost, including lunch, is \$125 for members of the sponsoring associations, \$150 for non-members. To register, call 737-4477.

PATON BACK

The National Association of Career Women Metro Detroit Chapter hosts a networking meeting with the topic "Giving Yourself All the Credit" 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Meriwethers, 25485 Telegraph, Southfield. Speaker: Billie Jo Warrick, president, Interior Systems Contract Group. Cost is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members. For reservations, call 268-7770.

BROCHURE DEVELOPMENT

Women in International Trade Detroit Chapter hosts Diane Wike, president of Northwest Graphics, who will discuss "Developing a Corporate Brochure" 6:30 p.m. at Stewart's Restaurant, 4265 Woodward, Detroit. Cost, which includes dinner, is \$20 for members, \$25 for guests. For reservations, call JoAnne Dobry at 540-8476.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

ADACRAFT LUNCH

Mayor Dennis Archer and Soupy Sales

will speak at "Adcraft Lunch: Detroit Producers Association Day" 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield. Cost is \$13, payable at the door. For reservations, call Joanne Goldberg at 737-4240.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

SEED MONEY

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services presents a program "Finding Money for Your Business"

6:30-10 p.m. on campus in Livonia. Participants will learn how to package their financial needs to present to an investor or banker. Cost is \$24. To register, call 462-4448.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Cindy Burger, investment executive with Independence One Investment Group, presents a free program "Money Management in the '90s" 7-8 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Reservations requested at 525-3890.

Walsh slates summer call

Troy-based Walsh College has announced its registration schedule for summer semester.

Open registration for all students will be held through May 14. Classes begin May 2 and run until Aug. 8. Call (810) 689-8282 for the Troy campus or 349-5454 for the Novi campus.

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■ BUYS MAJORITY INTEREST

Matthew Virzi, president and CEO of Connoisseur Galleries, Troy, has acquired a majority interest in Troy-based G&D Communications, a full-service marketing and advertising firm. The Troy resident will become company president.



Virzi

Virzi, who has 14 years of marketing/advertising experience, said the businesses will operate separately, except at top management.

■ RECRUITING AGENTS

Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance said two agencies in metro Detroit will recruit 35 new agents this year.

The Baker Financial Group, based in Southfield, will hire 20 agents. Baker has district offices in Birmingham, Clarkston, Ann Arbor and Grosse Pointe. The Larry L. Herb Agency, based in Farmington Hills, will recruit 15 agents. It has district offices in Rochester, Dearborn and Linden.

MassMutual said it is among the 100 largest businesses in the U.S. and has more than \$53 billion in assets under management.

■ JOB OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Management Recruiters, Bingham Farms, said job prospects for the first half of 1994 have "brightened considerably" for middle managers and professionals in the north central region (Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio). Projections were gleaned from a nationwide survey of more than 3,000 executives in charge of hiring.

Thirty-five percent of those polled in the north central region said they will increase middle management and professional staffs in the next six months. Another 52.3 percent said they will maintain current staffs and 12.8 percent expect staff reductions.

By comparison, 34 percent of those polled nationally said they plan to increase staff size, 50 percent will maintain current staff

size and 15.9 percent expect reductions.

A summary of the survey is available at no charge from Management Recruiters International, 1127 Euclid Ave., Suite 1400, Cleveland, OH 44115. Attn: Karen Bloomfield. The phone number is 1 (800) 875-4000.

■ NAME CHANGE

Lynn St. Pierre Graphic Design, Trenton, has changed its name to El Design. Lynn St. Pierre still heads the visual communications firm, which has clients throughout southeast Michigan, including Southfield and Farmington.

The firm uses computer-based design and production to create logos, brochures, advertising, posters, newsletters and annual reports.

St. Pierre opened the firm in 1990, after 14 years of graphic design experience. She was a partner and art director for Phoenix Communications, Ypsilanti, and art director for Sandy Corp., Troy.

■ HOTEL AWARDED

The Residence Inn by Marriott, Southfield, picked up a Silver Award, based on guest satisfaction ratings and high quality assurance marks from Marriott. It was one of 48 Residence Inns nationwide to receive the extended stay hotel chain's quality award.

Julie Jacoboni, Marriott's Southfield general manager, received the award at the annual general manager/franchisee conference in New Orleans.

■ AGENCY JOINS GROUP

Drefus Insurance Agency, Farmington Hills, has joined the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, a statewide trade association that represents 10,000 independent agents and industry employees.

■ NEW ACCOUNTS

Detroit Medical Center (DMC) has awarded its advertising account to W.B. Doner, Southfield. DMC includes Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit Receiving Hospital and University Health Center, Grace Hospital, Harper Hospital, Huron Valley Hospital, Hutzel Hospital and the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan.

The system has 2,800 affiliated physicians and serves as the teaching and clinical research site for Wayne State University.

Benefits Plus, a firm specializing in 401(k) plans and cafeteria programs, has awarded its public relations account to Eisbrenner Public Relations, Troy.

■ CABLE JOINT VENTURE

Video Suite Midwest Studio, an Oak Park production company, said it has negotiated for air time on UHF Channel 44 in exchange for TV programming. Programs will be produced and distributed through Video Suite Midwest's television distribution subsidiary, the Community Positive Image Network (CPIN).

Video Suite Midwest and Channel 44 will develop and produce positive-image, family-oriented programs for and about the Detroit area.

The new local programming will celebrate the diversity of metro Detroit, said Southfield's James Abston, Video Suite Midwest president.

Detroit City Council president Maryann Mahaffey aired her first weekly half-hour talk program March 30. Other programs include CPIN News Magazine, Life Talk with Lyn Lewis, Kids Travel Near and Far, and Lights, Kids & Music. Some programs also will air on selected cable outlets.

CPIN is looking for independent producers with programs or program ideas to consider airing on Channel 44.

■ TRADE-IN FOR CHARITY

Metro Detroiters can bring used chairs and sofas to any La-Z-Boy Showcase Shoppe in exchange for a tax-deductible donation to Purple Heart and a \$60 to \$310 discount on new La-Z-Boy furniture.

La-Z-Boy Trade-In Sale runs through May 3 at La-Z-Boy stores in Novi, Warren, Taylor and Sterling Heights.

The retailer said furniture trade-ins will be donated to Purple Heart in the consumer's name. Sales people will be on hand to help consumers unload trade-ins, provide a tax receipt and discuss discounts on new furniture. Pick-up of used furniture is available for a charge.

Besides offering customers a way to discard old furniture and save on new purchases, the promotion provides "a direct benefit to one of the best known charitable organizations in the area," said Bill Robinson, La-Z-Boy's Detroit general manager.

Purple Heart provides a range of services to combat wounded veterans through the sale of donated clothing and furniture. The agency said it employs more than 500 people in Michigan.

Goldfarb vice president and production manager Douglas Mooradian, who developed the program, said with the new software, even the non-sophisticated user can create custom artwork for a variety of uses. The agency said it will make similar programs available to other clients.

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■ BUY SOFTWARE FIRM

Charles Parkhill, president of

Parkhill and Co., a Troy-based consulting firm for architects and engineers, and a group of architectural/engineering firms have purchased Texas-based ACCI Business Systems and its architectural/engineering software, Project Management/Accounting System.

ACCI headquarters will move to 2900 W. Maple Road, Troy, and Parkhill will become president and CEO. The software firm will maintain a Houston office.

Parkhill said ACCI will hire up to 10 employees in the next year and develop a worldwide dealer network.

■ HAPPY 75TH

Ohio-based Continental Secret Service Bureau, whose local office is at 2309 N. Woodward, Berkley, marks 75 years of service to business and industry in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

The company started servicing Detroit-area clients in 1985. The firm has more than 200 clients in the three-state area.

■ QUALITY AWARD WINNERS

Hoechst Celanese, Auburn Hills, and NTH Consultants, Farmington Hills, received an environmental quality award from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Hoechst Celanese, an automotive development center, was honored for its energy-efficient and environmentally friendly recycling system. The firm was honored in the small company category.

NTH Consultants, an engineering and environmental services firm, was recognized for its remediation design solutions at Porterfield's Marina Village on the Detroit River. NTH was honored in the large company category.

■ DEVELOP ARTWORK SYSTEM

Southfield-based Goldfarb & Company, the national advertising agency for AT&T Consumer Products, said it has developed a high-definition artwork program that will allow AT&T retailers to create print ads and flyers featuring specific AT&T products. AT&T has more than 200 retailers nationwide.

Goldfarb vice president and production manager Douglas Mooradian, who developed the program, said with the new software, even the non-sophisticated user can create custom artwork for a variety of uses. The agency said it will make similar programs available to other clients.



Yo Gurt!: Che Chang Yuan (left) and San C. Yuan met superhero hero Gurt Gunther on the marketing midway at TCBY's franchise forum.

TCBY introducing cartoon super hero

San C. Yuan and Che Chang Yuan, who run TCBY shops in Livonia and Farmington Hills, are introducing a new cartoon super hero for youthful frozen yogurt lovers.

They just returned from TCBY's international franchise convention in Nashville, where 700 delegates met Gurt Gunther, the super hero exclusively championing TCBY.

The colorful cartoon character, his sidekick Sprinkles and the lovable Yogurt Ogre are set to arrive here May 1, just in time to help introduce TCBY's new kids menu.

"The lower price menu features kids-size cups of frozen yogurt, Shiver Treats, shakes,

sundaes and waffle cones," said Che Chang Yuan.

Meanwhile, the store has unveiled four new frozen yogurt flavors: key lime (96-percent fat free) and three non-fat varieties, lemon, cheesecake, tropical citrus sorbet and coconut cream pie (no sugar added).

In addition to learning about the new products scheduled to be introduced throughout the year, TCBY convention delegates were exposed to fresh marketing strategies and advertising plans, new franchising opportunities, workshops on customer service, business and profit management, and human resource management.

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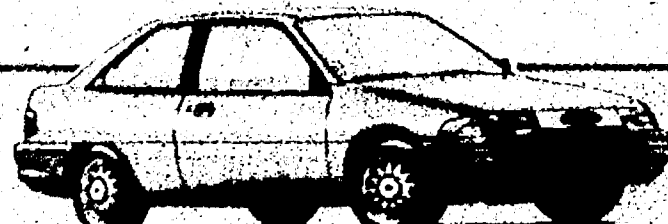
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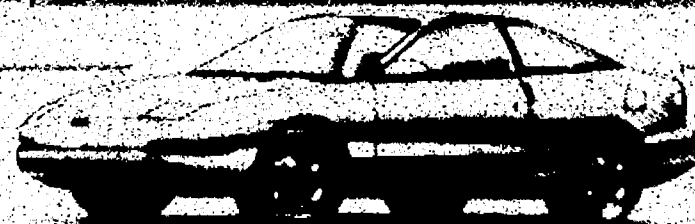
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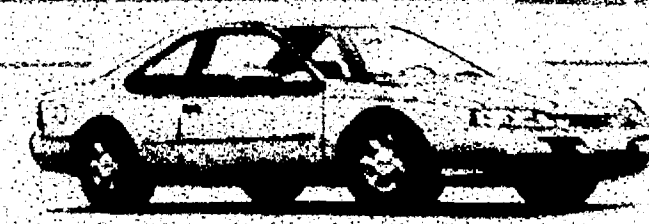
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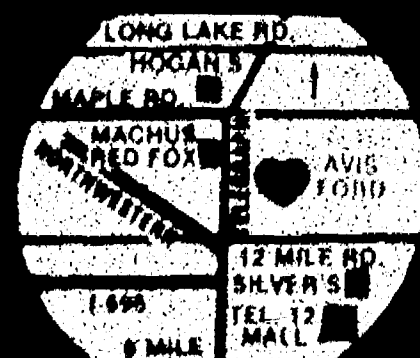
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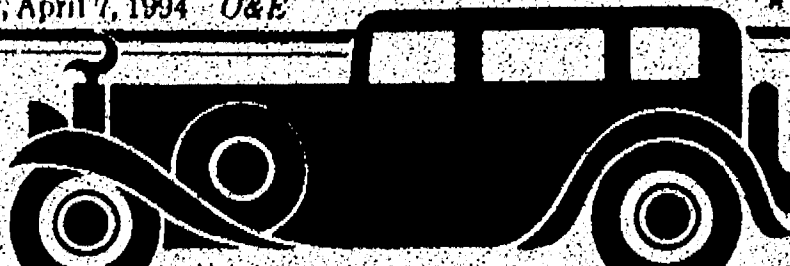


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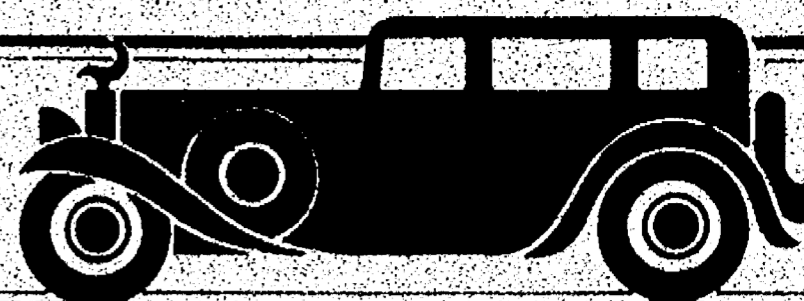
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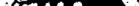
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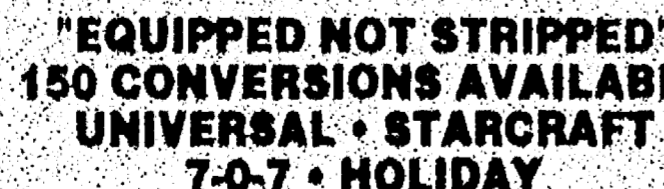
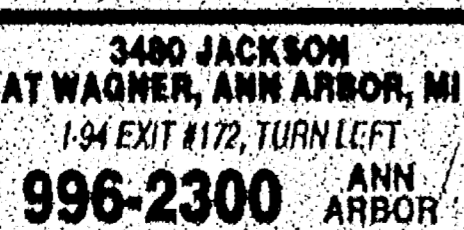
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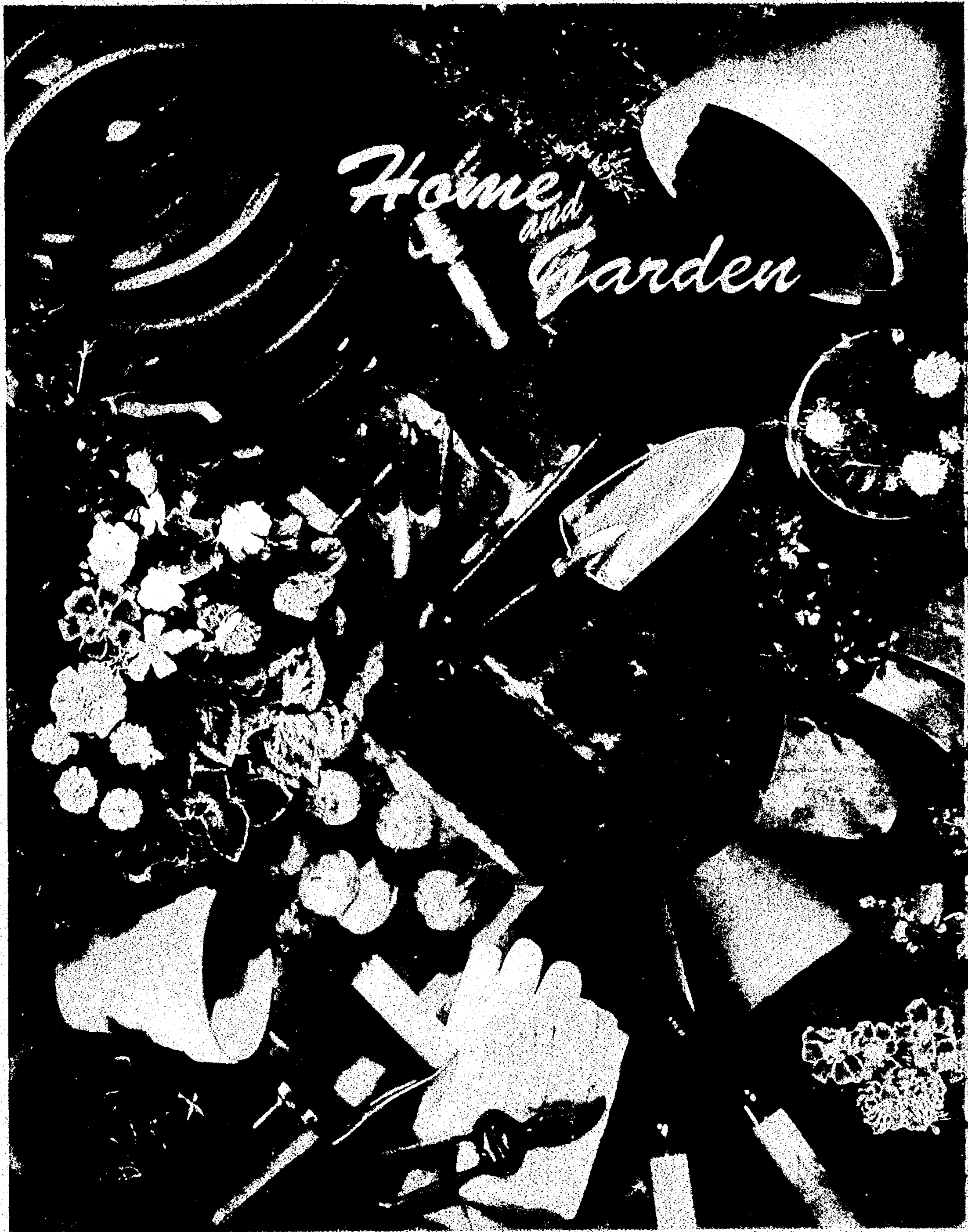
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"Pruning Made Simple" is available at local Handy Andy Home Centers, Young's Garden Mart, Warren, Allemon's Landscape Center, Detroit, Turner's Greenhouse & Garden Center, Ann Arbor.



PRESENTING HOME & GARDEN I

Like many of you, I've spent the winter planning the changes and additions to my garden. Last year I kind of let nature take its course and go wild, to see what her tendencies are.

This year, I have "a plan" and I've even begun starting some of my chosen plants from seed. Those of you who have never done this probably think of me as brave! But I know that many of you who have "played God" with those tiny little seeds, are chuckling to yourselves right now! And you're right. I sometimes wonder myself if it is worth the effort!

While the lupine and shasta daisies are well on their way, I was a little overzealous in watering the cosmos! Apparently, too little water or the other needed elements, and your seeds won't germinate. Too much, and they'll grow too fast. I've since started all over again with my cosmos from seed!

I've learned that while nature likes to go it's own way, there's still a delicate balance that must be met. Likewise, we each have our sense of balance — in our lives, in our homes, and in our gardens.

Hopefully, this first issue of Home & Garden, which appears today, April 7, 1994 in all Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, provides you with some ideas and helpful hints for bringing some balance, color and organization into your spring!

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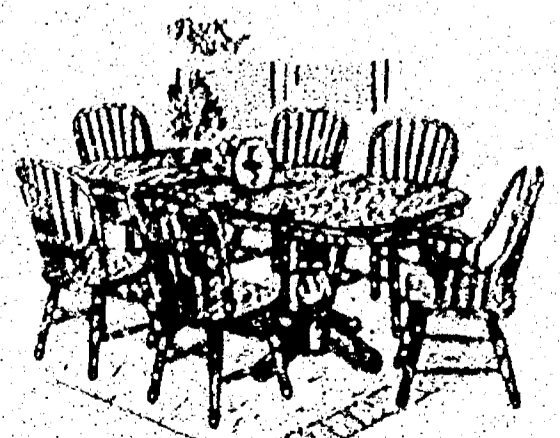
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There's more to shade gardening than just green

by Joan Boram
special writer

Shade gardeners of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your hostas! Not that there's anything wrong with hostas — especially since modern hybridizers have given us such a variety of greens, blue-greens, and variegated hostas to choose from, as well as a selection of leaf shapes and plant sizes.

But in gardening, as in all things, people like choices. Well, even in shade gardening, there is more to choose from than hostas.

"Shade gardening is of particular delight to me," says Julie Lopez, who has offered seminars on shade gardening for garden clubs. "It provides an opportunity for creativity. Many people are intimidated by shade gardening — they've been indoctrinated into thinking that 'garden' means 'sun', and so they settle for impatiens and hostas."

But, Lopez says, shade offers the chance to mix textures, shapes of leaves and plants, and combinations of green-on-green.

Before planning your shade garden,

it's best to take the time to discover what kind of shade you're coping with. Unless you live in a forest, chances are you have more than one kind of shade.

A lightly-shaded area will receive full shade only a couple of hours each day. Dappled sunlight, such as under a tree with lacy leaves, is considered light shade.

Medium shade receives about five hours of full shade on an average summer day.

Full shade occurs under a mature oak, evergreen, or other large-canopied tree



See SHADE, p. 10 Winding pathways combined with some added color from shrubs and planted annuals, such as the landscaping shown above, can turn a plain, dark area into a focal point of your yard.

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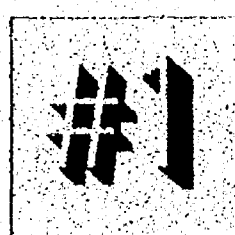
Glen Haege's Top 5 spring home improvement projects

by Glenn Haege
America's Master Handyman

Here in Detroit, we've had a rough, tough winter. That means that the number one item on this list is especially important this year.

put off. It is important to complete it right now, before the spring rains come.

Here are some other tips as well, to bring you, and your home, into spring with ease.



#1 Manage by walking around outside

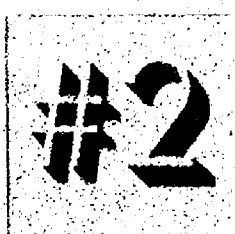
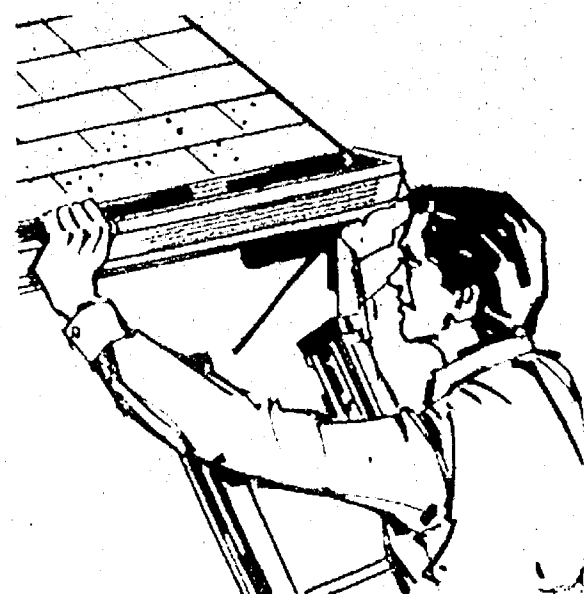
Walk around your home three times. The first time,

step back from the house and check out the roof for shingles and eaves. Damaged shingles can cause water damage.

The second time around the house, look at the windows and walls.

The third time, look at the ground. The bitter freezes we had this year caused huge chuck holes on the roadways, it probably did the same thing to the ground around your house. The driveways on many homes have heaved and will send torrents of water washing against the house. Fill in bird bathing immediately, and get driveways or walks mud packed if they will direct water toward the house.

If you discover shingle or ground problems, take action immediately!

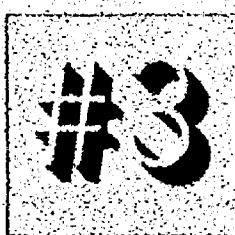


#2 Wash Your Windows

The outside windows have a winter on grime on them. Making them sparkle doesn't have to be a hassle. For outside windows use this simple procedure: Add 4 oz. vinegar and 1 teaspoon TSP (Trisodium Phosphate is available at any hardware store) to one gallon water. Sponge on the water, then squeegee off.

Wipe up water drips with a cotton towel.

The inside of your house has different dirt, so you need a different cleaning solution. Mix 4-oz. ammonia and 1 teaspoon TSP to one gallon of water. Lay a big Turkish towel on the window sill before you clean. Sponge on the water, then squeegee off. You will now not only be able to see through them, your windows will sparkle like diamonds.



#3 Clean the Deck

Here's an easy way to deep clean the deck. Mix an organic cleaner, like Simple Green® or Clear Magic® 50/50 with water. Pour the solution into a garden pump-type sprayer. Then deep clean your deck 8 to 10 square feet at a time.

The procedure is simple. Soak down an 8 to 10 square foot section with the solution. Sprinkle on a little water. Scrub with a stiff push broom until suds appear, then hose off. This often makes the deck look so good you may not have to re-seal or stain.

Ah Spring!

To stop problems before they start, walk around your house

by Glenn Haege
America's Master Handyman

Hey, you've been wanting to get outside anyway. Might as well make one of your first walks, three times around the house.

A thorough early spring inspection is one of the most important things you can do for your house. It has been under tremendous strain, fighting the elements all winter. Water, ice, wind, freeze and thaw, have all been tearing away at your roofing, the paint or siding on your house, the putty on your windows, the deck, the electrical outlets.

Now that the snow has melted, grab a pencil and a piece of paper and tramp around the house three times. The first time look at the roof. The second time, look at the exterior of your home. The third time, look at the ground.

You don't have to climb on top of your roof to give it a good inspection. Go across the street and look at the roof. Are the shingles curling? Have a couple gotten loose or blown away? Are they old? Has the weight of the ice and snow loosened the gutters?

If you need a roof repair, now is the time to get it fixed, before spring rains create water damage. When you see loose shingles, or cracks in the gutters, it's always a good idea to go up into the attic and see if a roof leak has started, but is not yet visible on the ceiling or walls. You might be able to stop the leak before it causes major damage. If you need to re-shingle, start getting bids now, before the rush starts.

Next, circle the house looking at the walls and windows, look for mortar cracks and places where the caulk has pulled away. How is the paint holding out? Will you have to repaint soon?

Remember, if you have aluminum siding, it should be spray cleaned at least once every two years if you want to keep the paint looking good. If you have not cleaned your aluminum siding every two years and it is now pitted and dull looking, no problem. Your aluminum siding can be repaired with beautiful results. Complete step-by-step instructions are in my book, "Take the Pain Out of Painting - Exterior."

If you need to repaint, and are going to use a contractor, start getting bids now. If you're going to do the painting yourself, do your measurements, figure how much paint you'll need and be on the lookout for sales.

You want the highest quality exterior paint you can afford. When dry, quality exterior latex paint is almost twice as

thick, offers better protection, and stays better looking longer than a bargain paint. A quality exterior paint can outlast cheap paint two to one. Paint is the only protection the wood on your house has. Make sure that protection is the best that money can buy.

If you start pricing out paint now, you'll be able to take your time deciding what you want, and you'll be able to tell when a "sale" is really a sale. By the way, the Paint Quality Institute's studies prove that, dollar for dollar, the longer-lasting quality of premium exterior paint saves you money and makes it better buy than lower quality paints.

Check your thermal windows and sliding glass door walls. Are they in good condition? What about clouding? If they have begun to cloud inside the glass, it means the thermal seal is broken. The entire window doesn't not have to be replaced, just the pane. If you have the problem, be aware and start budgeting for repair before next winter.

Finally, look down. What have the freeze-thaw cycles of Michigan winters done to your landscaping. Is the ground eroding from around the foundation of your house? Do you see puddles forming? That's called bird bathing. Do what you can to fill those holes, before the spring rains. Improper drainage is the biggest single cause of leaking basements. A little preventative maintenance now can save a lot of hard work later.

Make certain that the eye trough drains have not become plugged or mangled over the winter. Plugged drains can cause big problems.

Now, how about the deck? Does it look good, or are you getting nail pops, splitting or graying? Nail pops should be nailed back in immediately. Graying means that your deck will probably have to be power washed before staining. Get quotes now, before you have to stand in line.

After you've looked at your house and grounds, go inside and study your notes. Spring is here - it's time to start the "To Do" list!

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Coming Up Roses

Shrub roses need little upkeep, just as beautiful

by Joan Boram
special writer

Fossils found in Europe, Asia and North America indicate that roses existed approximately 30 million years ago. The earliest representations of roses have been found on jewelry and ornaments from Minoan civilization, which flourished on the island of Crete from about 2800 to 2100 B.C. Roses have figured prominently in literature and art ever since; the rose windows of the great cathedrals of Europe are the most famous examples.

Roses are one of the oldest cultivated ornamental plants in our gardens. A good reason for this is that members of the species *Rosa* grow in almost every climate, from the equator to the Arctic Circle. Closer to home, there is scarcely a flower gardener who doesn't have a rose bush or two, and many gardeners have dozens of roses and very little else.

Hybrid teas have been a rose lover's favorite ever since they were introduced in 1867, and their popularity is as strong as ever today. However, many gardeners are learning to appreciate the qualities of shrub roses.

While these hardy bushes will probably never overtake the teas, sales are increasing every year.

"They're low maintenance plants," says Loren Blum, who orders at least 300 varieties of roses for the English Gardens stores from his base in West Bloomfield.

"They don't have to be pruned, except for a little shaping here and there. And you don't have to cover them in the winter, although it's wise to mulch them after the first hard frost."

Another quality grower appreciates, he says, is the striking mass of bloom. While some plants offer a lavish display

of blooms all at one time, some flowers continue to bloom the rest of the season.

Rather than planting one bush here and one bush there, Blum says some people are planting them as flowering hedges. He also surmises that home owners are compensating for smaller gardening areas by cramming in more plants, and shrub roses are easily combined with other shrubs or flowering perennials. Floribundas are ideal roses to mix with other plants—the flowers grow in clusters and are born continuously and in profusion.

Delphiniums, liatris, phlox, foxglove, coral bells, baby's breath, heather and lavender are all delicate flowers that complement roses. Old-fashioned flowers with

muted colors are not only ideal rose companions, but together they make up a cottage garden, which Blum says is making a comeback in many modern gardens.

However, he adds, make sure that these, or any plants, must be planted far enough apart so they do not block, crowd or distract attention from the roses.

"Annuals such as bachelor's button, alyssum and annual chrysanthemums in pastel colors go well with roses," he says, "but avoid flashier annuals such as zinnias, which will overwhelm roses."

British hybridizer David Austin has developed a series of extremely popular modern "Old English" shrub-type roses. Blum has doubled 1993 quantities of the fragrant plants.

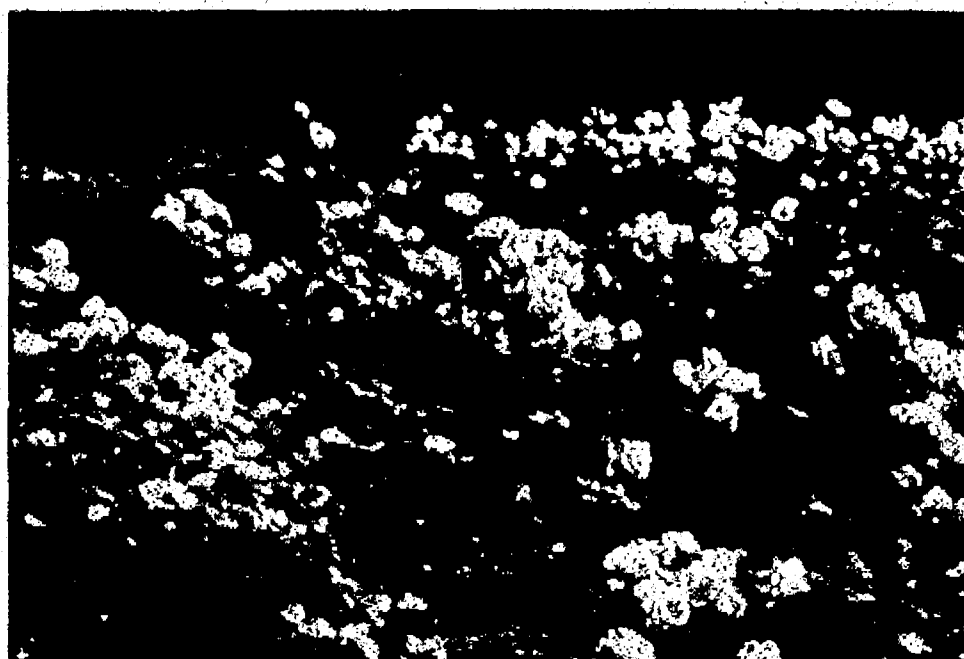
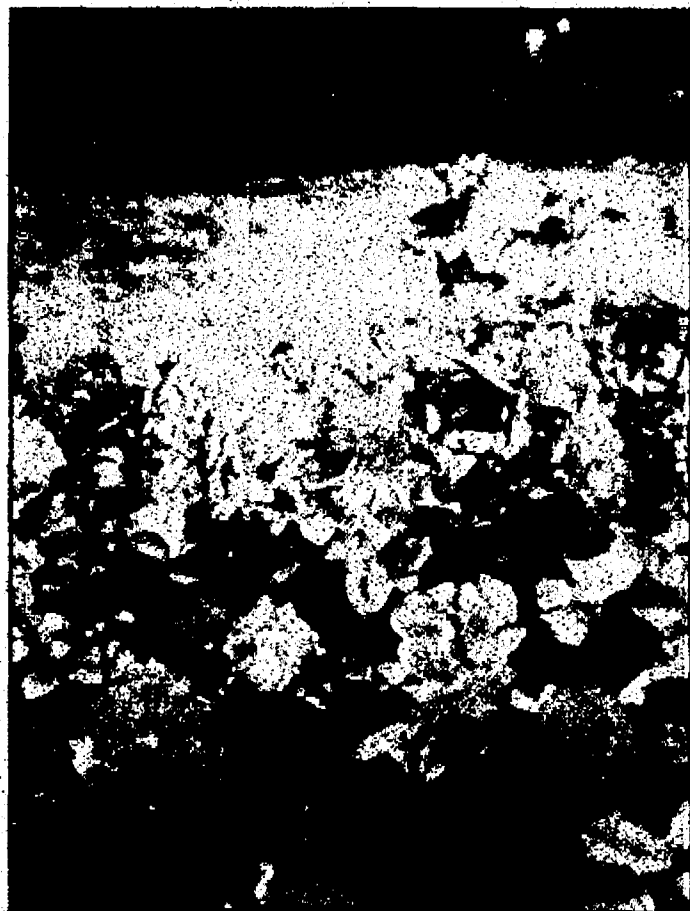
"Fragrance is being bred

back into roses," Blum says. "It's been missing for a long time. One rose in a catalog is described as 'smelling like cheap perfume.' I don't know if that's an asset or not."

Old garden roses, which have been in cultivation since before the development of the modern hybrid rose, are regaining some of the popularity they enjoyed in earlier times. In general, old roses are hearty and fragrant.

"The only problem with the antique roses is that people want to spray them," Blum says. "And they have a negative reaction to chemical sprays. Most old roses are naturally disease-resistant, but people feel they have to spray them."

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Shrub roses, such as those offered by Jackson and Perkins, are easy to care for, and just as pretty as tea roses. While some offer such a lavish display like this all at once, you can find bushes that will bloom all season.

Scented geraniums, unusual gingers and other rarities highlight annual perennial sale

New variations on treasured garden favorites will be the highlight of this year's Spring Perennial Sale sponsored by the Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

The sale, scheduled for April 29 and May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the gardens, will feature more than 20,000 plants to entice both the novice and the sophisticated gardener.

This annual springtime fundraiser includes old favorites such as wildflowers, perennials for both sun and shade, herbs and scented geraniums. The sale will also offer rock garden plants, ferns, ornamental grasses, ground covers, roses, vines, flowering baskets and biennials.



Several new cultivars of old favorites such as climbing clematis vines, unique iris cultivars, biennials, unusual gingers and an assortment of hanging baskets will be available. Also a main feature are the various cultivars of scented gerani-

ums, including fragrant almond, lemon balm, pink champagne and orange.

Through the spring perennial sale, experts will be on hand to answer your questions.

Friday evening on April 29, from 3-7 p.m. is the members pre-sale. If you want to become a member of the Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens, you can join at the door and have first pick of the plants before the sale opens to the public.

The Matthaei Botanical Gardens is located at 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. in Ann Arbor, 1/2 mile south of the Plymouth Rd. intersection. There is no admission fee and parking is free. For information about the sale, call (313) 998-7061.

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Green Cleaning Tips

Nobody like cleaning. And usually the products we use have that extra strength capability that helps bust dirt away. But as it turns out, that extra strength may be extra-deadly.

As we move to a more earth-conscious way of thinking, the way we clean our house comes under question. It is no longer safe to use the extra-strength, extra-toxic cleansers that go down the drain through the pipes (leaking who knows where) and out into treatment plants or oceans.

But there is a way around poisoning the water and still beating the grime.

In her book, "Clean & Green" (Ceres Press), Annie Berthold-Bond dishes out the dirt on cleaning ecologically. There are plenty of commercially made products available in most health food stores that are ecologically and environmentally safe. But if you want to go all natural, you'll be surprised what can be used.

Some of the safe cleaning products that can be found around your home include:

- Baking soda. Odor absorbing, deodorizing, mild abrasive.
- Borax. Disinfects, deodorizes, inhibits mold growth.
- Cream of Tartar. Cleans porcelain, drains and metal.

•Salt. An effective non-scratching abrasive cleaner with bacteria inhibiting qualities.

She also lists acceptable substitutes for various products.

WINDOW CLEANER

•Mix 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. vegetable oil-based liquid soap, 3 Tbsp. vinegar and 2 cups water. Put in a spray bottle, shake and squirt.

•Mix 1/8 cup vinegar and 1 cup of water. Put in spray bottle and shake.

SCOURING POWDER

•Mix 1/4 cup of Borax with enough vegetable-oil based soap to make a paste. Rub surface with sponge and wipe clean.

DISINFECTANTS

•Mix some lavender oil in with Borax and clean as directed.

•Add a few drops of pine oil to the cleaning formula of your choice.

•Sprinkle baking soda or cornstarch over carpet and let stand overnight, then vacuum.

•An open dish of vinegar will remove many odors.

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Learn what to look for ...before you buy

Although you often find standard in size, three-and-a-half-inch garden hoses are as varied as the colors in a flower garden when it comes to strength, convenience and durability.

If you are going to buy a garden hose, seek the experts at Apex Garden Products, suggest you consider these factors before putting your money on the counter.

FREQUENCY OF USE

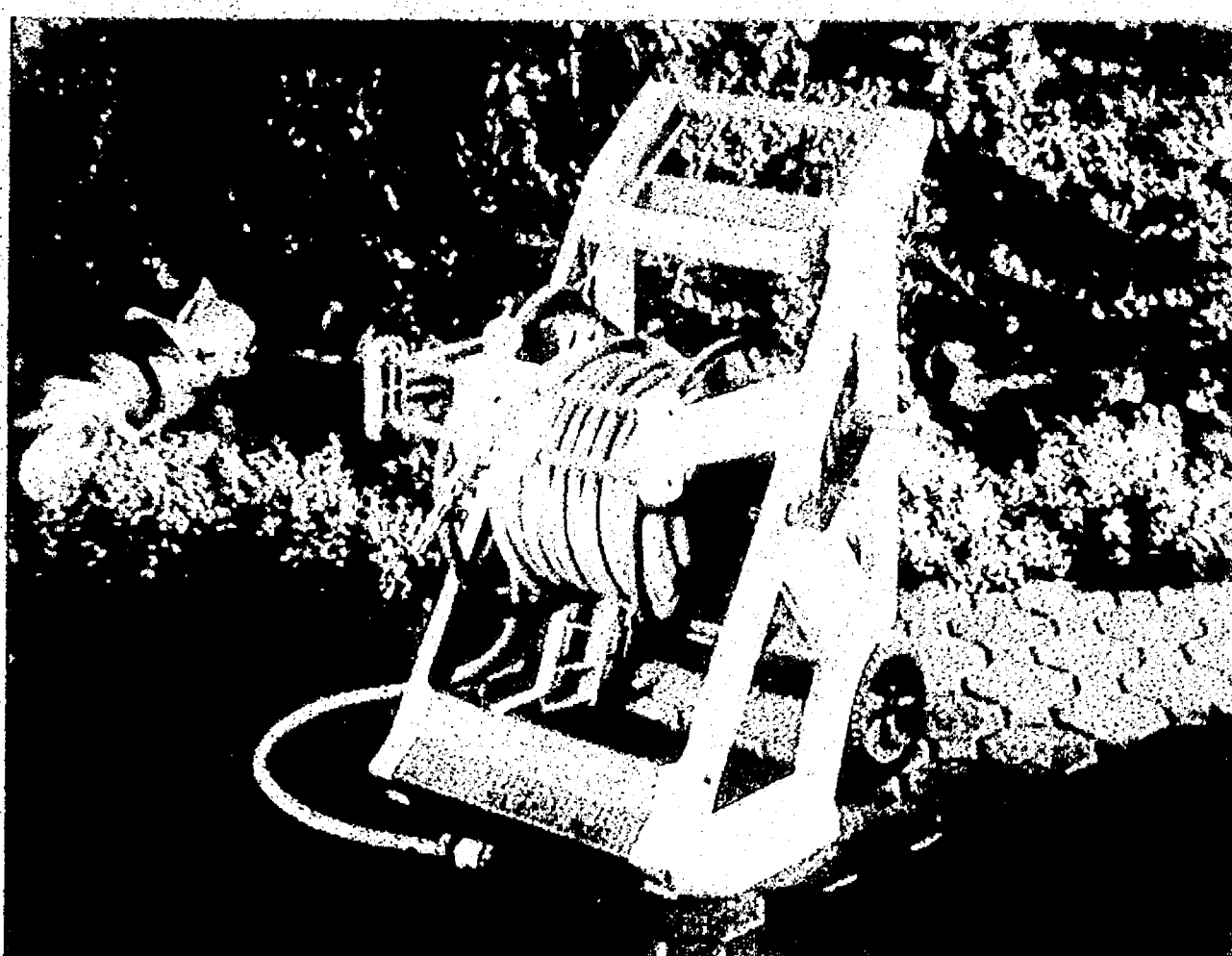
Generally, the more active you are in your yard and garden, the higher quality hose you will need. A casual gardener spends time virtually every day on the job, and work includes a variety of garden chores, from and garden tasks on Sunday and Sunday. The casual gardener is the least active user who is likely to use with the most busy garden hose.

But even if you are a casual gardener, remember there are many other activities and chores that require a garden hose, such as washing the car, spraying hard to reach exterior of the house, hose and down the family dog or just letting the kids play off under the sprinkler.

to spend a few dollars more for a garden hose that lasts several years longer, does not kink and is more resistant to extreme heat or cold.

Most garden hoses are available in a choice of materials: vinyl, rubber and rubber-vinyl. Each with different advantages. In general, vinyl hoses are lighter than rubber, and more resilient and resistant to kinks that can halt the steady flow of water. Rubber is considered stronger and less susceptible to cuts and abrasions.

With today's emphasis on improved quality, the composite rubber-vinyl material has replaced vinyl as the most common material. That's because a rubber-vinyl hose often combines the best features of vinyl and rubber and can offer greater flexibility and durability.



Once you've put all this thought into buying your new garden hose, don't forget to care for it properly using a portable hose reel, like the one above, or other storage unit.

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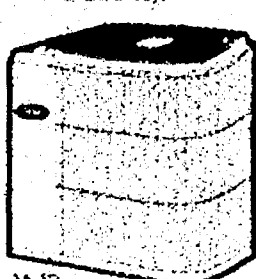
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Again, the strength you need will depend, in part, on your anticipated usage.

Hoses with a single layer of reinforcement, with the same quality material, are more likely to burst under pressure than hoses with two or more layers.

The interior design and diameter size are important in delivering a steady and sufficient flow of water.

The vast majority of garden hoses sold today have a 5/8" inside diameter, which is particularly suitable for yards of one-third to one-half acre in size, when reaching distances of up to 150 feet.

A 50-foot length of 5/8" hose will deliver about 950 gallons of water per hour, compared to 523 gallons per hour for 1/2" hose. A 3/4" diameter hose, which will deliver 1,530 gallons per hour, can finish many watering chores in one-third of the time.

It's also recommended if you need to reach more than 150 feet, or require lots of water.

EASY-TO-USE

In general, every gardener wants a

hose that coils easily and naturally, but is strong enough to resist kinking. Most vinyl hoses coil easier than rubber, but become more difficult to wind in colder weather.

In terms of spigot fittings, outdoor spigots are universal in size in the United States, but those made of brass will last the longest.

COST AND DURABILITY

Hoses are not extravagantly expensive, yet gardeners generally expect many years of use before having to replace them.

A 50-foot length of hose can cost less than \$10 or up to \$40, depending on the type and brand you buy.

Some hoses also carry a warranty ranging from two years to a lifetime guarantee.

SPECIALTY HOSES

There are certain types of hoses you can use for specific types of watering. For instance, soaker hoses feature a dripping/sweating action that slowly and evenly distributes water.

The soaking method helps ensure that water gets to the roots of shrubs, trees and flower beds.

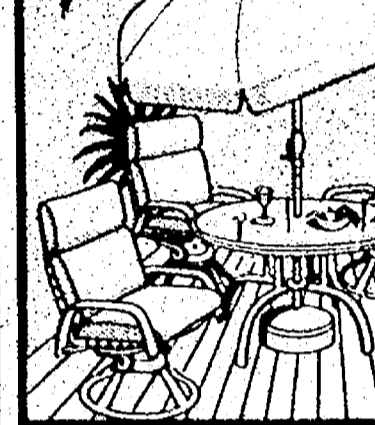
Another specialty item is the misting sprinkler hose, a flat, vinyl hose with minute holes which the water sprays out of. These are ideals for watering narrow sections of the yard and garden.

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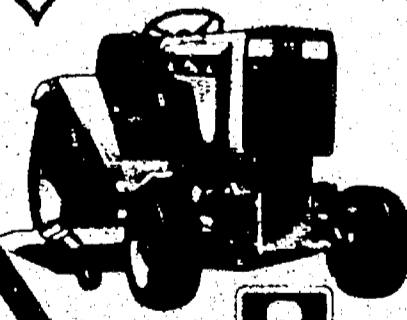
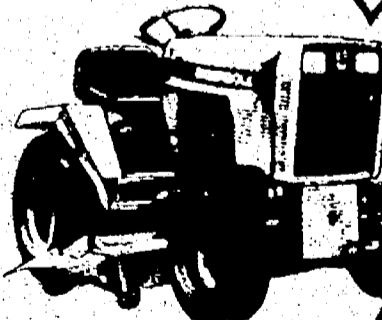
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Deep shade is found under dense evergreens or in areas covered by blacking. Moss and ferns are probably the only plants that will survive there.

If you're not sure what kind of shade you have, why not pick a cloudless summer's day, keep track of the amount of sunlight your "shady" spot receives? You might be surprised — maybe it's not as dense as you think. The brighter the area, the wider the palette of plants you have to choose from.

The simplest way to approach shade gardening is to imitate the pattern in which nature layers plants in the woods," says Fred Steinkopf, manager of Steinkopf's Nursery and Garden Center in Farmington Hills.

In a hardwood forest, there's an understory of smaller trees, like dogwood, redbud or serviceberry. These trees flower in the spring, before the hardwoods leaf out.

Below them are plants like ferns or hostas that thrive in the shade.

Hydrangeas are heavy summer and autumn flowering shrubs that are highly tolerant of shade. For the lowest level of growth, Steinkopf recommends ground covers such as pachysandra, ivy, dwarf hellebore, or any shade grass except tall fescue in a heavily shaded area.

Some varieties of holly will thrive in the shade. If you want a holly that, which,



Day lilies, like these below, are just one type of flower that can bring color to your shade garden.

with Baltic ivy, will give you the delight of greenery even in the snow.

You must plant both a male and a female holly in order to have the red berries that attract birds.

For areas with good light, but no direct sun, two old favorite perennials, columbine and bleeding heart, are ideal. And don't forget that before the trees leaf out, some sun will reach the yard.

A glorious effect can be achieved by planting a large number of small early-flowering bulbs, such as crocus, miniature narcissus, grape hyacinth and scilla. Many of these bulbs will multiply, so your initial investment will gather interest.

The plants that thrive at the edge of a woodland receive more light than those in the shadier area, and a variety of blooming plants will thrive in the dappled shade.

"Both azaleas and rhododendrons will do well here," Lopez says, "although these broadleaf evergreens require an acid soil."

Lopez recommends using a test kit to determine your soil's pH in the area where you want to grow holly, azaleas or rhododendrons. If a test finds your soil lacking,

she says, you can increase acidity by digging in a handful of soil sulfur each spring, and using an acid fertilizer, such as Miracid®, available at most plant centers.

Lopez also stresses the importance of conditioning the soil in a shady area using compost materials, because the plants aren't getting much sun. And it's equally important to remember that mature trees act as umbrellas, shielding understory growth from moisture. So even in rainy weather, supplementary water may be necessary.

Other flowering perennials that do well in dappled shade are day lilies, astilbe, coral bells, bellflower and baby's breath. Astilbe will thrive either in full or partial shade.

"There are mixes of wildflower seeds suitable for shady areas," Steinkopf adds.

"You just shake the seeds over the area to be planted, cover them with a thin layer of soil, and water lightly."

These mixes do not tend to be very expensive, so even if they don't all germinate, he says, you've gotten your money's worth.

For those of you who want to plant annuals in a shady area, there's old reliable — impatiens, which comes in a greater variety of colors every spring.

Try also wax begonias, fuchsias, pansies, violas, annual lobelia and coleus.

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ROSES, from p. 6

Despite their venerable associations with mankind, there are still many people who are afraid of roses, says Bill Garrison, manager of Frank's Nursery in Westland. "People think that roses are hard to grow," he says, who admits that if he had a thousand rose bushes at home, it wouldn't be too many.

"It makes my day when people tell me about any problems they may be having, because then I can help them," he says.

"If people have a problem growing roses, it's generally because they've made one or two basic mistakes."

The first, he says, is placement of the rose bush. Roses need at least six hours of sunlight a day. If you have the choice of morning or afternoon sunlight, morning is better. This will dry the morning dew, which can cause black spot if moisture remains too long. The afternoon shade will protect the bush from summer heat, and retard drying soil.

The second common mistake, he says, is how the plant is watered.

"People just can't help watering a rose bush's leaves. They seem to enjoy doing it, and it promotes black spot."

Roses should be watered at the base. If you see a leaf with black spot, take it off right away so the fungus can't spread



to the rest of the plant. Pick up and discard any leaves that fall to the ground. Do not put them on the compost pile.

"Often, gardeners are impatient when their roses don't leaf out in the early spring," Blum adds. "They think their plants have died and they pull them out. I tell people not to mess with their roses until the fourth of July; their feet might be cold."

TIPS, from page 4

#4

Prepare for "mowin' & growin'"

Check all electrical cords for nicks, breaks or brittleness. Replace all suspect wire.

Replace the spark plugs on small engines, check the muffler.

If it is badly corroded, replace it. Make certain that all safety equipment is in good shape. If you didn't do it last fall, the lawn mower needs to have the gas drained, oil changed and blade sharpened.

If you don't have a spare lawn mower blade, splurge and buy one. Re-sharpen blades often. The sharper the blade, the better the lawn.



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Put your furnace on vacation

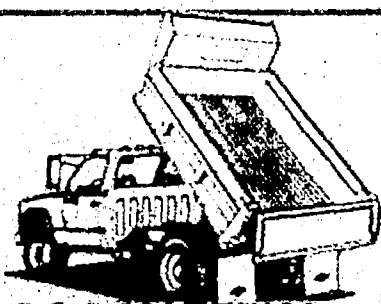
It had a heck of a workout this year. The filter has to be cleaned or changed. Turn off the water supply to the humidifier and empty the water from the unit. Remove all sediment and make everything squeaky clean. Replace pads if necessary. Now that all the most important work is done, go outside and enjoy the weather.

Glenn Haeg is the author of "Fix It Fast & Easy" (\$14.95); "Take the Pain Out of Painting - Interiors" (\$17.95); "Take the Pain Out of Painting - Exteriors" (\$12.95); and "Glenn Haeg's

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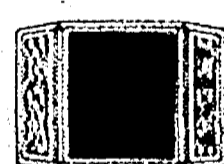
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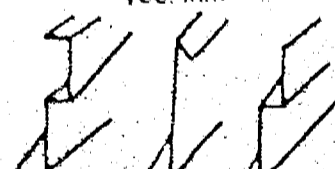
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