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Pastor, wife charged with child abuse

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

A Westland minister and his wife have been charged with abuse of three of their six children.

Michael K. Enersen, 36-year-old minister of the Westland Full Gospel Church, and his 33-year-old wife were scheduled to be arraigned today in Detroit Recorder's Court.

"We found bite marks on the children and severe bruises on their but-

'The bruises on the buttocks were so severe on the 16-year-old that her buttocks were seeping blood.'

— Westland police Sgt. Laura Moore

locks," Westland police Sgt. Laura Moore said. "The bruises on the buttocks were so severe on the 16-year-

old that her buttocks were seeping blood."

HUMAN BITE marks were deter-

mined to have been made on the girl's hands, Moore said.

The father faces a maximum prison term of eight years if convicted on one count of second-degree child abuse and three counts of fourth-degree child abuse. The mother could be sentenced up to three years in prison for one count of third-degree child abuse and one count of fourth-degree child abuse.

The couple, who pleaded not guilty in Westland's 18th District Court,

waived a preliminary examination that had been scheduled for March 11. That sent the case to Detroit Recorder's Court for today's arraignment.

THE CHILDREN were schooled at home and the church, which is on Palmer near Wildwood. The Westland police removed the two oldest children — a 16-year-old girl and a 13-year-old boy — from the Enersen's home on a tip from a former church member.

The two older children have been placed in a foster home. Their parents — each released from custody on a \$1,000 personal bond — have been ordered not to see the youngsters or to telephone them.

The 16-year-old girl attended parochial school until about third grade, and the 13-year-old boy was believed to have attended kindergarten. The remainder of their schooling came from the mother at home.

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Volunteer Sharon Roach sorts clothing donated by John Glenn High students to the Westland Clothing Bank, which has seen an upswing in requests because of an economic downturn.

More kids relying on clothing bank

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

An economic downturn has sparked a sharp increase in the number of needy people being helped by the Wayne-Westland Clothing Bank.

The bank has provided free clothing to 75 more youngsters this school year than last, as the number of requests for help has climbed from 200 to 275, said coordinator Linda Pratt.

"We definitely are seeing an increase," she said.

Efforts to meet the increased demand were boosted Thursday as John Glenn High School students brought 600 pieces of clothing to the bank, which is by Hoover Elementary School at 5400 Fourth, Wayne.

The clothing was collected during a recent drive by John Glenn students, said teacher Victor Koos.

NOT ONLY have requests for clothing in-

creased, Pratt said, but children also are needing more assistance.

"Usually what we see is a child who needs a pair of shoes or a coat," she said. "But now we're seeing children who need everything."

Pratt attributed the problem to a souring economy that has caused more job layoffs among parents of students in the Wayne-Westland school district.

AND WHILE requests for clothing for elementary school age children have remained high, more and more youngsters in need of clothing also are coming from the junior highs and high schools, Pratt said.

"That's another indication of family hardships."

Most referrals to the clothing bank are made by school counselors or principals, with children brought to the center to be clothed.

DUE TO requests from nursing homes, the Wayne-Westland Clothing Bank also has begun

helping indigent patients who have no relatives or whose relatives cannot afford to buy clothing for them, Pratt said.

"We do have quite a lot of adults who need clothing. A lot of times, when someone checks into a nursing home they have nothing to bring with them."

Despite the increase in requests for clothing, the number of volunteers staffing the clothing bank has dwindled in recent years, dropping from 26 volunteers to five, Pratt said.

Some volunteers have had to seek paying jobs to help their own families, she said.

"WE'RE ALWAYS looking for more people."

Volunteers receive no pay, and they must participate in a half-day training program before helping out at the clothing bank, Pratt said.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer or obtaining more information should write the Westland Clothing Bank, 5400 Fourth, Wayne 48184.

WW board puts 4th tax request on June ballot

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

A bitterly divided Wayne-Westland school board decided Monday to revive a proposed 7.75-mill tax increase for the June 10 school election.

The decision, marking the fourth tax increase request since February 1990, came as 350 people jammed the John Glenn High School cafeteria for yet another fiery school board meeting on the millage issue.

In a 6-1 vote, the board chose to accept a recommendation from Superintendent Dennis O'Neill to place the 7.75-mill proposal on the June 10 ballot. Board member Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, who suggested seeking a smaller millage, cast the lone dissenting vote.

Several audience members also asked for millage proposals similar to Wiacek's.

Though board members decided to ask voters for 7.75 mills, they chose to propose levying the tax hike over two years instead of five. Voters narrowly rejected a five-year plan in a special election March 13, marking the third millage defeat in 13 months.

The 7.75 mill proposal represents an annual property tax increase of \$232 for a family in a \$60,000 home. The net increase would be substantially less if residents qualify for a state property tax rebate.

O'Neill, in making his two-year recommendation, noted that state legislators have agreed to freeze property taxes in 1992.

"Now that the Michigan Legislature has addressed the property assessment freeze for the short haul, that would also be the benchmark for the length of our proposal," he said. "The governor and both houses have indicated that this is just the beginning of their efforts, so possibly

the gross inequity of public school funding in Michigan will get some attention" during these next two years."

O'NEILL'S RECOMMENDATION surfaced after a leader of the pro-millage citizens group Save Our Schools submitted to the board 2,152 petitions signed by district residents who support a 7.75-mill proposal. The committee already had turned over 3,683 petitions, bringing the total to 5,835.

"We would like this board to act in a positive manner in putting the millage on the ballot on June 10," SOS co-chair Margaret Harlow said Monday, after presenting the petitions.

Wiacek, who had earlier called for separate millage proposals to give voters more choices, indicated Monday she was willing to compromise with other board members and place a one-year proposal for 6 mills on the ballot.

Wiacek suggested the board try to "regain accountability" before seeking a larger tax hike.

"I do know that we need the money, but I do believe that accountability is what's necessary," she said.

The 6-mill proposal would be enough "to put our children back in school" for a full day, Wiacek said. One hour was slashed from the junior high instructional day this year, and pending cuts would reduce the high school day by one hour this fall.

WIACEK REFERRED to a state-conducted survey — prior to last June's defeated millage vote — in which the district was encouraged to delay seeking a tax hike. She indicated the board still has not regained the accountability needed to win passage of a 7.75-mill proposal.

But the other six board members

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Man hurt in crash

An 80-year-old Westland man was in guarded condition Tuesday at Garden City Hospital from injuries he received Monday in a collision at Wayne and Sheridan roads in Westland.

Hugh Williams was driving west on Sheridan about 2:15 p.m. Monday when his vehicle was struck by a northbound Wayne Road vehicle

driven by Mathew Malorano of Plymouth, according to Westland police.

Williams was taken to Garden City Hospital, where he was listed in guarded condition about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to a hospital spokesman.

The hospital spokesman declined to release details about Williams' injuries.

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Special Section in today's issue



Property tax freeze to cost city \$450,000

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

The city of Westland expects to miss out on \$450,000 under a state-approved plan to freeze property taxes in 1992.

"It's going to hurt a little bit," said city Finance Director Michael Gorman.

However, Gorman predicted the city will be able to cope with the freeze without reducing city services.

"It's really too early to tell, but I would say we'll be able to tighten our belt to make up for it," he said.

Meanwhile, Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Dennis O'Neill said he was pleased that an earlier Senate version of the plan failed to win approval, saying it

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— Michael Gorman
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the plan to freeze property taxes at 1991 levels in 1992.

The plan calls for in-formula districts to receive reimbursements through the state school-aid formula.

O'Neill said he was pleased that an earlier Senate version of the plan failed to win approval, saying it

would have caused the financially strapped Wayne-Westland district to lose \$3.5 million.

Democratic and Republican leaders have said they consider the freeze on property assessments and taxes a first step in comprehensive property tax relief.

SOME LOCAL officials, however, appeared skeptical of the plan.

Gorman said local property owners are expected to get an average tax break of \$60 to \$100 under the plan.

"People aren't really going to get a major tax break," he said. "This isn't going to make people go out and spend a lot of money and boost the economy."

The plan falls far short of the sweeping tax reforms sought by taxpayers, Gorman said.

"It's not really what the people want," he said.

Amid hopes for long-range revisions in the tax system and school-financing method, Wayne-Westland school officials decided Monday

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Tax hike on ballot for 4th time

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balked at Wiacek's suggestion and agreed to accept O'Neill's recommendation.

"I'm in support of the 7.75 because that's what it takes to run the district," board member Leonard Posey said, adding that money for art, music and physical education is needed because "we've got a responsibility to educate the whole child."

In supporting O'Neill's recommendation, board vice president Sharon Scott said the board would be "fiscally irresponsible" to delay a millage vote and await "devastating" program cuts this fall.

Board president Mathew McCusker drew applause and a standing ovation from some audience members when he made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation.

THE PROPOSAL would pump an additional \$11.5 million a year into district coffers and avert massive budget cuts such as the elimination of busing and athletics, among other programs and services. Moreover, it would protect some 100 jobs of workers, including 44 bus drivers, custodians and mechanics already given layoff notices.

O'Neill stressed the need to protect programs and services. Stalling

a millage vote would wreak havoc on some academic programs and extracurricular activities, and pose problems for the 6,000 students who depend on buses, he said.

"We know that 6,000 students are going to have great difficulty getting to school, and the increased chances of serious accidents escalates without buses," O'Neill said. "We can't take that chance."

School tax plan gets mixed reaction

By Darrell Clom
staff writer

The Wayne-Westland school board, in deciding to seek a 7.75-mill tax increase, tossed aside several alternative proposals suggested by some of the 350 people who attended Monday's heated board meeting.

Other school district residents voiced support for the 7.75-mill proposal, while some blasted school officials for seeking a tax increase and accused them of mismanaging district money.

Twenty-one residents addressed the board on the same night board members decided to renew their request for a 7.75-mill tax increase — this one for two years.

Westland resident Robert Chartrand, a former teacher, asked the board to place a 5-mill tax increase on the June 10 ballot, saying he doubted the larger proposal would win voter approval.

In addressing the board Monday, Chartrand referred to three millage proposals that failed in the last 14 months, saying that voters have told school board members "rather emphatically three times that they are unwilling to support the program you are proposing."

Chartrand suggested the board could win approval of 5 mills and possibly return to voters later with an additional millage request. He voiced deep concerns about program cuts, especially at the high school level.

ADDRESSING MILLAGE opponents, Chartrand said, "I would beg you not to take your aggressions out on the boys and girls of this school district, especially those that are in high school."

Chartrand also had some advice for Westland Mayor Robert Thomas, who spoke out against the last 7.75-mill tax proposal and has since proposed a blue ribbon study committee for the school district.

Saying he hopes Thomas learned his lesson, Chartrand added, "That lesson is to keep your mouth shut."

Fredric Hagelthorn, a June 10 school board candidate who had earlier lashed out at Thomas, urged the school board Monday to support the blue ribbon panel's efforts. And he encouraged the board to seek a millage increase

for two years, pending the study committee's non-binding recommendations for the school district.

Another board candidate, Kenneth Raupp, lashed out loudly at board members for continuing to ask voters for more money.

"There is (enough) money," he told the board. "You're misappropriating it. You're using it wrong."

Raupp added, "I'm against government waste, and you're part of it."

ROBERT MATHESON asked the board to separate the millage proposal on the June 10 ballot and let voters decide the various areas they want to support with a tax increase. He cited three areas — transportation, extracurricular activities such as band and music, and K-12 academic programs.

"At least half a loaf is better than none," Matheson said, predicting voters would approve some millage increase if the board decided to separate the proposals.

Inkster resident Denise Thomas, a district bus driver, accused the board of making a "political move" by laying off transportation workers, whom she said have worked hard to support millage proposals.

"We can either work with you or against you," she said. "It's up to you. Which side do you want us on?"

Several millage supporters voiced continued backing Monday for the 7.75-mill proposal.

JOHN GLENN student Alicia Embury offered advice for residents of the Greenbrook Village subdivision in Canton — whom she said want to break from the Wayne-Westland district and become part of the Plymouth-Canton district.

"For those who think the grass is greener on the other side, water your own lawns," Embury said.

Mildred Evans pleaded with board members not to cut busing, which she said the district's poor children depend on to get to school. She said some youngsters already have to walk relatively long distances, though they don't have proper clothing in winter months.

"Some of them probably don't even have breakfast before they go to school," she said.

City to lose \$450,000 in property tax

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night to seek a 7.75-millage increase for only two years. Previously, school officials had sought to levy a new millage for five years — a re-

quest denied by voters on March 13.

The two-year millage proposal, if approved June 10, would carry the district through 1992, O'Neill said. He added that he hopes the "gross

inequity" in school funding will be corrected by state legislators in subsequent years — a move that school officials said could reduce the need to seek millage increases on the local front.

Pastor and wife to be arraigned

THE FOUR younger children, ages 8 months to 10 years, remain in their parents' custody, but the Enersen residence is subject to checks by the Wayne County Child Protective Services.

Carol Enersen is the stepmother of those two children and the natural mother of the other four. Michael Enersen, whom Moore said continues to conduct services at the church, is the father of all the youngsters.

The Enersens did not return a telephone call that the Observer made to the church Wednesday afternoon. Their attorney, David Kallman, could not be reached for comment.

8 hours of melodies aid Franklin's music

Franklin High School's 19th annual Music Marathon will be Friday, May 17.

The marathon will be 4 p.m. to midnight May 17 at Franklin on Joy east of Merriman.

The marathon will consist of eight hours of performances by the musical groups and individual students of the vocal music department at Franklin. More than 200 students will be involved at the school which serves northeast Westland.

Among the groups will be the girls chorus, cantando, chorale, male chorus, bel canto choir and ensemble.

Money raised by this year's marathon are to be used to buy blazers, pay for speakers, pay for

music scholarships and offset the cost of choir camp.

The primary source of money from the marathon is through pledges that are obtained by the students prior to the marathon. Students requesting pledges will wear a music marathon badge for identification. Payment for pledges should be by check made out to "FHS Music Boosters."

Additional proceeds come from contributions made at the marathon in order to request solo performances by students and from the sale of souvenir badges and refreshments.

Hot dogs, salad bar, snacks and refreshments will be available at nominal prices during the marathon.



Contestant

Sheila Biolo of Westland will compete in the Miss Michigan beauty pageant, to be held Saturday night in Farmington Hills. Winner will advance to the National Miss Renaissance of the USA pageant. Biolo is one of 25 semi-finalists for the state pageant. She is 19, a 1990 graduate of John Glenn High School, the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss for 1990, senior class president, member of the Glenn homecoming court and winner of the Miss Metro Detroit title last year. The daughter of William and Linda Biolo of Westland, Shelly is a student at University of Michigan-Dearborn where she is majoring in business. Besides modeling, her other hobby is figure skating.

lunch menu for seniors

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals the week of April 29:

Monday — Swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas with mushrooms, apricots, corn muffin with margarine, milk.

Tuesday — Turkey with gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, strawberries, roll with margarine, birthday cake, milk.

Wednesday — Stuffed cabbage, natural potato slices, green beans, bread with margarine, peaches, milk.

Thursday — Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad, fresh pear, bread with margarine, milk.

Friday — Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, pineapple tidbits, roll with margarine, milk.

Meals will be served at noon at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh at Marquette; Whittier Center on Ann Arbor Trail west of Inkster Road, and Kirk of Our Savior Church on Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

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Volunteers braved a light rain Saturday to plant a tree at the nature preserve.

Branching out

Volunteers plant, distribute trees

THE WEATHER didn't cooperate but lots of tree lovers had a good time Saturday afternoon.

Despite a light rain, volunteers took part in two separate tree programs in Westland.

At 1 p.m., the Holliday Nature Preserve Association planted trees

in the Holliday Park Nature Preserve as part of the annual Earth Week activities.

The trees were planted off the Newburgh entrance to the nature preserve which includes nearly 600 acres of trails and wildlife in Westland between Farmington Road and Hix.

The association was formed three years ago to preserve the nature trails in the wake of a proposal by the Westland city administration to build a city-owned golf course on 100 acres of the property.

Helping out in the Saturday planting were Sierra Inner City Outing groups, Churchill High School "Stand-up" chapter members who work on environmental activities, and Boy Scout Troop 900.

It was part of the national Global Releaf program which promotes planting of trees.

In the afternoon, the Westland Historical Commission held its annual adopt-a-tree program, giving away 1,000 seedlings to local residents.

The distribution, held in a move to help beautify the community, was held at the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum, 857 N. Wayne Road.

Joe Benyo of the Westland Historical Commission hands a tree seedling to Mike Tyo, 10, of Westland at Saturday's annual Arbor Day distribution. Looking on is Harold Frye.



photos by ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Dan Mehelich (left) and Bill Craig drag trees to a planting hole in the Holliday Nature Preserve.



School tax backers outspent foes, lost

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

The pro-millage Save Our Schools committee spent nearly \$28 for every \$1 spent by anti-tax forces, campaign expense reports said, but still lost in the Wayne-Westland special millage election March 13.

The SOS group shelled out \$7,486 for the election, compared to a mere \$268 spent by the Wayne-Westland Citizens for Education Committee that fought the proposed 7.75-mill tax increase, said reports filed at the Wayne County Clerk's office in Detroit.

The bulk of the SOS group's money went to pay for school district mass mailings and for telephone installation and service at the group's campaign headquarters, the reports said.

Most of the opponents' money paid for anti-millage brochures distributed in a massive door-to-door campaign throughout the school district, the reports said.

THE SOS GROUP ended its failed campaign with a balance of \$624. Wayne-Westland Citizens showed a balance of \$1,447.

Both groups are expected to renew their efforts in the wake of Monday's school board decision to place yet another 7.75-mill tax increase on

the June 10 school ballot. The latest proposal calls for levying the millage for two years.

The bulk of money raised by SOS members came during a Feb. 28 fund-raiser at St. Kevin's Social Hall in Inkster. That event raised about \$6,000.

The SOS also received contributions of \$100 or less from several school officials and school workers. Named on the campaign reports are board vice president Sharon Scott, board members Michael Reddy and Leonard Posey, John Glenn High principal Dennis Connolly and some district teachers.

MORE THAN half of the money raised by anti-millage forces was carried over from last year, when donations came not only from inside the district, but also from residents in such cities as Southfield, Flint, Detroit, Novi, Okemos, Romulus, Ypsilanti and Chicago, campaign reports said.

However, many school district workers — some of whom contributed to the SOS campaign — also do not live in the district, millage opponents said.

The amount spent by pro-millage forces came as no surprise to David Moranty, chairman of Wayne Westland Citizens for Education.

"I thought maybe they'd spend more than that," he said.

MORANTY SAID school board members and top-level school administrators "should accept the blame" for the millage defeat, which he attributed to voter distrust of school officials.

Moranty also criticized school officials for blaming Westland Mayor Robert Thomas, among others, for helping to defeat the millage. The mayor had publicly opposed the 7.75-mill proposal.

"I think the board and the administration ought to take a real hard look at themselves instead of blaming everybody else," Moranty said.

IN OTHER developments, SOS treasurer Linda Pratt — also a candidate in the June 10 school board election — said she's not sure what campaign approaches SOS members will use to try to sway voters in the June 10 millage election.

The millage supporters have "a really short time" to try to win more voters to the pro-millage camp, Pratt said.

Strategies will be discussed during the next SOS meeting, which she said is expected to be within the next week.

Spelling bee winners named

Winners have been named in the annual spelling bee competition for grades 5-8 held recently by the Livonia PTA Council and Livonia School District, which serves the northern section of Westland.

About 370 students participated in the regional competition at Frost, Holmes and Riley middle schools.

The winners from the regionals were automatically entered in the final competition held at Riley Middle School.

The overall winners by grades were:

Fifth grade — Dan Nichols of Roosevelt, first; Patrick Sullivan of Buchanan, second; Paula Shureb of Taylor, third;

Sixth grade — Elizabeth Mihalo of Webster, first; Margaret Schultz of Grant, second; Jason Borregard of Roosevelt, third;

Seventh grade — Cathy Michalek of Frost, first; Neel Chokshi of Frost, second; Seemab Qaderi of Riley, third;

About 370 students participated in the regional competition at Frost, Holmes and Riley middle schools.

Eighth grade — Nicole Doyle of Riley, first; Sadiq Hague of Frost, second; and Tracey Parker of Frost, third place.

The fifth grade final winners were: Lindsey Fell from Buchanan; Andrea Galindo, Hull; Jordyn Godfroid, Adams; Amanda Kostin, Hull; Katie King, Webster; Dan Nichols, Roosevelt; Paula Shureb, Taylor; Soranno Allison, Webster; and Patrick Sullivan, Buchanan.

Sixth grade final winners were: Jason Borregard, Roosevelt; Christopher Clark, Marshall; Todd Cuorsm, Taylor; Eric Gorde, Adams; Michael Nye, Webster; Elizabeth Mihalo,

Webster; Stacy Olszewski, Taylor; Margaret Schultz, Grant; Nicole Sparkman, Hull; Lindsay Wilhelm, Buchanan.

Seventh grade finalists were: Neel Chokshi of Frost; Rachel Czak; Emerson; Scott Matusicky, Riley; Cathy Michalek, Frost; Valshalee Padgaonkar, Frost; Seemab Qaderi, Riley; Jason Romero, Riley; Jenny Sibel, Riley; Christy Terek, Emerson.

Eighth grade finalists were: Jennifer Bardeleben, Emerson; Nicole Doyle, Riley; Katherine Groulx, Riley; Sadiq Hague, Frost; Shamael Hague, Frost; Charles Kelly, Emerson; Rajanna Konanahalli, Riley; Steve Mindick, Riley; and Tracey Parker, Frost.

First, second and third place honors were given for each grade level. The first place winners received a plaque and neck medal while the remaining winners received neck medals. All participants received a certificate.

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Community Corner

This week's question:

Do you think the death penalty should be televised?

We asked this question at the Westland Post Office.



"I don't think it should be."
—Thomas Brown
Westland



"I don't know, but I think they (criminals) should get what's coming to them."
—Rita Kallinski
Westland



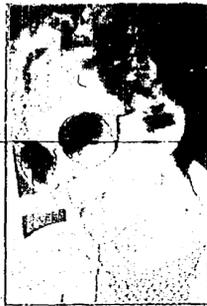
"No, I don't think so. I don't think it's for everyone to see."
—Dan Juzyk
Westland



"Yes, it could deter crime."
—Fred Lovéit
Westland



"No. Absolutely not. I just couldn't stomach anything like that."
—Sylvia Carson
Westland



"No, I just don't think it's appropriate."
—Delores Williams
Westland

Trustee wants to expand study panel

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas plan for a blue ribbon school committee has prompted a Wayne-Westland school trustee to call for an expanded proposal.

Trustee Kathleen Chorbagan said the proposal should include more representation from three other communities — Wayne, Inkster and Canton — that the school district serves.

Chorbagan suggested the mayors of those communities also should name committees to study school district needs, as Thomas did April 11 during a town hall meeting.

"This has to be a total communication from across the district," Chorbagan said.

"I think it's a start," she said of recent efforts to spark more community involvement in the school system. "We (school board members) have been remiss."

Thomas' proposal won support from some local school officials, including Superintendent Dennis O'Neill, but Chorbagan indicated Monday the project needs to be expanded.

Chorbagan, a Wayne resident, suggested that separate mayoral/supervisor appointed committees from Westland, Wayne, Inkster and Canton Township should be created to study the school district and make recommendations for improvements.

Moreover, each committee should appoint two of its members to serve on a panel that Chorbagan suggested naming the Community Education Council to the Board of Education, she said. The panel would issue non-binding recommendations to the school board.

Chorbagan, speaking after Monday's school board session, said more input from communities other than Westland appears necessary because "we cannot show favoritism to one community."

Recommendations for improvements "must come from the entire (school district) community; therefore, we must involve them all," she said.

THOUGH THE board neither approved nor rejected Chorbagan's proposal, she said she hoped it would be pursued.

Board vice president Sharon Scott was among the board members to later voice support for Chorbagan's plan.

"I think it's a good idea," Scott said, adding that she had previously discussed the proposal with Chorbagan.

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"I think we do need to draw other people and work on (public relations)," Scott added. "I think it would help in getting millages passed if more people understood what's going on in our school system."

The school district has seen three millage proposals defeated since February 1990, and school officials have decided to seek a 7.75-mill tax hike in the June 10 school election.

The plan hasn't yet been proposed

to the mayors of Wayne, Inkster and Canton, Scott said. "We haven't really gotten that far in terms of exactly how we're going to work on this."

Thomas' proposal includes both millage supporters and opponents, and it includes a number of city and school representatives.

School trustee Leonard Posey, who has agreed to serve on the blue ribbon committee, said Monday that he commended the mayor's plan.

School committee to meet

A newly formed committee to study Wayne-Westland school district finances and operations will have its first session at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The committee was recommended three weeks ago by Mayor Robert Thomas to draft proposals to be submitted to the school board.

In announcing the blue ribbon committee April 11, Thomas wanted a cross-section of people to meet and make recommendations.

"The initial meeting will be held to acquaint all of the committee members with each other and to get a feel as to what direction you wish to take," Thomas said in letters to the committee members.

Once the group is under way, "I will step back and turn it entirely over to the appointed group to do the research, etc., necessary in making recommendations" to the board.

carrier of the month Westland

Erik Coppola has been named the Westland Observer's carrier of the month for April.

Erik, 13, a seventh grader at Emerson Middle School in the Livonia district, is the son of Ugo and Kathleen Coppola.

The carrier's favorite school subjects are math and gym. Outside of class, he likes building models and stained glass activities.

Erik said he hopes to attend college after high school graduation.

"The people" is what he likes most about his paper route. Learning responsibility and remembering things are important skills he developed on the route.

A paper route could benefit other youngsters by developing responsibility, he said.

If you want to be a Westland Observer carrier, please call 591-0500

Erik Coppola



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Homeless shelter opens in Westland

By Leonard Pogor
staff writer

A section of a deteriorating Wayne County building in Westland has been renovated to create temporary homes for 26 families with small children.

The renovation, described by county officials as a model of a facility for homeless families for the nation, was formally opened to the public and media Monday morning.

The first families are expected to move in for periods up to 30 days about May 1, said Linda Makowski, manager of the Wayne County Family Center. The facility is located in the former county commissary building on Michigan Avenue, between Merriman and Henry Ruff.

The first county facility for homeless families "has long been a dream for all of us," said county commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster, whose district includes Westland and Garden City.

The shelter will also "give dignity and humanity and offer a brighter future" to those families, said Luther Flanagan, executive director of Wayne Metro Community Services, a private agency which will operate the center.

Flanagan said that potential numbers of homeless is based on the agency's figures which show that about 2 percent of the coun-

ty's poor are expected to be homeless at some point during a year. He estimated the poor at between 162,000 and 180,000.

THE CENTER is described as a "place of hope and renewal," said Rick Pennings, acting director of the Michigan State Housing Authority.

County executive Edward McNamara, who presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony and press conference, stressed that the shelter will provide much more than just temporary housing for homeless families.

"There will be counseling, job training, help in looking for affordable housing, and help to let the people get back on their feet," he said.

McNamara also praised the cities in the county for allocating part of their federal block grant funds to pay for the family center.

He also complimented the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department for approving \$1 million in operational funds and other private and commercial groups for their donations.

For example, J.C. Penney Inc. donated mattresses, a Livonia Holiday Inn provided linens and other furnishings, the Detroit Edison Foundation contributed rollaway beds and cash while the Michigan Landscaping Association handled the landscaping outside the building.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Madeline Schroeder, director of the Westland child and family neighborhood program, gets a close look at toys in one of the children's bedrooms at the new Wayne County Family Center.

IN DESCRIBING the center as one of the largest in the country, McNamara stressed that the shelter will preserve the family unit which "is so important to our society."

DeWitt Henry, assistant county executive in charge of jobs and

economic development, called the renovation a "miracle" in view of the massive amount of work that had to be done.

To get an idea of the original condition of the building's first floor, visitors should see the second floor.

New hotline makes volunteering easy

Want to lend a hand? Make a donation?

Doing either will be easier beginning Wednesday, May 1, when the new "HelpLink HotLine" becomes operative.

The hotline — initiated in observance of National Volunteer Week being celebrated this week — will enable volunteers to contact nonprofit agencies that need money or workers.

It was created by Birmingham-based Allnet Communications Services Inc., the largest Michigan-based long distance carrier.

"We know there are many people out there who want to volunteer to help others, but don't know how to go about it," said Allnet President John Zrno. "The HelpLink HotLine enables prospective volunteers to quickly learn about agencies needing help."

Zrno offered his comments Tuesday during a press conference at the Detroit headquarters of Alternatives for Girls, an example of agencies that are expected to benefit from the new hotline.

ALTERNATIVES FOR GIRLS, located in the shadow of Tiger Stadium, tries to alert young women to the dangers of prostitution and inform them of alternatives.

Also boosting the system was Lem Barney, a former defensive back with the Detroit Lions. "Volunteering through the HelpLink HotLine is one way for Detroiters to help brighten the city's image and show

they care."

Zrno said volunteers are especially needed in light of budget cuts and the problems they create for social agencies. "With massive cuts in both state and federal budgets, non-profit agencies need our help more than ever."

"We see this (HelpLink) as a high-tech way of tugging at people's heart strings," said Zrno.

The HelpLink number is 1-800-U-R-VITAL, or 1-800-878-4825. People who call that number looking for assistance will be directed to the 24-hour human service referral program operated by the United Community Services.

WHEN PEOPLE CALL HelpLink, they will get a computerized director of up to 25 non-profit agencies and information on contacting them.

Callers can listen to the agency's recorded information and then leave a message for the agency.

Some agencies in the Oakland and western Wayne county areas who have expressed a commitment to participate or act as a distribution network for HelpLink materials include: ARC of Oakland County, Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland, Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield, Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County, Forgotten Harvest, The Haven, JARC, Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit, Judson Center, Kadima, Meals on Wheels, National Society of Fundraising Executives, Orchards, The Sanctuary, Inc., The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW).

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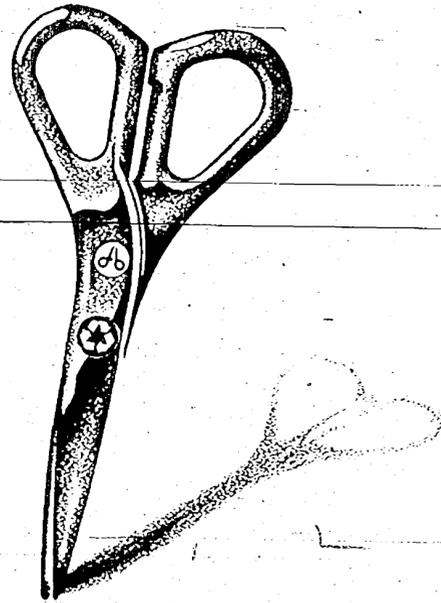
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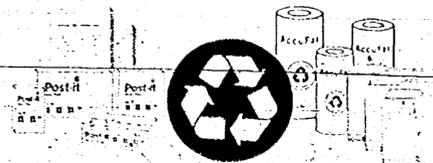
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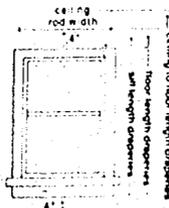
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SCHOOL PLAY

Thursday and Friday, April 25-26 — John Glenn High School's Theatrical Guild will produce "Clockwork" at 7:30 p.m. both nights in the school auditorium, on Marquette, west of Wayne Road. "Clockwork" is a mystery-comedy.

ITALIAN MENU

Fridays, through April — Buffet-style Italian dinners will be served

community calendar

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

4-8 p.m. Fridays in the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh at Marquette. There will be Italian music, a bake sale, all homemade Italian dinners, beer and pop. For reservations, call 722-7632 or 722-7628. Tickets for adults are \$5, all you can eat \$6, children \$2.50 (12 and under). Proceeds go toward purchase of "Our Friendship Bus."

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday, April 25 — A spaghetti dinner will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Garden City High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 5-12 years old, children 4 years old and under free. Tickets available at Garden City High School or call Pat Brozek 522-1158 or Judy MacKenzie 522-6259. All proceeds benefit the all-night graduation party for the class of '91.

AARP

Thursday, April 25 — Dearborn AARP leaders from 14 chapters in the Detroit Metropolitan Area will hold their spring workshop at the Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus Hall, 23663 Park, Dearborn. Marion Hornyak AARP assistant state director for the Detroit Metro Area will preside. For more information, call Marion Hornyak at 562-3208.

Schools create Benz scholarship

A scholarship fund honoring a local Marine killed in Operation Desert Shield was established by the Garden City Board of Education Monday.

More than \$5,200 has been donated to the Kurt Benz Memorial Wrestling Scholarship, established at the request of the Benz family and the Garden City Wrestling Alumni Association.

A Marine crew chief, Benz died Feb. 2 in a non-combat helicopter crash in Saudi Arabia along with three other marines.

A 1987 graduate of Garden City High School, Benz, 22, had been active on the school wrestling team.

"It's a tribute to a real fine young man. He was spirited and dedicated to the wrestling team and Garden City," said high school wrestling coach Phil Freeman. "He took the same to Saudi Arabia."

The money raised for the scholarship fund was collected over the past

two months through many small donations, he said.

"IT WAS a lot of nickel and diming. Kurt was the sparkplug of a fine wrestling team," Freeman said. "It's a tribute to all the young men who went through our wrestling program. I never would have guessed this would come together so quickly and so well."

To be eligible for the scholarship, a \$500 award, a student must have attended the high school for three years and be a graduating member of the senior class.

The student must also be varsity letter wrestler or, if no wrestler meets the criteria, a two-season wrestler.

The student must also have a minimum 2.7 grade point average and be of good character with a potential for success.

Contributions are still being accepted for the scholarship fund at Garden City High School.

obituaries

JEROME HELMICKI

Services for Mr. Helmicki, 69, of Westland were held April 13 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Helmicki died April 11 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. He was a retired automotive company model maker.

Survivors are his wife, Grace; daughters Pamela Walters and Paula Morin; son, Jerry; step-daughter Karen Gabriel; five grandchildren, Rebecca, Melissa, Sara, Richard and

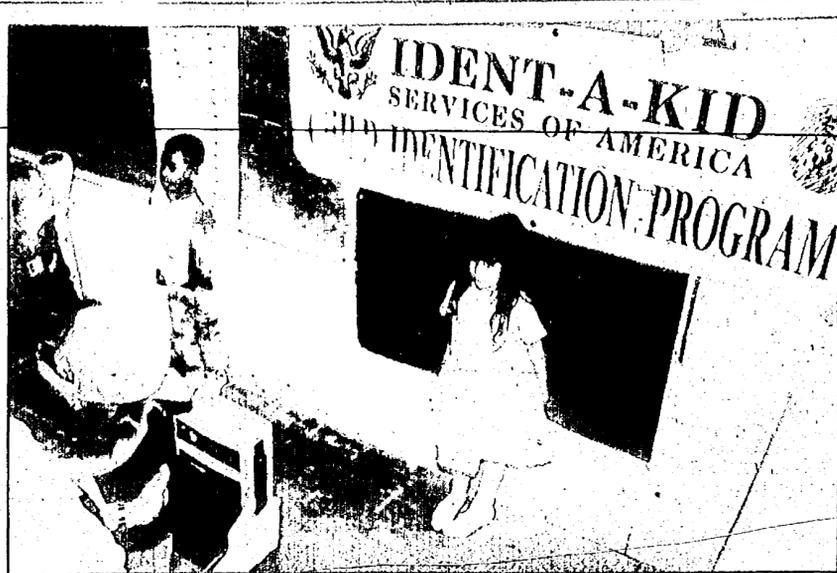
Patrick, and sister, Geraldine Kaminski.

EDWARD WALTER KORTAS, JR.

Services for Mr. Kortas, 64, of Westland were held April 11 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Rev. Neil Cowling of Kirk of Our Savior Church officiated. Interment was in Romulus Cemetery.

Mr. Kortas died April 1 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation. Envelopes are available at the funeral home, 980 N. Newburgh at Marquette, Westland.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Identification program

Audrey Scheible poses for a photograph while Caleb Baker has his height measured in preparation of identification cards. The Ident-A-Kid child identification cards contain photos and vital information about children for use if a child should become miss-

ing. Local parents will have an opportunity to obtain cards for their children from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in Room 1 at the Maplewood Center. The cost is \$5 for one card, \$8 for two and \$10 for three.

Burger Center Cub Scouts hold derby

It wasn't the Indianapolis 500 but it was just as much fun for Cub Scout Pack 565 at the Burger Center for Autistic Students.

The scouts at the Garden City school held their first pinewood derby, which most cub packs have annually.

The boys made their own model cars and had a race track donated for the day by Tom Palazzola and John Cargell, cubmaster and assistant cubmaster of Pack 881 based at Westland's Hayes Elementary School.

The youngsters also received help

in making the cars from kits from Ron Wroblewski, Burger's woodworking teacher.

Cubmistress Colleen Presley said help was also provided by Chris Nicholson, father of a member of the cub pack, who is a professional race car driver who donated automotive paints and numbers.

Presley said the derby was held so the boys, who are developmentally disabled and unable to communicate and relate to others, could have the same racing experience as other scouts.

Donating their time for the event, which included ribbons for the

winners, were Fay Calvo, mother of one of the racers, Debbie Hunt, who made ribbons for the top finishers, and Hunt's mother, Barbara Zuchelski.

Jarrell Jimerson, one of the 13

students taking part, was the public address "color man" for the event, Presley said.

Jimerson added a "don't drink and drive" safety message at the end of his announcements.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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R. D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer

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Local hockey players honored

Three Michigan hockey teams on which Garden City boys compete won national titles recently at the U.S. National Hockey Championship AAA Hockey Tournament.

AAA hockey, also known as Tier I, is considered the stepping stone for college and professional hockey players, said a spokesman for the Midgets' Little Caesar's team of 16- and 17-year-olds.

On the team that won the title were Garden City players Jay Thompson and Ray Gabbert, as well as Johnico Blumer, Brian Gallentine,

Kit Mastroberto, Josh Wiegand, Tony Packo, Dave Weaver, Rob LaChance, Steve Ferranti, Kevin Hillon, Justin Krall, Greg Logas, Keith Aldridge, Scott Dolosh, Dax Burkhardt, Marty McMillan and David Mitchell.

The other tournament winners were the Little Caesars team in the Pee Wee division for 12- and 13-year-olds and the Fruehauf Flyers in the Bantam category for 14- and 15-year-olds.

The tournament's finals were held in Oak Park.

WETLAND NOTICE STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION

This follows up on the "Early Public Notice" published in the Westland Observer on February 25 and 28, 1991. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is considering the insurance of a mortgage loan for the construction of a 196 unit project known as Woodbridge Pond Apartments located on the east side of Newburgh, south of Joy Road in the city of Westland, Michigan. HUD has concluded that there will be no adverse impacts to any significant on-site wetlands and, therefore, will consider insuring the project within the requirements of DNR Permit No. 89-14-0215.

Alternatives that had been considered were:

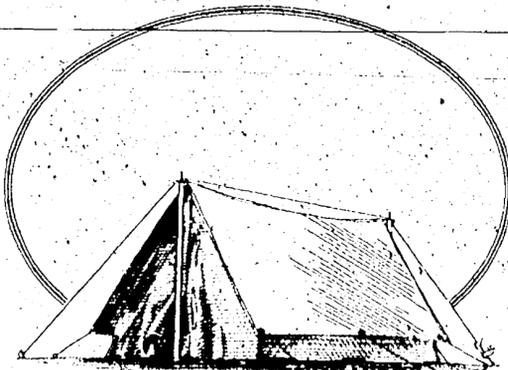
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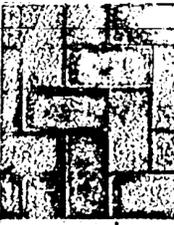
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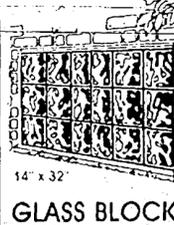
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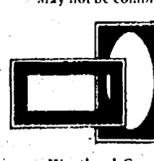
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Police pool resources to stop drug sales

By LoAnne Rogers
staff writer

Prosecution of drug cases would be much more difficult without regional units like the Western Wayne County Narcotics Enforcement Team, according to prosecutors.

"Detroit is different. Typically, Detroit drug dealers tend to stay in the city," said Paul Bernier, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor assigned to the drug unit. "In western Wayne County, the dealers don't know boundaries. There is not a Garden City or Dearborn dealer. They go all over western Wayne."

The various Michigan state police

concept enforcement teams, which also focus on other crimes such as auto theft, make working in local communities easier by using local officers assigned to the units, he said.

"For the smaller communities, it's nice to have local officers working drugs. No one knows it like the local officers," Bernier said. "But from a staffing perspective, you need so many people that it's better to be attached to Western Wayne."

About two years after joining the prosecutor's staff, Bernier, now 33, was transferred to the special operations division and assigned to the prosecutor's drug unit.

"I HAVE NO idea why I was assigned to the unit. I'd like to think it was because I was doing a good job," he said. "I didn't have any special training but working down here you can't help but do a lot of narcotics and murder cases."

When Bernier and two other assistant prosecutors were assigned specifically to handle drug cases three years ago, the bulk of cases were coming from western Wayne County.

"It goes in cycles. The cycle switched for awhile to Detroit," he said. "Now it's going back a bit (to the suburbs)."

Once enforcement is able to cut

a drug organization in the suburbs, Bernier said it takes some time for a 10- to 20-member group to fill the void.

"It's not like Detroit where someone will fill a spot in 10 minutes," he said.

It is naive to think drug activity can be pushed out of a local community, he said, because the problem is too widespread.

"You can't be parochial about drugs. It's a national problem," Bernier said. "We need to solve all the way. If it is difficult to buy drugs in Garden City, they will go to Westland."

The fight against drugs needs a

twofold emphasis, he said, a combination of education and enforcement.

"I put a lot more faith in education than rehabilitation," Bernier said. "From a drug trafficking view, the dealer is motivated by pure greed. You're not going to rehabilitate that."

YOUNGSTERS need to be taught about what will happen to them if they get involved in selling drugs, he said.

"Long term in drug dealing, you will either be killed or in jail," Bernier said.

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Cocaine, LSD top list of drugs seized in county

Illegal drugs with an estimated street value of \$1.3 million were purchased or confiscated in 1990 through the efforts of the Western Wayne County Narcotic Enforcement Team.

That figure was more than double the street value of illegal drugs purchased or seized by the 10-member unit in 1988-1989 in which \$496,986 worth of drugs was confiscated.

"Because of the media, people are aware narcotics is a horrendous problem," said Michigan State Police Lt. John Shewell, unit director.

Formed in 1986, the Western Wayne County Narcotic Enforcement Team currently is assigned five Michigan State police officers and an officer each from Canton, Westland, Livonia, Wayne and Van Buren Township.

Garden City Police Chief Roger Wilkes chairs the unit's board of directors although his department cur-

rently doesn't have an officer in the unit.

The largest purchases or seizures by the unit in 1990 were 8603.3 grams of cocaine and 28,885 units of LSD.

Members of the unit made 104 arrests in 1990, with charges including 39 counts of delivery of cocaine over 50 grams and 20 counts for delivery of marijuana. The arrests were made in 24 different communities in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Kent counties.

"It's the value of the cooperative force concept. The fact is that we are mobile," said Shewell, unit director. "We have no jurisdictional boundaries to overcome. Out-of-state cases, we work constantly with federal groups."

Communities which have an officer assigned to the unit do receive priority treatment on enforcement and arrests, he said. Each local officer's salary is paid by his/her department.

"It is preferable to have a body from each community assigned to the unit," Shewell said. "That officer usually has a finger on the pulse of who the dealers are and what is going on. The local patrol officers will call him with information, too."

Officers volunteer for assignment to Western Wayne, then members of the unit interview the would-be undercover officers and make the selection.

Western Wayne initiated 133 complaints in 1990, which resulted in 104 arrests of multiple class narcotic violators on 138 counts.

During 1988-1989, a 15-month reporting period, the unit initiated 223 complaints with 164 arrests on 228 counts.

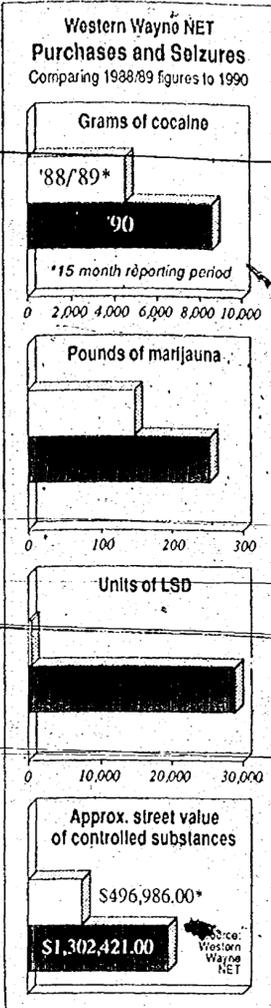
Since the Western Wayne narcotics enforcement team was started, Shewell said it has received strong support from local communities.

Unlike some regional law enforcement groups which have gotten into disputes with local agencies over

drug-related forfeitures, he said that hasn't been an issue in Western Wayne County.

"Our main goal is not to seize money but to put defendants in jail. It's good to keep that in mind," said Shewell, who has worked off and on in narcotics since 1969. "The bigger the dealer, the better. Forfeitures

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Spring bloom brightens woodland trail

Next to skunk cabbage, hepatica is one of the very first spring wildflowers to bloom. Their short blooming period can be missed by those who do not walk woodland trails early in the season.

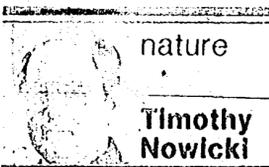
Contrasting with the neutral browns and grays of the forest floor are the white, blue or electric purple colors of the flower. Surprisingly enough, this flower has no petals. Those beautiful colors are from sepals, supported underneath by bracts and attached to a fuzzy stem. Stems rise only 4-6 inches above the ground.

Lying flat on the ground are the brownish-green or liver-colored leaves. Each leaf has three lobes. It is the color and shape of the leaves that insinuated its medicinal application.

In the not-too-distant past, the doctrine of signatures prevailed before modern medicines became available. If any structure of a plant resembled a part of the human body, its signature, it was thought that by using that part of the plant it would heal ailments of that part of the body which it resembled.

Thus hepatica leaves were used to treat liver ailments. Other plants resembling other parts of the human body were used to treat other problems. Snapdragon family plants, such as butter and eggs, were used to treat throat problems because people thought the flower resembled a throat.

Bellwort flowers that are long and tubular looking were also used to cure throat ailments because it looked like the uvula in the throat.



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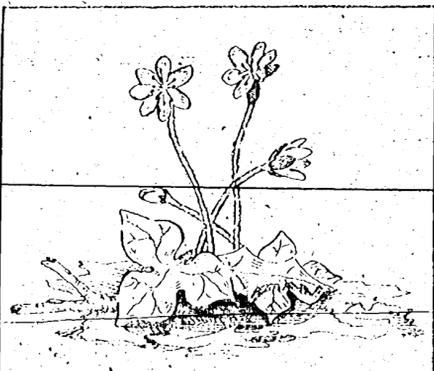
Timothy Nowicki

Well, according to the doctrine of signature, because those burrs stuck to anything, people ate the burrs to help things "stick" in their mind.

Another spring wildflower, not very common in southeastern Michigan woodlots, is the toothwort. On its roots are white toothlike projections, and as you have guessed, it was used to relieve toothaches.

In most cases these plants did not cure or relieve anything. Some plants have been analyzed and do have chemicals recognized as pain relievers, but they are not very common.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.



Hepatica is one of the very first spring wildflowers to bloom.

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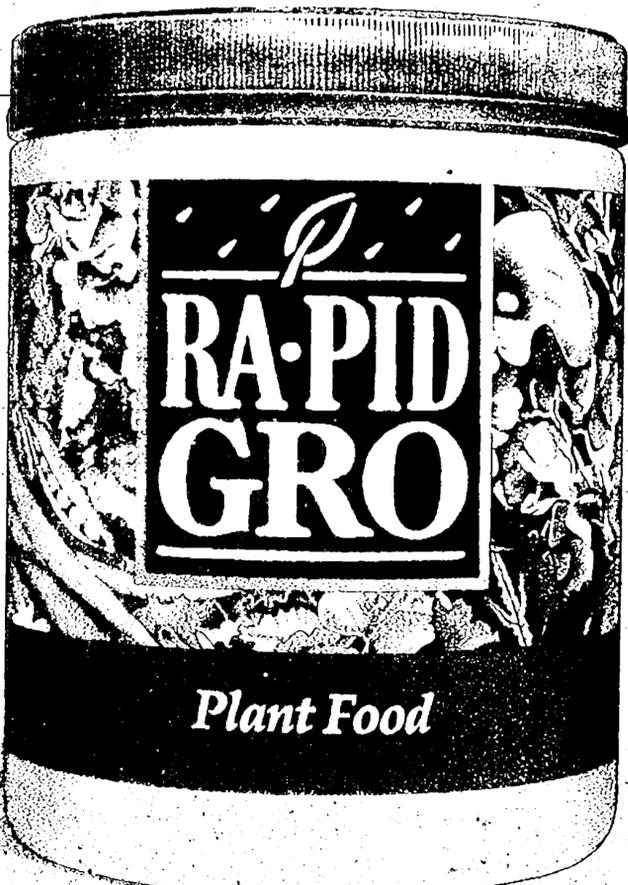
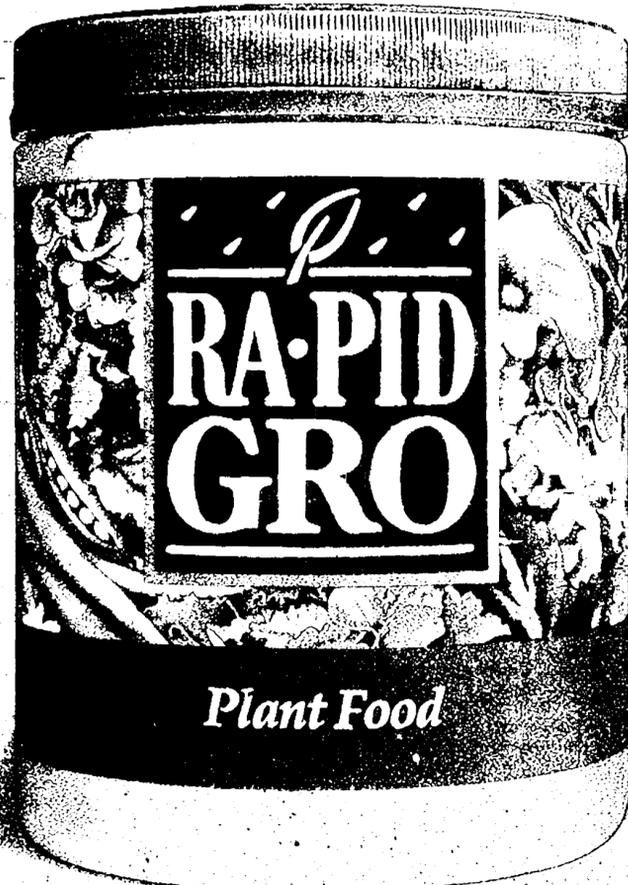
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Team cracks down on suburban drug dealers

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ner said. "We need to start with education real young. High school is too late. The most important lesson has to come from parents, not from school."

More than most crimes, drugs have a ripple effect that cuts across a wide section of the community.

"With drugs you have the user and the people he's robbing. You have people killed for drugs and killed in breaking and enterings," Bernier said. "Even the unborn are affected. Babies are being born addicted."

Seating jurors to hear drug cases

can take longer than murder cases these days, he said, after citizens are questioned about how drugs or drug-related crime that has impacted them or their families.

There has been an increasing perception that drugs are a real problem, he said, a change over attitudes just a few years ago.

"There is a strong anti-drug bias now," Bernier said. "If the facts are there, the jury wants to convict a drug dealer."

A lot of the bigger cases involving marijuana will be prosecuted under federal law, he said, which carries stiffer penalties than state statutes.

"If I had a million pounds of marijuana, if I'm making \$1 million on it, I'd still only get four years (under state law)," Bernier said. "There are more and more large marijuana cases. There is incredible profit with a corresponding lack of penalties."

Conversely Michigan has the stiffest penalties in the nation for selling or buying cocaine and heroin including mandatory life prison sentences for large quantities.

"Anyone convicted on a mandatory life count never deals drugs again. Sure it's effective," Bernier said. "They knew what they were doing, not caring what they were

doing or who was killed by the drugs."

THE ASSISTANT prosecutor also is skeptical about people arrested with large quantities of drugs who seek leniency claiming it was a first time occurrence.

"No one gets a kilo of drugs their first time out. It's a naive argument," Bernier said. "They are a well-trusted mule. No one ever forced someone to deal drugs."

When convicted suburban drug dealers face sentencing, they often try to get lighter penalties by citing their solid background in the com-

munity.

"They'll say they are college graduates, have a nice family and a job. Give me a break," Bernier said.

"That person deserves the maximum sentence. They got every break in the world. Greed pure and simple was the motive."

A steady flow of narcotics officers

seeking search warrant authorization pass through the tiny Frank Murphy Hall of Justice office shared by Bernier and fellow drug prosecutor James Metz.

"I'd like to believe that I'd be out of job sometime. Do I see it happening now? No," Bernier said. "It's too large and widespread a problem."

Grabbed, nabbed

County unit seizes more than \$1 million in drugs

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are designed to hurt them and it does."

The draw of easy money outweighs concerns drug dealers might have about the possible loss of

homes, vehicles or other property used to facilitate drug transaction, he said.

A misconception about drug dealers is that they have flashy lifestyles and live on their drug revenues.

"We've arrested class one dealers

who live low key. They aren't flamboyant," Shewell said.

During his experience in narcotics enforcement, Shewell said the biggest change he witnessed was the shift from heavy heroin sales to cocaine.

"Pot has remained the same. The more expensive it is, the more powerful it is," he said. "People (selling marijuana) shouldn't be surprised at the force coming down on them (compared to dealers in other drugs)."

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Area cyclists get in gear to help abused children

By Diane Gato
staff writer

Abused children are the last thing you would think about while riding down a country road on a balmy spring day.

That's unless it's May 11 when riders hit the western rural roads of western Wayne County for the Metro Area Warm Up fund-raiser.

Residents of Wayne, Oakland, Monroe and Washtenaw counties are

invited to collect pledges for child abuse and neglect.

The ride is 14 miles in Canton Township and the energetic are invited to repeat the route as many times as they like. Another route is four miles long through a subdivision and is suggested for children and families.

"The ride is not only a way to raise much needed dollars, but it also raises the problems of child neglect and abuse," said Sandra Murphy, executive director of the Out

Wayne County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect.

THE COUNCIL'S primary purpose is to prevent child abuse through education, public awareness activities, training professionals and general public education.

"People who come to ride might not realize there is a problem, and maybe they'll think, even for only a moment, that there are children who are at risk and in families who need help," Murphy said.

Last year, 150 riders raised \$20,000.

"We're looking to double the riders and money," said Bill Joyner, co-director of the local ride and co-director of Public Administration Research Group.

This year riders will think they stepped back in time, when the route takes them past the historic Cherry Hill School-house. The Cherry Hill and Ridge location is a designated rest area for weary riders.

Apples, juice boxes and cookies,

donated by the Kroger on Sheldon and Ford roads will be given away. Lunch is provided by Little Caesar's while the pizza supply lasts. And if first aid is needed, a nurse from Oakwood Canton Center will be available.

The day's events include a one mile ride by politicians in the morning. Children's activities will include clowns, balloon-give-aways, face painting and other activities. Also, Patti Brehler, the world's women's tandem record holder, will be on

hand to give cycling tips. Prizes, including a bicycle, will be given to the riders with the most pledges. And the first 100 riders will be given a water bottle.

Other fund-raisers to fight child abuse and neglect are bicycle rides in May 18 in Midland and May 11 in Lapeer. The state ride is in Lansing, June 8.

Registration and pledge forms for the Canton ride may be obtained by calling Murphy at 561-4110.

Talent contest entries sought

A Munchkin Talent Contest is being sponsored by the Livonia Mall for ages 6-18.

The Munchkin performing arts talent contest will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, May 10.

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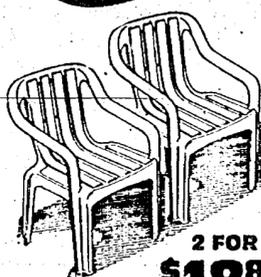
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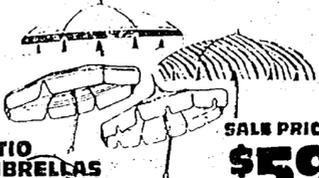
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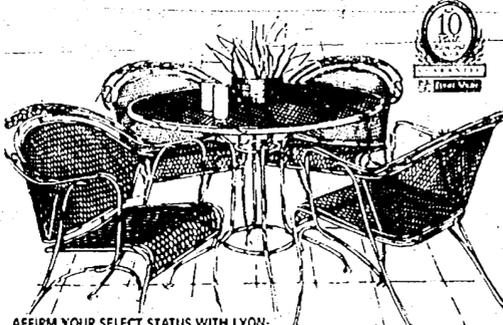


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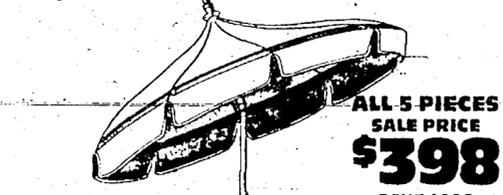
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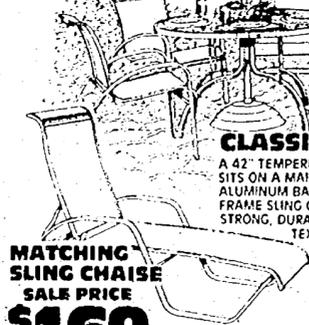
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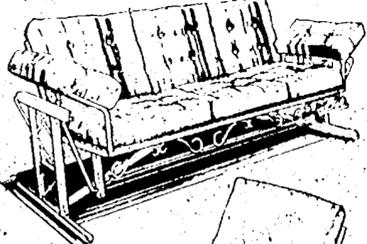


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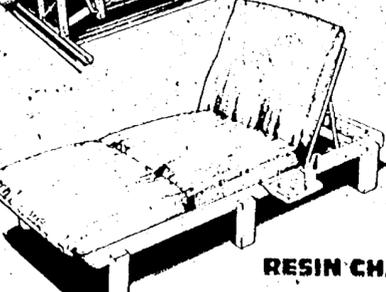


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Engler picks 2 area residents for adoption panel

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Two area residents are among a dozen Michiganians on a panel working to knock down barriers to adopting children.

They are Don Marengere, president of Adoption Option, and Oakland Probate Judge Joan E. Young.

"We began by looking at the problems of adopting hard-to-place children," Marengere said after Tuesday's first meeting. The Bloomfield Township resident is a sales repre-

sentative for a Livonia medical supplies firm.

"Hard to place children are those older, handicapped or those with a lot of emotional baggage," he explained.

APPOINTED by Gov. John Engler, the panel is headed by Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld.

Binsfeld's panel held its first meeting Tuesday behind closed doors in a Senate caucus room. As an executive office agency, it is not sub-

ject to the Open Meetings Act.

The appointment was so sudden that Young, whose probate court handles adoptions, was unsure prior to the meeting what the committee would be asked to do.

Engler asked the group to study barriers to adoption, greater use of adoption, "private" and interstate adoptions, and ways to promote and facilitate adoption.

Michigan records about 4,000 adoptions per year, Marengere. About half are "related" adoptions — for example, where a husband

adopts his wife's child by a previous marriage. Half are between unrelated people.

MARENGERE, whose group promotes adoption, said other issues are likely to be:

- How can the state reduce the time a child spends in foster care?

- What can be done to increase the use of adoption for unwed teen mothers? A generation ago, half or more of unwed mothers placed their children for adoption. Today only 3.5 percent of teen mothers place their

children. Fewer than 1 percent of mothers 20 or older place their children.

- Can adoption become an alternative to abortion for the two in five women in Detroit who terminate their pregnancies each year?

Marengere said the panel plans to meet every second week for about a year. "There's a wealth of experience," he said, pointing to Verlie Ruffin of the Michigan Federation for Private Child and Family Agencies and Robert Ennis of the Ennis Center for Children. "We have adop-

tive parents and a birth parent."

Marengere is supporting three House-passed bills sponsored by Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, that would require health insurers to cover adopted children the day they enter their new homes. Currently many insurers require a one-year waiting period before coverage will begin.

UNDERLYING the panel's concern is the high governmental cost of social services for unwed mothers.

Scholarship fund will get \$200,000

Receipts are still being counted, but Madonna University officials said more than \$200,000 was raised from Saturday's annual Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction.

A drawing for a white, fully equipped 1991 Sedan de Ville Cadillac raised \$95,000. The car was donated by Don Massey Cadillac, Plymouth. It was won by Frank Colzens Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"This was our biggest and best auction yet," said auction coordinator Betty Jean Awrey of Awrey Bakes, Livonia. "We're learning all the time."

At the auction, one bidder acquired prime acreage in Michigan's north woods for \$4,200, then celebrated by acquiring a \$1,300 "night on the town" entertainment package and a \$1,000 trip to watch the colors change in northern Michigan.

Air trips to London, Grand Cayman, New Orleans, Orlando and Honolulu brought in an estimated \$2,000 each.

Douglas Kapp of Northwest Blueprint, Livonia, will have a campus street renamed for himself for the coming year, bidding \$1,050 for the honor.

Denny McLain, Detroit radio personality and former Detroit Tigers pitching star, served as master of ceremonies.

SC to honor special alum

Garden City resident Geraldine Kiessel has been named Schoolcraft College's Distinguished Alumni for 1991. She will be honored during college graduation ceremonies Saturday, May 4.

Kiessel, principal of Garden City High School, was a member of the college's first graduating class in 1966. She is a 23-year Garden City Schools employee.

In addition to her school duties, Kiessel has served as president of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and Garden City Public Schools Administrators' Association.

She has been chairwoman of the State Board of Education Commission on the "Future of Teaching in Michigan" and has served on accreditation teams that visit other school districts.

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Election

Tax backers have tough fight

THE WAYNE-Westland Board of Education has a tough, but not impossible, fight ahead in the next two months in its campaign to get public approval for a large property tax increase.

District voters have rejected a millage boost three times in a 13-month period, the most recent being a narrow defeat nearly six weeks ago. While the margins of defeat are getting closer, the basic problems remain.

A segment of the voting public doesn't have faith in the school board or administration. Other voters are fearful of a major tax increase during a recession.

But the board didn't do itself any favors Monday when it placed the 7.75 mill increase on the June 10 ballot on a less than unanimous vote. The proposal is nearly the same as the one which was narrowly defeated last month. The only difference is that the new proposal is for two years instead of five.

In most cases, a split board results in an unsuccessful campaign. The reason is that most residents feel that if the school district's leaders can't agree on a tax proposal, why should the community support it.

Leading the argument for several tax proposals is board trustee Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, who prefers to have three separate issues on the ballot to give voters a choice.

BUT HER reasoning fails the test of logic and political realities of life.

After all, what would happen to the district if voters approved the smaller millage levy for extracurricular programs and rejected the levy which could have allowed the restoration of the academic programs cut last year?

The board was right in telling the community Monday: "This is the cost of the educational pro-

Millage supporters will continue to have a tough fight with a divided school board putting a tax proposal on the June 10 ballot.

gram we had last year. Do you think it should be continued? Yes or no?"

While the board is facing a problem in going before the public with a split board, there is one positive factor it has in its favor that wasn't there in the past three elections — the legislative-approved property tax freeze for 1992.

Under the agreement reached last week in Lansing, next year's assessments will be the same as this year instead of having homeowners face the typical 8 to 10 percent increases. The Wayne-Westland school board and millage backers faced a major timing problem in last month's election because residents were notified of their annual assessment increases of 7 to 8 percent the week before the millage election.

IN THE past few years, local voters were upset about a lot of things involving schools and taxes, but a major problem was the ongoing, unsettled disputes about the related issues of property tax cuts, school financing and the disparity between rich and poor school districts.

When large numbers of persons are unsure of what the future is on property assessments, they will not go out of their way to raise the tax rates.

But now with the assessment freeze assured for next year, it will eliminate one problem for the millage workers. But the larger issues of what kind of a school district voters want for their students and community.

Who's at fault? Lawsuits are business trend

ARE BUSINESSES responsible for what happens on their premises? The Michigan Court of Appeals has decided they are, and that could lead to a disturbing trend in which lawsuits are filed simply for the sake of financial reward. Take the following examples.

Situation: A teenager and three companions are playing alongside railroad tracks in northeast Detroit. As a freight train passes, a shot rings out, striking and crippling one of the youths. Who fired the gun or even where the shooter was remains unknown.

Situation: A Grand Rapids-area woman rents a truck in Detroit to haul some furniture she purchased at a garage sale. The truck rental firm is at a motel in a high-crime area. The woman is abducted, robbed and raped in the motel parking lot.

In a pair of decisions that could have long-reaching effects both on small businesses and the business climate and economic stability of older communities in western Wayne and Oakland Counties, the appeals court reversed earlier rulings and awarded damages to the plaintiffs in each case.

Both are likely headed to the Michigan Supreme Court for further review.

TAKEN SEPARATELY, the rulings represent the first instances in which the appellate court has countered a 1988 state Supreme Court ruling holding that businesses aren't responsible for criminal actions of third parties on their premises unless they have been truly negligent. Together, they indicate a disturbing trend in our increasingly litigious society: File suit against a faceless corporation, pursue it long enough and you'll be rewarded financially.

We can certainly empathize with the victims in

Lawyers need to learn — when it's justified — how to 'just say no.'

these cases. Both went through terrible experiences with lasting physical and emotional scars. The acts were criminal and punishment for the perpetrators should be handled accordingly.

We do not intend to infringe on anyone's personal right to take legal action to remedy a situation in which they have been wronged.

But to place blame on the companies involved is wrong.

Yes, local businesses should take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of their customers. We would hardly argue against the business owner's responsibility to maintain the premises and offer an immediate environment that is secure.

But those measures respond to the negligence standards outlined by the Supreme Court. The appeals court, however, is putting a lower standard in place, assigning responsibility to those who fail to mitigate what the court defines as "a public nuisance."

HOLDING COMPANIES legally and financially accountable for situations in which they have no control strikes us as unreasonable and impractical. The cost for the small businesses that dominate our towns would be prohibitive.

In addition, the consequences if this trend continues could be devastating to retention and renewal efforts in our older communities.

How long will businesses be able to hang on in some of our older suburbs? Will small merchants in Garden City, Redford or Southfield tough it out in the face of a long string of such damage awards? We doubt it.

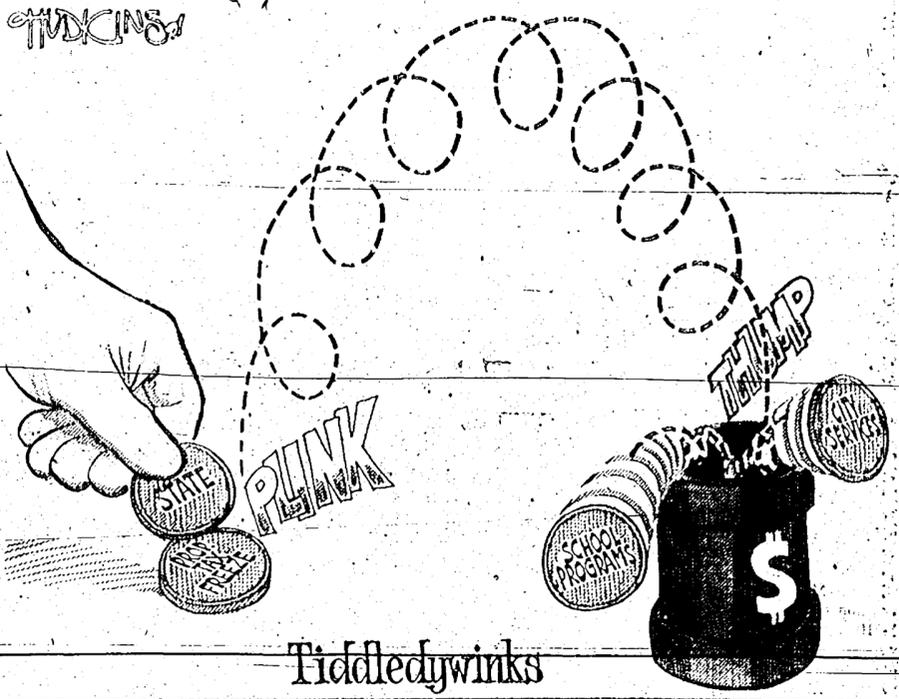
The answer lies in self-restraint on the part of juries, courts, lawyers and jurors.

Jurors must learn to truly separate the law from the all-too-human desire to see large corporations brought to their knees.

Michigan judges, both appointed and elected, have a responsibility to the community at large as well as the litigants who appear before them. Because their decisions have wide-ranging consequences on that community, any departure from precedent should be weighed with extreme care, something that seems lacking in the two appeals court decisions.

Meanwhile, the state bar association needs to impress upon its members the dangers of an already over-burdened system wracked with a truckload of nuisance suits. Lawyers need to learn — when it's justified — how to "just say no" when a potential client walks in the door.

THINKING



Tiddledywinks

President's ideas put to a test in Michigan

"THEY'RE NOT new ideas. A lot of them are restatements of what a lot of people have been saying about education for a long time. . . . But he's telling a whole country that education is important."

So thinks Michigan U.S. Rep. William D. Ford about President Bush's big set of proposals to improve American schools. Ford's views should count. He chairs the House Education and Labor Committee, which must approve these proposals for them to become law.

Most people who know something about the field generally agree.

I'm pleased, for example, the president has endorsed a set of ideas put forth by the Commission on Skills in the American Workforce on which I still serve. Our report urged a set of national assessments for basic skills and national skills centers to train workers for on-the-job careers — both ideas endorsed by the president.

ODDLY, MANY ideas put forward by the president already are being tried here in Michigan.

Testing, for example, is being done. The Michigan Education Assessment Program is used to test reading and math in elementary, middle and high schools throughout Michigan. Most people, however, think the standardized, computer-scored method used for MEAP could stand improvement.

Public Act 25 of 1990 requires Michigan schools to develop new



Philip Power

model curriculums and requires that kids pass competency tests before they graduate. Sadly, this bold innovation bogged down once the educational bureaucracy in Lansing began to issue mind-numbing regulations about what kids were really expected to learn. Not much, I'm sorry to say.

And the idea of getting businesses to help build new schools is already going forward. In this area, the Model High School in Bloomfield Hills was created with the help of \$750,000 from RJR Nabisco, and the Ford Academy of Manufacturing Sciences in Novi High School was started with \$1 million from Ford. So far, it's too early to know how these promising experiments will turn out.

TWO IDEAS advocated by the president were developed in Michigan during Gov. James Blanchard's administration. They — being strangled by the "not invented here" mentality of Gov. John Engler's administration.

I had something to do with the Task Force on Employability Skills. In the mid-1980s I wondered aloud at a meeting on educational reform if it

might be a good idea to find out what basic skills Michigan employers actually wanted from new hires. That led to a full committee, headed by Owen Bieber of the UAW and Peter Pestillo of Ford. It beavered away for several years.

The commission's sensible report disappeared into the bowels of the Department of Education. "Just working out the details of how to test for these skills," they said.

Nothing has been heard from it in three years. I'm not holding my breath.

THE OTHER Michigan initiative has local developer A. Alfred Taubman's name all over it. He offered megabucks to create the Michigan Partnership for New Education, a joint effort by business, schools of education and the state to try to improve teacher training.

The partnership hired a bunch of smart people and started out bravely trying to figure out how to start a process of teacher upgrading that would not take 30 or 40 years to result in improved schools.

Last word I got is that it, too, is "under review."

Engler will release his own detailed plans for education in about a month. He says they are likely to follow the president's proposals. I hope so.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

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Board member responds to editorial

To the editor:

I read with interest your editorial of April 11 regarding the Wayne-Westland district and the potential for change the election of new board members represents.

I did not intend to respond to your editorial until I received numerous letters and phone calls from citizens about your inference that I, along with any newly elected board members, would form a new majority on the board.

While I recognize the need for a change in leadership and direction of the board (I am personally supporting candidates Vickie Welty and Linda Pratt), it is not my intention to form a majority with any board member's past, present or future.

Some of the letters/calls insinuated that I was in the back pocket of the "anti-administration" faction (whomever they may be). Others indicated I based my decisions on what the administration wanted.

People who know me know that neither is correct. I am not pro- or anti-administration, but rather an independent individual who decides issues on what is best for the children of our district.

My vote, positive or negative, on any issue, is ultimately made based

on its effect on our students. Consequently, when cuts were introduced that reduced the school day and decimated other programs, I voted NO. Other possible reductions needed to be studied further by the board before such drastic cuts were made.

My moral obligation as a member of the board is to keep our children in school for a full day so that they can get a proper education.

While I have this opportunity, I would like to clear up any misunderstanding the public may have regarding my "split millage proposal."

A survey done by a state education organization in Lansing prior to last September told us not to hold an election at that time. This survey indicated that the majority of the public may support proposals designated for certain purposes.

I would like to see three separate proposals on the June 10 ballot.

The first would be a proposal for enough mills for academic purposes to restore all educational programs K-12, i.e., full day of school, new textbooks, full accreditation, etc.

The second proposal would earmark enough dollars for "busing/maintenance items. The third would specify millage for extracurricular programs, sports, drama, all clubs, etc.

I believe that the public is willing to spend additional tax dollars if it knows specifically what those tax dollars are used for (accountability). If the public is not willing to support earmarked proposals, then the board has justification for their cuts.

I will continue to vote my con-

science and represent all residents of the Wayne-Westland School District.

Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, trustee
Wayne-Westland Board of Education

City calendar appreciated

To the editor:

The City of Westland is to be congratulated on the many interesting and educational events and information available to each of our residents.

Westland can look back with pride on the past 25 years. The City of Pride, Progress and Promise has proven to be just that. . . . It is with pride that we look back and thank God that we were, in a small way, a part of this fantastic city.

The city calendar brings back many wonderful memories. Thanks to so many who worked so hard and devoted so much of their personal time to keep our city a city of "Pride, Promise and Progress."

A helpful source which has been instrumental in obtaining interesting information is the Westland Chamber of Commerce and the Westland Historical Commission.

Westland is fortunate to have these two informative and dedicated organizations working on their behalf of the City of Westland.

Harriet Gagnon, Wayne

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from our readers

Letters must be original copies and contain the signature and address of the sender. Limit letters to 300 words.

Why millages are rejected

To the editor:
How to defeat a school millage. On the national level, be more interested in giving out condoms than graduating students with test scores comparative to other countries.

On the state level, poll Michigan business executives about Michigan education. One hundred percent of them think that Michigan students cannot read, write, or do math.

Have the high school principal association discredit the core curriculum that Michigan's 15 public universities are supporting to encourage better academics.

Let the Michigan Educational Association contest the signatures on the Headlee 20 percent tax cutting proposal. Top educators, please lobby against a property tax freeze bill.

Legislate that educators must tell sixth graders to 17-year-old students how to get an abortion without telling their parents.

Adopt the Michigan Health Model which teaches our children the "New Age," religion's way to deal with stress.

On the local level, have a good history of over-indulgence and unpopular decisions, not in the community's best interest and meant for quick fixes.

Be a part of the "pork barrel" mind set, even though Michigan has a diminishing economy, our neighbors are being laid off, losing benefits, and must live within a much smaller personal budget.

Make sure that everyone connected with education in the smallest way is highly paid with enviable benefits and regular pay increases. Oh, and do drive a foreign car.

Live in an area where they raise assessments because they can whether or not the money is needed, whether or not your property values have decreased. Every week for three years be sure that the local papers have front page, doomsday news, predictions, and threats, then move from the community that pays you so that you can live in an area with lower millage rates and better schools.

Stir up our students emotions and fears, send them home to argue with their financially strapped parents. Send them out to get 8,000 signatures on petitions. Have them put peer pressure on their friends who

don't want to, or feel forced to attend the all-night sit-in. Then call the local TV stations to make sure everyone knows our problems.

Continue to spend our tax dollars on elections, flyers, and inundate us with calls from kids and employees to press the issue. Then blame your opponents and their vast political machine for the millage defeat.

Let's separate the renewal and the new millage in June, and give the Wayne/Westland school district time to heal.

Sandra Taylor, Wayne

School money date wanted

To the editor:
I became very upset at the March 25 school board meeting.

Why are people lashing out at others, putting blame on everyone else. Let us help with this situation in ways that we can, not call people ignorant because they have a different view point. Everyone has to take a stand on what they believe. We should not be "yes" people, but have a mind of our own.

I have raised 11 children in this school system, paid private tuition and public taxes and asked help from no one — and am proud of it.

My taxes have gone from \$45 in 1946 to \$1,832 in 1990. How can I possibly pay more on a small fixed income?

Could you please publish a yearly break down of school income and expenses in a local paper? I'm sure other people would agree.

I have never run down those who have no college degree and I have both in my family.

Elizabeth Savage, Westland

Record field of candidates is praised

To the editor:
We are making history in the Wayne-Westland School District.

First, the March 13 millage election had the largest voter turnout of all time. That was absolutely great. Now we have a record 19 school

board candidates running in the upcoming June 10 election.

Two years ago our school community was rightfully criticized for having less than two percent of the voters show up at the polls when Andy Spisak and Ken Barnhill were elected. No one can call us apathetic now!

Your newspaper coverage has helped spark the interest. The many people writing letters have helped, too.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce must be thanked and recognized for sponsoring the breakfast program "Education On Education" with Dr. (school superintendent Dennis) O'Neill, Mr. (school business manager (Elwood) London, myself and Mary Staley. Continental Cable deserves thanks as well.

The Save Our Schools Committee has involved many new people in school issues and what decisions are being made by the board.

The Wayne-Westland Citizens For Education Committee, as controversial as we are, has attained one of its major goals, which is to have community awareness of our schools and what they are or are not accomplishing.

All in all, I am proud to live here, and I know with this kind of commitment from our community, we will, together, have the schools we all dream of.

Laurel Ralsanen, Westland

Mayor seeing the light?

To the editor:

Has Mayor (Robert) Thomas finally taken a stand on the school millage or is there a hidden reason for his sudden miraculous decision to form a "Blue Ribbon Committee" to study the problems facing the Wayne-Westland school district?

Is he now beginning to see the light at the end of the dark tunnel which he has created by his continued silence on this very serious issue?

I hope his intentions are honorable. He is right about one thing. It isn't up to him to do anything about the current school problems but a little flicker of hope can be seen by this positive step.

Now, the next question is whether all the people asked to serve on this committee will accept and what

they will be able to accomplish. Then we will see if Mayor Thomas' point of view really reflects his city's slogan of "City of Pride, Progress and Promise."

Marsha Slenko Wayne

Police patrols a big problem

To the editor:

Mayor Thomas — you better get out and look around. Why I voted for you was more police patrol, less crime.

I know Paul Schnarr (who will retire as police chief next month) has got his hands tied, but you never see patrol cars on Standish, Cardwell, Deering. That's why when the Hines Park closes at night everyone knows where to go. They stand lining up cars on both sides of Standish. From Inkster Road to Florence till 4 a.m. Dope, drinking, loud music.

If you look down the streets around here and see all the for sale signs, you can understand.

And you say anything to these crime breaking kids. Then you are in for it.

I can tell you this, Mr. Thomas, I pay taxes on two houses in that Westland, but as soon as I can sell them, I will never go back to Westland again.

John Pollask, Westland

Use taxes for improvements

To the editor:

If there's \$8.5 million in taxpayers' money lying around, use it to reconstruct Wayne Road or for some other public project or benefit.

Taxpayer money should not be used to increase profits for private enterprises.

What payoff will there be for the taxpayers? How long will it take for Homart to pay back this \$8.5 million in taxes? Ever?

The big money boys always seem to get amendments, variances, revisions and the taxpayers get the bills.

Beatrice Scallise, Westland

Bill cuts back on support for local millages

QUESTION: We voted in a \$2 million millage package for "educational excellence" two years ago. The state took the money away through its recapture bill or what is called the Robin Hood Act and gave it to poorer districts. Now our district wants another millage to get the money back.

ANSWER: Depends on who you talk to. Some districts have lost more than \$3 million last year and will lose another \$3 million this year through the recapture bill.

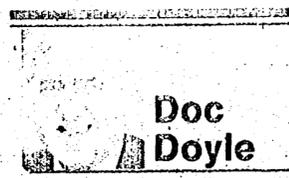
How long does our school district think we're going to vote in money if the state keeps taking it away each time we vote it in and giving it to some other district? What are some of its long range implications?

Many in affected districts say this state financial plan which former Gov. James Blanchard promoted is not to improve education but to turn quality school programs into mediocre programs. They say, "Let's bring the poorer programs up instead of pulling us down."

The Robin Hood bill cuts back severely on what is called categorical aid for the "out-of-formula" districts (relatively wealthier districts than poorer or "in-formula districts").

YOU ASK, "What are some of the long range implications?" If the state continues to decrease its support of categoricals, such as Social Security, transportation and special education, and backs off on supporting teacher retirement for wealthier districts, this is what I envision:

- Taxpayers in the wealthier districts will be hard pressed to continue supporting local millages. The reason or rationalization will be, "Why should I vote in a tax increase when the state continually decreases its support of our district and gives money to some other school districts?"
- Some of the wealthier districts could spend more than they take in even after major program reductions are made.
- Unions, in the wealthier districts, will find little, if any, support for teacher strikes. Taxpayers will



Doc Doyle

get fed up with supporting other districts.

- New legislation will gradually and then greatly have an impact on teacher negotiations. Right now a bill mandating that school districts must bid out their health coverage is on the agenda.

I'm told the cost of MESSA insurance can be 10 to 15 percent higher than competitors. On a \$40 million budget, this is \$600,000 more than can be saved through competitive bidding.

The new insurance bill, if passed, says you will bid competitively for health insurance or lose state aid.

OTHER EFFECTS — the more financially solvent districts will eventually feel are obvious as in poorer districts.

Class size could increase drastically. Paraprofessionals and teacher aids will be cut back.

Special education class size will increase through legislative action. Art, music and physical education (the usual whipping boys) will be reduced at the elementary level.

Pupil transportation could be cut back. Enrichment programs, such as for the gifted and talented, will be affected; athletics could be substantially cut back or eliminated.

Teachers could be reassigned and some will be teaching in their minor areas. Early retirement packages will become more popular, even in those districts that philosophically oppose this concept.

The bottom line is, regardless of what fantasy teachers and administrators in wealthier districts hold, Chrysler, Ford, General Motors, advertising agencies, Wall Street and thousands of other entities are drastically reducing their expenditures.

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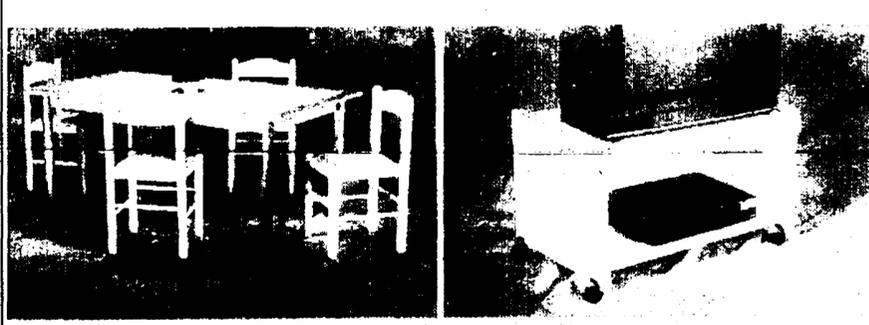
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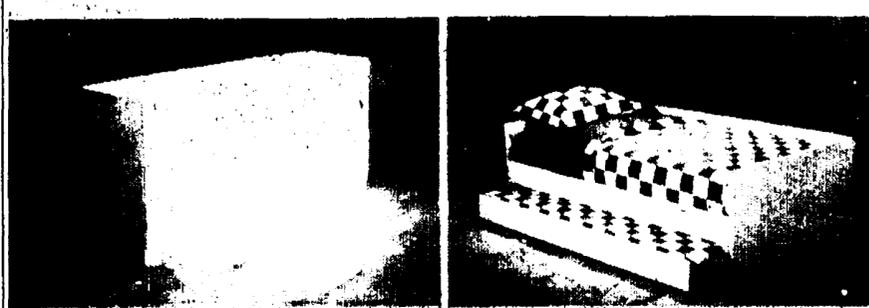
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Schoolcraft board to decide tuition increase

Tax freeze may mean more hikes — officials

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

A \$2 tuition increase is being proposed for most Schoolcraft College students, but students may face an even bigger increase next year. The proposed increase roughly reflects the current rate of inflation, said Adelard Raby, college vice president for business services. "It's been rounded off to the near-

est dollar," he said. Next year, tuition might rise above the inflation rate, Raby said, due to the property tax assessment freeze recently approved by the state Legislature. Property tax assessments for 1992 will be frozen at current levels, with voters to decide in November, 1992 whether to adopt additional property tax limits. While that is good news for home-

owners, college officials said the freeze could cost Schoolcraft \$400,000 to \$700,000 in new tax revenue. Schoolcraft and other community colleges wouldn't be reimbursed by the state for lost revenue. "The good news is that gave us a reprieve for this year," Raby said. THE PROPOSED \$2 increase would be applied to students living within the Schoolcraft service dis-

trict. The district includes the Livonia, Clarenceville, Plymouth-Canton, Garden City and Northville public schools, as well as a portion of the Novi Schools. The increase would raise tuition to \$37 per credit hour for the 1991-92 school year. Out-of-district students would face a \$3 increase, raising tuition to \$56 per credit hour. College trustees received the ad-

ministration's request for tuition increases at Wednesday's board meeting. Approval is pending. Despite the increase, college officials said Schoolcraft classes would remain competitively priced when compared with other area community colleges. Schoolcraft tuition is currently \$35 for in-district students and \$53 for out-of-district students. Figures

for other area community colleges are:
• Wayne County Community College — \$35 in-district, \$85 out-of-district.
• Oakland County Community College — \$37 in-district, \$61 out-of-district.
• Henry Ford Community College — \$41 in-district, \$59 out-of-district.

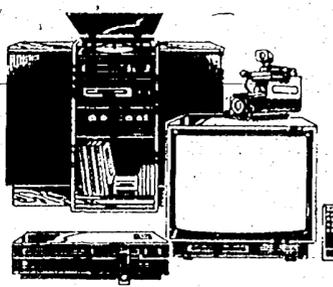
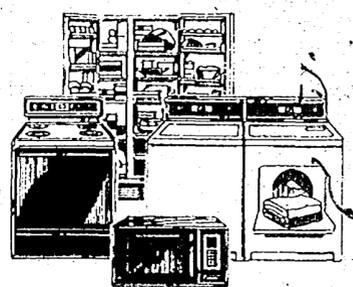
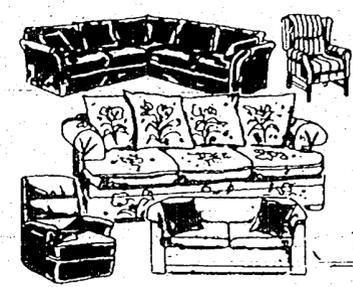
Developers would get tax breaks

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Bo Schembechler made it clear Monday the Detroit Tigers seek a municipally built stadium. But the Tigers wouldn't be the only ones receiving public help if stadium plans become a reality. Developers of proposed ethnic villages and shops around the new ballpark would receive large-scale tax breaks under plans proposed by Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. Schembechler, president of the Detroit baseball team, gave county and city officials until Aug. 1 to put forth a stadium package. McNamara said plans would be ready to go long before the Tigers-imposed deadline. "WE CAN be ready by June 1 if he wants," McNamara said. "We have our package ready." That package includes creation of an enterprise zone around the as-yet undisclosed stadium site. While McNamara and Gov. John Engler have discussed the concept, no commitments have yet been made. It would be the second enterprise zone in the state. One has already been enacted in economically ravaged Benton Harbor. Using that as a guideline, developers could see a two-thirds cut in property taxes, plus complete exemption from other taxes over the estimated 10-year life of the enterprise zone. Enterprise zones are "a benefit/incentive package paid for by state and local tax abatements," said economic development specialist John Iverson of the state Department of Commerce. In Benton Harbor, he said, developers received a 65 percent cut in property taxes, plus 100 percent exemption from the state single business tax and sales and use tax. Those figures, he added, wouldn't necessarily be the same for a Detroit enterprise zone. "I'm not sure if the program as it exists now will be transposed entirely to any Detroit situation," Iverson said. "There may be some refinement."

ENTERPRISE ZONES were created by the state in 1985. They are governed by a seven-member body, with two members appointed by the governor and five others appointed locally. Businesses rejected for enterprise zone benefits at the local level can appeal to a state governing board, Iverson said. Though an enterprise zone would require state approval, Iverson said the Detroit project could be enacted locally under slightly different guidelines. "Though they've been calling it an enterprise zone, they could also do it as a development zone," he said. "Because it would be Detroit-specific, it wouldn't need state approval." McNamara has said no additional legislation was necessary to complete the project. A number of area business leaders and developers, including millionaire businessman Alfred Taubman and Plymouth developer Robert DeMattia, have discussed the enterprise zone with McNamara, though what role each would play in developing land around the stadium isn't known. Members of the Tiger Stadium Fan Club — boosting their own plans to save the existing stadium — have criticized the county executive's plan as too grandiose and costly. "We're looking at a financially strapped city and state and here we're talking about making (millionaire Tiger owner) Tom Monaghan our biggest welfare recipient," said fan club founder Frank Rashid of Detroit. McNamara, however, said the stadium and surrounding facilities would spur economic growth throughout the city. "If the Tigers left, it would be devastating," he said.

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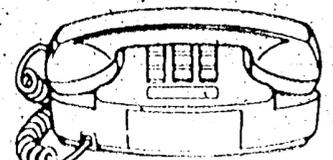
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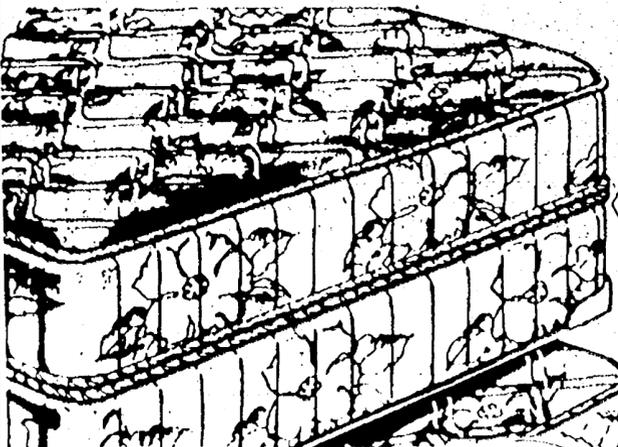
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Stevenson holds Churchill at bay

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Early in the second half, Livonia Stevenson girls soccer coach Mary Kay Hussey retreated to the top of the bleachers to get a birds-eye view of things. "You see a different game up there," said the coach of the defending state Class A champions.

City rival Churchill couldn't knock Hussey's top-ranked and unbeaten Spartans off their perch Wednesday, falling 2-0.

"I thought we played well in the first half as a team," Hussey said. "We had a lot of great passing and several close opportunities. We had great movement off the ball."

Stevenson dominated most of the first half, scoring only 4 minutes and nine seconds into the match when Maureen Drabicki drilled in a shot from close-range on a long throw-in from Patty Diamond.

The Spartans had at least three other serious chances to score during the opening 40 minutes, only to be turned away by Churchill goalkeeper Monia Cervi.

WITH A 1-0 lead entering the second half, Hussey moved up into the stands and left assistant coach Paul Scicluna in charge on the sideline.

Hussey eventually moved back onto the field to watch her girls record their sixth straight victory.

Churchill, saved only by the play of Cervi, stayed close despite being outplayed for 55 of the first 80 minutes.

The Chargers mounted a late second-half comeback, but could not finish off any offensive set-ups.

Stevenson's Lisa Thomas, who sparked her team all night long from her midfield post, put the game away when she scored off her own rebound after Cervi stopped a penalty shot with 1:40 remaining.

"Lisa just goes and doesn't stop," Hussey said. "Her intensity is extreme and her desire is as high as it can be."

"That goal (off the rebound shot) was the sign of a smart player."

Stevenson's speedy foursome Thomas, Shannon Wilkinson, Michelle Brach and Ragen Coyne made it difficult for the Chargers to keep pace.

"They (Stevenson) looked faster and I think they are faster, but we had no intensity whatsoever, especially in the first half," Churchill coach Nick O'Shea said. "Letting the rebound go (on Thomas' penalty kick) was typi-

'They (Stevenson) looked faster and I think they are faster, but we had no intensity whatsoever, especially in the first half.'

Nick O'Shea
Churchill coach

cal of the way we played. We sat back all night and waited for something to happen."

THE CHARGERS became more aggressive during the latter stages of the second half, but it was too little, too late.

"Churchill came at us in the second half," Hussey said. "We looked like we were a little tired, while Churchill was going hard in all different directions. I think we got a bit confused."

The Spartans' defense, spearheaded by Lori Godlewski, Andrea Wittrock, Kristin Oswandel and Diamond, made goalie Karen Groulx's job much easier than Cervi's.

But the Stevenson netminder came through when called upon.

"Karen made a very good save in the first half and I thought overall she did very well under pressure," Hussey said.

O'Shea, whose team fell to 3-2-1 overall, also had nothing but praise for his keeper.

"Monia made some great saves, not to mention the penalty kick, too," the Churchill coach said. "We just had no intensity. We didn't get much going offensively in the first half, but they scored on a penalty kick and a throw-in. It could have been a different game, but for some reason we didn't play. Maybe we were emotionally drained going in."

HUSSEY BELIEVES the Chargers will be heard from again. The two teams could match up again in the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover (Thursday, May 16), or in the district tournament (May 20-25).

"They are a very strong team and you can't count them out, especially with a coach like Nick O'Shea and the kind of players they have," the Stevenson coach said. "This win may mean something now, but not after tonight. The only thing that counts is the next time out."



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Patty Diamond (left) of Livonia Stevenson teams. Diamond assisted on the game-winning steps in front of Churchill's Lori Place during goal in Stevenson's 2-0 triumph. Wednesday's city showdown of state-ranked

Boles taken by Cowboys in 11th round of NFL draft

By Brad Emons
staff writer

What are Tony Boles' chances of making the Dallas Cowboys?

It all depends on how his damaged knee comes around.

Boles, the Westland John Glenn High product who later starred at the University of Michigan, is expected to be at the Cowboys' mini-camp, which begins today.

Dallas took a gamble, selecting Boles on the 11th round, the 291st pick overall in the National Football League draft.

Cowboys running backs coach Joe Brodsky said he is sold on Boles, but the big if is the condition of the tailback's knee. Boles suffered severe ligament damage when he went down in during a 49-15 victory at Minnesota on Nov. 18, 1989.

After undergoing reconstructive surgery, Boles ultimately dropped out of school and out of sight, while forfeiting his final year of eligibility.

As an assistant under Dallas head coach Jimmy Johnson during his tenure at the University of Miami, Brodsky remembers the Boles that

football

gained 129 yards in 33 carries in a 31-30 loss to the Hurricanes (Sept. 1988).

"COACH JOHNSON (Jimmy) thought he was very impressive when we played against him, and we only draft people that Jimmy likes," Brodsky said. "I met Tony twice and worked him out in Ann Arbor. I believe he's a quality young man, quiet and reserved. I'm the one who really pushed for him."

Dallas is looking for someone to back up starter Emmitt Smith.

Among the back-up candidates are Pittsburgh's Curvin Richards, a fourth-round pick; and Keith Jones, a Plan B free agent from Nebraska who is also coming off knee surgery.

"All four have credentials and can be starters," Brodsky said. "Our offense has changed, so everybody will be starting out new."

But Boles' biggest obstacle is regaining a work ethic toward rehabilitating his knee.

"Physically he has work to do," Brodsky said. "He has to have the right kind of rehab, the five-six-seven day per week rehab so we know what kind of player he can be. To get a job, he has to triple the effort on rehab."

BOLES, who made All Big Ten after gaining 1,408 yards (5.4 per carry) in 1988 and added 839 more (6.4 per carry) in 1989 before being injured, was often compared to former Dallas All-Pro Tony Dorsett.

"I really don't see that comparison," Brodsky said. "I see a much taller, leaner, slashing type of guy. Before he went down (with the injury) he was a helluva back. He was the type of runner who made you miss tackles, very shifty. Coach Johnson has always been impressed with that type of runner."

But can Boles, who ran a 4.55 in the 40-yard dash at NFL Combine in Indianapolis, persuade Johnson and the Cowboys that they made the right pick?

Kurtis prevails at West Bloomfield

By Steve Kowalski
staff writer

To no one's surprise, Doug Kurtis won Sunday's 15th Annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon and the brand new videocassette recorder that goes to the men's champion.

A year ago Kurtis also won the men's race and a new color television set, which ultimately he gave to his mother-in-law. Does that mean the VCR is going to her, too?

"No, I can use a VCR," said Kurtis, a 1970 Livonia Stevenson graduate who now lives in Northville. "My mother-in-law needed a TV last year so I gave it to her."

Kurtis deserved something for himself after finishing the 13.1 mile course in one hour, nine minutes and 17 seconds. Kurtis, who ranks second in the world with 57 marathons in less than 2:20, had to battle 10-15 mile per hour winds, drizzle and 38 degree weather in winning his third-straight West Bloomfield Half-Marathon.

"I don't think too much about it (the weather)," Kurtis said.

running

Kurtis' beat out Ann Arbor's Don Demetriades, 30, who finished second in 1:10:06.

Last year, running under sunny skies and 65 degree weather, Kurtis withstood a big challenge from 25-year-old Don Johns before pulling away in the last half mile. He didn't feel as threatened this time by Demetriades, but Kurtis said he never really lost sight of his greatest challenger.

"Don hung in there for a couple of miles and when I got away from him he still was 10 to 20 yards behind," said Kurtis. "This the third time I've run against him this year and I beat him pretty solidly in two 8 Ks (eight kilometer races), so I'm sure he was a little intimidated by me in the half-marathon."

Rochester resident Laura Murphy, a first-time West Bloomfield Half-

Marathoner, took home first place (along with a new VCR) as the women's overall winner in a time of 1:19:06. Taking third place overall for the women was Susan Tatigian (1:22:56), a Livonia Stevenson graduate.

"It was quite hilly, although there weren't any real big hills, so that was good," said Murphy, a Buffalo, N.Y. native. "After the first mile I didn't see anybody in front of me and by the third mile the spectators were telling me I was in first place."

Livonia's Jack Hoskins won the Supermen (60-up) Division in 1:40:02. Despite less-than-favorable weather, the race attracted 705 runners, with 641 finishing. Another 236 entered the second-annual Earth Day 3.5-mile walk.

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation director Joey Spano has vivid memories of the 1983 race that was postponed a week because of seven inches of snow.

"I saw the rain and it snowed a little bit yesterday (Saturday) and I got a little nervous," Spano said. "I thought, '1983 revisited.'"

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Crusaders fight back after Aquinas losses

After a disappointing double-header loss April 17 to Aquinas College — both games by a single run — Madonna University's softball team rebounded to collect three wins in four games last weekend.

Two of the wins were over NAIA District 23 foe Grand Rapids Baptist, and both were stopped prematurely, according to the district's eight-run mercy rule. The Lady Crusaders thumped the Comets 9-1 and 19-0 Thursday in Grand Rapids.

Janet Hietila (from Redford Union HS) earned the win in the opener, hurling a three-hitter over six innings. She walked one and struck out two.

The game was close entering the sixth, with Madonna clinging to a 2-1 lead. But four Baptist errors helped trigger the seven-run rally, which included singles by Megan Armstrong, Holly Brachel, Stacey Girard and Mandy Armstrong — four of the Crusaders' six hits.

IN THE SECOND game, Madonna didn't wait so long to assert itself. The Crusaders pushed across nine runs in the first inning — with Jill Burt and Kelly Gannon each slashing two-run singles and Mandy Armstrong adding a run-scoring single. Four more Comet errors fueled Madonna's rally.

Jenny Marquette added a two-run single to spur the Crusaders' four-run second inning, and Mandy Armstrong drove in two runs with a base hit in the four-run third. Mandy Armstrong finished with two hits, two runs scored and three runs batted in, while



Coach Dave Racer's Madonna University softball team bounced back from a disappointing double-header defeat to beat Grand Rapids Baptist.

sister Megan scored four runs. Gannon also had two hits. Hietila (first three innings) combined with Joann Donehay (last two) in the three-hit shutout, with Donehay getting the win. They did not walk a batter between them; Baptist pitchers walked nine.

ON FRIDAY, Madonna split its doubleheader — against Ferris State, winning the opener 3-2 — Burt's clutch run-producing double in the seventh but losing the

Madonna sports

nightcap 6-5.

Burt's game-winner followed a walk to Marquette. Madonna got its first two runs in the first inning on RBI singles by Marquette (she had two hits in the game) and Brachel. Donehay limited the Lady Bulldogs to five hits and no walks in picking up the win.

In the second game, two passed balls by Brachel allowed two runs to score, and that hurt in the one-run loss.

ANGIE VAN DYKE and Megan Armstrong each singled in a run in the second to put the Crusaders ahead — briefly, before Ferris got two in its half of the inning. Madonna recaptured the lead on Stacey Girard's run-scoring single, but the Bulldogs again tied it in the bottom-half of the inning, then went ahead 5-3 with two in fourth.

Cheryl Baker knocked in a run with a base hit, pulling Madonna to within 5-4 midway through the fifth. But Ferris added another run to its total in its half of the fifth, leaving Burt's RBI double in the sixth one run shy.

Donehay absorbed both defeats against Aquinas College last week, 4-3 and 6-5, at Massey Field in Plymouth. Girard had a two-run homer for Madonna.

The Crusaders are 20-12 overall, 5-3 in the district — in third place behind Slena Heights (6-0) and Aquinas (5-1).

Patterson, Liedel spark EMU track

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Eastern Michigan University's men's track program may be one of the best-kept secrets around, but it may be difficult to silence the running exploits of two former All-Observer standouts, Tiberia Patterson (Redford Catholic Central) and Dan Liedel (Westland John Glenn).

Patterson, a sophomore hurdler, and Liedel, a junior steeplechaser and distance runner, have the Hurons on the verge of yet another Mid-American Conference title, which could be their ninth in the last 10 years.

Under longtime coach Bob Parks, EMU has produced its share of Olympic standouts including gold medal hurdler Hayes Jones (1984-Tokyo), gold medal sprinter Hasely Crawford (1976-Montreal) and Earl Jones, silver medalist at 800 meters (1984-Los Angeles).

At the University of Tennessee's Dogwood Relays (April 12-13), Patterson nearly eclipsed Jones' 110-meter school record of 13.74.

The CC product went 13.82 to win the open event, beating Big Eight champion Willie Clark of Iowa State and Rocket Ismail's little brother from Syracuse, Quadry (also known as the Missile). Patterson's time ranks him among the top six NCAA competitors this spring in the 110 highs.

LIEDEL, meanwhile, finished second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with an EMU season best of 9:11.83.

Both Patterson and Liedel took second in their respective events last spring at the MAC Championships.

But Patterson's rise through the Huron program has been the most dramatic.

After running the hurdles only one year at CC (with a season best 14.2 as a senior), Patterson came to EMU as a virtual unknown, a walk-on.

"I'll guarantee that whoever was ahead of him then (in high school), is not ahead of him now," said Parks, who coached at Redford-Thurston High from 1954-61. "We got ahead of him in the summer and he progressed rapidly."

Patterson has toiled under the tutelage of EMU assistant coach Fred LaPlante, a hurdles specialist.

"It boils down to two things, technique and strength," Patterson said.

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Tiberia Patterson



Dan Liedel

"In the summer we'd do a lot of things, study film and work on technique drills. We try to take it day-by-day."

PATTERSON, who is majoring in construction technology, does not believe he's run his best race outdoors.

"I felt better indoors," said Patterson, who clocked a 7.35 over in the winter in the 55-meter hurdles. "I didn't feel I ran my best race (at the Dogwood Relays) because I hit the seventh hurdle and it knocked me down."

"The ultimate for me is to run the fastest race that my body can take."

Jones' long-standing school record, set back in the late '50s, may be in jeopardy, but Parks can't compare the two just yet.

"Jones had raw speed, world-class speed," Parks said. "Tiberia has very good technique. He's good over the hurdles and he's strong. He just keeps it going over and over."

Parks, however, is convinced that Patterson may be the Midwest's top collegiate hurdler. He'll have a chance to prove that next week at the Central Collegiate Championships at Notre Dame.

"He's in the top three or four, maybe the best," said the EMU coach. "But he's got to do it consistently, under 14.0 every time out."

"He works well, though, and he's dedicated. He's into it and trains hard. I have no problems with him."

LIEDEL, meanwhile, according to Parks, "is like all distance runners."

"He's got a good attitude, and is dedicated with a lot of ability," said the EMU coach.

Liedel's best time in the 1,500 run (outdoors) is 3:53, while his top indoor time in the mile is 4:11 (beating Earl Jones over the winter).

"He hasn't hit his peak yet this year, he ran faster last year," Parks said. "Right now he has a sore-leg

(knee), but he's done a good job. He's very steady and he doesn't blow up on you."

The ex-Glenn standout helped EMU to the MAC cross country title last fall, finishing eighth while ranking third on team. Last year in the steeplechase at the MAC finals, Liedel finished second behind teammate Scott Hippen, who clocked an 8:55.

Liedel became a steeplechaser almost by accident.

"Actually I was goofing around in practice and coach Parks put the distance running and the hurdling together," Liedel said. "You have to learn to run with your stride being broken every 40 to 50 yards."

Liedel's personal best in the 3,000 steeplechase came last season, a 9:07, but he would like to break the nine-minute barrier between now and the MAC finals.

"I REALLY have no goals in track," he said. "My ultimate goal is to graduate. (He carried a 3.5 grade-point last semester in pre-law.) Distance running is something that is continuous practice throughout the year."

Liedel came to EMU on a partial track scholarship, a move he has not regretted.

"I looked at Western (Michigan), but EMU had a good track program and they operate like a team," he said.

Perhaps another Glenn product following in Liedel's footsteps is freshman Carl Lowe.

Last weekend at the Dogwood Relays, Parks threw Lowe into the 800-meter run where he ran a surprising 1:52.2, along with an impressive 47.7-400-split in the 1,600 relay.

"He's got a great deal of ability, that kid," Parks said. "He has a great deal of talent. How he progresses is how hard he works." Another secret may be out.

Ocelot golfers win Macomb crown

Schoolcraft College's golf team came up with its biggest win of the season April 17 at the Macomb Community College Tournament at the Huron Golf Club in Ypsilanti, upsetting eight other JC teams to win the title.

Sparkling the Ocelots were Darrin

Kent and Rick Qulton, each firing a 77 that earned them a tie for third (behind Lansing CC's Tony DeKroub and Mott CC's Rod Erb, who each shot 75).

SC finished with a 315 team-stroke total, five better than runner-up Lansing. Macomb was a distant third

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with 335, followed by Macomb (335), Henry Ford CC and Oakland CC (both at 339), St. Clair County CC (341), Mott (362) and Deita (no score).

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Stevenson rules invite

Megan Johnson fired a 47 Monday, leading host Livonia Stevenson to the Spartan Invitational girls golf title at Whispering Willows.

Stevenson won the Livonia city tournament with a 236 total, three strokes ahead of Franklin (239). Churchill finished a distant third (277).

Johnson, a junior, finished nine strokes ahead of Franklin's Carolyn Lundblad, who shot a 56.

Rounding out the top six were: Whitney Sald (Churchill), 57; Carrie Eglington (Stevenson), 59; Nicky Meehan (Franklin), 60; and Jenny Mazurek (Franklin), 61.

On Friday, Johnson finished tied for third with a 94 at the Ann Arbor Invitational (University of Michigan Golf Course). Grand Blanc captured the team title. Stevenson meanwhile, wound up 13th out of 17 teams.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD ran its record to 4-1 Monday with a tri-meet victory at Wabek Country Club.

The Blazers finished with 326, edging Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (332) and Dearborn (340).

Cranbrook's Sarah Vogler took medalist honors with a 52. Ladywood's Laura Zimmerman gained second with a 54 and Dearborn's Laura Wickland was third with a 58.

tennis

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6 FARMINGTON 1 Monday at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Manoj Trivedi (Farmington) defeated George Gauchey, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 2: Joel Enrich (Stevenson) def. Aaron Bonmarino, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 3: Rick Halmstangas (Stevenson) def. Paul Zogman, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Chris Brudi (Stevenson) def. York Griffin, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: David Amy-Kit Mastroberto (Stevenson) def. Nathan Hong-Kevin Cook, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 2: Damon Taylor-Dan McCormick (Stevenson) def. Jeff Schmidt-Hung-Huyen, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 3: J.B. Derderian-Bob LaFontaine (Stevenson) def. Dan Hyczyk-Drew Kotrba, 6-3, 6-0.

Records: Stevenson, 3-1 overall and 3-0 Western Lakes; Farmington, 1-3 and 0-2 Western Lakes.

Shea spurs Pats

Patty Shea recorded the hat trick Monday as host Livonia Franklin evened its girls soccer record at 2-2 with a 6-1 triumph over Walled Lake Central.

Lenay Truchan scored twice for the winners and Erin Craig added the other Patriot goal.

STEVENSON 5, FARMINGTON 2: Shannon Wilkinson had two goals and one assist Monday, sparking Livonia Stevenson (5-0) to the win over the visiting Falcons.

Ragen Coyne added one goal and one assist, while Sarah Bouchard tallied the other Stevenson goal. Amy Marcoe also had an assist for the winners.

Stevenson lead 5-0 at intermission.

IN OTHER GAMES on Monday, Livonia Churchill (3-1-1) whipped host Walled Lake Western, while Madison Heights Bishop Foley edged visiting Livonia Ladywood, 1-0, on Gina Fratracangel's second-half goal.

Glenn's Scheffer bops 2 homers

Lawrence Scheffer has quickly become Observerland's "Sultan of Swat."

The senior outfielder ripped his fifth and six homers of the young season in Westland John Glenn's 19-3 pounding Monday of host Livonia Stevenson.

Scheffer smacked a two-run homer off Stevenson starter John Kleballis in the first inning and later added a grand slam in the fifth, his second of the season, as Glenn won its sixth straight game without a loss.

Gary Pierce added two hits for the winners, now 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division.

Junior Chris Kirkey, one of three Glenn pitchers, earned the victory. He struck out three in two scoreless innings of relief.

Stevenson slipped to 2-3 overall and 0-2 in the Lakes Division.

WAYNE 12, FORDSON 4: Wayne Memorial behind the relief pitching of senior right-hander Ron Hopkins, won its first Wolverine A League game in three tries Tuesday against host Dearborn Fordson.

Hopkins, who came on for starter Jeff Hargis in the second inning, allowed just two hits and four walks over the final 5 1/2 innings to gain the win.

Joe Linnote paced the Zebias, going 3-for-5 with two RBI and three runs scored. Joe Coughlin added two hits and one RBI, while Eric Bates contributed two hits and two RBI.

In the third inning, Wayne scored two times, keyed by Scott Golezak's two-run single and Brian Burgess' two-run triple. Wayne is 2-3 overall.

baseball

CHURCHILL 11-13, NORTHVILLE 9-2: On Monday, Livonia Churchill swept a double-header from the host Mustangs to run its overall season record to 2-3.

In the opener, a WLA Western Division game, sophomore Mark Rutherford went the distance, fanning 12 while allowing eight hits and two walks as Churchill prevailed, 11-9.

Bob Coppola collected three hits in four at-bats for the winners, including a three-run homer in the fourth inning.

Rutherford, Marcus Sarnovsky and Vic Randa each contributed two hits for the victorious Chargers.

In the nightcap, a non-league affair, Coppola had two hits, including a two-run blast hitting Churchill to a 13-2 win.

Rutherford and Bill Morris also chipped in with two hits each.

Sarnovsky, the winning pitcher, worked the first three innings, allowing two earned runs for the win. Keith Gusan finished up in the seventh.

HARRISON 2, FRANKLIN 0: Farmington Harrison pitcher Mike Pesci outdueled Livonia Franklin's Dave Roman in a WLA Western Division battle Monday.

Pesci hurled seven strong innings for the visiting Hawks, allowing only three hits and three walks while fanning eight.

Roman also went the distance, scattering eight hits, while fanning four and walking only one.

Left fielder Gary Devine was the offensive and defensive standout for the Hawks. He went 2-for-4 and made a couple of key defensive plays. Pat Cullen added an RBI single.

Franklin is 2-2 overall and 0-2 in the Western Division, while Harrison upped its overall record to 3-2 and 2-0 in the WLA.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 7, LUTH. N'WEST 3: Japanese exchange student Makota Iwata pitched three scoreless innings of relief Tuesday, leading host Lutheran Westland (3-2, 3-0) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (1-2, 0-2).

Iwata came off for starter Jim Brasgalla in the fourth inning, striking out the side with the bases loaded to protect a three-run lead.

Steve Lergelot came on in the seventh to pick up the save.

Lutheran Westland took advantage of 11 walks as Dan Hoelt scored twice and knocked in a run. The Warriors had only three hits.

LUTHERAN NORTH 16, CLARENCEVILLE 5: Livonia Clarenceville's three-game winning streak came to a screeching halt Monday as visiting Mount Clemens Lutheran North (2-2) blasted the host Trojans in a Metro Conference encounter.

Josh Ball, who struck out nine and scattered four hits over four innings, was the winning pitcher.

Sophomore Jeff Moncman, a right-hander, was toughed up for three runs in 1 1/2 innings. Referee Ken Bazzy fared no better, allowing six runs on four hits in 2 1/2 innings. (The game was called after five innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.)

Bazzy scored two times in a losing cause, while teammate Kendrick Harrington tripled.

In the nightcap, Mary Jo Kelly tossed a two-hitter, walking 10 and fanning eight as Ladywood trimmed the Marlins, 7-5.

Andrea Crichton and Brenny each had two hits for the winners. Brenny also knocked in three runs.

Sophomore Katie Helferman had a three-run triple for the Marlins.

Krista Miller was the losing pitcher.

CHURCHILL 4, NORTHVILLE 3: Marcy Kneiding hurled seven strong innings Monday, leading Livonia Churchill (2-2) to an upset victory over the visiting Mustangs (5-1).

Kneiding walked five and struck out three, but more importantly held off a Northwest rally in the top of the seventh inning.

Vicki Lucas and Karen Jose each had run-scoring singles for the victors.

On Friday, Plymouth Canton's Kelly Holmes no-hit the host Chargers, 7-0.

JOHN GLENN 15, STEVENSON 4: Karen Olack went 3-for-4, including a pair of doubles and three RBI Tuesday, as visiting Westland John Glenn drilled Livonia Stevenson.

Brigitte Mussan scored three times for the winners, now 2-1 overall.

Cathy Kruk, the winning pitcher, struck out five, walked five and allowed five hits in six innings of work.

Niki Italia, the victim of five errors, took the loss for Stevenson. She gave up six walks and nine hits over five innings.

The Spartans fell to 2-3 overall.

C'ville softball team (4-0) wins, 13-12

A four-run outburst in the top of the seventh inning Tuesday carried visiting Livonia Clarenceville to its fourth straight victory without a loss, a 13-12 softball win over Mount Clemens Lutheran North.

Trailing 10-9 after six innings, the Trojans tied it on Jodi Graham's solo homer.

Leandra Hoffman then singled in Denise Terry, along with winning pitcher Rhonda Saunders to make it 12-10. Hoffman eventually scored the game-winner on a passed ball after stealing second and third base.

Lutheran North scored twice in the bottom of the seventh, but couldn't tally the equalizer against Saunders, who went all the way, allowing just four hits and seven walks to go along with nine strikeouts.

Danielle Rose and Hoffman each collected two hits and two RBI for the winners. Saunders also contributed two hits and walked three times.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 14, LUTH. N'WEST 9: On Tuesday, host Lutheran Westland (5-1, 3-0) did past Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (2-1, 0-1) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference battle.

Amy Seiffel paced the winners with two hits.

two walks, three runs scored and three RBI. Teammate Stacy McGhee added a two-out, bases-loaded double, scoring three runs to make it 13-8 after five innings.

Winning pitcher Kristin Strang struggled with her control, walking 15 and allowing only three hits. But she went the distance to record the win.

On Monday, Lutheran Westland clobbered host Plymouth Christian Academy, 27-11, as Tracy Lapum and McGhee each collected two hits and three RBI.

Sieffel, a sophomore pitcher, went five innings (mercy rule) to earn the victory. She walked 10, fanned four and allowed only three hits.

Kristina Tilly, a freshman, took the loss for the Eagles, now 0-3.

Three Eagle pitchers walked a total of 18 batters.

LADYWOOD 8-7, MERCY 5-5: Livonia Ladywood (8-6, 3-3) posted the Catholic League Central Division sweep Tuesday at Farmington Hills Mercy.

In the opener, winning pitcher Staci Kowalczyk went the distance, scattering seven hits to gain an 8-5 victory.

Maureen Paulin, who hurled six innings, giving up three earned runs, took the loss. She struck out seven and walked three.

Michelle Wilson and Allison Brenny each collected two hits for the winners.

Maura Phoney had two hits and two RBI in a losing cause.

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Blasting off

Unbeaten Rockets soar past Churchill

Westland John Glenn made it four straight dual meet victories in boys track Tuesday with an 82-55 triumph over visiting Livonia Churchill (0-3).

The Rockets captured three of four relays and seven individual events.

Among the Glenn individual winners: Jason Key, shot put (42 feet, 5 inches); Dave Arbour, discus (141-3); Brandon Buck, long jump (19-6 1/4); Tony Donnelly, pole vault (10-0); Randy Seach, 100-meter dash (11.2); Lamar Ellison, 200 dash (24.18); and Jason Nowicki, 400 dash (53.01).

Ellison, Buck, Brian Schultz and Ed Jeannin captured the 400 relay in 46.2.

In the 800 relay, Glenn's foursome of Jim Woloskie, Rob Peters, Ellison and Seach took first in 1:35.6.

Scott Henson, Bob Lulek, Rob Bloomfield and Nowicki added a win in the 3,200 relay (8:50.8).

Churchill individual winners included Randy Calcaterra in the high jump (6-2); Nate Loosle, 110 hurdles (15.79); Darien Muzo, 300 hurdles (4:4.4); Scott Sepanski, 800 run (2:10.09); and Jeff Martus, 1,600 run (4:56.03).

The Chargers won the 1,600 relay in 3:43.4.

Glenn finished third in the 12-team Dearborn Elks Relays on Saturday.

boys track

60 points, followed by the host Pioneers, 58; Glenn, 39; Temperance-Redford, 30; Plymouth Canton, 18; Detroit Osborn, 16; Novi, 10; Hazel Park and University of Detroit-Jesuit, 8 each; Redford Catholic Central, 3; Livonia Franklin and Wyandotte, 0 each.

The foursome of Ellison, Seach, Schultz and Jeannin took the 400 relay in 46.2. In the shot put/400 relay, Glenn's quartet of Arbour, Key, Jeannin and Mark Bennets clocked 51.87 to gain first.

WAYNE MEMORIAL posted an 85-43 dual meet win Monday against visiting Romulus. James Grady and Allen Buford paced the winners, now 2-1 overall.

Grady took firsts in the high jump (6-0), 110-meter hurdles (15.3) and 300 hurdles (42.3). He also teamed with Michael Hooks, Joe Dumont and Phil Gibson to win the 1,600 relay in 3:43.0.

Buford added in the long jump (20-7 1/4), 100

Joe Ramsey swept the shot put (43-5) and discus (93-10). Dumont won the 400 in 53.9, while Matt Johnson took the 1,600 in 4:53.0.

Johnson, who also took second in the 800, teamed up with Gibson, Aaron Simpson and Dumont to win the 3,200 relay in 9:19.0.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL lost Monday to host UD-Jesuit, 68-60.

It was CC's first dual meet defeat since 1988. CC boasted five individual winners: Joe Suhajda, shot put, 38-2; Al Barbarich, discus, 135-0; Mike Kasper, high jump, 6-6; Steve Witek, 800-meter run, 2:03.1; and Jon Burke, 3,200 run, 10:08.0.

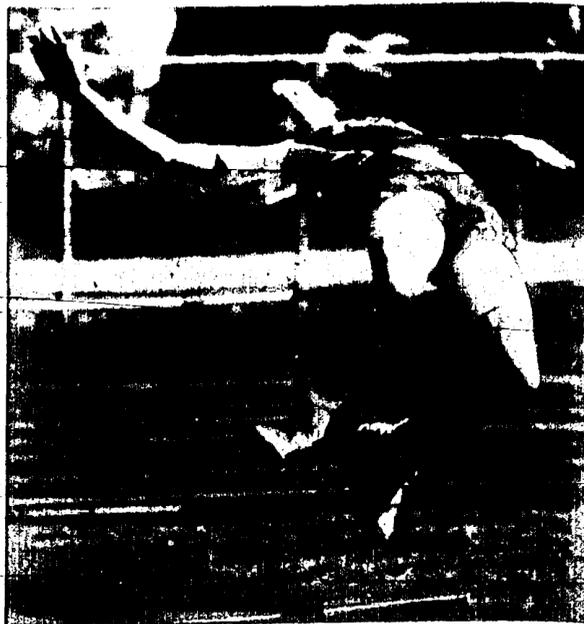
Witek, T.J. Kitchen, Jim Stebbins and Eric McKeon took the 1,600 relay in 3:38.5, while the foursome of Witek, Kitchen, Brian O'Reilly and Aaron Sheposh won the 3,200 relay in 8:37.9.

REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS lost Monday to host Harper Woods Notre Dame in a Catholic League Central Division meet, 84-43.

Anthony Hood, bound for Northwestern University this fall on a football scholarship, figured in four first places for Borgess.

Hood captured the 100- and 200-yard dashes in 10.5 and 25.2, respectively. He also teamed up with Anthony Dixon, Joel Erby and Sabin Duncan to win the 440 and 880 relays in 49.1 and 1:41.6, respectively.

Other firsts include RedShawn Sumler in the high jump (5-10) and Dixon in the long jump (17-9).



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Ryan Hindmarsh of Livonia Clarenceville tries to clear the high jump bar during Monday's 119-9 dual meet loss at Redford Thurston.



PAUL HURSCHMANN/staff photographer

Carrie Creehan (left) and Livonia Stevenson teammate Amy Pack try to stay dry and warm during miserable conditions Saturday at the Lady Chief Relays.

Conner lifts Glenn to lopsided win

Lynette Conner paced Westland John Glenn to its fifth consecutive girls track meet without a loss Tuesday, a 99-29 triumph over host Livonia Churchill (0-3).

Conner finished first in the 100- and 200-meter dashes with times of 13.7 and 28.7, respectively. She also won the long jump (14 feet, 1/4 inch) and anchored the victorious 400 relay, which also included Melanie Cline, Lisa Dupree and Tamara Murphy (54.9).

Amy Finley added firsts in the high jump (4-8) and 100 hurdles (17.8), while teammate Lisa Rankey swept the shot put (30-2) and discus (99-5 1/4).

Other Glenn firsts were recorded by Tina Honeycutt, 1,600 run, 5:52.4; Kim Springer, 400 run, 1:05.9; Dana Nowicki, 800 run, 2:32.0; and Jennifer Caplis, 3,200 run, 13:43.5.

Nowicki, Honeycutt, Springer and

girls track

Rebecca Berzel captured the 1,600 relay in 4:32.1. Glenn's 800 relay foursome of Melissa Husted, Mary Hartwig, Erica Goldston and Berzel won in 1:58.2.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND (8-0) also remained unbeaten Tuesday with an 80-44 triumph over non-league foe Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Lisa Shafer was a double winner for the host Warriors, capturing the 440-yard (1:15.0) and two mile (13:32.4) runs. She also teamed up with Jennifer Gerlach, Stephanie Locke and Lori Gentz to win the two mile relay in 10:55.1.

Other Lutheran Westland individual winners included: Michelle Conklin, high jump, 4-2; Sarah Pfeiffer, long jump, 14-

5 1/4; Heather Thompson, 330 hurdles, 56.0; Lori Lapum, 100 dash, 12.3; Locke, 880 run, 2:32.5; and Gerlach, mile run, 5:54.3.

Locke, Gerlach, Lapum and Nicole Hines captured the mile relay in 4:36.2.

In the 880 relay, Kristin Hughes, Tonia Schlicker, Pfeiffer and Hines won in 2:03.0.

Jennifer Garris, Schlicker, Hines and Lapum took the 440 relay in 57.5.

WAYNE MEMORIAL fell to 1-2 overall, dropping a non-league dual Monday to visiting Romulus, 67-61.

German exchange student Erika Beetz figured in four firsts for the Zebras.

The senior won the high jump (5-0), 100-meter hurdles (17.1) and 300 hurdles (50.7). She also teamed up with Transessa Burroughs, Zenobia Davis and Akua Hammons to win the 1,600 relay in 4:37.0.

Hammons added wins in the long jump (15-1 1/4) and 400 run (1:08.0).

Kim Morrow took the shot put (31-8) and Rebecca Delcomyn won the 800 in 2:59.0.

track

Area times to appear on May 2

The first Observerland girls track listings will appear on Thursday, May 2.

Livonia Churchill coach Kelly Graham will compile the listings. She will be available to take updates from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays only, at 728-7502.

The boys track listings will also appear Thursday, May 2.

Livonia Churchill coach Fred Price will compile the listings. He is available between 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, at 420-3059.

All times must be converted metrically.

Schools eligible to participate in the listings: Plymouth Christian, Canton and Salem; Farmington, North Farmington, Harrison and Mercy; Livonia Clarenceville, Ladywood, Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson; Redford Union, Thurston, Catholic Central and St. Agatha; Walled Lake Central and Western; Garden City; Lutheran Westland, John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

Brighton best at Lady Chief Relays

Brighton outperformed two of the best girls track teams in Observerland to win the Lady Chief Relays Saturday.

Brighton won four events and compiled 91 1/2 points to finish ahead of host Plymouth Canton and Livonia Stevenson, the defending champion in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs had 69 points and the

Spartans #3. They were followed by Redford Union (39), Plymouth Salem (35), Livonia Franklin (19), Wayne Memorial (16), Farmington Hills Mercy (12) and Livonia Churchill (0).

Brighton won the long jump relay at 44-6, the shuttle hurdle relay in 1:10, the distance medley and the 400-meter relay in 54.7.

Canton fared well with three first places. Ifoema Okwumabua, Aleah

Collier and Selena Bastine combined to win the shot put relay with a distance of 90-4 1/4.

Erin Olenech, Michelle Lee, Karina Kilpelainen and Angela Fountain were champions in the hurdles, and Kim Gudeth, Christy Saffron, Lana Boroditsch and Amy Smith ran the 3,200 relay in 10:41.7.

Mercy's distance team of Heather Noll, Hillary Noll, Sharmila Prasad and Amy Freund won the eight-mile relay, and RU had the fastest time in the 1,600 relay with a 4:33.6 finish.

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Gelmisi's AAU North squad 1st

By C.J. Rleak
staff writer

Nothing, it seemed, was going right for the North team at the first annual Boys AAU/USA Michigan High School Seniors' All-Star Soccer Tournament, played Sunday at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The person originally selected to coach them, Henry Klimes, couldn't make it; he was replaced by John Gelmisi, a former all-stater at Livonia Stevenson and an assistant coach at Schoolcraft College last year.

Then four North team players didn't show up. Three of them were from Okemos HS, and all played on a club team that had a game scheduled for that day.

Making a deteriorating situation worse, two of the no-shows were the team's keepers. His other absentees had left Gelmisi with just two true defenders.

A little roster shuffling helped — quite a bit, as it turned out. Dave Glaser, a keeper from Sterling Heights Stevenson, was added to the North team; so were two defenders.

JUST PRIOR to the start of the tournament, Gelmisi said, "I was more concerned with our defense," for reasons already apparent. When it was over, his concern had helped the North record a pair of shutout victories, 1-0 over the South team (coached by Schoolcraft head coach Van Dimitriou) and, in the championship match, 4-0 over the East (coached by Livonia Franklin's Franz Lamarre).

The win-qualified the North for the AAU Junior Olympics National Championship Tourna-

soccer

ment July 25-30 in Tallahassee, Fla.

"I was incredibly pleased with the way they responded," to his coaching, Gelmisi said. "I only met them 15 minutes before the game. That's when we put together a game plan, the only one we could make work. It's all the time we had to prepare."

The defensive problems facing the North convinced Gelmisi to have them play "a high-pressure defense, with very, very tight marking." He had to take into account they would by nature "do a lot of overlapping on defense. Normal defenders wouldn't, but someone with offensive tendencies would."

THE NORTH dodged some bullets against the East in the title game. "We got lucky a couple of times," said Gelmisi. "They hit the goalpost twice on breakaways. But our defense settled down after that."

The game was scoreless at the half. The North got scores from Mike Weiskirch (Utica Eisenhower HS), Phil York (Novi HS), Jason Stempfen (Milford HS) and Jeff Scouler (Rochester HS) in the second half to post the victory.

"The key was getting everyone to think the same out there," said Gelmisi. "They were definitely on the same wavelength."

"They were a great bunch of guys. They really responded well — all kudos go to them. We didn't

have the best players, but we had the best team." In the North's opening win over the South, Bob Mainhardt (Eisenhower) scored the only goal of the match in the first half after a free kick from 25 yards out. The ball was volleyed from the right side of the net to the left, and Mainhardt knocked it in.

IN THE OTHER opening-round match, the East advanced with narrow 4-3 win over the West. The East scored the first four goals of the match, but the West battled back with goals by Rob Gnepper (Ottawa Hills), Carl Bostrom (Walled Lake Central) and Eric Petker (Rochester) — but could get no closer.

In the consolation final, Mason's West squad got two goals from both Gnepper and Bostrom and hung on to beat the South 4-2. Brian Hauman netted two goals for the South, the second pulling his team to within 3-2.

Poor weather hurt the attendance, but — according to Michigan AAU/USA soccer president Wayne Worosz — there were still five college coaches present: Gary Parsons of Oakland University; Joe Baum of Michigan State; Chris Corteg of Eastern Michigan; Blake Glass of Western Michigan and Louie Stankovich of University of Detroit-Mercy.

NOTES: Because of the poor weather and resulting small crowd, Worosz said sponsors will be needed to help offset the costs of sending the North team to the national tournament. Worosz said three players will be added to the North roster and an additional team — consisting of other all-star players — may also make the trip. Anyone wishing to help sponsor the team can call Worosz at 455-4011.

Lally stops Hotchletter

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Brett Lally, fresh from defending his North American Boxing Federation Junior Middleweight title last weekend in Lake Tahoe, Nev., was unavailable for interviews.

The sign on Lally's house should have read: "Gone fishing."

"Brett's down in Ohio, he's got the week off," said brother and trainer Bradd.

Lally could sit back on his boat and reflect on his sixth-round TKO of Willie "Montana" Hotchletter. The victory gave the 1981 Westland John Glenn High product a professional record of 28-5 (including 18 KOs), but more importantly it moved him closer to a shot at a world title.

Lally, a landscaper from South Lyon who plans to relocate soon in Plymouth, is now 5-0 since his loss to Donald Curry in Dec. 1989. "The NABF stipulates you make a mandatory title defense in three months, but we may forfeit that," Bradd said. "We're willing to sit and wait."

"Brett wants at least one fight for his people Livonia. We've talked to the people at Laurel Manor (a banquet facility in Livonia) about something the first week of June. We've talked to the Del Signore family (the Laurel Manor owners), and we may go with a non-title fight."

LALLY CURRENTLY is ranked No. 3 among junior middleweights (154 pounds) by the World Boxing Council (affiliated with the NABF), No. 7 in the International Boxing Federation, and No. 9 by the World Boxing Association.

Meanwhile, Lally's brother Bradd called the win over Montana, a blackjack dealer, a "very brutal fight."

"He (Hotchletter) said some things that Brett didn't appreciate before the fight," Bradd recalls. "Montana told everybody he was going to box Brett's ears off for five rounds and then take him out. He also called Brett a 'sea level fighter' because he (Hotchletter) had been training up in the mountains all the time."

"Brett has always respected his opponents and never said derogatory things about them, but during the weigh-in (before the fight) Brett made it known he wasn't about to take that."

Against Hotchletter, the crowd favorite, Lally wasted little time in going after his opponent.

boxing

"Brett told me he was going to box, but that lasted about two seconds," said Bradd. "After eight seconds he put him down."

LALLY CONTROLLED five of the first six rounds in the scheduled 12-rounder, losing only the third.

In the fourth round, Hotchletter's eye was cut open.

The referee then stopped the bout in the sixth.

"The gamblers were confident this guy (Hotchletter) could take Brett out," Bradd said. "The people were chanting, 'Willie, Willie,' but Brett underfoot."

The bout drew a crowd of about 1,000 at Caesars Tahoe.

Andrew Maynard, the 1988 Olympic light-heavyweight gold medalist, was also on the card.

"There was no TV and I was a little surprised with that with Maynard being on the card," Bradd said.

Two possible upcoming opponents for Lally include WBA champ Gilbert DeLe of France, the IBF champ, or Gianfranco Rossi of Italy.

"We've talked to Brett's agent and I'd like to line up a title fight in Michigan because he's on top of his game," Bradd said.

LBC AT GOLDEN GLOVES: The Livonia Boxing Club came away with four titles, three without landing a punch, during Saturday's Metro Detroit Golden Gloves Finals at Cobo Arena.

Those going unopposed included Novi's Devon Peyton, 201 pounds, Senior Novice A Division; Ann Arbor's Chris Jakubowski, 165, Novice; and Brent McFadyen, 156, Novice.

"I'm disappointed because all three would have shown well," said Paul Soucy, LBC director.

Livonian Ed Doulette, a Stevenson High product, evened his record at 1-1 when Hamtramck's Lek Dedukaj of the famed Detroit Kronk Gym was disqualified in the second round.

"We got four titles, but I don't like to get titles that way," Soucy said. "I like a guy to go in there and prove himself, and win it."

A lung infection kept LBC's 178-pound entry Soo-Young Chang from competing in the Novice class.

Meanwhile, Ypsilanti's Steve Seldel, another LBC member, was stopped in the first round of his 156-pound Senior Novice A bout by Roszell Matthews of Detroit Butzel.

So if you're keeping a scorecard, the Livonia Boxing Club went 1-1 on the night.

the week ahead

PREP BASEBALL

(starting times 4 p.m. unless noted)
Thursday, April 25: Liv. Stevenson at Farmington; N. Farmington at Westland Glenn; Northville at Ft. Canton; W.L. Central at Ft. Salem; W.L. Western at Farm. Harrison; Lutheran Westland at St. Edward's; 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26: Garden City at Redford Union; Aon Park at Red. Thurston; Southgate at Wayne; Avondale at Liv. Clarenceville; Ft. Christian vs. Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. at Flood Field.
Saturday, April 27: Liv. Franklin, Ft. Canton, Ft. Salem at Monroe Tourney, 9:30 a.m.; St. Agatha vs. C.L. St. Clement (2), 10 a.m. at Capitol Park; Liv. Stevenson at Garden City (2), 11 a.m.; Westland Glenn vs. Wayne Memorial (2), 11 a.m.; Redford Union at Farm. Harrison (2), 11 a.m.; Novi at W.L. Central (2), 11 a.m.; W.L. Western at Farmington (2), 11 a.m.; Lutheran Westland at Aon Park; Inter-City Baptist (2), 11 a.m.; Redford CC vs. Bishop Borgess (2) at Capitol Park.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

(starting times 4 p.m. unless noted)
Thursday, April 25: Liv. Church Hill at Liv. Franklin; Farmington at Liv. Stevenson; Westland Glenn at N. Farmington; Ft. Canton at Farm. Harrison; Ft. Salem at W.L. Central; Farm. Harrison at W.L. Western; Wayne at Southgate; Del. Benedictine at Bishop Borgess; Westland Our Lady at St. Agatha; Lutheran Westland at St. Edward's; 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26: Garden City at Redford Union; Red. Thurston at Aon Park; Liv. Clarenceville at Avondale; Ft. Christian vs. Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. at Griffin Park; Farm. H's Mercy at Bay City Tourney; TBA.
Saturday, April 27: N. Farmington Invitational, 8:30 a.m.; Garden City at Liv. Stevenson (2), 10 a.m.; Red. Thurston at Nov. (2), 10:30 a.m.; Westland Glenn at Wayne Memorial (2), 11 a.m.; Lutheran Westland at Aon Park; Inter-City Baptist (2), 11 a.m.; Ft. Christian vs. Ypsil. Calvary, 11 a.m.; Farm. H's Mercy at Bay City Tourney; TBA; Liv. Ladywood, Ft. Canton, Liv. Stevenson, TBA; Liv. Franklin at Monroe Tourney, TBA; Liv. Franklin at Monroe Tourney, TBA.

BOYS TRACK

(meets start at 3:30 p.m. unless noted)
Thursday, April 25: Liv. Franklin at Liv. Church Hill; Farmington at Liv. Stevenson; Westland Glenn at

W.L. Central; Farm. Harrison at Ft. Canton; Ft. Salem at N. Farmington; Northville at W.L. Western; D.H. Annapolis at Red. Thurston; Garden City at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.; Redford Union at Don. Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.; Lincoln Park at Wayne, 4 p.m.; Lutheran Westland at M.C. Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.; Ft. Christian at Grosse Pte. Lockett, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26: Redford CC at Jackson Invitational, TBA.
Saturday, April 27: Liv. Franklin, Redford Union, W.L. Central, Farm. Harrison at Novi Relays, 9 a.m.; Tiger Relays at Plymouth CEP, 9:30 p.m.; Westland Glenn at Waters Relays, 10 a.m.; N. Farmington, Farmington at W. Bloomfield Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS TRACK (meets start at 3:30 p.m. unless noted)
Thursday, April 25: Liv. Church Hill at Liv. Franklin; Liv. Stevenson at Farmington; W.L. Central at Westland Glenn; Ft. Canton at Farm. Harrison; W.L. Western at Northville; Woodhaven at Garden City; D.H. Annapolis at Red. Thurston; Don. Edsel Ford at Redford Union, 4 p.m.; Lincoln Park at Wayne, 4 p.m.; Lutheran Westland at M.C. Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.; Ft. Christian at Grosse Pte. Lockett, 4:30 p.m.; N. Farmington at Ft. Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26: Farm. H's Mercy at Jackson Invitational, TBA.
Saturday, April 27: Liv. Ladywood, Liv. Stevenson at Warren DeLaSalle Invitational, 9 a.m.; Liv. Franklin, Redford Union, W.L. Central, Farm. Harrison at Novi Relays, 9 a.m.; Tiger Relays at Plymouth CEP, 9:30 a.m.; Westland Glenn at Waters Relays, 10 a.m.; N. Farmington at W. Bloomfield Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 25: Redford Union at Novi, 4 p.m.; Liv. Ladywood at Farm. H's Mercy, 4 p.m.; Troy at Ft. Salem, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 26: Grosse Pte. at Garden City, 4 p.m.; Red. Thurston at Don. Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.; Ft. Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.; W.L. Western at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 27: Liv. Franklin at Woodhaven; Novi, Ft. Salem at Kipp Lee Norris, 1 p.m.; Farm. H's Mercy at R.O. Kemball, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Friday, April 26: Madonna at St. Francis (I), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27: Madonna vs. St. Ambrose (I) at St. Francis (I), 10:30 a.m.; Madonna vs. St. Xavier (I) at St. Francis (I), 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 28: Madonna at Aquinas, 10 a.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Saturday, April 27: Kalamazoo at Madonna (2), TBA
TBA — time to be announced

CC icer named MVP

Redford Catholic Central's Jesse Hubenschmidt stood out for Team Michigan last weekend in the Chicago, Ill., Showcase High School Hockey Tournament.

Hubenschmidt had six goals and six assists as Team Michigan finished tied for third in the tourney, losing to eventual champion New Hampshire in the semifinal round, 4-3.

Hubenschmidt got off to a slow start. He was held scoreless in Team Michigan's 4-2 opening-round victory over New Jersey. Livonia Churchill's Jeff King picked up the slack, scoring the game-winner in the first-round win.

In a 10-0 second-round win over Colorado, Hubenschmidt tallied five points while Birmingham Brother Rice goalie Pat Saunders posted the shutout.

Saunders was also in goal during Team Michigan's 4-2 triumph over Tri-State, a team consisting of all-stars from Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa.

In the quarterfinals, Team Michigan was seeded No. 2 behind top seed Massachusetts. Coached by Livonia Churchill grad Bob Daniels, now an assistant coach at Ferris State, Team Michigan defeated Illinois, 7-1.

But Team Michigan could not get past New Hampshire, which went on to beat Massachusetts in the final, 4-3.

hockey

"FOR THE TALENT we had and the little time we had together, we did very well," said A.J. Baker, Team Michigan general manager. "The coaches (which also included Lake Superior State assistant Ron Rolston) were very pleased. It was a very positive experience for these guys."

It was Team Michigan's best finish since 1987 when Buffalo, N.Y., defeated the state representative, 6-5, in the finals.

"It's a shame the Michigan High School Athletic Association, in their infinite, bungling wisdom, won't let all the seniors play," said Baker, referring to the MHSAA's ban on spring sports athletes from participating in post-season all-star games.

Baker was referring to the absence of Rice's Pat Grohar and Chris Freeman, both whom play lacrosse, although not a MHSAA sanctioned sport, in the spring.

Rice's Tim Capaldi, a linemate of Hubenschmidt's, scored three goals and added three assists for Team Michigan during the five-game run. Defenseman Colin Gallagher (Livonia Churchill) contributed three assists. CC's Matt Surowiec also played on defense for Team Michigan.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- April 25 — A two-day boating safety class begins at 6 p.m. The free course, offered by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, will be at the Marine Division headquarters, 1700 Brown Road, Auburn Hills (west of M-24, north of the Palace). Call 858-4991 for more information.
- April 27 — Trout season opens statewide.
- April 29 — A scuba and snorkeling class begins at 7 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. Call 433-0885 for more information.
- May 1 — Monthly meeting of the family-oriented Four Seasons Fishing Club begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Call Tony Brehler at 477-3816 for more information.
- May 19 — Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 3-D archery shoot at 10 a.m. on its walk-through range in Plymouth Township. Call 453-9843.

outdoors calendar

- 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. daily or 425-0887 evenings, for more information.
- May 25-26 — Seventh annual Michigan Great Lakes Wildlife Festival will be in Clare. Call (517) 386-7492 for more information.
- May 26 — Spring wild turkey season ends.

- OAKLAND CO. PARKS
 - Orienteering for Junior Naturalists, a program in which participants, ages 9-13, will learn basic map reading and compass-use skills, begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.
 - Oakland County Parks programs require advanced registration and some have a nominal fee. Call the Independence Oaks Nature Center at 625-6473 to register or for more information.

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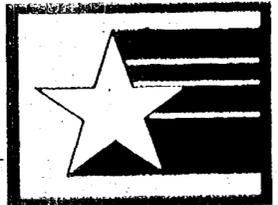
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Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Broadway Connection," a musical revue continuing through Sunday, April 28, at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

Anniversary concert Director, choir celebrate 30th year

The Mercyaire perform a special anniversary concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Mercy High School Auditorium in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children; former Mercyaire are admitted free. For more information call 474-4440 or 476-8020.

By Mary Jane Doerr
special writer

WHEN THE Mercyaire alumnae join forces for a concert Sunday at Mercy High School, nearly 250 women could be singing the 16th century Vittoria version of "Ave Maria," the group's trademark. Over the last 30 years these women have performed at hospitals, rehabilitation centers and schools, for benefits, and anywhere they can bring joy and happiness.

"A while back we even sang for a dying lady at her home, sort of doing our choreography on the furniture," said Larry Teevens, founder and director of the 21-member girls show choir. His demanding leadership and insistence on perfection has opened up opportunities for the girls to sing at Detroit Tiger baseball games, the Fox Theatre Rosemary Clooney White Christmas Party and the Goodfellow's Christmas Show at the Fisher Building, and with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Ford Auditorium.

The Mercyaire choir sings and dances popular tunes from jazz to barbershop and medleys from Motown back to the 1920s, working off background tapes. Founder Larry Teevens, chairman of the Music Department, is in his 30th year at Mercy High School. It is also the group's 30th anniversary and, incidentally, Teevens' 30th wedding anniversary.

"NO, THIS DOES NOT mean retirement. I am just 58. I could keep going another 30 years," said Teevens of Northville, referring to a colleague, Mischa Bistrizky, 92, who conducts the strings at Mercy.

Members of the Mercyaire are picked from the 780 all-girls Mercy High School. They are juniors and seniors who can afford to devote nine hours a week to rehearsals and are willing to perform between 60 to 70 concerts a year. They are highly trained, can divide down into seven-part harmony, dance a finale from "A Chorus Line" and are comfortable anywhere — on tour with Rosemary Clooney in Pittsburgh or singing their "Cats" medley for



Larry Teevens, chairman of the Music Department, rehearses for Sunday's concert

with Mercy High School's Mercyaire show choir, which he founded 30 years ago.

"Cats" cast at the Fisher Theatre.

Yet, if you ask former members about their experience, none of them mentions the musical instruction they received or Roberta Campion's expert choreographic training.

"It was more than the singing. It was the good qualities they developed — the sensitivity, responsibility and thoughtfulness that Larry taught them," said Betty Law of Orchard Lake, who has three daughters who were Mercyaire.

Former member Marie Rumbly of Northville added, "I had never danced before, but in the group you learned to be the best you can. It was a wonderful experience."

"Since I was a child I heard my mother talk about how Larry had given her a sense of confidence and importance. When I became a Mercyaire I found the same thing. He instills in you the idea that you can do it," said Becky Bonnell of Bloomfield Hills.

LARRY TEEVENS himself does not recognize his musical talent as the important part of his effect as a teacher.

"More important than that is the tremendous number of the girls who have gone on into some type of so-

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— Larry Teevens

cial work. I want to teach them what 'mercy' is all about."

The group has evolved through the years, adapting to the changing modes and fads of society, not only in its vocal style but the way the members look. Twenty years ago choreography was added, and with it a change from the girls' original dark skirt/white blazer uniform to snazzy black dancer pants and white dressy blouse/red vest tops for day wear and elegant Bishop sleeve pink tops for evening garb.

"I follow their lead," said Teevens, about new ideas he dreams up for the group. "I utilize the talents the girls bring and change the program to bring in that developed talent."

An Irish tenor, Teevens got his musical experience the same way his students are getting theirs, with

Don Large's "Make Way for Youth" on WJR radio. He went on to the "Wayne King Show" in Chicago but returned to Detroit to get a bachelor of arts from the University of Detroit, a master of arts from Wayne State University and a job at Mercy High School. He also got married. From those early contacts he knows professionals such as Matt Michaels and Randy Herkness, who do the group's unique arrangements. A Mercyaire alumnus, Roberta Campion of Southfield, does the choreography.

Federal Judge Barbara Hackett had four daughters who were Mercyaire. "It opened a whole new world to them of the joy of music. Larry is a show personality and a talented musician but he also has a special gift to impart this to others. He makes music fun for everyone."

upcoming things to do

● MARQUIS THEATRE

Artists of Michigan Opera Theatre's Department of Community Programs are joined by eight young performers in a return engagement through Sunday, April 28, at the historic Marquis Theatre in Northville. The program, titled "Broadway Connection," is a musical revue of Broadway melodies. For ticket information call the theater at 349-8110.

● KNIGHTS DINNER

Pianist/singer Jo Thompson Dunmore will perform at the Knights of Charity Dinner to benefit PIME (Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions). The party will be held Friday, April 26, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. To be recognized as Knights of Charity will be volunteer Mado Lie, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and Weight Watchers WW Group President Florine Mark-Ross. Tickets can be obtained by calling 800-522-5128.

● FAIRY TALE

The Dearborn Youth Theater will stage "Cinderella" for two performances at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Fordson High School. More than 80 Detroit-area youngsters will participate including Canton students Ashley Armbruster and Elizabeth Leone; Livonia students Kayna Layne and Megan Asburn, and Redford student Katie Stachowski. Choreographer is B.J. Sholtz of Redford. The Dearborn Youth Theatre is sponsored by the Dearborn Recreation Department. For more information on the show, call the Dearborn Civic Center at 943-2168. Tickets at \$3 each are available at the door.

● SPRING CONCERT

The Livonia Civic Chorus will perform a spring concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the North Court at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

● IN CONCERT

Roger Whittaker, Kenyan-born British entertainer, will appear Thursday-Sunday, May 2-5, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are on sale at the Fox Theatre box office, the Joe Louis and Cobo Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets range from \$37.50 down to \$10. To charge by phone call 645-6666. For further information call 567-6000.

● SPRING FESTIVAL

The St. Patrick Senior Center, Inc., Spring Festival will be held from 2-9 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the senior center at 58 Parsons (behind Orchestra Hall) in Detroit. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children, at the door. For more information call 833-7080.

● MUSICAL COMEDY

Stagercrafters presents the musical comedy horror hit, "Little Shop of Horrors," the final Main Stage production of the 1990-1991 season, at the Baldwin Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 26-27; Thursday-Saturday, May 2-4 and 9-11, and Friday-Saturday, May 17-18; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, May 12 and 19, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Tickets at \$9 and \$10 may be reserved by calling 541-6430.

● TALENT SEARCH

Michigan Tastefest, a Memorial Day Weekend festival of food and entertainment, has announced the Tastefest Talent Search for Kids. The best performers will be chosen

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'It's Only a Play' so actors have fun

Performances of the Theatre Guild production of "It's Only a Play" continue through Saturday, May 4, at the Theatre Guild playhouse in Redford. For ticket information call the box office at 538-5678.

Making fun of yourself is always well, great fun. And that's just what the Theatre Guild is having with its season finale, "It's Only a Play," directed by Walter Mark Hill.

Playwright Terrence McNally also enjoys spoofing the conflicts and personalities of the theater. He fondly skewers assorted actors, critics, authors, producers, directors and would-be's in his scathingly satirical look at the New York theater world.

The setting (tastefully executed by the guild's Rebecca Smith in pastels of lime, cream and salmon) is the bedroom suite of an elegant East Side townhouse. Downstairs, a gala opening night theater party is under way. At least that's what we're told. One of the few things missing from this otherwise generally fine production is background sound effects of the party.

A parade of skitterish theatrical types make their way into the bedroom. They are, we learn, awaiting the reviews of their new show, "The Golden Egg." A few key critics, especially Frank Rich of the New York Times, can literally make or break most Broadway productions.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, the resulting insecurities bring out the worst (and funniest) in our assembled theatrical company. They think the show is a hit — while the rest of the world considers it a turkey (a butterball no less).

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lines like "He had all of my mannerisms — and none of my warmth." David Podulka plays his friend and grieving author who can't cope with rejection to perfection.

Sandy Martin is very much at home in the role of a wealthy producer who doesn't have a clue about theater or why the show failed but can't wait to put up money for the next one.

Virginia Noyes energizes the stage as a flaky actress with a bag of controlled substances and an uncontrollable explicit mouth.

Joe Haynes creates an interesting slothy sarcasm for his role as a caustic critic. Charles Van-Hooses is delightful as the "boy genius" director and sometime kleptomaniac who gets his wish for a bad review.

RICK FREDRICK appears as a waiter for the evening who is really an aspiring actor ready to audition at a moment's notice, and Clara Burris is a New York cabbie, always ready to give advice — including theatrical.

"In" jokes and obscure theatrical references create a few flat spots. For the avid theatergoer, however, "It's Only a Play" is great fun and a hilarious way to end a season devoted to looking at the artist through the theatrical experience.

Bob Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer, who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.

Performances of the musical "Cats" continue through tonight at the Palace of Auburn Hills. For ticket information call 377-8600.

Two years ago Richard Jay-Alexander (associate director for Cameron Mackintosh Inc.) was in town to premiere "Les Miserables" at the Fisher Theatre and to negotiate the return of "Cats" to Detroit.

He told me about the ultimate experience in musical theater — a multi-media megamusical in amplified rock style with video screen close-ups. It was the answer to the sometimes yearly waits for tickets to Mackintosh's Broadway wonders. This new concept was already in the works.

Tuesday evening, "Cats" opened at the Palace of Auburn Hills, reworked into this style of presenta-

tion. The cats wear mikes in their hair. The taped music is amplified rock-concert style to more than 4,000 people. Video broadcast solos on large wide screen TVs with resolution so fine you can even see the stitches on Growliger's variegated colored costume and the cats' whiskers. T.S. Elliot's poetry is so clear you could sing along.

The Palace is blocked off to one side, its stage dwarfed by the size of the 21,000-seat building. From my seat on the Pistons' basketball floor, the videos bring to life the solos and give facial character to the cats. Higher up, binoculars might be more helpful.

PART ONE of the show is lifeless until Grizabella, Donna Lee Marshall, comes to sing "Memory." Then



Mary Jane Doerr

things change, and Part Two of the show lives up to its reputation. The dancing is modern, with outstandingly executed ballet maneuvers. The singers belt and use "legitimate" voices which soar with depth and power.

Christmas-tree-like lights line the set and the overhead spaces with booms and explosions from all parts of the oversized junkyard set. A make-believe train is made with a ragged umbrella, old lamps and a teakettle for Carmen Yurich's lively number as Skimbleshanks. "Growliger's Last Stand" spoofs musicals because Alice Lynn's voice is magical.

Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber took the idea of "Cats" from T.S. Elliot's book "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," addressing the personalities of some 11 of Elliot's cats and adding a few of his own.

This production is now stylized with "canned" interpretations of Old Deuteronomy, Mistofseles and Rum Tum Tugger. Alex Santoriello's Asparagus, called Gus; transcends the electrical personifications and the massive arena. The loudness of the

sound heightens his tender song of the old cat's memories of past glories.

Webber weaves an element of spiritual goodness into "Cats" as he does into "Starlight Express" and his other musicals. Grizabella ascends to heaven knows where, amid the theater lights, upon a tire. She has been chosen by Old Deuteronomy for a new life. And Daniel Marsuc's Old Deuteronomy teaches how to address cats with dignity and respect. There is richness in his powerful voice.

GUS, THE THEATRE CAT, tells us, "These modern productions are all very well, but there's nothing to equal, from what I hear tell, that moment of mystery when I made history."

He is right. The intimacy of theater experience is lost in the massiveness of the Palace but the magnitude of this "Cats" comes through loud and clear.

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a fulltime teacher and freelance writer who specializes in opera and musical theater.

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in age categories of 2-7 years, 8-13 years and 14-18 years, to complete in performances at the Michigan Tastefest. Birthdays must be as of April 30. Winners will be selected by a panel of celebrity judges and will receive prizes to be announced. Michigan Tastefest will be held May Thursday-Monday, May 24-27, in Detroit's New Center Area. For more information on Talent Search for Kids' rules, call Mary Chris Titus at 872-0188.

FOLK MUSIC

The Possum Corner Traditional Music Association, a non-profit organization, presents John Gorka in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at St. Daniel Church Cushing Center in Clarkson. Tickets are \$8.50, adults; \$7.50, members, and \$6.50 for seniors and children under 15. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, the Book Place in Lake Orion and at the door the night of the concert.

HISPANIC HOLIDAY

Michigan's first statewide "5 de Mayo" Festival will be held from noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in Detroit. Modern Mexican-American en-

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DANCE AUDITIONS

Rhythm Nation Productions is auditioning dancers for a new country music television program to be produced in metro Detroit. Auditions will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the High Kicker Saloon in Pontiac. Dancers who like to two-step, clog or just dance to country music may attend with or without a partner. No acting is required.

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The results showed that fewer than 500 applications were submitted for target benefit plans, approximately 2,000 each for defined and money purchase plans and nearly 3,000 relative to the profit-sharing plan.

The popularity of profit-sharing plans are primarily attributable to

the flexibility offered in the amount of contributions made each year and the fact that such a plan is easy to understand, set up and administer.

Since the passage of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, business owners can make contributions to a profit-sharing plan without declining a profit. Contributions can range up to 15 percent of covered payroll and allow for many types of directed investments. Each employee is allocated separate accounts, and investment earnings are used to increase benefits.

For younger employees who benefit by having longer periods of tax-deferred growth, small deposits can



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generate a high percentage of salary at retirement. Combined with Social Security benefits, a payout of 100 percent of salary is possible.

But this plan may not be best for achieving a high percentage of salary for older, more highly compensated business owners or key employees. This is especially true for

those who, in many cases, have fewer years of participation until retirement.

The IRS has recognized this problem and has issued new regulations under section 401(a)(4)-8 of the Internal Revenue Code. "Aged-based" profit sharing has recently been introduced as a solution to favor older

business owners and employees while minimizing employee costs.

"Employees who adopt an aged-based formula can see a significant reduction in total contributions without sacrificing contributions for themselves and their key employees," said Curt Whipple, a certified financial planner with Curtis/Thomas & Associates in Farmington.

The same general rules as traditional profit-sharing plans apply to the new aged-based plan, except for the allocation method. The fewer number of years until retirement makes it possible for increased allocations into these accounts, which makes this type of plan enormously attractive for rewarding owners and

employees for their many years of hard work."

The savings realized through implementation of an aged-based plan can be an important source of revenue for offsetting high renewal rates for group health insurance or adding needed disability protection, Whipple said.

For more information on aged-based profit sharing, call Whipple at 476-3740.

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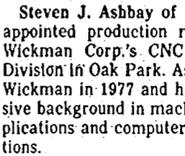
business people

Ruth Olson, owner of a photography studio in Westland, won Wedding Photographer of the Year at the convention of the Professional Photographers of Michigan in Traverse City. Olson is a graduate of Garden City High School. She is a member of the international, national, state and Detroit photographic chapters.



Olson

Frank N. Gaddy of Livonia was promoted to senior vice president for Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit. He is the officer-in-charge of the Midwest banking department. He also oversees the activities of the commercial real estate division, the Midwest correspondent services division and the bank's Manubank Leasing subsidiary. He has been with the bank for 21 years. Most recently, he was first vice president in the Midwest banking department.



Gaddy



Ashbay

Steven J. Ashbay of Livonia was appointed production manager for Wickman Corp.'s CNC Production Division in Oak Park. Ashbay joined Wickman in 1977 and has an extensive background in machine tool applications and computer demonstrations.

Susan Pasi of Westland joined Campbell-Mithun-Esty in Southfield as office services manager. Before joining CME, Pasi worked in the Detroit office of J. Walter Thompson USA Inc. for 13 years. Having worked her way through the agency to the position of facilities manager,

Pasi was promoted to supervisor, office operations in 1987, overseeing the office needs of nearly 450 employees.

Lisa Pappas of Plymouth was appointed copywriter/media specialist for University Microfilms International in Ann Arbor. She had been director of promotion for the Port Huron downtown merchants' association and tourist information center. Before that, she had spent four years with the St. Joseph Hospital/St. Joseph Health Systems in Flint, where she was marketing communications writer.

Patricia Troy was named director of Discovery Learning Center in the Metro West Industrial Park on Sheldon in Plymouth. Troy has worked for both large and small child care corporations as a director.

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The guilty blame everyone else for weak car sales

There are a few U.S. congresspeople wandering around Detroit this week, anxious to learn more about the auto industry.

Judging from a few of the statements attributed to them concerning their ignorance, you probably could recognize them in a crowd because of the bags they wear over their heads.

One confessed that he was surprised he had to worry about suppliers when he was talking about the car business. He thought the auto companies made everything themselves.

THIS IS easy enough to understand, since U.S. Steel Corp. was so ashamed of the metal it was selling to General Motors it renamed itself

USX Corp., or something like that, a few years ago. Anyone who doesn't realize that auto companies buy steel and rubber from other companies would really be shocked to find out how many computers they buy, which aren't made on Detroit assembly lines either.

Actually, the avowed ignorance of how the car business fits into the U.S. economy isn't half as disconcerting as the ignorance of how the U.S. government — all national governments, for that matter — affect the largest manufacturing business.

I FIRST noticed this phenomenon when David Halberstam, a Pulitzer-prize-winning political analyst, managed to write a 750-page analysis of the U.S. and Japanese auto Indus-

auto talk



Dan McCosh

tries without mentioning Washington policies and how its policies affect the business.

Still, the mere fact that a few congresspeople took the time to visit Detroit is encouraging. Not so encouraging was the remark from a think-tank type who was quoted "Washington isn't Detroit's problem; the problem is making cars as good as the Japanese."

Blunt as it is, this is as succinct a statement as you are likely to find about what drives the seemingly unending mountain of legislation that hamstrings what used to be a relatively straightforward business of making and selling cars.

IN FACT, making cars as well as the Japanese is what the bonafide competitive effort is all about. On

the other hand, if making good cars is all it takes, we would be driving Deussenbergs today, and Saab would be giving Toyota a run for its money.

Actually, I'm afraid that the total effort of this trip will be wasted on the obvious — that nobody can really make a fleet averaging 45 mpg or make exhaust so clean that it's cleaner than California air.

What I'd like to hear are a few people address some questions that have been bothering me lately, problems that have built up over the years since I was a youth, which I somehow think reflect a long effort of government policy.

WAY BACK then, in the mid-1960s, a monthly payment on a new

car, a year's car insurance, and a term's worth of tuition at Michigan State University's engineering school all were slightly less than \$90. General Motors was paying nearly 15 percent in dividends, and interest rates were 3 percent.

At the risk of sounding reactionary, I wonder if the changes we have seen, in tort liability, the dwindling dollar, the national debt, a diminished industrial base, and the dissolution of the system of education haven't somehow had an effect on the U.S. auto business. Maybe, in fact, more of an effect than the mechanical improvement in Japanese cars accomplished during those years.

It's an odd thought that elected officials who have orchestrated these changes don't think so.

Record-setting Dow means it's time for investors to be careful

On April 17, at 14:09 EST the Dow Jones Industrial Average crossed the elusive 3,000-mark and, for the first time, stayed about that level at the close.

The next morning the Wall Street Journal published the following headline, "Dow Industrial Crack the 3,000-Mark". What is really surprising is the fact that investors pushed the Dow over the top without any help from the Federal Reserve.

This year much of the stock market's rise has been fueled by the Fed's policy of lowering interest rates to counter the recession. However, on April 17 the Dow closed at a record 3,004.36, up 17.58 percent on the day despite the fact that the Fed decided not to lower the interest rate.

ANALYSTS POINT out that this stock market rally is very different from the one last July. It is broader; the Dow's 30 Blue Chips are lagging other market indexes, such as the S&P's 500, which hit records a while ago. And it is being led by a very different group of stocks.

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Sid Mittra

The six-month rally that has sent the Dow Industrial surging 639 points, or 27 percent, since the October low of 2365.10 has been dominated by growth stocks, and, to some extent, by cyclical companies whose earnings turn higher as the economy strengthens. In fact, what we have experienced is a market driven by the expectation of economic recovery and responding to lower interest rates.

In July 1990, the Dow rose above 3000 on two successive days, but both times closed at 2999.75. Shortly thereafter, Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the ensuing economic slump in the United States resulted in a large decline in the market. But beginning

in October 1990, with most economists forecasting only a short recession, the market has been rallying. And it got a strong support from the U.S. victory over Iraq.

BUT ALTHOUGH the Dow Industrials are back at 3000, investors are facing very different bets than they were last summer. Nine months ago, when the Dow and the S&P 500 were racing to record levels, much of the stock market was not going along. Small stocks, especially, were taking a beating. As of mid-July, when the Dow was flirting with 3000, NASDAQ's Index of small industrial stocks was off 12 percent from its late 1989 peak.

Now the Standard and Poor's 500, the NASDAQ Composite, and just about every other market index is setting records. The S&P 500, a broad-based market measure, is 6 percent higher than it was in July. The NASDAQ Index, which represents small stocks, is up 57 percent from its low in October. And some of the fastest-rising stocks are those most sensitive to economic cycles and to interest rates.

EVERY FINANCIAL newspaper is predicting that the Dow is about to

reach 3200. However, I am really concerned about the short-term prognosis of this market.

In my view, investors are speculating that a quick economic rebound lies ahead. But, despite all the talk of recovery, autos, housing, employment, and consumer spending remain weak.

Investors are assuming that the economy will recover, interest rates will continue falling, and inflation is well under control. However, that line of thinking creates all the more opportunities for disappointments.

So I strongly advise caution.

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Sid Mittra is a professor of finance, school of business at Oakland University and owner of Coordinated Financial Planning.

marketplace

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Residential Marketing Concepts Inc. was formed in Novi to provide marketing expertise to the multi-family housing industry. The telephone number is 348-9550.

PolyPro, an indoor, self-serve auto wash, has opened at 24645 Plymouth Road (one-quarter-mile west of Telegraph), Redford Township. The telephone number is 532-WASH (532-9274).

Small-business owners in Michigan can call the U.S. Small Business Administration's toll-free "Answer Desk" telephone service to get help on problems connected with their

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Early retirement decision demands careful analysis

By Doug Funke
Staff writer

Jim Brooks was 57 when he received an offer 1½ years ago from his employer of 33 years — a job buyout and opportunity for early retirement.

Brooks, not his real name, had worked for the telephone company in a variety of jobs before and after divestiture.

"It was very difficult," he said of the decision. "It's irreversible. It's not like you say I'll do it and three months later you say it's a mistake and I'll go back."

Brooks did some serious soul searching. He had many questions. The biggest — why would I want to do this? — he asked of himself.

"Basically, the decision, number one, hinges on whether you're retiring from something or to something," he said. "Once you get by the psychological portion, then I think you look at the financial end."

Brooks touched base with a couple of financial planners to examine projections and listen to recommendations. "I needed a lot of help," he conceded.

IN THE END, Brooks said farewell to the workaday world and took a lump sum monetary distribution in lieu of a monthly pension. He hasn't toiled for a salary since and doesn't know if he ever will again.

"It's working out well so far," Brooks said. "Basically, I work around the (Farmington Hills) house on mundane tasks I had no time for before. I do a little golfing, and I have a computer I'm trying mightily to master."

A job buyout or a lump sum profit sharing distribution at regular retirement age can pave the way to a happily ever after — or, without careful analysis and planning, years of regret.

"I think most people don't seek the advice they should seek," said John Cashen, a labor lawyer with the firm

of Bodman, Longley & Dahling in Troy. "It's money well spent."

People seem to have a great reluctance to spend a little money for advice when a lot of money is at stake, said Orville Lefko, a certified public accountant and chartered financial analyst.

His company, the Lefko Group in Troy, evaluates businesses and various business transactions.

"How do you find someone responsible to go to?" said Daniel P. Murphy, vice president of investments for Paine Webber of Livonia.

"Get some (client) references, not just one, but four or five, and randomly call and ask what their experience has been. Go to a firm with some financial staying power."

Negotiation is a big part of the decision-making process.

Don't be afraid to bargain over what initially has been offered in a buyout, especially if you're thinking about re-entering the job market. You may not get it if you don't ask and an initial offer may not be the best offer.

"AN EMPLOYEE will be able to negotiate some terms of a buyout and structure them to benefit him," Cashen said. "Negotiate fringe benefits. You may negotiate that an employer will provide health benefits for six months, a year."

"You might want to try to negotiate continued use of the premises while you do your own job search. It's fairly common for employers to do it."

"Things like a reference letter. It's always easier to get that at the time (negotiations) than when you're fet go," Cashen said.

Lefko also is a proponent of negotiation.

"It all depends on your position with the company," he said. "You can say, 'I understand what you're doing. Let's sweeten it up and I'll take it.'"

But decisions on whether to take a buyout or what to do with a lump

sum distribution at normal retirement ultimately come down to dollars and cents.

"I THINK the real big issue is what are your future obligations and how close to meeting those obligations will the offer enable you to come," Lefko said.

Murphy described a four-step evaluation process:

- Analyze current savings and investments.
- Identify buyout/retirement payouts from company.
- Acquire estimates of current or future Social Security payouts.
- Estimate income needs after buyout or retirement.

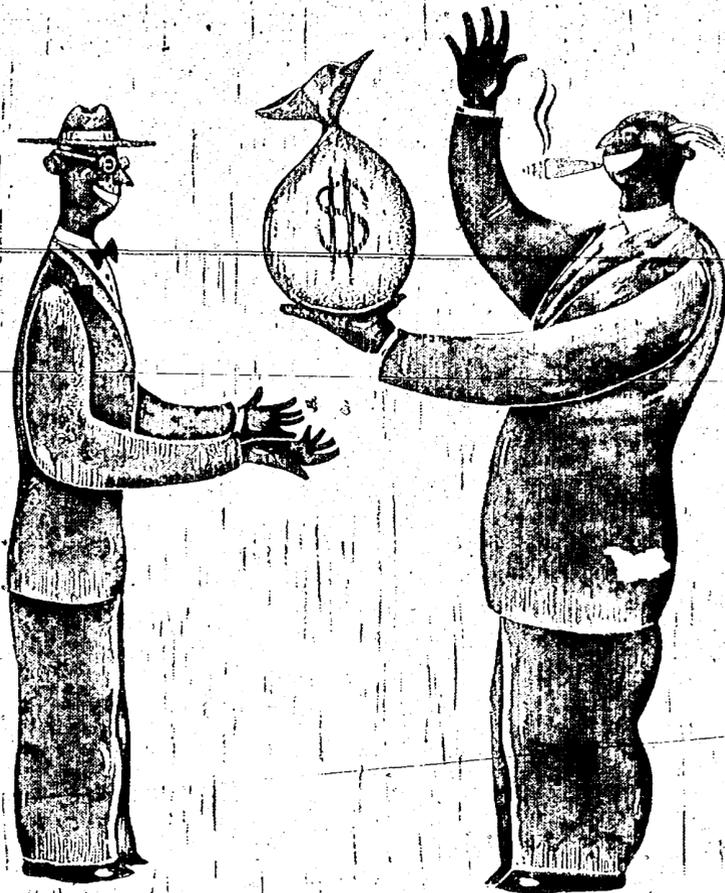
"Now that you've got all that, try to put it all together in an organized fashion," Murphy said. "Determine how long it will last based on what I need and what I have."

Retirees generally need 60-80 percent of gross working pay to maintain a similar lifestyle, Murphy said. Actuarial studies indicate that women who reach the age of 65 probably will live to 88, while men who live to 65 probably will be around to 84, he added.

THAT MEANS inflation becomes a big part of the equation. Fixed income investments like certificates of deposit, are considered safe as to preservation of principal, but aren't the best inflation hedges. Especially in higher tax brackets.

"The Standard & Poor 500, including '87 and '29, (big stock market crashes), has returned 9.7 percent on average," Murphy said. So invest some of your lump sum distribution, 20-25 percent, in the market, he said.

"You're not looking at speculative growth, but blue chip, dividend payers, good quality stocks. Most big pension plans have 40-60 percent of their assets in the stock market. That's where pension checks are coming from," Murphy said.



TAMMIE GAVES

But before you decide to do with a lump sum distribution, know that there are different tax consequences depending on how you choose to account for the payout.

The bottom line is the earlier you start to plan for retirement, the more options you will have.

some realistic appraisals on inflation and real income so you don't build a castle on sand. And seek some very good professional advice in more than one location."

"Plan ahead," Brooks said. "Make

Bankers want opportunities to expand product offerings

By Doug Funke
Staff writer

This final article in a series about banking in southeastern Michigan looks at the future of the industry.

If bankers here had their way, customers could come into their local branch and cash a payroll check, deposit money in a savings account, purchase various kinds of insurance, buy or sell stock and hire an agent to sell their house.

State and federal law now limits banks in Michigan to traditional kinds of services — conservative savings instruments, loans — and checking accounts. Many of those restrictions resulted from the stock market crash of 1929 and the Great Depression that followed.

But times change, bankers say, and regulations should change to reflect the times. Personal finance has become more sophisticated, its elements more interconnected.

"I think consumers look at banks for more information," said Robert Heinrich, president of the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington, one of the smaller independent banks in metro Detroit. "The financial arena has become more complex. There's more affluence among the consumer base," Heinrich said.

"MANY BABY BOOMERS are in an age category now where they're beginning to accumulate wealth. The older population, statistics have shown more are living longer, are looking for places for help to generate income. Survey after survey shows people trust banks," Heinrich said.

Bruce Nyberg, a vice president and division head for retail deposit services at National Bank of Detroit, the area's largest in terms of assets, believes there's room for banks to expand their service offerings.

"We're talking about a couple of things — products to be offered and delivery of products," he said.

Banks, especially bigger operations, want to offer their customers one-stop shopping. They want the opportunity to make money directly on different kinds of sales commissions.

"The consumer says they'd like us to do more than we are," said Murray D. Lull, a spokesman for the

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American Bankers Association. "Competition would give consumers a pretty good deal on insurance and real estate."

Justin L. Moran, a consultant to the industry and spokesman for the Michigan Bankers Association, looked at the other side of the coin.

"Banks have to be allowed to become more profitable. To do things that don't take a lot of capital or risk, that involves selling things," he said.

U.S. Sen. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, also recognizes a changing financial landscape. He has several questions, but not a lot of answers.

"How do you define what is a financial commercial center? What percentage is the traditional banking system of the whole? Where do we go?"

RIEGLER ISN'T so sure that letting banks expand their empires is a good idea. He made an analogy that General Motors, a world leader in manufacturing cars, still loses millions of dollars in off sales years.

"There's a notion that banks can jump into these areas where established players are losing a lot of money," Riegle said. "Whether banks can jump in and make a great killing is highly questionable."

Heinrich suspects that banks have been tarnished by problems experienced by savings and loans.

"Everyone, unfortunately, tends to lump everyone together," he said.

'The financial arena has become more complex. There's more affluence among the consumer base.'

— Robert Heinrich

"Are banks going to get into other areas? I think they will. I think it will be a much slower process than originally thought."

Banks will carve other niches, Nyberg agreed.

"We won't be manufacturing (products), but helping with delivery," he projected. "Insurance products make the most sense. I think it will happen eventually."

It probably will take some time, Moran speculated.

"We have the securities industry against it, the insurance industry, or at least insurance agents, against it, and real estate agents against it," Moran said. "It's called turf. It's going to be bloody politics."

IN THE MEANTIME, consumers can look forward to telephonic and home banking.

"Convenience will be redefined," Nyberg said. "I think telephone banking will be more a wave of the future. They (consumers) can pay a (credit) charge, transfer accounts, check balances."

NBD customers with Automatic Teller Machine cards and push button phones can do that now, Nyberg said, adding, "A lot aren't comfortable doing it or haven't learned all the capabilities."

Heinrich elaborated on another trend that he sees coming out of all the publicity on financial institutions.

"Consumers will become more vigilant. People won't be as blasé about selecting a bank. Consumers will look at annual reports and numbers to see where to put their money."

"Banks who perform well will be in a better position to corner more of the market. There will be a premium on doing well, which is the way I think it should be."

"I think the trend is clearly away from... a lack of knowledge about what's going on in the industry," Heinrich said.



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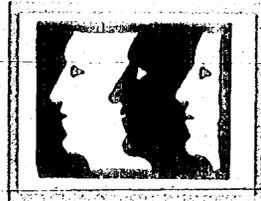
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Dental hygienist Connie Nofzt developed EMS symptoms almost immediately after taking L-tryptophan to treat the effects of brain swelling caused by the encephalitis. Now, she takes 14 different medications for the severe pain in her joints, which resembles advanced rheumatoid arthritis.



Aches and pains Victims cope with the nightmare of life after tainted L-tryptophan

By Janice Brunson
special writer

When John Wright speaks of the condition that afflicts him, he stresses the word pain.

"The worst is the muscle pain; it's so distracting, a burning pain that's persistent," said Wright, who directs public programs at the Henry Ford Museum. "It's hard to think of anything else."

Wright suffers from Eosinophilia-Myalgia Syndrome (EMS), a rare and debilitating disorder that has no known cure and is caused by the use of a Japanese-manufactured food supplement popular in the 1980s, called L-tryptophan.

Sold widely in health food and drug stores, the supplement was recalled by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration a year ago after thousands fell ill with mysterious symptoms, including severe muscle and joint pain, pulmonary and respiratory problems, paralysis, organ deterioration, skin and eye diseases and even brain dysfunction.

L-tryptophan is an amino-acid used a dietary supplement. Called nature's sleeping pill, some 14 million Americans took it to gain an uninterrupted night's sleep. It was also used to suppress symptoms of premenstrual syndrome or to enhance the effects of antidepressants.

Based on data compiled by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, an estimated 15,000 Americans may suffer from EMS, many still in silence and unaware of the possible physical devastation facing them.

WRIGHT IS all too aware. After taking L-tryptophan for six months, he fell ill in July 1990. He has been plagued with terrible muscular pain and other symptoms since, unable to work full-time except for brief periods.

"Fortunately, my employer is very understanding but I don't know how much longer that can last," he said. "I just take one day at a time."

Perhaps worst of all is facing the future. Because EMS is a new medical disorder that defies treatment, Wright does not know if he will improve, stabilize or get worse.

Connie Nofzt, 34, a self-supporting dental hygienist with EMS, also dreads the future. She fears the day she will no longer be able to work, a day she is certain looms in the immediate future.

After a particularly severe bout of flu that developed into encephalitis last year, her doctor recommended she take L-tryptophan to treat the effects of brain swelling caused by the encephalitis. EMS symptoms appeared almost instantly, growing more severe each month.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

John Wright, director of public programs at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, developed severe muscle pain and other symptoms of EMS in July 1990, just six months after he started taking L-tryptophan.

Nofzt suffers most from pain in her joints, a condition that is striking in its resemblance to advanced rheumatoid arthritis. Her fingers are affected, limiting dexterity necessary to work.

ALTHOUGH painfully impaired, Nofzt considers herself luckier than most with EMS. Her symptoms appeared simultaneously with public awareness about the syndrome, thereby saving her from a lengthy and frustrating search for medical answers that others she knows have experienced.

To date, 27 deaths have been attributed to EMS and another 2,000 cases have been medically verified. In Michigan, incidence is high, possibly because sales of L-tryptophan were more widespread here.

For every case diagnosed, Nofzt is certain there are many others yet to be diagnosed.

"Our biggest need is letting people know about this," she said. Late last year, she founded a support group that meets monthly. Those who attend share personal symptoms and possible treatment.

Farmington Hills attorney Raymond Cassar attends most meetings because, due to the newness of the condition, "the people who are afflicted with this generally know more than the doctors."

Cassar represents a number of clients now suing Showa Denko, the Japanese firm that once cornered 80

percent of all L-tryptophan sales. The firm is charged with manufacturing tainted supplies in the late 1980s.

SHOWA DENKO, the third largest chemical manufacturer in the world, is also noted for paying stiff fines in the 1960s for contaminating Japanese water supplies with mercury disposal.

Among those involved in the suit against Showa Denko are body builders and athletes who used L-tryptophan to build stronger bodies. Some hope for a settlement by summer, but Cassar said that it is unlikely because the firm is "stonewalling."

Charlene and Lee Garwood of Troy are suing. Both suffer from EMS.

"When I was diagnosed, I was just so relieved to finally have an answer," Charlene said. "I didn't care about a lawsuit. It was the health thing I was interested in." She is now dependent on a wheelchair or walker for mobility.

Since then, "I've decided they definitely have to pay for what they've done to me. I'm 35 years old. They should see what I go through daily. They have to pay for that."

Although both the Garwoods took L-tryptophan, for-unknown reasons her symptoms are far more severe than his. Other users suffer no symp-

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Students use 'Wishes' to help Make A Wish

By Sue Mason
staff writer

The Make A Wish Foundation granted the wish of Vicki North to visit Disney World before she died.

And the foundation will be able to continue granting such wishes, with the help of students in the fashion merchandising class at the Livonia Career Center.

Touched by the generosity extended to North, the cousin of fellow student Becky Rogers, a junior at Stevenson High School, the students have decided to donate the proceeds from their seventh annual fashion show to the foundation.

Forty-five students are in the final planning stages for the luncheon and fashion show, set for Saturday, May 4, at Laurel Manor. In recognition of the recipient, it's entitled "If Wishes Came True."

"I really want the show to be a success, and I think it will be," said Kristen Guntzville. It is this year's production manager.

A senior at Churchill High School, organizing the production is something she has wanted to do for three years. Two years ago, she helped with lighting for all student production, but "usually, I'd go to watch

'We haven't set a goal, just to raise as much as we can because we really believe in this charity.'

— Kristen Guntzville

and learn all I could about the production."

The students started getting ready for the show before Easter. More than 20 retailers, including Jacobson's, a major supporter of the fashion merchandising program, will be providing clothing for the show, said teacher Cindy Fairless.

"THE UNIQUE thing about this year is that we got calls from retailers who wanted to be in it rather than us canvassing them on our own," Fairless said.

Other firsts will be the use of a dresser, Chanda Ingram, a senior at Churchill who will help students change clothing backstage, and the design of the brochure cover done by a student, Stevenson senior Susan Foster.

And the opening segment of the show will showcase Foster's fash-

ions. She will attend the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and recently won a \$600 cash award for her designs in a Eastern Michigan University contest which pitted her against college level design students and amateur designers, Fairless said.

Also lending a hand with the production is MetroVision. The cable TV provider will coordinate lighting for the show as well as videotape it for television.

For Guntzville, the challenge is getting the acts to be more creative. She wants the students to have more fun on the runway. The student models have selected their own clothing and music for the show. Much of the music will have a '60s flavor although there will be some new songs.

AND ADMITTEDLY, the job of production manager hasn't been easy. And even though the end of her responsibilities is more than two weeks off, Guntzville has some tips for next year's manager.

"Make sure to get organized," she said. "It's hard and sometimes you have to yell at them, but don't be afraid to stand up to them when you want the job done right."

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JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Kristen Guntzville, a senior at Churchill High School is doing something she's wanted to do for three years — be the production manager for the Livonia Career Center fashion merchandising class' annual fashion show benefit.

singles connection

VOYAGERS

Voyagers Singles, a group for those 45 and older, will celebrate its 17th anniversary celebration 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, with dinner and a Hawaiian dance. Cost is \$10. Reservation deadline is Sunday, April 21. For information, call 591-1350.

TALK-IT-OVER

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors opportunities to Talk-It-Over (TIO) 7:45 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington, Livonia. On April 26, Dr. Bill Greenman will present the topic, "Special Families." For information, call 422-1854.

WESTSIDE

Westside Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 26, at Roma's of Garden City, Cherry Hill Road, east of Venoy Road. Dressy attire is required. For information, call 562-3160.

TRI COUNTY

Tri County Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph and Eight Mile roads, Detroit. Admission is \$4; \$2 for women. For information, call 842-7422.

SATURDAY WESTSIDE

Saturday Night Singles Westside will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft Service Drive west of Inkster Road. Admission is \$4. For information, call 277-4242.

SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Single Professionals, a social organization for singles 25 and older, will have a dance 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 26, at the Clarion Hotel, 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road. Admission is \$5 for non-members; \$3 for members. The group will also have a tennis party 1 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Farmington Tennis Club, 22777 Farmington, north of Nine Mile Road. For information, call 478-9181.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place presents "TBA" with Bill Greenman, a teaching minister and counselor, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. For information, call 349-0911.

WEDNESDAY SINGLES

Wednesday Night Singles will have a dance 8 to 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft Service Drive, west of Inkster Road. Admission is \$1. For information, call 277-4242.

SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

The Single Professionals, a social organization for singles 25 and older, will have wallyball 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington, Nine Mile Road, Farmington and Drake roads. There will be roller skating 8:40 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at

Bonaventure Roller Skating Center. For information, call 478-9181.

WALLYBALL

Single Friends will have wallyball 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in Westland. Admission is \$3. For information, call 531-2756.

WEDNESDAY SINGLES

Wednesday Suburban Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road, south of Eight Mile, Detroit. Admission is \$3. For information, call 842-0443.

SINGLES STATION

Singles Station will have a dance party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesdays at Character's Night Club, 32501 Van Dyke, between 13 Mile and 14 Mile, Warren. Admission is \$3. For information, call 680-7778 and 842-0443.

CHERRY HILL SINGLES

Cherry Hill Singles have moved their Wednesday suppers to Big Boy's Banquet Room, Ford Road, west of Southfield. The meetings are 6-7:30 p.m.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church presents BYOS, an evening of recreation with tennis, volleyball, wallyball, swimming and basketball for single adults 30 and older.

The program will take place 8 p.m. to midnight the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark Road. Children can attend for \$1 each. Tickets for adults are \$5 a person.

Single Point Ministries also meets 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Ward Church, 17000 Farmington Road at the corner of Six Mile, Livonia. Single Point Ministries is for single adults 30 and older. For information, call 422-1854.

The Never Married auxiliary of Single Point Ministries meets the third Tuesday of each month at the church. For information, call 422-1854.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

The Wayne/Westland Chapter of Parents Without Partners, a single parent support group, meets 8 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month at AmVets Post 171, on Merriman, Cherry Hill east of Venoy. There will be a speaker at 8:30 p.m., followed by a dance at 9:30 p.m. For information, call 421-7075.

Parents Without Partners Livonia/Redford Chapter 130 has its general meetings and dances 8 p.m. to midnight the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Mama Mia's Restaurant, Plymouth Road between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. For information, call 624-5981.

Novi/Northville Chapter No. 731 meets 8:15 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. For information, call 624-5540.

Writer is a progressive thinker

Dear Ms. Lorene Green,
Hello! I am writing in the hope that you will analyze my handwriting. I am left-handed and 39 years old.

I am licensed private investigator and an unpublished writer. I was wondering if my penmanship revealed any of these characteristics. I find graphology to be a very interesting science that is sure to be more fully utilized in the near future.

Thank you for your time.

B.D. Troy

Dear B.D.,

Since Sherlock Holmes is my only connection with a private investigator I cannot tell you if any of the necessary traits for this career selection can be found in your handwriting. I will, however, tell you what I do find and you can decide for yourself if the required ones are present.

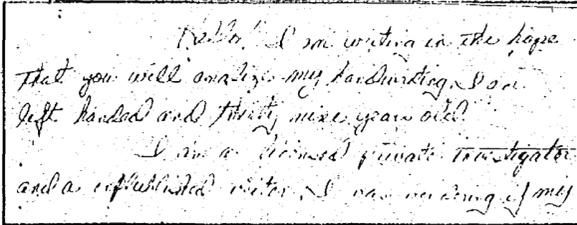
Your imagination and language facility are traits that should be beneficial to a fledgling writer. Your persistence is also important as many rejection slips usually precede an acceptance slip.

This handwriting suggests well developed mental abilities. Your mind is receptive and you are progressive and resourceful in your thinking. Both logic and system are used to



graphology

Lorene Green



relate ideas and form your opinions. You are able to discriminate, accepting ideas and information or rejecting it after consideration and according to your own interests and goals.

There is a great deal of persistence in your makeup. You do not give up easily once you set your course. You cling tenaciously to many things which you have acquired.

Words and thoughts flow for you and are frequently colored with feelings and emotions. You can also be a rather persuasive conversationalist.

You are time aware and a self-starter. I suspect you work best early in the day as your interest may wane a little after an enthusiastic beginning.

You are a young woman who wishes to make an impression on others. Recognition and acceptance are important and you sometimes come on strong to make a favorable impression.

Praise can be music to your ears, but your sensitive nature cannot be missed. You have an aversion to criticism, especially in the area of per-

sonal appearance and habits. A strong need to be "right" causes you to become defensive. Self-consciousness is also noted. The combination of these two traits suggest you probably experienced a great deal of criticism in the past and are not able to completely separate yourself from the hurt.

A dislike of friction causes you to compromise rather than face confrontation many times. But you are also capable of a bit of manipulation to reach your goal.

Some guilt feelings, which you have not successfully worked through are noted. They may be responsible for the tension I see here. The fulfillment you seek seems to be eluding you. And when life becomes too overwhelming, you are inclined to return to the emotional security you found in the past, probably with the mother figure.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene 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 signature are helpful. And constructive feedback is always welcome.

new voices

STEPHEN and KATHLEEN DERRIG of Redford announce the birth of ERIN MICELLE at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a "big" brother, John Stephen. Grandparents are John and Margaret Hibler of Howell and Jack and Mary Ellen Derrig of Westland.

PHILLIP and VALERIE CARMACK of Livonia announce the birth of ANDREA ELISE Feb. 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has two "big" sisters, Allison, 3, and Melanie, 2.

DAVID and CHERYL KNOCH of San Antonio, Texas, announce the birth of DANIEL LEE Jan. 30 at the Wilford-Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Grandparents are Robert and Glenda

McGregor and Art and Mary Knoch, all of Westland. Great-grandparents are Mary Hart of California, Don and June McGregor of Wayne and John and Margaret Robak of Florida.

GREGFRand VIKKI SVABIK of Canton Township announce the birth of SARA ELIZABETH Feb. 19 at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. She has a "big" brother, Phillip Michael, 5. Grandparents are Joseph and Dorothy Svabik of Livonia and John and Gloria Teeter of Northville.

DR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN CZERNIAWSKI of Livonia announce the birth of ELIZABETH HANNAH Jan. 24. She has a "big" brother, Benjamin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Czerniawski of Ham-

tramck and Mr. and Mrs. Adam Finzel of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Hannah Finzel of Dearborn.

JOHN and LESLEY ARNOLD of Roseville announce the birth of JACOB ALEXANDER Feb. 6 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Robert and Irene Arnold of Westland and Richard and Joann Kern of Center Line. Great-grandparents are Dorothy Arnold of Redford and Jose and Isabel Mal-lare.

JIM and ALISA NOWOSIELSKI of Wayne announce the birth of ALI-SON MARJORIE Feb. 15 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Jim and Donna Nowosielski, Gregory Housley and Bill and Marji Brooks, all of Westland.

ROB and COLLEEN KOWALSKIE of Livonia announce the birth of KYLE ROBERT and KEVIN ERIC Feb. 22. Grandparents are Eero and Eleanor Keranen of Kalkaska, Eleanor Kowalske of Farmington Hills and Dick Kowalske of Livonia.

GLENN and VICKI THOMAS of Livonia announce the birth of SHANNON JOAN March 4. She has a "big" brother, Jason Scott, 7, and a "big" sister, Kelly Lynn, 6. Grandparents are Bruce and Joan McMurtrie of Wayne and Roy and Winnifred Thomas of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Wilhelmina McMurtrie of Dearborn Heights.

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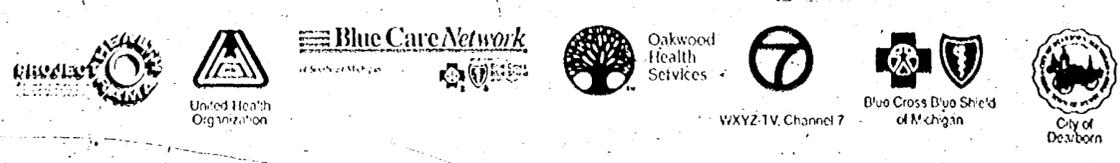
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Students 'fashion' own wish

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Marcy Zywicki and Lisa Edmunds, both seniors at Churchill High, also have some hints for next year's publicity people. The twosome have been lining up donations for the show raffle and basically, getting the word out about the show. Their advice is "to be aggressive, but not too pushy."

They were both drafted and volunteered for the job. Since neither will be at the fashion show and a lot of the preparations are done during class hours, they decided to work on publicity.

"It wasn't as hard as I thought it would be," Zywicki said. "And we've gotten a lot of experience talking to different people."

With their persistence, they've managed to get donations like dinner for two from Chi-Chi's, a one-night stay at the Holiday Inn and free tanning. Their job has been made easier by merchant recognition of the annual effort.

"A LOT OF people donate because they've donated before and since all the proceeds go to charity, they like that," Edmunds said.

The students are hoping to have 300 people in attendance so that they will have a sizable donation for the Make A Wish Foundation. Last year, they donated \$1,000 for AIDS research.



Rehearsing during class are fashion merchandising students Kathy Mulherin (from left) of Churchill High School, Andrea

Waterman of Stevenson High School and Angelice Davenport of Franklin High School.

"We haven't set a goal, just to raise as much as we can because we really believe in this charity," Guntzville said.

Tickets are one sale now and cost \$16.50 each. Tickets are available through the fashion merchandising class by calling 464-3500.

Group shares pains

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toms at all and one Michigan woman who took the supplement throughout pregnancy gave birth to a healthy baby.

IN A CONTINUING search for effective treatment, the Garwoods recently completed an experimental flushing process. The treatment most often prescribed is steroids and prednzone, neither of which has proven effective.

And the lack of an effective treatment is causing people to despair.

"I'm angry, angry and afraid I'll never get well," Nofitz said. Wright tries to stay optimistic, "but all I've done is gotten worse." Both used L-tryptophan in the mistaken belief it was a "natural, non-addictive product."

—And although the supplement is no longer sold in the United States, Wright fears there are old, unused bottles still sitting on shelves in homes, waiting to poison unsuspecting users.

"That's a scary thought," he said.

The EMS Support Group meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Classroom A on the 10th floor, of Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For more information, call 553-2855.

clubs in action

Clubs in Action appears on Thursdays. Deadline for items is noon the previous Friday.

● NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LUPUS

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty St., Farmington. Dr. Chaim Brickham, an immunologist, will speak on the "Basics of Lupus — Update on New Research." For information, call Andrea Gray at 533-0595.

● AARP

The American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1109 will have its anniversary party at Mountain Jacks Friday, April 26. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling 425-4093.

● ROSE SOCIETY

The Detroit Rose Society will meet at 7:45 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Oak Park Community Center, Oak Park Boulevard west of Coolidge and north of Eight Mile. Two videos from Jackson and Perkins Rose Nursery will be featured. For information, call 435-3845.

● A.F.O.T.H.

The monthly meeting of Active Friends of the Homeless will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, in the South Lounge at Madonna University, Levan and Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information, call 427-9053 or 474-6386.

● BPW FUND-RAISER

The Garden City Business and Professional Women's Organization will hold a Tupperware fund-raiser at 10 a.m. Saturday in Venture Sales, 32783 Manor Park Drive in Garden City (between Venoy and Hubbard, north of Maplewood). A microwave cooking demonstration will feature the Tupperware stack cooker. The BPW scholarship fund will benefit from the fund-raiser. For more information, contact Polly Fitzpatrick at 525-8381.

● DAR

The General Josiah Harmar Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will have its luncheon meeting

at noon Saturday, April 27, at the home of Mrs. Walter Thomas in Roseville. Delegates to the State Awards Day and to the 100th Continental Congress will make reports.

● CARD SHOW

A baseball card show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at St. Raphael School, Merriman and Ford Road, Garden City. Admission is free. Table rental is \$20 and available by calling Buck Horn at 397-3888 or Steve White at 397-0930. Proceeds will benefit the school bus program.

● ITALIAN CLUB

The Italian Club of Livonia will have a rummage/bake sale 9 a.m. to

4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 2-3, at 9611 Hubbard Road, Livonia.

● ATTENTION DEFICIT

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington. The meeting will be a rap session and discussion of summer programs at Eaton Academy. For more information, call 464-8233.

● ITC

International Training in Communication will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. "Impromptu Speaking" will be the challenge. For more information, call 563-0361.

● CRAFT SHOWS/SALES

The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 147 will have a spring craft sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the post, 100 W. Dunlap, Northville. Admission is \$1 and includes a door prize ticket. A lunch menu will be available throughout the day. For more information, call Lee at 349-1060.

● Craft Gallery will have show of

country folk art and Victorian crafts 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, east of Venoy. Admission is \$2. No strollers allowed. For information, call 274-7076 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

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Praise

Young performers find a way to share good news

By Julie Brown
staff writer

FOR MEMBERS of The Way, performing contemporary Christian music is a way to have fun while sending a powerful message.

The musical group at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth was formed about five years ago. Its members are local middle school and high school students.

"We do our own songs," said Heather Berlin, 18, a senior at Plymouth Salem High School.

She sings, writes songs and plays the piano, and has performed with The Way for about four years.

She got involved "because I'm a music person so I was looking for a band. This is a good experience. I've been performing forever, since I've been able to stand."

"It's not just a band. It's like a family," said Berlin, a Plymouth resident. "We try to help each other."

Lance Loiselle, 18, has been involved with The Way since its beginning.

LOISELLE, A Salem senior and

Plymouth resident, plays the piano, writes music and helps run rehearsals. Performing gives him a sense of spiritual satisfaction.

"It gives me a good feeling about helping people," said Loiselle, whose twin brother, Jason, also performs with The Way. "I wouldn't miss it for the world."

The musicians gathered on a recent Wednesday evening to rehearse for an upcoming performance at the church. They perform during some Sunday morning worship services and at other churches and community gatherings.

Dale Hoard of Plymouth Township has been director of The Way for a little more than a year. Hoard, who works for Michigan Bell in in-house maintenance, plays the guitar and sings with the group.

"I try to leave everything up to them for the most part," said Hoard, who worships at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Several high school seniors who will graduate this year form a core group to keep things running smoothly. The group's size varies from week to week, Hoard said, ranging from eight to about 28.

PARTICIPATING HELPS to keep Hoard, 38, active musically. He and his wife have three children ages 5, 3 and 1, so he doesn't have a lot of experience working with teenagers. He occasionally needs to ask students to stop talking during rehearsals, but still enjoys being involved.

"They keep my faith going. They keep me younger."

The musicians perform some original music and present music done by other contemporary Christian artists. They've recorded several tapes and plan to start work on another recording soon.

MUSICIANS FIND performances are a good way to share the message of God's love. They recently performed at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and have presented their music at various community gatherings.

"We love doing it," Berlin said. "We look for opportunities."

Some intend to pursue careers in music. Berlin plans to attend Albion College, most likely as a voice major.

Lance Loiselle plans to study music at Eastern Michigan University and to continue his involvement in music ministry at the Plymouth church. He and the others have found that involvement in The Way provides fun and friendship, along with opportunities to grow musically.

"The best friends in my life (are) here," Loiselle said.

JAY AHO, 17, has been involved in The Way since its early days. He played the keyboard and trumpet in the past and now does mostly vocals.

"Mainly, I like the performing part of it," said Aho, a junior at Salem and a Plymouth resident.

He's considering a career in broadcasting.

Aho's older brother, John, and some of his friends were instrumental in getting the group started. The Way, made up primarily of students who worship at the Methodist church in Plymouth Township, has been going strong ever since.



photos by SHERRIE BUZBY/staff photographer

Members of The Way rehearse in the sanctuary at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



Dale Hoard (left) and bass player Ryan Groat prepare for a performance of The Way.



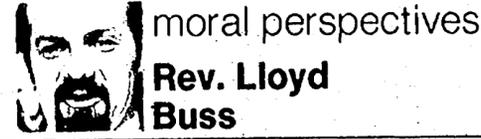
Lance Loiselle (left) and Jay Aho do some singing during a rehearsal session at the church.

Elitism is a byproduct of schools of choice concept

Schools of choice seem to be the people's new choice for education. The list of those who have expressed their support for this proposal suggested by both the new superintendent of schools for Detroit and the president of the United States is surely a prestigious one.

The dream held out for schools of choice is that the learning process will become so engaging and successful that students will then succeed where now they have failed. The goal presented for schools of choice is that accomplishment of education that has thus far eluded us.

Who could possibly argue with the hopes and dreams for schools of choice? I cannot imagine a single



person in this country who would want the learning process to be less than engaging and successful in that growth to maturity. No one objects to what we want to have happen in the classrooms of our land.

NOT ALL, however, would agree with the technique chosen to accom-

plish these noble ends. Their number does not yet match that of those who have supported the idea, but the schools of choice proposal is meeting increasing critique. And rightly so.

The primary use of competition to develop priority schools of choice is also its greatest flaw. Competition immediately establishes two categories — those who succeed and those who do not. Once that principle has been placed in operation, the rest is simply a numbers game.

Each school will either succeed or fail, and the number in each category will depend on the criteria used for competition.

THE AUTOMOTIVE industry, just to mention one, has asked for greater governmental intervention to restrict foreign imports. Competition in the automotive industry has created its successes and failures, and some are not pleased with the results. Apparently, competition has to be checked if the wrong side is winning.

To build a school system on the model of a market economy is also to create a product that will depend on the practice of marketing just as much as it depends on its production. This can be equally as disastrous as raw competition. Marketing seldom focuses on the public good. Marketing by nature focuses on selling a private good to the public.

SCHOOLS OF choice create an elitism that we cannot afford. In a nation that has already been divided by economics and tribe, the deliberate and intentional division between schools that succeed and schools that fail is to turn the experience of learning into a callous and prejudiced process.

Our schools surely need to be improved. We know their failures and their shortcomings only too well.

But to establish, carefully and precisely, criteria that will guarantee some to succeed and some to fail is to destroy the very hope that can create the vision for success. The proposal for schools of choice is already a sign of how far we have proceeded in that direction.

The Rev. Lloyd D. Buss is pastor of the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Rochester Hills.

church bulletin

Items for the church bulletin should be submitted no later than noon Friday the week prior to publication.

ANNIVERSARY

Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River, Redford, will continue its 50th anniversary celebration with the Rev. Dr. Guido Merckens, pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas, speaking at 9:15 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday, April 28. Music will be by the Grace Church choir, as well as the brass choir, under the direction of Mary Prokopy, director of music.

At 5 p.m. Sunday, May 5, the church will sponsor a celebration banquet at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The Rev. Dr. Ralph Bohlmann, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will speak. The Rev. Victor Halboth, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, will preach at both Sunday worship services on "50 Years of Practicing and Proclaiming Love."

The first worship service of Grace Church was conducted Sunday, Dec. 1, 1940, in the Burgess School in Redford with 10 people attending. The church has grown to 2,000 members.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Reed Harris will give a lecture on "In God We Trust" 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Harris is a Christian Science lecturer, a former computer industry executive and a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. His lecture is sponsored by the Plymouth church.

MUSICAL DRAMA

Westland Free Methodist Choir and Drama group will present "How Great Thou Art," a spring musical drama, 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 28, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 29, at the church, 1421 Venoy, Westland. The public can attend and admission is free. For information, call 728-2600.

CAREGIVING

The "Living With Death Issues" series will start with the topic "Caregiving for the Dying" 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at St. Genevieve Parish, 29015 Jamison, Livonia. The program will be presented by Mary MacGregor, director of public relations and marketing at Angela Hospice. For information, call 261-5920.

FRIENDSHIP TIME

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, will have get-acquainted receptions following 8:30 and 11 a.m.

services Sunday, April 28. Special topics in adult Bible class 9:45 a.m. will deal with building relationships. For information, call 522-6830.

RETHINKING MARRIAGE

The seminar "Rethinking Marriage When Thinking Remarriage," sponsored by the Church Life Committee of Ward Presbyterian Church, will take place 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 27, at the church, 17000 Farmington, at Six Mile in Livonia. Pre-registration is necessary. Donation is \$10 for materials. For information, call 422-1826.

SPRING CONCERT

St. Valentine Church Choir will present its annual spring concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the church, Beech Daly between Five Mile and Schoolcraft. The choir will perform a variety of arrangements, including several of Mozart's works. Kevin Cushman, minister of music and choir director, will conduct the performance and will be accompanied by pianist Dennis Penney. The public can attend.

AMBASSADORS

The Ambassadors of Village Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, will attend the Southfield Ice Show 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27. They will go to Tel-Twelve Mall after the program for refreshments at MCL Cafeteria. For information, call 534-7730.

FAMILY WEEK

Families will be spotlighted April 21-28 at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. An all-church family seminar will be 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25. Bill Greenman, a Christian psychologist, will discuss "Family Fantasies or Fantasy Families?" At 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, Ward Ministries for Young Adults will sponsor a program for young single or married adults. "Keeping God in the Center of Your Relationships" At 8 a.m. Sunday, April 28, the Rev. John Crimmins will discuss the topic "Honest Imitation" at the worship service. The Rev. Bartlett Hess, senior pastor, will present the message, "Will the Family Survive?" at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. services. The evening worship service will start 7 p.m. The Ward Kid's Choir will present a musical. For information, call 422-1150.

BIBLE STUDY

The Book of James will be the Bible study topic at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, west of Lilley in Canton. Sessions will be 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and will be led by the Rev. Roger Aumann. For information, call 981-0286.

OLD TESTAMENT

A "Walk Through the Old Testament" seminar will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial. Participants will learn about the Bible's history, geography and life changing applications. The public may attend the seminar, designed for youths and adults. To register, call Linda Holtsberry, 453-5260.

The church is also accepting students for its preschool co-op for the fall. Classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. For registration information, call 981-0286 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

RECRUITMENT DAY

The Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit will have a recruitment day 1-4 p.m. Friday, April 26, for prospective teachers in the second floor ballroom of the Student Union Building of the University of Detroit Mercy-Livorno campus. "Discover Catholic Schools" will be the theme and Sister Maureen Fay, president of U-D-Mercy, will give the keynote address. School principals and administrators from approximately 30 schools also will be on hand. For information, call Mercedes Fitzsimmons, 237-5925.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship in Action of Holy Trinity Church will have a rummage and bake sale 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 26, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 27, at the church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call 525-7160.

WORKSHOP

St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia, will host a workshop for those who are job-hunting. Dr. Kenneth Woodside of Wright and Associates, an outplacement firm in Southfield, will lead the seminar. Dates for the free sessions are 7-9 p.m. Sundays, April 28 and May 5. To register, call 422-6038. Church leaders hope to form a support group for job-hunters. Those interested should send their name, address and phone number to St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia 48152.

GULF WAR

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton will speak 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 29, at the Newman House, 17300 Haggerty, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Gumbleton will discuss "The Persian Gulf: Just War, Just Peace?" Admission is free. For information, call 534-7668.

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anniversaries

Walter and Catherine Korona

Walter and Catherine Korona joined with other anniversary couples at St. John Evangelical Catholic Church of Fenton Feb. 10 to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.

The couple originally exchanged vows in Detroit and lived in the Detroit metropolitan area for 20 years, before moving to Linden in 1952. They later moved to Fenton, where they have lived for more than 20 years.

The couple renewed their vows before the Rev. David Harvey and were joined by children Charlotte Mlehniewicz of Romulus, Walter and Phyllis Korona of Livonia and Donald and Lillian Korona of Detroit for a brunch reception at the church. Unable to attend were Robert and Nancy Korona of Midland.

Active in several senior citizen groups, the Koronas also have 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.



John and Margaret Nagy

John and Margaret Nagy of Dearborn Heights were the guest of honor at a family brunch marking their 65th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchange wedding vows on April 17, 1926, at St. Mary's Hungarian Catholic Church in Windber, Pa.

Twenty-six-year residents of Dearborn Heights, the Nagys have three married children — John and Janette Nagy of Garden City, Irene Zitkus of St. Clair Shores and Robert and Lena Nagy of Palm Harbor, Fla., formerly of Plymouth. They also have five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He is a retiree of the Ford Motor Co.'s Wayne Assembly Plant. The Nagys enjoy attending Hungarian dinner-dances at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Detroit and at the Downriver Reform Church in Allen Park.



Charles and Cleo Carlson

Charles and Cleo Carlson of Livonia were the guests of honor at a special dinner party for family members, held in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged wedding vows April 20, 1941, in Toledo, Ohio. She is the former Cleo Hawkins.

The couple has lived in Livonia for 14 years. They have three married sons, Chuck, Jim and Bob, all of Livonia, and seven grandchildren.

Otto and Irene Mortens

A family celebration helped Otto and Irene Mortens of Livonia mark a special date, their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Mortens were married on April 19, 1941, in Detroit. She is the former Irene O'Brien.

He worked as a tool and die shop foreman and she was a homemaker. They have three married children — Michael and wife Jeanette of Dearborn, Stephen and wife Patricia of Farmington Hills and daughter Kathleen Naasko and husband Paul of Livonia — and five grandchildren. Their hobbies include playing bridge, travel, reading and their family.

Michael and Linda Droz



Michael and Linda Droz of Redford celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a weekend stay at the Marriott Inn in Livonia and a belated week-long trip to Las Vegas.

High school sweethearts, the couple exchange wedding vows on Feb. 23, 1966, before Redford Judge John Dillon. She is the former Linda Johnson.

The couple have a son Brian and two grandsons. They have lived in Redford for 25 years and he has worked as a machinist at XWW Alloys in Dearborn Heights for a like amount of time.



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MICHAEL and GINA GALER of Livonia announce the birth of **DIANA CAROLYN** Feb. 5 at the Family Birthing Center in Southfield. She has two "big" sisters, Andrea Frances, 6½, and Natalie Gina, 4. Grandparents are Donald and Carolyn Iacaroni of Dearborn Heights and Raymond and Frances of Northville. Great-grandparents are Leona Wells of Grand Rapids and David

and Dorothy Heyman of Hempstead, N.Y.

WILLIAM and BARBARA PICHAN of Livonia announce the birth of **NEIL WILLIAM** Feb. 5. Grandparents are Janusz and Krystina Sulich of Southfield and Wesley and Jean Pichan of Dearborn Heights. Great-grandparents are Stanislaw and Maria Sulich of Southfield.

JOHN and JAN MacINTYRE of Livonia announce the birth of **JOR-**

DAN ALBERT Feb. 22 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has a "big" brother, Andrew, and a "big" sister, Jennifer. Grandparents are Joe and Helen Ross of Detroit and Bonnie Chattaway of Redford.

MARK and MARY GRABOWSKI of Livonia announce the birth of **JOSEPH EDWARD** Jan. 30 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Stan and Mary McNeill of Livonia and Loretta Grabowski of Detroit and the late Edward Grabowski.

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THOMAS F. ROST is President of R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Homes, Inc. He is president of Preferred Funeral Directors International and also president of the Detroit Executive Association.
GERALD HOFFMAN is President of Hoffman Accounting & Tax Service. He has over 20 years of experience in taxation and estate planning.
KAY E. BRUNS is a Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF) for Century Companies of America and a member of the National Association of Life and Health Underwriters.
WILLIAM MONTGOMERY is an attorney in Garden City. He is President Elect of the Garden City Kiwanis and former chairman of the Garden City Planning Commission.

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Lansing in limbo

Views mixed on cutting state arts subsidies

□ DIA's future uncertain, 4D

By Ralph R. Echlinau
staff writer

Most state lawmakers from the Observer & Eccentric area say Michigan should reduce its arts subsidies. But they differ in the support they give Gov. John Engler's plan to virtually eliminate them entirely.

Engler has suggested that the Michigan Council for the Arts be stripped of the \$9 million it passes

out annually to local arts programs around the state.

The Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills was supposed to get \$232,200 from the arts council this fiscal year, but received just \$68,000 before Engler froze all council grants in January.

President Roy Slade said the Academy's museum and school will not be affected if Engler succeeds in wiping out future arts council grants, but outreach programs such as artwork tours and lectures will be curtailed.

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Art Attack next Wednesday

Arts supporters will stage an Art Attack Wednesday, May 1, in Lansing to protest Gov. John Engler's proposed arts subsidy cuts.

The rally will begin at 10 a.m. on the Capitol grounds with an update on the budget proposal. The Detroit Henry Ford High School marching band perform near the capital building as artists exhibit their work.

At 11 a.m. rally on the Capitol

steps, some legislators will speak. A brown bag lunch on the lawn will follow.

After 12:30 p.m., participants are urged to meet with their legislators.

The event is sponsored by Michigan Advocates for the Arts and supported by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan. For details, call the Michigan Advocates for the Arts at 961-1776.



Rep. Lyn Bankes
tighten arts spending



Sen. Jack Faxon
maintain arts subsidies

The roundhouse: It fulfills dream of unique house

By Janice Tiger-Kramer
special writer

WHEN BOB and Corrine Dean had the basement dug for their home on

Westland's north side, the local kids cheered—they thought it was a neighborhood swimming pool.

From then on, few people passed the circular-styled house on Parkgrove (which actually has 14 sides) without commenting on its unique design.

The Deans, who three years ago moved into what neighbors call the roundhouse, always preferred out-of-the-ordinary or state-of-the-art cars and vans.

So, when they saw the two-story circular house designed by Eagle's Nest Inc. while vacationing in North Carolina, they were determined to build one in the Detroit area.

"We knew if we were ever going to build, we wanted a house that would catch the eye," Corrine said.

Though Bob and Corrine generally enjoy the attention paid to their "roundhouse," they recently put it on the real estate market and have already bought their retirement house, this time a conventional ranch-style house in Ohio.

Bob, a physics teacher at Livonia's Stevenson High School, and Bill Hosman, a friend and Livonia teacher, built the Eagle's Nest House in 1988 as a test project.

The two men, both licensed builders, were near retirement and wondered if there was a market in the Detroit suburban area for circular homes. If so, they wanted to build them.

THE DEANS, who'd just sold their tri-level house in Livonia, liked the Eagle's Nest House so much, they decided to move in. Bob, who appreciates the quality and adaptability of the design, is a company rep for Eagle's Nest Inc. and sells the house plan for the North Carolina firm.

Though the Deans admit the house, priced at \$149,900, requires a special buyer, they think its versatility is a strong selling point. Since the house has no interior load

'We knew if we're ever going to build, we wanted a house that would catch the eye.'

— Corrine Dean
homeowner

bearing walls, a new owner could add a fourth bedroom or alter the size and shape of existing rooms.

In place of structural walls, the Eagle's Nest House includes one steel post, concealed in a closet, from the basement to the second floor. Floor joists forming a "wheel" extend from the post to support the upper level.

Foundation walls are 10 inches thick (about two inches thicker than the foundation of a traditional house) to add additional support to the second floor and roof.

Besides a versatile floor plan, the 2,036-square-foot house, in the Livonia school district, offers spectacular views of the large, corner lot from a wrap-around deck on the second level.

THE FIRST floor includes a great room, a large kitchen, plus a master suite with adjoining bath. A circular, steel staircase leads to the second floor, which the Deans use for a family room and office. The spacious room, with a modified cathedral ceiling, leads to two bedrooms and a bath.

Though the house is built of 14 sides, or panels, the angles are hardly visible inside. Interior walls are constructed to form a cove, giving the inside a rounded look.

"The round interior makes the house feel very open, very spacious," Bob said. "You'd never know there are 14 individual sides."

Because there are no right angled walls or other "nooks and crannies" to trap air, the house has greater air circulation and lower fuel bills than a traditionally styled house; this also results in more useable living space.

The roof, too, has 14 sides topped

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Bob and Corrine Dean's Eagles Nest House includes 14 sides and a dome-style roof topped with a cupola. The Deans built the house of Douglas Fir with cedar trim.



Left: The Eagles Nest House is made of 14 individual sides, or panels. Each panel is drywalled together to form a cove, giving the interior a round feeling. Elimination of angled walls results in greater air circulation and more useable living space.

Staff photos
by
Art Emanuele

Pasadena Park a treasure; historical panel on target

SCANNING the artscape:

• It's one of the few remaining examples of the semirural areas that once dotted Farmington Township.

With model homes springing from the former Samuel Locke farm during the Roaring Twenties, it's fitting a historic marker will soon mark the "Y" on Hollyhill in Pasadena Park subdivision, just south of the Farmington Hills City Hall.

"The first homes in this lovely subdivision were built in 1926, when suburban living came to Oakland County," the marker will read, following Farmington Hills Historical Commission approval April 10.

The lures of suburbia were well-rooted even then.

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"The Detroit Urban Railway, an electric rapid transit system, was just blocks away on Orchard Lake Road (which was paved); with con-



Bob Sklar

nections to Pontiac, Ann Arbor and Detroit," the historic marker will tell us.

Development in Pasadena Park ground to a halt during the Great Depression. But it resumed after World War II.

• It's a key step to designating a historic district and framing a preservation ordinance. Plymouth's new historic district study committee has decided to catalog all homes more than 50 years old.

The intent is to retain original architectural styles during home improvement projects. The hope is not only to help preserve a historic home's architecture, but also help boost its value.

Remember: A strong historic district typically spills over and helps strengthen nearby commercial districts.

As committee chairman Mark Oppat told the Observer: "I think the biggest thing is it helps to preserve the heritage of our community."

The study panel will take up to three years to catalog homes and draft an ordinance. The 186-year-old city boasts such diverse architectural styles as Greek Revival, Italianate and Victorian.

A historical preservation ordinance is not an easy sell to affected

property owners. It not only must allay fears, but also justify benefits.

Doubters may see strict architectural guidelines depressing property values. But studies show such values tend to stabilize, then rise in historic districts, said Bob Donohue, city planning consultant.

An ordinance that's more than advisory doesn't prevent exterior building changes. But it does limit them. For example, it permits building additions but not alterations that change the view from the street.

Voluntary ordinance compliance seems the right way to go at first. Mandating home improvement restrictions is no way to build good will.

But I reiterate: Eventually, ordinance enforcement (while allowing for city-approved variances) is the

only way to assure that Plymouth's historic structures aren't architecturally raped.

• Sweet shells of success are wafting from the Livonia Historical Society's ambitious fund-raising drive to equip Greenmead Historical Village with at least two authentic vintage outhouses.

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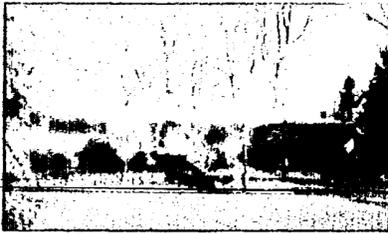
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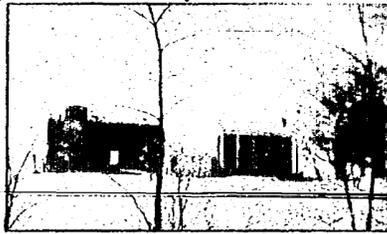
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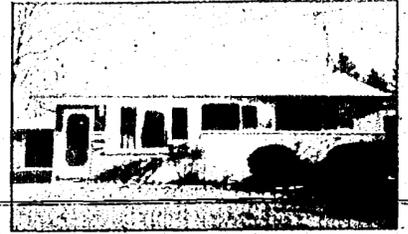
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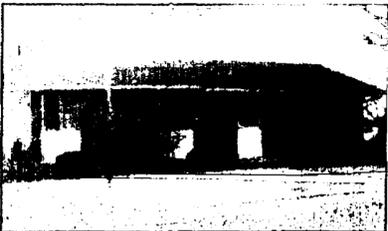
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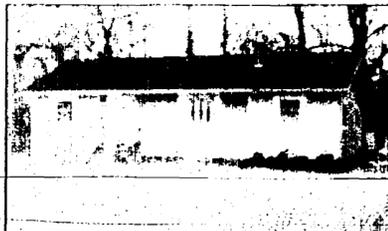
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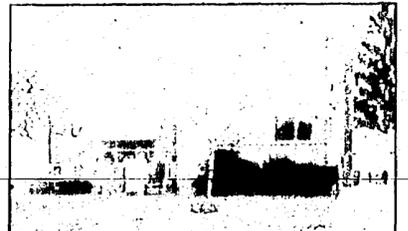
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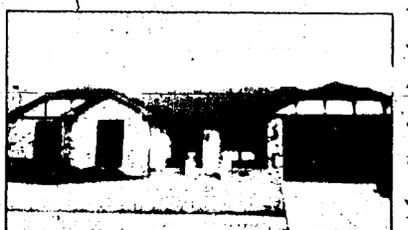
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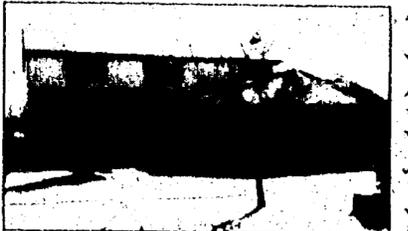
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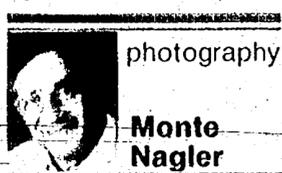
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There's a very simple way to make strong and effective photographs of objects such as sculptures, vases and figurines. These pictures can be used for documentation for insurance purposes or to satisfy your artistic pursuits.

To begin with, let's talk backgrounds. As I've discussed in the past, a background can make or break a photograph. So keep it simple. A plain piece of posterboard or mat board in any color you desire is all you'll need. Place a card table or kitchen table against the wall and tape (masking tape works best) the posterboard both to the wall and the table curving it to obtain a plain, solid colored background.

Place the object to be photographed on the posterboard and set up your camera. You'll need a tripod and cable release to keep things steady. Remember to move in close and fill the frame with the subject. If what you're photographing is small, you'll probably need supplemental close-up filters or a macro lens to allow you to get in tight.

USE A small aperture such as the f-11 or f-16 to provide enough depth-of-field so the entire subject will be sharp in the finished print or slide. Remember that shutter speed is irrelevant with a tripod and non-moving object.



photography

Monte Nagler

What's the best film choice? Use slow to medium speed film in either color print, color slide or black and white. Just keep in mind that with color films you must match the film with the lighting. For example, I prefer using tungsten lights so therefore I make sure to use the tungsten balanced film.

If using flash, you must use daylight balanced film. Or when using natural window light, you again use daylight film.

With black and white film, any light source will work well. Your local photo dealer will be happy to help you with film and light selections. Whatever you choose, photographing objects around your home is fun and easy. You'll be pleasantly surprised at the results.

Monte Nagler is a professional photographer based in Farmington Hills. His column runs the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.



Monte Nagler used two tungsten lights and a plain white background to photograph this bronze by local sculptor Sharon Sommers.

The Michigan Opera Theatre has scheduled vocal auditions for the 1991-92 Young Artist Apprentice Program on Thursday and Friday, May 9-10.

Two apprenticeships will be awarded, each lasting 8-12 weeks. Winners will be considered for programs beginning in September and April 1992.

The apprentice program offers a wide range of performance opportunities throughout the mainstage season. Apprentices perform comprimario roles, cover major roles and participate in the chorus of mainstage productions.

When not rehearsing or performing, apprentices are individually coached by resident music staff. They also participate in master classes under the tutelage of international singers, directors and conductors from the current Michigan Opera Theatre season.

Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, an 8" by 10" black and white glossy photo and two letters of recommendation from professional sources by May 1 to Dee Dorsey, production and audition coordinator, 6519 Second Ave., Detroit 48202.

MOT to stage Mozart's 'The Magic Flute'

The culmination of "Mozart Magic in Motor City" comes April 27, May 1, 3 and 4 with Michigan Opera Theatre's production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute" (Die Zauberflöte) at the Detroit Masonic Temple Theatre.

Presented in honor of the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death in 1791, this production of the composer's final operatic masterpiece features the costumes and settings of English artist David Hockney, originally designed for the Glyndebourne Festival Opera, England. Ford Motor Co., MOT's largest corporate contributor, has underwritten the production.

"This production is the finale of three consecutive years of Mozart opera programming by Michigan Opera Theatre in anticipation of the Mozart bicentennial," said David DiChiera, MOT founder and general director.

Mozart's "The Magic Flute" is the second production of MOT's fifth annual Spring Grand Opera Series at the Masonic Temple. It will be sung in the Andrew Porter English translation and will feature English surtitles simultaneously projected above the stage for increased understanding.

THE OPERA will be performed under the baton of Viennese-born conductor Georg Tintner, currently musical director of Symphony Nova Scotia, Canada. He has led the National Youth Orchestra of Canada and is former resident conductor of the Australian Opera.

Jay Lesenger, former director of the University of Michigan School of Music Opera Theatre, will stage the production.

The ensemble of vocal stars features soprano Maureen O'Flynn as Pamina. Grosse Pointe native Elizabeth Parcells sings the role of the Queen of the Night.

Following their performances as the three nymphs in the just-ended "Ariadne auf Naxos," three local singers return to sing "Three Ladies" in "The Magic Flute": soprano Laura Lampert of Ann Arbor, mezzo-soprano Terese Fedea of Lincoln Park, and mezzo-soprano Kathleen Segar of Ann Arbor.

Ara Berberian returns as the wise sage Sarastro. The Metropolitan Opera baritone now lives in Southfield. He continues to perform regularly at the Metropolitan Opera, where he has been featured in 30 operas, appearing in many "Live from the Met" broadcasts.

Tenor Melvin Lowery sings the role of Monostatos, following his debut as the dancing master in "Ariadne auf Naxos."

MOT Young Artist Apprentice Gina Lottinger of Ann Arbor portrays Papagena. Grosse Pointe students Brendan Walsh, John Skinner and Liam Ryan sing the roles of the three Genies.

PART FAIRY tale, part morality play, Mozart's "The Magic Flute" introduced the ideals and rituals inspired by freemasonry. Mozart himself had joined an order that preached the spirit of universal brotherhood.

With text by the actor (and manager of a small theater) Johann Emanuel Schikaneder, who asked Mozart to compose the work, this "singspiel," or German operetta, incorporates both song and spoken dialogue.

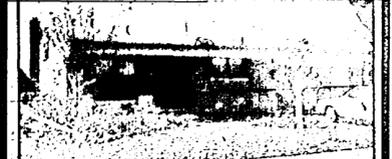
Barely a month after the Vienna premiere, Mozart died. Modern audiences have become acquainted with the composer's life as told through the Tony Award-winning play and Oscar winning movie "Amadeus," written by Peter Schaffer, and the opera through Ingmar Bergman's film of the same name.

MOT offers an informative and

entertaining lecture and buffet dinner before the Wednesday, May 1 performance of "The Magic Flute." The social affair will be at 6 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Masonic Temple. Music lecturer James Huntley will speak. Cost is \$20 per person; call 874-7835 for reservations. For ticket information about "The Magic Flute," call 874-SING.

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DIA's large subsidy stirs hot debate



Jan Dolan backs millage idea

By Ralph R. Echlinaw
staff writer

As part of his proposed budget to the Legislature, Gov. John Engler has asked for an abrupt end to the Detroit Institute of Arts' \$16 million annual subsidy beginning next fiscal year in October.

Already, the Republican governor has succeeded in reducing the subsidy to \$14.5 million for the current fiscal year after an across-the-board, 9.2-percent cut took effect in January.

Museum officials and elected politicians who believe in the ascendancy of the arts and the government's role as a helium balloon were upset by the \$1.5-million cut, but say they are alarmed by the specter of losing the subsidy altogether.

Museum director Samuel Sachs II said the DIA will effectively go out

of business if Engler's wish comes true.

Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, noted that many museums in this country receive smaller state subsidies than the DIA.

She cited art museums in Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Toledo that each receive less than 5 percent of their budget in state subsidies, whereas the DIA gets more than 50 percent of its budget from the state, even after the \$1.5-million cut.

"There's no museum in the country that relies on state aid for operation like the DIA does," Dolan said. "Any time you rely that heavily on tax dollars and something happens, you're in trouble. And that's what's happening now."

DOLAN CHARGED that DIA personnel don't work hard enough to raise private funding. "The perception here in Lansing is that 'You

don't even try.' Although (DIA officials) are improving, they have not made it obvious that (visitors) will make a donation."

Dolan is making noises now about a plan whereby Macomb, Wayne and Oakland counties would put a small millage request on a ballot perhaps as early as 1992 to subsidize the DIA and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in lieu of state subsidization. (The plan was first suggested in a 1978 column by Observer & Eccentric Lansing correspondent Tim Richard.)

Dolan said she bases her plan on the "very good educated guess" that "99 out of 100" DIA and DSO patrons reside in Macomb, Wayne or Oakland counties.

Most local legislators agree the DIA should be weened to some extent from state subsidization.

SEN. JACK Faxon, D-Farmington

Hills, is an exception. Were it up to him, Faxon said, no arts subsidy would be cut in order to balance the budget.

"Obviously, (the cuts that Engler suggests) are devastating and incredibly insensitive," he said. "It would be inconceivable that the governor would even consider that this institution should be shut down."

Faxon compared shutting the DIA to "closing down the University of Michigan in terms of what that means to the state."

Rep. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, said he supports arts subsidies, but is willing to compromise in light of the state's budget situation.

The DIA, he said, should continue to reduce reliance on its state subsidy, but the subsidy should be reduced slowly, giving DIA officials time to raise more money from private sources.

Rep. Jim Kosteva, D-Canton, agreed. "The DIA is a clear example of where we just can't use the governor's meat-ax methodology," he said, explaining that arts subsidies should be reduced slowly.

Rep. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, goes along with Kosteva. "The DIA subsidy should be ratcheted down," he said, but not eliminated.

Dunaskiss added that public contributions to state arts programs, including the DIA, would be higher if the organizations didn't have as much state money coming in.

Like Faxon, Sen. George Hart, D-DeARBorn, opposes arts subsidy cuts. "The arts are an easy target," he said in a prepared statement. "No pun intended, but those who are supporting cuts in funding paint a picture of a bunch of longhairs wearing berets benefiting from state funding."

Fate of state arts support remains in limbo

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"We might not be able to serve the state as well as we could," Slade said. "(But) we've got to be realistic about this and see (the cuts) in view of the overall economy."

Engler also proposes to break the Detroit Institute of Arts' reliance on tax subsidies, removing the museum's \$16 million annual grant all at once.

Museum officials have said the 105-year-old institution will die without its financial fix, even though there were no state subsidies to the DIA until 1966.

SEN. R. ROBERT Geake, R-Northville, summarized the arts controversy best when he said, "One person's pork is another person's cultural necessity."

"Eliminating the arts from the state budget will mean the end of hundreds of elementary, middle and high school art programs and the scaling back or closing of many art and cultural organizations," said

Marilyn Wheaton, Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan executive director.

Overall state funding for the arts was about \$40 million last year, an average of \$6 per taxpayer and about one-half of 1 percent of the total state general fund budget, she said.

Geake, who represents Redford, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton, said arts subsidies should be pared, but not slashed. "Clearly, we cannot afford to do all the things we've been doing (with arts funding)," he said.

Rep. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, likes to talk about arts cuts in the broader context of reducing government's size. "We've gotten to be too many things to too many people," he said. "We've got a structural problem where we always seem to spend more than we take in."

Bouchard supports reducing arts subsidies, but eschews Engler's drastic proposal for eliminating them. "All the grants to everything will have to be reduced by necessity, but

we need to do it at a speed that (recipients) can react to," he said.

Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, a DIA Founders Society member, supports Engler's plan to slash arts subsidies. "We are faced with such a huge deficit that I support what the governor is trying to do," she said. "You don't have to be a mathematical genius to know we have to take drastic measures."

How can one suggest maintaining arts funding, she asks, when "we've got children who are hungry and uneducated with no place to sleep?"

BANKES SUPPORTS a plan pushed by Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, to ask Macomb, Wayne and Oakland counties to ask voters for an "arts millage" to replace state subsidies to the DIA, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and smaller county programs.

Dolan guesses that "99 out of 100" DIA visitors are from the tri-county area. "Those who benefit from it should pay for it," Bankes said.

Overall, Bankes sees a tide of reality sweeping over Lansing. "I think

you're going to see honesty in budgeting here that has not gone on before," she said. "You couldn't run a business like we run the state."

The best-known arts advocate is Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, who would not cut arts subsidies if balancing the budget were left to him.

Faxon argues that every dollar the state spends on arts subsidies generates \$4 or \$5 in the Michigan economy. Further, he said the arts are "common to all the people of the state" and therefore must be pretty important.

Faxon said people who don't believe the arts should be subsidized by the state haven't learned to appreciate the arts properly. "The governor seems to lack a sensitivity to the validity of the arts," he said. "I don't think he realizes what it represents. He has never integrated the arts into his life."

Faxon compared Engler's attitude to that of a man who never gets sick, so doesn't believe in the necessity of hospitals.

WHILE REP. Jim Kosteva, D-Canton, believes "arts funding needs to reduce its dependence on the state," he compared Engler's approach to "wielding a meat-ax."

Kosteva prefers Democratic House speaker Lewis Dodak's budget plan to Engler's, but admits "the budget numbers don't lie. Everybody's going to have to feel a little pain on this. We (Democrats) are just trying to be more rational."

Dodak's plan calls for using more than three-fourths of the state government's "rainy day" fund (at least \$334 million) to cancel a third of the estimated \$1.1 billion deficit, leaving about \$100 million in the fund.

Dodak proposes to save another third of the deficit with employee furloughs, early retirement incentives, sale of assets and more. Dodak would wipe out the rest of the deficit with budget cuts. However, his plan does not say how deeply arts subsidies would be cut.

SEN. GEORGE Hart, D-DeARBorn, whose district includes Garden City,

also opposes Engler's plan, arguing that arts cut advocates are anti-education. "There are people in Lansing who would like to turn the clock back to the Middle Ages when only princes and princesses would have the benefits of a well-rounded education," he said in a prepared statement.

Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-West Bloomfield, said in tough economic times, state government should place social services above arts funding. "There are more desperate and needy people that we have to take care of first," she said.

"These people are never going to make it to a symphony or get down to the DIA."

Whatever happens in regard to state arts subsidies, one thing is certain: Because the state constitution requires a balanced budget, government must reform its financial behavior and spend less, at least for a year or two.

"The gravy train has been derailed, and it's being dismantled," Dolan said.

Choral team's 'Requiem' a triumph

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

Beautiful instrumental strains accompanied the Plymouth Oratorio Society's performance of Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem, Op. 45" at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth Sunday.

The Michigan Sinfonietta (formerly the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra) provided the instrumental accompaniment.

Baritone John Stewart of Plymouth and soprano Carolyn Pratt of Minnesota were featured soloists for the triumphant evening.

Stewart's talent was showcased in the third movement of the "Re-

review

quiem," as he pulled notes from the very depths of his soul.

Perhaps the best known movement of Brahms' "Requiem" is "How lovely is thy dwelling place." The Plymouth Oratorio Society performed the inspirational work of comfort with a tremendous outpouring of emotion.

AFTER A brief intermission, the chorus, under conductor Robert Pratt and accompanied by the 35-

member Michigan Sinfonietta, returned to the sanctuary with Carolyn Pratt and Stewart.

Pratt sang the soprano aria of the fifth movement, which Brahms wrote in tribute to his mother after her death in 1865.

Pratt, a professional singer in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, sang brightly with total control. The last

movement of the "Requiem" ended gloriously with nearly 90 voices uplifted with hope for the living.

The seven movements of Brahms' "A German Requiem" swiftly sailed through the evening, an evening of triumph that concluded the fifth season of the community chorus, "all united by a love and commitment to great choral music."

String quartet to play

The New World String Quartet returns for a fifth appearance at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in The Birmingham Temple, 28511 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills (between Inkster and Middlebelt).

Tickets are \$10 general, \$9 senior citizens or students. Call 647-4632 or 288-3953.

The ensemble has planned a diversified program that includes these string quartets: Mozart, No. 16, K. 428 in E flat; Bartok, No. 3; Dvorak No. 12 in F major, Op. 96, "American."

Since the Quartet's last appearance at The Birmingham Temple,

the group has remained Harvard University's Quartet-in-Residence.

After the New World's 1989 London debut, the Financial Times viewed it as being "firmly entrenched within the tradition of the best American groups."

The quartet is scheduled for a repeat London engagement this year with plans for performing in Austria, Yugoslavia, Switzerland and Italy.

The quartet has made 12 recordings, the most recent being works of Schubert, Ravel and Debussy. Soon to be released under the MCA label is a major recording of Brahms chamber works for strings.

Roundhouse fulfills dream

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with a cupola, which conceals the roof vent.

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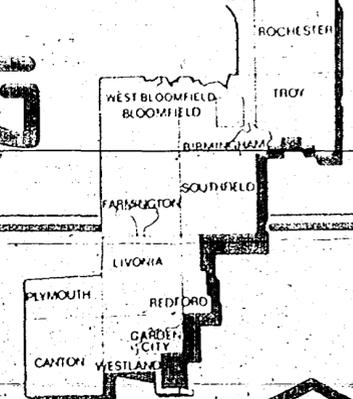


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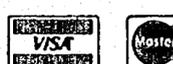
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Isaac Stern, Yo-Yo Ma, Murray Perahia, the Chicago Symphony, the Juilliard and Guarneri String Quartets, stars of the Bolshoi Ballet, Poland's Mazowsze Folk Dance Company, Japan's Kodo drummers and the New York City Opera National Company.

They are some of the international performing artists who will appear in the 1991-92 season of the University Musical Society of the University of Michigan.

More than 30 attractions comprise the 113th season. The three main series are choral, chamber and choice. For a brochure detailing the concert series, call 764-2538.

PREVIEW PARTY

Forty business, community and civic leaders make up the honorary committee for the 1991 Center for Creative Studies-College of Art and Design preview party.

The group will support the efforts and accomplishments of the Detroit college's student artists and to help promote the party, which will be 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 17.

"We are dedicated to nurturing a continuing dialogue and communication within the communities these members represent," said Josephine Kelsey, Center for Creative Studies president.

The preview party marks the opening of the 65th annual student exhibit and sale, which will open to the public May 19 and run through June 2.

The exhibit is the largest showing of freshman through senior works in the country.

Preview party tickets are \$35 per person. Proceeds benefit the visual arts program. Dollars obtained from the sale of student work will go directly to the artist.

For tickets: 872-3118, Ext. 422.

ALL-ORCHESTRAL

Conductor Jerzy Semkow returns to lead the Detroit Symphony in an all-orchestral program that features J.C. Bach's Sinfonia, Op. 18, Mozart's Symphony No. 29 and Beethoven's Symphony No. 6.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26, and at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in Orchestra Hall.

For tickets: 833-3700.

SPRING CONCERT

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under Donald Stromberg's direction, will present its annual spring concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in Northville First United Methodist Church, Eight Mile, west of Taft.

The 60-voice choir specializes in local concerts of the great classical choral works.

The program, "Serenade to Spring," will feature Schubert's Mass in F, "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" from the Brahms Requiem, Copland's "The Promise of Living" and many cappella works.

Donations will be accepted at intermission. For information about the concert or choir, call Schoolcraft's continuing education services: 462-4448.

ROADSIDE GRAPHICS

Plymouth resident Dan Hershberger will provide an insightful portrait of American roadside graphics in a lecture sponsored by the Scarab Club of the Center for Creative Studies Sunday, April 28.

The Scarab Club is at John R and Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Hershberger, associate professor of Graphic Design for the Center for Creative Studies, will present "Gas, Food and Lodging: The Design of the American Roadside."

He'll discuss roadside structures, their development and the context in which they existed.

Familiar roadside companies such as Texaco, Mobil, Howard Johnson's and McDonald's will be featured along with more general topics, including the classic American diner and pre-war tourist courts.

Registration for this lecture starts at 3 p.m.

with the program beginning at 3:15.

Cost is \$5 a lecture for members of the Scarab Club, the Detroit Area Art Deco Society and Preservation-Wayne. General admission is \$7. A reception and afternoon tea follows. For more information, call 577-3559.

TOWN HALL

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Town Hall will feature former priest mystery writer William X. Kienzle at its annual benefit luncheon Tuesday, April 30, at the Dearborn Inn.

In a manner of speaking, crime pays for the whodunit author. His Father Bob has helped the Detroit police solve upward of 13 murder mysteries since he first solved "The Rosary Murders" in 1978. The book was made into a movie in 1987.

Kienzle, a Detroit native, spent 20 years as an ordained Roman Catholic priest.

He'll share his wealth of funny stories with the audience after a noon luncheon in the Dearborn Inn's Grand Ballroom. Tickets are \$22. Call the Y: 561-4110.

STATE SALUTE

The Detroit Symphony presents its annual Salute to Michigan concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts at Michigan State University.

It's presented as a thank-you to the people of Michigan for supporting the orchestra. Event co-sponsors are the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall and Detroit Renaissance.

The program fare will include All-American light classical and pops music conducted by Mitch Miller. It will conclude with Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

For free tickets, call 1-800-942-7866.

MUSIC FEST

The University Musical Society's annual May Festival will offer concert-goers four evenings of music at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 1-4, in the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium. For tickets: 764-2538.

The Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig and its director, Kurt Masur, will perform at all four concerts, highlighted each evening by these internationally renowned soloists: violinist Midori; Wednesday; violinist Christian Funke and cellist Jurnjakob Timm (Thursday-Friday); and pianist Elisabeth Leonskaja, mezzo-soprano Claudine Carlson and the musical Society's festival chorus in Saturday night's all-Russian finale.

GUEST PIANIST

Polish-born conductor Jerzy Semkow leads the Detroit Symphony in the second of two weeks of concerts in a program highlighted by the Detroit debut of Xerox Corp.-sponsored pianist Jose Ramos-Santana performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 10:45 a.m. Friday, May 3, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Orchestra Hall.

The program includes Prokofiev's Symphony No. 6.

For tickets: 833-3700.

JURIED SHOW

Fifty exhibitors will display fine art and crafts in the Community Living Centers Summer Potpourri '91 exhibit Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5, in the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main, Northville.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Proceeds benefit the developmentally disabled residents of the Farmington-based group homes.

Admission is \$2 adults, \$1.50 seniors and 50 cents for children younger than 12. No strollers. Free parking. Lunch is available.

CRAFT SHOW

The Craft Gallery Mother's Day Show will be Sunday, May 12, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, between Merriman and Venoy. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sixty displays will feature country folk art, Victorian crafts, early Americana, French country look and Shades of the Southwest.

Local exhibitors include: From Livonia — Cheryl Young (country fabric hearts), Tina Adams (silk floral arrangements),

Linda Dietrich (wood shelves and fabric hanging accents), Donna Squire (baskets).

From Westland — Pam Kovarik (vintage Victorian), Jeanne Schmidt (soft sculpture).

From Redford Township — Kay Vincent (country cross stitch).

From Canton Township — Gene Busse (oak clocks).

Each event will offer a different lineup of Michigan talent.

Admission is \$2. Children younger than 12 are admitted free. Lunches and refreshments will be

available. No strollers or cameras are allowed.

VISUAL VOICES

The Wayne County Council for the Arts is showing Visual Voices, a collection of works from 15 local artists, through June 16 in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit.

Featured are paintings, sculpture and photography. Painter and art professor Gilda Snowden curated the exhibition. Works from Wayne County Youth Home residents are shown.

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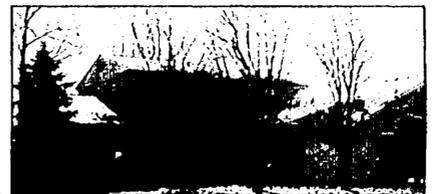
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Growing trend

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It's always interesting to hear about new ideas and enterprises related to gardening.

A new type of gardening concept began in Ortonville last year at Stromberry Farm, owned and operated by David and Linda Strom.

It is called Community Supported Agriculture, and the idea behind it is to bring the farm back to the city, to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the participants.

The Stroms are striving to foster the symbiotic relationship between the farmer, the environment and the consumer.

This concept began in Europe and is growing in this country. Some of the farms are quite large and involve many people, while others are run on a smaller scale.

The Stroms feel that since many foods have to be picked before they are ready, then shipped long distances, much flavor is lost. They offer vegetables and fruits the day they are picked.

THERE ARE six to seven ecosystems in the 54 acres, including a stream, bog, marsh, old peat bog, high meadow, wet meadow and dry forest; there are a lot of different growing conditions. Since the land had not been farmed for 17-20 years, the Stroms were able to "begin from scratch."

David Strom said, "It was wild, so we have carved fields out of the pasture areas. In doing that, we've left areas around the edge of the field and the creek. Between the edge of the field and the marsh, there's probably 50 feet. Plenty of room for wildlife."

"This particular piece of land is so ecologically sensitive that part of our philosophy is to do what we can to try not to upset the ecological balance."

No herbicides or pesticides are used, so a naturally healthy soil can be retained. The Stroms feel that if the soil is fed and it is healthy and healthy plants are grown, there won't be a problem with bugs.

"It's hard to imagine growing or being part of a



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natural process without using processes," David said.

HE EXPLAINED that organic fertilizers are slow-release and it takes time for the creatures and the bacteria in the soil to work together to eventually release nitrogen that is already there, in a form that other plants can use. In other words, when compost or an organic fertilizer is applied, the soil bacteria is being fed.

The farm will again offer many vegetables, some of them not readily available commercially, plus strawberries and melons. Participants pay in advance for the season's produce and travel to specific locations each week to pick up their share.

The brochure lists the proposed crops and the yield per share. Each share is calibrated for a family of four (with young children). Last year, the harvest was generous. One member described the taste as "More!"

Pick up destinations are: Detroit Baha'i Center, Detroit; Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Royal Oak; Wilson Barn, Livonia; and the Stromberry Farm, Ortonville.

Price per share is \$225 and weekly harvest from June to mid-October. For information, contact Dave or Linda Strom, Stromberry Farm, P.O. Box 316, Ortonville, 48462 (313) 532-4584.

Marty Figley is a certified master gardener, based in Birmingham. This column runs the first, second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

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Home seller's mistake: emotional attachment

This is the first in a series of articles on buying and selling a house.

By Doug Funko
staff writer

Selling a house nowadays involves more than sprucing the place up and placing a sign on the front lawn. There are all kinds of decisions to make. Like selling the property yourself or hiring an agent. Settling a price. Developing a marketing plan. Determining how much money and effort to put into repairs. And where you're going to live after you sell. But first things first. Get an agent, real estate professionals strongly advise. Sellers can get quite attached to a

house and judgment of value tends to cloud with time.

"It's hard for them to look at their home objectively. That's why I think they should always have a Realtor," advised Thomas Ervin, a syndicated real estate columnist based in Franklin.

Jim Courtney, president of Remerica Hometown Realtors in Plymouth, makes the point by citing a study done in Philadelphia more than a decade ago.

"BROKERS WHO sold homes brought in on average 9 1/2 percent more," he said. "Sellers were actually costing themselves money trying to sell themselves."

Sellers who hire an agent can expect to pay a commission at closing for services. Commissions, negoti-

able when a home is listed for sale, range from 4 to 9 percent of sales price.

How do you find a good agent? "Probably the best way is look at signs in the neighborhood, look in the paper who's advertising a lot, ask a friend who had a good experience," Courtney said.

Talk with several agents before committing to one.

"People should be contacting a Realtor or a mortgage man to see if a market analysis can be done," said Donald Locke, operations manager for Shore Mortgage of Southfield. "You look for three homes sold during the last six months within a mile radius."

HOUSES SHOULD be of similar design and financed in a similar

fashion -- conventional or FHA mortgage -- for comparisons to be valid.

"The biggest mistake most sellers make probably is overpricing," Courtney said. "They get emotionally attached to the home and don't look at it through buyers' eyes."

Added Locke: "Never refuse any offer made. Try to counter it."

Home inspections by sellers reportedly are becoming more widespread, especially on the East Coast.

"More (real estate) companies are recommending that sellers get an inspection... so all parties know what's up," said J.P. Pilot, president of HomePro Systems, an Ann Arbor inspection service.

"If anything is found, there can be an adjustment of the listing, it (prob-

lem) can be remedied, monies can be set aside for work to be done," Pilot added.

IT CAN BE quite disconcerting to a seller that a deal apparently clinched unravels after an inspection.

Pilot charges \$200-250 for a 2 1/2-3 hour survey examining structure, electrical, heating, plumbing, basement, kitchen, interior and exterior.

An inspection by a seller can be just as soothing to a buyer as a mortgage pre-qualifying of a buyer is to a seller.

Don't waste a lot of time on walk-in traffic without some kind of pre-qualifying documentation if you're selling yourself. Realtors generally will screen prospects in that regard.

"A lot of people are looking for houses they're not qualified for,"

Locke said. "We ask potential buyers before signing a purchase agreement to get qualified. It takes 20 minutes."

Open houses can be effective. "A lot of times buyers will go out driving in an area they would like to live in and not look at the paper (for ads)," Courtney said.

FIRST-TIME buyers and those who have established some roots use open houses as educational tools when they're ready to step into the market.

"Buyers appreciate cleanliness. Filth and odors will send lookers quickly on their way."

"If you show good maintenance, good upkeep... it sells well," Locke said.

Time shares in foreign country warrant extra caution

In 1988 my husband and I bought two weeks of a time share in Mexico that was financed in California. Since then we found out that it was a scam to get whatever monies they could. When we vacationed there the following year, the place was a mess. There were bugs everywhere, and the place smelled sickening. All built-ins had been removed leaving empty spaces. The maintenance fee was originally to be \$185 per week and now has jumped to \$315 per week. We have tried to sell but the realty company we contacted charges a fee of \$95 each week just to list the condominium. When we purchased the time share, the devel-

oper promised to buy it back if we decided to sell, but after everything was signed, he says he will not buy the unit back. All we want is the unit to be purchased back by the developer. We know we have been exploited because the manager informed us in 1989 after the purchase that she could not sell it.

Your story is a case of an abuse by a developer in a time share concept in a foreign country. That is not to say that all time shares are scams, but they should be looked upon very carefully by any prospective purchaser. The potential for abuse by a developer in a time share is greater

because of the absence of full ownership or control of the condominium by the homeowners because of the diversity of owners and geographic areas. I would determine whether the developer had any arrangement with the financing company in California that might give you a basis to pursue the developer or the financing company as an affiliate of the developer in California.

I would also check whether the government of Mexico or any municipality there has any regulatory authority with respect to developer in the vicinity where you bought the condominium and file a complaint with the appropriate administrative

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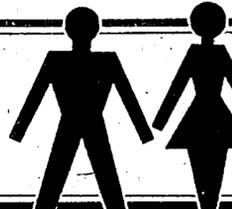
agencies. I would also threaten to pursue any real estate firms that are advertising the time share arrangements in the U.S. and would also consider retaining a lawyer who can coordinate his effort with Mexican counsel if necessary, or contact your condominium association to determine whether it has problems with the developer as well and may have

already retained legal counsel.

We have a condo up north where the developer has an arrangement with the leasing agent to lease out a number of units of the condominium project. Many of the co-owners have entered into this pool with the developer's leasing agent. What I am concerned about is that the leasing agent seems to be running the affairs of the condominium as opposed to the managing agent or the board of directors. What can you suggest in this situation?

While it appears that the co-owners are voluntarily entering into a leasing arrangement with the developer's leasing agent, one of the big-

gest problems in recreational condominiums is the absence of centralized control and power on the part of the co-owners. Oftentimes that control remains with the developer, even after a majority of the units have been sold to non-developer co-owners. To the extent that the co-owners are contributing to the developer's power that is being abused, they should consider using another leasing agent or organizing among themselves to insure that their rights as co-owners in the condominium are being protected. It sounds like a letter to the co-owners from a "concerned committee of co-owners" is overdue.



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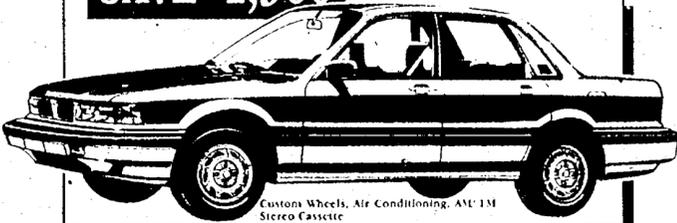
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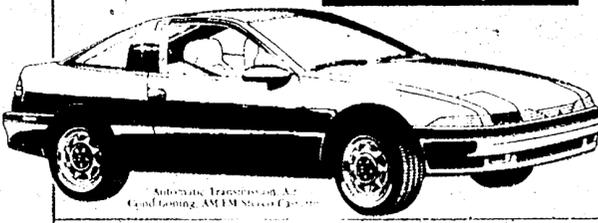
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He makes amazing party cakes

By Ralph R. Echinaw
staff writer.

WITH A nod to Barry Manilow, Northville resident Kevin Pavlina is certainly entitled to sing, "I am pastry, and I make the cakes." Pavlina is a self-made pastry chef whose creations have appeared in "Brides" and "Detroit Monthly" magazines. Often working through the night (or nights), sustained only by pot after pot of java, Pavlina has made cakes that resemble everything from

Ferarris to tennis shoes to theater masks to stationery to fans to clocks to '57 Chevys with the top down to corporate logos.

And, of course, he also makes incredibly intricate wedding cakes with edible flowers so realistic, they could fool bumblebees.

"Sometimes, I wonder if it's worth it (to make realistic flowers)," he said. "Do people really notice? And then there's that client or guest at a party who will pick it up to smell it and just be blown away. Or they'll touch it and just can't believe. Then it's all worth it."

Pavlina generally attends the wedding receptions his cakes are eaten at, often after a sleepless night of meticulous cake decorating. "It's part

of the service," he said.

BUT SOMETIMES he's

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Credits

ANCIENT ROMAN couples needed 10 witnesses to make their nuptials official, several of whom wore identical clothes to the bride and groom to confuse evil spirits.

Today, there's no set number of witnesses to officially tie the knot. Weddings are held before just a judge, mayor or clergyman, or before dozens, even hundreds, of guests.

With the peak of the wedding season at hand, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers today presents this special spring bridal section.

We've tried to present a lively look at traditions that help make the big day special.

Incidentally, newlyweds are doing well, according to a Modern Bride survey. Their mean combined income: \$50,500. Almost half expect to own their own home.

— Bob Sklar
assistant managing editor

On the cover: Nançi Del Signore,
co owner of Lina's Bridal in



Happy Beginnings

Plymouth, models an Eva Haynal Forsyth gown (\$3,800). The Italian silk satin gown features re-embroidered Alençon lace, off-shoulder petal sleeves, and an asymmetrical waist with a full skirt and a cathedral train. It's accented with seed pearls and sequins. The headpiece (\$300), handmade roses and petals, is made from Italian satin. O&E staff photographer Bill Bresler took the picture.

Bob Sklar coordinated this special section. Randy Borst, O&E graphics editor, designed the cover. O&E representatives Lisa Becker and Joan Hines coordinated advertising. Direct queries to Bob Sklar, 953-2113.



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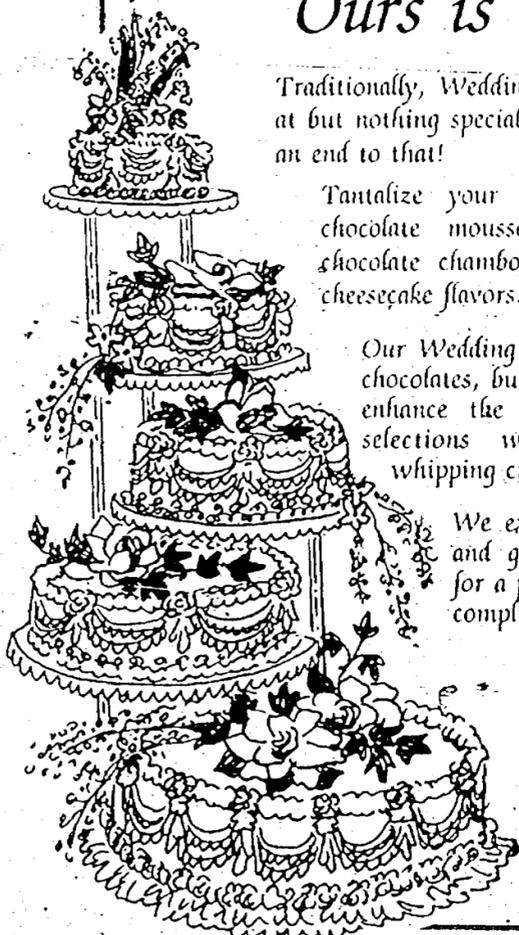
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Women shape marriages

Dr. Helen Fisher, an anthropologist who specializes in the evolution and future of human sexuality, says women are the difference in marriages. "We have the chance now to make the most interesting marriages in the history of western civilization because

women are well educated," says Fisher, author of "The Sex Contract: The Evolution of Human Behavior." And for those that aren't so interesting? "Bad marriages can end," she said, "because women today are relatively independent."

Headpieces accentuate bridal look

By Arlene Funke
special writer

THINK OF the headpiece as the crowning glory in a beautiful wedding ensemble.

More than half of today's brides choose a customized headpiece to achieve a special look, say proprietors of two local bridal salons.

"Usually the bride has something specific in her mind and can't quite find it," said Debbie Pollak-Zimberg of Creations by Pollak's, with shops in Farmington Hills and Rochester.

Brides need not buy a headpiece simply because it matches the gown, according to *Bride's* magazine.

The bride may want to have the headpiece altered so it will be more flattering to face size or hairstyle. She may want a sprinkling of iridescent beads to match a pattern in her dress. Perhaps she wants a special veil.

"The worst thing is to have a headpiece that takes away from the dress," said Nanci Del Signore, co-owner of Lina's Bridal in Plymouth. "You want people to notice the bride before they notice anything else."

A BRIDAL shop seamstress or special order to the manufacturer can provide a custom headpiece. The price varies widely, generally costing a few hundred dollars. In some cases, the price includes veil.

What's hot in headpieces?

"Right now, everyone seems to want a crown or tiara," Del Signore said.

This look reflects a "nostalgic" Grace Kelly look, according to Del Signore. Also popular, in the classic mode, are small pillbox hats, so reminiscent of the late 1950s.

Loretta Akouri of Farmington Hills has chosen a custom, tiara-style headpiece, with the assistance of Pollak-Zimberg.

"I did not want anything that would be overdone," said Akouri, 25, planning a May wedding.

Akouri wanted a headpiece to complement her ornate, traditional, full-skirted bridal gown. She plans to wear her hair up, possibly in a french twist.

Akouri's tiara has crystal beads and pearls. It's finished with a cascade of veils and a "pouf." Akouri also will have a longer veil attached to a Velcro strip so it can be removed for greater comfort. The total cost, including the special veil, is \$545.

THE BRIDAL veil had practical origins.

In cultures that favored arranged marriages, the bride's face was covered by a veil. Often, the groom didn't see her face until he unveiled her.

In ancient Greece, people believed the veil protected the bride from the evil eye of jealous rivals. Veils were worn to confuse "evil spirits."

Today's brides make their selections based on beauty and tradition.



Left: This veil, as modeled by Lina's Bridal co-owner Nanci Del Signore, is embellished with a triple seed pearl pattern to match details in the headpiece.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Although the white dress is most popular, many brides opt for ivory, blush or delicate pink dresses.

Headpieces may be dyed to match.

"Every bride has a fantasy of how she wants to look," Pollak-Zimberg said.

Both Pollak-Zimberg and Del Signore grew up in the bridal business.

Del Signore, 22, is the daughter of John and Lina Del Signore of Livonia, owners of Lina's for the past 10 years. Del Signore, a graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia, studied retail marketing at the Fashion Institute in Florida.

Pollak-Zimberg, 35, a Farmington resident, learned the business from her mother, Madge Pollak of West Bloomfield, who launched her business 40 years ago.

THEIR ADVICE: Set a budget and find a shop willing to work with you. Allow plenty of time — at least three months — for a custom headpiece.

Christine Christou, a restaurant manager from Trenton, found her perfect bridal ensemble at Lina's.

Christou, to be married in September, has ordered an ivory-colored gown flecked with gold and embellished with hand-sewn floral appliques.

The headpiece, which matches the dress, will be adapted so Christou can wear her hair on her forehead. A floral adornment will be relocated.

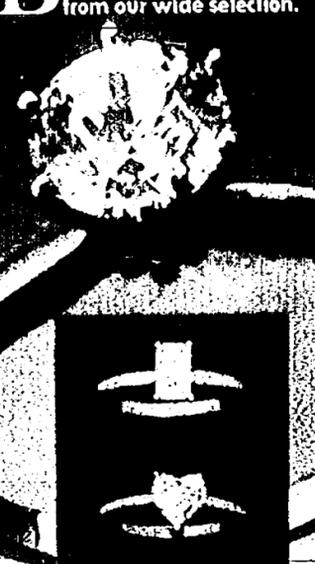
The headpiece costs \$990, which includes the veil.

Right: Bride-to-be Loretta Akouri of Farmington Hills has chosen a customized tiara-style headpiece with crystal beads and pearls. The extended veil, embellished with sequins, can be detached for greater mobility.



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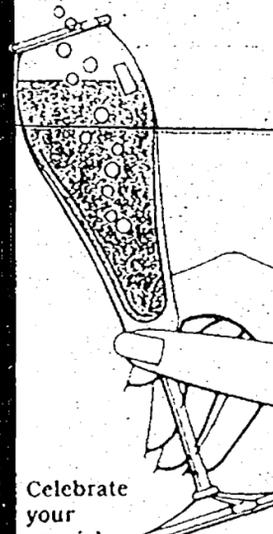
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Makeup expert share insights

By Debbie Wallis Landau
special writer

ONCE THE joy and excitement of a wedding are over, photographs become a priceless memoir of the big day.

But brides and their attendants can do themselves a disservice if their makeup is not applied for the camera as well as for the crowd.

"One of the biggest mistakes I see in bridal parties is going for too natural of a look," says Sharon Raskin, a Farmington Hills professional makeup expert.

"It's fine to aim for a soft, romantic appearance, but color needs to be applied for a bit more intensely for photographs. Otherwise, the result is a washed-out look."

Raskin, who is a photographer's makeup artist for such international magazines as Playboy, Penthouse and Vogue, also operates a skin care business, Sharon's Enterprises, out of her studio.

She has accomplished numerous makeovers for brides-to-be, their families and their attendants. And she believes some advance planning can allow all participants to look and feel attractive.

WHETHER THE look you desire is dramatic or toned down, certain makeup techniques bode equally well for models or brides, Raskin said.

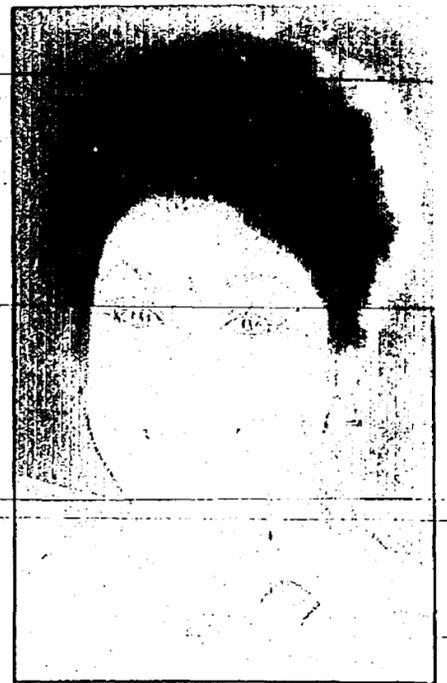
"Knowing how to contour and how to blend blush are two of the most valuable skills a woman can develop. If these are done effectively, a woman can wear new colors well and can get away with more vibrant shades," she said.

Misconception prevails that makeup artists automatically layer on a ton of makeup. That belief can deter someone from seeking a makeover, which can provide valuable application and skin care advice, Raskin said.

Professional photographer Bill Schwanke of Troy uses Raskin exclusively for his photo shoots. "I photograph many young women who know little or nothing about makeup. What Sharon does with them is unbelievably dramatic. All I have to tell her is the location of the shoot and the clothes the model will wear, and she can take over."

If you are going to participate in a wedding, having a makeover some days or weeks before the event is wise. Sensitivities to certain cosmetics can be identified, and experimenting with color can be done when you're relaxed.

Raskin recommends brides and their entourage exfoliate their skins



Sharon Raskin
makeup expert

the night before the wedding with a facial scrub appropriate to their skin types. The next day, skin should be soft and supple.

Another favorite secret she shares is the use of thin, raw potato slices on puffy eyelids, large pores and/or facial lines. "The acidity in the potato helps to close pores and it can significantly reduce swelling," she said.

THE DAY of the wedding, hair should always be done first. "No matter how kind or considerate your beautician is, it's almost impossible not to ruin makeup when your hair is washed and styled."

If you have less than perfect skin — and most people do — a good cover cream originally developed for burn patients can be a lifesaver.

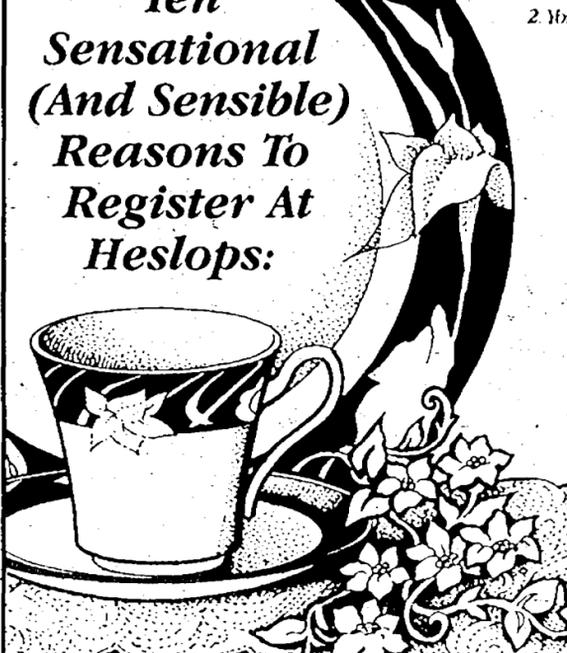
Raskin is the only licensed representative in Michigan to market Natural Cover, a camouflage makeup developed by Linda Siedel. Raskin worked with the product when she attended a hands-on workshop at the Linda Siedel Institute in Baltimore in 1987.

"It's a lifesaver because it is opaque but not cakey," Raskin said. "It comes in eight colors and three toners, and can be blended if needed to disguise acne scars, broken capillaries around the nose, port wine stains or any mark that is disfiguring or undesirable."

Many women have inherited dark undereye circles. The product is particularly effective for that problem.

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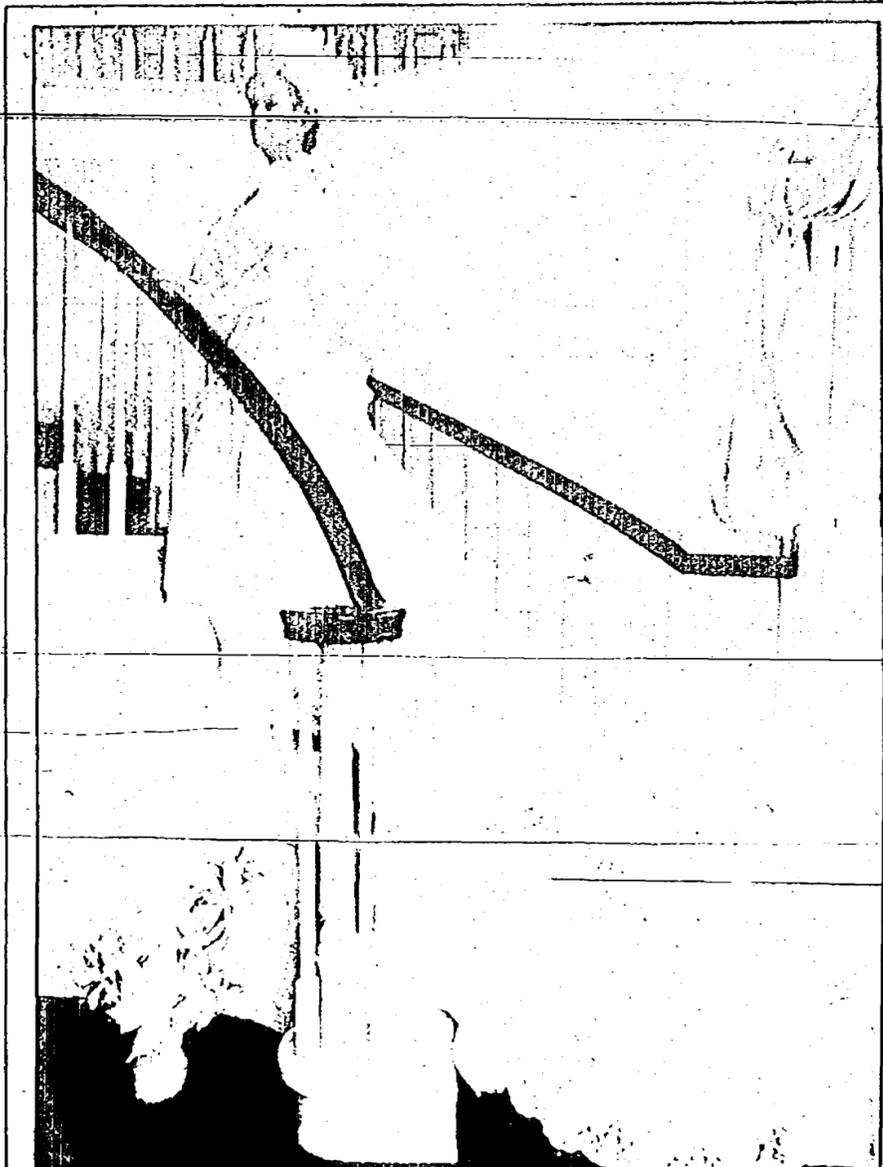
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Etiquette: key to a winner wedding

By Debbie Wallis Landau
special writer

WHEN A shadow is cast upon a "perfect wedding," chances are it wasn't from a rainstorm. And the shy flower girl's detour from her parade down the aisle usually gets more giggles than groans.

The spoilsport of many weddings is very often a breach of etiquette or a lack of planning. As Abigail Van Buren writes in "Dear Abby: On Planning Your Wedding..."

"A perfect wedding is one that is everything the bride and groom want it to be — with the understanding that they take time to explore not only

what they want but how to get it."

Dilemmas on seating, the receiving line, how to deal with parent and hosts or guests who are divorced, and allocating who pays for what services are issues that can only be solved by individuals who know the families' dynamics.

"Over the last two decades," writes Van Buren, "three major social changes have occurred that not only affect your life, but have changed the way you plan your wedding."

She lists those as couples marrying at older ages, couples sharing costs and responsibilities of wedding plans as equal partners, and the impact

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Galina

The headpiece (\$215) of this silk shantung wedding gown boasts a satin rosebud crescent and shoulder-length veil. The Galina gown's portrait neckline is accented by a bow with beaded alençon lace on the collar, bodice and sleeves. Long sleeves are finished with a pointed cuff while a full skirt leads up to a basque waist. The gown (\$1,450) is ivory. At Jacobson's, including Birmingham, Livonia, Dearborn.



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divorce — and blended families — has on weddings.

Van Buren recommends couples take advantage of the expertise of a wedding consultant for smoothing the way through rough situations.

Although you can never guarantee another guest's happiness, and you can't force your in-laws to adore each other, you can feel you've done your utmost to avoid sticky situations if you've been "walked through" the event by someone skilled in wedding diplomacy.

ELAINE LUSKY of Southfield has been assisting bridal couples and their families for almost 13 years throughout the tri-county area. In addition to comprehensive wedding and party planning, she often conducts wedding rehearsals.

Lusky shared some universally asked questions and answers with the Observer & Eccentric:

O & E: The mother of the bride wants to eliminate a receiving line after the ceremony. The groom's mother is uncomfortable with that idea. Does a compromise exist?

LUSKY: Nowadays, a lot of couples are dispensing with the receiving line because of either the need to leave the church or synagogue for the reception

or because it simply takes so much time. One nice compromise I have suggested and have seen at weddings was for the two sets of parents to visit guests at their dinner tables together. The parents who invited those guests can then make the introduction to the other couple. It is so much friendlier and less awkward, and it's a nice gesture of unity for the parents to make.

O & E: How can a wedding invitation be worded when the parent of the bride or groom have been divorced but are still both contributing to the wedding?

LUSKY: The easiest way to preserve everyone's feelings in this situation and not play favorites is to say something like: "Together with their parents, Susan Martin and Greg Williams request the honour of your presence at their marriage on . . . etc.

O & E: One often hears about hurt feelings when unmarried guests are not invited with a date to a wedding reception/dinner. Is there a proper etiquette for this situation? What do you recommend?

LUSKY: This is so hotly debated that the only general way I can answer it is to say that financial abilities vary so widely between families, it isn't always possible to invite guests with an escort. Of course, it is desirable.

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Cakes boast intricacy

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embarrassed by the accolades.

"I'm there to cut and serve a lot of these cakes," he said. "And I very much like to stay in the background when people come up and ooh-aah, ooh-aah. I like it, but I kind of withdraw from it because it's my client's cake."

"(At a wedding in Florida), the father got up on the stage and announced that the cake came from Michigan and I was the one who did it and, 'There he is!' Ugh. It embarrasses me, but it's neat. I still blush."

Pavlina, 28, grew up in Highland, near Milford, and graduated from Milford High School in 1981. He began creating unusual cakes in junior high school, recognized a talent for things culinary, and earned degrees in restaurant management and culinary arts from Oakland Community College.

After 2½ years cooking for the Machus restaurant chain, he decided to follow his dream and went to Chicago to study cake design with Amy Rohr. Returning to Michigan in 1987, Pavlina set up his own company, Memorable Occasions, and began to "make the cakes that make the whole world amazed," as Manilow might put it.

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Bloomfield concurs.

She uses Pavlina's cakes for 85 percent of her parties. "The detail work on his cakes is just incredible," she said. "Kevin is beyond a cake maker. He's an artist."

Pavlina, however, says he's only 50 percent artist. And the proof, as they say, is in the pudding (or cake in this case). In short, they taste as good as they look. "I very much feel like I receive an artistic commission to create (cakes)," he said. "(But) if the look of the cake becomes more important than the taste, then you're an artist."

"The cake goes one step further (than art) and appeals to the sense of taste. When you do a cake that looks as interesting as these cakes do, (clients) are shocked when it tastes good."

"People say, 'Don't you hate when they cut (the cakes)?' No, I love it. It's why I do it from the beginning. It's made to be eaten."

Eaten yes, but some customers could buy a small car for what they spend on a Pavlina cake. They start at \$400 a pop, but rise as high as \$10,000; so far.

WEST BLOOMFIELD resident Kathy Rosenzweig bought a cake and a small car at the same time from Pavlina in 1989, a red Ferrari cake for her son's bar mitzvah. "It was



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The flowers on this wedding cake are typical of the detail work pastry chef Kevin Pavlina is capable of. He routinely dissects real flowers to create confection flowers so real that some wedding reception guests pick them up for a sniff.

wonderful," she said. "We actually froze the cake, so we still have it."

While his business was relatively slow in the first 1½ years, word of mouth had its way with potential clients. Pavlina has to turn down some jobs now due to bookings that take precedence.

And if he's booked for a \$400 cake when a \$10,000 offer is tendered? He might ask the less lucrative client to reschedule, but Pavlina runs his one-man business on a first-come, first-served basis — and the \$10,000

customer might have to go somewhere else. "I realize that's the way it goes," he said. "There will be other \$10,000 cakes."

Pavlina will take orders for cakes at his Northville home (348-8596), where he lives with his wife, Sarah Minor, and daughter Lettie (almost 2 years old), whose birthdays Pavlina might be able to sell tickets to someday.

"I have clients and friends who say they will bring a gift and come to her birthday party just to see the cakes," he said.

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RASKIN IS as concerned about what is good for you as much as what looks good on you.

Her aversion to potentially harmful ingredients led her to buy the rights to a French line of holistic skin care products she has renamed "Pour Femme." The line includes cleansers, hand and body lotions, an acne remedy and a deodorant without aluminum.

Raskin is quick to point out; "the public seems to use the terms holistic and natural interchangeably. It is incorrect to do so. Legally, a holistic product cannot contain any animal by-products, chemicals or synthetic ingredients. A natural product only has to have three natural ingredients to be labeled that way."

According to the 1991 edition of The Wellness Encyclopedia (University of California, Berkeley), "Natural cosmetics, the customer might assume, would necessarily be preservative-free. But on cosmetics, as on food, this term is meaningless. Nearly all cosmetics contain preservatives to ward off bacteria and fungi. And some people are allergic to those substances."

"Sharon really makes the most of what you have," said Debra Saperstein, a Farmington Hills client. "If you have a special occasion, she beautifully enhances your features. That is every bit as important — maybe more so — than wearing a lovely dress."

ONE EXCEPTION Raskin makes is to recommend waterproof mascara for weddings. "I don't like it," she said, "because it contains lacquer, but let's face it, tears are such a reality for weddings that it makes sense on that one day for criers to use it!"

She normally recommends smudgeproof products, whose ingredients she maintains are not as potentially harmful.

Raskin admonishes bridal attendants for what she claims are well-intended but "ludicrous" beliefs.

"I frequently hear women saying they don't want to outshine the bride. So they think putting on less makeup, for example, will accomplish that, I say, you're insulting the bride for not looking the absolute best you can on her day. You owe it to her, and to yourself, to be as put together as possible, and that includes your face."

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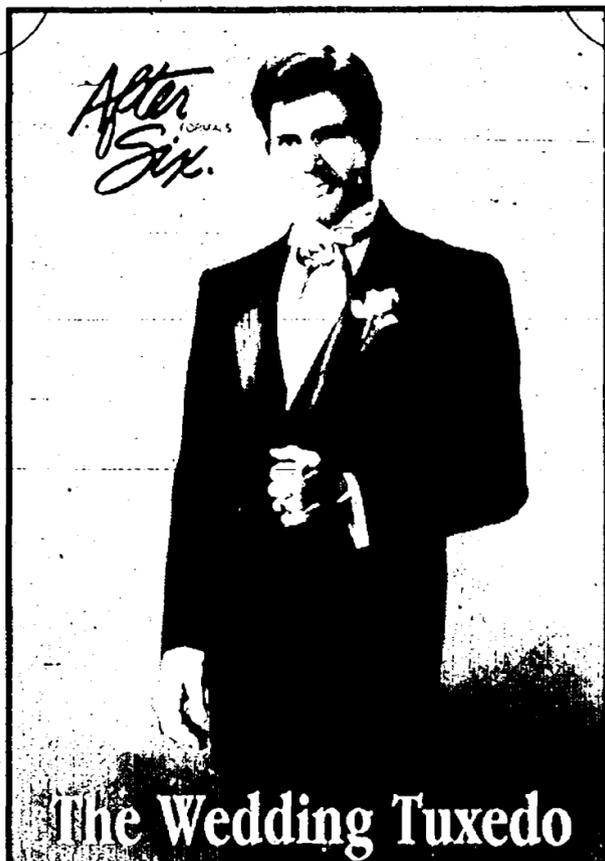
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