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## Mayor to issue plan for fire stations

By **Tedd Schneider**  
staff writer

Mayor Robert Thomas postponed a press conference Monday that was scheduled to announce a plan to keep all four Westland fire stations open continually, ending the periodic closing of one or two stations for up to 24 hours at a time.

But the president of the Westland Firefighters Association said Friday that the plan — as presented to him by Thomas last week — isn't likely to get union support and could face

a legal challenge if implemented.

Thomas had scheduled a press conference for 2 p.m. today at city hall, but postponed it Monday morning. The announcement may be made in about 10 days, his executive secretary said.

Asked if he intended to put forward a proposal to keep the city's fire stations open continually, Thomas said that "might be a good guess, but I can't really say."

**THOMAS SAID** he has had several meetings to discuss the fire station closings with admin-

istration officials and Fire Chief Larry Lane since taking office Jan. 1.

He said talks have included the union "to a certain degree."

The periodic fire station closings were an issue in last fall's mayoral campaign, in which Thomas defeated incumbent Charles Griffin. Thomas vowed during the campaign to find a way to keep all city fire stations open continually.

Kevin Riley, union president, said Thomas' proposal would have as a minimum a rescue vehicle operating continually out of all four

stations — at Ford and Carlson (the main station), Newburgh and Palmer, Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail and Palmer west of Merriman.

The plan doesn't call for hiring additional firefighters, Riley said.

"The union is not real happy with it," Riley said of the proposal. "Our main concern is that this will come at the expense of the minimum manning agreement we worked out (in 1988)."

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### places and faces

**DRIVERS** on a number of Westland streets will be dealing with new traffic signs beginning this month.

Changes approved by the Westland City Council in January were:

- Replacing yield signs with four-way stop signs on eastbound and westbound Hively at Forest and at Hawthorne.
- Installation of a "No Turn on Red (Light)" sign on southbound Henry Ruff at Van Born.
- Installation of stop signs for northbound and southbound Stieber at Norene and Ackley and on Ackley at Norene.
- Installation of no parking signs on the east side of Treadwell between Glenwood and Gilchrist.

**A DELEGATION** of 15 Special Olympians and eight coaches from Wayne-Westland will compete in the 1990 Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games today through Wednesday at the Sugar Loaf Mountain Resort in Cedar, Mich.

The local contingent is made up of alpine skiers John Norton, Michael Woodman, and David Paul Reed; nordic skiers John McHugh, Kelli Dayle, Linda Craig, Kurt Schmidt, Paul Mueller and Paul Urbanak; and figure skaters Marlena Mlastkowski, Chris Savage, Mike Lundy, Jennifer Tamas, Carolyn McDaniel and Kandi Wilcox. Accompanying the athletes are coaches Carol Painter, Marlene McGee, Ron Kulas, Gary Kulas, John McHugh Sr., Dale Shomo, Alice Tamkevic and Kathy Urban.

**LAST WEEKEND** was really something special for Edna Richardson of Westland.

Richardson, 83, was matron of honor for her granddaughter's wedding, the first time she's ever been a member of the wedding party.

Beneficiaries of Richardson's matron of honor services were bride Jennifer Richardson of Owosso and groom Randy Phylverge of Woodhaven.

**MEMBERS** of the Westland Civitan Club will spend a portion of Valentine's Day at the Hope Nursing Center handing out carnations and mints to residents.

**ANTHONY** Merlino is now the proud owner of a 300 (bowling) game.

Merlino rolled the perfect game Jan. 23 at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia.

A Redford Township resident, Merlino works at Bob and Al's Collision in Westland.

**THE WAYNE** Kiwanis Club donated \$335 to the Cherry Hill Alternative Education Program.

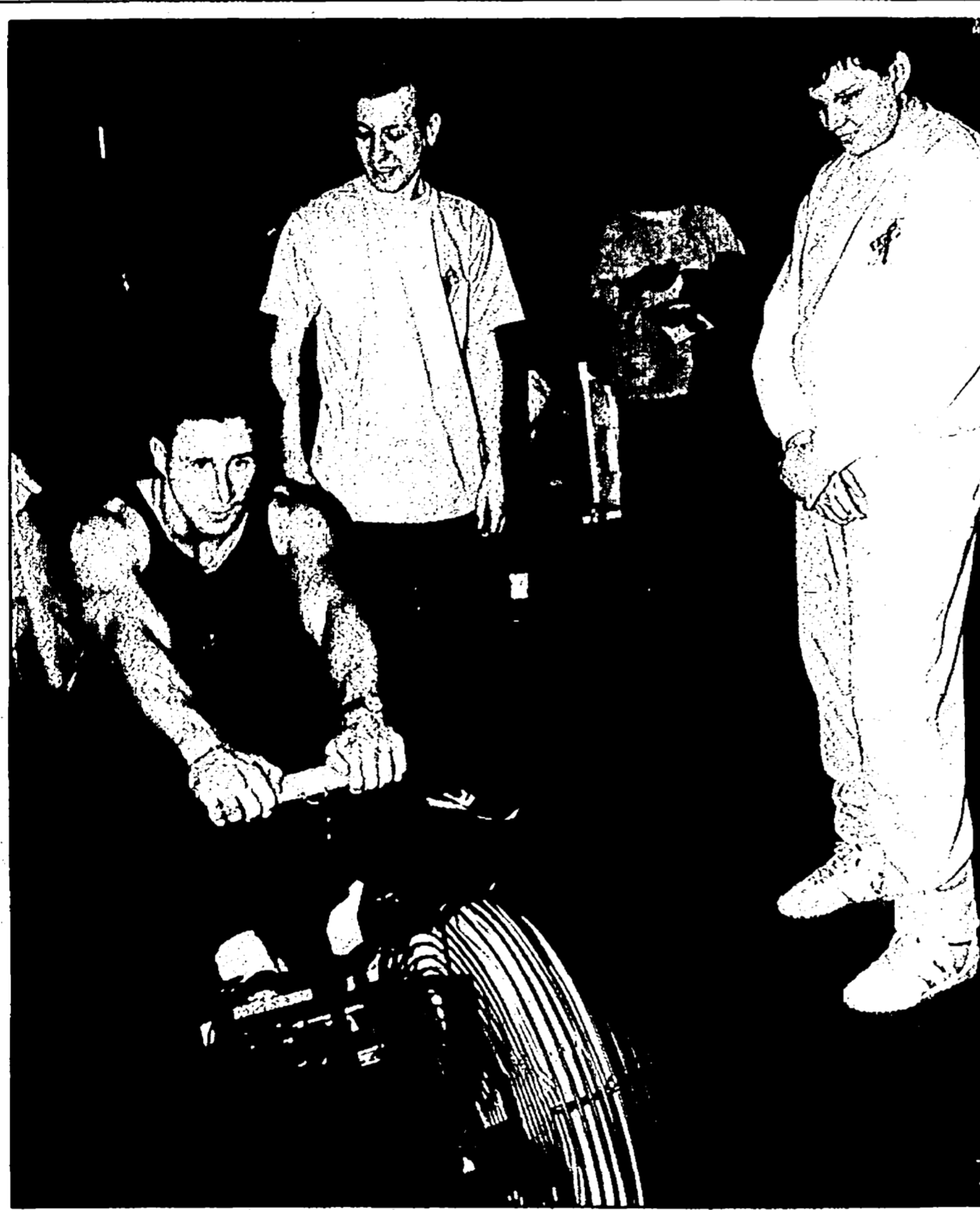
The donation will be used to support the program's Attendance and Grade Excellence (PAGE) effort.

**NEXT STOP**, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum?

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders from Kettering Elementary School built model space stations recently as part of a school project.

The students, enrolled in the school's Academically and Creatively Talented program, were presented with the problem of finding options for an over-populated and over-polluted Earth in the year 2020. Teacher Marian Even supervised the project.

The results of their brainstorming session are on display in the front lobby of the board of education offices and Room 66 at Kettering School.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Wayne Memorial students Jeff McBain (left) and Claude Twigg watch as Peter Nielsen demonstrates the rowing machine in the school's new fitness center for TMI students.

## In training

### Impaired students get help to stay fit

By **Tedd Schneider**  
staff writer

A quick glance at all the brand new exercise equipment might lead you to confuse this Wayne Memorial High School classroom for the main gym at Vic Tanny.

But the people using the rowing machine and exercise bikes aren't your typical health club clientele. And that, says teacher Lisa Colucci,

is exactly the point. "We saw a need for this because many impaired kids don't get a lot of physical activity," Colucci said.

The fitness room for TMI (trainable mentally impaired) students at Wayne Memorial opened Thursday. The room is the result of a \$5,000 grant secured by Colucci, Robert Lynn and program director Jack Martin last year.

Peter Nielsen of Farmington

Hills, who won the 1984 Mr. International Universe body building title, was on hand Thursday to break in the fitness room and talk to about 75 TMI students about the importance of staying physically fit.

**NIELSEN** WON his title eight years after being diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, an incurable inflammation of the intestines. At 15, he

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## District to roll back tax rate, but tax bills will rise anyway

By **Marie Chestney**  
staff writer

For the third year in a row, Westland homeowners in the Livonia school district can expect a school tax rate reduction. But property tax bills will continue to rise because property values have increased.

"There's no question there will be a tax rate reduction, the only question will be, 'how much?'" said finance director Michael Furlong.

In 1989-90, the district trimmed its tax rate from 35.4 to 33.25 mills, or a cut of 3.5 percent. But tax bills went up as assessments rose an av-

### Livonia School District

The Livonia School District includes the northern section of Westland.

erage of 10 percent in Westland, much higher than the rate of inflation. The current tax rate represents \$33.25 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, or an annual operating tax of nearly \$1,000 for a house valued at \$30,000.

In promising to cut the tax rate, the district, which represents the northern section of Westland, is complying with the Headlee amendment to the state Constitution, which requires that the tax rate be reduced.

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## 7-10 percent turnout for tax vote seen

By **Tedd Schneider**  
staff writer

A voter turnout of 7 to 10 percent in Thursday's Wayne-Westland millage election was forecast last week by Eleanor Harrington, elections clerk for the school district.

"I really haven't had much of an indication that it's going to be different than the previous few years," Harrington said.

Harrington said there are just over 68,000 registered voters in the district, meaning anywhere from 5,000 to 7,000 will vote on three millage-related proposals.

About 7 percent of the district's registered voters cast ballots to approve a \$12.9 million bond issue in January 1988. The bond issue and a

millage increase were on the ballot in April 1987 when 7,100, or 10.8 percent turned out at the polls.

Proposals on Thursday's ballot call for:

- Renewal of 2.75 operating mills scheduled to expire in June.
- Approval of a 4.9-mill increase for a two-year period.
- Overrule the district's current Headlee rollback of slightly over a half mill.

**HARRINGTON SAID** she had sent out about 500 absentee ballots through Wednesday. That number was "typical" for the week before an election, she said.

Absentee ballots can be picked up from the district anytime before the

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## Murder victim not abducted — police

By **Joe Bauman**  
staff writer

Police investigators have all but ruled out the possibility that a Livonia school district custodian murdered Jan. 26 in Detroit was abducted from Livonia prior to his slaying.

Instead, Detroit homicide detectives believe that 60-year-old Frederick Tyler, who worked at Emerson Middle School, may have been the victim of a random theft/homicide.

Emerson, on W. Chicago east of Middlebelt, serves the northeast section of Westland.

**TYLER** WAS shot in the back shortly after 8:40 p.m., just moments after visiting a convenience store in the 16600 block of Lamphere, near Six Mile and Grand River. He was rushed to Mt. Carmel Hospital, where he died later that night in the emergency room.

Reports following Tyler's death suggested he may have been abducted from an area mall where he was known to walk in the evening, but a Detroit homicide detective said that scenario is inconsistent with information.

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## Passenger killed in 2-car accident

A 21-year-old Detroit woman was killed Thursday night in a two-car accident at the intersection of Ford and John Hix roads, the first traffic fatality in Westland this year, police said.

Killed was Veronica Cooper, a front-seat passenger in a car being driven by a 19-year-old Canton Township woman.

Cooper was pronounced dead 1:30 a.m. Friday at the Westland Medical Center from a broken neck and other injuries suffered in the accident, police said.

Police said Friday they expected to charge the Canton woman with negligent homicide.

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# Mayor wants stations open

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"If this thing goes as planned we'd be spreading manpower real thin," Riley said.

Another concern is that the proposal could force firefighters to choose between taking an EMS rescue vehicle or a fire truck on some runs, but not both, Riley said. "What happens when we get into a situation where there's a fire and somebody hurt?" he said.

**THOMAS AGREED** Friday to consider the union concerns over the weekend before announcing the plan, Riley said.

The union would consider going to court to block the plan if no changes are made, he added.

The union negotiated a minimum manning clause into its contract with the city in February, 1988, after failing to gain voter approval of a charter amendment to increase the minimum number of on-duty fire-

fighters the previous fall.

The contract required that a minimum of two firefighters per vehicle respond to every call. Firefighters say the provision is necessary to ensure firefighter safety and adequate response to fire calls.

To fulfill the minimum manning requirement, the city periodically closes fire stations on a rotating basis for up to 24 hours at a time.

The current union contract expires June 30.



Mayor Robert Thomas announces plan

## cop calls

**POLICE** are looking for two men in connection with a Thursday morning break-in on the 1100 block of Berkshire.

One of the men was apparently shot by the homeowner during the incident, police said.

The homeowner called police at 6:12 a.m. and told officers that he had wounded the unidentified intruder with a 12-gauge shotgun after the man fired at him in the hallway.

The intruder fled the location while he called police, the homeowner said.

A witness who was warming up his car on Rustic, which runs into Berkshire, told police he saw a man running down his street about the same time as the break-in. The man got into a dark blue or black late model car, possibly a Pontiac Sunbird.

Police said there was blood on the pavement near where the witness reported seeing the man get into the car.

Officers were called to Annapolis Hospital to question a man who was being treated for a gunshot wound to the chest. The man, an Inkster resident, told police he had been shot in that city.

The homeowner, 23, told police he was sleeping when his girlfriend woke him and said she heard a noise that sounded like somebody opening the side door to the home.

The homeowner told police he grabbed his shotgun and walked out into the hall. He said he saw the man in his bathroom and fired one shot after the intruder had fired at him.

Police said the bathroom window had been broken out and there were bloodstains on the bathtub, nearby walls and windowshade.

Police said the home's side door appeared to have been forced open.

older model Ford, possibly a Thunderbird, pulled into the parking lot of the adjacent Dairy Mart store. A man got out of the car, ran up to her, hit her in the head and grabbed her purse, the woman said.

The man ran back to his car and drove off westbound on Warren Road, she said.

The woman described her assailant as a white man 25-35 years old about 6 feet tall and 200 pounds. He had brown, collar-length hair and was wearing a dark-colored windbreaker and slacks, she said.

**A HOMEOWNER** on the 32000 block of Glen told police a word processor, diamond wedding ring, watch and other jewelry items were stolen during a break-in last week.

The stolen merchandise was valued at more than \$800 by the homeowner, police said.

The break-in occurred between Sunday and Tuesday while nobody was home, the homeowner said.

Police said pry marks were found around the west side door of the house, but there were no other signs of forced entry.

# 7-10 percent voter turnout expected

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election and are due in by 4 p.m. election day, Harrington said.

Precincts in local schools will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Anybody standing in line at 8 p.m. will be able to vote.

Harrington said the atypical Thursday election shouldn't skew results.

"We've had elections on Friday and other days so I don't really view

that as all that unusual," she said. "I think probably the weather will have more of an affect (on turnout).

Dave Moranty, chairman of the Wayne-Westland Citizens for Education Committee which opposes all three ballot proposals, said Thursday he thought turnout might be slightly higher than previous elections.

"The response we've received has been tremendous," Moranty said. "My phone has been ringing off the

hook"

"Regardless of how people vote Thursday, getting a higher turnout has been part of our goal. We want people to take an active part in their schools and know what the issues are," Moranty said.

**TOM SVITKOVICH**, the district's associate superintendent for communications and finance, said Thursday the district has received a "posi-

tive response" to the millage campaign.

"I think people realize our plight and they know that this (the ballot proposals) isn't a long-range solution, but something that is needed right now for quality education," Svitkovich said.

Svitkovich said the attitude towards the millage proposals from within the school community has been positive.

# Police: Slain custodian was not abducted

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mation uncovered in the investigation into the slaying.

"The rumors that the victim was somehow forced to Detroit have nothing to do with this case," the detective said.

"This incident was nothing other than a case where a man was shot by someone attempting to steal his truck and the entire crime was con-

tained within the city of Detroit."

**TYLER'S TRUCK** was found the following day within two miles of the murder site, according to the detective. The truck hadn't been stripped, and police are trying to determine whether the vehicle was used in any other crimes by the thieves.

"Whoever took the truck may have intended to come back and get

it later," the detective said. "Unfortunately, we have no eyewitnesses to the shooting or of who may have taken the vehicle."

Tyler had several acquaintances who lived near the murder site and it wasn't unusual for him to be in the area, police said. There are no suspects in the case.

"It's our understanding that the victim stopped at the convenience store to buy some beer and was shot

shortly after leaving the store," the detective said.

"What we want to know is who the man intended on visiting in the area and if anyone saw him earlier in the evening."

Anyone with information regarding Tyler's whereabouts prior to his death is asked to call Livonia Police, 421-2900, or the Detroit Police homicide bureau, 596-2260.

# Crash at Ford and Hix roads kills 1, injures 2

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A second passenger in the woman's car, as well as the driver of the second car, suffered minor injuries in the accident, which occurred at 9:43 p.m., said Westland Police officer Jon Handzlik.

Cooper and a 21-year-old Westland woman were riding in a 1984 Oldsmobile driven westbound on Ford at 9:43 p.m. by the Canton

woman. The car had been stopped in the middle of the intersection, the driver waiting to make a left turn onto southbound John Hix.

**THE CAR** began the turn as the light turned amber and was hit broadside by a 1987 Ford station wagon traveling eastbound on Ford, police said.

Witnesses told police the station wagon was traveling about 40 to 45

mph and appeared to be at or under the speed limit at the time of the collision. The Oldsmobile went into a 180-degree spin and came to rest on the curb, witnesses said.

"It looks like the driver wasn't paying attention to traffic as she began to make the turn," Handzlik said.

The other passenger in the Oldsmobile complained of head and neck

pain and was taken to Westland Medical Center for observation, police said. The driver of the station wagon, a 39-year-old Westland man, suffered a mild bruise on his leg, police said.

Handzlik said none of the occupants in the Oldsmobile were wearing seatbelts. Alcohol didn't appear to be a factor in the accident, he said.

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# New cable official channeling talent into new ventures

By C.L. Rugenstein  
staff writer

"It's not the years, it's the mileage," Indiana Jones once said to Marlon Brando in the movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Ronald Harris has a lot of mileage for his 38 years of life — most of it in the fast lane.

Harris, formerly a western Wayne County resident, was recently named vice president of new business ventures for The Family Channel, an offshoot of the Christian Broadcasting Network.



Ronald Harris

"It's a completely different entity," Harris said. "The principles are the same, however — wholesome family entertainment."

He'll direct expansion of the cable channel globally and develop network ventures in the United States and abroad, Family Channel president Tim Robertson said.

THE Family Channel already bears Harris' stamp, however.

He created the "on-air" look — the whole image for the new cable channel.

"That means all the graphics, animation, theme music — what's projected across the TV screen and the mood it creates," Harris said. "Everything between programming and paid advertising... done to establish a viewership."

Before his stint at CBN, Harris had been vice president for advertising and promotion over three cable networks owned by Ted Turner — CNN, Headline News and the TBS Superstation.

His responsibilities there included strategic positioning, planning and production of all print and video

marketing for the three channels.

IT'S A far cry from what he started out to do, Harris said in a phone interview recently from his Virginia Beach, Va., office.

After graduating from Livonia Bentley High in 1970, he went to Eastern Michigan University and majored in business management.

But then Harris transferred to Control Data Institute, "which wasn't in the field I ended up in at all."

From data to Fort Lauderdale and working with small advertising agencies was his next step. Then came San Diego and working as a business broker on the marketing end.

"I was licensed to sell businesses in California," he said, specifically small businesses to larger corporations.

He also began consulting for businesses that wanted to improve their marketing and advertising.

AND FROM there he eased into marketing, Harris said, starting his own company, Consumer Marketing Network Inc.

It also was his access into the world of cable TV.

"It was direct marketing for TV, doing products for cable TV advertising," Harris said. "Cable was in its infancy at that point ('78-'79), and it was easy to gain access."

One of his first products to hit the cable market was the Bible on cassettes.

Besides selling several million cassettes, people responded overwhelmingly and said it was "the greatest product they ever saw on TV," Harris said.

THE SECRET to Harris' success was getting an early start. He was focused at an early age, by a mother who continually encouraged him.

## Lending a hand

Edison Elementary School students Alicia Salinos (left) and Kelly Bohner contribute their hands to a mural marking the 100th day of the school year at Edison. Alicia and Kelly are students in Nancy Chwalik's first grade class. The school held several special activities last week commemorating the 100th day, which was Friday.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

## Glenn senior Junior Miss runner-up



Jill Szukaitis  
first runner-up

A John Glenn High School senior won first runner-up honors in the Michigan Junior Miss/Young Woman of the Year program in Marshall, while a classmate won first place in two categories.

Jill Szukaitis, who was the first runner-up in the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss program last November, won the same honor in the state event during the Jan. 27-28 weekend and was awarded \$1,000 in scholarship money.

The 1990 Wayne-Westland Junior Miss, Shelly Bialo, won the talent portion of the contest, with a costume dance routine to a song from the musical "Cats," and the poise/evening gown segment of the program. She was awarded \$600 in scholarship money.

In the state program, Szukaitis was second only to winner Catherine Keckler, representing Kalamazoo Valley.

DURING THE stay in Marshall, the contestants had tours of the community and attended a workshop, a Disney costume party and special dinners in their honor, said co-chairperson Lisa Lehman.

"We are proud of our girls," said Tony Rosati, the Wayne-Westland co-chairman. "They won three of the eight major awards this year from a group of 24 outstanding young ladies from around the state of Michigan."

Continental Cablevision videotaped the program, which will be shown this month on Channel 11 in the Westland cable system.



Shelly Bialo  
'Cats' a winner

## Generating jobs

### Utility growth sparks 12,800 posts

More than 12,800 jobs were created in 1989 by new and expanding major businesses and industry in Consumers Power Company's lower Michigan service area, according to information compiled by the utility.

The company's economic development statistics show 116 new plants and major businesses opened in its 27,800-square-mile Lower Peninsula service area last year while another 85 enlarged their operations.

These new and expanding businesses meant more than 12,800 new jobs and more than 11,800 square feet of construction in Consumers Power's market area.

"Michigan's economy continued its diversification and growth during 1989, with plant additions and new plants in not just the transportation industry, but also in pharmaceuticals, office furniture, industrial machinery, plastics and other businesses," said Frederick W. Buckman, Consumers Power's president and chief operating officer.

BUCKMAN SAID the utility's economic development department played a significant role in the expansion or location of a number of new businesses in Michigan last year.

"Working with state government and others, we intend to strive for the retention of existing industry and further expansion and diversifica-

**'Michigan's economy continued its diversification and growth during 1989, with plant additions and new plants in not just the transportation industry, but also in pharmaceuticals, office furniture, industrial machinery, plastics and other businesses.'**

—Frederick W. Buckman  
president, chief operating officer  
Consumers Power

tion of Michigan's growing economy," Buckman said.

The largest increase in jobs (4,451) occurred in the Flint, Saginaw, Bay City and Midland areas due primarily to the addition of 3,000 jobs at General Motors' BOC car assembly and the addition of 800 jobs at GM's truck and bus group assembly, both in Flint. Also, Verco, Inc., of Grand Blanc added 250 jobs and Thomson Ball Screw in Saginaw, 180 jobs.

The next largest increase (4,320 jobs) occurred in the utility's suburban Detroit service area, which includes Livonia, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Warren, East Detroit, Auburn Hills and St. Clair Shores.

New or expanding businesses in that area last year totaled 42, including: Johnson Controls in Plymouth, with 700 employees; ITT Automotive in Auburn Hills, with 400 employees; Nissan Technical headquarters in Farmington Hills, with 300 employees; BASF Corporation's Inmont Division in Southfield, which hired 165 additional employees; and Ford Motor Company's auto plant in Wixom, 200 jobs.

IN THE southern Michigan area which includes Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Lansing, Jackson and Adrian, 2,637 jobs were added as 74 businesses either opened or expanded.

Upjohn Company added 775 employees at new or expanded facilities in Kalamazoo and Portage. Hi-Lex Controls hired 200 employees at its new plant in Litchfield and Bergen Brunswick Corp. added 132 jobs at its new facility in Williamston.

In the western and northern areas of lower Michigan, encompassing Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Cadillac and Traverse City, 1,423 jobs were added as 70 plants either opened or expanded. This includes 120 furniture manufacturing jobs at Mueller Furniture in Grand Rapids, 67 jobs at two new Steelcase facilities in Kentwood and 70 jobs at Trendway Corporation's expanded office furniture facilities in Holland.

Consumers Power's economic development department also keeps track of plant closings and jobs lost.

Fifteen plants closed in 1989 in the utility's service area, with 1,789 jobs lost. The largest closings were: the MCK plant in Litchfield, with 400 jobs lost; Performance Papers' paper mill in Kalamazoo, with 370 jobs lost; and Interbake Foods, Inc. in Battle Creek, with 316 jobs lost.

Consumers Power Company, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy Corporation, is Michigan's largest utility serving almost 6 million of the state's 9 million residents in 67 of the 88 Lower Peninsula counties.

## Hookups for gas, electricity increase

Michigan's continued economic growth in 1989 was mirrored by new electric and gas hookups for Consumers Power Company.

The state's largest utility added 20,733 electric installations and 19,563 natural gas hookups to its energy distribution system last year.

Service installations on Consumers Power's electric system in 1989 brought the company's electric hookups total to 1,452,901, serving more than 3.3 million people in 61 Lower Peninsula counties.

The number of natural gas hookups now served by the utility grew to 1,338,489, or more than 3.4 million people in 40 counties in lower Michigan.

"Consumers Power construction employees and contractors worked to add electric and gas service installations at a rapid pace throughout 1989," said Rann C. Lincoln Jr., the utility's senior vice president of energy distribution.

"We saw particularly strong expansion in commercial business hookups and residential electric and gas service installations."

The number of electric service

connections in 1989 was the highest in recent history, 1 percent higher than 1988 levels.

Natural gas service installations numbered just 424 fewer than 1988's strong growth levels.

More than one-half of Consumers Power's 1989 natural gas hookups were in metropolitan Detroit's western and northern suburbs, including Royal Oak, Pontiac, Livonia, East Detroit, St. Clair Shores and Warren, where 11,068 service installations were completed.

The highest gain in electric customers (residential, commercial and industrial) was 9,277 in western Michigan, including Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Cadillac and Traverse City.

The eastern and northeastern Michigan area stretching from Flint, Saginaw, Bay City and Midland to the Tawas area added 5,537 electric installations and 4,169 natural gas service hookups.

The southern Michigan area, which includes Lansing, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Jackson and Adrian, added 5,919 electric service connections and 3,937 natural gas hookups.

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# Students get help in staying fit

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spent two months in the hospital and his weight dropped to 86 pounds. Doctors told him he would lead a severely limited life.

"I always thought that because I had a handicap, people would come running to my side to help out," Nielsen told the students. "That just doesn't happen."

"If you want something, you have to work for it."

The fitness room — a converted classroom in the school annex — features two types of exercise bikes, bioclimbers (which simulate stair

walking), a rowing machine and a television with videocassette recorder.

The walls have been painted with athletic murals in school colors, yellow and blue.

Students, age 16-26, will use the VCR to work out with exercise tapes, Colucci said.

The state-of-the-art equipment includes electronic monitors that provide information on rate and tension.

"The recumbent exercise bikes (which have no handle bars and allow easier access) are for students with more severe impairments, who might not be able to use the standard model," Colucci said.

**CHANGING ATTITUDES** about mentally and physically disabled people mean more attention is being paid to physical fitness, Colucci said. "Until recently, there hasn't been much done as far as creating appropriate outlets," she said.

"Nobody gave much thought to whether these people were in good shape or whether they even needed to be," Colucci said.

In his talk to Wayne Memorial students, Nielsen stressed nutrition as well as exercise. The students seemed to respond to his message.

When Nielsen said he could no longer eat ice cream, drink milk or digest other dairy products there

were a few shouts of disbelief. "But I took a handicap that will be with me forever and I turned it into a challenge," he told the students.

Nielsen, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native and a spokesman for the National Foundation on the Handicapped, said he speaks to about 90 school groups each year.

**PARENTS ATTENDING** Thursday's opening said they thought the fitness room was a good idea.

"My son (Paul Urbanik) has been in the Special Olympics so he does exercise," said Rosemary Urbanik. "But this will give him the chance for more exercise on a daily basis."

## cable TV

The Westland Community Relations/CATV department has announced the following programming, subject to change, for the week of Feb. 5-9 on Channel 8:

### MONDAY

5 p.m. Anything Goes; 6 p.m. Artist Profile; 7:30 p.m. Metro Spot-Lite; 8 p.m. This is Westland; 8:30 p.m. Kids in Action; 9 p.m. Artist Profile; 9:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; 10 p.m. Retirement Roads; 11 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; 11:30 p.m. Westland Faces; midnight "Our Town" (movie)

### TUESDAY

5 p.m. Westland Faces; 6 p.m. Anything Goes; 7 p.m. Artist Profile; 7:30 p.m. Metro Spot-Lite; 8 p.m. This is Westland; 8:30 p.m. Kids in Action; 9 p.m. Artist Profile; 9:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; 10 p.m. Retirement Roads; 11:30 p.m. Westland Faces; midnight, "Life with Father" (movie)

### WEDNESDAY

5 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; 5:30 p.m. Westland Faces; 7 p.m. Anything Goes; 8 p.m. Artist Profile; 8:30 p.m. Metro-Spot Lite; 9 p.m. This is Westland; 9:30 p.m. Kids in Action; 10 p.m. Artist Profile;

10:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; 11 p.m. Retirement Roads; midnight, "Pot O' Gold" (movie).

### THURSDAY

5 p.m. — Retirement Roads; 6 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; 6:30 p.m. Westland Faces; 8 p.m. Anything Goes; 9:30 p.m. Metro Spot-Lite; 10 p.m. This is Westland; 10:30 p.m. Kids in Action; 11 p.m. Artist Profile; 11:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; midnight, "The Lady Vanishes" (movie)

### FRIDAY

5 p.m. Artist Profile; 5:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; 6 p.m. Retirement Roads; 7 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; 7:30 p.m. Westland Faces; 9 p.m. Anything Goes; 10 p.m. Artist Profile; 10:30 p.m. Metro Spot-Lite; 11 p.m. This is Westland; 11:30 p.m. Kids in Action; midnight, "Inspector General" (movie).

### SATURDAY and SUNDAY

5 p.m. This is Westland; 5:30 p.m. Kids in Action; 6 p.m. Artist Profile; 6:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; 7 p.m. Retirement Roads; 8 p.m. Occupations and Avocations; 8:30 p.m. Westland Faces; 10 p.m. Anything Goes; 11 p.m. Artist Profile; 11:30 p.m. Metro Spot-Lite; midnight, Old Movie.

# District to cut tax rate — not taxes

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if assessments rise more than inflation.

Without the rollback, taxes could have risen up to 10 percent without a vote of the taxpayers.

**WITH ASSESSMENTS** expected to rise about 10 percent in Westland this year, and the cost of living running about 5 percent, the district should lower its tax rate even more, Furlong said.

One thing the district won't do, Furlong said, is seek a Headlee

waiver from voters. A waiver would allow property taxes to rise faster than the rate of inflation.

The district will set its tax rate at a Truth in Taxation hearing in May, about the same time it completes its budget for 1990-91. The current budget is \$86.5 million.

**LIKE MANY** out-of-formula districts around the state, Livonia is fearful that the state next year might force out-of-formula districts to pay the employers' half of Social

Security taxes.

The state currently pays this bill, which for Livonia's 2,000 employees amounts to \$4 million.

Whether this shift is made has a big bearing on how much of a tax-rate cut Livonia residents can expect in 1990-91, Furlong said.

"There's a very strong discussion going on about this," Furlong said. "The state's funding is tight, and they're looking at ways to fund in-formula school districts. This is the biggest unknown factor in our new budget."

## obituaries

### DONALD C. ROGERS SR.

Services for Mr. Rogers, 80, of Westland were Jan. 26 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh, Westland, with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating.

Burial was in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

Mr. Rogers died Jan. 23 in Westland. A native of Monroe, he retired after being a J.L. Hudson's department store delivery person. During his retirement, Mr. Rogers enjoyed fishing and the outdoors.

Surviving are his wife, Julia; two sons, Donald Jr. of Dearborn Heights, and Richard of Garden City; daughter, Sharon Franchek of Canton Township; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Carolyn.

### ELAINE M. HAMLIN

A Mass for Mrs. Hamlin, 65, of Westland was Wednesday, Jan. 31, at St. Damian Catholic Church with a rosary the previous night at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mrs. Hamlin died Jan. 27 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne.

Survivors are two daughters, Judy Kapolka and Mary Beth; three sons, Michael, Gregory and Richard and two grandchildren, Holly and Cory.

### MARIAN IRENE RATTANII

A Mass for Mrs. Rattanii, 55, of Westland was Jan. 30 from St. Bernadine Catholic Church with a rosary the previous night at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Fowlerville.

Mrs. Rattanii died Jan. 26 in Sinal

Hospital, Detroit.

Survivors are her husband, Louis; son, David; daughters, Cynthia McLaughlan, Diana and Karen; grandchildren Monica, James and Ryan; sister, Rose Ziemba and brothers, Bernard, Joseph, Leonard, George and Arthur Cieslak.

### ELIZABETH E. LEHR

A Mass for Mrs. Lehr, 91, of Westland was at St. Theodore Catholic Church Feb. 1 with a rosary the previous night at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Lehr died Jan. 28 in University Convalescent Home, Livonia.

Survivors are three daughters, Marilyn Thompson, Jane Kenny and Geraldine Hennig; two sons, John and James; 38 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren, and sister, Ruth Breedon.

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# Water rates going up

## But not every consumer will feel pinch

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Water rates are going up for area communities and for most — but not all — homeowners.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department last week announced plans to raise rates charged to its suburban customers. Rates for Western Wayne communities will generally increase 7.5-8.5 percent (For individual rates, see accompanying chart.)

Not all communities plan to pass the increase along to consumers.

"We've looked at it but it doesn't appear there'll be a rate increase at this time," said Doug Pakkala, Livonia public utility manager.

Livonia is one of the Detroit system's biggest customers, buying water for industrial and home use.

While each local community has its own water department, all buy water from Detroit. Local rates, however, are set by city councils and township boards.

Many area communities haven't

yet decided on 1990 water rates.

"IT'S UP to the the township board to decide, but we haven't passed an increase on to the consumer in five years," said Ron Caryl, superintendent of Redford's water department.

"In Westland, city officials won't decide until the Detroit system holds a public hearing on the new charges Feb. 15.

"I plan to go, then afterward I'll get together with our mayor and we'll discuss what to do," said Westland water superintendent Douglas Tredinnick.

Garden City also hasn't yet decided.

Some communities have already announced increases.

Plymouth Township rates will rise July 1, but not necessarily because of the Detroit increase.

"Because we're going in with Ypsilanti on sewer treatment we sold bonds through the Western Townships Utility Association," said town-

ship spokesman Tom Hollis.

The \$86 million bond issue also includes Canton and Northville townships.

Water rates in the city of Plymouth will also be going up as of July 1, a city spokeswoman said.

Plymouth, one of the area's smallest consumers buys about 500 million gallons of water each year. In contrast, Westland buys about three trillion gallons.

Canton's projected increase — 2.05 percent — is well below that for other communities. Township officials said the substantially smaller increase occurred because Canton recently paid off a 30-year-old water line.

"ESSENTIALLY, our increase is less because our base rate is less," said chief township financial officer John Spencer. "We were paying on a line we put in along Cherry Hill in the early 1960s and that contract just expired."

The average increase for all De-

troit water customers is estimated at 8.8 percent, said system financial manager Trent Hicks. Suburban customers are also bracing for increased sewer charges but many said they didn't know what those increases would be.

Capital improvements and rising worker salaries and benefits were given as reasons for the increase.

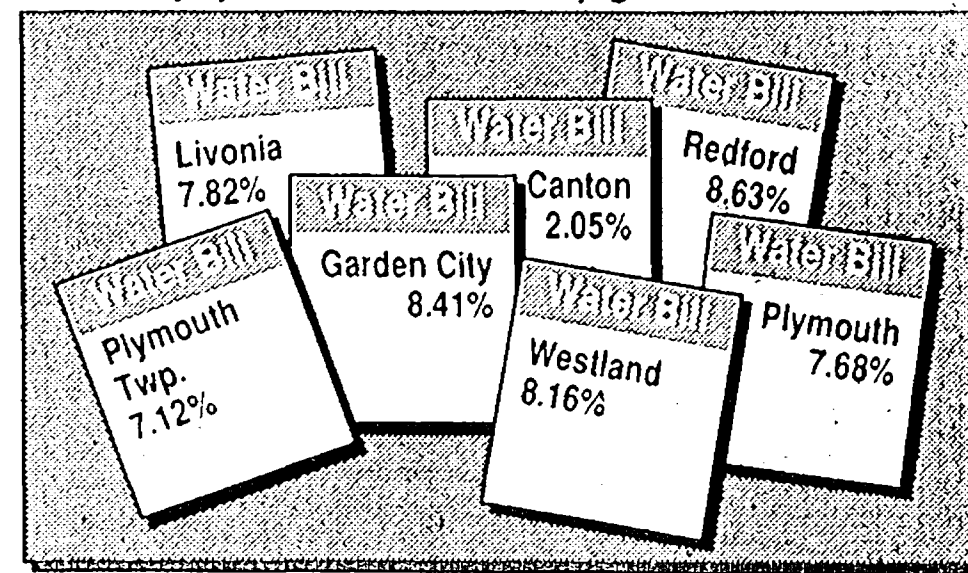
Increases are subject to Detroit City Council approval. While suburban leaders can speak at the public hearing, they cannot veto increases for their communities.

The Detroit system is one of the nation's largest, pumping water throughout much of southeastern Michigan.

Distance from Detroit is one of a number of factors used to determine local charges, Hicks said, but it isn't necessarily the most important factor.

"That (distance) is one of the things we consider, but we also consider elevation, peak use and other factors," he said.

### Suburbs pay Detroit for water - up goes the bill



DAVID FRANK/graphics editor

The Detroit water system is raising rates for the suburban communities it serves. While most communities expect to pass the increase along to consumers, homeowners' individual increases might not be known for several weeks.

## Event seeks Irish lassies

Candidates are sought for the 32nd annual Maid of Erin pageant, with the winner reigning over the 1990 Detroit-area St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Applicants must be 17-23 and of Irish descent.

The application deadline is Sunday, Feb. 4. The pageant will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, in the Irish Amer-

ican Center, 2068 Michigan, Detroit.

In addition to participating in the March 11 parade, the winner will also receive a round trip ticket to Ireland.

The pageant is sponsored by the United Irish Societies of Michigan. Additional information is available by calling Mercedes Fitzsimmons or Nancy Joynt, 464-2875.

## College scholarships available

College scholarships of \$1,000 are available through the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation.

To apply, students should send their name, address, zip code, year of graduation and approximate grade point average to the founda-

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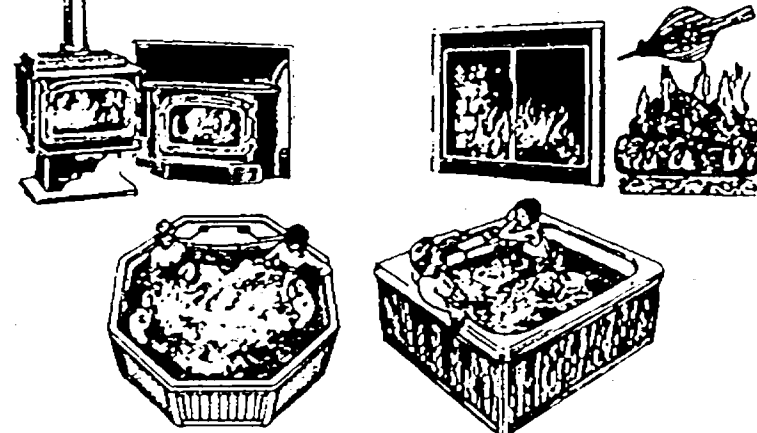
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# Scout pack preparing for anniversary banquet

**Blue and gold**  
All alumni of Westland Cub Scout Pack 860 may attend an upcoming 25th Anniversary Blue and Gold Banquet. For more information, call Shawn Stekete at 729-8430.

**For seniors**  
Wayne-Westland School District Senior Adults meet in the Dyer Center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Their meetings and events for the month of February will be as follows:

- Feb. 6 - The Tuesday Club meets at 1 p.m. with business meeting at 2 p.m.
- Feb. 7 - The Wednesday Club meets at 1 p.m. with business meeting at 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Valentine Dinner will be at 1 p.m. The King and Queen of Hearts from the Tuesday and Wednesday Clubs will be crowned and honored. The Avalons will provide music for dancing. Tickets are \$3. Reservations only.
- Pinochle - Mondays 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Fridays 1 p.m.
- Wednesday - Bingo at 1 p.m.

**Playoffs**  
Through Sunday, Feb. 11 - The Westland Hockey Association will host District No. 1 playoffs for the Squirt Division (house B, A, and AA), in the Westland Sports Arena, 6210 Wildwood. Admission for games is \$1/adults, 75 cents/seniors and 50 cents/children. The playoffs determine which teams will go to the state playoffs. For more information, call Gerry Skocen at 522-4166 or Mike Troup at 728-0292.

**Booster club**  
Monday, Feb. 5 - The Garden City High School Air Force Jr. ROTC Booster Club will meet at 8 p.m. in Garden City High School. Membership is open to those interested in the cadet program and its activities.

**Music**  
Tuesday, Feb. 6 - The Franklin High School Vocal Music Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Franklin High School, Room 508, 31000 Joy.

**Fine arts**  
Wednesday, Feb. 7 - The Garden City Fine Arts Association will sponsor a slide presentation and creative demonstration given by Edle Joplich, well-known painter and collage artist, at 7 p.m. in Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood west of Merriman.

**PTA dinner**  
Wednesday, Feb. 7 - Garden City PTA Founders Day Dinner will be at

7 p.m. in Roma Hall, Cherry Hill and Venoy. Tickets are \$12.50. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are available from local PTA chapters.

**Writing**  
Thursday, Feb. 8 - The Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College will hold a four-part series "An Inside Look at Michigan Authors" on Thursdays 7-9 p.m., Upper Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerly Road, Livonia. For more information, call 462-4443.

**Pancakes**  
Friday, Feb. 9 - The Kettering Elementary sixth grade students will have a pancake supper 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Kettering School, Hubbard near Avondale. The cost is \$3/adults, \$1.50/children under 10 and preschoolers free for the all-you-can-eat supper. Proceeds will support the sixth grade camp program.

**Valentines**  
Friday, Feb. 9 - A "Valentine Dinner Celebration" will be 4-8 p.m. in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Music provided by Eazy Trio Plus, celebration of birthdays, beer, crowning of King and Queen, free pictures. Tickets available at front desk or clubs. Paid-members/\$3, non-paid residents/\$5, and non-residents/\$7. No tickets sold at the door.

**Youth soccer**  
Saturdays, Feb. 10-17 - Westland Youth soccer will hold spring registration 2-5 p.m. at the Bailey Center on Ford Road. Girls and boys born between 1971 and 1984 are eligible. Applicants must bring birth certificates.

**Seniors' party**  
Monday, Feb. 12 - Churchill High senior parents will meet at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria to plan the senior all-night party following graduation. For more information, call Sharon Tomaszewski at 261-3734.

**GED tests**  
Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 12-13 - Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 5-10 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard. For more information, call 523-9294.

**Theater**  
Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Garden City Parks and Recreation Department will hold its family dinner theater program of "Peter Pan" by the String Puppet Theater and a hot dog dinner at 6 p.m. in Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood. Advance Tickets only, \$5. For more information, call Val O'Rourke at 525-8846.

## 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.

**AARP**  
Wednesday, Feb. 14 - The Dearborn Heights - Westland Chapter 1642 of American Association for Retired Persons will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson. For more information, call Frank Paja 533-4893.

**For valentines**  
Wednesday, Feb. 14 - The Garden City Hospital Volunteer Guild will sponsor a Valentine flower, candy and toy sale at 9 a.m. in the hospital lobby, Inkster Road at Maplewood. Proceeds will support the hospital's pediatric ward.

**Civitan club**  
Thursday, Feb. 15 - The Westland Civitan club will have a membership drive meeting at 7 p.m. in the Dyer Center, 36745 Marquette, between Wayne and Newburgh.

**Mystery**  
Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-17 - Garden City High School's New Concepts Theatre will present "Death by Natural Causes" at 8 p.m. in the E.J. O'Leary Performing Arts Center, 6500 Middlebelt. Tickets available at the school office and at the door.

**BPW**  
Thursday, Feb. 15 - Garden City Business and Professional Women will meet at 6 p.m. in Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, north of Ford Road and west of Merriman. Dinner tickets are \$8. For more information and reservations, call 261-4487 evenings or 467-1374 days.

**For siblings**  
Thursday, Feb. 15 - A sibling acceptance class will be 6-7:30 p.m. in the Garden City Hospital auditorium, 6245 N. Inkster at Maplewood. The class is designed to prepare children for the birth of a new brother or sister. For reservations, call 458-4330.

**Skating**  
Friday-Sunday, Feb. 16-18 - Garden City Figure Skating Club will host its "Figure Skating Competition" from early morning through

early evening, in the Civic Arena, 200 Log Cabin Road, Cherry Hill at Merriman. Amateur skaters from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Canada will take part in the competition. For more information, call 522-5590.

**50s' fling**  
Saturday, Feb. 17 - Notre Dame Knights of Columbus will sponsor a 50s' Fling 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne. The Fabulous Fantastics will provide the entertainment. Tickets are \$15/person and includes beer, snacks, set-ups and pizza. For tickets, call 728-3607.

**Golf lessons**  
Through March - Wintertime golf lessons are available at Westland Municipal Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman, south of Cherry Hill. Lesson fees are \$30 for three 30-minute lessons or \$50 for six sessions. For information, call 721-6660.

**Floor hockey**  
Wayne-Westland YMCA is now taking registrations for adult floor hockey teams. Leagues play at Stevenson Jr. High on Saturday afternoons beginning in February. Team fee is \$230. Players must be at least 18 years old. Register before Jan. 16 at the Wayne-Westland YMCA. Call 721-7044.

**Safe rides**  
Fridays-Saturdays - Livonia Safe Rides is in operation Friday and Saturday nights during the school year from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. High school students living in the Livonia School District may call 261-3760 on these evenings for a safe and confidential ride home. For more information, call 522-7488.

**Open swim**  
Open swim is available at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, Monday through Friday from 7-8 p.m. and Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Fee is \$4 for adults and \$1.50 for youths 18 and younger.

**Jobs**  
Part-time jobs are available for low-income men and women 55 and older through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. For

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**For parents**  
Tuesdays - A new support group, "Parent to Parent for Prevention," will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in the north cafeteria of Franklin High School, 31000 Joy. Discussion will focus on substance abuse. For information, call Penny Irwin at 525-8644.

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Wednesdays - Members of a support group for Alzheimer's Disease meet the first Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Westland Convalescent Center, 36137 Warren Road. For information, call 728-6100.

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

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**Concert band**  
Wednesdays - The Westland Concert Band meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Marshall Junior High, 35100 Bayview, south of Cherry Hill east of Wayne Road. Musicians are sought for the newly formed band. Call Jim Frobe at 729-7386.

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**Co-op nursery**  
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery is accepting applications for a 3-year-old morning class. The class is on Monday and Thursday 9:15-11:15 a.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call Donna Kuhn 981-0277.

**Karate**  
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**Anamilo club**  
The Anamilo (which means "to speak again") Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month, 2-4 p.m. at the Garden City Education Center, 6701 Harrison. The club is a support group offering assistance, encouragement, companionship and mutual support to people who have lost their larynx to cancer and their families.

**Diabetes**  
A "Diabetes Support Group" for diabetics and their families meets 7-8 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Garden City Hospital Health and Education Center, 6701 Harrison. The Diabetes Outpatient Education Department sponsors this program.

**Weight club**  
The Buxom Bell Weight Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Garden City Park. For more information, call 522-9323.

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Business Office - Administration Area
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  - Drawings and specifications may be obtained at the office of Sheridan Construction, Inc. after the date of Thursday, February 1, 1990
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Dodge Reports - Dearborn, Michigan  
Construction Association of Michigan - Detroit, Michigan  
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Item 02-90-007 To solicit Public comments on amendments to Masonry Wall Requirements.

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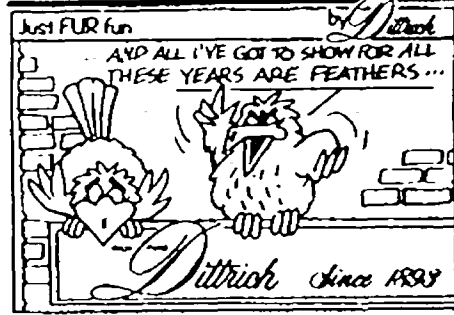
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# Turn-offs

## Threats of cuts can backfire

EVERY POLITICAL campaign has a personality of its own.

It doesn't matter if the campaign involves partisan candidates fighting a legislative position or groups supporting a ballot proposal without opposition.

Millage elections pose a different type of campaign and involve a set of dynamics that is sometimes hard for the typical voter to comprehend.

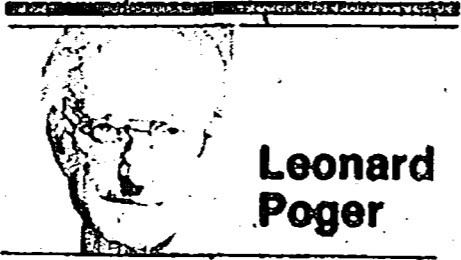
Voting patterns across the Detroit area usually reflect the contrasts of the personalities of campaigns.

For example, Bloomfield Hills school district voters last week rejected a building program to be financed by bonds. Some residents may have merely felt that the money and building proposal wasn't needed.

But the city commission in that district publicly opposed the building proposal because the four elements were lumped together in one ballot question instead of being separated so voters would have the chance to support or oppose them on their merits.

In typical millage elections, parents who are usually supportive of tax proposals to improve the local education programs get turned off many times because their youngsters come home from school bearing tales of teachers who warn of dire program cutbacks if the millage increase isn't approved.

THE TEACHERS, so say the kids, are saying that sports, debate, the school musical and other extra-curricular programs may be dropped or



Leonard Poger

severely slashed without the new money.

Never mind that the youngsters may have misunderstood the teachers' comments or garbled the misinterpretation when relaying them at the dinner table.

Voters typically decide elections on their perceptions, not cold, hard facts.

Another set of dynamics depends on the personality and communication skills of the school official making a millage or bond issue presentation at a parents' group.

IN SOME instances, the official gets defensive, turning off his/her audience. In other cases, the school officials clearly communicate the district's problems without letting the audience being forced into feeling guilty if parents feel inclined to vote against the ballot proposal.

Other dynamics concern the political history of the community.

If recalls have been successful in the past, voters feel they have the upper hand with the public officials feeling defensive and sometimes afraid to demonstrate a strong backbone.

In one Oakland County communi-

ty, three members of a five-member city council were dumped at re-election time because voters didn't like the way a new city hall was financed. In reality, the building was paid with budget surpluses accumulated over the years. Since the building was paid in cash, there was no borrowing or interest charges. From a financial view, it was the only way to go.

BUT VOTERS in that town felt that they should have had a voice on whether a new city hall should have been built in the first place, regardless of the way it was paid for.

Memories have since faded, but for many years, council members in that community were deathly afraid of making any major capital improvement expenditures for fear of being recalled or losing a re-election bid.

Logically, there is no reason for that community to hold a grudge forever, dooming future projects needed by the city's residents. But emotionally, the political atmosphere was spoiled for many years.

ON THE other hand, Garden City school officials were successful in getting a \$12 million building program approved by a 3-2 margin in June of 1987.

The dynamics of that campaign was that most of the money would be earmarked for the high school, a 37-year-old structure. The last major academic addition to the building was 30-years-old. Most of the building was antiquated and not effective for a curriculum being planned for students who would graduate in the 21st century.

Campaign leaders stressed the lack of improvements at the school in the previous three decades and invited parents to tour the school to get a first hand look.

It worked. The National Education Association published a booklet for school boards and local teachers' unions years ago on how to run a successful millage or bond campaign.

The bottom line is that each campaign is as different as individual persons and that the campaigns should be tailored to what the voters' needs are at the moment.

If the local history is ignored, then the ballot proposal is doomed.

# Problem goes beyond those red ribbons



Jack Gladden

COMING OUT OF Detroit, heading west on the Jeffries, doing about 60 miles an hour — five miles over the limit.

Everybody else is passing me. One guy in particular, driving a big black sedan, cruises by in the inside lane. He's doing at least 70, maybe 75.

Later, moving east on Cherry Hill, trying to stay on the road. It's covered with slush and ice and when I pump the brake a quarter of a block from the stop light, I start to slide sideways. Whoops. Take it easy.

I keep checking my rearview mirror, keeping an eye on the jerk in the BMW who's been tailgating me for the last two blocks. I hope neither one of us has to stop suddenly. Somebody's gonna get bashed.

And still later, sitting in the car on the Target parking lot, waiting for my son to finish his shopping so we can go home, I'm watching this woman trying to park. There's plenty of room in the parking space she's going for, but someone has left a shopping cart near the front and right of the spot.

If she'd just pull in straight, she'd have no problems. But she's coming in at an angle. She pulls in, straddling the yellow line between the spaces, brings the front end of her car to within a inch or two of the cart and stops. She's parked. Not very well, but she's parked.

Then she starts to back up and cuts her wheels to the left. Her car bumps the shopping cart, which spins around, starts rolling and smashes into the car in the next spot. She shuts off the engine, gets out and goes into the store. Doesn't even look

at the cart sitting against the other car.

Three incidents typifying life in the Motor City and its environs.

BUT ALL OF these drivers had one thing in common: They had red ribbons displayed prominently on their cars. The guy roaring along the Jeffries had four of them — one on each of his two radio antennas and two more attached to the door handles.

The ribbons, of course, for the benefit of Punksutawney Phil and anyone else who has been hibernating all winter, have been distributed by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and various other organizations (including this newspaper) as a part of the "Tie One On" campaign.

They're supposed to remind people not to drink and drive. That's good.

But some of the drivers who tied them on seem to have missed the message too literally.

By their actions they are saying it's OK to drive like a jerk as long as you're a sober jerk. I've got a problem with that.

The problem goes beyond watching clowns with red ribbons flying

from their cars driving like idiots. The problem lies with what such actions represent. It's the mindless bandwagon effect at its worst.

TODAY IT'S "in" to be against many things — drugs, ugly signs, underage drinking, smoking, racism, soft porn, hard porn, overdevelopment, drunk driving, fur coats, ad infinitum. Some of the causes are noble, some are questionable. All most all are complex issues with no simple solutions.

But too many people take the simple-minded approach. Too often they join the cause just because it's popular. They don't consider the complexity of the issue. If pornography offends them, they're ready to close the newsstand that sells it. If racism is perceived, make it illegal to utter ethnic slurs. If drugs are a problem, just say no.

It's stupid and dangerous and illegal to drive when you are drunk. It's also stupid and dangerous and illegal to drive like a lunatic when you are sober.

The people and organizations passing out those red ribbons recognize this. They are trying to make a specific point against drunk driving. But reckless driving can be just as deadly.

And it's even more stupid to drive like a jerk if you're flying a red ribbon from your antenna. You're sending a message, but it's the wrong one.

Jack Gladden is a copy editor at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

## know your government

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The telephone is answered from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

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# Senate amendment jeopardizes asbestos inspections in state

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

The state Senate is tied in knots over bills to keep asbestos inspectors on the job.

Deadlocked senators this week will try again to pass the bills amid charges that Michigan's asbestos removal rules are too strict.

"The state shouldn't have higher standards than the federal government," complained Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek. He tried to amend the package to lower Michigan's standards to the federal level — an amendment that would have thrown the bills into a time-consuming conference committee.

Schwarz was joined by Senate majority leader John Engler, R-Mount Pleasant, whose gubernatorial campaign will emphasize deregulation of business.

THEY WERE opposed by Fred Dillingham, R-Fowler, who was guiding the bills through floor debate. The bills would impose 1 percent fees on asbestos removal contractors to pay for the Public Health Department's inspection program.

"We're trying up this package and eliminating the inspectors," said Dillingham, whose Senate Human Resources Committee reported out the bills.

"We're going to have no one out there protecting the public for three or four months. To tie-bar (Schwarz's amendment) to the fee bill destroys the whole package," Dillingham argued.

REPLIED SCHWARZ, a physician and surgeon: "It's irresponsible for the state to rush pell-mell into a situation."

Much asbestos insulation, he said, "is not deleterious to the lungs. We are developing a cottage

**'The state shouldn't have higher standards than the federal government.'**

— Sen. John Schwarz  
Republican

Industry — asbestos removal — because there's so much government money in it.

"Over 90 percent of asbestos does not contain cancer-causing compounds. It's time for us to back off this thing and not throw away millions of dollars."

Added Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville: "The federal government has a screwball rule that is wasteful of money and health."

SCHWARZ'S AMENDMENT was adopted, but Dillingham won 16-15 approval of a procedural move to send the package to the Appropriations Committee.

Supporting Dillingham were Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills; Richard Fessler, R-Commerce; and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn.

Supporting Schwarz were Doug Cruce, R-Troy, and Geake.

William Faust, D-Westland, and Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, had excused absences.

The package included House Bills 4222 through 4226. "These fees would raise about \$500,000," Dillingham said. "Six asbestos inspectors are due to be laid off Feb. 1."

"The whole budget is predicated on passage of these fee bills."

"Hopefully, the (asbestos removal) contractors will talk to the senators and tell them how important the inspectors are. We're not going to stop the removal of asbestos."

# Rep. Ford to get key post

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

U.S. Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor, is scheduled to become chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, a move seen as strengthening Ford's chances of maintaining his district.

Ford, whose district includes southern Livonia, Westland, Canton and Garden City will become chairman with retirement of Rep. Augustus Hawkins, D-Cal., at the close of Congress this year.

To do so, Ford will give up his current post as chairman of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, though he will retain his committee seat.

"They don't want you to wear too many hats around here," said Ford, who added it would have been "page one news in Washington" if he declined the Education and Labor post.

"OBVIOUSLY, Education and Labor is one of the most important

committees in the Congress," he said.

With Michigan expected to lose two House seats by 1992 as a result of post-census redistricting, acceptance of the post is seen as strengthening Ford's chances of maintaining his district.

It is also seen as boosting his chances for re-election in this year's Congressional race.

His predecessor, Hawkins, 82, is considered one of the House's old-line liberals, perhaps best-known for sponsoring the 1978 Humphrey-Hawkins Full employment Act with former Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

Ford said his philosophy won't vary much from Hawkins'.

"Gus and I have been pretty close over the years," Ford said. "Sometimes, he would emphasize one issue more, sometimes I would, but basically there was much agreement."

Ford, 62, has been chairman of the Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education and is considered an expert in the field. Job training has been

one of his priorities and the Wayne-Westland Schools' vocational education center bears his name.

Though grappling with major issues such as minimum wage and child care, the committee failed to deliver minimum wage and parental job leave bills to the House floor in 1987 or 1988 — a major disappointment for organized labor interests.

Also in 1988, committee suggestions for overhauling the nation's welfare system never made it out of the sub-committee level.

At present, Education and Labor and the powerful Ways and Means Committee are locked in a fight over child care legislation.

Ford has favored new child care programs, not tax credits as proposed by the president.



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I know there are more important questions in this world to be asked, but when you think about how many cans of Campbell's soup pass through cash register scanners nowadays, doesn't it make you wonder?

We're not talking pennies here, folks. Do a little comparison shopping and see for yourself. Or are the major grocery chains expecting us to get our soup from store "A," our juices from store "B" and our paper products from store "C"?

PERSONALLY, I LIKE to shop at one local grocery, not necessarily for the prices but for the simple fact that I'm always no further than second in line and what's probably more important, to have a cashier personally say, "Thank you," rather than hearing it from a computer.

From what I can garner, fewer than 10 percent of us use grocery coupons when shopping for groceries. It almost makes me want to say, "Na-na-na-na," when I observe the person in front of me buying many of the same basic items but the difference is the bottom dollar. With coupons, I pay less.

I'll even go so far as to say the person behind me in line probably has even more coupons, and deep down that person's little voice is echoing the same verse because I only saved 25 cents on my toilet paper while that individual has a 35-cent coupon.

So does this mean that coupons are to blame for the 42-cent difference in bottled apple juice between store "A" and store "B"?

Now that I have the old cynical juices flowing, something else has my curiosity piqued about grocery stores. What do they do with all the leftover meat, fish and poultry that doesn't sell by the expiration date? Do they grind up the T-bone steaks into hamburger? Is it true they repackage the fish and put it in the freezer for some poor unsuspecting dolt to come by and pay top dollar for five-day-old frozen fish?

FREQUENTLY I SEE a shopping cart full of mushrooms that belong in a petrie dish along with black bananas and bruised apples, but when was the last time you saw a rib-eye steak marked down 50 percent?

I think it would be a good idea for the grocery stores to lay off a few of those bluish-gray-haired women who pass out samples of prune danish and liverwurst and incorporate an information booth in the center of the store between dog food and cereals so that folks like you and me can ask these questions.

Nothing unnerves me more than to stop by the manager's booth and have him/her look down on me from behind a 15-foot wall saying they have no control over the store's pricing policies. Personally, I think all grocery store managers are four-foot midgets who hide behind these managerial booster walls, just waiting for the moment to get on the loudspeaker and tell some poor 18-year-old bagger to go out in two feet of snow and bring in more baskets.

Let Gorbachev worry about Azerbaijan and let Bush deal with arms reduction. I'll let you know if I get any response from the store managers or food dealers.



"Randy" Chanyawanakul, owner of Siam Spicy in Royal Oak, shows dishes with fried rice in Thai style: peapod and shrimp (left) and Siam Spicy fried rice with chili paste.

## Thais serve rice with every meal

By Janice Brunson  
staff writer

Rice in Thailand is comparable in importance to potatoes in Bolivia or bread in America. It is the mainstay of nearly every meal, served morning, noon and night to balance other foods and fill hungry stomachs.

"People in Thailand eat rice or rice noodles, actually more rice than rice noodles, like people here eat bread," said "Randy" Chanyawanakul, owner of Siam Spicy, a restaurant featuring Thai food that opened in Royal Oak eight months ago.

Until then, Chanyawanakul had been an architect, arriving in the

United States from Bangkok in 1974 to study at Wayne State University.

"I always wanted to get into the restaurant business, for a long, long time. I love cooking and tasting food. So, I just decided to do it," Chanyawanakul said in English gently laced with a Thai accent.

Accompanying each entree served at Siam Spicy is a bountiful bowl of rich steamed rice, special sticky or semi-sticky varieties containing additional starch that are grown in Thailand and exported as Riceland throughout the Far East.

Chanyawanakul must buy bags

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

## Rice browned a la Mexico

By Janice Brunson  
staff writer

Long-grained rice washed snow white and browned to transparency is the key to superb Mexican-style

## Americans have long loved rice

By Irone H. Burchard  
special writer

RICE, THE STAPLE food for hundreds of millions in Asian countries, has been part of the traditional American meal since it was first grown in the United States more than 300 years ago.

The history of rice in North America began with colonization of the new land. During America's colonial period the Carolinas were consid-

ered to be the most fertile land. By 1726, the Port of Charleston, S.C., was exporting nearly 4,500 metric tons of rice annually and during the next four years rice exports doubled.

Fifty years later, after America gained its independence, rice had become one of the country's major agricultural businesses.

From its scanty beginnings in South Carolina, rice has become a major agricultural product of the

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JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Chef Vincenzo Bassonatti at Cafe Vincenzo in Garden City with risotto primavera and risotto pescatore.

Maria Shaffran trains all the chefs for her family-owned Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant chain

## Italian risotto popular

By Janice Brunson  
staff writer

When an especially creative mood strikes chef Vince Bassonatti of Garden City, he delights unsuspecting patrons of Cafe Vincenzo with a perfect risotto of rice, topped with plump shrimp, delicate chicken liver or fresh primavera.

Risotto not consumed on the spot is fashioned the following day into rich arangino, dumpling-like rice

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## The Cooker scene: American regional

Some down-home Southern dishes — as well as a range of regional entrees from Yankee pot roast to Hawaiian steak — are cooking at the new Cooker restaurant in Livonia.

The restaurant, first of a Nashville-based chain to locate in Michigan, has a menu that would appeal to almost anyone — and an atmosphere for which that is true also. It's noisy — so beware — but the noise coming from conversations bouncing off the tile floor and wood booths is more like background music that will absorb the cries of a baby or provide privacy for an intimate conversation.

Upon first glance, the Cooker Bar and Grille looks like a trendy place a la Friday's. But the night we visited, the restaurant was filled with older couples, young families and everyone in between. Even on a week night, it was crowded, surprising because the restaurant relies only on word-of-mouth advertising.

Or maybe that's not so surprising given the fact that the menu is anything but dull, and the prices are exceptionally reasonable. Though it offers the expected selection of burgers and salads, it has an exceptional array of "regional American" dishes. We tried the lime chicken (\$7.95) and Hawaiian steak (\$8.95) and found both to be very well prepared and tasty.



THE LIME CHICKEN is one of Cooker's specialties and features a half chicken marinated in lime, garlic, white wine and honey before being grilled. The combination of seasonings made for a very delicious dish and the marinade definitely penetrated the meat — instead of just resting on the skin.

Though almost all the other chicken dishes are boneless, this was on the bone but was moist enough to cut off easily. Only fault with this dish was that a pre-packaged moist towel was unappetizingly served on the dinner plate.

The Hawaiian steak was cooked as ordered and pleasantly flavored with a teriyaki sauce. The steak came with onion strings — a version of onion rings where the rings are slivered.

Both entrees were served with a small broccoli-cheese casserole, which was a little mushy for our taste. Next time we will try the green beans cooked with bacon. The seasoned french fries were delicious. A la carte side dishes also include squash, baked potato and baked cinnamon apples.

The soups were good, including a vegetable cheese soup that was a little cool on arrival and a very warm potato cheese soup that featured chunks of potatoes and a tasty blend of cheeses.

Details:  
The Cooker Bar and Grille,  
38703 Seven Mile at I-275, Livonia, 482-3650.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 10:30 p.m. Bar stays open one hour later Monday-Saturday.

Prices: \$3.95-\$10.95, with most full meals \$6-9. All entrees available as carryout.

Value: Great variety, good cooking and very reasonable prices.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Brian Crawford, waiter, shows Slickers Pie, a specialty at the Cooker Bar & Grille in Livonia. A chopped Slickers bar is just one of the ingredients.



# 'Chili Joe' cooks up a prize-winning dish

I have found that certain meals tend to elicit a particular sort of response from my three sons.

For example, they don't eat chili the same way that they eat meatloaf. In fact, they don't eat anything that has a bean in it without launching into one of their all-time favorite songs, "Beans, beans, the musical fruit."

But all songs aside, beans are an important source of protein, carbohydrates, several B-complex vitamins and minerals.

**THIS WEEK'S** winner dinner includes a recipe for cooking pinto beans that is simple and very economical.

Combined with a prize-winning chili recipe sent in by "Chili Joe" Wnuk of Westland, and served with Chippewa Corn Bread and a refreshing Fruit Bowl Dessert, this dinner promises to spice up your life.

Wnuk works as an automotive engineer for United Technologies in Dearborn, but when he comes home from work he trades in his coat and tie for an apron and chef's hat.

First bitten by the chili bug 10 years ago, Wnuk is a regular participant in chili cook-offs and has earned lots of trophies for his efforts.

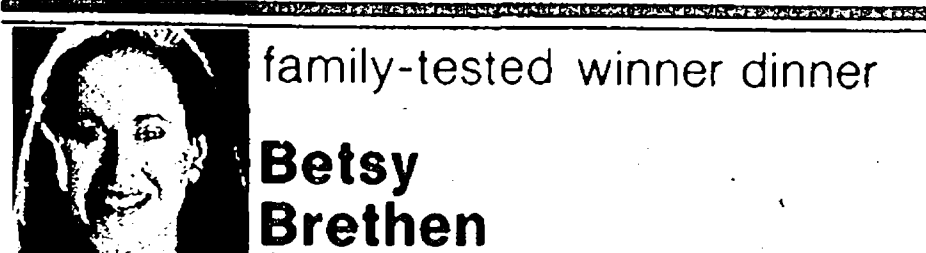
A year and a half ago, he started doing a cooking show for Omnicon Studios. He has just completed a cookbook, containing more than 40 different chili recipes, called "Chili Today, Hot Tomale" that should be available in bookstores next year.

Wnuk's four children have been enthusiastic sous chefs, and his wife has helped by designing aprons for his television shows.

**AN AVID** Tiger fan, Chili Joe is eagerly anticipating opening day at Tiger Stadium.

Loyal fans will be able to find him cooking up 60 quarts of his special Tiger Chili on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Trumbull for radio station WLLZ.

Thank you, Chili Joe, for sharing your special recipes with us, and congratulations on being our Winner Dinner Winner of the week. Here's



family-tested winner dinner

**Betsy Brethen**



ART EMANUELE/ctah photographer

'Chili Joe' Wnuk of Westland makes Old Mission Lighthouse Chili, 1837 Michigan Bean Recipe, Chippewa Indian Corn Bread and Fruit Bowl Dessert.

hoping this week's dinner will be a gastronomic success for you and yours.

Submit your recipes, to be considered for publication in this column or elsewhere, to: Winner Dinner, P.O. Box 3503, Birmingham 48012. All submissions become the property of the publisher. Each week's winner receives an apron with the words Winner

Dinner Winner on it.

Recipes are printed the same size so that you may clip and save them in a three-ring binder. Use a paper punch to make holes in the clipping, or paste the clipping on a blank sheet of three-ring notebook paper. Another option is to simply file the clippings in a folder with pockets that will hold them.

## Observer & Eccentric

# Winner Dinner

### Recipes

**OLD MISSION LIGHTHOUSE CHILI**  
This dish takes about 25 minutes to assemble, can be prepared a day in advance of being served and can be frozen. It serves eight people and is delicious reheated.

2 1/2 pounds beef chuck or stew meat, cubed into bite-sized pieces  
2 large onions, finely chopped  
1 large green bell pepper, finely chopped  
2 large jalapeno peppers, finely chopped (for a milder chili, adjust the amount to your taste)  
5 small garlic cloves, minced  
1 can tomato sauce (15 ounces)  
1 can beer or water (12 ounces)  
2 tablespoons chili powder (use more or less, depending on your taste)  
salt and pepper to taste

Brown the cubed meat with a dash of oil in a large pot. Drain any excess liquids. Sauté the chopped vegetables until tender and add to the large pot along with the remaining ingredients. Quick and easy! Simmer for 2 hours. Mix in the beans and garnish with sour cream, grated cheese, crushed red pepper or any other topping of your choice.

### 1837 MICHIGAN BEAN RECIPE

In chili cook-offs, beans are never added to the chili so that the judges can get the true flavor of the sauce.

If you use canned beans, Chili Joe recommends that you take a minute to rinse them, as the flavor of the sauce that the beans are canned in imparts a different and metallic flavor to the chili. This recipe for beans is simple, economical and nutritious.

1 pound dry pinto beans, washed and drained

6 cups water  
1 teaspoon salt

Bring the beans to a boil in a large pot, simmer them for 5 minutes and then let them sit for an least 1 hour. Mix with the Old Mission Lighthouse Chili.

### CHIPPEWA INDIAN CORN BREAD

Quick and easy to mix together, this bread is best when baked just before serving. It makes 8 ample servings. Garnish with plenty of butter or margarine.

1 cup yellow cornmeal  
1 cup flour  
2 tablespoons sugar  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup milk  
2 large eggs  
1/4 cup shortening  
1 can kernel corn (8 ounces), drained

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees and use a nonstick spray on a 9- by 9- by 2-inch pan. Mix all the ingredients, pour into the pan and bake for 20 minutes.

### FRUIT BOWL DESSERT

Refreshingly cooling after the spiciness of the chili, this recipe tastes better with fresh fruit; however, frozen fruit can be substituted.

1 cup sweet cherries, fresh or frozen  
2 cups strawberries, fresh or frozen  
1 cup blueberries, fresh or frozen  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1 tablespoon honey  
1 tablespoon apple cider or juice

Slice the fruit into a bowl. Cover the bowl and chill. Before serving, combine the sour cream, honey and cider and pour on the fruit and toss. Serves 8.

## Shopping List

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- 5 garlic cloves
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- salt
- pepper
- 1 pound dry pinto beans
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- flour
- sugar
- baking powder
- milk
- eggs
- shortening
- 1 can kernel corn (8 ounces)
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- strawberries, fresh or frozen
- sour cream
- honey
- apple cider or apple juice

## Notes

# Greek Beef and Onion Stew suitable for party time

This recipe for Greek Beef and Onion Stew is from an article on winter stews for entertaining, in a recent issue of Gourmet magazine.

### GREEK BEEF AND ONION STEW

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 4 pounds beef chuck, cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cups dry red wine
- 1 cup beef broth
- one 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup red-wine vinegar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
- one 3 1/2 inch cinnamon stick
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 bay leaf

2 pounds small white onions, blanched in boiling water for 1 minute, drained, and peeled  
1/2 cup minced fresh parsley leaves  
rice or mashed potatoes as an accompaniment

In a kettle heat the oil over moderately high heat until it is hot but not smoking and in it brown the

chuck, patted dry, in batches, transferring it as it is browned to a bowl. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon fat from the kettle, add the chopped onion, and cook it over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until it is golden. Add the garlic and cook the mixture, stirring, for 30 seconds. Add the wine, the broth, the tomato sauce, the vinegar, the brown sugar,

the cinnamon stick, the cumin, the bay leaf, 1 cup water, and the chuck with any juices that have accumulated in the bowl, bring the liquid to a boil, and braise the mixture, covered, in a preheated 350-degree oven for 2 hours. Stir in the small onions and braise the mixture, covered, for 1-1 1/2 hours, or until the onions are tender. The stew improves in flavor

if cooled to room temperature, uncovered, and chilled, covered, overnight. Discard the bay leaf and the

cinnamon stick, sprinkle the stew with the parsley, and serve it with the rice. Serves 8.

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## Hockey association publishes cookbook

"Hockey in Our Heart" is a newly published collection of recipes from families of the Plymouth/Canton Hockey Association.

The 252-page, spiral-bound cookbook leads off with recipes called "Red Wing Specialties," reprinted with permission of the Detroit Red Wings. Included are Yzerman's Fresh Blueberry Pie, Gallant's No Bake Cheesecake, Hanlon's Outdoor Delight and Stefan's Lovers' Meatballs.

The cookbook costs \$10 and is available from the Plymouth Cultural Center and Ice Arena, the Cozy Cafe in Plymouth, or by calling Cheryl Feiler at 451-0924 or Debbie Timberlake at 459-2275.

Here's a recipe that is one of the Kid's Favorites:

### SAUSAGE AND PEPPERS

1 1/2 pounds Italian Sausage (sweet with fennel seeds), cut in 1/4-inch slices

1 1/2-2 green peppers cut in 1/4 inch slices  
1 onion quartered  
1/2 cup olive oil

Sauce:  
one 15-ounce can tomato sauce  
1/2 scant tablespoon oregano  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 can water (maybe a little less)  
1/2 tablespoon parsley

Broil sausage on a cookie sheet with olive oil for approximately 10 minutes. Place green peppers and onions on cookie sheet and continue to broil for another 10 minutes, until brown. Meanwhile, combine ingredients for sauce and simmer for approximately 15 minutes. Put cooked sausage and peppers in 8- by 8-inch casserole, with some juice from cookie sheet (not all). Pour sauce over sausage and vegetables. Heat in oven at 325 degrees for about 1/2 hour. Serve with rice.

## Pizza pie in 6 layers reaches for the sky

### SKY-HIGH PIZZA PIE

one 16-ounce loaf frozen whole-wheat bread dough  
cornmeal

2 cups shredded Swiss cheese (8 ounces)

one 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, cooked

1 cup ricotta cheese

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed

one 8-ounce can pizza sauce

two 4-ounce cans sliced mushrooms, drained

6 ounces sliced Canadian-style bacon

1/4 cup sliced pitted ripe olives

Thaw dough. Sprinkle a 12-inch pizza pan with cornmeal. Halve dough; roll half to a 10-inch circle. Transfer to pan. Roll remaining dough to an 11-inch circle. Sprinkle dough on pan with 1 cup of the Swiss cheese, leaving 1 inch around the edge.

Drain spinach well; put on top of

cheese. Combine 1/2 cup of the Swiss cheese, ricotta cheese, garlic powder and oregano; spread over spinach, leaving 1 inch around edge. Top with 1/4 cup of the pizza sauce. Reserve 1/4 cup mushrooms; place remaining mushrooms on top of sauce. Top with bacon.

Position the 11-inch circle of dough over filling. Moisten edges and crimp together, pressing to seal. Make eight 2-inch steam slits in top crust. Cover outer 2 inches of crust with foil.

Bake in a 400 degree oven for 10 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350 degrees; bake 1 hour more or until golden brown. Remove foil. Spread remaining pizza sauce on top. Sprinkle with reserved mushrooms, remaining Swiss cheese and olives. Bake 5 minutes more. Cut into wedges to serve. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 369 cal., 22 g pro., 35 g carb., 16 g fat, 49 mg chol., 1,002 mg sodium.

## Thais serve rice with every meal

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from a Chicago-based import company that specializes in Thai goods because the Thai varieties, unique for their aroma, are not sold in most U.S. groceries or supermarkets.

HE SAID, "STIR FRY, CURRY, vegetables, beef. No matter what it is, everything has to go with rice," partially to balance meats and vegetables that, when heavily spiced with

chili peppers, cause the eyes and nose to run.

"You would not want to eat very hot dishes without rice," he said with a laugh.

Ideally, Thai rice sticks together, either slightly so, as with semi-sticky, or very much so, although there is generally less demand for very sticky varieties.

Chanyawatanakul buys the highest grades of rice possible because indi-

vidual kernels are more uniform in size than lesser grades.

Aside from its aroma and sticky consistency when cooked, Thai rice is similar in color, size and shape to Uncle Ben's long-grained varieties, according to Chanyawatanakul. The Thai variety is a water rice, grown in a region of Thailand deluged with monsoon rains. The product is noted for its pure whiteness that is easily

obtained with a minimum of washing.

The restaurateur also serves Thai-style fried rice, sticky rice seasoned with eggs, green onions, peas, pea pods and carrots.

Siam Spicy, 2438 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, phone 545-4305, is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-11:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and 4:30-9 p.m. Sunday.

## Rice browned Mexican-style

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Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant, a family enterprise founded in 1984 by Shaffran, husband Charles and three children, has grown into a small chain with eateries in Redford, Garden City and four additional locations.

A seventh is scheduled to open soon in Ann Arbor.

At each, cuisine is prepared by chefs who are trained by Maria Shaffran, using family recipes she has specially tailored for use in the restaurants.

"I know a lot about the kitchen," she said, in accented English, of the

array and variety of offerings.

Shaffran is particularly knowledgeable about rice, a staple food served prior to most meals in Acaponeta, the city near the Pacific Ocean in Nayarit, Mexico, where she was born and raised. She arrived in the United States in 1957 as a new bride.

"WHENEVER YOU SIT down to eat in Acaponeta, a small bowl of consommé is served, followed by a serving of rice. Then the entree. It's nothing special," she said of the long-standing custom.

Although Texamiti, a long-grained, aromatic rice, is currently

enjoying increasing popularity among chefs of Mexican cuisine, Shaffran favors any long-grained rice, regardless of variety, so long as it is hard and has not been processed.

She washes the rice thoroughly, first in cold water, followed by a comprehensive warm bath that transforms beige-colored kernels into snow white specimens. She then sautes the rice for 30 minutes in "very hot" oil that has been seasoned with chopped onion. The kernels turn into browned, transparencies ready for steaming.

The rice is simmered to full richness in chicken broth seasoned with Saffran's special tomato sauce laced

with basil, garlic, salt and pepper. Though decidedly Mexican in taste, it is not spicy hot.

"We eat a lot of hot peppers in Acaponeta," but not in traditional rice that is served before each meal, she said.

Don Carlos, 7034 Middlebelt, Garden City, phone 458-2900, is open 4-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 3-8 p.m. Sunday. Don Carlos, 9565 Telegraph, Redford, phone 533-8000, is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 3-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 3:30-9 p.m. Sunday.

## Italian risotto grows in popularity

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balls chock-full of vegetables and mozzarella cheese that are gently fried and served with veal or beef.

"When I want to make something special, something that tastes really good, I make this," Bassonatti said in English laced with a thick Italian accent.

Originally from Naples, Bassonatti studied the art of cookery some 25 years ago in Switzerland, shortly before arriving in the United States.

RISOTTO, LONG a traditional dish throughout Italy, remains a mystery to many American diners.

To be genuine, risotto must be firm, a variation on pasta that, when prepared correctly, is eaten with a fork, according to Bassonatti.

It should never, ever be served as a soup with a spoon, as too often happens, he said.

To create a perfect risotto, Bassonatti relies on short-grain rice, an Italian variety named Baretta that is noted for its flat contour and hardness.

"Baretta cooks slowly and never gets mushy," dual absolutes for scrupulous chefs preparing proper risotto, Bassonatti said.

TO MAKE the dish, Baretta, a rice that resembles Uncle Ben's in color and variety, is browned with minced onion in butter.

It is then set to simmer in rice broth, or "real stock" prepared from soup bones that have simmered for hours with slices of celery, onion and carrot.

The stock is gradually added to the rice, until it fully puffs and all the liquid is absorbed.

"The rice has to be loose and dry

and not be sticky or mushy," Bassonatti said.

THE FINAL product is seasoned with a grating of fresh Parmesan cheese and "a nice chunk of butter."

Risotto may be served alone or smothered in an endless array of toppings, including seafood, chicken, vegetables or any combination thereof.

To prepare arangino, leftover

risotto rice is fashioned into dumpling-shaped balls and stuffed with peas or pieces of hard-boiled egg and mozzarella cheese, breaded and fried in butter.

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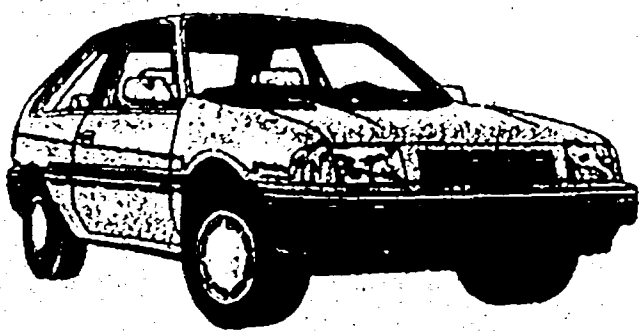
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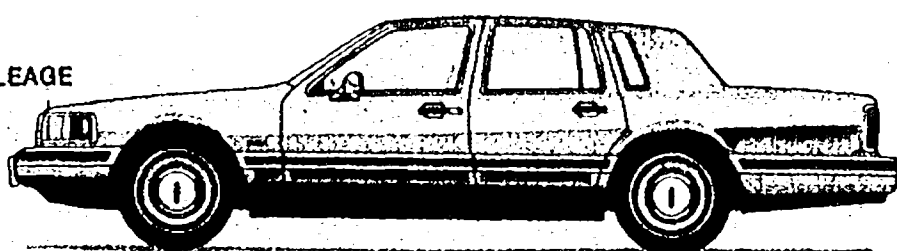
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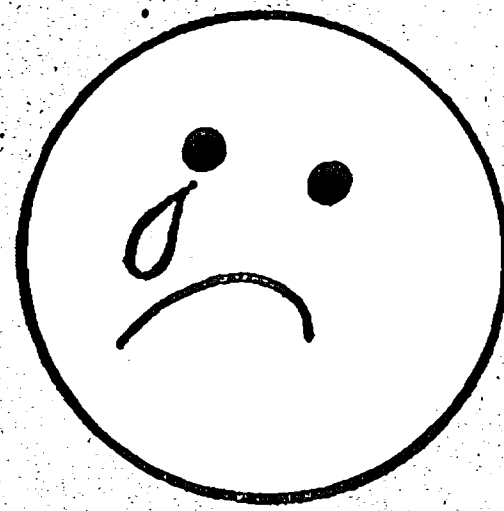
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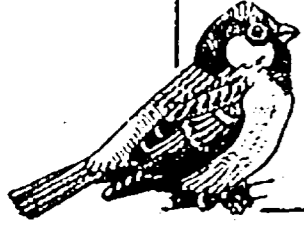
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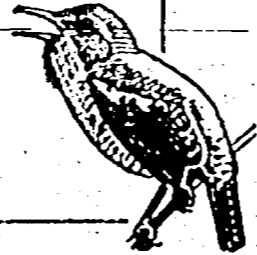
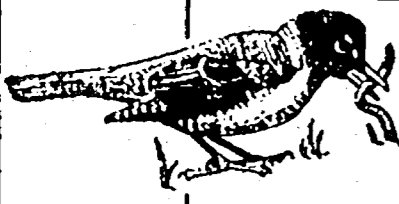


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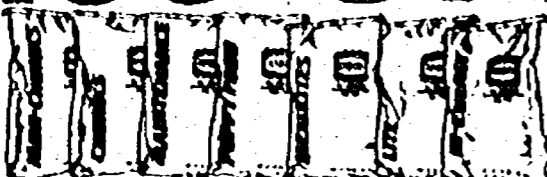


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# Red brightens winter season

Amid the neutral tones of winter both green and red show up vividly. Even in summer when the lush green foliage predominates, red can be seen readily. In fact, many animals use red as a warning color just as humans do. Red feathers are often hidden until the need to demonstrate aggression.

In winter, red is one of the first colors to catch the eye. Male cardinals can be seen at the opposite end of your yard because of their bright red color.

Not many animals are as brightly colored as the cardinal, but several plants, or berries of plants, rival the brilliance of the cardinal.

One such plant with scarlet red berries hugging the branches is the winterberry, or Michigan holly. Unlike the holly that most people think of with evergreen leaves, Michigan holly loses its leaves in fall. Bright red berries persist on the branches however, until birds eat them or until they fall off naturally in midwinter.

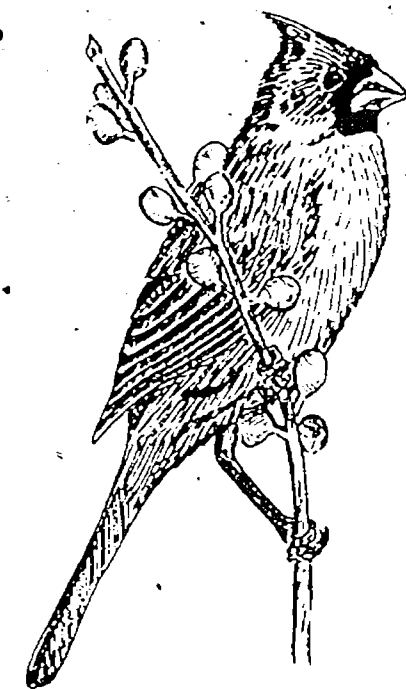
Winterberry grows in low wet areas and can often be seen in large clusters. Dense colonies of plants laden with berries are very striking when contrasting with the dark grey bark of the surrounding tree trunks and branches.

Another red berry that likes wet areas is the high bush cranberry. This bush produces red berries that form drooping clusters. Like the bog cranberry that we enjoy at holiday dinners, the high bush cranberry is also edible, though not as preferred. Even birds do not eat the berries until other choice berries are gone.

Wet areas seem to be the best place to find red in the plant world. Growing along with both of the plants mentioned above, one can find the red-stemmed, or red-osier dogwood. One can find the red stems of this dogwood all year, but they seem more noticeable when

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Timothy Nowicki



The cardinal illustrates how red stands out in drab winter scene.

viewed against the white winter snow.

In forested areas you may be lucky to find a cluster of red berries on the end of a stalk about a foot off the ground. These berries came from one of the jack-in-the-pulpit plants you saw in the spring. Their berries often do not last long because they are enjoyed by mice and birds.

Take a stroll through the woods and meadows and enjoy their decorations.

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

# Elderly can take steps against crime

Dear Jo:

Would you please give your readers some hints on protecting themselves against pickpockets and purse snatchers? The elderly population are prime targets for this type of crime. I am sending you some literature that we distribute to our senior citizen centers — please pass it on to your (larger) readership.

Sergeant M.H. City Policeman

Dear Sergeant H.:

Thank you for your letter and the information — which I have edited.

Older people are more vulnerable to this type of crime because of the changes that go along with aging — decreased strength and slower reflexes — and because they often

live in or frequent high population density areas.

Before leaving home, it is wise to plan where you'll be going and what in the line of cash and credit cards you'll need. Never carry more than the necessities.

Men should never carry their wallets in their back pants pocket. Pickpockets are so skilled that their victims seldom know that they have been robbed until it's too late.

Pockets are often picked during diversions. Pickpockets usually work in pairs; one bumps you and the other makes the grab. A popular diversion these days is the "ketchup spill" whereby someone eating a hot-dog with copious amounts of ketchup on it spills it on the victim. While the first partner supposedly helps the victim wipe off the substance, the accomplice picks the pocket or runs off with a purse.

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their wallets is in their inside jacket pockets.

Purse snatchers usually come from behind, grab the purse and then run and disappear around a corner or into the crowd.

Some helpful hints to prevent purse snatching are:

- Carry your purse (latchside pressed tight to your body) with your arm through the handle or strap.
- Think "purse-snatcher" when in a dense crowd and act accordingly.
- Never leave your purse in an unattended shopping cart or on a counter.

• Don't drape your purse over the back of your chair in a restaurant. Instead, place it on your lap or put it on the floor under the table.

• When trying on clothes in a store, do not leave your purse or your valuables in the dressing room.

• In times of stress or when going to an overly crowded area, put your few valuables in a small shoulder strap bag and wear it under your coat.

Remember that pickpockets are quick, young and agile and are generally between the ages of 14 and 24. If holding onto your wallet or purse during a robbery means physical harm — let it go, it's not worth getting hurt.

Readers can write to Jolayne Farrell at 11 Cynthia Crescent, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4E 2P8.

# Award-winning group headlines barbershop show

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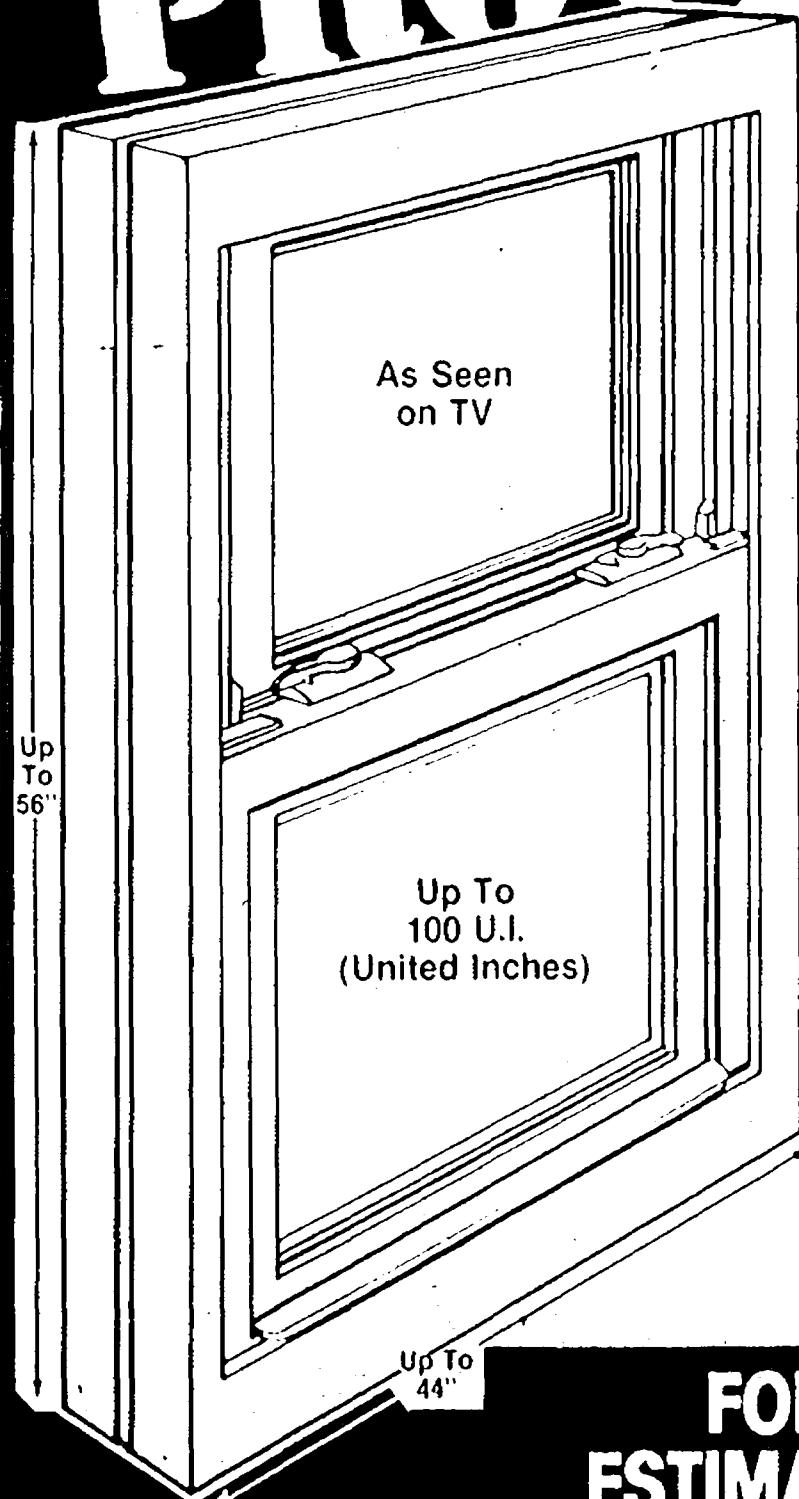
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# Medical evidence rebuts new theory on cholesterol

Picture a flexible rubber pipe that is hooked up to a water source that regulates flow and pressure.

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One day you decide to turn off the water and gaze into the pipe. You note that the insides have a crusty reddish tint, and that the opening for water to flow through has narrowed considerably.

You now examine the deposits inside the pipe and, in fact, find that they are nothing more than the caked red particles that have been circulating in the pipe for years. Although it seems clear what has happened, you are perplexed by what caused the apparent settling of the particles on the inside of the pipe?

A BYSTANDER appears and attempts to help you resolve the question. After weighing the information that you have provided him, he suggests that the circulating red particles in the water really had little to do with the narrowing of the pipe.

Would you believe his theory? Probably not. Yet, a similar argu-

ment has been voiced in "Heart Failure," a new book (Random House, \$19.95) by investigative reporter Thomas Moore who also had a recent article in the Atlantic Monthly magazine. Moore suggests that all of the attention given to cholesterol is really based on speculation, not science.

Certainly his contentions have comforted those who have lusted for real butter instead of margarine, whole milk rather than skim, steak in place of fish, and ice cream as an alternative to low-fat yogurt.

Moore charges that the cholesterol-heart disease link has been perpetuated by clinicians, researchers, government officials and food and drug companies, many of whom have a vested interest in cholesterol research. He also contends that the major clinical trials designed to lower blood cholesterol by either diet or drugs have produced disappointing results, and that the small reductions in cholesterol that have been achieved (averaging 5 to 10 percent) don't improve or extend people's lives.

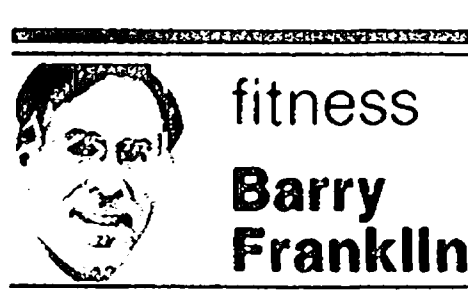
HE NEGLECTS to point out, however, that the failure to produce more dramatic reductions in cholesterol was, in large part, due to poor

patient compliance. Thus, it's not surprising that the anticipated health benefits (i.e., markedly reduced fatal and nonfatal heart attacks) weren't achieved in many of these clinical trials. The potential of such measures can only be realized when the intervention is carefully monitored and adhered to.

Admittedly, Moore isn't alone in these views. The cholesterol theory has had a number of distinguished critics over the years. Nevertheless, an overwhelming body of scientific evidence now supports the belief that a sustained high blood cholesterol can lead to heart disease.

Before you decide to take Moore's advice, and go back to your "burgers and greasy french fries," consider the following facts relating diet, elevated blood cholesterol, and coronary heart disease.

- Persons who have high levels of blood cholesterol also have high rates of heart disease. This relationship has been substantiated in numerous scientific investigations, including the famous Framingham Heart Study, begun in 1948, involving more than 5,000 residents of Framingham, Mass. Furthermore, heart disease is virtually nonexistent



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**Barry Franklin**

in persons whose cholesterol level is below 150.

- Increased cholesterol levels are found among countries where the typical diet is high in saturated fats and cholesterol. People who live in Finland and Australia have even higher average blood cholesterol levels (and heart attack rates) than Americans do. Accordingly, they also consume more dietary fat and cholesterol.

- Increased rates of heart disease are found among countries with elevated cholesterol levels. Heart disease is several times more prevalent in the United States, Finland and Australia than it is in Japan or China, where average cholesterol levels are much lower. But Asians who move to America end up increasing their cholesterol levels and heart disease rate.

- Persons with inborn errors of

cholesterol metabolism often develop heart disease at an early age. There are many medical reports of children, teenagers and young adults who have died from heart attacks. Almost without exception, these individuals had blood cholesterol levels in excess of 400. Many had cholesterol levels greater than 600.

- Related high cholesterol diseases are associated with heart disease in laboratory animals. Scientists have known for nearly a century that rabbits reared on milk and eggs develop fatty deposits inside their coronary arteries.

- Atherosclerotic deposits are loaded with cholesterol. Autopsy and pathology reports have shown, unequivocally, that it is the low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol form that actually deposits in blood vessels. Ultimately, these same blood vessels become clogged by the formation of hardened plaques. In contrast, many health experts believe that high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol actually helps to clear the blood vessel — a human "Drano," so to speak.

In conclusion, it appears that many factors may contribute to the development of heart disease, including heredity, cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, obesity and

sedentary living. But a basic fact underlies all of the attention focused on cholesterol: These "risk factors," in and of themselves, do not seem to accelerate the atherosclerotic process unless the cholesterol level is elevated (above 150). Accordingly, some scientists have even gone so far as to suggest that cholesterol is not just a "primary" risk factor for heart disease — it is the only risk factor.

PERHAPS DR. Thomas Chalmers of Harvard's School of Public Health summed it up best when he said: "People who eat high-fat, high-cholesterol diets all of their lives suffer high rates of heart disease. It's as simple as that. A moderate change of diet may not bring instant results, but at worst it's harmless, and it just might save your life."

Although the mechanisms underlying the atherosclerotic process still are open to debate, there's no longer any questions that too much cholesterol is hazardous to your health.

Barry A. Franklin, Ph.D. is director of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Exercise Laboratories, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, and associate professor of physiology, Wayne State University, School of Medicine.



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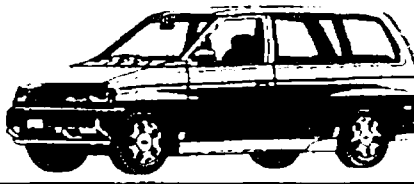


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# STREET SCENE

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## To buy or not to buy a boat

By Debbie L. Sklar  
Special writer

Ship ahoy, mates!  
With the Detroit Boat and Fishing Show going on at Cobo Hall in Detroit this week, it's a good time to consider joining the more than 700,000 registered marine boat owners in Michigan. Hey, if both New York Real Estate aficionado Donald Trump and ex-Miami Vicer Don Johnson can own one, so can you.

But with thousands of boats, yachts and other marine vehicles on the market, where in the world do you begin?

"The first thing you have to do is decide what type of boat you want," said Lindy Rymill, co-owner of Avon Sailboats Limited in Rochester Hills. "Next, you have to find the right dealer because they can usually help you find the right boat."

Rymill said potential customers should also take the same approach in buying a boat as they do a car.

"Buying a sailboat is like buying a car; there are basic types of sailboats just like there are cars, like an 18-wheel truck, motorcycle or Porsche. They all go down the road, but each is different. And it's the same way in sailing."

Rymill suggest customers take a few minutes to decide what type of sailboat they want whether it's for the family or independent use.

"They have to decide whether they want a sailboat that's easy to learn or a sail boat that takes a little bit more work," she said. "The most common way for a person to get into sailing is to buy a small boat to start with."

**"BUT THAT'S** not the only way. There are sailing programs, schools and clinics to help someone learn the art of sailing."

If the buyer is interested in purchasing a small boat, prices range from \$60 to \$10,000.

"The majority of our first time customers spend around \$4,000 to \$5,000 on their first boat. It's not as expensive of a hobby as one would believe."

In regards to sailboats, there are three different categories to choose from — catamaran (two separate hulls with a trampoline

in the center), board boats and day sailers.

"Catamarans are generally more sporty, tend to go faster, are more exhilarating and are a lot wetter," Rymill said. "A catamaran is a good first sailboat for a small family to invest in, but it is a little harder to rig up." Prices range from \$5,000 to \$8,500.

The board boat is a flat type boat which generally has one single sail and tends to be a little more sporty.

"It only sails — you can't take a family of 12 on it or have a party," Rymill said. "It's a very pure way of sailing." Costs range from \$600 to \$2,000.

The third choice is the day sailer — "By this I mean a day sailboat you use during the day. It doesn't have a cabin in it and generally, it's a drier, speedier, wider and deeper boat that you sit inside or versus on top of."

"A day sailor can be sailed by one, but they usually appeal to either two or more," Rymill said. Prices, depending on the brand, range from \$2,500 to \$5,500.

**NOW THAT** you've got the boat, who's going to teach you how to sail the darn thing?

"We do give rigging lessons with everything we sell," Rymill said. "One of the key things that's helping sailing is the offering of fleets — the joining of a group of sailors who are at the same sailing level."

Fleet sailing is an excellent way to learn sailing. You're exposed to a lot of other boats like yours. It's a better way to learn to operate your boat and operate it better, Rymill said.

"Sailing is a very intense sport," she said. "It puts you up against the elements, but there is nothing more rewarding than feeling that wind in your hair as you glide across the cool waters."

But what if sailing isn't your bag and you want something that doesn't seem to take as much work? Maybe a motor boat is more your speed.

According to George Field of Class One Marine in West Bloomfield, there are several different routes that a first time boat owner could embark on.

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BILL HANSEN

Jessi Rymill of Utica and Emily Johnston of Rochester have fun, imagining they're riding the waves in their very own sailboats.

R.U. Syrius

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"Maybe we should add a disclaimer to our 'prisoner's choice' policy for last meals."

## Filling the intellectual banter void

By Chrie Rizk  
Special writer

In a typical day, most adults talk about work, their household and children.

Not very heady stuff says Dr. Harold Mathis, a West Bloomfield psychologist and marriage counselor. When it comes to meaningful, intellectual banter, the void seems impossible to fill, he said.

Mathis thinks he's found however a way past the "yak, yak, yak" and "blah, blah, blah" of everyday conversation. A year ago Mathis formed a different kind of self help group.

Called "I Think" it is his idea of rejuvenating an extinct tradition — talking.

"I think we're becoming a spectator society," Mathis said. "Face to face conversations are dying out. We're interacting with computers."

Technology, while providing innovations that are undeniably making life easier, has inadvertently lessened the need for person-

al contact for most people, Mathis said.

**HIS GROUP** provides a wide forum for discussion of topics such as global dilemmas, books, movies and social implications of living in a technological age.

It is not, he said, a therapy group for the lonely. Mathis calls it instead a "safari into the world of ideas."

So far, his safari has been little attended despite the current or provocative themes.

Mathis is not discouraged, however. He attributes the lack of attendance — he usually has between six and 12 people during each weekly session — to the very thing from which his group evolved, advancing technology that prevents face-to-face contact and keeps society too busy to talk.

And then there's that ever present evil, TV, Mathis said.

"Whole households are built around the television set," he said with antipathy. "People have been taught not to talk. TV is a passive medium. With technology comes a

reduction of our own humanity," a lack of passion.

He hopes to restore that emotion during his weekly meetings at the West Bloomfield Library. All he asks is that participants attend the meetings with an open mind he said.

The agendas for upcoming meetings read like a college course syllabus, "What Do You Think" Mathis asks in flyers he prepares for his weekly meetings: "Follow your bliss into the abyss" where an examination of personal mythologies that shape our existence or success beyond belief.

**JEFFREY CLARK**, 36, is perhaps the youngest male to attend Mathis' group which is composed of people from ages 20 to 60.

A tool and die worker during the day, Clark, of Westland, said he looks forward to sharing ideas and discussing different topics when he meets with the group every Monday.

"Certainly there is more atmosphere for discussion when you go

to the I Think meetings," Clark said. "It gives you an opportunity to hear other people's views, no matter what the subject."

On Nov. 20, the discussion was about the opening of the wall in East Germany.

Mathis' reasons for forming the group were more an act of surveillance than a quest to showcase intelligence.

After 20 years of counseling, Mathis said he was "starved" for intelligent conversation.

"I consider myself somewhat of an intellectual," he explained. "I read a lot and have a lot of unorthodox ideas. To some extent, I surround myself with people who stimulate me but it's hard to find people who are passionate."

The remedy for a brain dead age may be found he said by filling up on a protein filled "mental diet" and intellectual stimulation.

Mathis' group meets at 7 p.m. every Monday at the West Bloomfield Library on Walnut Lake Road. For more information, call 628-5413.

# MOVING PICTURES



Crystal (Chloe Webb) is the center of attention for both Jack Moony (Bob Hoskins) and Napoleon Stone (Denzel Washington) in New Line Cinema's "Heart Condition."

## 'Flashback:' Bit too much

"Flashback" (B-, R, 105 minutes) is an entertaining bit of fluff that shifts gears too often to fulfill its mission as the definitive statement about the '60s.

Despite some clever, sardonic comments on that vaunted time in America, the movie isn't thoughtful or serious enough to play in the big leagues. Nonetheless, it's worth your time and money.

San Francisco, 1989, is the point from which the film trips back on what turns out to be comical, albeit cynical, nostalgia.

Straight-arrow FBI agent John Buckner (Kiefer Sutherland) is assigned to get a prisoner, Huey Walker (Dennis Hopper), to Spokane, Wash., for trial. Walker has been on the lam for 20 years, hiding out from a charge of malicious mischief when he disconnected Vice President Spiro Agnew's car from the train as it pulled out of the station on a whistle-stop tour.

The FBI is more concerned, however, with his status as an escaped prisoner. Their pride suffers when a prisoner escapes.

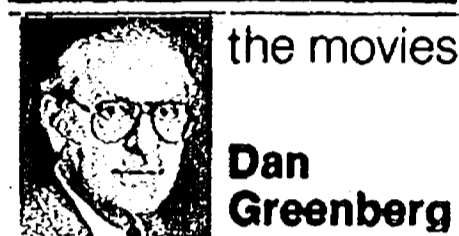
Films such as "Flashback" have a lot to say about the '60s and, as well, about contemporary times. Unfortunately, most of the message is petty lightweight and the frivolity of Walker's character doesn't match the seriousness of the message his fame is supposed to rest upon.

There's also a buddy-film hiding in all the shenanigans as the enforced comradeship of guard and prisoner leads to the usual complications — the menacing local lawyer, Sheriff Hightower (Cliff De Young) and the evolution from antagonism to respect and camaraderie between Buckner and Walker.

THERE'S ALSO a few '60s twists — a former flower child, Maggie (Carol Kane) and two aging yuppies, Barry and Hal (Richard Masur and Michael McKean). The latter two exhibit great and funny guile for having rejected their counter-culture youth for middle-age comfort and success.

While the film has enough laughs, some poignancy and an occasional witty socio-political comment, it's awfully slow getting started, has too many rapid mood shifts and too many unlikely coincidents. But, it's still fun.

In "Heart Condition" (B-, R, 95 minutes), racist Los Angeles Detective Jack Moony (Bob Hoskins) is ea-



the movies  
**Dan Greenberg**

### Grading the movies

A+	Top marks - sure to please
A	Close behind - excellent
A-	Still in running for top honors
B+	Pretty good stuff, not perfect
B	Good
B-	Good but notable deficiencies
C+	Just a cut above average
C	Mediocre
C-	Not so hot and slipping fast
D+	The very best of the poor stuff
D	Poor
D-	It doesn't get much worse
F	Truly awful
Z	Reserved for the colossally bad
*	No advanced screening

ger to nail high-profile, black Beverly Hills lawyer, Leon Stone (Denzel Washington). In addition to his racial prejudice and his suspicions about Stone's illegal activities, Moony is upset when his girl, Crystal Gerrity (Chloe Webb) leaves him to take up with Stone.

Then, in a rare stroke of fate, Moony has a heart attack. Stone is killed and Moony is saved by having Stone's heart transplanted. To further aggravate the bigoted detective, Stone turns up as a ghost to advise Moony on how to catch the guys that bumped Stone off.

COMPLICATIONS also include a U.S. Senator dead from a drug overdose — but since the senator was on a committee to pass anti-drug legislation, his death is hushed up. There's a connection, friends, so stay with it — film at eleven.

There's enough plot, a clever idea and excellent performances by Denzel Washington and Bob Hoskins so it's a worthwhile evening even though "Heart Condition" won't

raise everyone's blood pressure. Reviewed by Jason Brown

If you're in the mood for Bette Midler or if you enjoy slow-paced, but well-produced soap operas, then "Stella" (C, PG-13, 105 minutes) is your emotional detergent.

In the title role, based on Olive Proudly's novel, "Stella Dallas," Bette Midler is a sharp-witted, smart-talking and fast-moving barmaid who attracts the attention of young Dr. Dallas (Stephen Collins).

Back in '69 when this, the third and hopefully last "Stella" opens, young doctors were quite naive. How else can you explain young Dr. Dallas being infatuated by a somewhat chunky, late 30ish-looking barmaid dancing on the bar.

It's just too hokey for words. After the dance, Stella refuses Stephen's entreaties for a date with a convincing, "stop-some-more" attitude and pretty soon they're hugging and kissing and Stella is pregnant.

Recognizing the difference in their worlds, Stella rejects his marriage proposal, and his money and raises daughter Jenny (Trini Alvarado) herself.

There's all the usual, soapy ups-and-downs and the remarkable durability of Stella and Stephen. After 20 years she still looks like a chunky, late 30ish-looking barmaid and he is still young Dr. Dallas. He just dresses better.

Good performances, music and photography can't save this one.

#### STILL PLAYING:

"All Dogs Go To Heaven" (B+) (Gse) 90 minutes.

Well-known voices back this animated story about Charlie the German Shepherd and Itchy the Dachshund.

"Always" (B-) (PG) 110 minutes. Sometimes poignant, sometimes sappy story of airborne fire fighter who returns from death as a spirit.

"Back to the Future Part II" (B+) (PG) 90 minutes.

All your favorite time-travelers are in other dimensions once again.

"Blaze" (A) (R) 110 minutes. Superb Paul Newman portrayal of Louisiana Governor Earl K. Long with Lolita Davidovich excellent as stripper/girlfriend, Blaze Starr.

"Born on the Fourth of July" (A) (R) 144 minutes.

Touching, graphically disturbing, poignant, frightening autobiography of Ron Kovic (Tom Cruise), a paraplegic Viet Vet.

"Crimes and Misdemeanors" (A+) (PG-13) 100 minutes.

Woody Allen at his best in this romantic comedy about family life with all its joy and sadness.

The fifth is one worth your time and attention. Bruce Bickford, aptly billed as "Master of Clay Animation" offers some truly amazing vistas in the little world of clay.

Animation is frame by frame photography and in the case of clay, a frame is shot, the clay is modeled slightly, another frame is exposed and so on. Thus the 55-minute tape contains 79,200 separate sequential photographs, each one requiring planning, record-keeping and modeling of clay.

THE "BICKFORD" musical score was by Frank Zappa, with performances by Ensemble Intercontemporain conducted by Pierre Boulez and The London Symphony conducted by Kent Nagano.

Despite stunning claymation, the images and characters in Bickford's work are always complex and generally hostile. Excretion and violent animal-monsters are major motifs as is the loner versus authoritarian figures.

But the truly amazing animation makes it all worth while, particularly the ways in which forms continually evolve from one another. It's hard to imagine the time, patience and artistic vision required to complete such a project. Nonetheless it will be available for \$29.98 on Jan. 31.

## ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

### DFT celebrates animation

By John Monaghan  
special writer

The new installment of "The International Tournee of Animation" used to highlight the Detroit Film Theatre winter schedule. Lines typically stretch out the door for the sold-out night of contemporary animation from around the world.

This weekend's three-night run of "The Animation Celebration" offers a somewhat more commercial look at 24 animated shorts from a half dozen countries. These were the most popular films at the Second and Third Los Angeles International Animation Celebrations.

Though often radically different in terms of concept and execution, each animated film brings home the same point — cartoons aren't just for kids anymore.

Take Bill Plympton's brutally funny "25 Ways to Quit Smoking" for example. In a companion piece to his earlier "My Face," a smoker demonstrates fool-proof ways to kick the habit. In a section of self-discipline, the smoker follows each puff with a punch into his impossibly malleable face.

THERE ARE some familiar images to ground a commercial audience. Matt Groening's "The Simpsons" (who currently have their own half-hour television show) are interspersed throughout the program, as are award-winning TV spots for Yoplait and MTV.

Some cartoons even reflect the spirit of international relations. In the American-made "Propogandance," stereotypical Russian and American dancers come together in the performance of traditional cossack and '80s break dancing moves. Unfortunately, it's better in concept than in execution.

More interesting is "The Marathon," a touching Soviet tribute to Mickey Mouse in celebration of his 60th anniversary. Moscow student animators show Mickey cavorting on one half of the screen while generations grow up and die on the other, all the while entertained by the cartoon mouse.

The Pixar Studio's "Tin Toy," shown in other festivals, displays just how far computer animation has come in the past decade. Pixar's latest effort, "Knickknack," about a snowman's efforts to break free

from his glass prison, makes its debut here.

MY FAVORITE selection is "Umbabarauma," a five-minute whirlwind of color and rhythm set to the music of Jorge Ben. Talking Heads leader David Byrne commissioned the film to promote a compilation of Brazilian music he released last year.

Directed by Susan Young and Mike Smith, "Umbabarauma" uses a number of techniques — watercolor on paper, ink brush strokes, oil pastels, drawing and cut-outs on film and also conventional cel animation. It goes far beyond the average music video.

Not all of the choices are this good. "Rarg," which starts with an engaging concept of a kingdom that exists solely in a man's dream and will soon be destroyed when he awakes, doesn't live up to its 21-minute running time.

You certainly get your money's worth from "The Animation Celebration." But at 105 minutes, even a party this good goes on a bit too long.

## SCREEN SCENE

DETROIT FILM SOCIETY, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 833-4048 for information (\$25 or \$20 membership).

Stage to Screen — "Witness for the Prosecution" (USA — 1957), 7 p.m. Feb. 9-10. Billy Wilder's suspenseful adaptation of Agatha Christie's courtroom drama. Ailing attorney Charles Laughton is convinced of Tyrone Power's innocence but doesn't know what Marlene Dietrich has up her sleeve. Followed by "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" (USA — 1958), a faithful version of Tennessee Williams' steamy melodrama, starring Paul Newman and Elizabeth Taylor.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call 833-2323 for information. (\$4)

"Animation Celebration" Feb. 9-11 (call for show times). An excellent collection of animated shorts from around the world. Including Bill Plympton's "25 Ways to Quit Smoking," the David Byrne-produced "Umbabarauma" and TV's "The Simpsons."

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY, 13671 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Call 943-2330 for information. (Free)

"Abraham Lincoln" (USA — 1930), 7 p.m. Feb. 5. The last film directed

by D.W. Griffith stars Walter Huston as the famous U.S. president.

LIVONIA MALL CINEMA, 29415 Seven Mile, Livonia. Call 476-1166 for information. (Free)

"Exodus" (USA — 1960), 10 a.m. Feb. 6. The Jewish fight for a homeland turned into a sprawling epic adventure by director Otto Preminger. Paul Newman is oddly cast as an Israeli leader who falls for army nurse Eva Marie Saint. As part of the mall's month-long tribute to Paul Newman.

MICHIGAN THEATRE, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call 668-8397 for information. (\$4 general, \$3.25 students and seniors)

Films directed by Stanley Kubrick dominate the selections this week.

"The Shining" (USA — 1980), 4 and 9:30 p.m. Feb. 6. Jack Nicholson, in one of his best crazy roles, terrorizes his family in a spooky old hotel. Not altogether successful, but like all Kubrick films, hauntingly beautiful.

"Dr. Strangelove" (Britain — 1964), 7 p.m. Feb. 6 and 9 p.m. Feb. 8. In the anti-war black comedy, a paranoid American general (Sterling Hayden) sets World War III in motion. Bomber pilot Slim Pickens is determined to see that his war-heads make it to Russia, while Peter Sellers plays everyone from the U.S.

president to the title character.

"2001: A Space Odyssey" (USA — 1968), 7 p.m. Feb. 8 and 11. Kubrick's sci-fi masterpiece still has viewers guessing. When a mysterious monolith is discovered on the lunar surface, strange things happen to a group of astronauts. Climaxed by a trip through time and dimensions, which should look extra fabulous when run through the Michigan's new 70mm projector.

REDFORD THEATRE, 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call 537-2560 for information. (\$2)

"The Greatest Show on Earth" (USA — 1952), 8 p.m. Feb. 9-10. Big top excitement from Cecil B. DeMille, full of then-famous circus performers and hokey melodrama. Jimmy Stewart fares best as a circus clown with a shady past.

TELE-ARTS, 1540 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 963-3918 for information. (\$3.50, \$2.50 students and senior citizens)

"A Virus Knows No Morals" 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5. A darkly funny satire about AIDS misinformation. Among the film's bizarre characters is the owner of a gay sauna who sees the disease as a major detriment to his business, and a government official who feels that all AIDS victims should be sent to concentration camps. Obviously not for all tastes.

## VIDEO VIEWING

By Dan Greenberg  
special writer

"The Adventures of Milo & Otis" (1989, color, G, 76 minutes) will be available on cassette Jan. 31. The film is a live-action animal fantasy that received very little play at the local theaters last year. Its rapid appearance on video allows your children to view a "G" film — take advantage of this rare opportunity.

Milo the kitten and his friend, a puppy named Otis, spend their day exploring the barnyard where they were born. Gradually, they branch out in the countryside and Milo is swept away by a rapid river current. Otis tries to rescue his friend and they have marvelous adventures. It should delight the young-at-heart as well as the little children.

At the other end of the scale is "Blood Relations" from Nelson Entertainment. This film is so slow and pretentious that they ought to change the company's name to Nelson Snooze.

Dr. Andreas Wells (Jan Ruebels) is a neurosurgeon with too many quirks in his personality for my taste. I certainly wouldn't let him operate on my brain. His estranged son, Thomas (Kevin Hicks), blames dad for the death of mom. Thomas finally returns home with a beautiful fiancée, Marie Desette (Lydie Denier).

Ray Walston appears as wealthy Grandpa Charles MacLeod. The father/son triangle with Marie shapes up as "Donovan's Brain" with sex, but there wasn't enough of anything to keep me from dozing off. You know, I don't really care what happened and you shouldn't either. Available Jan. 25.

FRANK ZAPPA fans will appreciate the master's Jan. 31 release of a half-dozen tapes although — with the exception of "The Amazing Mr. Bickford" — I can't imagine who else might, if there are any clues in the portions I watched of "Uncle Meat — The Mothers of Invention Movie." It's 120 minutes of color footage shot over a 20-year period, starting in 1967.

This counter-culture hodgepodge purportedly presents an alternative view of our time — different, that is, from the plasticized caricatures seen on TV. While I hold no brief for television sit-coms, "Uncle Meat" is even less amusing. It represents home movies at their worst, a terrific lack of discipline and the unmitigated gall to believe that anyone would care to watch two hours of boring nonsense and personal jokes.

"The True Story of Frank Zappa's 200 Motels," "Video From Hell," "Baby Snakes" and "Frank Zappa Live: Does Humor Belong in Music?" are four of the remaining five tapes.

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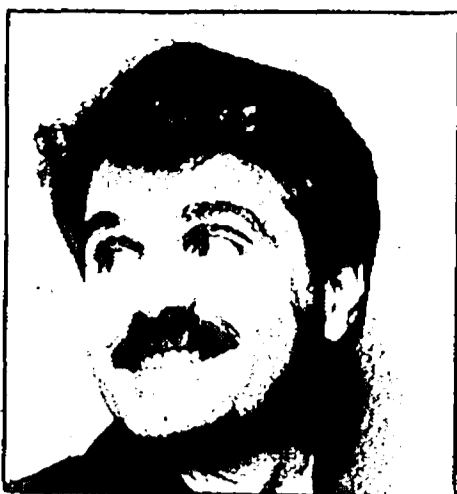
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# FEAR & LOAFING

## Driving ambition



Karl Nilsson

Buying the Sidewinder was easy. Getting a license for it was another story.

In today's squeamish atmosphere of gun control mania, obtaining a permit to carry a concealed missile isn't easy.

First, you must prove that you've never committed a felony crime. Or if you did commit a felony, you must prove that you had a bad headache at the time, or that you didn't fully understand the difference between concepts like stealing and borrowing, arguing and shooting.

Unfortunately, my computer file showed a few minor brushes with the law — pulling the tags off my mattress, storing eggs with the small end down and robbing Fort Knox.

Once your criminal record is clear, you must justify your need to carry a concealed weapon to the police. The most common applicant is the merchant who must carry a lot of cash in a bad neighborhood. Ironically, I live in a good neighborhood, which means I have no cash left over to carry anywhere. Thankfully, they bought my story about marauding squirrels in the attic.

But why, you ask, did I want a hood-mounted, heat-seeking missile anyway? To rid suburbia of a new kind of sleazeball driving tactic with vigilante justice, that's why.

Here's how it happens: You're stopped at a red light. Across the intersection is a car sitting in the left turn lane. The instant the light turns green, he floors the gas and turns in front of you. Instead of waiting for oncoming traffic to clear, this lab specimen tries to beat it!

**THE SHEAR** arrogance of this begs for a "Road Runner" cartoon response — like dropping a boulder on his car or making him swallow dynamite. But instead of resorting to violence, I simply push the launch button on my steering wheel and faster than you can say "Top Gun" I drive through a cloud of smoke that used to be a car.

There's dozens of other candidates for Rambo-style citizen enforcement, but the common trait of all obnoxious driving is an air of superiority behind the wheel. These self-obsessed drivers are boring nerds from

dull families who act out a fantasy in their cars — by projecting an artificial image of power and prestige.

Today, thanks to leasing, even a clerk in a shoe store can drive a high-profile machine. To separate reality from illusion, here's a suburban spotter's guide to four leading phonies:

**(1) EXOTIC SPORTS CAR**  
Projected Image — Playboy of the western world on the prowl for danger and romance.

**Actual Reality** — Carpet salesman in mid-life crisis on the way to see his chiropractor. Unable to drive a stick shift, his only ticket was for littering, when his toupee blew off.

**(2) TINTED PRIVACY GLASS**  
Projected Image — Incognito celebrity hiding out from adoring fans.

**Actual Reality** — Overweight bookkeeper going to the deli. The only person who would recognize him is his mother who he still lives with. After dark, he can't see at all and drives with his head out the window.

**(3) DRIVER ON CAR PHONE**  
Projected Image — Wealthy power broker closing a major deal with Donald Trump.

**Actual Reality** — Bank teller with almond boneless chicken on his lap, calling for directions. He delivers Chinese food to the phone and the biggest deal he's ever cut in the car is the two-for-one egg roll special.

**(4) FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE PICK-UP**  
Projected Image — Rugged rancher delivering hay to his prize herd of Arabian horses.

**Actual Image** — Librarian delivering an overdue magazine. The only time he went "off-roading" was when he backed into the ditch at the end of his driveway. Combination of deep tread tires and high ground clearance gets him to work everyday — even when it's cloudy.

Someone once said the way to solve over-population is to inflict capital punishment for parking violations. A similar rule could end traffic congestion: Anyone caught driving under the influence of false affectations would be sentenced to five years riding the bus.

# STREET SENSE

## Help for the 'imprisoned' mother

Dear Ms. Schiff,  
While reading the Observer newspaper Monday, I came across your column. The column was of interest to me because the letter from the parent of the 2-year-old with cerebral palsy was so sad and filled with so many misconceptions. I am aware that both the mother's letter and your response may have been edited due to space constraints. If however, neither was condensed, there is much to tell this frustrated and tired mom.

The biggest concerns I have have to do with the mother's statement (and your agreement) that this child will eventually be institutionalized and the lack of direction to the many resources available to this family.

Persons with developmental disabilities are no longer institutionalized in the state of Michigan unless their behavior is such that community living is unsafe. This young girl, regardless the degree to which she has an impairment, will be educated and live in a community, if not with her own family, then with a foster family. As an adult, she may be in a group home or individualized living program.

There are many organizations that can offer this family the support and services they need. I have enclosed brochures of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board funded programs for people with developmental disabilities.

I am the director of the Rose F. Kennedy Respite Center, which could provide the mom some of the relief she seeks. There are other resources, if the family lives out of Wayne County. The mom should call United Cerebral Palsy at 557-5070 for support and direction.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Betz, M.A.

Dear Barbara,  
Regarding the Dec. 25 letter from "Imprisoned," please advise her to

investigate and try to enter her daughter in the Cloverdale School of the Farmington Schools — on Freedom Road (along side the 108 expressway) between Farmington and Orchard Lake Road. (Does she live in Oakland County? If not, maybe they could move!) If you're unfamiliar with this institution, you should visit it and be educated.

K.B.

To the "Imprisoned" Mother:

I would like to reply to the letter you wrote Barbara about your daughter who has cerebral palsy. I am a special education teacher who has taught children with all degrees of handicaps. The biggest problem I run into is not the children but the parents who blame themselves or don't want to accept reality.

Things happen in life and we as humans are not always responsible. What we are responsible for is to make the best of things and to continue to love ourselves and others.

The children that I have had the greatest fortune in life to be with (retarded, cerebral palsy, emotionally disturbed, mentally ill, autistic) have taught me more and given me more love than I will ever be able to receive in one lifetime. They do not know their handicap unless we, as "normal" people, let them know it or see it.

Feeling guilty only makes them feel guilty for something they had no control of. Giving them love, care and the best you can give is all that is expected. If this means hiring help, then do so. You would hire a baby sitter for a "normal" child to relieve yourself of stress! Resentment should not be there!

Ease yourself of pain, guilt and resentment and replace these negatives with love, caring and educational services schools can provide you with.

There are many dedicated people



Barbara Schiff

left out an option for her, and that is her local school district. By state law they must educate this child, and if not in their district, in another and must supply transportation to and from. They will also help her apply for state aid.

My son Christopher at 3 years old could not walk, crawl and could barely roll over by himself. He is 7 years old and has started to walk by himself.

There is hope and there is help. I don't know if I could help her, but please feel free to give my address to her. I could at least point her in the right direction.

Thanks.

D.S.

Dear readers,

These letters were written in response to a plea for help by a mother of a baby with cerebral palsy. Her question was printed in the Dec. 25 edition.

There is both enormous good sense and great kindness in these responses. Intermediate school districts provide support and guidance for disabled youngsters and their families. Parents of disabled youngsters can offer emotional support to each other when it is allowed.

The name and address of the mother who stimulated these caring responses is not available. Hopefully, she will see this column and will be able to use the advice it contains.

May I thank these four helpful responders for teaching me and showing me the many ways that people can give to one another.

My thanks to all the readers who take the time and energy to write.

Barbara

If you have a question or a comment for Barbara Schiff, an trained counselor and experienced therapist, send it to Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

# Buying a boat? Consider the basics

Continued from Page 1

Class One carries Cobalt and Stingray power boats as well as Yamaha water vehicles, takeoffs of the jet ski.

"They're very attractive and a lot of people are using them as yacht tenders or just for zipping around and having a good time," he said.

Cobalts are the "Lincoln/Cadillac of power boats" while Stingrays "are more of a bread and butter type of power boat," he said. Prices range from \$12,000 to \$80,000 for the powerboats and \$3,600 to \$4,200 for the water vehicles.

One of the best ways to get started is to attend a boat show. It's the best way for a new owner to "get a handle on what's out there" and "find everything from a canoe to a 200-footer," he said.

"THE POTENTIAL buyer has to decide what type of recreation he's looking for," he said. "Is it sailing or power boating? Do you just want to sail on one of the many lakes or do you want to cruise the Caribbean?"

For general lake use, he suggested a boat in the 17- to 21-foot range as the best place to start.

"A real popular model is the bow rider," he said. "It looks like a speedboat, but instead of a front deck, it has seating which gives it extra room." Prices range from \$10,000 to \$38,000, depending on size.

If you don't like the bow rider, you can get a larger boat with a cuddy cabin — a small cabin you can lay in with a bunk and possibly a portable toilet. Prices depend on size.

According to Field, he has the perfect boat for the "yuppie" crowd. "The Cobalt is a boat that is usually written up in the marine journals as the BMW of boats," he said. "It's a company that is relatively small, but the boat is a quality boat. It takes four times as long to build it and they adhere to various materials and assembly when manufacturing."

"It is very obvious that it isn't your standard marine product. The finished product is beautiful, from top to bottom." Prices for the Cobalt are anywhere from 15 to 35 percent higher than the average boat.

"The marine industry has grown, immensely," he said. "More and more people are buying and the trend that is really emerging is the fact that people are buying larger boats, spending more money the first time around."

And, Field said, trying to get financing for a boat is a lot easier than a car these days.

"YOU CAN finance boats, even small ones for 15 or 20 years," he

said. "One of the reasons is that lenders have found that boats are safe loans. Even though there may be a discretionary income, people that really get enthusiastic about boating, really want to preserve the ability to do that. So they see it that payments get made."

If neither a sailboat or a 21-foot power boat seems to get your Adrenaline going for the high seas, maybe

it's a yacht you're after.

"The person that buys a yacht basically has already had a smaller power boat," said Vick Anderson, a salesman at Excel Marine at Belle Maer Harbor in Mt. Clemens.

Anderson said a boat is considered a yacht when it measures 40 feet or longer.

"The person who buys a yacht is someone that is looking for more

quality, not necessarily speed," he said. "They want more bedrooms and living space."

At Excell Marine, prices range from \$100,000 to \$1 million. They specialize in Tollycraft, one of the premiere yachts made today.

"We sell a lot of the \$100,000 and over yachts," he said. "But we probably only sell one or two of the million dollar boats a year."

**STREET SEEN**  
Denise Susan Lucas

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# STREET CRACKS

## Willie Farrell 'loves' to talk to audience

By Rebecca Haynes  
staff writer

Being a comic was fifth on Willie Farrell's list of possible careers — a list where becoming a professional baseball player or basketball player were ranked one and two.

But the 33-year-old Des Moines native is making a name for himself in the comedy business. He's opened for the Beach Boys, Melissa Manchester, Fabian and Henry Mancini, and has a good attitude about the ups and downs expected in his profession.

"I just like to make people laugh," he said. "I grew up in an Italian family and I tell a lot of ethnic jokes. I talk about my friends who are black and my friends who are gay."

"I started in Des Moines on an amateur night and there were about 300 people in the audience," Farrell said. "I almost backed out, but all my friends were there and they told me I either had to get up on stage or I had to give them all their \$3 back."

FARRELL SAID he wasn't the funniest one in his group of friends, but was the one with the talent needed to perform on stage. His favorite thing to do is to improvise, go with whatever the crowd is into.

"I love to talk to the audience," he said. "I guess I'm pretty good at thinking on my feet."

His family encouraged his choice of professions.

"My brothers and sister thought it was a fun thing to do," he said. "And my mother is a saint. She's one of those little Italian women and my saying I wanted to be a comic was like saying I want to be a surfer and

live in Kansas, but she was behind me."

Now when he goes back home everyone has a joke for him to use in his act.

Aside from nightclub work, Farrell also does a lot of corporate shows.

"I go from a G (rating) to an R, depending on who my audience is," he said. "I try to gauge everything on what the crowd will accept. I'm not going to do the same act I did at a club on Saturday night for a ladies' auxiliary."

HIS WIFE travels with him on the road, something for which Farrell is thankful. "If you can last together on the road, you can last through anything."

And where does Farrell find comedy? In the everyday things that happen to him and the people he knows.

"My comedy is pretty true," he said. "If I talk about going to the doctor it's because I've just been"

"I had been out of the business for a while and I'd turn on the TV and see a comic I'd played with at some club," he said. "I figured if they could do it, I could do it too."

Willie Farrell will appear at Chaplin's Plymouth, Wednesday, Feb. 7 through Saturday, Feb. 10. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, with tickets running at \$5 and performances for Friday and Saturday are set for 8 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets for the weekend shows are \$8. He'll also appear at Chaplin's West April 10-14.



Becoming a comedian wasn't Willie Farrell's first choice for a career and since it is his career, he's learned to handle the ups and downs and do what he likes to do the best — make people laugh.

## COMEDY CLUBS

Here are some listings of comedy clubs in our area. To let us know who is appearing at your club, send the information to: Comedy Listings, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

● **Bea's Comedy Kitchen**  
Jef Brannan, Alturo Shelton and Downtown Tony Brown will perform Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 981-2581.

● **Chaplain's East**  
Wayne Cotter will perform Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 7-10, at Chaplain's East, 34244 Groesbeck, Fraser. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 792-1902.

● **Chaplin's West**  
Ally Ball, along with Kirk Noland and Roland Kimble, will perform Tuesday-Saturday, Feb. 6-10, at Chaplin's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 533-8866.

● **Mainstreet**  
Steve Seagren will perform Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Show times are 8:30

p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 996-9080.

● **Joey's Livonia**  
Leo DuFour will perform along with Ken Brown Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 7-10, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth, east of Levan, Livonia. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations, call 261-0555.

● **Joey's Allen Park**  
Greg Otto will perform along with Mario Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 7-10, at Joey's Comedy Club and Sports Emporium, Southfield Road, Allen Park. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 382-7041.

● **Looney Bin**  
Norman Stutz will perform with special guests Jill Washburn and Ray Effler, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10, at the Wolverine and Looney Bin Restaurant and Comedy Club, 1655 Glengary, Walled Lake. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 8 and 10:15 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 669-9374.

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### NEW REGIONAL DATE SET FOR BEAUTY PAGEANT



America's 20th Century Beauty Pageant offers competition for tots, pre-teens, teens and adults in talent, fashion modeling, as well as beauty.

A pageant is set for Sunday, February 25, in the Best Western Woodhaven Inn, in Woodhaven (I-75 and West Rd.). There will be more dates and locations announced later.

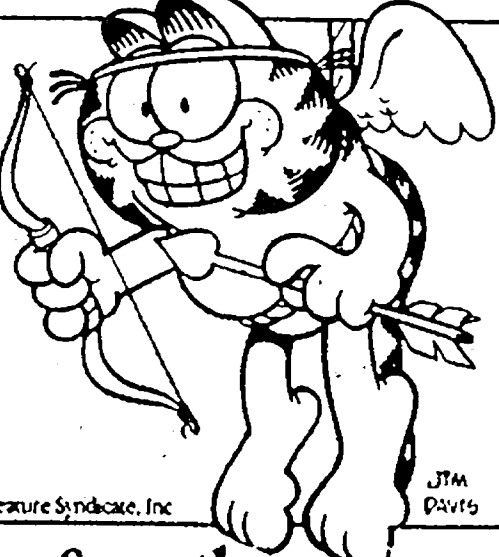
State finals are scheduled for May 6, 1990, in the Radisson Hotel, Detroit Metro Airport, Romulus.

National finals will be held in August of 1990 in Anaheim, California.

For more information and an application write: America's 20th Century Beauty Pageant, P.O. Box 41, Trenton, MI 48183 or call (313) 692-0222.

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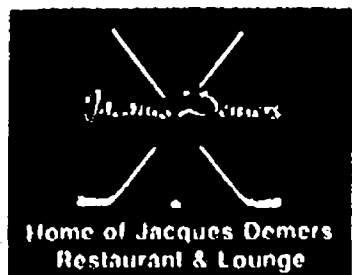
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Bright lights in a rainbow of colors brighten up the nighttime along Cable Beach at the Crystal Palace Resort in Nassau, Bahamas.

## A 'gem' of a place

### Sun worshippers discover Crystal Palace

By Iris Sanderson Jones  
contributing travel editor

When I want to clarify something, I often explain it to an extraterrestrial who knows nothing about Planet Earth and needs to be told everything. I started doing this long before E.T., so my alien is a little guy who sits on my shoulder. I call him The Martian.

I did that this morning when I sat in my sunburn around one of the pools at the Crystal Palace Resort in Nassau, Bahamas.

Last time I was on Cable Beach where there were a few five- and six-story hotels scattered along a wide strip of sand. Now we have a "mega-resort" rising in pink and purple buildings, with 1,500 rooms full of people cavorting in the sea, in the pools and especially in the casino. There are only narrow strips of golden sands left.

"What's going on here?" my Martian said.

He had never heard of a Caribbean beach resort, but he knew about seasons, so I didn't have to explain summer and winter and the tilting of the earth toward the sun. He quickly understood why people who live amid winter snow can be attracted to a warm Caribbean Sea where sun, sea and sand are served up year-round.

"The leisure rich had this place to themselves until cheap air travel allowed middle-class folks like me to jet down here for a week's debauchery," I said.

"You mean that people who live in hot places are more sinful than those who live in cold places," the Martian said.

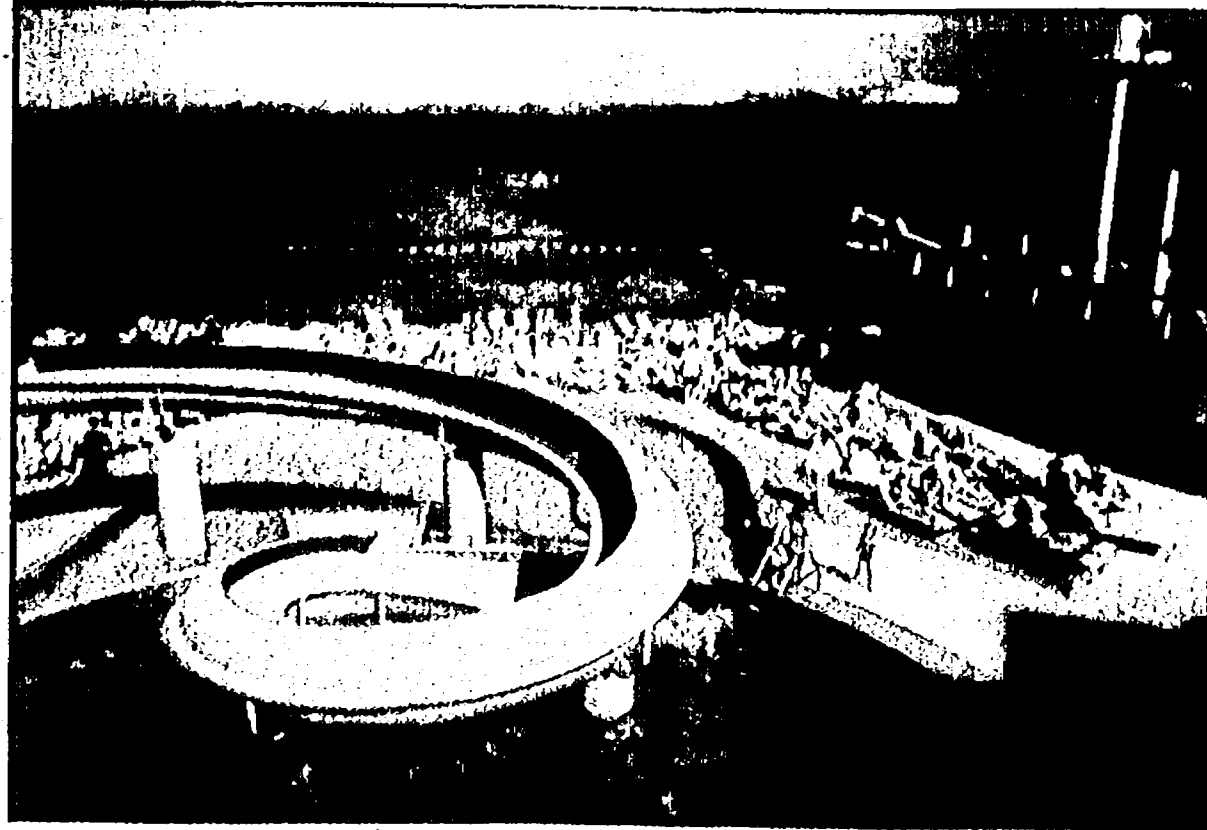
"No, it just seems that way to those of us who must shovel our driveways before getting on a plane to the tropics."

ONE REASON is that sin is as-



Enjoying the amenities of the Crystal Palace are Christina Stanaj (from left), Linda Stanaj and Cheryl Genson, all of Farmington Hills.

One of the best ways to get into the pool at Carnival's Crystal Palace Resort in Nassau, Bahamas, is on the spiral slide.



MICKY JONES

sociated with guilt, and those of us stretched out on beach chairs beneath glossy green palm trees feel twinges of guilt when we think of the poor slob back home who are stuck in snow and ice. But most of us are only here for three days, so the guilt doesn't last long.

Nassau is only one of 700 islands in the Bahamas. If you fly in at night, lights are scattered against the dark sea like a handful of jewels flung across black velvet. Ponce de Leon didn't see it from that height when he sailed these waters in search of the fountain of youth in the 16th century, but he might think he'd found it if he was here now, looking at all the skin spread out to bask in the sun and

the kids of various ages zooming down the great coiled slide into the pool.

I couldn't explain some of this scene to either the Ponce or the Martian — parasails making red and white circles against the blue sky, cruise ships on the horizon, four young men being towed on a banana boat, jet skiers, young bikini-clad woman on a windsurfer, the two couples boiling away in the whirlpool, or the reason that young and old, long-haired, bald and grey, bake like that in the hot island sun.

Ponce de Leon was a Spanish explorer. What would he know about the desperation of people who live in snow country?



A glass roof lets diners enjoy the bright tropical sky in the Crystal Cafe.

This stretch of Nassau is called Cable Beach because a transcontinental hookup was completed when a telegraph cable was laid here in 1892. The beach was an uninhabited crescent of glorious sand, crocheted here and there by the flower gardens of British colonials.

The rich and famous joined the exclusive Balmoral Beach Club, now the Royal Bahamian Hotel, in the 1940s, so the sand was full of whispered stories about the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Richard Nixon, and the Beatles, all of whom passed this way when the unrich and the unfamous were getting frostbite.

CABLE BEACH was aging in the sun when package tours brought plane loads of travelers to Nassau, many to the high-rise hotels and casino of Paradise Island, across a toll bridge from downtown Nassau.

"Is that what they used to call Hog Island?" the Martian asked. You never know what extraterrestrials will come up with.

Tourists learn as little as possible about the world in which they travel, but thousands of Americans soon learned that the Bahamas was settled as a British Crown Colony, that a lot of Loyalists fled the American Revolution to settle here, that it became an independent member of the British Commonwealth in 1973.

They learn this while touring the forts, where shots were seldom fired, the English gardens, the Queen's Staircase, Parliament Square, the Changing of the Guard at Government House and the famous straw market. Tourists carry straw home on their heads and carry all those other souvenirs in the straw suitcases crammed into overhead bins aboard homebound airplanes.

Cable Beach slept in the sun until the government hotel corporation committed \$120 million to rejuvenate the area in the 1980s, building the \$100 million Cable Beach Hotel and Casino as centerpiece and restoring other hotels nearby.

Enter a Texan called Trammel Crowe who managed all these accommodations through Wyndham Hotels and an Israeli-born American called Ted Aaronsen who founded the Carnival fun ships and wanted to get into the casino business. Carnival managed the Cable Beach Casino and eventually began building the mega-resort now spread in high-rise splendor behind what's left of Cable Beach.

Phase One opened when the casino was revamped and the Casino Towers hotel built above it in late 1988. Phase two was completed when Prime Minister Sir Lynden Pindling the ribbon at the grand opening of the four Crystal Palace towers in January.

Paint the whole sprawl pink and purple to tie together the old Cable Beach Hotel, now Riviera Tower, the Casino, the Casino Towers and the four new towers; edge the balconies with a pallet of colors, set it against the white sand and the emerald sea and you've got a Las Vegas style hotel/casino wrapped in sea, sun and sand.

"Why do they call Cable Beach the Bahamian Riviera?" the Martian wants to know. I can't explain everything, pal. Ask the Public Relations Department.

## How to get to 'Palace'

By Iris Sanderson Jones  
contributing travel editor

Carnival Air Lines is carrying hundreds of vacationers on Thursdays and Sundays to Nassau, where they spend three, four or seven days at Carnival's Crystal Palace Resort and Casino, which had its final grand opening in January.

Early birds got a \$299 unadvertised special covering air fare and accommodations. Rates from Detroit through Feb. 11 are \$479 for three days, \$569 for four days and \$829 for a week. Add \$30 through April 29.

Ask a travel agent about low summer rates. Also check tour companies like Key Tours, Travel Charter and Apple for packages. Prices vary widely on this one; the rates I quote are directly from Carnival. Call toll-free, 800-222-7466.

Those rates will get you and your luggage there on Carnival Air Lines and get you a room in either the older Riviera Towers, formerly Cable Beach Hotel, or one of the four new Crystal Palace Towers. Most of the new Tower rooms have ocean views, but be sure you get what you pay for because a few have only a peek from a back balcony.

MOST PEOPLE buy these packages. I met one woman who paid rack rates, which range from \$175 for a standard room to \$550 for one of the famous theme suites and \$25,000 for a suite called Galactic Fantasy. (No, that isn't a misprint. And it's per night.)

The major costs on this trip are for food. The Crystal Palace offers a wide variety of restaurants, upscale and down, very good food, but they are all expensive. If you plan to eat most meals at the resort, consider buying a meal plan.

The gourmet plan, \$156 for breakfast and dinner for three days, covers anything on the menu and includes the meal at the Palace Theater dinner show. Another plan, for \$108, has limitations on your order and doesn't cover all restaurants.

Be prepared to pay a 15 percent gratuity and 8 percent tax on the menu price of everything you order on these plans. That's 23 percent on your bill when you check out.

If you expect to buy many meals outside the resort, skip the meal plans, eat lightly for breakfast and lunch and take the 75-cent city bus from outside the hotel to downtown Nassau. Taxi the same distance for \$15 to \$20.

Restaurants near the Crystal Towers are mostly in other hotels — the Traveler's Rest about four miles away on West Bay is popular.

THE YOUNG people who work in the Crystal Palace find low-priced meals at the Poop Deck or the Ivory Coast, both just east of the mainland end of the Paradise Island bridge downtown, the Three Queens on Wulff Road, all specialize in Bahamian food.

The least expensive is The Shoal on Ponciana Drive — locals call the area "over the hill."

There is a very popular disco called Fanta-Z just off the casino in the Crystal Palace. You can dance downstairs or watch from upstairs. There is an \$8 cover charge, but one free admission is included in most four packages.

Other Nassau clubs include Club Waterloo, which features a local band called High Voltage, which plays reggae and popular music. There is a \$15 cover charge that includes two drinks; Thursday is Ladies Night. A similar place, the Ritz, is on East Bay. The Club Mystique offers disco in the Cable Beach Inn, half a mile west of the Crystal Palace.

## Trio finds plenty to do at resort

By Iris Sanderson Jones  
contributing travel editor

Cheryl Genson and her friends Christina and Linda Stanaj, all of Farmington Hills, recently spent three days at Carnival's Crystal Palace in Nassau.

Chris and Cheryl are both 18, Linda is 19, all three graduated from Farmington High School and currently study at Oakland Community College.

The girls traveled as a group with their parents and other family members but spent most of their time on their own after they got there. They thought it was a great experience, but more expensive than they anticipated to do the things they wanted to do, even though air fare, accommodations and most meals were covered by their parents.

"We met lots of people, on the beach, in the casino, in the disco, and downtown in the music clubs," Cheryl said. "No trouble at all meeting either Bahamians or tourists. We would spend the day on the beach or in the pool, and of course, that didn't cost anything unless we ordered hamburgers by the pool or did one of the optional activities."

They all had their hair braided by a local lady on the beach — \$2 a braid. They tried the jet skis at \$25 for 15 minutes, although the promoters sometimes would take a lower fee at the end of the day when business was slow.

FIVE MINUTES on the banana boat costs \$5. Snorkeling is \$5 an hour, windsurfing \$12 for the first half hour, parasailing a minimum of \$30.

The parents paid for the Booze Cruise, \$28 per person for four hours on a glass bottom party boat, with snorkeling, snacks and all the rum punch you can drink.

"There is no minimum drinking age in Nassau," Christina said. That means that the girls could order drinks on the cruise, in the clubs or in casino, where drinks are free to gamblers.

THE CRYSTAL Palace Casino has a very friendly ambience, helpful and courteous staff, so most people feel comfortable there. Carnival puts all its staff through special training, and it shows in many places, like the casino and in the slow-but-friendly service in the Crystal Cafe. The training still has a long way to go in some areas of the resort, especially at the front desk and in the Sea Side Buffet.

Overall, I would agree with the three Farmington girls that this is a good vacation for anyone who enjoys a sun-sea-sand resort, sunning or cavorting on the beach or around the pool, playing in the casino or disco at night. Smart travelers learn how to do it without blowing their budget.

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## exhibitions

● **Smith Theatre — OCC-Orchard Ridge**  
Thursday, Feb. 8 — Fourth Annual Women's Art Exhibition, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," sponsored by the Oakland Community College WomenCenter and Oakland County NOW continues through Feb. 25. Alana Barter will present a one-woman dance performance, "Transformations: Face to Face," at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. For information, call 476-7602. The Orchard Ridge Campus is at 27055 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills.

● **Sisson Gallery**  
Thursday, Feb. 8 — Paintings by Shirley A. Parish are on display through March 2. Reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, McKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

● **Swords into Plowshares**  
Friday, Feb. 9 — "Art for the Global Village, geo-structural art by David Barr, will be on display through April 28. This is the first collective showing of Barr's global projects. Reception for the artist 5-9 p.m. Feb. 16. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 45 E. Adams on Grand Circus Park, Detroit.

● **Gallery of Jacqui**  
Friday, Feb. 9 — Mixed media show of European and American art, is combined effort of Artiza and Gallery of Jacqui. Reception 6-9 p.m. Friday. Open during regular business hours, 29706, Southfield Road, Southfield (Southfield Plaza next to Marshalls).

● **Joy Emery Gallery**  
Friday, Feb. 9 — "Connor Everts: Recent Paintings" continues through March 17. Hope Palmer will give a lecture at the gallery at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28. Reception for the artist 5:08 p.m. Friday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday, 131 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

● **Troy Art Gallery**  
Saturday, Feb. 10 — Recent works by Edee Joppich, Farmington Hills artist, continue through March 10. Reception for the artist 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 755 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

● **LeMinotaur Gallery**  
Sunday, Feb. 11 — Paintings by George K. Graveldinger of Southfield are on exhibit through March 6. Reception 4-7 p.m. Sunday, 115 E. Ann, Ann Arbor.

● **Habatat Galleries**  
Glass art by Leslie Hawk, Emily Brock and Jon Kuhn are on display through Feb. 24. They work in widely diverse ways, 32255 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

● **Lawrence St. Gallery**  
"Icons — A Portrait of Modern Society," a father and son show of oils by Kenneth Taylor and Eugene M. Taylor runs through March 3. Reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday. Larry Davis will give a lecture, "The Creative Minds of Black American Artists," at 8 p.m. at the opening. Admission charge. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac.

● **Posner Gallery**  
"For the Love of Art and Romance — selected works of Adele Schonbrun, Douglas Eisman and Sale Spargue are featured through Feb. 28. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, until 4 p.m. Saturday, 32407 Northwestern Triatra Plaza, Farmington Hills.

● **Mardigian Library, U-M Dearborn**  
Friday, Feb. 9 — "Cuadros de Pamplona Alta," an exhibition of contemporary embroideries from Peru continues through March 18. Show organizer Sr. Barbara Cervenka will lecture on the embroideries at the opening reception, 7:30-10 p.m. Friday. For other events in conjunction with the show, call the library, 593-5400, Evergreen Rd, between Ford Road and Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

● **Meadow Brook Art Gallery**  
"G. Mennen Williams III's Legacy from an African Mission" continues through March 18. Included are photographs, memorabilia and art collected by the late governor during his stay in Africa as assistant secretary of state for African Affairs during the Kennedy administration. Oakland University, Rochester.

● **Route 10 Gallery**  
Acrylic and mixed media paintings by Albert Friedman continue on display through Feb. 17. This is

formerly the Homestead Gallery of Walled Lake at a new address and under an appropriate new name. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, until 9 p.m. Thursdays, 32439 Northwestern (north bound Route 10), Farmington Hills.

● **Edward Dorian**  
Retrospective of acrylics on canvas by Carole Master continue through April 1, 237 Pierce, Birmingham.

● **Rubiner Gallery**  
Rotating exhibit of work in all media by gallery artists continues through the month, 7001 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

● **Russell Klatt Gallery**  
Acrylic and watercolor abstract paintings, handmade paper pieces, botanical prints and impressionist serigraphs and pottery are on display through Feb. 15, 1467 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

● **Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association**  
Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors will be represented by the work of 40 members in this exhibit which continues through Feb. 24. Ray Fleming was the juror. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham.

● **Chameleon Gallery**  
Now exhibiting door harps by Two Sisters Musical Instruments, contemporary collection of silk-screened Valentine cards and Raku pottery by Brighton artist Joseph Rodriguez. Chameleon Galleries, 370 Main, Plymouth.

● **Jewish Community Center**  
Saturday, Feb. 3 — "Women in the Art," an exhibit and sale continues through Feb. 11. Saturday, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield, Hamburger Exhibition Hall.

● **Dos Manos**  
Collection of Brazilian basketry, primarily from the Indian cultures of the Amazon region, will be on display through the month. Collected by Mary Karasch, professor of Brazilian history, Oakland University, 210 W. Sixth, Royal Oak.

● **Habatat Galleries**  
Works in glass by Emily Brock, Leslie Hawk and Jon Kuhn are on display through Feb. 24, 32255 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

● **Halsted Gallery**  
Selections from Garry Wino-grand's portfolio, "Women are Beautiful," continue on display through March. The prints selected for this exhibition are spontaneous, but intensely concentrated images that reflect absurdities of contemporary urban life. The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 560 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

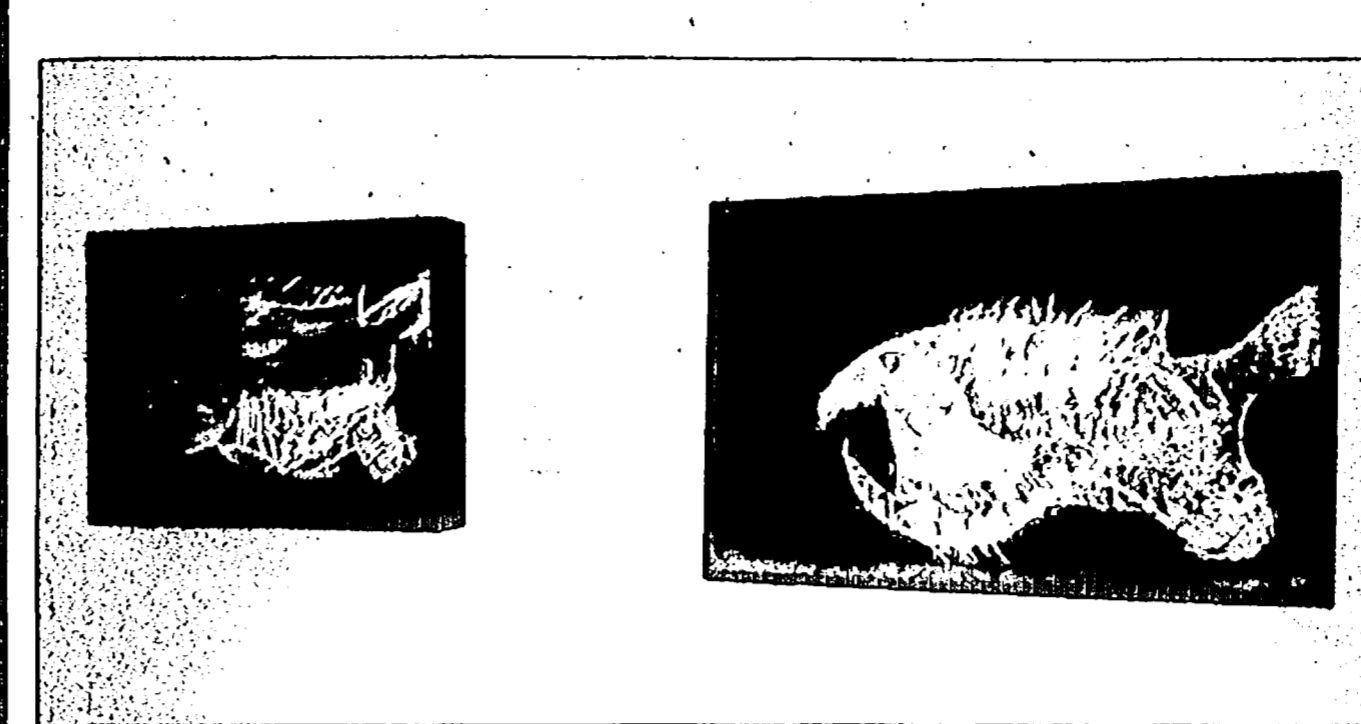
● **Scarab Club**  
Annual, juried printmaking exhibition continues through Feb. 28. There is also an exhibit of works by Bonnie Blair, torn paper collage and mixed media and Gwen Chomin-Dietrich, pen and ink, watercolor, pastel and colored pencil on at the same time. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weekdays and 2-5 p.m. weekends. Admission and parking are free and there will be works for sale, 217 Farnsworth (directly behind the Detroit Institute of Arts), Detroit.

● **Danielle Peleg Gallery**  
Paintings by Calman Shemi, one of Israel's most respected artists, are on display through February. He is credited with inventing soft paintings using wool, felt and natural fibers, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 103, corner of Orchard Lake and Lone Pine, West Bloomfield.

● **G.R. N'namdi Gallery-Birmingham**  
Paintings by nationally known abstract expressionist, Ed Clark, are on display through March 3. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham.

● **Mesa Arts**  
Paintings by six New Mexican artists are on display through February, 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin.

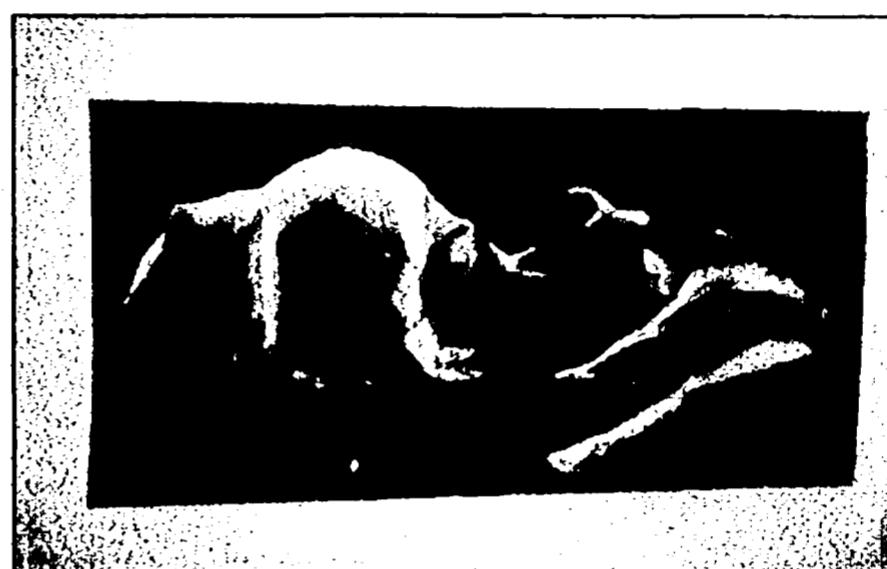
● **Atrium Gallery**  
Linda Banks Ord Paints About Light is currently on exhibit at the Atrium Gallery, 113 N. Center (around the back), Northville. Ord, a Northville resident, paints about light, investigating the effect of light upon the figure and still life forms. She explores shape and volume through repeated applications of pigment that mesh and intermingle to create a complex interworking of color. January hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.



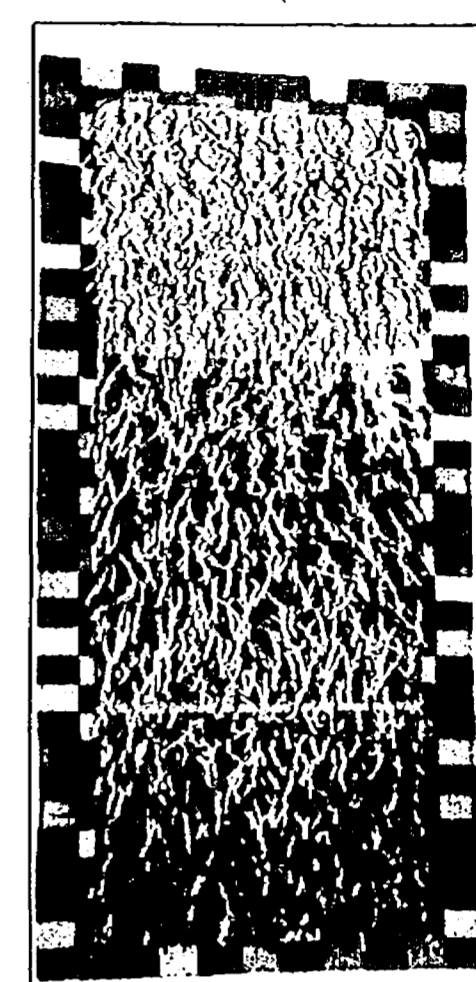
Kip Kowalski, Royal Oak artist, "Color Fish" and "White Fish."

## 'Co-Act Art' show

"Co-Act Art," a juried exhibit of paintings, sculptures and fibre art continues through March 9 at the County Galleria, in the Executive Office Building in the Country Service Center, Pontiac, and is open for public viewing from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featured is the work of seven area artists, Betty Woodward-Bosley, Corine Pemberton, Christine Welch, Rita Arnstein, Kip Kowalski, Bill Horning and Hugh Timlin.



Christine Welch, Birmingham artist, oil stick on gessoed paper, entitled "Space."



Bill Horning, Pontiac artist, teaches art in Bloomfield schools. Multi-color border with linen fringe.

# Right-brainers are often misjudged

Q. My son has been having emotional difficulties for many years and has been in and out of various therapies. When I read your columns about right and left brain thinking and how it affects your life, it just clicked in my head and I'm sure my son is an extreme right brain person. Do you know of any therapists who specialize in that field?

A. I hope the woman who phoned with this question is reading this, because the next day I learned that Dolores Lamping is such a counselor. In practice at the Farmington Hills Counseling Service, Lamping shared more information on this subject.

organizing  
**Dorothy Lehmkuhl**

Because the left brain controls the "organizing" aspect of our lives, people who think predominantly with their right brain have trouble "living in a left brain world." Right brain people (R/p) may have their own way of organizing, but it doesn't usually meet the standards of left brain people (L/p).

While L/p think vertically and just naturally tend to hang up their clothes or file papers upright, R/p think horizontally. They tend to lay clothes across the tops of beds, chairs, dressers or doorknobs and stack their papers in side-by-side piles on their desk. L/p are sometimes awestruck when a R/p can reach into a stack and pull out exactly the paper they need.

Unfortunately, well organized L/p often judge the R/p, claiming they are uncooperative, lazy, careless or not conscientious. Such negative feedback can result in self doubts in terms of low self esteem. The R/p may begin to feel that something is

wrong with them, that they are inadequate, not good enough or not like other people.

These suggestions sometimes become self-fulfilling prophecies in the sense that the R/p begins to form a concept of him- or herself as one who is disorganized, unable to meet deadlines, loses items, forgets things and sometimes even begins to act as if they were incompetent.

Dorothy Lehmkuhl's Organizing for Success seminars begin this Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Schoolcraft College. Call 462-4448 to enroll in any single session or the full course.

## for your information

● **ARTFUL DOMAIN/ARTSPEAK**  
Artful Domain, 700 N. Woodward, Birmingham, will initiate Artspeak, a series of slides/lectures/dialogue/exhibit on three Thursdays, Feb. 8 and 15 and March 8, in the gallery. Two of the presentations will be accompanied by an exhibit of art furniture.

The first presentation will be given by Clifton Monteith, creator of twig furniture/sculpture. He will discuss the historic development of rustic furniture in America and its design and construction by present-day artists/craftsmen. Several new pieces of his bent willow furniture will be on display.

Other speakers in the series will be furniture designer Thomas Stender and art historian/professor Hope Palmer, whose topic will be: "One canny decision at a time: the Art of Collecting."

There is no admission charge, but reservations are required because of limited seating. Call 646-2030.

● **GARDEN CITY GALLERY WORKSHOPS**  
Artist and instructor Kathleen Titus of Ann Arbor will teach "Drawing the Face" in three Saturday workshops 2-5 p.m. beginning Saturday, Feb. 17. Fee is \$30.

Titus is an experienced jurist, graduate of the University of Michigan art school and did post-graduate work at Eastern Michigan University. She has conducted art classes in the Ann Arbor and Dearborn area for all age groups.

The workshops will be an in-depth introduction to basic facial proportions and the use of guidelines and symmetry as aids in developing correct proportions.

The sessions will be held in the Gallery, 30116 Ford Road in Sheridan Square Mall, Garden City. For more information, call 261-0379. Deadline for registering is Monday, Feb. 12.

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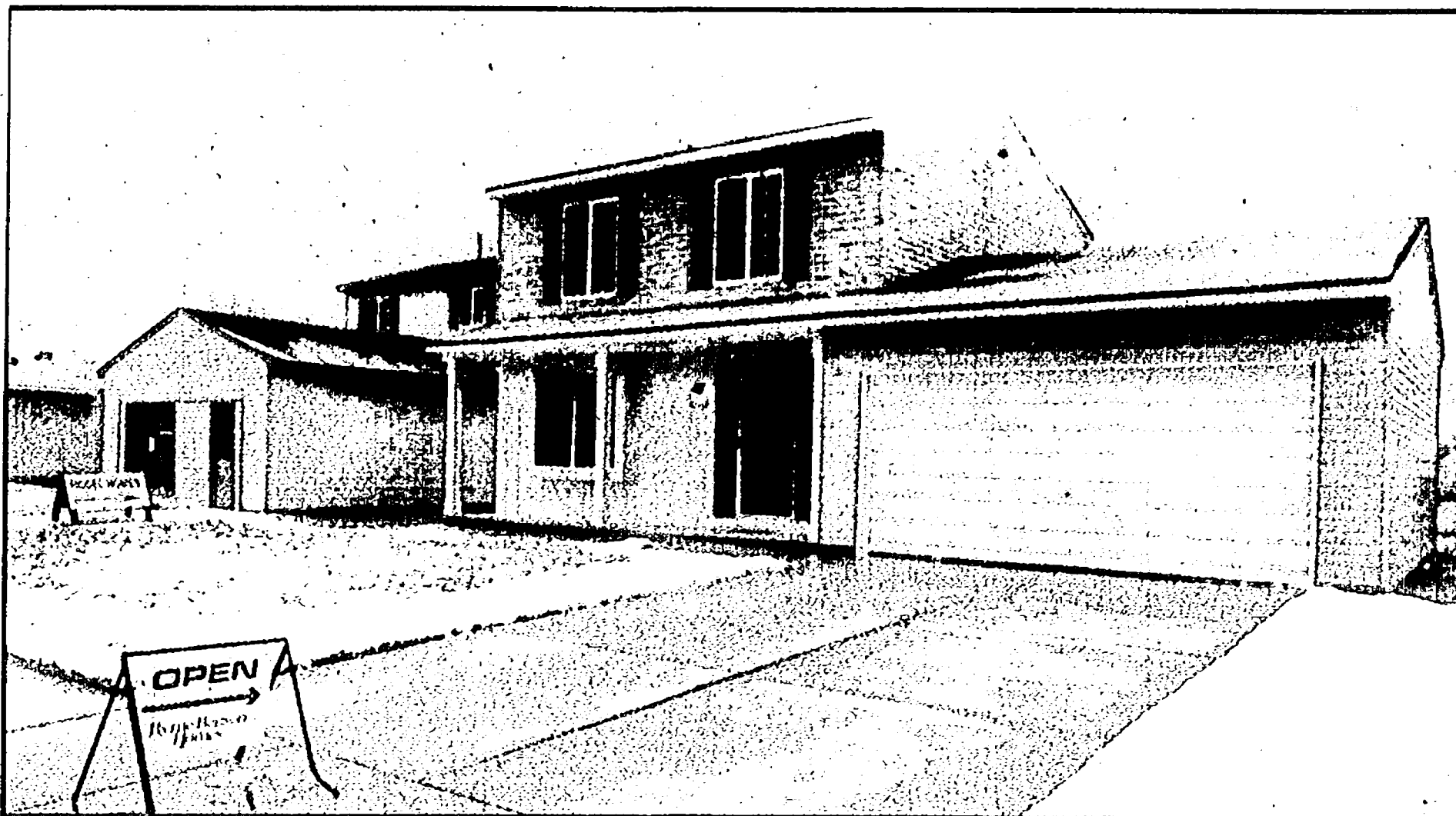
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The cost of land is the key to delivering new houses to buyers for less than \$100,000, said Byrne Benson, who specializes in building so-called affordable homes.



New colonials and ranches of 1,100-1,200 square feet in Romulus' Meadowdale Subdivision southeast of Metropolitan Airport are priced at less than \$80,000. The houses, constructed by Byrne Benson Homes, include a master bedroom bath, three bedrooms and an unfinished basement.

## Building affordable housing

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

You can still buy a new house for less than \$100,000 in metropolitan Detroit.

But it probably won't be in an upscale neighborhood, won't be surrounded by a spacious yard, won't offer oodles of living space and won't have amenities such as built-in appliances, fireplaces and marble foyers.

Forget about Golden Corridors and Miracle Miles.

You have to go into communities like Romulus, Westland, Canton or off the beaten track in Livonia and Farmington Hills.

But new houses can still be had without putting up your first-born as downpayment or facing a mortgage that could have financed a dozen starter homes a generation ago.

Everyone in this market hasn't gone the custom-built route.

• Byrne Benson, president of a Drayton Plains company, is building in the Meadowdale Subdivision in Romulus off Middlebelt south of Eureka.

Houses of 1,100 to 1,200 square feet, ranch or colonial model, with three bedrooms, at least a bath and a half, a basement and an attached, two-car garage can be claimed for \$74,000-\$78,000.

Upwards of 80 have been built there, with some 80 to go.

• Melvin Belovitz, president of Belle Construction, is building 38 ranches in the Van Lawn Park Subdivision in Westland off Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road.

Buyers can choose one of two models of 1,250 or 1,160 square feet containing three bedrooms, at least a bath-and-a-half, cathedral ceilings, attached, two-car garage and basement.

The cost — \$82,900 or \$88,900, depending on the size.

• Daniel Ryan, a Keego Harbor builder just breaking into the business, has built a half-dozen

houses on scattered lots in Farmington Hills, Livonia and the city of Plymouth.

He has built two off Nine Mile Road just west of Orchard Lake Road that have three bedrooms, two baths or a bath and a half, a two-car attached garage, cathedral ceilings and a basement for \$89,900.

• Stephen Taglione, president of BBC Group of Farmington Hills, is building on 40 lots in the Riverpark Subdivision in Canton off Sheldon, just south of Palmer.

For \$99,990, a buyer can acquire a 1,330-square-foot ranch with two baths or a 1,400-square-foot colonial with 2½ baths. Both models have three bedrooms, a basement, a two-car garage, a first-floor utility room and a brick facade.

HOW CAN they do it?

"First of all, we're not on lots that cost \$50,000 to \$60,000," Benson said. "The fact is we're on 60-foot lots. Another thing is we build smaller houses."

"It's a matter of buying properly," said Taglione. "It's just a matter of us finding lots so we can bring them in for under \$100,000."

"The toughest thing is finding property," said Ryan, a part-time real estate agent. "It used to be that 20 percent of the cost of a house went into land. Now, it's 30, 35 percent."

You probably won't find deals on vacant land in places like Rochester Hills, Northville and Plymouth.

Builders might find scattered lots outside of high-rent districts in Farmington Hills and Livonia. Larger tracts may be available in less prestigious zip codes.

"FOR EVERY lot I buy, I probably talk to 30 people," Ryan said of his scattergun approach.

Belovitz likes to buy surplus school property that has been vacant for years. He finds that he usually gets a good price and the land is zoned for smaller-sized residential lots.

Belovitz bought land for Van Lawn Park from the Wayne-Westland schools.

"I'm fortunate to be sitting on some good buys," Belovitz said. "The little guys that want to do this don't have a lot of money."

Builders who install their own water, sewers and streets say they can reduce prices to individual buyers by dividing those costs among more houses.

But the trend among communities, often demanded by people who live there, is toward larger minimum lot sizes.

"Most municipalities don't want small houses," Belovitz said. "They just don't want affordable housing. They want people with higher incomes, the image of a very prosperous area."

Ryan said it's becoming increasingly difficult to find smaller lots on which to build. Municipal infrastructure requirements and tap fees, on the rise, could make the under-\$100,000 house a pipe dream in a couple of years, he said.

Benson said there were pockets in north Oakland County with smaller lot requirements about 18 months ago, but he suspects land values there since have soared. He also wonders whether buyers would want to make a long commute.

SO WHO buys a new house for less than \$100,000 nowadays?

Kevin and Mary Jo Baringhaus moved into their first house, built by Ryan, around Thanksgiving.

"We looked at used houses, 15 years old, costing \$95,000-\$98,000," Kevin said. "With older houses, you have older problems."

A new home with a bathroom in the master bedroom costing less than an existing house swayed the couple toward new.

Deborah and Barry Williams live in a colonial built by Ryan across the street from the Baringhaus. They wanted to buy new and plan to buy up in about five years.

## Get title insurance for estate property

I am buying some property from an estate and am wondering if there are any unique problems of which I should be aware. I apparently am the highest bidder and the sale is about to be confirmed by the court.

Make sure you have a clear understanding as to what you are getting from the estate. More than likely, you will not be getting a warranty deed. It is important that you obtain title insurance to be sure that you are getting clear and marketable title to the property. Make sure that all of the requirements of the probate court have been met concerning the confirmation of the sale by, presumably, the personal representative of the estate. Make sure that there are no other claims to the property.

I am reading more about the environmental risks and liability in regard to pre-acquisition site assessments. What about the potential liability regarding the purchase of a piece of property on the seller?

Hazardous waste liability and the environment are key considerations for anyone purchasing real estate. There are a number of regulations or statutes in place with respect to underground storage tanks, hazardous waste materials and the like that can bring substantial liability to bear upon the seller and persons in concert with seller. Oftentimes, the buyer may be found responsible for the condition of the sub-soils and an



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Environmental Protection Agency superfund claim. Your best advice is to consult with an experienced real estate lawyer who has knowledge of the environmental ramifications and who can assist you in obtaining adequate environmental experts so as to avoid being a "potential responsible party" as a result of environmental liability.

Is there a law protecting homeowner association boards in the event of a lawsuit? We are a new subdivision checking into the necessity of liability insurance. Our research shows such rates to be astronomical.

Yes, there is a statute that was passed effective Jan. 1, 1988, that allows for the insulation of the liability of directors and officers of a non-profit corporation under certain circumstances. You should consult with legal counsel regarding the applicability of the new amendment. On the other hand, that is not a substitute for your obtaining comprehensive liability insurance to the extent that the homeowners association has exposure, as well as officers and directors liability insurance.

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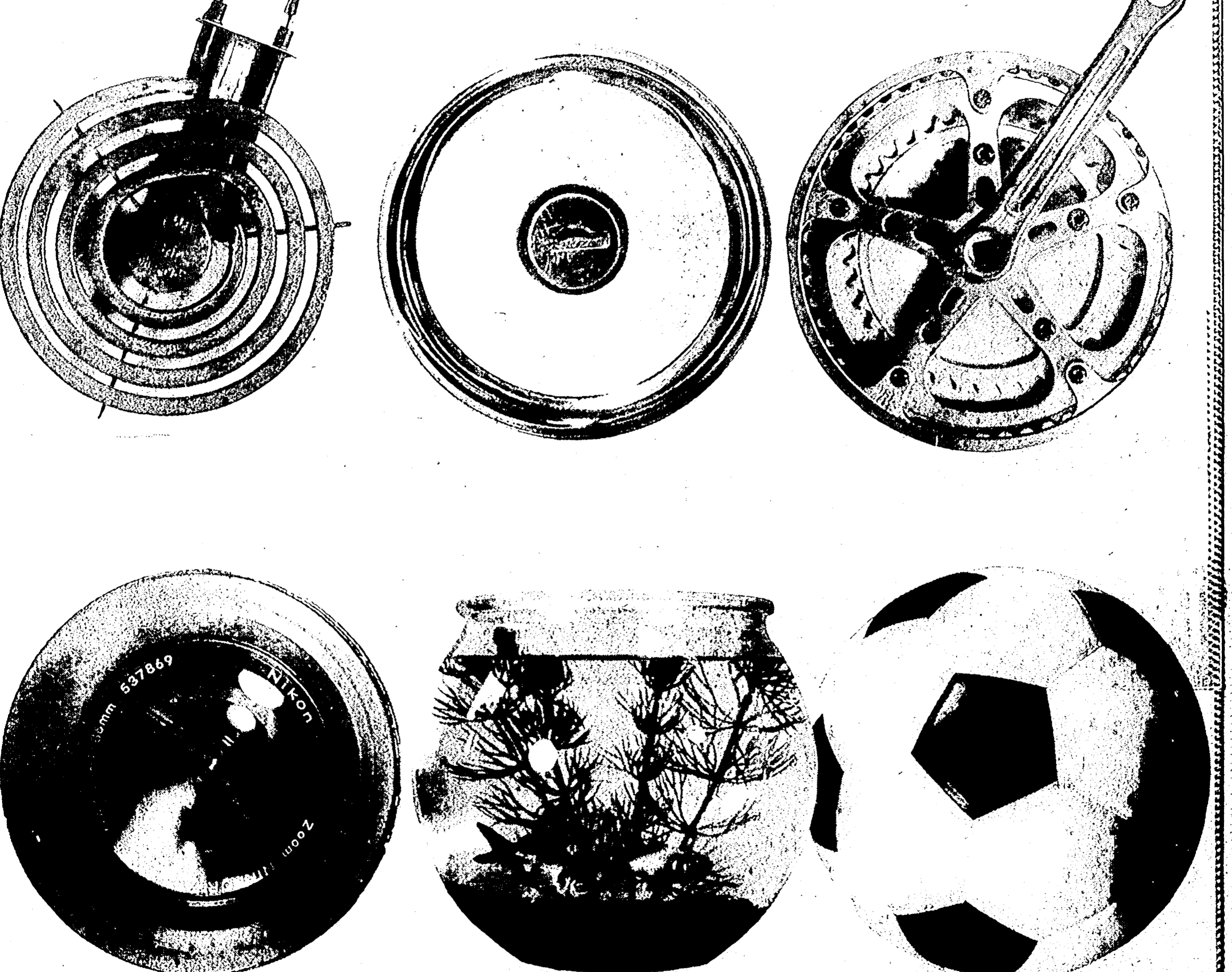


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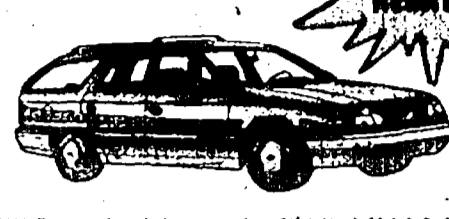
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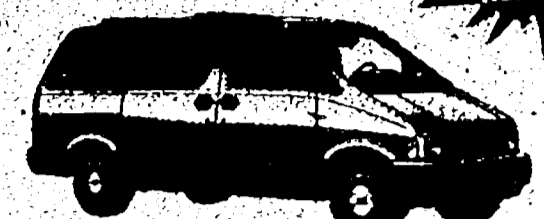
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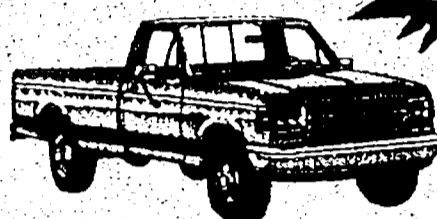
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