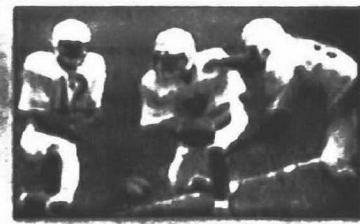


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SESQUI-FARMS:

Plymouth and Canton residents were among the owners of nine sesquicentennial farms in western Wayne County were honored by Detroit Edison and state officials at a luncheon last week at Edison's Wayne-Monroe Division Headquarters near Haggerty and I-275 in Belleville.

Local farm owners honored were: James A. Amerman of Canton, Sanford Burr of Plymouth Township, Brian and Margaret Kidston of Plymouth Township, Louis and Elizabeth Norman of Plymouth Township, Charles Root of Plymouth Township. (For a story of the sesquicentennial farms, see Plymouth Past & Present by Sam Hudson inside today's edition.)

Each owner was presented with a certificate and a marker with Michigan's sesquicentennial logo. The featured luncheon speaker was Dr. Martha M. Bigelow, director of the state's Bureau of History.

BUS SAFETY: Some 250 bus drivers from Wayne County participated yesterday in an advanced school bus safety program from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Plymouth Salem High School.

A multi-media presentation conducted by AAA Michigan at the request of Wayne County Intermediate School District included the experiences of bus drivers involved in fatal crashes and explained the causes of school bus accidents and how they may be avoided.

The training also instructed drivers on the proper safety procedures when dealing with passengers and other drivers.

AAA Michigan's school bus driver training curriculum also included emergency evacuations, bus safety assistants, accident facts and how to avoid hazardous actions.

There were 10 school bus-related fatalities statewide during the 1985-86 school year, compared to seven a year earlier.

LUNCH WITH CARL: U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, will be guest speaker at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon on Friday.

The program begins with a cash bar at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon in the Plymouth Hilton Inn. Open to the public, the charge is \$7 per person. For registration, call the chamber at 453-1540.

HAS OFFICE: The Plymouth Symphony now has an office of its own.

A two-room office recently was donated to the symphony by Drs. Philip Warren, Nils Koznes, Roger Bookwalter and Robert Millard. Symphony board President Kyo Morse points out that the office will provide, for the first time, a central location for the Symphony Society Board meetings and storage for the extensive files of music accumulating over the past 42 years the symphony has been performing.

The new address for the formula is 9430 S. Main, and the phone number to order tickets for the 1987-88 concert season is 451-3112.

SERVES STATE: Bill Nicholas of Canton has accepted the American Legion's 1987-88 position as 17th District Committee for the state headquarters of the organization in Michigan.

Nicholas has been a member of the Legion for 12 years and is now a member of Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 391 in Plymouth. Nicholas is a veteran of World War II. The American Legion was formed 66 years ago as a result of a caucus of World War I veterans. Its Michigan membership is nearly 84,000 representing veterans of all wars.

Drunk driver arrests rise

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Recently, police found a Plymouth woman, who registered an astoundingly high blood-alcohol level, slumped over the wheel of her car, near death.

The 27-year-old woman, driving in Canton with her two children, had a 0.52 blood-alcohol level. A person with 0.10 is considered legally drunk.

"0.35 and above is life-threatening," said Dr. Ronald Thill, chief of the alcohol enforcement section for the Michigan State Police. Most people are comatose at 0.40 and "death is probable without hospitalization," Thill said.

The woman was arrested and taken to Oakwood Canton Center. She faces sentencing in 35th District Court.

While the woman's case may seem exceptional, drunk driving cases are a large part of the local court case-load. Plea bargaining is often used to settle the charges, despite alcohol's high involvement in automobile fatalities and the dangers presented by repeat offenders.

ALL DRUNKEN DRIVING cases are referred to the court's probation department. Out of a 1,000 cases at any one time, 75 percent are drunk driving, said Susan E. Ewing, chief

probation officer for 35th District Court.

"Part of our job is to get the defendant to understand the seriousness of the offense," Ewing said. "Probably the best way is to help them recognize their own drinking pattern."

Probation usually involves reporting once a month to review adherence to provisions of the court ruling, Ewing said.

Defendants are sent to alcohol treatment programs, even if it's a first offense, said 35th District Court

'The bottom line is recognizing a person with a serious alcohol problem and getting them off the road and in an in-patient program.'

—Judge John MacDonald
35th District Court

Judge John MacDonald. First offenders usually receive a \$450 fine, plus probation costs, MacDonald said.

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No work planned for Eckles stub

By Doug Funke
staff writer

A small stretch of Eckles Road north of Ann Arbor Road apparently will remain less than two full lanes wide after a restaurant under construction on that corner opens next spring.

That doesn't sit too well with some homeowners on the Plymouth Township/Livonia limit who use that stub of Eckles on a regular basis. They say the roadway can be hazardous.

The Livonia half, the east side of Eckles, is paved. There is no township half. While cars can pass going in opposite directions, it can be a tight squeeze.

"It's very dangerous," said Richard Boonstra, who lives in the township.

Doug Johnson, another township resident, said homeowners there were led to believe that the road would be finished as development occurred.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS can't find any written record of such a promise. They said the Wayne County Office of Public Services is responsible for the west side of Eckles — as the county is for all roads in the township.

An engineer for the county said

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Chemical leak contained



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Plymouth Township firefighters last Wednesday successfully tended to a chemical problem that arose during the defrosting of an old refrigerator in a dentist's office at 209 Sheldon Road. Sulphur dioxide leaked after the refrigerator was struck with a sharp instrument, fire Chief Larry Groth said. In this picture, a township firefighter removes a garbage can from the basement of the dentist's office. The building was evacuated for several hours while the refrigerator was removed and large fans cleared the air. A township firefighter was taken to the hospital after sniffing the substance. He briefly remained in the hospital for observation. The city fire department supplied the entry suits used in the cleanup operation.

Garage sale offers 'classy' items



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Brian Bedell, plant engineer at Starkweather Center, gets materials ready for public viewing at the school district's first garage sale this week.

Thursday is first day to buy school district merchandise

The items to be sold at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' garage sale aren't necessarily what you'd find in a homeowner's attic. Then again, most neighborhood garage sales aren't held in school gymnasiums.

Student desks and chairs, textbooks, audiovisual equipment and typewriters are among the items to be sold. Other sale items include library books, cash registers, vocational equipment, cooking utensils and more.

Many of the used items being sold need some kind of refurbishing or fixing.

The garage sale is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth.

The garage sale will also be held during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Sept. 11-13, at Starkweather Center.

Depending on the level of interest found, plans are to continue the sale from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Sept. 15 at Starkweather.

A NUMBER of student desks and chairs will be available at the sale.

"You could create a nice study corner for less than \$5," said Sharon Streen, assistant director of Plymouth-Canton Community Education and chairwoman for the sale.

Some youngsters might not be too excited about having a school desk at home; for others, however, such a desk is just the thing.

"Particularly the younger ones just absolutely love it," said Carole Strid, a secretary at Starkweather who's handling the inventory for the sale. The desks could be painted and perhaps decorated with cartoon decals, she said.

The sale also will include equipment used in the district's vocational education programs.

Some of that equipment was too large to be transported to Starkweather Center; a picture board at the sale will be used to show what large equipment is available.

MANUAL AND electric typewriters used in the school district's labs are also being sold. The typewriters need conditioning and cleaning. Some need repairs.

Before the start of the sale, district administrators will go through and see if any of the items could be used in their school buildings, Streen said.

All items at the sale will be sold as is; there will be no refunds. Items must be paid for with cash. Most of the equipment has been evaluated and its condition noted on tags.

Those attending the sale should use the parking lot behind Starkweather Center, entering from off Plymouth Road.

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Drunk driving cases big part of court load

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REVOKING LICENSES doesn't insure they won't drive. "The bottom line is recognizing a person with a serious alcohol problem and getting them off the road and in an in-patient program," said MacDonald. He estimated 35th District Court orders between three and four people to an in-patient program each week.

In 1985 — the most recent year for which figures are available — 45.8 percent (or 719 people) of all deaths on Michigan highways were alcohol-related, said Judy Snow, Michigan State Police analyst for traffic services.

"A person injured as a result of drunk driving is no different to me than a victim who has been shot," said Canton public safety director John Santomauro. "It's amazing the public hasn't reacted more to drunk driving than they have."

Officers, prosecutors and judges have a say in determining charges against those arrested, MacDonald said. Defense attorneys also try to whittle away the charges by plea bargaining with the prosecutor's office, although the final agreement must be approved by a judge.

But repeat offenders will often be charged as first offenders. The charge is sometimes lowered be-

cause other offenses were cleared by a seven years limitation rule.

EACH SUBSEQUENT offense will draw a dramatically tougher penalty.

- First time offenders could face license suspension from six months to two years, and fines are charged.

- Second time offenders face automatic license revocation for one year, with up to one year in jail and up to \$1,000 in fines, and

- Third time offenders are charged with a felony with from one to five years in jail, \$500 to \$5,000 in fines and license revocation for five years at the least.

It all starts with the arrest.

From January through July, 145 people were arrested for drunken driving in Canton, compared to 172 for the same time last year. A total of 268 people were arrested in Canton in 1986.

An increase in officer patrols is a major reason Plymouth has seen an increase in drunk driving arrests, said Chief Richard Myers. Patrol was increased when the township hired seven officers from June until October to handle the cruising problem, Myers said, however, the drunk driving arrests were not all cruisers.

In 1986, there were 108 drinking and driving arrests in Plymouth.

This year, there have been 90 arrests to date. The city expects to exceed last year's total.

"The significant factor is the manpower issue," Myers said.

IN PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, 145 people have been arrested for drunken driving since January. The highest number of arrests occurred between 1-2 a.m. on Friday evenings.

Plymouth Township Deputy Chief Chip Snider said he believed it was to the person's benefit to take the Preliminary Breath Test, administered as a screening device on the road.

It is a civil infraction if the person

refuses to take the PBT, Snider said. "We're not going to not arrest you if you fail to take the test," Snider said.

There is an automatic license revocation if the person refuses to take the Breathalyzer test. The results are kept at the police department and are used as court evidence.

"People who are repeaters have a substance abuse problem," Snider said. "Neither the court, or police officer, or the threat of a serious accident are going to deter them."

"You can feel real sorry for the person arrested for drunk driving until you go to the scene of a couple fatalities."

Road not paved frosts township homeowners

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that the west side of Eckles technically isn't a county road until it reaches the subdivision at Winesap Street, a couple of hundred feet north of Ann Arbor Road.

"The road got created by subdivi-

ers," said Alan Richardson, deputy director of engineering. "The other three quadrants were paved by developers because it was in their best interests."

The developer of the restaurant,

Marcello Scappaticci, has given no indication that he plans to finish the roadway himself. He couldn't be reached for comment.

SCAPPATICCI'S customers won't

have direct access to and from Eckles because township officials have qualms about the traffic situation there.

"The planning commission and I had a great deal of concern on the

impact of the project on Livonia and Plymouth Township," planning director James Anulewicz said. "For that reason, no ingress egress was allowed there."

Buffering and landscaping also

were required.

"We've gone to the county and told them it's an intolerable situation and it ought to be paved," Anulewicz said.

The response "wasn't very positive," he said.

Richardson said that even if the county were to improve the east side of the road, it would only pay for half the project. The township hasn't been willing to share in the costs, he said.

Cost estimates weren't immediately available.

"This is a problem that has been around awhile," Richardson said. "I'm quite sure we would want to do something if we could find a partner."

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Focus:HOPE plans Canton food site

By Diane Gale
Staff writer

Seniors who meet income guidelines can pick up free food in Canton beginning next month.

The Canton Recreation Center, at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon, is designated a Focus:HOPE mini food distribution site for seniors 60 and older. Eligible seniors will be offered a package of food one time each month.

"I'm glad we're doing this because I think we really have some people who can use this," said Louise Spigarelli, Canton senior citizen assistant coordinator.

THE PACKAGES will contain USDA food supplement goods including juice, meat, dry beans or peanut butter, egg mix, cheese, evaporated milk, rice or instant potatoes, farina cereal, vegetables, fruit, raisins and honey.

Income eligibility requirements are as follows:

- One person, \$7,150 annually,

- Two people, \$9,620 annually, \$802 monthly or \$185 weekly;
- Three people, \$12,090 annually, \$1,008 monthly or \$233 weekly.

All Wayne County residents may use the Canton location as a pickup site for food packages, however, it is expected to serve mostly township residents, said Spigarelli.

"We'd like to see every area have this and it's a lot easier for seniors to pick them up in their own area," said Kathy Young, Focus:HOPE manager.

You must be registered to receive the package and Spigarelli suggests registering at the recreation center as soon as possible. To register you must provide your Social Security number, proof of age, two pieces of

identification and proof of income.

NAMES OF PEOPLE who use the program will be kept confidential, Spigarelli said.

In fact, people concerned about neighbors seeing them pick up packages in Canton may go to other sites, like the Romulus/western Wayne location at 34508 Beverly Road at Wayne Road, said Spigarelli.

She guesses the September program launch in Canton will serve about five seniors and will grow to serve between 20-25 seniors. It is undecided what day the food packages will be available.

Packages will be delivered to people who have no way to get to the center, she said.

"The problem is getting the infor-

mation out to people who need it."

Focus:HOPE, a non-profit organization, is funded by private donations as well as federal grants.

For more information about the program call Spigarelli at 397-1000 ext. 278.

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Merchants of Refuse display discount wares

By Sue Mason
staff writer

Question Is one man's trash really another man's treasure?

You bet. Just take a look at the nearest utility pole. It's bound to be plastered with signs advertising everything from a garage sale to an estate or moving sale.

It's in vogue to sell off your unwanted household goods.

It's a cottage industry of sorts that's turning unused toys, too small clothing and mismatched dishes into cold hard cash.

On any given day there's bound to be a garage sale, although Thursdays

through Saturday appear to be the most popular for shoppers and sellers alike.

"I only live a few blocks away and decided to run over while my cinnamon rolls are raising," said Valerie Williams of Canton as she waited for Janie Mock to total up her selection of children's clothing. "I went to garage sales even before they were popular and this is a good garage sale."

There's plenty of hidden treasures to be found amid the menagerie of a garage sale. An underpriced antique is gleefully scooped up by collectors and dealers.

Urban legends tell of a garage

sale shopper who managed to keep a steady hand as she bought a cut glass bowl from the late 1800s, signed by the craftsman and worth far more than the \$8 price tag.

"I had an older guy who came up grumbling that he was having a hard time spending his money," said Keith Gumm. "He was looking for toys from the 1920s and when I let him know I knew what they were worth he decided to leave."

FEW, IF any, cities have rules governing garage sales. Westland considered it once in a move to crack down on perpetual garage sales, but decided those could be

handled under the city's existing zoning ordinances, assistant city clerk Janet White said.

And so they flourish, giving the seller a way to dispose of unwanted household goods while providing a dream come true for bargain hunters.

Gumm, a self-admitted pack rat, spent two weeks selling off not only his excess, but that of several relatives, who didn't have the inclination to have their own sale.

It was his second venture into the world of garage sales and by the last day of his sale he had \$300 stuffed in the pouch of a work apron. He tried a few things that he read in a newspaper and they seemed to work, especially the 25-cent grab bags, filled with this and that.

"You'd be surprised how many I sold," he said, looking over the odd assortment of lunch bags on a barbecue grill turned display table. "I filled them by grabbing a handful of nuts and bolts from here and there. I've already sold 25 to 30 of them."

But Gumm believes his biggest draw was his sign. He literally used his own hand to direct people to his modest ranch home in Westland's north end. The sign was in the shape of his hand with the index finger pointing toward his house. It was adorned with two simple words — garage sale.

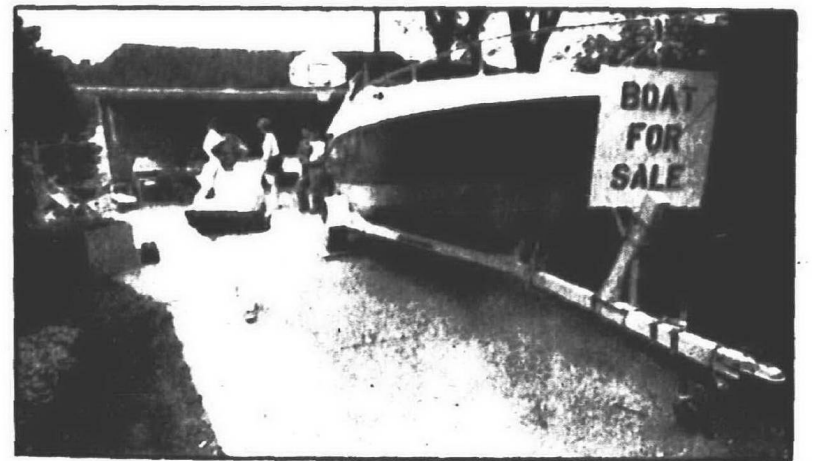
"I've had a lot of people ask about the signs, even had some who wanted to buy them," he said. "I think I could have sold 100 of them."

Organization appears to be a key ingredient for a garage sale. Miller saves her garage sale items in boxes and when it's time for a sale brings them out. But she admits "There's never enough time and too much junk."

CLOTHES AND toys were the big draw at her sale and the good buys on quality clothing drew a lament from Williams that "there's too many bargains and not enough money."

"It's a funny thing about garage sales," she added. "When I go a lot, I see the same people all the time."

That's another urban legend — ardent garage sale shoppers plan their



photos by STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

A more unusual garage sale item in Livonia was an inboard-outboard motor boat, but most shoppers seemed more interested in the antique glassware and children's toys.

day around the sales, some getting so technical as to plan out the route they will take to cover as many garage sales as possible in a given time period.

Vonny Miller of Livonia spent a month getting ready for her four-day sale, but was still up at 6 a.m. the first day, doing last-minute things.

She didn't believe her friends, but found out quickly enough that garage sale shoppers are apt to show up before the sale actual starts in hopes of getting the best buys.

"I heard about people lining up in front of a house an hour before a sale and stand there talking with each other like they were waiting to get into a store," she said.

Miller was a tad unique with her sale. It included a motor boat that belonged to her late father-in-law. Surprisingly, she had a few inquiries and one youngster who asked her to cover it up because she just knew her father would buy it.

She found her mother-in-law's glassware, some more than 50 years old, and her youngsters' toys were hot items the first day of the sale. In fact, her children had visions "of making millions" selling off such things as "Slime."

"I enjoy garage sales. I think they're fun and you meet a lot of nice people," she said.

Ann Manser was mainly trying to get rid of the things hanging around her Redford home collecting dust.

SHE HAD plenty of dealers and "flea market people" show up the first few days, many attracted by her Depression glassware. She also had a few who wanted to buy her houseplants, neatly arranged for the summer on shelves alongside her house.

"I've gotten rid of quite a bit, but you wouldn't think that to look at this," she said. "When you work eight hours a day, you can't get as organized as you like, so as I go through the house I'm finding things I don't like and putting them out."

And what, you may wonder, happens to those unsold garage sale items?

Businesses like the Purple Heart, Salvation Army and Goodwill are for the most part on the receiving end of garage sale leftovers.

On any given Saturday evening you'll find people unloading bags full of donations and stuffing them into collection boxes and onto a trailer at the Salvation Army's Red Shield Store in Garden City.

Not so surprisingly, you'll find other people there, checking out the new contributions for hidden treasure.



Keith Gumm adjusts his handmade sign that directs bargain hunters towards his Westland home. Gumm used his own hand as a model for the sign and the sign itself attracted a lot of interest and offers to buy.



Books, ranging from paperback best sellers to sedate school books and hardcover reference materials, have a hard time competing with more popular garage sale items — children's clothes and toys.



Faye Coleman of Detroit checks out a children's jacket-in-the-box before buying it at a Livonia garage sale.



Jackie Mock, 5 1/2, takes a last look at her toys while neighbor Lisa McIntosh and her son Jason, 4, look over the selection.





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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Tuesday, Aug. 25 — Plymouth-Canton Flotilla 11-11 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 7 p.m. For information on location, call S. Kinsler at 455-2676 after 6 p.m. The flotilla will be at the Plymouth Fall Festival with information on boating safety as a public service. Margaret and Roy Retting has given the auxiliary permission to use their lawn.

MUSIC IN PARK

Wednesday, Aug. 26 — The Music

in the Park series, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, will conclude with a performance beginning at noon in Kellogg Park by "Just Me and the Boys," a blue grass group consisting of Diane Kimball on dulcimer, Art Durov on the banjo and harmonica, Chris Baughn on the guitar, and Don Davies on the banjo and bass.

STORY TIME SIGN UP

Wednesday, Thursday, Sept. 2, 3 — September story time registration will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday for preschoolers ages 3 1/2-5 in person at Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Parents must remain in the library during preschool story time.

Storytime registration for toddlers age 2-3 1/2 will be in person at 10 a.m. Thursday at the library. Parents

must remain in the story time room with their children during toddler story times.

Both story times run for four weeks. The toddler sessions run about 25 minutes each and the preschool sessions run 30-35 minutes.

GONE FISHIN'

Saturday, Sept. 5 — There will be a fishing derby for grandparents and their families at Newburg Lake (Middle Rouge Parkway, Edward Hines Drive) 7-10 a.m. Entry fee is \$2 per family. There will be prizes for largest family unit participating, most fish caught by a grandparent, most fish caught by a grandchild, largest fish caught and for oldest and youngest participants. Registration forms are available from Plymouth Parks and Recreation, 525

Farmer. For information, call Wayne County Parks at 261-1990.

K OF C OX ROAST

Monday, Sept. 7 — The Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council 3292 of Plymouth will have its 14th annual Ox Roast 1-5 p.m. on Labor Day at the K of C Hall, 150 Fair at Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

ODDFELLOWS FLEA MARKET

Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 10-13 — The Oddfellows Hall is having its annual Flea Market during the Plymouth Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday in the hall on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Elizabeth, two blocks east of Kellogg Park. Inside the hall many dealers will have vintage

jewelry and antiques such as furniture, pottery, glassware, boxes, linens, pictures, Teddy bears, dolls, etc. Outside there will be a large variety of items plus arts and crafts. The inside will be open, rain or shine.

CHILD MANAGEMENT

Thursday, Sept. 10 — "Parenting and Child Management" is being offered at Madonna College from 7-10 p.m. Thursdays from Sept. 10 through Dec. 17. The course will examine the contemporary family and will focus on the quality of the parent-child relationship. Fee is \$282 for college credit or \$100 for continuing education units. For information call 591-5188.

DEMONSTRATING CRAFTS

Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 12-13 — Twelve people will be demonstrating old crafts at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main at Church, during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Crafts demonstrated include corn husk dolls, quilting, tinmiths, scrimshaw, rug hooking, lace making. New York artist Barbara Kingsbury will demonstrate making clothespin dolls. The demonstrations will be from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. An admission will be charged.

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MONDAY (Aug. 24)

3 p.m. . . . Totally Gospel — Produced by Totally Gospel magazine publisher T.J. Hemphill, features gospel singers discussing their careers and relationship with Jesus Christ, and a performance of their music.

3:30 p.m. . . . Grande Beat — Dance show hosted by Greg Lea from the Grande Ballroom.

4:30 p.m. . . . Community Upbeat — Sharon McDonald and Canton resident Denise Swope produce this talk show on sports, schools, dance, law enforcement, community groups and more.

5 p.m. . . . Contemporama — Cable magazine program on topics such as education, how-to, health, conservation, politics and travel.

6 p.m. . . . Trixler Band — Rock band performs at Canton Country Festival.

7 p.m. . . . Milt Wilcox Show — Former Tiger pitcher Milt Wilcox and Harry Katapodis co-host interviews with sports and media celebrities.

7:30 p.m. . . . Sports — Northville Skateboard Competition and Scuba Diving America.

9 p.m. . . . Videotunes Live! — Dr.

Z with local bands.

TUESDAY (Aug. 25)

3 p.m. . . . "Magnificent Doll" — Classic film starring Ginger Rogers.

5 p.m. . . . "Bowery at Midnight" — Classic film.

6 p.m. . . . Tae-Kwan-Do & Slim-nastics.

6:30 p.m. . . . Community Upbeat.

7 p.m. . . . Sports View — Ron Cameron and Bob Page are co-hosts.

7:30 p.m. . . . Thomas Whitfield Gospel "In Concert."

9 p.m. . . . Darlene Myers Show — Pornography: what it is and what it isn't.

9:30 p.m. . . . Northville Bluegrass — Phoenix, folk music trio, entertainers.

WEDNESDAY (Aug. 26)

3 p.m. . . . Totally Gospel.

3:30 p.m. . . . The Oasis — Host Dave Daniele with special guests.

4 p.m. . . . Darlene Myers Show.

4:30 p.m. . . . Northville Bluegrass.

5 p.m. . . . Contemporama.

6 p.m. . . . Grande Beat.

7 p.m. . . . Milt Wilcox Show.

7:30 p.m. . . . Sports.

9:30 p.m. . . . Videotunes.

CHANNEL 15

MONDAY (Aug. 24)

3 p.m. . . . Psychic Sciences — Host Elie talks with guests about the psychic and astrological world.

3:30 p.m. . . . Cooking With Cas — Host chef Cas Wolyniec prepares gourmet selections.

4 p.m. . . . The Lupe & Beatrice Variety Show — Focuses on Hispanic issues, culture and entertainment. Today: a look at agencies providing services to the Hispanic community.

5:30 p.m. . . . County Impact — Wayne County Commissioner Susan Heinz hosts a discussion of issues concerning the 10th District, which includes Plymouth. Guests Anita Crone of the Northville Record and Tim Richard of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen.

6 p.m. . . . First Presbyterian Church of Northville Presents: A Celebration.

7 p.m. . . . Calico — Folk and bluegrass music performed at Canton Country Festival.

7:30 p.m. . . . Little Big Band of Johnny Wallace — Big band music.

8 p.m. . . . This Is The Life — Dramatic real life situations using a biblical approach to solutions. Provided by the Lutheran Church.

8:30 p.m. . . . Agape Christian Center — Singing, praise and worship service from Agape Christian Center in Plymouth.

9:30 p.m. . . . Topics: Job Training & Employment — Emphasis on on-the-job training for laid-off workers and low-income persons.

TUESDAY (Aug. 25)

3 p.m. . . . Legislative Forum — A public affairs program from the Democratic staff of the Michigan House of Representatives. News and information about issues in Michigan.

3:30 p.m. . . . Canton Update — Co-hosts Sandy Preblich of the Sandy Show and Canton Supervisor James Poole discuss issues related to growth and development of Canton, and government news.

4 p.m. . . . Keep On Moving — Host John Gifford is joined by kids to exercise and learn healthy habits.

4:30 p.m. . . . Calico.

5 p.m. . . . The Little Big Band of

Johnny Wallace.

5:30 p.m. . . . The Supreme Court — Suzanne Skubick interviews Michigan Supreme Court Justice Dennis W. Archer.

6 p.m. . . . Yugoslavian Variety Hour — Song and dance.

7 p.m. . . . The Promise Circle — A celebration of 75 years of Girl Scouting in America.

7:30 p.m. . . . Lupe & Beatrice Variety Show.

9 p.m. . . . Off the Wall.

9:30 p.m. . . . Youthview — Pastor with a healing ministry interviewed.

WEDNESDAY (Aug. 26)

3 p.m. . . . The Supreme Court.

3:30 p.m. . . . Omnicon Sports Scene — The King & His Court, a Globetrotter-type team, entertains on the softball diamond led by the King of Softball, Eddie Feigner.

5 p.m. . . . Michigan Journal — Public affairs program from the Michigan Republicans, hosted by state chairman Spencer Abraham. News and information about issues in Michigan.

5:30 p.m. . . . Madonna Magazine — Information about Madonna College.

6 p.m. . . . Canton Update.

CHANNEL 10

CANTON TOWNSHIP

WEDNESDAYS

3 p.m. Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

FRIDAYS

6 p.m. Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

SATURDAYS

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Asbestos removal will close terminal

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

A more serious asbestos problem at beleaguered Detroit Metropolitan Airport than first anticipated will close the L.C. Smith terminal for two years beginning in September 1988, county officials said Friday.

Officials estimate it will take \$25 million to build a temporary, 200,000-square-foot terminal, relocate existing operations to the new terminal and strip asbestos from the Smith terminal.

That figure does not include extensive rebuilding of the terminal after the asbestos is stripped.

The Pickering Firm, which has been studying the asbestos problem at the airport, said there is more asbestos in the Smith terminal and more risk than was previously thought.

"I should say that tests have shown there is not anywhere close to unacceptable levels of asbestos in this building. There is no present danger. The danger is in doing nothing," said Richard Jamison, airport director.

The asbestos-abatement plan and the temporary terminal will kick off \$500 million in repairs and expansion at the airport, including new parking, a new runway, new boarding areas and a transit system connecting those areas with the Smith terminal.

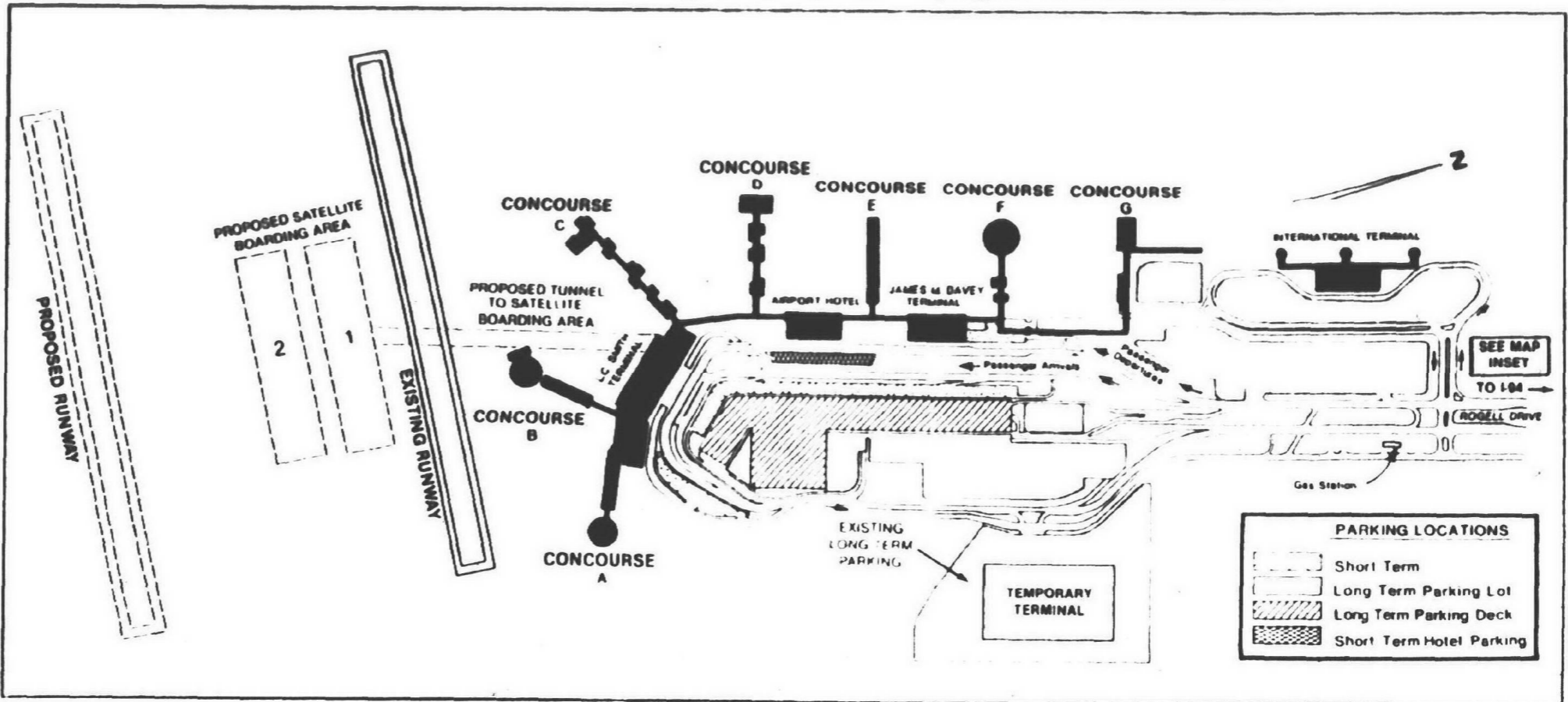
The expansion does not include lengthening runway three, the airport's shortest runway and the runway used last Sunday night by Northwest's fatal Flight 255.

JAMISON SAID the asbestos problem first came to light in 1986, when a supervisor told his superiors that he was afraid asbestos at the airport was a threat to his workers.

Jamison said there was also asbestos in the Davey terminal, but since it was built in 1966, eight years after the Smith terminal, it presented less of a threat. He said studies have not yet been done on asbestos levels in the Davey or International terminals.

Jamison said asbestos was present in the Smith terminal in tile, plumbing insulation, the vibration dampeners of the heating and air-conditioning system and on the ceilings, where it was sprayed as a form of insulation as well as for fireproofing.

He said the county considered trying to keep the terminal open while it removed the asbestos, but



Airlines that will be affected by the closing of the L.C. Smith Terminal at Metro Airport include Delta, US Air, Continental, United, Piedmont, TWA, American, Southwest and Midway. A temporary terminal

will be constructed north of the Davey terminal on the present site of long-term parking.

decided on a temporary terminal. He said the second plan cost about \$7 million more, but that the temporary terminal will be converted to a storage building for maintenance vehicles and equipment.

The temporary terminal will be fabric stretched over an aluminum frame on a concrete slab. It will be north of the Davey terminal on the present site of long-term parking.

Two new satellite boarding areas will be built east of the Smith terminal, with passengers riding surface buses to and from the new terminal. Eventually, plans call for an underground tunnel between the boarding areas and Smith.

There is a proposed new runway east of the two boarding areas.

JAMISON SAID the long-term plans were tentative and require approval by the airlines. He said the asbestos removal and temporary terminal were not subject to airline approval and that the project would begin within several months.

He said none of the cost of the asbestos removal or the rest of the \$500 expansion project would be paid with tax money. He said the money would be funded through bonding projects and increased user fees for airlines, passengers and airport visitors.

"Many of the details of this proposal and operation of the temporary terminal have not been resolved at this point," said Jamison, who added that a system of busing passengers between the terminal and boarding areas "is abhorrent to the airlines. They have suggested some alternatives which will require study. We cannot say for certain that we will be in a temporary facility on the parking lot, but the odds are that that's where we will be."

The removal of the asbestos will take just three or four months. Most of the two years will be spent rebuilding the terminal once it is stripped. Jamison said the ceiling, lighting, plumbing, heating and cooling system and many interior walls

must be replaced.

The crash last Sunday and deaths of 157 are part of a bad year for the airport. The expansion of Northwest has resulted in numerous flight delays, lost baggage and reports of employee dissatisfaction.

Jamison said he hoped the new terminal and busing operation would not result in longer delays. "I think we will not be materially increasing any delay factor," he said.

The airport was the 14th busiest in the U.S. last year with 17.6 million arrivals and departures. It was 19th busiest in the world.

The airport served nine million passengers in 1982 and is expected to serve nearly 30 million by 1995.

Sverdrup Corp. is overseeing airport expansion, with two local firms, M2 International and Barton-Malow Co., serving as major contractors. It is estimated that as many as 12 architectural firms, 150 general contractors and subcontractors and 3,000 construction workers will be used on the various projects.

Job-training classes begin Sept. 8

Enrollment is still open for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools free job-training program, which begins Sept. 8.

According to Pat Gresock, a job-placement counselor at the William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center in Westland, there is room for about 175 in the program, which is open to residents of Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton and Redford.

Though classes start just after Labor Day, enrollment is open through mid-September, said Gresock.

Job training is available in clerical, accounting, computing, electronics, restaurant operations, health care, auto repair and phototypesetting.

"The program is geared for the person who wants a job yesterday," said Gresock. She said that as part of the program, students are helped to find jobs while they go to school, with the class load structured around the work schedule.

"The purpose of the program is to get you employed," she said. The program is in its fifth year of operation. There are income limits, depending on family size. To find out

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MUSKELLUNGE SIZE LIMIT - LAKE ST. CLAIR

Under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, being 300.1 through 300.5 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on October 10, 1986, amended its order on the limit for muskellunge in Lake St. Clair and the Detroit and St. Clair rivers and increased it to 40 inches for a period of five years beginning April 1, 1987, through March 31, 1992.

This order supersedes the previous order entitled "Muskellunge Size Limit - Lake St. Clair" dated October 11, 1985, CFI-149.86.

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Norman, Burr, Kidston 150-year farms recognized

Three area families were honored recently at a Sesquicentennial Recognition Luncheon sponsored by Detroit Edison at the firm's division headquarters in Belleville.

Among those who received sesquicentennial certificates and property markers were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Burr and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kidston.

Detroit Edison held the affair at the state's request. The event was one of a series of regional luncheons to recognize owners of nine locations in western Wayne County where the property has been in the same family since 1837 or earlier.

The director of the Bureau of History of the State of Michigan, Dr. Martha M. Bigelow, presented the sesquicentennial certificates and markers.

BETTY AND Louis Norman of Plymouth have the distinction of owning not one, but two pieces of property that have been in the family since the pioneering days.

One is a 10-acre orchard on Napier at Warren in Canton, which one of Betty's ancestors, Archibald Y.

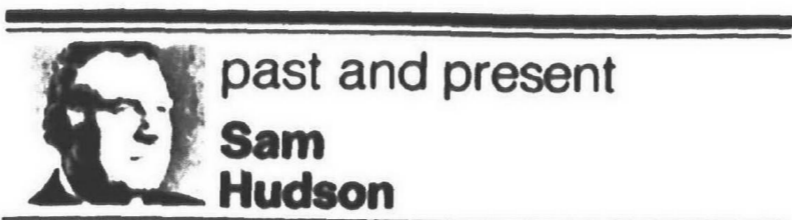
Murray, purchased from the U.S. government 161 years ago in 1826. Betty has the original land certificate signed by John Quincy Adams. The initial tract was 76 acres, later expanded to 271.

Archibald and Abigail Murray and their children came to Michigan from Orange County, N.Y., in 1826. They built a log house, replacing it in 1838 with a house of bricks made from clay and straw obtained from the farm.

THE FIRST brick house in the neighborhood, it had 10 rooms, six fireplaces and an attic playroom. After expansion in 1900, the house had eight bedrooms.

Betty Spicer Norman recalls that when she was a child on the Murray farm, "We had a building in the woods where we made maple sugar and syrup. We also had a tenant house for the hired man who helped with the farm work. He had boys and we used to play baseball after supper."

"I remember when I was about 10, driving the team of horses that



past and present
Sam Hudson

pulled the hay wagon. The sheep would sometimes squeeze through the fence, climb up the side of the haystack and slide down. They would caper down the incline of the driveway and line up to repeat the performance."

Brought up on the farm with Betty was her sister, Louise Spicer Tritten, who was present at the luncheon with the Normans. As a 4-H Club member when she was a girl, Louise canned more than 490 quarts of food, some in tin cans (a new item at the time). As a result she won a scholarship to Michigan State College.

THE OTHER pioneer property owned by the Normans consists of two lots on Ann Arbor Trail, where the Normans now make their home.

The marker out front designates it as the Spicer and Norman Centennial Farm. It has been in the family since 1863.

The original parchment, signed by Andrew Jackson, shows the first owner bought the property from the government in 1829. William P. Spicer, an ancestor of Betty's, purchased it in 1863.

Betty's father, Samuel W. Spicer, married Alma Murray in 1901, merging the two families that had pioneered the area. As a result, the Normans now own the Spicer and Norman Centennial Farm in Plymouth and the Murray-Spicer-Norman Sesquicentennial Farm in Canton.

Betty's father, Sam Spicer, sold many parcels from both farms. Part of the Murray farm is now a subdivision.

SANFORD BURR and sister Margaret Burr Kidston each own 10-acre parcels of property at Beck and Warren in Canton that have been in the family 161 years.

The Burrs trace their ancestry to Caleb Lyndon, who walked to Plymouth from Monroe County, N.Y., in 1826. He bought 320 acres at Beck and Warren, the deed being signed by Andrew Jackson.

Caleb went back east where he died. His son, Samuel, came to the area in 1833 and took over his father's property. At one time, he had more than 1,000 acres. He also had three wives, the first two dying at an early age. Sandy and Margaret are descended from the third wife.

WHEN HE came west, Samuel Lyndon brought with him a studded cowhide chest containing his important papers. His descendant, Sanford Burr, still has the chest. It was among artifacts displayed at the sesquicentennial luncheon.

Samuel Lyndon was wealthy and made many loans, including one to Plymouth banker E.J. Penniman. Interest rates at the time were enormous — running from 18 to 20 percent.

Samuel distrusted banks and kept the chest close to him. If he made a trip, the chest went with him in the wagon. Sanford Burr's mother told him that in case of a farmhouse fire, the first thing that was to be saved was the family chest.

Chests of this type were not uncommon in the old days. John Kellogg brought a similar chest with him to Plymouth in 1832. It was said to be full of gold coins realized from the sale of his hotel and warehouse in Palmyra, N.Y.

THE HOUSE that Samuel Lyndon built, an imposing structure facing Beck Road, deteriorated in later years. A family from Detroit bought it and planned on restoring it to its original condition. Unfortunately, on a Halloween night, some youngsters got into the house and set it afire. It burned to the ground.

The two 10-acre tracts now owned by Sanford and Margaret are what remain of the 1,000 acres once owned by Samuel Lyndon. It is good, rich soil, and still being farmed. As might be expected, the Normans, the Burrs and the Kidstons have long been active in the Plymouth Historical Society.

Boxes can open up full world of imagination for child

(The author of this five-part series, Peggy Price Heiney of Plymouth, is a teacher for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools who has taught kindergarten for 25 years. A teacher at Bird Elementary, she earned her bachelor's degree at Michigan State University, master of arts at Eastern Michigan University, and a speciality in early childhood education from EMU.)

(Part II)

There are many ways to provide the young child with creative experiences through the use of inexpensive, non-tension equipment.

Boxes have always held a special fascination for the young child. A good supply of very small boxes to store treasures gives a child a sense of privacy.

Large muscle activity may be stimulated through the rolling, pushing, pulling or stacking of boxes such as oatmeal boxes or ice-cream cartons.

Large boxes cut open at each end make marvelous tunnels to crawl through (don't ever get the idea that five- and six-year-olds have abandoned crawling).

Preschools and kindergartens use boxes to practice classification skills.

Boxes can be classified according to shape size, texture and color or

they can be used to hold other objects to sort and classify.

AT HOME, seriation skills grow as the baby nests the smaller box inside the larger one, or as the toddler lines his boxes up in a row, or as the preschooler stacks them.

Count-number skills are involved when the child counts his boxes or the things inside his box.

With a box, the child can feel himself up high, on top of, under, or inside of.

He can experience the sensation of weight and fullness, of pushing and pulling.

The infant has used muscles, as well as coordinated eyes and hands by reaching for and shaking boxes; the toddler, the same, by carefully opening and closing boxes; while the preschooler, through rolling, hauling, building and jumping from, is using his entire body, small and large muscles combined.

The very nature of a box demands the child's imaginative thinking. Cooperation takes place when several children have to make a group decision involving the placement of boxes when building a large structure together.

ONE OF THE first places children explore when they first visit my kindergarten room is "the house of shapes."

The house is a large refrigerator box with a smaller box (usually an oven box), attached to the top, which my husband helps me put together in August, to be used for many differ-

ent activities throughout the coming year.

The windows are circles, squares, rectangles and triangles outlined with brightly colored paint against a white background. Some of the windows are very small (for peeking) and some are large enough to enable the children to stick their heads through.

The amusing thing to me is that these little newcomers most often go to the handmade house before approaching the well stocked counter of educational toys provided by the school.

Due to the imagination of the young child, the house becomes different things to different kindergartners at "free activity time" during the school day. To one little girl it is a "hospitable" for her sick babies; to a group of boys, a fort to be guarded with their lives if necessary; to two drama-minded individuals, a puppet theater; and to another, a quiet place to enjoy a book.

BOXES HAVE, for several years, played a most important part in my annual spring operetta.

The large box has become everything to a witch's house covered with all sorts of candies and cakes, to a bad fairy's dungeon. Medium boxes have provided the children with pumpkin coaches and tower clocks, while small boxes of assorted sizes and shapes have even served as ornamental containers for treasures.

The children also enjoy changing the large house with the holidays. After its initial appearance as a house of shapes in September, it usually

becomes a haunted house for Halloween with ghosts and witches plastered to the sides and spiders and bats hanging from the windows. At Thanksgiving this year, it was a Pilgrim house (across the room from an Indian village) and at Christmas time, Santa's workshop. For Valentine's Day it is usually covered with hearts and at Easter, lovely decorated eggs.

Large, medium or small boxes can be obtained easily by parents as well as teachers who want to provide their children with an inexpensive, fun, play experience.

Bicycle shops, furniture stores and supermarkets will usually tell you the days they discard boxes. All you have to do is ask and be willing to put up with a space consuming object for a little while. A comforting thought — it won't last forever.

And, oh yes, if you are cutting holes in the boxes for the purpose of providing peek places, windows, or just a different look, be sure to make them either too small for the head or too large.

I am reminded of an incident that occurred a few years ago because one of the circles that I had cut in my house of shapes was exactly head size. One very busy day, during free activity time, Jennie, a very expressive and dramatic child, came to me with eyes as big as saucers and a red mark on her forehead. When I asked what had happened to her, she shook her little head and said, "whew, I finally got my head out of that circle. I thought I was going to have to stay here all night!"

THE THERAPEUTIC effect of sand play on small children has been proven to me in all kinds of incidents throughout my teaching career.

I have seen the very aggressive child dig very hard and long to make the deepest tunnel in the sandbox.

I have also watched the quiet, shy, possibly withdrawn child go to a corner of the sandbox where he could be alone with his thoughts while manipulating the wet sand over and over with his little fingers.

Sand is a universal favorite as a medium for sensory experience and is almost as popular with older as with younger children.

When my own children were small, they had, what seemed to me, the world's largest sandbox in the world's smallest yard. My husband built it with railroad ties against the side of our garage so that the boys would have shade while they played.

We were able to acquire loads of sand from a trucking company that advertised "free sand, if you haul it away." We borrowed an uncle's trailer, made a few trips a few miles and in a relatively short time, were in business with the best packing sand ever.

We know that it was appreciated because this very inexpensive sand box was filled to capacity most of the summer with, not only our children, but many of the neighborhood children as well.

Many times I observed my boys jump into the sandbox after what might have been a stressful day at school (in late spring and early fall)

and stay in it, happily moving dirt back and forth to build roads and etc., until dinner time. I have seen and heard a group of children plan a city, first arguing, then coming to an agreement over what should be where and who should build what.

I have enjoyed watching a child occasionally lie right down in the sand, hair and all, stretch out arms and legs and stay in that position for several minutes, totally relaxed.

How enjoyable was it when you were small, and for that matter, is it still, to walk a beach barefoot, digging your toes into the cool, wet sand, sitting or lying in it, or moving your hands through it?

Yes, we know how therapeutic sand play is for everyone all the way from infancy to adulthood. Why else would they have come up with the executive desk sandbox?

A delightful story comes to my mind concerning tree houses, another treasure of the past. A friend recently told me about a nephew of hers, now grown up, who, when he was small wanted nothing for Christmas one year but heat for his treehouse. He was told by his parents that it was not possible but he, nevertheless, refused to put anything else on his Christmas list. He loved that treehouse so much that he was sure it could be made serviceable for use in the wintertime too. James did not get heat for his treehouse but dad did add insulation to it in the spring so that it could be enjoyed by James and his friends, a little longer, throughout the year.



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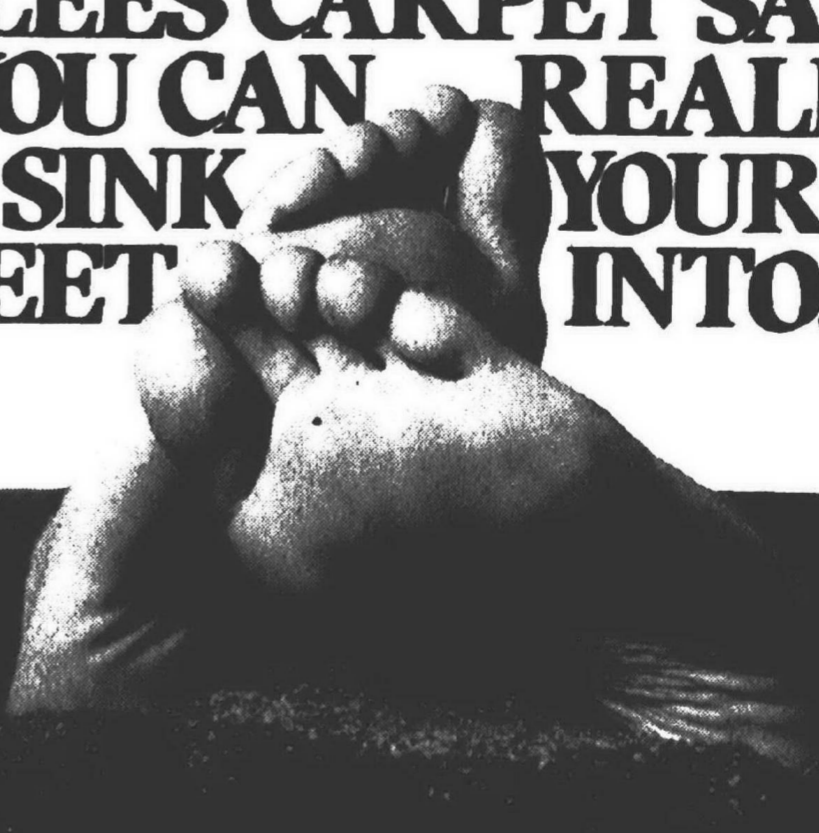
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Task force recommends millage for parks



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A task force studying the Wayne County parks system says from \$20 to \$25 million must be spent to bring the park system up to standard. Money from a special millage could be used to maintain and upgrade facilities such as this comfort station in Hines Park.

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

A task force studying the Wayne County parks system has outlined several ways to increase funding, including a tollgate system for admission to Hines Park, user fees for such things as tennis and softball, and a 0.25- to 0.75-mill special millage.

The report also suggested turning two parks, Bell Creek Park and Lola Valley Park, over to Redford Township to operate.

The report, presented earlier this month to the county board of commissioners and county executive Edward McNamara, has been referred to a committee for study.

ACCORDING TO R. Eric Reickel, "The report is just a report and has been submitted. It's up to the 16 people (on the county commission) to do something about it. It said what everyone already knew. That there's a shortfall of money, and it made recommendations to improve it."

Reickel didn't agree with all the suggestions, but said "I think the task force did a good job considering the time and resources available to them."

William Kreger, chairman of Her-

itage Federal Savings in Wyandotte, was the task force's chairman. Members were Ronald Reinke of Livonia, Robert Salenik of Redford, Ralph Tack of Westland, Nancy White of Plymouth Township, Mel White of Detroit, Michael Legg of Northville, Charles Horn of Woodhaven, Leonard Halas of Harper Woods, Ken Grybel of Dearborn Heights, William Davis of Trenton, Lorenzo Browning of Groose Pointe Park, Tom Anderson of Southgate and Robert Beeny of Wayne.

The task force was appointed by former county executive William Lucas in June 1986.

Reickel said he opposed turning the Redford parks over to the township. "We're already providing the same level of service the township could provide," said Reickel. "It's been discussed for years, but I don't think it's a strong alternative."

He said a tollgate system for Hines Park was impractical. "You couldn't put up tollgates for all 20-some entrances," he said.

Instead, he advocated changing a state law prohibiting the parks system from charging for parking. He said he favored paid off-road parking and metered parking.

User fees could include renting

softball diamonds and tennis courts. He said tennis courts could be rented by permit from the Hines Park office at Nankin Mills or, at night by having to pay a metered light pole.

ACCORDING TO the task force, from \$20 million to \$25 million must be spent to bring the park system up to standard. It currently operates under a budget of less than \$2.3 million a year, down from \$2.5 million in 1985 and from \$3.6 million in 1978.

Reickel said it would take at least \$5 million a year to run the department adequately.

The task force said an entrance fee at Elizabeth Park in Trenton could raise \$75,000 annually, that a paid-parking and seasonal-pass system for Hines Park could raise \$200,000 and that user fees could total \$15,600.

"The revenue from these things wouldn't be so great as to resolve our problems," said Reickel, who like the task force, supports a millage.

According to the task force, 0.25-mill would generate \$4.5 million, 0.75-mill would generate \$13.5 million.

County to build golf course

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

The Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation, which has suffered through two budget cutbacks of 5 percent each this year, has decided to build and run a \$2.5 million, 18-hole golf course between Inkster and Middlebelt roads north of Michigan Avenue.

According to R. Eric Reickel, the director of the department, the regulation-length golf course will not be built with tax money, but with revenue bonds and possibly state grants.

The department's budget for the

current fiscal year is less than \$2.3 million.

Reickel said that groundbreaking could begin in the fall of 1988, with play beginning in June of 1990.

"He (county executive Edward McNamara) is very high on a new golf course. He knows there's a deficiency in the area," said Reickel.

The county currently runs a pair of 18-hole courses at Warren Valley in Dearborn Heights, where revenues are up dramatically. At the end of July in 1984, yearly revenues were \$246,000; at the end of July in 1987, they were \$553,000.

So far in 1987, each of the Warren

Valley courses has been the site of 45,000 rounds of golf, said Reickel.

He said the new course, along the Lower Rouge, would be built in phases. The first phase would include the 18-hole course and would cost about \$1.5 million. Eventually, "we'll have the whole ball of wax at the new course," said Reickel, including a maintenance center, clubhouse and dining room. He said the total price could be as much as \$3 million.

McNamara was instrumental in the planning and/or building of three municipal courses when he was mayor of Livonia. He is a partner in the Oasis Golf Center in Northville Township.

Madonna to increase scholarships \$1 million over 6 years

The Madonna College Board of Trustees has approved additional scholarship grants of \$1 million to be awarded over the next six years.

Included are a new series of scholarships known as the Catholic Student Award. Each year, 20 awards of approximately \$800 a year will be

granted to students at area high schools. They will be renewable three times.

"Although Madonna College has always attempted to meet the financial needs of its students, recent reductions in federal and state aid make it necessary to do even more,"

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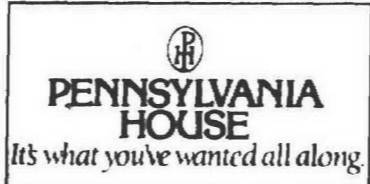
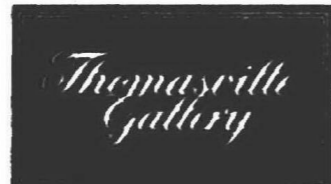
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Super seniors

Local athletes shine at state Olympics

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

More than 700 athletes, many of them wearing T-shirts that read "Michigan Senior Olympics," filled Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus on Aug. 15 to compete with their peers in events that ran from archery to volleyball. Those carrying flags identified themselves as the early birds, chosen

Church's building request is denied

A request by the Assemblies of God to build a district office/chapel in a residential area of Plymouth Township has been denied by the planning commission.

The denomination had hoped to build on an eight-acre parcel it owns at the southeast corner of N. Territorial and Beck. The vacant parcel is zoned for houses on half-acre lots. The entire area is zoned residential.

Zoning regulations, designed to promote orderly growth, determine how land may be used.

In denying special use approval, the planning commission ruled that the property would be used primarily for an office and not a church, said Richard Gornick, chairman.

"It was probably going to be 75 to 80 percent office. A chapel was

going to be provided but not for regularly scheduled services or open to the general public," Gornick said.

Within minutes both athletes and spectators disbursed. Spectators lined up along the chalk-marked lanes to cheer on the runners or the cyclists. Or fill the grandstands pool-side. Or find a seat to watch the vol-

leyball games. Or board a shuttle bus to take them to the track and field events on Harrison High School's fields in Farmington Hills.

By 10 a.m. many of the athletes were already wearing medals they had won early in the day, and could be seen rushing across campus to another site for another competition.

In the 1,500 meter walk, gold medalists were Joan Jasin of Canton; Nathan Pack of West Bloomfield; Frank Duffy, Abe Valenoff and Julius Spielburg all of Southfield; Harry Brenner of Bloomfield Hills, Joseph Jenkin of Livonia, and Jerry Jerome of Birmingham.

"The 1,500 meter walk is always our biggest event," said Marye Miller, stationed at the registration desk for the eighth annual Michigan Senior Olympics, sponsored by Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan in cooperation with Oakland County Parks & Recreation Commission, Michigan Recreation & Park Association and The Coburn Clinic.

Rose Augugliaro, 57, of Canton won a gold medal for the 3 Mile Bicycle Race for women 55-59.

THE CAMPUS took on a feeling of carnival as clowns intermingled with the crowds, volunteers offered water, athletes posed for pictures for their grandchildren's cameras, balloons reading American House filled the air.

The retirement home was but one of a dozen vendors who cater to seniors that offered a cool retreat under a tent.

For back stroke, Paul Thompson of Birmingham, Joan Jasin of Canton, Johannes Sproes of Farmington, Louis Kutscher of Birmingham and Carl Thornburg of Farmington Hills took home the gold.

The team from Livonia took first place in volley ball play, followed by the team from Garden City.

LEO PRAINITO was the oldest participant during the day. The 87-year-old from Bloomfield Hills was registered for bocce ball, shuffleboard, basketball free throw and golf putting.

Meivin Rising from Canton was declared the checkers champ. Ray Lamporn from Canton took a gold medal for bocce ball. John Pennington from West Bloomfield and Jerry Gawurs from Canton took gold medals for horseshoes.

Gold medalists in the softball competition were Keith Kimball from Birmingham, Alma Forester from Plymouth and Eleen Hoekscher and Jerry Gawvar, both from Canton.

The next National Senior Olympics is scheduled for 1989. Gold medalists will have to compete again next year to qualify for the national competition.



Rose Augugliaro, 57, of Canton won a gold medal for the 3-mile bicycle race for women 55-59.

Central Middle School to open on time

Although work has gone slower than anticipated, renovations at Central Middle School should be nearly finished when classes resume next week, a Plymouth-Canton school administrator said.

"Construction managers made it quite clear the building will be ready for the opening of school," said Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction.

Some finishing touches — to the home economics room, carpeting, radiators and an emergency stairwell — will be made after students arrive Sept. 1, Homes said.

"The construction manager says much of the work can go on at night. We don't expect major disruptions. There may be an irritation."

All the asbestos finally was removed Aug. 17, a month behind schedule. That delay affected the rest of the work to be done, reported Barton-Malow, the company that is the construction manager.

APPEARANCES SOMETIMES can be deceiving at construction sites, Homes said. Clutter and mess aren't always indicative of a project's status.

"A whole series of things begin to take place all at once.

"We did make point of getting into the buildings two or three times a week just to stay in touch with projects."

Barton-Malow forecasts a completion date of Sept. 19 for work at Central Middle School.

Homes squelched rumors that a contingency plan has been devised to transfer Central students to other middle schools temporarily until all work is finished at Central.

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Perfect preserves enhance muffin tops

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Uncover saucepan, bring the mixture to a boil and cook until reduced to about 6 cups (about 30 minutes). Remove cheesecloth bag, pressing to extract juice. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Ladle half the mixture into a heavy saucepan. Bring to a rolling boil and cook about 20 minutes, stirring frequently.

It's ready when you can spoon one tablespoon of marmalade onto a chilled plate, then freeze the plate and marmalade will wrinkle when pushed with your finger. (Honest,

this really works, folks!)

Fill the jars and process at boiling for 15 minutes

STRAWBERRY PRESERVES

Makes 3 half-pints
4 cups hulled strawberries
3 cups sugar

Add sugar to berries and let stand 10 minutes or until juices start to flow. (Some cooks like to cover them and let sit in the fridge overnight!)

Place berry-sugar mix in a 4 quart kettle and bring to a boil, stirring

constantly till the sugar dissolves. Cook until berries are tender, about 3 minutes. Let stand overnight. Next morning, bring preserves to a boil and boil 1 minute. Cover and remove from heat and let stand 2 minutes. Stir for 5 minutes, skimming if necessary. Ladle into hot jars and process in boiling water for 5 minutes.

CHEF NOTE: FOLLOW THIS SIMPLE TECHNIQUE TO MAKE DELICIOUS RED RASPBERRY PRESERVES, just add the juice of 1 lemon.

FOUR-FRUIT PRESERVE

Makes 4 pints

1 quart sweet cherries, stemmed and pitted
1 quart strawberries, hulled
1 large orange, peeled and diced
2 cups drained, crushed pineapple
7 cups sugar
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Combine all ingredients, except nuts, in a large saucepan, stir until sugar is dissolved. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently until mixture sheets from a spoon. Skim, add nuts. Ladle into sterilized hot jars and process into a hot water bath for

5 minutes.

OK, so I couldn't resist. Here's my recipe for the best tasting strawberry pie ever!

STRAWBERRY PIE

Pastry for a 2 crust pie
3 cups strawberries
1 cup strawberry juice
2 1/2 tsp. quick cooking tapioca
1 1/2 tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. lemon juice
3 tsp. sugar

Place strawberry juice in a heavy saucepan and add sugar, tapioca and cornstarch. Heat rapidly, stirring frequently until thickening is complete. Boiling is not necessary, set aside to cool. Add berries and lemon juice to cooled, thickened juice. Pour filling into a pastry-lined 9-inch pie pan, adjust top crust, flute edges and cut some vents. Bake in a hot (425°) oven for 30 minutes or until browned. For a browned undercrust, bake on the lowest oven shelf. Allow to come to room temperature. Chill. Serve with a big dollop of vanilla ice cream.

Eating light easier than you may think

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The American Cancer Society calls its education program, "Taking Control." It outlines fruits and vegetables believed to be cancer-fighters and urges eliminating health risks such as high-fat diet, obesity and smoking.

"We have found it to be an extremely popular program," said Monalee Prange, public education director of the American Cancer Society of Wayne County, based in Garden City.

"A lot of people don't know how diet can be linked to different types of cancer."

MANY OF the recommended foods are readily available during the summer months and easily adapted for salads, main dishes and snacks. They include:

- Carrots, spinach, broccoli, peaches, apricots and squash. These foods contain vitamin A, which may help protect against cancers of the esophagus, larynx and lung.

- Oranges, red and green peppers, strawberries, limes, lemons and grapefruit. These foods contain lots of vitamin C, which may help protect against cancer of the stomach and esophagus.

- Members of the cabbage family, including broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower and cabbage, may help reduce risk of colorectal, stomach and respiratory cancers.

As Dorazio puts it, preparing healthy foods need not be extremely difficult or time-consuming.

"People hear all these things in generalities but don't know how to put it in place. You have to start young. It's much more beneficial."

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EASY TACO SALAD

1 head lettuce, shredded
2 large tomatoes, diced
1 large onion, chopped
1 can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup shredded, sharp cheddar cheese
1 lb. ground chuck, browned and drained well (may substitute 2 cups cooked, cubed white meat chicken)

1 bag taco-flavored corn chips, crumbled in bag
1 pkg. garlic salad dressing, prepared according to directions

Mix first six items and chill. Add and mix corn chips and dressing just before serving. Makes 8 servings. (Kitchen-tested by Arlene Funke)

TOTE-ALONG SALAD DRESSING

1 can (12 oz.) low sodium tomato juice

Orchestra season announced

The New American Chamber Orchestra (NACO), will open its season in the metropolitan area with a concert at Orchestra Hall on Sept. 18. It will be repeated at Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus on Saturday, Sept. 19.

This concert, with Kevin Stewart, saxophone, is the opener for the first four-concert Masterworks Series. The second Masterworks Series opens at Varner Hall on Friday, Sept. 25, and is repeated at Orchestra Hall on Saturday, Sept. 26. The

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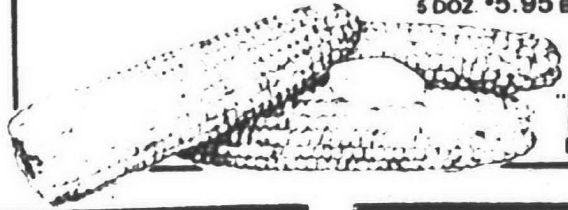
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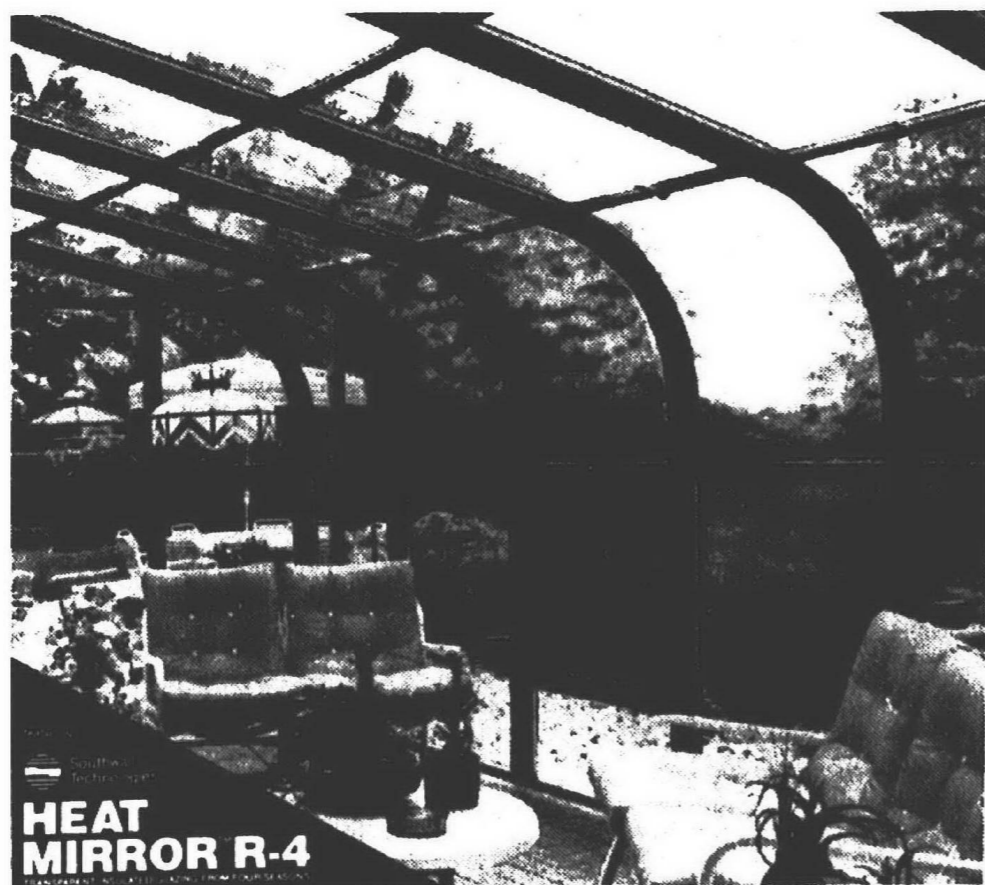
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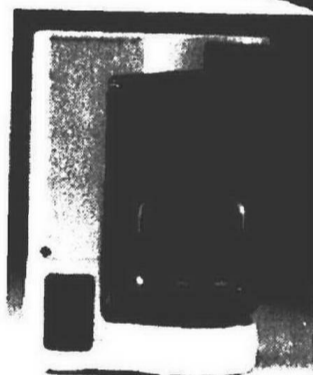
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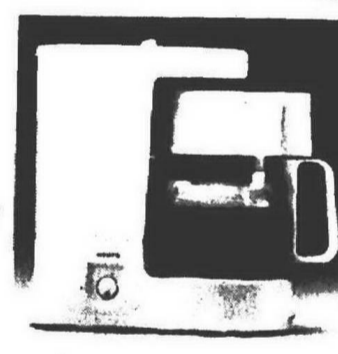


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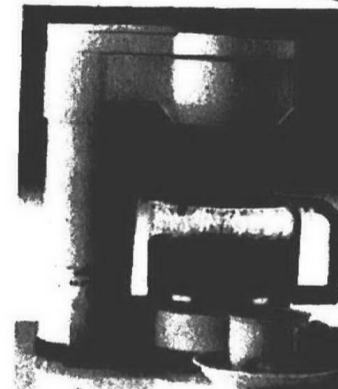


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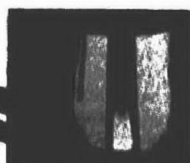
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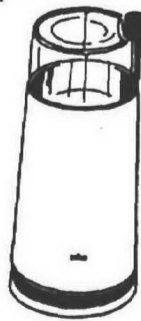


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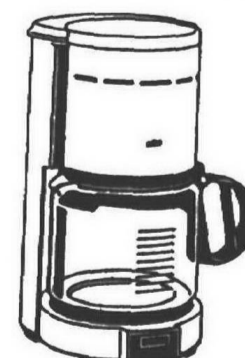
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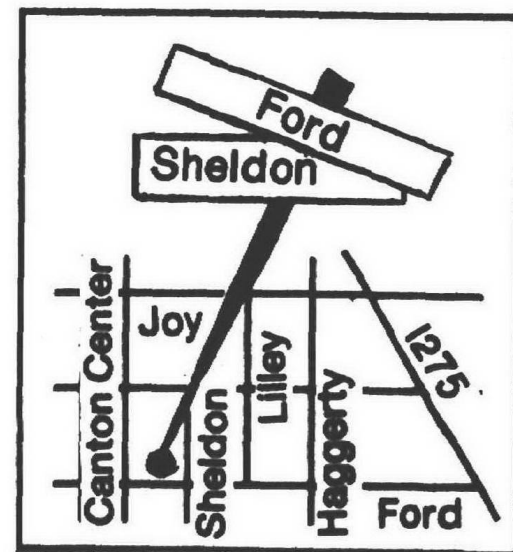
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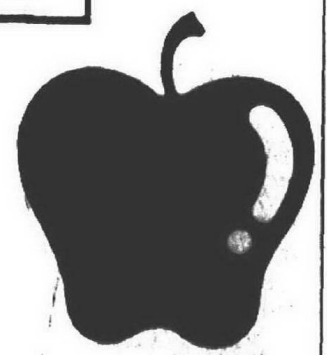
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Paul Marti, a Rochester High School teacher, is in the beginning stages of a sailing trip around the world. He writes on how he has turned what seemed a far-fetched dream to most into reality. To get a behind-the-scenes look at this breathtaking adventure, turn to Page 7D.

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STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Patrick Foley of Highland, Mich., works on the intricate process of glass blowing involved with the art of neon at Planet Neon in Novi.

Neon: The art has more than flash

By Sharon Dargay
staff writer

Neon is not for dabblers. You want to light up a living room with a warm red glow? Hire a glass blower.

You'd like a cute pink flamingo for the coffee table? Buy one at a boutique.

You love those flashing NEON neon signs, circa 1950? Negotiate a deal with a collector.

Yes, neon tube bending is considered an American folk craft by some people. But you won't find many grandfatherly types sitting on front porches telling tall tales and bending S curves over an open flame.

"There is no correspondence course to learn neon. Someone has to take you under their wing and show you the ropes — or the tubes," said Charles Mocerri, a graphic designer for Ford and Earl Associates in Warren.

And that's not easy. Jeff Heyn, owner of Planet Neon in Novi, speaks almost reverently about the "old masters" of neon in Detroit whose sign artistry is still glowing strong after 20 and 30 years. "I had a hard time finding some-

'There is no correspondence course to learn neon.'

— Charles Mocerri
graphic designer

one. There are only a few left," said Heyn, who studied photography and sculpture before becoming an apprentice to a neon sign maker. "I was lucky enough to meet up with one of the older guys in the sign industry who knew how to do it."

FEW OF THE older, skilled neon benders are still practicing the craft in the Detroit area.

"Neon intrigued me, so I wanted to learn more about it," Heyn said. "I actually got the equipment and started playing around with it. I bit off more than I could chew."

"I wanted to combine different media. I was sort of interested in designing neon light fixtures. I didn't know where it would go and here I am designing signs."

One of his employees paid a tube bender in Columbus, Ohio, to learn

the trade, putting in 70 hours a week in a sign shop for four months. He apprenticed in a neon shop for another two years before bending glass at Planet.

"It looks easier than it is. I see young people getting involved in it, doing it totally wrong. It's the kind of thing that you've got to practice. After you learn, you have to go through the stages of trying to actually perfect the craft," Heyn said.

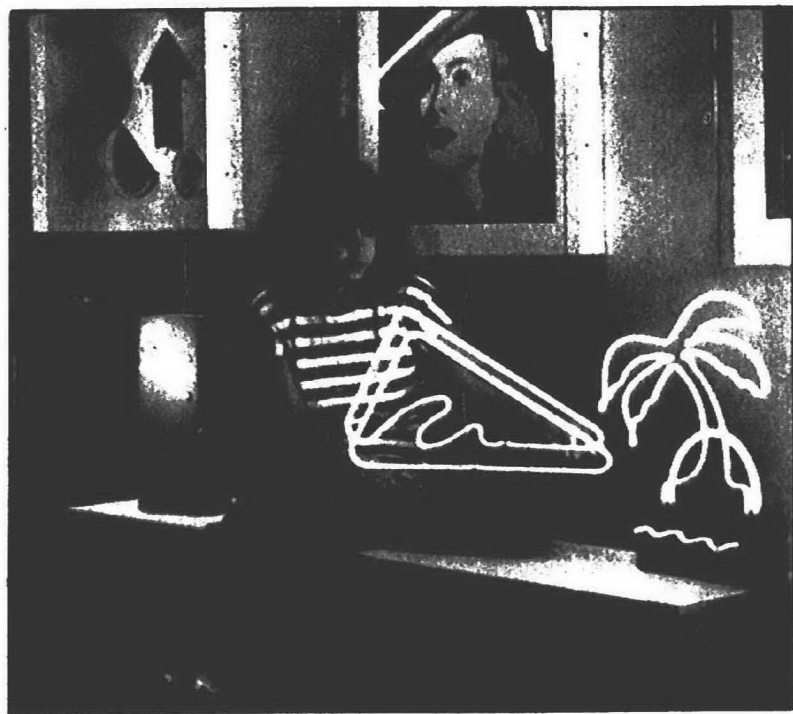
That can take two or more years of steady work, bending glass every day in someone's shop or with your own equipment.

The cost of neon workshops range anywhere from \$1,000 to \$1,300 for used equipment to between \$6,000 and \$15,000 for new burners, vacuum pump, bombardier and related materials.

Neon, argon and other gases sell for approximately \$10 a liter. And glass can range from \$1.40 a pound for clear tubes to \$3.50 a pound for colored glass, and up to \$25 for vintage, lead-lined pieces.

"SOME PEOPLE think they can learn it from a book or a video. May-

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STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Diane Shipley Takesian of the Print Gallery in Southfield displays the neon work of Maria Ruedinger of Ann Arbor.

Neon has glowing return

NEON High-tech living rooms lit with the hot white glow of high voltage tubing.

Blue and green sparkle on a velvety black nightscape, luminescent gems amid the cold florescent glow of city streetlights.

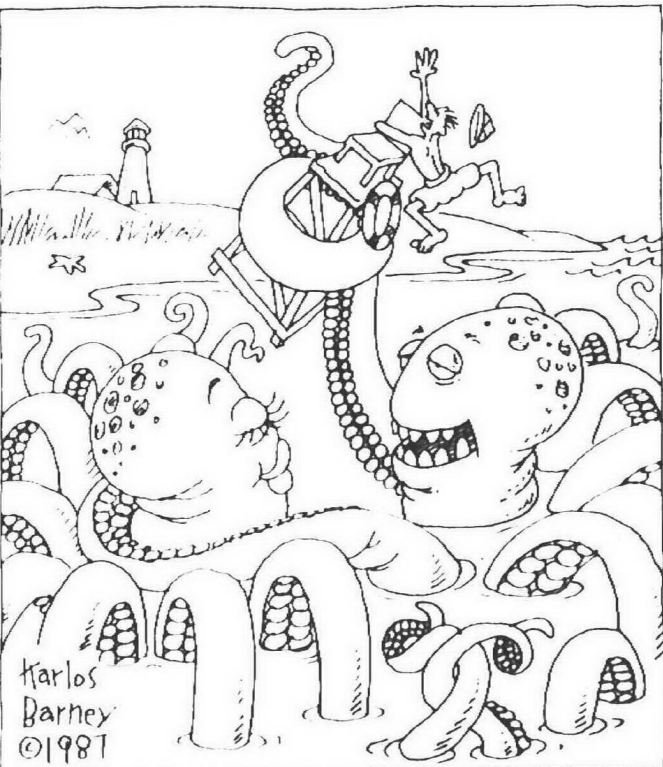
NEON Glowing symbols tattoo darkened retail windows.

It's a sign of the times. After nearly a 30-year demise, artists, retailers and interior designers are discovering neon is a gas.

The flashy, sometimes garish signature of 1950s commercial signage

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"Care for a lifesaver?"

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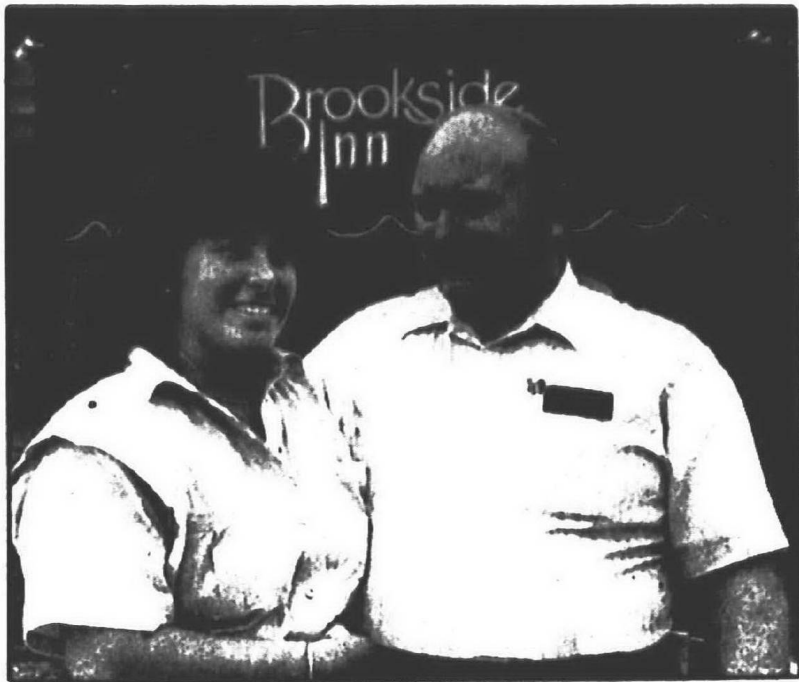
Kelly, Cindy and Heather (middle three), all of Troy, were in warm, sunny Jamiaca when this picture was taken.

But, judging by the frigid water, all three would attest that they were in Alaska in a water playground better suited for penguins. Coupled with the icy water, the group had to sit on some slimy rocks.

"Personally, I was quite disgusted by the texture," said one. "The waterfall was a lot of fun though."

A waterproof camera with a telephoto lens was used to take the picture.





Former Plymouth residents Pam and Kirk Lorenz bought the Brookside Inn in Beulah and then later acquired the Hotel Frankfort in Frankfort, just seven miles away.



Guest room for couples only in the Brookside Inn in Beulah includes a mirrored, canopy bed, cushions galore and a Polynesian spa.

Pairing off

Only hes and shes for these accommodations

By Iris Sanderson Jones
special writer

Stretch out on the king-sized water bed in the Scandinavian Room and you will see everything you need to know about a Couples Room at the Brookside Inn in Beulah, Mich.

You'll see you and your mate reflected in the mirrored canopy over your bed. There must be two of you, because Kirk and Pam Lorenz rent their rooms only to couples. No singles, no buddies, no same-sex pairs, no dogs.

You will see a cast-iron stove in the corner of the room with a paper-wrapped fire log and a screen waiting to turn it into an instant fireplace. There are three dozen little country pillows scattered all over the room in case you want to have a pillow fight.

Most of all you will notice the 7-by-7-by-3-foot Polynesian spa humming away against a rough wood wall in the corner, waiting for you to jump in.

DON'T WORRY about getting your hair wet; there's a hair dryer and a curling iron next to the red steam shower in the bathroom, and two great big towels hanging near the spa when you are ready to get out.

One of Kirk and Pam's pet peeves is a skimpy little hotel towel you can't reach when you need it.

Kirk Lorenz is part of the Lorenz family that has operated the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth for many years, so he has had "every job there is in a hotel."

When he met Pam Powell they decided to strike out on their own.

Pam graduated from Plymouth High School in 1972 and had earned a teaching degree and was working as a summer waitress at the Mayflower Hotel when they met.

Kirk: "We were looking for something unique in a hotel. Everybody was talking Sun Belt so we toured all the southern states and then we really went south, to Tahiti. We nearly bought a hotel there. We may do it yet."

PAM CARRIED a notebook and wrote down all the things they loved and hated about hotels. "Snarly paper-wrapped plastic glasses."

Kirk: "Top of the hate list was going through the lobby in your shoes, bathing suit and white legs to the pool. We would ask for a towel, and they'd give us a skimpy little thing. I'm a big man. I need a big towel."

Pam: "We decided that when we opened a hotel we wanted a pool in the room and lots of big towels."

They came home and bought a little place in Beulah. It was Case's Dairy Bar when Kirk was a kid, and Beulah was the family ice cream stop on the way from a trip to northern Michigan.

Kirk: "The first year we had a restaurant, no liquor. In those days you couldn't make it on summer trade, so we stayed open year-round."

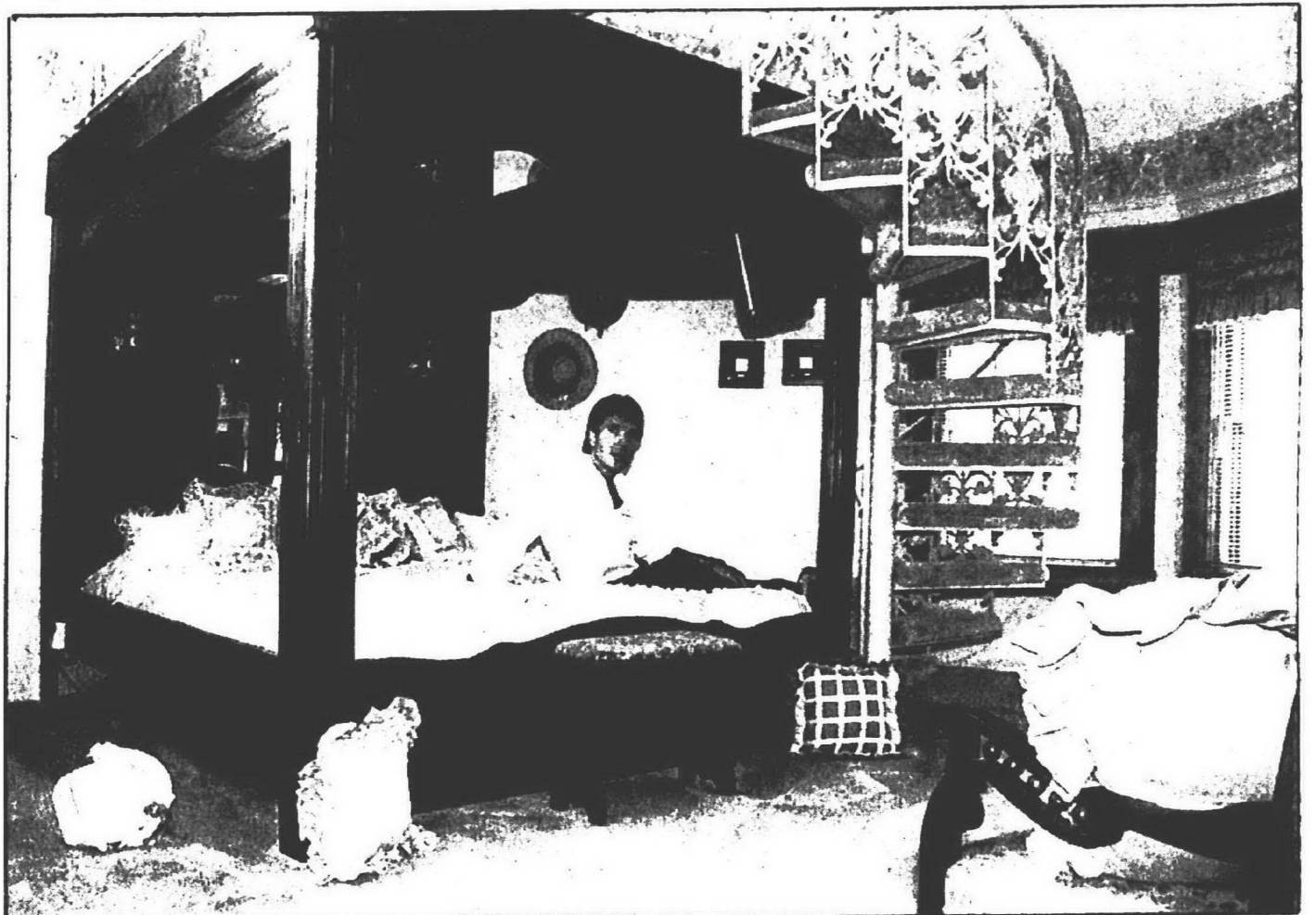
Pam: "We needed enough snow to attract winter lovers. The first year there was too much snow, and the second year there wasn't enough."

IT WAS obviously time to put their hotel love-hate list to work. They built their first Couples Room above the restaurant and have expanded year by year. They now have 15 such rooms, each individual in style and decoration. There are no numbers on the doors, just names.

Three years ago Kirk and Pam bought the historic Hotel Frankfort seven miles away in Frankfort, at the other end of Crystal Lake, and started building Couples Rooms there too. You can still get regular hotel bed-and-breakfast accommodations for singles and regular travelers at the Frankfort, but the Couples Rooms are taking over more and more of the hotel.

The whole idea is to give couples a place to get away from it all. No kids. No pets. No maids banging on the door with fresh towels unless you ask for them. Nobody trying to make up your room until after you've checked out.

Kirk: "The first day, the man wanders in to breakfast in his summer shorts and socks at 8:30 a.m., with a newspaper wadded under his arm. The second day they are holding hands. The third day, no socks, no newspaper. The fourth day they rush down at 11:30 to see if they can still get breakfast."



Scott Powell, manager of the Hotel Frankfort in Frankfort, sits on a canopied bed in a two-story room in the historic hotel.

Following his sister's footsteps

By Iris Sanderson Jones
special writer

Scott Powell was interested in engineering or business administration when he graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1976 and went on to Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Two years later he changed his mind and took a year off to bake in the kitchens of the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth.

That convinced him that he wanted to be in the hospitality industry, so he earned a degree in food and nutrition at Michigan State University.

He was working at the Steak and Ale in Plymouth, thinking about how to get into management, when Kirk Lorenz and Pam Powell bought the Hotel Frankfort. Pam is Scott's sister.

SCOTT MOVED to Frankfort as a partner and general manager three years ago. We

asked Scott what there is for travelers to do around Crystal Lake.

"The place is different from the city," he said. "Everything slows down. You can drive around the area. Run up and down the dunes at Sleeping Bear. Take hikes. Go on picnics. Charter a fishing boat. Water ski on Crystal Lake. Hit the beaches at Frankfort and Elberta."

How about food and music? "The Cabbage Shed at Elberta does '60s and '70s music. The Club Detour in Benzonia plays hard rock and roll. A lot of locals go to Baker's Bar in Frankfort and then go on to house and beach parties. The sunsets from the beach or from the bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan are sensational."

Scott's favorite place to eat, of course, is the Hotel Frankfort, which also has a lounge for people who love New Orleans jazz. When he wants to get away from Crystal Lake, he drives to the Holiday Inn in Traverse City for a dressy night out with Top 40 music and good bands.



Scott Powell
frankly, he loves Frankfort



Kirk Lorenz is happy to take you into his wine cellar for a tasting if you don't know what you want. The food is natural, no man-made chemicals, and Lorenz buys his wines the same way.

Iris Jones

Photos by
Micky Jones

Leisurely stay is factor

By Iris Sanderson Jones
special writer

Is a Couples Room a good buy? If you are looking for a place to stop overnight, you won't want to spend the \$145-to-\$225-per-couple rate at either the Brookside Inn in Beulah or the Hotel Frankfort in Frankfort.

The package price includes breakfast and dinner for two so you need at least one 24-hour stay there, and Kirk Lorenz would say you need three. The menu is pretty much the same at both places, and you can order anything that's on it.

Wine is extra, but Kirk is happy to take you into his wine cellar for a tasting if you don't know what you want. The food is natural, no manmade chemicals, and Kirk buys his wines the same way. Most are little-known white and red German wines he has tasted on his many trips to Europe.

He limits his wines to those from vineyards that are not watered, fertilized or sprayed with chemicals. You should probably taste-test before buying; some of the reds are too thin and dry for many tastes.

If you have visited the honeymoon hotels in the Poconos, you may expect to find these romantic hotels in wooded settings. You won't.

THE BROOKSIDE INN is a contemporary wooden two-story building a few feet off US 31, although the deck at the back is in a nice grove of trees. It is very casual, paper mats on the dining tables.

Many of the Couples Rooms in the Hotel Frankfort overlook the main street of Frankfort. You can also be informal there, but the Victorian wallpaper and the tablecloths make it a little more traditional.

All the Couples Rooms have waterbeds, Polynesian spas and log stove. That's the \$145 room. The \$180 room includes a steam shower, sauna or tanning solarium.

The \$225 job has two of the above and larger spas; they include the Bear, Knight and Victoria rooms at the Frankfort and the two-story rooms at the back of the Brookside.

Don't forget these prices include breakfast and dinner for two. I highly recommend the experience for couples, honeymooners, married folks who need a few days away from the kids, or anybody celebrating a special occasion.

Contact: Brookside Inn, U.S. 31, Beulah, Mich. 49617; Hotel Frankfort, Main Street, Frankfort, Mich. 49635; telephone reservations for either place (616) 882-7271.



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Ken Lysiak of Bloomfield Hills prepares to take a dive for a scuba excursion.

SCUBA

Taking a dive can be fun



Bascon Oquin (left) of Ferndale, Brad Urlaub of Southfield and Kevin Berg of Troy get prepared.

DAN DEAN/staff photographer

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

If you are old enough to remember Lloyd Bridges in TV's "Sea Hunt," you might very well have shied away from ever getting into a wet suit.

Week after week Bridges was either wrestling with a shark or getting his air hose cut off. Underwater adventure looked like a pretty risky pastime.

It took a long while before the "Sea Hunt" fans ventured into a shop to look over the equipment, much less ventured into a scuba diving class.

"I've always wanted to try this." Or, "I wish I had known about this 20

years ago" are among the most common remarks Brian Wisner hears in Don's Dive Shop.

"Once they discovered us, once they got over the misconceptions of the dangers, we started getting couples in their 60s and 70s coming to us saying they had always had a yen to try this. In the past year I've easily had about 20 of that age group sign up for a class.

"But no matter what age, education is still our first job and our biggest job — getting people properly educated and into the proper equipment."

After that, the Farmington Hills shop's clients have a host of options

for trying out their new-found sport.

This past weekend at least 100 of them were in Thunder Bay on a chartered boat diving to view the remnants of more shipwrecks than in any other place in the world.

DON'S DIVE SHOP students take their lessons in the pools at the YWCA in Redford, in Brighton High School, Novi High School or wherever Wisner can arrange to get a pool.

Students must be at least 12 years old. Once predominately a man's sport, women are now making up 50 percent of the certified divers. The sport is not a seasonal one. The colder it gets here, the farther south the trips are planned.

After graduation, which means certification with a nationally-recognized scuba diving association, divers in this area generally become members of the Great Lakes Aquanauts Dive Club.

The club meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month in the downstairs auditorium of Farmington Hills Library, 32737 12 Mile Road, for a business session. The club offers its members educational programs, group dives, shipwreck diving, underwater photography, social functions, pool facilities, a newsletter called "The Flipper" and a year-round dive schedule.

The schedule runs from ice dives in January to an awards banquet in

December. The 1988 schedule offers one-day and weekend trips from as close as Port Huron to as far away as North Carolina.

Dues are \$25 per person or \$25 per family.

"Scuba diving is not generally considered a family sport unless there are teenaged children living at home who dive," Wisner said. "I don't know of an instructor who would even consider teaching a child under 12. And buying the growing-into equipment would be outrageously expensive."

NEWCOMERS wander into Don's Dive Shop, at 29480 10 Mile Road,

"timidly" Wisner said. "I think it's because they are so overwhelmed with the equipment. The equipment gets more sophisticated every year."

While Wisner talked he showed a just-unpacked diver vehicle, a small battery operated device that takes the legwork out of diving. It allows the diver effortless mobility at four times the speed a diver can swim and a range of three miles on a single tank of air.

He also pointed to sea masks, with glass made with the prescription of the wearer's everyday eyeglasses.

"It's high tech on top of high tech and safety features on top of the safety features," Wisner said.

Instructor has deep class

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

Carter Harnden works days, nights and weekends doing what he does best and enjoys best.

"It's a labor of love. I sell fun," says Harnden, who is a scuba diving instructor for Recreational Diving System in Royal Oak.

Harnden promotes scuba diving in the diving shop by day, in the classrooms and in the pool of the South Oakland Branch YMCA by night and wherever the next diving trip will take him on the weekends.

Harnden is so enthusiastic about the sport he says it is impossible to fall one of his students.

At the end of his seven-week scuba diving class students take a required 50-question written quiz. According to the rules, if five are wrong the student fails.

But according to Harnden, "If he doesn't want to give up I won't give up. I'll work with my students in the classroom or in the pool forever. I mean it, as long as it takes to get it right."

"I had one student who just decided midway into the class that the sport wasn't for him. I had another who was told to give it up because of medical reasons. Other than that, all easy-go certifications," he said.

IF THE STUDENT passes the written final, he or she can then attempt to become certified as diver. The certification test takes place in open water.

Recreational Diving System instructors certify their students with Scuba Schools International. The open water where certification takes place can be anywhere from Ontario to the Grand Cayman Islands; from a quarry in Toledo to Hawaii.

"There are trips every weekend to just about any place you want to go. One-day trips or extended weekend trips," Harnden said.

"I will be taking about 12 out (for certification) this weekend close to home, but a couple of my students in this class have chosen to go to Bermuda . . . a trip planned exclusively for divers — which means a hotel that caters to divers and divers that will take you out for certification.

Instructions for diving are the same whether your bent is toward cold water or warm water climates. The visibility is better in warm water. And there is always something different to see.

"The coral and the fish are quite different in Australia than they are in the Caribbean," he said.

A 1980 graduate of North Farmington High School, Harnden first took scuba diving lessons at Oakland Community College. He later went underwater again, but this time in a ship, on submarine duty with the U.S. Navy.

He's been employed with Recreational Diving Systems since leaving the Navy and usually certifies about 12 new divers every weekend.

This month he bought himself a \$450 flashlight that will give him 150 feet of visibility under water. He's going to take it with him when he cuts a hole in the ice of Cass Lake this winter and plunges in, just to see what he can find down there.

"Equipment is expensive, no getting around that. Equipment is sophisticated and there's always something new on the market you want to buy. Equipment is cumbersome, especially for women to haul around. But it's worth it."

"There's a whole different world to see down there."



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Ken Newman of Troy listens intently to diving instructor Carter Harnden at the YMCA.