

# Kuthy to dine with President

By MARY LOU CALLAWAY

Guess who is having dinner at the White House tonight with Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter?

"And I suspect a couple hundred of his most intimate friends," jokes Eugene Kuthy.

"It's very exciting for my wife, Jacqueline," he admits as they ready to take off from their West Bloomfield home for dinner with the president.

Kuthy, a Democrat, came within 4,000 votes — out of a quarter million recorded — in the 1974 election for Oakland County Executive.

"I haven't totally ruled out running again this year," says Kuthy of a possible race against incumbent Republican Daniel Murphy.

Active in political, civic and cultural affairs in West Bloomfield and the county, Kuthy has a number of Republican admirers who enjoy his wit, insight and cheerfulness even in a community predominantly Republican like West Bloomfield.

"I like them (Republicans) personally. We have political differences, but we can share concerns without

getting bristly or terribly partisan. On occasion, elected Republicans officials enlist my support," adds Kuthy.

**WHY THE INVITATION to the White House?**

"I came out for Carter a year ago," says Kuthy. At that time, the president's popularity was going down. The reaction from other

Democrats was that it might be better to wait.

**What about Kennedy?**

"I share (Detroit Mayor) Coleman Young's viewpoint that Kennedy is a good man who should wait for another time."

"I strongly believe the incumbent should be supported unless he is totally discredited. It adds to the stability of government," says Kuthy.

He shares that sentiment with the other members of the Carter-Mondale finance committee here in the metropolitan area: Co-chairmen Robert Niederlander of Franklin, Stewart Hertzberg of Bloomfield Township, John Kemp of Union Lake and Larry Deitsch of Bloomfield Hills.

"There is a substantial wellspring of suburban support for Carter that came out rather early," Kuthy points out.

But he admits national and international events can have a profound effect.

"The Iran situation has helped put Carter in better perspective as a president. Zeal, dedication and trying to solve hard problems should count for something," he continues.

A Morris Udall delegate four years ago, Kuthy hopes to go to the New York nominating convention this year as a Carter delegate.

KUTHY, his wife, three sons and a daughter have lived in West Bloomfield for 11 years.

Kuthy, an attorney, is manager of Ernst and Whinney's consulting staff of CPA's in Detroit.

## Gunman hits Mariannes, leaves with bag of money

A gunman described by witnesses as calm and polite held up Mariannes clothing store, 37073 Grand River, Friday afternoon and left with \$150 stuffed into a Hallmark Card Shop paper bag.

According to Farmington police, the man entered the store at 1:30 p.m., walked up to the woman employee at the cash register, and exposed the handle of a gun from under his jacket before announcing the hold up.

The suspect told the woman to empty the register and asked for bills only, police said. The man put the cash in the Hallmark bag before thanking the employee and leaving the store.

He is described as a white male, 6 feet tall, with brown hair and a mustache. He's in his mid-20s.

No vehicle was seen.

## Northland Center to expand

Northland Shopping Center and Hudson's Northland store are in the process of a major expansion and renovation project.

The program at the Southfield shopping center includes extensive redevelopment and improvement of the Northland Terrace at an estimated cost of more than \$4.5 million and a \$2 million, two-year remodeling project by Hudson's department store. There also are plans for \$1.3 million in other capital improvements to the center.

The mall project will include the following:

- Enclosing the 73,815-square-foot Northland Terrace in front of Hudson's.

- The addition of 32 new retail tenants who will occupy about 45,000 square feet on the terrace site.

- Realignment of parking provided, or 450 new parking stalls bringing the total to more than 10,000.

- Realignment of the perimeter road and repaving existing parking lots.

- The addition of an escalator from the terrace site to the lower level parking Lot A.

- The addition of a skylight in the Kresge-Hudson North Court.

- The addition of a new concrete railing and precast facade for the former bus ramp overlooking Lot A.

- The addition of landscaping, seating areas and signs.

The announcement was made this week by Robert T. Kist, vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States and owner of the center, Joseph L. Hudson Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Hudson's and Robert R. Jenkins, vice president of Dayton Hudson Properties, which manages the center.

"WE ARE pleased with Northland's performance and anticipate its continued future growth," said Kist. "Northland was one of nine Dayton Hudson centers acquired by The Equitable in a \$310 million purchase completed in 1977. The Equitable is the nation's third largest insurance company and one of the five largest owners of shopping centers in the world."

Dayton Hudson Properties developed the center and is continuing as managing agent of Northland for the insurance company.

"This latest multi-million dollar commitment by the Equitable and Hudson's represents an ongoing modernization of Northland," said Jenkins. "Northland continues to be the flagship of the centers developed in metropolitan Detroit by Dayton Hudson."

"In 1975, we completed a \$25 million program in which we enclosed Northland, brought on board the world's largest JC Penney department store and added some 90 new retail spaces. Under the new ownership of The Equitable, we will continue to keep Northland competitive and viable as we move into the 1980s."

The J.L. Hudson store remodeling will include a major renovation of the lower level, including the furniture, decorative home and rainbow budget areas.

"This remodeling program, which will continue through 1981, will represent our latest merchandise strategies," Hudson said. "Hudson's Northland will continue to offer our customers up-to-date merchandise in a shopping atmosphere consistent with today and the future."

Estimated completion of the joint projects is early spring, 1981.

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## CPAs give finance tips on home improvements

With home mortgages scarce and the prices of houses soaring, many people find remodeling their present home the best solution to the need for more space.

Financing a home improvement depends on several factors, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants say. These include the kind and amount of debt already on the property, your own financial condition and the type of improvements to be made.

To get the "remodeling dollar" back, say the CPAs, use this rule of thumb in determining which home improvements will add most to the resale value of your house:

- 100 percent at resale if you add new space to the present house.
- 75 percent if you modernize an existing room.
- 50 percent if you add swimming pools, barbecue pits, patios and the like.

In deciding on how to finance the home improvement, the CPAs suggest several ideas for the decision. Don't accept the loan terms offered

by a home improvement contractor without first comparing them with terms offered by local lenders. Ask your local bank, savings and loan association or credit union for the lease or purchase price of the improvements.

WHEN PLANNING home improvements, see whether current mortgage contains a clause that would let you borrow up to the amount already paid off at the same interest rate. Even though a service fee will be charged, this could well be the most economical way to borrow what you need.

Refinancing your current mortgage may be another good way to raise cash for home improvements. The maximum amount you can borrow will depend on the appraised value of the property and the amount of principal already paid off.

Maximum time for repayment can vary. Relative cost will be the current mortgage rate in your area, plus closing costs.

One little known source of cash for home improvements is the "little FHA loan."

## THE INSIDE \* ANGLE

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

**WATCH THAT DIALING** when you call the Farmington Hills Police Department at 477-0911. Try not to dial 474-0911. That's the Gorelick Painting Co. The paint shop's had that number for 19 years. But since the cop shop had its number installed, the painting company's been fielding between 25-30 calls a day for the men (and women) in blue. Color that a case of issuing someone a wrong number, Ma Bell.

**THE BIRMINGHAM** District office of the U.S. Census Bureau wants persons who will work in the Farmington area as paid temporary clerks and enumerators. The Birmingham office, 234 Hunter, serves the area covering Farmington and Farmington Hills west to Haggerty. All applicants must be 18 years old or high school graduates and must pass a job related test and interview. The enumerators work out of their homes and are assigned to their own neighborhoods. More than 100 enumerator positions begin in February and involve checking addresses in the field. The district office is seeking to fill these positions now. Mileage is paid and the salary is \$4 an hour. In April, enumerators will be paid piece rate, about \$4 an hour for calling on households who haven't returned their census form. Enumerators work 40-hour weeks which will include some evenings and Saturdays. The clerk positions pay \$3.55 and are concerned with office operation: editing census forms, telephoning, etc. There may be an evening shift in April and May. Most of the operations will shift in April and May. To work on the 1980 census and help in taking Uncle Sam's big count, contact Marianne Goedert, assistant for employment in the Birmingham office. Call 645-6328.

**THAT SLY OLD** Cupid's out to get in some target practice on Feb. 8 when the Fancy Farmers of Farmington have their annual Valentine's Day dance. This year Cupid's Curlique Square Dance will be at 8 p.m., Feb. 8 in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, on 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. Chuck McClelland is the caller. Anniversaries from each month of the year will be celebrated by having each couple participate in a drawing. Men will serenade their wives and wives will sing to their husbands. The theme of the event will be love (aw, you guessed it). Everyone comes dressed in red and white. Cupid's favorite colors, and the decorations are strictly for Valentine's Day. The planning and refreshment committee include: Ruth and Paul Oliver of Farmington Hills, Claire and Bill Lofquist of Farmington Hills, Angela and Bernie Paul of Farmington, Melva and Bill Alford of Wixom, Edith and Jack Stone of Farmington Hills, Sue and Lloyd Demsey of

Birmingham, Mary Jane and Len Stokes of Farmington and Ruth and Chuck McClelland of Ferndale. Angles, of course salutes the Fancy Farmers. ♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡

**FOCUS ON** Living with Cancer will meet at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 14 at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington. The purpose of this self-help group is to bring together patients and family members who have questions or are experiencing problems as a result of living with cancer. Participants are encouraged to discuss their mutual problems in a positive manner. In addition to regular resource persons, Jo Wharf, R.N., American Cancer Society nurse volunteer, will be on hand to answer questions. For further information call the society at 557-5353.

**THE AMERICAN** Historical Society of Germans from Russia (ARSGR) of Lincoln, Neb. is starting a chapter in Farmington Hills. The search is on for Farmington area residents whose German ancestors may have lived in Russia. The Greater Metropolitan Detroit Chapter (which includes Farmington and Farmington Hills) will conduct its first meeting on March 20 at Lawrence Institute of Technology, 10 Mile near the Lodge Freeway (U.S. 10). The purpose of the group is to preserve the cultural heritage of Germans who came to Russia at the behest of Catherine the Great in the 1790s. The German settlers, especially farmers settled in the Volga River area of Russia. With the revolution of 1917, the Germans were forced to leave and were resettled in other sections of Russia. Many left for America. Some of the families came to the plains states. Susan Hoffman of Farmington Hills is searching for descendants of these families who want to keep in touch with their heritage. Call her at 478-9767.

**A BIG ANGLES** salute to Ronald M. Corbin, of Farmington, co-owner of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He's been elected to membership in the Institute of Newspaper Controllers and Finance Officers. The group was formed in 1947 and has 1,000 members in this country, Canada and abroad. Corbin's a recent immigrant to Farmington and lives in the town. Here's your salute, R.C.: ♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡

**DROP OLD** I.A. a line sometime. It's lonely being the only geometric figure in town. (Besides, it's hard to find hats for geometric figures.) If you have an angle on some happening around and about the two towns, become the complacent angler. Write I.A. at 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024. Please, no photos — just a lot of words.



## Plastic pizzazz at Home Sale savings

We've got some nice savings in store for you in stock bins, baskets and kitchen utensils. They all come in charged up colors like red, yellow, white, brown, almond and more. Beyerian stock baskets, regularly 6.50, sale 5.49, 1788 units. Hammerplast stock bins, regularly 3.50, sale 2.79, 2000 units. Copco utensils: Spoons, regularly 1.45 and 1.60, sale 1.09 and 1.19. Blender, regularly 1.90, sale 1.39. Fork, turner or slotted spoon, regularly 2.30, sale 1.69. Ladle, regularly 2.50, sale 1.89. 1000 units each. The Marketplace, all stores.

\*Total units available at Metropolitan Detroit Hudson's stores while quantities last.

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