## **Family ties**

## Historical footnotes recounted

LAST WEEK, as little children across our land cut out or drew figures of turkeys to adorn their blackboards, teachers no doubt told them of how the first Thankeylving came about and that the Pilgrims bountiful corn harvest after their first dreadful winter in Massachusetts brought such rejoleing that a three-day least was decreed.

Chances are there even was men-tion of John Alden and Priscilla Multion of John Alden and Priscilla Mul-lens and perhaps a reading of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "The Courtship of Miles Standish." It is a delightful tale with a "they lived happily ever after" message for the children of our classrooms.

But I doubt whether any teacher told the little darlings the ultimate family sequel, leaving well enough alone with the story that Priscilla had two suitors in Capt. Standish and Alden, marrying the latter after her famous line, "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?"

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It was a couple of years after the
Mayflower had arrived with these
hardy souls aboard that John and
Priscilla were wed. Their marriage
was blessed with 11 children, among
them a daughter named Mary, As
you will see, Mary became a central
figure in the aforementioned sequel
to the Alden romance.

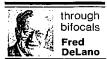
HISTORY books don't mention that Priscilla had had a third suitor, but my own family's genealogy does. It traces our lineage back to 1096 when France's first Lord of Lannoy was cited. But it doesn't get interest-ing until 1620.

At that time, 18-year-old Philippe de Lannoy, French by ancestry, Dutch by birth and English by asso-ciation, sought passage on the May-flower to be near his adored Priscil-la Mullens. For whatever reason, he missed the boat.

However, a year later he was one of the 35 passengers on the second ORIDAS HI SPA VALUEI WEIGHT LOSS QUARANTEED

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ship to sail for America, the For-tune, which arrived in Plymouth harbor in November 1681. He had been led by young love, but lost on that score too and later married one Hester Dewsbury of Duxbury, Mass., a town about 10 miles north of Plymouth.

Philippe was the first French Huguenot to land in America and, al-though succeeding generations al-tered the name, he was the first De-lano to settle on this continent. He and Hester had at least eight chil-dren, among them a son, Thomas.

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In what our genealogy calls "an appropriate footnote to the sad story of Philippe's unrequited love for Priscilla," there was an eventual union of the Delano, Mullen and Alden lines in 165° when Philippe's son Thomas married Priscilla's daughter Mary in one of this country's first shofgun marriages."

THEN comes a paragraph which may explain that my interest in affairs of the law and the courts, of which I write reasonably often, stems from an incident in family history which took place 320 years ago:

"Plymouth Colony court records interestingly reveal that Thomas Delano was fined 10 pounds on Oct. 30, 1667, "for having carnal copulation with his now wife before marriage." The evidence, of course, was the birth of his son on his wedding day."

Meanwhile, Tom's father, Phi-lippe, had gone off chasing Indians years before and for his gallantry was awarded 40 acres of land, which

led Philippe and Hester to become neighbors of John and Priscilla. Perhaps that's where we got the adage. "All's well that ends well."

Just because of the coincidence in dates, when Moher Goose and I observe our own 34th wedding anniversary next Oct. 30 maybe we should drink a toast to Tom and Mary in absentia. "Il bet we would have liked those folks.

A significant addition to the family tree came in 1854 with the birth of Sara Delano, who at age 28, would marry the 54-year-old James Roosevell. They named their only son

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This was the same America an ancestor on his mother's side had helped settle three centuries earlier, brought to these shores by the unsuc-cessful love of a lady named Priscil-la. Of such stuff is history made.

## Raising cash: It doesn't always have to be taxing

THIS IS A very taxing society and many people would like to make it more 20.

Public schools, for instance, are in a quandry since some spend much more per student than others. The solution, most say, is not to bring down the wealthy districts but to bring up the poorer ones. That would require a new revenue source: an increase in the sales tax is most suggested.

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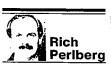
Traffic-snarled roads are a night-mare. The solution? Spend more money. In Oakland County they talk about needing an additional \$74 million a year, Suggested sources: taxes on development and more taxes on saxoline.

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Wayne County (surprise!) is also short of funds. The suggestion there is to tax eigareties.
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On the federal level, the man who would never raise taxes is going to have to raise taxes in order that the budget that he was going to balance won't continue to show record deficits.

Are all these taxes really necessary? Perhaps it is time to look at these creative alternatives:

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to go to Harvard by pleking up re-turnable cans that our affilient soci-ety easts by the wayside. Why not take some of those former legisla-nors who land cushy lobs after tosing elections and require them to pick up the pop and beer cans after col-lege football games? The cumulative deposits would be given to the state coffers.

• The Silverdome subsidy. Instead of an \$800,000 grant, let's make this gift from the state a little more sporting. The Silverdome should get \$50,000 for each Lion victory. So far this year that would equal \$100,000. The Llons would then be required to make up the difference in rent payments. If the Llons don't like it, the team could always build its own stadium and pay its own way.

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like you and me.

• Reverse poll tax. You no longer have to pay to vote, but even though its a free privilege, many people don't participate. City elections in Troy, Farmington and Livonia have drawn from 5 to 30 percent of registered voters. You can't make people vote. But maybe you can charge a reverse poll tax if they don't. It may seem harsh, but it seems fair enough when you consider that people in places like Haiti face murder for the right to vote.

## Chancellor R. Stephen Nilcholson mot only came here from Mount Hood, Oregon, but at one time worked in a mission in Japan and speaks the language. Tim Richard ment." Cole went on, "the Pacilic rim is important — Japanese and Korean." The professor-to-be wasn't done. "If you're in the machine tool industry, the northern Italians are really dominating machine tools. The Germans, too. "Wo OAKLAND Community college leaders appead for the Pacilic rim languages. Jim Davis, president of the Southeast Campus System (Royal Oak and Southlield), came here from the state of Washington. He can tell you at lot of stories about the need to know Japanese. Chancellor R. Stephen Nilcholson guage today, Ten years ago, one might have said Arabic: 15 years ago, where the might have said Arabic: 15 years ago, German, because that was the worked in the said Arabic: 15 years ago, German, because that was she worked in the Sustain to buy," said Nilcholson, "yea only need to know English about the subject of the Now English and cultural languages. Nilcholson and Chert language. "Hy ou'van to the machine tool industry, the northern Italians are really dominating machine tools. The Cermans, too. "Wo OAKLAND Community College leaders opted for the Pacific rim languages. Jim Davis, president of the Southeast Campus System (Royal Oak and Soanthileld), came here from the subject of the present the college related the present of the college leaders opted for the Pacific rim and Spanish in other areas. Which are the present of the subject of the college leaders opted for the Pacific rim and Spanish in other areas. Which are the present of the subject of the college leaders opted for the Pacific rim and southfield), came here from the subject of the constitution—and advised that the college leaders opted to know the present of the college leaders opted to know the present of the college leaders opted for the Pacific rim and the college leaders opted to know the present of the college leaders opted to know the present of the college lea Teach a foreign tongue, but which one?

RICK COLE hasn't retired in that job as Gov. Jim Blanchard's higher education adviser. Cole is still alive, though he's due to join the Mitchigan State University faculty next September, so I decided to pick his brain on a favorite parlor question of mine.

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The toughle: Which language?

"CONSIDERING demographics, I'd say Spanish," answed the former gubernatorial press secretary, a politically astute fellow. Makes sease. In the Southwest, Hispanies are 25 to 80 percent of the population, and in another generation they'll be 30 percent nationwide. "In terms of conomic developments of conomic developments."

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