

# Upton Amphitheater Plea Wins Praise

**EDITOR:**  
Your recent editorial referred to the struggle of suburban towns to achieve some sort of individual identity. This really touches the imagination of most suburbanites, who have at heart those hidden longings for the small town or home town USA atmosphere.

The proposal of Mr. Rolland Upton, superintendent of Livonia schools, to create an amphitheater-type cultural center would surely make the richest contribution to Livonia's future history, as well as the worthy attempt of Mrs. Lindhout (Bebe) and Mrs. King (Babe) to save the 300-year-old forest near Schoolcraft College. Would you please publish the latest developments on this, as many of us heartily applaud the wisdom of this move to retain the forest area as a type of nature center. It seems to be threatened with a sad case of overdevelopment.

Could we possibly tie Mr. Upton's idea of the cultural center together with the preservation of the 300-year-old beech and oak trees? A long-range development program would preserve this highly valued area for future generations; the location is ideal, with Schoolcraft College already established. It may re-

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quire some sort of land-swapping arrangement between Livonia and Northville, but would certainly be to their mutual benefit.

Although I'm not a Livonian, we suburbanite neighbors feel

## Teens Help The Retarded

**EDITOR:**  
We, the parents of children of Elm School, wish to thank the teenage helpers who attended our retarded children for eight weeks in our swim program this summer at Burton Hollow Surf Club. We extend a special thank you to all of you.

We hope to see more teens involved in such a worthy cause again next year.

A very special thank you to Burton Hollow for the use of their pool.

SATISFIED PARENTS  
Livonia.

that what's good for one will certainly benefit the rest of us...and this should include adequate bus transportation, but that's another story.

MRS. W. M. DOWNER  
Redford Township

## Drive Help Wins Thanks

**EDITOR:**  
The members of Tonquish Lodge wish to express the appreciation of the lodge to your newspaper for its cooperation in the Eye Glass Drive just completed a week ago. It was very successful.

The lodge also wishes to thank the stores who allowed the boxes in their collection. Well over 500 pair of glasses were gathered.

STILLMAN WARNER  
Recording Secretary,  
Tonquish Lodge, No. 32

## Child's Tears Fill Empty Pool

**EDITOR:**  
Several months ago I wrote a letter defending the young people of Lake Pointe Village. I must continue to defend the majority of these kids, particularly the boys whom I know personally through their association with my children. However, I have discovered there is another element of teenager living in our community.

Last Friday morning, while getting ready for work, I realized that I did not hear the filter on the swimming pool in the yard. Upon looking out of the kitchen window, I realized I could not see the reflection of the sun in the water. After closer examination, I discovered the line of the pool had been badly slashed. The hoses leading from the filter as well as the hoses on the pool

vacuum hanging behind the garage were also destroyed. This pool was purchased by my three boys through money earned by delivering the Plymouth Mail & Observer and through landscaping jobs which they have in the neighborhood. It is a difficult job rearing three boys in this affluent society to realize that whatever they want in life they must earn.

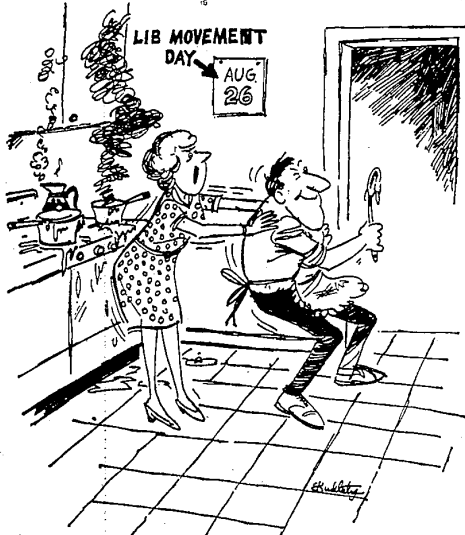
Possibly they are kids who have always been given everything they have wanted and for the first time were told no when requesting a swimming pool, so now they are determined to spoil things for other children.

Last Saturday morning my 10-year-old son sat at the top of the pool ladder with his chin resting

on his hands and tears in his eyes looking down at the swimming pool he and his brothers had worked for — a pool without water — a pool which had provided "kicks" for some other kids the night before.

MARY DAVIO  
Plymouth

Oh! Get Out! You're Making a Mess!



## State Takes Bids On Area Interchange

**LANSING**  
A low bid of nearly \$14 million for construction of the mammoth four-level interchange linking Interstate 96 (Jeffries) and M-39 (Southfield) freeways in Detroit, has been announced by the Dept. of State Highways.

Darin & Armstrong, Inc., of Detroit was lowest of five bidders with a bid of \$13,999,079. Interchange construction includes retaining walls, 12 bridges, water main alterations, one pump house, paving, utility alterations and one pedestrian bridge over M-39 at Glendale Ave. Scheduled for completion in September 1973, the interchange is located just north of M-14 (Plymouth Rd.).

Bids on both projects were taken July 29 in Lansing, but announcement of low bidders was delayed pending a detailed check of bid proposals.

The low bids must be approved by the State Administrative Board and the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads before contracts can be awarded.

## Park Group Names New Chief Ranger

Thomas L. Montgomery was appointed chief park ranger of Stony Creek Metropolitan Park near Utica.

Until this promotion, Montgomery has been the ranger sergeant at Metropolitan Beach, where he has been a member of the park patrol staff since April of 1967.

His new duties will include providing information and assistance to the public, directing operations and services of the authority necessary to maintain public peace and order and enforcing all rules, regulations and laws pertaining to authority park policies. Park rangers are deputies in the counties in which they serve and Montgomery will direct other rangers on the park staff.

He also completed various courses at the Oakland Police Academy of Oakland Community College.

Montgomery replaces the late Kenneth N. Monte, who was chief park ranger at Stony Creek Metropolitan Park from April of 1964 until his death on Friday, July 17, 1970.

## Administrators Organize At SC

In a state-run election, Schoolcraft College administrators voted to become a collective bargaining unit to negotiate with Schoolcraft's Board of Trustees.

The election, supervised by State Elections Officer Hugh Dorrian, resulted in an 11-4 vote in favor of negotiation rights for the Schoolcraft College Association of Administrators and Professional Personnel.

With the exception of one who was on vacation at the time, all administrators who were eligible participated in the vote.

The association, according to President Patrick Butler, will remain an independent unit without state or national affiliation.

Membership in the association is limited to administrative officers other than the president, vice president, dean, business manager and administrative assistant to the president.

Schoolcraft's administrators are among the first of any community college officials in the state to gain official bargaining status.

## Chatham Markets To Try Unit Pricing

Which is the best buy? A "giant" 3-pound ounce box of detergent prices at 68 cents? Or, the "regular" size at 53 cents containing 3 pounds 4 ounces?

This is the kind of problem facing every Detroit supermarket customer every time she shops.

In order to take the guessing out of shopping, Chatham Food Centers, operators of 27 supermarkets in the Detroit area, have announced that approximately 3,000 package and canned items will now be "unit" priced under a new program Chatham calls "The Actuals."

Here's how it works:

UNDERNEATH each display of items on the shelf, a new kind of price tag will be posted. This will show the customer the total package price. But, in addition, this special Chatham price will also show the item's actual unit cost in ounces, pounds, quarts.

Thus, for the first time in Detroit, supermarket shoppers will be able to determine the unit cost of items they buy.

The significance of this pricing innovation means that customers will not only be able to compare and choose the most economical size within a given brand — but also compare and choose between different brands.

Chatham president, Bernard Weisberg, commented that his company "instituted this major change in retail food prices in the interest of the consumer."

"We believe customers have a right to be better informed so they can make quicker and better buying decisions. This will enable them to stretch every dollar as far as possible. This is why we have introduced 'The Actuals'."

Weisberg reported that Chatham would use its computers to prepare the price tags, and that the new program would not cause increased prices.

## Airmen Lead In Use Of G.I. Bill

Of the 58,000 men and women who took training under the G.I. Bill while still in uniform last semester, almost half (46 per cent) were members of the Air Force. Robert M. Fitzgerald, Director of the Veterans Administration Regional Office announced today.

Soldiers edged-out sailors for second place (26 to 20 per cent) and the rest were Marines (8 per cent) and Coast Guard (2 per cent).

The Air Force rate of participation was also about twice as high as that of the Army or Navy, he added.

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