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NEWSLINE

A QUICK READ ON THE NEWS

ESTATE PLANNING ADVICE: Attorney Ellis Freatman tells members of the WCBA Estate Planning Section to advise clients to put off their deaths until Congress repeals the estate tax. Breaking the logjam in Congress will provide relief to many clients. Page 67.



ATTORNEY FREATMAN: Good planning cuts costs
FAMILY LAW MEDIATION PROGRAM EXPANDS: Parties will now be required to hire their own janitor to clean the courtroom; those failing to do so will find their case placed on the "no progress" docket. List of court-approved janitors, page 9B.

FRIEND OF THE COURT DEBATE: Would the S.M.I.L.E. program have kept Prince Charles and Princess Diana together and prevented Di's tragic death? Pg. 39.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRACKDOWN: Prosecutor Brian Mackie is expected to throw his support behind a proposed law that would mandate 30 days in jail for all newlyweds, immediately upon marriage. The measure is designed to stop domestic violence in it's early stages, before it inevitably spirals out of control. Page 90.

The SHOCKING TRUTH — it could happen to you!

WASHTENAW ATTORNEY ABDUCTED BY UFO

ANN ARBOR—At the same time he was scheduled to be in Judge Archie Brown's court on a criminal motion, attorney David I. Goldstein was abducted by a UFO. According to eyewitness Clyde Ritchie of Ypsilanti, Goldstein was parking his car near Ann Arbor's Unified Trial Court Building when he was approached by a blue, three-headed walking taco, put in a trance, and forced to board a hovering saucer-shaped craft. The hapless lawyer was whisked to Venus and Jupiter during a 6-day journey, during which medical experiments were conducted on him. Amazingly, Goldstein was returned to Earth only 90 minutes late for his court appearance. Apparently, the aliens possess a sophisticated time-warp device which enables them to compress many days' work into just a few minutes. Goldstein was also taught advanced speed-learning techniques by the aliens, which will now enable him to handle many more cases than he already does. Expert UFOlogists now believe that earlier alien experiments could have assisted Goldstein in his performance on the popular TV game show *Jeopardy*. Host Alex Trebek has called for a rules interpretation. While aboard the alien craft, Goldstein identified several probation violators who had previously been cited for missing their probation appointments. It is now expected that as many as 77 other VOP cases will be dismissed based on this new information.—*Compiled from wire service reports.*



OUR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER VISITS EMU'S UNIVERSITY HOUSE. The modest structure provides accommodations for EMU's University President and his immediate family.

WCBA TODAY SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

EMU University House Opens

Citizen Kirkpatrick's Xanadu

YPSILANTI (AP) – WCBA TODAY'S Special Investigation into EMU's new University House has revealed that the much maligned structure was actually constructed entirely by the Regents, who personally donated their own time and labor to build the house. The University itself spent only \$74.25 on the new structure, far less than was originally budgeted. That amount went entirely towards soft drinks for the Regents while they were working on the building.

Regent Philip Incarnati, interviewed while covered in plaster dust and putting the finishing touches on the Hall of Mirrors, commented that "it's been a labor of love. I and the other regents have worked day and night

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Shelton takes over Courthouse Coffee Shop

ANN ARBOR (UPI) - A recent state audit of the Washtenaw Courthouse Coffee Shop has prompted the appointment of Circuit Judge Donald Shelton as Chief Judge of the Coffee Shop. The bold but controversial administrative move is expected to speed up orders at the popular lunch venue.

State auditors threatened to take superintending control of the coffee shop when their investigation revealed excessive spending on napkins. Worse, lack of oversight had resulted in some customers never getting chips with their sandwiches, as promised on the menu.

Shelton's experience in his law practice, and in taking charge of the Washtenaw Juvenile and Probate Courts, is expected to make the coffee shop more efficient and responsive to the public's needs. "No one should have to wait 20 minutes for a BLT" said a court spokesperson. Shelton will retain his current jobs, as well as being Conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and U.S. Secretary of Labor.

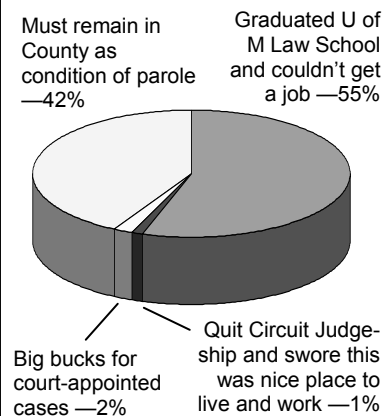
Critics claim the move will result in fewer menu choices. A group of angry protestors at the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meeting de-

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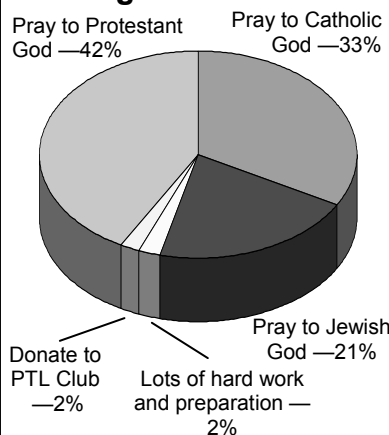
NOTICE OF PRICE INCREASE

As recommended by a consultant's study, WBCA TODAY will soon increase its newsstand price by 300% to be in line with other silly joke newspapers in neighboring counties.—*The Editor*

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How we prepare for a big trial



TODAY'S TIP-OFF

ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL PAY RAISES WON'T IMPACT CITY

BUDGET; will be entirely covered by new speeding and parking tickets, says budget chief

CHROMIUM IS HEAVIEST METAL

says poll, page 40

EZ PASS SYSTEM to be used at Friend of the Court for approval of Judgments; sign up on page 9

DINOSAURS: Are they really extinct, or just hiding? Pg. 17

EMU'S University House is a model for all colleges

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to make this the best University House in the state. We're particularly proud of the private 18-hole golf course." Regent Karen Valvo, a WCBA member, personally painted the ceiling in the University House's replica of the Sistine Chapel. Art experts say it's an improvement over Michelangelo's original (besides being twice as large).

The new structure includes many useful features needed by today's University President, including indoor and outdoor swimming pools, rooftop gardens, an indoor ice skating rink, and a mooring mast for docking airships. The "Jungle Room" in the basement is a larger version of Elvis Presley's famous room at Graceland.

WCBA TODAY'S investigation also revealed that EMU University House is the crown jewel in the Habitat for Humanity project. Former President Jimmy Carter is expected to hammer the last stone into place on the north garden terrace. The ceremony will be marked with a fireworks display and laser light show. Unfortunately, the ceremony is by invitation only for the EMU President and his personal guests (President Carter will stay at the event to work as a bartender).

Better location needed

EMU President Samuel A. Kirkpatrick pronounced himself satisfied with the house, except for the location. Because of the Ypsilanti address, the new house will have to be turned over to the EMU Student Body President for use as a dorm. A new, larger house will be built in Bloomfield Hills for Kirkpatrick.

Although President Kirkpatrick has resigned as EMU President, his severance package allows him to maintain use of the EMU University House for life, rent-free. Regent Incarnati, ever eager to please Kirkpatrick, is already working on tapestries and furniture for the new house. As a cost-saving measure, the former EMU President will be housed in one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces until the larger EMU University House is ready.—*Contributions from Architectural Digest Magazine*

At Courthouse Coffee Shop, Efficiency is the Order of the Day

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mandated that the menu remain unchanged. However, Judge Shelton made no promises. Apparently, state law allows the Chief Judge to name the coffee shop management, and the County Board has no authority to challenge the choice. Nevertheless, Commissioner Ronnie Peterson (D-Ypsilanti) has threatened to cut the Court's budget if he can't get a Gyro with extra sauce.

Coffee Shop patrons should expect to be better prepared when placing their orders. The public has been advised to "read the menu" carefully and be ready to order when they are called on. Menu substitutions will be allowed, but only on a showing of "good cause."



JUDGE SHELTON: You're getting fries with that

COMING IN OUR NEXT BIG ISSUE

Pictorial Feature:
GIRLS OF THE 14-B DISTRICT COURT
(Call now to schedule your photo shoot)

PLUS — EXPANDED HOROSCOPES: Five new astrological signs added

TONIGHT'S GUIDE FOR PRIME-TIME TV VIEWING

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30
ABC	8:00—According to Jim: Jim and Cheryl argue and Jim is arrested for DV.	8:30—Simple Life 2: Paris and Nicole have to visit Ypsilanti Township.	9:00—Celebrity Homes: The EMU University House.	9:30—Partridge Family: The Partridge kids are placed in foster care.
CBS	8:00—That 70's Show: The gang laughs when Kirk Tabbey decides to go to law school.	8:30—Golden Girls: Terrance Bertram writes the girls' wills.	9:00—CSI: G. Stewart Isley exposes corruption in the evidence room.	
NBC	8:00—Seinfeld: Jerry, Ashwin Patel plan ski weekend.	8:30—Fraser: Barb Kessler represents Liliith in custody proceedings.	9:00—Famous Scrabble Bloopers: Xerqm, Spoim, others.	9:30—Javelin Catching: Live from Athens (time approx. after Scrabble)
BRAVO	8:00—Queer Eye for the Straight Guy: The boys find more space in the Washtenaw County jail.	8:30—Three-legged sack races: Live from Athens Olympics. With host Bob Barker.	9:00—Chutes & Ladders: Highlights from Athens Olympics.	9:30—The Osbournes: Ozzie consults Mike Vincent about a drunk driving ticket.
TBS	8:00—Beverly Hillbillies: Jethro becomes a judge.	8:30—Brady Bunch: Bobby sets Cindy on fire.	9:00—Hogan's Heros: Col. Klink sends Hogan to the "showers."	9:30—Andy Griffith: Barney Fife leaves Mayberry to become Ann Arbor Police Chief.
COURT TV	8:00—Judge Judy: Marbury v Madison, or, "the case of the midnight appointments". A disgruntled federal worker tries to keep his job.		9:00—Live coverage of pro-con divorce hearings: Each hearing will be followed by commentary and analysis by a panel of experts, including Monica Sacks, Marian Faupel, Julie Kruze.	