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Drive to raise funds lagging

The Salvation Army in Westland has raised \$51,390 for its holiday fund-raiser, barely surpassing the halfway mark of its \$100,000 goal, Capt. Mark Welsh announced Friday.

The next few days "will be the key to our success — who we are able to help in 1997," he said.

The Salvation Army has lost \$25,000 in revenue during the last two years after being ousted from some sites where bell-ringers used to accept donations in kettles, Welsh said.

But he remains hopeful that the organization will be able to reach its \$100,000 goal to help low-income families at Christmas and throughout the year.

The Westland-based Salvation Army is focusing its fund drive on Westland, Wayne and Romulus — communities that it serves.

"I certainly do believe the communities of Wayne, Westland and Romulus will show their generosity by their giving in the red kettles throughout the cities or by sending contributions," Welsh said.

The organization's recipients are getting a boost from Westland Center this month through a campaign targeted at supplying new cotton blankets for needy families.

Through Dec. 24, shoppers who visit the customer service center in the east court, present at least \$150 in mall receipts and ask to be included in the "share the warmth" program, a cotton blanket will be donated to a local shelter run by the Salvation Army in the name of the shopper.

Lt. Col. William Speck, commander of the Salvation Army's eastern Michigan region, is pleased with the initiative this program demonstrates.

"During the holiday season, the Salvation Army will touch tens of thousands of lives in metropolitan Detroit," he said. "As always, we will serve meals, provide shelter and supply gifts to people who might otherwise receive nothing."

"This year, through the generosity of the mall, the Salvation Army will be able to share even more warmth with those who need it most."

Donations may be sent to the Salvation Army, S. 2300 Venoy, Westland 48186. For information, call 722-3660.

Raises' legality questioned



A pay plan for appointed city officials in Westland continues to fuel a heated disagreement among officials, with one council member questioning the plan's legality.

By DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland City Council member suggested Monday that his colleagues may have acted illegally by approving a salary plan for appointed city officials that included longevity pay for Mayor Robert Thomas.

Councilman Glenn Anderson said

he will seek a state Attorney General's opinion on whether the council had authority to approve longevity pay for an elected official.

Under the pay plan adopted Nov. 18, Thomas's \$77,084 salary will be boosted by a \$100 bonus for every year he has worked for the city.

Next year, alone, he will receive \$2,700 in longevity pay. Thomas, a former hourly worker in the public

services department, will reach his 27th year with the city next year, serving as mayor since 1990.

Anderson noted Monday that the council's Nov. 18 decision marked "the first time in the history of the city" that longevity pay was approved for an elected official.

In approving the measure, the council differed from past practice of acting on recommendations from the Local Officers Compensation Commission on mayoral pay issues.

Typically, the LOCC issues mayoral-pay recommendations that require a council vote. But the LOCC wasn't involved in suggesting

longevity pay for Thomas.

On Nov. 18, Thomas defended his council-approved request for longevity pay.

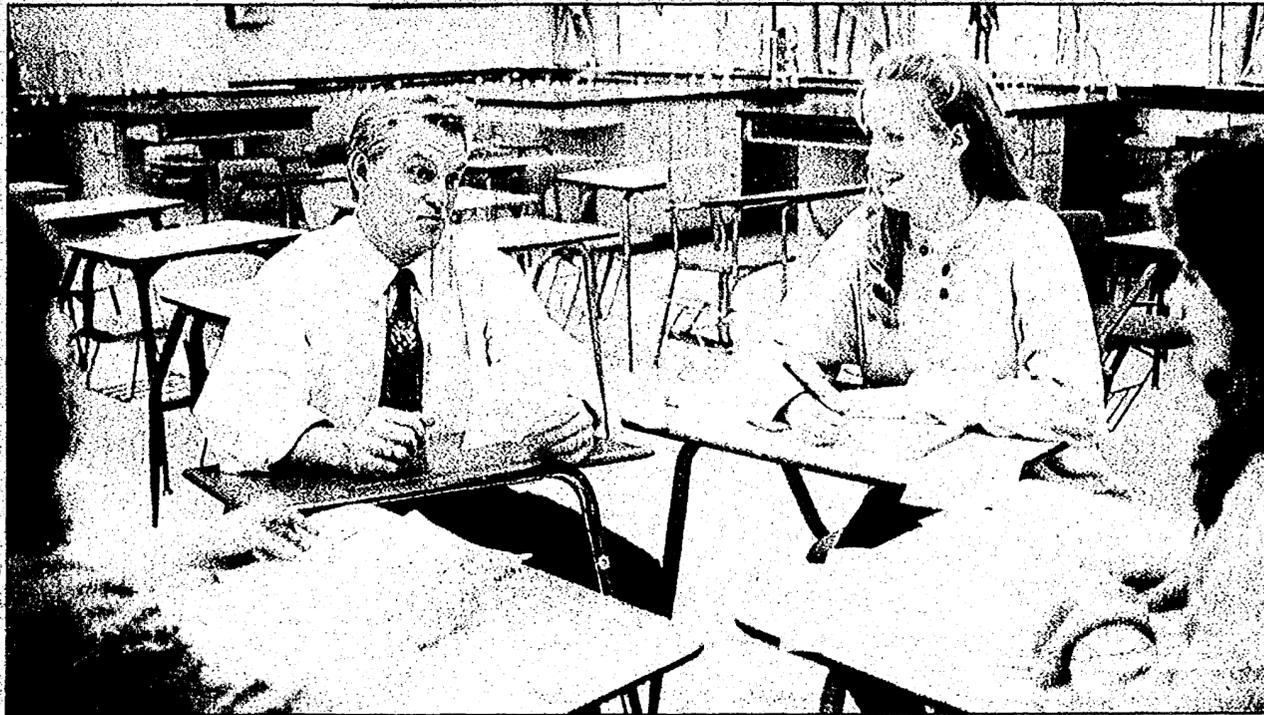
"I think I'm entitled to that," he said, noting that all other full-time city employees receive longevity pay.

Anderson noted during Monday's council meeting that he plans to seek the Attorney General's opinion after receiving a letter from former Councilman Kenneth Mehl, who inquired about the issue.

Mehl is a longtime critic of Thomas. However, Anderson and

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Glenn teacher in driver's seat



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Class act: Bill Foder meets with John Glenn High School ecology club officers Mary Crofts, Amy Kinney and Kelly McMurdie, above. A science teacher and head of the school's plantarium, Foder has another life outside of school. He is a championship race car driver and has the trophy to prove it. In recent years, he has also been involved in the three-year-old campaign to save the Sassafras nature preserve for educational and environmental purposes. For more on the Glenn teacher, turn to the story and photo on Page A4.



Paramedic services will be expanded soon

By DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A highly touted Advanced Life Support program that city officials say is certain to save lives has won sweeping approval from the Westland City Council.

"I think this is long overdue in our community," Councilwoman Sharon Scott said, just before the council approved the ALS program in a 7-0 vote Monday night.

"I'm convinced we'll save lives," she said.

Citing an example, Scott noted that senior citizens with heart problems are among those who will have a better chance of survival with the long-awaited ALS system in place.

Fire officials plan to launch the program in late January or early February, when fully trained paramedics will begin responding to medical emergencies from two of the

city's fire stations.

"This is an extremely important public safety issue," council President Sandra Cicirelli said Monday.

On Tuesday, fire Chief Michael Reddy estimated that annual costs will be \$63,000. But the program is expected to become self-funding because patients will be billed about \$400 for an ALS response, compared to \$100 that they now pay for a medical run.

Despite the higher costs, most residents are expected to have most of their bills paid by insurance companies, Medicaid or Medicare, Reddy has said.

The ALS program has been scaled back from earlier plans to staff all four Westland fire stations with paramedics, whose training surpasses that of an emergency medical technician by 600 hours.

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Elmo on raffle block

The popular Tickle Me Elmo will be the prize of a raffle contest which will raise money for the Salvation Army. The raffle tickets, \$1 each, are available at Fantastic Sam's styling salons, located at the Arbor Drugs Plaza, on the corner of Glenwood and Wayne Road; in the Cady Plaza, on Wayne Road north of Cherry Hill, and the corner of Warren Road at Venoy.

All of the proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army, a raffle spokesman said.

Sweepstakes winner

A Westland woman won a \$10,000 savings bond recently which she said will be used to finance college for her infant grandson, Christian.

The winner is Cleo Williams, 38, who won the

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bond in a "From Diapers to Diplomas" sweepstakes sponsored by Evenflo and Service Merchandise.

Williams' name was picked randomly by an independent judging firm, said Shelly Bacote, a contest spokeswoman. She received the bond last Friday in a ceremony held at the Westland Service Merchandise store on Nankin Boulevard, north of Warren Road.

Musician performs

Julie White, a Westland student at Albion College, has performed with the school's jazz ensemble

ble numerous time this year.

A junior majoring in biology and English, White is the daughter of James and Patricia White of Westland and a graduate of Churchill High School.

Edison honorees

Jui Jay Chon of Westland, a professional opportunity program participant, was one of 39 Detroit Edison Co. employees honored for their volunteer education-related activities. Chon, along with Shaf Began of Dearborn Heights, was honored by the utility for creating the MP Tutoring math program for the Roseville Community Schools. That district received \$2,000 award from Edison.

Historical museum shows off decorations



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Historical decorations: James Bailey, 10, and his mother Sherrye take a look at the homemade ornaments on the Christmas tree at the Westland Historical Museum, which unveiled its Christmas decorations Monday night for city officials, the Westland Historical Commission and Friends of the Museum. James is a Junior Friend of the Museum. Richard LeBlanc, a city council member and a historical commissioner, admires a antique fire truck in the museum at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Marquette.



Yule concert set

If the holiday hustle-bustle has got you down, change your tune by attending the Livonia Civic Chorus' 32nd annual holiday concert, "Light the Candles ... Trim the Tree!," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. The concert will be in the Clarenceville auditorium on Middlebelt just south of Eight Mile in Livonia. Admission is free. The concert offers something for everyone, said director Jim Whitten, blending both new and traditional music with specialty numbers and even a surprise visit from Santa himself.

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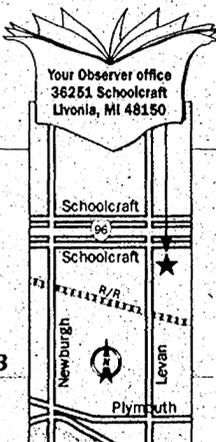
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City's finances among the best

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

CITY HALL

Westland ranks in the top 10 percent of local governments nationwide for city officials' efficient use of financial resources, a new study shows.

Of 8,332 U.S. cities and counties studied, Westland is among only 840 cited as a "high performance government" in an independent study by Municipal Analysis Services Inc. (MASI) of Austin, Texas.

"Westland city managers are doing one of the best jobs with the resources they have," MASI president Greg Michels said.

Westland officials didn't ask or volunteer to become part of the study. Rather, MASI collects its own data from state agencies, Michels said.

"We don't deal with the cities directly," he said Monday during a telephone interview from his Austin office.

Westland qualified as a "high performance government" based on diversified revenues; high employee productivity; controlled expenses; careful use of outside aid; reasonable revenue levels; and using and controlling debt.

"We did this study to find cities and counties that use their financial resources more than others," Michels said. "The result is an objective set of governments that are financially reasonable within their peer groups."

Westland Finance Director Michael Gorman hadn't heard

about the study until he was contacted Monday by the Observer.

"I think it's a perfect example of how the administration and city council have gotten together to give the best services they can to the citizens, with the money that we have," he said.

MASI assigns a score to cities based on financial data collected during the study. Governments are labeled high performance for a score of 59 or higher.

Westland scored 61. The city ranked higher than several nearby communities that fell short of the 59 score needed for a high performance ranking.

Other area governments and scores named in a press release include Garden City and Canton (57 each); Livonia and Ypsilanti Township (55 each); Dearborn Heights and Washtenaw County (53 each); Ann Arbor and Lincoln Park (52 each); Taylor (48); Dearborn and Monroe County (45 each).

MASI's findings are published in reports specific for each state. Westland's ranking appears in "Governments of Michigan 1996," which includes a 650-item comparison of Westland with other governments.

Raises from page A1

Thomas are former allies whose relationship has deteriorated because of differences on recent issues, most recently the pay plan.

Anderson also continued to raise concerns about whether the city can afford other portions of the pay plan, which mostly pertains to directors and department heads appointed by Thomas.

Many city officials could receive double-digit salary increases over the next two years under the pay plan that will cost the city \$230,789, Personnel Director Kent Herbert has said in response to questions from the Observer.

On Monday, Anderson voiced worries that the cumulative effect of the contract in coming years will add a burdensome debt to the city, which currently has a general fund balance of \$1.4 million.

Thomas said later that Anderson didn't seem concerned about the long-term financial implica-

tions of contracts that he previously supported for police and fire department employees - contracts that Thomas said cost much more than his appointees' pay plan.

Also Monday, Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin again defended the pay plan and noted that the council already has budgeted money for it.

Griffin said the city can afford to give the raises and still maintain its fund balance.

Councilman Charles Pickering also has strongly defended the plan, approved in a 6-1 council vote with Anderson casting the lone dissenting vote.

Griffin, Pickering and others say the council approved the raises to make salaries of mayoral appointees similar to those of their counterparts in other cities.

Supporters also say the latest pay hikes came in the wake of previous salary increases that didn't keep pace with other cities.

Plan from page A1

Paramedics can administer certain drugs and perform other procedures that EMTs cannot.

Hopes for a citywide ALS system had to be scrapped after Westland voters in August rejected a 1.5-mill tax increase to pay for the program - part of Mayor Robert Thomas' Project 2000.

The council approved a limited ALS program after city administration officials and the Westland Firefighters Association Local 1279 reached a contractual agreement.

"It was a very good contract negotiated over a long period of time," Reddy said Monday night.

The contract deals with such issues as staffing and wage issues. Firefighters now making \$16.32 an hour, for example, will

make \$17.95 when working as a paramedic.

Moreover, paramedics will receive a \$2,000 bonus effective Jan. 1, compared to only \$400 for an EMT. Other bonuses are \$1,500 for an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) specialist and \$1,000 for an EMT with expertise using a defibrillator.

Initially, the 24-hour ALS program will operate out of fire station No. 1 (Ford Road and Carlson) and No. 3 (Palmer west of Merriman).

Reddy is hopeful that new revenues from the ALS program, along with other efforts, will eventually allow the city to place ALS units at the other two fire stations, located near Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman and near Newburgh and Palmer.

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Successful shift: Bell ringer Kelly Baker, 10, watches as Gloria Underwood and her children Kayla, 4 and David, 3, put money into the kettle. Gloria said that the kids really enjoy doing this.



A family affair: The Millers are Dan, father; Diane, mother; Kenny and Katy; and Buffy, the family dog.



Young donor: Samantha Brock, nearly 3, of Garden City, helps ring the Salvation Army bell for Donna Dalton at the Farmer Jack Supermarket on Ford and Wildwood.

Salvation Army rings bell with volunteers

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Come rain, sleet and snow, they stand their ground in the name of volunteerism.

The Salvation Army's red kettle campaign would be nothing without the masses who donate their time to stand behind the kettles, ringing the bell to attract people's attention. Some local volunteers however, use that time as quality family time.

John Baker stood outside Target on Ford Road in Canton Township for two hours with children Kelly, 10, and Andy, 16, Monday night. For the elder Baker and his son, it was their third year out.

"We did this for Boy Scouts," John explained. Now, Andy is getting credit toward his community activism requirement at Catholic Central High School. Yet, even without the school requirement, Andy would still be out there.

"I think it's a good cause," he said, "and I think more people should do it."

The Canton trio feel so strongly about the cause that they have donated 14 hours of time over six days.

"We just wanted to do something, especially at this time of the year, to help people out," said John. "And we wanted to do something as a family."

Although Kelly has not been involved as long as her dad and brother, she is just as committed.

"I think it's fun to come out here and raise money for people in need," she said, adding that she will do it again next year.

Everyone's involved

Dan Miller and his children, Kenny and Katy, have been ringing the bell for years. This year, however, they got Mom to join the team outside the Little Professor on Main Street in Plymouth.

"My wife (Diane, 35) and Katy (9) are going to ring this Saturday from 10-12 p.m.," said Dan, 37, "until Kenny (11) and I get back from basketball. We will ring from 12-2 p.m."

This Plymouth Township family was introduced to bell ringing at the request of Kenny, then 8 years old. The question came after the family had passed a bell ringer while Christmas shopping.

"I just wanted to get involved and see what it was about," said Kenny, a student at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth Township. He explained why he continues to brave the cold year after year. "It just feels good to please little kids and the needy. I plan to do this for at least five more years."

Katy, also a Bird student, started ringing two years ago.

"He (my dad) asked me if I wanted to try, and I said 'Sure,'" she said. That commitment has brought her out ringing two times already this year, with three more shifts already scheduled.

"There are a lot of needy people out there, and if we can help, even one family, then it's well worth it," said Dan, when asked why he felt it was important to volunteer. "I also feel very strongly about the Salvation Army."

The Millers will also ring at the Plymouth Township Kmart, Ann Arbor and Haggerty, from 6-9 p.m. today and again Monday.



Father-daughter team: George and Sarah Empey will ring the bell this year.

New recruits

This will be the first year for bell ringers and Livonia residents George Empey, 50, and daughter Sarah, 14.

"Why the Salvation Army? The Salvation Army itself has always impressed me," said George. "I can't think of any two things that I haven't heard bad things about, whether they are true or not. But the Salvation Army has never had anything bad said about them; and they also have a high standard. It's a Christian standard, and they stick with it."

Empey has financially supported the Salvation Army for years, but his first bell ringing experience will come at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, outside the Target store in Farmington Hills, on Grand River. They will repeat the six-hour shift at 10 a.m. Dec. 23.

Sarah expressed her happiness with the opportunity to support the Salvation Army saying she was introduced to the idea through her father, but added "I like doing that stuff also." In

fact, this is not the first time the father and daughter have teamed up to do something for others.

"We have looked for areas to contribute (for years)," said Empey. "And I don't know who thought of it, but Sarah and I were going to make cookies and take them up to the bell ringers." As it turned out, the cookies were made, but the pair ran out of time before delivering them. "So, we had to eat them," he said.

Yet Sarah got another opportunity to donate her cookies. A student at Franklin Road Christian School in Southfield, Sarah joined her classmates in making cookies for area nursing homes.

"I think it's important that instead of just taking from society, people give back," George said, and offered these words to anyone considering volunteer work. "Everyone is so pinched for time, and I'm just as pinched as anybody being both mom and dad, but when we take time to stop and think about how fortunate we are...God has blessed us so much. How many ways can you show God that you are pleased with all the blessings you have. I consider this an honor."

When asked about her friends and whether Sarah's volunteerism may encourage others to act, she responded, "I know a lot of people that are already volunteering."

The Empeys are looking forward to their two days spent together, and George Empey is looking forward to many years of the same.

"I hope this is just one of the many (volunteer) things we do," he said.

Dedicated volunteers

Anna Stidham had no hesitation about being a Salvation Army bell ringer to help the social service agency raise money at major retail sites.

"The Salvation Army helped me and my family before when it paid my heating bill," explained Stidham, 41, of Wayne.

"They didn't ask me for money, but they did say I could 'give back' to them by helping out as a bell ringer."

Stidham told of the connection with the Westland-Wayne Salvation Army Corps while standing near the entrance of the Westland Target store on Warren Road west of Wayne Road in a light rain.

In her first year as a bell ringer, Stidham said that "business has been pretty good," with the typical day's donations being about \$200.

Turned employee



Faithful volunteer: Karen Dorony at her desk at the Salvation Army office.

Karen Dorony and husband Ed, Redford Township residents for 24 years, have volunteered for the Salvation Army for 6 years. Also working for 6 years has been their daughter, Julie, a junior at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Karen was hired in October part-time as the Christmas/Fall Program coordinator. In that capacity, she will interview the clients for people seeking Christmas wishes and during the fall, oversees the heat and warmth program.

Yet she will continue to do volunteer work in her free time.

"Yes," she said without hesitation when asked the question about continued volunteerism. "The Salvation Army is a good

place to work and to volunteer." Volunteerism for her husband can mean anything. "He does everything they ask him to," said Karen. "He wraps presents, runs errands..."

About her daughter, "she works with the children, works in the food pantry, was a counselor for the day camp, and she cleans up around here when they ask her to."

Karen was introduced to Salvation Army by her grandparents, who "were officers of the corps." She decided to start volunteering when someone in her church membership asked if she could help with one program.

Staff writer Leonard Poger contributed to this story.

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Volunteer bell ringers are still needed

George Empey of Livonia called two or three Salvation Army branches before finding one that needed additional help. Imagine his surprise when told about a group in his own backyard that was having difficulty attracting bell ringers.

Participation for the Wayne-Westland branch is so low that they had to hire bell ringers to generate any money for the Salvation Army's cause.

"We could use more volunteer bell ringers,"

said Capt. Sue Welsh, when asked about participation. "We never have enough of those."

For \$6 an hour, more than 100 people applied to staff the 15 spots throughout Wayne and Westland. Yet, Welsh is finding that even money may not provide enough incentive to keep people out there in the cold and rainy weather.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer bell ringer should contact Welsh at (313) 722-3660. Volunteers are needed until Christmas Eve.



Behind the wheel: Bill Foder drives a 1990 Pontiac Formula Firebird during a test drive at the International Hot Rod Association track in Norwalk, Ohio. He is a science teacher at John Glenn High School and director of the planetarium.

John Glenn High teacher captures championship

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

While Bill Foder, John Glenn High School science teacher and planetarium director, has his eyes on the stars much of the time, he also keeps his head under the hood of a car.

Foder, who has taught astronomy, ecology and geology at John Glenn since 1977, has been designing and building racing engines for the past 25 years. In fact, he built the engine for the 1996 NHRA Super Stock World Champion.

"It was like winning an Oscar. It's a once in a lifetime achievement," he said, adding that credit must be shared with his "crew," which includes the car's owner Phil Monteath of New York and driver Peter Biando.

The National Hot Rod Association is the world's largest racing organization.

Champions are selected on the basis of points accumulated over the racing season, which runs from February to November.

In a race, round-after-round elimination produces the winner. "You could win or lose a race by one hundredth of a second," said Foder.

When it comes to basic engine design, Foder said: "It's very hard to beat your good old American V8. It's still the best engine for performance. Americans are the world leaders in most forms of race engine technology."

Besides designing engines, Foder loves to race. He grew up in the Appalachian region of West Virginia, where his father owned several gas stations.

"My dad always had fast cars. I was always around performance cars," he said.

During a race, Foder, who has raced all over the United States and has held several records with the NHRA, IHRA and AHRA, accelerates so hard, his car lifts off the starting line.

"You can feel yourself going up. You have to climb and let it go through its arc and land without losing any forward momentum. The key is to bring the car down at its full speed. It's important to land with the wheels perfectly straight."

So how fast does Foder do the quarter mile? "The low 10-second to mid-nine-second range," he said, adding that it's not speed but rather the elapse time (the quickness of the driver's reaction) that wins a race.

"The adrenalin starts in the burn-out area, when the back tires are spinning and the front tires are locked."

PEOPLE

If fear is part of racing, Foder internalizes it. "Fear crosses my mind right before or right after a race, when I'm bringing the vehicle to a stop. If you thought about it while racing, you'd lose. You only have time to react. You're looking at the gauges. You're shifting."

Foder has melded his educational background (he has degrees in science, biology, geology and physics) with his racing skills.

"What gives me the edge is my degree in physics. We apply the physics to the engines, especially the cylinder heads. They are extremely important to the performance of the engine."

Foder, a widower who is raising his two children, stressed the importance education plays in today's professional racing scene, especially among the pit crew.

"We don't have grease monkeys. My crew members are all college-degreed engineers," he said.

A black belt in karate, Foder, 46, keeps himself in top physical condition. He doesn't drink or smoke and works out regularly. He also keeps busy sponsoring extracurricular activities for his students.

In addition to organizing a student Christmas caroling group (he plays the guitar), Foder took his ecology club down to Channel 56 Dec. 14 for a day of volunteer phone answering.

He's proud of his students' generosity, especially members of his second-hour astronomy class, who brought in 750 pounds of canned goods for the needy, the most in the school.

What do Foder's students think of his involvement in racing?

"The students love the fact that I do this. They think it's unique that their science teacher just doesn't have his nose in the books. He takes his physics out into the world and competes with it."

Besides his racing and teaching, Foder was involved for the past three years in the ongoing campaign to save the Sassafras Trails nature preserve on Palmer near Wildwood. He joined the Friends of Sassafras in the group's campaign to convince the Wayne-Westland school board to avoid selling the property. The group and board got help from the state legislature in getting state funds for the nature preserve.

Oakwood opens clinic

Oakwood Healthcare System recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark Monday's opening of its new center, on the southeast corner of Central City Parkway and Warren Road.

The primary care center offers programs and services for the entire family.

An Oakwood spokeswoman said the facility will be unique in that it will meet the comprehensive needs of women.

Programs will include parenting skills, prenatal education, breast health, weight management, and massage therapy.

A mammography unit and a bone densitometer, used to detect the likelihood of developing osteoporosis, will both be at the center.

"Through Oakwood's comprehensive research of the greater Westland area," said Carla O'Malley, senior vice president of Oakwood's Acute Care Services, "we identified the needs of the community and built a healthcare center that

would match those needs."

"A team of experienced and caring physicians and healthcare professionals will make a significant difference in the manner in which healthcare is provided," said O'Malley. "Additionally, the center will house a women's health resource library and offer women's educational programs."

Dr. Irene C. Metro will be the primary care physician at the center.

Metro joins Oakwood from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in North Carolina where she received advanced training in nephrology, which focuses on kidney disease, hypertension and diabetes.

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Michael Ryan



Michael Sandilans



Steven Sandilans



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Cory Whitteaker



ARTWORK BY JESSICA LYNN ROLLINS

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas. My name is Alexandria Allright. I am very excited about Christmas this year. I can't wait until you come to my house. I will leave you some milk and cookies and a carrot for Rudolph. I would like a doll, dress, stickers and some fancy shoes with bows. Please bring an Elmo or a doll for my sister Olivia. Please bring new shoes for Montmy and an exercise bike for Daddy. I love you Santa. See you soon. Don't eat to many cookies you might get a tummy ache. Love, **Olivia and Alexandria Allright** P.S. Say hi to Mrs. Claus and all the elves!!

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- Computer
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Love, **Justin Blazer**

Dear Santa Claus, Mommy and Daddy say I've been very good this year and I agree. I took out the trash when they asked me. I didn't beg Mom to buy me candy at the grocery store (too much). And best of all, I only argued with my friend, sister, brother 3 times. I think I've been so good this year that I deserve a whole lot of toys, so here's what I want:

- The Land Before Time
- my size Dancing Barbie
- a computer
- a camera
- Lil' makin' faces
- Baby alive
- Bathime cabbage
- Baby Headstand Surprise
- Baby Tumbles
- Barbie Dreamhouse

Love, **Shauna Blazer**

Dear Santa, I wish you could bring me a Dalmation tent and sleeping bag with Dalmation "Wettin' wizzer" dog. I would like a "cozy cottage" portable dollhouse, Space Jam things, toy dragon, toy unicorn, Toy Story dinosaur, "My Come Here Puppy," Little Tikes roller coaster, "Playtime Newborns" by Tyco, and much much more. I would like to have "Baby Go Bye-Bye," "My Little Kitty" jewelry box, Check-up Charlie game, Fisher Price doll castle. And...the following Barbie toys: Pet doctor Barbie, Shopping fun Barbie and Kelle dolls, Barbie mini-van, and Barbie Fashion Designer for CD Rom. Thank-you Santa. Oh yeah, my baby brother wants baby toys, ok?

Cara Braun, Age 5

Dear Santa, I wood like to have Blue Beetleborg, Wolverine Fighter, Kandy, YoYo, and a Sega, new pencils - please. From, **Dakota Broadrick, 4 1/2 years.** I been real, real very good. Thank you.

Dear Santa, I wood like to

- Spiderman fighter
- Batman
- map
- krayons
- stuffd panda
- 101 Dalmations
- video

From, **Travis Broadrick, 6 years old**

Dear Santa, Here is my list:

- remote control car
- race track

Thank you, **Shawn Calvey**

Dear Santa Claus, My list of toys for Christmas is...(Here's my list)

- I circled the ones I reley want
- Ocean Friends Barbie
- Kichen little
- Baby Cradle Magan
- A colletttable Barbie
- Barbie travel house
- Pound Puppies
- A seaga game, Alladen game
- Opperration, a game
- Littal elster (it's like Baby sister-culb)

- Pinoceyo & Hunch Back of Noter-Dame & Homer Boun two
- A journal that is hard covered
- Don't wake Daddy
- A TV. Please could I have a TV

Thank you, **Corinne Clark, Age 9**

Dear Santa Clause, I want a

- Baby go bye-bye
- Sand Art
- Cabbage Patch Snack Time Kids
- Snoopy Sno-Cone Machine
- Ocean Magic Barbie
- Veterinarian Barbie
- Don't Wake Daddy
- Tiger Deluxe Talkgirl
- Hair Ties
- Dress-up clothes
- Clothes - pants, shirts, sweater
- Make-up
- Stationary
- Books

Thank-you, **Holly Clark**

Dear Santa, My name is Nicole and I am 5 years old. I am in Ms. Karinen's class at Lathers School. For Christmas could I please have Ocean Friends Barbie and Keiko? Thank you for all the toys always and thank for the snowy footprints. My sister Olivia is two years old. Could you please bring her a little teddy bear. I love you!

Love, **Nicole DeSanto**

Dear Santa, My name is Joey Garrett. I am 5 years old. I am doing good in Kindergarten this year. I am trying very hard to be a good boy. Could you please bring me a couple of presents for Christmas? Some of the things I like are

- Hot Wheels Garage
- Nightmare Alley
- The Haunted Highway
- Erector Set
- K'Nex Set

But anything would be just fine. My sister, Lisa, and I will leave some cookies and milk out for you. We do hope that you and Mrs. Claus have agood Christmas. Love, **Joey Garrett**

Dear Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus, You ready for Christmas? I am not. We still have to finish decorating our house. I have been very very good. It would make me very happy if you would get me a few of these things. A pink Ranger costume, a bean bag stuffed animal, a Babysitters Little Sister book, Haunted Highway, Easy Bake Oven, a puppy poster, and a few surprises. From, **Lisa Garrett, Age 8**

Dear Santa, Please bring me one puppy, one Baby Goba-by, a procelain doll, a Space Jam poster, and a bike. Thank you. **Katie Holloway**

Dear Santa, Don't forget to come to our house at Christmas time. My favorite thing I want for Christmas is a stuffed mommy tiger and baby tiger. I like you Santa and I like your reindeer. I like Rudolf the best. It must be hard work to deliver everyones presents. I'll have cookies and milk with sprinkles on them for you. Santa your the best. Love, **Donna Hooker**

Dear Santa, How are you What I want for Christmas is

- Nintendo 64
- Sega Sadrn
- Sonec 3D Blast
- a TV

Love, **Carl Kirby**

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a plastic snow-board for practice until I get a real one. New airwalks, closes from Pacific-sun-wear. Please thank you. From, **Perry Kirby**

Dear Santa, This year I have been a good boy for my mommy and daddy. I put away my toys and brush my teeth every night. I would like another train because trains are my favorite. I would also like the dominos set so I can knock them down. I will have milk and cookies ready for you and your reindeer. Bye Santa, **Jake Lendrum, 4 years old**



Dear Santa, I'm really looking forward to Christmas. I hope I get some things I wanted. Merry Christmas. Here is my Christmas list.

JC PENNEY

- Baby go Bye Bye
- Jumbo pooh
- Dog wach (brown dachshund)
- Ring Set
- Large cherub-print jewelry box
- Cloths
- Surprises supprises
- SURPRISES!

From, **Lindsey Martel**

Dear Santa, I would like to say to you Have a Merry Christmas and a very good New year. I would like for you to bring to the children of the world peace and good will. I would like also for you to bring to me if you can a Scotty Pipen jersey and a Grant Hill jersey. Thank you very much. Love, **Danny Morgan**

Dear Santa, I would like a game for Sega. The game is called Spider-Man and Vemon. I wish the poor people will get a lot of toys. Thank you, Santa. From, **Darrell J. Morgan**

Dear Santa, My name is Dawn Mowery. I live in Garden City and go to Farmington School. Here is a few things I would like for Christmas.

- Easy Bake Oven
- the movie toy story
- watch
- camera
- and clothes

Love, **Dawn Mowery**

Hello Santa Claus My name is Emberley Neidhardt. I'm Landyn's sister. My Christmas list is: My Size Dancing Barbie, a turtle, turtle supplies, Pet Doctor Theresa, Ocean Friends, Barbie Theresa, small boom box with a CD player, Barbie Dream House, Barbie Traveling house, rock and crystal mining set, Spinning for Spots, some CDs, electric piano, Trouble game, Metal Molder I will leave some Christmas cookies for you and carrots too. **Emberley Neidhardt, 7 years old**

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Landyn. For Christmas I want a tent, Big Bird like my sister's. I want a robot computer and balloons and a kite, a dalmation dog with a tail what wiggles and you it mouth and it talks a picture frame for pictures, Mr. Bucket, Chicken Limbo, Dizzy Dryer, a dalmation sleeping bag, Matchbox Super City. I will leave you a cookie and some carrots for your reindeer. **Landyn Neidhardt, 4 years old**

Dear Santa, How are your elves? I wonder what you will get me for Christmas! How is Mrs. Claus? I would like for Christmas is Little Bo Peep and the Alien from Toy Story and Godzilla. Thank-you Santa Claus. Love **Christopher Nichol, Age 7**

Dear Santa, I've been good all year. I would like for Christmas a Pattie Cake doll and lots of Barbies. Thank-you Santa.

Love **Rachel Nichol, 20 months**

Dear Santa I was wondering how you guys are doing in the North Pole? And I was curious if you could please bring any thing. And could you bring whole new stuff for my school. (Douglas School.) Love, **Tommy Nichol, Age 10**

Dear Santa Claus, Guess what Santa? I made the honor roll again this year at St. Raphael School. I have been really good lately Santa. Did you remember that I love G.I. Joe's? This year, if you could bring some of these G.I. Joe toys I would love it! The G.I. Joe train, the G.I. Joe main headquarters, the G.I. Joe hovercraft, the G.I. Joe helicopter (tomahawk), the G.I. Joe mobile command center and Cobra missile command center or terror dome. As usual, cookies, milk and carrots will be on the kitchen table for you the the reindeer. Don't forget, smack a big wet one on my Mom. From, **Dominic Noonan, 11 years old**

Dear Santa, Hi Santa. I have been a good girl all year. I would like a baby doll stroller for Christmas. There will be some cookies and milk for you on the kitchen table. Love, **Angelina Perez** P.S. I have enclosed two pictures of me. My dance picture and my school picture.

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! I have tried my best to be nice all year. I would like a computer for Christmas. Wake me up and I will make you some hot chocolate. Love, **Christopher Perez**

Dear Santa, I would really like a go-cart for Christmas. I will try not to tease my brother or sister any more. I will also do all my homework when it is due. Hope to see you soon! **David Perez, Jr.**

Dear Santa, I love you, I want for Christmas is twin dolls and a dog. Can you wake me up Christmas so I can see you. I love you From, **Brittany and Alysha Robbids**



Dear Santa, Please get me a basketball net a computer a hockey net and a trampoline. My dog Louger wants a ball and a few botea. Louger Rollins is 3 years old. I love U, U, U. **Jessica Lynn Rollins**

Dear Santa, I like Christmas because its fun. All I want for Christmas is a Sega Saturn and a game to go with it. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Love, **Brian Rumao, 4th Grade, Age 9**

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you're feeling good. For Christmas, what I'd really like is a Sony Playstation. I'd also like a CD player because I listen to music a lot. I'd really, really like a computer game called The need for Speed SE. It's this really cool racing game and has very awesome graphics. Of course, I don't really need all of these. I'm happy that I have a roof over my head and food to share with my family. Sincerely, **Justin Rumao, 6th Grade, Age 11**

Dear Santa, I would like a BIG Barney that talks, a truck (mommy says plastic), and a toolbench so I can help Daddy fix things in our new house. I like the doggies that they have in the stores, too. Love, **Mike Ryan**

Dear Santa, My name is Michael Sandilans. I am five

years old. I go to Henry Ruff School in Garden City. I am in kindergarten. My teacher's name is Mrs. King. I think I have been pretty good this year. Here is what I would like for Christmas if you can fit it all on your sleigh. I want a Power Rangers, Savin Ken, Leggo's, Air Hockey Game, and Zeo Ranger V Cannon. I will be good now till Christmas and I will leave you some cookies and milk and the reindeer some food too! Love, your pal, **Michael Sandilans**

Dear Santa, My name is Steven Sandilans. I am five years old. I go to Henry Ruff School in Garden City. I am in kindergarten. My teacher's name is Mrs. Laderach. I think I have been pretty good this year. Here is what I would like for Christmas if you can fit it all on your sleigh. I want Savin Ken, Power Rangers, Air Hockey Game, Leggo's, Zeo Ranger V Cannon. I will be good now till Christmas and I will leave you some cookies and milk and the reindeer some food too! Love, your friend, **Steven Sandilans**

Dear Santa Claus, Mommy and Daddy say I've been very good this year and I agree. I took out the trash when they asked me. I didn't beg Mom to buy me candy at the grocery store (too much). And best of all, I only argued with my sister and brother 3 times. I think I've been so good this year that I deserve a whole lot of toys, so here's what I want:

- Buzz Lightyear
- Computer
- Turbo Man
- RC Car
- Cool Tools
- Flashlight
- Woody
- Rex
- Piggy Bank Pig
- Buzz Lightyear Spaceship

Love, **D. J. Silcox**

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? I would like

- Intergalactic Buzz Lightyear
- Micro Machines Night Attack
- Goocy Louie

Thanks you. Love, **Chad Michael Todd**

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like to get for Christmas:

- Easy Bake Oven
- 101 Dalmatian's Wettin Wizzer
- Magic Cradle Megan

Thank you. Love, **Christa Anne Todd**

Dear Santa, I have been a very good boy. I help my mom and dad a lot. I would like for you to bring me please: A Spiderman or X-Man van, anything to do with Toy Story, Socker Boppers, Spiderman Sega game, and Nintendo 64. Thank you. **Cory Whitteaker** Spiderman or X-Man



Officials: Prop A hurts area schools

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Proposal A rescued outstate school districts financially, but suburban officials say their fiscal picture deteriorates each year.

Reason: Revenues have been rising 2.7 percent a year, said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business of Livonia public schools, but costs are rising faster and at a compound rate.

"If you don't think you have a problem in school financing, then you have two problems," said one school official in the audience of leaders from 10 school districts in western Wayne County.

"We're all moving toward that brick wall. We'll all hit that brick wall at different times," concluded Michael Wilmot, Garden City school superintendent and president of MAISL, the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation. It met Dec. 11 in Westland.

That wall, said Liepa, consists of these annual cost increases:

- Retirement - rising at 5.3 percent. The state has shifted the employer's share to local districts.

- Special education - rising at 6 percent.

- Health care - rising at 4.6 percent.

Meanwhile, teacher "step" increases plus contract increases

will run another 4 percent a year.

MAISL's 10 members include Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Redford Union and Wayne-Westland, plus Dearborn, Inkster, Romulus, Taylor and Westwood.

They put together a budget for a typical school district and projected what would happen over seven years, based on their experience. The hypothetical district's \$71 million revenues rose to nearly \$86 million, but its costs rose to \$94 million and its accumulated fund balance to \$18 million.

Net result: a negative fund balance of more than \$26 million, "because revenues are capped," said Liepa. Without a fix from Lansing, suburban schools will have no option but to cut budgets, beginning with buses and teacher salaries.

"You as board members didn't get elected to hack up the program, but that's the reality," said Joel Carr, assistant superintendent in Romulus.

How did it happen?

Proposal A sought to smooth out the disparities in school funding, which ranged from less than \$4,000 to more than \$10,000 per pupil.

"Districts below \$5,000 per pupil are getting double the increases of others," said Fred Hailer, a partner in the accounting firm of Plante & Moran, which audits 84 public school districts.

"Districts that were between \$5,000 and \$6,500 are just barely keeping up, or not. If their enrollment declines, it's a double whammy," Hailer said.

And districts that spent more than \$6,500 per pupil find "their percentage revenue increases are small. They are spending their fund balances (working capital) or making cuts now," Hailer said.

Proposal A, approved by state voters in March of 1994, slashed local property taxes and capped assessment increases at 5 percent or the rate of consumer price inflation.

It effectively blocked individual districts from asking local voters to sweeten the property tax pot beyond six mills for homes and 24 mills for non-homestead property.

Proposal A raised the sales-use taxes from 4 percent to 6 and substituted a virtual state takeover of school funding. The combined effect was a windfall

for non-industrial districts in mid-Michigan.

Among the losers: Ann Arbor's 2.2 percent; Romulus' and Dearborn's 2.5 percent.

Among big winners: Gwin's first year revenues rose 13.7 percent; Onaway's, 28.1 percent.

"It's put us all in the borrowing business," said Steve Ezikian, Redford Union's director of business and finance.

Gerald Dunn, MAISL's executive director, noted that Gov. John Engler boasts of cutting state taxes, "but those 21 tax cuts took away \$3.5 billion from the state's base."

The situation is worsened by growing numbers of "special education" pupils, who require \$24,000 a year to educate versus \$5,000 for others.

"Children who in the past wouldn't have lived, or would have been in institutions, are now in special education," said Patricia Brand, Wayne-Westland assistant superintendent.

It has worsened still more as former private schools, now doing business as "public school academies" with state money, compete for general students and shirk those in special education, Dunn said.

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By KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Your pets never question you. They don't talk too much and are always glad to see you.

Some will tell you sincerely they've preferred the company of a particular dog or cat to most people they've known. So when the pet dies, grief can be real.

Plymouth's First Presbyterian Church has been home for eight years to a pet loss support group, the first formed in Michigan.

"We started it just as a six-month pilot program, through the Southeast Michigan Veterinary Medicine Association," said Kathy Diehl, an Ann Arbor psychologist with a background in grief counseling who heads the group.

"I've been through pet loss myself. Just because you facilitate a group doesn't give you any edge," she said.

The group meets 7:30-9 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the church at Main and Church streets.

"People who are strongly attached to their pets have feelings of grief very similar to losing any family member," Diehl said. "Our society seems to always be in a hurry. We try to rush people through the grieving process."

"A lot of people feel it's just a dog, just a cat, you can get another one. But people don't say it's just a husband or just a wife - get another one. The intensity of grief seems to be correlated to the intensity of the relationship," she said. "Some people will say I didn't feel this bad when my brother died."

Four to eight people show up for each meeting. The group is free.

How do those attending help each other? "It's not a therapy group. It's a group that offers support and understanding, they'll say, 'I've felt that way

too, they will help each other,'" Diehl said.

"They will say this is the process I went through, and that they're not unusual or weird."

Diehl said it's typical for grieving pet owners to express guilt. "Sometimes accidents happen. They say I wonder if I had gotten a second opinion, or I wonder if I euthanized too soon. It seems to be a real relief for people to share those things," she said. "It's real relief to hear you did do a good job with the information you had."

Some people who come mourn birds or horses that have died, but most mourn dogs or cats. Diehl is the group facilitator, and she often has a local veterinarian on hand to answer medical questions.

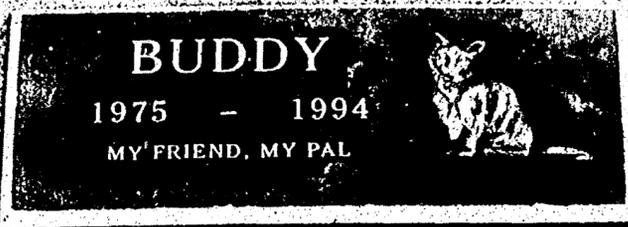
It's typical for those attending to do so for a few weeks. But Diehl said a few have attended for several months. "The people who tend to get a lot of benefit from the group live alone, or have children grown and out of the household," Diehl said.

"We tell them it's OK to grieve. Sometimes that's all they really need to hear. I tell them it is a legitimate sadness, pets fulfill a lot of roles in life - a family member, confidant, court jester. For some people the healing process is facilitated by talking about it."

"Everybody who comes to the group had a pet that was the most outstanding, smartest, most wonderful, most talented, everyone has some wonderful and memorable stories," Diehl said.

"One retired woman who came to the group for a while felt she owed her life to her dog. She was assaulted in her carport. The dog was in the house, and while she was being assaulted her dog was going crazy, the neighbors called the police," Diehl recalled. "She felt her life had been saved."

For more information on the group, call 397-1119.



A friend: Dealing with the death of a pet isn't easy. That's why an eight-year-old group was formed to deal with the loss of pets. The support group meets in the Plymouth First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

2 malls continue yule programs

Westland Center and Wonderland Malls are continuing their holiday events through Tuesday.

Both malls will have Santa photos available for the next six days.

Wonderland has scheduled the following events:

- Through Dec. 22 - Livonia Lamplighters annual Candy

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- Through Dec. 24 - Mall Greeters will be available at all major entrances noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday to answer questions;

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Angela Hospice is offering workshops

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The workshop is for ages 5-18 who are dealing with death. The

evening workshops will be guided by a specialized team including a psychologist, social worker, and nurse.

The workshops will be 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 14 to March 4.

Interested persons should sign up before Dec. 19 by calling 464-7810.

The workshop will be at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh north of Schoolcraft.

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For information call Leslie Feret at 464-7810.

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Deputies to reward courteous drivers

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW
STAFF WRITER

If an officer from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department pulls you over during the next week, you may receive an unexpected holiday gift instead of a ticket.

The department has brought back its "Courteous Driver Program," which rewards motorists who show extra respect for others on the road.

Here's how the program, which began in 1988, works: If an officer sees an especially courteous driver while on his or her regular patrol, then the officer pulls the motorist over like a usual traffic stop.

After obtaining the driver's license and registration, the officer goes back to the patrol car and returns with either a pair of tickets to a Detroit Vipers' hockey game or a \$10 gift certificate to Meijer.

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said the department started the program to reach out to the community and show drivers that their encounters with officers won't always be negative.

"Especially during the holiday season, we want to make sure people stay focused," he said. "There's a lot more drivers on the road."

Wayne County Officer Harold Stockton said he rewards drivers who have their children wearing safety belts, use their

traffic signal when it may not be necessary or show any form of extra respect for others.

"We try to give them to people who deserve it," he said. "Sometimes a person needs to know they're appreciated," said Stockton.

The program has helped boost relations between the department and the community, he said.

"These are the kind of tickets I like to give out," Stockton said.

During a patrol, Stockton noticed a driver who had signaled well and was driving the speed limit — so he flipped on his lights and pulled him over.

Stockton approached the vehicle, asked for the man's license and returned to his car.

"He still doesn't know why I pulled him over," Stockton said, laughing.

Stockton returned to the confused driver, explained why he pulled him over, handed him and a passenger two Vipers' tickets and exchanged a handshake with each man.

Tom Cunningham, the driver and a Trenton resident, said he thinks the program is a good idea, although he was at first puzzled why Stockton pulled him over.

"It's quite a surprise," he said. "We were trying to figure out what we did wrong and were coming up empty."

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This workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 in the

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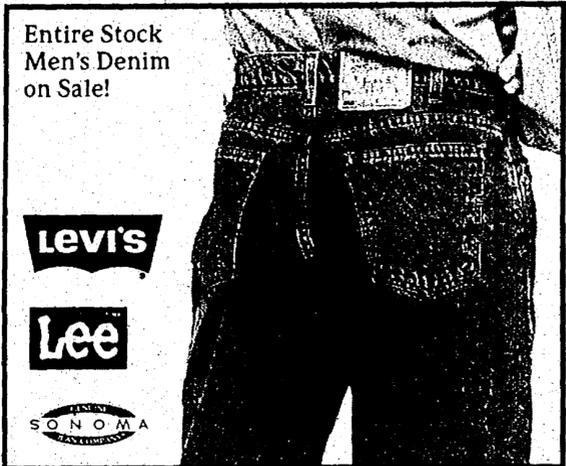
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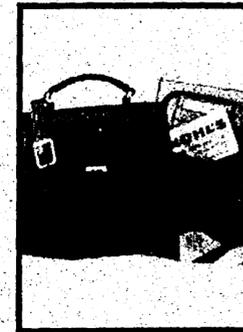
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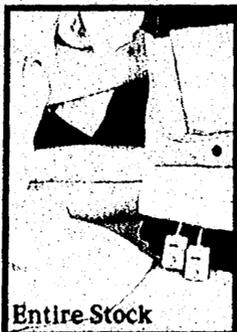
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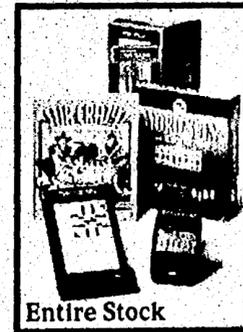
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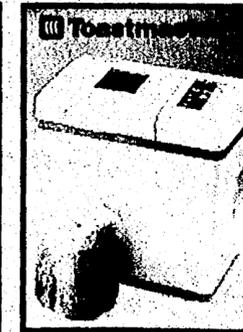
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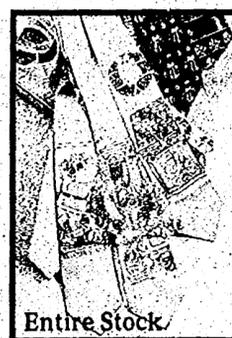
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Residents to serve on county EDC

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Two Northville residents were selected to the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation to help oversee the development of a county-owned 926-acre site in Northville Township.

On Dec. 5, Wayne County commissioners approved William James and George Zeleznik to the EDC to serve only with respect to that project's development.

The land will be transferred to the EDC for sale to developers. The site once housed the Wayne County Child Development Center and the Plymouth State Training School.

County commissioners also approved the boundaries of the project plan on Dec. 5 after a public hearing at which no one commented on the plan. The land is bounded by Five Mile Road, Six Mile Road, Beck Road and Hines Park.

James is the president of Bill James Plumbing and Heating of Madison Heights, a plumbing and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contracting company, with experience in institutional projects, construction, maintenance and repairs.

Zeleznik is a real estate specialist with Axiom Real Estate Management. He supervised the real estate department of a multi-billion dollar corporation, which included negotiation, acquisition, construction, leasing, maintenance and property disposition.

Zeleznik also managed a large real estate portfolio that included industrial and commercial property, and office and retail.

Today nearly 60 buildings sit empty at the site. The county solicited proposals this month to demolish the vacant buildings.

The commission's action followed the Northville Township Board of trustees conditional approval of Wayne County's Planned Unit Development (PUD) to house new development.

A PUD is a zoning classification that gives land owners/developers greater flexibility in terms of land use while providing the township a detailed role in the planning process. The land was zoned single-family residential.

The plans call for 308 acres of single-family detached residential development; 26 acres devoted to an adult-lifestyle community; 110 acres for Optical Imaging Systems, Inc., including the firm's existing 30-acre facility; 40 acres for apartments; 14 acres for commercial; 13 acres for senior housing; and 206 acres for a golf course. In addition, 45 acres will be devoted to recreation and open space for the township.

The land is the largest parcel of undeveloped property under single ownership in the county.

Northville attached several conditions to its approval. They are:

- The PUD must be consistent with the conceptual plan submitted by Wayne County, a PUD subcommittee report and a memo regarding sewage capacity.

- The proposal must be consistent with what the township board considers what is "mutually beneficial" for township and county residents.

- Wayne County will transfer ownership to the county's Economic Development Corporation except for property currently occupied by Optical Imaging Systems. Northville Township's attorney and corporation counsel must be satisfied with the transfer to EDC, according to the resolution. If the transfer is unsatisfactory, the township can abandon it.

- 45 acres of land will be conveyed to the township.

- the county also will return property tax revenue currently received by the township for property transferred to the EDC.

The county expects to use \$20 million in proceeds from the land sale for the new Lions Stadium downtown after deducting "net of any out-of-pocket costs of the county and payments made to the state," according to a recent memo of understanding approved by the commission's committee on economic development.

Proceeds are also earmarked for the county's 21st Century Fund, which is devoted to revitalizing communities.

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Three of the program courses are being offered in the winter 1997 term. Classes begin the week of Jan. 6.

Promotional Mix: Professional Selling will be offered on Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. from Jan. 9 through March 20. Promotional Mix: Theory and Practice of Teleselling, also on

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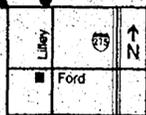


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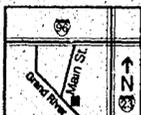


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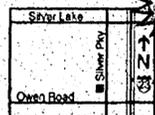
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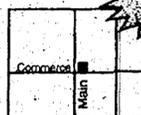
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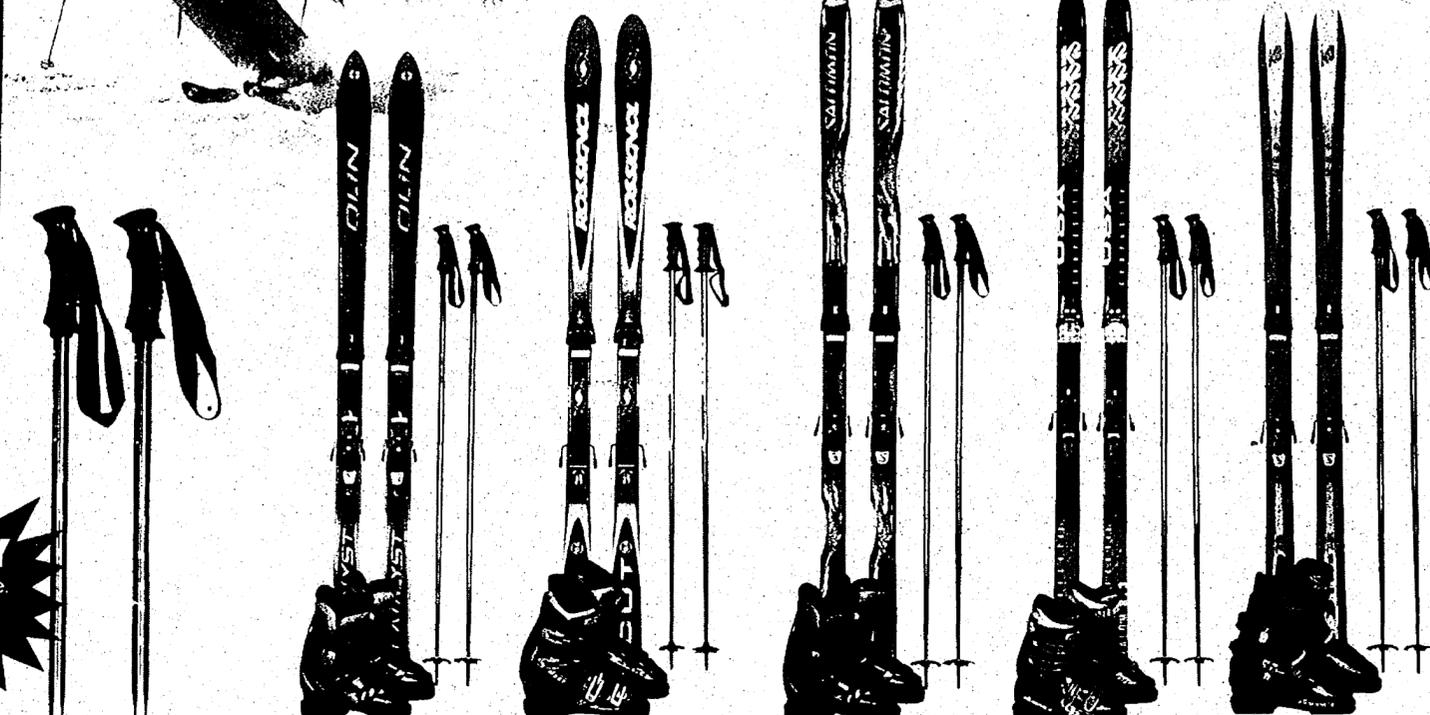
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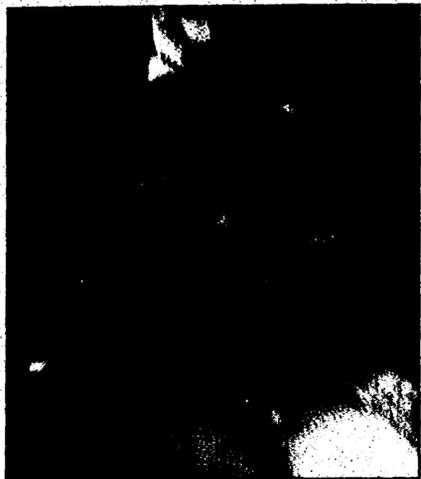
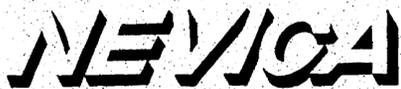
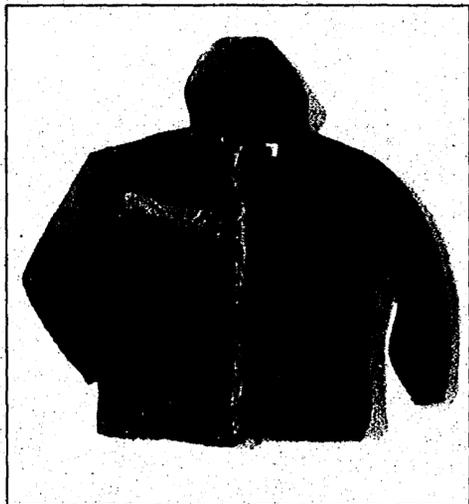
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Looking good

Improvements funded for Metroparks

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Nine million visitors will see big capital improvements at some of the newer Huron-Clinton Metroparks in 1997.

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority board gave 7-0 approval Dec. 12 to a \$42 million budget - same as the current year.

It will put a hefty \$10.9 million into capital, up 6 percent to 26 percent of the total.

Biggest project: The family aquatic center at Indian Springs Metropark in White Lake and Springfield townships in northwestern Oakland County. The multi-year, \$10 million project will consume \$3.2 million in 1997 alone.

Target opening date is May of 1999, said controller David L. Wahl. Work in 1998 will consist of completing the pool deck, shade structures, rock work, landscaping, irrigation, fencing, bridge work, and paving the road and parking lot.

"Once this project is under construction, the capital improvement area should return to a more normal level over the next few years," said Wahl's budget message.

Other 1997 capital projects:

- Lake Erie Metropark, at the mouth of the Huron River in southern Wayne County - \$500,000 for a shoreline trail and \$550,000 for marina dock utility renovations. The marina is proving one of the most popular facilities in the metropark system, said spokesman Dave Moilanen.

- Metro Beach on Lake St. Clair - \$1 million for a west boat launch. Environmental groups have fought the project, saying it will harm marshlands. Final approval is up to the Department of Natural Resources.

- Huron Meadows south of Brighton in Livingston County - \$200,000 for a share of Malby Lake Road costs.

- Kensington, oldest and most popular of the 13 metroparks on I-96 west of Milford - \$46,000 for a pesticide loading and storage

Target opening date is May of 1999, said controller David L. Wahl.

building.

- Stony Creek, north of Rochester - \$36,000 for a salt storage building.

Prices same

Vehicle admissions will remain unchanged in 1997: \$15 regular for the season, \$8 for seniors (62 or older), \$3 on weekends and holidays, \$2 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, free on Wednesdays.

Boat launching fees also will be unchanged: \$18 regular for the season, \$9 for seniors, \$4 on weekends and holidays, \$3 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, free on Wednesdays.

Corporate discounts of 20 percent are available for purchasing 50 or more. Passes for 1997 went on sale Dec. 1.

Most popular of the 13 parks, judging from anticipated operating revenue, are Kensington, \$2.2 million; Metro Beach, \$1.7 million; and Lake Erie, \$1.5 million.

They are followed by the three small parks northeast of Ann Arbor - Dexter, Delhi and Hudson Mills, at \$950,000; Willow and Oakwoods on the lower Huron River, \$932,500; Stony Creek, \$930,000.

Huron Meadows, with its golf course, will bring in \$864,000, followed by Indian Springs at \$816,000; Lower Huron, \$328,000; and Wolcott Mill in northern Macomb County, \$68,100.

A new director will take over Jan. 11 when William P. Sherman retires after 40 years with the system. Frank L. Sudek was promoted from deputy director.

Budget, jobs flat

Wahl said the 1997 operating budget will be almost identical to 1996's. Some \$21.2 million, about half the general fund budget, will come from a property tax rate of 0.2236 mills - about \$11 on a house worth \$102,000 on the market. Voters approved 0.25 mills in 1940, but it has been pared down by the state tax limitation amendment.

Property tax revenues will be up 5 percent - 2.8 percent due to inflation in assessments, 2.2 percent due to new construction, much of it in Livingston County.

Vehicle admissions and other operating revenues produce about one-fourth of all operating funds: \$10.3 million, up 3.5 percent.

Wahl said admission estimates are affected by weather and, in the case of Metro Beach, by 1994's pollution spills.

"Metro Beach should experience a 5 percent (\$70,000) growth in revenue as we move further away from 1994," he said. Lake Erie golf revenues grew at a solid 8 percent, but pool revenues there declined 6 percent in 1996.

Not shown in the general fund budget are about \$2 million from oil and gas royalties from Kensington Metropark. Segregated into a separate budget, they will be used for supplemental major maintenance items, notably Metro Beach's water system.

Employment will remain virtually flat: 187 full-time and 743 part-time or seasonal workers. Major operating cost hikes will be an expected 10 percent rate increase in health care and 12 percent more for pensions, Wahl said.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1996

Help needed Salvation Army seeks aid

Too many times, residents think of Christmas primarily as a season for buying gifts for family members, co-workers and close friends.

But the commercial aspect of the season isn't lost on the Westland Salvation Army staff and its growing number of volunteers.

The season means that people should help others in need.

That's the driving spirit behind the group formerly seven years ago with a new community service opened two years ago.

While the organization has performed many little and large personal miracles in the past seven holiday seasons, it still needs help from the rest of the community.

The Salvation Army ran into a road block last winter when it didn't have access to the Westland Center entrances.

Despite that hurdle, the group still managed to draw within \$4,000 of its goal last year.

This year, the Salvation Army hopes to raise \$100,000 this holiday season to ensure that 3,000 people will have something for Christmas.

As of Dec. 7, the organization had raised \$40,355, meaning that nearly \$60,000 still needs to be raised, according to Salvation Army Capt. Mark Welsh.

He pointed out that schools, businesses and community organizations can help with several programs: adopt-a-family; employee matching program; food and toy drive; adopt-a-kettle and advent offering.

Volunteers also can choose to ring bells at locations in Westland, Wayne and Romulus.

Donations may be sent to The Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy Road, Westland 48186.

In another Salvation Army announcement, officials noted that Toys R Us, 34800 Warren Road, is helping to ensure that children have a merrier Christmas by placing an "angel

tree" at the store.

Angel cards are placed on the tree noting children's ages and gift requests. Store customers buy the toys at the store and leave them under the tree. The Salvation Army will distribute the toys to children in need.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a tree may call 722-3660.

In yet another announcement, The Salvation Army is helping to serve senior citizens in several ways.

This Friday, it will host a Christmas party at Ryan's Steakhouse on Warren Road, east of Wayne, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a buffet lunch, gifts and a program for 120 seniors.

Throughout the month, volunteers will visit local nursing homes in Westland and Wayne to give residents a holiday gift.

Two businesses have come to the organization's help in recent weeks to help bring the holiday spirit to needy families, especially children.

One is Fantastic Sam's styling salons which are sponsoring a raffle to help the Salvation Army.

The big prize is the hard-to-find Tickle Me Elmo doll. Raffle tickets are available at the three local salons: Warren Road at Venoy; on Wayne Road north of Cherry Hill and the corner of Wayne Road and Glenwood.

Westland Center is cooperating in the "Share the Warmth" program which provides a new cotton blanket to a family in the name of mall shoppers who buy \$150 or more from its businesses.

Salvation Army officials are seeking "partners" to help. Interested persons may call 722-3660 or fax the organization at 722-5115.

The Observer, the Salvation Army and hundreds of needy families hope you will respond.

Miracles always in season

Anyone who believes in Christmas is a person of faith who believes in miracles.

After all, it takes a tremendous amount of faith to believe that a very old woman, Elizabeth, would give birth to a baby. And it takes far more faith than that to believe in the miracle of Immaculate Conception. A baby, born of a virgin conceived by the Holy Spirit?

While these miracles seem far-fetched to non-believers, are they any more hard to grasp than the collapse of the Berlin Wall, the end of the Cold War, or peace in the Middle East? Before any of these miraculous-type historical events occurred, most rational people would have answered "impossible" when asked about the likelihood of occurrence.

It is much easier now to believe in the Immaculate Conception and end of the Cold War. After the fact, miracles such as these are easier to believe in once they are recorded. But faith also allows us to believe in miracles before they happen.

A woman of faith once prayed for the type of faith that would allow her to step into the waters before the Red Sea parts. A greater faith is required to act as if a miracle will occur before it does. But Christian faith allows for this kind of faith.

So people of faith who can believe in miracles can also believe in future miracles. And just as one woman can step into the waters of

the Red Sea before it parts, so can all of us order our actions as if a future miracle will happen.

Can we believe, for instance, the day will arrive in America that racism no longer exists? If we can, then our words and actions today should reflect that future miracle. We will step into the waters in 1997.

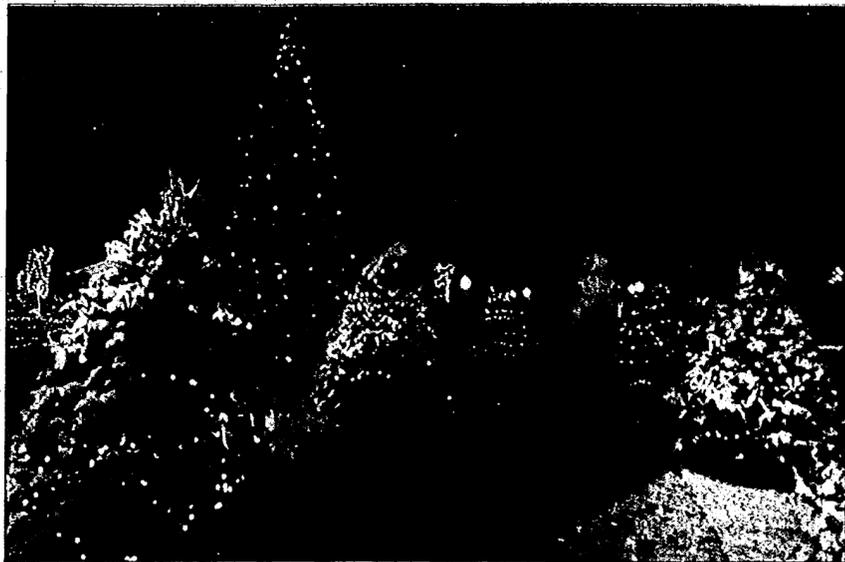
Can we believe that poverty will be abolished and we no longer will have malnourished babies, the homeless, or the unemployed? Would our steps today be guided more by compassion than by despair?

The skeptics among us will, of course, argue that an end to poverty or racism will never happen. But skeptics don't believe in miracles. And they didn't believe the Berlin Wall would fall or the Cold War melt. The skeptics were wrong.

What we believe in has the possibility of happening. What we believe is impossible will never occur. Will God produce a miracle if not a single person ever prays for it or if no one believes He can?

The faith and miracles of Christmas are for many of us a reminder that we are not trapped in our present condition. We can escape by living our lives with expectations of improvement, and by doing what we do best. That's what the carpenter did.

Lighting up the season



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Holiday hope: A grouping of community-sponsored trees lights up downtown Plymouth during the holiday season, offering a message of seasonal greeting.

LETTERS

Raises criticized

What are the real costs of the recent salary increases?

The elected officials in the city of Westland do not know the meaning of savings or cost-cutting measures. As a former city council member who served 12 years, I was shocked at the approval of the appointed officials' salary and benefit package which somehow also included additional compensation for the mayor.

At the Nov. 19 meeting, the council approved the mayor's recommended pay raises and increased retirement benefits for 21 employees all of whom are appointed by the mayor. I commend Councilman Glenn Anderson for his stance on this issue and his "no" vote.

This pay plan has ramifications that taxpayers have no knowledge of and no attempt was made to explain it to us. The raises in salaries over a two-year period for 21 employees will be \$230,789 (Observer, Nov. 21). That's an average increase of \$10,989 per person over two years or \$5,494 per year. The actual salary increase will range from \$3,500 to \$8,031 per year. It will take the general operating millage collected on 675 homes valued at \$100,000 to pay for these increases in salary alone.

In addition to this there was also an increase of the pension factor for the appointed officials, city council and the mayor. An employee at the top level salary of \$70,383 who retires with 25 years of service will receive a pension of \$51,018 per year for rest of his or her life. At the lower level of \$57,011 salary and 25 years service, that pension would be \$41,657 per year for life. Both of these examples would also receive full paid medical and life insurance benefits for life.

With the adoption of this pay plan all city officials whether elected or appointed have quietly lined their own pockets. For instance, with Council member Trav Griffin (a former mayor) voting for this increase he will see his own pension increase from approximately \$31,500 per year to \$35,280 per year. Not bad for only four (4) full-time years with the city.

Mayor Robert Thomas will receive a pension increase of 8.1 percent per year. With 27 years of service he can retire with approximately \$62,055 per year, an increase of over \$6,600 per year all by the council's action. The council also included Mayor Thomas to receive longevity pay of \$100 per year of service.

Never in the 30-plus years of Westland being a city has an elected official received this benefit. By the way, this \$2,700 longevity pay also becomes part of his pension and will be over \$2,000 per year.

This is what we the taxpayers will be paying for with this new pay plan, today, tomorrow, next year and for many years after these elected and appointed officials are gone.

When you compare this pay plan to other government agencies and the private sector you discover how far out of line this really is.

State of Michigan employees received 2 percent per year, Wayne County 3 to 3 1/2 percent per year, auto workers 3 percent per year and the state compensation commission just recommended 2 1/2 percent increases for the state's elected officials.

The mayor and council have vastly exceeded what's going on in the real world. They have forgotten that the median income of this city is around \$32,000 per household and the average worker retires with a minimum of 25 years service on a pension from \$18,000 to \$25,000 per year.

Instead of going on television with set-up questions at meetings and fireside chats and painting a very rosy picture of Westland, why not tell the true financial picture of Westland? It's not as rosy as it's made out to be. The city's own financial consultants are indicating a rocky financial road ahead. The mayor and city council should be financially responsible to the citizens, something they have failed to do for the past few years.

Kenneth Mehl

Bennett praised

I commend state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, for requesting an audit of the Wayne County Road Department.

I have watched our roads deteriorate while the road department rakes in \$55 million of our tax dollars each year.

It wasn't making any sense to me, but now that Wayne County officials are sitting on the books, it's becoming very clear.

I hope Bennett's persistence can outlast their small tactics. Although the longer they stall, the better the story will be!

Ida Shelly

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Have you finished your Christmas shopping?

We asked this question at an area post office.



"Yes, I think so."
Lorraine Mulder



"Yes, I'm positive, yes. I don't have to worry about things not being in the stores."
Keith Pappette



"Well, yes and no. Some gifts will be for after the holidays."
Kris Kitanovski



"Yup. It was an easy year. I started the end of last Christmas. Most of it last summer."
Lawrence Rocheleau

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POINTS OF VIEW

Here comes Santa, in maroon, ivory

Twas the month before Christmas, and stretched through the mall, the line to see Santa had slowed to a crawl. The kids all rehearsed with reverent glee, the lists they'd present when perched on his knee. The parents were stuck in the lengthening queue with their fists full of Visas and MasterCard, too. Store owners feared that profits would drop unless all the parents could be set free to shop. So, out at a mall that they call "the Collection,"

they've taken Kriss Kringle in a whole new direction. The plan they've devised makes me feel sick; you need an appointment to visit Saint Nick. If that's not enough to bring hoots and hollers, the cost of his palace tops one million dollars. His elves are replaced with Ladies and Lords - I think that these yuppies are out of their gourds. In a maroon velvet suit with ivory fur trim, this upscale Santa looks rich, tan and slim. Now the reindeer and sleigh make his image seem shoddy,



GARY BELANGER

so he'll spend Christmas Eve in his new Maserati. As he streaks down the street, flinging toys as he does, he'll sneer at the poor folks as he looks down his nose. You'll hear him exclaim as he blows by in a flash "Merry Christmas for sale;

we take checks, charge or cash." With all due respect to Clement Moore, I offer this variation on his classic Christmas poem as my commentary on Jolly Old St. Nick's latest makeover. It seems, at least in the eyes of some local merchants, that the old dude needed to be a '90s kind of guy, so they fixed him up with some new duds and a Day Planner. Now, instead of kids waiting in line in breathless anticipation to see Santa, they can fit him in between the soccer practices, ballet rehearsals and trips to the therapist. I'm uneasy about where this could lead. Will kids forego the personal visits and just have the nanny E-mail their lists and letters over to some virtual reality Cyber-Claus? Will

adults start making reservations for "Cappuccino with Kringle"? How long will it be before Santa sells of the place at the North Pole in favor of a condo in Boca Raton? I'd like to ask Santa himself, but his answering service tells me he's booked solid through the end of the year. I'll admit I am probably bugged by this much more than I should be, but these people are messing with one of our greatest holiday traditions. Santa represents hope for us all; he is an icon of democracy and equality. More than a giver of gifts, Santa stands as a symbol of faith and belief. And, lately, it seems, that stuff is harder to find than a Tickle-Me-Elmo. Gary Belanger is a Redford Township resident and a real estate broker.

When did materialism replace spiritualism?

Cheers to all! This is the time of year I enjoy digging in my heels to withstand the jolly onslaught of merchandising and revive the simplest joys. As a churchgoing child I found myself wrestling with principles and practices often blurred by overzealous materialism. I understood that Christmas celebrated the birth of Jesus and that we were guests, so to speak, in rejoicing. When did the gifts of gold, frankincense of myrrh for the child turn into gold, appliances and fur for us? Santa represented kindness, decency and generosity of common folk for one another, not a salesman taking an order for mere things. Then again, Santa was also a rather mystic and supernatural figure who tended to provoke the imagination, so it is that I remember being carried back to bed after falling asleep while watching for our chubby chum at the front window of our tenement. I hardly expected that Santa

would be slamming his sleigh down on the snowy roofs of any triple-deckers, and if he did I would have to contend with the gruesome problem of our mantelpiece without a fireplace. What good would cookies and milk do? I could only imagine some horror like the poor sealed-up soul in Poe's "Cask of Amontillado." In fact, when it came down to having the gall to ask for something, there was nothing I wanted less than to be made to sit on the lap of some fire-breathing grimy dime store Santa. I'm sure I was not the only child who feared losing their grip on whatever shreds of dignity spirituality still held for them to tantalizing toy technology. I felt it was a given that as children we might receive what we needed and only prayed it would not be too ugly. Socks and underwear with working elastic would be a thrill, and a pretty hair ribbon was a delight.



DOROTHY MATSU

Then you prayed no one would light up a stogie and cause an explosion when the air was full of chintzy colognes and were grateful for a leathery wing off that turkey. As one got older, the downside of gift giving became quickly apparent. I recall one Christmas when my younger sister should have made the transition from childish brilliance to creative youngster, but somehow fell prey to a plague of rather elderly matching hats and scarves that would've made the Magi roll their eyes.

Dark clouds of the biblical sort scudded across the skies as she rocketed with great wailing and gnashing of teeth from the room of astonished rabble rousers who foolishly thought she was too young to know when she was getting the shaft. Needless to say, the following Christmas would bear gifts more befitting of her artistic temperament. As a young adult it often seemed wishes became demands and faith was saddled with expectations. Suddenly tokens of affection were the wrong size, color, make and model. Receipts were shamelessly expected and personal efforts were reduced to cash returns. I came to admire cultures where one traditionally opened gifts in private for fear the giver would detect even the slightest hint of disappointment, thus offending them. Christmas is often a guilt trip without end for folks with children and I wonder what is left to give in a society

where competitive parenting encourages not only seeing that your kids have every single thing necessary to fit in with others, but if there is anyway to one-up the rest it shall be done. When I see a child tooling about the block in a fabulous, motorized reproduction of some spiffy vehicle with a weary and somewhat deprived looking parent in its wake, I can't help but wonder what pleasant perspectives they might share in the future. As adults we are repeatedly treated to the desperate anthem "I gave that kid everything" from parents with kids who could care less. It seems increasingly crucial that we keep in mind the babe in the manger, to give what we can when we can with no expectations other than what should be our greatest hope - Peace on Earth. Dorothy Matsu is a Plymouth resident and a frequent guest columnist.

Thanks, state school board, for creating column fodder

Tis the season for giving and receiving. And, as someone who depends on the passage of events to fuel this periodic column, I would not want this holiday season to pass without expressing my thanks to the State Board of Education and its ideological majority. Seldom does a slow news week pass without a gift of a noteworthy event being brightly wrapped and brought forth by the State Board. As evidence, I offer last week's discussion - at a cost to the public of \$150,000 - by the board to "develop a market-based model on schooling for the State of Michigan." Authored by William B. Allen, a political scientist who is dean of James Madison College at Michigan State University, and Eugenia Toma, an economist at the University of Kentucky, the report bears an uncanny resemblance to a plan floated by board President Clark Durant in mid-1995: Schools should be organized entirely by market forces. Government's role in schools should be restructured from "providing the mechanisms of education to providing the funds to sustain consumer choice." That is, government should not operate K-12 schools, but only finance them with per-pupil grants, which would currently amount to \$5,600 or more. Ownership of the schools would be transferred from government to "all residents of the state of Michigan," with one share in each school in a district given to each resident, with shares also given to teachers and administrators. Shares could be publicly traded. Governance of schools would be determined by the owners of each school. A majority ("a true majority, not a plurality," the report insists) of shareholders could turn out elected school boards and replace them by a new board, "determined solely by the shareholders of that school." Experience suggests that ideologically-driven institutions - Maoist China, Stalinist Russia, the market-infatuated State Board of Education - tend at the end of their days to become more and more ideological and less and less in touch with reality. I suppose it does some slight historic violence to the Great Cultural Revolution and the Gulag to compare them with "A New Framework for Public Education in Michigan," but on reflection the comparison seems apt. For years, Durant and his buddies have set forth to anybody who would listen the assertion public schools are bad because they are a government-created monopoly, for which the only remedy is a big dose of market-based competition. This analysis may or may not be on point,



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but when they pay \$150,000 of taxpayer money for a report that blithely confuses private ownership (of school shares) with public stewardship (of schools, for the benefit of all children), they are committing what amounts to business fraud. Of course, it's fun to try to see what happens if you extend a suggestive analogy to a new and different field, as this report does. But to confuse verbal funning with actual policy formulation is merely embarrassing. A statement by Wendy Wagenheim, a Birmingham resident representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, pointed out that Allen and Toma had a "pre-determined conclusion" and a "blind faith" that market-driven schools had some "magic" to educate kids better than government-run schools. She's got it right. Consider those countries with the best school systems, as determined by recent international testing. Singapore, Japan, France, Germany all are outstanding, and all feature schools that are run (and, sorry, owned) by national ministries of education, driven by national curriculum and examination standards and not in the slightest subject to the forces of the free market. We may not want to adopt wholesale the educational systems of any of these countries. But taken together, their overall quality offers conclusive evidence that "free-market forces" alone have relatively little to do with school quality, other than providing a sounding board for ideological infatuation. During his tenure as president of the State Board of Education, Clark Durant has saved my butt on many a slow news day. I should be sorry his right-wing majority on the board will end in January. But, believe me, I'm not that silly. Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

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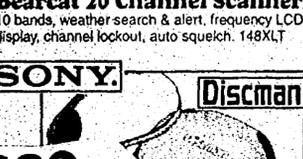


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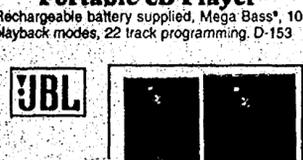


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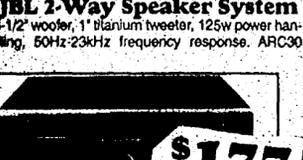
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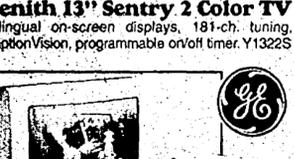
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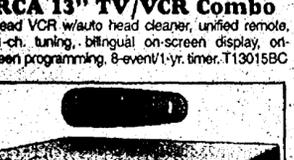
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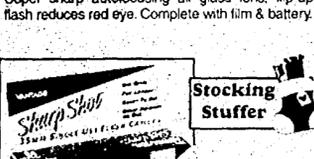
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KAREN MEIER

Doing things that'll matter

A reader recently wrote and said that while she was shopping in Minnesota's Mall of America, she spotted a poster in a little shop which said something like: "One hundred years from now, very little of all you do will really matter ... except for the time you've spent with children."

The reader, a retired teacher and grandmother, believed these words had quite a bit of truth to them. For her, the words on that poster were more like fact; for me, they're still theory. I hope (I pray) that the words'll ring true, like the poster said, in 100 years, in 2096. I hope that.

But to KNOW that, it'd have to be a lot closer to 2096 than it is today. In the meantime, I can only do what I THINK is right. "Thinking" is a process, ongoing. "Knowing" is at the end of that process. So right now, I can only "think" that what I'm doing for and with my children is OK. I'm working on the knowing part.

Now I "think," I don't "know" this, but I think time spent with children is time well-spent. There may not be a ton of thank you's in this

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Oh, say have you heard ...



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See and say: A story from Linda Day is an experience for the senses. With gestures, facial expressions and tonal inflections, she entertains her audience with the Japanese folktale, "The Snow Maiden."

Tales to warm holiday spirit



■ The moaning of the wind could be heard in her voice, so could the know-it-allness of a youngster. And so it should be, since Linda Day has made a name for herself as a storyteller.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

When Linda Day speaks, people listen. They listen, hanging on her every word, and they watch. Her words and her gestures tell a story and with good reason.

The Livonia resident is an experienced storyteller.

Listeners shiver as she speaks about the terrible winter storm that trapped two wood cutters in a cabin in her version of Rafe Martin's adaptation of the Japanese folk tale, "The Snow Maiden."

They chuckle at the young child who points out to the wood carver

that the figures in the family's original nativity set had more personality than what he was carving in her presentation of Susan Wojciechowski's "The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomy."

The guest for the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center holiday luncheon, Day captivated her audience with her mastery of the spoken word.

Jonathan Toomy was "always gloomy and griped about everything," and that description that earned him the moniker of Mr. Gloomy, Day told the audience. A wood carver, "some say the best in

the valley," he had the appearance of an old man.

"His shoulders bent over like he was carrying the weight of the world," she said. "You couldn't see his blue eyes or his dimpled chin which was covered by a scraggly beard."

Jonathan hadn't always gloomy. He once had been full of life and love, but an illness came to his village and claimed his wife and baby.

"He loaded anything of value into a cart and walked until the tears stopped flowing," Day said somberly.

One December evening, there came a knock at the door. It was the Widow McDowell and her son, Thomas. Her grandfather had carved a set of Christmas figurines when she was a child and they had become lost during her move to the village.

Jonathan agreed to make a new

set of figurines, telling the widow they "will be ready when they're ready."

"I'd like them by Christmas; we've never had Christmas without them," said Day, taking on the gentle voice of the widow.

A few days later, there was a knock at the door. It was the Widow McDowell and Thomas who stopped by to see if Thomas could sit and watch Jonathan carve. Thomas, it seems, wanted to be a wood carver.

"I'll be quiet," said Day, conjuring up the voice of young Thomas.

His mother sat in a chair by the fire and soon began humming a song of the season while Thomas watched Jonathan work. It soon became apparent what he was carving.

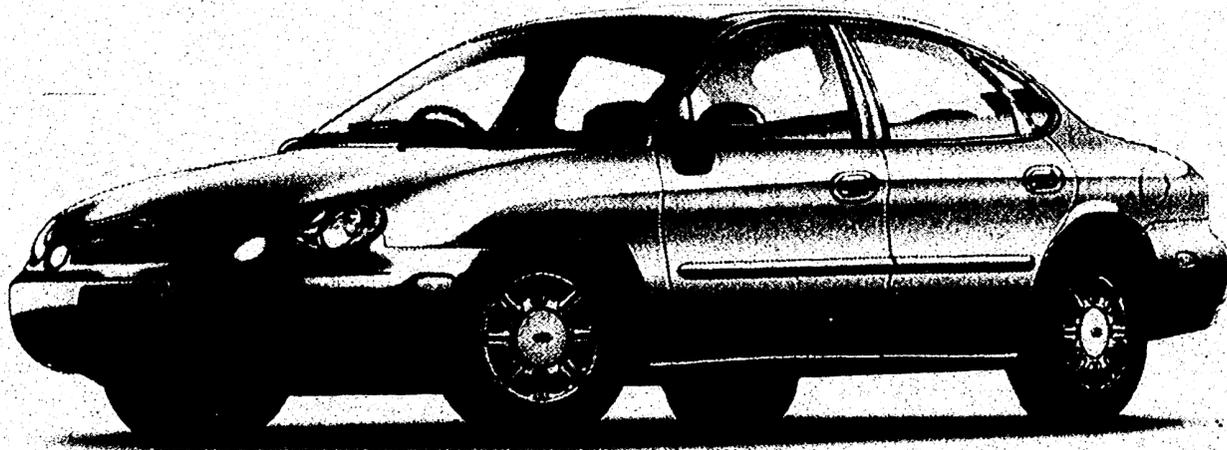
"Are those my sheep?" Thomas asked. "You're not carving them."

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right," Day said in a child's voice. "All my sheep had curly wool coats and smiles on their faces because they knew they were going to be with the baby Jesus."

The Widow and McDowell and Thomas would visit Jonathan every few days, bringing some food with them. Thomas would watch Jonathan carve, each time asking if that was a piece of his set and pointing out how they should look.

The cow "had a proud look on his face, because the baby Jesus chose his barnyard to be born in," and the angel "should have an important look because it got to tell everyone about the baby Jesus," Thomas would tell Jonathan.

Each time after they left, Jonathan would carve late into the night until his eyes drew shut.

On one visit Thomas asked: "Is it time for me to learn? I will be very careful. I will only do what you show me."

Jonathan drew the shape a robin on a block of wood and Thomas set about carving.

"His little tongue stuck out and went back and forth, back and forth, with every click of the knife," Day said.

Again the family visited the wood carver, and not waiting for Thomas to speak up, Jonathan asked: "Before I begin, just tell me what I'm doing wrong."

"Joseph should have a caring look and the Wise Men have beautiful clothes," Thomas said. "They wore their very best clothes because they knew they were meeting the baby Jesus."

They came again, bringing gifts for the wood carver, and again Thomas expounded on how his figures should look.

"The baby Jesus lays in the crib with hands reaching out for his mother, he loves his mother very much," Thomas said. "He's the baby Jesus, you know."

After the family left, Jonathan drew sketch after sketch. Then he went to the chest where he

'The baby Jesus lays in the crib with hands reaching out for his mother, he loves his mother very much,' Thomas said. 'He's the baby Jesus, you know.'

took out a charcoal sketch of a woman with a baby reaching up.

"And the tears flowed," Day said. "Then he took it to his work bench and carved and carved."

The next day there was a knock at the widow's door, there stood Jonathan Toomy with a box full of the figurines. There were "curly sheep, a proud cow, a very important angel, three Wise Men with robes of fur, each one different, Joseph with a protective look and the baby Jesus and his mother," Day said.

"That day he went to Christmas service with the Widow McDowell and Thomas," Day said. "As he walked across the square, he threw his hat into the air and laughed. When he did, he tipped his head back and you

could see his blue eyes. They were as clear as an August day.

"And from that day on, he wasn't called Mr. Gloomy anymore."

In "The Snow Maiden," a poor wood carver encounters the Snow Maiden after being caught in the forest during terrible winter storm. Huddled in a fisherman's cabin, he watched as the maiden breathed the life out of his elderly companion.

"She leaned over the old man and smiled; she looked at him and breathed on him," Day said. "She circled around his body and breathed and breathed until he was dead. The young wood cutter knew what would happen to him, so he closed his eyes and a tear rolled down his cheek."

Turning to the young man, she realized he was alive and had seen what she had done.

"You are alive, you are young and handsome," Day intoned, her voice conveying both the young woman's beauty and chilling effect on people. "I will let you live, but you must never tell anyone or I will come and do the same to you."

The wood cutter recovered from his encounter with the Snow Maiden and met a young woman who ventured into the forest on her way to her uncle's house. Cautioned her not to travel there after dark, she stayed with him and his mother.

"It was like someone he had meet before," Day said. "They talked all night long, they talked all day long. She stayed and they feel in love."

They married and had children. The children grew up, the wood cutter and his mother aged, but his wife retained her beauty; she looked the same as the day they met.

"There, for a moment, your face reminded me of someone I met long ago," the wood cutter told his wife one evening. "It is as if I have seen you long ago."

The wife begged her husband to tell her about the woman and he did. He told her of the maiden and how she had breathed on the old man until he was dead.

"The wife turned to him; I told you never to tell anyone and you told me," Day said. "Now I must do what I should have done years ago in the forest." Just then the children cried. "Because of the children I will let you live. If you harm a hair on their head, I will do what I should have done long ago."

Then the Snow Maiden floated out the door never to be seen again. The wood cutter lived out his days and died peacefully.

"So, when you hear the moan of the wind in the trees, remember the Snow Maiden," Day said.

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endeavor, or a ton of money, or a ton of instant self-fulfillment and self-actualization, or a ton of approval by the general public, but when all is said and done and the time draws near, though your pockets may be empty, and your hair gray, wealth and beauty abide. There'll probably be no tangible, easily substantiated evidence of this wealth and beauty, but inside it'll be there.

At least, that's what I THINK. And I "think" time spent with children, doing for them, helping them along their way until they are, indeed, on their way, and to give not just things to those who count on you, but yourself ... that can't be for nothing.

One hundred years hence, I hope that time spent will have mattered in a solid, even if unnoticed, sort of way.

Giving of myself and my time to my children, I think, is like an I-beam in the basement of a house. Nobody sees the I-beam much, nobody stands in awe of an I-beam, I doubt that the iron ore in the ground aspires to be

an I-beam in a house, but if the I-beam isn't there, the house might be wobbly and the floor might cave in.

The unglamorous I-beam can't be dismissed because of its lack of glamour, it helps hold the structure up. Yes, it's tucked away in the basement, the I-beam is out of sight, but it's not out of style.

And when I hear in church on these Sunday mornings of Advent, of those miraculous events far away and long ago with the giving of gifts and giving of self and giving of time to a child, it makes my thoughts on the subject become even clearer.

So here in the late 20th century what kind of time is good time? How much of it is enough?

I think about this. And I haven't yet figured out where to find the answer, who it is that can tell me once and for all how much time should be spent and what it should be spent on.

So in the absence of the "answer," I figure I'd better do what is right in my heart and

keep my eyes open as I journey along.

And when I goof, not IF I goof, but WHEN, I just hope I have my eyes open enough to see the goof and then do something to make it right.

I worry about giving of myself equally and sufficiently to my five children. I don't want any of them to feel shortchanged or to actually be shortchanged.

That's what I don't want. Do I actually get that? Sometimes. Just sometimes. That's not good

enough. At least that's how I'm thinking right now.

My children need more. I don't know how to provide more time with each one of the five. It's a dilemma. I just wish there were some way to add hours on to the already 24 assigned to a day.

From 12-year-old Tony to 10-month-old Steven, each of my children believes his or her middle name is "JustAMinute." As in, "Joe, JustAMinute, I'm feeding the baby."

I wish I had more time to

make up for all those "JustAMinutes." Who do I call to get extensions on days - 28 hours instead of 24, maybe 30? I bet it would help, a little. Maybe.

Anyway. Spending time with the children. Giving of yourself to the children. These things must have worth. These things seemed to have worth 2000 years ago. I hope they still do now. And 100 years from now.

So with that, I wish a Merry Christmas to you all. And may the gift of time be one that is

opened in your home on Christmas Day and be given again and again long after.

Here's to children, here's to time, here's to 2096 - when I think it will all still matter a lot!

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or reach her at her E-mail address: FamilyRoom@worldnet.att.net.

How to succeed at quitting smoking

If you are a smoker, how about making this the year you quit?

One-third of American women continue to smoke despite the well-publicized hazards. Women who smoke cut their life short by 10 years and are twice as prone to heart disease and cervical cancer and 12 times as prone to lung cancer, as women who don't

smoke. They also have higher risks of infertility and osteoporosis.

Women smokers may be addicted to nicotine or fear they'll gain weight, if they quit. Although it's not easy, it is possible to break free of smoking and regain heart and lung power and reduce life-shortening risks to

nearly that of nonsmokers - without increasing dress sizes.

It often takes more than one try and several methods to become a successful ex-smoker. Here are some tips:

- Enlist support. Your physician can advise you on techniques that may help control weight gain and withdrawal symptoms, such as biofeedback, hypnosis, nicotine chewing gum or skin patches. Or contact a support group through the local chapters of the American Lung Association or American Cancer Society.

- Try several techniques. If quitting cold turkey seems too drastic, try approaching a target "quit" date gradually. Over time, smoke fewer cigarettes and less of each one, delay lighting the cigarette by an hour, and so on.
- Use distraction tactics. Resist urges to smoke by putting something in your mouth, such as sugarless gum, keeping your hands busy, exercising or taking

several slow deep breaths. Urges often pass in five minutes.

- Avoid reminders. On your quit date, remove ashtrays and lighters, clean your clothes to destroy the cigarette smell, and spend time in smoke-free places, such as a movie theater or a library.

- Move your body. On average, most women gain five pounds after quitting, but the weight usually disappears after the first year. Even before you quit, it helps to do aerobic exercises, such as brisk walking. These activities burn fat, control hunger and ease withdrawal symptoms like irritability that often occur in the first two weeks after quitting.

- Eat sensibly. Eat the right amounts of protein, carbohydrates and fat, drink a glass of water before each meal, and snack on fruits and vegetables or other low-fat, low-calorie foods.

And make this the best New Year's resolution you ever kept.

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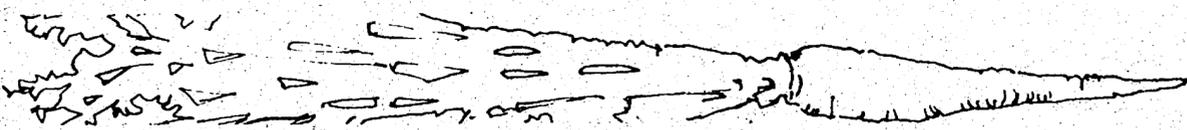
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Shaw-Hegazi

Lila Hegazi and Arthur Shaw were married Aug. 18 at Pine-Trace Golf Club in Rochester. The bride is the daughter of Selma Hegazi of Plymouth and the late Yousef Hegazi. The groom is the son of Lottie Shaw of Rochester and the late Arthur Shaw.

The bride is a sales executive with American Medical Systems. The groom is owner of A.F. Shaw and Associates Realtors in Bloomfield Hills.

A December honeymoon is planned for the French Polynesian Islands. They now reside in their new home in Commerce Lake Township.



Kirn-Petrangel

Gina Kay Petrangel and Richard Anthony Kirn were married on Oct. 5 at the First United Methodist Church in Farmington. The Rev. Wayne Large officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Leo and Madge Petrangel of Allen Park. The groom is the son of Mary Kirn of Garden City and the late Robert Kirn.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Allen Park High School and a 1993 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. She is employed as a social worker by the State of Michigan.

The groom is a 1982 graduate of Garden City West High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1986 to 1990 and received his master of science degree in manufacturing technology from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a product engineer by the Ford Motor Co.

The bride asked Karen Petrangel to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Rachel Morrison, Lariann Kirn and Denise Hionis. Junior brides-



maids were Jennifer Kirn and Amanda Fannin. Kelsie Neumann was the flower girl.

The groom asked Robert Kirn to serve as best man with groomsmen Nick Butkevich, Bill Cynecki and John Yelinek. Junior groomsmen were Robby Kirn. Ushers were Robert Petrangel and Steve Pliska.

The couple received guests at St. Clement Hall in Dearborn before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Jamaica. They are making their home in Garden City.

Liptow-Schuette

Robert and Donna Holyeros of Livonia and Donald Liptow of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy M., to Dean J. Schuette Jr., the son of Dean Sr. and Esther Schuette of Horton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Western Michigan University where she received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. She is employed by Jackson County.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Western Michigan University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He is employed by the city of Jackson.

An August wedding is planned for St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church in Jackson.



Foppe-Stroup

Roger and Margaret Foppe of Brees, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Marie, to Craig Gerald Stroup, the son of Gerald and Valerie Stroup of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Mater Dei High School in Brees and a 1993 graduate of Parks College of St. Louis University with a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering. She is employed as an aircraft integration engineer at McDonnell Douglas Aerospace in St. Louis, Mo.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill and a 1993 graduate of Parker College of St. Louis University with a bachelor of science degree in aviation science/professional pilot. He is employed as a flight support



specialist at McDonnell Douglas Aerospace in St. Louis, and as a multi-engine, instrument-certified flight instructor.

A June wedding is planned for St. Augustine Catholic Church in Brees.

Paxson-Rutherford

Susan Rutherford and Scott Paxson were married Aug. 10 at Parkway Heights Free Methodist Church in Redford. Pastor Donald Stanton officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Linda Rutherford, and the groom is the son of Al and Judy Paxson of Canton.

The bride asked Erin Rutherford to serve as matron of honor. Amy Newton was flower girl.

The groom asked Garrett Biesiadecki to serve as best man, with ushers Scott Rutherford and Spencer Rutherford. Cody Rutherford was ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at Metro Hall in Red-



ford before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. They are making their home in Plymouth.

Williams-Fritz

Jennifer Fritz and Patrick Williams were married Sept. 28 at Holy Name Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio. The Rev. John Dalton officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Diane Fritz of Maple Heights, Ohio. The groom is the son of Harry and Arlene Williams of Hubbard Lake, Mich.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Maple Heights High School and a 1993 graduate of Ohio University. She is employed by Cooker Restaurant Corp.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is employed as a general manager by Cooker Restaurant Corp.

The bride asked Crystal Hayduk to serve as maid of honor with attendants Kristen Fritz, Margaret Fritz, Karen Fritz, Jackie Williams, Kathleen Blasko, Antonette Toth, Michele Brodecki, Laura Yule and Jennifer O'Malley.



The groom asked Dan Williams to serve as best man with groomsmen Brian Fritz, Bevan Flavin, Tim Fritz, Steven Bixby, Mark Decker, David DeMarco, Rich Moore, Rob Bixby and Michael O'Malley.

The couple received guests at the Tanglewood Country Club in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Aruba. They are making their home in Rocky River, Ohio.

Szymula-Hunt

Amanda Pauline Szymula and Louis Andrew Hunt were married Nov. 2 at Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia. Pastor Don Lintelman and Rev. Neil Emon officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Karen Szymula of Livonia. The groom is the son of Lou and Mary Hunt of Grandville.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University.

The bride asked Lynne Brach to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Lisa Sawers, Tracey Hoeffcker, Carrie Hoeffcker, Helene Darga and Laura Hunt. Jennifer Kufel served as junior bridesmaid.

The groom asked James Collins to serve as best man with



groomsmen Dave Wong, Tom DeGiacomo, Ron Szymula, Jeremy Burek and Jeff Gregus.

The couple received guests at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Aruba and San Juan, Puerto Rico. They are making their home in Grandville.

Tarditi-Mailley

Carlo and Josephine Tarditi of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann, to Timothy Mailley, the son of John and Carole Mailley of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently pursuing a master's degree at Walsh College. She is employed as a sales coordinator with Americorp Financial, Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and 1989 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is currently pursuing a master of business administration degree at Wayne State University. He is employed as an advance mar-



keting supervisor with American Yazaki Corporation.

An October wedding is planned for Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College in Detroit.

Poma-Humphrey

Laurie Anne Humphrey and Joseph Anthony Poma were married May 25 at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery in Detroit.

The bride, the daughter of Mel and Karen Humphrey of Dearborn, is a 1993 graduate of Adrian College where she received a bachelor of arts degree in English/journalism. She is employed by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The groom is the son of Peter and Kathleen Poma of Plymouth. He is a 1988 graduate of Adrian College with a bachelor of arts degree in history and political science. A law clerk for Thurswell, Chayet and Weiner in Southfield, he expects to graduate from the University of Detroit Mercy law school in 1997.



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Preplanning can minimize grief

BY SALLY DUNNING

This is the season to be thankful and jolly, but for some, it is the season filled with stress and loneliness.

A family recently saddened by a death of a loved one must face the holiday with memories of the past and the emotions of loss. Ways of dealing with these emotions often vary among family members.

The children may move into this holiday season wanting to keep it just as it has always been. The bereaved adult, however, may wish to skip the entire thing.

Why is there such a different feeling? What can be done to give each member of the family a bit of what they need to make it through this most difficult time of year?

Children are reassured by the routines of life — stories before bedtime, the same seat at dinner, rules, such as homework

before TV, and holidays which follow predictable patterns and become rituals. These things say to a child that the world is safe, consistent and that they will be "OK."

Following the death in the family, especially the death of a parent, children do not know what will stay the same and what will change. They often wonder who will care for them and if there will be enough money for toys and food.

When it comes to holidays, having things repeated as always could help them feel secure. The problem, of course, is that things are not the same and never will be again.

Adults wanting to escape the pain of loss, often report a wish to change everything about the holiday, while at the same time, their child is asking, "When are we going to get the tree?"

Before the holiday season begins, talk with your family

about the holiday about the plans for this year. Acknowledge that there are many things your family has always done to celebrate which may be heard to do this year.

Decide together which things are most important for the children to keep the same and plan to do them in a way that feels comfortable to you. For example, it was important to one family to eat dinner together, but, instead of their former elaborate dinner, the children decorated paper plates and served a casual meal of hamburgers and french fries.

It is important, however, for the family to plan together a "way to remember." Children love rituals involving candles. Buy a thick white candle and allow the children to decorate it in a way to memorialize the person who died.

In honor of the deceased loved one, light the candle at a family gathering. Tree ornaments are

also a favorite way to remember who has died, especially when made by family members.

Look at old pictures and share memories. Even though this is painful, it is also healing, and, most of all, it helps the child remember.

No matter how you plan to celebrate the holidays, it will be important to talk to children ahead of time about the holiday plans. Listen carefully to what the children are saying and determine what is most meaningful to your child to include in the plans. Talk about what will be different. Adults, too, have needs and limits which must be respected.

With preplanning, holidays can be less stressful than you may imagine. From change grows new traditions and new memories.

Sally Dunning is director of Care-ousel, Arbor Hospice's care for kids program.

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Lynette Brown

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A private foundation established in 1992, encourages, through individual grants, the creativity of women 54 years and older to develop and implement projects that empower and enrich one or more aspects of the well-being of women.

The foundation selected Brown as one of its Fall 1996 winners, awarding her \$2,000 for a custom-made, custom-fitted period costumes for use in her one-woman performance as Cady Stanton, the brilliant orator and feminist who co-founded the National Woman Suffrage Association and convened the

first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1949.

In anticipation of the 150th anniversary celebration of the Seneca Falls Convention in July 1998, Brown plans to expand her performance schedule through 1997 to dramatize the struggles involved in securing the vote for women.

Her grant will allow for one winter weight and one summer weight version of two costumes: a hoop-skirted dress and a bloomers-style outfit, as well as accessories and performance-quality wig.

"I hope that by appearing as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the 19th century woman who paved the way for the 20th and 21st century woman, I can contribute toward keeping the women's

movement alive and thriving," said Brown who introduced the activities to audience at a Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center-sponsored luncheon in September.

Brown is a 1948 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and 1983 graduate of Wayne State University with a master of arts degree in mass communications.

She has worked in print journalism, radio and television. The cable program she co-produced last year, "Martha Griffith Speaks Out," in which she appeared as interviewer, won first prize for public service programming and continues to circulate.

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Girl Scouts will take orders Jan. 27 and will deliver cookies beginning March 1. Booth sales begin March 1 and will continue through March 16.

Iced Ginger Daisies are reduced fat ginger cookies. Five World Cinnamons are pressed

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Winning ways: Jim Burnstein gladly tells his audience at Southfield's Author's Lecture Series that not making the move to Hollywood was the best decision he has made since he ventured into screen-writing.



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Close to home Writer brings Hollywood to Plymouth

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

For Plymouth screenwriter Jim Burnstein, there's no place like home.

"When I first started writing anything, the question I was asked was, 'Don't you have to move out to Los Angeles in order to make it in this business?' And I said, 'Boy, I hope not,'" said Burnstein, whose screen credits include "Renaissance Man" and "Mighty Ducks 3." "Now that I've got a couple of movies made, people come up to me and say, 'So, Mr. Screenwriter now that you've made it you're gonna move out to Hollywood?'"

"Do you get the feeling that people are trying to get rid of me?"

Burnstein, who lives with wife Cynthia and three children in Plymouth, spoke about his experiences to a small audience at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Southfield as part of that city's Author's Lecture Series. He used the lecture to discuss why "I'm not going anywhere and how staying home may have been the smartest move I ever made when it comes to beating those very, very long odds at succeeding in Hollywood."

Living in Michigan has proven to be a source of inspiration for Burnstein's writing. "Renaissance Man" was loosely based on his experience teaching Shakespeare to soldiers at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens. And much of what he learned as creator of the Detroit Red Wings Hockey Fantasy Camp in 1984 shows up in "Mighty Ducks 3."

Upon graduating from the University of Michigan, Burnstein's first ambition wasn't to be a writer. Burnstein, then 21, decided to study law at the University of Wisconsin. After the first semester, he quit law school and returned to the University of Michigan where he earned a master's degree in English literature. He wanted to teach English to non-traditional students and sought positions at senior and community centers where he was turned down.

Career decisions

"I did not want to teach people like myself at the University of Michigan who were expecting Shakespeare as a birthright, as an entitlement," he said. "So I went about my life and I was doing stories for the newspapers. I realized that journalism was

very, very difficult because you have to stick to the facts."

His writing skills opened a door for him. Burnstein shopped around a column that he had written. After a series of rejections, he turned his column into a half-hour TV program for the Institute for Jewish Life in Boston.

That experience gave him the writing "bug." He approached the producers of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "Lou Grant" about writing episodes. That too fell through.

But he did find the ideal teaching position - teaching Shakespeare to soldiers at Selfridge.

"When I came in there and told them that we were going to read Shakespeare, they let me know in a hurry this really was the last place on earth they were going to do this," he said.

While balancing teaching and advertising jobs, he decided to write a TV movie on the advice of a mentor.

"It was a new form at the time in the late 1970s. I figured any idiot can write a TV movie and I certainly qualified," he said. "I was wrong - not any idiot can write a TV movie. I wrote my first TV movie script. 'Clueless' they should have called it

because I didn't know what I was doing. Then I wrote a second one. It was a little better, but not much."

His third effort was "Learn To Fall," a story he wrote about a University of Michigan classmate who went on to clown college.

"His story was so compelling because he wanted to get away from show business," Burnstein said. "He wanted to volunteer his time working with someone, so he went to a school that was just for autistic children. He works with this one child, the child nobody wanted to work with because he was so wild."

A good "accident"

Burnstein got a break as well. He found an agent by accident almost after befriending the cast and crew of "Word of Honor," a TV movie starring Alex Karas, Karl Malden and Ron Silver that was filmed in Plymouth.

CBS decided to hire Burnstein to make "Learn to Fall," a TV movie with Timothy Hutton, who had just won an Academy Award for "Ordinary People."

"My name's in Variety and Hollywood Reporter," he said.

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AAUW selects Browning for Salute to Women Award

The Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women honored Nancy Browning at its annual Salute to Women Luncheon recently.

The organization selected Browning, recently retired as building administrator of the

Bentley Center for Continuing Education, for its 1996 Salute to Woman Award.

A 20-year employee of the Livonia Public Schools, she was cited for her reaching out to initiate partnerships between businesses and schools and promot-

ing the use of volunteer tutors and aides in a variety of adult continuing education programs.

Although she has been retired since June, she has continued to exert her influence and interest in continuing education by serving as executive secretary of the

privately funded foundation, Promoting Education Partnerships, and as an officer of the the Association of Adult Education for the State of Michigan.

Her efforts have garnered both state and national recognition in addition to the AAUW honor.

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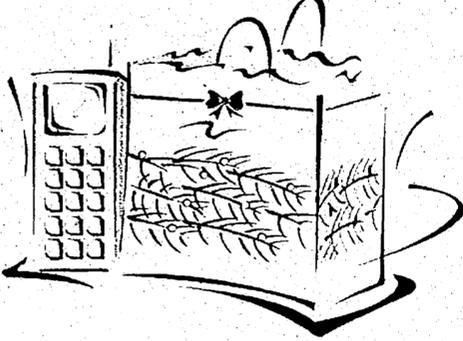
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Caution is key word for holidays

For most of us the holidays are about food, fun and family. But for some, holiday celebrations can spell disaster.

"Anyone who has had food poisoning knows what a disaster the holidays can be," says Dr. Suzanne White, medical director of Children's Hospital of Michigan's Poison Control Center. "All of us need to prepare and store holiday food the proper way."

White cautions parents and grandparents to keep a close eye on their little ones.

"Kids are fast. They can get into almost anything," says White. "Make sure to put medication and vitamins up high and always keep household cleaners and chemicals out of children's reach."

Make sure your holidays are happy and hazard free by following a few safety tips:

FOOD

- When preparing turkey and fresh fowl, wash the entire body cavity, remove the entrails (heart, gizzard, etc.), wrap the bird loosely and refrigerate no more than two days before cooking.

- If possible, make the dressing just before cooking. If you prepare the dressing a day ahead, refrigerate it separate from the turkey. For added protection against food poisoning, cook the turkey and dressing separately.

- Refrigerate all leftovers as soon as they are still warm. Custard and cream-filled desserts can be especially dangerous if left unrefrigerated.

- Alcohol is a danger to children and adults. Keep all alcoholic beverages out of children's

reach. Premixed cocktails that look creamy and are flavored with fruits, chocolate and other tempting tastes could be mistaken for pop, milk or fruit drinks. Remember, increased alcohol intake could cause dangerously low blood sugar, stupor or coma.

DECORATIONS

- Old tinsel and some colored ink on wrapping paper may contain lead. These are attractive to youngsters and should be kept out of reach.

- Ornaments can be dangerous. They can cut or choke young children. Painting or coloring on these objects, however, are not known to cause poisoning.

- Spun glass (angel hair) can cause irritation of the eyes, skin and gastrointestinal tract.

PLANTS

- Contrary to popular belief,

poinsettias are NOT poisonous and normally lead to no toxic consequences.

- Mistletoe, especially the berries, can cause irritation of the skin and gastrointestinal tract if consumed.

- Because of its sharp points, holly and other greenery, if swallowed can cause choking. It also can cause drowsiness and dizziness.

Children's Hospital of Michigan is a private, nonprofit, 245-bed hospital that has been treating children for 110.

Specialists in all areas of pediatric medicine, surgery and nursing provide care for children from birth to adolescence.

Children's is a member of the Detroit Medical Center, the academic health center for Wayne State University.

CHS to offer children's grief series

Community Hospice Services is offering its eight-week grief series, "Connections" for children 5 1/2 to 17 years of age, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7.

The group will meet weekly through Feb. 25. A parent group will meet separately and run concurrently, with the children's groups.

The children meet in three age-specific groups. The sessions begin at 6 p.m. with the parents and children sharing a "pot luck" dinner. The groups will meet separately 7-8:30 p.m. CHS provides the main dish for each of the eight sessions.

The "Connections" series provides support for both children and parents as they cope with the loss of a loved one. Topics, such as reactions and feelings associated with loss, defenses and adjustment issues, will be covered.

"Professionals leading the groups will help participants make sense of the many varied and conflicting feelings that arise from loss," said Yvonne Strand, CHS director of social services. "By communicating in a language children can understand, we provide an opportunity for them to explore and express their feelings."

The "Connections" program can accommodate 30 children - 10 per age group. Registration is \$25 per family.

The series is held at Community Hospice Services' Westland office at 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100. For information, or to register, call Yvonne Strand at (313) 522-4244.

CHS also is seeking volunteers to support its mission. Volunteer opportunities are available in direct patient care, fund raising, marketing, bereavement

care and office assistance.

"Couples are encouraged to seek volunteer roles with us," said Doreen Vivyan, director of volunteer services.

In fact, Vivyan is looking to increase in the number of retired couples who work as a volunteer team for hospice.

"We have volunteers from every walk of life, from students, to women returning to the work place, to retirees," she said.

Persons interested in becoming volunteers need to complete an eight-week volunteer orientation class, covering patient care and comfort, spirituality, the hospice family, the hospice team and family dynamics. The class is taught by a variety of professionals that comprise a hospice team.

The next eight-week orientation course will begin Thursday, Jan. 30. It will be noon-3 p.m. at

the CHS Westland office, 32932 Warren Road, at the corner of Warren and Venoy.

To learn about volunteer opportunities with Community Hospice Services or register for the orientation class, call Vivyan at (313) 522-4244.

Community Hospice Services has an immediate need to fill volunteer roles with patients in the downriver communities. A second training for prospective volunteers in the downriver community will be held in February.

Community Hospice Services was established in 1981 to offer compassionate, supportive care to those persons and their families facing an incurable illness. Serving western Wayne, southern Oakland and Eastern Washtenaw counties, CHS has provided care for over 1,000 patients and families.

Knollenberg heads Congressional Spouses Club

Sandie Knollenberg, wife of U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-11th District), has been elected president of the Republican Congressional Spouses Club for the

105th Congress. Sandie, a certified health fitness instructor, is known for her television fitness show, "Sandie's Fitness Firm." She also serves as the vice-chairman of the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

During a recent orientation for new members and spouses, Sandie was one of the featured speakers, discussing family life

for Congressional spouses.

Sandie is also active in other groups including the International Club, the Congressional Club and Inaugural Ball Committee, as well as the bipartisan congressional spouses organization. She also serves as co-chair of the Michigan State Society.

The Republican Congressional Spouses work for many charity causes in Washington D.C. and throughout the country. They

are involved in fund-raising and charity events for groups like the Cancer Research Foundation, the March of Dimes, the American Diabetes Association, and the Race for the Cure - a cancer research fund-raising walk.

Jane Abraham, wife of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, serves as the second vice president of the RCS, which meets once a month while the Congress is in session.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Serafin

Violinists entertained John and Lillian Serafin, their children, grandchildren and guests at a reception at their Garden City home in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 9, 1946 at St. Hedwig Church in Detroit. She is the former Lillian Baca.

The celebration included a luncheon, cake and gifts.

He is a retired Ford Motor Co. employee and member of PLAV Post 166. They also are members of PNA Group 53 of Dearborn.



Crawford

Harry and Marie Crawford of Redford gathered with their family to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Dec. 6, 1956, at the City-County Building in Detroit. She is the former Marie Doyle.

The Crawfords have four children - Danny, Barbara Bielski, Mike and Cathy McLaren - and five grandchildren.

He is employed by Dietzel Corporation. He is an avid sports fan and enjoys collecting die cast cars.

She enjoys crafts and sewing.



Kosek

Joe and Connie Kosek of Westland are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple met on Jan. 20, 1946, at a wedding rehearsal in Detroit. He had just returned from the Philippines and she needed a ride home. They were married nine months later on Nov. 28, 1946.

They have three children, Carolyn, Beverly and Gloria, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The couple moved to the then Nankin Township in 1963, when a crane marked the spot for Westland Center, the place to eat was Lum's Cafe and the



Algiers Drive-in was showing the latest films.

Bee

Hughes and Mary Bee of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding on Oct. 19 at a dinner party for family and friends at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. The party was given by their children and grandchildren.

Originally from Tennessee, each moved to Michigan where they met at work. Married in Plymouth, they have lived in Garden City for more than 40 years.

They have four children and five grandchildren - Bradley, wife Marianne and children Lisa and Christopher of Canton, Donna Majewski, husband Tom and daughters Stacy and Shelly Schwaller of Canton, David, wife Cathy and son Nicholas of Gar-



den City, and Jerry of Belleville. Both are retired. He worked at the Ford Transmission Plant in Livonia for 31 years and retired in 1985.

Szymanski

Richard and Mary Szymanski of Westland gathered with 190 guests at the American Legion Stitt Post 232 on Oct. 5 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 5, 1946, at the Polish Veteran Hall in Hamtramck. She is the former Mary Kajkowski.

The Szymanskis lived in Detroit for 43 years before moving to Westland seven years ago. They have four children - Laura Kowalyk of Highland, Paul of Livonia, Richard Jr. of Redford and James of Canton. They also have 11 grandchildren.

Retired for nine years, he worked for GM Detroit Diesel. She worked for Champion Spark Plug in Detroit for seven years.

They are active in the Tom Dooley Knights of Columbus, Polish Boosters of America and



UAW 163 Retirees. They also enjoy dancing and their grandchildren. In addition to the party, the Szymanskis took a 10-day "honeymoon" trip to the Canadian Rockies in June.

Flynn

Thomas and Coletta Flynn were the guests of honor at a 50th anniversary party given by their children at Roma Banquets in Garden City.

The Livonia couple, who also took a trip to Europe, exchanged vows on Nov. 28, 1946, in Cleveland, Ohio. She is the former Coletta Barrett.

The Flynn's have four children - John Flynn, Peg Vicars, Michael Flynn and Stephen Flynn - and four grandchildren.

A 33-year employee of Cadillac Motor, he retired seven years ago. She retired 12 years ago after working for the J.L. Hudson Company for 18 years.

Both are active in St. Theodore's Catholic Church in



Westland, volunteer work and their senior club. They also enjoy wintering in Ft. Myers, Fla.

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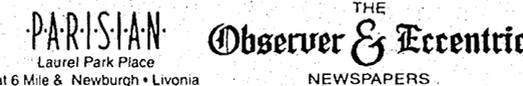


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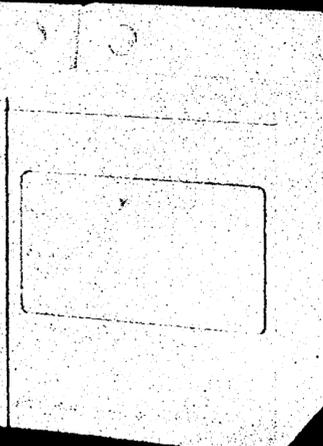
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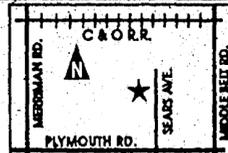
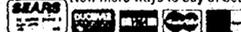
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30 Assets: Ways to help your kids be successful

BY JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

If by magic, we could sprinkle "protection" dust on our children, what might we want to protect them from? Do we care about premature sexual activity? Pregnancy? Drugs, alcohol, tobacco? Deviant and anti-social behavior? Suicide? School problems?

"Yes, yes, yes, all of the above," you reply. "Wouldn't it be great if I could just sprinkle the magic dust on my children every year and know that they'll not put themselves in jeopardy for any risky behaviors?"

Earth to parent: Sorry, no deal ... but there is a very simple solution that is within a parent or other adult's grasp. It is called the 30 Assets.

At Search Institute, a Minneapolis-based non-profit organization that conducts research to benefit children and youth, studies have been conducted involving more than 250,000 sixth-12th graders in the United States.

surround children with what we call 'external' assets through the relationships and opportunities we afford them. These will help them develop the 'internal' assets - the values and skills - they need to guide themselves."

What could these "magical" assets consist of? Glad you asked. But let's hold off for a minute and tell you some alarming statistics that came from the 250,000 students surveyed.

First of all, the institute found that if a student experiences 26 or more assets, they will be less likely to partake in high-risk behaviors.

Sadly, they discovered that only 4 percent of the students experienced between 26 and 30 assets. The great majority of students (62 percent) experienced 11-20 assets. And 14 percent had 0-10 assets.

Clearly, there is reason for alarm. Our kids do not have enough "magic" protectors around them. So what can you as a parent, grandparent or friend do? First, examine the list of the 30 assets and hon-

■ 'Our goal as adults should be to work together to surround children with what we call 'external' assets through the relationships and opportunities we afford them.'

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estly assess how many your kids experience:

1. Family support
2. Parent(s) as social support
3. Parent communication
4. Other adult resources
5. Other adult communication
6. Parent involvement in school
7. Positive school climate
8. Parental standards
9. Parental discipline
10. Parental monitoring
11. Time at home
12. Positive peer influence
13. Involved in music
14. Involved in school activities
15. Involved in community organizations/activities
16. Involved in religious congregation
17. Achievement motivation

18. Educational aspiration
19. School performance
20. Homework
21. Values helping people
22. Concerned about world hunger
23. Cares about other's feelings
24. Values sexual restraint
25. Assertiveness skills
26. Decision-making skills
27. Friendship-making skills
28. Planning skills
29. Self-esteem
30. Positive view of personal future

On a daily basis, you can help your child or someone else's child move towards experiencing many of the assets. Post the list on your refrigerator.

If you are not currently parenting, you could:

• Call up a child and tell them that you'd like him to join you as you pick up bottles on the side of the road, together.

• Read to children at the library.

• Take them out for a Coke and see how they're doing.

• Initiate an interest in music by taking them to the local symphony concert.

• Have them plan what they're going to do next summer.

• Help them with their homework.

• Take them to see different friends of yours on the job.

• Involve them in a fund raiser for hunger.

• Give them a ride to a church youth group meeting.

• Go support them at an extracurricular activity.

• Introduce them to someone you really like.

You can see that the list of things we can do to positively influence kids goes on and on.

One friend admitted one day that he thought that his little bit of influence over a child really wouldn't make a difference. But if we all think like that, nothing

will ever change.

It's your influence, my influence, the mail carrier's influence, the babysitter's influence, the security guard's influence ... all of us can make up the fabric of a child.

My colleague saw some young teens smoking in the park one day and took it upon herself to go up to them and ask them about their smoking.

She was neither threatening nor condemning as she described to them some of the rich poisons they were inhaling.

She will never know if she made a difference, but one of the kids said as she was leaving, "My dad never told me there was rat poison in these."

Maybe it's true ... we can sprinkle our kids with these assets without ever having to search for the magic potion.

Meanwhile, for more information on building each asset, call Search Institute at (800) 888-7828.

Jacque Martin-Downs is prevention coordinator at *Hegira Prevention Network*, 15100 Hubbard Drive, Livonia.

Writer from page B5

Like I said: Jim Burnstein let his audience know that screenwriting can have its disappointments. A case in point: the abrupt end to the production plans by CBS for "Learn To Fall."



PHOTO BY BILL HANSEN

I'm thinking 'What's so tough about this business?' I guess it's a lie that you have to suffer."

Three weeks before filming was to start, Hutton pulled out and consequentially so did CBS. The deal was contingent upon Hutton's participation.

"That's very depressing to see that kind of thing happen in the beginning of your career," Burnstein said. "I was fed up with television. I was asked by the people at Columbia Pictures to adapt this for the stage, anything to get out of TV."

Burnstein's career moved forward, thanks to Kurt Luedtke, a Birmingham resident who wrote "Absence of Malice" and "Out of Africa." He suggested Burnstein write "a real movie" about his experiences teaching Shakespeare to soldiers.

For the next three years, 1983-1986, he wrote "Renaissance Man," which is the story of where Burnstein's teaching and writing merged.

He wrote four drafts over the three years. In the meantime, "Learn To Fall" opened at the Attic Theatre where it set a box office record for a new play. As if that wasn't enough, a new agent came into the picture: "He asked

me if I was going to stay in Michigan. I said yes and he said 'Yeah, good. Eventually it will be an advantage. When I bring you out (to California), they're going to have to meet with you.'"

After endless meetings, "Renaissance Man" came closer to hitting the big screen. Former Fox executive Sara Colleton who was responsible for "Big" and "Field of Dreams" agreed to produce it. Penny Marshall signed on to direct the film and Danny DeVito got the lead role.

"The minute that the actor says yes, something that's taken 10 years is going at warp speed,"

said Burnstein who has completed the screenplay for "Learn to Fall." "What a thrill it was the first day of production. The circus had come to town but my job was over."

As for the movie premiere, it was everything he thought it would be.

"It was straight from the movies; it was a grand party, the real deal," he said. "While I was sitting there watching the edited version of the movie, something dawned on me. If I didn't live in Michigan, I wouldn't be here. There would be no 'Renaissance Man.'"

Madonna needs crafters

Madonna University is now accepting applications from crafters for its 12th annual spring arts and crafts showcase slated for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in the campus Activities Center.

The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking.

Booth space measuring 9 feet

by 6 feet with two chairs and one table is available for \$50. Booth sizes are 6 feet or 8 feet. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. A \$5 discount will be given to those applications postmarked by Feb. 1.

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Lessons will be available in downhill skiing, cross-country skiing and snowboarding as part of Discover Michigan Skiing Jan. 6-31. Participants receive a 90-minute beginner lesson, ski or snowboard rental equipment and an all-day beginner-area ski lift pass or cross-country trail pass.

Twenty-two ski facilities are offering the package, which costs \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 7-14 years for downhill or cross-country skiing. The snowboard price is \$35, regardless of age.

Developed by the Michigan Ski Industries Association (MSIA), the program debuted in January 1992 and it has grown each year. Since its inception, Discover Michigan Skiing has introduced more than 38,000 people to Michigan's ski slopes and trails.

"We developed this program to encourage people to give skiing a try," said Ken Griffin, MSIA president and general manager of Nichols Ski & Sports in Dearborn and Waterford, who stressed that Discover Michigan Skiing is for beginners only. "Participants usually learn enough in our 90-minute lesson to enjoy the slopes or cross-country trails for the rest of the day on their own."

The lesson normally covers basic maneuvering on skis or snowboards - stopping, turning, riding the lifts, ski-slope or trail etiquette and getting up from a fall.

To sign up, interested beginners must have a Discover Michigan Skiing Value Voucher. They are available this month at Michigan McDonald's restaurants and at participating MSIA retail ski stores and ski facilities throughout the state.

Value Vouchers also are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to MSIA, 7164 Deer Lake Court, Clarkston 48346. The voucher lists all ski

facilities involved in the program.

Participants choose the place they wish to visit and then must call to preregister. Ski facility personnel will give instructions on what to wear and when and where to meet.

Griffin suggests calling as early as possible, since many lesson times fill quickly.

As a special bonus, everyone who completes the program receives a coupon valid for \$20 off the purchase of \$100 or more in ski-related merchandise at participating MSIA retail ski shops.

Ski facilities participating in Discover Michigan Skiing include Apple Mountain in Freeport, Bittersweet in Otsego,

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Airport comes alive with songs of season

In addition to flight announcements, travelers at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport can hear their favorite Christmas carols when the fifth annual Christmas music program gets underway.

A variety of choral groups and musicians from local high schools, churches and community organizations started spreading holiday cheer through Dec. 24. School groups from Dearborn, Detroit, Inkster, Livonia and Wayne will be caroling for

the enjoyment of air travelers.

Local groups include the Churchill Choralation from Churchill High School in Livonia and the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society which performs 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Davey Terminal. Churchill performed there Tuesday and will again on Dec. 24 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

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MARJORIE and **PAUL KOVARIK** of Westland announce the birth of **JODY LYNN** Nov. 7 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins three brothers ages 2, 8, and 21. Grandparents are Margaret Pellegrino of Detroit, and Sophia Kovarik of Dearborn Heights.

ALEX and **CATHERINE EALOVEGA** announce the birth of **ERIC STEPHEN** on Sept. 18.

HEATH and **TYLER MAJEWSKI** of Redford announce the birth of **GAYPHON TYLER** Oct. 18 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Danielle, 5. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Majewski, all of Redford.

NICK and **VICKI SCHNUR JR.** of Canton announce the birth of **NICHOLAS JOSEPH III** Aug. 25, at Macomb Hospital Center, in Warren. He has two sisters - Breanna Victoria, 3, and Kaitlin Ivy, 20 months. Grandparents are Ray and Joan Lapworth of Warren and Nick and Betty Schnur of Center Line. Great-grandparents and Russ and Rita Johnston of Center Line.

TODD and **SHERI ROBINSON** of Westland announce the birth of **TY NOLAN** Oct. 25 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mike and Donna Gowin of Wayne, and Roy and Judy Robinson of Las Vegas, Nev.

FRASER and **LISA HENDERSON** of Canton announce the birth of **ASHLEY RENEE** Oct. 10 in Ann Arbor. She has a sister - Jennifer Marie, 2. Grandparents are Maria and Walter Kovaleski of Plymouth Township and Kit and Harry Henderson Englewood, Fla., formerly of Northville Township. Great-grandparents are Walter and Ann Kovaleski of Novi and Zel Harvey of Dearborn.

MIKE and **BETH STOUT** of Redford announce the birth of **KIERSTEN NICOLE** Aug. 15, at Botsford Hospital, in Farmington Hills. She has a brother - Zachary, 2. Grandparents are Bill and Mary Stout Plymouth and Oscar and Laura DeDeckere of New Baltimore.

MICHAEL and **BETHANY WAKEFIELD** of Redford announce the birth of **CHRISTIAN MICHAEL** Nov. 10 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Britany Morgan, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Walter and Norma Britt of Dewitt, and the Rev. Lynn and Lynn Wakefield of Toledo, Ohio.

DAVID and **DARLENE HOLGATE** announce the birth of **ELIZABETH HOLGATE** Oct. 7 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. She has a brother - Ryan, 22 months. Grandparents are Arthur and Barbara Heckman of Redford and Thomas and Betty Holgate of Novi.

BRIAN WARZOGA and **KELLY MURPHY** of Canton announce the birth of **BRIAN JOSEPH DONALD WARZOGA** June 6 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Marilyn Murphy of Westland, Harvey and Barb Murphy of Port Huron and John Warzoga of Belleville.

STEPHEN and **CARLA MILLER** of Redford announce the birth of **MARGARET JOYCE** Nov. 1. She has two brothers, Stephen and Devon. Grandparents are Carl and Marge Chiodini of St. Clair Shores and Charlie and Joyce

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SHAWN and **SHELLY GAGNON** of Westland announce the birth of **STEPHEN EDWIN** Nov. 22 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He has a sister, Sara, 3. Grandparents are Edwin and Helen Taylor of Westland, Judy Gagnon of Westland and Joe Gagnon of Northville.

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Adventurous SWCF 53, Catholic, hobbies include reading, traveling, movies, the theater, looking for honest, secure, adventurous SM. Ad# 6057

EMOTIONALLY STABLE
Classy, professional WWBF 53, 5'7", energetic, fun-loving, enjoys traveling, dinner plays, cuddling, seeks a professional, self-employed, sincere, fun-loving SWM, 58+. Ad# 3462

HUMOROUS LADY
SWCF 55, 5'3", upbeat, hobbies are reading music, theater, walking, seeks secure, intelligent SM. Ad# 8856

LIKES THE THEATRE
Protestant SWF 55, loving, honest, petite, enjoys sports, music, dining out, tennis, woodwork, seeking humorous, honest, loving, religious SM. Ad# 2589

GOD COMES FIRST
Easygoing SWF 56, enjoys theater, movies, needlework, seeks kind, understanding, respectful N.S. SM, a good conversationalist. Ad# 2845

LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP
Protestant SBF 56, outgoing, humorous, energetic, enjoys reading, golf, sewing, art work, seeking honest SM, same qualities. Ad# 8210

SPIRITUAL VALUES
Protestant SWF 58, ambitious, enjoys home decorating, painting, drawing, seeks honorable, sound, honest, social, family-minded SM. Ad# 2690

FULL OF LIFE
SWF 59, Protestant, upbeat, extroverted, likes reading, golf, walking, traveling, seeks honest, open, challenging, humorous, N.S., non-drinking SM. Ad# 5557

BE MY COMPANION
WWWF 60, French, likes dancing, painting, seeks nice, decent SM, with good moral character, for friendship and companionship. Ad# 1723

Males Seeking Females Call 1-900-933-1118 \$1.98 per minute

PLEASANT DATE
Catholic SWM 19, talkative, outgoing, enjoys working out, playing sports, time with friends, seeks easygoing SF. Ad# 2377

NEEDS TO FOCUS
SWM 19, Baptist, student, a little shy, likes fishing, camping, nature, seeks honest, sincere, goal-oriented SF, who can be herself. Ad# 8213

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Catholic SWM 19, romantic, enjoys sports activities, car races, track meets, seeking understanding, caring, good-looking SF. Ad# 1196

DESCRIBE YOURSELF
Funny, caring SWM 19, Baptist, enjoys football, basketball, beach & park walks, models, seeks SF. Ad# 4106

WELL-GROOMED
SWM 19, Catholic, caring, likes sports, collecting baseball cards, seeks understanding, helpful, romantic SF, who doesn't play games. Ad# 1212

RELATIONSHIP DESIRED!
Fun, outgoing, humorous SWM 20, Catholic, enjoys fishing, hunting, going out, seeks understanding, caring SF. Ad# 1214

LIKES HAVING FUN
Catholic SWM 20, outgoing, enjoys computers, drawing, cars, seeks caring, funny, outgoing SF. Ad# 7566

SEEKS HEALTHY TYPE
Lutheran SWM 20, funny, shy, intelligent, enjoys tennis, golf, weightlifting, seeks kind, organized, physically fit SF. Ad# 9106

TRY MY AD
Outgoing, honest SWM 21, Catholic, enjoys golf, family, horses, seeks honest, loving, respectful, commitment-minded SF, no games. Ad# 6266

COLLEGE STUDENT
Catholic SM 21, 5'8", 145lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, open, enjoys baseball, water sports, seeks athletic, active, easy to get along with SF. Ad# 2212

POSITIVE QUALITIES
Funny, sensitive SWCM 22, enjoys collecting, working on cars, shopping, movies, seeking easygoing, sensitive, honest SF. Ad# 1974

ROMANTIC ROMEO
Kind, considerate, friendly, easygoing SWCM 22, attends Christian concerts, enjoys the outdoors, movies, music, computers, romance, seeks honest, sincere SF. Ad# 2525

NO GAMES
SWM 23, Catholic, ambitious, clean-cut, sociable, enjoys motorcycles, cars, seeks honest, committed, sincere SF. Ad# 7373

GOAL-ORIENTED
Catholic SWM 23, easygoing, enjoys shooting pool, movies, quiet times, seeks bright, funny, honest, sincere SF. Ad# 2363

ENJOYS LIFE
SWM 24, Catholic, funny, exciting, likes drawing, shopping, movies, quiet times, seeks honest, caring, compassionate, friendly, working SF, to spend time with. Ad# 2873

ENERGETIC
Funny SWM 24, Catholic, hobbies include air brushing, movies, traveling, dining out, seeking honest, caring, active SF. Ad# 7733

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
Non-denominational DW dad 25, humorous, outgoing, enjoys playing with his kids, seeks humorous, fun SF, who loves children. Ad# 4466

GOOD LISTENER
Baptist SBF 25, outgoing, spontaneous, attends Christian activities, enjoys cooking, baking, basketball, seeks smart, spontaneous, up-front SF. Ad# 1971

LIKES TO LAUGH!
SWM 26, Lutheran, easygoing, enjoys working out, bike riding, shooting pool, skiing, seeks honest, communicative, open, fun-loving SF. Ad# 3227

LOVE TO MEET
Shy at first SWM 26, Catholic, enjoys rollerblading, hockey, dining, music, racing, seeks intelligent, attractive SWF, 20-28. Ad# 6251

ACTIVE
SWM 26, easygoing, outgoing, enjoys reading, movies, sports, seeks honest, caring, committed, outgoing, educated, attractive SF. Ad# 9989

FIND OUT MORE
Loving, caring SWM 26, Catholic, student, enjoys hockey, coaching, seeks very honest, cute, outgoing, easy to get along with SF. Ad# 9441

HOLD THAT THOUGHT
Catholic SWM 26, open-minded, good-humored, hobbies include boating, fishing, hockey, the outdoors, seeks open-minded SF, to share good times. Ad# 9780

BIG ON LIFE
SWM 26, Catholic, funny, likes dining out, dancing, socializing, seeks loving, caring SF, who will spend time with him. Ad# 3019

SOUL MATE??
SWM 27, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, nice, easygoing, enjoys nature, music, summertime, seeking trustworthy SF, friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 9588

DESCRIPTION PLEASE!
Outgoing Born-Again SWCM 28, 5'9", slim, athletic build, healthy, enjoys hockey, nutrition, reading, sports, seeks attractive SBF. Ad# 1066

SPEND TIME WITH ME
SWM 28, 6'3", 195lbs, brown hair/eyes, enjoys hiking, sports, movies, theater, seeks SWF, to share quality time with. Ad# 7412

NO GAMES
DW dad, 29, 6'2", blond hair, blue eyes, educated, employed, enjoys sun, dining out, walking, holding hands, sunsets, conversations, seeking loving SF. Ad# 1717

FUN TO BE AROUND
Catholic SWM 29, enjoys rollerblading, golfing, boating, volleyball, dining out, comedy clubs, seeking fun, compatible, outgoing SF, to laugh with. Ad# 4703

QUIET AT FIRST
Religious SWM 29, positive, attends Christian activities, enjoys aquarium, pets, working on house, seeks caring, affectionate, honest SF. Ad# 4099

THINK OF ME
Outgoing SWM 30, Catholic, enjoys reading, bodybuilding, running, seeks outgoing, kind, honest SBF. Ad# 1235

ROMANTIC
Born-Again SWCM 30, non-denominational, enjoys Christian activities, walks, exercising, movies, line arts & dining, seeks saved, sincere SWF. Ad# 1129

UPLIFTING PERSONALITY
Catholic SWM 30, caring, member of charity organizations, enjoys flea markets, auctions, jell, jing, boating, seeks spontaneous, lively SF. Ad# 4593

LEAVE YOUR NUMBER!
Humorous SWM 30, Catholic, enjoys romantic walks, football, movies, church, poetry, plays, seeks fun-loving, outgoing SF. Ad# 6669

TALK ABOUT YOURSELF
Educated SWM 31, 5'10", 185lbs., real estate agent & more, seeking nice, independent, fun-loving SF. Ad# 5656

WHERE ARE YOU?
Intelligent SBCM 31, hardworking, enjoys tennis, baseball, basketball, hockey, seeks funny, good-humored, caring SF. Ad# 4432

LIKES DIFFERENT THINGS
SWM 32, easygoing, fun-loving, hobbies are cars, pool, movies, biking, seeks understanding, energetic SF. Ad# 3438

WIDE-SPREAD
SWCM 32, comical, optimistic, enjoys biking, water sports, quiet times, seeks honest, trusting, monogamous SF. Ad# 4103

SOMEONE CATHOLIC
Laid-back, easygoing SWM 32, likes chess, Bible reading, movies, tennis, pool, dining out, seeks easygoing, understanding, polite, tolerant SF. Ad# 2290

TAKE AN INTEREST
Honest, sincere SBF 32, likes biking, reading, writing, sketching, walks, playing with his cat, seeks sincere, honest, affectionate, caring SF. Ad# 3333

EXTROVERT
Outgoing SWM 32, likes meeting new people & experiencing different cultural perspectives, enjoys music, movies, reading, travel, seeks positive, simple, open-minded SF. Ad# 7555

LIFE'S TOO SHORT
Upbeat SWM 33, childless, enjoys reading good mysteries, golf, going out, seeks level-headed, good-matched, delightful SF, to be his better half. Ad# 1357

SWEETNESS FOLLOWS
SBM 33, fun-loving, yet serious, enjoys reading, writing, Christian activities, politics, spectator sports, seeks spiritual, family-oriented, intelligent SF. Ad# 7876

MATURE
Catholic SWCM 33, easygoing, attractive, attends singles activities, enjoys mood building, rollerblading, seeking SF, with similar interests. Ad# 1598

PHYSICALLY FIT
Southern Baptist SBM 34, 5'9", 182lbs., quiet, enjoys sports, swimming, working out, reading, seeking SF, with good character. Ad# 2255

HEART OF GOLD
Spiritual, independent SWM 34, enjoys gospel music, dining out, shopping, renting movies, seeks gentle, down-to-earth, loving SF. Ad# 3331

THE POSITIVE SIDE
Wesleyan SWM 34, upbeat, enjoys golf, reading, Bible studies, time with the Lord, long walks, seeking fun, honest, caring SF, who loves kids. Ad# 1972

PATIENT
Lutheran SWCM 35, shy, easygoing, even-tempered, enjoys camping, the outdoors, reading, seeking caring, loving SF. Ad# 8176

BELIEVES IN GOD
Catholic SBM 35, easygoing, humorous, enjoys sports, movies, school, seeks sensitive, intelligent SF. Ad# 1666

CALM AND COLLECTIVE
SWM 35, faithful to church, enjoys sports, movies, plays, nice dining, seeks SF, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 2827

OPEN COMMUNICATION
Happy-go-lucky SWM 35, Lutheran, hardworking, likes sports events, socializing, seeks understanding SF, with strong values. Ad# 6667

RELIGION GUIDES MY LIFE
Sensitive, caring SWM 35, Lutheran, enjoys time with his kids, movies, dining out, ice-skating, seeks talkative, honest SF. Ad# 7034

DIVERSE LIFESTYLE
Easygoing SWM 35, Catholic, enjoys christian activities, athletics, the theater, seeking goal-oriented, compatible SF. Ad# 9966

TENDER-HEARTED
SWCM 36, caring, easygoing, enjoys music, yard work, the outdoors, live theater, seeking fun-loving young at heart SF. Ad# 1224

SEEKS A GOOD LISTENER
SWM 36, Catholic, excellent personality, good with people, enjoys sporting events, seeks nice, honest, caring, supportive, understanding SF. Ad# 3636

DOWN-TO-EARTH
SWM 36, 6'3", 215lbs, physically fit, attractive, easygoing, enjoys movies, summertime, romance, concerts, seeking outgoing, faithful, easygoing SF. Ad# 2315

GET IN TOUCH
Northern Italian SWM 36, 5'10", 175lbs, blondish hair, blue eyes, Catholic, N.S. social drinker, likes sports, water sports, carnivals, festivals, Vegas Night, dancing, seeks SF. Ad# 8782

WARM HEART
Catholic SWM 37, humorous, hobbies include movies, fishing, painting indoor & outdoor, seeks witty, caring, loving, true-hearted SF, for friendship. Ad# 2273

LIKES DOING EVERYTHING
Warm, kind, sensitive SWM 37, Catholic, enjoys Christian concerts, baseball, movies, shooting pool, walks with kids, seeks kind, warm, sensitive SF. Ad# 6858

A LONER
Catholic SWM 37, outgoing, fun to be with, enjoys collecting movies/CDs, writing, reading, singing, seeks spontaneous, loyal SF. Ad# 1932

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Catholic SWM 38, fun-loving, romantic, sincere, though, enjoys outdoor activities, romance, seeks slim, fun, affectionate, thoughtful SF. Ad# 1966

A CHERFUL MATE
Catholic SW dad 38, kind-hearted, sensitive, enjoys baseball, video, family fun, billiards, seeks understanding, caring SF, with children. Ad# 2323

COMMON INTERESTS?
Outgoing, easy-to-get-along-with SWM 38, Catholic, enjoys camping, biking, reading, movies, working out, seeks good-humored SF. Ad# 1977

VALUES FRIENDS
SWM 38, 6', 187lbs., warm, romantic, enjoys skiing, travel, seeks slim, attractive, physically fit, intelligent, fun-loving SF, for long-term relationship. Ad# 8477

TRY NEW THINGS
Warm, fun-loving SWM 38, Catholic, enjoys reading, skiing, the outdoors, family, friends, romantic times, seeks intelligent, warm SF. Ad# 1515

SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE
DWCM 38, 6', 180lbs., N.S., seeking attractive, N.S. honest, sincere D/SF 27-40, for friendship, companionship, hopefully leading to a long-term relationship. Ad# 1162

WAITING FOR A CALL
Happy-go-lucky SWM 38, Baptist, enjoys Christian activities, golf, basketball, seeks humorous SF. Ad# 2241

ENJOYS LIFE TOGETHER!
Loyal, attractive SWM 39, 5'11", brown hair, blue/green eyes, professional, seeking cheerful SF, serious about a relationship, friendship first. Ad# 1223

NEVER-MARRIED, CHILDLESS
Happy, outgoing SWM 39, enjoys Catholic activities, motorcycles, cuddling by a fire in the woods, walks, seeks happy, honest, outgoing SF. Ad# 8025

LET'S HAVE A PICNIC!
DWCM 39, 5'8", husky build, brown hair, hazel eyes, not into bars, N.S. light drinker, likes pool, bowling, walks, seeks SF, with similar interests. Ad# 4712

TREAT ME RIGHT
Catholic SWM 39, outgoing, adventurous, kind, attends Christian activities, enjoys collecting stamps, music, seeks kind, honest SF. Ad# 7890

ENJOYS SIMPLE THINGS
Catholic SWM 39, honest, friendly, romantic, enjoys church activities, bowling, travel, movies, quiet evenings, seeks attractive, fun, honest SWF. Ad# 1067

SPOILS HIS GAL
Baptist SBM 39, respectful, enjoys basketball, shooting pool, bowling, movies, seeks witty, caring SF, for relationship. Ad# 4360

I'LL WARM UP TO YOU!
Protestant SWM 40, shy, enjoys reading, sports, seeking honest, humorous, attractive, easygoing, spontaneous SF. Ad# 1856

POSITIVE OUTLOOK
Catholic SWCM 40, curious, enjoys biking, walks, jogging, music, movies, reading, thinking, friends, family, seeking fit, trim, humorous, kind, articulate SF, willing to share her life with another. Ad# 4141

FLANNEL GUY
SW dad of two, 40, 6'1", brown hair, green eyes, coach, likes camping, sports, romantic evenings, the outdoors, barbecues, seeks SF, with similar interests. Ad# 6155

UP FOR A CHALLENGE?
Well-rounded SWCM 40, enjoys daily exercise, reading, the Bible, theater, cross-country skiing, seeks caring, empathetic, communicative SF. Ad# 3638

THOUGHTFUL
SWM 40, Catholic, shrewd, romantic, likes the outdoors, athletics, seeks intelligent, honest, family-oriented, slim, fit, sincere SF for long-term relationship. Ad# 4444

DON'T PLAY GAMES
Affectionate SWM 40, easygoing, humorous, enjoys fishing, hunting, quiet evenings, seeks down-to-earth, romantic SF. Ad# 1112

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Catholic SWM 40, thoughtful, understanding, romantic, enjoys skiing, family friends, theatre, seeking slim, fun, attractive, romantic SF. Ad# 3838

CLASSICAL PIANIST
SWM 41, Born-Again Christian, honest, humorous, enjoys riding horses, playing euchre, shooting pool, seeks honest, communicative, Born-Again Christian, fun-loving humorous SF. Ad# 4215

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Catholic SWM 40, outgoing, romantic, sincere, thoughtful, enjoys skiing, long walks, romance, seeks intelligent, athletic, affectionate slim SF. Ad# 1234

BELIEVES IN GOD
SAM 42, humorous, easygoing, intelligent, enjoys music, quiet evenings, cuddling, seeks educated, affectionate SBF. Ad# 9334

SWEET LIKE HONEY
Methodist SBM 43, brown eyes, loving, sensitive, gentle, enjoys bowling, movies, concerts, dinner for two, seeks loving, spontaneous, independent SF. Ad# 5571

MY PRETTY WOMAN?
SWM 43, enjoys bowling, shooting pool, fairs, flea markets, the simple things in life, seeking fit, happy, attractive, high-spirited SF. Ad# 1121

VOLUNTEER
SWM 43, Catholic, kind, hardworking, caring, likes astronomy, the outdoors, nature, seeks honest, kind-hearted, loving SF. Ad# 2677

OPEN-MINDED
Roman Catholic SWM 43, occasionally attends Christian activities, enjoys golf, softball, jogging, seeking emotionally accessible, friendly SF. Ad# 9544

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP
DWCM 44, trustworthy, hardworking, self-employed, down-to-earth, seeks friendship with SF, to enjoy time with. Ad# 6797

SERIOUS AND HUMOROUS
Balanced SWM 44, enjoys flying horse shows, cards, seeks sincere, compassionate, fun Christian SF, who is continuing to grow spiritually. Ad# 9009

HARDWORKING GUY
SWM 44, Protestant, outgoing, employed, enjoys Christian activities, reading, working out, current events, seeks kind, considerate SF, with a sense of humor. Ad# 8096

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Non-denominational SWCM 45, outgoing, employed, attends church, enjoys comic collecting, reading, videos, seeks sincere, cordial, likeable SF. Ad# 8888

HAS SERIOUS SIDE
Protestant SWM 46, positive, upbeat, nice smile, enjoys golf, the outdoors, college football, seeks open, honest, articulate, good-hearted SBF. Ad# 7450

I WILL SPOIL YOU
Professional SWM 46, spontaneous, enjoys life, outdoor activities, water rafting, traveling, seeks attractive, adventurous SF, for new, exciting times. Ad# 6847

COULD WE GET ALONG?
Protestant SWM 46, happy, humorous, enjoys antique cars, museums, walks, history, seeking honest, caring, truthful, loving SF. Ad# 1956

CHURCH GOER
Catholic SWM 47, fun, humorous, attends Christian activities, enjoys stained glass, seeking classy, easygoing SF. Ad# 8459

SERIOUS CATHOLIC
Shy, impulsive, competitive SWM 48, professional, enjoys animals, jogging, gardening, sailing, canoeing, computers, seeks moral, non-drinking, N.S. SF. Ad# 4546

GOOD COOK A PLUS!
DBM 48, 5'11", 206lbs., fit, active, professional, enjoys outdoor activities, conversation, seeking SF, 35-53, small-medium, intelligent, neat SF. Ad# 4287

FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING
Jewish SWM 49, various interests, seeking vibrant, intelligent, caring, loving, warm, personable SF, for companionship. Ad# 7098

AFFECTIONATE GUY
Professional DWCM 51, 5'11", 195lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, N.S. enjoys a variety of interests, seeking honest, sincere SF, possible relationship. Ad# 9911

ACTIVE GUY
SWM 51, educated, employed, enjoys skiing, sports, hiking, working out, music, theatre, dining out, cooking, seeking SF, with similar interests. Ad# 9094

GOOD ATTITUDE
SWM 51, calm, easygoing, honest, attends Christian activities, enjoys dancing, seeks slender SF. Ad# 1256

OLD-FASHIONED VALUES
Big-hearted SWM 51, 5'7", 185lbs., black/brown hair, brown eyes, professional, enjoys dining, dancing, trips, sports, seeking slim-medium SBF, 43-50. Ad# 4043

EVEN TEMPERAMENT
Humorous SWM 51, Protestant, enjoys stamp collecting, table tennis, volleyball, short trips, seeks non-materialistic, punctual, polite SF, Western Oakland county a plus. Ad# 7777

A TRUSTING FRIEND
Happy-go-lucky SWM 52, Protestant, enjoys Christian functions, travel, remodeling homes, antiques, seeks humorous, affectionate SF. Ad# 1199

HOPE SHE'LL CALL
SWM 52, 5'10", 190lbs., fit, N.S. drug/alcohol-free, Catholic, likes movies, sports, walking, holding hands, seeking SF, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 2740

WITTY CATHOLIC
SWM 53, enjoys volunteer work, children, cooking, dancing, seeking sharing, creative, exciting, communicative SF. Ad# 3853

BOWLER
DWCM 54, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys cooking, gardening, seeks loving SF. Ad# 1885

RECIPE COLLECTOR
SBM 55, well-educated, loves reading, sports, cooking, swimming, exercising, biking, seeking N.S. casual drinking, open-minded SF, good conversationalist. Ad# 6475

LET'S CHAT
Protestant SWM 57, easygoing, likeable, enjoys general outdoors, religion, seeks nice, pleasant, wholesome SF, to share thoughts & interests with. Ad# 3290

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
DWCM 59, 5'11", 175lbs., gray hair, self-employed, N.S. enjoys quiet times, conversation, movies, plays, dining out, walking in parks, seeking honest, caring, truthful SF, similar interests. Ad# 5225

ASK ME OUT
Fun-loving, respectful SWM 60, Baptist, enjoys walks, bowling, golf, football games, seeks slender, communicative SBF, with good morals. Ad# 2526

ENJOYS LIFE
SWM 60, easygoing, good sense of humor, likes the outdoors, flea markets, dining out, doesn't dance, seeks honest SF, with similar interests. Ad# 7818

YOUNG-AT-HEART
DWCM 62, 5'10", 165lbs., outgoing, easygoing, N.S. enjoys a variety of interests, seeking SWF, N.S., age optional. Ad# 1192

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM 65, 6', N.S. seeks slim SF, 57-63, card playing, movies, travel, dining out, short trips, who enjoys for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 9071

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

DIAL FOR DATES

For updated events in the area, call 953-2005.

UPCOMING

BLIZZARD BUCKS

The annual Blizzard of Bucks fund-raising program will be held for the American Cancer Society through the Travel Desk, 271 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Persons who donate \$1 will have it matched by the Travel Desk in its Blizzard Bucks campaign. The benefit will be held through Dec. 20.

TOURNAMENT

The Garden City recreation department has set a Jan. 10 deadline for the Jan. 16-18 girls three-on-three basketball tournament. It is open to girls in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades who live in Garden City or attend a school in the city. Registration will be held at the Maplewood Community Center or at the recreation department in the Civic Arena. A coach-supervisor, who must be 18 or older, must be present at registration. Fee is \$20 per term. 261-3491 or 525-8846.

FREE CLASSES

The Showman's Dog Training Organization will sponsor free junior showmanship classes for dog owners between 7 and 17 at the AMVETS Hall on Merriman near Avondale at 8:30 p.m., the first and second Tuesdays of each month through September. The next classes are Jan. 6 and 13. Call 729-7580.

FOR WALKERS

The Maplewood Senior Center, Garden City, has formed a new walking club. It will be held from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 5 of the community center, with a fee of \$2. The club will have a 20 minute and a 30-minute walk. 525-8851.

BALLROOM DANCE

Redford Parks and Recreation will offer a 10-week class in ballroom dance. Price is \$22. It is for singles and couples and will meet 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Monday, Jan. 6, at Arthur Vanderberg Elementary School, 24901 Cathedral in Redford. For registration information, call (810) 471-4168.

OPEN SKATING

The Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood near Hunter, will continue its open skating program through March 31. Hours are 1-2:45 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; and noon-1:45 p.m. weekdays. The Thursday session will be for adults only. 729-4560.

GC DEMS

Garden City Democratic Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in room 5, Maplewood Community Center, on Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Carol Larkin, 421-2638, or Billy Pate, 427-2344.

WESTLAND DEMS

The Westland Democrats meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Rowe Meeting House, on Marquette just east of Newburgh. For information, call John Franklin, 595-7638, or Paul Krarup, 729-6248.

MILITARY GROUP

The 82nd Airborne Division Association/Wolverine Chapter meets at 6 p.m. the second Sunday of each month at VFW Post 3323 Hall, on Wayne Road at Avondale. It is open to veteran qualified parachutists and veterans of any mili-

tary branch. 728-5859 or 728-7214.

VETS TO MEET

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 387, meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Bova VFW Post, on Hix between Ford and Warren Road, Westland. The chapter is open to all Vietnam-era veterans. Associate memberships are available. 728-3231.

BENEFITS

HOSPICE SALE

Community Hospice Services, on Warren Road at Venoy, will hold a fund-raising holiday nut sale now through Dec. 20 for each container, priced at \$10 each. The group may be contacted at 522-4244.

AIDS PROGRAM

The Garden City Fantastic Sam's family styling center is accepting donations through Dec. 21 for a charity benefitting mothers and children with AIDS. The business on Ford east of Middlebelt is accepting toiletries, toothpaste, soap, diapers, toilet paper, baby formula and other items. 525-3342.

LOTTO DRAWING

The Garden City Knights of Columbus Council 4513 has a daily three-digit lottery drawing based on the Michigan Lottery daily numbers. Tickets are available at the hall, on Ford east of Merriman. 425-6380.

FOR SENIORS

MONTHLY MEAL

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages and dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. 728-5010.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

AIM

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics in Motion) meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. (810) 547-0400.

RATIONAL RECOVERY

Rational Recovery is a non-profit, self-help organization for people experiencing problems caused by alcohol and/or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Garden City Hospital Community Health Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood, Garden City. (810) 476-2657.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

Emotions Anonymous, which holds a 12-step program for a new way of life, meets at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays in Room 5 of Garden City Hospital's Community Education Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood, Garden City. 421-1776.

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a "refresher" childbirth education course, and a new support group for expectant teen-age mothers. For information on all

programs, call 458-4330.

WEIGHT LOSS

Garden City Hospital will host a weight loss peer support group at 11 a.m. Saturdays in Classroom 3 of the hospital's Medical Office Building, on Inkster Road near Maplewood. Members will focus on self-esteem issues and follow their own nutritional and exercise program. 261-4048.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Free blood pressure screening is available 9 a.m. to noon the third Wednesday of each month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. A registered nurse will be available in the emergency room. Cholesterol and glucose screening are also available for a nominal fee. Appointments aren't required.

FOR YOUTH

OPEN GYM

The Mayor's Task Force on Drugs and the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Department present "After School Open Gym and Activities" 3:15-5:15 p.m. Mondays at Stevenson Middle School, Wednesdays at Marshall Middle School, and Thursdays at Adams Middle School. The winter program begins the third week in January and the spring program begins the first week in April. Programs last eight weeks. 722-7620.

EDUCATION

ADULT ED

Wayne-Westland Schools Adult Education has free classes in adult basic education, GED preparation, high school completion, and vocational training. Register at Tinkham Adult Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland. 595-2429.

BINGO

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The Notre Dame Knights of Columbus hold bingo games starting at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays in its hall on Van Born, east of Wayne Road. 728-3020. Monday bingo The Notre Dame Assembly Knights of Columbus holds bingos at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in its hall on Van Born east of Wayne Road. There are specials held on the last Monday of each month. 728-3020.

WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold a bingo from 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls softball program. The bingo games are held at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

DEMS BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little

League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. 422-5025 or 729-8681.

DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party will hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS

The auxiliary of VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and provides charity games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the post hall, on Wayne Road at Avondale, 326-3323.

SHAMROCK BINGO

There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at St. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

NO SMOKE

"No Smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. 722-7632.

K OF C BINGO

Pope John XXIII assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. every Thursday. The games are located in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman, Livonia. 425-2246.

CIVITAN BINGO

Wayne Civitan bingo is at 6:30 p.m. every Monday on Elizabeth between Michigan Avenue East and Michigan Avenue West next to the Farmer Jack in Wayne. Money raised helps support many projects in the community, such as youth, park equipment, Special Olympics, First Night Wayne and reading projects. Information, 728-3915.

JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. 525-2962.

FUN

BASKETBALL

Registration being accepted for men's and women's basketball leagues with Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford, Westland. 722-7620.

SQUARE DANCE

Beginner square dance classes held 7:30-9:30 Tuesdays in Bailey Recre-

ation Center (behind City Hall), on Ford Road, Westland. Fee \$3 per person weekly. Mike Brennan, 274-3394.

FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. 722-7620.

OPEN SWIM

The Wayne-Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 7-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Family swim is 8-8:45 p.m. Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. 721-7044.

WOLVERINE PACERS

The Wolverine Pacers, a race-walking club, meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. Saturdays in Levagood Park, Dearborn. Gary Gray (313) 464-8890.

ON THE ROAD

GC TRAVEL

Garden City Travel Club: Information, call trip director Laree Yard at 522-4446.

CLUBS IN ACTION

CAMPING CLUB

Moonliters Camping Club meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages, scheduled camp outs during the camping season. Harvey and Marion Grigg, 427-3069.

WEEKENDERS

The Weekend family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. 531-2993.

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS

The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at Ryan's Steak House, on Warren Road east of Wayne Road. It offers an eight-week seminar on public speaking called "Speechcraft." The fee for "Speechcraft" is \$30. 455-1635.

GARDEN CITY LIONS

The Garden City Lions meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Silver Saloon, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Contact Henry Tolk, 421-4954.

HOST LIONS

The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Denny's Restaurant, Wayne and Concord Road.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

For information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir, 326-1466.

CHILDBIRTH ASSOCIATION

Classes for childbirth preparation are being

offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Caesarean preparation also offered. 459-7477.

WESTLAND JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Bova VFW Post, on Hix south of Warren. Hot line, 525-0962.

CORVETTE CLUB

The Corvette Club of Michigan meets at 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn. Glenn Simms, 675-5633, or Paul Jenkins, 981-4254.

CAMARO BUFFS

The new Eastern Michigan Camaro Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at Krug Chevrolet in Taylor. 326-5658.

AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors Junior Civitan is seeking people ages 13-18 for community service activities. The club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 36993 Marquette, east of Newburgh. 729-5409.

PURPLE HEART

The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

SCHOOLS

NURSERY OPENINGS

GARDEN CITY CO-OP Garden City Co-op Nursery School has openings for 3-year-olds for the upcoming school year. A new program to start in the fall is for mothers and toddlers. Parents may call Shari Schmidtke, 261-1345, or Debi Zahor, 425-0174.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, located at W. Chicago and Hubbard, is taking applications for the upcoming school year. Openings are available in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. Call Susan at 422-6210.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools have ongoing registration for the preschool program, housed in Marquette School, on Marquette east of Wayne Road. There is a free program for eligible 4-year-olds in the Kids Plus program and a tuition-based program for others. The Kids Plus program is for children who will be 4 years old by Dec. 1 who also meet two "at risk" factors to qualify. The program is free for children who qualify. Call 595-2660 for appointments.

HEAD START

Garden City Public Schools has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in its Head Start program. Eligible are those in low- or modest-income families and/or having disabilities. Classes meet Monday through Thursday mornings. For information, call supervisor Judy Hanson, 425-0540.

SPACE OPEN

The Little Lambs Preschool has openings for a new Tuesday/Thursday morning session for 3- to 5-year-olds. The preschool is at 9300 Farmington Road, just south of West Chicago, Livonia. Interested persons may call 427-7064 or 421-0749.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has

openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays with the other pupils attending Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. 728-3559.

OPENINGS

United Christian School, on Florence near Middlebelt, north of Cherry Hill, Garden City, has morning and afternoons for 3- to 5-year-olds. The school offers classes two, three and five days a week as well as flexible hours for parents who need more than the scheduled preschool hours. There is a full curriculum in pre-reading, writing and early math, including hands-on computer time. 522-6487.

REGISTRATION

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is registering youngsters between 2 and 4 years old. The school has a certified teacher. Morning and afternoon classes available. Registrations are now being taken for youngsters between 2 and 4 years old. Call 729-7222, for information.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has fall schedule openings in its 2-year-old toddler parent class 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays. There are openings in the 3-year-old class 9:15-11:15 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and in the 4-year-old class which meets three afternoons. All classes are in the Newburgh United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Call Debbie, 453-7409.

UNITED CHRISTIAN

Enrollment at United Christian School is being accepted for preschool sessions, which are offered for two, three and five days a week. There is also day care with flexible hours. There is a full curriculum in pre-reading, writing and early math, including hands-on computer usage. The school is at 29205 Florence, corner of Middlebelt, just north of Cherry Hill, Garden City. 522-6487.

SPARKEY PRESCHOOL

The Wayne-Westland School District is taking applications for fall '96 preschool Sparkey program, open to 3- and 4-year-olds. Tuition-based program providing multi-faceted experience. Register now for state supported program for 4-year-olds at no cost to eligible families. Residents and non-residents may apply. The program is housed in the Stottleyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette east of Wayne Road. For appointments, call 595-2660.

PLUS PRESCHOOL

Registration for preschool by appointment for the Kids Plus. Program is free for those students who qualify. Call 595-2688.

HEAD START

Head Start registration for the Wayne-Westland School District is ongoing, by appointment at Stottleyer School, 34801 Marquette. The program is free, but family must meet income guidelines, 595-2688.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or by fax to 313-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2111 if you have any questions.

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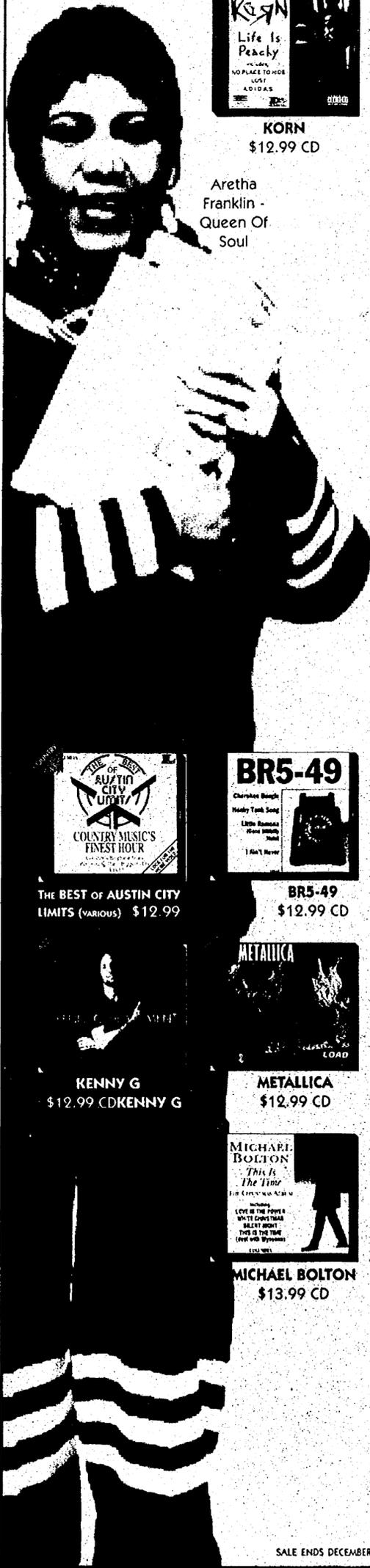
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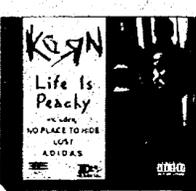
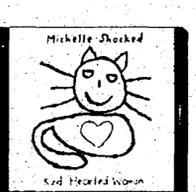
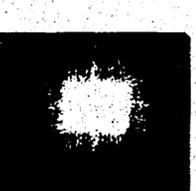
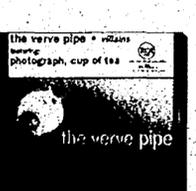
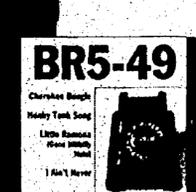
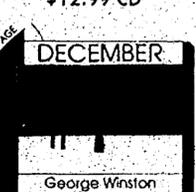
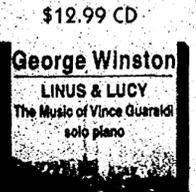
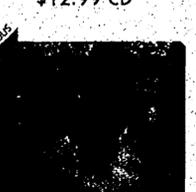
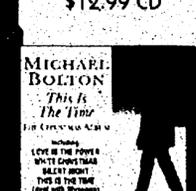
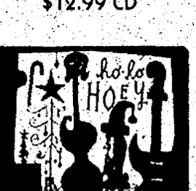
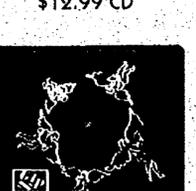
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Christmas tree has place in churches' services

The Christmas tree is one of the most familiar symbols of our Christmas celebration. Its origin can be traced back to a custom started in Germany.

Martin Luther originated the idea in Germany to show his children the beauty of the night that Jesus was born. He placed a small pine tree behind a nativity scene and placed candies on the branches to look like stars in the darkness. The candles also represented the star of Bethlehem that shown down over the cradle of Jesus.

Queen Victoria, the famous Queen of England from 1837 to 1901, married Prince Albert who was German. He brought this German custom to England when he put up a tree for his wife and children one Christmas Eve in the 1840s.

A picture of his family around their Christmas tree appeared in the newspapers in England, the United States and Canada. Soon everyone on both continents decorated trees at Christmas.

The first North American Christmas trees were decorated with candles, fruit, pine cones, cookies and homemade ornaments. Later small gifts were put right on the tree branches, and the father of the family would distribute the gifts to the children.

The tree Martin Luther created for his children has a prominent place in homes and churches today. A Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, an 18-foot Christmas tree will be

prominently displayed during Christmas services.

The church will have a family Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m., featuring Cherub, Choristers and Handbell choirs and a special children's message.

At the 11 p.m. candlelight service, worshipers will be given a votive candle to raise during the singing of "Silent Night." The Choir of Christ Our Savior, Handbell Choir and instrumentalists will unfold the Christmas story through song, scripture and prayer. A pre-service concert of organ and handbell music will begin at 10:30 p.m. and feature carols from many nations.

Christmas Day worship with Communion will begin at 10 a.m., featuring uplifting Christmas music with choir and instrumentalists.

Christ Our Savior is at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 522-6830.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, there will be a family celebration, featuring the Children's Choir, at 6:30 p.m. and carols and candle lighting at 8:30 p.m., featuring the Youth Choir and Bell Choir. Candle lighting with Communion, featuring the Chancel Choir, will be at 11 p.m. Child care will be provided at all services.

Newburg United Methodist is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-0149.

Detroit First Church of the

Nazarene will have a special candlelight service, led by Pastor Carl Leth, at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville.

For more information, call the church at (810) 348-7600.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, will have a children's service at 6 p.m. and candlelight Communion service at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, worship with Communion will be at 10 a.m.

For more information, call (810) 474-0675.

Faith Lutheran Church will have a Family Eucharist at 7 p.m. and a Festival worship at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. There will be only one service with quiet Communion will be at 9:30 a.m. on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve Festival Worship at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24. The service will feature carols, Holy Communion and candlelight.

Good Shepherd Lutheran is at 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 537-3778.

Good Hope Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Eve Family Worship at 7 p.m. Dec. 24. The service will feature a children's sermon, choir anthems, Holy Communion and pre-service music, beginning at 6:30

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Oh, Christmas tree: An 18-foot-tall Christmas tree has a place of honor in the sanctuary of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. An important part of the Christmas celebration, the tree dates back to Martin Luther who created the tree to show his children the beauty of the night Jesus was born.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOFELD

Lutheran Hour airs 'Red Boots'

Just because the story of Christmas is 2,000 years old doesn't mean the methods of telling that story have to be.

For years, that thinking is what has led Lutheran Hour Ministries, a worldwide multimedia ministry organization, to try new ways to share the Gospel with people all over the world. And this year is no exception. Through the award-winning animated television special, "Red Boots for Christmas," released in 1995, Lutheran Hour Ministries hopes to reach millions around the globe with the "true" message of Christmas.

The 30-minute family special is set to broadcast locally at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, on cable

television's Family Channel. Following the broadcast, viewers will be given the opportunity to call a toll-free number to receive a free children's storybook version of "Red Boots."

But the television broadcast is only part of the "Red Boots" phenomenon. This year, "Red Boots" curmudgeonly, but lovable shoemaker named Hans and his pet crow, Aldo, appear in full color in cyberspace, offering those who visit Lutheran Hour Ministries' home page on the World Wide Web a variety of new options. The page is at www.lhm.org/redboots/.

For instance, plans are in place to give visitors the opportunity to see and hear the "Red

Boots for Christmas" characters come to life right on their computer screen through the fully-automated electronic storybook.

They can also order a free copy of the children's storybook, have access the latest broadcast information, enter a weekly trivia contest to win free "Red Boots" videos, and pick up interesting background information about the program.

"We are always looking for relevant new ways to share the Gospel message with the families all over the world," said Dr. Dale Meyer, national spokesman for Lutheran Hour Ministries. "Go ... tell a NEW generation" ministry campaign. "If families

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p.m. The Christmas Eve candle lighting service will be at 11 p.m. and will include choir anthems, a candle lighting ceremony and pre-service music at 10:30 p.m.

Good Hope Lutheran is at 28680 Cherry Hill Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

Geneva Presbyterian Church will have four services on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Family services will be at 5 and 6:30 p.m., with Candlelight services with Communion at 8 and 11 p.m.

Geneva Presbyterian Church is at 5835 Sheldon Road, north of Ford Road, Canton. For more information, call the church at (313) 459-0013.

Church of the Risen Lord, a mission of the Charismatic Episcopal Church of North America, will celebrate its Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. Dec. 24. The family service will include celebration of Communion. People are invited to come early for fellowship and may bring an ornament to hang on the Christmas tree.

Church of the Risen Lord is at 821 Newburgh Road, north of cherry Hill Road, Westland. For more information, call the church at (313) 397-1322.

St. James Presbyterian Church will have its candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. The church is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Red-

ford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

Lake Pointe Bible Chapel is inviting people to commemorate the birth of Christ by gathering at the church on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, before starting their own Christmas festivities. The service will be at 4 p.m. at the church, 42150 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

For more information, call the church at (313) 420-0515.

Rev. Mark McGilvrey will preach on "Comfort My People" at the Christmas Sunday (Dec. 22) services at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Services are at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. The church will have its Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Dec. 24.

For more information, call the church at (313) 464-6722.

Two services will be held on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39030 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The 7 p.m. service will be a family service with candlelight. The Choristers Choir will sing and there will be a "shepherd" monolog.

At 11 p.m., the traditional candlelight Communion service will be held. Special music will be provided by the Adult Choir, bell choirs and instrumentalists.

A 10 a.m. service with Communion also is planned for Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

For more information, call the church at (313) 464-0211.

Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

LIVE NATIVITY

Fair Haven Baptist Church' teen department will present a live outdoor Nativity at 6 and 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19-21, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

St. James Presbyterian Church will present a program of Christmas music, featuring the vocal, bell and chime choirs at the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 22. A congregational dinner will follow the service. St. James is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Bethel Baptist Temple will have its annual Children's Christmas Program at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the church, 29475 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. A popular service at the church, a box of candy will be presented to each woman and child in attendance. For more information, call Pastor H.L. Petty at (313) 525-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

BETHANY PLYMOUTH/CANTON

Bethany Plymouth/Canton, a ministry providing support for single adults, will attend a Detroit Symphony Orchestra Christmas Pops concert on Sunday, Dec. 22. For more information, call Bill at (313) 421-3011.

Bethany Plymouth-Canton gathers at 11:15 a.m. Sundays for 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia, followed by coffee or lunch. Call Bill at (313) 421-3011 for information; for breakfast at 10 a.m. Sundays at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford - call Val at (313) 729-1974 - and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at

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SUNDAY SERVICE

Pastor David Powless will speak at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services Sundays at the Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call the church at (313) 458-7301.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" a weekly program to answer questions about the religion, is being broadcast 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. Topics include "What proof do you have that Christian Science heals?" on Dec. 22, "How do Christian Scientists feel about modern medicine?" on Dec. 29, "Is care in Christian Science as reliable as medicine?" on Jan. 5, "How do Christian Scientists feel about Jesus?" on Jan. 12, "What kind of faith in God heals?" on Jan. 19 and "Faith healing or something more?" on Jan. 26. The series also can be heard at 1:30 p.m. Sundays on WQBH-AM 1400. It is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science churches. For more information, call (800) 886-1212.

HOLY INNOCENTS

Faith Lutheran Church will have one service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, on Holy Innocents Day and one service at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-7249.

OLONAISE CHORALE

The Polonaise Chorale, under the direction of Daniel Misteravich, will present its annual Christmas concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

The concert is free of charge, however, a free will offering will be accepted.

The Polonaise Chorale sings Polish Christmas carols and has a cassette tape of its singing which will be available before

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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have a New Year's Eve party for the community Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The worship service will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner at 8:30 p.m. and dancing with a disc jockey. There also will be non-alcoholic beverages, games and a countdown to midnight.

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Ward Presbyterian Church will celebrate New Year's Eve with an evening of fellowship, beginning at 9 p.m. with a sacred Christian concert, featuring Fred Hubbs Jr.

A buffet will be available at 10 p.m. by advanced reservation only. The evening will conclude with a Watch Night Service at 11 p.m. Chimes will ring in the New Year and close the service just after midnight.

For more information, call (313) 422-1826.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will have a New Year's Eve Communion service at 6 p.m. Dec. 31 at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 464-0211.

NEW BEGINNINGS

"Moving On" will be the title of the program for the Thursday, Jan. 2, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. New Beginnings is for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one. It recognizes that people grieve differently, but have a similar need for the support of each other.

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Youngsters ages 4-10 (younger children may attend with a parent) are invited to participate in the A.R.K. Connection 7-8 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. The program focuses on the Actions and Reactions of Kids, the connection between actions and reactions to Christ, families and society. There will be games, singing, crafts and time for thought. For more information, call the church at (313) 721-4801.

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An alternative worship service is held at 7 p.m. Mondays in the church library of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The service is people unable to attend Sunday morning worship or interested in an informal form of worship. It is led by Ken Marrs. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6039.

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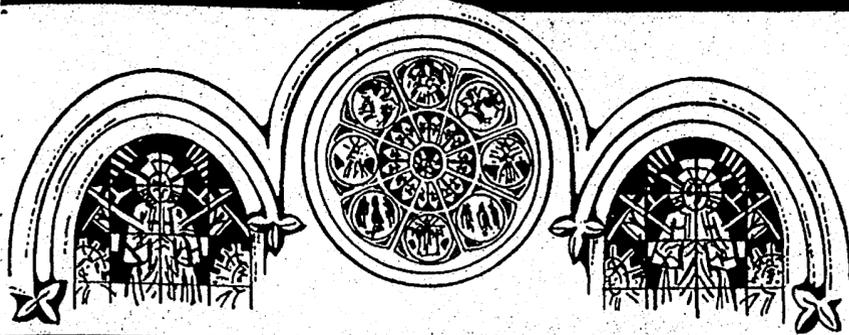
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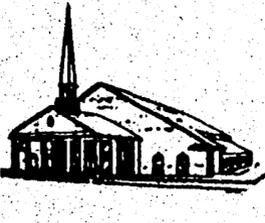
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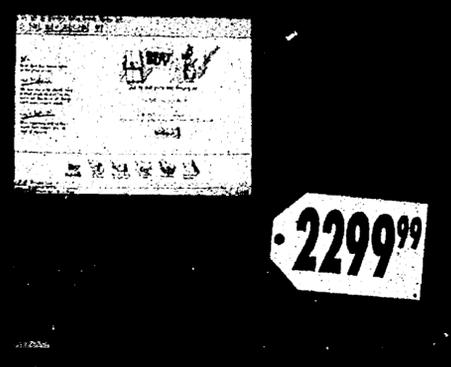


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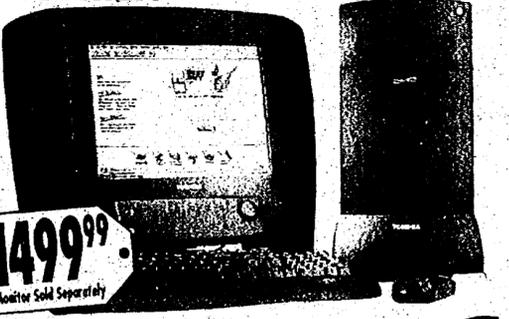


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Maryland's choice: Ron Vanderlinden (right) and brother Gerry in Pasadena.

Maryland's man is Livonia native Ron Vanderlinden

Pete Vanderlinden said his son Ron's "big ambition was always to do well in sports."

"I guess he decided in college that he wanted to be a coach," Pete said.

At age 40, Livonia native Ron Vanderlinden has done pretty well for himself.

He has made a meteoric rise in college ranks after being recently named head football coach at the University of Maryland.

Vanderlinden, who spent past five seasons resurrecting the program at Northwestern, became a hot commodity after the Wildcats went 9-2, and prior to that a Cinderella Rose Bowl season run (in 1995).

"Actually there were four head coaching jobs I had an opportunity to pursue," said Vanderlinden, who has been on a whirlwind schedule since he was named the Terrapins head coach on Dec. 3. "But I never interviewed for those jobs because Maryland easily gave me the most attention. Maryland pursued me very aggressively."

Vanderlinden was swept away by his initial visit to College Park.

"It's just a beautiful area and I was taken back by the fact that it has one of the top academic programs in the country," Vanderlinden said. "The renovation they've done with their stadium — it's practically brand new — and the commitment they've made toward football made me feel very good about the situation."

Vanderlinden is no stranger at helping turn programs around.

Prior to his stint at Northwestern, Vanderlinden spent nine seasons as an assistant at Colorado under his former high school coach at Dearborn Divine Child — Bill McCartney.

"I came to Colorado (from Ball State) at age 27," Vanderlinden said. "We were the worst team in college football in 1983 — 1-10. But then we went on to win three Big Eight titles and won a national championship."

"Then the president of Colorado, Arnold Weber, went to Northwestern," Vanderlinden said. "Gary Barnett and I were assistants together at Colorado and we saw all of the possibilities at Northwestern."

"We saw the high academic standards and the type of student they could attract. We also thought it was a plus that you could win with character. And those guys certainly bore that out because they played together and believed in each other."

"Overall it was a fun five years and a growing experience."

Vanderlinden takes over a Maryland program, 5-6 in Mark Duffner's final year as head coach, which is searching for identity in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

In his first Maryland press conference, Vanderlinden made no bones about the fact that he is shooting for an ACC championship, which means bucking heads with perennial national power Florida State.

Given Vanderlinden's track record, that is not out of the realm of possibility.

He has been a winner ever since McCartney plucked him out of St. Michael's eighth-grade football program.

"Ron played little league for the Blue Jays unit, but then when he was 14, Livonia Parks and Rec didn't have a football program and he didn't want to be in limbo for a year, so he signed up to play at St. Mike's," his father Pete said.

Vanderlinden played center for the powerhouse Divine Child teams which included the likes of All-America High School quarterback Gary Forsytek (Notre Dame) and All-State wide receiver Ed Kasparek (Michigan).

Vanderlinden then headed to Albion College where he was under the guidance of coach Frank Joranko. He was a teammate of Plymouth Salem's Steve Robb (now head coach at Milan) and Livonia Churchill's Phil Damaska. The Britons went undefeated in Vanderlinden's final two seasons.

After graduating from Albion, Vanderlinden spent four years as a graduate assistant, two at Bowling Green and two at Michigan (reunited with McCartney again) before getting his first full-time assistant's job at Ball State under Paul Schudel.

It was there that his coaching career was launched.

And for the kid who grew up on Ingram and Cranston streets in Livonia, it's been an astounding rise through the coaching ranks.

Bauman back, Franklin wins

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association couldn't have been too happy about Matt Bauman returning to Livonia Franklin's lineup Tuesday.

But the center sure made his guards happy, as he opened things for the outside game in Franklin's 68-48 boys hoop drubbing of rival Livonia Churchill.

The visiting Patriots (2-1) started slow, but began to demonstrate its superior talent when Bauman entered the game with 3:09 remaining in the first quarter. The 6-foot-8 center made his first appearance of the season after recovering from a broken ankle.

Bauman hit on his first eight shots (all layups), and finished with 18 points and seven rebounds in just 19 minutes of action. But more importantly, Bauman helped the guard tandem of Nick Mongeau (18 points) and Pete Sosa (14).

"You can definitely see the difference when Matt is out there," said Mongeau, who scored all of his points in the second half. "He definitely helps me out by being double-

teamed. With Matt, we have can have an inside and outside threat."

The Chargers, who have lost their first three games by an average of 21 points, are struggling to find themselves, according to coach Rick Austin.

"We only have one starter back (Shawn Woloszyn) and we're still trying to find our identity," the first-year coach said. "We're trying to find a combination of players who can play together and we have to find some scoring."

The teams combined for 12 turnovers in the first six minutes. Bauman scored the final six points of the first quarter and eight more in the second quarter to give the Patriots a 27-18 lead.

"Both teams came out flat, maybe because there were two new coaches and the players didn't know what to expect," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "We also had to adjust to having Matt back."

"We have to learn when and when not to look for him. He was a little rusty but looked good and it's just a matter now of conditioning."

Woloszyn struggled in the first

See HOOPS, C5

DePorres sinks Wayne

Detroit St. Martin DePorres used an 8-0 fourth-quarter run Tuesday to put host Wayne Memorial away in a boys basketball game, 70-57.

DePorres is now 3-0 overall, while Wayne drops to 2-1.

The Eagles, favored to win the state Class C title, led 44-29 at halftime as Jason Small poured in 16 of his team-high 17 points.

Twin brothers Lorenzo and LaVelle Guess tallied 18 and 13, respectively, for the Zebras.

LUTH. WESTLAND 58, HARPER WDS. 38: On Tuesday, host Lutheran High Westland opened Metro Conference play led by senior forward Joe Pruchnik's 16 points and 13 rebounds against the Pioneers.

Lutheran Westland is 2-1 overall, while Harper Woods is 0-4.

Ben Meyer added 13 points for the winners, who led 28-15 at intermission and 49-31 after three quarters.

Pat Gonyeau tallied a game-high 18 points for Harper Woods.

HAMTRAC 60, CLARENCEVILLE 55: The Cosmos outscored Livonia Clarenceville 9-2 in the final two minutes to erase a 53-51 deficit to pull out the Metro Conference win at home.

Clarenceville drops to 0-3 overall and 0-2

in the Metro, while Hamtramck is 2-1 and 2-0.

Justin Villanueva, a junior forward, scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in a losing cause. Senior center Jason Merritt added 11 points.

Cardenas Huffman and Tom Garbalz each scored 14 for the Cosmos.

"We missed a couple of shots and we started fouling," said Clarenceville coach Rick Larson of the two-minute stretch run. "We were called for an intentional foul and they made two free throws and got the ball."

"But we're learning and playing better basketball now."

GRACE 78, HURON VALLEY 72: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran lost both games last weekend in the Michigan Lutheran Titan Tip-Off Tournament held in St. Joseph.

On Saturday, the Hawks fell to 0-3 in a six-point loss to Grace Christian of Watervliet.

Junior guard Joel Hartley scored 16 in a losing cause, while junior guard Jeremy Zahn and senior center John Nielson each added 12.

Phil Caldwell led Grace with 22.

On Friday, host Michigan Lutheran smothered Huron Valley, 79-21, as junior guard Tom Husby scored seven points in a losing cause.

Just like Mike



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Full extension: Madonna University's Mike Maryanski soars toward the rim during Monday night's men's basketball game against Northwood. Maryanski, a 6-foot-7 junior, scored a team-high 24 points, including six of 11 from three-point range, but the Crusaders fell 93-80. See college basketball roundup on Page C5.

Churchill under new leadership

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

John Filiatraut stands 6 feet, 8 inches and he hopes a struggling Livonia Churchill football will grow under his leadership and stand tall in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The former Dearborn Divine Child standout and letter winner at the University of Wisconsin was named the fourth varsity football coach in school history late last week. He replaces Steve Naumcheff, who agreed to step down last month after going 1-44 in five years.

Filiatraut takes over a program that is 1-62 during the 1990s and losers of 28 straight (dating back to 1993).

"John is a presence, he's extremely organized and I've been very impressed from what I've seen him do with kids in school," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "He has a lot of good ideas and a good grasp of the game of football."

"He's very professional and has had an excellent rapport with the students, staff and administration. He demonstrates a lot of maturity for not teaching in our building that long."

The 28-year-old Filiatraut was one of five candidates for the job.

He was interviewed Dec. 11 by Hage, along with the school's three assistant principals — Steve Archibald, Joe Anderson and Dan Willenborg.

"I'm real excited because John brings enthusiasm, a lot of neat concepts, and can tap into some excellent resources from Divine Child and playing football in the Big Ten," Hage said.

Filiatraut has been coaching since he graduated with a degree in history from Wisconsin in 1991. He spent the last two seasons as DC's defen-



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

New coach: John Filiatraut hopes to turn around Livonia Churchill's football fortunes around in 1997.

sive coordinator. Last fall, the Falcons finished 8-1, just narrowly missing a playoff berth in Class BB-Region IV.

"My immediate challenge is to put together a staff," said Filiatraut, who was hired to teach social studies and freshman orientation at Churchill in August. "My offensive style is conservative with a stingy defense. We ran the stunt 4-3 (defense) at Divine Child and that's what I'll bring over. We'll have good special teams and we'll run the football. It won't be a Churchill air show."

"If you look at the successful teams, they run the ball. As much as

(Westland) John Glenn likes to throw the ball, they can always run it when they want.

"We'll show discipline and we'll be a tough, hard-nosed team. The hitting will improve."

Filiatraut will also rely on his experience at Wisconsin where he played under Don Morton and Barry Alvarez (his senior year).

"I've played a lot of the positions," Filiatraut said. "I came in as an outside linebacker, played tight end, moved to the defensive line, played on special teams, and spent time on the offensive line," he said. "I enjoyed practice and I wouldn't trade that experience for the world."

FOOTBALL

The task of moving out of the cellar in the Western Division of the WLAA will be Filiatraut's toughest challenge. This year, the WLAA boasted the state Class AA champion (Walled Lake Western), the state Class A runner-up (Farmington Hills Harrison) and the state Class AA semifinalist, WLAA champ John Glenn.

"You have to walk before you run," the new coach said. "You have to think short term. To talk league title in 1997 would be premature, but we want to put a better product on the field and have people start talking positive about Churchill football, and I think that's achievable."

"One of the things that makes it exciting is going against the Chuck Gordons (Glenn), the Chuck Apaps (Western) and the John Herringtons (Harrison). That's motivation enough for me to prepare and work hard."

Filiatraut believes the potential is there for a winning program.

"It doesn't appear numbers is a problem," he said. "We had 40 freshmen and 40 JV players. We have about 100 kids total and that's plenty of people playing football."

"You just have to get the right kids and teach winning football."

Ironically, Filiatraut returns to coach at the same place where he had the opportunity to attend in high school.

"I played grade-school football at St. Michael's," he said. "My two older sisters went to Divine Child and I followed suit. It wasn't a recruiting thing."

The Livonia native resides in Dearborn Heights with his wife Janice and infant son John George.

Ladywood ready for action

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Coach Tom Teeters is shuffling the deck as his Livonia Ladywood volleyball team embarks on the 1996-97 season opener Saturday at the Portage Northern Invitational.

He's making wholesale lineup changes with the idea of coming up with a strong suit against some of the state's elite teams.

Last year the Blazers came close, going 48-9 before falling to nemesis Temperance Bedford in the state Class A quarterfinals.

Ladywood has made several appearances in the quarterfinals, but hasn't played in the state championship game after finishing runner-up in 1990 (Ladywood won back-to-back state crowns in 1988-89.)

His ace in the hole could be 6-foot-1 junior Sarah Poglits, who moves from the middle to the

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setters position. She will share that spot with 5-11 senior Kristen Dause, who missed the last half of the season a year ago with an injury; and 5-8 senior Nicole Vondracek (a first-team All-ObsERVER pick).

Both Dause and Vondracek will also play outside. Dause will also see action in the middle as Poglits will direct a 5-1 attack.

"We feel confident, with a left-handed setter (Poglits), that she can do damage in the front and back row," Teeters said. "We feel we can do a lot of different things with our personnel. We can flex to the type of team we're playing and play to the matchups of the teams we're playing."

"We can maneuver around to cover different defensive situations." Ladywood is favored once again to win the Catholic League and Operation-Friendship titles for the sixth consecutive year.

Ladywood has not lost a

Catholic League match in five years, but the Blazers may have their sights set on bigger things — like the Class A state crown.

"We have a shot at it if we get some dominant players," said Teeters, now in his 11th season. "We're much quicker defensively and we feel confident."

Once again the western side of the state will be loaded with talented teams including defending champion Kalamazoo Central, East Kentwood, Portage Northern and Battle Creek Central. In the western suburbs, teams such as Livonia Churchill, Plymouth Salem, Walled Lake Central and Livonia Stevenson could also be heard from.

Stevenson surprised the WLAA tourney field last year with an upset win.

Meanwhile, Salem is rebuilding with some young talent after being stunned in last spring's Class A regional final by Ladywood, squandering a 12-3 lead in the third and decisive game at Ferndale.

See capsule summaries.

CAPSULE SUMMARIES OF AREA TEAMS

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Tom Teeters, 11th season.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Season opener: Saturday, Dec. 21 at Portage Northern Tournament.

Last year's overall record: 48-9.

Titles won last year: Catholic League (Central Division and A-B Division playoffs), Operation-Friendship, Fraser Invitational, Class A district and regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Erin LeSage (first-team All-ObsERVER); Stacey Judd (first-team All-ObsERVER); Shannon Swish, Jessica Geracz and Jill Wilson.

Leading returnees: Kristen Dause, 5-11 senior setter/middle hitter/outside hitter; Cathy Hermann, 5-10 senior outside hitter; Jenny LaChapelle, 5-8 junior outside hitter/setter (first-team All-ObsERVER); Sarah Poglits, 6-1 junior setter (third-team All-Area); Katie Brogan, 5-4 junior defensive specialist; Mary Lu Hemme, 5-8 junior middle hitter; Jenny Young, 6-1 sophomore outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Natalie Rozell, 5-9 junior outside hitter; Tracy DeWitt, 5-5 sophomore defensive specialist; Andrea Rahley, 5-6 junior defensive specialist; Leslie Orzech, 5-9 junior setter.

Teeters' 1996-97 outlook: "Hermann gained valuable time last year when Dause got hurt. Hemme is also coming on strong. She's improved her vertical jump four inches on the slide play."

"Our junior class is strong. We have a lot of depth to go to. We're a strong defensive team with speed in all areas."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Mike Hughes, 21st season.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).

Season opener: Dec. 18 at Wayne Memorial vs. Livonia Churchill and Wayne.

Last year's overall record: 28-12.

Titles won last year: Western Division champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Theresa Arciero (first-team All-ObsERVER and All-WLAA); Kelly Ashworth, middle blocker; Jill Sarovsky, middle blocker; Kerri Verardi, setter.

Leading returnees: Megan McGinty (middle blocker); Lori Leszczynski; Danielle Sockolosky; Amanda Eszes; Kari Buzewski; Andrea Will, (All seniors.)

Promising newcomers: Jenny Duncan; Lisa Fabrikiewicz; Susan Hill; Jennifer Laidlaw; Beth Rutkowski; Jessica Sherman. (All juniors.)

Hughes' 1996-97 outlook: "We're going to be competitive. We're going to be smaller than last year, but we have some very competitive personalities and some real hard-working kids. And we expect to be competitive."

"Our one outside hitter is going to be Lori Leszczynski. The other one is going to be a real competition among three of the juniors — Duncan, Fabrikiewicz and Hill. Right now they're real close, so it's hard to tell. Eszes and McGinty are going to start in the middle."

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Stacy Graham, third season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).

Season opener: Dec. 18 at Wayne Memorial vs. Livonia Churchill and Wayne.

Last year's overall record: 8-16.

Notable losses to graduation: Jennifer Tooper, Rachel Satterlee, Anja Protz and Kelly Armstrong.

Leading returnees: Chrissy Harkless, 5-11 senior middle hitter; Jennifer Smith, 5-6 senior outside hitter; Jamie Romej, 5-5 senior setter; Jamie Barker, 5-9 junior setter; Julie Taylor, 5-7 junior outside hitter; Beth Bussard, 5-5 senior defensive specialist; Rebecca Harden, 5-6 senior outside hitter/back row; Sarah Cretens, 5-7 senior outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Jessica Pickup, 5-5 junior outside hitter; Megan Brady, 5-8 junior middle blocker; Becky Resinger, 5-6 junior outside hitter; Malisa Hamilton, 5-7 junior outside hitter.

Graham's 1996-97: "A few played during off-season. I stressed it. Some played WYAA. We played at South Lyon this past weekend and made it out of pool play and lost to Pinckney in semifinals."

"Janie Romej did some good setting. Jenny Smith played great defense and passed well. Chrissy Harkless did a great job blocking. Barker looked real good."

"We need to improve our attacking as the season goes along. We have to play smart. Technique has improved since last year. Keep in focus and work hard."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Ann Hutchins, sixth season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).

Season opener: Friday, Jan. 3 at Romulus.

Last year's overall record: 5-24-8.

Notable losses to graduation: Melissa Wolvin (Capt.); Jenny Atanosian; Amanda Ricotta.

Leading returnees: Senior tri-captains Janine Bosman, Randi Wolfe and Melissa Zawacki; Cathy Wolfe; Brooke Hensman, junior; Danielle Wensing, junior; Missy Blanton, junior.

Promising newcomers: Juniors Jackie Zlem; Sarah Gush; Becky Siusarski; Becky Brokas; Melanie Maxwell; Mary Priebe; Jamie Wensing.

Hutchins' 1996-97 outlook: "We have more experience than we have had. Some of our kids have played in the Junior Olympics."

"I think we have a better offensive team than we have had in the past. We have more dominant hitting in the front row. Our setting is good."

"We should be in the top half or top third of our conference. We should be considerably better than last year's team, barring any injuries."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Kelly Graham, fourth season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).

Season opener: Friday, Dec. 27 at Temperance Bedford Invitational.

Last year's overall record: 22-10-13.

Titles won last year: Western Lakes playoff champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Kristi DiBa-

sio (first-team All-ObsERVER); Laura Krol, Stacey Nichols, Catherine Garry, Julie Richardson.

Leading returnees: Gina Palmeri, 6-0 senior middle hitter; Nicole Tobin, 5-4 senior setter; Kelly Kristy, 5-8 senior outside hitter; Beth Pinneo, 5-4 senior defensive specialist; Stephanie Walters, 5-9 senior outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Lanette Moss, 5-10 junior middle hitter; Whitney Crosby, 5-7 junior outside hitter; Lindsey Pfeifer, 5-7 junior outside hitter; Stacey Nastase, 5-7 junior outside hitter.

Graham's 1996-97 outlook: "I think we are a better team than last year as far as talent and ability. We have five powerful hitters. We taller and stronger."

"Gina and Nicole will carry the team only so far. Our success depends on what the other people do."

"In our scrimmage at Walled Lake (Central) we looked good."

"What we need is communication on the court, but these girls have played together the last three years. The key is passing. We have strong servers and we'll hit the ball. We just have to get the ball to our setter."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Stacy Graham, third season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).

Season opener: Dec. 18 at Wayne Memorial vs. Livonia Churchill and Wayne.

Last year's overall record: 8-16.

Notable losses to graduation: Jennifer Tooper, Rachel Satterlee, Anja Protz and Kelly Armstrong.

Leading returnees: Chrissy Harkless, 5-11 senior middle hitter; Jennifer Smith, 5-6 senior outside hitter; Jamie Romej, 5-5 senior setter; Jamie Barker, 5-9 junior setter; Julie Taylor, 5-7 junior outside hitter; Beth Bussard, 5-5 senior defensive specialist; Rebecca Harden, 5-6 senior outside hitter/back row; Sarah Cretens, 5-7 senior outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Jessica Pickup, 5-5 junior outside hitter; Megan Brady, 5-8 junior middle blocker; Becky Resinger, 5-6 junior outside hitter; Malisa Hamilton, 5-7 junior outside hitter.

Graham's 1996-97: "A few played during off-season. I stressed it. Some played WYAA. We played at South Lyon this past weekend and made it out of pool play and lost to Pinckney in semifinals."

"Janie Romej did some good setting. Jenny Smith played great defense and passed well. Chrissy Harkless did a great job blocking. Barker looked real good."

"We need to improve our attacking as the season goes along. We have to play smart. Technique has improved since last year. Keep in focus and work hard."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Jeff Hale, third season.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).

Season opener: Friday, Jan. 3 at Romulus.

Last year's overall record: 4-48.

Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Ruth (four-year veteran); Nikki Knightlinger (three-year veteran); Becky Haddad (three-year veteran).

Leading returnees: Senior tri-captains Janine Bosman, Randi Wolfe and Melissa Zawacki; Cathy Wolfe; Brooke Hensman, junior; Danielle Wensing, junior; Missy Blanton, junior.

Promising newcomers: Stacie Graves (freshman setter); Anya Day (sophomore setter); Liz Lanning (freshman hitter); Jessie Cherundolo (freshman middle hitter); Katie Orlandino (sophomore middle hitter, played one-third of 1995-96 season on varsity); Andrea Johnson (freshman outside hitter); Vicky Martin (freshman outside hitter); Jessica Whitaker (freshman outside hitter); Danielle Joy (freshman setter, defense); Kelly Kovak (freshman middle hitter).

Hale's 1996-97 outlook: "Our middle hitter, Stephanie Graves, we're looking at her to help guide this team. We have no seniors and no juniors. We're at a rebuilding year, very much so."

"But this is the first time I've had double digit numbers in players, so we're very, very positive about this year's team, as far as getting them to play together."

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LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Alisha Love, sixth season.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Season opener: Saturday, Dec. 21 at Madonna Tournament.

Last year's overall record: 32-10-2.

Titles won last year: Metro Conference champions and Class C district champs (regional finalist).

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Amy Jones, middle outside hitter; Nicole Riedl, setter; Kelly Ackroyd; Michelle Berry, junior; Jackie Kibilko, junior defensive specialist; Danielle Sledz, sophomore outside hitter; Agnieszka Palaz, junior outside hitter; Kristin Jaber; Joanna Skrela, junior; Kristina Skrela, sophomore.

Promising newcomers: None.

Love's 1996-97 outlook: "We should be a strong team defensively this year. We're going to get quicker because all my girls did return (except Melissa Berry, who is an exchange student in Sweden). People had better not underestimate us."

"I do have some strong leaders that are going to take us in the direction we're going to go: senior captains Nicole, Amy and Kelly. Melissa Berry's twin sister, Michelle, is blocking the entire front. We know it's going to be a strain on her, but we're working on getting her help."

"We're not afraid of a challenge. We never turn away a challenge."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Head coach: Joan Ollinger, second season.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Season opener: Saturday, Jan. 4 at Warren Bethesda Tournament.

Last year's conference finish: fourth place.

Notable losses to graduation: Katie Ollinger, Amy Modenhauer.

Leading returnees: Jessica Joyce, 6-0 senior middle hitter; Joy Tiernan, 5-8 senior outside hitter; Susanne Thomson, 5-7 back row specialist; Lindsay Allor, 5-7 defensive specialist.

Promising newcomers: Sarah Hoffmeyer, 5-5 junior setter; Michelle Wiersig, 5-5 junior setter.

Ollinger's 1996-97 outlook: "Things look good. I think we can finish the same or even better than we did last year."

"Clarenceville and (Macomb) Lutheran North are the teams to beat in our conference. We just need confidence. Our skill level is good; they just need to know they can do it."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Laura Fisher, first season.
League affiliation: Mega Conference (Red Division).

Season opener: Friday, Jan. 3 at Romulus.

Last year's overall record: 5-24-8.

Notable losses to graduation: Melissa Wolvin (Capt.); Jenny Atanosian; Amanda Ricotta.

Leading returnees: Senior tri-captains Janine Bosman, Randi Wolfe and Melissa Zawacki; Cathy Wolfe; Brooke Hensman, junior; Danielle Wensing, junior; Missy Blanton, junior.

Promising newcomers: Juniors Jackie Zlem; Sarah Gush; Becky Siusarski; Becky Brokas; Melanie Maxwell; Mary Priebe; Jamie Wensing.

Hutchins' 1996-97 outlook: "We have more experience than we have had. Some of our kids have played in the Junior Olympics."

"I think we have a better offensive team than we have had in the past. We have more dominant hitting in the front row. Our setting is good."

"We should be in the top half or top third of our conference. We should be considerably better than last year's team, barring any injuries."

"But this is the first time I've had double digit numbers in players, so we're very, very positive about this year's team, as far as getting them to play together."

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Petryk gets MVP honors as Spartans win GC tourney

Nick Petryk took most valuable wrestler honors for the upper weight divisions Saturday as Livonia Stevenson captured the 32nd annual Garden City Christmas Tournament.

Stevenson scored a team-high 169 points, 10 more than runner-up Westland John Glenn in the 19-team tournament.

Petryk, a 152-pounder, edged Kevin Scott of Trenton in the finals, 3-2, after beating Livonia Clarenceville's Craig Rose in the semifinals, 15-4.

Stevenson also received runner-up finishes from Rich Brammer (heavyweight), Jeff Brach (125) and Katsuhiko Sueda (103).

Glenn boasted four individual champions — Marc Dugas (heavyweight), John Fedulchak (140), Rich Donahue (160) and Mike Reeves (171).

Livonia Churchill, ninth in the team standings, had two champions — Ali Ramlawi (189) and Bob Fowler (215).

See statistical summary.

Wayne finishes 3rd

William Laramie (heavyweight), George Buckner (215) and Pat Grzecki (189) won individual titles Saturday as Wayne finished third overall in the Gibraltar Carlson Tournament.

Richard Watson (135) added a second place, while Nate Wensko (103), Jim Siwula (152) and Sean McInerney (171) took thirds. John Nichols (119) was fourth.

CC 4th at Salem

Mitch Hancock (112) was the only individual winner Saturday as Redford Catholic Central took fourth in the eight-team Plymouth Salem Invitational.

WRESTLING

Holt won the team title with 294 points followed by host Salem (201), Adrian (188) and CC (148).

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 169 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 159; 3. Trenton, 149.5; 4. Melvindale, 144; 5. Northville, 127; 6. Livonia Franklin, 107; 7. Dearborn Fordson, 99; 8. Monroe, 91; 9. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 88 each; 11. Garden City, 83; 12. Dearborn, 82; 13. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 81; 14. Dearborn Divine Child, 74; 15. Livonia Clarenceville, 49; 16. Inkster, 48; 17. Lutheran Westland, 43.5; 18. Redford Union, 40; 19. Wayne Memorial JV, 26.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Heavyweight: Marc Dugas (WJG) pinned Rich Brammer (LS, 2:35); **consolation final:** Matt Holland (DHC) p. Rich Barrett (Annapolis), 1:45; **5th-6th:** Matt Lawson (LF) p. Ali Mackie

(DF), 3:20. **103 pounds:** Eric Nowitske (Monroe) d. Katsuhiko Sueda (LS), 13:6; **consolation:** Munnusah (Melvindale) p. Ben Asby (Northville), no time available; **5th-6th:** Pat Sayn (GC) dec. Pete Kim (DCC), 10:9.

112: Keith Scott (Trenton) dec. Bill Louzon (Melvindale), 13:3; **consolation:** Nick Sriramin (Northville) dec. Bryan St. Bernard (Monroe), 11:2; **5th-6th:** Eric Falkenberg (Luth. Westland) dec. Walter Dietz (LF), 8:1. **119:** Rick Torrence (Northville) dec. Robert Wygonik (Melvindale), 4:2; **consolation:** Tong Antal (DHC) dec. Ryan Heineman (Trenton), 13:4; **5th-6th:** Chris Goins (LS) and Hartley (Dearborn), tied.

125: Manny Cantu (Melvindale) p. Jeff Brach (LS), 2:20; **consolation:** Nick Bensky (Trenton) dec. Aaron Haddad (LF), 4:3; **5th-6th:** Alfonso Angeles (DHA) dec. Joe Banko (WM).

130: Makimba Mimms (Inkster) dec. Matt Milne (GC), 9:4; **consolation:** Andy Ebendick (Luth. Westland) dec. Wilhelm (Melvindale), 15:7; **5th-6th:** Dan Seder (LS) dec. Mike Alvarado (Dearborn), 6:1.

135: Steve Walker (GC) dec. Tom LaRose (Dearborn), 7:6; **consolation:** John Grills (LF)

p. Scappaticci (Northville), 0:48; **5th-6th:** Chris Lakner (C'ville) dec. Kirk Eggleston (DHC), 5:3.

140: John Fedulchak (WJG) dec. El-Sanhour (DF), 7:0; **consolation:** Dave Lichtner (DHA) defeated Matt Merrick (DCC), no score available; **5th-6th:** Mark Straub (Trenton) p. Luke Masiarak (GC), 1:27.

145: Lewis (Melvindale) dec. Jeff Neese (DHA), 20:15; **consolation:** James Evans (DF) dec. Josh Braden (Monroe), 5:3; **5th-6th:** Nick McGowan (LC) dec. Bob Provost (WJG), 7:4.

152: Nick Petryk (LS) dec. Kevin Scott (Trenton), 3-2; **consolation:** Craig Rose (C'ville) dec. Bejai Majed (DF), 7:1; **5th-6th:** Matt Biddinger (WJG) dec. Betz (Melvindale), 13:2.

160: Rick Donahue (WJG) dec. Mike Mandjack (DDC), 17:2; **consolation:** Kevin Townsend (DF) won by injury default over Mike Allison (LS); **5th-6th:** Nate Kuharsky (Trenton) p. Brian Hinzman (GC), 1:40.

171: Tim Reeves (WJG) p. Bryan Grinder (Northville), 0:20; **consolation:** Mike Zack (Trenton) p. Lenny Morin (RU), 2:35; **5th-6th:** Hussam Essa (DF) p. Mike Bettley (DHC), 1:42.

189: Joe Ramlawi (LC) p. Najran Alqirsh

(DF), 1:04; **consolation:** Shaun O'Connor (LF) p. Joel Kubick (DHA), 1:48; **5th-6th:** Walter Ragland (C'ville) dec. Rayburn (Dearborn), 10:7.

215: Bob Fowler (LC) dec. Leroy Johnson (Monroe), 6:0; **consolation:** Derek Wieland (LS) p. Jay Myrand (LF), 4:25; **5th-6th:** Dave Dietz (DHA) p. Joe Savel (DCC), 3:07.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 15 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 18 Dec. 16 at Stevenson

103 pounds: Joe Moreau (LS) won by void; **112:** Katsuhiko Sueda (LS) d. Jason Dietz, 6:2; **119:** Chris Goins (LS) dec. Jason Deskins, 11:1; **125:** Jeff Brach (LS) dec. Aaron Haddad, 8:5; **130:** Dan Seder (LS) dec. Dave Fry, 22:7; **135:** John Grills (LF) pinned Ed Little, 2:32; **140:** Phil Ruerler (LS) p. Alan Duff, 1:11; **145:** Brian Barker (LS) p. John Hirzel, 5:28; **152:** Nick Petryk (LS) dec. Joe Moritz, 22:7; **160:** Mike Radley (LS) dec. Russ Ashman, 11:6; **171:** Mike Allison (LS) p. Steve Myslinski, 4:31; **189:** Sean O'Connor (LF) won by void; **215:** Derek Wieland (LS) dec. Jay Myrand, 6:4 (overtime); **heavyweight:** Matt Lawson (LF) dec. Rich Brammer, 5:4. Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-1 overall.

WEEK AHEAD

- BOYS BASKETBALL**
Thursday, Dec. 19
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Canton at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m.
Salem at Brighton, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20
Luth. N. West at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Taylor Light, 7:30 p.m.
O.L. St. Mary at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m.
at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21
Brother Rice at Wayne, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Dec. 20
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Ply. Computer, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21
Churchill at E. Kentwood, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at U-D Jesuit, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Dec. 21
Portage Northern Tourney, 8 a.m.
Taylor Invitational, 8:30 p.m.
Bishop Gallagher Tourney, 9 a.m.
Madonna Tournament, 9 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 18
Northwood at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20
Alpena at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 20
Alpena at Schoolcraft, 5 p.m.
(Madonna University Classic)
Kalamazoo vs. Tiffin (Ohio), 6 p.m.
Madonna vs. Mich. Christian, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21
(Madonna University Classic)
Tiffin (Ohio) vs. Mich. Christian, noon.
Madonna vs. Kalamazoo, 2 p.m.
TBA — Times to be announced.

Stevenson ices RU

Livonia Stevenson scored four goals in the first six minutes Tuesday en route to a 6-3 Suburban High School Hockey League victory over Redford Union at Redford Ice Arena.

One of the Spartans' first four goals came on the power play.

"They're probably the best team we've faced so far," said RU coach Kirk Hunter, whose team fell to 3-3-1 overall, 2-3-1 in the SPHL. "They move the puck and they're disciplined."

Stevenson is 6-2 overall, 4-0 in the SHSHL.

Trevor Pagel scored two goals and J.J. Price one for RU. Price, Derek Eddy and Andy Zukovs had one assist each.

Stevenson spread the goal-scoring wealth among six players: Darin Fawkes, Bill Marshall, Mike Radakovich, Jason Ward, Ted Marolla and Ryan Zaleski scored for Stevenson.

Mike Schmidt and Jason Ward had two assists each. Andy Domzalski, Mike Radakovich, David Nanas and Marolla had one apiece.

RU goaltender Mike O'Keefe had 25 saves. Anthony Alfonsi had 22 saves for Stevenson.

MILFORD 2, STEVENSON 1: Cory O'Toole scored a pair of goals in the second period to lift the unbeaten Redskins (7-0 overall) to the non-league win Saturday over visiting Livonia Stevenson (5-2).

Jay Ward scored Stevenson's lone goal from Mike Schmidt and Ted Marolla in the opening period.

Milford goaltender John O'Donnell made 29 saves, while Stevenson's Anthony Alfonsi had 27 stops for Stevenson.

"Their goalie beat us, pure and simple," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "We out-

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shot them 15-13 in the third period. We never quit. It was a good effort.

REDFORD CC 5, RICHARD 2: Senior Tim Cibor scored two goals Saturday night, rallying Redford Catholic Central to a Michigan Metro victory over Riverview Gabriel Richard at Redford Ice Arena.

The Shamrocks, who scored three goals in a span of 1:03 late in the second period, improved to 5-1 overall. They are 3-0 in the ckey League.

Richard scored first on a goal by Nick Noade with assists to Pat Jesus and Justin Gray at 10:15 of the first period.

Cibor tied things up, scoring at 4:46 of the second period. Mike Porter and Scott Curtin drew assists.

Cibor scored the eventual game winner with a goal in the slot assisted by Eric Bratcher and Curtin at 12:03 of the second period.

The Shamrocks built their lead to 4-1 with a goal by Jason Tartif 23 seconds later and a goal by Mike Davis at 13:06 of the second period.

Matt Bieniek picked up the lone assist on Tartif's goal; Dan McClellan and Bieniek assisted on Davis' goal.

Curtin gave the Shamrocks a 5-1 lead with a goal assisted by Jim Melton at 10:22 of the third period.

ROYAL OAK 6, FRANKLIN 2: On Friday, Royal Oak got a hat trick from Kevin Ayers to earn the Suburban High School Hockey League win over visiting Livonia Franklin, which falls to 2-4-1 overall and 1-3 in the SHSHL.

The Patriots trailed 3-0 after two periods before Justin Sawyer scored in the third from Eric Hillebrand and Rick Leirstein.

But Royal Oak scored the next two goals before Franklin's Jeremiah White scored from Erik Rakoczy and Dan Hofelich.

Tom Taylor started in the nets for the Patriots, facing 27 shots while allowing five goals.

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Observer team deep in talent

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STAFF WRITER

There is one word which best describes this year's all-Observer girls basketball team: depth.

Several teams — Redford Bishop Borgess, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton, Farmington Harrison, Wayne Memorial, Farmington Hills Mercy, Redford Thurston — put together strong seasons. Each had something in common: star-quality players.

Indeed, there were so many good teams with good players, no one put two players on this season's all-Observer first team.

And in case you're wondering if this season is some sort of rare exception, something that won't reoccur for years, think again: Three of the seven choices on the first team are juniors, and there's only one senior on the second team. All told, just nine of the 21 players on the three teams are seniors.

The person chosen to coach this elite group is familiar to anyone who knows basketball in Observerland: Bob Blohm of Canton.

Blohm put together a team as strong any in the area, even though the Chiefs were smaller (no starter taller than 5-foot-11) than most teams, lacked consistent scoring from the perimeter and had average speed.

They won — 19 of 25 games — because they out rebounded their bigger foes, played a stifling man-to-man defense and used Blohm's patient, pass-it-around style of offense to great effect.

And when they needed to step up their games, the Chiefs did. After losing both their Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament games, Canton went back to work — and it paid off. In the state playoffs, the Chiefs beat both Salem and Northville, two teams that had beaten them during the regular season (Northville did it twice).

Canton advanced to the Class A regional finals where it ran into Birmingham Marian — which eventually won the state title.

Still, there's no denying that Blohm once again did a superb job teaching the game and getting the most out of his personnel, trademarks of his throughout his coaching career.

FIRST TEAM
Amanda Porter, 5-7 Sr. guard, Farmington: When coach John Verdura took charge of the program four years ago, he knew he had a player in Porter, who started every game for four years and excelled in all phases of the game. Porter averaged 16.3 points, eight rebounds, three assists and four steals this year. She shot 38 percent from the field and 65 percent at the free-throw line.

In 87 games during her high school career, Porter scored 1,129 points and had 412 rebounds, 311 steals and 261 assists. She also made 302-of-504 free throws (60 percent).

"Amanda has been our best basketball player for four years," Verdura said. "Because she's so versatile and has such great vision on the floor, she has the ability to make the players around her better."

"She's more than just a scoring threat, because she gives you an added dimension. She's a complete player; she did a lot of other things besides just score."

"She's a good rebounder for her size; she's a one-player press offense in herself. She helped give our program some respect. Because teams had to give so much attention to Amanda, it allowed other players to play better."

Amanda Abraham, 6-1 Jr. forward, Plymouth Salem: Although listed as a forward, Abraham was actually more of a point guard — a point forward, if you will. In that role, she was counted on to

supply a lot of everything. And she did. "She was instrumental in breaking pressure," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She had to give up a bit of her game for us to be successful. She's got a nice post-up game, but we didn't post her up."

Instead, Abraham distributed the ball — and scored when needed. She averaged 10.5 points (second on the team), 7.5 rebounds (first), 2.5 assists (first) and 1.3 blocks (first) a game for the Rocks, who finished 17-4 and won the WLAA Tournament.

An all-WLAA Lakes Division choice, Abraham was at her best going to the basket. "She's got a great take-to-the-rim," said Thomann, "and a good finish when she gets there, right- or left-handed."

Kristl Florenzi, 5-11 Sr. forward, Plymouth Canton: The best word to describe Florenzi is adaptability.

She's been on Canton's varsity for four-straight years, playing in 92 games, and each season she's been asked to supply something a bit different.

"The big thing with her is she's always been able to adjust her game to the team needs," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "She did what she needed to do to make the team successful."

"She was the consummate team player."

Florenzi was asked to be the leader this season and she was, registering team-highs in points (14.5) and rebounds (5.6) per game.

The Chiefs replied to Florenzi's leadership by reaching the Class A regional finals, where they lost to eventual state champion Birmingham Marian.

MaryJane Valade, 5-8 Sr. forward, Mercy: Valade was a four-year varsity letter winner. She played in 73 games over four years, starting every one as a junior and senior.

She led the Marlins in scoring with 14 points per game and averaged 6.7 rebounds. Valade scored in doubles figures in the last 13 games in which she averaged almost 18 points.

She had a career high of 27 points in a district game against West Bloomfield and 23 against Plymouth Canton in a regional tournament contest.

Valade is 12th on Mercy's career scoring list with 635 points and 11th in rebounding with 395. She also shot 46 percent from the field (115-of-285) and 53 percent at the free-throw line (61-of-116) this year.

"She really kicked in the second time through the league season," coach Larry Baker said. "She really delivered clutch performances in the state tournament. It was exciting to see a senior player step up like that."

"MaryJane has been a terrific player to coach. We considered her our best passing forward as a sophomore; she gradually improved her offensive game and was our most consistent inside and outside scorer this year."

Yalanda Holt, 5-11 Sr. guard, Wayne Memorial: Holt is making her second straight appearance on the first team.

She averaged 20 points, seven rebounds, four steals and three assists as the Zebras finished 18-6, including a district championship and a co-share of the Mega-Red Division title.

Bound for Bowling Green (Ohio) University on a basketball scholarship, Holt is one of the area's most versatile players, adept at handling the ball and running the point.

"We played her at the point spot out of necessity," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "She has great floor vision and is a very good offensive player who can drive to the basket or pull up for the perimeter shot."

Holt started out her career at Redford Bishop Borgess where she was a contributing member of the Spartans' 1993 state Class C championship team before transferring her sophomore year to Wayne.

Amy Roble, 5-7 Jr. swingman, Harrison: Roble has been a varsity starter since the middle of her freshman year, and she helped lead the Hawks to the



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FIRST TEAM			
Amanda Porter, 5-8 Sr.	Farmington	Clarenceville: Rachel Sundberg; Huron	
Amanda Abraham, 6-1 Jr.	Ply. Salem	Valley Lutheran: Sara Tacis, Amy Mohacsi;	
Kristl Florenzi, 5-10 Sr.	Ply. Canton	Wayne: Tonya Crawford; John Glenn;	
Mary Jane Valade, 5-8 Sr.	F.H. Mercy	Samantha Crews, Katie Suda, Angie	
Yalanda Holt, 5-11 Sr.	Wayne	Gorecki; Franklin: Julie Warner, Lori	
Amy Roble, 5-7 Jr.	F.H. Harrison	Rynkiewicz, Randi Wolfe; Chuchill: Jessie	
Alysha Smith, 6-1 Jr.	Bishop Borgess	Jenkins, Dawn Pertulla; Stevenson: Car-	
SECOND TEAM			
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Angela Sillmon, 5-9 Soph.	Ply. Salem	Backus, Lyndsay Wilhelm; Ladywood:	
Christina Anderson, 5-6 Jr.	Borgess	Stephanie Mussat, Mary Dankert, Erin	
Jessie Brennan, 5-9 Soph.	F.H. Mercy	Hayden, Melissa Poma; Lutheran West-	
Candice Finley, 6-0 Sr.	Borgess	land: Janel Twietmeyer, Joy Tiernan,	
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Andrea Pruett, 6-1 Soph.	Ply. Salem	Melowski; Kristy McDonald, Christie	
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Jessica Lantto, 5-6 Sr.	Thurston	Kasia Mathena, Shannan Bjerke; Garden	
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Sarah Poglis, 6-1 Jr.	Ledywood	Katie Miller, JoAnn Tischler Plymouth Can-	
Jackie McCowry, 6-0 Sr.	Stevenson	ton: Mary Anderson, Nkechi Okwumabu;	
COACH OF THE YEAR			
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		Jenny Neale; Farmington Mercy: Keisha	
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Western Lakes Activities Association championship game this year.

She averaged 14.4 points, 5.2 rebounds and 2.5 steals. She shot 39 percent from the floor (103-of-264), 25 percent from three-point distance (25-of-102) and 69 percent at the free-throw line (89-of-123).

In 53 varsity games during her career, Roble has scored 588 points and reached 213 rebounds. She also has made 57 of 226 three-point attempts for 25.2 percent.

"Behind her humble demeanor lies a tremendous competitive spirit," coach Pete Mantyla said. "She didn't miss one day through AAU, our summer program or the season."

"She shoots the three; she can drive to the basket and score and she's a force in the post."

"The next step, which has already begun, is making other players better. She showed flashes of that at the end of the year. Some of the passes she threw were pretty incredible."

Alysha Smith, 6-1 Jr. center, Redford Bishop Borgess: The three-year starter did everything asked of her, including bringing the ball up on the press at times.

She averaged 12 points, 10 rebounds, three assists and two blocks per game while shooting 50 percent from the floor.

"I feel she makes good decisions and I want her to have the ball a lot, especially in the low post where she can pass or shoot," coach Dave Mann said. "She'll realistically be one of the top five players and a Miss Basketball candidate in the state next year."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

COLLEGIATE NOTES
• Albion College senior forward Karen Groulx (Livonia Stevenson) scored a career-high 24 points as the Lady Britons won their first game in seven starts with an 82-73 women's basketball victory against Manchester (Ind.) on Dec. 10. Groulx is second on the team in scoring, averaging 12 points and hitting 54 percent of her shots from the floor (38 of 70).

• Valparaiso (Ind.) junior point-guard Mo Drabicki scored a team-high 17 points Sunday in an 88-54 women's basketball victory over Western Michigan.

FALCON JV UNBEATEN
The Falcon JV team (11-12

year-olds) of the Livonia Junior Football League recently finished their season with an 8-0 record, outscoring their opponents 238-18, while racking up 2,100 yards in total offense while giving up only 500.

In a mid-season showdown, the Falcons defeated Brighton in a battle of unbeaten, 34-0.

Members of the Falcons, coached by Dave Falzon, include: Greg Arrowsmith, Cliff Carlson, Lindon Ivezaj, Mike Khoe, Bill Marsack, Ryan McNally, Doug Novack, Anthony Phelps, Matt Radley, Charlie Reed, Dan Romain, Steve St. John, Josh Stack, Bill Williams, Scott Brodie, Brian Domingo, Steve Johnson, Jim Koskela, Matt

McCowan, Jeff Niemiec, Kevin Orlik, Bill Rabe, Andy Redington, Ian Rice, Dan Ross, Griffin Schager, Rob Thomas and Blake Weldon.

Assistant coaches include Rick Colley, Jim Ross and Russ Thomas.

POWERLIFTING CONFERENCE
The second annual bench press and powerlifting conference will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 11-12 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Romulus.

Speakers on Jan. 11 include Jim Henderson, Terry and Tamara Rainwater, Mike McDonald, Donna McKinney and C.J. Batten.

Sunday's lineup includes four-

time Olympic medal winner Norbert Schemansky, Jim Cash, Louie Simmons, Pete Alaniz and Tee Myers.

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WOMEN IN SPORTS
The Michigan High School Athletic Association will host its annual Women In Sports Leadership Conference Sunday-Monday, Feb. 2-3 at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

Disabled Olympic medalist Bonnie St. John Deane will be among the featured speakers.

For more information, call the MHSAA at (517) 332-5046.

Fighting Crusaders can't hold late lead against Northwood

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Getting there is half the battle, right?

Well, on Monday Madonna University's men's basketball team completed half the task. Against a solid NCAA II squad from Northwood University, the host Crusaders rallied from 15 points down early in the second half to take a two-point lead with just under four minutes to play.

After a shaky start, Madonna had arrived. With less than four minutes to play, the Crusaders

had a two-point lead.

After taking that second-half lead, the Crusaders scored just two more points while committing six turnovers, which was enough to fuel Northwood's 17-2 closing run, making the final score 93-80 in favor of the Northmen.

Northwood improved to 6-1 with the victory. Madonna is 3-11.

"This is the first time in Madonna history they feel bad after losing," said Crusader coach Bernie Holowicki. "They had a good GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) team on

the ropes and they let 'em get away."

Madonna closed to within two midway through the first half, but never caught the Northmen and eventually went to the lockerroom at halftime trailing 45-29.

Even with Mike Maryanski draining three three-pointers on consecutive possessions, they could not close the gap appreciably; they trailed 54-39 prior to his first three, and were still behind 62-48 after his last one.

But Maryanski wasn't through, and neither was Madonna. His

fifth three of the second half came with 9:04 left and trimmed Northwood's lead to 73-65.

That was the ignitor. With 12 minutes remaining, the Northmen's lead had been 71-55; in the next eight minutes, the Crusaders rolled to a 23-5 advantage to take a 78-76 lead.

Pinpointing those responsible for Madonna's comeback was easy enough: Brandon Slone (from Plymouth Salem), Kristian Magro and Maryanski accounted for 72 of the Crusaders' 80 points.

A Magro rebound started a fast

break, with Mike Slone (Salem) dishing to brother Brandon for a basket and a foul by Deon Branner. Brandon converted and, with 4:38 left, Madonna was up 77-76.

A Magro free throw 44 seconds later doubled the Crusaders' advantage, but that was it. Northwood finished the game by making seven layups, courtesy of those half-dozen Madonna turnovers. In the last 3:35, the Northmen outscored Madonna 17-2, with Branner netting eight of those points.

"They're still learning, learning

to compete," said Holowicki of his team's effort. "We lost our composure, lost our poise in those last few minutes. That's what cost us."

Brandon Slone's 26 points was best for Madonna. Maryanski had 24 and Magro 22, with eight rebounds. Maryanski blocked three shots, Christian Emert dished out eight assists and made five steals, and Mike Slone collected seven assists.

Northwood got 25 points from Branner, 22 from Jeremy Piggot, 19 from Linzy Bennett. Calvin Pruitt (Harrison) was scoreless.

Ocelots salvage split on weekend

Well, at least the offense is working well.

Now all that Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team need do is get the defense in gear.

At last weekend's Owens Express Holiday Tournament, hosted by Owens Tech in Toledo, the Ocelots surrendered 207 points in two games.

Fortunately, they scored 196 and got a win, beating Clark State (Ohio) 111-105 in Saturday's consolation game.

On Friday, host Owens Tech romped to a 102-85 victory over SC. In that loss, the Ocelots trailed 46-39 at the half and kept it close through much of the second half before Owens pulled away.

Naron Burks and Dwaun Warmack each scored 18 points to lead SC. Tykie Reeves added 16 and Richard Johnson (Wayne Memorial) netted 14.

Antoine Jones' 24 was best for Owens. Saturday's game against Clark State was close throughout, with SC clinging to a 51-50 halftime lead.

The Ocelots, who improved to 2-6 with the split, got 34 points from Reeves, 18 apiece from Warmack and Burks (with Burks nabbing eight rebounds), 11 and six assists from Pete Males (Garden City), and 10 points each from Bruce Goode and Tymon Marshall.

Clark State was paced by Paul Blankship's 25 points.

MADONNA 84, BLUFFTON 60 (WOMEN): A strong first half set the stage for an easy second half, as Madonna University's women's team pulled away to a one-sided victory Saturday over visiting Bluffton (Ohio).

Mary Murray and Dawn Pelc each scored 18 points to lead Madonna, with Murray grabbing six rebounds and making two steals. Katie Cushman added 12 points and six assists, and Angie Negri had eight points, seven assists and three steals.

Bluffton was led by Rachel Helmk with 10 points.

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half, missing all seven of his shots. The senior guard came alive in the second half and poured in 17 points.

"We have plays installed for Shawn and the question is whether he is ready to step up — and he did tonight," Austin said. "I thought coach Robinson made a good adjustment early when he saw he was vulnerable to Shawn in a man defense and switched to zone, forcing us into a zone offense."

Nine straight points by Woloszyn closed the Franklin lead to 37-34 with 2:30 remaining in the third quarter. But a layup by Bauman and Mongeau's third three-pointer of the quarter swung the momentum back to the Patriots.

Mongeau, who scored 24 points in Franklin's season opener, got his shooting touch back after struggling in last week's loss to Dearborn.

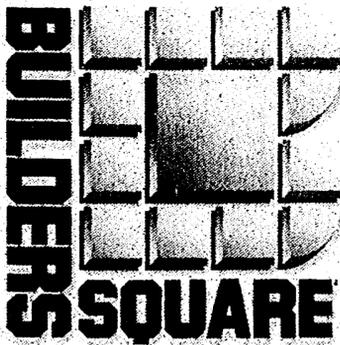
"After Dearborn, everyone must have thought I was a fluke," Mongeau said.

Franklin converted 15 of 20 free throws in the fourth quarter. The Patriots made 20 of 30 free throws for the game, compared to Churchill's 10 of 17.

The Patriots also shot better from the floor, making 21 of 43 shots (49 percent). The Chargers hit only 18 of 48 shots (38 percent).

"What I'm asking the team how much heart are they playing with," Austin said. "We're allowing uncontested shots, not boxing out and not rotating on defense aggressively."

Robinson added that the Patriots anticipate the return of 6-3 junior Brian Facione after holiday break. Facione has been recovering from a broken collarbone suffered in Franklin's final football game.



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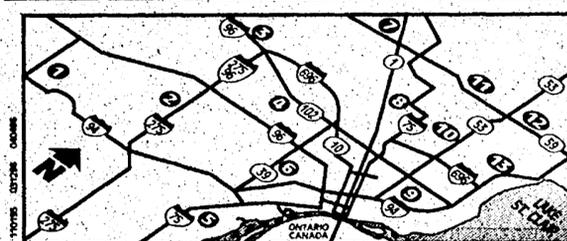
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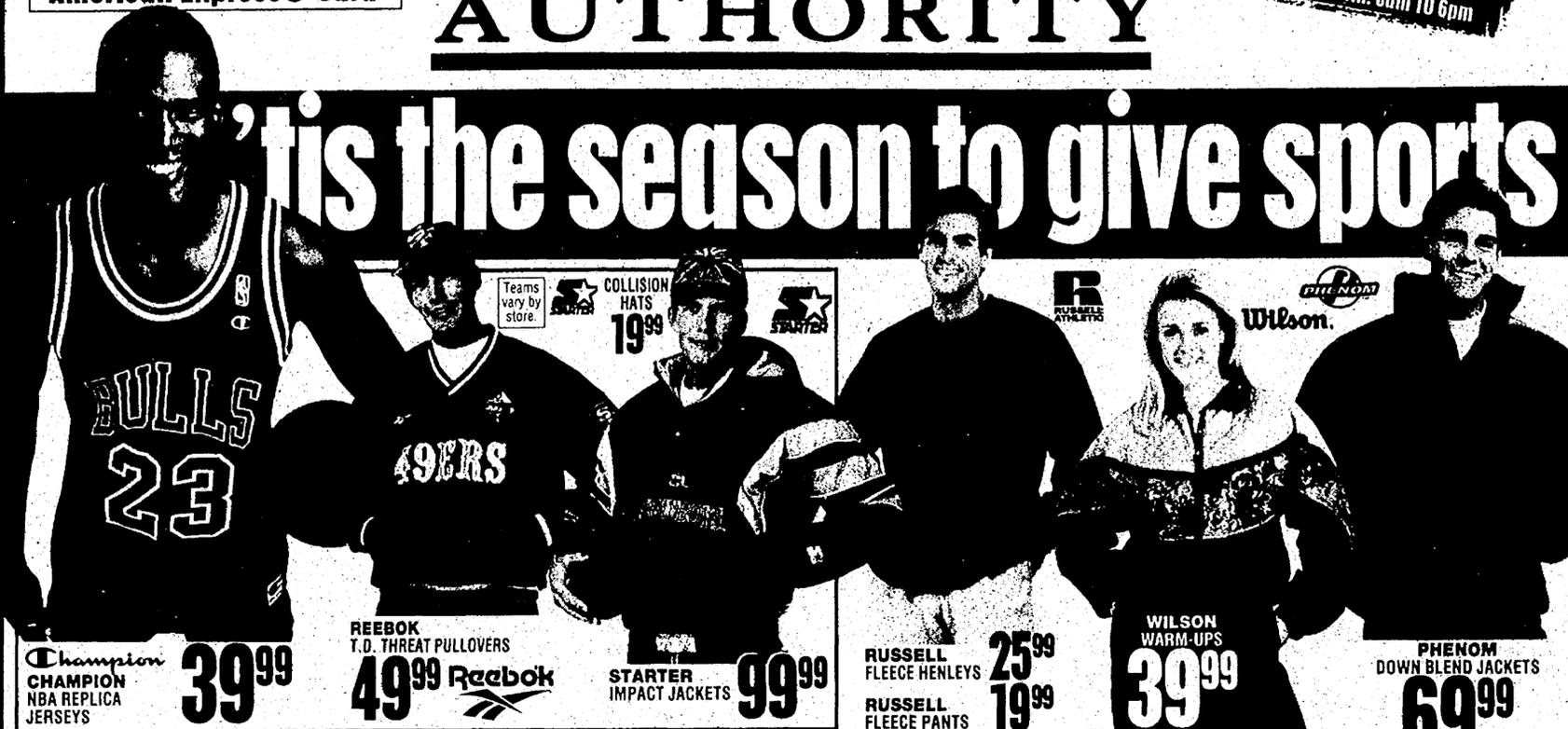
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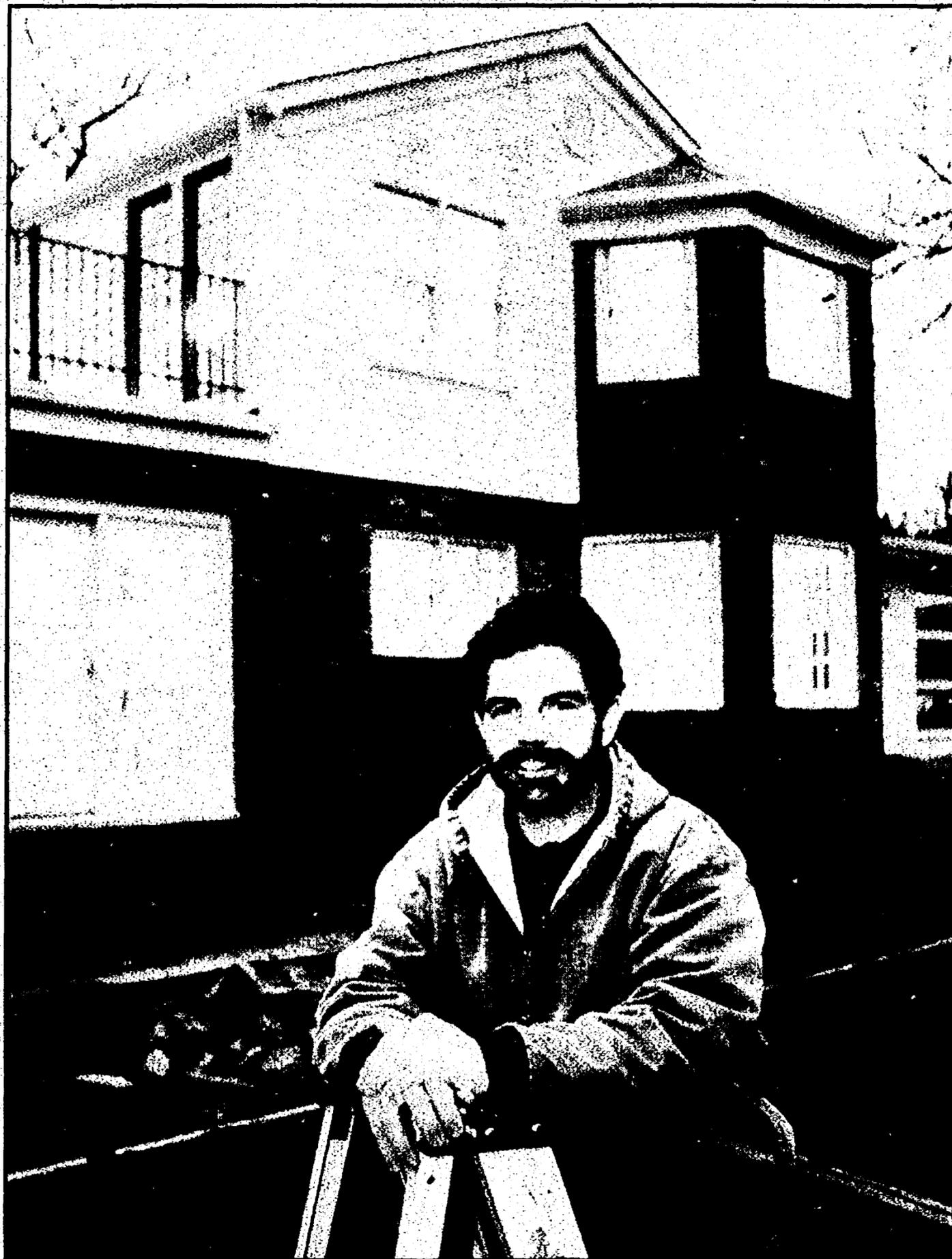


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Christmas Eve may be a time of festivity or preparation. It seems that this is a night of excitement, magic and anticipation for 'little ones' and 'big ones' alike.

A time when magic and fantasy feel so real and comforting - a time for the fun to begin. After getting the kids off to bed ... wrap some gifts, make some last minute decorations, and have a late night Christmas Eve dinner - for 2 or more.

Make your late-night dinner simple but elegant - hearty European-type bread, cheese, cold seafood, and wine or some gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches or crostini topped with goat cheese, capers and spicy sausage.

How about a Wassail bowl (with or without spirits - and I'm not talking those in Charles Dickens A Christmas

Carol) and light appetizers? A cheese souffle and steamed vegetables? Poached eggs on toast with hollandaise sauce? Individual tarts filled with vegetables and cheese and a light side salad? A delicious piping hot soup accompanied by a warm crusty bread? Cocoa or cinnamon flavored tea, delicious tea sandwiches, and some sumptuous sweets?

Have your late night Christmas Eve filled with your own magic - eat by candle light, exchange one special gift, make popcorn garlands together, and indulge in the few hours of quiet, before the dawn.

Perhaps you might like to invite a few close friends, colleagues or neighbors that will be attending their own family get-together on Christmas Day? This late night gathering may also serve as the perfect neighborhood get-together - no long drive, a nice diversion from the holiday hustle and bustle, or just a chance to share some holiday cheer. Put on a disc (tape or record) of I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, and enjoy

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.

This recipe comes from the wonderful new Time-Life Old-Fashioned Christmas Cookbook - A Treasury of Holiday Recipes, Crafts, Gifts and Traditions, 1996, Time Life Inc.

HOT SPICED CRANBERRY PUNCH

Makes 2 quarts

- 2 lemons, thickly sliced
- 24 whole cloves
- 6 cups cranberry juice cocktail
- 2 cups lemonade, fresh or made from frozen concentrate
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 cup sugar or honey
- 12 cinnamon sticks (optional)

1. Stud the lemon slices with the whole cloves to float on top of the punch.

2. In a large enameled or nonreactive pot, combine the cranberry juice, lemonade, cloves, ground cinnamon, allspice, honey, and cinnamon sticks, if you are using them, and simmer the punch over low heat for 15 minutes.

3. Serve in a 2-to-3 quart punch bowl, or keep the punch warm in a deep chafing dish or an electric cooking pot. Offer the cinnamon sticks as swirlers, if desired.

This is also a recipe from the Time-Life Old-Fashioned Christmas Cookbook - A Treasury of Holiday Recipes, Crafts, Gifts and Traditions, 1996, Time Life Inc.

BROCCOLI SOUFFLE

Serves 6

- 1 10-ounce package frozen broccoli, or 2 cups fresh broccoli florets
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup milk

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

1 teaspoon lemon juice

4 eggs separated

Sauce (optional)

1/2 cup sour cream

1/2 cup mayonnaise

Dash of curry powder

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.

2. Cook frozen broccoli according to package directions, or steam fresh broccoli for 8 to 10 minutes. Drain and chop fine or process briefly in a food processor or blender.

3. In a medium-sized saucepan, melt the butter, add the flour and salt, and cook until bubbly. Add the milk and cook until the mixture thickens, stirring frequently. Stir in the nutmeg, lemon juice, and broccoli and set aside to cool.

4. Beat the egg yolks and add them to the cooled broccoli mixture, stirring well.

5. In the large bowl of an electric mixer, beat the egg whites until stiff.

Fold the into the broccoli mixture.

6. Pour the souffle mixture into a buttered 1 1/2 quart casserole; place in the oven in a hot-water bath and bake until firm, about 1 hour. Serve plain or with a sauce made by mixing together the sour cream, mayonnaise, and curry powder and heating until hot but not boiling.

Cooks note* A water bath is also called a Bain-Marie - this technique provides a consistent, even - heat source for delicate-types of foods; custards, souffles, sauces, and even cheesecakes. You can use any oven proof dish that is larger than the dish or pan you are using as your primary cooking dish. Set your cooking dish into the larger pan that is filled partway with water (the water should

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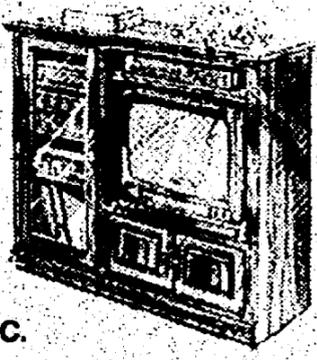
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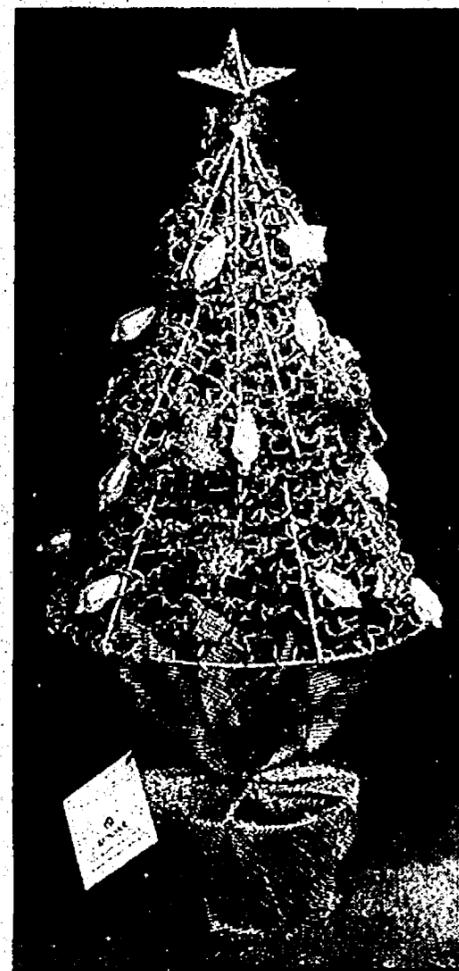
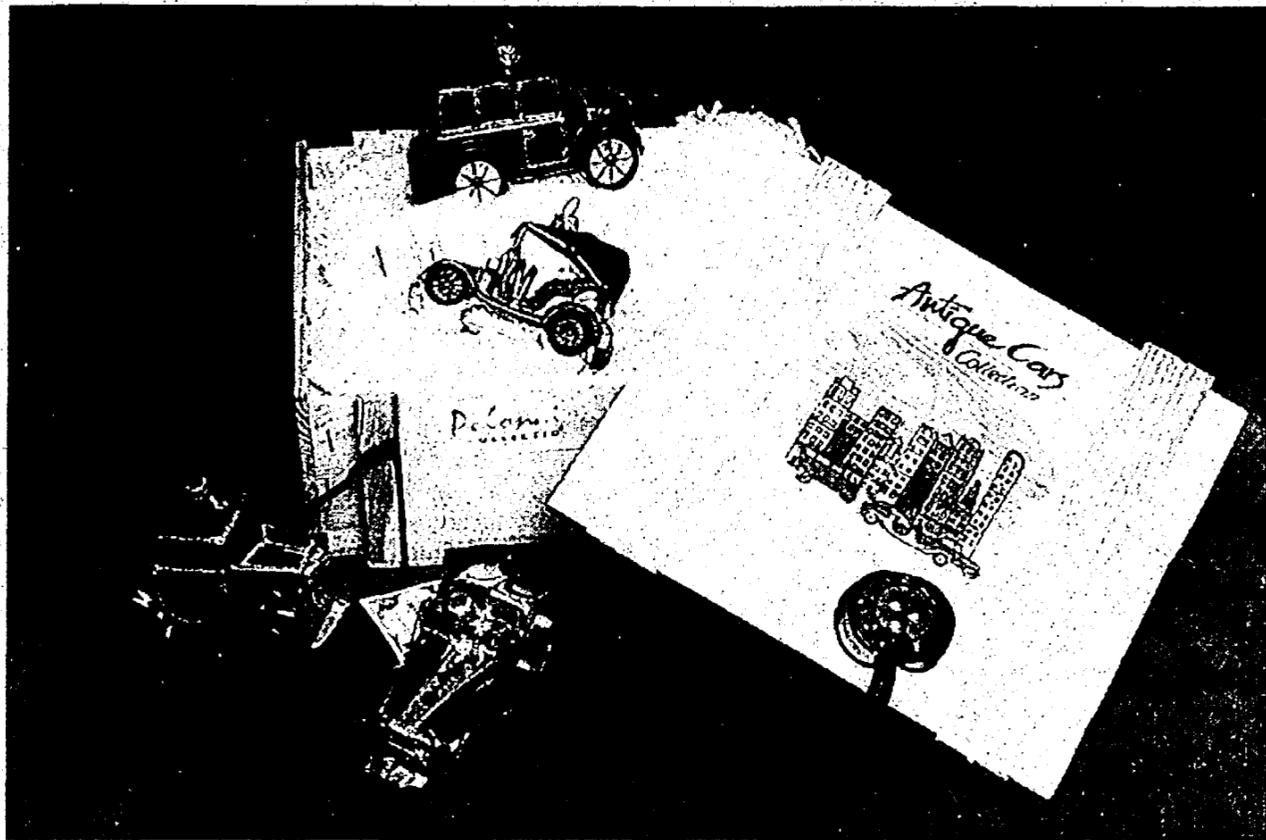
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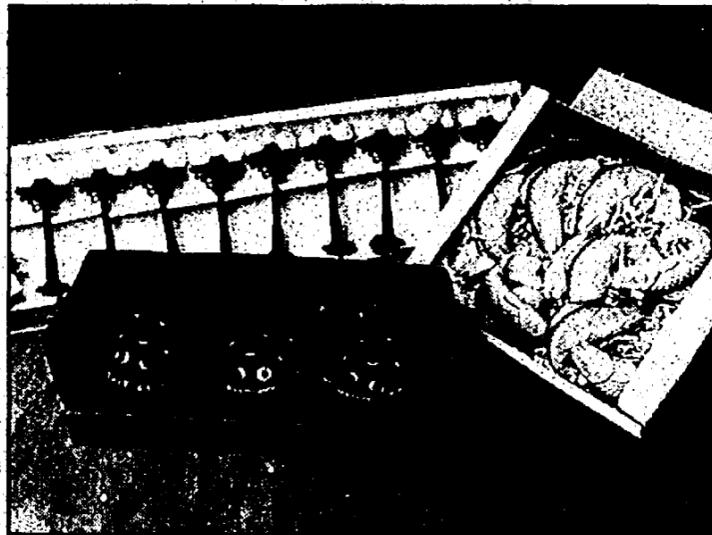


Gold

Bright look: With a metallic gold wire frame, accented by faux pearl ornaments and silver glitter, this Christmas tree makes a contemporary statement. Standing 10 inches tall, it is ideal for the study, bedroom, kitchen, library or bathroom. The tree retails for \$29.98 at English Gardens. Call the West Bloomfield store at (810) 851-7506.

Holiday decor

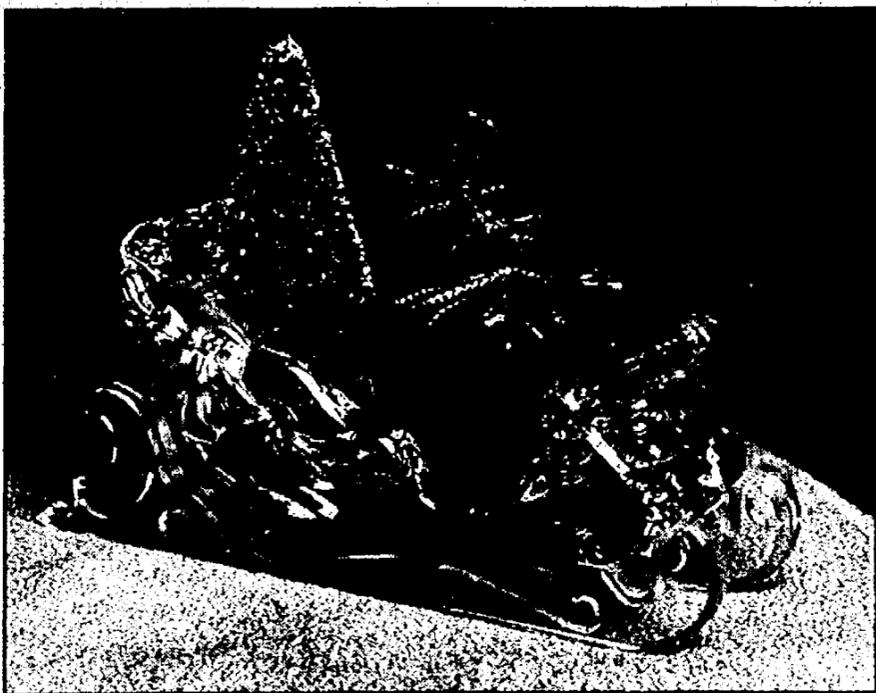
Touch-ups: (Above) English Gardens offers nostalgic and innovative decoration ideas for the holiday. This antique car ornament collection by Polonaise will get gearheads revved up for the season. Made of hand-blown European glass, the ornaments are a perfect gift for car enthusiasts celebrating the 100th anniversary of the automotive industry. Other themed collection sets are available. The Antique Car Ornament set, which includes four pieces, retails for \$110. (Right) Is your holiday tree in need of a decor pick-me-up? These lively light sets will brighten a tree, office or room in need of holiday cheer. The Victorian Streetlight set retails for \$14.98, the Apple Basket and Fish Light sets for \$19.98 each. Call the West Bloomfield store at (810) 851-7506.



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Crystal craft

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Super bowl

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be almost, but not at the boiling point) and bake as directed.

The following recipe is from my own archives, and seems a festive soup for holiday gatherings.

ARTICHOKE SOUP WITH PAN-ROASTED PINE NUTS

Yield - 8 servings

With this unusual soup, add a side - a crunchy multi-grain roll with warm garlic butter to complete your simple but delicious late night dinner.

3 tablespoons light olive oil

1/2 large Spanish onion (1 1/4 cup), chopped

3 large garlic cloves, peeled and minced

2 medium potatoes (Yukon Gold, preferably - they taste like they already have butter in them), 1/4 inch dice

6 cups chicken stock (home-made or prepared)

5 pounds canned artichoke hearts (not marinated), drained and chopped

1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper or Mombassa

Salt to taste

Olive oil spray

10 tablespoons pine nuts

In a large non-reactive pot heat the olive oil and add the onions and garlic, saute until lightly browned. Add potatoes and continue to saute for 3 minutes.

Add chicken stock and cook over medium heat for 15 minutes.

Add artichokes and cook for an additional 1/2 hour over medium heat - making sure the potatoes are soft and all ingredients are well blended.

Add cayenne or Mombassa and salt to taste.

Remove soup from heat, in small batch's process in a food processor, Vita Mix™ or blender and puree until mixture is creamy and smooth.

Return soup to heat and keep warm while pan roasting the pine nuts. Spray a small fry pan with olive oil spray - add pine nuts and gently pan roast - when browned to desired color remove from heat.

Serve soup with toasted pine nuts on top (approximately 1 tablespoon per bowl).

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Items help spruce up decor

English Gardens features fashionable and functional holiday decor for your home, inside and out.

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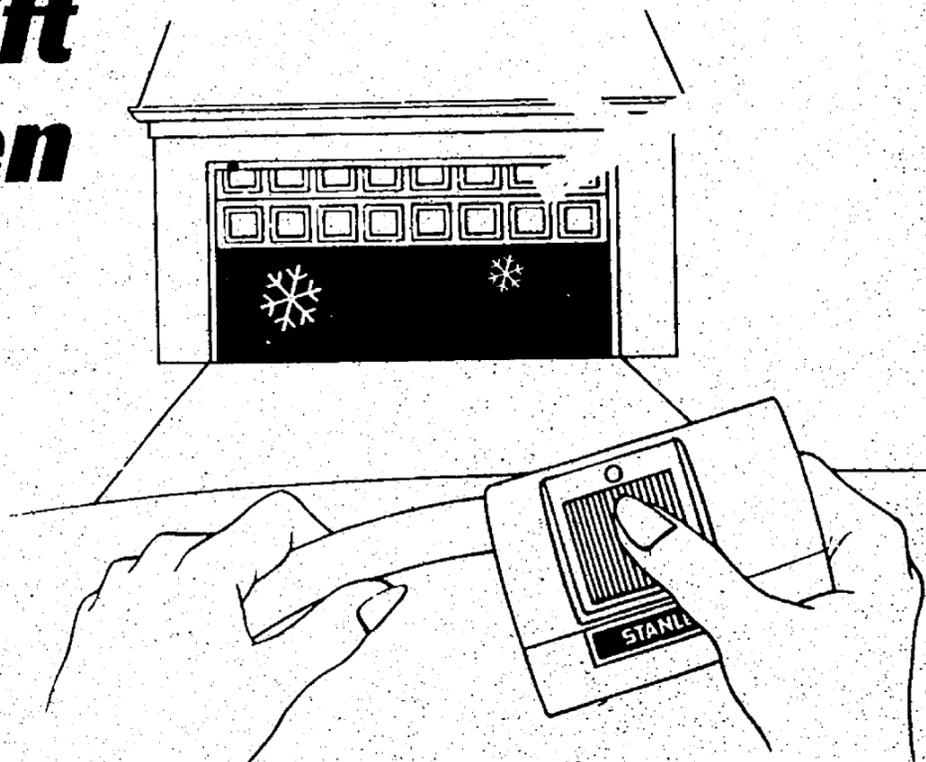
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JOE GAGNON

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I don't know how you shop for groceries, but let me describe my own personal life and how I do it. Being the sort of guy who works days and nights I

have the good fortune of having someone cook lunch and dinner for me. Many of the restaurants in the western suburbs are getting to know me as a regular. Many of the quick items such as bread and milk are obtained from the local party store as I stop by in the late evening hours.

I would say that my trip to the large grocery store occurs about every two months. Not being much of a cook, I usually load up the cart with many canned items such as 20 cans of soup, pork and beans, fruits and other things which fit into the microwave just right. I get a lot of things which I freeze and can use any time my boys get the urge to go over to Dad's for dinner.

When I leave the checkout line I can assure you that I have spent well over \$200. I have really enjoyed my shopping trip for groceries as it is one of the few times I ever spend more than five minutes in a store. I go up and down the aisles looking at many things I won't eat and picking up the things I will. I talk to

people who recognize me and answer their questions in regards to whatever subject. It is one of the few times that I'm not going a hundred miles an hour and I can relax at my own pace. Frank Kelley may have just ruined this enjoyable and relaxing business.

When that lady at the checkout hands me this long tabulation of my bill, do you think I go home and pull every item out one at a time and find it on the tape. If I took the time to do that, do you think I'd find any mistakes. Guess what folks, we are going to find out. The next time I go on one of these excursions, I will check every item and price and report back to you as to my findings. Let me give you the item pricing law which applies to your consumer rights in the State of Michigan.

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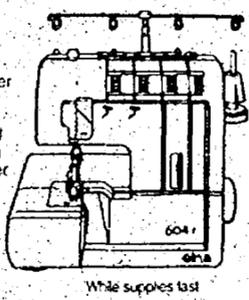
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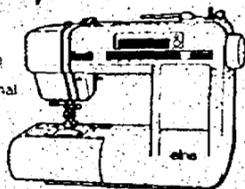


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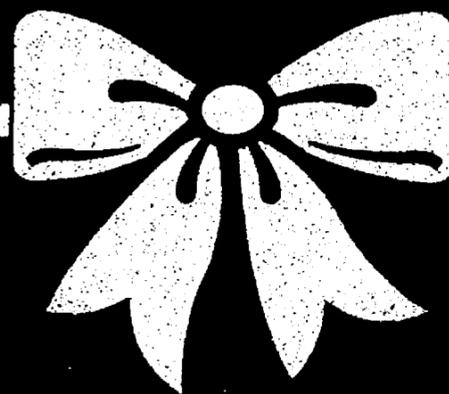
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Gift making good family-time event

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
Special Writer

A barrage of gleaming white lights adorning Christmas trees lining the aisles of the department store evokes memories of childhood and graceful tugs through crowded displays. A sign of post-Thanksgiving chaos. Now children witness the same sight in October. You find your child asking you the same question you ask yourself: Why are Christmas trees up in the store before Halloween?

Beyond car pools, afterschool activities, tennis leagues or bowling night, retailers advertise pre-season sales that give us another reason to leave the family unit. With the growing concern over lack of family time in our society, many of us are attempting to simplify our lives. If you haven't made the effort already, there is no time like the present. A good place to start is by generating a family discussion on holiday gift-giving ideas to create at home.

Brainstorm projects that elicit family talk time around a designated tool or craft bench, kitchen table or family room floor.

"The true meaning of the holiday season is togetherness," said Mary Beth Winkworth, co-owner of Festivities, a Birmingham party supply and specialty gift store. "You take some of the commercialism out of the holiday season by spending the time together creating personalized gifts or gathering ideas to have a gift made by a crafter or specialty store."

Personalized gifts add the personal touch and love from your heart.

"There is a growing trend in people going back to basics as a family at home," said Mary Stahl, manager of JoAnn Fabrics in Novi. "This year more than ever I've seen an increase in the numbers of parents bringing their children into the store to purchase do-it-yourself projects for all occasions and especially the upcoming holidays."

You probably know someone on your holiday gift list who will truly appreciate the time and energy you and your family put into making an extra-special gift. The following gift-making and gift-

giving ideas are designed to assist you in creating your own holiday treasures right from your heart.

RIBBON PICTURE FRAME

A monochromatic look often creates the most impact. To make the wire-edged ribbon trim on a flat surface picture frame, begin by disassembling the picture frame and setting the glass aside. Next, fold a small edge under at the end of the wire-edged ribbon. Center it on the inner edge of the frame that holds the glass in place. Gently move the ribbon away and apply a very small drop of glue on the inner edge where each end of the ribbon rested. Reposition the ribbon on the glue and allow to set.

Wrap the ribbon around to meet the glued end, allow a small edge to repeat a fold, and cut away the remainder of the spool. Fold the loose edge under and glue down on top of the first edge. Let set. Repeat these steps for the other three mid-sections.

To make the bow to top the upper center mid-section, pull a generous portion of ribbon from the spool and tie a bow proportionate to the size of your frame. Cut the attached edge. Apply a small drop of glue on the upper center ribbon you previously attached to the frame. Place the bow on the glue drop and apply a small amount of pressure for a few moments while the glue sets. Replace the glass, insert the photograph and insert the backing.

T-SHIRT PILLOW

Why not recycle a favorite T-shirt by turning it into a comfortable child's bed accent, grandparents' gift or family room pillow? Gather favorite T-shirts no longer being worn. Stitch the neckline, sleeves and all but a small portion of the bottom of the shirt closed. Using pillow filling available at local craft stores, stuff the T-shirt to the desired fill level. Pin the shirt opening to create an even stitching edge. Handstitch the pinned area closed.

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Royal gardens: historic ground



MARTY FIGLEY

From the time a small nine-acre garden in the city of Kew was built in 1759 for Princess Augusta, Princess of Wales and mother of King George III, Britain's Royal Botanic Gardens have grown in size and prestige into a living collection of more than 30,000 different plant species.

Now 330 acres in size, it is an establishment as an international scientific institution in the fields of plant taxonomy, cytogenetics (the study of cells), seed physiology and biochemistry.

Through these hundreds of years the gardens have seen political upheaval and government intrigue as well as controversy. Funding seems to have always been a problem as more land was acquired and buildings and gardens built. Many historical figures have interacted with Kew Gardens, among them Charles Darwin, members of the Royal Family, prime ministers, architects and landscape gardeners. Some of the most influential people were the gardeners, scientists and directors who dedicated their lives to Kew Gardens.

Joseph Banks was an extremely important contributor and was responsible for bringing many plants back to England from his voyages around the world, especially the three-year voyage in the 18th century on the ship Endeavor, with Captain James Cook. Banks spent much of his life studying plants and growing them at Kew and was a dominant figure of natural science.

During the 1800s the gardens were badly neglected, but with the Horticultural Society of London gaining a good reputation, Kew devotees from around the world helped replenish its stock. In the mid-1800s Sir William Hooker became the director of the Botanic Garden. Much was accomplished during his directorship, including opening the gardens to the public. His son, Sir Joseph, laid the foundations of the present Botanic Gardens.

Many of the buildings and structures at Kew, from summerhouses to royal

Famous sight: The tall Pagoda at Kew Gardens is a must-see when visiting. Photo by Marty Figley.

residences, lodges, bridges, glasshouses, grottos, orangery and others, including the distinctive Pagoda, have been changed, destroyed or rebuilt.

The focus for the plants collected from around the world was to assure they had useful medical or economic value to further British interests. Kew was used as a training camp for a worldwide network of collectors. Many plants were nurtured there and subsequently shared with other Botanic gardens. While Banks supervised at Kew, the number of species rose from 3,400 to more than 11,000.

Now, each year thousands of visitors stroll the beautiful grounds of this institution and marvel at the scope and variety of plants there. I visited the garden in 1992 and look forward to seeing it again.

Kew is one of the many wonderful gardens you will be able to visit if you join me on an exciting trip to England May 14-24, 1997. Other gardens and stately homes we will enjoy include Blenheim Palace, Kiftsgate Court, Barnsley House, Stratford-on-Avon, Woburn Abbey, Saville Garden and Leeds Castle. Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral and the exciting Chelsea Flower Show are also on the itinerary. There will be ample time for browsing and shopping. For a free brochure, call Chuck Randolph Travel at (810) 645-5050.

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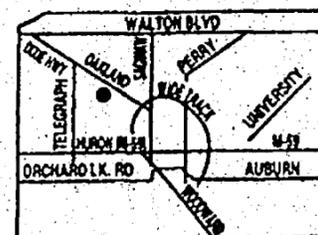
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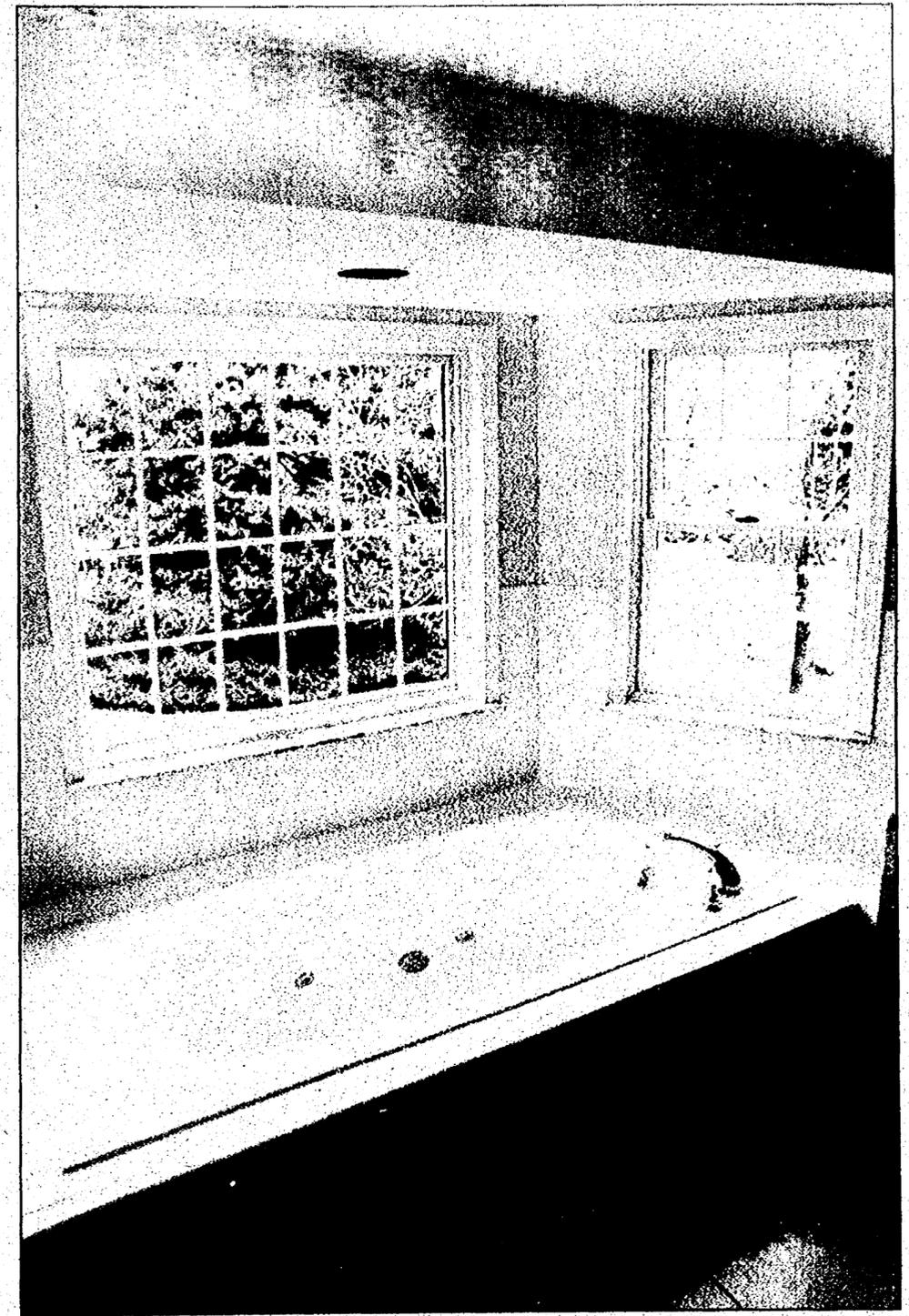
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Sitting pretty: A sitting room in the renovated residence opens onto the terrace.



Really cookin': The kitchen features a galley area and a special baking corner.



In the bath: A bathroom appears to be nestled in the grounds.

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Project is addition-al delight

BY RENEE M. SKOGLUND
Staff Writer

Home sweet home has become even sweeter for Jane Mann of Royal Oak. A new, two-story 1,000-square-foot addition to the back of her home was recently completed, providing her with magnificent views of her 300-foot-deep yard filled with trees, flowers and birds.

Mann, a retired home economics teacher who loves bird-watching and gardening, lives in the heart of the Vinsetta Boulevard area in Royal Oak, in a neighborhood comprised of large lots and architecturally unique homes from the '20s, '30s, '40s and '50s.

She has lived there for more than 25 years. She and her husband, Clarence, who died two years ago, bought the 1940s Cape Cod as a mutual 25th anniversary present. Mann's five children and 10 grandchildren are frequent visitors.

"The children love it," she said. "It's just been a wonderful loving home, and it still is."

During her walks through the neighborhood, Mann noticed many homes undergoing renovations.

"With all the young people expanding their homes, I thought I should get on the bandwagon."

Mann admired the changes Doug LaFerle, a young architect who lived down the street, had made to his home. She asked him to take a look at her home.

"He came down and came up with these beautiful plans. I've been having a

ball ever since."

LaFerle's design included a two-story bay-turret that extends the downstairs dining room and the upstairs master bath "into the trees." The expanded master bedroom features a new whirlpool and double French doors that lead to a second-floor brick paver terrace. A sitting room, which Mann said was "a bonus," opens onto the terrace.

If the kitchen truly is the heart of the home, then this home has a big one. The galley area measures 10 feet by 21 feet and the breakfast nook is 10 feet by 14 feet. Mann even has a special baking corner.

"I just can't wait to get started in the kitchen."

Mann's new 10-foot by 20-foot dining room is long enough to accommodate her heirloom solid oak dining room table, made by her grandfather in 1862. When its five boards are inserted, the table can seat 18 people.

It has been a mutual admiration society between Mann and contractor Terry McGovern of Bloomfield Hills, who translated Mann's dreams and LaFerle's plans into brick and mortar. He thinks she is "just great," and she says he is "an absolute delight to work with."

Of his experience on the four-month project, McGovern said, "This is one of the most artistically pleasing projects I've worked on."

McGovern said the famous PBS series "This Old House" seriously considered undertaking the renovation of Mann's home but didn't want to keep its crew

away from Boston for the four-month project.

A detail that sets Mann's new addition apart from others is the fact that all the walls, including an alcove, are plastered. McGovern said his plastering crew trained under a master while working on the Fox Theatre restoration.

Mann's \$100,000-plus investment in her home is a sound one.

"The area will support it," said Susan Carter, a broker with Woodward's Real Estate in Royal Oak. "Many people consider this the most prestigious area in town."

Carter said local people wait years to "trade up" into the area, and young, double-income professional couples are moving in.

"This (the Vinsetta Boulevard area) is the first area in Royal Oak to break \$300,000 in the last year."

Mann said her children were anxious for the project to be completed.

"They all wonder who's going to get the first weekend when mom goes away."

On the cover: Contractor Terry McGovern of Bloomfield Hills stands by his recent house renovation project in Royal Oak. Staff photo by Dan Dean.

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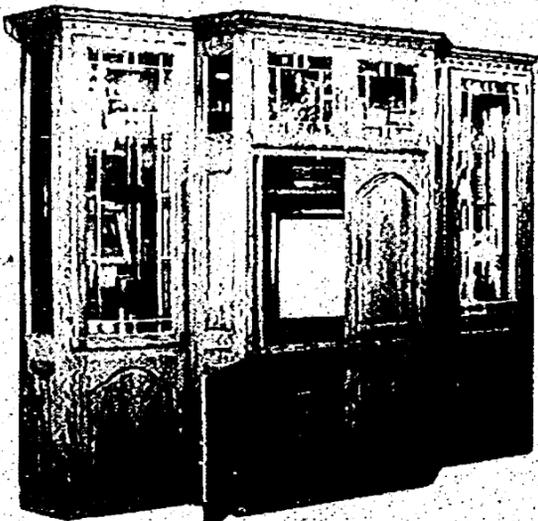
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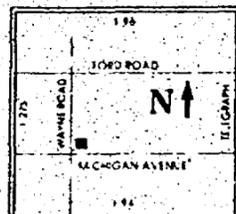
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Breaking the rules adds to choices

BY HARVEY HOLLANDER
Special Writer

It's a wonderful time to be an interior designer. It's a wonderful time to be a client, too. You set the direction and then together we'll break the rules.

Why would I say that? What happened to Traditional (two chintz wing chairs, a camelback sofa and a grandfather clock)? What happened to Contemporary (bright colors, glass and chrome and something leather)? What even happened to Eclectic (a clean-lined parson's table with a traditional chair, because that's what you liked)?

Nothing really happened, it's just that "labels" don't work anymore. It's

not a "cookie cutter" look anymore. We might be tempted to say that it is a generational thing, but more than anything it has to do with manufacturers, and the giant selection in the market.

There's a new expertise in being able to manufacture new finishes, being able to fabricate things out of new materials, breaking new ground with products where people want to do something different. The restrictions have been lifted based on the ability to create an excitement with products and materials that have only been around a short time. Even colors are more unusual, from grayed-down shades to vibrant jewel tones, so the color palette has widened.

Remember, if you're going to break

the rules, a lot more choices will open up to you. Consider getting professional guidance because, no matter what you buy, what you spend or what your budget is, it's a lot of money to you. If you invest in a new living room, and aren't happy in the end, chances are it's not something you are going to correct, you're most likely going to live with it. Protect your design investment like you would any other important investment as in real estate or the stock market.

While rules are meant to be broken, that doesn't just mean anything goes! For certain your home should look different from anyone else's, because it's yours.

Designers, as professionals, need to make sure that certain things are right for you - the space planning, the scale of the furniture, and that the design itself functions. While you as a client will take your designer down a certain road, your designer will make sure you don't hit a roadblock. Look to your designer to be able to manipulate all these new choices of fabrics, textures and finishes to produce exactly the piece you want, even if it's an existing piece in your home. (If it's a fabulous piece, use it as a starting point and work the rest of the room around it - now your old piece looks



Harvey Hollander

like it really belongs!)

Above all, because the "rigidity" in design is gone, your home becomes more and more a reflection of you. Breaking rules isn't about being outrageous or outlandish; it is a lot about the marriage of esthetics and function. So, be open to yourself, be honest with your designer, make your own rules.

Hollander is a Troy-based interior designer, and in Michigan Design Center's "Designer On Call" program. For a free, one-hour consultation with a designer such as Hollander, call (888) DIAL-MDC.

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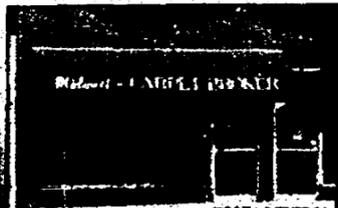
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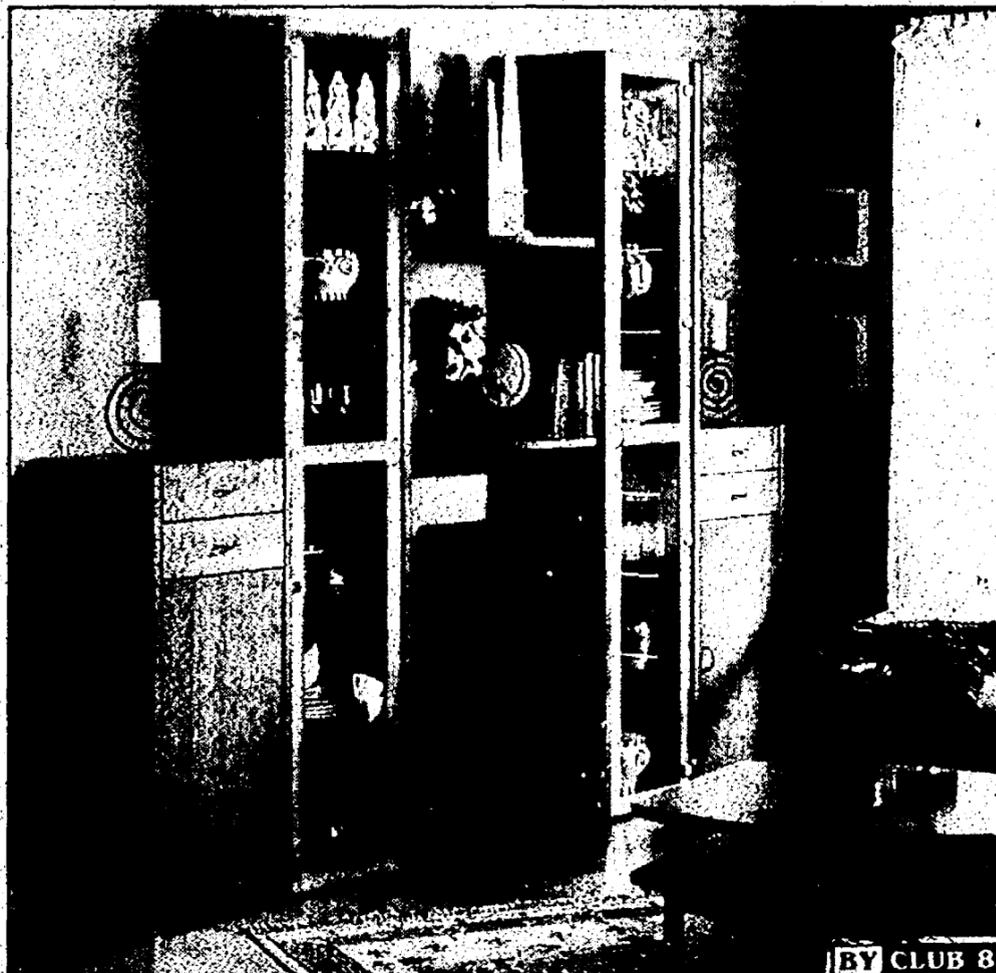


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BY NAOMI STONE LEVY
Special Writer

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find one you like that isn't too wide (two to three inches), it can be very special used in more than one way.

I have often surrounded doorways and windows and repeated the border as a chair rail. Be very careful to match the patterns for a professional effect. If the border you like most is wider, you probably will like it placed around the perimeter of the room, near the ceiling line and even repeated at the baseboard.

Why don't you turn your most critical eye on your lamps? You may find you haven't really seen them for the past 10 years and don't really like them. We all have a way of looking past things to which our eyes have become accustomed. In this new assessment they possibly are just commercial or too large or too small in proportion to the furniture and the rest of the room. Remove the one that is most offensive to you. Does that help? Yes? How about removing a second one and replacing them with two that are more tasteful?

Good lighting is so essential - not just for reading, but also for atmosphere. Light should be adjustable for every purpose. Huge lamps are outdated!

My personal preference is to make up individual lamps from extra-special vases, glass, brass or pewter pieces, or rotund bowls. Fit the new lamp with a tapered shade. A single three-way bulb gives versatile light, ranging from 50 to 250 watts. An excellent resource for doing this work is The Lamp Shack on Orchard Lake Road south of Maple.

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Winter is time to plan remodeling

If you took our quiz last week and have decided to move ahead with your remodeling project, and hire a professional contractor, there are other things to consider before calling the contractor. Although winter is considered by some to be a time when people least become involved in a remodeling project, it is absolutely the best time to begin the planning of any major project.

Over the next several weeks this column will cover many aspects of a remodeling project, including planning, design, selecting a contractor, pre-construction through project completion and many other topics to help you understand each phase. But ... the biggest problems encountered have to do with your expectations when starting to remodel.

Homeowners often know what things they want changed in the home and may even know which remodeling firm they will use for the project. But what are you supposed to do next: What do you need to do to prepare and what will happen during the remodeling project? How long can you expect it to take?

Unfortunately there are too many unknowns involved when trying to establish a time-line for a project. These factors include: delivery time of materials, the acceptance of the quality of the materials once they are delivered; unexpected damage during demolition such as termites or wood rot; uncooperative weather or any other number of delays. Ask your contractor for a schedule and maintain constant communication.

In deciding which contractor to choose, some companies will provide in-house design services, some will not. In



many cases you will need some type of design services (i.e. architect or designer). You may want to use a design/build firm which handles both design and construction.

The first meeting with a remodeling contractor may include a preliminary walk-through of your entire house, including basement and exterior. This is the time for you to express your particular needs, wants and wishes. During the discussion you will be asked: How much are you willing to invest in the project? What is the level of finish detail, overall size of the project and the scope of work. You will also be told whether your wishes, wants and needs are consistent with your budget.

It will take two to three weeks to complete the schematic design agreement which states that you will pay for the time it takes to create the floor plan, key elevations, specifications and a written budget. This is not an agreement to construct - you are paying for the design process which will then be specified and priced. It may then take another

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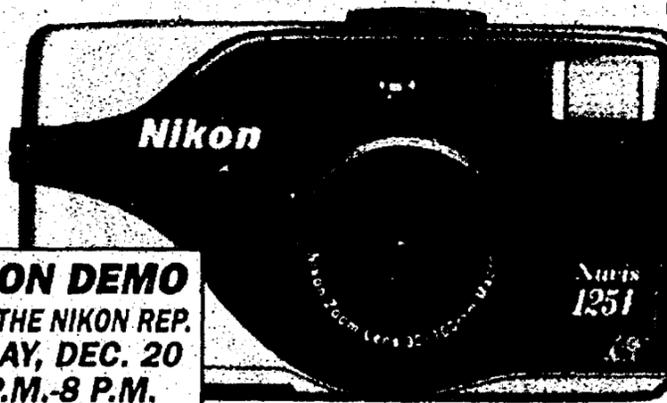
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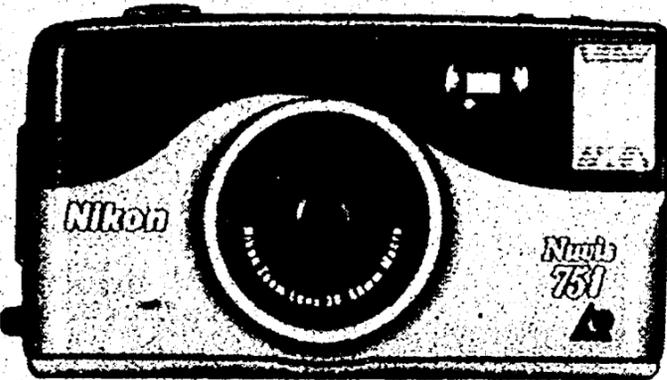
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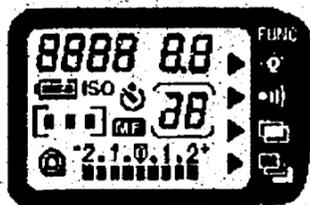
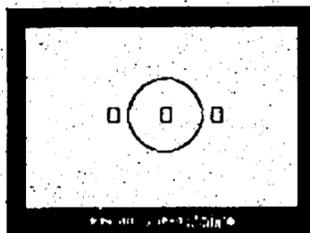
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The answer lies in getting stopping power or impact in your pictures and one of the best ways to accomplish this is by good and effective composition.

Composition can be thought of as meaningful placement of the main subject and supporting elements in the picture including the elimination of unnecessary and unwanted detail.

The next time you look through your camera and are about to push the shutter, stop. Yes, stop and take a really good, second look. Examine the subject. If it's a person, see if there's a tree or telephone pole "growing" out of his or her head. Is your subject placed in a dynamically strong part of the frame? Check all four corners of the viewfinder. Is there something there, perhaps distracting, that doesn't belong?

Good composition begins with a solid look through the camera and a calculated determination of what you, the

photographer, want to record on film in the most effective way.

Here are some basic guidelines to help you plan and obtain good composition:

- Consider vertical vs. horizontal. Most cameras produce a rectangular picture so try fitting this format to your subject. People and trees, for example, go up and down, so most often a vertical composition should be used. Horizons go sideways, so a horizontal format is appropriate.

- Move in close! Filling the frame with your subject is perhaps the best way to add stopping power to your shot. This way, your picture is simplified and the viewer's attention isn't distracted. When photographing a person or an animal, filling the frame is easily done with a telephoto lens.

- Check subject placement. Avoid placing the main subject smack in the middle of the picture. Photographs appear static and less interesting this way. Rather, by placing the subject off-center, a dynamic quality will be given to your shot that will make it much more exciting.

- Frame your subject. Remember to use framing techniques that I've recently discussed to make your photographs

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er two to four weeks to complete the finished drawings. When you are ready to sign the written contract the contractor will show you a payment plan. The average down payment runs between 10-25 percent (some states have restrictions on the size of the down payment) depending on the type of project.

If you sign the contract in a location other than the contractor's place of business (your home, for instance), you will have three days after signing in which to cancel the contract. This is your legal "Right of Recision."

These are just some of the issues you will be confronted with until the contractor is ready to begin the construction of the project which we will cover in next week's article. We urge homeowners to let us know the situations they have run into with remodeling contractors or the questions they have regarding the remodeling project.

Happy Holidays!

Taken from "The Master Plan" - The National Association of the Remodeling Industry

For your home improvement questions or a copy of our roster book, call Gayle Walters, executive director of the NARI-Michigan Remodeling Association at 810-478-8215. Questions can be mailed to the association office at PO Box 1531563, Livonia, Mich. 48153. Members of the association include professional contractors, wholesalers, manufacturers, consultants and lenders representing all facets of residential and light commercial remodeling. Members also answer questions on "Home Improvement Radio," with Murray Gula on WEXL-AM, 1340, 1-2 p.m. Saturdays. Call in your questions at 810-544-1340.



Dear abbey: Monte Nagler's wife, Mickey, took this dramatic shot of the abbey in Whitby, England. Notice how she moved in close and effectively used the grave markers in her composition.

Nagler
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work more effectively. In short, be on the lookout for tree branches or an archway that will give your shot special impact.

- Use lead-in lines. Elements in a picture should help lead attention toward the subject. Lead-in lines can be roads, fences, streams, pathways, even parts of a building.

- Watch your horizons. Above all, make sure that they are level in your picture, not running up or downhill. Remember that a low horizon line in your shot will accentuate spaciousness, especially when you have a dramatic

sky. A high horizon line will de-emphasize the sky and instead will suggest closeness.

Above all, to add more impact and stopping power to your pictures, get in the frame of your viewfinder that you are now "making a photograph," not merely taking a snapshot.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.

Centennial has festive setting

The Henry Ford Estate has unveiled a Quadricycle replica, a working model of automotive pioneer Henry Ford's first vehicle.

The Quadricycle is 100 years old this year, and its centennial coincides with the American automobile centennial, a national celebration. On loan from the Ford Motor Co., the replica will be displayed in the restored Powerhouse Garage of the estate alongside several other personal vehicles of Henry Ford.

Many holiday programs are offered by the estate, inviting visitors to tour the buildings and grounds of this National Historic Landmark. The residence is decorated for the holidays by area florists. Public and group tours are welcome now through Dec. 31.

Special programs include holiday luncheon concerts; Tea, Tour and Christmas Treasures; Candles and Carols dinners; Santa's breakfast; Santa's workshop; and candlelight tours.

The Henry Ford Estate is at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen. Call (313) 593-5590.

During December, public tours are available 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; and every hour 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Sunday tours begin 1 p.m. and are available every half hour until 4:30 p.m.

The Pool Restaurant at the estate is open for lunch Monday-Friday. Banquets, catering and group tour/meal packages are available. The Estate Shop sells souvenirs and memorabilia related to the Fords' lives at Fair Lane.

Florists who participated in the Christmas programs include Christopher's Personal Touch of West Bloomfield, In Full Bloom of Troy, McFarland's Florist and Greenhouse of Farmington Hills and Dearborn, and Village Green Florist of Livonia.



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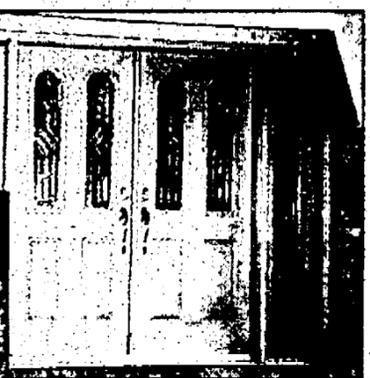
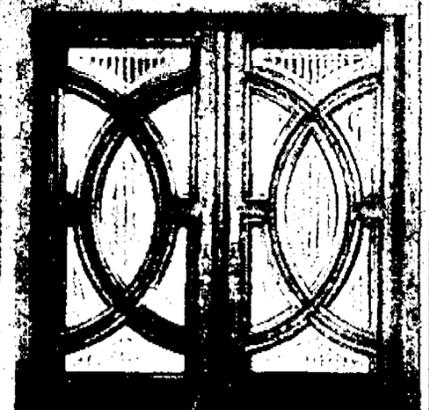
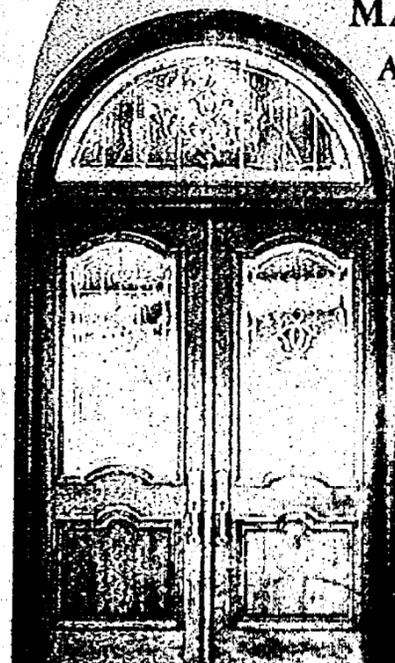
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Former First Lady Margaret Kramer (Lauren Bacall) and former Presidents Russell Kramer (Jack Lemmon) and Matt Douglas (James Garner) wave to the crowd as they hit the campaign trail in "My Fellow Americans," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.



Visit the Christmas Light Display at Domino Farms, 6-10 p.m., Earhart Road (off Plymouth Road, about one-half mile east of US-23). Admission \$7, call (313) 668-1800 for information.



Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents a lighthearted concert of seasonal music featuring Robert Bernhardt, the popular, charismatic conductor of the Rochester, N. Y., Philharmonic. Performances 3 & 7 p.m. Call (313) 833-3700.



Hot Tix: "Shuffle Off to Buffalo," or to the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit where "42nd Street," is playing through Dec. 22. "Come and meet those dancin' feet," and treat yourself to an evening of glamor and fun. Tickets available at all Ticketmaster locations, or call (810) 433-1515.

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Get intoxicated on the arts for New Year's Eve

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Get ready to pop the cork and welcome 1997.

Birmingham and Pontiac are planning celebrations that put the emphasis on family fun.

"I think this is going to be one of the most exciting events that will take place in downtown Birmingham during the winter holiday season," said Vicki Lange, of Birmingham, executive director of First Night 1997. "We have a lot of special things."

First Night, an alcohol-free gathering that originated in Boston, encourages party-goers to get "intoxicated on the arts, instead of liquor," said Lange. "It's conducted in hundreds of cities across the county."

Birmingham's event, which starts 5 p.m., is in its seventh year thanks to contributors like: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, The Kroger Co., The Lyon Foundation and Henry Ford Health Systems.

"Without the generosity of all the sponsors, especially our main sponsors, the Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield and NBD Bank, this would not be possible," said Lange.

The support of the participants is also paramount Lange added, so First Night is set up to appeal to everyone's tastes with clowns, magic, face painting, story-telling and classical music.

"We don't want to leave anyone out of this," explained Barbara Diles, First Night volunteer and past president of the Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield. The night also features: jazz, blues, Motown and The Spoon Man.

"Audiences of all ages are delighted by him," said Lange about the music-making Spoon Man.

The Spoon Man has appeared before Mikhail Gorbachev, former U.S. President Gerald Ford and on various television specials. He is also a familiar face at First Night.

Yet, last year's First Night participants will find many new twists for this year. Most notably, there will be First Night volunteers roaming the streets dressed as wild animals to entertain the crowd and answer questions. There will also be a heated circus-type tent outside The Community House.

"That will afford us to keep most of the performances right in the downtown area," said Lange. Shuttle buses, however, will still be available



Headliner: The Contours, originally called The Blenders, hit number two on the "Billboard Hot 100" with their 1962 hit "Do You Love Me?" They are one of the headliners at this year's First Night celebration in downtown Birmingham.

to help people travel from one entertainment venue to another. That can be especially nice if the weather is less than perfect. First Night officials are asking people to keep weather in mind however when dressing for the event since people will wait in line (outside) for the performances.

"This is New Year's Eve in Michigan. The weather during December could be quite cold and blustery...or unseasonably warm and balmy," said Lange. "All sorts of warm and casual apparel are most welcome at First Night."

Headlining this year's event are: The Contours, The James Family and Sandra Feva.

"Ms. Feva is the primary backup singer for Aretha Franklin," boasted Lange, who remains impressed with the night's lineup.

"I am lucky enough to work with people with contacts in the music industry," she said when asked how the talent was attracted. It is important she said to have a variety of entertainment, not only for the various ages of First Night-goers, but also for the various tastes.

"But I think we have a good cross-section," she said about the 20 plus performers. For most of the entertainers, this year will be their first time at First Night.

The Contours, originally called The Blenders, hit number two on the "Billboard Hot 100" with their 1962 hit "Do You Love Me?" The Motown group made it again when the song was used in the 1987 Patrick Swayze film, "Dirty Dancing," and again when the song was included on "Motown's Hitsville USA: 1959-1974."

The James Family, three sisters and two brothers hailing from Missouri, sings jazz, rhythm and blues, rock, soul and gospel. They have performed worldwide with Gladys Knight, Natalie Cole, Smokey Robinson and B.B. King just to name a few.

Sandra Feva, a singer/actress, performs gospel, jazz, county, rhythm and blues. Aside from backing up Aretha Franklin, Feva has recorded two of her own albums.

All performances will end in time to gather in Birmingham's Shain Park for the First Night Midnight Celebration. It begins with the passing of a torch.

"Our theme for this year is cultural diversity, personal safety and world harmony," said Lange, who will be among the park crowd counting down the minutes to 1997.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 people are expected to attend First Night. At \$7 per person for those age 6 and

Things to know about First Night:

Date: Dec. 31
Time: 5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Place: Downtown Birmingham, venues include: The Community House, Baldwin Public Library, First Baptist Church and St. James Episcopal Church.
Cost: Badges cost \$7 per person for those age 6 and above, \$1 for children 2 to 5 years old, children under 2 are free. Advance button sales will be made at 19 area Kroger locations, the Birmingham/Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, The Community House and NBD Bank branches in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area.
First Night hotline: (810) 646-9734 or fax (810) 646-9799. First Night officials warn that most callers will get an answering machine and should leave their name, phone number, address and a fax number should something need to be mailed.
Parking: Free in city structures from 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Things to know about Times Square Two:

Date: Dec. 31
Time: 10 p.m. to past midnight
Place: Phoenix Center, Saginaw street in downtown Pontiac.
Cost: Free
Parking: Public lots are free
Times Square Two hotline: (810) 857-5603

above; \$1 for children 2 to 5 years old, that means good things for the Birmingham/Bloomfield Cultural Council. Funds raised through First Night go to the Cultural Council, which sponsors several cultural events in Birmingham year round.

Times Square Two

For those seeking an alternative to Birmingham's First Night, there is the third annual Times Square Two in Pontiac.

Sponsored by Pontiac Growth Group, the industrial/commercial development branch of the city government, and The Oakland Press, Times Square Two is an alcohol-free celebration at the Phoenix Center in downtown Pontiac. The event, which features a laser show, fireworks display and dancing in the streets, builds the crowd up for the main event — a 2,200-light climbing ball, fashioned after the one used in Time's Square, New York City.

"We get people from all the surrounding areas coming to this," said Delmer Anderson, chief assistant to the executive officer of the Pontiac Growth Group. In fact, there is enough parking room for 4,000 cars in the downtown area.

Anderson said they are expecting to attract about 8,000 people for the free event. Festivities begin 10 p.m.

EXHIBITION

Watercolorist bases figurative works on introspection

Masked Revelations

What: Livonia watercolorist Taura Zaranka Underys is featured in a 15 piece exhibition of artworks based on introspection, and the effects of coming from a Lithuanian background.

Where: Berman Gallery and Lighting Studio, 303 Detroit Street, Suite 104 in Ann Arbor. For more information call (313) 741-0571.

When: Through Jan. 10. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Lost in the abyss between two cultures, Taura Zaranka Underys paints to find her way. The daughter of Lithuanian immigrants, Underys creates introspective watercolors embedded with mystery. Shrouded figures loom hauntingly in the dark semi-abstracts, unraveling her soul through so many layers like the paint.

As displaced persons living in Germany, then later in America, Underys' parents fought to keep their language and traditions alive. As a result, Underys heard only Lithuanian spoken in her home.

Consequently, she thinks in Lithuanian and English. Born in the shadow of the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit, Underys is torn between two countries. Even the titles of her paintings reflect the conflict as she names works in two languages.

"Whoever you are comes out in your artwork. I somehow relate my background, which is important to me, in my work," said Taura (pronounced Taud-e) Underys.

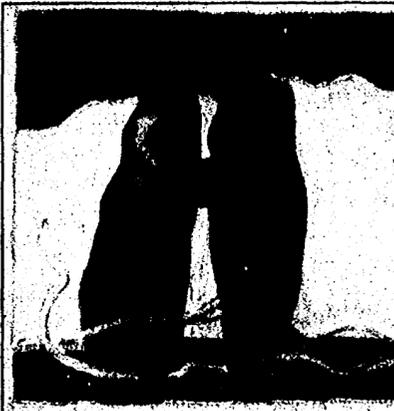
"My parents felt they had no other choice but to flee their country because of communism. As a result, I don't really have a place where I belong. Painting is as close

as I can get to ever feeling I belong somewhere, who I am."

Auras surrounding Underys's figures convey an almost religious sense of awe. She lays her belief in souls on a grandmother who lived in the house in which she grew up.

In her artist's statement Underys says, "there's something sacred about using water, a pure element of the earth, to help release a soul. My painting is as much a relationship with the spiritual world as it is with the medium and emerging images."

See WATERCOLOR, E2



Religious Aura: A dark and mysterious painting by Taura Zaranka Underys, "Alfa" is based on the story of Adam and Eve.

PHOTO BY LOU KULIKAUSSAS

FINE ARTS

Photography opens doors of creativity for girls

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

If you visit the photography exhibit "A Girl's World" by five Southwest Detroit girls at Urban Park-Detroit Art Center, I guarantee you'll leave filled with emotion.

The black and white images, resulting from an Alternative for Girls project directed by Observer & Eccentric staff photographer Sharon LeMieux, evokes feelings from happiness to sorrow.

The study project began one year ago when the girls attended a one person exhibition of LeMieux's photography. After deciding they'd like to create a display of their own creative images, LeMieux worked alongside them, at times even loaning them her camera.

As with all arts, photography serves as a form of expression. LeMieux gave the girls, ages 12 to 17, free reign in choice of their subject matter. Rachel Perez and Mary Wilson sought to capture the daily life of their families while Myrna Lebron, Sharon Chappa and Emma Marcum chose to spend the day with LeMieux shooting Detroit artist



Family and Friends: Mary Wilson invites viewers to take a closer look at her daily life in southwest Detroit in this photograph entitled "Amanda and Maricruz."

Tyree Guyton's "Heidelberg Project."

"I didn't want them to worry about the technical aspect, but to think about looking at things differently, from different angles," said LeMieux.

I thought viewers might look at the show from different perspectives as well so I asked another visitor at the show what

he thought.

"All these photos, have an abandoned feeling. They're lonely pictures," said Earl Spuck of Canton.

That's why Alternative for Girls is so important. It eliminates these feelings. Through its programs girls, who might otherwise find themselves alone and abandoned on the streets of

southwest Detroit, learn about alternatives to the decisions we all faced growing up.

A private, nonprofit agency based in southwest Detroit, AFG is dedicated to assisting girls ages 5-17 who are struggling to find a positive place in society. The Prevention Program, of which LeMieux's project was a part, aims to prevent the need for AFG's Street Outreach Program by targeting girls before problems begin by providing recreational and educational experiences which reinforce existing strengths and skills.

Street Outreach works directly with homeless young women on the street who are engaged in, or in serious danger of engaging in prostitution, substance abuse and other high-risk activities. Since the best time to reach a girl is before "she hits the streets," AFG's Prevention Program encourages girls to meet weekly in small groups or "clubs" to increase self-esteem, strengthen personal values and interpersonal relationships, improve school attendance and performance, and build the skills necessary to make positive choices for their futures. For the last six years, AFG volunteer Alise Alousi has served as a group leader for the five girls exhibiting in the show.

"The girls never had many opportunities to use a camera. The project and exhibiting in the gallery gave them a sense of accomplishment, a chance to feel really good about something they did," said Alise Alousi.

"It also encouraged their communication skills. I told them people are going to want to ask you questions so we worked a lot on how do you communicate."

This was Myrna Lebron's first chance to take photos.

"I like the different designs. It was fun," said Lebron, a 12 year old student at St. Vincent de Paul School.

Rachel Perez has taken photos before but nonetheless, was impressed "seeing them on the wall."

"They remind me of my neighborhood," said Perez, also a student at St. Vincent de Paul.

LeMieux became involved with AFG's Prevention Program four years ago after searching for an organization through which she could make a difference, a value instilled in her while a student at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

"I think it's really important for people to give back. There's an old phrase: from those who are given much, much is expected. It's important for people to share if they've been given a lot," said LeMieux. "And hopefully when these kids grow up they'll

reciprocate."

To pull off such a large project, LeMieux had help along the way. Freelance photographer Craig Barile of Canton, a photo clerk at the Observer, helped choose and print images for the show. He did all the framing as well after seeking donations from local frame shops and receiving discounts on frames from Mark Hawley of MPSS, Inc. in Redford.

"I was talking to Sharon about the program and decided I'd like to help. Photography has helped me a lot in my life. I thought it was worthwhile cause. There's a lot of devastation on that side of town, so anything to help boost self-esteem," said Barile who graduated from Center for Creative Studies in Detroit last June.

A Girl's World continues through Dec. 29 at Urban Park-Detroit Art Center, 508 Monroe on the second level of Trapper's Alley in Greektown. For more information call the gallery at (313) 963-5445 or Alternatives for Girls, (313) 963-5833.

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ARTBEAT

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomin in care of Keely Wygnok, Arts & Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

FINAL OPPORTUNITY

Don't miss the final chance to visit a glass blower's studio noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. Artist Don Schneider will talk about the processes involved in creating blown glass at his York Street Glass studio, 875 York north of Liberty in Plymouth's

Old Village area.

In addition to learning about hot glass techniques, visitors will have the opportunity to purchase lampworked ornaments (some fumed with 24 karat gold), beads and necklaces as well as blown glass vessels.

MIXING MEDIUMS

If you only have the opportunity to see one last show this year, make it "Go Figure" continuing through Dec. 27 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road east of Farmington. This two person exhibit featuring Barbara Gibson of Livonia and Susan

Rothamel Pickering, Chelsea is both whimsical and heartwarming.

Gibson, best known as a potter who exhibits annually at the Ann Arbor Art Fair, has switched mediums. Her son Alan has taken over the family ceramics business and Barbara is on to making three dimensional figures or dolls. Many of the works contain elements of African art, especially the haunting mask-like faces sculpted from clay. Incorporating found objects such as industrial gears, springs and music boxes, these mixed media figures by Gibson seem to take

on a life of their own.

Rothamel, adept at the craft of enameling, deals with biblical themes in the collage she has on display. A wooden cheetah and a zebra are the focus of "Tabernacle Icon."

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

HOLIDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Detroit Institute of Arts will host a special series of activities for the family Thursday through Tuesday Dec. 26-31 at 5200 Woodward.

Drop-in workshops which include puppet making, quilting, drama, and storytelling will take place in the studio. In many instances the sessions tie-in with

performances. Make an afternoon of it by first dropping into a workshop from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28 to make a rod puppet of the Firebird, the mythical creature from Russian folk literature. Then attend the 2 p.m. PuppetArt American-Russian Theatre performance of "The Firebird," a Russian folk tale which has been told by parents to children for generations.

Watercolor from page E1

Since graduating from Wayne State University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in 1980, Underys' watercolors have gone through an evolutionary process. In college, her work dealt with the exploration of the medium and led to a concentration on bold abstract forms and their relationship to space and each other.

For 10 years after working as teacher in a Montessori classroom with preschool children, her work took on a whimsical style. It was only in 1994 that the figure became important in her work.

"The minute I saw her paintings there was kind of connectiveness between the two of us,"

said Rebecca Berman, gallery owner.

"When I first met her I felt a real rapport from a spiritual standpoint. Her work reflects a lot of the artist's inner feelings."

It is apparent Underys is an admirer of the late 19th and early 20th century painters Paul Klee, Gustav Klimt and Odilon Redon. Like Klee, her works are small and intimate in scale, forcing the viewer to draw close in order to read the rendered forms inherent to her mysterious dream world. And just as Klee thought of painting as similar to music in its expressiveness, art has the ability to touch the spirit of the viewer through use of color, form and line. Underys

believes that the music she listens to while painting affects the outcome.

"Klee is because of the playfulness of his work and layering of colors. Klimt, it's the sensuality and the richness of his colors. Redon is mystical and Ciorionis is Lithuanian. His paintings have a dream-like quality," said the 37-year-old painter.

Underys met her husband Vitas at a Lithuanian youth camp. They continue the tradition of speaking only Lithuanian to their 9-year-old daughter Vija.

"I want my daughter to know her background and that it's important to do something she has a passion for."

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STREET SCENE

Blind Melon's 'Nico' a tribute to Shannon Hoon



CHRISTINA FUOCO

There are two ways to look at "Nico" (Capital), the latest release by Blind Melon. The collection of outtakes and rarities can be taken as a sweet tribute to, or a subtle way of showcasing the drug addiction of Shannon Hoon, the lead singer who died of a cocaine overdose in October 1995.

The enhanced CD, released on Capital Records in mid-November, kicks off with an eerily prophetic cover of Steppenwolf's "The Pusher," where Hoon sings, "You know I smoked a lot of grass, and I popped a lot of pills. But I ain't never done nothing that my spirit couldn't kill. I walked around with these tombstones in my eyes, but I know the pusher don't care if you live or if you die."

Guitarist Rogers Stevens said that the irony of the opening track hit him as an afterthought.

"These are songs that Shannon would have played had he been alive. These are the jokes he'd be telling. After he's gone, they have a whole different meaning," Stevens said via telephone from his upstate New York home.

The recording of "Nico" was a way for the surviving members of Blind Melon and their fans to heal.

"I think that all of us working on this record together was part of the process of getting over this whole thing. There are some personal moments. Some of Shannon's best moments are on



Tribute to Nico: Blind Melon was, from left, Brad Smith, Hoon, Rogers Stevens, Christopher Thorn and Glen Graham.

this record. Hearing his voice again was sort of like being hit on the head with a brick."

The 13-song "Nico" is a collection of outtakes and rarities recorded during the band's career. An acoustic version of "No Rain"; "Letters From A Porcupine," a song left on guitarist Christopher Thorn's answering machine by Hoon; the previously unreleased song "Soup"; a demo of "Soul One"; and a song, "Hell," recorded at the recording studio of Hoon's high school friend Mike Kelsey are included on the CD.

"St. Andrew's Hall" was recorded in various hotel rooms throughout the United States during the end of the 19-month tour for Blind Melon's debut album. The song is the demo version of "St. Andrew's Fall," the story of a person who committed suicide by jumping out of a hotel window near St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit, that appeared on "Soup." The band used the original name of the song because they "felt it appropriate name that the song had when it originally went down on tape," according to the liner notes.

The enhanced CD also features lyrics, previously unreleased photos, interviews, concert footage and several full-length videos. With the exception of several tracks done by Andy Wallace, the album was produced by the band - which besides Stevens and Thorn, includes bassist Brad Smith and drummer Glen Graham - and Mike Napolitano.

Stevens is pleased with the way "Nico" turned out.

"The way these songs came together and the way they seem to fit together was really kind of a miracle to us. It was good and we felt like it deserved to be heard. It sort of completed the picture about Shannon."

Blind Melon scored a hit with "No Rain," from its 1993 debut album. The band toured extensively performing with such acts as Neil Young, Soundgarden and the Rolling Stones as well as at Woodstock '94, and topped Billboard radio charts. Blind Melon's second album, "Soup," didn't fare as well, but received minor airplay with "Galaxie." Hoon died eight weeks after the release of the album "Soup."

The album is dedicated to Nico Blue, the daughter Hoon had with his girlfriend of 10 years Lisa Crouse.

Blind Melon is donating a portion of the proceeds of Nico to MAF, Musician's Assistance Program, an organization which helps musicians and others in the music industry recover from drug and alcohol addiction.

The surviving members of Blind Melon are planning on moving on with a new singer, Stevens said.

"We're looking for a singer.

We're going to change the name of the band and do a whole new record with new songs. We're not gonna play the old songs anymore," he said.

"We're starting all over. I think that to try to ask someone to come and step into Shannon's shoes wouldn't do right. It would do a disservice to go out and squeeze whatever was left out of that name."

Those computer-savvy Canadian popsters Barenaked Ladies have also released an enhanced CD "Rock Spectacle" (pronounced Roc-Spectak). "BNL-TV," part two of the "Rock Spectacle" (Reprise) experience, features 20 minutes of comedy imaged by the band like "Ask Ed," where guitarist/vocalist Ed Robertson answers fans' letters; Jimmy Johnson's Psychic Hotline; live concert footage on BNL "Live and Sweaty; and "Tyler Stewart Living."

"It's a great chance for people with computers and CD-ROM players to see another side of the band that you don't always get from just hearing it. Also, it allowed us to exorcise some creative demons. We're all interested in multimedia television, movie and stuff like that," said drummer/vocalist Tyler Stewart.

"We act like a bunch of idiots and have fun. Humor is an important part of our performance, but that doesn't always come across on CD. This is one way to let people in on the joke."

"Rock Spectacle," also available on cassette, doubles as an 11-song live album featuring "Brian Wilson," "The Old Apartment," "Jane," "If I Had \$1,000,000," and a hidden rap track about "Uncle Elwyn."

"There's been a demand for years. It was good time for us to do that," Stewart said of the decision to release a live album. "We thought it would keep things interesting until our next album comes out next summer. Essentially, it's a fill-the-space kind of thing."

"We wanted to capture the essence of what we're like live. The live show is a whole sensory experience. You get the songs, the in-between banter, the singing along, all that stuff. We thought the songs were pretty good themselves, too."

Those who saw the Barenaked Ladies Sunday, Dec. 8, at 96.3's Holiday Hootenanny at The Palace of Auburn Hills know all about the band's shows. Besides what Stewart described above, the band made up songs about the keyboardist's dad who was in the audience and the monkeys thrown up on stage during "If I Had \$1,000,000," and they closed the show by rapping Christmas songs while this bunch of Canadian white boys "street danced."

If you missed the gig, the band returns to Detroit at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, to play the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., in Detroit. Tickets are \$26.50 for the all-ages show. For more information, call (810) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.

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BOOKS

Wayne professor's novel explores Vietnam impact

Letting Loose, by Christopher T. Leland (Zoland Books, \$23.95) BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

The war in Vietnam hangs over the baby boomer generation and no amount of time will ever relieve the doubts, pain and suffering that that war and its powerful opposition created.

"Letting Loose" is a remarkable meditation on the war that works even when it seems to encompass too much. For this relatively short novel deals with the war, the sexual revolution, the impact of homosexuality on family relations, AIDS and drugs. Yet none of it is forced or contrived.

Christopher Leland, a professor of English and head of the creative writing section at Wayne State University, is a sensitive and alert writer with a solid ear for the ways people talk and interact. He has created in "Letting Loose" a book of reconciliations.

Bobbo Starwick has been missing in action in Vietnam for 25 years. When his body is returned to the states; to small town Rhymers Creek, it sets off a flood of memories and a series of long stifled communications. Bobbo is the "All-American boy" that was

n't. He was a star high school athlete who volunteered to go into the Army and the war's awful violence sucks him down.

The story specifically deals with several people whose lives have been altered by Bobbo and the war.

Fred Bower is one of those "Viet vets," an unfortunately real cliché. Unlike his friend Bobbo he has "survived" to come home shaken, drifting, mentally tortured and alcoholic. Leland turns all the clichés around by his powers of observation and his ear for speech.

Belva Beauford is one of Bobbo's old girlfriends who has drifted into a life of short term affairs to compensate for a boring marriage to a wealthy and indulgent man. She and her twin, Melva, own the dress boutique Letting Loose that allows her to make trips to New York to be with a lover.

The central character is Bobbo's homosexual half brother Barry Carraway. Barry has left Rhymers Creek to pursue a controversial career as a photographer (obviously modeled on Robert Mapplethorpe) and to live openly as a homosexual in New York City. Before leaving he made his sexual orientation

known in the most public manner by using it to get a 4F status from the draft board as a protest to the war.

Around these three characters, Leland builds a fine portrait of our times and the various painful decisions that we've had to make.

The novel is structured to move back and forth through time, memories dredged up as each character deals with his or her relationship with Bobbo. It moves from the terror of Vietnam battle to the S&M gay clubs of New York to the mundane grind of small town America. Leland deals poignantly but honestly with the AIDS epidemic, the drug problem and the lack of focus many of this generation have.

Be forewarned, the novel deals explicitly with sex, especially with homosexual behavior and response. It seems clear that Leland felt it was important to make readers understand how homosexuals feel about their sexual life. It is not so clear that many readers will be willing to follow.

But Leland has essentially written a novel of hope in the face of the worst despair and he has written honestly and well.

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BOOKS

Area novelist Kathe Koja's 'Kink' is a riveting story



VICTORIA DIAZ

"Kink" by Kathe Koja (Henry Holt, \$23.00, 278 pp.)

Kathe Koja has done it again - sent me to bed without any supper. Every time I read one of Koja's chilling novels, her last was "Strange Angels". I lose my appetite and feel the need to go lie down somewhere. Still, I read every single one, and look forward to the next and the next with much anticipation. I know of no writer today who breathes more life into peculiar, alienated souls than does Koja, and no one who paints their murky world more hauntingly.

This Berkley author is, to say the least, difficult to compartmentalize. We could label her a horror novelist, but that's not only limiting, it's misleading in this case. However, to label her anything else doesn't seem quite right, either. Perhaps, when we

pick up a Koja novel, we should dwell for a moment on Camus and Kafka, and then dispense with labels altogether, getting down to the riveting story at hand.

"Kink" is a riveting story. It's also an odd story about an odd contemporary couple, Jess and Sophie, who eventually become part of an odd ménage à trois, when they meet a mysterious, dark-eyed woman named Lena. Up until Lena's arrival on the scene, the two are so close that others think of their pairing as an unhealthy obsession. But then they invite the mesmerizing Lena to move in with them, believing that her presence will somehow enhance their existence. Lena, however, isn't quite what she appears to be, which this insular pair (who live much of their lives through voyeurism) will soon learn - and looking is not at all the same as seeing.

Told (from Jess' viewpoint) in an accessible, stream-of-consciousness style, "Kink" is set in a nameless city, a kind of microcosmic, spiritual boneyard, where the population is so drifting and empty they put you in

mind of the walking dead. (Though not a vampire tale, "Kink" is replete with images suggesting the nether world of vampires: Flesh is frequently cold. A large piece of furniture is jokingly called a "sarcophagus" and "coffin." People stare a lot, "not moving." Figures move about in the night, often soundlessly.)

Adding to the nightmare feel of the place, a web of dinginess pervades. This is the kind of place where you'll find "dull flies on the fruit salad," dirty pets, street garbage in the dun-colored snow, restaurant dishes never washed quite clean, scabrous tabletops, stubbornly filmed in grime.

Koja's characters fit right in and are haunting as ghosts: Getting inside storyteller Jess' head, Koja reveals her knack for depicting subtle differences between the sexes. Probably one of the strongest features of this story is the depiction of his fascination with both women. Lena, with her chopped black hair and sickle-shaped earrings, is the loveliest of lethal sirens. The rag doll-like Sophie is perhaps Koja's

most vivid creation, all at once maddening, forsaken, and brave, as she performs her awesome makeovers at the neighborhood beauty salon, and goes about town in that peculiar, dark-as-night opera cape.

What's most ultimately affecting about this novel, what makes it hit so close to the bone, is the mundane ordinariness Koja interlaces throughout her dark

tapestry, alongside the dream-like horror. Everybody keeps on eating, sleeping, washing, getting haircuts, shopping for Christmas gifts, watching television, showing up for work, fussing over trivialities, even as some nightmarish something is draining the human spirit.

While this may look like a small book, it is, in fact, a novel that explores some large and

complicated subjects. Start with the human spirit, obsession, greed, sex, listening vs. hearing, looking vs. seeing, talking vs. communicating, men vs. women.

There's more, all of it wrapped up in Koja's crisply provocative style. If you're looking for an off-beat, multi-layered story to wrap yourself in on a chilly night, here it is.

Book is colorful local history

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Tonnancour: Life in Grosse Pointe and along the Shores of Lake St. Clair, Omnigraphics, Inc. (\$40)

This large format book is an interesting, colorful approach to local history. It takes the American Heritage style and applies it deftly to the history of our near neighbors to the east.

Usually local histories are dull, tedious affairs primarily intended to name as many local families as possible and to name

the more prominent families as often as possible. They often degenerate into local genealogies or replays of government meetings that were dull the first time around.

Tonnancour is different. The books, named for the lakeside estate of Theodore P. Hall, collect essays, poems, stories and great art to tell a variety of stories about the Grosse Pointe area, which includes stories about early Detroit. The book includes previously published and unpublished works and combines serious and playful

approaches to history. Volume 2, edited by Arthur Woodford, features articles on Belle Isle, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Detroit in 1796 (when the fort at Detroit was ceded to the United States), Michigan's role in the Civil War, profiles of a couple of prominent families, old Grosse Pointe gas stations, the Country Club of Detroit and much more.

The articles are lively, the big coffee table book format allows for excellent display of historic photos, drawings and maps.

SINGLES

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THEATER

'A Christmas Carol' at Meadow Brook theatrical feast

Meadow Brook Theater presents "A Christmas Carol," through Sunday, Dec. 29, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. Tickets \$19-\$29.50. Shows 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21; 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29. Call (810) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster.

BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Scrooge by any other name than Booth Colman would not be Ebenezer Scrooge. Few actors can count pounds faster than Colman, deliver "Bah, Humbug!" with more malice, or endear an audience to this Christmas-hater with his joyful conversion than the wispy veteran of the legitimate stage and soap opera screen.

Scrooge is remembered more for his miserliness in the days

when there was no tax write-off for charitable giving, than his eleventh hour goodness. Certainly, Meadow Brook Theatre's "A Christmas Carol" is most remembered for Colman's unparalleled portrayal of this world wide icon for meanness.

As Scrooge, the man who takes his cash box to bed with him as a security blanket, Colman is unique. He transforms his character during the play, as the action moves from his hurtful first scene words as they come to haunt him in his dreadful dream. Colman has the power to render us happy indeed. What a pleasure it is to have him back, making his debut this season (after a two-year hiatus) on this new set with its new staging.

The sets, by Peter W. Hicks, are modernistic tower forms that are imaginatively moved from scene to scene, though the style is not that of Barbara Jenks' lovely Victorian costumes. Geoffrey Sherman's directing is straight forward and simple, making this theatrical feast one of great acting and not of tricks.

Thirty-five actors, many of whom are children, handle some

74 parts, though you will hardly recognize the same actor in various parts, so good is the acting. David Ellenstein is an infectious joyous Fred. Paul Hopper is no wimp as Bob Cratchit and is a funny Fezziwig. Mary Benson is a fun-loving mother as Mrs. Cratchit. Dressed almost like one of three "Wise Men," Geoffrey Beauchamp is a wonderful Christmas present. Whether it was Adam Carpenter or Nicholas Cornfield dressed as a "choir boy," an odd interpretation, he was good as the Ghost of Christmas Past. Scott Goci (or Jeffrey Hyke) looked the part of the frail Tiny Tim with a big, booming voice for his wonderful prayer.

Much of the dialogue is Dickensian - taken right out of the book of play adapter Mary Spalding. Scrooge's life before he met his partner Marley was imaginatively embellished, portraying poor Fezziwig as unsuccessful for his failure to downsize his warehouse business. Scrooge's personality change is clearly elaborated when nephew Fred narrates the end of the story to his children.

Though the stage and sets



Holiday classic: Booth Colman (left to right) and Thomas D. Mahard perform in Meadow Brook Theatre's annual production of "A Christmas Carol" through Dec. 29.

Actress shares funny 'Family Secrets'

"Family Secrets," through Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Performances Wednesdays-Thursdays, and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets \$10-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. Special New Year's Eve shows 7 p.m. (\$35 including hors d'oeuvres and champagne), and 10 p.m. (\$50 including hors d'oeuvres, champagne and breakfast). (810) 788-2900
BY HELEN ZUCKER
SPECIAL WRITER

The Jewish Ensemble Theatre production of Sherry Glazer and Greg Howells "Family Secrets" is a howl. Directed by Greg Howells and starring Susan Merson, it's a howl with a sad undercurrent.

"Family Secrets" is a one woman show that allows Merson to pull out all the stops. She gets to play beleaguered Dad, a nice, conventional accountant who remembers being happy when his mother gave him a bowl of spaghetti and ketchup. He's come pretty far from the Bronx,

rides the Long Island Rail Road, and can't understand why his three kids aren't happy.

Some of the material is familiar, but Merson puts a deft spin on some very funny lines; she makes this family seem brand new - as if she were letting us in on the major secrets of relatives we didn't know very well. She gets in and out of a lot of costumes and wigs, transforming herself before our eyes from gray-looking, plump Dad to glamorous, blond Mom. Mom has a breakdown after spending three hours making lasagna that no one will eat. She enjoys going to the hospital. She takes lithium and becomes philosophical in her flamboyant way.

By time Merson is done we know these relatives too well. Son Joel, who got an engineering degree from Columbia and was treated to a trip to Israel after graduating has become a shepherd. We don't witness life on an Israeli hillside; it's enough to hear about it. Daughter Fern embarrasses Dad when he renews his vows with Mom by

bringing Molly, the woman she's living with. Dad & Mom have invited everyone they know. Fern splits up with Molly, and moves in with a transcendentalist. "The universe," (Dad's wallet) "will provide," says Fern. We get to witness a marvelous natural childbirth scene; the pain, the craziness and the wonder of family life is abundant here.

The best scene perhaps out of many terrific scenes is Merson playing Sondra, a maddeningly familiar teenager. Sondra has nothing on her mind but a boy she is mad about; she is waiting for his call during the entire scene. She has thrown a party the night before, alcohol, the works. When asked for drugs by her dreamboy, they go upstairs and take her mother's lithium. Then they move to mother's bed.

"It only takes a minute," Sondra tells us. Dreamboy is out with another girl as Sondra waits for his call. She goes on to tell us how hard she works, having to vacuum; she is beset, she is so crazed with responsibility she has turned bulimic. This is a lost child, at once funny and scary.

Merson turns deftly from teen to old woman. A woman with all her wits intact. And she ends this saga with salt and kindness.

Properties & Costume Design by Melinda Pacha are highly inventive. We get a spare stage and fairly elaborate costumes. Lighting by Mark Berg was fine. Congratulations to Evelyn Orbach, Artistic Director and to Chad Kushuba, Technical Director and Mary Anne Davis, Production Stage Manager.

former set, the snow still flies for the curtain call in front of the Christmas tree and the English Carols are as inspiring as ever. The ice skaters added at the back of the stage gives the flavor of the season. That and the 6

p.m. "twilight" performance time make the show a very child-friendly production.

But the opening scene Christmas Eve funeral on the streets of London is not a statement worth making.

HOLIDAY FAVORITE

Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**

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The Livonia Civic Chorus is presenting its 32nd annual holiday concert, "Light the Candles...Trim the Tree," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 in the auditorium of Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt Road, south of Eight Mile Road, in Livonia.

Admission is free.

The concert offers "something for everyone," said director Jim Whitten, blending both new and traditional music with specialty numbers and a surprise visit from Santa.

Featured guests, "Choraltion," from Churchill High School will also be performing. For more information, call (810) 477-8236.



Getting ready: Choir members Geri Leiter (Santa) and Chris Gach (helper) prepare for the 32nd annual Holiday Concert presented by the Livonia Civic Chorus.

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RECEPTIONS

THE ART GALLERY

Featured for December in the artists cooperative at Great Oaks Mall, Walton and Livernois, Rochester Hills, are Ruth Allen, collage; Maxine Johnson, jewelry; Julie Smith, landscapes and flowers in acrylic; and Al Ugelow, scenes from all over in watercolor. Meet Johnson and Ugelow in a holiday reception 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. Call (810) 651-1579.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

A solo exhibit of recent paintings by Mary Jahns to Dec. 21 at 407 Pine, Rochester; (810) 651-4110. Closing reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

CASS CAFE

Music art by graphic artist Gary Grimshaw and found-object wall relief sculpture by L.E. Grimshaw exhibited through January at 4620 Cass Avenue at Forest, Detroit; (313) 831-1400. Receptions for the artists 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, and 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

PROGRAMS

TOUCH OF LIGHT

Holiday Glass Show to Dec. 24 at 23426 Woodward, Ferndale; (810) 543-1868. Glassblowing demonstrations 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

COLLEGE

U OF M MUSEUM OF ART

"Common Ground: African Art and Affinities" through January at 525 S. State, Ann Arbor; (313) 764-0395. Docent-led tour 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. Call to arrange group tours of any exhibit. "Collecting Teapots" topic of Friday Tea at Three Dec. 20; admission \$5, free to museum volunteers.

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 412-1040

AMERICAN MARS

With DJ Papa Ron, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Planet Ant, 2357 Caniff (2 1/2 blocks east of I-75), Hamtramck, \$5, 21 and older. (alternapop) (313) 581-6268

BARENAKED LADIES

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26.50. All ages. (313) 983-6611

BARNSTORMER

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24-Sunday, Dec. 29, Diamondback Saloon, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr., Belleville. (country) (313) 699-7899

BLUE EYED SOUL

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 E. Woodbridge, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 567-6020

BLUE MEANIES

With Sidekick Kato, Alligator Gun, and Hole in One, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Chevy Cola Bar and Grill, 15101 W. 12 Mile Road, Warren; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Oxbow Lake Roadhouse, 9451 Elizabeth Lake Road, White Lake. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 776-2662/(810) 698-1514

BOTFLY

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older; With Uncle Booby and Affliction, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance. (funky alternative rock) (313) 996-8555/(810) 335-8100

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE

With Hoarse, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock/blues) (313) 961-MELT

BILLY BRANCH AND THE SONS OF THE BLUES

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917

BRILLIANT

With Sensitive Clown, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140



Musical: "Shuffle Off to Buffalo," or to the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit where "42nd Street," is playing through Dec. 22. "Come and meet those dancin' feet," and treat yourself to an evening of glamor and fun. "42nd Street" features a barrage of sensational songs that seems to end — "You're Getting to be a Habit With Me," "We're in the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," and "About a Quarter Nine." Tickets available at all Ticketmaster locations, or call (810) 433-1515.

Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

BUGS BEDDOW

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 642-9400

BUTTERFLY

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050

CANDLELIGHT JAM

With Caelum Bliss, The Mutes, Eden Seed, Star 80, and Uncle Booby, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5, 18 and older. (variety) (810) 334-1999

CANN FESTIVAL

With Soulson and Fathers of the Id, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. Benefits the Children with AIDS National Network. (313) 961-MELT

CHARM FARM

With Getaway Cruiser, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternapop) (810) 335-8100

CITY LIMITS

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Roger's Roost, 33626 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. (blues) (810) 979-7550

COMMANDER CODY

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance; \$13 at the door. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

DIK

With Mount Tai and Gutwrench, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 589-3344

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (810) 335-8100

EUREKA BLUE MOONS

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 412-1040

FORTUNE AND MALTESE

With The Phabulous Pallbearers and Mondo Mod, 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (garage rock) (313) 485-5050

STEWART FRANCKE

With Vudu Hippos, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, as part of the Oakland County food bank benefit, Royal Oak Music Theater, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (pop) (810) 546-7610

GRIZZLY PEACH

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050

GROOVE MONKEY ATMOSPHERE

10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (funk) (313) 485-5050

MIMI HARRIS AND THE SNAKES

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

HARVENGERS

With Hope Demons, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 589-3344

AL HILL

8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. (blues) (810) 543-0917

HOLY COWS

With Nineteen Wheels, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

HOWLING DIABLOS

With Soulson and Fathers of the Id, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Bear's Den, 2972 Coolidge Highway, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (R&B/funk) (810) 543-0917/(810) 542-9922

HOWLIN' MERCY

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

HYSTERIC NARCOTICS

With Bootsy X and the Lovemasters, Dan Dollrod, and the Niemurphski Bros., play a benefit for striking newspaper workers, 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (funk/alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

IMMORTAL WINOS OF SOUL

With That Jive and Innoxia, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

IMPACT 7

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 855-3110



Performing: Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise with fellow Detroiters and RCA labelmates Hoarse perform Saturday, Dec. 21, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress in Detroit. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT

ROBERT JONES

8-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (810) 737-0110

MICHAEL KATON

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-4800

KNEE DEEP SHAG

With Daddy Longlegs, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (funk/reggae/ska) (313) 996-8555

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5, 21 and older. (313) 278-5340

JOHN D. LAMB

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Mr. B's, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 349-7038

LARVAL

With Only a Mother, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (experimental) (313) 832-2355

THE LOOK

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Bullfrog Lounge, 15414 Telegraph, Redford. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

TIM MAHONEY AND THE MEENIES

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6, 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917

THE MISSION

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Beale Street Blues Barbecue, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec.

27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe (at Van Born), Taylor. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 334-7900/(313) 278-5340

MONDO MOD

With Lucky Haskins, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 996-8555

MOONPIE FONTANA

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills; 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, during the Christmas party at Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. (blues) (810) 543-0917/(810) 644-4800/(810) 855-3110

MUDPUPPY

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5, 21 and older. (313) 278-5340

BOBBIE MURRAY BAND

Featuring Lenny Watkins, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

NRBQ

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (blues) (810) 544-3030

ROBERT PENN

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-4800

PUMMEL

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

QUARTETTE

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19-Friday, Dec. 20, Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave., West., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (country) (519) 253-7729

THE REPUTATIONS

With Bootsy X and the Lovemasters, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

RESTROOM POETS

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (roots rock) (810) 348-9110/(313) 996-2747

SHAWN RILEY

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, and Friday, Dec. 27, and 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road (north of Seven Mile Road), Livonia. (acoustic rock) (810) 615-1330

THE SCHUGARS

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Rivertown Saloon, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555/(313) 567-6020

SENSITIVE CLOWN

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Mosquito Club, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 513-8688

SKOLARS

Celebrate release of CD with party and performance with special guests Bourgeois Fifth and Social Scare, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$3 on sale only at St. Andrew's Hall and the Beat Hotel Records, 3185 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT/(810) 544-2485

SISTER SOLEIL

Featuring Stella Katsoudas on vocals, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5, 18 and older. (techno pop) (810) 334-1999

SOLID FROG

With Atomic Numbers, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

STATION NEIN

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (acoustic rock) (313) 416-9288

CAROLYN STRIHO

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

THE SUICIDE MACHINES

With Spit and Suburban Delinquents, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (ska) (313) 833-9700

CURTIS SUMTER PROJECT FEATURING CATHY DAVIS

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

SUNGLASSES AFTER DARK

Celebrates release of new CD "Sunglasses After Dark: Before the Ugly Lights," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441

SWISHBELLY

With Howling Diablos, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock/funk) (810) 333-2362

JIM TATE BAND

Hosts the Blind Pig's annual Christmas party, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at the bar, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (313) 996-8555

TEXAS FLOOD

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, and Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, The End Zone, 5157 Telegraph Road, Dearborn. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 291-8850

TEXAS IS THE REASON

With Promise Ring and Needlepoint Book, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rockabilly) (810) 642-9400

WAILIN' INC

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 Revel hosts "Big Sonic Heaven," Tuesdays; "Pearl Harbor Club" featuring "volcanic drinks" and the "seedy side of the Swing era" with hosts Jeff King and Perry Lavoisne; Band leader Dan Haddad and "The Motor Powertrain" Thursdays with live jazz; Fridays and Saturdays, dancing with DJ St. Andy, at the lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 369-0090

ST. ANDREW'S HALL/THE SHELTER
 10 p.m. Wednesdays "The Incinerator," alternative rock in the Shelter, \$6, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Fridays "Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop, alternative rock, and techno/house, \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 after, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Saturdays "Soul Picnic" with funk, hip-hop and soul in the Shelter, \$3, 18 and older, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT

3-D
 "Prophecy," techno/alternative dance night, 9 p.m. Fridays; alternative dance, free before 10:30 p.m. Saturdays; 3-D XXXmas Bash, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the club, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (810) 589-3344

THEATER

ATTIC THEATRE
 "Molly Sweeney" in repertory with "Jacques Brel," through Sunday, Jan. 5, at the theater, 508 Monroe, in Trappers Alley, Greektown area of Detroit. Times vary for each show. \$15-\$25. (313) 963-9339

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
 "The Nutcracker" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Theatre, through Sunday, Dec. 22, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, \$13-\$35; matinees half price for children and seniors, \$6.50; "A Chorus Line," Monday, Dec. 23-Sunday, Jan. 5, at the Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, \$25-\$62.50. (313) 833-3700

FOX THEATRE
 "42nd Street," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7.50-\$37.50. (810) 433-1515

GEM THEATRE
 "The All Night Strut! Holiday Show," through Sunday, Jan. 5, at the theater, 58 E. Columbia (across the street from the State and Fox theaters), Detroit. Times and prices vary throughout December. New Year's Eve performances: 7 p.m. \$45; and 10 p.m. \$60 includes a champagne toast and dancing afterward. (313) 963-9800

HILBERRY THEATRE
 "Tartuffe," Moliere's most popular play, through Thursday, Feb. 1, at the theater, Wayne State University campus, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Performance: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. \$9.50-\$16.50. (313) 577-2972.

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
 "Family Secrets," through Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays. \$10-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. Special New Year's Eve shows 7 p.m. (\$35 including hors d'oeuvres and champagne), and 10 p.m. (\$50 including hors d'oeuvres, champagne and breakfast). (810) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
 "A Christmas Carol," through Sunday, Dec. 29, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester, \$19-\$29.50. 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21; 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29. (810) 377-3300

MASONIC TEMPLE
 "Phantom of the Opera," through Jan. 7, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$20-\$65. (313) 832-2232/(313) 871-1132

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY
 "Apartment 3A," by Jeff Daniels, through Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Garage Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, and an additional matinee performance at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. \$15-\$20. (313) 475-7902

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYHOUSE
 "Forever Christmas III - Home for the Holidays," Thursday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 21, at the playhouse, 1185 Washington Road (at Tienken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. \$11 adults; with discounts for students, seniors, and groups. (810) 608-9077

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
 "The Stillborn Lover," through Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$14. (313) 868-1347

YOUTH

GROSSE POINTE CHILDREN'S THEATRE
 The musical "Raggedy Ann and Andy," 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, William Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe. \$6 adults; \$5 students and seniors, with discounts for groups. (313) 881-7511

MARQUIS THEATRE
 "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," through Monday, Jan. 27, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Recommended for children older than 3 1/2 years old. Showtimes: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 21, 28, and Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 22, and 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19, and 26; 2:30 p.m. Dec. 26-27 and 30-31, and Jan. 2-3. (810) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
 "Alice in Wonderland," Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 22, Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Saturdays, lunch begins at noon with the show at 1 p.m.; Sundays, lunch at 1 p.m. and show at 2 p.m. \$7 includes lunch. Group rates for 20 or more people. 50 cent discount for anyone who brings in a new or in-good-condition children's book for Focus Hope. (810) 662-8118

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
 "A Christmas Carol," 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275), Livonia. \$10 adults; \$5 18 and younger. (313) 464-6302

WILD SWAN THEATRE
 "Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 27-29, and Jan. 2-4, and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 21, 28, and Jan. 4, at the Anderson Center Theater at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road), Dearborn. \$6; additional charge for admission to the museum. (313) 271-1620, ext. 383

FAMILY EVENTS

CHRISTMAS READINGS
 Kathleen McLallen, mayor of Novi, reads Christmas stories, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Brickscape Christmas Store, 21141 Old Novi Road (north of Eight Mile Road, east of Novi Road), Northville. (810) 348-2500

TOY AND HOBBY EXPO '96
 Show and sale featuring trains, toys, models, dolls, bears, doll-houses, and the world's largest mobile train display "The Magical World of Lionel Trains," 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (I-96 and Novi Road), Novi. \$6 adults; \$3 children ages 4-12; \$4 parking. (313) 455-2110

HOLIDAY

LIGHT SHOWS

DETROIT ZOO
 "Wild Lights" walking tour features more than 50 animal creations, 5:30-8 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 30 (except Christmas Eve and Christmas day), at the zoo, Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue (at I-696), Royal Oak. \$3 adults; \$1.50 for children; free for children younger than 2. Detroit Zoological Society members, \$2 adults; \$1 children. Parking is free. (810) 541-5835

DOMINO'S FARMS
 "Christmas Light Display," 15-minute drive-through display with more than 900,000 lights, 6-10 p.m. daily through Dec. 31, at the complex, Earhart Road, off Plymouth Road about 1/2 mile east of US-23. \$5 donation weekdays; \$7 Fridays-Sundays. (313) 668-1800

CLASSICAL

THE DUET
 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (810) 737-0110

MICHIGAN CHAMBER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 Features Christmas music by Corelli, Mozart, Handel and Fasch, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road (at 14 Mile Road), Bloomfield Hills. (810) 552-9789

MUSICA ROYALE
 Performs Renaissance and medieval Christmas music, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. Free. (810) 644-1515

POPS

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 "Between the Holidays Concert," featuring pianist David Syme 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Temple Beth El, (Telegraph at 14 Mile Road). \$16 adults, \$12 students, or groups of 10 or more. Call (810) 645-2276. Program includes Geršwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," Piano Concerto No. 1 by Tchaikovsky, "Festive Overture," by Shostakovich and the "Hary Janos Suite" by Kodaly.

JOHN CAMPBELL
 WDIV Super Singer Contest winner, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. (313) 271-4441

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 "Christmas Pops," with Conductor Robert Bernhardt, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$16-\$58. (313) 833-3700

CHORAL

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS
 "Songs of Good Cheer," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19-Friday, Dec. 20, Farmington High School, 32000 Shawwassee (west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington. (810) 788-5322

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
 "Light the Candles...T'rim the Tree!" Holiday Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Clarenceville High School Auditorium, (south of 8 Mile Road), Livonia. No charge. Call (810) 477-8236 for information.

JAZZ

JACK BROKENSHA QUARTET
 With special guest Larry Nozero, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, and with special guest Judie Cochill, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River (at Eight Mile), Farmington Hills. (810) 474-4800

RON BROOKS TRIO
 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5 for Dec. 27-Dec. 28. \$45; \$80 couples for New Year's Eve. (313) 662-8310

MIKHAIL CALDWELL
 Guitar virtuoso, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

KIMMIE HORNE
 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, formerly Murdock's, 2086

Crooks Road, Rochester Hills; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (810) 852-0550/(810) 644-4800

MIKE KAROUB'S CELLO JAZZ
 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. Free. (810) 644-1515

PAUL KELLER/CARY KOCHER QUARTET
 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. (313) 662-8310

KWANZAA JAZZ CONCERT
 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, First-Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave. (at Forest), Detroit. \$15; \$5 children younger than 12. Donation includes afterglow. (313) 833-9107

RICK MATLE
 With Sheila Landis and Dennis Sheridan, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Bistro 313, 313 W. Walton Boulevard (between Baldwin and Joslyn roads), Pontiac. (810) 650-3344/(810) 399-7200/(810) 332-7184

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, and Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Scallops, 1002 N. Main St., Rochester. (810) 656-2525

WORLD MUSIC

MARIANNE MURPHY AND RON ELLMAN
 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421 (Celtic)

JIM PERKINS
 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages; With the Old English Carolers, 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. Free. (810) 349-9421/(810) 644-1515 (Celtic)

WAKA JAWAKA
 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (world beat) (810) 332-HOWL

FOLK

PAT DONOHUE
 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11; \$10 members, students and seniors. (313) 761-1451

PHIL MARCUS ESSER AND BARBARA BREDIUS
 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday Dec. 21, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421 (Celtic)

RFD BOYS
 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8.75; \$7.75 members, students and seniors. (bluegrass) (313) 761-1451

POETRY

"SECRETS OF THE CELTIC HEART"
 With Brian Mallon, a compilation of Celtic poems, songs and ruminations, mostly Welsh, tracing the life span of Celtic man through Druidic birth to raging death at the pen of Dylan Thomas, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. (313) 761-1451

DANCE

BALLROOM DANCING
 With the Larry Nozero Orchestra, 7-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Botsford Inn Coach House, 28000 Grand River (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. \$10. (810) 474-4800

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
 "The EDE Holiday Spectacular: A Magical Celebration of Music and Dance," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19-Friday, Dec. 20, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$8. (810) 362-9329

THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER
 With The Harlem Nutcracker Band and its band leader Marcus Belgrave, and The Willis Patterson Our Own Thing Chorale, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19-Friday, Dec. 20, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$28; \$10 children and \$20 adults for 2 p.m. show. (800) 221-1229

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COL-

LEGE FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY

"'Twas the Night Before Christmas," a dance concert for children, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. \$2. (313) 845-6314

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS

New Year's Eve dinner and line dancing with Jean and Kurrie Miller, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Italian-American Cultural Center, 27111 Imperial Dr. (east of Hoover, south of 12 Mile Road), Warren. \$35 includes dinner, dance and open bar. Tickets on sale until Friday, Dec. 20. (810) 469-4329

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
 Lowell Sanders, Thursday, Dec. 19-Sunday, Dec. 22; Leo Dufour, Elliot Branch and Joëy Bielaška, Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the club above Kickers restaurant, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (free); 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$10); and 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (313) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Mike Lukas, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner and show), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Sunday, Dec. 21 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner and show); Vic DiBitteto, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26 (\$8, \$16.95 dinner and show), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner and show), and Tuesday, Dec. 31, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-888

LONG BRANCH/MISS KITTY'S COMEDY

Bill Hildebrandt and Jill Washburn, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21; Mike Veneman and Seth Buckwald, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28-Saturday, Dec. 28, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. (810) 628-6500

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

WKQI's John Heffron, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21 (\$10); Blair Shannon, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26 and Sunday, Dec. 29, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, (\$12), also on New Year's Eve, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, (\$22.50), and 10:30 p.m., (\$27.50) includes party favors and champagne, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080/314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Bert Challis and Ross Amicucci, Wednesday, Dec. 18-Sunday, Dec. 22: Totally Unrehearsed Theatre hosts open mic night Tuesdays; Lowell Sanders and Mark Fradi, Thursday, Dec. 26-Sunday, Dec. 29, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5); 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6); 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12); 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). (810) 542-9900

THE SECOND CITY-DETROIT

"One Nation Undecided," 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. \$12 to \$19; Second City Touring Company, 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK-SELLERS (WEST BLOOMFIELD)
 Barnes and Noble Mystery Reading Group meets to discuss "Murder in Scorpio" by Martha Lawrence, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the store, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. (810) 626-6804. Also Barbara Timmerman, program director, Southeast Michigan, discusses "Living With Arthritis," before the Senior Women's Club breakfast meeting, 10:30 a.m. noon Thursday, Dec. 19. Reservations required by calling (810) 738-2500

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (DEARBORN)

"Issues in Parenting" seminar topic is "It Takes More Than Love" led by Jacqui Rivait of JResources, 7:30 p.m. Thursday,

Dec. 19; Story hour features Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21; "Mouse Magic With Auntie Christina" features "Zurk's Learning Safari" for children ages 3-6, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the store, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. (313) 271-4441

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (FARMINGTON HILLS)

Victorian carolers stroll throughout the store singing holiday music, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20; Mrs. Claus visits storyline, 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (810) 737-0110

BORDERS BOOK SHOP (BIRMINGHAM)

Dickens Carolers perform 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21; The Little Dickens Band performs, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the store, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. (810) 644-1515

WALDENBOOKS (DEARBORN)

Troy author Stephanie Mellen signs copies of her latest book "The Golden Angel," 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the store, Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. (313) 435-8404

WALDENBOOKS (ROCHESTER HILLS)

Troy author Stephanie Mellen signs copies of her latest book "The Golden Angel," 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the store, Meadowbrook Village Mall, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-2667

WALDENBOOKS (WATERFORD)

Troy author Stephanie Mellen signs copies of her latest book "The Golden Angel," noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at the store, Summit Place Mall, Waterford. (810) 682-7220

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

"Animals Eat," an exhibit combining live animal displays, working models, mounted specimens, hands-on activities, and animated video that helps youngsters formulate a concept of a "living thing" by focusing on eating; and "Mysteries of the Bog," which explores the landscape of wetlands. Both exhibits run through Jan. 5, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$7 for adults; \$4 children 3-17 and seniors 65 and older; free for children younger than 3. Planetarium shows are an additional \$1 and Lasera shows an additional \$2. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. (810) 645-3200

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"Dinoscience," a traveling exhibit from Research Casting International (RCI), the creators of the dinosaur skeleton displays in Steven Spielberg's "Jurassic Park," on display through Sunday, March 9, it features six full-sized dinosaur skeletal displays, and a walk-through Supersaurus rib cage, a Dino Dig sandbox, and interactive computer programs; "Titanica," an IMAX film about the Canadian-American-Russian expedition team set out to explore the Titanic, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays indefinitely; "Destiny in Space," another IMAX film, Tuesdays and Thursdays indefinitely, Detroit Science Center in the University Cultural Center, 5020 John R St., Detroit. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

"Ford Fleet Festival," a special event highlighting the maritime heritage of the Ford Marine Division, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 28, at the museum, 100 Strand Dr., Belle Isle. \$2 adults; \$1 seniors and children 12-18; free, children younger than 12. (313) 267-6225

GREENFIELD VILLAGE AND HENRY FORD MUSEUM

"Traditions of the Season," featuring one of Michigan's largest decorated trees, a gingerbread village, holiday decorations, and re-enactments of traditions of cooking, baking, and decorating, through Saturday, Jan. 5, at the museum and village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

MOVIES

Australian 'Shine' mines the craziness behind genius

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

You're sitting in a restaurant when, seemingly out of nowhere, a disheveled man with smudgy glasses walks across the room, music sheets falling to the ground. He sits down at the piano and begins to play, and you're so moved by his passion and intensity that you rise to a thunder-

ous ovation. While this is one of the triumphant moments in "Shine," the picture as a whole left me underwhelmed. It arrived at theaters this week with critical raves and the top prize at the Toronto Film Festival trailing behind it. But like the "Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto Number 3" that its subject successfully masters, it has brilliant, sublimely subtle moments laced in an overpowering, downright bombastic composition. You can understand writer/director Scott Hicks'

interest in bringing to the screen oddball David Helfgott, a real-life Australian concert pianist whose once-promising career was hindered by mental illness. The movie jumps between the tutelage of his overbearing father to his later years at the mercy of anyone who could put up with his chronic eccentricity. Seen in his forties, David is a childlike chain-smoker. His mile-a-minute delivery, about everything from pussycats to the difficulty of the infamous "Rach 3," is delivered with a spastic shake in his voice. How well you like his

character depends on your tolerance for watching a naked man jumping on the trampoline in your backyard. The movie wears its own creativity like a badge of courage, with relentlessly arty shots and endless dialogue about devotion to your craft and the power of music that is at the same time stirring and contrived. Nineteen-year-old David eventually ends up studying at London's Royal College of Music, where he's mentored by an ancient, ascot-wearing Sir John Gielgud. He coaches his pupil

with corny lines like, "The music is a monster. It must be tamed before it devours you." Not to say that "Shine" doesn't shine in spots. The most talked-about sequence involves the young pianist's groundbreaking London concert. His long black hair drips into his face as he plays, then, in the middle of the performance, the scene goes silent so that only the sound of his heartbeat can be heard. Afterward he slumps to the ground in a ball, his pinnacle reached with nowhere really left to go. Perhaps even better than

what "Shine" shows is what it doesn't. Here are scenes of great subtlety. We are fortunately spared most of the horrors of David's time in a mental institution. Even his sexual initiation (with a drag queen, no less) is shown with him waking on the London street with a feather boomerang around his neck. Three actors play Helfgott. While Noah Taylor tackles his formative years, it's Geoffrey Rush's older David who is the real piece of work, babbling and cooing at anyone who will listen.

See SHINE, E9

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Capra's 'It's a Wonderful Life' has timeless appeal

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The film's hero is a lanky chump, a man unable to escape the grip of the hick town he disdains. There's no sex and little violence in the story, unless you count Clarence the angel biting a cop. But talk about hit movies: After 50 years, "It's a Wonderful Life" has yet to outstay its holiday welcome. As sure as egg nog and overspending, the Frank Capra film is woven into America's yuletide experience. We feel George Bailey's pain, again and again. We despair at

the fate that keeps him from fulfilling his dreams of adventure, but salute as George selflessly aids his family, friends and community. We ache with nostalgia for a small-town America of innocence and fellowship we're unlikely to have known and which, we suspect, may have existed only in a Capra-created universe. In other words, we wallow shamelessly and tearfully in the operatic tragedy and redemption of suicidal George Bailey, Everyman, forced by an angel to recognize the value of his life — and to show us the value of ours. "Frank Capra made you pay

for those happy endings," the film's star, Jimmy Stewart, has been quoted as saying. And we have done so, gladly. Even the 51 minutes of commercials that the NBC U.S. television network stuffed in last year's exclusive TV broadcast of "It's a Wonderful Life" and which could accompany this year's Dec. 21 airing, can't keep us away. Lawsuits swirling around the picture, thwarted parodies and a small flood of merchandise tied to the 50th anniversary aren't deterrents, either. And why? Motive and opportunity first. In the

1970s, a clerical error allowed the studio copyright to lapse, and a number of television stations seized the chance to run the Christmas-themed movie for free each holiday season. George Bailey's story — the good man who can't shirk his responsibility to the family business, the girl (Donna Reed) who loves him, or the town he keeps from the clutches of greedy Mr. Potter (Lionel Barrymore) — became as familiar as Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Capra "loved the fact it went into the public domain," says his son, Tom. "It became this exorbitant hit and much more popular than it ever could have possibly been before."

"He always said, 'Thank God those fools let the copyright lapse,' otherwise no one might ever have seen it." That may have been an exaggeration, but it's certainly true that "It's a Wonderful Life" outgrew its modest beginnings. Although the 1946 film received five Academy Award nominations, including best picture and best actor for Stewart, its box-office performance and reviews were lackluster. When it debuted, the New Yorker magazine dismissed it as "baby talk" (and has relented only reluctantly: A 1977 New Yorker piece said, "In its own

icky, bittersweet way, it's terribly effective"). It echoed other Capra films in exploring the fight of the idealistic individual against a cynical, greedy villain, but the theme that resonated with Depression audiences proved less persuasive to postwar America. Contemporary movie fans have proven more open-minded, and film scholars understand why: "It's a Wonderful Life" is a superbly crafted film with much to offer. "Jimmy Stewart is an incredibly likable performer, and in this film, he's a person who's done nothing but good throughout his entire life," said Jonathan Kuntz of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. Audiences can identify with Stewart's Bailey and with the spiritual crisis he suffers over the life he perceives as wasted, Kuntz said. "We also would like to feel that we're being watched over by a guardian angel. That's a wonderful thought. ... And, finally, we also would love to have a happy ending, where everybody is redeemed," he said. The movie's joyful conclusion, with a reborn Bailey in the arms of family and friends, is excep-

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including the attractive astrologer (Vanessa Redgrave) who eventually becomes his wife. At the heart of "Shine" remains the destructive relationship between David and his father (Armin Mueller-Stahl). The movie plays on the obsession of the Polish-Jewish immigrant to keep the family together. Brief shots of him behind a single strand of barbed wire in the backyard and his gaze at a photo of long lost sisters, hints at the agony of the concentration camps.

While it spends infinite time on their relationship, it glosses over the sisters and mother who also share the house. You'd think that the one sister who comes to visit David in later years would at least fill us in on the family, even if her brother is too preoccupied to listen. Once upon a time, Australian directors Bruce Beresford, Gillian Armstrong, and Peter Wier mined the country's rich heritage with diverse stories and films. New Zealander Jane Campion ("The Piano," "Angel at

My Table") and now Hicks, representing a new wave of regional cinema, continue to hit the same note in their stories of bizarre, creative individuals driven to the brink of insanity. John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. You can listen to him on Dave Dixon's Radio Show AM 1270, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.



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SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Birmingham Theatre 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Call (810) 644-FILM for information. (\$6.50; \$4.25 matinees and seniors)

"The English Patient" (Britain - 1996). Four people meet in a ruined Italian monastery near the end of World War II in this adaptation of the Booker Prize-winning novel by Michael Ondaatje. Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, and Willem Dafoe star.

Magic Bag Theatre 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$6)

"Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation." Through Jan. 2 (call for showtimes). Last year it played like a "greatest hits" package. This year the fourth annual showcase of animated bad taste features

20 premieres. Among the titles: "Condom Complaint," "The Happy Moose" and new episodes of the perennial favorite "No Neck Joe."

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Jude" (USA - 1996). An adaptation of Thomas Hardy's "Jude the Obscure," about a university scholar who falls in love with his cousin. Christopher Eccleston and Kate Winslet star.

"Vertigo" (USA - 1956). Many call this Hitchcock's most personal film because its main character (Jimmy Stewart) tries to turn his girlfriend into the image of a lost love. Hitch did the same thing after Grace Kelly left movies to become a princess, sending the old director scram-

bling for the likes of other icy blondes, here Kim Novak. The ambitious 40th anniversary restoration sports new color and a remixed soundtrack.

"The English Patient" (Britain - 1996). See Birmingham Theatre listing above.

Maple Theatre 4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call

(810) 855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

"Trees Lounge" (USA - 1996). Bugeyed character actor Steve Buscemi makes his directorial debut as an out-of-work mechanic who hangs out at the title establishment, a bar based on his own nonworking days on Long Island.

"The English Patient" (Britain - 1996). See Birmingham Theatre

listing above. Michigan Theatre 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (313) 668-8480 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Jude" (USA - 1996). 7, 9:30 p.m. Dec. 20; 4:30, 7 p.m. Dec. 22. See Main Art Theatre listing above.

"Vertigo" (USA - 1956). See Main Art Theatre listing above. Redford Theatre 17360 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit.

Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

"The Bishop's Wife" (USA - 1947). 8 p.m. Dec. 20; 2, 8 p.m. Dec. 21 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). With a modern remake with Denzel Washington in theaters now, it's a good time to check out the original, with Cary Grant as an angel who gives some otherworldly assistance to Loretta Young and David Niven.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Opens Friday, Dec. 20

"THE CRUCIBLE" Suspenseful drama of evil and personal conscience based on one of the greatest plays of the 20th century. Stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Winona Ryder, Paul Scofield and Joan Allen.

"MY FELLOW AMERICANS" Comedy about two unscrupulous ex-U.S. Presidents who have nothing in common but their dislike of one another who find themselves compelled to travel cross country together as they investigate a potential White House scandal involving the current president. Stars Jack Lemmon, James Garner and Dan Aykroyd.

"ONE FINE DAY" An old-fashioned love story for the cellular age. Two career minded people, one male, the other female, determined never to have love disappoint them again, are thrown together for one chaotic day, the only thing they have in common are identical cellular phones and the fear of letting someone get too close. The last thing they expected was to fall in love. Stars Michelle Pfeiffer and George Clooney.

"RIDICULE" A lavish and colorful drama set in the age of Louis XVI. The

tale of a modest country engineer who travels to court, a place where even the slightest misstep can be fatal. He must focus every ounce of energy on extracting royal favor. The one thing he must not do is fall in love. Stars Fanny Ardant, Charles Berling, Bernard Giraudeau.

"SCREAM" A thriller about a small town that comes under siege by a murderer who takes all of his cues from the movies. Stars Neve Campbell, Skeet Ulrich, Courtney Cox, Drew Barrymore and David Arquette.

"SLINGBLADE" A Southern gothic tale about a man, released from an asylum after 25 years, who returns to the small southern town of his youth. Here he finds friendship until he's thrust into a combustible situation that has powerful and moving consequences for all. Stars Billy Bob Thornton, Dwight Yoakam and John Ritter.

"BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD DO AMERICA" Based on the MTV television series, this full-length animated feature tells of the misadventures of a pair of sniggering, weak-minded, adolescent heavy metal enthusiasts. Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 25

"SHINE" A Toronto Film Festival award winner about the life and times of Australian pianist David Helfgott, a brilliant young musician who is driven to the edge of madness by his authoritarian father.

"MICHAEL" This offbeat fantasy is about a beer-drinking archangel rumored to be living in Iowa, and the tabloid reporter and dog expert who try to track him down.

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HOI HOI HOI! Let's un-wrap something special together. Tall, single, mom, slender, very attractive lady, all the good stuff. Seeking tall, emotionally/financially secure gentleman. N/S, social drinker with good attitude. No games! #7524(exp1/16)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL. SWF, 22, 5'2", brown/hazel, seeks SWM 25-40, who enjoys comedy, serious, honest and fidelity, well-educated. For friendship, fun and possible LTR. #7716(exp1/16)

SMART & SASSY. Tall, slim DWF, 36, with feine dependent, seeks to meet SDWM. Interests: animals, professional sports, music, cars, movies, and dancing. Outgoing, dancing, playing cards, and a good book. #7717(exp1/16)

ATTRACTIVE. Female, 20, 5'8", 110lbs, enjoys sports, movies, and traveling. Seeking good-looking SWM, 19-29, for friendship, companionship, possible relationship. #7722(exp1/16)

DOWN-TO-EARTH. Humorous, conservative SPFF, 40s, average height, slender, no dependencies, enjoys conversation, travel, sports, theater, and walking and jogging. Seeking compatible SM, 40-55, must be employed. #7715(exp1/16)

BROWN-EYED GIRL. Attractive, intelligent SWF, 31, enjoys dancing, romance, movies, hockey, working out. Searching for a hard-working, fun-loving and sincere gentleman who will make my heart smile. #7737(exp1/16)

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TAITOED LADY. Attractive DWF, 27, this kid just can't seem to get a break in the nice guy department. Are there any of you out there? #7514(exp1/19)

SEE A SHOOTING STAR. This 26 year-old DWF is looking for her shooting star. I am understanding loving and fun and am seeking a chance in you. Come on, take a chance - smile. #7569(exp1/19)

LET'S TALK. SWF, 30, 5'8", blonde/blue, Catholic, physically fit, enjoys working out, boating, skiing, fishing, cooking. Seeking SWM, 28+, 6+, athletic, financially secure, enjoys good conversation, for friendship first. #7422(exp1/2)

BEAUTIFUL EYES. SWF, 29, full-figured, loves boating, camping and quiet evenings. Seeking SWM, 28+, 6+, athletic, spontaneous and has sense of humor. #7411(exp1/2)

WAITING FOR YOU. DWF, late 40s, non-smoker, degreed, has been waiting for you all her life if you're interested in theatre, movies, antiquing, sharing quality time, I would love to hear from you! #7439(exp1/2)

NEW TO ME. DWF, tall, 5'8", attractive, loves laughter and meaningful conversations, seeks 6+, emotionally/financially secure, outgoing, for companionship, etc. I'm a singer, work some nights. #7438(exp1/2)

FUN-LOVING REDHEAD. Seeking SWM, 28-38, 5'9", prefer blonds, should be athletic, quick-witted, intelligent. In exchange, this humorous SWF, 5'6", athletic, girl, promises best vacation and lots of fun. #7432(exp1/2)

YOUNGER MAN WANTED. Never dated a man my age, don't want to now. Very sexy, young-looking WF, 5'9", 135 lbs, blond, green, ready to rock n' roll with attractive WM, 40ish, with thick hair. #7365(exp1/2)

TIRED OF MR. CLOSE ENOUGH. Tall, attractive SWF, 36, 5'10", HW, proportionate, brown/hazel, unmarried, yet to find right one. Seeking SWM, 30-45, similar interests, sense of humor. #7364(exp1/2)

CLASSY LADY: VELVET OR JEANS. Attractive SWF, 51, NS, 5'7", trim, brunette/green, varied interests, enjoys outdoors, dancing, theater. Seeking tall, easygoing, gentleman, loyal, sincere, emotionally/financially secure, for mutual spoiling. #7362(exp1/2)

JUST RELOCATED. Attractive SWF, 45, much younger-looking, 5'5", 155lbs, very well-proportioned, considerate, caring, cute and easy to talk to, seeks happy guy N/S, prefer big, strong guy. #7360(exp1/2)

ATTRACTIVE, OUTGOING SWF. 49, 5'4", redhead, proportioned, financially secure, professional, seeks same in SM, enjoys outdoors, dancing, dining, movies, quiet evenings. #7355(exp1/2)

LOOKING FOR... SBM, 38-45, 6'3", fun, humorous, lower people, seeks understanding, appreciative, kind, caring, sharing, professional, sincere gentleman for friendship. Must love children. Serious replies only. #7428(exp1/2)

ANIMATE ME. SWF, 37, 165lbs, Auburn/blond, glasses, smoker seeks SWM counterpart, tall, under 40, enjoys outdoors, theater, and Ryan Rand, laughs a lot and learns by his mistakes. #7427(exp1/2)

ATTN: CLASSY GENT. A classy lady awaits your reply. She's slender, tall, pretty, affectionate, intelligent, a young-looking 50, smoker. Call if you're intelligent, tall, over 50, romantic. #7426(exp1/2)

ALL WORK? TIME TO PLAY! SWF, 22, professionally employed and working too many hours, seeks SBM, 21-30 to take me out after-work and help me relax. #7421(exp1/2)

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HI, WHERE ARE YOU? I've been looking for you! Me, widowed WF, 58, 5'2", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, I like myself and think you will too. You, 55-65, honest, caring, romantic, and sincere. Let's talk. #7108(exp1/26)

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE. Russian woman, 29, 5'5", 120lbs, new in US, seeks good, American man with strong family values. Believes in placing husband and family before career. #7102(exp1/26)

TAKE A CHANCE. I might be your dream come true! Realistic, honest, down-to-earth DWF, 38, 5'11", HW, proportionate, bright, attractive, traditional, warm, cozy, enjoys Home Improvement, music, outdoors, animals, cooking. Seeking clean-cut SWM, 38-45, 6+, #7063(exp1/26)

LIVE WIRE. Classy lady, attractive petite, down-to-earth, fun-loving, caring, sharing. Enjoys conversation, museums, flea markets, day/weekend trips, dining, dancing, spectator sports. If you're similar, and want this superior relationship, respond. #7217(exp1/26)

EXTREMELY CUTE. Sexy, golden brown complexioned BF, never married, no dependencies, intelligent. Enjoys movies, telecasts, pillow fights. Seeking attractive, muscular medium build SM of any race for lasting relationship. Serious inquiries only. #7213(exp1/26)

DO I HAVE YOUR BIB? Widowed WF, young senior, seeks WM, 40-50, fit, educated, affectionate, outgoing, camping, desires LTR with gentleman. #7205(exp1/26)

SHORT AND HONEST. DWF, 47, seeks SWM, 40-50, honest man. #7203(exp1/26)

HOME COOKED MEALS. SWF, 47, attractive redhead, 5'2", curvy figure, good-shape, easygoing, honest, sincere, affectionate, financially secure, no dependencies. Seeking companion to share happy home-life, good-cooking, movies, dancing. NS preferred. 43-55, Paris welcome. #7175(exp1/219)

SMART AND SEXY. Attractive, optimistic SWF, 30s, N/S, never married, no dependencies, educated, professional, slender, sweet, intelligent, blonde beauty. Varied interests: world-traveled, long, scenic spots, country club golf. Seeking well-educated, accomplished, fit gentleman. #7212(exp1/226)

OLD-FASHIONED. Divorced mother of one, 29, very shy, blondish/brown, blue eyes, 7'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, older mts, all winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #7025(exp1/219)

ECCLECTIC SLENDER ATTRACTIVE. Brunette, 5'7", enjoys tennis, golf, boating, dancing, gardening, etc. Seeking a gentleman, 6'5-6'8", 5'10"+, with varied interests. Let's start out hands. #7011(exp1/219)

EMPTY NEST. Attractive DWF, 38, 5'4", HW, proportionate, intelligent, seeks honest, compassionate SDWM, 38-45, HW, proportionate, for fine dining, long, scenic spots, and meaningful conversation. #7052(exp1/219)

YOUTHFUL LOOKING. Attractive, 34, 5'4"1/2, 115lbs, blonde/green, mother of one, outgoing, enjoys dining out, movies, dancing, seeks honest, loyal, financially/ emotionally secure male for companionship. #7051(exp1/219)

COUNTRY CLUB LADY. Ann Margaret look-a-like, mid-40s, petite 5'2", great personality, big smile, enjoys everything outdoors, theater, dining out, golf. Seeking outgoing, active gentleman 50-60, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, 5'8"-5'11". Serious callers only. #5537(exp1/219)

KNOCK, KNOCK! Come out, come out wherever you are. Attractive, sensitive, intelligent, never married, DWF, 46, with varied interests. Humorous, financially/emotionally stable. Seeking SDWM, 40-60, for friendship, possible LTR. All calls answered. #7101(exp1/219)

SPECIAL LADY. Outgoing DWF, 45, medium build, fairly attractive, N/S, financially independent, loves children, family, outdoor, travel, theater. Seeking outgoing SDWM, mature 40s-50s, flexible, loving, caring, who also loves life. #7009(exp1/219)

ENDLESS LOVE

Well-rounded; humorous SWF, 42, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoy sports, jazz, CAW, quiet times at home. Seeking home-romantic, humorous, mature SDWM, 38-52, 5'7"+, N/S, who can appreciate me, for possible marriage. #7003(exp1/19)

YOUNG GINGER ROGERS. SWF, 22, professionally employed, with interests ranging from country swing, ballroom dancing, to country, bluegrass and old-time. Seeking SWM, professional, sophisticated and mature, not stuffy and old. Enjoys evenings out, quiet times at home. #6913(exp1/19)

SET THE NIGHT TO MUSIC. Classy, tall, attractive, affectionate SWF, young 51. Seeking attractive SWM, 50+, with loving, passionate nature to share life, love, and travel in committed relationship. No games! #6912(exp1/19)

SWEET FEELINGS. DWF, 47, 5'7", seeks tall, large-boned male, who loves to smile, kiss, laugh. Kids are grown (or almost), we're employed, supposedly married, now the fun begins! Let's share this adventure together. #6728(exp1/231)

HEARING WITH AIDS. DWF, early 50s, 5'4", 155lbs, N/S, employed, secure, honest and thoughtful. Likes fishing, jazz, woodworking and nature. Seeking N/S with similar traits. Friends first. #6754(exp1/2)

HAPPINESS... could be achieved by meeting a cute, caring DWF, 44, 5'2", red/green, medium build, who loves dining, dancing, golf, movies, outdoors, family, romance. Hoping to meet honest, caring man, with similar interests... maybe you? #6713(exp1/220)

SEEKING SINCERE GENTLEMAN. Romantic, attractive SWF, 48, 5'7", 120lbs, brown/brown, selectively seeking professional, sincere gentleman, for friendship, laughter and adventure, leading to more. Health-conscious and N/S interests travel, theater, jazz and nature. #7747(exp1/16)

HONEST, ROMANTIC. Attractive DWF, 49, 5'6", 135lbs, blonde/green, seeks financially secure SDWM, 45-55, N/S, social drinker, 5'10", HW proportionate, who enjoys dancing, music, romantic evenings, etc. for LTR. #7723(exp1/16)

PETITE-PACKAGE COMPLETE. SWF, 35, 5'1", brunette, sincere, outgoing. Enjoys summer outdoor activities, spending quality time with the right person. Are you out there? Attractive blue-eyed SWM, at least 5'8", sincere, down-to-earth and financially secure. #7566(exp1/19)

KIND-HEARTED. DWF, 39, Auburn/brn, 5'4", 120lbs, N/S, no dependencies, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, art, animals. Seeking N/S, ND/Drugs, tall, fit, WPM, 36-43, #7565(exp1/19)

SOULMATE WANTED. Petite, pretty, 5'5", 115lbs, slim-trim, 48 year-old blonde, brown eyes, degreed, sport lover, golf, working out, theater, and romantic candlelight dinners, seeks soulmate in a successful Caucasian professional, 45-55, with similar interests. #7503(exp1/19)

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

NORTH OAKLAND. SWM, 46, 5'8", likes to stay active, but enjoys the fireplace too, would like to share outdoors, family activities, friends, sports, tennis, golf, working out, theater, and romantic candlelight dinners. Seeking soulmate in a successful Caucasian professional, 45-55, with similar interests. #7744(exp1/16)

HOLIDAY SPIRIT. SWM, 35, slim, 5'7", attractive, smart, independent, likes sports, music, cars, tools, and more. Seeking fit, kind, outgoing lady with similar interests. Hope to hear from that special one soon. #7744(exp1/16)

SOUTHFIELD RESIDENT. SWM, 38, 155lbs, dark blue eyes, nice-looking, fun, witty, mechanically inclined, diverse interests: sports, skiing, snowmobiling, desires slim, HW proportionate SWF, 24-37, free time, depends on it. Interested? Great! For happiness! #7743(exp1/16)

BODYMINDSPIRIT. Gentleman 29, who has lived in the Orient and practices Chinese Kung-Fu, Taij, Yoga, Herbolgy and Reflexology seeks holistic-minded female for friendship. Age and race unimportant. #7742(exp1/16)

RECENT BREAK UP. SWM, 34, 160lbs, blue eyes, brown hair, cute, ready for something new, outgoing, intelligent, home owner, desires to meet tall, body-burn, long, good cook, homemaker, for monogamous relationship. Let's see what happens. #7741(exp1/16)

HOI HOI HOI! SWPM, 34, 6' average build, black/green, N/S, social drinker, desires to meet tall, body-burn, long, unattached, Christian woman, for friendship, possible relationship. #7732(exp1/16)

ARE YOU SMILING GOOD!

Then you're just the type who needs to read this ad! I'm a SWFF, 28, well-adjusted. Seeking SWM, who appreciates creativity, spontaneity, a warm smile. Let's enjoy thunder, storms, wild concerts, cozy nights together. #6914(exp1/19)

THERE'S MORE TO LOVE... SWF seeks gentleman, 50+, 70 inches tall, with laid-back personality and old-fashioned manners. Sophisticated and mature, not stuffy and old. Enjoys evenings out, quiet times at home. #6913(exp1/19)

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PHD. SWF, 5'8", lit. Cultured, tennis/golf/ skiing enthusiast. Mean apple pie. Theater addiction. Dance lover. Seeking counterpart, 33-47. #6902(exp1/19)

AVERAGE LOOKS. Honest, easygoing DWM, 45, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/blue, enjoys movies, music, reading, golf, camping, quiet evenings, long talks. Seeking woman 35-50, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #7665(exp1/16)

MAKE MY DAY! Clint Eastwood type, 45, 5'11", 200lbs, sharp, smart and sincere. Seeking leading lady for a command performance. #7736(exp1/16)

BEST BACHELOR AWARD. In the spotlight: successful entrepreneur/never married, young, good-looking, 41, nearly 6', 210lbs, money green/dark brown, with sexy smile, energy, and charm to spare. Seeking attractive, versatile, spontaneous, and fun-loving lady. #7735(exp1/16)

HONEST AND ROMANTIC. Attractive SWM, 28, 5'8", 180lbs, hazel eyes, professionally employed, new to area, seeks SDWF, 20-35, employed, financially secure, for friendship and romance. #7723(exp1/16)

CHIPPWA MALE. Fun-loving, professionally active SM, 49, 6', 210lbs, brown/brown, light smoker, non-drinker, seeking attractive, non-drinker, 40-50, who loves to travel, for fun, companionship, and quiet times. #7720(exp1/16)

CARING. SWM, 44, 6', 195lbs, seeks SWF, 30-46, for caring, easygoing relationship. Enjoys dining out, long walks and going to movies. Seeks similar person. #7719(exp1/16)

ENGINEER. Young-looking DWM, 53, 6'1", 192lbs, N/S, MBA, excellent health/physical condition, ex-Marine, seeks attractive woman, 35-48, must be a happily married, with great legs, someone special, for serious relationship! #7552(exp1/19)

NOT FOUND IN STORES. Limited offer, white divorced male, early 50s, varied interests, seeks kind-hearted lady for monogamous relationship. My interests include: golf, take time to know somebody and who still enjoys flowers. Will answer all. #7533(exp1/19)

SINCERE, PERSON-TO-PERSON. Mid-50s DWM, fully employed, N/S, N/D, seeks a compatible WF, for a relationship. My interests include: concerts, craft shows, flea markets and some spectator sports. #7725(exp1/16)

ENDLESS SEARCH. Reliable, handsome, witty DWM, 51, N/S, light drinker, enjoys romantic walks, reading, sports, trips up north outdoors, music, biking. Seeking 40-45, under 5'4", with similar interests/qualities for LTR. North Oakland County. #7718(exp1/16)

SEEKING TRUE LOVE. Handsome, mature, honest, romantic, sincere, athletic SWM, 23, 5'11", enjoys sunsets, model building, soccer, I wood-traveled and family. Seeking slim, attractive, clean, sexy, romantic BF for friendship, fun, possible relationship. #7576(exp1/19)

SEEKING BLACK FEMALE. Handsome, athletic, honest, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 6', dark hair, enjoys sunsets, model building, soccer, I wood-traveled and family. Seeking slim, attractive, clean, sexy, romantic BF for friendship, fun, possible relationship. #7576(exp1/19)

SENSITIVE BLUE-EYED MAN. Fun-loving DWM, 34, N/D, smoker, enjoys the outdoors, music, movies, spending time together, seeks SDF, female, trustworthy, athletic, with similar interests, for possible LTR. #7574(exp1/19)

FLORIDA FOR WINTER. SWM, 40, winters in Florida, enjoys good weather and outdoor fun, seeks vacation minded gal, anxious to escape the cold and come along. #7573(exp1/19)

COMMITMENT MINDED. SWM, 37, 6', 190lbs, brown/brown, handsome, adventurous, creative, intelligent, spiritual, N/S, athletic, active with genuine honest values and depth. Seeking attractive, fit SF, 28-38, physically/emotionally/spiritually available. #7515(exp1/19)

DANCE ATTITUDE. Seeking dance partner/best friend, for serious relationship must be slender 5'2"-5'4" and be serious about dancing. SM 5'9", 180lbs, clean, honest, easygoing, enjoys CAW music and ballroom. #7572(exp1/19)

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS IN CA. SWM, 51, 5'11", 190lbs, dark brown/green, seeks SWA/HF, 21-29, with a great sense of humor, who likes to have fun. #7570(exp1/19)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS CHEER! Parties and presents are near, feeling for love and romance to share SWM, sophisticated ladies. Seeking lady, 30s-40s, with love in her heart to share. #7568(exp1/19)

WONDERFUL COMPANIONSHIP. Writer, film maker, with tropical winter locations for work. Myself: Youthful, 47, 5'6", very fit, humorously focused, financially secure. Desires to share with spirited-minded, caring, fit, fun, 25-45 young-at-heart lady a pleasurable life together. #7567(exp1/19)

FEMINE FERVOUR FACTOR. Dynamic SWM, 38, masculine, handsome, self-employed, seeks feminine female to share an active, outgoing lifestyle. #7563(exp1/19)

SEEKING ROMANTIC SOULMATE. Oh my love, my darling, I hunger for your touch. I'm a romantic, successful P/JW, wants to leave voice message with phone number, if you are about 25-35. #7562(exp1/19)

SEEKING BEAUTIFUL WOMAN

DWM, 41, 5'10", brown/brown, enjoys sports, traveling, flying. Seeking down-to-earth SDWF, 30-46, average build, for long-lasting relationship. #7561(exp1/19)

WHY BE ALONE? Good-looking, thoughtful/caring, affectionate, honest WM, 50, 5'7", 180lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, warm vacations, holding hands, long walks. Seeking petite/medium-sized, warm, caring woman, 35-50, for LTR/monogamous relationship. #7437(exp1/2)

LOST WITHOUT LOVE? Love without lust? This desirable SWM, near 40, has equal parts of love and lust to share with WF, desires a nurturing, mutually fulfilling relationship. #7436(exp1/2)

ZANY ZESTY ZINGER. Occasionally mature SWM, probably taller and better looking than you, seeks laugh partner, maybe more. WF, 30-40 a year. #7435(exp1/2)

AFFECTIONATE. Sincere DWM, 40, 6'3", blonde/blue, N/S, seeks sim. attractive female, for dates and companionship. #7431(exp1/2)

LATE 50S. Nice-looking, white retired businessman, 67, 170bs, seeks very attractive, slender companion, who will be treated like a queen. #7358(exp1/2)

FUN-LOVING GUY. 40, seeks fun-loving, attractive, fit lady, 21-39, likes skiing, golf, dining and Sunday mornings. #7357(exp1/2)

HONEST AND LOVING. DWM, 46, 5'10", 160lbs, attractive and romantic. Seeking slim-medium build lady, age race no barrier, and I love children. LTR. #7111(exp1/226)

SEEKING SOULMATE. Nice-looking DWM, 54, 5'9", 145lbs, degreed, N/S, social drinker, sincere affectionate, enjoys sports, long walks, music, seeks SDWF, 45-50, N/S, social drinker, HW proportionate, for companionship possible. LTR. #7110(exp1/226)

NEW GUY IN TOWN. Warm, sincere, handsome, emotionally/financially secure Libra seeks attractive, fun-loving woman to explore friendship and more. I've been told I'm a good catch. Are you? Let's talk! #7424(exp1/2)

SERIOUS GUY. SWM, 27, green eyes, spiritual, open-minded, never married, educated, seeking trustworthy, honest serious, pretty, educated woman, 20-30, for friendship, possible relationship. Possible LTR. #7423(exp1/2)

SOMEONE GENUINE. DWM, 40, 5'6", 150lbs, brown/blue, handsome, affectionate, romantic, passionate, likes to cuddle. Seeking petite female, 29-39, to share variety of interests for a long-term monogamous relationship. All calls answered. #7418(exp1/2)

DIVORCED DAD SEEKS SANITY. DWM, 43, 5'8", 150lbs, N/S, 3 teens. Seeking companion for adult conversation, movies, outdoor fun, hanging out, prefer slim, intelligent WF, with great smile. #7416(exp1/2)

TIRED OF REJECTION... by low-lifes? Rather be rejected by a better class of person? Insatiably curious, good-looking SWM, 39, would like to hear from you. #7412(exp1/2)

NICE GUY. Looking for old-fashioned girl, 40+, are you tired of them? If so, contact me. #7410(exp1/2)

DOWN-TO-EARTH GUY. SWM, 29, enjoys quiet evenings or going out. In search of mature SWF, who's tired of games and being alone. All calls answered. #7409(exp1/2)

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. 43 year-old bachelor, ready to settle down, 5'11", good-looking, outgoing, a nice, sweet, fit gal who enjoys outdoor activities, lakes, woods, and back roads with a motorcycle, or simply working around home, garden. #7227(exp1/26)

AMBITIOUS. Hard-working, active, financially secure, 45, 6', 165lbs, brown/brown, enjoys music, dancing, arts, seeks attractive female for friendship or LTR. #7425(exp1/2)

COMMITMENT-MINDED. Honest, sincere, physically fit DWM, 39, N/S, enjoys outdoor activities, movies, music, travel, quiet evenings and having fun, seeks honest, attractive SDF, 30-40, for friendship/companionship, romance. #7001(exp1/25)

CHARISMATIC-ENTREPRENEUR. Eccentric, unique, extremely selective SWM, very attractive, financially secure, intelligent, extroverted. Searching for a woman with similar extraordinary qualities including inner/outer beauty, class, passion, sexiness, for long-term commitment/fun. #6698(exp1/19)

SPECIAL PERSON. Serious BM, mid-30s, seeks special lady, 27-35, for meaningful relationship and happily marriage. Must be serious, sexy, sincere, attractive and down-to-earth. No gold diggers or barbies. #6609(exp1/226)

SANDY HAIR BLUE EYES. Trim, somewhat rugged SWM, 34, 5'11", good-looking, would appreciate a nice, sweet, fit gal who enjoys outdoor activities, lakes, woods, and back roads with a motorcycle, or simply working around home, garden. #7248(exp1/16)

PERCEPTIVE, AWARE, SPIRITUAL

...describe us both. Healthy, handsome, open-minded SWM, young 34, with depth, seeks similarly conversant, understanding, compassionate, free-spirited woman, 21-34. Pretty, painted, playful toes a plus. #7740(exp1/16)

OLD-FASHIONED GUY. Handsome, honest, sincere, athletic, intelligent SWM, 23, N/S, good morals/values, seeks slender, pretty SWF, 18-25, with similar qualities/interests, enjoys music, good conversation, outdoors, working out. #7739(exp1/16)

BODY BUILDER. Attractive, European SWM, 30, N/S, N/D, trilingual, enjoys reading, running, screenwriting. Seeking sincere, warm-hearted angel. #7730(exp1/16)

FUN AND ATTRACTIVE. DWM, 44, 6', 200bs, social drinker, school teacher with full-time daughter, like to hunt, fish, play guitar, and spend time at family cottage. We are looking for outdoors, fun, fun mother/mate. #7570(exp1/19)

LOYAL AND SINCERE. Tall DWM, 6'4", slender, 52, in good physical condition, honest, sense of humor, N/S, self-employed, would like to meet a slender, somewhat attractive lady, 41-49, for companionship, possible LTR. #7571(exp1/19)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL. Attractive, outgoing WM, 45, with a variety of interests, love, passion, seeking a woman who will be a friendship, maybe more. #7560(exp1/19)

OLDER WOMAN WANTED! Handsome, romantic, athletic, confident, passionate, clean-cut SWM, 24, 6', dark hair. Seeking attractive, tender, caring, sexy WF, 25-45, who will be a friendship/relationship that will keep you smiling. #7440(exp1/2)

SEEKS MODEL/DANCER. Athletic, assertive, very attractive, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 5'11", seeks athletic, caring, affectionate, slim WF, 18-32, with good personality, N/S, social drinker, HW proportionate, for companionship possible. LTR. #7433(exp1/2)

WHERE ARE YOU ANGEL. Jewish sincere, handsome, intelligent, fun-loving man with dark eyes, trim, honest, looking for heavenly body who is sweet, honest and kind, let's meet for coffee in the clouds and have a little down on earth. #7422(exp1/2)

LOOKING FOR LOVE? Romantic SWM, 27, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, enjoys sports, music, romantic times, seeks sincere SWF, 19-29, for possible LTR. #7417(exp1/2)

TIME FOR A CHANGE. SWPM, 41, 5'8", fit, dependent-less, communicative, humorous, enjoys a variety of activities, willing to learn more. Seeking creative, spontaneous, emotionally available SWF, ready for a change. #7415(exp1/2)

ADVENTUROUS. SWPM, 27, 5'10", 155lbs, dark hair and eyes, enjoys sports, music, travel, enjoys sports, comedy clubs, and much more. Seeking an outgoing, fun, attractive woman, 19-27. #7414(exp1/2)

ARE YOU INTO UNIQUE? Been told I have a unique, warm soul, we'd say. Seeking a woman, always attractive, fun-loving, intelligent, Sim, sensual SWM, 44, 5'9", 155bs, Taurus, seeks N/S SWF soulmate, 32-42. #7413(exp1/2)

SSSSURE BET \$\$. Smart, Sensitive, Spiritual, Shapely, Smoker? Any four of the above qualities you for consideration. All five makes you the best! Independent, 30s-40s, financially secure DWM, 5'9", 165lbs, fits all five. #7408(exp1/2)

CREATIVE MUSICIAN. Good-looking SWM, 23, dark/green, unique, romantic, open, communicative, athletic, clean-cut, deep thinking, song writer/drummer. Seeking pretty, slender, creative, spontaneous, SWF, 18-26, who also loves music. #7227(exp1/26)

SANDY HAIR BLUE EYES. Trim, somewhat rugged SWM, 34, 5'11", good-looking, would appreciate a nice, sweet, fit gal who enjoys outdoor activities, lakes, woods, and back roads with a motorcycle, or simply working around home, garden. #7227(exp1/26)

SOMEONE SPECIAL. SM, 6'4", 200bs, blonde/blue. Seeking SF, 27-35, for meaningful relationship, for serious relationship. #7209(exp1/26)

BODYBUILDER. Attractive, European SWM, 30, N/S, N/D, trilingual, enjoys reading, running, screenwriting. Seeking sincere, warm-hearted angel. #7208(exp1/26)

PERCEPTIVE, AWARE, SPIRITUAL. ...describe us both. Healthy, handsome, open-minded SWM, young 34, with depth, seeks similarly conversant, understanding, compassionate, free-spirited woman, 21-34. Pretty, painted, playful toes a plus. #7207(exp1/26)

HELLO IT'S ME. SWM, 38, 5'10", 185bs, physically fit, N/S, N/D, enjoys the outdoors, quiet evenings, reading. Seeking SWF, 35-45, similar interests, N/S, N/D, kids welcome. #7102(exp1/219)

LOOKING FOR THE ONE? Attractive, never married WM, 43, 5'10", 165bs, blonde/blue, Catholic, degreed, N/S, humorous, honest. Appreciates: class/style, walks, fire signs, music, small towns. #7021(exp1/219)

THE ULTIMATE MAN. Extremely attractive, romantic, honest, passionate, sexy SWM, 24, 6', great kisser, seeks a slender, attractive, active SWF. Age unimportant. If you like being swept off your feet, give me a call. #7010(exp1/219)

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DINING

Reaction mixed to Foxtown's Hard Rock Cafe

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Detroit — the home of Motown, techno music, Ted Nugent, Madonna, George Clinton, — is finally getting its due.

In 1998, the city rich in rock history will be home to a Hard Rock Cafe. The rock memorabilia restaurant is the anchor of the \$10 million Columbia Street entertainment project developed by the Ilitch family's Olympia Development Inc., a real estate development company that was established in May to focus on downtown Detroit projects.

The reaction to the news has been mixed. Concert promoter Amir Daiza thinks the addition of a Hard Rock Cafe to Detroit is "a very smart idea."

"I'm glad the Hard Rock people finally realized Michigan isn't the rust belt state they thought it was," said Daiza who promotes shows at St. Andrew's Hall/The Shelter and State Theatre in Detroit, and Clutch Cargo's, Industry and the 7th House in Pontiac.

Dennis White, lead singer and songwriter for Mercury recording artists Charm Farm, thinks otherwise.

"In the grand scheme of Detroit going Vegas, I suppose it makes sense. But you won't see me there unless they're inducting one of Steve's boas into a display," said White, of Grosse Pointe Park.

Steve Zuccaro, guitarist for Charm Farm, often wears feather boas and patent leather pants on stage.

Jerry Millen, a night DJ for

CIMX-FM (89X), is skeptical about the whole idea.

"I think it's good that somebody's trying to bring something to Detroit, but it's gonna be interesting to see if people will come downtown for a Hard Rock Cafe," he said.

"Once the new stadiums are up and we get some winning teams for a change maybe people will go downtown and hang out. What are they gonna do downtown in the winter. It will be interesting to see if it stands the test of time. I wish it the best. I hope it works. But it's gonna take more than a Hard Rock Cafe and a couple casinos to get people to vacation in Detroit. If they want longevity they have to hire me as a consultant."

The planned revitalization of Detroit influenced part of the decision to bring a Hard Rock to Detroit, according to Marcee Rondan, Hard Rock Cafe publicist. But it was also based on "the popularity of music in the city and with the expansion of the Hard Rock Cafe."

Designed as an "avenue of fun" located between the Fox and State Theatres in downtown Detroit, Columbia Street will offer a mixture of entertainment concepts and restaurants. Planet Hollywood restaurant and the House of Blues are rumored to be interested in the city as well.

"Hard Rock Cafe is an integral part of many vibrant urban entertainment zones, and we are very excited to have this great concept as part of our Columbia Street development," said Denise Ilitch Lites, president of Olympia Development, Inc.

"Hard Rock has been an industry leader for years, and the Detroit venue will be a dynamic addition to our city."

The Hard Rock is scheduled to open in 1998, one year before the planned opening of the new stadium for the Detroit Tigers. Detroit's Hard Rock Cafe, a 15,000-square-foot, two-level project, will contain a 200-seat restaurant with the capacity for live music, a 30-seat bar, and separate merchandise store. The company celebrated the opening of its 63rd Hard Rock Cafe in Capetown, South Africa, on Sunday, Dec. 15.

"Hard Rock Cafe considers it an honor to be part of the Detroit community; whose people have a rich cultural and musical heritage. As Hard Rock Cafe is a proven destination location, we believe our commitment to the Columbia Street development will provide incentive for other businesses to join us in support of the complete rejuvenation of the surrounding area," said Jim Berk, Hard Rock president and chief executive officer.

Publicist Rondan said that she isn't sure what will be included in the Detroit restaurant. The corporation keeps a warehouse filled with music memorabilia that is rotated throughout the restaurant chain on a regular basis.

"At any different Hard Rock you go down to there's so much different stuff on the walls. I went down to the one in Key West and there's a Jimmy Buffet guitar there. It's makes sense. It's his home," said Rondan of



In style: The proposed Hard Rock Cafe for Detroit will honor Detroit's rock and roll heritage and sport a 1920's style architecture to fit between the Fox and State theaters.

the Sherman Oaks, Calif.-based PR firm Mitch Schneider Organization.

Concert promoter Daiza said he hopes to see memorabilia from some of the acts he's brought to town in the new Hard Rock.

"I'd like to see a lot of the shows that we brought this city in the last 15 years. I think they can take it to the next level.

That's what we're doing at Clutch Cargo's. I've got memorabilia from when we started 15-16 years ago. That's what I'm gonna do. I'm going to put old postcards and pictures on the walls," Daiza said.

The restaurant concept is similar to Royal Oak's Metropolitan Musicafe, which has been home to Madonna, Was (Not Was), Aretha Franklin and other parphenalia. But owner Nino

Cutraro doesn't see it as competition for his restaurant/night club.

"I don't think it will affect it at all. I've been there 10 years. I've got pretty much a hard core crowd that has been going there for a long time. They have their memorabilia, I have my memorabilia. It's good if people compare. I think it's a good thing to come to Detroit," he said.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Send information for Restaurant Specials to: Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (313) 591-7279.

HOLIDAY

Historic Holly Hotel — 110 Battle Alley's annual Victorian Feast is 5-11 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23. Old-English menu from the late 1800s featuring Roast Christmas Goose and Steamed English Bread Pudding for dessert. Cost \$19.95 per person, reservations a must, call (810) 634-5208. **Cafe Cortina** — Christmas Eve Dinner, six course gourmet dinner featuring music by an Italian Guitarist and violinist, children's menu available, \$47 per person. Celebrate New Year's Eve at Cafe Cortina, gourmet dinner, dancing, party hats and favors, champagne toast, \$80 per person, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Call (810) 474-

3033 for reservations, information.

Henry Ford Estate — Celebrate a Centennial Christmas at the Henry Ford Estate on the campus of The University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. Candlelight Tours (Dec. 26-28). For reservations/information, call (313) 593-5590.

Corsi's — New Year's Day Buffet, seatings 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Adults \$8.25, seniors \$8, children 5-10 years old \$5.50. Buffet features homemade lasagna, soups, salad and dessert, pizza, chicken, roast beef and more. Reservations accepted, call (313) 531-4960. The restaurant is at 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Forte — Tapas Style Adventure Tasting in the bar Tuesdays 5:30-7 p.m. Tasting in collaboration with various wine, spirit and beer vendors. Food will be specially created by Chef Famie. Tuesday, Dec. 31 features Maisel's Hefe Weisse. Tuesday,

Jan. 7, Demorest/Kenwood Reserve Chardonnay. The restaurant is at 201 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Call (810) 594-7300 for information.

MENU SPECIAL

East Side Mario's second annual Garlic Festival through Jan. 5 at its Southfield, (29267 Southfield Road 810-569-9454), Livonia, (31630 Plymouth Road, 313-513-8803) and Rochester Hills (2273 Crooks Road, 810-853-9622) locations. Holiday celebration of Italian cuisine featuring four new garlic-enhanced entrees. Guests who purchase any three Garlic Festival entrees this holiday season will receive their fourth one free on the next visit. Redemption of the Garlic Festival Frequent Diner Card continues through Feb. 9.

DINNER THEATER

"Holiday's-R-Us!" children's luncheon show at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main Center, Northville Dec. 21-22. Tickets

\$10.99 adults, \$8.99 children, lunch includes soup, bread, pasta, chicken legs and dessert. Call (810) 349-0522.

It's the holiday season and the cast of Genitti's invites children to join them in sharing the holiday spirit. Lunch, followed by show with music, dancing and sing-a-long.

NEW RESTAURANTS

Zia's Italian Restaurant, 12 Mile Road at Orchard Lake Road. Zia's offers predominantly Southern Italian cuisine — tomato sauces, fresh spices and lots of garlic.

Matt Brady's Tavern — 1820 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (810) 584-4242.

Don Shula's Steak House — Opening Jan. 13 at the Marriott Hotel in Troy in the space formerly known as Stacy's Sea Grille, located directly off the

lobby. For reservations/information, call (810) 680-9797 after Jan. 2.

Mi Loc Restaurant, 23043 Beech Road, Southfield, offers Korean-Japanese cuisine, (810) 356-2155.

COOKING CLASS

Palio Northern Italian Ristorante

Saturday morning cooking classes Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 8, followed by midday feast. Executive Chef Simon Pesusich and Palio Chef Matt Parent share preparation techniques and recipes for Northern Italian foods. Cost \$45 per class. Class size limited, register early, call (313) 668-6062 or (313) 930-6100.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Vaccine needed



All Michigan 4-year-olds who plan to attend preschool will need a Hepatitis B vaccine by Jan. 1 according to a new state law. The disease, commonly known as Hep B, is a serious public health problem that affects people of all ages. A report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cites more than 240,000 people are afflicted each year to the liver-attacking virus. Infection can lead to liver cancer and death. By administering three Hep B shots, health officials hope to curb the spread of infection by the year 2020.

Holiday blahhs

Oakwood Healthcare System is offering these tips to beat the holiday blahhs:

- Start new traditions, especially if you've lost someone around the holiday season. By starting a new tradition and carrying it on for years to come, the holidays may begin to feel more comfortable.
- Participate where you can so that you do not feel isolated. Participate at a level which you feel comfortable, but do get out.
- Take care of yourself by reading a good book, writing letters or listening to quiet music.
- Volunteer your time, enabling yourself to meet new people and help lift the spirits of others around you.
- Talk things out so that you don't feel so alone. The goal is to avoid depression.

Avoid toy tragedies

In an attempt to decrease the number of toy-related hospital emergency room cases, the Detroit Medical Center is advocating five safety tips in time for holiday buying: toy selection, supervision, interaction, storage and maintenance.

The DMC advises shoppers to follow the age and safety information on toys as well as supervising children during play time. Adults can do this by joining the child's play time, and safely storing all the toys once play time is over. The group also advises regular maintenance checks of all the toys.

New study

Sinai Hospital is currently conducting a two-year study on a new investigational pill to control blood pressure and possibly slow the progression of kidney diseases in adult onset diabetes (Type II), and they are seeking patients.

Participants of the study must be between 30- and 70-years-old and must have adult onset diabetes with protein in the urine. Diabetes can be controlled by diet, pills or insulin and there must be no history of heart attack or stroke in the past three months or a history of cancer. Participation in the study will include doctor's exams, lab tests and study medication at no charge. Study visits may be conducted at Sinai Hospital in Detroit or at the Hechtman Health Center in Bingham Farms.

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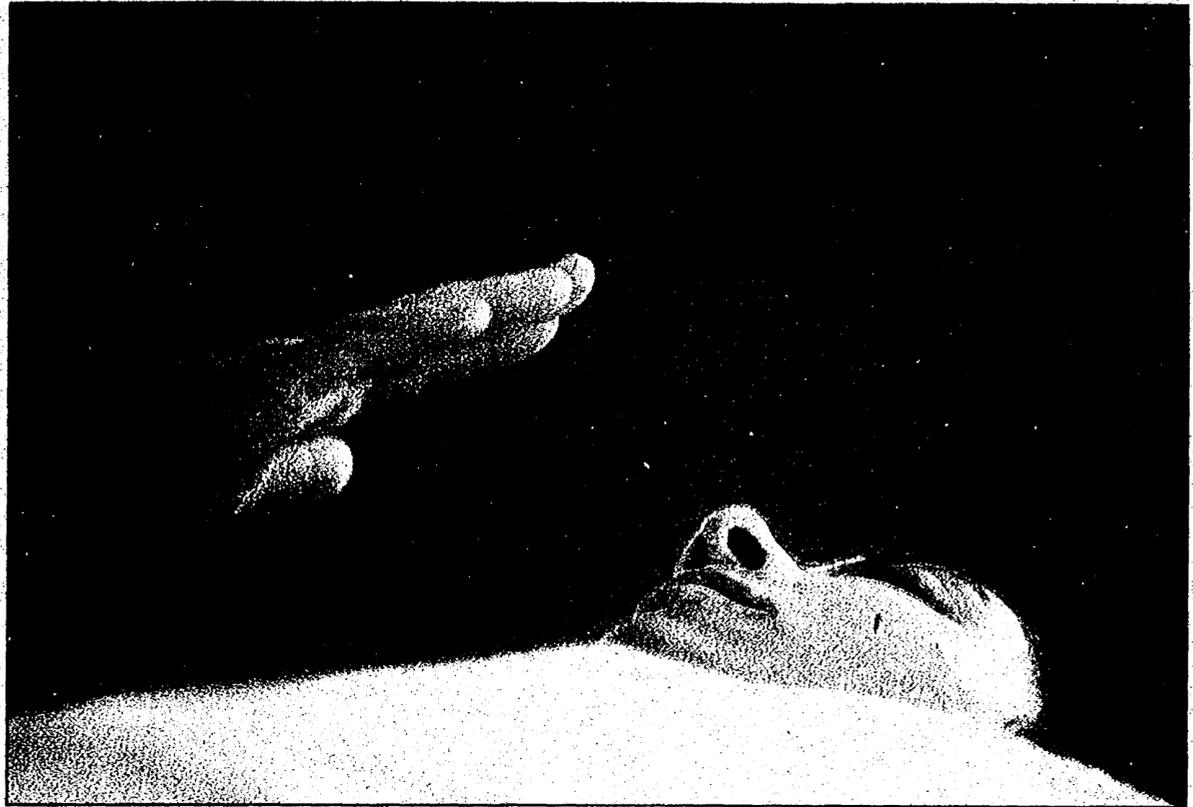
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Good vibrations: Joanné Clough of Westland relaxes to the healing touch of a therapist's hand.

Healing hands

Energy flows through touchless therapy

STORY BY SPECIAL WRITER DIANE GALE
STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Entering a room in the Sinnett Livonia Health Center, the lights are dimmed and a woman is making circular and swaying motions in the air above a client lying on the table.

It looks like a massage without contact and for the first-time viewer it was as unusual as a scene from "Star Trek." Apparently, however, the technique is becoming more and more popular.

Therapeutic Touch, which was developed in the 1970s by Dr. D. Krieger, works with the idea that pain, stress and illness cause an imbalance that can be felt in the human energy field outside the body.

The work of different healers, like Krieger, has been combined to form the Healing Touch technique used at the center. Mainstream doctors have begun to crack the door allowing Therapeutic Touch practitioners to assist during surgeries and in hospital rooms during the healing process.

Standing in the hallway at the center, Joanné Clough of Westland just finished a treatment.

"I feel at peace, serene, more balanced and a lot calmer," she said of her first treatment at the center. "Actually, I think it was more than I expected. I actually felt the rush of energy in my body."

Crystal Rutkowski and her husband, Gerald, sat in the center waiting room one recent Wednesday evening before "having energy work done." "I feel at ease afterward," Gerald said. "It releases you. You don't feel as tense. It's like someone opens a valve." Crystal added that she was glad she came with her husband, because Healing Touch makes her so relaxed that she wants to sleep afterward and since Gerald is there he can drive home. She also wanted Gerald to get involved so they can share the experience and strengthen their marriage bond.

The idea behind Healing Touch is that there is energy outside the body where a person hurts and is just as present as the dust that Pig Pen of "Peanuts" fame

puts out, explained Kathy Sinnett, a registered nurse, certified Healing Touch practitioner and instructor and director of the center.

The holistic technique is based on the concept that people should work with the body, mind and spirit.

"We're using energy to allow the body to heal itself," Sinnett said. "This can help. You don't have to take a doctor's word that nothing can be done. There's so many (holistic) things available."

Healing Touch practitioners, who usually study around 2.5 years to be certified, brush away pain as they work through blocks in clients' energy fields.

But if you think that Healing Touch uses mind over matter to conquer problems, you're wrong, Sinnett said, because people who don't think Healing Touch will work have noticed benefits afterwards. In fact, wounds heal in one-tenth the usual time, she added.

One center practitioner, who is also a nurse who works in the hospital, was called in after a patient who had open heart surgery failed to stop bleeding. After a short time using Healing Touch, the bleeding stopped. Healing Touch might be helping outside hospital rooms, too. Carol Janowski, 40, said she "really liked" Healing Touch because between that and vitamins it has helped control her asthma.

"I was taking a lot of asthma medication and I was on an anti-inflammatory drug and it also doesn't help the immune system," the Livonia resident said. "Between the holistic medicine and vitamins it helped build my immune system. I'm having less problems with my asthma."

Susan Jacobson, a Milford resident, who had breast cancer and was treated with radiation, told another story about how Healing Touch helped her.

"I came here to get all the radiation out of my system and to get my vibrations back to normal," Jacobson said.

Less than one year after the surgery and after only a few months of Healing Touch, Jacob-



Out with the bad: Therapist Wendy Sarasin works to remove the negative energy from first-time visitor Lynda Pietryka of Livonia.



Double dose: Janice Fron, an apprentice of Kathy Sinnett's (right), works on a patient fast-asleep.

son said she was pleased with the results. Healing Touch can be done without a doctor's orders, because no invasive work is done.

People who don't believe Healing Touch is valid often say: "I only do what my doctor says," or "It's coming from the devil," Sinnett said.

"This is not religious-based, but energy-based," Sinnett said. "We're working with physics."

In fact, Healing Touch isn't only for humans. Animals are often treated by Healing Touch practitioners.

"We treat them and show the

animals' families how to do it," Sinnett said adding that she foresees holistic home health agencies with practitioners making home visits sometime in the near future.

A walk-in clinic at Sinnett Holistic Health Center is held Wednesday mornings and nights and Saturday mornings. The fee is \$15. Scheduled appointments for Healing Touch, massage and personal consultations are also available at different rates. Classes on various holistic techniques are taught at the center, too. For more information, call (810) 471-7010.

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MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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needs of women.

Internal medicine

Dr. Syed I. Mobin, M.D., is affiliated with Oakwood Healthcare System through his internal medicine practice.

Mobin completed his critical care fellowship at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and his internal medicine residency at Oakwood Medical Center-Dearborn. He earned his medical degree from Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan. He practices out of offices in Ypsilanti and Wayne.

Athletic medicine

Dr. John B. Ryan, M.D., has been named director of the Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine. The Bloomfield resident will oversee the center's orthopedic surgeons, athletic trainers and physical therapists at six locations. The Center for Athletic Medicine provides team physicians for the Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers.

Before joining Henry Ford, Ryan, a U.S. Army Medical

Corps colonel, was commander and director of the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He had been director of the U.S. Army Sports Medicine Fellowship and Basic Science Training programs and chief of Extremity Trauma as well as the orthopedic surgeon to the Army's burn unit and to Randolph Air Force Base. The West Point graduate received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Physical therapy

Jeff Sirabian, a physical therapist with a master's degree, is owner of Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists. The firm's second physical therapist clinic recently opened at 30691 Wixom Road in Wixom. Sirabian is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he studied physical therapy, and did his graduate work in orthopedics at the University of Indianapolis. He is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association. There is also a facility at 9368 Lilley, Plymouth.

Staff addition

Glenn L. Peacock is the new director of marketing and public affairs for the Livonia-based International Hearing Society. Peacock

holds a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University. In his new position, he will be responsible for developing and directing the international professional association's total marketing efforts, including membership development, annual convention and exhibit, member affinity program participation and member marketing support programs. He was formerly director of public relations for the society.

Media specialist

Laurie L. Rorrer has been named events media specialist for Oakwood Healthcare System. She will assist with fundraising events, open houses, VIP visits, groundbreakings and other major events.

She previously served as account manager for Hedge & Company in Southfield. Rorrer earned a bachelor of science degree in public relations from Eastern Michigan University.

Pediatrician practices

Dr. Charles Goddard, M.D., has joined Oakwood Healthcare System. He comes to Oakwood from Ohio where he completed a pediatric residency and medical school at the Medical College of



Goddard

Ohio at Toledo. He also completed an internship in combined medicine and pediatrics at the University of Michigan. His interest in pediatrics stems from his childhood kidney problems, necessitating a kidney transplant when he was 11. His father donated the kidney, and both are doing well after 20 years. Goddard is a Grosse Ile resident whose wife is also a physician. He practices out of Riverview.

Media staffer

Jennifer T. George of Harrison Township has joined Oakwood Healthcare System as a media relations specialist in the marketing and corporate communications department.

She will be responsible for the development of media as well as community and public relations. She previously was at Hutzel Hospital as a public information specialist. She earned a bachelor of science degree in journalism with a public relations concentration at Central Michigan University.



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Dr. M. Hazeem Raslan, M.D., is affiliated with Oakwood Healthcare System through his internal medicine practice. Raslan completed his pulmonary fellowship at Sinai Hospital in Detroit and his internal medicine residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. He practices out of offices in Ypsilanti and Wayne.

Raslan is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and has been involved in research.

Primary care

Dr. Irene C. Metro, M.D., will be the primary care physician at Oakwood Healthcare System's center at Central City Parkway and Warren Road in Westland. She joins Oakwood from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in North Carolina where she received advanced training in nephrology, which focuses on kidney disease, hypertension and diabetes.

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WED, JAN. 1

GET YOUR SHOTS
 Effective Jan. 1, 1997, children attending Michigan child care facilities must be immunized against the Hepatitis B virus. Oakwood Healthcare System will offer Hepatitis B clinics at its locations in Canton, Garden City, Livonia and Westland, among others. The price is \$10 per person and you must bring immunization records. For information, call 1-800-543-

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JAN. 2-13

STOP SMOKING
 The City of Livonia will sponsor a "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven-night program will be held at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road in Livonia. Sessions will be Thursday, Jan. 2, Monday through Friday, Jan. 6-10, and Monday, Jan. 13. Sessions will be 7:30-9 p.m. Donations are accepted. For information, call Livonia City Hall at (313) 421-2000, Ext. 351.

THURS, JAN. 2

ALZHEIMER'S

An Alzheimer's Support Group meeting will be 10 a.m. to noon at the Livonia Civic Senior Center, 32000 Civic Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia. The meeting is free and will feature conversation. For information, call (810) 557-8277.

TUES, JAN. 7

HEARTSAVER CLASS
 A BLS Adult Heartsaver Class will be held from 7-10 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B at St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Fee \$20. Call (313) 655-2922 to register.

JAN. 9 AND 16

INFANT CARE

St. Mary Hospital will offer an Infant Care Class 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9 and 16, in Pavilion Conference Room A of the hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The class will be taught by a registered nurse. The first session will be "Getting To Know Your Newborn." The second will focus on "Caring for the Sick Infant." Price is \$18 for one session, \$35 for both. To register, call (313) 655-3314 or 1-800-655-1615.

JAN. 14-FEB. 6

DIABETES
 St. Mary Hospital will offer a program for diabetics age 18 and older, "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes." The

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EMORY DANIELS
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Forgive me if I don't do the traditional Internet Christmas column this year about how to E-mail Santa, send an electronic Christmas card to a friend, or where you can find the Rudolph the Red-Nosed Rein-

deer. For 1996 I wanted to include in my Christmas column something I haven't written about before.

I found a different holiday angle by visiting the Web site of the Albion Monitor in Albion, Mich., at <http://www.monitor.net/monitor> to take a look at "Santa's Little Sweatshop" by Jeff Elliott. The links here included "All the News That Shrinks To Fit," "A Media Tale of Two Bombing Stories," "The Environmental 'Good News' Industry," and "Global Russian Roulette." Looks interesting but to read these stories required authentication with a user name and password. So let's move on.

Another thought was to get information on having an environmentally-friendly holiday - ways to be kinder to Mother Nature at Christmastime.

Try "T" is for Tinsel which can be accessed at <http://www.sdearthtimes.com/et1>

294/et1294s8.html to find out who the San Diego Earth Times' resident eco-radical (Robert Naninga) takes on the holiday in his own inimitable style.

Three options are offered: use the artificial tree; use a dead tree; or buy a live tree and plant it in your yard after the holidays. This is fine for San Diego, but not so sure about Michigan. Anyhow, Naninga offers this final option: "I look forward to the day when we all take the lead of the Little Drummer Boy and arrive with nothing but the gift of music."

The Christmas Dumpster Diving site was interesting, to say the least. This site begins with the advice: "No time of the year has richer trash pickings than the Christmas season. And it just happens to be the time when finding free presents for your friends and family can have the most positive economic impact. Don't buy at Christmas. Dive,

baby, dive! Think of it as your own personal 100 percent off sale taking place right behind the store and you're the first in line for the rest of your life!"

The Webmaster here also suggests that poinsettias are best left in the warm soil of Mexico and decries the number of kittens, puppies and bunny rabbits that will turn up dead a month or so after Christmas. Unfortunately, the language at this site goes way beyond the standard of this family newspaper so this URL won't be shared.

The above suggestions came from Adam Gaffin of Network World in Framingham, Mass. Gaffin went to the Excite search engine at <http://www.excite.com> and in the search field typed "Christmas cards and environ-

ment." Donna Wair, the librarian at Vanderbilt University who I find myself turning to more often these days, points to Energy

Efficiency During the Holidays at <http://www.ns.doe.ca/action21/gtips/energy5.html> from Environment Canada.

Among the tips are: five watt holiday light bulbs use 30 percent less energy and last 65 percent longer than the standard size seven watt bulb; use a timer on holiday lights to shut them off automatically; double the light from one holiday light by putting a reflector behind it; and the microwave uses less energy than conventional ovens. There are other tips you'll see when you visit the site.

EnvironmentalLetter Online at <http://laird.ccds.cincinnati.oh.us/~olsonm/el/out> of Cincinnati. Scroll through the back issues to December 1994 and find an article on Christmas tree recycling, a practice in which Austin, Texas, was a pioneer in 1985. Austin now saves \$20,000 a year in collection and disposal costs.

Boulder County, Colo., dumped 5,000 Christmas trees into area lakes to shelter fish and attract bugs for fish to eat.

Green-minded users also will enjoy the Northwest News Home & Garden site article "Don't Trash Christmas" by Cathy Harmon at <http://www.nwnews.com/nnissues/v16n07/home12.html>. Harmon also urges buying live trees and talks about recycling Christmas gift wrap.

Another article promoting an environmental holiday is "What You Can Do For Christmas To Help the Environment" site at <http://www.wa.gov/ecology/news/95-196.html>.

Emory Daniels may be reached via E-mail at emory@oionline.com. Past columns are archived on-line at <http://oionline.com/~emoryd/archive.html>.

Anyone interested in two-thirds of the above items can read my columns from earlier years by pointing their Web browser to <http://oionline.com/~emoryd/dan27.html> on E-mailing Santa, <http://oionline.com/~emoryd/dan62.html> on Christmas Cyber-cards, or <http://oionline.com/~emoryd/dan66.html> for Christmas 1995. But

MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes, including corporate name changes, new products, office openings, new affiliations, new positions, mergers, acquisitions and new ways of doing business. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 3621 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

CORRIGAN KUDOS

Corrigan Moving Systems, Farmington Hills, was recognized for special professional achievement during the United Van Lines Inc. annual convention in Puerto Rico. Announcement of the recognition was made by United President Robert J. Baer. Corrigan, an agent of United Van Lines Inc., received the President's Club award, signifying achievement of at least \$1 million in sales for the United system during the past year. Corrigan was recognized at the \$12 million level.

AWARD RECIPIENT

Modern Moving Company of Livonia is a recipient of American Red Ball Transit Company's 1996 sales and hauling award. Sales awards received by Modern Moving Company are in the categories of Total Sales and COD Sales. American Red Ball is the oldest interstate moving company in the nation.

PADGETT LAUDED

For the second consecutive year, Padgett Business Services has been recognized by Accounting Today magazine with the "Award for Achievement in Client Service." Padgett was given one of three Gold Medal awards for demonstrating a commitment to quality, innovation and client service. Padgett was cited for the Padgett Realty Check, an innovative financial tool that allows clients to gauge their competition.

CALL HOME

The FirstClass Phonocard, a new rechargeable prepaid calling card, is available through the U.S. Postal Service thanks to an alliance with American Express. The card is now available in most major post offices. The pro-

mote the card, Detroit District post offices are offering customers purchasing a minimum of \$20 in phone cards between now and Jan. 15 a free \$5 card. The card is rechargeable through any major credit card.

NEW GROUP

Bozell Worldwide Advertising formed Parallel Creative, a company hired to expand interactive communications capabilities for the private sector. The group has developed web sites for Padron Cigars, the United Way Community Services, the Vietnam Monument Commission of Michigan and Hush Puppies Companies. They have also completed a series of interactive advertisements for Chrysler. Sam Ajluni, of Bloomfield Hills, will lead the new group consisting of five new hires: Peter Arndt, of Farmington Hills; John Gregory, of Toledo, Ohio; Cristina Lorenzetti, of Orchard Lake; Scott Margolis, of Sylvania, Ohio; and Deb McGuire, of Royal Oak.

COMPANY RECOGNIZED

Metatec Steel Abrasive Company, Canton, has earned Supplier Quality Certification from Brillion Iron Works Inc., one of the leading independent foundries in the United States. Receipt of the award recognizes Metatec Steel Abrasive Co.'s achievement in meeting Brillion standards for product specification, continuous improvement and cost competitiveness which not only assures Metatec of current business with Brillion, but also guarantees preferential treatment for additional business.

PARTNERSHIP CREATED

The state's largest small-business advocacy group is teaming up with two of Michigan's premier health plans to offer affordable health coverage to small-business owners. The new program will offer HMO and Point of Service plans to Michigan members of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) at the start of next year. Coverage will be provided by MCARE, the managed care organization designed by the University of Michigan, and Priority Health.

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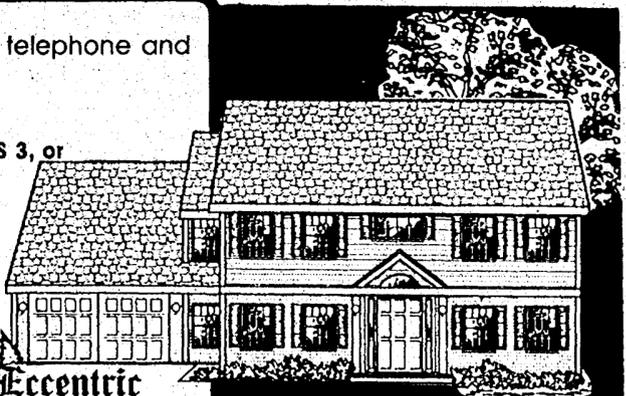
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Contest for smaller businesses

Okidata, the manufacturer of computer printers and fax equipment hopes to find out with its first "Best Dressed Small Business" contest for small and home businesses with nine or fewer employees.

The contest was created to recognize the increased importance of small business.

Entries must include an essay of 150 words or less giving examples of how their small or home business meets these criteria. The grand prize winner will receive \$25,000 in cash, Okidata products and free consulting services for a total package worth more than \$30,000.

Entries must be received by 11:50 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Wednesday, Jan. 15 1997. Twenty finalists will be selected and one will be chosen as grand prize winner.

Contest forms and copies of the official rules are available from local Okidata dealers Naragon Business Machines in Redford, (313) 537-4330, and Omega Office Systems in Livonia, (313) 261-4544.

Mr. Blackwell will help to judge the contest.

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary, including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: Business People, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Professional on board



Straka

Milissa Straka has joined the Information Technology Division of Rehman Robson. She joins the firm as a software support specialist for iMIS, Association Software. Straka previously worked for EG&G Structural Kematics as a staff accountant for 3 1/2 years. She earned a BA from Walsh College.

Berline Group

Chip Rabey of Wixom has joined The Berline Group as pro-

duction artist. Rabey was previously a graphic designer for Rock Financial. A graduate of Michigan State University, Rabey holds a bachelor of arts degree. The Berline Group Inc. is headquartered in Bloomfield Hills.

New president

Stuart C. Snyder is the new president and chief operating officer of Feld Entertainment Inc. Snyder will also take a seat on the company's board of directors. He will be responsible for overall management of the company, with finance, marketing, human resources and tour and business operations reporting to him. Snyder joins the company from Turner Home Entertainment, a division of the Turner Broadcasting System, where he had served as executive vice president and general manager since 1994. Feld Entertainment is based in Vienna, Va.

New manager

Russell Olexa has been named press relations manager for G. Temple Associates, a Southfield-based business-to-business marketing communications agency. Olexa, who has 20 years of experience in advertising, public relations and news

writing, will be responsible for editorial development and press relations activities. Prior to joining Temple, Olexa was marketing manager for Fairlane Products Inc.

Coming back

Hilary Brazin, of Livonia, Baker & Company as assistant account executive. In her new position, Brazin will work on various accounts including: Weight Watchers Group Inc., FW Family Corporation and Durakon Industries Inc. Before rejoining the agency, she served as assistant broadcast negotiator for spot buying at J. Walter Thompson in Detroit. Brazin holds a bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University.

New hires

Ravinder Voruganti of Westland is one of three engineers newly hired by Virtual Engineering, a mechanical engineering and design firm headquartered in Plymouth. Joining Voruganti, a design engineer whose duties will include product management, mechanical design and analysis, are Kevin Riutort of Ann Arbor and Bill

Peless of Grandville, Mich. Voruganti previously was a design engineer with TVS Electronics India and earned his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at Virginia Tech.

Appointments made

Sarah Oppe has been appointed sales manager at the Westin Hotel inside the Renaissance Center, Detroit. The Redford resident will be responsible for sales to Detroit-area corporate, union and sports team clients. A member of the National Business Travel Association and Meeting Planners International, Oppe holds a degree in hospitality management and has worked for the Ritz-Carlton and Hyatt Regency. Other appointments made were Brenda Chretien of Riverview to catering sales manager and Sally Costantino of Dearborn to sales manager.

Oppe

Welch Seven Mile Crossing building, KineticSystems provides data acquisition solutions for Fortune 500 companies and the government.



Welch

Opening an office in the

Welch will provide technical support to the company's Midwest sales representative firm and expand KineticSystems' presence in Detroit among automotive manufacturers and suppliers.

Sales associate

Al Iafrate, formerly of Diamond Lincoln Mercury Inc., has joined McNabney & Associates Inc. Commercial Real Estate as a sales associate. The business is based in Bloomfield Hills.

Iafrate will specialize in the leasing and sales of office, medical and industrial properties in the city of Detroit and Macomb County.

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

Business-related items are welcome from the Observer area and should be sent to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

TUES, JAN. 7

BUSINESS OWNERS

The Women Business Owners of Southeastern Michigan will meet on the first floor of the 777 Building on Eisenhower and State Street in Ann Arbor. There will be a mixer activity 6:30 p.m. with the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Jeanne Ballew will discuss "Unforgettable Introductions: How To Make a Memorable First Impression." Price is \$10 for non-members, free for members. For reservations, call Monica Milla at (313) 944-2133.

MONDAYS

BUSINESS WOMEN

Suburban West Business and Professional Women meet on the first Monday of each month at the Holiday Inn at Six Mile and I-275. Networking is 6-6:30 p.m. and dinner is 6:30-7 p.m. A short business meeting is then conducted. Cost is \$13 and reservations need to be made. For information, call Laura Hathaway at (810) 669-3547.

WEDNESDAYS

GROUP MEETS

NAWBO West meets 7:30-9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial, west of Plymouth Township. The network is for women who own and

operate their own businesses to provide support and share solutions. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests, which includes a continental breakfast.

BUSINESS NETWORK

The Laurel Park chapter of Business Network International, a networking organization specializing in business referrals among members, meets at Richard's Restaurant, 39305 Plymouth Road at Eckles, at 7 a.m. every Wednesday. Call Tim Rosiak, (313) 459-3781, or Al Mughanem, (313) 427-5355.

FRIDAYS

BUSINESS NETWORK

The Livonia chapter of Business Network International, a networking organization specializing in business referrals among members, meets at the Comfort Inn on Middlebelt Road near I-96 at 7 a.m. every Friday. Call (810) 357-0430 or (313) 844-3432.

TUES-FRI

HELPFUL TIPS

The Southeast Michigan Career Service routinely holds no-cost sneak peeks on the job market of tomorrow. Topics discussed include: the job market, present and future; the traditional resume and why it no longer works; and traditional job search techniques, which are considered obsolete. The 1 1/2-hour sessions are held: 12:30 p.m. Tuesday; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday; 12:30 p.m. Thursday; and 8:30 a.m. Friday at 29444 Northwestern Highway, Suite 500, Southfield. Reserve a spot by calling 1-888-JOBOLOGY.

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eight sessions will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 14 through Feb. 6, in the Pavilion Conference Room B of the hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Information on self-care and successful management of diabetes will be provided. The \$75 fee includes a support person. To register, call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

2922 to register.

THURS, JAN. 16

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary Hospital will hold a blood drive 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Pavilion Conference Rooms near the south entrance, off Levan Road near Five Mile in Livonia. Employees, volunteers and members of the community will donate. For information, call Cheryl Delaney at (313) 655-2980.

SAT, JAN. 18

AIDS CLASS

St. Mary Hospital will offer a premarital AIDS class 11 a.m. to noon in Pavilion Conference Room B, near the south entrance of the hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Those who wish to marry in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS. Registration required. Price is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. To register, call (313) 655-3314 or 1-800-494-1615.

JAN. 11-MARCH 1

ADMINISTRATION

Madonna University will offer "Nursing Home Administration II." The course will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on eight consecutive Saturdays. Price is \$285, plus \$10 course fee. For registration information, call (313) 432-5731.

MON/THURS, JAN. 13 & 16

SMOKING CESSATION

"Smoke-free Living" will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Lower Level Conference Room E. Fee \$25. (313) 655-

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KENWOOD

Kenwood Dual Cassette Deck \$88
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KENWOOD

Kenwood 100 Disc CD Changer \$299
dual 1 bit d/a converters - remote control #DPJ1070

KENWOOD

Kenwood Portable CD Player \$147
digital anti-shock circuit, complete with car kit, headphones, & rechargeable batteries. #DPC472

KENWOOD

Kenwood Turntable \$77
semi automatic mechanism, precision belt drive system cartridge and dust cover. #K0291RC

RCA

RCA Portable CD Player complete with car kit \$69 #RP7916

RCA

RCA Mini Audio System \$99
AM/FM stereo, tuner, cassette deck, CD player, remote control. #RP9100

RCA

RCA Portable AM/FM Stereo Radio with Cassette and CD Player \$69 #RP7939

RCA

RCA 4 head HiFi Stereo VCR \$197
remote control, on screen programming, auto digital tracking. #VR605HF

RCA

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RCA

RCA 25" Color TV \$237
remote control, on screen displays. #256T511

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GE 13" TV with Built-in VCR \$259
remote control, on screen programming. 13TVR60

GE

GE 25" Color TV \$237
remote control, on screen displays. #256T511

TOSHIBA

Toshiba 20 Pack batteries \$4^{99ea}
#20PackAA

TOSHIBA

Toshiba Cordless Telephone \$49
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TOSHIBA

Toshiba VHS VCR \$149
universal remote control, digital auto tracking. #M262

TOSHIBA

Toshiba 19" Color TV \$199
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Toshiba 35" Color TV \$395
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Toshiba 50" Color TV \$799⁹⁹
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Toshiba 50" Color TV \$799⁹⁹
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Panasonic

ALL CAMCORDERS ON SALE

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Panasonic VHS-C Camcorder \$197
22 to 1 zoom built-in light, digital electronic image stabilization, color viewfinder. #PVD406

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Panasonic VHS-C Camcorder \$197
32-1 zoom built-in light, advanced electronic image stabilization, color viewfinder, remote control. #PVD506

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Panasonic 9" Color TV \$267
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Panasonic Mini Audio System \$399
50 watts per channel, 3 disc CD player, remote control, dual audio reverse cassette, digital AM/FM stereo tuner 3 way speakers, 6 preset EQ patterns. #BCCH82 Was \$499 Now

Panasonic

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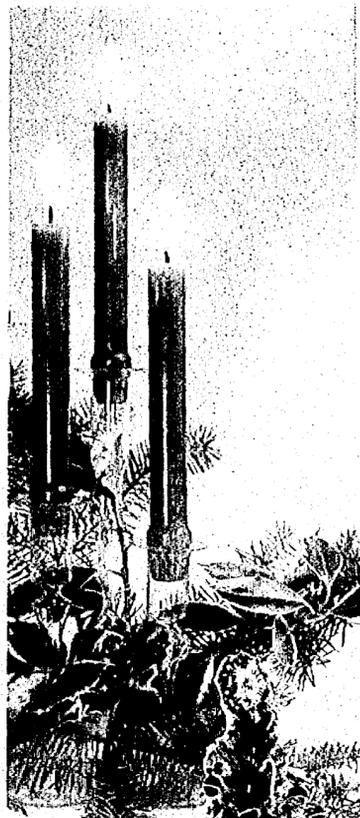
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- LIVONIA: 34224 Plymouth 1/2 Mile west of Farmington Rd. (313) 427-7310



SEASON'S GREETINGS

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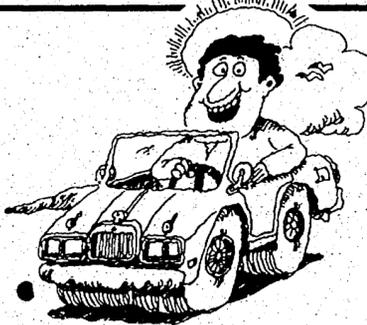
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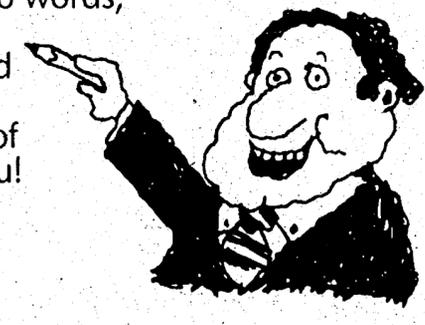


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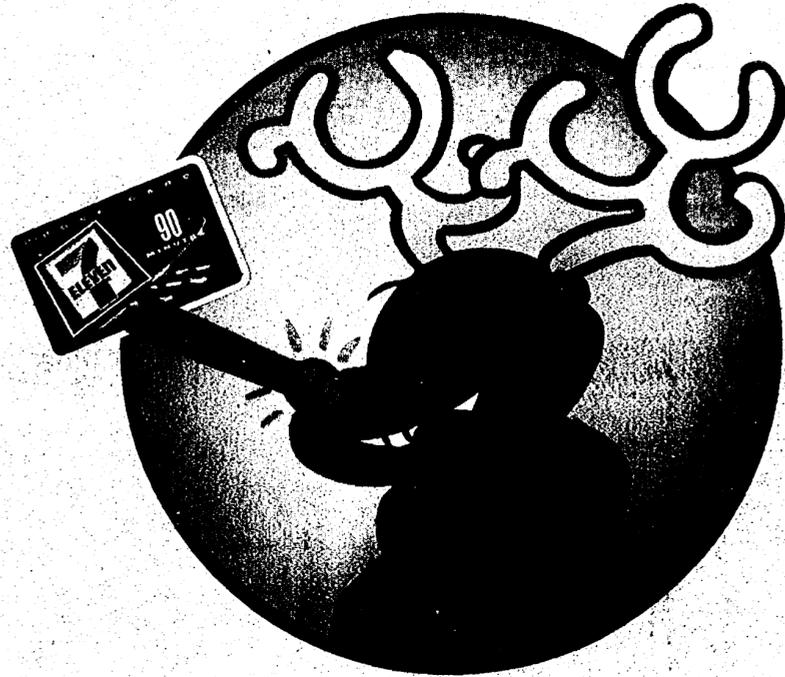
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Martin forms Legacy



Ted Martin

Editor's note: the headline on this item last week was wrong.

Ted Martin, broker/owner of Coldwell Banker Legacy on Wayne Road in Westland, has switched affiliation from Red Carpet Keim.

Martin, a Northville resident, has acquired the professional designations of Graduate Realtors Institute and Real Estate Alumnus of Michigan.

His agents bring an aggregate of 250 years experience to the business.

Baker earns B.A.



James Baker

James Baker, a Realtor with ERA Rymal Symes of Novi, recently earned a B.A. degree in business administration from William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills.

Baker, a Livonia resident, also has been honored for exceeding ERA's National Customer Satisfaction Survey average of 91.4 percent.

He specializes in residential resale and new construction.

Lipinski received CRS

Tom Lipinski, sales associate with Chamberlain Realtors in Birmingham, has been awarded the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist.

Pliska at NAR convention

Robert J. Pliska, president elect of the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors, recently participated in the National Association of Realtors annual convention and trade exposition in San Francisco.

Pliska is president of the Birmingham-based Property Services Group.

McCliment will retire

William C. McCliment, P.E., president of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, a Livonia-based consulting engineering firm, will retire at the end of this year, completing 35 years in the civil engineering profession.

McCliment was responsible for many of Livonia's sewer, water and storm drainage projects.

During his tenure, OHM expanded from its original size of 15 people to its present size of 120 staff members.

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REAL ESTATE

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Carry on: Branch and mortgage services should remain the same — as will the name on the wall — after Standard Federal Bank undergoes an ownership change next year, banking officials and analysts maintain.

Bank to stay course after sale

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

"The story is stockholders sold out for a ton. Customers and employees will be relatively unaffected."

That's how Justin Moran, a banking analyst/consultant, summarizes the purchase of Standard Federal Bank, Michigan's leading residential mortgage originator headquartered in Troy, by a bank in The Netherlands.

ABN AMRO last month offered to pay Standard Federal stockholders \$59 per share or twice book value, which Moran described as the theoretical liquidation value of the company.

"I think stockholders ought to be delighted," said Thomas R. Ricketts, chairman, president and CEO at Standard Federal. "I think they are, by the calls and letters I've been receiving."

"It's a very good deal for stockholders," Moran said. "Most of them will have a very substantial gain."

Standard Federal's stock sold at \$8.25 per share when first offered in January, 1987. As recently as June 30, the stock hovered at \$38.50.

Some 32 million shares are held by 5,000 owners, mostly institutional investors like pension and mutual funds.

"We think it's a good price," Tony Howard, director of research for First of Michigan Corp., said of the acquisition offer. "We've obviously had high regard for Standard Federal as far as management capabilities and as an investment."

Standard Federal long has been regarded as a likely takeover target.

"Everything was right," Moran said. "All measurements of performance were on a positive trend — deposits, loan value, mortgage originations, profitability, efficiency ratios."

Thousands of families in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties have mortgages or savings deposits of one kind or another at one of Standard Federal's 84 metro branch offices.

The thrift is servicing residential mortgages with an aggregate value of \$20 billion, all of which it originated.

"I think our branches are well placed for convenience," said Ricketts, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "We have outstanding service. We have full complement of product."

"We also have fast service," he said. "We have our own appraisers, lawyers, originators, closers. When you come to us, you don't have to wait."

"The bank is still independent. Insurance on accounts remains. We'll

have the same people serving them with new and better products and all the old ones," Ricketts said.

"Most customers will never notice a difference," Moran said.

Mortgages, certificates of deposit and other loan agreements are legal contracts whose terms must be honored by financial institutions that acquire other institutions.

Competitive forces will come into play as far as checking fees and credit card terms are concerned, analysts say.

"Banking, even with consolidation, is still very competitive," Howard said. "I don't think necessarily we'll see an increase in fees."

One area that expanded service may result in, according to Ricketts and analysts, is commercial lending.

Standard Federal, which employs 4,000, doesn't anticipate immediate reductions in the work force.

"ABN AMRO owns LaSalle (Home Mortgage) in Chicago. There's no overlap here," Howard said. "If someone locally had bought (Standard Federal), there could have been more layoffs."

"There's no consolidation possible," Ricketts said. "All branch people will remain. Essentially, this kind of merger with a fine bank from out of

state will save more jobs than any kind of merger."

Some unspecified layoffs, however, in the back office at headquarters — booking, computer services and auditing, Moran speculated — are expected over the next year or two.

"Standard Federal has been a very efficient operation," Moran said. "When we went on a refinancing frenzy five years ago, a lot of mortgagors hired new people."

"Standard Federal hired very few people. They cross-trained people who had been tellers, customer service people, bookkeepers to fill in on a temporary basis," he said.

The tale of the goose that lay the golden egg gives another lesson in not making too many radical changes with an acquisition.

"If they make substantial changes, they may put at risk what they bought," Moran said.

"We have an outstanding service and profit history," Ricketts echoed. "They don't want to come in here and chase away customers and profits."

Standard Federal has branches in most Observer & Eccentric communities.

The sale is expected to close by mid-year 1997 pending regulatory and shareholder approvals.

Perhaps attorney can motivate this condo board

REAL ESTATE
QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. My condominium is situated at the bottom of low rolling land with water running down to the side of my property. There is a similar problem on the opposite side, but there is a drain to relieve the situation. Also, there are other buildings which emit the water from a sump pump towards my condominium, mainly in the winter when they have an extended plastic pipe which drains to my building.

I have been complaining for a number of years, but to no avail. The present manager wants me to tear down my basement walls. Two sides of the basement have been affected and have caused extensive damage in the basement. The master deed indicates that the association is only responsible for repairs which are exposed.

Since it is the fault of the layout of the condominium property, I feel that they should repair the problem from the outside. While they are finally attempting to fix the problem by redirecting the water, since the township has

authorized them to do so, they seem not to be in a hurry to do so.

Do I have any recourse?

A. Problems concerning the repair of condominiums are common place, and the association has a responsibility to investigate and determine the extent and nature of the problem, whether it is the association's responsibility, and how best to resolve the problem. The board does have a great deal of latitude to determine when and how the problem will be resolved, but ultimately to the extent that the problem is causing immediate and serious damage to the common elements and/or to individual co-owner's units, the board does have a responsibility in this writer's view to move to correct the problem in a timely fashion.

The association is always potentially liable to co-owners for failure to discharge its responsibilities by way of maintenance, repair and replacement, to the extent set forth in the documents. Perhaps a letter from your attorney will move the association along in discharging its responsibilities.

Q. I am wondering whether you have any insight into recent developments in Cleveland regarding warehouses being converted to con-

dominiums on the waterfront and whether this is a viable option here in the Detroit area.

A. I welcomed your question as an opportunity personally to examine the "Flats" area in Cleveland to see the type of development that is going on there. Light rail has been recently added, and a number of old buildings, including old warehouses with high ceilings, are being converted to apartments and condominiums. The interest is apparently there, as well as the financing.

The areas are surrounded by other amenities including restaurants and shopping. Such development in the Detroit area could also be existent with the proper stimuli. I encourage your interest in our city and suggest that Cleveland is a clear example of how it can be made to work.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded November 18 - 22 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in Southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	Address	Price
6965 Ardsley Dr		\$140,000
45446 Augusta Dr		\$273,000
2343 Berwick Dr		\$136,000
1900 Bridgewater Ct		\$241,000
241 Buckingham Rd		\$126,000
7394 Charrington Dr		\$221,000
7495 Charrington Dr		\$200,000
42863 Cherry Hill Rd		\$120,000
45930 Cherry Hill Rd		\$185,000
235 Cornell St		\$190,000
39882 Coronation Rd		\$138,000

44622 Crestmont Dr		\$157,000
7918 Fleet St		\$146,000
7086 Foxridge Dr		\$197,000
47097 Glastonbury Dr		\$318,000
46400 Glengarry Blvd		\$283,000
1240 Hampshire Dr		\$125,000
1412 Hampshire Dr		\$120,000
7370 Irongate Rd		\$161,000
43552 Kari Ln		\$214,000
2444 Lancelot Ct		\$159,000
43523 Lancelot Dr		\$175,000
43559 Lancelot Dr		\$179,000
43571 Lancelot Dr		\$164,000
43585 Lancelot Dr		\$146,000
43636 Lancelot Dr		\$161,000
45996 Larchmont Dr		\$230,000
40512 Lotzford Rd		\$88,000
46924 Lyndon Ave		\$264,000
1447 Marlowe St		\$115,000

44536 Meadowcreek Ln		\$147,000
6204 New England Ln		\$136,000
7749 Provincial Rd		\$157,000
795 Queens Way		\$141,000
856 Queens Way		\$147,000
42941 Ryegate St		\$155,000
720 Scottsdale Ct		\$160,000
43763 Simsbury St		\$165,000
43825 Simsbury St		\$176,000
41960 South Dr		\$190,000
1650 Thistle Ct		\$212,000
42244 Trotwood Ct		\$164,000
6134 Willow Creek Dr		\$134,000
509 Worthington Rd		\$158,000

Livonia	Address	Price
31500 5 Mile Rd		\$76,000
36796 Angeline Cir		\$120,000
35527 Banbury St		\$231,000
28738 Bayberry Ct W		\$139,000
29542 Bentley St		\$129,000
11532 Cavell St		\$103,000
18317 Deerling St		\$98,000
31149 Dorais St		\$122,000
14474 Ellen Dr		\$156,000
30111 Fairfax St		\$110,000
31730 Fonville St		\$132,000
28778 Grandon St		\$117,000

36245 Hammer Ln		\$192,000
31307 Kendall St		\$131,000
18309 Levan Rd		\$157,000
30136 Mason St		\$175,000
19669 Merriman Ct		\$90,000
31575 Merrinwood Park		\$155,000
33118 Middleboro St		\$145,000
36694 Munger St		\$182,000
9219 Newburgh Rd		\$49,000
27834 Oakley St		\$168,000
29807 Oakley St		\$126,000
33112 Oakley St		\$186,000
30262 Oakview St		\$144,000
32673 Perth St		\$125,000
32678 Rayburn St		\$157,000
20200 Rensellor St		\$83,000
38487 Richland St		\$127,000
38907 Ross St		\$141,000
8889 Russell St		\$128,000

Plymouth	Address	Price
48007 Ann Arbor Rd W		\$393,000
11815 Brownell Ave		\$125,000
822 Deer Ct		\$155,000
986 Dewey St		\$178,000
15058 Finch Ave		\$137,000
41130 Greystone Blvd		\$40,000
42591 Hammill Ln		\$85,000
605 Jener Pl		\$108,000
44546 Marc Trl		\$138,000
9249 Mayflower		\$151,000
1051 N Mill St		\$112,000

Redford	Address	Price
9389 Appleton		\$70,000
11794 Appleton		\$78,000
11421 Arnold		\$83,000
8900 Brady		\$109,000
10024 Brady		\$108,000
19991 Centralia		\$62,000
12770 Columbia		\$93,000
26253 Fordson Hwy		\$104,000
19340 Garfield		\$84,000
17636 Glenmore		\$80,000
17675 Glenmore		\$85,000

16880 Kinloch		\$95,000
19975 Kinloch		\$54,000
17721 Lennane		\$80,000
12880 Levrne		\$87,000
26765 Lyndon		\$67,000
23300 Plymouth Rd		\$200,000
18530 Poinciana		\$72,000
11417 Rockland		\$79,000
11416 Seminole		\$80,000
9311 Sioux		\$101,000
26749 Southwestern Hwy		\$74,000
12820 Tecumseh		\$87,000
12870 Tecumseh		\$97,000
11362 Virgil		\$78,000
11779 Virgil		\$76,000
19468 Wakenden		\$43,000
9168 Winston		\$86,000
9031 Wormer		\$110,000

Westland	Address	Price
38654 Alma Ln		\$60,000
35219 College St		\$82,000
37661 Colonial Dr		\$85,000
7715 Deering St		\$89,000
8660 Donna St		\$114,000
8352 Fremont St		\$88,000
8464 Fremont St		\$106,000
33657 Hunter St		\$114,000
2210 Knolson St		\$80,000
7697 Louise St		\$103,000
28208 Mackenzie Dr		\$89,000
34101 Marquette St		\$92,000
5929 N Crown St		\$75,000
7205 N Hix Rd		\$143,000
34639 Rosslyn St		\$87,000
6344 Westland		\$80,000
31232 Windsor St		\$75,000
7592 Woodview St		\$51,000
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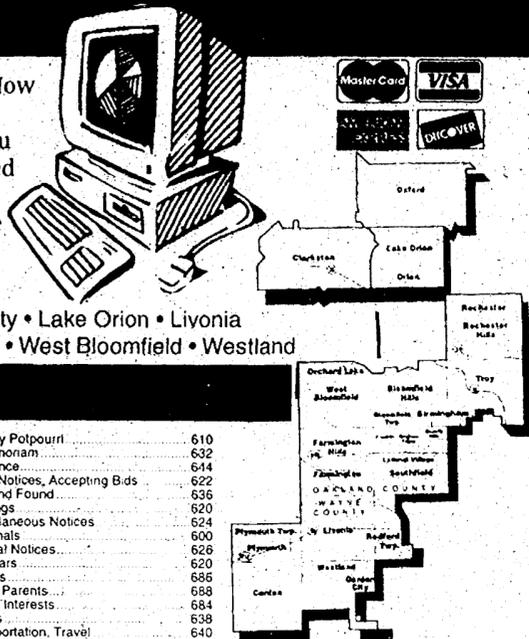
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308 Canton

BEAUTIFUL CORNER LOT
Backing to commons in Windsor Park! Nicely updated 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial featuring refinished cabinetry in kitchen, newer counters and back splash. Newer furnace and hot water heat, updated baths and much more! \$171,500 371K1

PLUTE BUILT COLONIAL
Lexington Square home featuring 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, super floor plan family room with fireplace, hardwood floor in foyer. A must see!! \$169,900 209VA

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308 Canton

OPEN SUN 1-4pm 708 Buckingham Mini 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch, finished basement fireplace \$143,000
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PRICE REDUCED 5782 Willow Creek 4 bedroom Colonial, updated, superb location \$187,500
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STARTER HOME, 3 bedroom, brick ranch, built 1975. Priced much lower than other homes in suburb. \$103,000. (810) 449-9062

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314 Farmington/Farmington Hills

HOT! HOT! HOT!
HOMES IN THE HILLS

STYLISH CONTEMPORARY
Located on secluded ravine lot, stunning 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home w/dramatic open floor plan has living room, formal dining room & kitchen w/breakfast room. Lower level walk-out has family room w/fireplace. Multi-level deck, 2 car garage. \$239,900 (OL234)

CHARMING COLONIAL
Beautiful 2,692 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath all brick home has 2 story foyer, living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, family room w/fireplace & library. Other features include hardwood floors, central air, 1st floor laundry, basement, deck & stone patio & parking treated lot. All kitchen appliances \$217,888 (OU362)

RADIANT RANCH
Totally updated w/new kitchen, baths, furnace, central air, carpet, very nice 3 bedroom brick home has fireplace in living & dining rooms, fabulous screened-in porch 2 car side entry garage & more \$169,900. (R1306)

\$5 VALUE \$5
The finest amenities are to be found in this updated 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. Living room, family room w/fireplace, basement, porch & deck, 2 car garage, central air, security alarm & more. \$159,500. (WE276)

STARTER HOME
Immaculate & totally updated 2 bedroom ranch has central air, 1 1/2 car garage, deck, shed, fenced yard. Only \$179,900. (WAZ15)

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317 Garden City

INVESTORS, RETIREES & NEWLYWEDS:
ALIKE, TAKE NOTICE!
Spacious 1 bedroom with 6x7 walk-in closet. Huge living room with newer carpet, custom window treatments, large kitchen with appliances, first floor laundry, updated 8 1/2 ceramic bath. Newer 2 1/2 car garage that is a mechanic's dream \$76,900 (KCPBO)

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NEW YEAR NEW HOME!
Now celebrate when you immediately occupy this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, maintenance free new construction which includes vacant corner lot for your new breezeway and garage size of choice. Lovely white kitchen with ample table space. Master bedroom has master bath. \$102,900.

320 Hartland

WINTER WONDERLAND! - Lakefront on greenbelt to majestic Durham Lake. Towing hardwoods provides private peaceful setting from Durham Hills Golf Course. Excellent floor plan 2750 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths & quality throughout. Beautifully decorated 6 panel doors, Pella wood windows. Finished walk-out lower level & 2 car garage. Move in condition \$278,000.

ROOM FOR REINDEER! - Scenic setting with this chalet home on 10 acres! 3 bedroom, 2 baths, partially finished basement, 2 car attached garage & 2 car detached garage plus pole barn with cement floor. Call for appointment \$176,000.

HOLIDAY CHEER BEGINS HERE! - 3 bedroom ranch on 2 acres in Hartland. Two Good floor plan with 1567 sq. ft., 2 baths, full basement, large kitchen and nook area. Paved road and natural gas \$159,900.

VERY SPECIAL PACKAGE - with this lovely brick ranch on a private wooded 2 acre setting. Well planned w/2660 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 full & 2 half baths, full laundry, finished walk-out lower level w/2nd kitchen, family room & recreation room/great for in-laws, handicap accessible wextra wide halls & doorways. For home care 27x28 garage w/16 door & move. Paved road & easy access to M-59. \$263,000.

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START THE NEW YEAR
In this 4 bedroom, 2 bath colonial offering immediate occupancy, huge 22x14 master bedroom, formal dining, family room w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, basement, 2 car garage, deck & more - \$162,000.

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309 Clarkston

LEASE OPTION - CLARKSTON
2100 Sq. ft. w/cathedral ceilings on 2 1/2 acres \$190,000 \$10,000 down, \$1,400 per Mo. (810) 969-2271

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Farmington Downtown
2384 sq. ft. brick ranch, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, living room, family room, great room, 2 fireplaces, 2.5 car attached garage \$184,900. Call Marty Clerebout
Pager 810-763-1293
Real Estate One
23366 Farmington Rd.

FARMINGTON HILLS - 4-5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, older home with charm, character & updates \$149,900. ShareNet Realty, Leasing & Management 810-642-1620, no fee.

FARMINGTON HILLS - Open Sun 1-5pm 33484 Longwood, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, Brick Ranch. Cathedral ceiling, huge garage & lot. HELP-U-SELL (313) 454-9535

FARMINGTON HILLS - 28128 Independence, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, large country kitchen, 2.5 car garage, large fenced lot \$95,900. HELP-U-SELL (313) 454-9535

NEW LISTING IN FARMINGTON HILLS
This gorgeous 4 bedroom brick Colonial offers a private & wooded lot in desirable Meadowbrook Hills Sub. Family room with cozy fireplace, formal living & dining room, updates include new kitchen, 3 new baths, most new Anderson windows & door-wall. This is a beauty. Priced at only \$234,900. Please contact John "K" K... at a private showing \$10,670,000 at ReMax Executive Properties

SPACIOUS COLONIAL - only 2 years old, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, fabulous master bath with oversized Jacuzzi, 3 car garage, \$285,900 (or lease \$2800/mo) (810) 848-1913

1ST OFFERING, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath brick ranch with finished basement, fireplace, hardwood floors, private yard with patio. Walk to downtown Farmington. ERA COUNTRY RIDGE REALTY 810-474-3303

316 Fowlerville

NEW HOME for sale, 1320 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 baths, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, close to 96 X-way, immediate occupancy, \$119,900. Call Jim & Mike Anderson today! 617-546-5239. No agents please.

317 Garden City

A GREAT BUY
Now you can own this desirable 3 bedroom maintenance free ranch for just \$84,900. Sitting on good size fenced lot with partly finished basement. Recent updates include new vinyl siding, shutters and windows, vinyl fresh paint inside. Kitchen appliances and window treatments stay. Contact Jim & Mike Anderson today!

Century 21 Dynamic
(313) 728-7800

321 Highland

DECK THE HALLS! - Beautiful 3200 sq. ft. builder's home. Quality & style w/in-law quarters as an extra bonus! 4 bedrooms, 2 up & 2 down, 3 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, gourmet kitchen w/new cabinets, large entertainment style deck, 3 car garage, walk-out lower level & lovely yard with wooded setting. Call for more details! Huron Valley Schools \$320,000

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JUST LISTED N. CANTON \$171,500

Terrific interior location for this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. You will enjoy the nicely updated kitchen and bath. Spacious family room and fireplace and doorwall leading to Florida room which overlooks Commons, elementary school conveniently located in suburb. For more information or private showing, call Audrey Kowalewski 313-416-5772
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311 Dearborn-Dearborn Heights

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ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS - 2300 sq. ft. brick home (5 bedroom or 4 with office), all car attached garage, fireplace in family room, beautiful lot & much, much more \$189,900. For details call for more details! Joseph Williams THE MICHIGAN GROUP 100 (313) 459-3600 Pgr. 810-403-8389

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311 Dearborn-Dearborn Heights

DEARBORN HTS. - Open Sun 1-4pm 6484 Colonial Mini condition 3 bedroom, 2 bath, updated kitchen, finished basement \$104,900.
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DEARBORN - 24369 Powers 2 bedroom starter. District 7 schools \$56,000.
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325 Livonia
ALMOST NEW! built in 1983. 3 bed room, 3 bath, brick ranch, family room, brick walk-out, attached 2 car garage, court setting, large lot, low down payment, asking \$175,000. Call 810-473-5500 or 313-527-3300

DESIRABLE S. REDFORD
 3 bedroom ranch in a very desirable location, some of the many updates include new roof, new copper plumbing, remodeled kitchen, new carpet, finished wet plaster walls (no cave ceilings) and many, many more. \$175,988 so call now before this one goes. Call now before this one goes. Call now before this one goes.
JEFFREY BEITZ

325 Livonia
JUST LIST! Dear Creek Sub. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2500 sq. ft. backs to woods. 2 1/2 baths, full decor, 2 natural fireplaces, fabulous kitchen, formal dining and the list goes on. Ask of Pauline Gordon. 313-565-1000. Eves. 810-473-5733. Prudential Christie Real Estate

\$69,900
 will put you in this Livonia ranch with vinyl siding, new windows and large 60 x 140 lot.

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325 Livonia
ROSEDALE GARDENS, gorgeous Tudor, 1627 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1 full, 2 half baths, air, 94 furnace, 3 car garage, 80x177 lot, large deck, brick kitchen & nook, Florida room, deck, hardwood floors, finished basement, \$189,900. (313) 425-4366

WELL KEPT HOME!
 Colonial w/4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, new kitchen, all appliances, 1st floor laundry, large screened porch off family room, central air 1 yr. old, plus attic fan, fenced yard. Great location! \$182,000.

CENTURY 21 HARTFORD SOUTH
(313) 464-6400

329 Novi
ABSOLUTE PERFECTION!
 This dynamic home boasts a private wooded setting in Royal Crown Estates, first floor master, finished basement, free form island kitchen, large living room with high volume ceilings & hardwood floors, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, full security system, sprinklers, finished lower level and more! \$289,900.

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Prudential
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BEAT THE RUSH
 Exceptional! Non value! Impressive open floor plan, 2 story foyer and bridge overlooking family room. Library and guest bedroom with private lav. 4 bedrooms, formal dining room and more. Don't miss this one! Only \$259,900.

CENTURY 21 ROW
(313) 464-7111

334 Plymouth
ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS!!!
 Must see this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 story home. Features: living room, family room with fireplace, dining room, library study and recreation room, in ground, heated pool, 3 car garage and on almost 2 acres with private pond. \$279,900. 201A

QUAINT & COZY
 Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath all brick home that's in town. Master bedroom has cathedral ceilings, jacuzzi tub and separate shower. Features: Newer roof, updated electric and plumbing, glass block windows, natural fireplace in living room, 1.5 car garage, nice home! \$189,900. 201A

DREAM HOUSE
 Located in one of Plymouth's most desirable areas and styled for the most discriminating buyer, first floor master bedroom, huge library, 3 car garage and more! \$429,900. 612BE

COLONIAL STAINLESS
 Brick 2 story featuring easy-going elegance, security system,oyer, cathedral ceilings, in master suite, air and deck. \$374,900. 963BR

CUSTOM RANCH
 On 1.4 acres and every thing in perfect condition from the new roof, new kitchen, 2 full baths, as updated hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces to the finished lower level. \$214,900. 660AN

QUAIL RUN COLONIAL
 This new construction features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining, library, cathedral ceiling, family room with fireplace, pick-out cabinets, floor, etc. \$276,900. 609QU

EXQUISITE RENTAL PROPERTY
 Impeccable 4 unit rental home now available just minutes from downtown Plymouth. 2 bedrooms units, two 1 bedroom units, home totally remodeled. \$259,900. 283AN

334 Plymouth
PLYMOUTH TWP. COLONIAL
 with 3,025 sq. ft. offers generous size rooms & open floor plan. Large family room with fireplace, breakfast room, sunroom, master bedroom with walk-in closet & large bath. Beautiful double deck entry to much more. Come see for yourself! \$289,000 (ABADU)

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STUNNING!
 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living room, family room, formal dining room. Totally redecorated. Light oak kitchen with island, 2 way fireplace, sprinklers, alarm system, central air, deck, 3 car garage and more. \$349,900 (PZOE-O) Call

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335 Redford
LARGE WOODED LOT
 Lots of privacy on this beautiful lot. Finished ranch with finished walk-out basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, wet bar, 25 x 15 sunroom, 1 fireplace, breakfast bar and much more! A must see! (MESA-P) \$110,000. Call Michelle Fiorillo

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OPEN SUN 1-4, 15995 Indian, 3 bed room bungalow, 2 car garage, new windows and roof, move in condition. \$96,900
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OPEN SUN 1-4pm, 15389 Fenlon, 2 bedroom ranch, remodeled kitchen, living room, new carpet & windows. \$52,900
HELP-U-SELL (313) 454-9535

OPEN SUN, 3-5, 14874 Semola, Beautiful 3 bedroom Cape Cod, finished basement, double lot. \$145,000
HELP-U-SELL (313) 454-9535

335 Redford
REDFORD
 3 bedroom brick bungalow, updated electric & plumbing, fireplace, central air & carpet. 1 yr old. Roof 2 yrs. Full basement, garage. Asking \$77,900.

WOLVERINE
Prudential
(313) 532-0600

REDFORD
 \$79,900 brick ranch on a double lot, new vinyl windows, tile basement, newer heat and air conditioning, big 2 car garage, \$250,000. E. of Inlander off 6 Mile. BILL WILLIS. Mayfair (313) 522-8000

SOUTH REDFORD
OWNER WANTS OUT!
 Let's make a deal! Fast! 3 bedroom brick ranch full basement, deck, 2 car garage. Updated thru-out. Terms! Call Don & Dees Mayfair (313) 522-8000

RE/MAX WEST
(313) 261-1400

ELEGANT TUDOR COLONIAL
 4 large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a formal dining room, family room with fireplace, first floor laundry, party finished basement, attached 2.5 car garage, master bath & walk-in closet. \$215,900. Call Jim Holcomb

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EXCELLENT LOCATION!
 Brick ranch w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths & open floor plan. Updated kitchen, bath, room 14 x 12 Florida room, sunroom & dining room, finished basement, 2 car garage, & private yard. \$139,900

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LIVONIA - Just Reduced 3 bedroom brick ranch, finished basement, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, on extra large lot. 2.5 car garage, central air, newer furnace & roof. \$117,900. 810-473-0242 or 810-227-5251

LIVONIA SCHOOLS - Charming 3 bedroom ranch, finished basement, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, on extra large lot. 2.5 car garage, central air, newer furnace & roof. \$117,900. 810-473-0242 or 810-227-5251

NEW CONSTRUCTION
 Just in time to select your interior. Close to 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath colonial, cathedral ceiling, huge master bedroom, formal dining room, 2 car attached garage & 2 car garage. \$199,000. Priced in the \$199,000's

(810) 478-6888

NEW LISTING
 Updated maintenance free ranch. S of 7 Mile W of Farmington. Updates include roof, woodwork, kitchen, furnace, air conditioning, and much more. Heated garage and immediate occupancy. Asking \$129,900.

CENTURY 21 ROW
(313) 464-7111

326 Milford
ALMOST 3 ACRES
 3 bedroom ranch, walk-out basement, many updates including kitchen, windows, furnace, central air, fireplace, 2 car garage, home warranty, \$189,000 (77J0R)

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INTEGRITY REALTORS
313-525-4200

FULL OF PEACE & JOY! Beautiful 2 story home on pretty setting in Millford. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, family room w/sunroom, large deck, 1st floor laundry, full walk-out lower level plumbed for bath, 3 car garage & more! Move in and enjoy! \$239,900. Huron Valley Schools.

ENGLAND REAL ESTATE
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328 Northville
BRING US AN OFFER!
 On this spacious Northville colonial, Old country setting, extra deep lot, circular drive, new oak cabinetry in kitchen and baths, newer roof and double doors, jacuzzi tub, formal dining, cathedral ceilings and great location! \$156,900. 907PA

IMPORTANT LOCATION
 Beautiful colonial on the 4th green in Country Club Village! 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, library, dining room, finished basement, lots of trees including custom windows and blinds. \$234,900. 371BR

UNBELIEVABLE HOMESITE
 WITH STOCKED POND
 Walk-out ranch on 2.3 acre wooded lot. 2 fireplaces, full kitchen, Anderson windows and so much more! \$339,900. 100TI

NORTHVILLE ESTATES
 Serene, tree country, like setting. 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 bath ranch, new windows, newer furnace, side entrance garage, deck, patio and rolling terrain. \$197,500. 111HC

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333 Pinkney
RIDGE DRIVE, 11757 Canal front between Tamara & Base Lane. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, fireplace, central air, central vac, etc. Squeaky clean and looking sharp. \$189,900. Broker owned/Danick Corporation, MLS#660381. (517) 546-5137

334 Plymouth
11677 MORGAN Updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath, woodburning stove, garage. Enjoy the charm of Plymouth! \$189,900
HELP-U-SELL (313) 454-9535

NEW CONSTRUCTION - 8844 Baer St. - 1800 sq. ft., open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor living room, family room, dining room, master suite, full basement, plus 2 car attached garage, \$178,000. Call Mano Handset after 6pm at (313) 453-6697

335 Redford
BRICK RANCH
 3 bedroom ranch with finished basement, 2 car garage and tree lot. \$89,900.

PRICED TO SELL
 3 bedroom ranch with finished basement, newer furnace, central air, windows, electric panel & updated bath. \$82,900.

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"COUNTRY IN THE CITY"
 Describes this convenient located 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with family room, natural fireplace, sunroom, etc. (313) 432-7600. Call

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Chateau

DON'T PAY THE LANDLORD...
 When you can get this cute 3 bedroom ranch with 1 1/2 car garage, remodeled kitchen with bay window, laundry, central air, central vac, etc. \$129,900. (PSSA-P) Call Patty Strope

REMERICA
HOMETOWN II REALTORS
313-453-0012

336 Rochester/Auburn Hills
RH 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Tudor, 2600 sq. ft. Formal dining room, den, family room, wet bar, \$239,900. By appt. (810) 375-9003

ROCHESTER
 Immediate occupancy, almost completely redone new roof and boards, new flooring, deck, driveway, kitchen, bath, w/terrace and much more. A great bargain at \$124,900.

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Prudential
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337 Royal Oak/Oak Park/Huntington Woods
FERNDALE
 Large two story 4 bedroom home, 15 x 7 enclosed front porch, full basement, 2 walk-out closets, etc. Asking \$89,900.

WOLVERINE
Prudential
(313) 532-0600

338 Salem/Salem Township
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Builder offers grand estates, island living

It may take a while to get there from the western and northern suburbs.

But Golf View Shores, a platted community of 35 lots on 25 acres, offers palatial estates and tranquil living on Grosse Isle at the mouth of the Detroit River.

Blair Building of Bloomfield Hills is the developer/builder. Dominick Tringali, also with a Bloomfield Hills practice, is the architect.

"You definitely get that resort feeling here," said Paul Verona, director of new construction for Blair. "You go in the front door, go back to the deck and it's instant relaxation. It's very quiet here."

"Our site is the best available on Grosse Isle," said Carol Bollo, sales representative. "It's wooded. We're the only existing site that has the ability to do walk-outs or lookouts at the basement level. We also have canal lots available."

"Another thing going for us is small," Bollo said. "It's not a massive subdivision."

"Grosse Isle is a charming, small-town community," Verona said. "Everyone seems to know everybody. There's just a lot of warmth."

Several golf courses, yacht clubs and a small airport also are on the island.

Tringali has prepared seven floor plans for Golf View Shores, but those are just a jumping-off point.

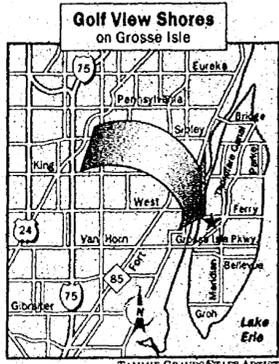
"Most of his work is custom," Verona said. "This is a guideline, a good place to start. If they like a certain element of one plan, they can work with myself or sales people to combine it into a different floor plan."

"We try to be flexible, make sure people get what they want," he said.

Price ranges from \$493,000 for a two story of 3,400 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$619,730 for a two story of 4,270 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths.

That's on one of the six base lots. Lot premiums range from \$4,500 to \$150,000.

Included as standard features in all of Tringali's designs for Golf View Shores are three-car



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garage, fireplace, air conditioning, first floor laundry and basement.

A dishwasher, double oven, cooktop and microwave in the kitchen, jet tub in the master suite, ceramic or hardwood floor in the foyer, ceramic in all baths and six recessed lights also are included at base price.

The model, a 3,000-square-foot two story, carries a base price of \$493,000.

The main living area features a den with French doors, living room and dining room separated by a columned arch and further defined by either side of a cathedral ceiling, kitchen/nook with island and built-in desk, and family room.

All four bedrooms are upstairs.

The master suite has a pan ceiling in the sleeping area, peaked ceiling in the bath. The master also has separate vanities, with a make-up/sitting area attached to one, separate tub and shower and a walk-in closet.

Three other bedrooms and a second full bath also are upstairs.

Price of the model, with upgrades and landscaping, is \$495,000.

Verona said he suspects most buyers will want a larger house.

"The main purpose of a model is to show craftsmanship of the builder," Bollo said. "They will build anything you want. You can come in here with your own plan and they will build it for you."



Island delight: This model at Golf View Shores features four bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, family room, den, living room, dining room and more than 3,000 square feet of living space.

Brick and stucco board along with wood siding and stone accents will be used as exterior materials. Vinyl or aluminum siding isn't permitted.

Golf View Shores is serviced by city water and sewers. It's within the Grosse Isle school boundaries. The development will

have sidewalks. The property tax rate currently is \$38.62 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of mar-

ket value. That means the owners of a \$550,000 house in Golf View Shores would pay about \$10,620 the first year.

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ARMs are becoming more popular with homeowners

People are realizing that typically they will not have their mortgage for 10-15 years as in the past. So they are

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typically higher than ARMs, many buyers are wondering why they should take the high rate.

If you are more conservative and prefer a fixed rate, that's fine, but you may find an ARM program that suits your needs and saves you money at the same time.

The ARMs currently available are a six-month/one-year, three-year, five-year, seven-year, 10-year and C.O.F.I. ARM.

The programs have rates that are fixed for the initial one-, three-, five-, seven- or 10-year period, then start to adjust thereafter at a maximum increase of 2 percentage

points per year with a lifetime cap of 5 to 6 percentage points. For example, if the cap were 6 percentage points, a 7-percent ARM could become a 13-percent mortgage.

The five- and seven-year ARMs have become more popular than the five- and seven-year balloon mortgages. Rates are usually the same for

either. With the balloon, you usually have to pay the loan off or refinance after five or seven years.

For the five- and seven-year ARM, the loan starts to adjust up or down at the end of the five- or seven-year period.

Generally, the shorter the initial fixed rate period, the better the rate is going to be to start with. But normally, all will be lower than a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage.

Choose the loan time period based on how long you think you will be in the home. Compare rates because the difference varies overtime. For example, assume you plan on moving in five years and the five-year ARM rate is 7 percent, while the seven-year rate is 7.125 percent. For this small difference, you probably would take the extra 2 years of security.

Also, homeowners tend to refinance. Interest rates may drop in 3-10 years or you may need equity out of your house for your kids' college educations, to pay off bills or do some home improvements. So why not save the money by getting a lower rate now and take the limited risk that you'll have the same mortgage more than 10 years from now?

For example, on a \$100,000 loan at a 30-year fixed rate of 7.5 percent, the principal and interest payments would be \$699.21. If you went with a five-year ARM at a rate of 6.875 percent, the payment would be \$656.93. You would save \$42.28 per month.

Continue these savings out for the first five years and you come out with \$2,536 even if the rate went up the maximum 2 percentage points in the sixth year of the five-year ARM program. It would take a few more years to eat up the \$2,536 you saved in the first five years.

Even if you're not a risk taker, you still may find the 10-year ARM to your liking. It stays fixed for 10 years and then starts to adjust. The rate most likely will be lower than a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. Generally ARMs have 30-year payment terms, but most times can be paid off early without penalty.

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Architect and client make first hard choices



STEVEN SIVAK

The project I began discussing last week is going to form the basis for an ongoing series of articles that I hope will illustrate the process that a homeowner undertakes when using the services of an architect. Last week discussed the process of buying the land and the program or list of rooms that were to be included.

Initial versions of the project were lean and fat free, with a very modest foyer - no walk-in closets or socializing area in the kitchen - and totaled 3,300 square feet. Increasing the size of the foyer, adding more storage space and making the kitchen larger have significantly contributed to the 800-square-foot increase in the size of the house. At a proposed budget of 125 per square foot, these area increases will cost my client an additional \$100,000. Although I really do not want the project to cost more

than intended, it is my professional obligation to inform him of the new budget for the project. Giving them the bad news as soon as it is known usually makes things easier in the long run.

One of the more difficult struggles we have had with this project is deciding what the skin (exterior material) would be made of. Initially, the client requested a very low maintenance material. This led me to some exotic architectural-grade materials including cast-in-place concrete and/or a few different kinds of sheet metal including Core-Ten steel (the kind that appears rusted and is used on bridges and overpasses), zinc and Galvalum. All low maintenance and all rejected either due to cost or unsuitability.

Brick is an obvious choice, but the way it is commonly used as a veneer is somehow immoral. In the end, brick was used for portions of the house but never as a veneer and only in a load-bearing mode. The client likes the fact that there are some interior walls that are exposed brick.

The remaining major portion of the exterior is a 3/4-inch tongue-and-groove wood siding; either red cypress or redwood, which will be determined in subsequent phases. The decision to use wood can be traced back to both budget and aesthetics. A wood-veneered skin can range from \$6-8 per square foot, a brick veneered skin costs \$7-9 per square foot, and a metal skin can cost \$8.50-11.50 per square foot. Wood and brick are indigenous in the Midwest (funny, though, how the wood species being considered come from either California or the Deep South) and we feel that there will be greater harmony with the neighborhood. The study in sheet metals was informative, and the client was interested in the zero maintenance aspect of the material - it was I who rejected the material as being too boring!

We will however use lead-coated copper for all flashing and gravelstops on the project. Windows can be high maintenance items as well, and there are lots of options here for reducing the upkeep. Our first choice was to use a high-performance commercial grade aluminum window. Then I happen to look at Frank Lloyd Wright's Affleck house in

Bloomfield Hills and noticed that he had windows milled out of cypress that matched the exterior skin of the house. In doing more research, I found a western mill that can make windows out of redwood and another in the South which can make them out of cypress, and so I will let price and appearance make the final decision for me.

We have spent a fair amount of time discussing the heating and cooling for the house, and I will admit that this is a bit unusual because most houses in this part of the country use forced air heating and cooling. The initial cost of these systems are the lowest, but their long-term costs are high due to their inefficiency, and this is certainly the case when it is realized that this house will be occupied by one or two adults who like to wear sweaters!

The system of choice is a gas-fired hydronic in-floor system. It is invisible - no ducts, radiator or grills, and the house can be zoned off in any way one desires so that if just 30 percent of the house is being lived in, the temperature of those other areas can be set as low as one pleases. Each zone can have its own thermostat, and the house can use minimal fuel and still be extremely comfortable.

In addition, these systems provide heat on the floor where it is required and are great for providing even heat throughout a space without dust and drafts.

The neat thing about these systems is that an installer can run auxiliary lines below walks and drives to melt snow and ice. There is nothing like stepping onto warm ceramic tile after taking a shower in the winter.

Unfortunately, there are some drawbacks to this heating system, and they are the lack of humidification and the lack of air conditioning. Adding humidity to the dry winter air is essential and can be handled by the use of permanently installed humidifiers that are plumbed and hard wired. Each unit can handle an average floor and are modest in price.

Air conditioning is a more expensive problem to solve and can be partially solved by using the passive solar techniques including cross ventilation, higher ceilings, operable windows, ceiling fans and/or whole-house fans and southern overhangs and deciduous trees. This will provide comfort on all but those six to 10 days when the temperature is 100 degrees and the humidity is nearing 100 percent. For those days Sanyo makes an outstanding ductless air-conditioning system for those critical areas like bedrooms and kitchens - the cost is high, and it may be less expensive to install central air and no furnace.

We have even discussed floor finishes, which is a little bit premature but is essential to the overall scheme. The client saw cork tiles that I used on another

project and really likes the natural quality of this product along with its acoustic absorbency and comfort under foot. It is actually much more durable than one would imagine - I have been in a house built in the 1940s that still has its original cork floor in place, and it looked good, real good!

Years of waxing the cork tile gives it a deep warm quality. Other areas will use a synthetic commercial closed-loop carpet, which is very architectural and relatively cheap. Baths will be tiled, and that can range from \$4-\$100 per square foot - it is too early to tell what it will be.

So, with the end of schematic design just around the corner, we have designed the entire house in a topical manner. I believe the client is pleased with the design, and I know that I am. This house answers the challenges the client and the site set before me and does so in an elegant manner.

Well, that is all for now, but we will check back on this project next month to see what has transpired.

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Elsa elected director

Richard S. Elsa, president of Real Estate One, a family-owned company headquartered in Farmington Hills, has been elected a director of the Realty Alliance.

Our members are owner/operators of large, full-service, residential firms with mul-

multiple offices currently representing over 50,000 salespeople and a significant support staff," said Harley E. Rouda, vice chairman.

"Our goal is basically to move forward in products and services and, with the onset of better technology today, to better utilize that for home buyers and home sellers," Elsa said.

Real Estate One has 31 offices. Realty Alliance is headquartered in Dallas.

Interactive marketing

The Prudential Great Lakes Realty in Clarkston has launched an interactive marketing display called window talk. The computer-based display features houses for sale in Oakland and Genesee counties.

The system utilizes a special thru-glass keypad design that enables passers-by to inquire about any home displayed in the window. The person simply touches the property's code number on the pad, then listens to an audio description of its features.

At the end of the audio, the person may leave a name and number for further information. The display area holds up to 100 properties.

The Clarkston office is at 32 South Main.

Hotel sold

Los Angeles-based Windsor Hospitality Group has purchased the Radisson Suite Hotel in Farmington Hills for \$9 million.

Windsor expects to implement

a \$1 million property improvement plan in January, including suite furnishings and technological enhancements.

The four-story hotel, located on Grand River near I-275 and 10 Mile, is eight years old. Amenities include 137 suites, indoor pool and Periwinkle's restaurant and lounge.

New mortgage office

Homestead Mortgage, headquartered in Southfield, has opened a new residential mortgage branch in Saginaw.

"It was actually a stroke of luck that we were able to hire nearly the entire staff of the former First Central Mortgage Corp. which was located in Saginaw," said Dennis Carr, Home-

stead executive vice president.

First Central was closed in August after it was purchased by Independent Bank of East Lansing.

Real estate investors

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts a seminar, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Real Estate But Were Afraid to Ask," 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost is \$10 for non-members. Beginning landlords interested in a free introduction package should call Wayne Koehler, president, at (313) 277-4168.

Home ownership

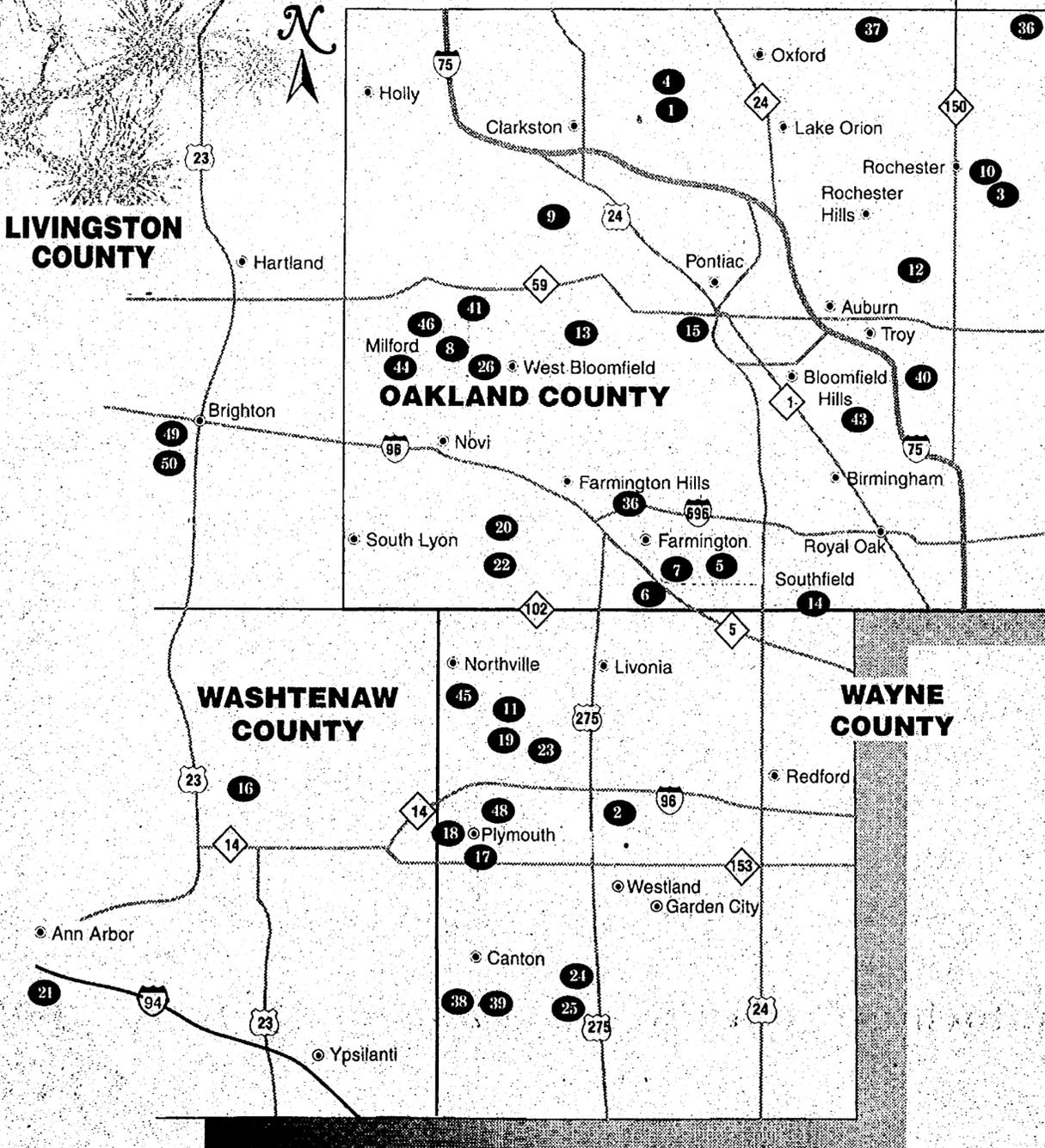
registry accounts

Ross Mortgage of Oak Park and MCA Mortgage of Southfield are among the first local firms to establish a special savings account to help newlyweds acquire a down payment for a house.

An interest-bearing, insured account, similar to bridal registries at department stores, allows newlyweds to accumulate cash from family and friends to purchase a house in lieu of traditional wedding gifts.

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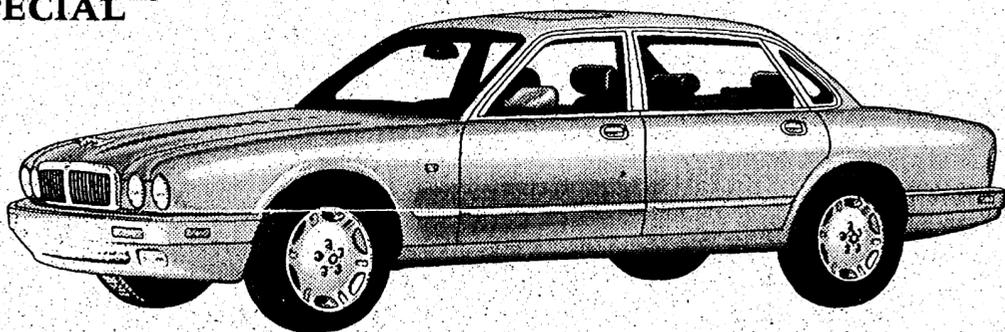
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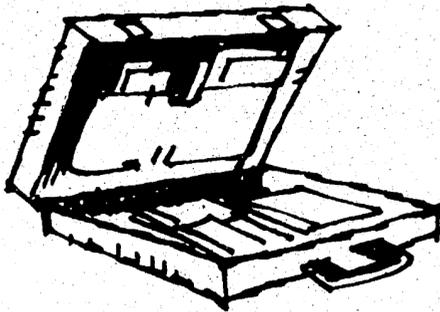
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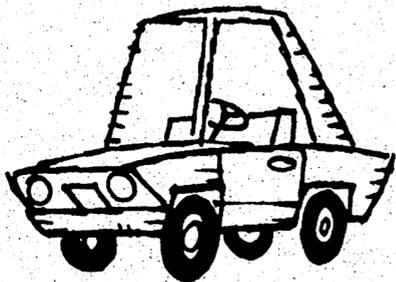
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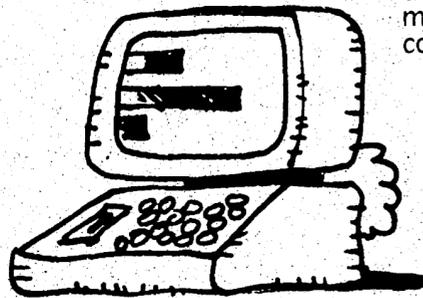
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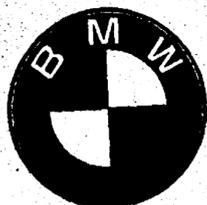
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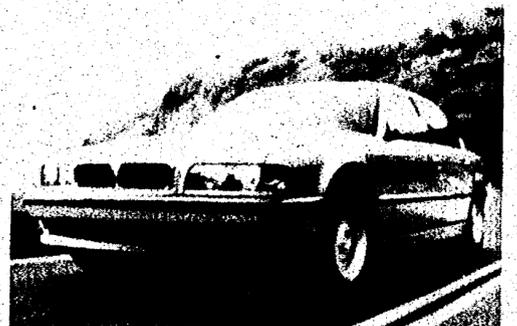
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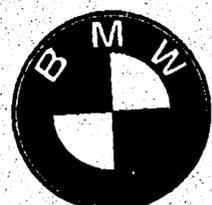
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