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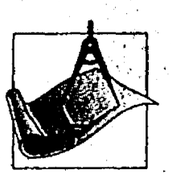

A $930,000 addition to Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center has missed a November grand opening. Instead, the new 4,620-square-foot addition is expected to be unveiled early next year.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A $930,000 addition to Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center has missed a November grand opening originally planned by city officials.

Instead, the new 4,620-square-foot addition, which will include a computer room for seniors, is expected to be unveiled early next year.

"I'm hoping it will open in late January or early February," Friendship Center director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said Monday.

The building's new portion marks a 36 percent increase in size for the Friendship Center, which currently has 12,568 square feet of space.

A grand opening delay has been blamed on problems such as construction materials arriving late.

But Kozorosky-Wiacek said the addition will be worth the wait when it is unveiled early next year.

"It's going to be absolutely gorgeous," she said. "The community and the seniors will be very proud of it."

The addition is being built onto the front of the Friendship Center, located at 1119 N. Newburgh, just north of Marquette. It will include a large multi-purpose room that can be partitioned into as many as four smaller rooms.

The addition also will house five computers, and Kozorosky-Wiacek is hoping that seniors will be able to take on-site computer training classes as early as February.

The city is building the addition with a federal loan that will be repaid over the next 10 years from Community Development Block Grant funds, Westland housing/community development director James Gilbert has said.

Westland receives about $1.2 million a year in federal CDBG dollars, and he said during a groundbreaking in June that the city is "borrowing against the future" to build the addition.

The Friendship Center has 2,500 members who pay several dollars a year to participate in senior citizen pro-

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Seeing Santa

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A pause for Claus: *Above, fans of Santa Claus gather outside Westland Center Saturday awaiting his arrival. Everyone smiles and waves as he arrives. Below, Santa greets the crowd at the shopping center as the holiday shopping season begins. At right, Holiday Bear gives out hugs. Santa will hear holiday wishes daily at the mall.*

Kettle drive to begin

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

The Westland-based Salvation Army will launch its holiday fund-raiser Friday amid hopes of raising $110,000 this season.

The money will be used to buy food baskets and toys for needy families during the holiday season and to help provide emergency food, shelter and clothing year-round, Capt. Mark Welsh said.

Salvation Army volunteers also will visit nursing homes and low-income senior citizens to deliver holiday gifts and cheer, he said.

The Salvation Army, based at 2300 Venoy Road south of Palmer, hopes to raise $110,000 between Friday and Dec. 24.

That marks a 10 percent increase over last year's $100,000 goal, which was surpassed by $3,000.

Volunteers who want to ring bells and collect donations in the familiar Salvation Army red kettles may call 722-3660.

The holiday fund-raiser also is getting a big boost from area businesses that have formed partnerships with the Salvation Army. Consider:

■ North Brothers Ford plans to collect food and cash donations from employees and customers. The business hopes to collect 10 pickup truckloads of food.

■ Ford Motor Co. has allowed volunteers to raise money during afternoon shift changes at its Wayne plant. "That kind of opportunity really assists us," Welsh said. "We can raise more money there in a shift change than all day at some stores."

■ The new Westland Sears store will be added to the list of other local businesses allowing the Salvation Army to accept donations at their doors.

■ Organizations such as Westland Civitans, Westland Rotary and the Light and Life Free Methodist Church plan to contribute bell-ringers for the season.

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Fund-raiser to help with cancer patient's bills

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Funny how things work out, says Christine Carroll.

For one thing, if she and husband Kevin hadn't sold their house in February, they'd be worse off financially than they are now.

For another, if Kevin hadn't taken his new job when he did, they might not have had any medical insurance.

And third, if the lump that popped out under her chin last June had grown inward instead, the 29-year-old mother of two might not be here today.

As it is, she's alive and doing whatever she is able for children Amanda, 6, and Craig, 2.

But the chemotherapy and surgery she's needed to fight her cancer have made the 29-year-old Westland woman violently ill, taken her hair and wiped out the family finances.

Still, Christine feels lucky: "I think somebody is watching over me," she says.

That includes her large extended family, whose members are holding a 1950s-'60s-'70s dinner-dance Saturday night to help knock down some of the $5,000-plus in medical bills that the sale of their house and Kevin's insurance doesn't cover.

The 6:30 p.m. fund-raiser Nov. 29 at the VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft in Redford, is open to the public, with prizes for best costume. Revenue should come from ticket sales – $60 per couple, $30 per individual – and raffles of old-fashioned Santa Clauses made by a cousin, Linda Sugars, and a collection of Precious Moments figurines owned by Christine's mother, Pat George of Wyandotte.

"We're a big family and very close, very caring," says Sugars, a Detroit legal secretary from Columbus, Mich. "When one's down, the others come around to help."

In the past, for example, she and Christine have worked at another

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Junior Miss winner named

Stephanie Mead of Westland danced away with the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss title and $4,100 in scholarship money Saturday night.

Mead, a senior at John Glenn High School, won the title, the spirit award, the audience participation award, the presence and composure award and the fitness award.

Mead said her first thought was "I'm going to college," referring to the scholarship money.

All the participants had fun preparing for the event, Mead said. "Every week was fun. We all worked as a good team," she said. "I'd do it all over again."

More than 20 contestants participated in the 1997-98 Junior Miss Scholarship Program, held Saturday night at the Stockmeyer Auditorium near Wayne Memorial.

Amy McKerracher, a senior at John Glenn, was named first runner-up and also won the talent award for a total of $2,600 in scholarship money.

Mary Crofts, a senior at John Glenn, was named second runner-up and also won the interview and scholastic awards for $3,000 in scholarship money.

Other scholarship winners included Katrina Zacharczuk, winner of the bowlathon fund-raiser scholarship of $200. Amanda Roberts also won a $100 bowlathon scholarship. Participants held a bowlathon fund-raiser in October.

Mead, a member of the National Honor Society, the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company, SADD, DARE,

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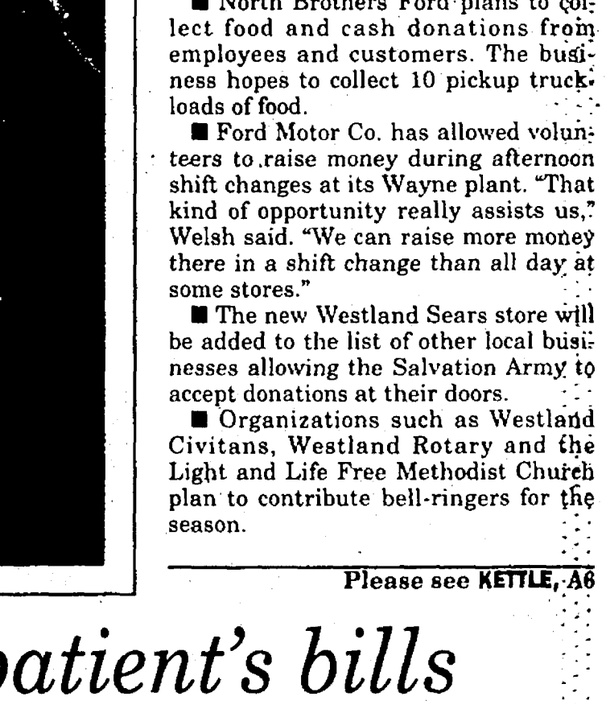

PHOTO BY JERRY MENDOZA

Winners: *Second runner-up Mary Crofts, winner Stephanie Mead, and first runner-up Amy McKerracher are all smiles at the program.*

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grams, activities and services. The membership has grown by some 500 seniors in just a few months.

An additional 4,000 seniors are helped with homebound meals, home chores and periodic, on-site services such as medical checkups and legal aid.

Seniors and the business community have contributed time, energy and money to the project, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

Seniors, alone, had pledged to raise $50,000 to furnish the addition by sponsoring fund-raisers and making donations.

"They've raised $63,000," Kozorosky-Wiacek said Monday, noting that seniors exceeded their goal by $13,000.

"The seniors have supported the addition more than anything they've ever supported before," she said. "They really see the need for it."

One local official, Wayne-Westland school board vice president Mathew McCusker, suggested recently that the city should spend as much money on youth programs as it does on senior services.

■ The membership has grown by some 500 seniors in just a few months.

Some Westland City Council members conceded that more should be done for the city's youth, but most have said they are proud of the level of services provided for seniors.

City officials such as Kozorosky-Wiacek have stressed that Westland has a growing senior citizen population and that the city must plan to meet increased senior needs.

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Lights on

Christmas enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to attend the city of Westland's annual tree lighting ceremony, scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, in front of Westland City Hall on Ford Road.

The fun will start with singing of Christmas carols and will include an announcement of winners of a children's essay contest on "What Christmas Means to Me."

Of course, the big treat will be the arrival of Santa Claus, who will join local dignitaries on City Hall steps before going next door to the city's main fire station, where he will meet with children.

Resident honored

Westland resident Elnora Ford, senior executive secretary at University of Michigan-Dearborn, has received an award from Operation ABLE (Ability Based on Long Experience), a nonprofit organization established in 1986.

Ford received the Ability is Ageless Most ABLE Award, given annually to employees at least 50 years old who daily make a difference to their companies through their experience, work ethic and commitment to excellence.

Ford was one of nine recipients recently given the Most ABLE Award.

Town hall meeting

U.S. Rep. Lynn N. Rivers will be holding a town hall meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Dorsey Community Center at 32715 Dorsey in Westland.

The meeting will be an open forum at which attendees are free to discuss a wide range of subjects with the congresswoman.

Rivers will begin the program by discussing recent actions in the 105th Congress. She will then open the floor to questions.

The program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to raise issues, offer concerns and become informed about current congressional activities. For more information, call Michelle Heikka in Rivers' district office at (313) 722-1411.

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cousin's metro Detroit bakery when that relative needed help.

Now that cousin, Donna Smielewski, and Sugars have organized the dinner-dance for the Carrolls.

Christine is "a very sweet, very nice, wonderful girl – she just has a beautiful personality," says Linda.

Furthermore, Sugars herself has had skin cancer and "I understand the fear that comes with anything like it."

Christine's story begins last February when, hoping to find a larger house, the couple sold their Dearborn Heights home and moved in with Kevin's mother, Bonnie Carroll of Westland.

Kevin, a 1984 Westland John Glenn graduate and apprentice electrician, was studying to become a journeyman and had taken a new job when Christine began having backaches.

Then, the night before Christine, a 1987 Trenton High graduate who loved to inline skate, was due to visit the doctor, a lump appeared under her jaw.

Christine, a salesperson at the Disney Store in Fairlane Center, thought it was a mosquito bite, "but it became the size of a golf ball and wasn't going away."

On June 26, a month before her 29th birthday, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease of the lymph glands. Besides the lump under her chin, there was one under an arm.

She's lucky the one under her chin protruded "or I would have never known I had cancer" because the disease can't be detected by blood tests.

Surgeons removed the chin-lump the day of diagnosis. But she faced CT scans and bone marrow tests to see if the disease was in her blood.

On Sept. 1, after two months of testing, she began chemotherapy for the lump under her arm.

That meant two and a half months of five-day chemo treatments, followed by two to five days of violent illness as she recuperated.

Mercifully, that ended Nov. 14, but the doctors aren't finished. Around Dec. 1, she begins radiation aimed at the majority of the cancer.

"I hope to know via CT scan in mid-December about whether the cancer is gone from under my right arm," she says. "I'm hoping that this is a great Christmas present – that all my tests come back clean. That would be really nice, yes."

In the meantime, she thanks her husband, her mother-in-law and her other relatives for their help and support.

And she continues to pull strength and determination from watching Amanda and Craig.

"I want to do everything I can for my kids," she says. "That keeps me going, keeps me with a positive attitude."

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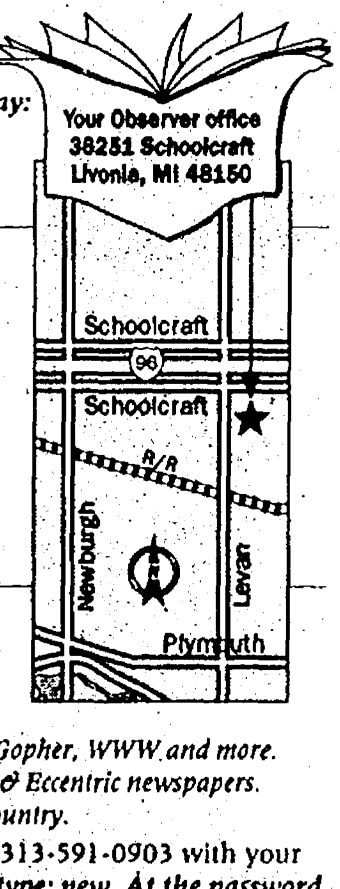

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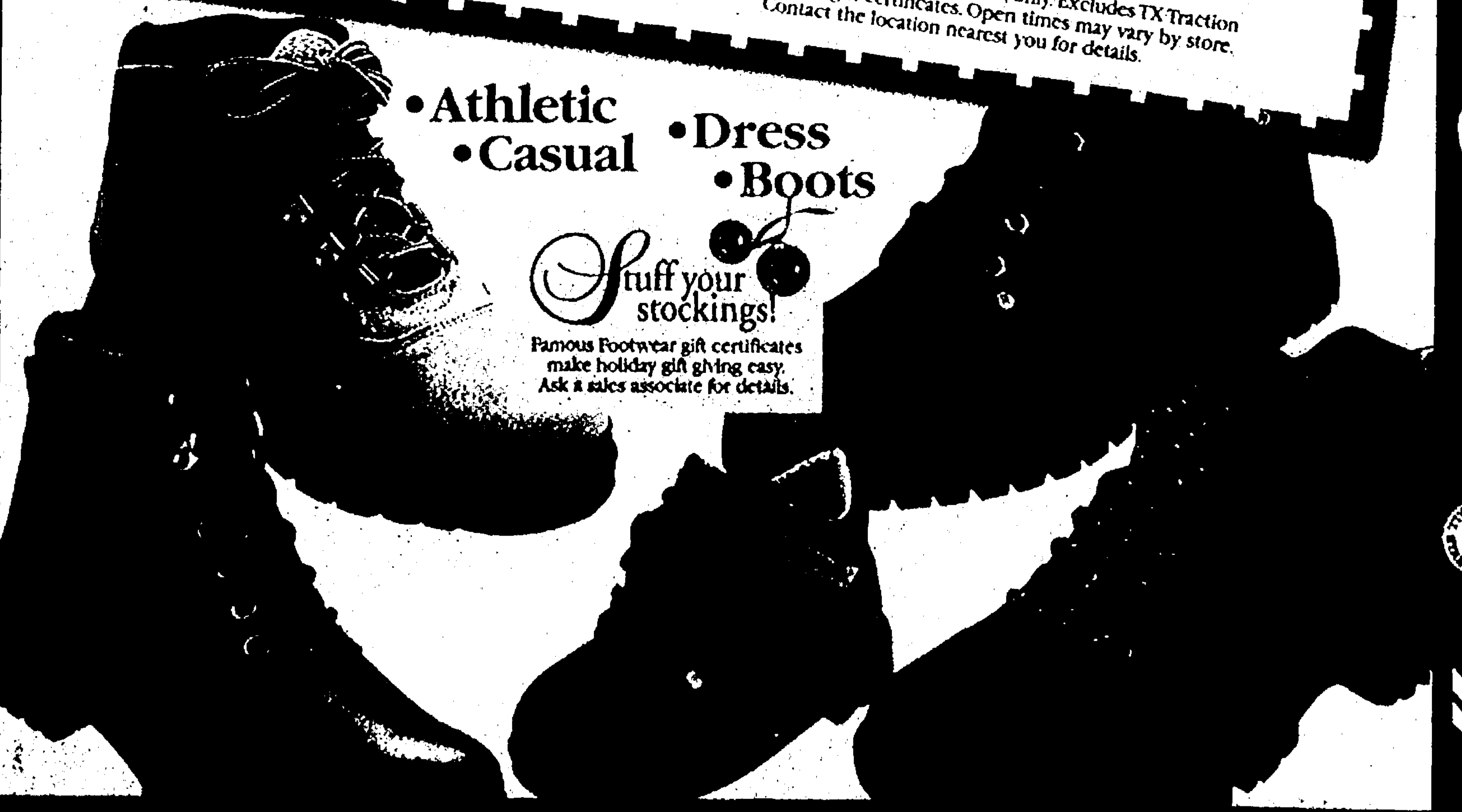

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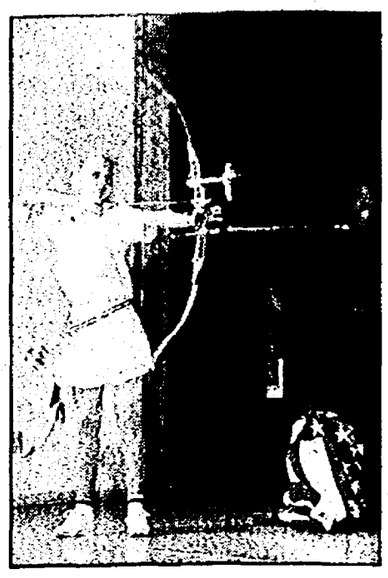
Making the grades: *Above, the judges do their job during the 1997-98 Junior Miss scholarship program Saturday night. At right, Caitlin Darfler, a 14-year-old freshman from Wayne Memorial High School, sings as part of the evening's entertainment.*



Straight shot: *Michelle Birchard, a senior at Wayne Memorial, performs archery during the Junior Miss program Saturday night.*

Junior

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and captain of the Encore Dance Academy, hopes to have a career in dance or animation. She hasn't selected a college yet.

All the contestants are seniors at Wayne Memorial, John Glenn or Churchill high schools. Applicants must live in Wayne or Westland or attend a Wayne or Westland high school to participate in the annual program.

They were judged on five categories: scholastic, presence and composure, physical fitness, talent and interview.

Participants this year also included: Jamie McPartlin, Audrey Shyu, L'Oreal Fowlkes, Julie Anderson, AnneMarie James, Mary Gillispie, Jennifer Marchand, Kimberly Corney, Krista Kordie and Stephanie Thompson of John Glenn High School, Michelle Birchard, Michele Mayberry, Teresa Yorke, Alison Kulas, Crystal Bumbalough, Jean Leverenz and Lakesha Butler of Wayne Memorial High School and Melissa Anderson of Churchill High School.

The winner goes on to compete in Michigan's Junior Miss program at Alpena March 14, 1998. The winner at the state level goes on to compete in America's Junior Miss program in Alabama.

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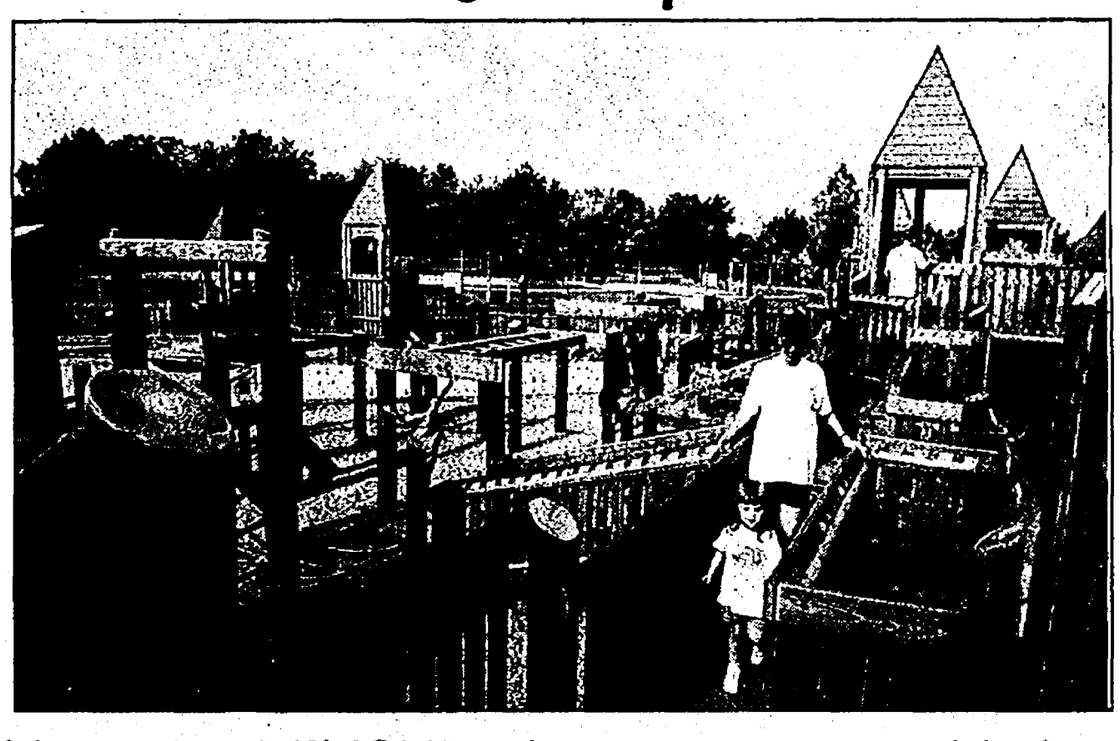

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Auditor general gets separate budget

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners took action Thursday to allow the auditor general to operate his own budget, separate from the county commission.

Commissioners amended the 1997-98 budget appropriations ordinance in a unanimous vote to allow Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy to operate under a separate internal service fund, which will allow him to charge county departments for reimbursement.

With the move Dunleavy can now allocate audit costs to departments. It also allows him to allocate costs through a special cost allocation fund, which the auditor general's office has not done since 1992.

The reimbursement will help Dunleavy increase his $1.1 million budget and six auditors, bringing it more in line with the city of Detroit, which spends $2.4 million to staff 22 auditors.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, introduced the resolution on Thursday, which calls for either a direct charge system or an indirect cost allocation system. It calls for the chief financial officer of the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget to establish the office of the auditor general as an independent internal service fund.

County Executive Ed McNamara can veto the ordinance within 10 days, but it was not known Monday whether he would do so.

Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, wondered if this would be classified as a legislative expense and, therefore, not reimbursable with grants.

The commission's legal counsel, Ben Washburn, told Parker that the auditor general is not necessarily a legislative function. "Some of it is, some of it is not," Washburn said.

Dunleavy appreciated the commission's unanimous action on his office after commissioners had an earlier split vote between Detroit and suburban commissioners over a budget appropriation for his department.

"I think Vice Chair Beard did an outstanding job," Dunleavy said. "(Beard) and chairman Solomon were able to unite the commission on this matter."

Dunleavy called it a first step in a process to strengthen the auditor general's office in obtaining additional revenue by charging Detroit Metro Airport, county roads and mental health departments for audits.

While Dunleavy was hired by the county commission earlier this year, in theory he is independent of that legislative body. Wayne County voters gave the auditor general more power in November 1996 through the approval of a charter amendment.

With those powers Dunleavy will be auditing county departments at least once every two years, including the county commission.

Dunleavy hopes he can add auditors through department reimbursements and possibly a budget increase, which could be a second step.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, supported the independence of the internal service fund. "(The auditor general) is something that should be treated as such."

Beard said, "It was extremely important to have this resolution adopted today."

Beard said an auditing contract for $88,500 with KPMG Peat Marwick to complete a cost allocation study now must include instructions to include Dunleavy's office. Commissioners were concerned on Tuesday over whether Dunleavy could be included.

As a result, commissioners expect to act on that contract at a later date, after commissioners "passed (the item) for the day" on Thursday.

Economists eye 3.8 percent increase for school state aid

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Public schools can look forward to 3.8 percent boosts in state revenues in each of the next two years, say University of Michigan economists.

"3.8? I'll accept that," said state treasurer Doug Roberts, who was in the audience Nov. 21 for the 45th annual Conference on the Economic Outlook on the Ann Arbor campus.

U-M economists Joan Crary and George Fulton included estimates of the school aid fund with their predictions for Michigan job, income and unemployment growth in the two years ahead.

School aid is now an important figure because, since the Proposal A reforms of 1994, the state is now the biggest provider of K-12 funds. In that package of constitutional amendments and bills, local property taxes were slashed and replaced by a two-cents hike in the sales tax.

They estimated $8.35 billion in state aid for 1997 and projected $8.67 billion in 1998 and just under $9 billion in 1999.

"That's about what we expected," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, a member of the Appropriations Committee.

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SC students eligible for Hope Tax Credit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Students at Schoolcraft College may find hope in softening the blow of rising costs of college tuition in a new tax credit.

Schoolcraft officials are willing to defer payment for the winter 1998 semester only, so that students can take advantage of the Hope Tax Credit, which was approved by Congress in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

Students can be credited against federal income taxes of up to $1,500 for qualified tuition and fees paid on behalf of a student, which is available for the first two years of a student's post secondary education only.

Students can receive 100 percent credit on the first $1,000 and 50 percent of the next $1,000 or $500, Butch Raby, vice president of business services at Schoolcraft, told trustees on Nov. 19.

Taxpayers who earn up to $40,000 qualify or $80,000 if married. The credit amount is phased out between $40,000 and $50,000 if single, and $80,000 to $100,000 for married taxpayers.

"They have to be enrolled for at least six credit hours," Raby said.

Students also must not have been convicted of a state or federal drug offense before the end of the tax year.

Under the school's normal procedures, students who register now and pay now for winter classes would not qualify for the tax credit, Raby said.

"What we've done is students can delay payments until January 1998," Raby said. "That way, they will get the maximum tax credit. In future years, it shouldn't be a problem because (the credit) will roll over."

Students will be asked to fill out a Hope Tax Credit form during registration to arrange for a deferred payment.

Raby estimates that 2,000 to 3,000 students may qualify for the credit.

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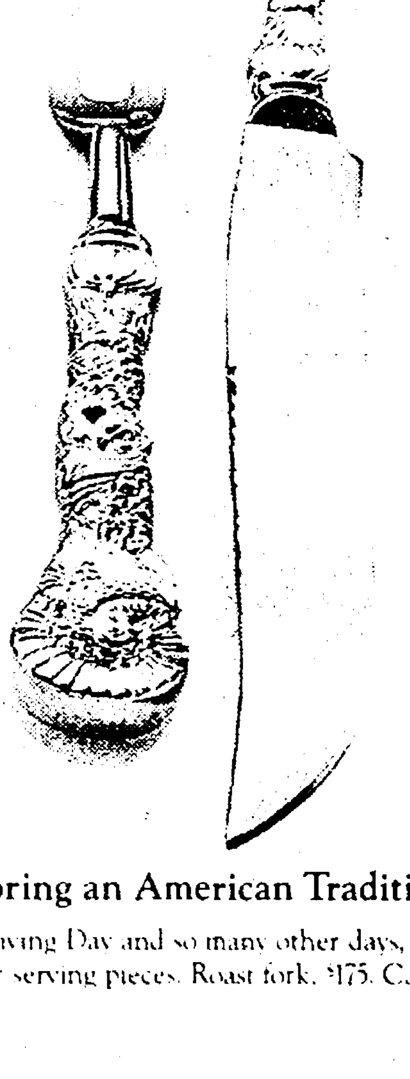
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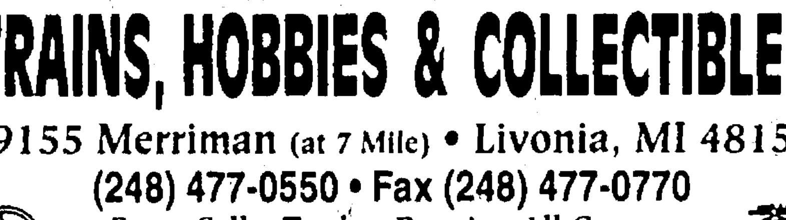
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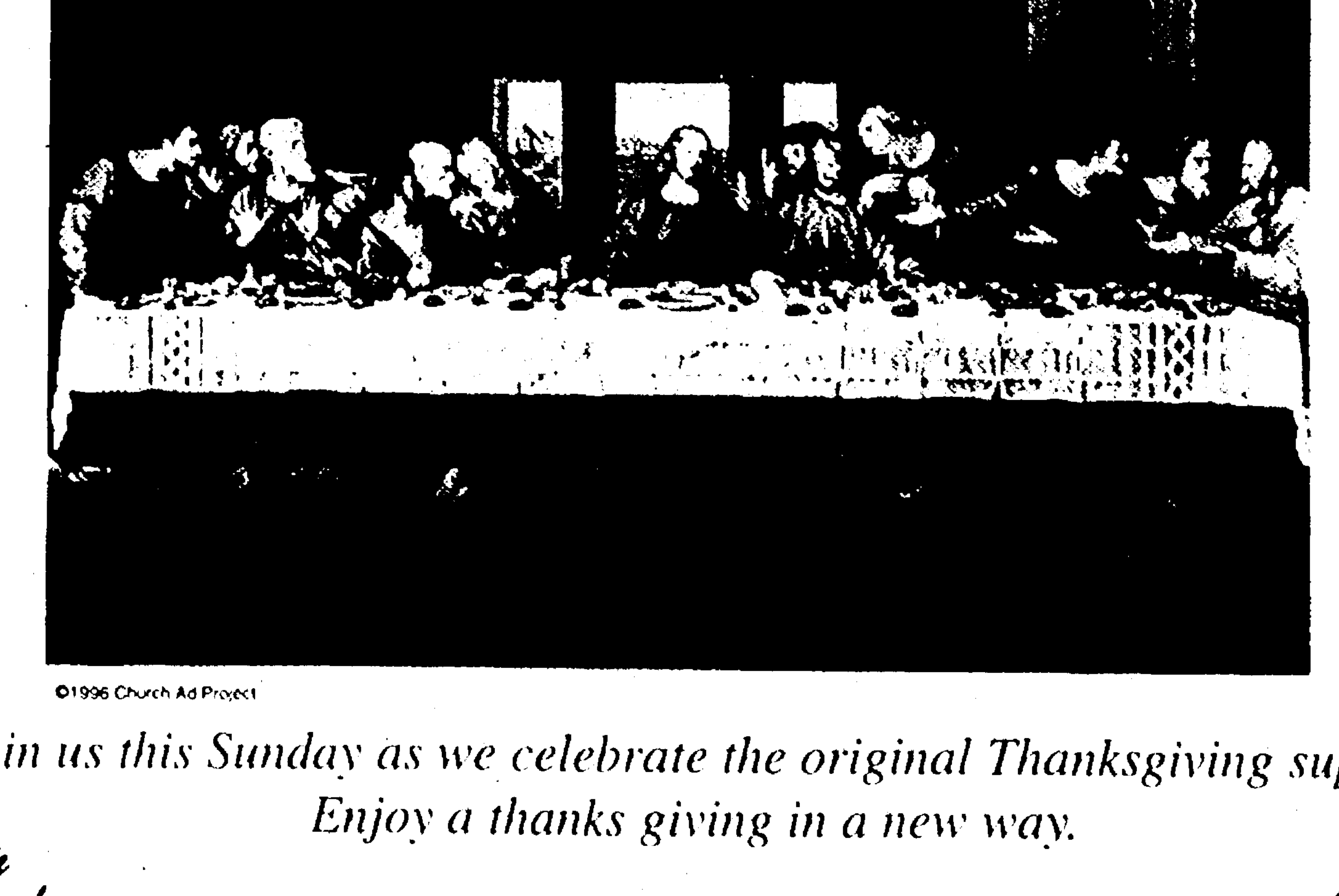
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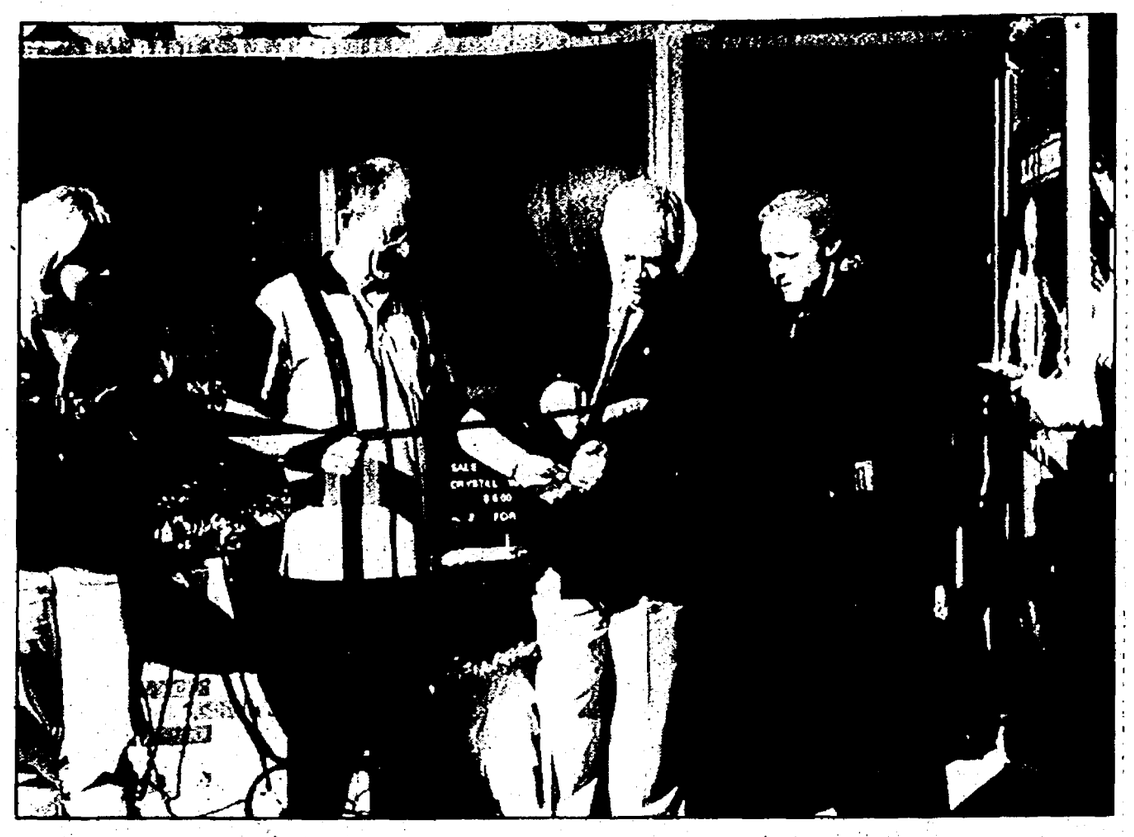


Ribbon cutting: *A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in October at Antique Collectibles. From left to right are: Barb Harris, co-manager Ron LaMontaine, Mayor Robert Thomas, and co-manager David Ball.*

Antiques-collectibles store opens

A new store featuring antiques and collectibles opened Aug. 1 in Westland.

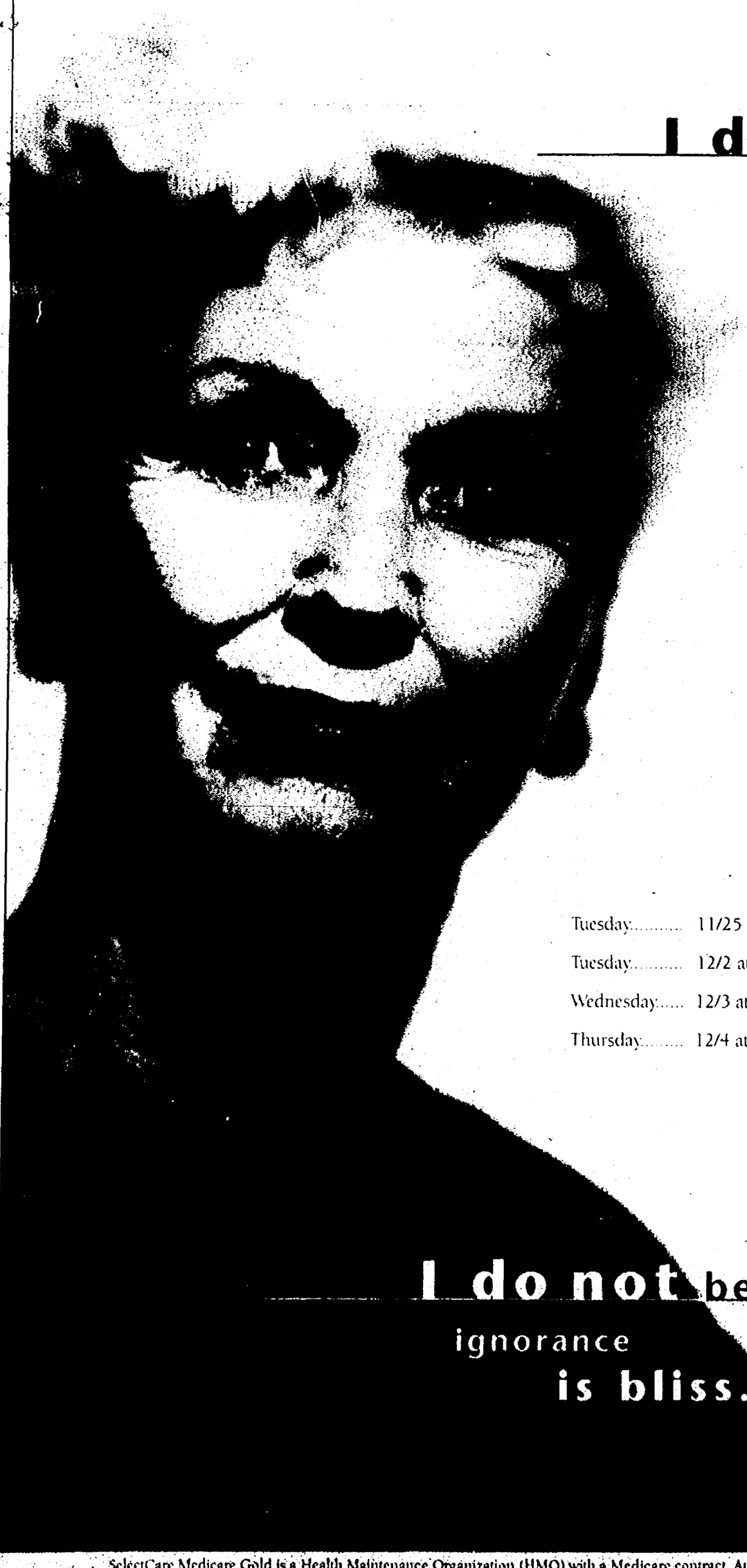
Located in the Joy-Hix Shopping Plaza at Joy and Hix roads, Antique-Collectibles features many types of antiques and collectibles.

Included are: Beanie Babies, Diana collectibles, dishware and glassware, Red Wing collectibles, salt and pepper shakers, porcelain dolls, Barbie collectibles, clocks, watches and sports cards.

Antique-Collectibles buys, sells and trades antiques and collectibles and dealers can also rent an area or showcase in the store to sell their goods.

The shop also features other gift items such as candles and greeting cards.

The store is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Phone number is (313) 254-9581.



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■ Employees from the city of Westland's parks and recreation, fire, police and community development departments, among others, plan to help raise money, Welsh said. The mayor's office also plans to help out, he said.

■ Toarmina's Pizza has agreed to put fliers on its pizza boxes to inform customers about the Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family and Adopt-a-Child programs, in which volunteers buy holiday gifts for entire families or individual children.

■ The Westland Community Foundation will seek toy donations during a holiday classical concert featuring the Franklin High School Choir and LaCorda String Ensemble at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 10 at the new St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road. Rather than paying an admission, those attending are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army. To attend, call 595-7727 by Dec. 1.

The Salvation Army has had to seek new and innovative ways of reaching its fund-raising goals in recent years, after being shut out of some locations where volunteers used to ring bells and raise money.

People who want to help the Salvation Army are encouraged to drop money in the familiar red kettles or send checks to the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy Road, Westland, Mich. 48186.

Scouts help vets

The Veteran's Haven Inc. of Westland experienced the spirit of the holiday season as recipients of a local Boy Scout troop's generosity.

The veterans organization will be able to distribute hundreds of winter coats, clothing and nonperishable food items collected under the leadership of future Eagle Scout Shane Smith.

Smith, a Dearborn youngster and member of Boy Scout Troop 1111 out of the Presbyterian Cherry Hill Church in Dearborn, voluntarily undertook the responsibility of a clothing drive for homeless and needy vets.

According to Vince Berna, Veteran's Haven president, Smith contacted him in September and proposed the idea of organizing the clothing/food drive.

"We gave him the green light to proceed with this event," said Smith. "Two months later he called explaining that they had completed their mission and had collected coats, sweaters, clothing and canned goods from over 1000 homes."

Smith and his fellow troop members were able to make the holiday season a lot brighter and "warmer" for many local vets who are expected to receive the donations said Berna.

Airports win grants

Ten Michigan airports will receive $41 million in state and federal grants to improve air travel, Gov. John Engler announced Nov. 12 as part of his statewide effort to rebuild the transportation infrastructure of the state.

"We are aggressively rebuilding all of Michigan's transportation systems," Engler said. 'These grants will be used to improve air commerce at ten airports from Detroit Metro to Houghton Hancock."

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- $1.8 million to Clare Municipal Airport for a new runway and rotating beacon.
- $1 million to Mackinac County Airport in St. Ignace to construct a parallel taxiway.

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission approved the grants at its regular monthly meeting in Lansing on Nov. 12. The commission action clears the way for issuance of the federal portion of the funds.

Federal and state dollars for airport development come from restricted, user-generated funds. The primary sources of revenue are aviation fuel, passenger taxes and aircraft registration fees.

Madonna award helps fund Internet course

Madonna University has been awarded a $25,000 grant from the Ameritech Foundation to develop or expand its use of innovative technology.

The grant will help the school develop a World Wide Web course on palliative care for hospice care workers in the United States and Israel, preparing them to deliver effective care to incurably ill patients.

The program is a collaboration of Madonna, Hospice of Michigan, Hospice of Central Galilee/Ha'Emek Medical Center in Israel, and the Jewish Federation of Detroit. Madonna University is a leader in pioneering academic programs in hospice education.

The Ameritech Partnership Award was developed to encourage the innovative use of technology in higher education by private institutions in the company's five-state region.

More than $200,000 was dedicated this year to this awards program by the Ameritech Foundation. All accredited, degree-granting institutions that are members of the Midwest Partnership of Independent Colleges were eligible to participate and invited to compete on a statewide basis for one of two cash awards.

Robert Cooper, president of Ameritech Michigan, said the Ameritech Partnership Award Program underscores Ameritech's commitment to higher education, particularly independent colleges and universities.

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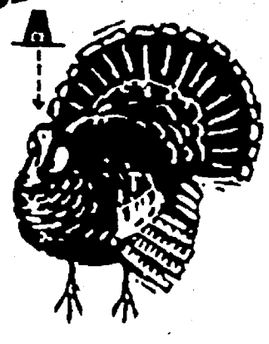

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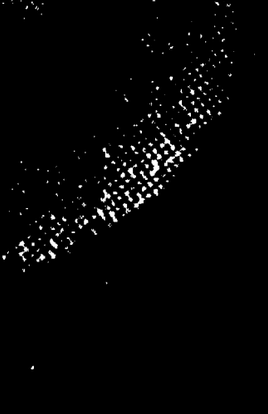

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Inflation 3 percent

The gains will be diluted a bit by inflation but "will remain in the comfort zone," said Crary. She expects the Detroit area consumer price index will rise 2.4 percent this year, 2.3 percent in 1998 and 3 percent in 1999.

"Local inflation is expected to run a little higher than national inflation, since the labor market in Michigan is projected to be tighter," the economists said.

Treasurer Roberts raised an eyebrow at their forecast of rising interest rates, which directly impact vehicle and real estate sales. They predicted the Federal Reserve Board would seek to dampen inflation by raising interest rates in 1998 in three or four steps from 5.5 to 7 percent.

The U-M economists predicted conventional mortgage rates would hold near 7.25 percent through early 1998, then go up to 8.2 percent in late '98 and 8.5 percent in 1999.

"They have interest rates going up 1.5 percent with little effect," said Roberts. "I'm not sure there will be little effect."

In an interview afterward, Crary clarified her view: "It (economic activity) is a decline from where it would have been."

'News good again'

Compared to the last three years, the U-M forecasters picture for the state was still rosy, though the roses are a bit paler. "The news is good again," Crary began. Items:

■ Michigan's unemployment rate, which dropped below 4 percent in mid-year, will hover around the 4 to 4.3 percent range in 1998 and reach 4.5 percent in 1999. But in what will be good news for Gov. John Engler, the state jobless rate will still be 0.5 to 1 percent below the national rate.

■ Construction will be jolted upward with three gambling casinos and two stadiums in Detroit. "Worrisome" labor shortages will develop, dampening job and income growth.

■ Jobs will continue to grow outside manufacturing, but not as fast as in the past few years. Michigan jobs will rise 52,000 in each of the next two years compared to 59,000 in 1997. It will mean "moderate" growth of 1.2 percent for the next two years compared to the current rate of 1.4 percent.

■ Job growth will be uneven. Manufacturing will lose 9,300 next year and 12,000 in 1999 as light vehicle sales remain flat around 15 million and productivity rises. (Before the day was out, General Motors announced it will shut down its Flint Buick City plant in 1999, idling 3,100.) Non-manufacturing jobs will rise 1.8 percent in each of the next two years.

■ Personal incomes will grow steadily – 4.6 percent this year, 4.8 in 1998 and 4.7 in 1999.

"The general mood is decidedly upbeat," Crary said. If expansion continues three more year, "this will be the longest run of growth in Michigan in this half of the century."

They had no breakdowns for any section of the state. The U-M economists will do an Ann Arbor area forecast in February and another for Oakland County in April.

"Oakland County is very strong," Fulton said. "This area is doing very well. A lot (of future) growth will come from it's come from in the past."

Two dampening developments were the 7,000 state workers who took early retirement this year and the planned closing of General Motors' Kalamazoo metal stamping plant with the loss of 1,000 jobs.

Crary said the U-M economists' predictions are getting closer and closer to actual performance. Last year they predicted a 4.6 percent rise in personal income; the actual was 4.3. They predicted 1.6 percent rise in wage and salary employment; the actual was 1.7.

Consumers happy

"Consumer confidence is now at its highest level in more than 30 years," said Richard T. Curtin, director of consumer surveys for U-M. "In the 20 years that I have participated in this conference, it has never been easier to summarize the recent findings."

The "index of consumer sentiment" has averaged 102.9 during the first 10 months of 1997 – highest since the 103.4 level in 1965. "It was widespread across all major population groups," Curtin said.

In some specific cases, consumer confidence in1997 is higher than 32 years ago. Asked if it's a good time to buy a vehicle, 74 percent this year said yes versus 53 percent in 1965. As for houses, 78 percent said now is a good time versus 57 percent in 1965.

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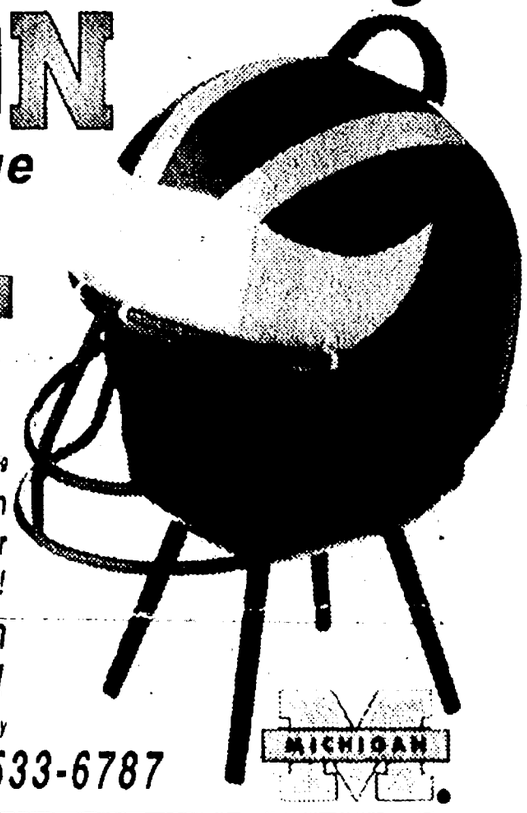
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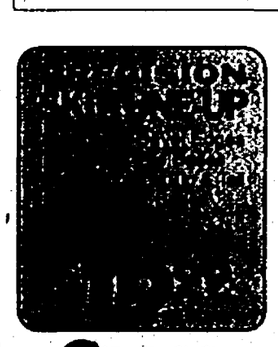

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MALCOLM W. MACNIVEN
Funeral services for Malcolm MacNiven, 66, of Alcona Township, Mich., were recently in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas G. Badley. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Mr. MacNiven, who died Nov. 18 in Ann Arbor, was born in Worchester, Mass. He retired from Ford Motor Co. four years ago after 40 years of service. He was an engineer in the light truck durability division. He was a member of the Lost Lake Woods Association. He loved golfing, hunting and fishing.

Surviving are: wife, Carlane; sons, Craig of Galt, Calif., Gary of Garden City; daughters, Nancy Ely of Commerce Township, Susan Goudeseune of Farmington Hills, Sandra Warren of Westland; father, Frank MacNiven of Lincoln, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

MAE M. WEAVER
Funeral services for Mae Weaver, 79, of Wayne were recently in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. James K. Cottrell. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia.

Mrs. Weaver died Nov. 18 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She was a member of the Lapeer Eagles No. 2427.

Surviving are: son, John Jr.; daughters, Linda Coleman, Peggy Cottrell, Janet Harsen; brothers, Bill Weston, Ray Weston, Harold Weston, Russell Weston; sisters, Betty Sabbag, Donna Spriggs; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Weaver was preceded in death by her husband, John, and sister, Shirley Walker.

JAMES C. WOOLFORD
Funeral services for James Woolford, 63, of Van Buren were recently in Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with burial at Southern Michigan Services. Cremation rites were accorded. Officiating was the Rev. Larry Rowland.

Mr. Woolford died Nov. 17 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. He was a retired custodian for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Surviving Mr. Woolford are: wife, Barbara of Belleville; sons, William and Dale; daughter, Sandra Tyo; sister, Dorothy Wade; and five grandchildren. Mr. Woolford was preceded in death by brothers, Billy Marsh and Donald Woolford; and sister, Arlene McDonald.

WALTER L. BICKEL
Funeral services for Walter Bickel, 92, of Westland were recently at Divine Savior Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Alexander Kuras. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mr. Bickel, who died Nov. 18 in Westland, was born in Louisville, Ky. He was a resident of Plymouth for 20 years, formerly of Detroit. He was an inspector with Chrysler Corp. prior to his retirement. He loved gardening and refinishing furniture.

Surviving Mr. Bickel are: daughter, Betty McInerney; grandchildren, Mark, Michael, Anne Terence and Cathleen; and 12 great-grandchildren. Mr. Bickel was preceded in death by his wife, Anne.

SIMON J. PIENTON SR.
Funeral services for Simon Pienton Sr., 69, of Westland were recently in St. Theodore Catholic Church with burial at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Daniel Zaleski. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home. Mr. Pienton died Nov. 18 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He was an aviation mechanic. He retired from United Airlines after 36 years of service.

Surviving Mr. Pienton are: wife, Nancy; son, Simon John Jr.; brother, Walter; and many nieces and nephews.

BERNICE E. JONES
Funeral services for Bernice Jones, 74, of Westland were recently in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Alfred Gould. Memorial contributions may be made to Ward Presbyterian Church or to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Jones died Nov. 19 in DMC Nursing and Convalescent Center. She was a bookkeeper.

Surviving are: son, James; daughters, Sara Faulds and Cheryl Summers; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Jones is preceded in death by her husband, Robert.

THELMA M. SYMONS
Funeral services for Thelma Symons, 76, of Wayne were recently in Wayne Wesleyan Church with burial at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. David Dahlberg. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Symons died Nov. 19 in Westland Convalescent Center. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, Robert; sons, Robert, Craig; brother, George Munro; sister, Bette Buelow; and three grandchildren. Mrs. Symons is preceded in death by her daughter, Desta, and brother, Alvin Munro.

JOSEPH J. SANKOWSKI
Funeral services for Joseph Sankowski, 87, of Westland were recently in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich. Officiating was Deacon Jim Hensel, of St. Theodore of Canterbury. Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Mr. Sankowski, who died Nov. 21 in Wayne, was born in Detroit. He was a machine operator.

Surviving are: stepdaughter, Mona Abbey of Livonia; sisters, Florence Lemke and Camilla; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mr. Sankowski is preceded in death by his wife, Eunice.

DAVID MARTELL
Funeral services for David Martell, 21, of Belleville were recently in Vermeulen Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Hugan of the Flatrock Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Martell, who died Nov. 19 in Wayne, was born in Westland. He was a correction officer for the department of corrections.

Surviving are: son, Dominic Pocaro of Midland, Mich.; mother, Victoria Riordin; sisters, Danielle Riordin, Mariah Riordin, Maegan Riordin; grandparents, Ann and Jack Blevins; and Reynaldo and Rachel Martell; and niece, Briane Riordin.

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A sophomore at John Glenn High School, Moreno's favorite subject is American wars.

His hobbies include playing guitar, and he plans to attend college to study music.

"A route can teach younger people responsibility and how to handle money," Moreno wrote.

He is the son of Gus and Sharon and brother of Erin, 8, and Caitlin, 6.

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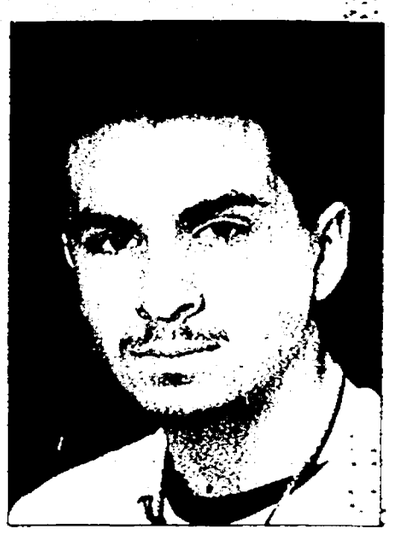

Nathan Moreno

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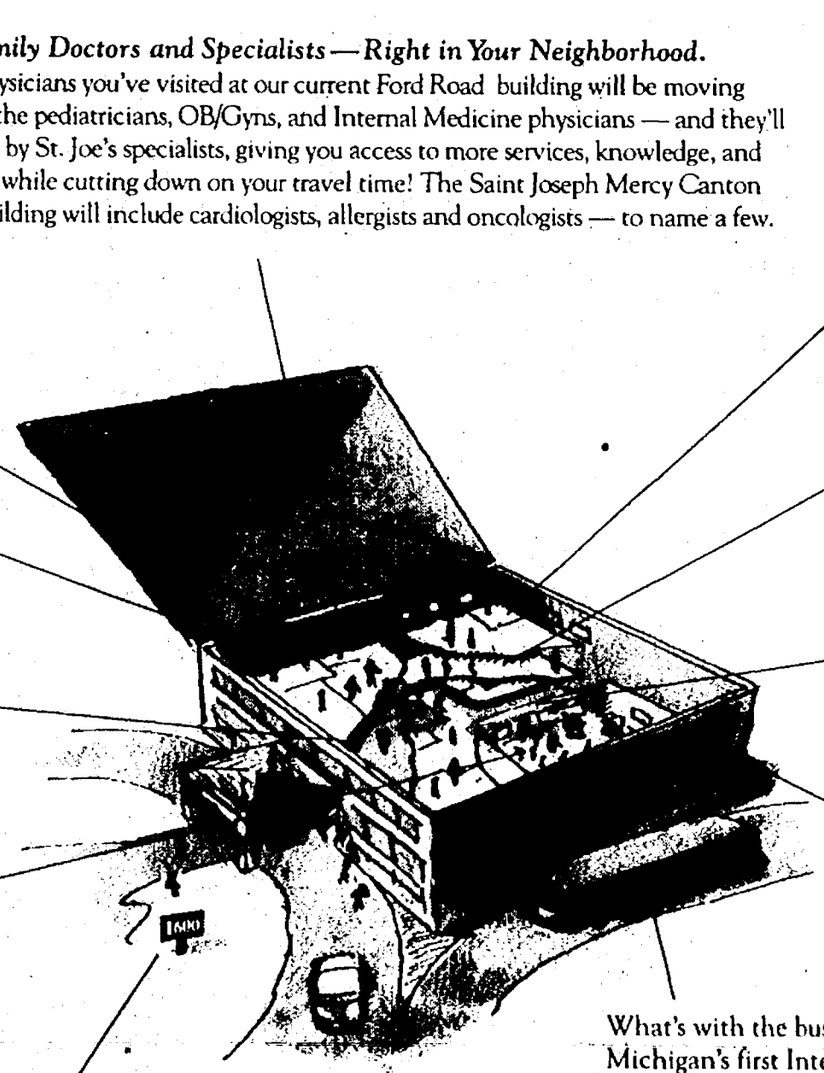

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Founders' Day at Madonna

Celebrating: *Madonna's Founders' Day 50th Anniversary Celebration on Nov. 21 included an interfaith prayer service and special university community awards celebration. Opening the prayer service with a Chinese Ribbon Dance (right) were Ya Hui Chiang (front) and Tsui Yuan Chang. Honored for 40 years of service to Madonna University was Sister Mary Lauriana Gruszczynski (below left) who was given the special award by Madonna President Sister Mary Francilene. The morning's activities culminated with a luncheon and awards presentation.*

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

SC eyes business center

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College administrators and trustees will be discussing plans soon for a new $7 million Business and Industry Training/Conference Center.

Trustees verbally consented Nov. 19 to allow Butch Raby, vice president of business services, to obtain three or four potential teams of architects and food service consultants to develop the building.

Raby is expected to return to trustees on Jan. 28 with a list of teams. The new conference center will be proposed on a state grant application along with $3 million in renovations to the Waterman Campus Center. Schoolcraft will apply for 50 percent matching state grants on both projects, Raby said.

Raby estimated the architect could cost in a range of 0.5 percent to 1 percent of the $10 million project, or $50,000 to $100,000.

The center would be located just north of the Waterman Campus Center.

Trustees went along with the request, but Trustee Steve Ragan wondered what actual studies were completed to find out what the needs for a conference center were.

Raby said the university used an architectural firm to interview the staff on needs during research for the college's master plan the board approved earlier this year. The facility would be a high-tech facility, Raby said.

Board Chairwoman Patricia Watson asked if users go elsewhere because Schoolcraft's center does not offer what they need. Raby said some did, but he did not have statistics.

Trustee Mary Breen suggested that the college follow the same routine used the last time a building was constructed to ensure the state funds would be available. "We hired a firm in Lansing as our lobbyist," Breen said. "The lobbyists were most effective. I want us to think very seriously of doing this again."

Administrators have enrollment numbers and class sizes to outline future college course offerings, Ragan said. But Ragan was still concerned over the lack of outside data on the needs of business and industry trainers and users.

Raby said the college received job training and retraining grants, and a lot of spinoff from business. The center would be productive because of the college's linkages, Raby said.

Trustee Carol Strom said conference center users were part of the college community because they were paying for a service. "For that quality of service to continue, we need to have the best possible facility," Strom said.

Ragan said he has been involved in the planning of smaller facilities. "I'd love to know what do we project is the growth of business and industry and do we see some plateau in the future," Ragan said. "This is a fairly large facility."

Trustee Dick DeVries believed there was a need for the facility, but that the college needed to express that need to the public.

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Take time to count blessings

Thanksgiving has come a long way since the Pilgrims first celebrated a good harvest in 1621.

And in 1827, writer Sarah J. Hale felt the need to promote the idea of Thanksgiving as a national holiday in Ladies Magazine.

Well, it's definitely a national holiday now. Not only do we gather with our families and friends for a large, calorie-laden meal, we also sit down to the TV and watch numerous football games and prepare for the bustle of the upcoming holiday season.

Sometimes, though, the real meaning of Thanksgiving – giving thanks for our blessings – gets lost in the turkey preparations and eating of pumpkin pie.

This year we asked local residents what they are thankful for, and we got several heart-warming responses.

Frank Marino of Westland is "thankful for God's blessings, three children, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, good in-laws, 46 years of marriage, a place to sleep, eat and keep warm."

And Lafern E. Porter of Westland is also thankful. "I give thanks for my family whose efforts to get me urgent medical care made it possible for me to share this time with them," Porter wrote.

Marcia Sand of Westland also wrote. "I am thankful everyday for my three terrific children, Sarah, Rob and Becky, and my wonderful husband Steve. They fill my life with love and happiness," Sand wrote.

We all have things we can be thankful for – although maybe we don't take the time to think about it.

But during this holiday week and the upcoming holiday season, let's stop to reflect on the things – big and little – for which we can give thanks.

Give back by helping others

'Tis the season for giving thanks and although most who live in the suburbs are enjoying some prosperous times, there are many who still need help throughout the metropolitan area.

As we gather with family and friends to enjoy this Thanksgiving, share your bounty either in the form of volunteer time, canned goods or cash.

Your local church, synagogue, school, civic organization and place of business are good places to start. But if you're still looking for other suggestions, the following agencies have put out the word that help is needed this season. Many groups rely on the increased spirit of giving at this time to help them continue their work the entire year.

■ The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign. The Salvation Army provides more than three million direct services to disadvantaged individuals in metro Detroit. In the past 12 months, Salvation Army programs have contributed nearly $40 million to the local economy.

Public financial support during the holiday season is crucial to the Salvation Army and enables it to share food, clothing and shelter with those less fortunate throughout the year.

"The Salvation Army needs to raise enough money to meet the needs of 125,000 people in the tri-county area," said Dale Johnson, of the Salvation Army.

"Our goal is to meet the needs of the community. We never put the money before the need. The generosity of this community is sparked because people understand the need," says Johnson, adding the Army's 1997 holiday fund-raising goal is $4.5 million.

Johnson reminds us that "need knows no season." Donations this holiday season provide food, clothing and shelter for many needy individuals for the entire year.

The Salvation Army is looking for bell-ringers at various locations to help raise money. To volunteer, call the Salvation Army Brightmoor Center in Detroit at (313) 532-1500, Plymouth Office at (313) 453-5464, Farmington Hills Center at (248) 477-1153, or the Westland Center at (313) 722-3660.

If you can't donate the time, be generous as you pass by the familiar red kettles which this year will be at Kmart, Hudson's, Target, Farmer Jack, Kroger and other locations in downtown Plymouth and Farmington.

■ Gleaners Community Food Bank. Since 1977, Gleaners Community Food Bank has distributed more than 150 million pounds of food to the hungry, 41 percent of whom are children.

The problem of hunger is still a grim reality of daily life for many folks. Who are the hungry? They are senior citizens on fixed incomes, single-parent households, the disabled or ill, the working poor or underemployed, the homeless, those experiencing a family emergency, flood, fire, death in the family or job loss.

Gleaners is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions quality for a federal tax deduction and a state of Michigan tax credit. Donations can be made to Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit, Mich. 48207-3410.

Gleaners is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and to commemorate the event, the food bank is seeking help in purchasing 20,000 turkeys to feed the hungry and poor this holiday season.

In addition to cash donations, Gleaners has a variety of volunteer programs, one specifically aimed at students ages 12-18. Called Kids Helping Kids, it's a comprehensive program aimed at fueling the volunteer spirit of children with food drives, volunteering time packing food boxes and poster/poetry contests. For more information, call Carmen Mattia, Gleaners' KHK director, (313) 923-3535.

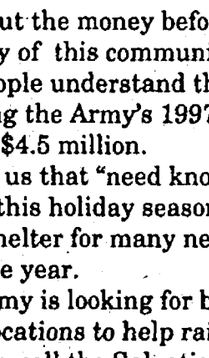
■ The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) needs help organizing toy drives for children. Call CLF toll-free at 1-800-825-2536. CLF is asking civic groups, businesses and individuals around the state to collect toys for children in their area. The agency is hoping to gather more than 3,000 donated new toys. Monetary donations are also welcome.

■ First Step, a western Wayne County agency which aids the victims of domestic violence, is looking for generous individuals and organization to "adopt a family" this holiday season. First Step provides the donor with information, including ages, sizes and particular wishes. The donor brings unwrapped gifts and food baskets to the First Step office in Canton Township, where families pick them up. All donations are welcome and appreciated and families are screened to assure that they are in need of holiday gift giving. For more information, call the First Step office on Lilley Road in Canton Township, (313) 981-9595.

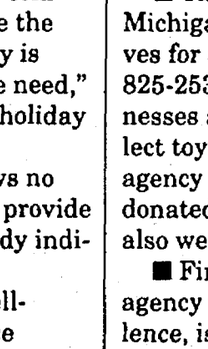
COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
What is your favorite charity?

We asked this question at John Glenn High School.



"Church missions."
Gloria Donovan



"Probably the Salvation Army."
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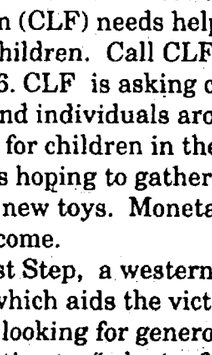
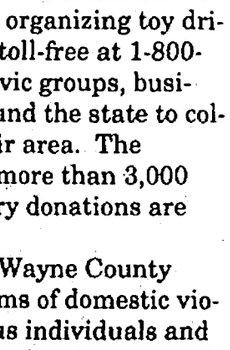


"I have two: the church and the Salvation Army."
Lorraine Brickman



"Clothes for Kids."
Leslie Caldera

Happy Thanksgiving

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Gobble, gobble: *Thanksgiving brings a time for gathering with friends and family for that traditional meal, including the ever-popular turkey.*

LETTERS

Dangerous intersection

I would like to find out why there is no light or three-way stop where the kids for John Glenn have to cross at Marquette and Carlson in Westland.

Another parent has been trying for 1½ years now to get the city to put something there. The traffic is terrible in the morning and after school. Cars don't stop to let the kids cross. Even though they have the right of way, they have to dodge cars all the time. Other parents are concerned also. I'm concerned since I would hate to see any of them get killed.

My daughter was struck by a car on Nov. 12, 1997, luckily only getting minor injuries. She and three friends were walking across Marquette. They were in the crosswalk when my daughter was hit. If her other friend wouldn't have jumped back a little she too would have been hit.

I just want parents of the Westland area to be aware of what can happen. It probably won't be the last time either.

Tina Schweim
Westland

Free-trade turmoil

I am constantly amazed that the doctrine of "free trade" has been accepted by so many people.

Free trade is, bar none, the worst economic disaster to happen in the 20th century. So far, free trade has given us two world wars, a great depression, assorted recessions, occasional panics, and most recently the Asian currency collapse.

And, it is now in the process of serving up yet another catastrophe of, as yet, uncertain description. Probably another depression.

Consider:

Free trade pits the world's wage earners against each other to see who can work the cheapest. Free trade allows big corporate producers to buy labor in the cheapest markets and sell the fruits of that labor in the most expensive markets, and pocket the difference as profit.

Free trade has destroyed or subjugated the working class in every place it has ever been tried. At first, free trade seems to help "John and Mary Doe" as "Consumers." But, it eventually destroys them as workers and producers. If you don't produce, sooner or later, you can't consume. It's that simple.

To facilitate the subjugation of workers, television has become the cultural opiate of the masses, providing "cults of celebrity" with sports figures and talk-show hosts. While AM radio provides the truly perplexed with "intellectual enemas," given in a safe and structured environment, by the likes of Rush Limbaugh.

In 1900, the United States was, totally and completely, a protectionist country. Then, slowly the protection was chipped away by "reciprocity agreements" with other nations.

By the late 1920s, capital was booming, but farmers and laborers were nearly broke. Finally, in 1929, even capital became the victim of its own greed. The result: The great depression of the 1930s.

The two world wars actually benefited the working class, because they acted as "de facto" tariffs, when war closed down normal shipping traffic. The world wars were really trade disputes about who gets to do the "importing and exporting," which is a central part of the free trade credo.

Now, we are in yet another vicious cycle of free trade and Wall Street greed. A second great depression seems inevitable.

You would think that people would have wised up by now. Because, after all, we've been through this before. But, memories are short, and the elites have way of putting their own "spin" on events.

Like Mark Twain said: History may not actually repeat itself, but it does rhyme.

Walter Warren
Westland

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POINTS OF VIEW

Martha knows what to do when guests come calling

MARGHERITA PERAINO

The holidays are knocking at the doors, folks. Almost here. Just around the proverbial corner. Are you ready? Do your decorations need refurbishing? Have you got those recipes down pat? Is your guest room ready for those overnighters? If these questions leave you just a tad frazzled, fear no more. I know just the person to get you through the next few weeks. I'm speaking of the grand dame of culinary excellence, the beacon of light for storm-tossed klutzes, the *duenna* of homemakers everywhere – Martha Stewart!

Martha is here to assist you on her *daily* show now. Way to go, Martha! I knew she'd make it daily. Her weekly show was quite good, however, even though Martha had a tendency to sneak in an unfamiliar term now and then just to make sure you were still awake.

I first became acquainted with Martha many years ago when she did her now-famous Thanksgiving video. Martha was still married at the time. Shortly after that show, her husband of 20-some years left her – just before the mega-millions started rolling in. *Touche*, Martha!. That's French for "Living well is the best revenge."

But I digress. This particular video showed Martha making preparations for an old-fashioned family Thanksgiving. She did this by cooking three, possibly four, turkeys. It's been some time and I can't remember the exact number. Actually, after *one*, my eyes glazed over and my mind went blank. One of Martha's turkeys was roasted the conventional way, one was baked in pastry, *a la Wellington* (that's French for British!), and I forgot the way the others were cooked.

Once the turkeys were in the ovens(!), Martha went outdoors, a large wicker basket over one arm, to gather pumpkins, baby carrots and Brussels sprouts from the vegetable patch in the back of the barn, down by the smokehouse. She baked pies with fruit picked from her own orchards, each pie crowned majestically with a more elaborate crust than the last.

Tables were set with her very own exquisite linens, and different sets of china (from pantries the size of Rhode Island) were used for each age group. Every table was set with a distinctive centerpiece, and each place setting had its own napkin ring and favors. There were so many guests, tables were set in the dining room, the living room, the kitchen, around the patio, the barn, the silo and under the haystack!

Before the actual dinner, Martha mingled comfortably with guests who spoke softly and tittered gently, and all the pretty children were dressed perfectly and behaved beautifully.

My husband watched the show with me, mouth agape, and said in wonder, "Wow! Did you see that, honey? Martha hasn't even broken a sweat! Why is it when we used to have 40 people over for dinner every New Year's, you always looked like you had just finished applying the first coat of paint on the Golden Gate Bridge?" Now, dear reader, please follow me. Place one hand under your chin, fingernails facing your collar bone. Now flip your hand swiftly forward. That's Italian for "Your mother's mustache is fuller than yours!"

Martha's new daily show is really quite good, but she must do something about her hairdresser Pierre Scissorhands, Edward's untalented brother! Pierre hasn't yet grasped the essence of casual chic. Poor Martha always seems to have a chunk of hair poking out somewhere on her head, swimming upstream. Hint to Martha: Dump Pierre. Otherwise, the show is excellent.

She will most likely give you countless ideas to incorporate into your festivities, and they're all "good things." I must warn, however, that Martha still gets the coy/shy/Princess Di temptations, but one does grow accustomed to them. She loves to *flambe*, *puree* and *papier mache* her way through the kitchen and craft rooms, and, on the whole, there are many portions of her show that are quite adaptable to even my mundane life.

This year, though, I will adhere to my limitations. If she so much as alludes to cooking more than one bird per holiday, I say, *Ciao*, Boobala (no translation needed).

Margherita Peraino is a resident of Northville.

The loss of classical music on radio comes down to profits

TIM RICHARD

Tom Lehrer, the former Harvard math prof who turned to satirical songwriting and stage comedy, used to joke about "rock 'n' roll ' and other children's songs." The line got howls of laughter in Ann Arbor, Detroit and other college towns in the 1950s through '80s.

Rock fans, however, had the last laugh. They have managed to squeeze the classics out of broadcasting at every turn. The reported decision of WQRS-FM to abandon its classical format after 36 years for soft rock is just the latest victory for the children.

Bravo, the cable TV channel, reminded us 10 days ago that NBC, both radio and television, used to carry Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra in the 1940s and '50s.

A fishin' buddy recalled he was exposed to classical music as a preschooler when his mother, while ironing, turned on a morning hour of classics sponsored by J.L. Hudson Co. That, too, was on WWJ.

One Sunday during an after-dinner siesta, WWJ-AM broadcast a concert so stunning that I sat bolt upright. Leonard Bernstein was conducting, and playing the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 was a 19-year-old from Texas. I predicted the kid would be ranked among the greatest by the time he was 30. He drifted out of sight until 1958 when the Russians rediscovered him – Van Cliburn.

Would today's Van Cliburns get the same chance on commercial radio?

In winters during the 1970s, ice fishing was made more tolerable by the Metropolitan Opera on WJR Saturdays and the Detroit Symphony on WWJ Sundays, picked up on a pocket radio.

It's true: Those stations weren't always for jabberers.

I don't knock rock, any more than I would knock Dick and Jane stories. I read an enormous amount of Dick and Jane tales in my formative years and gladly succumb to a child's request to read them aloud today.

It's that there's more to literature than children's stories and more to music than children's tunes.

First to quit were the two Detroit AM stations. Then WDET cut back its classical offerings to a negligible level. WUOM-FM in Ann Arbor switched its daytime format to news-talk. It's a high level of news-talk, but like Rush Limbaugh's show, it's very inefficient – you must listen 20 minutes to get five minute' worth of information.

With WQRS-FM abandoning its classical format by month's end, we are left with a Canadian station, CBE, to fill the classical niche, though in the western suburbs my vehicle radio picks up WKAR-FM from East Lansing.

The reasoning of business people in all of this is curious. Was WQRS's problem a lack of profitability? No, it made $2 million in its first year under Greater Media's ownership, the Free Press reported. The problem was $2 million was "just not that much," said a station source.

"Diversity" may be OK in politics and academia, but not in broadcasting. If 5 percent of southeastern Michiganians like classical music, can't the marketplace allocate 5 percent or even 2 percent of the broadcast frequencies to those citizens? Nope. Rock and talk must rule, absolutely, with an ironclad monopoly, no exceptions.

Radio is a business, as they say, and the name of the game isn't satisfying listeners. The name of the game is delivering listeners to the advertisers.

So if press accounts are true, classical programming in metro Detroit is about to dry up.

Well, there are still LP records, tapes and compact discs. Many libraries loan out these sources. One may only hope that rock fans don't decide to start a ballot initiative to remove all classics from the libraries and replace them with children's music.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Football bridges generations

PHILIP POWER

Reflections on the Michigan Wolverines' undefeated season:

My father started taking me to Michigan football games in 1946. I was eight years old.

In those days, Michigan ran out of the single wing, with the spinning fullback taking the ball from center and dishing it out. I kept asking, "Daddy, who's got the ball?" Turns out that Michigan's opponents were asking the same question as "Michigan's Mad Magicians" under head coach Fritz Crisler lost only to Army that year.

In 1947, Michigan went 9-zip in the Big Ten behind the running and passing of All-American halfback Bob Chappius. In my memory, each of those games was played on green grass, in bright sunlight, under a cloudless sky.

I listened to the Rose Bowl on the radio at a friend's house. After Michigan stomped USC 49-0, we dashed out into the frigid street over our mothers' protests, throwing the football and pretending to tackle like Dick Kempthorn. After the game, the sportswriters voted Michigan No. 1 over Notre Dame.

I remember how anxious I felt in 1969, when Woody Hayes brought Ohio State to Ann Arbor ranked No. 1 in the nation and rated as among the best football teams of all time. Michigan had just hired a new coach, somebody with the unpronounceable name of Schembechler.

I believe it was under a grim, gray sky that Michigan broke OSU's 22-game winning streak, 24-12, gaining a share of the Big Ten title. Never have I heard such a savagely satisfying roar as came from that giant crowd when Don Moorhead crashed over the goal line in the second quarter. Winning that game was the defining moment for Bo Schembechler's career. Suddenly, from that moment on, he became bigger than life.

Other than Jack Kennedy, I never experienced a personality as compelling in a small group as Bo's. And he was never more compelling than in 1971. After going undefeated in the Big Ten, Michigan lost in the Rose Bowl to Stanford, 13-12, on a last-second field goal. "It's a hell of a thing to lose the Rose Bowl when we had it won," said Bo.

As the '70s turned into the '80s, I'd always join my father in the Big House to watch Michigan play. We'd grouse about Bo's conservative play selection and delight in his fierce sideline manner, grabbing the earphones and slamming them on the grass after a particularly blatant bad call from the ref.

Even though his eyesight was going a bit by then, my father and I turned to each other in delight when Desmond Howard made that fantastic catch against Notre Dame in 1991.

It was after that game that he told me how he had been arrested by the Ann Arbor police after a game at Ferry Field some time in the 1920s. Seems a traffic jam developed at the intersection of State Street and Stadium. After having a few beers, my father concluded that he was just the person to get out into the middle of the street and direct traffic to sort it out.

My son, Nathan, started joining us at Michigan football games when he was 10. All three of us would marvel as Tyrone Wheatley would turn it on as he cut upfield, speed and power combined. "Look at him go. Look at him GO!" my father would say.

And so last Saturday, as I stood in the jam-packed Michigan Stadium and felt the whole place rumble as the crowd got into the game in the first quarter, I thought of my father and of the games we had seen together. I recalled the memories we had stored up, of famous victories won and defeats suffered.

And I reflected on the intensity of emotion that comes from the tribal bonding of hope and fear in the company of many thousands of others, closely packed together.

Some say that the only worthwhile residue of a life is the memories it spawns.

Maybe that's one reason I keep going back to the Big House year after year to watch Michigan play football, to experience once again some of the big memories and to make some new ones.

And maybe that's why it was such a wonderfully intense emotional experience as the realization that came to me as Ohio State's last pass fell incomplete on the ground: WE'RE GONNA WIN THIS GAME!

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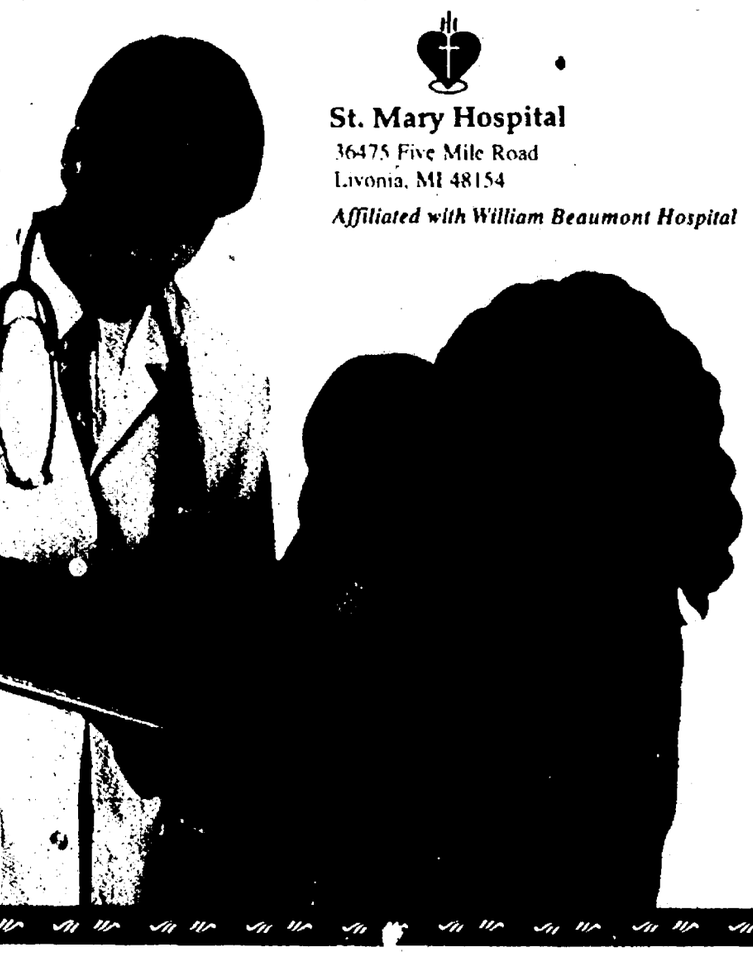

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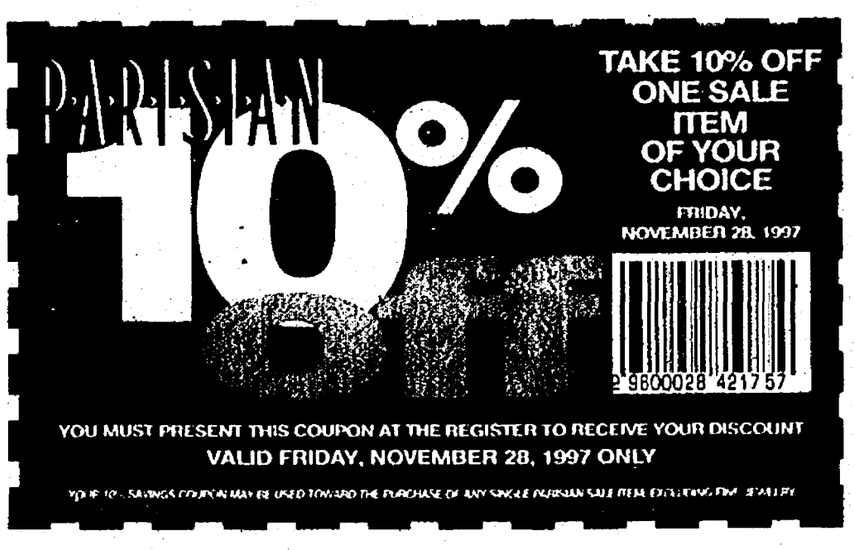

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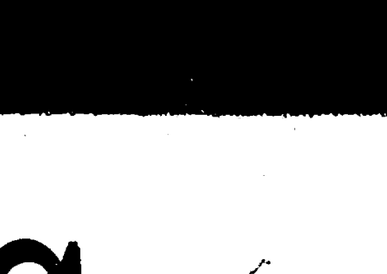

JACQUE MARTIN DOWNS

Dads make difference

News Flash: *Kids Do Better When Dads Involved in Their Schools.*

What do you think? Do children further their success rate when dads are involved? Traditionally, research has focused on the correlation between academics and general parental involvement. The Education Department's newest study was one of the first of "put a microscope on the part that fathers play in their children's schools and educational development."

The 1997 study came out of a nationwide survey conducted in the 1995-96 school year, of the parents of 17,000 children from K-12. Researchers gauged the level of involvement by asking parents if: 1. They had volunteered at school. 2. Attended a parent-teacher conference. 3. Gone to a school or class event. 4. Attended a general school meeting since the beginning of the school year.

Parents who participated in three or more of the activities were considered "highly involved." The study concluded that three things happened when *fathers* participated in three or more of the above activities. First, it increased the odds of the children earning mostly A's. Second, the

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Choir offers kids wholesome activity

■ With parents looking for wholesome activities for their children, Susan Patterson may have the answer. The music director at Garden City Presbyterian Church, she has decided to start the Braisselle Music School Choir at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Susan Patterson started teaching piano when she was 12 years old, and 37 years later music continues to play an important role in her life, especially now, as she tries to establish a new children's choir.

"It's really the right time," Patterson said. "Parents are looking for wholesome activities for their children. I've had a lot of parents recently mention it and ask about it, because they want their children to sing."

The Braisselle Music School Choir – named for her mother's parents who lived in France and whom she never met – is open to third- through eighth-graders. It will rehearse 7- 8 p.m. Mondays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Each three-month term is $75. Registration is 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at St. Paul's, 27475 Five Mile, west of Inkster Road. The term begins Jan. 12.

"I don't want people to think that because it's at a church that it belongs to the church," Patterson said. "It's open to all denominations."

If her dream comes true, there will be different children choirs, separated by geographic area, that will come together occasionally to perform.

The sound of music has always been an important part of Patterson's life that was instilled by her parents who sang everywhere – in the car, on walks, at parties and always at home.

They enjoyed their duets and listening to Patterson practice playing the piano, sometimes for hours at a time. She was 4 when she began taking formal lessons.

Patterson's resume includes decades of teaching private piano and voice lessons. She also accompanied, performed in and directed choirs throughout her life. Currently, she is the music director at Garden City Presbyterian Church in charge of planning the music and directing the adult Chancel Choir and the children's Cherub Choir. She is also the church organist and pianist.

Confidence-builder

Learning and playing music has given her confidence for other life challenges, Patterson said, and has remained a constant that she has always been able to return to as a place of comfort.

"When a child performs, it's very good for his or her self-esteem," Patterson said, adding that the children in the Braisselle Music School Choir will learn varied types of music, including classical, folk and popular. She plans to have them perform in schools and community events.

"There's really nothing as pretty to listen to as children singing," Patterson added.

The Rev. Tom Eggebeen from St. Paul's sees a great importance in preserving the arts and welcomes other music groups, like the Sweet Adelines, to practice at his church.

"Music is to the soul what air is to our lungs, and I'm serious about that," Eggebeen said. "One of the things I've observed is that a lot of contemporary music is not particularly singable. A couple of generations ago, it wasn't uncommon for a group to get together at someone's house and sing. I think any kind of group that would encourage chorale singing surely is good for the soul, but also helps us retain an art form that is slipping away from this culture of ours.

"People who make music together are less likely to hit each other."

Eggebeen has known Patterson for

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Tools of the trade: *Susan Patterson leans on the cover of Garden City Presbyterian's piano that she uses as the church's music director.*

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chances that the children would enjoy school were higher, and third, the children were more likely to participate in extracurricular activities.

The good-news-bad-news in this research was interesting as well. Bad news: Only 27 percent of the dads in two-parent homes were deeply involved in their children's schools. (55 percent of the mothers were involved.)

The good news: 46 percent of single fathers were "highly engaged in the schools." Let's hear it for all the single dads out there! When I conduct workshops for single parents, I am always pleasantly surprised by the number of single fathers who come out to hear information about how they can develop a better relationship with their children, now that they are single.

More often than not, these fathers do not have physical custody so it's much harder for them to make the contact on a regular, consistent basis.

This study points out that when they are involved in the child's life (but not living with them), by going to the school and being active there, the child's academic success rate increases.

Why is this study important? It was thought that the children who "at least" have mom's support at school, are going to do better. And, they probably do. But this study gives parents an extra chance to have a highly successful child, by implicating the importance of dads in the school process.

As a teacher back in the '70s, I recall which students did the best in my class. Every one of the top students had both parents at their parent-teacher conferences. Every one of them had a dad who came in at least one day each semester and helped out in the classroom. Every one of those children participated in extra activities.

So it looks like we have two charges; First of all we need to get everyone on the same page ... teachers, administrators, parents. All have the same goal – to see that the child works to the best of his or her ability.

Schools must remember to welcome parents in, making the school building user-friendly. Parents who have not had a terribly positive school experience themselves won't necessarily come bouncing in. Schools could be more user-friendly by allowing parents to help out, plan events, visit the teacher outside of parent-teacher conferences.

An open, friendly school is much more inviting to a parent than one that's unwritten rule is, "Don't come in unless we ask you to.."Parents must remember to be courteous. A threatening, hostile parent turns a teacher or principal off immediately.

Second, it's time to encourage all the dads to get involved. If schools were to have dad and kid events, dads have to show up. It isn't a lot of fun for a teacher to plan a program for fathers and students when only six fathers come to it.

Ya know, now that I think about this, I'll bet you have tons of ideas on how to get fathers into schools. Write me with those ideas ... this concept is worth another article.

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin Downs, a prevention specialist and the director of Hegira Prevention Programs, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

'Country girl' graces Playboy

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to Karen McDougal, the city of Sawyer, nestled within Berrien County on the shore of Lake Michigan, is now on the map.

McDougal, who moved to Canton Township six years ago, has become a celebrity in her rural hometown after appearing as Miss December in Playboy magazine. The issue is on the newsstands until the first week of December.

"At first, some were all right with it, some were shocked," McDougal said of her hometown friends. "I was a cheerleader and stuff. I was quiet and a little more on the conservative side. I was a basic wholesome girl.

"(Now) they love it. It put Sawyer on the map. They think I'm a celebrity. There's just a small post office in town and people are calling and asking for my address. They (post office workers) called my mom and asked her if it was all right, and of course she said no."

To those naysayers who disapprove of her centerfold, McDougal says "Playboy's an art. Everything else is porn."

Modeling has always been the career of choice for McDougal, dressed in jeans, a white shirt and a Calvin Klein baseball hat. That came to fruition when a Playboy photographer discovered her at the Venus International Model Search in Florida.

"It just went from there," she said.

McDougal admits that posing in Playboy had crossed her mind, but she "never had the confidence." When she met some of the other girls, she thought, "If they could do it, I could."

McDougal explained that the photo shoot – held in a studio and in the mountains in Utah – went exactly as she had imagined.

"They were a little more professional and pleasant than I thought," she said. "They were so nice. They asked me if I wanted candy and said 'We'll get it for you.' "

A hectic time ahead

The responsibility of being a Playmate includes an endless stream of promotional work. Barraged with invitations to make guest appearances, McDougal said the next two months will be hectic. Already, she has promoted her centerfold spread on the Keenan Ivory Wayans Show.

"He was very shy with me; he was very down to earth," she said. "After the show, he came back to say goodbye to me. Everyone was shocked. They told me that he never says goodbye to his guests."

Recently she hosted a party for "Slaughterhouse Five" author Kurt Vonnegut in New York – "It was fun; that's all I'll say. There was a lot of people who were very prestigious. I didn't know much about what they were talking about."

Part of the perks of being a Playboy Playmate include the opportunity to stay at Hugh Hefner's mansion in California when she is there.

Besides glamorous jobs like hosting parties and appearing on television talk shows, Playboy Playmates also visit hospitals and do other charitable work. And there is no time limit on guest appearances.

"I went to a Veterans Administration hospital in New York and a Playmate from 1975 was with us," she said. "I guess once you're a Playmate, you're always a Playmate."

One thing that sets her aside from other Playboy models, she said, is her personality.

"When I go to Los Angeles or New York, everyone says 'You're so nice, you must be a country girl,' " the 5-foot-9-inch, brown-haired, blue-eyed model said. "The other women just go to sign pictures. They don't talk to the people who come to see them. I'm a nice person and I'll always be that way. I take pride in my personality."

New opportunities

McDougal hopes the Playboy layout will lead to a vast array of opportunities. Television star Jenny McCarthy, a one-time

Please see PLAYMATE, B8

PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN MCDOUGAL

Newest Playmate: *Canton resident Karen McDougal, Playboy magazine's Miss December, was discovered by a Playboy photographer during a model search in Florida.*

Youth choir *from page B1*

about five years and welcomed her idea to start a children's choral group.

"How many art forms can disappear from our daily use before we begin to suffer?" Eggebeen said.

During a meeting sandwiched between her day job as a word processor at First Chicago NBD in Detroit and a private piano lesson, Patterson was calm and relaxed as she talked about her plans.

Studying music, she said, has given her a programmed, structured way to think that has helped her organize her busy, sometimes hectic, schedule.

"Learning music is really learning a different language," she said. "You learn to listen to sounds and you learn to blend as a group and to make a beautiful sound. When they (children) grow up they can look back on it. Good experiences give them stability."

Starting the children's choir also fulfills a need for Patterson.

"I'm trying to gradually take the steps to have all the decisions to do the things that make me happy as a person," she said. "For my identity, it has to be centered on music, because music has always been a major part of my life."

As music director at Garden City Presbyterian Church, Patterson said, there's nothing more rewarding than to hear her choirs perform.

"I get to see the outcome in a program every Sunday morning when my choir performs," said Patterson, a member of the Music Teachers National Association, Michigan Music Teachers Association and the Ann Arbor Association for Piano Teachers. "I love the feeling of hearing them sing and blend beautifully. You do get an immediate gratification with music."

Often, when her choir members hear something new they don't believe they will ever be able to perform it successfully. With practice they conquer the challenge, Patterson explained.

"It's encouraging when you do something new and the reward is the accomplishment of completing the task," Patterson said. "I'm a very flexible person and that's good for teaching and directing. I'm not critical of them. I'm trying to develop them individually, so they can feel good about being a part of things.

"When children sing, they're more disciplined than adults are. It does teach them self-respect and respect for the group."

Parents and children in need of more information about the Braisselle Music School Choir can call Susan Patterson at (313) 791-2531.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 1997

Moved by Leclercq; supported by Ryall: 11-97-413 RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 20, 1997, as revised, and the Special Council Meeting of October 27, 1997, as presented. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Leclercq; supported by Ryall: 11-97-414 RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed and presented. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Dodge; supported by Ryall: 11-97-415 RESOLVED: To hold a Public Hearing on the introduction of the Fortune Telling Zoning Amendment for 6:45 p.m., on Monday, December 1, 1997. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Dodge; supported by Ryall: 11-97-416 RESOLVED: To approve the appointment of Ms. Delores Boehnlein to fill the unexpired term of Ervin Sepin on the Commission on Aging for the term ending December 31, 2001. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Dodge; supported by Barker: 11-97-417 RESOLVED: To appoint the Building Board of Appeals members: John R. Sheehan II - 5 year term, Greg Ash - 4 year term, Thomas A. Burton - 3 year term, Gary Van Buren - 2 year term, Jeffrey J. Pigeon - 1 year term, Dan Zeh - Alternate, Charles E. McIlhargey - Alternate, Curtis J. Burton - Alternate. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Leclercq; supported by Dodge: 11-97-418 RESOLVED: To appoint the following members to the Special Task Force to review City Code: Barbara Dekle, Priscilla Rankin, Amelia Oliverio, Jerry Perttunen, Vicki Clark, Dave Kocsis, Sue Dodson, and Ron Showalter. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Dodge; supported by Leclercq: 11-97-419 RESOLVED: To approve the lot split for sidwell #016-01-0039-000, described as Lot 39 and east 7.83 feet of lot 40, Folker's Full Acre Farms Subdivision, as recommended by the City Manager. PARCEL A: The South 140 feet of Lot 39 and the South 140 feet of the East 7.8 feet of Lot 40, Folker's Full Acre Farms. PARCEL B: The North 155 feet of Lot 39 and the North 155 feet of the East 7.8 feet of Lot 40, Folker's Full Acre Farms Subdivision. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Ryall; supported by Dodge: 11-97-420 RESOLVED: To approve the lot split for sidwell #016-01-0040-002, described as: The west 66 feet of lot 40, Folker's Full Acre Farms Subdivision, as recommended by the City Manager. PARCEL A: The South 140 feet of Lot 40b, Folker's Full Acre Farms Subdivision. PARCEL B: The North 155 feet of Lot 40b, Folker's Full Acre Farms Subdivision. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Dodge; supported by Leclercq: 11-97-421 RESOLVED: To award the bid for Miscellaneous Roof Repairs at Maplewood Center to McDermott Roofing and Sheet Metal, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $2,866.00, as Recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Ryall; supported by Dodge: 11-97-422 RESOLVED: To award the bid for two (2) Outdoor Air Dampers to Guardian Environmental Services, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $1,805.00, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Wiacek; supported by Barker: 11-97-423 RESOLVED: To award the bid for City Wide Carpet Cleaning to Farr's Cleaning Specialists, the lowest responsible bidder, in the Amount of $0.06 per square foot, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Dodge; supported by Leclercq: 11-97-424 RESOLVED: To call a Public Hearing on the introduction of the Civil Infractions Ordinance for 7:25 p.m., on Monday, December 1, 1997, here in the Council Chambers. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 11-97-425 RESOLVED: To call a Public Hearing on the introduction of the Public Recreation District Ordinance for 7:20 p.m., on Monday, December 1, 1997. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Juarez; supported by Barker: 11-97-426 RESOLVED: To approve the annual Garden City Lions Club Christmas Fund Raiser at the intersection of Middlebelt and Ford on Saturday, December 6, 1997, and Saturday, December 13, 1997, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Barker; supported by Ryall: 11-97-427 RESOLVED: To approve the annual Goodfellows Fund Raiser on November 28 and November 29, 1997, subject to City administrative rules and policies, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Dodge; supported by Barker: 11-97-428 RESOLVED: To approve the resolution opposing Hazardous Injection Wells, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Ryall; supported by Leclercq: 11-97-429 RESOLVED: To approve the resolution for the United Nations Climate Negotiations, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Dodge; supported by Juarez: 11-97-430 RESOLVED: To reject the bid from ABC Paving in the amount of $77,014.00, for the Lighted Field Package A - Sitework and Fencing. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 11-97-431 RESOLVED: To accept the bid for the Lighted Field Package B - Lighting and Electrical from Sky Electric in the amount of $74,700. AYES: Unanimous
Moved by Juarez; supported by Wiacek: 11-97-432 RESOLVED: That the City of Garden City support the representatives of Wayne, Oakland, and Washtenaw Counties and the City of Detroit requesting that the Federal Courts rescind its Show Cause Order and allow the 48 communities of the Rouge River Watershed fourteen (14) months to provide their Proposals to the Court to eliminate pollution. AYES: Unanimous
The meeting was then adjourned.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER,
City Clerk-Treasurer

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***SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
November 3, 1997

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of November 3, 1997; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Kokenakes convened the meeting at 7 p.m., in the Board Road, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. **Present:** Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. **Absent:** None.

Golden Apple Award: Secretary Joanne Morgan presented the Golden Apple Award to **Michael Scarpello**, grandparent volunteer at Webster Elementary School.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Nay and Watters that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent. **IV.** Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 1997. **VI.A** Move that general fund check nos. 288791 through 289611 in the amount of $3,437,555.97 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of $1,534,649.94 be approved. **VI.B** Move that the Board of Education approve a contract between the Livonia Public Schools and Coneco Corporation in the amount of $200,200.37 to install ceiling, lighting, and temperature controls at Perrinville Center. **VI.C** Move that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution to allow the transfer of funds to pay the State Aid notes borrowed in July. **VI.D** Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the low bid from Embest for the purchase of milk for the 1997-98 school year. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Presentation – School Improvement Plan/Riley Middle School: The Riley Middle School staff presented to the Board their School Improvement Plan for the 1997-98 school year. They stated their mission and their five goals for 1997-98.

Approval of Dance Costumes: Motion by Morgan and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of dance costumes from Curtain Call Costumes, Inc. in the amount of up to $25,000. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Approval of Asbestos Removal: Motion by Timmons and Lessard that the Board of Education approve the low bid of $104,965 from Burdco/IVI Environmental Services to remove Asbestos containing materials at Bentley Center. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Teachers for Approval: Motion by Nalley and Nay that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1997-98 school to: **Perah V. Burns, Karen M. Friske,** and **Kellee N. Lee.** Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

30-Year Resolutions: The Board unanimously accepted the presentation of 30-year resolutions to the following employees: **Genevieve Chiesa, Susan Irwin,** and **Verneva McPike.**

Retirements: The Board unanimously adopted resolutions of appreciation for the following retiring employees: **Emmett M. Allen** and **Beverly Wesner.**

Teacher Tenure: Motion by Nay and Lessard that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to the following teachers effective on the respective dates: **Chad Campau, 1/31/98; Linda Eastman, 1/31/98; Jeffrey Hatley, 1/31/98; Laurie Role, 1/17/98; DeAnn Urso, 1/21/98;** and **Glenn Wright, 1/31/98.** Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Reports from Superintendent: Dr. Watson spoke of the upcoming parent meeting "Parenting You Can Be Proud Of." This workshop will be held at the Civic Center Library on November 19, from 7-8:30 p.m.; and read a letter from Mrs. Whaley regarding **Sandra Feuerstein,** principal at Adams Elementary School, regarding her job as administrator and how she admires the positive changes she has instituted including communication with parents, and the sense of teamwork among the staff.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board members discussed voting on election day and the wonderful things happening in the partnership program.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Lessard that the regular meeting of November 3, 1997 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Kokenakes adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 1997

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 11-97-433 RESOLVED: Having received a resignation from James L. Barker as Councilmember this evening, I move that we accept the said resignation and declare his position to be vacant at this time. AYES: Unanimous

The Council then recessed until the new Council had taken the Oath of Office.

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, and Briscoe. Also present were former Mayor Breen, City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Showalter, Department of Public Service Director of Public Service Director Barnes, Deputy Treasurer Smith, Fire Chief Hines, and Police Chief Kocsis.
Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 11-94-434 RESOLVED: I move that Doyce S. Waynick be appointed to fill the remainder of Mr. Barker's term on Council. AYES: Unanimous.
The meeting was then adjourned.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER,
City Clerk-Treasurer

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

INSTALLATION OF FIFTY-SEVEN (57) NEW LOCHINVAR BOILERS & ONE (1) LOCHINVAR POOL HEATER ONE (1) HOT WATER STORAGE TANK

Project includes (not limited to) demolition and removal of existing equipment at ten (10) school sites and installation of the above equipment pre-purchased by Livonia Public Schools.

Specifications, bid forms and plans may be reviewed at the Central Office Maintenance Department. Any questions regarding this bid may be directed to Mr. Tim Kohut, Maintenance Supervisor at 313-523-9160.

A MANDATORY BUILDING WALK-THROUGH WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 1997 AT 8:30 A.M. at the Maintenance Building at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (South of 5 Mile, West of Farmington). TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 16th of December, 1997 at the Board of Education Maintenance Department. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance Bond and payment bond will be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

Livonia Board of Education

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Gebski-Gould

D. Lynne Gould and Gary Gebski were married Oct. 5 at The Mill Race Historical Village in Northville by the Rev. Roy Forsyth.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Eileen Gould of Carleton. The groom is the son of Alfred and Sylvia Gebski of Plymouth.

The bride, a graduate of Airport High School in Carleton, owns her own communications marketing company.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan with degrees in electrical and manufacturing engineering. He is employed as a manufacturing engineer at Chrysler Corp.

The bride asked her parents to stand up for her, with her mother serving as matron of honor.

The groom asked his parents to stand up for him, with his father serving as best man. The ring bearer was Kyle Gebski, son of the groom.

The couple received guests at Plymouth Manor before leaving on a cruise to the Cayman Islands and Disney World. They make their home in Canton.

Gresko-Christensen

Barbara Kudla of Canton and Barry Gresko of Melvindale announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Joanne, to Walter James Christensen, the son of Sonja King of Romulus.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of St. Alphonsus High School and a student at Wayne State University. She is employed at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne.

Her fiance is a 1984 graduate of Romulus High School. He is employed by Continental Airlines.

A January wedding is planned at St. Alphonsus Church in Dearborn.

Fereshetian-Gmerek

Eric Alan Fereshetian and Anita Marie Gmerek were married Aug. 31 at St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Dolores Gmerek of Clinton Township. The groom is the son of Harry and Janet Fereshetian of Livonia.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Utah and a master's degree from the University of Michigan. She is a cardiovascular clinical scientist at Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor.

The groom earned his master's degree from the University of Michigan. He is an engineering supervisor at Ford Motor Co. in Rawsonville.

They are also alumni of the University of Michigan marching band.

A reception was held at St. John's Hall. The couple honeymooned on the islands of Kauai and Maui before making their home in Livonia.

Duncan-Kossick

Janet Marie Kossick, formerly of Westland, and Eric Todd Duncan, were married Aug. 17 at Trinity Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Bill Moore.

The bride, whose parents are deceased, earned a master of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by the Calico Cat in Saline.

The groom is the son of James and Marcia Duncan of Saline. He received a bachelor's degree in business and hotel restaurant management from Central Michigan University. He is the owner of Eric's Lawn and Snow Service of Saline.

The bride asked Denise Lovelace to be her matron of honor, while Linda Williams was her bridesmaid.

James Duncan served as the groom's best man with Bob Webster was an usher.

The couple greeted guests at a reception at Weber's before leaving on a trip to Jamaica. They make their home in Saline.

Tabbert-Podrasky

Michelle Podrasky and Eddie Tabbert were married Aug. 2 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City. The Rev. Edward Prus officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Jean Podrasky of Canton. The groom is the son of Ed and Nancy Jo Tabbert of Whitmore Lake.

The bride, a 1991 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, works for Tapco International.

The groom, 1990 Redford Union High School graduate, is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

The bride asked Kelly Podrasky to serve as her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jody Puschaver, Natalie Kobylianski, Karen Podrasky, Kim Kovach and Carrie Podrasky. Flower girls were Haylee Podrasky and Chelsea Puschaver.

The groom asked Jim Puschaver to serve as his best man. Groomsmen were Joey Nalepa, Pete Podrasky, Chris Moyanhen, Tommy Gallaher and Kevin Majewski. Ring bearer was Joey Podrasky.

The couple received guests at Plymouth Manor. They are making their home in Canton, following a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico.

Paschke-Mikulski

Steve and Cathy Paschke of Chino Hills, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly of Westland, to Philip Mikulski of Tawas, the son of Rick and Judy Mikulski of Wyandotte.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Central Michigan University this month. She plans to work as a biology teacher.

Her fiance, a CMU graduate, is employed as a business teacher at Tawas High School.

A July wedding in California is being planned.

Dee-Garbarino

Rick and Kristin Dee of Novi announce the engagement of their father, Richard B., to Mary A. Garbarino of Livonia. A spring wedding is planned.

Hospice, St. Michael's hold cookie walks

Are you too busy to bake cookies for the holiday season? Looking for something new to serve your guests?

If the answer's yes, then circle Dec. 6 on your calendar. Prepare to delight yourself and your guests with all kinds of Christmas cookies purchased at cookie walks at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Redford and Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Shoppers will be able to fill their boxes with different cookies at St. Michael's, 26355 W. Chicago Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads. The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The homemade cookies will be sold for $6 a pound.

Featured will be a variety of holiday cookies, including miniature nut rolls, homemade fudge and chocolates.

A word to the wise from organizers is come early. While the sale ends at 1 p.m. the cookies have sold out by 11 a.m. the last few years.

For more information, call the church at (313) 937-0970.

Angela Hospice will be having its first annual cookie walk 9 a.m. until the last cookie is sold. The benefit will be at the Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, north of Schoolcraft Road.

Prices will be $5 for a small box and $8 for a large box. Holiday grafts and other sweets also will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the many caring programs of Angela Hospice.

For more information, call Angela Hospice at (313) 464-7810.

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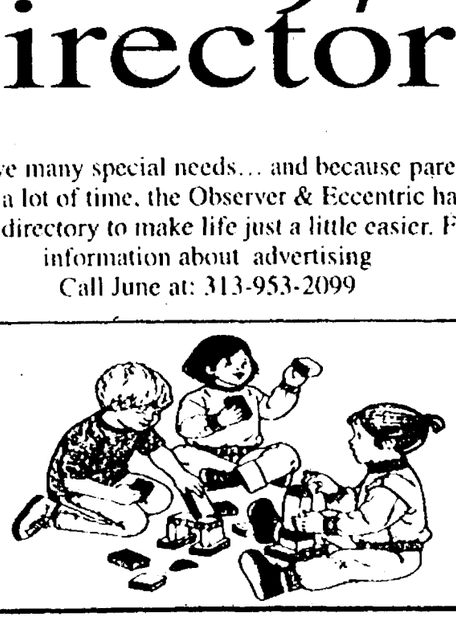

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Hospices' trees honor loved ones

For people who have lived through the loss of a loved one, the holidays can be an especially difficult time for celebration.

To assist those grieving individuals, Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. of Westland and Plymouth, Arbor Hospice and Angela Hospice are again offering Trees of Memories, Life and Remembrance.

In its eighth year, the CHHCS Tree of Memories celebrates the lives of people by the representation of golden angel ornaments. The event runs Friday, Nov. 28, through Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia, during mall hours.

For a donation, patrons can inscribe the names on their loved ones on the gold angel ornaments to hang on lighted Christmas trees. The memory trees will remain at the mall throughout the holiday season.

"The Tree of Memories enables people to openly acknowledge their loss during what can be the most painful time of the year – the holiday season," said Kathy Dattolo, director of CHHCS Social Services. "Healing can be reached by writing a special note on an ornament. It can also be accomplished by seeing other ornaments on the trees and sharing stories with those who have also experienced losses."

For those who can't make it to Wonderland Mall, Community Hospice will send angel ornaments to homes or businesses in time for the holidays. The ornaments can be returned by mail. They will be placed on the trees by CHHCS volunteers.

All the proceeds go toward providing non-reimbursable care for incurably ill patients and their families. Community Hospice is a not-for-profit organization that has been serving residents of western Wayne, southern Oakland, and eastern Washtenaw counties since 1981.

For more information about the CHHCS Tree of Memories, call (313) 522-4244.

At noon Saturday, Nov. 29, Angela Hospice of Livonia will dedicate its Tree of Life, which will be on display in Laurel Park Place, Livonia, through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

People are invited to give a gift of remembrance by adorning the tree with an ornament bearing the names of loved ones, living or deceased.

The donations are tax-deductible and donor cards are available at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, or by calling (313) 464-7810.

"During this season of gift giving, Angela Hospice takes special note of the gifts we have received since 1985, the beginning of our caring hospice program," said Sister Mary Giovanni, director. "Our patients have given us the gift and privilege of being able to care for them during their final stages of life. Our benefactors have given us the gift of their faith, their commitment and their trust in the philosophy of hospice and have ensured, through time and contributions, the success of our programs."

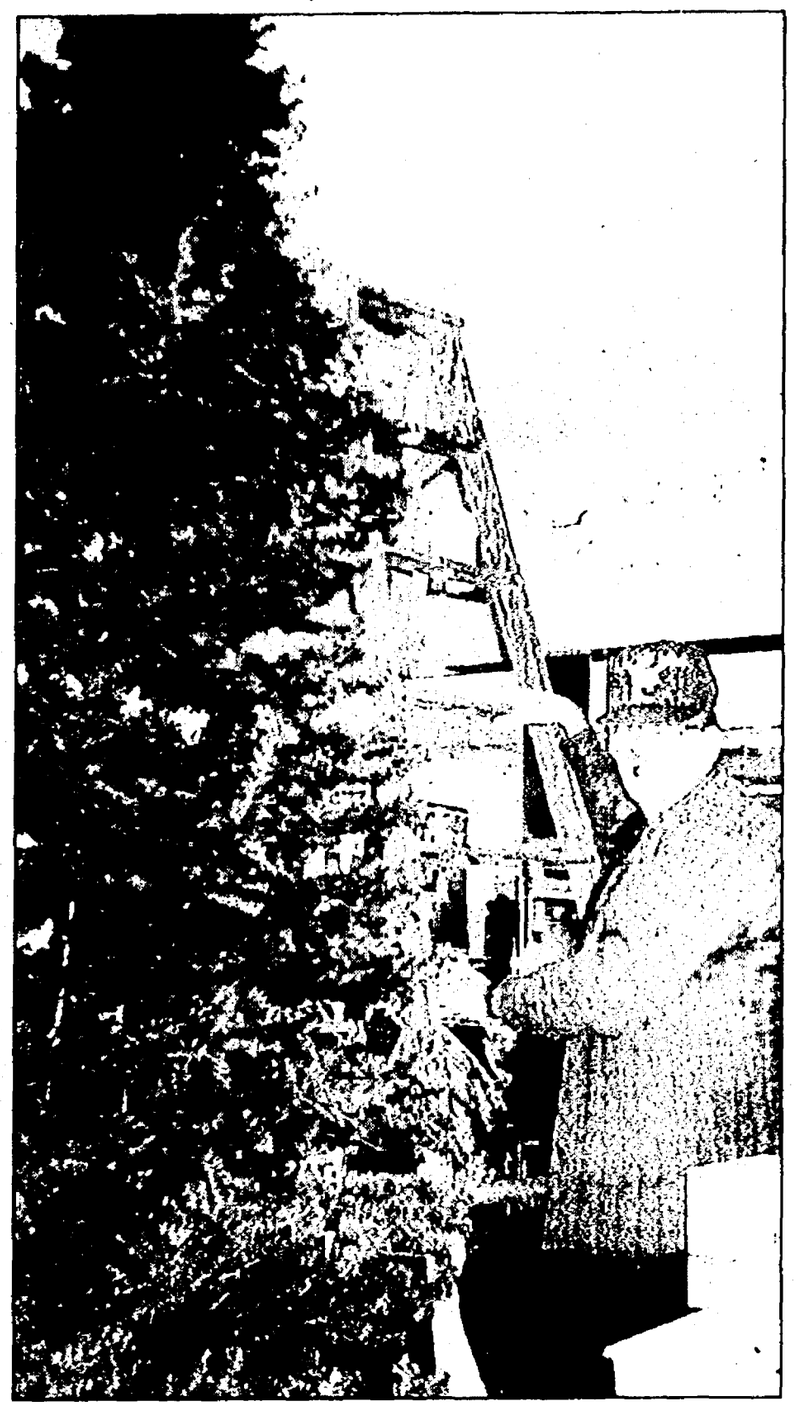
Arbor Hospice's Tree of Remembrance is on display at the Westchester Mall, 550 Forest St., in downtown Plymouth. The tree is decorated in heart-shaped ornaments and this year's have been quilted in colors of ecru and burgundy by Arbor Hospice volunteers.

In exchange for a donation to Arbor Hospice, an ornament will be placed on the tree in memory of a deceased loved one. After the holidays, the ornament will be sent to the donor.

Last year, more than 400 ornaments were placed on the tree.

A public dedication service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. Community clergy, musicians and Arbor Hospice supporters will participate.

For information or to make a donation to Arbor Hospice for the Tree of Remembrance, call Michele Leshan at (248) 624-4522 or 1-800-783-5764.



Special decorations: *Robert Bull, a volunteer for Community Hospice and Home Care Services, helped hang the remembrance ornaments on the agency's annual Tree of Memories. An annual event, the tree will be at Wonderland Mall in Livonia Nov. 28-Dec. 24.*

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts 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.

ST. EDITH
St. Edith Parish of Livonia is hosting a "craft mall" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the parish hall, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. The mall features crafts made by artisans from around the world. Gift wrapping paper, ribbon and refreshments will also be for sale. Admission is free. Call (313) 464-2027 for more information.

BRYANT CENTER
Bryant Center is having its Christmas craft bazaar 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, and Friday, Dec. 5, and 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the center, 18000 Merriman Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Admission and parking are free. All the crafts are made by Bryant students. Proceeds will held fund the student vocational workshop. For more information, call (313) 425-0100.

SENIOR HOUSE
Senior House of Livonia will have its eighth annual Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the retirement residences, 11525 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road. There will be a bake sale, white elephant booth, new gift items, decorations and ornaments. For more information, call (313) 425-3050.

ST. KEVIN'S
St. Kevin's Church will have an Christmas bazaar 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the church social hall, 30053 Parkwood, Inkster. Table rental will be $15. There will be artists and crafters, Santa's living room, bake sale, lunch and snacks and hourly raffles. For more information, call (313) 728-2470 or (313) 595-1305.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL
"Treats and Treasures," a sale at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, will be held from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads, west of I-275, Novi. Holiday cookies and other baked goods, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures, cutlery, and more will be featured. Admission is free. For more information, (248) 348-7757.

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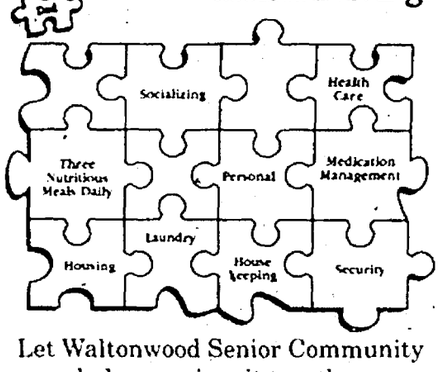

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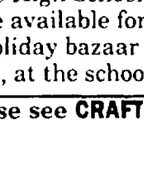

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

St. Aidan Youth Group is raising funds in December by selling the Entertainment Ultimate Book which contains discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events and sports. The books cost $40 with a portion of the proceeds going to help fund youth conferences and workshops. For more information, call (313) 425-5950 or (248) 474-1396.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have Thanksgiving services at 9 and 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Senior Pastor Dr. James McGuire will deliver the message and the Men's Choir and Brass Ensemble will be featured. Pre-service fellowship will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1150.

■ Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City and Christus Victor Lutheran Church of Dearborn Heights are holding a combined Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Good Hope, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

■ St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is holding a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

■ Faith United Methodist Church is having a community Thanksgiving Eve service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road (south of I-94), with the Rev. Tom Cusick of St. Anthony Catholic Church preaching. Call (313) 483-2276 for more information.

■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is having a special service or praise and thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The service will feature uplifting music by the church's choir, the Cherub and Choristers choirs, Sunday School children, orchestra and handbell choirs. Participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item for the Wayne County Family Shelter.

Thanksgiving Day worship will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road, also featuring special music of praise and thanksgiving. Call (313) 522-6830 for more information.

■ A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and south of I-96, Redford. People attending are asked to bring at least two non-perishable food items for donation to the Redford Interfaith Relief. For more information, call (313) 538-2660.

■ The spirit of gratitude will be celebrated at the First Church of Christ Science, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth at 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. The service will include testimonies of healing by Christian Scientists. Members of other religious denominations are invited to attend, and child care will be provided.

SUNDAY LESSONS

"Field of Dreams" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook (between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads), Novi. The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics.

Scott Kalechstein will lead a workshop on "Finding Your Passion and Living Your Purpose," 12:45-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church. The registration fee is $15. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at http://www.cotw.com.

'MOVING FORWARD'

Patricia Ann Hopkins, a master of divinity of candidate, will speak on the topic of "Moving Forward in Spite of ..." at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Hopkins will receive her cooperative master of divinity degree in the year 2000 from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit and the McCormick Theological Seminar in Chicago. As part of her training, she will remain at the Unity of Livonia until the spring.

For more information, call the Unity of Livonia at (313) 421-1760.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare, a special video seminar and support group, has begun a 13-week session, 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts covering such topics as "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (313) 459-3333 for more information.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Does your church have missionaries?" on Nov. 30, "What are these Reading Rooms all about?" on Dec. 7, "What does Christian Science say about sin?" on Dec. 14, "How can anyone have that much faith?" on Dec. 21, and "Just what is a Christian Science practitioner?" on Dec. 28.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

COMMUNION SERVICE

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will hold its annual women's Advent Communion Service and creche display at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-1470.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Advent Worship Services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt, at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. A soup and salad dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. A Christmas Fantasia Cantata will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series on Thursday, Dec. 4, with the program "Handling the Holidays" and on Jan. 8 with "Moving On." There are no fees.

Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

NEW PROGRAM

St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is offering a new adult education program that encourages participants to come and learn about orthodoxy from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 11. Speakers and topics include: "What We Believe About Scripture and Tradition" Dec. 4 by King, and "What We Believe About Heaven and Hell" by Father Shalhoub Dec. 11. The church is located at 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0010.

ADVENT CLASS

Kindergartners, first and second graders are invited to an Advent class 4-6 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Activities include making ornaments, gifts, cooking, stories and worship. Participants should bring a sack supper; milk will be supplied. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

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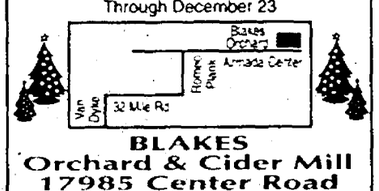

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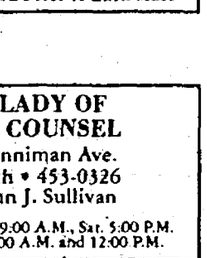

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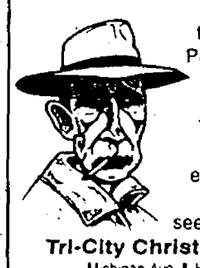

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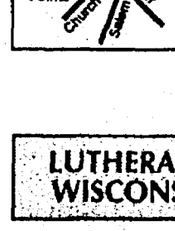

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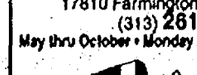

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937-2233

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Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

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Pastor Frank Howard - Ch. 453-0323

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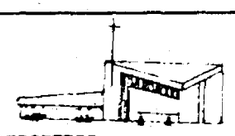

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9:30
Lifeline Contemporary Service
11:00
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Livonia 422-1150
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Worship Services-Sunday School
8:00, 9:15, 10:45 A.M.
and 12:05 P.M.
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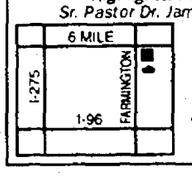

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Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack
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Rev. Kathleen Groff
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November 30th
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Rev. Diana, preaching
Sunday School
11:00 a.m.-Children-Youth-Adults

Come Worship With Us

AIDS quilt panels are focus of dedication rite

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

A Canton Methodist church and a Jewish congregation are banding together as a sign of hope to raise awareness of World AIDS Day, Monday, Dec. 1.

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church and Congregation Bet Chaverim will dedicate remembrance panels for the National "Names Project" AIDS Memorial Quilt during a 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, service at the church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton. For more information, call the church at (313) 495-0035.

The panels were made during a workshop held Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Canton Township Administrative Building.

"We have a number of panels ready to be dedicated for the National AIDS Memorial Quilt," said the Rev. Marjorie H. Munger of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church. "Cherry Hill United Methodist Church has been doing an observance of World AIDS Day for five years. This is the first year that Congregation Bet Chaverim is sharing in this day of observance.

"We think that's a sign of hope that Christians and Jews are working together. We think of it as a sign of hope and healing for families who have lost people or presently have persons living with HIV."

The service, open to those of all faiths, will include elements of the Jewish and Christian traditions.

"We'll have representatives from both congregations," said Munger. "An important part of what we want to do is educate people about the prevention of AIDS. Half of the newly reported infections are in people 25 years and younger. This is a very scary thing for young people who just think nothing's going to happen to them.

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Rev. Marjorie Munger
-Cherry Hill UM

"As parents and leaders in the community, we want our children to live."

During the service, a 12-foot-by-12-foot section of the National "Names Project" Memorial Quilt will be on display.

"It includes eight panels that have been donated all from the southeastern Michigan area," she said. "It'll be hung. It'll be a vertical display and should be very impressive.

"What we'll do is put this in the chancel area of the church and that will be the visual focus of the service."

The service is part of the outreach program with Cherry Hill United Methodist Church and Congregation Bet Chaverim, which worships in Cherry Hill. They also supply clothing to First Step, a domestic violence shelter for women and children, and donate school supplies to Field School.

"We are doing some community outreach together and this is just one piece of it. It's kind of a neat thing," she said.

A 12-by-12-foot section of the Names Project Quilt will also be on display Dec. 1 at the third floor of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross's headquarters, 100 Mack Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 576-4127 for more information.

Red Cross volunteers and instructors, including Rosemary Spatafora, the local coordinator for the Names Project organization, will be available for questions and will provide informational materials on HIV/AIDS prevention.

The Red Cross, working in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, educates people on how to stop the transmission of HIV, encourages people to respond in informed ways to people who have HIV, and helps them apply the facts about HIV to their own behavior.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter offers four HIV/AIDS educational programs: The Basic HIV/AIDS Program, the African-American HIV/AIDS program, the Hispanic Program and a Workplace Program for employees and employers.

Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia will house AIDS Quilt panels from 7:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, as well. The school's phone number is (313) 523-9300.

Panels will be on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. Call (313) 833-7900 for information.

The displays honor World AIDS Day, sponsored by the World Health Organization to draw public attention to the AIDS pandemic.

According to the Michigan Department of Public Health, there are 11,500 persons affected with HIV in Michigan. There have been 5,039 AIDS-related deaths in the state since 1981.

Star attraction: *The boar's head has been stuffed and mounted, but it still has a place of honor with the Beefeaters at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church's annual Boar's Head Festival.*

St. Paul's hosts annual Boar's Head Festival

English kings, queens, Beefeaters and jesters are only a few of the characters in the cast of this year's Boar's Head Festival Saturday, Dec. 6, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

For more than 20 years, St. Paul's has been performing the Boar's Head Festival and Feast, an ancient and traditional service of Christmas music and celebration.

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Ceremony is probably the oldest continuing festival of the Christmas season. It was presented at least as early as 1340, at Queen's College, Oxford, and in time became a part of the Christmas celebration of the great Manor Houses of England.

It was brought to America and continued in colonial homes and churches. The first known public appearance was at the Hoosick School in Hoosick Falls, N.Y., in 1888.

The beautiful ceremony with its candles, costumes and processions symbolizes many things. The boar's head signifies the end of evil in the world and the Yule Log symbolizes the rekindling of love and a promise for the year ahead. The pageant also celebrates the birth of Jesus by ending with a living nativity scene.

After the ceremony is a modern version of an Olde English feast. The menu includes such items as roast beef, apple-glazed bread pudding and wassail. A variety of costumed guests and entertainers help to provide a medieval atmosphere.

The St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Boar's Head Festival starts at 5 p.m. Tickets are $5 for the festival only, or $15 for the festival and the feast. Tickets are available at the door for the festival only.

Tickets for both the festival and the feast are available at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, east of Inkster Road, or by calling (313) 422-1470.

OWL brunch set for Botsford

The Founders Room of the Botsford Inn in Farmington will be the setting for the Farmington Chapter of the Older Women's League's annual holiday brunch.

The brunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the inn, 28000 Grand River. The cost is $20 per person for brunch and a presentation on "Women in the Bible" by Kay Duncan, a speaker with the Detroit Institute of Arts.

There also will be a raffle of a handmade Christmas stocking and wreath and a $100 gift certificate for Shadowline lingerie and a silent auction featuring many unique and useful gifts.

Paid reservations can be made through Tuesday, Dec. 2, by calling Doris O'Connell at (248) 348-8012.

OWL is the only national grassroots organization that focuses exclusively on the critical issues facing women age 40 and older.

The Farmington chapter includes women living in Livonia, Westland, Wayne, Canton, Novi, Northville and Plymouth.

Crafts *from page B4*

11685 Appleton, Redford. For more information, call Amy Nanni at (313) 255-1100.

PLYMOUTH PARKS
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its annual arts and crafts 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 6 and noon-5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission and parking are both free. For more information, call show director Carol Donnelly at (313) 455-6620.

HANDCRAFTERS
Handcrafters will sponsor its 16th annual Christmas arts and crafts show Dec. 12-14 at the Northville Recreation Center, 3030 W. Main St., Northville. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 12, 9 a.m.to 5 p.m. Dec. 13 and 11 a.m.to 5 p.m. Dec. 14. There will be more than 70 juried artisans displaying their works. Lunch will be available. Admission will be $2; no strollers allowed. For more information, call (313) 459-0050.

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Dr. Fredric D. Frigoletto Jr.
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Like most people, you tend to overindulge in few rich foods. But more important than any binging is your general pattern of nutrition.

Most women need no more than 2,200 calories daily to maintain a healthy weight, and fewer than that after menopause. A well-balanced diet is key. Suggested servings for each food group include breads, cereals, rice or pasta (6-11 servings daily), vegetables (3 to 5 servings), fruits (2-4 servings); milk, yogurt or cheese (2-3 servings) and meats, poultry, fish, dry beans, peas, eggs or nuts (2-3 servings).

"Try to limit your fat intake to fewer than one third of your total calories," said. Dr. Fredric D. Frigoletto Jr., the president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. "Remember that each gram of fat is equivalent to 9 calories. And select foods that are low in saturated fat and cholesterol."

According to Frigoletto, use fats and oils sparingly in cooking and limit your intake of salad dressings, butter, margarine and mayonnaise. Watch your portions – a "serving" of meat is about three ounces, or the size of a deck of cards.

Women do need about 1,000 milligrams of calcium daily (and 1,500 milligrams daily after menopause), as well as 15 milligrams of iron. A 12-ounce glass of milk, a cup of yogurt or a 2-ounce portion of cheese each contains about 300 milligrams of calcium. Fortunately, there are low or non-fat dairy products to choose from.

Each serving of meat, poultry or seafood contains about six milligrams of iron, which can also be found in eggs, beans and peas, dried fruits, fortified breads and cereals and leafy green vegetables, many of which also provide substantial amounts of calcium and folic acid.

"Your digestive system will thank you, if you drink plenty of water and include fiber in your diet (at least 20 milligram daily), to help protect against colon cancer," said Frigoletto. "Beans and peas, fruits, vegetables and whole grains are good sources."

Don't overlook the value of basic, simple foods such as the potato, which is high in fiber, low in fat, and rich in vitamin C, Frigoletto added. Beans or peas with starches, such as rice or pasta, can provide complete protein without the fat content of meat, and are delicious with herbs or spices.

"Be creative and explore a variety of healthy foods, to keep your resolution in the coming year," Frigoletto said.

Single, free copies of the pamphlet, "Weight Control: Eating Right and Keeping Fit," are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Resource Center/AP064, 409 12th St. SW, P.O. Box 96920, Washington, D.C. 20090-6920.

Playmate *from page B2*

Playboy model, and singer-actress Vanessa Williams, who appeared in Penthouse, both have successful careers.

"I'm not Jenny, I'm not Vanessa," she said. "I hope to make a name for myself in a different way. I do think it's great what they've done. I hope to be successful as well, but if I'm not, well at least I tried."

McDougal, who enjoys reading, working out and talking on the phone, may be on her way to stardom. She has an interview scheduled with Elite modeling agency in Chicago.

"They seemed pretty excited on the phone; they're one of the top agencies," she said. "From there I can go to Elite New York, Elite Milan, Elite Paris, any of them.".

She also has an audition to read for a couple of movies in California. But movies aren't a priority in her life.

"It's not really what I'd like to do; modeling is my big dream," McDougal said. "But models don't have a long life span."

A former preschool teacher in a district she'll only describe as "in Michigan," McDougal said her ultimate dream is to open a learning center for kids.

"I love kids, I have a real compassion for kid," she said. "If I can help kids, that's great."

Although she's thrilled about her job, her family and her boyfriend, she said, are "more excited than I am."

"My boyfriend and I went to an oil change place and he pulls out the magazine and says, 'Hey guys, come here. Who is this?' They said they didn't know and he points over to me," he said. "They said, 'Yeah, right. Everybody tries to get a free oil change.'"

With embarrassment quickly fading to frustration, McDougal pulled out identification and said, "This is me."

"Then all the guys came over to meet me and ended up giving me a free oil change."

It seems like most of Sawyer has seen her picture as well.

"My mom will have my picture in her hand and say 'That's my daughter' to strangers," she said with a laugh.

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Griffin Funeral Home keeps in touch with community

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes in Westland and Canton strongly believe that their service to a family doesn't end when the funeral is over.

"We have a strong family tradition that carries over to the families that are served here," said David G. Griffin, manager of the Canton location.

Taking into consideration the profound grief people feel on the anniversary of their loved ones' death, the funeral home has held a memorial service yearly since 1994.

"Every first week of December, we invite people from the entire community who has experienced a loss over the past years to a memorial service," Griffin explained. "It's a nice memorial service for somebody who has experienced a loss."

This year's memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, Canton. Before the service, families are asked if they would like a prayer dedicated to their loved ones.

Griffin Funeral Home brings in a priest and a local minister from local churches to officiate. Last year, St. John Neumann Catholic and St. Michael's Lutheran Church participated.

In the past, the event has attracted 100-150 people per year.

"We've been seeing the people from the first year coming back the following year," said Griffin, who is on the board of directors of the Canton Community Foundation, Canton Chamber of Commerce, and Community Hospice.

He is also the past president of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association Wayne County district.

Founded in 1954 in northwest Detroit, Griffin Funeral Home helps people work through
h their grief throughout the year.

Recently, the company wrapped up a five-week bereavement series held in conjunction with Arbor Hospice at the Canton Public Library. The funeral home will continue its bereavement series in the spring.

The funeral home serves 500 families yearly between its two locations – 7707 Middlebelt Road, Westland, and 42600 Ford Road, Canton. For more information, call the Westland chapel at (313) 522-9400 or the Canton chapel at (313) 981-1700.

"Our focus here at the funeral home is not just the service at the time of the death," Griffin said. "It's more than establishing yourself as a funeral home. We need to give back to the community."

ANNIVERSARIES

Tatzka

Willard (Bill) and Bea Tatzka celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their Plymouth home.

The couple married Nov. 15, 1947, in Pontiac. She is the former Bea Lemanski.

The Tatzkas have three daughters – Teresa Cischke and husband Jim of Plymouth, Joan Johnson and husband Doug of East Grand Rapids, and Barbara Davio and husband Steve of Kalamazoo. They also have four grandchildren – Suzy and Katie Johnson and Andrew and Diana Davio.

He retired in 1984 from Burroughs Corp.'s Plymouth plant after 34 years of service. He enjoys gardening and fishing. She likes to read and sew.

As a couple, they enjoy visiting with family and friends and their grandchildren.

Niemiec

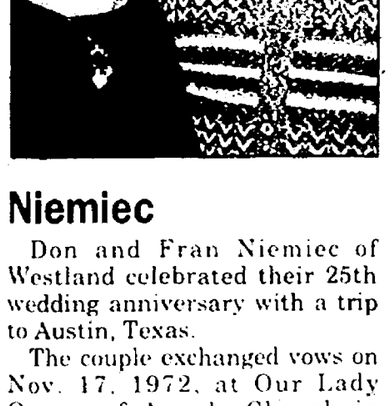
Don and Fran Niemiec of Westland celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Austin, Texas.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 17, 1972, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in Detroit. She is the former Fran Wisz.

The couple has three children – Karen, Jeanine and Tim.

A member of St. Theodore's Men's Club, he is a property tax consultant for Trerice Tosto.

Active in St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women, she is a paraprofessional for the Livonia Public Schools.



McLean

John C. and Marie McLean of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass at St. Colette Church and a family dinner at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 8, 1947, in Detroit. She is the former Marie Loney.

The McLeans have five children – Michael and wife Marsha, John and wife Kitty, Dennis and Tom, all of Livonia, Ellen of Canton and Mary and husband Eric of Westerville, Ohio – and 10 grandchildren.

She is a homemaker while he retired from Chrysler as an accountant 10 years ago.

Detroit Red Wings fans, they also enjoy spending winters in Florida and daily walks at Laurel Park Place.

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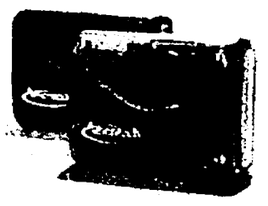

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Contra dance offers 'escape'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Spending holiday weekends with family can get pretty tiring. Karen Missavage knows this by the success of the contra dances she's held over the years.

"It's a good time to have one," Missavage said. "There's a lot of people visiting and a lot of people by Saturday night are tired of the family thing. They don't feel like sticking around their aunt and uncle's house anymore.

"You'd be surprised at how well we do holiday weekends."

Which way: *It's right hand in as the ladies formed a right-hand star during contra dancing called by Karen Missavage.*

Keeping with that trend, Missavage and the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society are hosting the "Turkey Hoedown" contra dance from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Masonic Hall, 730 Penniman, on the north side of Kellogg Park next to the Gathering in downtown Plymouth.

Admission to the dance is $6 and includes live music by members of the society, lemonade and name tags. The dance is smoke- and alcohol-free.

Missavage describes contra dancing as similar to square dancing.

"It's a traditional form of American country dance," she said. "In a square dance you're in a set with eight people. In a contra dance, you're in a long line, facing your partner. You dance with everybody in the line and everybody in the room as you change partners. It's similar to the Virginia Reel."

Partners are not required, she said, because partners change with every dance. Experience is not necessary either. Missavage and fellow caller Tom Allen will teach all the dances.

Missavage, an Ann Arbor resident, was introduced to contra dancing in 1981 while she was living in Montana.

"I had a buddy who worked in bicycle shop and he kept talking about this great dance event and this great music," she said. "After a few months of persuading I finally went."

She added that camaraderie is a big part of the dances.

"Expect to dance with a lot of friendly people who will walk up and ask them to dance regardless of gender. It's bright in there so you can see who you're dancing with," she said with a laugh. "People will offer you a hand and say, 'Let's dance.' We'll teach all the maneuvers and figures.

"It repeats itself over and over again – circle left, circle right, swing your partner. There's no fancy footwork or maneuvers."

Missavage suggests that participants wear comfortable footwear. High heels are not the thing to do, she said, adding that dancers of any age group will feel comfortable at the event.

"You'll make 50 new friends," she said. "It's a wide variety of ages from college kids up to senior citizens. The only caveat is if there's a motion problem or trouble moving, it's probably not for you. Even then we have people who really aren't capable of it, do it well. We take care of them."

The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society is also hosting a First Friday Square and Contra Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Admission is $6 adults or $3 children. For more information, call (313) 665-8405.

Other upcoming events include: Lovett Hall holiday contra dance, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Lovett Hall ballroom, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Admission is $7. Call (313) 982-6100, Ext.. 2262; New Year's Jubilee, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Greater Hall, St. Luke's Church, 120 N. Huron, Ypsilanti's Depot Town. The $15 badge admission includes admission to all Jubilee events. (313) 483-4444; and a contra dance Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Masonic Hall, 730 Penniman, Plymouth.

For more information about upcoming events, call the dance hotline at (313) 332-9024 or Karen Missavage at (313) 995-1336.

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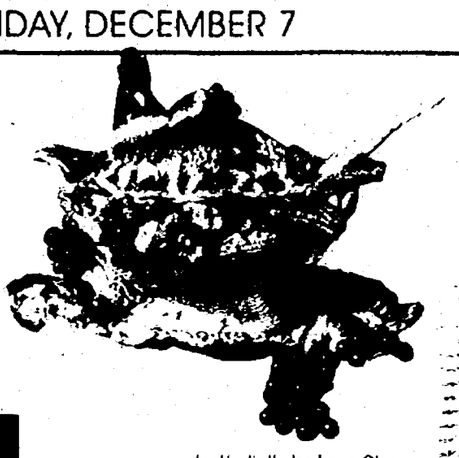

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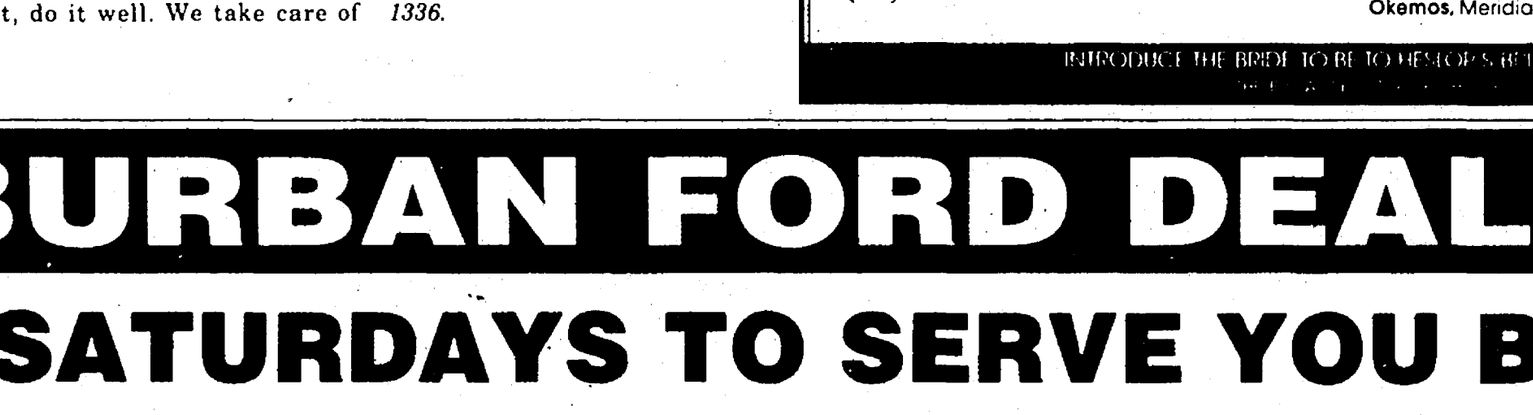

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Lady Crusaders win

It's a good thing women's basketball has two halves of play.

Madonna University trailed Taylor University 36-30 at the end of the first half Nov. 22 at home. But a 16-2 run early in the second propelled the Crusaders to a 69-57 victory.

Lori Enfield, Chris Dietrich, Mary Murray and Angie Negri all scored in the run. Madonna, which improved to 2-2 on the season, never trailed again.

Negri finished with 21 points to lead the Crusaders. Katie Cushman added 15 points and Murray had 11. Enfield contributed 9 points and 12 rebounds.

Madonna stayed close to Taylor University much of the first half. The Trojans led 18-16 with 7:41 to go before halftime, but then went on to lead by as many as seven before the horn sounded.

Taylor got that seven point margin back early in the second half with a hoop from Sarah Krause.

But that's where Madonna got hot.

Enfield began the 16-2 run with a layup at 16:55 of the half. Dietrich followed with a pair of free throws and then Negri gave Madonna a 43-41 lead with a three-pointer.

Taylor then tied the game for the last time. Murray followed with a three-poiner and a jump shot to put Madonna up 48-43. The Crusaders were never challenged again.

Ocelot cagers edged

Host Monroe (N.Y.) Community College got 19 points Saturday from Shamar Johnson to hold off the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team, 77-74.

Monroe (6-1 overall) overcame a 45-41 halftime deficit to hand Schoolcraft (5-2 overall) its second straight defeat. (Gloucester, N.J. beat SC on Friday, 94-91 in three overtimes).

Kevin Melson, a 6-6 sophomore, led the Ocelots with 27 points.

Derek McKelvey and Jimar Eddins contributed 15 and 10, respectively.

"I was proud of the kids, they played very hard this weekend," SC first-year coach Carlos Briggs said.

Youth hockey schools

Suburban Hockey Schools will be offering holiday clinics Dec. 22-24 and 26 at Devon-Aire in Livonia and the Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

Among the programs offered include power skating and puck-handling for Mites (ages 6-8) and Squirts (9-10), along with checking and scoring for Pee Wees and Bantams (11-14).

The cost for the clinic is $130 per per player. A goaltending clinic for all ages will also be held at Mount Clemens only (cost $115).

Classes will also be offered Dec. 29-31 and Jan. 2 at the Ice Box Sports Center in Trenton and Royal Oak's Lindell Arena.

For more information, call (248) 478-1600.

Livonia Rec signup

Registration for Livonia Parks & Recreation men's basketball, volleyball and boys Class D basketball (18 years and under) will close Dec. 12 or when team limits are reached.

Games will be played in the beginning of Jan.

For more information, call (313) 466-2410.

Hoop Shoot contest

The Hoop Shoot free throw shooting contest will take place Saturday, Dec. 13, at Livonia Churchill High School.

The contest, sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Livonia Elks Club, is for youth ages 8-13. Contestants will be divided into their respective age groups.

Contestants are given 25 tries to shoot from the free throw line. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through three tiers of competition to qualify for the National finals.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the contest starting at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call 313-466-2410.

Start sports programs

Sports-minded men and women from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky interested in building programs for adult and youth softball, beach volleyball, basketball, soccer, flag football and youth-only baseball should contact Jim (days or evenings) at (313) 483-4745 (fax * 51) as soon as possible.

Relay champs: *Livonia Stevenson's 200-yard freestyle relay team of (from left) Marti McKenzie, Jordyn Godfroid, Katie Clark and Julie Kern captured the Class A title with a first-place time of 1:38.04 in the state Class A championships held Saturday at Michigan State University's McCaffree Pool. As a team, the Spartans finished fourth with 100 points. Birmingham Seaholm, led by Jenny Vanker, won the title with 159. See roundup on the Spartans on page C3.*

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Ladywood stuns PSL runner-up

■ CLASS A GIRLS BASKETBALL

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood may be proud of its achievements in the classroom, but the Ladywood basketball team proved Monday it has also learned valuable lessons on the court.

Exactly a month after the Blazers were crushed by Redford Bishop Borgess, 47-24, Ladywood turned the tables on Detroit Cody.

The Blazers played aggressively Monday against the much faster Lady Comets and held on for a 41-38 victory in a Class A regional semifinal at Southfield.

"When we got beat up by Borgess the second time, we played timid," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "I reminded the team of that, and wanted them to learn from it and come out tonight and play aggressive."

Ladywood advanced to Wednesday's regional final to face Detroit Martin Luther King (23-2), a 73-41 winner over Detroit Southwestern. The Blazers haven't won a regional title since 1992.

"I'm not surprised we're in this position; we've worked hard all year and deserve to be here," said senior center Sarah Poglits, who led the Blazers with 16 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots.

The Blazers led 36-26 with six minutes remaining in the game, but held off a furious Cody comeback attempt. The win was secure when Brandy Davis' game-tying three-point attempt bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

"I felt confident that if we could control their guards and slow the game down, then we would have a good chance of winning," Gorski said. "I think we did a good job of taking the guards out of their normal game and we handled their pressure pretty well.

"I thought we'd be in good shape if we could hold them under 50 points, so I was pleased they finished with only 38."

Senior Nichole Miller scored 13 points for Cody, which finished its season 20-3. Keneisha Moss added 11 points, while Davis, who Gorski feared would be the most dangerous, was held to three points.

After Poglits' 16, the Blazers received balanced scoring, paced by senior forward Jenny Lachapelle's seven points.

The Lady Comets appeared they would make the game a rout early, jumping out to a quick 9-2 lead. Six straight points by Poglits and a triple by Meryl Denton helped the Blazers knot the game at 13-13 heading into the second quarter.

The shooting turned cold in the second quarter as neither team made a basket for the first six minutes. A jumper by Poglits and a putback by freshman center Michelle Harakas just before the first half buzzer tied the game at 21-21 at halftime.

Cody rallied to take a 26-24 lead with 2:30 remaining in the third quarter, but the Blazers reeled off 10 unanswered points (six by Poglits) to take a 34-26 lead into the final quarter.

"We knew that if we could work the ball around enough that their defense would collapse and go to the ball," Poglits said. "That would then leave someone open and we were finding that person."

"We knew they would send a couple players to the ball and the key was for our guards not to panic and to make the second, third and fourth passes and get the good shots," Gorski said.

Key to the Ladywood second-half run was the play of junior forward Elena Sventickas, who came off the bench to score three points and grab three boards.

Ladywood appeared to have the game in hand, leading 39-31 with 1:44 remaining, but poor free throw shooting and several missed layups gave Cody an opening. A trey by Miller closed the gap to 39-36 with 45 seconds remaining.

Senior guard Sheryl Wrobleski split a pair of free throws to increase the lead to four. The Lady Comets had four chances to score but failed. Still, Cody stayed alive after Davis and Danielle Dixon each made a free throw make it 40-38 with eight seconds left.

Wrobleski was again fouled and made one-of-two free throws with four seconds left. After a timeout, the Lady Comets threw the ball down court where Davis got behind Poglits and had an open three-point attempt. But her off-balanced shot only hit the outside of the rim.

Cody shot poorly from the field, making only 22 percent of its shots (13-of-58), compared to Ladywood's 36 percent clip (16-of-43). Neither team shot well at the charity stripe, as Cody made eight-of-15 tries, and the Blazers converted only eight-of-17 attempts.

With the win, the Blazers improved their overall mark to 12-11, the first time Ladywood has been over .500 since early in the season. To stay above .500, the Blazers are going to have to beat a tough King squad.

"They are like Cody, very quick, but they also have an inside game and play very physical," Gorski said.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Late TD gives CC 21-17 win

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior Joe Sgroi surprised Sterling Heights Stevenson with some early runs from scrimmage Saturday, but the real shock came in the fourth quarter of the Class AA football playoff semifinal at Port Huron's Memorial Stadium.

Sgroi, normally a blocking back, had already gained 58 yards on six carries, including runs of 27 and 21 on the Shamrocks' first scoring drive.

His final offensive contribution won't be found in anyone's playbook.

Sgroi recovered a fumbled punt return by Stevenson and rambled 24 yards to the Titans' six yard line with 5:13 left, setting up the go-ahead score in the Shamrocks' 21-17 victory.

CC senior tailback Josh Christenson, who led all rushers with 73 yards on 12 carries, scored on a three-yard run and Aaron Rock made his third extra point to give the Shamrocks a 21-17 lead with 4:27 remaining.

The win sends the Shamrocks back to the Pontiac Silverdome where they have won four state titles, including three in Class AA since 1990. CC, 10-1 overall, meets undefeated Ann Arbor Huron, a 17-14 upset winner over Rockford, at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Sgroi, the long snapper on CC punts, and Mike Carroll converged on the Stevenson punt returner, who bobbled the punt by Jason Hamilton.

"I saw him bobble it, both of us were right on him and I caught it on the run," said Sgroi, who also played a splendid game at inside linebacker. "Things get you down but we always believed we were going to win the game. Every second we believed."

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Pivotal pickup: *Redford Catholic Central's Joe Sgroi (right) scoops up this fumble with the help of teammate Mike Carroll to set up the game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter against Sterling Heights Stevenson.*

Stevenson coach Rick Bye questioned the call but couldn't get the referees to reverse the decision.

"There's no easy way to lose," said Bye, whose team finished 11-1 overall. "It was a judgment call. I was hoping his butt was down (before the fumble) and maybe I hope I don't see his butt is down on the film. That's the way it goes. Turnovers in November are part of football."

Stevenson, trying to regain the lead, had its last two possessions end in interceptions – by Brian Cox and Joe Jonna.

Stevenson, which fell behind 14-0 after one quarter, took its only lead when senior tailback Joe Alls completed a 39-yard drive with a two-yard dive with 1:48 remaining in the third quarter.

"It doesn't happen very often in your lifetime that a big game comes down to the bounce of a ball," CC coach Tom

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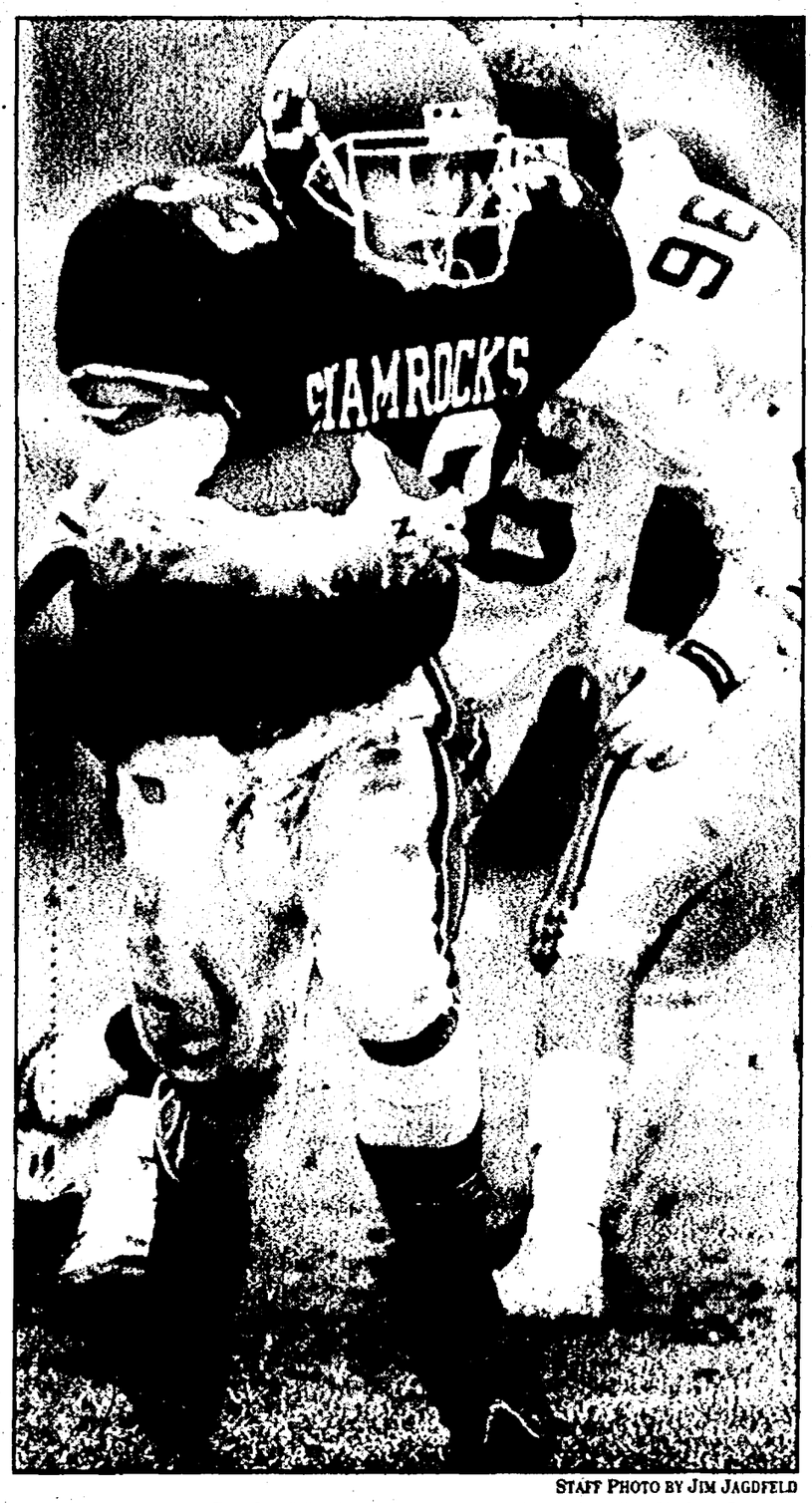
STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Underdog Ann Arbor Huron next for CC



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On the move: *Josh Christenson carries the ball in Saturday's victory over Sterling Heights Stevenson.*

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Mark Wojcik, defensive coordinator for Ann Arbor Huron's undefeated football team, might be the only guy in the state to try on more high school jerseys than River Rats' head coach Paul Verska.

Wojcik sells jerseys for a living at McNish's Sporting Goods & Trophies in Novi.

Verska just wears them out and tries on another.

The Green and Gold of Huron fits the best on Verska, who in his eighth year is taking the Rivers Rats to the Pontiac Silverdome for the Class AA state championship game against perennial state power Detroit Catholic Central.

Huron is 12-0 and in the playoffs for the first time in school history. The Shamrocks are 11-1 and trying for their fourth Class AA title in the 1990s and fifth state crown overall.

Kickoff is 1 p.m. Saturday.

Presidential terms last longer than most of Verska's previous stops.

Prior to Huron, he was the head coach at Cadillac for two years, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard for three, Detroit Servite for three, Allegan for two and Lincoln Alcona for two.

He also was an assistant coach at Servite, Berkley and Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart.

In 23 years as a head coach he has a 104-90-4 record, including a 45-31 mark at Huron.

Verska played football at Harper Woods Notre Dame and Central Michigan University. His senior season in 1962 at ND, a team coached by Walt Bazylewicz, ended with a loss in the Catholic League championship game to Detroit St. Ambrose.

"I like to take a program that's down and turn it around," said Verska. "My wife (Kathy) and I aren't moving anymore."

Nowhere has the turnaround been more evident than at Huron.

The River Rats have had four-straight winning seasons and even play in their own stadium on campus now, instead of sharing one at cross-town rival Pioneer.

"The stadium really helped us get our own identity," Verska said. "We can play, practice, watch film in the locker room, don't have to get on a bus for our home games and worry about it breaking down."

Respect has been hard to come by at Huron despite an unscathed record and beating three favored playoff opponents by a combined score of 72-28.

Even Pioneer, which won six straight games at one point and finished 6-3 overall after a 33-14 season-ending loss to Huron, got more publicity, according to Verska.

It wasn't until the ninth week that the River Rats were ranked among the top 10 in Class AA.

After Sterling Heights Stevenson lost to CC, 21-17, in the state semifinals, the River Rats are left as the only AA team left undefeated.

"All we kept hearing about was the way Pioneer won six straight," Verska said. "But they beat Holly, which hadn't won a game in 20 years, and Flint Beecher, which can't even line up and get a first down.

"When you get to the seventh and eighth week and you're undefeated and unranked, you start to wonder. That kind of rubbed us the wrong way. We had a little chip on our shoulders."

The Shamrocks aren't as big as usual, but they still present problems because of their discipline and fundamentals, Verska said.

Senior quarterback Adam Tubaro threw two interceptions last week, his first since throwing one early in the season, but also threw a pair of touchdown passes to tight end Don Slankster.

Senior fullback Chris Dueweke was held to 39 yards on 16 carries against Stevenson, but he's closing in on 1,000 yards rushing with an average of about 4.5 per carry.

The "underdog" label Huron's been wearing in the playoffs might apply the most this week.

"We like being the underdog," Verska said. "We expect a lot out out of ourselves. But we know we won't sneak up on CC. They'll be ready, and I hope we'll be. We better be.

"CC has a hard nosed defense and two turnovers by them is like a dozen for anyone else. And if you lose the ball, you don't get it back. It's another game and we're excited to play."

Perhaps CC's best player on defense last week was defensive back Dave Lusky, who made 12 unassisted tackles, which is unheard of.

He helped to keep Stevenson's speedy backs, Joe Alls and Mike Tennessee, from turning the corner on runs.

"He's a player, that's for sure," Verska said.

"He had the game of his life," CC coach Tom Mach said. "I can't ever remember a player making 12 unassisted tackles in one game."

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Mach said. "Both teams battled very hard. It was a great game on both sides."

The Shamrocks had a 232-170 advantage in total yardage, but only had 61 yards in the last three quarters. Alls, Stevenson's all-state back, was held to 44 yards on 19 carries, but caught a 68-yard shovel pass that led to his first touchdown from one yard out in the second quarter. The other Stevenson score came on a 31-yard field goal.

Chris Dueweke, CC's featured back, was held to 39 yards on 16 carries. Quarterback Adam Tubaro, sacked three times, was five of 13 for 80 yards, two interceptions and two TDs.

CC looked like it would turn the game into a rout early, scoring on its first two possessions, both capped by easy touchdown passes to Don Slankster.

A 15-yard scoring pass to Slankster capped the first drive, which covered 78 yards in six plays, with 9:50 remaining.

After Dave Lusky intercepted a Stevenson pass at the CC six, the Shamrocks marched 94 yards in 12 plays, capped by Slankster's nine-yard grab on third down and eight with :43 left in the quarter.

Bye said he didn't expect to see Sgroi get four carries the first two drives.

"Joe is a tremendous kid and all year long he's wanted to get in there as a runner," Mach said. "I kept thinking let's use him as a blocking back but he's changed our mind."

STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAME NOTES

•The River Rats beat previously-undefeated Rockford, 17-14, in the semifinals at Lansing Everett.

Rockford's all-state quarterback Mike Segard, who has committed to Purdue, was sacked several times and intercepted in the end zone by Huron's Qasim Basir in the final seconds.

"It's a dream come true," Basir said. "I dreamed about this. It's been our goal all year. Now we have to make a new one: winning the state championship."

•Verska lives across the street from University of Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, which makes you wonder if that gives him first dibs to using the Wolverines indoor facility for practice this week.

It's a tradition the Wolverines have done over the years, allowing teams to use their facility in preparing for the finals at the Silverdome.

The two coaches laugh about Verska's ties to Carr, but maybe the U-M coach has divided loyalty. His son, Jason Carr, quarterbacked CC to the 1990 state championship.

Mach only wants to use the indoor facility once this week anyway.

"It's a little more work for us to get on the bus and drive an hour there," Mach said. "We went one year three times and that's a little tiring. It's a great experience, seeing the No. 1 team in the nation, a chance for players to meet the players and coaches. Now we've got a former player (Terry Malone) as an assistant on the U-M staff and that's impressive for our kids."

CC has already played at the Silverdome twice this year, including the final game against Southgate Aquinas in the Prep Bowl. Verska and his players have been there only to watch games.

"I asked coach Mach, 'How am I supposed to act?' " Verska said.

•Huron junior quarterback Joel Przygodski, is the son of Plymouth Canton girls cross country and track coach George Przygodski, who was a standout at U-M and all-state at Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

The younger Przygodski completed more than 50 percent of his passes for 572 yards and 12 touchdowns during the regular season.

He completed five of 11 last week for 100 yards, including a long TD pass to wide receiver Thabiti Williamson.

"He's a good kid and gets better each week," Verska said. "He started off slowly and we've added to his work load each week."

He also punts. His brother, sophomore Doonny Przygodski, is a lineman at Huron.

•Pat Johnson, a 5-10, 175-pound senior, is the River Rats' top rusher. He was the workhorse during the regular season with 12 TDs and 1,110 yards on 208 carries. Williamson has shared the rushing load throughout the playoffs after being a breakaway threat with 682 yards on 48 carries and 11 TDs in the regular season.

•CC has some active defensive ends, 6-1, 215-pound senior Mike Carroll and 6-3, 185-pound junior Brian Beardsley, who plays much bigger than his size.

•The River Rats didn't kick a field goal until last week when David McNamara converted his only attempt of the year from 37 yards last week.

• The two teams met once previously, in 1987 when the Shamrocks won a non-league matchup, 14-0. CC went on to lose in the finals that year of the Class A state tournament to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

•Mach said this CC team has improved from Day 1 to now as much as any team he's had. The emphasis is on team more than stars, he said.

"I'm real excited and real, real happy for them," Mach said. "Of all the teams I've had, they've taken themselves from the beginning to the end of the season to a higher spot. They work extremely hard and are a joy to coach, believe what you say. They're the kind of guys you like to be around."

•The Shamrocks are 18-2 in the playoffs in the 1990s. Along with a .900 winning percentage, CC has shown a penchant to win close games. The Shamrocks are 7-2 in playoff games decided by seven points or less, including 2-0 in overtimes.

They have reached the AA state finals four previous times, losing only to Saginaw Arthur Hill in the 1991 finals.

CC won the rematch in 1992.

• Mach wasn't surprised to see the River Rats beat Rockford.

"They're a litter bigger than us, not gigantic but bigger, and tough," Mach said. "Their backs run real hard and it's a team that's opportunistic."

•Verska said there was a definite home-field advantage for Rockford last week. Verska estimates that of the 6,000 fans there, a few hundred were from Huron. "And a lot were the players and coaches relatives," he said. "They'll come out of the woodwork this week."

WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL FINALS
(all at Pontiac Silverdome)
Friday, Nov. 28
(Class A championship)
Harrison vs. Midland Dow, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 29
(Class AA championship)
Redford CC vs. A.A. Huron, 1 p.m.

STATE TOURNAMENT REGIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS
CLASS A
at PLYMOUTH SALEM
Wednesday, Nov. 26: Plymouth Canton vs. Birmingham Marian, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Waterford Mott quarterfinal, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 vs. Lapeer East regional champion.)
at SOUTHFIELD
Wednesday, Nov. 26: Livonia Ladywood vs. Detroit Martin Luther King, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Roseville quarterfinal, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 vs. Sterling Heights Stevenson regional champion.)
CLASS C
at PETERSBURG-SUMMERFIELD
Wednesday, Nov. 26: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Detroit Dominican, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Troy Athens quarterfinal, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 vs. Bad Axe regional champion.)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Nov. 28
Madonna at Walsh (Ohio), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 29
Madonna at Walsh Tourney, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 28-29
Madonna at Univ. of Tampa, TBA.

PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Nov. 26
Stevenson vs. Redford Union,
Franklin vs. Milford
at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 29
Stevenson vs. Brother Rice
at Compuware Arena, 3:45 p.m.
Redford Union at Dearborn, 8 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Saturday, Nov. 29
Oshawa Generals vs. Ply. Whalers
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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Spartan effort

Stevenson 4th in Class A state championships

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

SWIMMING

The state Class A girls swim championships certainly brought out some outstanding efforts from Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans took a fourth place in the team standings with 100 points. They won the 200-yard freestyle relay, while their second-place 200 medley relay quartet also set a school record.

Birmingham Seaholm, led by Jenny Vanker, who figured in four firsts, repeated its team title in the two-day meet held at Michigan State University's McCaffree Pool in East Lansing.

Grosse Pointe North and Ann Arbor Pioneer tied for runner-up honors with 118 points apiece.

"Somebody like Vanker makes a big difference," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "And without her, it's a different meet because she's far and above everyone else at state. Nobody was surprised. You have to figure when a team takes two firsts and a third in the relays, they're going to be tough to beat."

The Spartans improved eight points from their seedings coming out of Friday's preliminary heats.

"Some of our best swims didn't get to the finals, but that's the way it goes," Phill said. "This team really came together and stepped up. And two of our relays, without Anne Aristeo (a six-time state champion now at Stanford) performed very well."

The foursome of junior Julie Kern, sophomore Katie Clark, senior Jordyn Godfroid and junior Marti McKenzie finished first in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:38.04.

Seaholm, seeded ahead of Stevenson coming out of the prelims, was second in 1:38.7.

Clark, who didn't return to action until Oct. 16 because of a shoulder injury, was a key figure in the Spartans' conquest in the 200 freestyle relay.

"I felt we could win both the medley and the 200 freestyle (relay)," Phill said. "Three of our four are sprinters, so I thought we were in good shape. Kern swims the 200 and 500 (freestyles). But Clark really hadn't swum much this year, but she certainly held up her end. That was a teriffic effort. They were only three-10ths off the school record."

The medley foursome consisted of senior Adrienne Turri (backstroke leg), Godfroid (breaststroke), sophomore Jessica Makowski (butterfly) and Marti McKenzie (freestyle).

Seaholm won the race in 1:48.21, just edging the Spartan foursome in 1:48.54.

The Stevenson clocking, however, bettered the school record of 1:50.33 set in 1996.

"I thought we had won, but we just got touched out," Phill said. "It was a bang-bang finish."

Stevenson also garnered an eighth in the 400 freestyle relay as Kern, Makowski, junior Meghan Lesnau and sophomore Meghan Moceri combined for a time of 3:39.78.

The Spartans also had several outstanding individual performances.

Kern took sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:57.54) and ninth in the 500 freestyle (5:03.5).

Other Spartans point getters included Turri, seventh, 100 backstroke (59.26); Godfroid, ninth, 50 freestyle (24.89); Moceri, 11th, 500 freestyle (5:10.66); Lindsay Dolin, 11th, 100 backstroke (1:00.6); Marti McKenzie, 11th, 100 breaststroke (1:09.74); Katy Ballantine, 12th, diving (335.20 points); and Makowski, 100 backstroke (1:02.01).

"Dolin, for a freshman without a lot of fanfare coming in, swam really well," Phill said. "She was 11th in the backstroke, but swam her best time. And Moceri had a great meet."

Stevenson loses four state qualifiers to graduation — Turri, Godfroid, Becky Noechel and Marla McKenzie.

"Marla and Becky didn't score, but they both swam well and swam their best times as did Lesnau," Phill said. "Overall I thought we swam really well. We just had some bad luck and some bad timing. We easily could have been second if we had gotten a couple of breaks."

Lady Crusaders' tournament quest dashed by Bethel in NAIA regional

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

VOLLEYBALL

Growing pains.

That's probably the best way to describe Madonna University's stay in the NAIA regional tournament last weekend.

The Crusaders advanced from pool play in the eight team tournament, but was eliminated in the semi-final round by Bethel (Ind.) College in four games.

"We played a combination of some good games," coach Jerry Abraham said of the tournament, "and, at times, inconsistent games. We just didn't sustain our play long enough to win."

The Crusaders qualified for the tournament, which was held in Grand Rapids Nov. 21-22, by winning the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title and league tournament.

Having lost five starters off of a team that made it the national tournament last year, Abraham wasn't sure what to expect coming into the fall campaign.

"Our team turned out to be very good," he said. "I think it was a positive season for us."

Madonna, which closed the year at 34-15, started slowly but kept improving all year.

"Our kids progressed on a nice basis," Abraham said. "We were peaking as the season closed."

It showed early in the regional tournament.

Madonna opened with a four-game victory over Walsh College. After falling 16-14 in game one, the Crusaders took the next three games 15-11, 15-6, 15-9.

Three games was all that Madonna needed to beat U-M Dearborn. The Crusaders opened with a 15-8 victory then took games two and three 15-10.

Erin Gregoire and Brandy Malewski led the way in the win over U-M. Gregoire had a dozen kills and Malewski added 10.

"We played very well," Abraham said.

The Crusaders started off strong against Taylor University with a 15-9 win in game one. But the Trojans rallied to take the final three games.

"We started out attacking," Abraham said, "but we went to a softer game. We couldn't do that against a team like that."

Madonna's 2-1 pool record was good enough to advance to the region semi-final.

The Crusaders managed to split the first two games, dropping the opener 16-14 but taking game two 15-9. It went downhill from there as Bethel took the final two games 15-9, 15-5.

"I thought we had the tools to upset Taylor and Bethel," Abraham said.

A pair of Madonna players earned tournament honors.

Karen Sisung was named the region's second best player. She had 46 kills. Gregoire was named to the second team.

Quick start propels Trenton past Churchill Chargers, 5-3

PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Before a jam-packed crowd Saturday, Class A state runner-up Trenton held off a late Livonia Churchill flurry to earn a season-opening 5-3 non-league hockey victory.

The host Trojans led 2-0 after one period on a pair of goals by Mike Dumais at 0:29 and 9:38, respectively.

Angelo Petrucco and Alec Lesko gave Trenton a 4-0 lead before Churchill's Dan Cook answered on a power-play from Matt Grant and Brandon Martoia.

Just 20 seconds into the third period, Derek Nykiel made it 5-1 for the Trojans, but Churchill came back with two more power-play efforts to slice the deficit to 5-3.

Adam Krug scored from Antti Kervinen and Martoia, while Grant tallied a goal from Matt Wysocki and Chuck Leight at 9:52.

Churchill outshot Trenton 17-5 in the final period. The Trojans, however, had the final edge for the game, 27-25.

"We had a lot of pressure on at the end and we carried the play in the third period, but we couldn't convert those opportunities, several times we shot wide on the net," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "We got off to a slow start. We made some soft passes our of our zone and they (Trenton) were jumping on them."

Greg Sliwka and Dwaine Jones split the goaltending chores for Churchill.

On Monday, the Chargers raised their record to 2-1 with a 5-1 Suburban High School Hockey League win over host Northville at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Churchill is now 2-0 in the SHSHL.

The loss drops Northville, a first-year program, to 0-3 on the year.

Northville led 1-0 after one period on a Nick Yaris goal from Kevin Morrow at 9:46.

"We wanted to get physical in the game early-on," Hatley said. "We dumped the puck in and wanted to get a good forecheck going.

"We didn't panic. We figured the ice would open up and it did. It gave us space to work plays. We were able to move the puck around."

The Chargers scored three times in the second period.

Krug's power-play goal from Martoia and Grant tied it at 3:33.

Cook then scored the game-winner at 5:10 from Jason Turri and Wysocki. At 10:03 of the second, Rossetto scored from Martoia.

Cook added his second goal at 2:28 of the third from Krug and Sean Szostak. Rosetto also notched his second at 3:15.

Jones started in goal before giving way to Sliwka in the second period.

The Chargers also played a total of 20 minutes without two top defensemen — Wysocki (first period) and Kervinen (second period) — each given 10-minute penalties for violating the new checking-from-behind rule.

In other games:

STEVENSON 3, W.L. CENTRAL 1: Chris McComb recorded his second straight shutout Saturday as Livonia Stevenson (3-0 overall) posted the SHSHL victory over host Walled Lake Central (0-2).

Stevenson led 1-0 after one period on Tim Allen's goal from Steve Anderson and Mike Zientarski at 14:37. Ryan Sinks added an unassisted goal at 8:59.

John May capped the scoring from Dan Cieslak and Sinks in the second period.

The Spartans, now 3-0 in the league, have now outscored their opponents, 17-1.

REDFORD CC 6, SOUTHGATE 3: The defending state Class A champions opened their season Saturday with a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League triumph over Southgate Anderson at Redford Ice Arena.

CC officially opened its season Friday with an exhibition game with the Detroit Red Wing Old-Timers.

Whalers earn 5-1 road triumph

OHL HOCKEY

David Legwand and Jesse Boulerice each scored a pair of goals Saturday to lead the Plymouth Whalers to a 5-1 road victory Nov. 22 over Erie.

The Whalers led all the way scoring two first period goals and adding another pair in the second. Left winger Randy Fitzgerald recorded four assists for Plymouth.

The win pushed the Whalers into a first place tie in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Division with the London Knights. Both teams have 29 points with 23 games played.

Plymouth (13-7-3) returns to action Saturday at home against the Oshawa Generals. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

As for last week's game with Erie, Boulerice netted the game's first goal just 38 seconds after the puck was dropped. Julian Smith and Fitzgerald assisted.

Legwand got his first of the game at 18:46 of the period. The center iceman leads all OHL rookies in scoring with 24 goals and 14 assists. He's fifth overall in league scoring.

Legwand scored at 8:36 of the second period to make it a 3-0 game. Erie got its lone goal with just under three minutes to play.

Plymouth got its three-goal advantage back as Boulerice netted his second of the night. Tory Smith, a defenseman, got the Whalers final goal 32 seconds into the third period.

Robert Esche played well in goal for Plymouth by stopping 24 of 25 shots.

The Whalers took a 3-1 road win Nov. 21 over London.

Plymouth scored a goal in each period at the London Ice House. Andy Burnham, Eric Gooldy and Andrew Taylor all tallied.

Esche carried a shutout into the third period but lost as London's Max Spirodonov scored with just 43 seconds remaining in the game.

Whaler Notes

Legwand's 38 points leads Plymouth in scoring. Fitzgerald is second with 25, including 8 goals and 17 assists. Left wing Harold Druken is third with 12 goals and 11 assists for 23 points and center Yuri Babenko has 8 goals and 13 assists for 21 points.

Goaltender Esche sports an 11-4-1 record with a 2.97 goals against average.

As a team, the Whalers have outscored opponents 102-82. Plymouth has netted eight short-handed goals and allowed just two. Plymouth's power play has been successful 79.7 percent of the time while the penalty killers are allowing goals 22.7 percent of the time

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STATE TOURNAMENT GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Canton struggles to victory

BY C.J. RISAK
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CLASS A REGIONAL

"That was a struggle."

Those are the words of Bob Blohm, Plymouth Canton girls basketball coach, a few minutes after his Chiefs pulled away to a 47-27 victory over Detroit Pershing in the Class A regional semifinals at Plymouth Salem HS.

Well, I've got some bad news for you, coach. If you think that game was tough, wait'll you see Wednesday's opponent.

The Chiefs will take on the defending state champions for the regional title — Birmingham Marian — at 7 p.m. at Salem. Marian eliminated West Bloomfield 68-46 Monday at Salem.

How good are the Mustangs? Good enough to win the Catholic League title, beating Redford Bishop Borgess in the final. And good enough to bury Canton, 57-39, early in the season.

Blohm knows all this, of course. He also knows that if they play like they did against Pershing, it will be a 20-point game once again — only the Chiefs won't be on top.

"They beat us the first time with everything," the Canton coach said of Marian. "With their pressure, with their rebounding, with their size . . . It's hard for us to match up with them."

Nicole Anaejionu, the Mustangs' 6-foot-3 junior center, is the player that catches your attention first. But they have much more, particularly in their three-guard backcourt: seniors Breean Walas and Markeisha Thompson and junior Jasmin MacAlpine. Their bench is loaded with talent, too.

Make no mistake: Blohm isn't throwing in the towel, not at all. The Chiefs, now 19-4, can beat the Mustangs (who are also 19-4, with two regular-season losses to Borgess, one to Flint Northern and another to Detroit Country Day), but it will take a near-perfect performance.

"I have confidence in this group," he said of his team. "But they'll have to play at a high level of intensity for the whole game."

It's a challenge, but the Chiefs have handled such obstacles before. And that's something Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone is well aware of.

"They are so patient on offense," she said of Canton. "They hold thball for 30 to 40 seconds before looking to take a shot. That may not seem like a long time, but when you're down in a defensive stance that's quite a while.

"We're going to have to be patient defensively and not take too many risks. And we're going to have to do a good job boxing out (on rebounds)."

If nothing else, Wednesday's game will be a match of willpower. Marian likes to press and run; Canton will pressure occasionally, but for the most part the Chiefs want to control the tempo, especially with their offense.

Their constant motion when they have possession of the ball is predicated on patience; in other words, get a good shot.

They also rebound well for a team without a starter over 5-foot-9. And their defense is superb.

What Canton doesn't do well: Shoot. For a team with seven seniors, the Chiefs should be better scorers. At times they are, but they have their lapses when nothing goes down, even free throws.

Like against Pershing. Oh, Canton led after every quarter — but not by much. It was 10-9 after one quarter and 18-15 at the half; only Janell Twietmeyer's strong showing in the third quarter allowed the Chiefs to take a 26-19 lead into the fourth.

Twietmeyer scored the last six points of the period, after the Doughgirls had closed to within 20-19. She indeed was one of the offensive sparks for Canton, pouring in 15 points.

Nkechi Okwumabua, who had a rough start with more shots rimming out in the first three quarters than most players will see in a season, finished with a game-high 17 points. Seven of those came in the fourth quarter, sparking the Chiefs' 21-8 finish.

Prior to that, Canton didn't do anything impressive offensively — and it wasn't due to something Pershing did. Indeed, the Doughgirls didn't seem that interested in playing much defense.

Canton's shooting in the first three quarters was just plain poor: 11-of-37 (29.7 percent). In the fourth period, the Chiefs connected on track, making 9-of-15 of their shots (60 percent).

"I thought early in the game we had patience, but we really didn't attack their zone," Blohm said. "We passed up some shots, but we missed some easy ones."

Melissa Marzolf added nine points for the Chiefs. Pershing, which finished 12-9, got 10 points from Ranisha Austin and eight from Laura Simmons.

Short-handed Borgess wins

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

CLASS C REGIONAL

A change of scenery on the Redford Bishop Borgess bench is usually better than a change of strategy from the Spartans' opponent.

There's not much Riverview Gabriel Richard could do, strategy-wise, to match up with Borgess in Monday's Class C girls basketball regional semifinal at Petersburg Summerfield. But the Pioneers had to be encouraged when they saw Borgess starters Koren Merchant and Christina Anderson on the bench because of disciplinary reasons.

Richard took advantage early and trailed only 12-8 after one quarter, tbut the Spartans pulled away for a 69-50 victory after coach Dave Mann lifted his two stars' sentences midway through the first quarter.

Jim Brisky, a former teacher at Borgess who keeps the scorebook for Richard where he now teaches, asked Mann before the game what Merchant and Anderson were doing on the bench.

Mann informed him they missed a recent practice and wouldn't return until Brisky gave a thumb's up from the scorer's table.

Mann was kidding, of course, because if that's the case he never would have lifted his thumb.

Mann summoned the two about midway through the first quarter when the score was tied.

By the end of the first half, the Spartans had built a 34-22 lead.

Mann hopes to have both from the start for the regional final at 7 p.m. tonight against Detroit Dominican, a 69-48 winner over Hudson in the other regional semifinal.

Borgess moves on with a 19-5 overall record. Richard finished 19-5 overall.

"I think they were goofing around independently," Mann said, trying to explain their absence. "There's no conspiracy suspected."

The other third of the Spartans' Big Three, senior center Ayisha Smith, had her best game in recent weeks with a game-high 20 points. Also scoring in double figures were junior forward Tiffany Simon with 16 points and Merchant, who scored 12.

Anderson contributed nine points and said she loves "to see young players get good vibes" in her absence.

Anderson can't answer for Merchant, but says the reason she missed practice is her mother's car broke down while house hunting.

"We take what we get when we do wrong," Anderson said. "The car got messed up with my momma."

Anderson's been in trouble before for attendance problems but not nearly as much as Merchant.

"I can't even count that high," Anderson said.

Borgess is Richard's annual nemesis, making this at least the third-straight year Pioneers have been eliminated by the Spartans. They also usually lose to Borgess in the Catholic League playoffs.

The Pioneers will lose senior starters Carissa Gizicki and Kristina Corne to graduation. Corne scored 10 points and Gizicki had seven, including a desperation three-point shot from 30 feet at the buzzer.

"They've been great leaders as seniors," Richard coach Jim Duffy said. "Clarissa is so great at distributing the ball, I hope her sister (sophomore guard Callie Gizicki) can follow in her footsteps next year."

Callie Gizicki scored 10 points and freshman forward Kelly Abdo, another starter who will return next yer, led the Pioneers with 19.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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U.S. Rep. Lynn N. Rivers will be holding a town hall meeting 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Dorsey Community Center at 32715 Dorsey in Westland. The meeting will be an open forum at which attendees are free to discuss a wide range of subjects with the congresswoman. Rivers will begin the program by discussing recent actions in the 105th Congress. She will then open the floor to questions. The program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to raise issues, offer concerns and become informed about current congressional activities. For more information, call Michelle Heikka in Rivers' district office at (313) 722-1411.

GOODFELLOWS
The Westland Goodfellows "No child without a Christmas" newspaper fund-raiser will be Friday and Saturday, Nov. 28-29, in Westland. Volunteers are welcome. Call Jerry Smith, (313) 728-8888.

NUMISMATIC MEETING
The Michigan State Numismatic Society, along with co-hosts Wayne Coin Club and Michigan Token and Medal Society, will present the 1997 Fall, MSNS Convention at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency, Nov. 28-30. The hotel is at the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and the Southfield Freeway. It is free to all interested people from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. There will be nearly 200 tables featuring numismatic items of all types. There is also a raffle for a donation of $1 a ticket. The drawing will be on Sunday at 5 p.m. As part of the show, an educational forum will be presented 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29.

SHOPPING SPECIAL
Senior citizens and shoppers with disabilities can shop from 7-9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Mervyn's California in Westland. The event will include a 10 percent discount on purchases, personal shopping assistance, refreshments, entertainment, and free gift wrap. A bonus free gift will be given to the first 100 shoppers. Mervyn's California is at 35555 Warren Ave., west of Wayne in Westland.

CHRISTMAS DINNER
The Salvation Army will be having its annual Senior Christmas dinner for senior citizens living in Wayne, Westland and Romulus from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at AMVETS Post 171 Memorial Hall, 1217 Merriman in Westland. This dinner is free. Participants must be 55 or older. One ticket per person. Transportation will not be provided. To pick up a ticket, come to the Salvation Army at 2300 Venoy, Westland. For more information, call (313) 722-3660.

TREE OF MEMORIES
A Tree of Memories will be on display from Friday, Nov. 28, to Wednesday, Dec. 24, during mall hours at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. For a donation, patrons can buy golden angel ornaments in memory of loved ones and then hang the ornaments on the memory tree. The event, in its eighth year, is run by and all proceeds benefit Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc.

CHAMBER

EVENTS

HOLIDAY PARTY
The traditional joint holiday party of the Wayne and Westland chambers of commerce will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 8600 Merriman Road, just north of I-94. The menu will feature chicken dijonnaise, rice pilaf, and fresh seasonal vegetables and dessert for $15. To reserve, call (313) 326-7222. Seats are limited.

AFTER HOURS
Westland Chamber of Commerce members are invited to a complimentary Business After Hours at the office of AirTouch Cellular from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. The event is hosted by the corporation to enhance networking among chamber members. RSVP by calling (313) 326-7222.

BOWLING OUTING
The Westland Chamber will be hosting the Winterfest Bowling Outing from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, as part of Westland Winterfest '98. (313) 326-7222.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (313) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING
The Westland Figure Skating Club is forming an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get good exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (313) 722-1091.

VOLLEYBALL
Open volleyball is offered for those age 18 and older 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, Westland. All skill levels play just for fun. There is no charge. Baby-sitting is provided. For information, call (313) 722-3660.

SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 595-2660 for information.

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. (313) 728-3559.

PLUS PRESCHOOL
Registration for preschool by appointment for the Kids Plus Program is ongoing. Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1. Family must meet two "at risk" factors. Program runs four half-days a week. Parents must provide their own transportation. Program is free for those students who qualify. Call (313) 595-2688.

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Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road in Livonia, has openings in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon session for 3- to 5-year-olds. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA
The Franklin High PTSA is seeking new members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is $3 for students, $5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM
A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy, Westland. The program is for students in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. It will meet 3:30-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For information on participating or volunteering, call Shabaura Cobb, (313) 722-3660.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM
The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. (313) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Information, president Jim Franklin, (313) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE
Grandma's Attic Sale will be at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also included in this sale are hundreds of ceramic molds and hundreds of pieces of greenware and a kiln. For information, call 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a $3 membership fee for residents, $12.50 for non-residents. (313) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP
The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. Players enjoy euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (313) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh Road.

DYER CLUB
The Dyer Seniors' Center Travel Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

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 nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. (313) 728-5010.

DANCE FUN
Westland Shopping Center hosts a senior citizen dance 11 a.m. the first Monday of each month in the lower level auditorium, Wayne and Warren roads. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The dance will end 2 p.m. The dance is held on the first Monday, with the exception of holidays.

SENIOR DANCE
Senior dances will be noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1651 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be dinner, a live band, beer and pop. Members $5, nonmembers $7. (313) 728-5010.

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Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yard work, house work, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Chore Worker Program, (313) 422-1052.

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The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (313) 722-7632.

VOLUNTEERS

BOY SCOUTS
A few good young men ages 11-18 are needed to work with Boy Scout Troop No. 865 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Hamilton Elementary School, corner of Avondale and Schuman in Westland. Monthly campouts will be featured. For information, call (313) 729-1283.

PET-A-PET
The Pet-A-Pet Club, which offers pet visits to nursing home residents, needs special pets and people. Pets undergo a slight screening and need proof of shots to participate. Local sites include Camelot Hall Convalescent Center (Debbie McDermott, 427-3791, 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month), Garden City Rehab (Stacy Suida, (313) 422-2438, second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.) and Roosevelt-McGrath School (Lynn Eichbrecht, (313) 591-3347, the last Wednesday of the month). Information is available from Ruth Curry, (313) 535-0410, or Daisy Doran, (313) 565-1981. There is a $5 membership charge.

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. (313) 422-5025 or (313) 729-8681.

DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan Ave., next to Farmer Jack, in Wayne. (313) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS
The VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and hosts bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday in the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Doors open 9 a.m. (313) 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. (313) 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO
"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at Sts. 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. (313) 722-7632.

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. Call the Jaycee Information Hotline at (313) 480-4984.

PUP TENT BINGO
The MOC pup tent 18 bingo will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the VFW Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne, Westland. A snack bar is available. Doors open at 2 p.m. (313) 326-3323.

CLUBS IN ACTION

VFW AUXILIARY
Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will insure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin, (313) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Current Post 1519 Ladies Auxiliary members include individuals from Westland, Livonia, Redford, Detroit and surrounding areas.

WEEKENDERS
The Weekenders family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. (313) 531-2993.

FREE CLASSES
The Showman's Dog Training Organization sponsors free junior showmanship classes for dog owners ages 7-17 at the AMVETS Hall on Merriman near Avondale at 8:30 p.m. the first and second Tuesdays of each month through September. Call (313) 729-7580.

HOST LIONS
The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Mary's Family Restaurant. Information, (313) 326-2607.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
For information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir, (313) 326-1466.

AT THE LIBRARY

TRAINING
Training sessions are held each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. to train library patrons on the use of the public access catalogs. The computers are the modern-day equivalent of the traditional card catalog. These training sessions take about 15-20 minutes. Library staff will teach the fundamentals regarding use of the public access catalogs and will be available for questions. This training is free and no registration is required.

SANTA VISITS
Santa will be at the library from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8 and Wednesday, Dec. 10. Stop in and tell him your holiday wishes in the Children's Services area.

DECK THE HALLS
Deck the halls on Saturdays in December. Each Saturday at 2 p.m. will feature a seasonal craft for children that is sure to light up your house with holiday cheer. In the Children's Activity Room. No registration required. Dec. 6 Holiday wreath, Dec. 13 Gingerbread/snow person, Dec. 20 Stained glass ornament, Dec. 27 New year calendar.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet monthly 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. (313) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the Friends will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998, in the Community Meeting Room. Election of officers will be held at this meeting. This meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend. Only Friends members may vote in this election.

Tree-lighting ceremony

Lights on: *Christmas enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to attend the city of Westland's annual tree lighting ceremony, scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, in front of Westland City Hall on Ford Road. The fun will start with singing of Christmas carols. The big treat will be the arrival of Santa Claus.*

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 953-2104 if you have any questions.*

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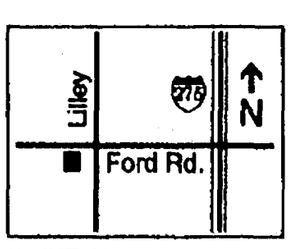

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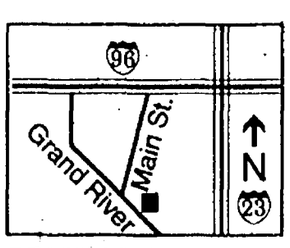

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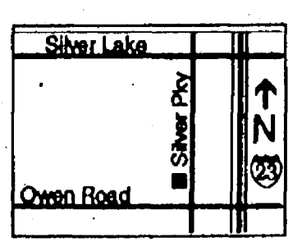

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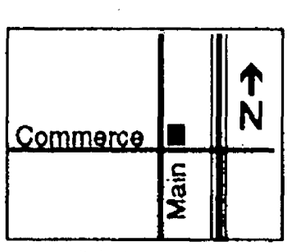

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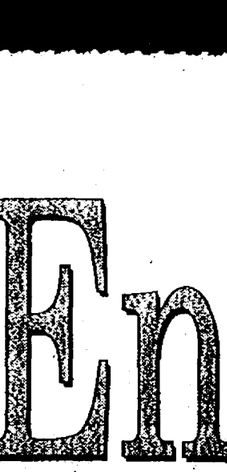

Festival of Trees at Cobo Center in Detroit, open today 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. features 113 professionally designed trees and holiday vignettes. Call (313) 966-TREE for information.

SATURDAY

Jennifer Koh, a 20-year-old violinist, joins guest conductor James Paul and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for an 8:30 p.m. performance at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, (313) 833-3700.

SUNDAY

Stagecrafters presents "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" 2 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430.

Hot tix: *Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn deck the halls and walls during Traditions of the Season, Friday, Nov. 28 through Sunday, Jan. 4. This three-story holiday tree greets visitors inside the museum as they enter the Great Hall, (313) 271-1620.*

ILM/WALT DISNEY PICTURES

Family comedy: *Professor Phillip Brainard, (Robin Williams) who has been working to create an alternative source of energy, accidentally creates a goo that looks like rubber but has amazing properties in "Flubber."*

Remakes, sequels highlight holiday trips to the movies

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

December 25 has long been a popular night at the movies.

"It's become a sort of family tradition," said one friend, more a casual moviegoer than fanatic. "Once the presents are exchanged and the dinner eaten, it's about the only thing open to do."

Hollywood, which routinely premieres movies on Christmas Day, is being especially accommodating this year. No less than nine movies bow, and though the ghosts of Christmas past have often capped the day with disappointment ("The Godfather Part III" and "Four Rooms" come to mind), we can only hope.

"Flubber" and "Alien Resurrection," which officially kick off the holiday season this weekend, pretty much sum up your choices in general: sequels and remakes with some original ideas thrown into the mix.

■ "Flubber" – A Disney remake of its own 1961 live-action comedy. Robin Williams fills the shoes of "My Three Sons" Fred MacMurray, whose absent-minded professor was first to invent the green goo that makes whatever it comes into contact with fly. (Opened Nov. 26)

■ "Alien Resurrection" – More than lead character Ripley died at the end of "Alien 3." Director David Fincher pretty much sank the franchise with his shaved-head aesthetic and heavy-handed symbolism. French directors Jeunet and Caro (fresh from "Delicatessen" and "The City of Lost Children") promise to breathe new life into the series, resurrecting star Sigourney Weaver and introducing Winona Ryder as a cyborg mechanic. (Opened Nov. 26)

ANDREW COOPER/DREAMWORKS

On the set: *Director Steven Spielberg (left) goes over a scene with Anthony Hopkins (center) and Morgan Freeman on the set of "Amistad."*

■ "Contempt" – Martin Scorsese is behind the rerelease of this 1963 French film (also known as "Le Mepris"), the third and perhaps most accessible from experimental director Jean-Luc Godard. Here Jack Palance and Brigitte Bardot find themselves in the midst of marital troubles as he tries to pen the screenplay for a movie version of "The Odyssey." Fritz Lang, the genius behind "M" and "Metropolis," plays, appropriately, a director. (Playing Nov. 28-30 at the Detroit Film Theatre)

■ "Amistad" – Word is that it's no "Schindler's List," but Steven Spielberg still entertains while bringing to light a little discussed bit of history. The year is 1839 when 53 Africans take over the title vessel, a Spanish slave ship, and are put on trial in the United States. Matthew McConaughey plays a crusading young lawyer (again) while Anthony Hopkins depicts another American President, this time John Qunicy Adams. (Opens Dec. 12)

■ "For Richer or Poorer" – Kirstie Allie and Tim Allen as a rich Manhattan couple, on the

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THEATER

Ghost of Christmas past returns to Meadow Brook

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Keep it simple. Keep it true to the original. Have a great actor in the lead role.

According the Charles Nolte this is the secret to success when mounting a production of Charles Dickens' beloved "A Christmas Carol."

Nolte should know. After a three-year experiment of doing other versions, Meadow Brook Theatre is bringing back Nolte's adaptation with Nolte directing. Earlier this year, Meadow Brook artistic director Geoffrey Sherman admitted that popular sentiment favored the simple, faithful Nolte approach.

"It's nice to have your version remembered so fondly by people," Nolte said.

Nolte lives in Minneapolis where he divides his time between acting, writing and directing and teaching theater at the University of Minnesota. But Meadow Brook, on the campus of Oakland University, has become something of a second home for Nolte.

A Christmas Carol

What: Charles Nolte's adaptation of Charles Dickens' famous story.
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester
When: Friday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Dec. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 2, 6 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Sundays.
Tickets: Range from $23 to $33.50 depending on performance day. Special family rates are available Nov. 28-30. For tickets and information: (248) 377-3300.

"I'm delighted to be back. I've spent a good deal of time here. There are also so many who were in my version years ago, so it's deja vu all over again. It's a family reunion."

Dickens' immortal tale of a stingy man redeemed by ghosts has been a Nolte favorite for a long time.

"My generation remembers the old radio show with Lionel Barrymore," he said. "And every year, my father made us sit down and listen to him read the story. So the story was familiar to me."

Nolte also remembers seeing the original MGM sound version in the 1930s which featured an eager, round-faced young boy as Tiny Tim. The boy was Terrence Kilbourne, who became artistic director at Meadow Brook. It was Kilbourne who asked Nolte to adapt the story.

"The challenge of converting 'Christmas Carol' to the stage isn't as great as you might think because Dickens thought in theatrical terms," Nolte said. "He was great monologist himself. He wrote in theatrical terms. Much of the dialogue in my play comes from the book because you can't improve on Dickens."

Dickens also gives the play a simple, clear structure with visits of Marley and three spirits leading to the redemption of Ebenezer Scrooge. Nolte said the story has a natural shape to it as Scrooge deals with his past, compares his current misery to the warmth of those around him and confronts his possible future.

"The closer one gets to the original story is the way to go," Nolte said. "The problem at many theaters, such as the production at the Guthrie (in Minneapolis) is they draw in things that don't belong and aren't in the story. At the Guthrie, they bring on Charles Dickens but he's not in the story."

But keeping things simple doesn't mean ignoring the stories deeper meanings. Dickens is not all sweetness and light and Nolte said he wouldn't think of softening the later scenes of despicable slum life and haunting death.

"Admittedly the story is quite dark, it doesn't serve Dickens' purpose to pretty it up. It's a dark, dark scene. But immediately after the darkest scene comes the lightest when he is redeemed," Nolte

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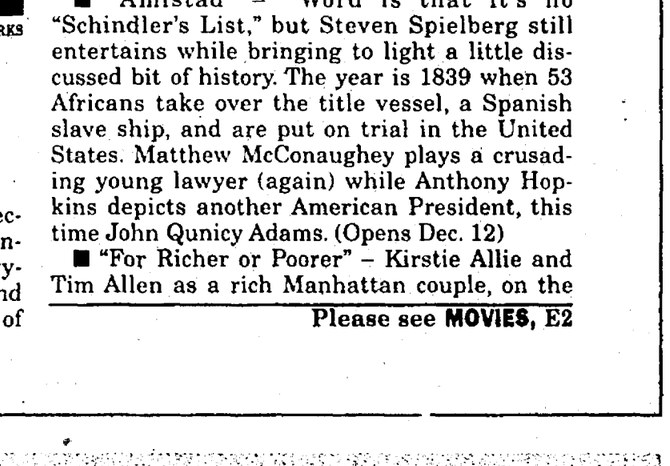

Fast friends: *Booth Colman reprises his performance of Ebenezer Scrooge and Jeffrey Hyke (left) alternates the role of Tiny Tim with Jamison Schrock (right).*

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lam from the I.R.S., who hide out in Amish country. Enough said. (Opens Dec. 12)

■ "Scream 2" – The characters left alive at the end of Wes Craven's last frightfest are still haunted by the ghosts of horror movies past. (Opens Dec. 12)

■ "Spike and Mike's Festival of Animation" – The California-based duo have been producing and distributing animated shorts for almost 20 years. The regular edition of their popular festival bows Dec. 19-21 at the Detroit Film Theatre. The adults-only "Sick and Twisted" version plays the Magic Bag in Ferndale from Dec. 18 through Jan. 1, highlighted by the unaired pilot for the cable TV hit "South Park."

■ "Home Alone 3" – Goodbye Macaulay Culkin. Hello Alex D. Linz, his 8-year-old replacement who gets the best of computer chip thieves while left home alone with the Chicken Pox. John Hughes, who penned the first two, is credited with this screenplay. (Opens Dec. 19)

■ "Tomorrow Never Dies" – Some would say the 18th James Bond entry is about 13 too many. There is one upside here: Michele Yeoh upstaged Jackie Chan in "Supercop," so should have no trouble with Pierce Brosnan, in his second outing as 007. (Opens Dec. 19)

■ "Titanic" – The most anticipated Hollywood epic in recent years finally gets to test its sea legs. The love story between Kate Winslett and Leonardo DiCaprio should take a back seat to the painstaking recreation of the 1912 disaster, conducted by the "Terminator's" James Cameron. (Opens Dec. 19)

■ "Deconstructing Harry" – Like clockwork, Woody Allen has made a film a year even during his most trying personal times. In this year's model he plays a successful author who is a complete failure in every other aspect of his life. The typically eclectic cast includes Demi Moore, Kirstie Alley, Robin Williams, Judy Davis, Amy Irving, and Elisabeth Shue. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "The Sweet Hereafter" – Canadian Atom Egoyan's downbeat drama about collective mourning copped the Grand Prize at Cannes this year. Here the residents of a small town try to cope with the bus accident that killed 14 school children. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Mousehunt" – Nathan Lane and Lee Evans in a story aimed at kids about brothers who inherit a haunted house. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Mr. Magoo" – National organizations for the blind were unable to keep this out of theaters. Fans of Jim Backus (he supplied the voice in the original cartoons) still have to decide whether Leslie Nielsen does justice to (almost) everyone's favorite near-sighted millionaire. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "An American Werewolf in Paris" – A sequel to the 1981 cult favorite about an American tourist (Tom Everett Scott from "That Thing You Do!") who romances a beautiful Parisian girl (Julie Delpy) before discovering her dark secret. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Goodwill Hunting" – Gus Van Sant ("To Die For," "Drugstore Cowboy") directed this drama about a brilliant but uneducated orphan from South Boston who is helped by a college professor and a psychologist. Robin Williams and Ben Affleck ("Chasing Amy") star. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "Jackie Brown" – Hard to believe but this is the first feature Quentin Tarantino has directed since "Pulp Fiction." Here he takes "Rum Punch," a novel by Birmingham author Elmore Leonard, and concocts a tribute to '70s blaxploitation movies with queen of the genre Pam Grier as star. (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "As Good as it Gets" – Jack Nicholson is harassing waitresses again, this time TV's Helen Hunt as the only server who can stand his outbursts. Joining their unlikely friendship is Greg Kinnear, as a gay artist neighbor. James L. Brooks, who used Nicholson to great effect in "Terms of Endearment," will hopefully perform similar magic here. When was the last time Nicholson appeared in a truly solid film? (Opens Dec. 25)

■ "The Postman" – "Waterworld's" Kevin Costner in yet another post-apocalyptic action drama. Here he plays a man, circa 2013, who discovers a lost postal vehicle and starts delivering to survivors letters written before the war. (Opens Dec. 25)

SINGLES CALENDAR

Send items to be considered for publication to: Sarah Takas, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150; or fax to (313) 591-7279.

TRI-COUNTY SINGLES

"Single Mingle Dance," 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph south of 8 Mile Road. Ages 21 and up, fashionable attire, no jeans. Admission $4, $3 before 8:30 p.m., call (313) 842-0443.

SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Dance 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday, Bonnie Brook Country Club. Admission $4, $3 before 8:30 p.m., call (313) 842-0443.

STARLITERS

Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older, 9 p.m.-midnight Fridays in the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River, at Beech Daly, Livonia. Dressy attire. (313) 422-2887, (810) 588-2731

SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Sunday Suburban Singles holds dances 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road south of Eight Mile, Redford. Ages 21 and up. Proper attire. $4 or $3 before 8:30 p.m. (313) 842-7422.

WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN

"Single Mingle Dance" 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., every Wednesday, at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road, (south of Eight Mile Road), Redford. You must be 21. Fashionable attire. Admission $4 or $3 before 8:30 p.m. (313) 842-0443

WEST SIDE SINGLES

West Side Singles Friday Dances 8:30 p.m. every Friday at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft Road, (west of Inkster Road), Livonia. Admission $5; $3 before 8:30 p.m. You must be 21 and older. Dressy attire, no jeans. (313) 981-0909

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, meets 8 p.m. the third Saturday, at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. (313) 261-9123, (313) 464-3325

■ Dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, West Chicago and Inkster Road. $8 includes refreshments. (313) 464-3325.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

■ Single Mingle Dance 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5 at The Historic Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Avenue, north of 8 Mile, Farmington Hills. Dance will be held in the Carriage House. Admission $4/members and $7/non-members. Ballroom is non-smoking. Attire dressy, men must wear coat and tie. (248) 851-9909

MSGR. HUNT K OF C SINGLES

Ballroom dancing to Mike Wolverton and Eddie 'O, 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays, Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Msgr. Hunt Drive, between Southfield and Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights. $4. Dance lessons 6:45-8 p.m. Cost $2. (313) 295-1134

MOON DUSTERS

Ballroom dancing, 9 p.m.-midnight Saturdays at the Moon Dusters, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. $5. Dressy attire. (313) 422-3298

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

■ Livonia-Redford Chapter 130 meets the third Thursday at Mitch Housey's Restaurant, 28500 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Orientations 8 p.m., general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. (313) 464-1969.

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said.

An actor who has come to personify Scrooge to Detroit-area theatergoers returns again to play the ghost-haunted miser.

"In our version, now in its 16th year, we benefit from the presence of Booth Colman who plays Scrooge. He's the embodiment of the character. He's a wonderful actor and he also has the physical requirements," Nolte said.

Nolte said Colman is a unifying force for other cast members and he passes along his expertise to others. Nolte and Colman have known each other for almost 50 years and Nolte has directed Colman in many acclaimed performances at Meadowbrook including Captain Queeg in "The Caine Mutiny Courtmartial," Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman," Shylock in "Merchant of Venice" and Matthew Drummond in "Inherit the Wind."

Colman lives in Los Angeles where he performs in television and film and does commercials. Meadow Brook is his opportunity to perform on stage in meatier roles.

Nolte has spent his life in theater. He performed as a young actor throughout Europe and in New York. He said he became disillusioned with the commercial New York theater scene and returned to his native Minneapolis where he has been a professor at the University of Minnesota for 30 years. He said he teaches on a part time basis to allow time for directing, acting and writing. Several of Nolte's plays have debuted at Meadow Brook including "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," "The Last Days of Mr. Lincoln" and the autobiographical "A Summer Remembered" in which Colman played a character based on Nolte's father.

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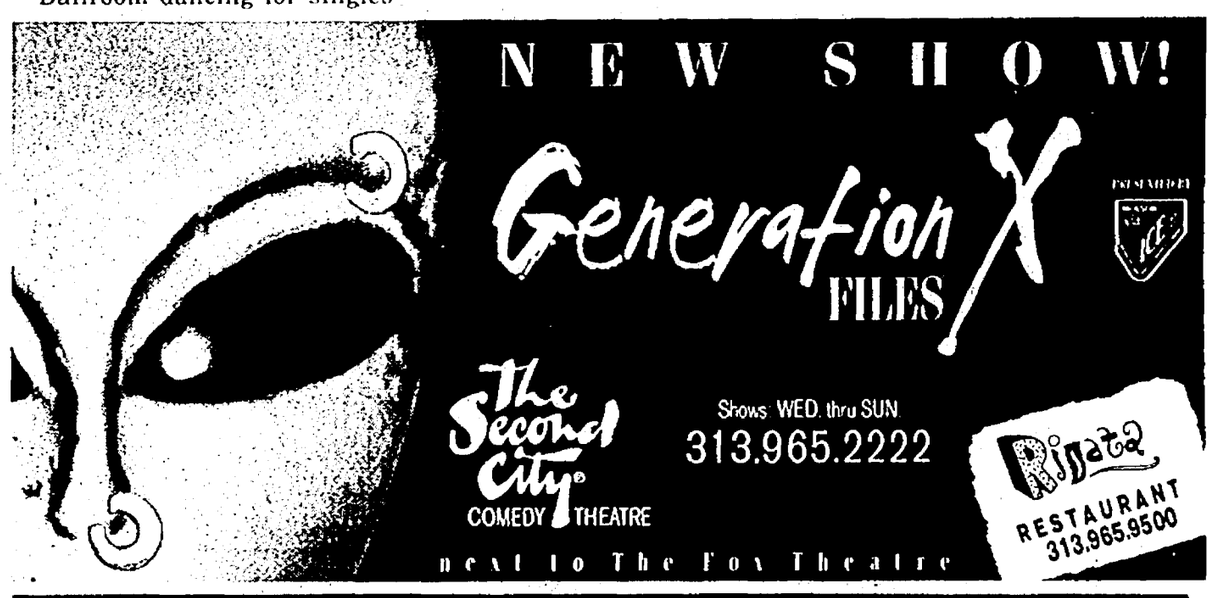
Charles Nolte

"Even in grade school, I knew I wanted to do theater," he said.

Nolte most recent triumph was a four-month run as the father in O'Neill's "Long Days Journey Into Night" in Minneapolis which he said was draining but enjoyable.



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STREET SCENE

Bluesman creates unique sound all by himself

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

On his debut CD "Trashy Love Songs," bluesman Pete "Big Dog" Fetters warns listeners of the impending trouble.

"This product may cause happy feet. Do not listen while wearing swim fins or other restrictive foot gear," the Livonia resident writes.

There should be a warning of another kind on "Trashy Love Songs" and his recent release "Be a Big Dog." Listeners who haven't seen Fetters perform live are in for a surprise.

Fetters is a one-man band.

The guitar, vocals, harmonica, congas, shakers – Fetters does it all. He fills out the bottom end of the music by tapping his foot on a piece of wood that has a microphone mounted to it.

"People get up and dance," Fetters said of his live show. "There's more of a beat to it than people would think. I fill up a room with music. I used to be a trio but it sounds just as full to the people who are listening."

He's also a one-man organization. Fetters writes and performs the music, and takes care of all of the business.

"I spend a lot of time being my own booking agent," he said with a laugh.

An East Lansing native, Fetters graduated from Michigan State University in 1980 with the hopes of becoming a professional musician. Soon afterward he formed a four-piece country band.

"That's when the 'Urban Cowboy' craze was going on."

Three years after graduating from MSU he went to Nashville to record an album and made a logical decision about his immediate future.

"I said, 'Now that we're big time, what do we do? We go out on the road.' We did the travel thing for six months barely making enough money."

Songwriting was where the money was so Fetters moved to Nashville to concentrate on his career.

It was there that he was introduced to the blues.

"There was all kinds of stuff going on. There was a blues scene with some great players," said Fetters who also worked as a swimming coach for a local university.

In 1984, when his songwriting "was not going anywhere" he decided to "get out of music" and earned his master's degree at Michigan State University. For six years following, Fetters worked as the head swimming coach at Vanderbilt University. In the fall of 1994, he moved back to Michigan to be near his daughters.

Since then, Fetters has released two CDs. His latest effort, the 11-song "Be a Big Dog" recorded at the Boneyard Studio in Warren, kicks off with the rollicking "Big Bottom Woman." In the song, which takes place in a Mexican jail, Fetters sings "I've got a big-bottomed woman in my mind tonight. She can move that thing and make the whole world bright."

He keeps his sense of humor in check with the Hawaiian-flavored "Hula Dancer" ("the way you move can make a man go blind"), and his trademark song "Be a Big Dog" where Fetters growls between the chorus ("Remember these four little words and they'll take care of you").

Fetters moves on to more sentimental topics with "Deeper Into the Stars" which closes with the sounds of windchimes blowing in the mind, and "Casey's Song," an ode to his daughter.

His CDs are only available at his shows.

Ironically, now that Fetters is back in the Detroit area, he's able to make a living off of his music.

"I can make ends meet financially. I spend a lot of time focusing on my writing and teaching myself the slide guitar."

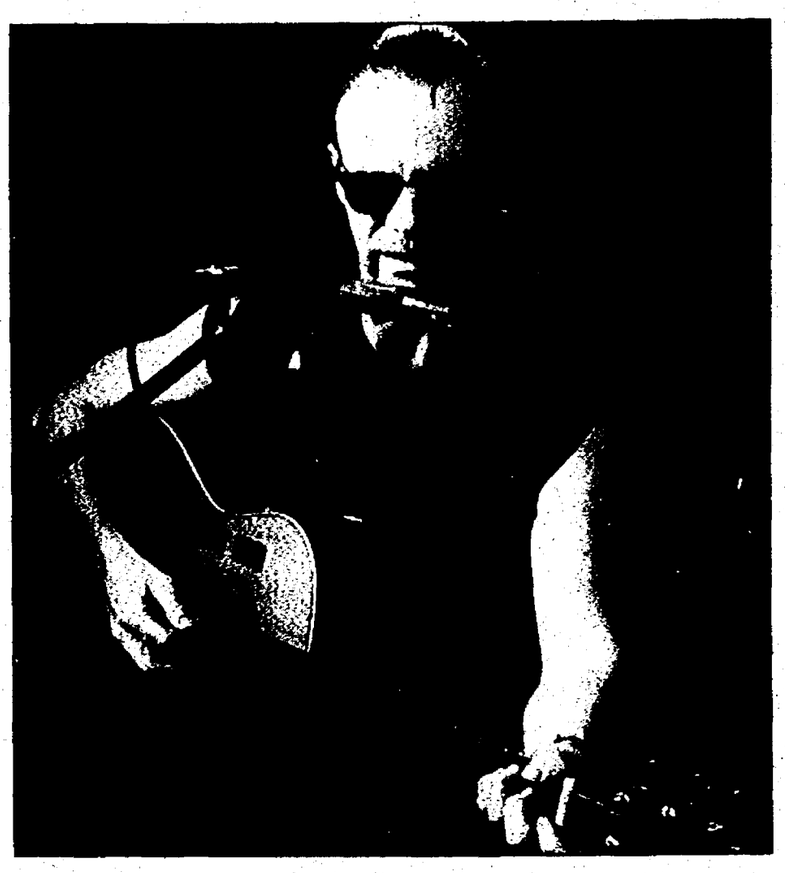
Fetters recently played his biggest gig, opening for Leon Russell at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

"It was a really great audience. The place was packed. They opened the doors at 8 and at 8:25 you couldn't find a place to stand up in there. I did a 45-minute set and about 95 percent of it was stuff on my CD and it went over really well. I sold a bunch of CDs."

The key to his success, Fetters said, is being unique.

"It's really important not only to have a unique sound but to do something that's unusual that they'll remember," he said.

Pete Fetters performs at 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and every Friday and Saturday in December at Bakers, 2055 S. Milford Road, Milford. The free shows are open to all ages. Call (248) 685-0505 for more information. He also plays at 9 p.m. Thursdays in December at Telly's, 20795 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. The free shows are open to those 21 and older. For more information, call (313) 881-3985.



New release: *Pete "Big Dog" Fetters of Livonia recently released his second CD "Trashy Love Songs" on Two Sisters Records. Fetters was nominated for Best New Acoustic Act for the 1997 Detroit Music Awards.*

Hard-working people stage Thanksgiving parade

BACKSTAGE PASS

ANN DELISI

It makes your day to talk with people who love what they do. It shows in their work, too. A certain joy seeps into the finished product, and you're left just feeling good.

I've just spent some time with a group of people who love their work. They put together America's Thanksgiving Day Parade today, an enormous event in its 71st year – 2.2 miles of parade along Woodward Avenue and still Michigan's largest free public event. And, in the words of the Parade Company's executive director Suzie Gross, "We've revved up."

Another thing about the people who love what they do? Follow the baton as it's passed around. Suzie Gross: "We have four full-time artists who are master sculptors and craftsmen, plus hundreds of volunteers to paint, glitter, mache, work with fabric and sculpt. The windows of my office overlook the parade studio, and there must be 300 people in the studio. We have an award-winning art director, Jimmy Thompson, renowned nationally for his designs and his whimsical and creative concepts. It's fun."

To art director Jimmy Thompson: "Ralph Skinner, out assistant art director, is one of the best sculptors I've ever met, and great painter, too, and Don Watts, our technical director, who does everything from building chassis to building animation, We're all on the same page. And the veteran volunteers understand the direction we're going, too."

To technical director Don Watts: "It's a pretty big effort between a lot of different people. I keep a pretty low profile. My goal is to make the animation work underneath their art work. If my animation distracts from the art in any way, that's not good. My intent is to make the art work come to life by adding the movement. And I have great people backing me up."

Sense a pattern? Suzie credits Jim. Jim credits Don. They credit the volunteers. No wonder the parade's so fun to watch!

Jimmy explained the parade process lasts all year. "In January I state illustrating for next year." Literally hundreds of artisans and volunteers are involved. "We have carpentry, mechanical, people who are engineers who assist us in practical matters when putting things together, production line folks, people who work on surfaces and coatings, painters, fabricators, fabrics people with sewing skills – like if we need an oversized bedspread pleated in a certain way that had to be weighted to fall just right, they can do it. You get to do as many different types of art as you can imagine. Painting, sculpting, seeing how things are going to move left to right, and the whole live performance aspect. There are people who discover themselves as artists by pushing themselves a little further."

Talking to Don, it sounds like he may be one of those people. "My previous mechanical background was working on trucks, and I couldn't express myself, I only did repairs. But now Jimmy Thompson and I talk about how to make clearances lower so the artwork doesn't sit on high, or so we can put more on the chassis. Even though nobody really sees that, if it enhances the art we've done well."

They all get a thrill our of parade day.

Jimmy says, "The payoff is the teamwork involved. There's nothing like seeing so many people on the same page. And to see it go down Woodward, seeing people enjoy the parade even if they don't know how much work goes into it. And then there are the people who pitched in who are able to point their stuff out to people, 'hey I did this part, that's my piece!' So it really is a parade for everybody."

Suzie says she watches children on parade day. "The best part are the looks that you see on the kids' faces as you walk the route. When you look at the parade, it takes you on a magical journey. It takes so many people to put together, but it touches everyone individually. That's why we work these 18- and 20-hour days. These are not only floats and balloons, these are enduring memories that will last a lifetime. It's really a moving exhibition, a museum on wheels. It's not only a story book, but it's a history book, too."

Don concurs. "I personally do love it. I get a thrill out of the excitement of doing the parade." Then he whets our appetite with this: "Wait 'til next year, 'cause we already have ideas!"

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THEATER

AVENUE PRODUCTIONS/ATTIC THEATRE
"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," featuring Susan Arnold as "Patsy" singing 20 of Cline's most memorable songs with a five-piece band, through Sunday, Dec. 14, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. $22 Thursdays and Sundays, $27 Fridays and Saturdays, with group rates available. Dinner theater packages at a 20 percent discount available for most restaurants in Pontiac area. (248) 335-8101

1515 BROADWAY
"I Love Christmas," a new comedy by Detroit playwright Kim Carney presented by Trittico Theatre Co., through Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1515 Broadway theater, 1515 Broadway, Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 4 p.m. Sundays. $12.50 and $10, $2 discount for students/seniors. (313) 965-1515/(248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"In the Sweet Bye and Bye," a comedy by Donald Driver, through Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. $15, $40 for season subscription. (313) 868-1347

FISHER THEATRE
"Les Miserables," through Sunday, Jan. 4, Fisher Theatre in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and special holiday performance 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. No performances Wednesday, Dec. 24, or Thursday, Jan. 1. $15-$58. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
"The Shiva Queen" a comedy by award-winning New York playwright Rebecca Ritchie continues through Dec. 31 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, MI. Opening night is 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets $13-$23, senior, student and group discounts available. (Two New Years Eve galas 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets $35 and $50). Call (248) 788-2900.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"A Christmas Carol," Thanksgiving special 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. Children 12 and younger are 1/2 price when accompanied by an adult paying full price; regular run, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays and 2 p.m. Wednesdays ($23), 8 p.m. Fridays ($27.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays ($23), 6 p.m. Saturdays and 8 p.m. Saturdays ($33.50), 2 p.m. Sundays ($23), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays ($27.50) through Sunday, Dec. 28, at the theater, Wilson Hall at Oakland University (Walton Boulevard and Adams Road), Rochester. Student, senior and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300

PERFORMANCE NETWORK
"The Waiting Room," a sharp comedy that takes on medical ethics and sexual stereotypes, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27-Saturday, Nov. 29, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the theater, 408 W. Washington (2 1/2 blocks west of Main Street), Ann Arbor. $15, $12 for students and seniors. "Pay-What-You-Can" on Thursdays. (313) 663-0681 or http://comnet.org.PNetwork

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"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy about a family's deer hunting trip by Jeff Daniels," through Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Garage Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, and 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10. $20-$25. (313) 475-7902

WINDSOR BENEFIT PRODUCTIONS
"A Multicultural Christmas," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Chrysler Theatre, Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario. (800) 387-9181

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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
"Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 8, Quirk Theatre, 103 Quirk, Ypsilanti. $5 bargain night Thursdays; $10 general admission Fridays and Saturdays; $7 and $5 for Mainstage members; $8 and $6 for EMU students in advance. Add $2 for tickets purchased at the door. (313) 487-1221

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"The Prince and the Pauper," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and Saturday, Dec. 6, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 7, at the college, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. $5, $3 children. (313) 845-9900

U-M DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE
"Henry V," by William Shakespeare, reformulated by U-M's John Neville-Andrews, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. $14 and $18, $7 students. All ages. (313) 764-0450

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE
"A Christmas Carol," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, running Friday, Dec. 5-Sunday, Dec. 14, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $8-$10, $5 children ages 12 and younger, with group discounts available. (313) 577-3960

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Othello," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28; "The Lady's Not for Burning," by Christopher Fry, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

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HARTLAND PLAYERS
"Christmas Fantasy II," featuring music, holiday readings and the nativity, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. $8, $7 students and seniors. (810) 220-3521

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
"Ancient Echoes: Tales from Egypt," performed by Wild Swan Theater 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $7, $5 DIA Founders Society members. Recommended for children ages 5 and older. (313) 833-2323

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
The Concert Winds and Symphony Orchestra paint a rainbow of colors in concerts for school children, featuring Britten's "Young People's Guide to the Orchestra" and other selections, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Pease Auditorium, West Forest at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. Reservations, call (313) 487-2255

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and Jan. 3-4, and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30-Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 2, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. $6.50. (248) 349-8110

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS
"Babes In Toyland," the Victor Herbert musical, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6-Sunday, Dec. 7, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road (at Junction Street), Plymouth. $5. (313) 416-4278

SPECIAL EVENTS

SILENT FILM AND ORGAN CONCERT
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, 1920 silent film "Way Down East" starring Lillian Gish, with Lance Luce providing the dramatic moments on the Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. $10, all tickets reserved. (248) 541-6430

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GEMINI CHILDREN'S CONCERTS
1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $6. All ages. (313) 761-1451

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DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. $6.50 and $31.50. All ages. (313) 832-5900

WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"50 Years of Broadway," 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 39, Chrysler Theatre, Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (800) 387-9181

AUDITIONS

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The non-denominational choir for children in third through eighth grades begins registration at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church's school music room, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. $75 per term. (313) 791-2531

FISHER THEATRE
Holds auditions for children for the roles of "Young Cosette" and "Gavroche" for the Broadway and national touring companies of "Les Miserables," 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, in the theater in the Fisher Building, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. Each child will be asked to sing one song of his or her choice. Please bring sheet music. An accompanist will be provided by the show. No tape recorded or "sing along" music may be used. The songs the child characters sing can be heard on the Broadway cast recording.
For "Young Cosette," girls ages 7-11 are invited to audition for the role of the delicate, innocent young girl, heartbreaking and waif-like, with a sweet soprano voice, approximately 50 inches tall. No girls taller than 50 inches should attend this audition.
For "Gavroche," boys ages 7-11 are invited to audition for the role of the tough street kid with lots of spunk and personality, a street-wise orphan, clever, and must be a terrific actor with a strong singing voice, approximately 52 inches tall. No boys taller than 52 inches should attend this audition.
Children should bring a recent photo stapled to a resume that lists singing and acting experience or training. Professional experience is not required. The children hired will receive full salary and benefits approved by the Union of Professional Actors. Children and parents must be willing to relocate to New York or travel on tour if hired. Those interested in auditioning but unable to attend, please send photo and resume to: Johnson-Liff Associates, 1501 Broadway, Suite 1400, New York, N.Y., 10036, Attn: Les Miserables. (248) 540-0660

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY
Auditions for Diamond Jubilee Performance, 2-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in the Dance Studio, lower level Athletic Building at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Fall 1998 term, day class and rehearsals required; scholarships available. (313) 845-6314

LIVINGSTON PLAYERS
Auditions for "Murder By the Book," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, Thursday, Dec. 4, and Tuesday, Dec. 9, Millpond Theatre, 400 Cedar St., Brighton. Roles are available for two women and three men. Performances are Feb. 21-22, 27 and 28, and March 6-7. (313) 483-3906

RENAISSANCE CHORUS
Looking for singers for the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. The chorus rehearses 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail (1/2 mile east of Newburgh Road), Livonia. The ability to read music is not required. It is preparing for its Christmas season performances and its annual show in March. (313) 981-6342

CHORAL/ BARBERSHOP

"COME TO THE CABARET"
An evening of barbershop quartet, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $10. All ages. (313) 761-1451

FORT STREET CHORALE
Performs Handel's "Messiah," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St., Detroit. $12, with group rates and patron seating available. (313) 961-4533

THE MADONNA CHORALE
Celebrate the holy season with a Christmas Chorale Concert including "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, accompanied by harp, and "The Infant Savior" by Dietrich Buxtehude performed with strings and organ. The program will also include traditional Christmas carols with some audience sing-a-longs, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel at Madonna University, I-96 and Levan Road, Livonia. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. (313) 432-5713

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Performs Christmas favorites and inspirational carols 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. $8. (313) 455-4080

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" and a variety of seasonal compositions by Brahms, Rutter and Britten, under the direction of Donald Stromberg, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec.7 ($4, available at the door) at First Presbyterian Church, 701 W. Church St., Plymouth; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile (between Merriman and Middlebelt roads). Donations accepted during intermission. (248) 349-8175/(313) 462-4435

JAZZ

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

HENRY GIBSON TRIO
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

WENDELL HARRISON TRIO
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

BOB JAMES
With Alexander Zonjic and Friends, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Masonic Temple Scottish Rites Cathedral Auditorium, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. $20 and $25. All ages. (313) 832-5900

KOG'S KATS
7-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

KATHY KOSINS
7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays (except Dec. 24) through Dec. 30, beginning at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward, south of 14 Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 549-7700

DAVE KOZ
With Brenda Russell and David Benoit, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. **Cancelled.** (313) 872-1000

SHEILA LANDIS
With Rick Matle, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Borders Books and Music, 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages; 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29, Agape Caffe, 205 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 652-0558/(248) 546-1400

THE LUDDITES
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemans, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (cabaret-style jazz/folk) (313) 873-RAFT

THE MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With bassist Dan Jordan, drummer Jerry McKenzie, and special guest Morry Cohen, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. $5 cover waived with dinner order (served 6:30-9 p.m.) plus a $5 drink minimum. 21 and older. (248) 474-4800

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (MAS)
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 852-0550

ROBERT PIPHO TRIO
7-11 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SOULSTICE
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, America's Pizza Cafe, 129 S. Main St. (one block south of 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. (be-bop, swing, contemporary and traditional jazz) (248) 544-1001

JOHNNY TRUDELL-BOB MOJICA QUINTET
With "Lori," 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe. $10 in advance, $12 at the door. (313) 961-1714

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Thai-Chi Express, 630 Woodward Ave. (two blocks north of Jefferson Avenue), Detroit. $7.50, 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, Orchard Lake. (313) 963-8424/(248) 471-7500

WORLD MUSIC

BUJU BANTON
With Jahmali, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 349-9110/(248) 543-6911

THE LASH
As part of a St. Patrick's Day party, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, The Viper Room Detroit, 17320 Harper (between Moross and Cadieux roads), Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (Celtic) (313) 881-3611

JIM PERKINS
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Cowley's Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River Ave. (at Farmington Road), Farmington. Free. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 474-5941/(248) 642-1135

JOHN L. SULLIVAN BAND
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Warren. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (810) 758-7602

FOLK

HOT TUNA
With Jorma Kaukonen, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $17.50. All ages. (313) 761-1451

JAN KRIST
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

DAVID OLNEY
8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $11, $10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1451

ITZHAK PERLMAN
"In the Fiddler's House," a Klezmer summit featuring The Klezmatics, Brave Old World, The Klezmer Conservatory Band, and The Andy Statman Orchestra, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. $20-$50. (800) 221-1229

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $9, $8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1451

JO SERRAPERE
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141/(313) 861-8101

"WATERBUG RECORDS SHOWCASE"
With Andrew Calhoun, Cat Eggleston, Susan Shore, and Sam Pacetti, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (313) 761-1451

DANCE

DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE
"The Nutcracker," with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Edsel Ford High School Auditorium, 20601 Rotunda Dr., Dearborn. (313) 943-3095

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With principal dancers Evelyn Cisneros and Anthony Randazzo from the San Francisco Ballet, and Kimberly Glasco and Aleksandar Antonijevic from the National Ballet of Canada, along with

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members of Iacob Lascu's Dance Detroit perform "The Nutcracker" ballet, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. $14-$53 adults, $10-$24 children and seniors. (313) 833-3700

THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER

Donald Byrd's jazzy version of the holiday tale featuring a live jazz orchestra, regional gospel choir and children's casts. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10-Friday, Dec. 12, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 14, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. $16-$34. (800) 221-1229

HURON CIVIC THEATRE

"The Nutcracker," with the Taylor Ballet Americana and the Southern Great Lakes Symphony Orchestra, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the theater, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. $14, $10 children ages 10 and younger. (313) 782-5380

LAKES AREA CIVIC BALLET

"The Nutcracker," under the direction of Christine Bove, who danced professionally with the Arizona Ballet Company, with Curtis Waldschmidt, a professional dancer from Los Angeles, as the Nutcracker Prince, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at West Bloomfield High School auditorium, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. $10, $8.50, with special rates for community organizations purchasing 15 or more tickets. (248) 666-1971.

THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Fifty-five performances Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $10-$50. All ages. This week's performances: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. (313) 983-6611/(248) 645-6666

"ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE"

7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. $4. All dances taught, all welcome, no partner needed. (313) 662-5158

"TURKEY HOEDOWN CONTRA DANCE"

With the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, and callers Karen Missavage and Tom Allen, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Masonic Hall, 730 Penniman, Plymouth. Open to dancers of all skill levels. (313) 332-9024 or (313) 995-1336

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Kirk Noland and Joey Bielaska, Wednesday, Nov. 26, Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29; Jim Meyers, Manny Shields and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 6, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays. Cover charge changes according to show. (313) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Norm Stulz, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28 ($10, $20.95 dinner/show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 ($10, $20.95); Pablo Francisco, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 ($10, $21.95 dinner/show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6 ($12, $24.95 dinner/show package), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Lowell Sanders, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29 ($10); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 ($4); The Incredible Boris, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 ($9), 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6 ($12), and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 ($9, $4.50 for kids younger than 16), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080

MR. B'S ROADHOUSE

Ruben Ruben, and Derrick Richards, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. $10. (248) 628-6500

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Dan Wilson and Symba, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29 ($12), 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30 ($6), Q95's John Heffron with Brian McCree, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3-Thursday, Dec. 4 ($6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6 ($12), and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 ($6). Tickets go on sale Friday, Nov. 28, for New Year's Eve with Christopher Titus, Billy Ray Bauer and MC Steven Bills, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 ($45 per couple, show only), or 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 ($60 per couple, includes party favors and a split of cham-

pagne), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY

"Generation X-Files" through December at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. $14 Thursdays, $17.50 Fridays, $19.50 Saturdays, and $12 Sundays and Wednesdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:45 p.m. Sundays; "Destiny in Space," 12:45 p.m. Sundays, at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. $6.75 for adults, $4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. $2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

HENRY FORD ESTATE

Featuring rooms decorated for the holidays by area florists, open for public tours, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays in December, hourly from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays in December, and every half hour from 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays. $7, $5 for groups of 20 or more by reservation; "Holiday Luncheon Concerts," 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and Thursday, Dec. 11-Friday, Dec. 12, by reservation only. $19.50; "Breakfast with Santa," 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. by reservation only Saturday, Dec. 6; "Candles and Carols Dinner," 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, and Sunday, Dec. 14, by reservation only. $38; all at the estate, 4901 Evergreen Road, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"1850s Holiday Evenings at Eagle Tavern," featuring a holiday dinner with a 19th Century twist, Saturday, Nov. 29-Sunday, Nov. 30, Wednesday, Dec. 3-Tuesday, Dec. 23, Friday, Dec. 26-Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Saturday, Jan. 3-Sunday, Jan. 4; "Traditions of the Season," featuring holiday trees and decorations froom various eras, Friday, Nov. 28-Sunday, Jan. 4, at the museum and village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. $12.50 adults, $11.50 seniors ages 62 and older, $6.25 for children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Group rates available. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL

"Set for the Holidays" 1997 holiday walk, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily Friday, Nov. 28-Sunday, Dec. 7, remaining open until 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, and Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the historic house at Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tours also available of Knole Cottage, the six-room, 3/4 scale mini mansion near the hall. $10, $5 children ages 12 and younger, $5 OU affiliates with ID for Meadow Brook. Discounts available for groups of 20 or more, $1 Knole Cottage; Black tie gala dinner, 6:30 p.m. with 8 p.m. candlelight dinners followed by dancing and an afterglow, Thursday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 6. $175 for patrons, $250 for benefactors. (248) 370-3140.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

"Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," the first comprehensive exhibition to explore the arts produced within this religion, runs from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays through Sunday, Dec. 28, at The Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush St.), Detroit. "Sacred Arts" features a wide spectrum of art objects including sequined flags, sacred bottles, pots, painted calabashes, beaded rattles, bound medicine packets, dolls, cosmographs,

Canadian pop star: *Pianist Chantal Kreviazuk ("All Around Me," "God Made Me") performs Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, in Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are $8.50 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 335-8100.*

musical instruments, multi-media assemblages and contemporary paintings. The exhibit is rated PG-13 as some of the images in Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou may not be suitable for children ages 13 and under, or individuals sensitive to graphic images. Adult supervision is suggested. $3 for adults and $2 for children 12 and under. (313) 494-5800.

POPULAR MUSIC

ATARI TEENAGE RIOT

With EC8OR and Shizuo, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. $10 in advance. All ages. ("digital hardcore") (248) 333-2362

JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS

9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Memphis Smkoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (jump blues) (248) 543-4300

THE BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m.-midnight Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

BLUE CAT

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 731-1750

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) 9248) 644-4800

BOTFLY

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk rock) (313) 485-5050

BOTTLE ROCKETS

7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $7 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 334-7900

BUMPIN' UGLIES

With Tin Woodsmen, Anxietys, Mad Henchmen, Smoke Bombs, and Tonsil Boxers, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $6 in advance. 18 and older. (punk) (313) 833-POOL

BUTLER TWINS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

BUTTERFLY

With dbass, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. $5. 18 and older. (psychedelic trippy rock) (313) 369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com

CHISEL BROS. WITH MIMI HARRIS

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110

CIRCUS MCGIRKIS

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050

DJ MIKE CLARK

With Angel Dub as part of "Divine," 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. $6. 21 and older; With DJ Brian Gillespie as part of "Divine," 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. $6. 21 and older. (313) 369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com

DANNY COX

10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 8:30-11 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Woodward Avenue Brewers, 22646 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 652-1600/(248) 546-3696

"CY-FUNK-O-RAMA TOUR"

Featuring DJ Supa Dimitri from Deee-Lite, and DJ Silver as part of "Maximum Overload" night, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. $10 in advance. 18 and older. (techno) (313) 369-0090

BILLY RAY CYRUS

As part of the "Young Country" Christmas party, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. $25. All ages. (country) (248) 645-6666

TOMMY D BAND

8-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Bistro 313, 313 E. Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 332-9100

DEEP SPACE SIX

10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (313) 485-5050

DEFTONES

With Limp Bizkit, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. $13. All ages. (hardcore rock) (248) 333-2362

DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433

DIRT BOMBS

With The Hentchmen, Witches and Bantam Rooster, as part of the Motor City Brewing Works Ghettoblaster CD Release Party, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (roots rock) (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

DISCIPLINE

With Tiles and House of Usher, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $5 in advance, $6 at the door. 18 and older. (progressive rock) (248) 544-3030

DOROTHY

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Woodward Avenue Brewers, 22646 Woodward Ave. (two blocks south of Nine Mile Road), Ferndale. Free. 21 and older (alternative rock) (248) 546-3696

ETHOS

With Saint Ashley and Eloise, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. All ages. (pop) (248) 335-8100

FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750

KIM FOX

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (pop) (248) 745-9790

THE FRANTIC FLAT TOPS

With Swingin' Demons, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $6 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

FU-MANCHU

With Piston, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $6 in advance. All ages. (punk) (313) 961-MELT

GOVERNMENT HONEY

10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Sunday, Dec. 7, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

THE GRISWALDS

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

"HOUSE OF BLUES TOUR"

Featuring Dr. John, Charlie Musselwhite, Robert Jr. Lockwood, and Alvin Youngblood Hart, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road (at Hall Road, M-59), Clinton Township. $29 adults, $26 students/seniors; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (810) 286-2222/(313) 833-3700

JILL JACK

10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 349-9110

JACKOPIERCE

Farewell tour, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $12.50 in advance. 18 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $12.50 in advance. 19 and older. (guitar-based rock) (248) 335-8100/(313) 996-8555

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Commerce Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450/(248) 349-9110

JAMIROQUAI

7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. **Cancelled.** All ages. (funk/dance) (313) 961-5451

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, The New Detroiter, 655 Beaubien St. (at Fort Street), Greektown area of Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Goose Island Brewery, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 963-3355/(248) 682-4566

CHANTAL KREVIAZUK

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $8.50 in advance. All ages. (piano pop) (248) 335-8100

LADY MISS KIER

Formerly of Deee-Lite spins drum and bass, with resident DJ St. Andy, 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. $5. 18 and older. (techno) (248) 334-1999

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

JOHN D. LAMB BAND

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Mr. B's, 48550 Van Dyke, Shelby Township. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (248) 731-0700

THE LOOK

10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Mr. Sport, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford Township. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 534-7420

HOLLY MCNARLAND

With Subrosa, formerly known as For Squirrels, and Gords Eskimos, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $5. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

MR. B

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $12.50. All ages. (boogie woogie/blues piano) (313) 761-1451

MR. FREEDOM X

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050

MISS BLISS

With Velour 100 and Morella's Forest, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

MOTOR CITY JOSH AND THE BIG THREE

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

MOTOR JAM

10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Kodiak Grill, 25660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Commerce Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750/(248) 360-7450

MUDPUPPY

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

STEVE NARDELLA TRIO

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800/(313) 259-2643

19 WHEELS

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Atomic Numbers and Fat Amy, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $5. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 544-3030

OPIE'S DREAM

9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Charlie CarPartz, Heritage Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Free. 21 and older. (classic rock) (313) 283-4400 or http://www.izzy.net/~mic

OVER THE RHINE

With Jason Dennie, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $8 in advance. 19 and older. (ethereal pop) (313) 996-8555

ROBERT PENN

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110/(248) 644-4800

PURPLE FLY

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

"RAMPANT TOUR"

Featuring DJs Larry Bishop, Chris Brown and John Debo, as part of "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. $10. 18 and older. (313) 369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com

GARY RASMUSSEN

10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 652-1600

LOU RAWLS

As part of the Wayne County Community College District 30th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala, 6-7:30 p.m. black-tie dinner reception featuring a "strolling dinner" reception, 8-8:30 p.m. program, and 8:30 p.m. concert Thursday, Dec. 4, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. $150 ($65 tax deductible) gala tickets, $36.50 and $31.50 concert-only tickets. (313) 496-2648

ROLLING STONES

With Third Eye Blind, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, Pontiac Silverdome, 1200 Featherstone, Pontiac. $37.50 and $62. All ages. (rock) (248) 645-6666

ROOMFUL OF BLUES HOLIDAY PARTY

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $20 in advance, benefits the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival. All ages (blues) (313) 99-MUSIC

SNEAKER PIMPS

With Getaway Cruiser, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8.90 in advance. All ages. (trippy pop) (313) 961-MELT

SOLID FROG

With Size 14, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

CURTIS SUMTER PROJECT WITH CATHY DAVIS

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

MARY THOMPSON AND DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Lonestar Coffee House, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 642-2233

3 SPEED

With Hopper, Monkeychuck, and Elephant Gerald, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, The Viper Room Detroit, 17320 Harper (between Moross and Cadieux roads), Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (pop) (313) 881-3611

VAL VENTRO BAND

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Nov. 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Goose Island, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800/(248) 682-4566

VUDU HIPPIES

10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (alternapop) (248) 549-2929

WAILIN' INC.

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 6, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

WATERSHED

With Van Gogh, and the Immortal Winos of Soul, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, The Viper Room Detroit, 17320 Harper (between Moross and Cadieux roads), Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 881-3611

MOVIES

Savannah stars as 'Midnight' unravels murder

TICKETS PLEASE

JOHN MONAGHAN

Savannah, Georgia, is unlike any other Southern city. Left relatively intact at the close of the Civil War, it is a haunted place where you can turn a corner on its brick-lined streets and come face to face with a building untouched for over a century.

For John Kelso, the writer played by John Cusack in "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," its mixture of the traditional and bizarre proves downright beguiling. Sent there to write a magazine fluff piece, he decides this "Gone with the Wind" – "on mescaline" – would be an ideal setting for his next book.

Unfortunately, the real-life story that made 1994's "Midnight" one of the decade's best-selling novels doesn't translate all that well to film. Through the earnest, but uninspired, lens of director Clint Eastwood, it becomes a murder mystery without enough of either to sustain its 2-1/2-hour running time.

The movie opens leisurely (and I suppose appropriately so) as Kelso encounters the eccentric Savannah locals. A man walks an imaginary dog. Another has huge horseflies attached to strings on his sweater. A former beauty only strays from her boudoir long enough to attend the lavish formal parties.

When Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey), a popular member of Savannah's "nouveau riche," shoots his volatile young lover, his self-defense plea doesn't automatically mean innocence. How his sexual relationship with the deceased plays in court could put him behind bars.

Set in 1981, the movie is adapted from John Berendt's novel, itself based on the actual Williams murder trial. Tourists now visit familiar Savannah spots described in "Midnight" (referred to simply as "The Book") and pry the locals for first-hand gossip about the case.

But these same juicy tidbits that seem so great in whispers might not be enough to support a film, especially one as self-important as this one. Eastwood, never known for his light hand, seems so intent on covering all the bases of race, sexual preference and even voodoo, that he strips the life out of each. Cusack walks through the movie literally in an open-mouthed stupor, seemingly awed by his Gatsby-like relationship to the dapper Williams (he even addresses the young writer as "Sport"). Spacey, sporting distinguished gray hair and a bushy mustache, plays his role appropriately friendly but formal and maybe even a bit detached.

If that woman the young writer has his eyes on throughout the movie looks familiar, it's because Eastwood cast his 25-year-old daughter Alison in the role. Yet the attempt to give Cusack a love interest (I don't think her character existed in the book) only drags the movie out longer than necessary.

Eastwood makes a far bolder move in the casting of The Lady Chablis, the real-life Savannah drag diva who figured somewhat in the original case. With her black, aquiline face and impossibly long arms, she gives an authentic, if unevenly paced, performance.

The courtroom sequences move at a fairly good clip, helped in part by Jack Thompson's turn as Williams' loyal friend and attorney. The Australian actor employs the same jury-swaying technique that won accolades in the classic "Breaker Morant" almost two decades ago.

Still, the gay conflict at the center of the trial seems a bit out-of-date. Sure a lot has changed since 1981, but because Savannah is such an antique place to begin with (the old cars are normally a giveaway), I didn't realize until almost halfway through that we were back in time at all.

What remains unspoiled in "Midnight" is Savannah itself, still the movie's biggest selling point. That alone may make it worth a look.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

SAM EMERSON/WARNER BROS

Film adaptation: *John Kelso (John Cusack) looks at a dagger owned by Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey) in "The Garden of Good and Evil," based on the book by John Berendt.*

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. ($5.50; $4.50 students/seniors)

"Contempt" (France/Italy-1963). Friday-Sunday, Nov. 28-30 (call for showtimes). Martin Scorsese is behind the rerelease of this 1963 French film (also known as "Le Mepris"), the third and perhaps most accessible from experimental director Jean-Luc Godard. Here Jack Palance and Brigitte Bardot find themselves in the midst of marital troubles as he tries to pen the screenplay for a movie version of "The Odyssey." Fritz Lang, the genius behind "M" and "Metropolis," plays, appropriately, a director.

"Forgotten Silver" (New Zealand-1996). 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. Peter Jackson ("Heavenly Creatures") created this mock documentary about a forgotten New Zealand film legend whose life is shown through interviews and clips.

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. ($6.50; $4 students, seniors and matinee; $3 twilight)

"Washington Square" (USA-1997). Jennifer Jason Leigh and Albert Finney star in this adaptation of a Henry James novel about an awkward rich girl in turn-of-the-century New York caught between her over-protective father and a penniless suitor.

"Wings of the Dove" (Britain-1997). More Henry James. This time the turn-of-the-century romantic entanglement occurs between a conniving woman (Helena Bonham Carter) and a handsome journalist (Linus Roache). They devise a plan to have him woo a dying woman and thus inherit her fortune.

"Kiss or Kill" (Australia-1997). In this grifters movie from the Land Down Under, an outlaw couple used to robbing businessmen ends up on the run when one of their victims dies.

Magic Bag Theatre 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. ($2)

"Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (USA-1982). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27. Sean Penn, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Nicolas Cage, Eric Stolz and Anthony Edwards are just a few of the familiar faces in this New Wave-era teen comedy. Writer/director Cameron Crowe based it on his own experiences going undercover in a Southern California high school.

Star Southfield 12 Mile Road (West of Telegraph), Southfield. Call (248) 372-2222. ($6.50; $4.50 before 6 p.m.)

"The Ice Storm" (USA-1997). A film adaptation of Rick Moody's confessional account of life in the 1970s, starring Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver and directed by Ang Lee ("The Wedding Banquet," "Sense and Sensibility").

Windsor Film Theatre, 2135 Wyandotte Street West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM. ($5.25 Canadian; $4 U.S.)

"A Summer in La Goulette" (France/Tunisia-1996). 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 27-30. When a trio of girls begin dating boys of a different religion, tension erupts in their strict families.

3-D Double Feature: "Revenge of the Creature" (USA-1955) and "It Came From Outer Space" (USA-1953). Beginning at 9:15 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 27-30.

After the success of last season's "Creature From the Black Lagoon," the theater presents its first sequel, again directed by Jack Arnold. He was also behind "It Came From Outer Space," about aliens who assume the identities of locals so they can repair their damaged ship. Expect meteors to fly out into the audience in this rare 3-D presentation, with the glasses, of course.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 26

"FLUBBER"
Remake of the classic Disney comedy about a bumbling professor who accidentally invents an anti-gravity material which he names "flubber." Stars Robin Williams, Marcia Gay Harden, Ted Levine and Clancy Brown.

"ALIEN RESURRECTION"
Sigourney Weaver returns as Ripley who discovers that her "resurrection" is the result of an incredible experiment which has altered both her and the creature she had been carrying. Also stars Ron Perlman.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 12

"AMISTAD"
Story set in 1839 about the Spanish slave ship Amistad whose "cargo" of 53 Africans took over the vessel and were charged with murder. Stars Anthony Hopkins, Morgan Freeman.

"FOR RICHER OR POORER"
Comedy about a well-to-do married couple who are ripped off by their accountant and end up owing the IRS. Stars Tim Allen, Kirstie Alley.

"SCREAM 2"
It's two years later and the original players from "Scream" are reunited when they discover that some secrets from the past are best left forgotten. Stars Courtney Cox, David Arquette.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 19

"HOME ALONE 3"
A secret computer chip is hidden inside a toy and pursued by a quartet of international thieves. Between them and the chip stands an 8 year old boy.

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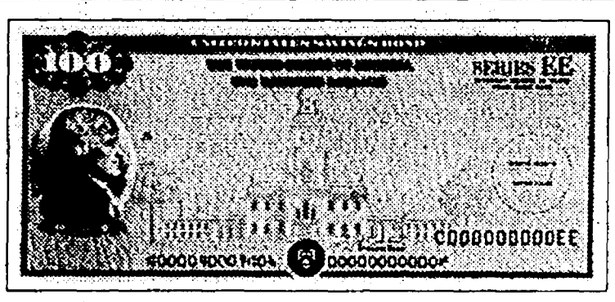

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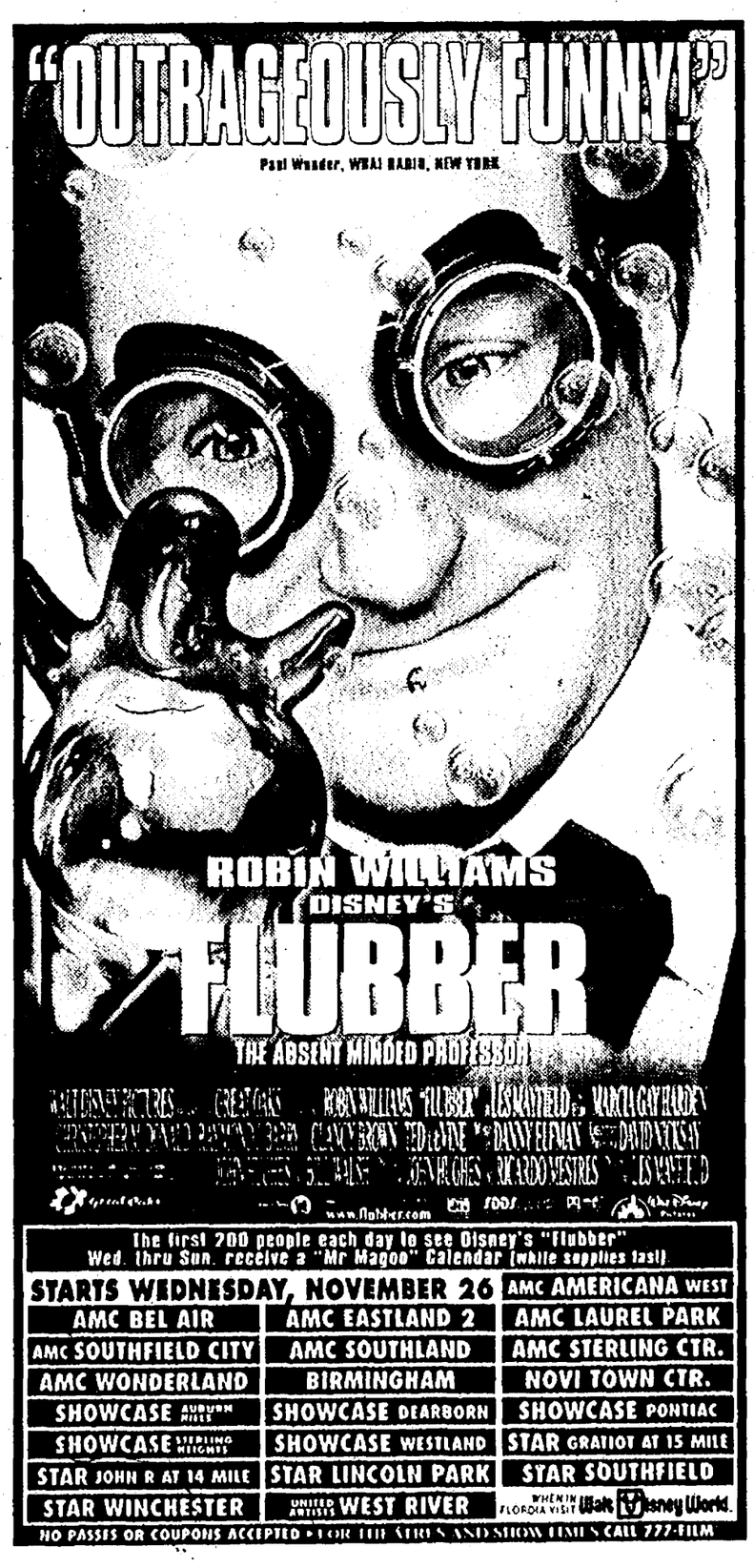


STREET SCENE

Autumn bears fruit for local recording artists

CHRISTINA FUOCO

The fall has proved to be a fruitful season for local bands. The Farmington Hills-based rock band Blue Eyed Soul has garnered interest from Atlantic Records. The Verve Pipe is in pre-production for its follow-up to the million-selling "Villains." The Charm Farm continues work on its fourth record. And two Detroit-area artists have signed major-label deals.

Rapper Kid Rock, known to his parents as Bob Ritchie, signed to Lava Atlantic, home to the likes of Matchbox 20 and Sugar Ray, about a month ago.

"For the last two years I didn't want a record deal. (But I thought) when I did get a record deal I'll get what I want and the money I want," Ritchie said.

After an artist and repertoire rep came out to see Kid Rock's show at the State Theatre, he asked Ritchie to cut a two-song demo with producer John Travis (Sugar Ray, ONYX, Soundgarden). Atlantic liked what it heard but word got around – Madonna's label Maverick was interested as was Universal, MCA and Interscope.

"Atlantic started freaking out and gave me everything I wanted."

Atlantic, Ritchie said, is really behind him. The Royal Oak rapper is tentatively scheduled to appear on next summer's Warped Tour. Ritchie and Travis, who will engineer and co-produce the album, have already started work on the record.

"I just built my own studio, Temple of the Dog, with my own loot. I was planning on doing my next indie release here but Atlantic said, 'That's just for pre-production.' I'm going to keep the record in Detroit and mix it in L.A. It's cool. The producer's come into town and is hanging out in my crib."

The album is "just gonna be everything that I wanted it to be. We're talking with (rapper) Lil' Kim. It's going to be vintage Kid Rock with the sex rhymes. It's going to be a gangster rock 'n' roll album with a total die young, leave a good-looking corpse behind (vibe)."

On the opposite end of the musical spectrum is the roots rock band 19 Wheels, who recently signed a deal with the Sony-owned Columbia Records.

Its debut album "Six Ways From Sunday," originally released regionally on Aware Records, will be distributed nationally by Red Ink, Sony's distribution arm, beginning in January.

"Red Ink acts like a record label with records that are already done. They do the promotion and marketing. They're in charge of things like hiring (publicists), making sure the displays are up, and making sure it's priced right. They'll actually have a potential video budget as well. It all depends on how things go," said Chris Johnston, singer/guitarist and former Birmingham resident.

The re-released "Six Ways From Sunday" will feature a new variation of the cover, a reworked version of the song "Colorado," and a new song "Good Enough." The band is also releasing a CD single of the song "Colorado" with a couple live tracks.

Johnston explained that 19 Wheels is focusing on promoting "Six Ways From Sunday" and probably won't begin work on its first album for Columbia for another year.

"It all depends on how well or poorly this record does. There's so many bands that get signed that they don't have a foundation to work with. They make their record and everything's good and nothing happens because no one really cares. There's no story and then they're done," said Johnston who is also a co-owner of Woodward Avenue Brewers in Ferndale.

"We have all this time to write the best songs of our lives hopefully. We've got this re-release of this record that gets our name out there. It introduces us to all the radio people, the listeners. We get a good initial splash. It's a lot better than just jumping in and hoping things go well."

The band – which also includes bassist/vocalist Tim Mazorati, guitarist/vocalist Scott Owens, and drummer Greg Williams – will celebrate the re-release of "Six Ways From Sunday" with a party and performance, with special guests Atomic Numbers and Fat Amy, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., in Ferndale. Tickets are $5 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030.

Celebrating release: *The roots rock band 19 Wheels celebrates the nationwide release of "Six Ways from Sunday" with a party and performance Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.*

Speaking of the Charm Farm, Taj Bell, who has worked as a back-up singer for the band, is hosting an acid jazz night the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 662-8310.

■ Third Eye Blind bassist Arion Salazar said he was left speechless when he found out his band would be opening for supergroups the Rolling Stones and U2.

"I was at a complete loss for words," said Salazar whose San Francisco-based band will open for the Stones Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"We were sitting in a car when I found out that the Stones had made an inquiry. That's what left me speechless. We were in the car with this girl and she said, 'You don't get excited about much.' I said, 'You know what, Margie, right now I'm tripping as hard as I possibly can.' I looked down and felt my stomach knot up. When I found out we got the Stones and U2 that's when I started jumping around."

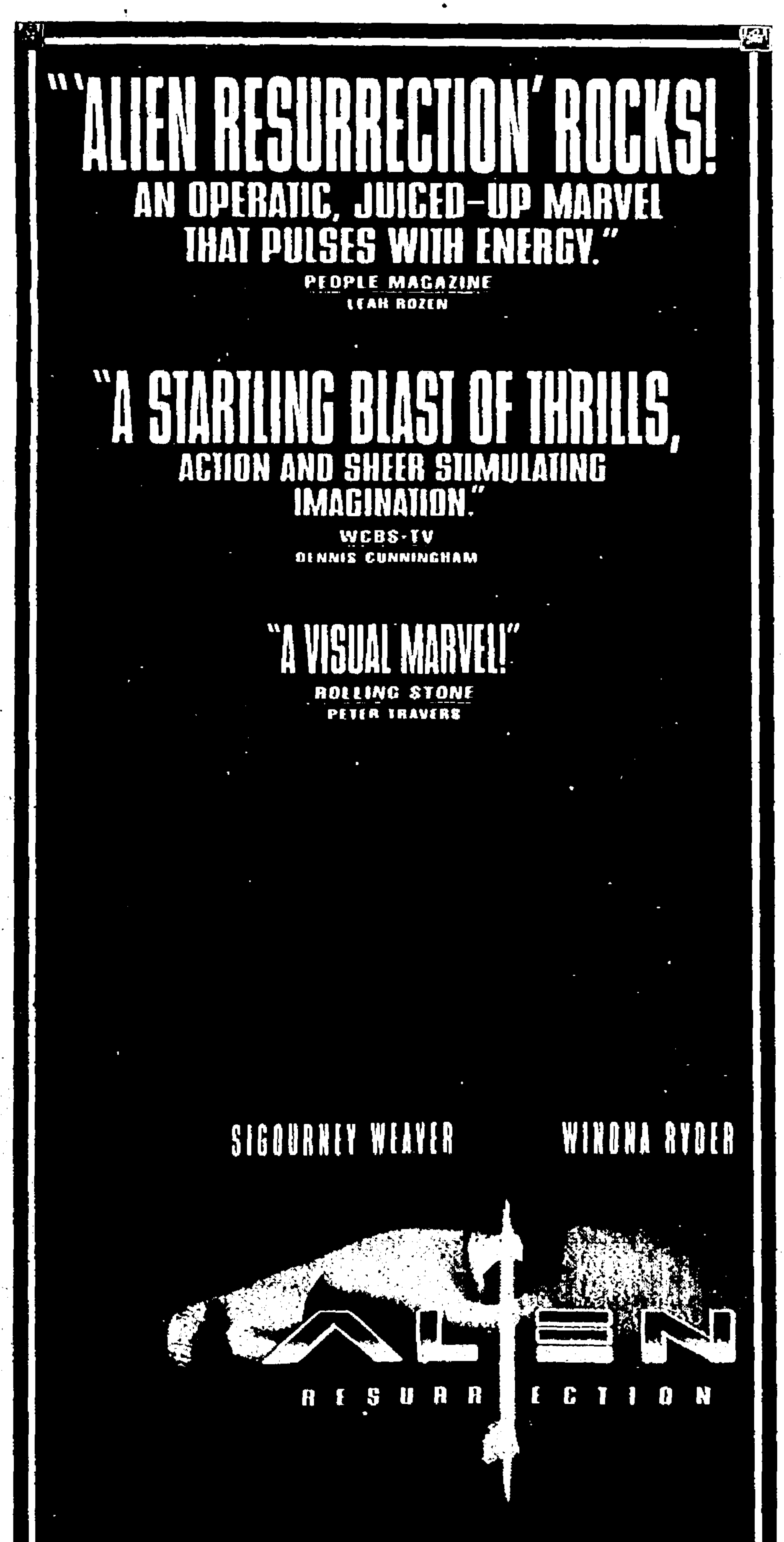
So far Third Eye Blind – known for its hit "How's It Gonna Be" and "Semi-Charmed Life" off its self-titled debut album – has only done one show with the Stones.

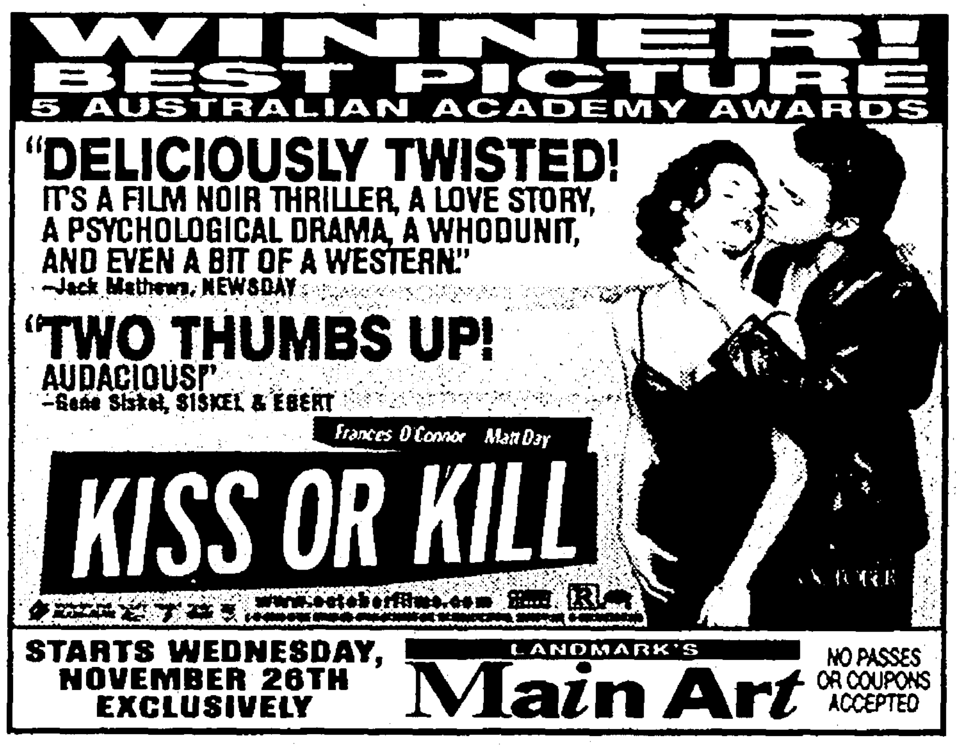
"It was a couple weeks ago, but it seems like it was a year ago. What I do remember was it was incredible. The excitement level is at an all-time high when you're going to be playing and you know the Stones are gonna come on after you."

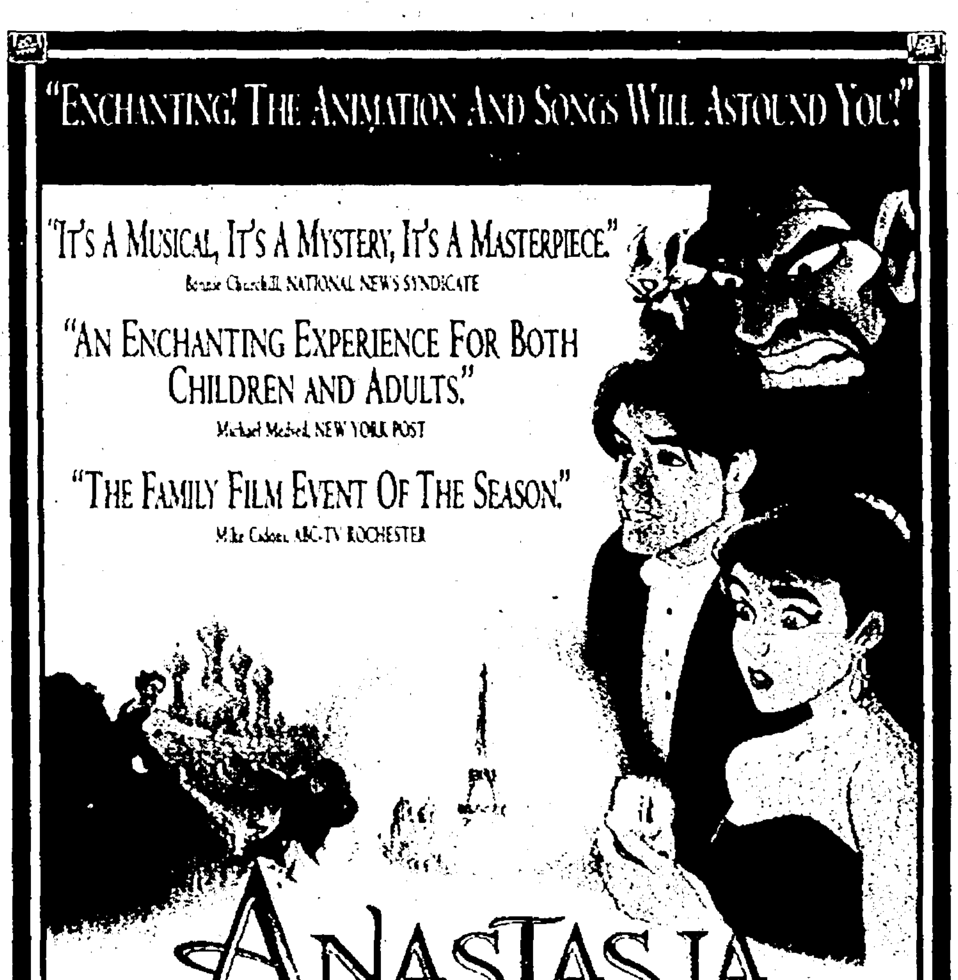
The show went well, Salazar said, but the response was a little better from U2's audiences.

"They're a little younger and a little more accustomed to our style of music. We're maybe a little closer to what U2 does."

Third Eye Blind opens for the Rolling Stones at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Pontiac Silverdome, 1200 Featherstone, in Pontiac. Tickets are $37.50 and $62. For more information, call (248) 645-6666.







DINING

New owner has 'Grand' ideas for Cafe

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Lance Kawas was a banker, "but I didn't find solace in it," he said. A writer at heart, Kawas purchased the Grand Cafe on Grand River in Farmington eight months ago.

"I write screenplays, epic dramas on the side," he said putting aside a copy of the "English Patient." "This is an ideal place to drink coffee and write on my laptop when I'm not too busy."

Kawas is working to create a haven for musicians, artists and writers, and a cozy retreat for people who want to stop for coffee, brunch or a bite to eat.

Located in the lower level of the Cook Building, The Grand Cafe is a good place to escape the hustle and bustle, especially during the holiday season.

"It's a very private place," he said. "It's not very bright, it's kind of mystic, and there are beautiful pictures on the walls."

Kawas describes his Grand Cafe as "a place where friends meet for coffee, entertainment and food."

He offers close to 50 different blends of coffee, a variety of coffee drinks and non-alcoholic beverages, baked goods, ice cream, brunch, salads, pizza, sandwiches, chicken and vegetarian dishes. "I'll be getting a juice bar soon," he said.

For brunch, there are homemade Belgian Waffles made with cinnamon, crushed apples and walnuts. You can choose to have banana, strawberry or peach flavor added. The waffles are topped with fruit and whipped cream.

There's also a breakfast burrito filled with rice, vegetables, bacon and chicken, topped with melted cheese, and salsa. Oatmeal, granola topped with fresh fruit, or bacon and eggs are also available.

Hawaiian Chicken, Orange Chicken, Tuna Salad, Vegetarian and Old Fashioned Burger are some of the "big" sandwich offerings, which are served with chips. There's also a Salmon salad served with raspberry vinaigrette, Chicken Caesar and Garden Salad.

Check the blackboard for daily specials including soup. On the day I stopped in there were a number of chicken entrees on special – South Pacific Chicken over Pasta, Ginger Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice, Honey Mustard Chicken over Pasta, and Sweet and Sour Chicken over Rice. An eggplant sandwich was also on special.

Every dish is beautifully garnished, and Kawas does most of the baking and cooking himself. The scones, available in a variety of flavors – butterscotch, blueberry, cherry and golden raisin – are homemade. Kawas also makes the cookies.

Although he doesn't have any formal culinary training, Kawas, who earned a degree in banking and finance from the University of Michigan, is very motivated to learn. "I have books, and I learn from television," he said.

His customers seem well pleased. "I make a portabello mushroom sandwich, which is dynamic," he said. Because the specials have become so popular, Kawas is revising the menu to include them.

A newcomer to Farmington, Kawas lives in Dearborn and is impressed with the talent he has discovered. He plans to host a music festival at the cafe in February and features local musicians on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Civic Theatre is just down the street, and Kawas said Farmington would be a perfect place for a Music and Movie Festival.

"We have a lot of young, undiscovered talent here," he said. "I see a lot of potential, but no one knows about them. I'd like this to be a place where people can be discovered."

He also plans to open his space to local artists – "it will be kind of a gallery," explained Kawas. "The works will be for sale." An artist will do portrait sketches at the cafe on Tuesdays.

While he's serious about writing and promoting local artists and musicians, Kawas also knows how to create an atmosphere where people can unwind and relax.

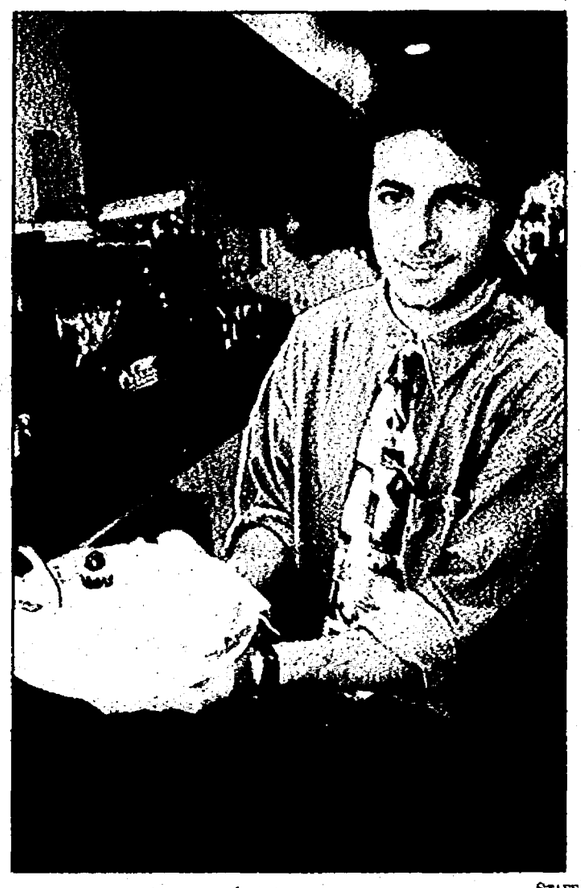
His cafe is warm and inviting. You can sit on the couch and watch TV, read magazines, play a board game with friends or surf the Internet.

"You'll never be bored here," he said. On Wednesdays, depending on the interest, Grand Cafe hosts a "Dating Game."

Most of all, Kawas wants to "do something constructive. I love to write and hope young people will come here and show their talent."

Running a business and working to become a writer is a lot of work, but Kawas is determined.

"I'm here 15 hours a day," he said. "That's what it takes to build a business. There are no shortcuts."



Sensational sandwich: *Lance Kawas presents Hawaiian Chicken, one of the sandwiches he offers at Grand Cafe in Farmington.*

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Grand Cafe

Where: 33316 Grand River (lower level of the Cook Building) downtown Farmington, (248) 615-9181.
Hours: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.
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Cost: Salads $4-$7.25; Sandwiches $4.95-$5.75; Create Your Own Pizza $5.75 and Baby Grand Pizza $6.25. Daily specials such as seasoned chicken with rice or pasta $6.45.
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Entertainment: Soft rock and folk music performed by local musicians 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Artist does portrait sketches Tuesdays beginning at 6 p.m. Psychic night is also on Tuesday, and starts 7:30 p.m. Sign up to play the dating game on Wednesday.
No smoking is allowed at the Grand Cafe

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Valentines Day dinner/dance tickets on sale now. The dance is on Saturday, Feb. 14 and offers dinner and the music of Johnny Trudell. Tickets $37.50 per person, call number listed above for reservations/information.

New Restaurants

NO. VI CHOP HOUSE & LOBSTER BAR

Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation opened its newest concept, No. VI Chop House & Lobster Bar opened on Monday. Menu offers classic steakhouse fare, and a menu of cigars. Lobster bar features Corporate Chef Jim Barnett's creations from Northern Lakes Seafood Company, in addition to other seafood dishes. Ron Rea of JPRA Architects has created a design reminiscent of a Havana Hotel in its heyday. No. VI Chop House & Lobster Bar is inside the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. Open for dinner, call (248) 305-5210 for reservations.

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Authentic Italian restaurant, 29110 Franklin Road, at Northwestern Highway, in Southfield. Open for lunch and dinner. An award-winning chef in Europe who cooked for the Pope, Giovanni Belsito trains and supervises his Italian staff. The menu offers a variety appetizers, salads, pasta, fish, chicken, meat and vegetable dishes. Reservations suggested, call (248) 827-8070.

NEW OWNERS AT JOE MUER'S GRILL

The restaurant at 30855 Southfield Road has new owners and a new look. Joe Muer's Grill was recently purchased by Geoffrey Browning and Chick Taylor – two longtime employees of the original Joe Muer's Seafood restaurant in downtown Detroit.

The restaurant recently reopened after an extensive renovation. They're retaining the heart of the original menu, but Chef Louie Finnan's New Orleans-style cooking is creating some new offerings too. For reservations/information, call (248) 644-5330.

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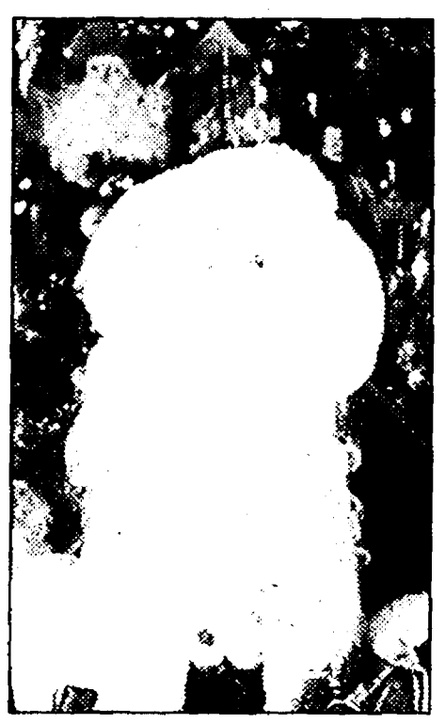

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6 There's no need to limit your artistic flair by lighting up the season with just one Christmas tree.

8 It's the gift that lasts forever ... a book. And, during the Christmas season many of the best are just coming out.

10 If you're tired of giving your family and friends boring gifts think about doing something unusual.

11 In the 1980s, fast-paced lives meant eating fast food and frozen dinners. In the 1990s, we still eat fast food, but we also want to get back into the kitchen to make real meals. However, we don't necessarily want to be there long.

14 Although winter is here, and your garden is nothing more than a memory, it shouldn't be forgotten just because the snow flies.

16 Gift certificates give you a chance to add a little pizzazz to your present list and they take the worry out of sizes, color and duplication

17 Computer software will continue to be a top item on many a holiday wish list. And, if you're not prepared early, you might have a difficult time in finding the selection you want.

20 There's someone on everyone's gift list who invariably opens their presents, gets a puzzled look, politely says thank you and files the gifts in a drawer designated for gifts that will never see the light of day.

21 Downtown Plymouth merchants offer items for holiday decorating and gift-giving.

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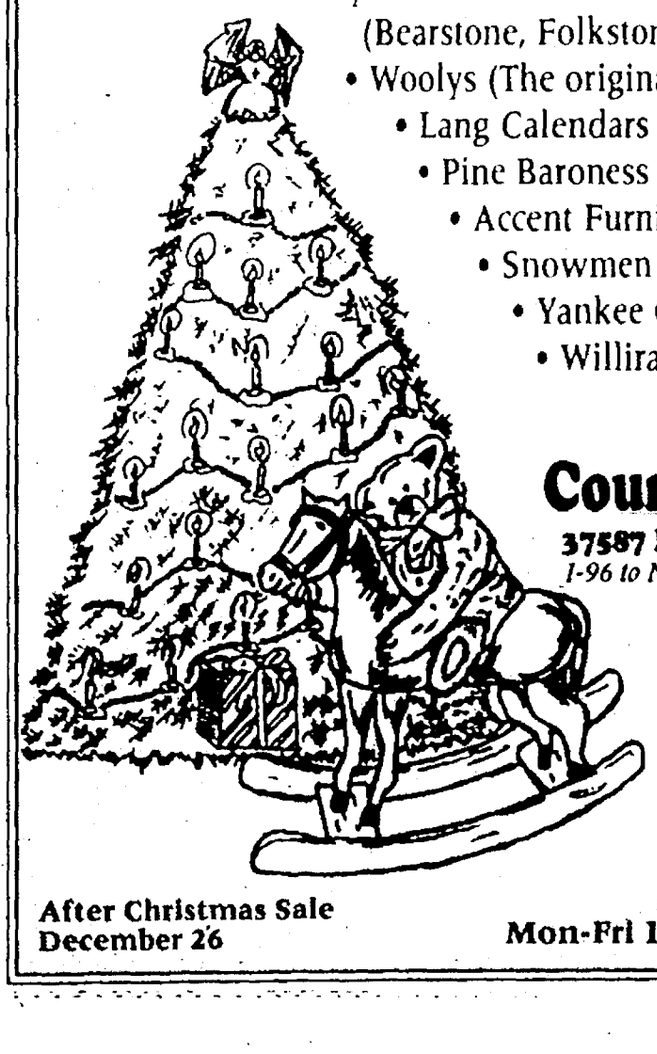

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For the birds: *At middle left is a combination bird feeder and wind chime for $34.99. At left is a birdhouse for $39.99.*

Toying with kids gifts? Try educational items

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Roaming the toy aisles with mile high boxes to choose from can be discouraging especially if you're wondering what will be used more than once and if there's educational value.

Sometimes sneaking in a few gifts that teach the child while they play softens the opulence of the season.

And some kids, like Brandon Rosa, 7, want the good-for-your-brain gifts. Recently on a Saturday morning, Rosa with his grandmother Geri Whestine, seemed fascinated by the window display of Little Professor on the Park in downtown Plymouth. "I like to get books," the second grade Allen Elementary School student said. "Arthur" books are his favorite.

Throw in a few Power Ranger transformers, another of Rosa's top present choices, and he'll definitely be happy on Christmas morning.

Inside the store, American Girl books, teaching everything from manners to cooking and how to write clever letters, are big sellers, according to book seller Maggie Schneider.

And the series of Klutz books are just right for the parents who like to see their children read and for kids who need to keep active.

The kits include books and materials that teach magic, juggling and other crafts.

"People come in and say my son doesn't like to read," Schneider said. "These books will have kids reading without

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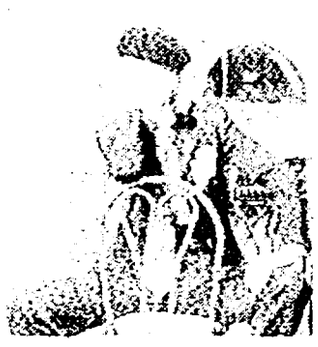
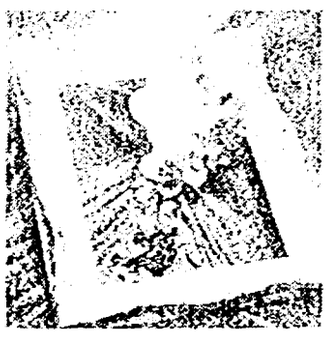
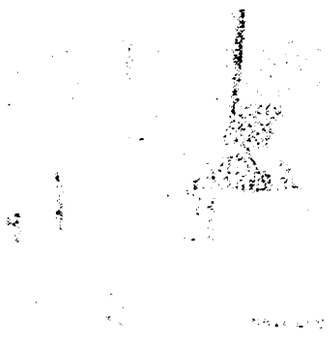
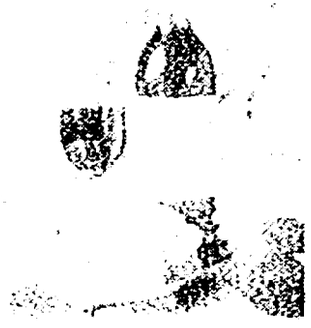

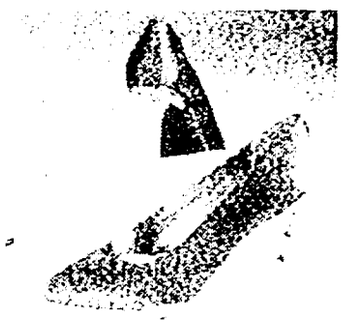

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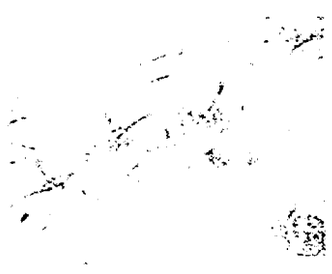

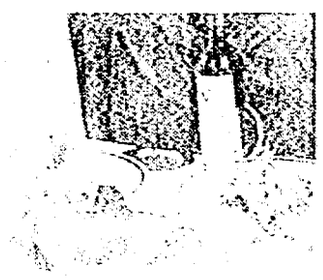

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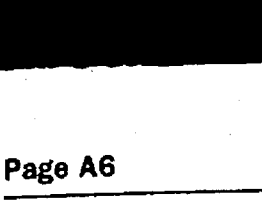

There's no need to limit your artistic flair by lighting up the season with just one Christmas tree.

In fact, more and more people are decorating trees in a number of rooms in their homes, according to Ray Boley, director of visual presentation at Frank's Nursery and Crafts.

"Most of it is life styling," he said. "In the past you bought an ornament, because it was pretty. And now they're thinking it out to match a collection or to go with a color theme. They're decorating trees to make sense. Christmas has gone past just the Christmas tree."

Many people will put a tree in their kitchen with vegetables and fruit; and in the family room they might have one with an earthy and country look. And one in the living room, which is often decorated formally, sometimes includes trees with an old world and collective type of theme.

Some people are decorating trees for their bath and powder rooms, often with a romantic touch, that includes silk flowers, baby breath, ribbons and bows, Boley said.

"Basically it's having the total gamut of things," he added.

Pastels are popular colors, but there's still a lot of the generic red, green and metallic Christmas colors.

Decorators are embellishing that sense of decor for the fireplace mantel; and choosing from thousands of styles of wreaths for the front door.

"Adding garland down the staircase is very traditional," Boley said.

"But, you can do it with a look that goes with the decor."

When you're decorating don't forget about scent. You can bring in the right scent with potpourris and sprays. As soon as someone smells pine they think about Christmas.

"So many people are going to the artificial tree and they're buying bows

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Saint Nick: *A variety of Santas are available at Cornwell Christmas World in Plymouth.*

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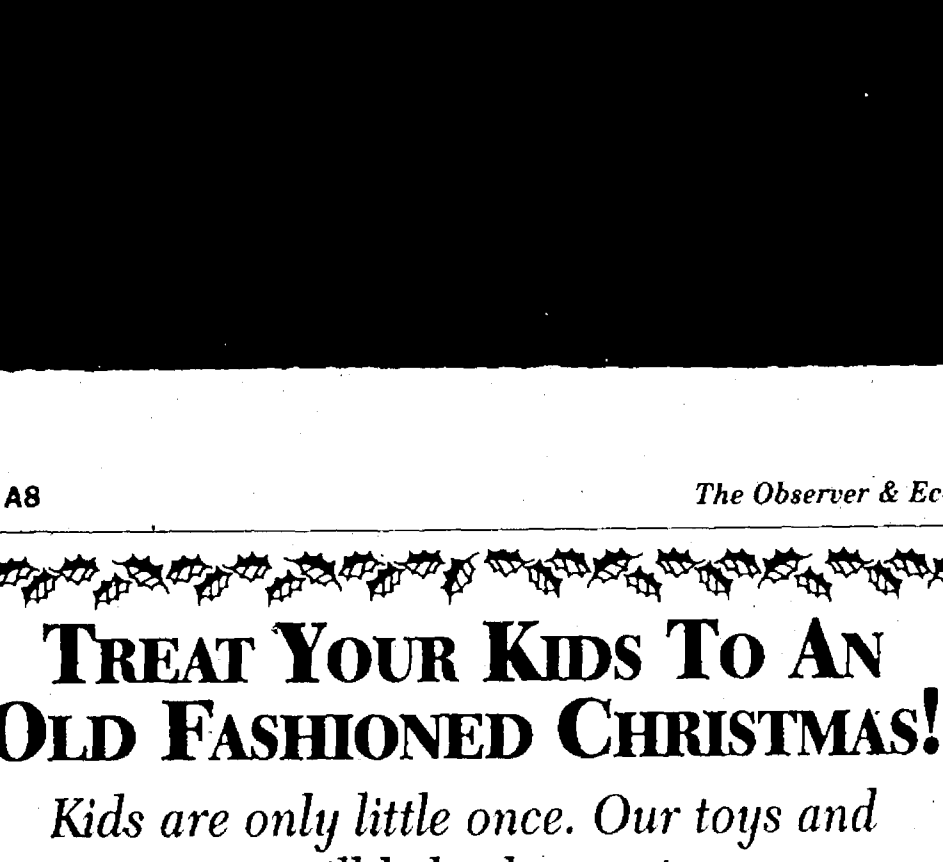

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Page for people: *A variety of books are available for any age group on your gift list. Here are some titles available at Little Professor on the Park in Plymouth.*

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BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It's the gift that lasts forever ... a book.

And, during the Christmas season many of the best are just coming out.

"Most publishers, if they're smart, hold onto their best books for the October release, just before the holiday season," said Mary Millington, who runs the Little Professor On The Park bookstore in downtown Plymouth. "Every year, it seems, is a good one for books. And, this year is no exception."

At the top of Millington's holiday gift-giving list is "Tuesday's with Morrie."

"This would be my number one pick," noted Millington. "It's a wonderful Christmas book, a very spiritual book. And, it's written by a Michigan author, Mitch Albom."

Millington also likes "Diana, Princess of Wales" by Michael O'Mara.

"I think this will take off as the Princess Diana book for the holidays."

She also calls "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier "great fiction."

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"If there's a woman out there who doesn't have 'Simple Abundance' by Sara Ban Breathnach, they should have it," Millington says without hesitation. "It's a wonderful book about gratitude, and will make a great Christmas present."

Pulitzer Prize winner Larry McMurtry has just completed the final saga of the Lonesome Dove series with just-released "Comanche Moon."

And, if you're looking for that special coffee table book, Millington recommends "Images of the Wild" by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick. It's a photography book of nature and the wild, with many of the photos and scenes from Michigan.

Millington notes that books come in all shapes and sizes, and in all price ranges.

"You can get some great stocking stuffers from $5-$10," she said. "While you can buy books up to $100, the average book will probably cost from $15 to $20."

If you're not certain what kind of book to get that someone special, Millington knows how to help.

"Many times I just ask questions about the person, what is the last book they read, the last movie they saw,

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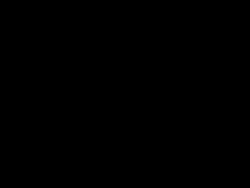
Toys *from page A4*



realizing they're reading.

They have to read directions and there's interesting tidbits added to the books."

In Livonia, it's common to see parents, who say they're shopping, playing with the toys at Science Emporium.

"More than anything, the toys here are educational, so they're learning from it while they're having fun," according to owner Dean Kremin.

This year he predicts the biggest seller will be the Geo Safari learning computers.

The portable units run off of batteries or adapters and tell kids everything they wan to know about dinosaurs, geography, animals and different languages.

There's even a junior program for preschool kids. The computer is $99.95 with one lesson. Each additional lesson is $13.45.

Last year chemistry kits featuring different projects were big sellers, he said.

The slime kit, for instance, shows young scientists how to make different types of slime and lets them watch how it reacts.

Another is called Squid Spit. These kits are $30 each; however, there are smaller versions, just the right size for stocking stuffers, for $5.50.

Junior Bill Nyes are bound to be pleased with models of the human head, heart, lung, tooth and skull; hundreds of different rocks; kits showing how magnetism and the ecosystem work; another kit on building and erupting a volcano; puppets; stuffed animals; sea monkeys and tattoos.

Everywhere you look in the store there's a "toy" to delight. Like, butterfly gardens that illustrate their life cycle.

The kit comes with a house and a mail-in coupon for caterpillars.

Or, send your child on a excavation hunt with mystery rocks lodged in a block of clay.

The goal is to dig out hidden treasures and identify what they are. Holding the kit in his hand, Kremin added:

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"It's fun stuff."

The stock at Science Emporium is mostly for children eight to 13, "but I have just as many adults come in here and have fun," he added.

Similarly, Noodle Kidoodle, in Farmington Hills, is an educational toy store for newborns on up.

"The big thing this year is the Interactive Barney that can be hooked-up to a computer or television," according to Kevin Roberts, replenishment specialist.

The plush Barney that moves and talks is $99.99.

If you squeeze its hand, for instance, it sings songs and if you close his eyes he plays hide-and-seek. The television and pc interactive Barney packs are $59.99 each.

The store has video and audio equipment; a let's pretend area with dress-up clothes and play houses; arts and crafts and a science and nature section with models of the heart and brain that come apart, for instance.

Computer software is available for toddlers to middle school students. And a V-tech electronic learning area offers miniature lap top computers with different levels.

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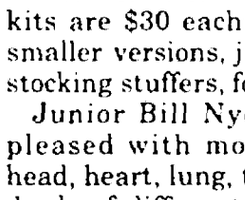

what they like to do," said Millington. "That way you can tailor your selection to their interests."

Despite the worlds of television and computers, books are still tops on the list of many people for entertainment.

"Back when I started working in bookstores, in 1978, you were a nerd for hanging out in bookstores," quips Millington. "Now, it's very vogue to hang out looking at books."

And, what kinds of selections are popular these days?

"Fiction has become very popular because authors are writing books about everything," comments Millington. "A lot of them are being bought for movies. And, when one of them becomes a hit, people want to read more by that particular author."

"There is also a resurgence in books that give spiritual uplifting, as people look for that connection."

For those who have a hard time reading, or are too busy, talking books are in.

"In many ways they are replacing large print books," said Millington. "Large print books are expensive and often too heavy to hold."

"People also buy them when they go on trips, for kids to listen to," she continued. "Almost all print selections, now days, come in talking books."

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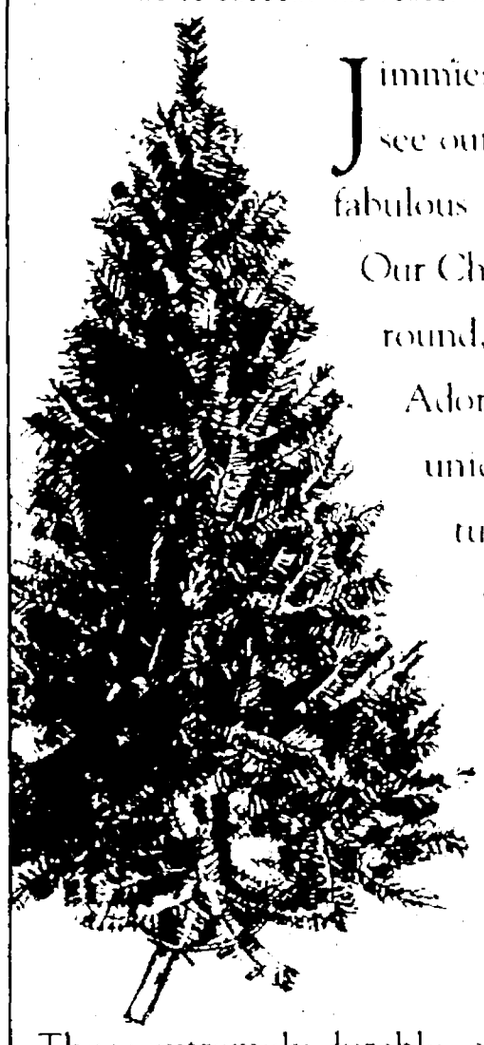

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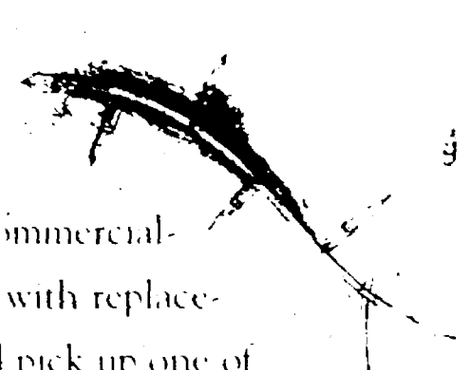

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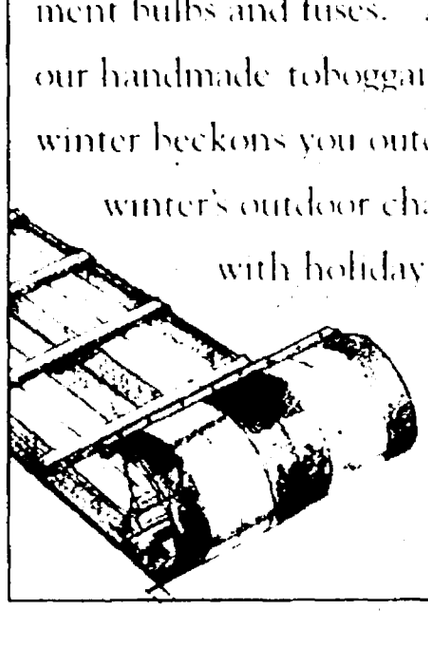

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Try the unusual instead of same old thing

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

■ The Detroit Zoological Society has a Pathways Endowment program. Bricks that range in price from $100 to $1,000 will be placed on a walkway in the zoo.

If you're tired of giving your family and friends boring gifts think about doing something unusual.

Like, ordering cable television. "They call us up or come in the office and they either buy cable for someone who isn't subscribing or they add on to their current service," according to Carol Gibson, general manager of Time Warner, serving Livonia, Redford Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Dearborn and Wayne.

And your gift will also help sick and dying children. Every year Time Warner offers a promotional program donating money to a charitable organization. This year Children's Hospital in Detroit will receive a donation for each new cable installation from Dec. 1-19.

If they already have cable or aren't interested in surfing the channels there are countless never to be duplicated gift ideas available at Carousel Crafts & Antiques on Ford Road in Canton.

The 40,000-square-foot mall features handmade crafts. The expansive building also holds antiques and collectibles, including the ever-popular Beanie Babies. If you don't already know what you want to buy, give yourself time to browse and really look at what's available.

Like, wood carvings and shelves; music boxes; sewn items; florals; yard decor including goose clothing; tables made from tile; sea shell ornaments; Victorian florals; adorable, life like, pouty babies made from nylons that stand two-feet-tall aisle after aisle of other ideas.

"They're unique, unusual, special gifts, according to Carol Wren, executive director. "This is good when you want to give a gift that is more personal and something that is not commercialized. There's no duplication possible.

"Something that is uniquely handcrafted can say more to the person receiving it than the sweater off the rack," she added.

If you can't find the perfect gift at a crafts and antiques mall consider a present that has special meaning and supports a nonprofit or charitable organization.

For instance, the Detroit Zoological Society has a Pathways Endowment program. Bricks that range in price from $100 to $1,000 will be placed on a walkway in the middle of the zoo west of the fountain next spring.

Every time your friend or relative visits the zoo they will see their name on the walkway and the special significance behind the gift.

"The money we generate from this will go to an endowment fund to ensure the future of the zoo, according to Betsy Brittan, membership coordinator. "It's popular for gifts or in memory of people they've lost; or for children and grandchildren," Brittan said.

"We have had so many different orders and it's 100 percent tax deductible." Or, you might want to buy a one-year membership to the zoo, which is $55 for a family.

Another option is to get involved in the WildLife program. The zoo has 100 animals available for adoption. Each of the 100 animals can have as many people adopting them who care to get involved. The adoption includes a photograph of the animal; a certificate; a fact sheet explaining where it comes from and what it eats and two annual newsletters. There is a minimum $25 fee. The money generated from this program pays for the renovation of exhibits; the zoo veterinary clinic and educational programs.

During the holidays the zoo is also featuring six animals – the polar bear, red panda, Siberian tiger, green and black dart poison frog and zebra – who can be adopted for $45 each. This package includes a bean bag replica of the animal and all the other adoption benefits, according to Scott Trudell, wildlife preservers coordinator.

And celebrating the river otter exhibit, the zoo is offering an adoption program for $50; which includes a plush stuffed river otter animal and all the other adoption benefits. For more information about the Detroit Zoo gift ideas call 248-541-5717.

If the zoo isn't exactly what you were thinking of, pick another charitable organization in your community, or one you know has special meaning to the person you're giving the gift, and make a contribution in your friend or relative's name.

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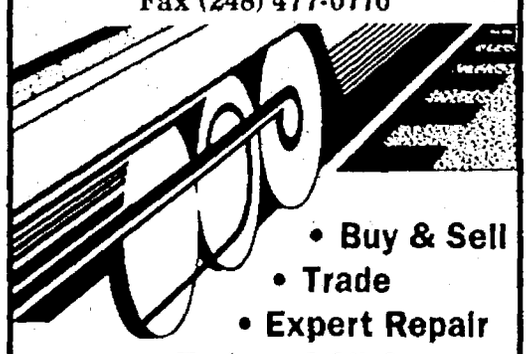

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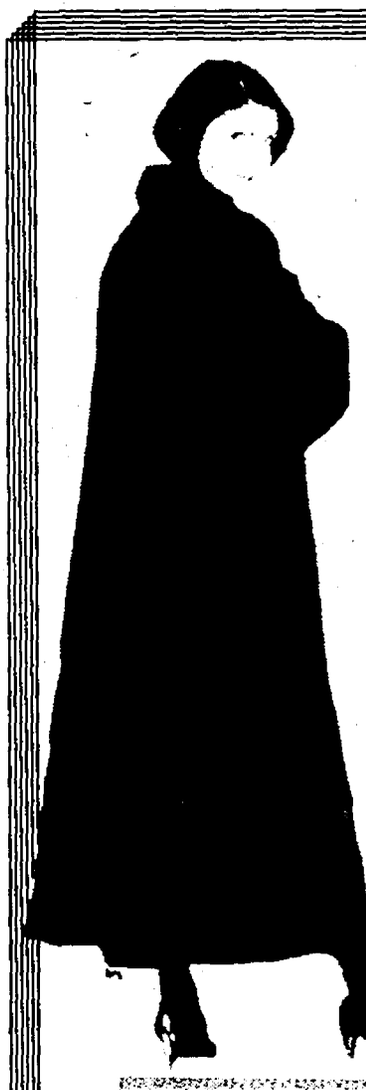

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Kitchen gadgets might be just the ticket for holidays

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In the 1980s, fast-paced lives meant eating fast food and frozen dinners.

In the 1990s, we still eat fast food, but we also want to get back into the kitchen to make real meals. However, we don't necessarily want to be there long.

"People want to simplify their lives with new kitchen gadgets, but they also don't want to give up quality," says Toula Patsalis, owner of Kitchen Glamor, from her corporate offices in Westland. "The addition of computers in many of today's kitchen appliances make it easy. People don't have to sit and wait, they can program ahead."

Patsalis says one of this season's hottest items is sure to be the Salton Breadman Ultimate, which sells for about $250.

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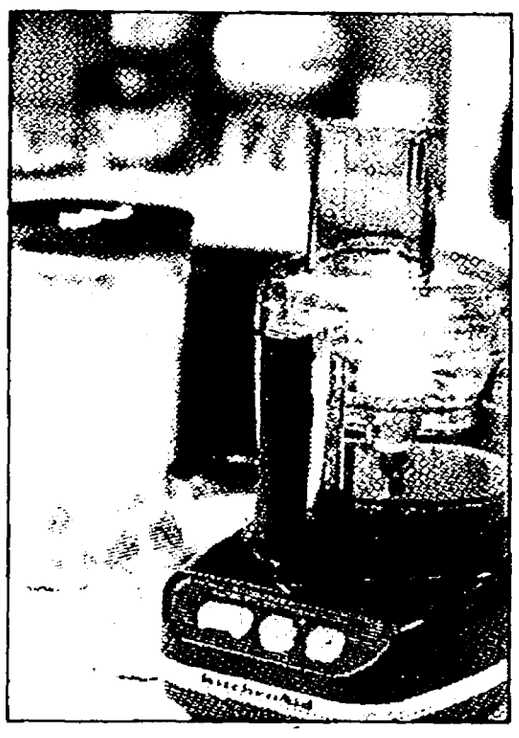

Processor prospect: *This Kitchen Aid food processor sells for $189.99 at Kitchen Glamor*

Getting mugged: *A set of 4 cappuccino mugs featuring museum artists is $24.99 at Kitchen Glamor. Christmas tree spreaders are $9.95*

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Kitchen *from page A11*

"It's computerized, from the recipes to the final product," says Patsalis. "The recipes are on computer, so all you have to do is call them up. Then, after mixing all the ingredients, you can program the entire process for the perfect loaf of bread."

For today's fast-paced mom or dad, Patsalis says pressure cookers are expected to be an item at the top of many lists.

"Pressure cookers are ideal for the working parent, allowing them to make soups, stews and even a cheesecake in a short amount of time," Patsalis said. "That way, there's no need to spend a lot of time preparing foods when you come home from a long day at work."

Another gift suggestion is something that's been around a while, however continues to save time for the family of the '90s.

"Non-stick cookware is still very popular," comments Patsalis. "After eating, people want to clean up quickly, put it away, and move on to more leisurely activities."

At the Redford Township store, manager Kathie Pietroski has some ideas for the time-conscious consumer.

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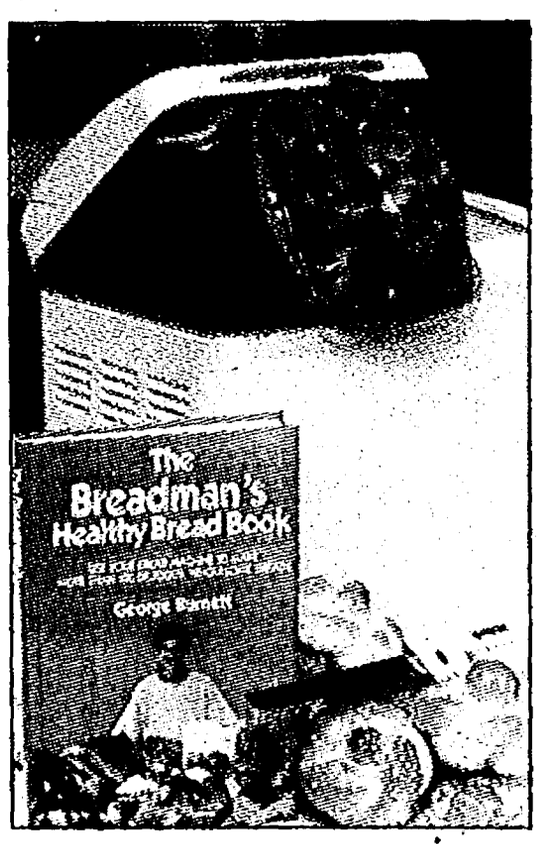

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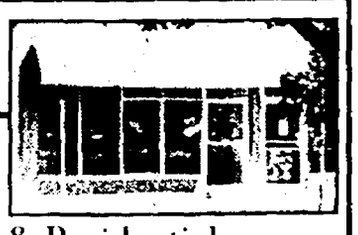

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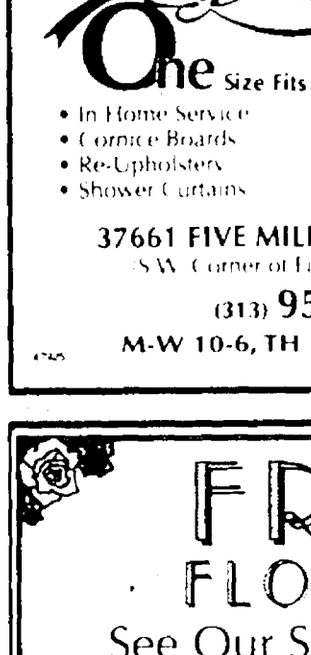

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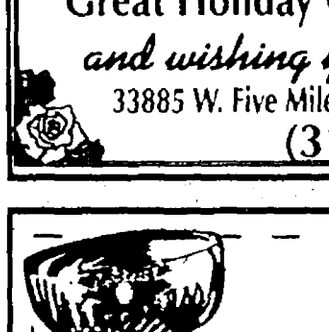

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How your gardener's gifts grow

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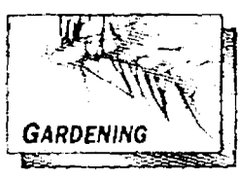


Although winter is here, and your garden is nothing more than a memory, it shouldn't be forgotten just because the snow flies.

"The winter is a great time to plan for next spring," notes Linnea Garvey of Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center. "It's a good time to get books and magazines and look at pictures, to get ideas of what you would like to see in your garden next spring. I like to call it dream time."

Garvey suggests picking up planting books to help decide on what kinds of perennials and annuals you'd like. Books that show "how to do" gardening are good because they have pictures, giving you an idea of what it will look like.

Rock on: *Garden rocks come with a variety of sayings.*

While most garden shops have most of their tools and other gardening paraphernalia put away until spring, Garvey says there are a number of items many gardeners would be happy to have as gifts to give them a jump on spring.

"Windmills, sun dials and statues are always popular garden items," Garvey said. "Giving these type of gifts can help a gardener plan a theme for the upcoming season. Garden nymphs and fairies always add a personal touch to a garden."

Adding that personal touch is not a costly endeavor either, ranging between $6 and $25.

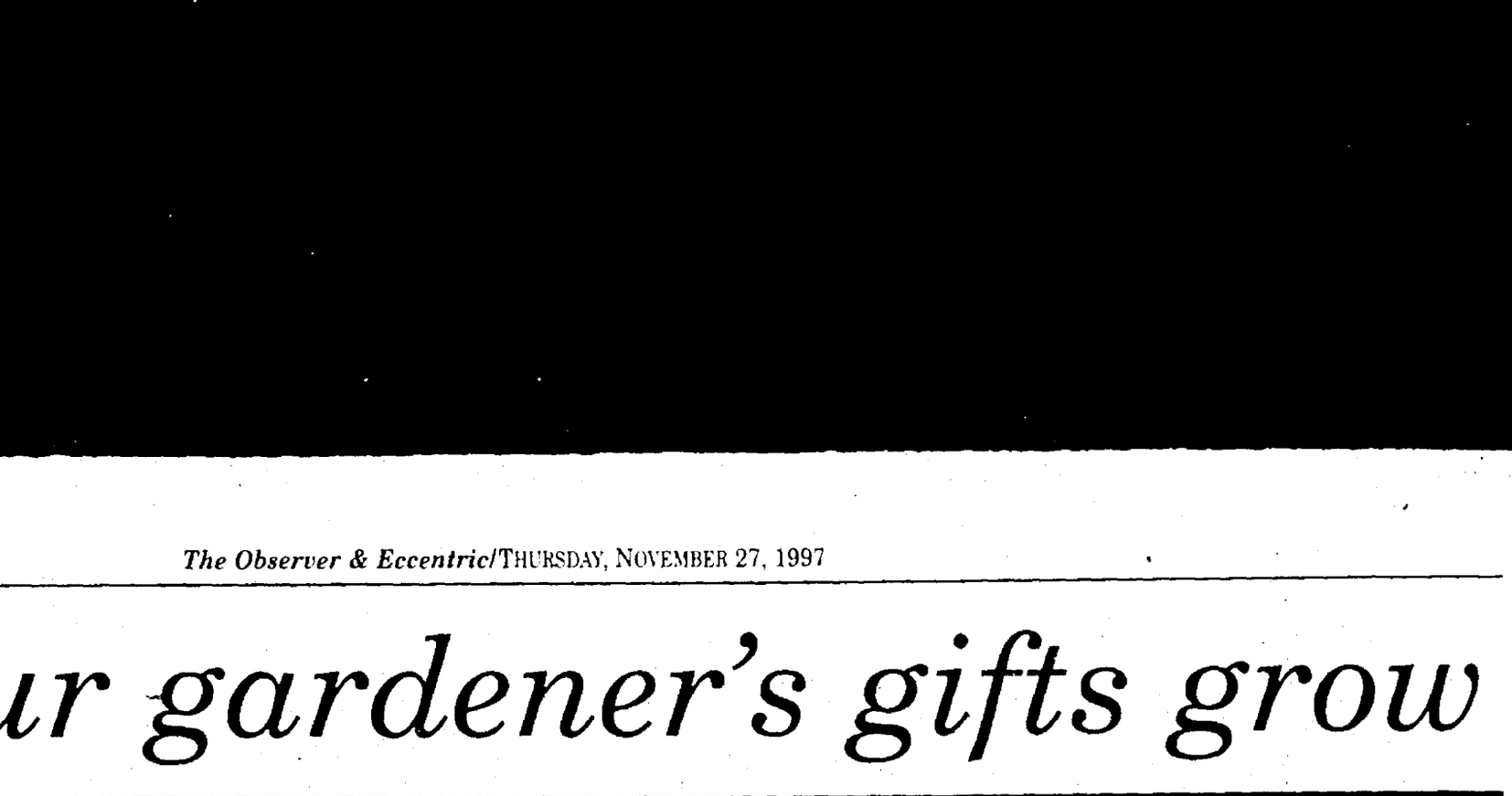
An old standby, for any garden, is a bird feeder, Garvey said.

"Bird feeders are made in various shapes and sizes, and can be made of wood and pottery," Garvey said. "You can put a feeder right next to your window, and during the winter watch close-up as small birds feed near the house."

Many people get gloves as winter gifts, but not usually ones made of goatskin.

"I use them all the time ... while raking, planting bulbs, digging in the dirt," Garvey said. "They keep your hands nice and moist while working, and they don't wear out."

Garvey says goatskin gloves go for about $18 a pair and can last a couple of seasons. But, that can be cheap compared to having to buy several pairs of fabric gloves over a 2-year span. Garvey notes wind chimes and wall hangers are always popular.



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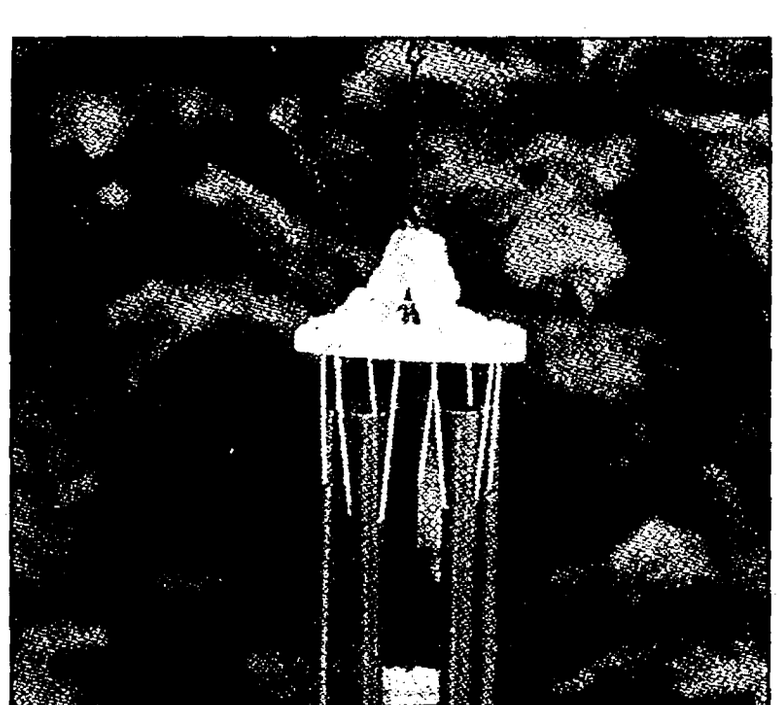
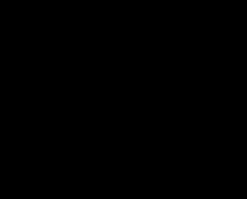
In hiding: *Key-Keeps are a device to hide a house key outside in a choice of three: an angel, mushrooms or a puppy. Price is $21.99 at Plymouth Nursery.*



Personal products: *Hand Lotion, 7.99 Creamy Oatmeal soap, 3.49 and Gentle Pumice Soap, 3.49 at Plymouth Nursery.*

For the birds: *At middle left is a combination bird feeder and wind chime for $34.99. At left is a birdhouse for $39.99.*

Decorating *from page A6*



of the real thing or they'll put out a bowl of potpourri for the scent," Boley said.

Candles and lighting are very important for a romantic and Christmas like atmosphere, he said.

Placing candles around the home; lighting the fireplace and turning on the Christmas tree lights are important to remember.

Meanwhile, Betty McLaughlin, owner of Betty's Crafts and Supplies on Ford Road in Garden City, says anything with Santas or angels are popular.

Decorators can find a place for angels in almost any display. They're most popular though in centerpieces, but can often be found hanging from just the right spot or sitting alone in a corner of the room.

During the holidays, McLaughlin said, customers often come to her with decor problems.

"And I try to solve them," she said adding that people work on Christmas projects all year long.

"We carry a lot of craft supplies that other stores don't have, or no longer carry, like heads and hands for dolls," she said.

Leanna Blair, a part-time designer at Michaels, said burgundy, creams, gold and shades of mauve mixed with shades of gold are popular, too.

"A lot of yarn has been going this year," Blair said. "I think they're getting back into knitting and crocheting."

This year, as early as Sept. 15 the store had already had 20 holiday wreaths ordered. Centerpieces are also extremely popular, Blair added.

"I think angels are big all year around," she said. "I've been doing a lot of the country designs and Santa really seems to be going good."

Blair predicts that this year will be a big year for Beanie Babies again.

"We have a Beanie Baby or Beanie Baby look-alikes for trees," she said.

Also, traditional wreaths with fruits, nuts and berries are always popular.

"It's a classic, age old design, Blair said. "We do a lot of custom looks for people. We have such a wide variety and we tell them to look around and find something that fascinates them. It's pretty simple, because we have everything they need to put these things together and we can always give them some kind of instruction. Sometimes people know what they want, but are not quite sure what the product is. Plus, the product that decorator creates is something they have made and they can always feel real good about that."

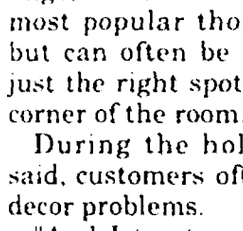
One craft that also seems to be popular this year are the rubber stamps used to make your own Christmas cards.

"We offer a special buy that has envelopes and blank cards and are made especially for rubber stamping and embossing, which is a powder you sprinkle over an ink," Blair said adding that the stamping designs can be colored in with water colors or a felt pen.

"It depends on what they're looking for."

Visit a craft store and the holiday decorating ideas seem endless.

Kitchen *from page A12*



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"You can program the maker to the desired number of cups you want and when you want it ready," says Pietroski. "It does it all, from grinding the beans to brewing the coffee."

You might want to try brewing some new Shock Coffee in that new coffeemaker. It's billed as a hyper-caffeinated blend with 50-percent more caffeine than other gourmet coffees.

No more taking time out every few minutes to make sure your meat isn't overcooked in the oven.

For about $30, you can buy a meat thermometer that will sound off when your dinner is finished. The Norpro Electronic Cooking Thermometer/Timer is set for the desired temperature, and when the meat reaches that level, a device on top of the oven goes off, alerting the cook that it's ready. No more having to check the oven to keep from ruining dinner.

A throw-back to the 1960s and '70s is expected to be a big hit for gift-giving in the 90's.

"We expect the fondu, for both chocolate and cheese, to be good sellers this holiday season," notes Pietroski. "More and more people like to gather together for eating, and the fondu allows them to eat and talk at the same time. Sales of these took a dip for a while, but have picked up as people want to save time and relax."

Pietroski says pasta makers continue to make good gifts. A model from Atlas sells for approximately $30, and will take your pre-made dough and turn it into pasta, spaghetti or fettuccine.

Mixers and cutlery are also nice gifts this time of year.

"While people are eating out a lot, they also prefer to cook healthier foods at home," notes Pietroski. "There are plenty of utensils that can help you do that, plus save time."

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Gift certificates take away worry

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Gift certificates give you a chance to add a little pizzazz to your present list and they take the worry out of sizes, color and duplication.

No need to wrap it or pick out a card. You can get the traditional gift certificate from a favorite apparel shop, department store or any range of restaurants from fast-food chains to exclusive dining eateries.

Or, you can take a chance and a get gift certificate from a place that your friend wouldn't normally think of going.

Let them splurge and spend money, yours that is, on themselves. Who wouldn't want a luxurious day of pampering at a salon, for instance?

Gift certificates are especially popular during the holidays and Mother's Day, according to Trudy Smock owner of Face Up, located in Salon Trio on Starkweather in Plymouth.

She offers her own line of cosmetics; makeovers; skin care; facials; body waxing and fruit acid peels. Maybe a gift certificate for a hair cut at a salon that your mom or sister wouldn't normally go.

And a session with a manicurist is a treat that a lot of people don't think to get themselves.

If outer beauty isn't a treat, a gift certificate to a health spa might be. Almost anyone would love an evening and morning to get away from the humdrum activities that consume our lives.

Send the person on your list to a bed and breakfast. And they don't have to go too far if you choose a local spot, like Willow Brook Inn Bed and Breakfast on Warren Road in Canton.

The house, built in 1929 and decorated in a country cottage style, is filled with antiques. Evening snacks fit the season, like hot chocolate and homemade cookies during the winter or cider and doughnuts in fall.

"Generally the gift certificates we sold last year were from employees looking to give something to their employer," according to innkeeper Bernadette VanLenten.

"We also had older children looking to give something to their parents and parents who have children with young children and they say: You get away and we'll take the children, "Merry Christmas.'"

Breakfast is catered to the guests' wishes. "We really enjoy pampering our guest," VanLenten said. "They decide what time and the choice of a breakfast entree."

Rooms at the inn vary in price from $85 and $115. To make the stay more relaxing, VanLenten is adding a hot tub and planning a spa atmosphere with masseuse and make-up artists.

It's for patrons who want all the pampering you would get at an exclusive shop and who want to get away from the daily routine, too.

Or, give the person on your list a glimpse of Hollywood life at Glamour Shots.

Clients come to the shop in Novi's Twelve Oaks shopping mall with clean dry hair, no make-up and a two-piece outfit. Two hours later they have a new hair style, make-up and a fun or glamorous outfit to borrow. Then just like being a movie star or model, a photographer takes a series of pictures. Portraits start at $35.

"They create their own packages depending on what they want to get them for and what size," according to Kim Street, manager.

"A lot of times they are really pretty shy when they come in, but by the time they leave they are dressed-up and ready to have fun. It's like playing dress-up when you're a little kid. This is dress-up for adults."

Special package prices are offered during the holidays. Most customers come from Wayne and Oakland counties, Street said.

Maybe a gift certificate from a make-up consultant would be enjoyed.

Or, if you've rubbed someone wrong during the year, a gift certificate for a massage would be appropriate. Leanne Arndt, a receptionist at Charisma Salon in Laurel Park Place in Livonia says anyone who comes to her counter after a massage has a different attitude.

"They're happy when they leave and they're very relaxed," Arndt said.

"They look like they're going to fall asleep."

A one-hour massage is $45. If you're feeling extravagant give a gift certificate from a travel agency for a getaway trip. You can cut costs if you go in on the gift with someone else. Chances are they're having a hard time finding the right gift, too.

"People give it to friends who they want to give gifts to and are not sure what to get them," according to Tricia Testa, travel agent at Emily's World Travel in Plymouth.

"The gift certificate doesn't have to be to a certain destination. That way they can pick wherever they want to go."

Or, if someone on your list has been talking about taking art classes for the last 20 years and he's finally retired, a gift certificate to an art class in his neighborhood would be fun.

If these ideas are too far out, play it safe and get a gift certificate from a

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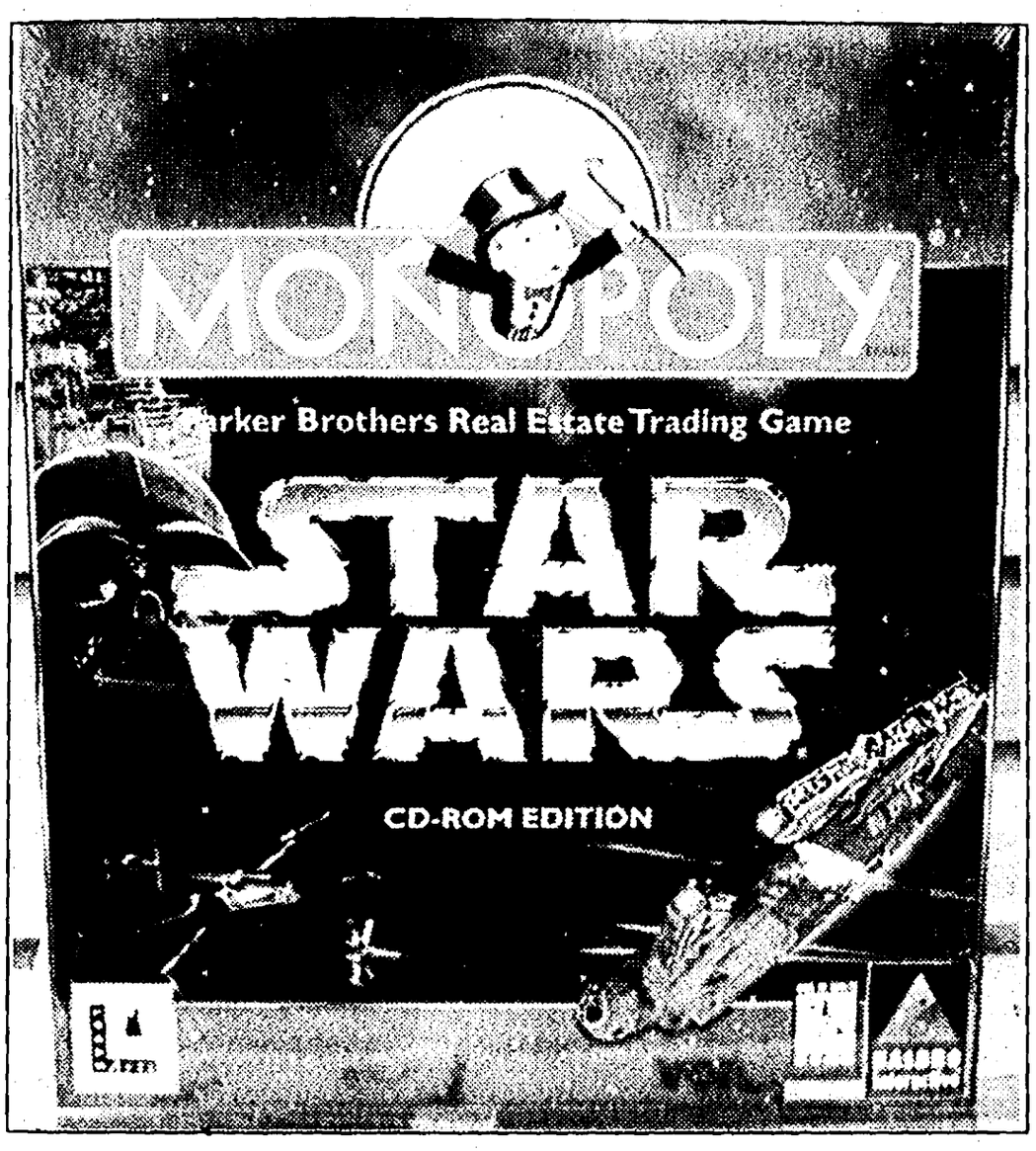
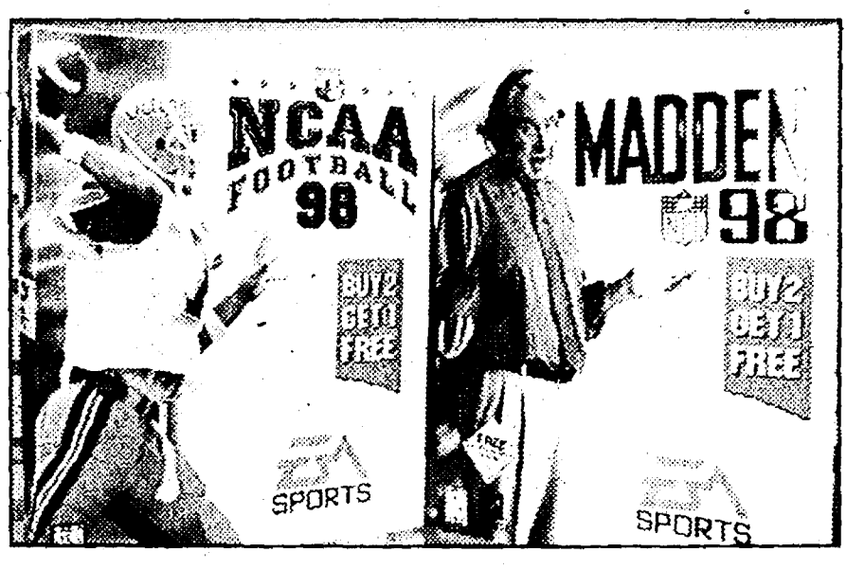


Computer game: *Starwars Monopoly is available at Media Play for $49.99.*



Game time: *NCAA/Madden is available at Media Play for $47.99 (buy two and get an additional one free).*

Computer software tops many wish lists

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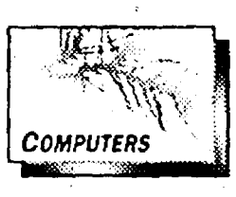

Computer software will continue to be a top item on many a holiday wish list. And, if you're not prepared early, you might have a difficult time in finding the selection you want.

"There are a lot of new games and releases coming out for the holidays," said Dennis Goldsmith, general manager of Media Play in Livonia. "It's always better if you buy the hot items early to make sure you get what you want. However, hot items can be both consumer and manufacturer generated. So, sometimes it can be hard to determine what's going to sell before it's too late. For instance, last year no one knew Barbie software would become as hot as it was. We were just lucky to be able to stock it."

By the way, Goldsmith says Barbie will be hot again this year.

"We expect sports software to be big,"

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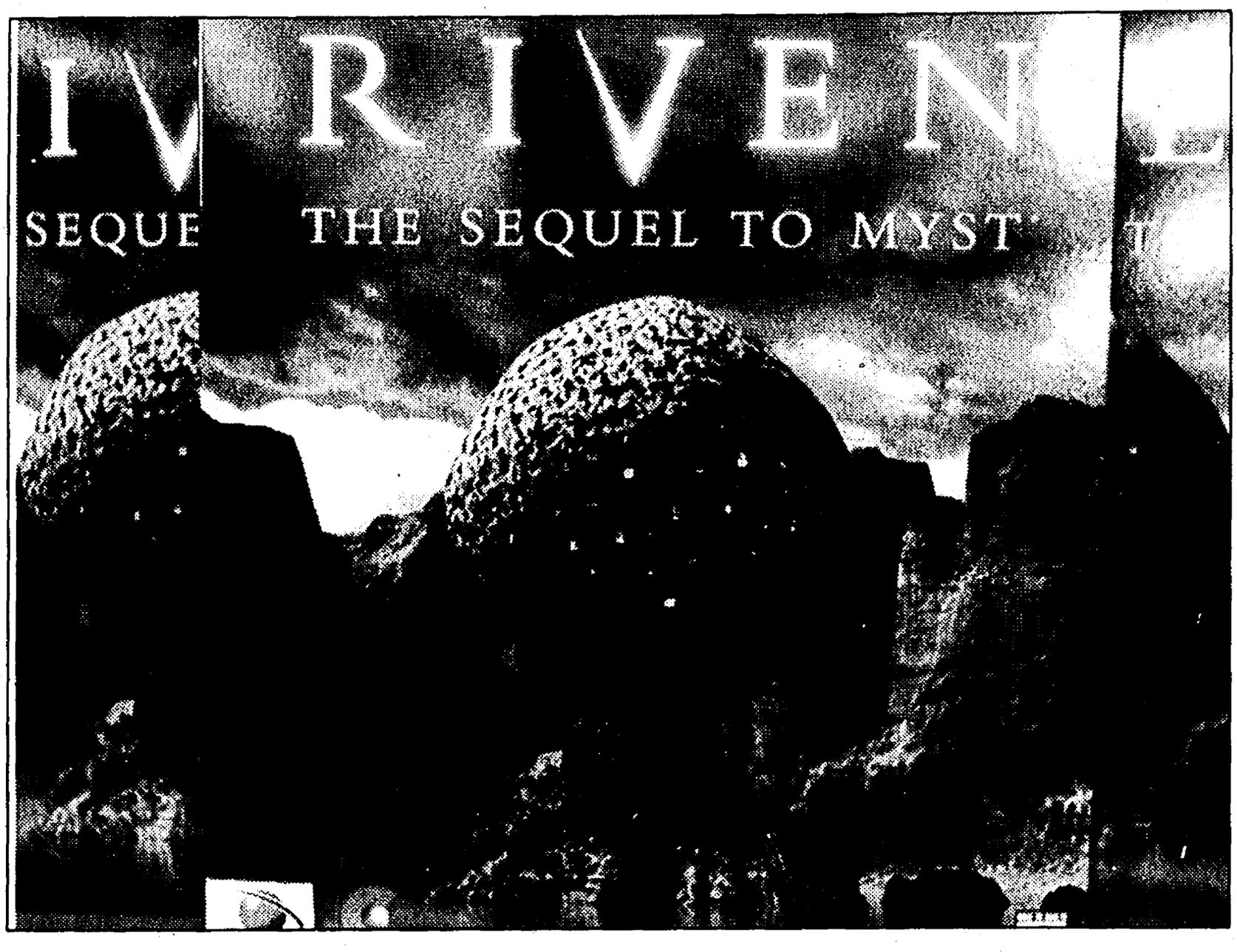

Popular sequel: *Riven is available at Media Play.*

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noted Goldsmith. "'NHL 98' is expected to be a really good seller this winter. And, so will fantasy football and basketball software during the winter sports season."

There are some software packages that just keep on selling, no matter what the time of year, and are sure to be on the Christmas list of someone you know.

"Anything to do with Star Wars will do well," said Goldsmith. "It was good last year, the year before, the year before that and ever since it's been on the market. 'Jedi Knight' is the latest, and is on the best-selling list."

Also this holiday season ... "Monopoly: Star Wars Edition."

"Myst" was popular last year, and this year look for "Riven: Sequel to Myst" to be just as well-liked.

Goldsmith notes the American Girls software series has become very popular with the young crowd, and is expected to be a can't-miss gift for that someone special.

For the younger kids, Goldsmith says the gift-giver will be popular giving educational games.

In fact, if you look down the aisles at Media Play, more than half the computer software titles are educational.

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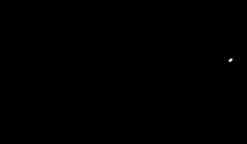

"Educational games are very popular when school starts up and during the holiday season," said Goldsmith.

"The good software is one that asks questions and requires a response by the child. If you pick a title by Learning Company, Disney and Active Mind you are getting something worthwhile."

Goldsmith says there are two types of educational software ... those designated for kids and those titles for teens and adults.

"There is math software to help the older student," said Goldsmith.

"And, believe it or not, atlas software is popular. While many families have books, many times it's easier to access the information you need on the computer."

Goldsmith also suggests encyclopedia software from World Book, Grollier, Collier and Microsoft.

Goldsmith says adults like software that is educational in nature, like the medical advisers, home and business use software, and software that helps navigate the Internet.

However, adults like fun, too. Microsoft's Flight Simulator series has always been popular with big kids.

Goldsmith says the ever-popular Sony Play Station, Sega, and Super Nintendo will continue to be sought-after.

"Kids are into them, and so are adults," said Goldsmith.

"I wouldn't put any age limits on the video games.

In fact, many of the top selections are adult games."

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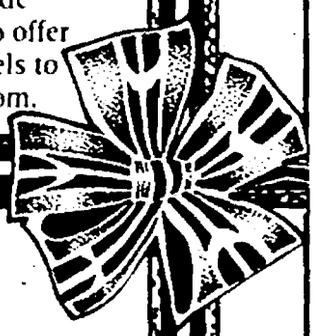

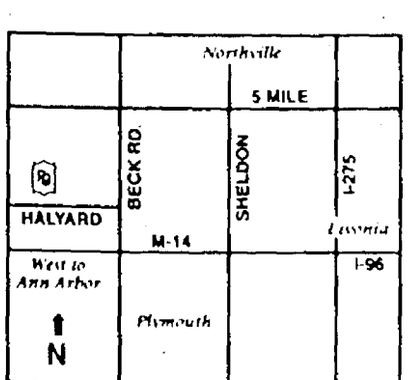

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Useful gifts please senior citizens

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■ If all else fails, consider giving yourself. Sometimes a gift of your time is the most appreciated thing you can give someone who has everything, especially for a senior citizen who might appreciate seeing you more often. Make a hand-written coupon explaining that you're available to clean the house, paint the garage, or help rummage through an attic or basement. Or, give them an open-ended invitation for a fun evening out together at a restaurant, movie, opera or something else that you know would be enjoyed.

There's someone on everyone's gift list who invariably opens their presents, gets a puzzled look, politely says thank you and files the gifts in a drawer designated for gifts that will never see the light of day.

Senior citizens often have accumulated all they need and want and that makes them an especially hard group to surprise and please.

But, no matter what their age some people really do have everything, or can buy anything they want. And those people are the ones that everyone else agonizes over during the holidays.

We hope to get inspired by the yuletide muse and settle for another shirt or crazy gadget that won't make it past the plastic wrapping.

Don't scratch these people off your list, yet. Get them something that you know they'll use, like a gift basket with gourmet foods or some other specialty items.

Or make up a dinner basket with a favorite entree, a bottle of whatever the person likes to drink and all the side dishes that you know will be appreciated.

Judy Decker, of Decker Flowers and Gifts on Merriman in Westland, said a lot of last-minute shoppers turn to gift baskets. In fact, if all else fails she will take orders even as late as the day before an event or holiday.

"Most of our baskets are personally done for different age groups, things that are not spicy, sugar free or fat free and we've even had people ask for slippers to be added for senior citizens," Decker said.

"You can pretty much tell us what you want in them and give us an idea and we'll get it."

At Christmas Decker Flowers and Gifts employees make more than 1,000 gift baskets and ship them all over the United States.

Decker combs through trade shows to find all kinds of candies, jellies, cookies, teas, coffees and nuts. She also makes baskets with various potpourri, soaps and lotions. Different kinds of items can be combined with flowers or fruit. There's really no limit to what can be done with the baskets.

"Trends in gift baskets have really changed," Decker said. "People are giving them more – even for children's parties."

If you don't think a gift basket will work, you might want to try giving a stack of lottery tickets. You'll give your friend or relative a chance, however small that chance might be, at a million-dollar lifestyle and the excitement of seeing if they won or lost.

If a chance for a million really isn't the ticket, consider capturing a moment in time that can be enjoyed for years to come. Have an old picture restored or enlarged and put it in a frame.

Or, make a collage of family members. Collect photos from a specific time period in another collage. You might want to pay for a portrait sitting of your family or of the person you're giving the gift and it will be enjoyed for many holidays to come.

"When you look at a photo you look back on time, according to Tom N. Edau, owner of Portrait Concepts in Westland.

"Both of my parents are deceased and I look at photos of them and think of good times and good feelings. Giving a photo during the holidays is to think of those times and to think of the way they were like in x amount of years. I think a photo is a wonderful gift to give at Christmas."

If all else fails, consider giving yourself. Sometimes a gift of your time is the most appreciated thing you can give someone who has everything, especially for a senior citizen who might appreciate seeing you more often. Make a hand-written coupon explaining that you're available to clean the house, paint the garage, or help rummage through an attic or basement. Or, give them an open-ended invitation for a fun evening out together at a restaurant, movie, opera or something else that you know would be enjoyed.

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Plymouth shops offer gift-giving suggestions

Downtown Plymouth merchants offer items for holiday decorating and gift-giving.

Gift topper: It's not the present – but how it's presented that counts. This unusual gift topper will have the gift recipient in smiles long before the present is ever opened. While the wrapping paper and ribbon will end up in the trash before the day's end, this gift topper is sure to stick around because it's also a magnet. Available in many designs appropriate for all special occasions, the gift toppers retail for $2.99 each at Accent Bin, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Downtown Plymouth (313) 455-9510.

Themed bracelets: (Photo Page 22) There's ordinary jewelry and then there is jewelry that reflects one's personality, hobbies and interests, such as these sports-themed bracelets. The soccer bracelet features soccer balls and cleats; the golf bracelet features two clubs, the 18th hole, a ball on a tee and a golf bag; and the Stanley Cup Bracelet features a referee and hockey players in various positions including hitting a puck, protecting the goal, facing off – and of course – holding up the Stanley Cup. A large selection of sport and profession themed bracelets is available. The enamel bracelets, such as the golf and soccer bracelets, retail for $12.95 each; and the brushed gold bracelets, like the Stanley Cup bracelet, retail for $9.95 each of Gabriala's, 322 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. (313) 455-8884.

Train bookends: (photo page 22) These beautiful oak train bookends are handcarved by Amish craftsmen. One side features an engine, while the other features the caboose. This makes a great gift for kids – who will have fun adding cars (books) to the train, and adult train collectors will appreciate the fine craftsmanship. A large selection of authentic Amish goods, including furniture, clothing, toys and home acces-

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Gifts

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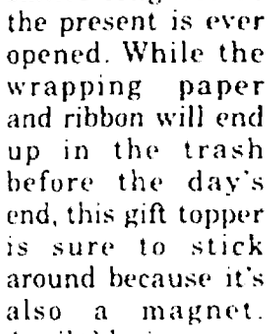

book store. "I can go through almost 20 or 30 books of gift certificates (with 50 certificates in each book) just in one month's time during the holidays," according to Susan Polk, store manager of B Dalton Book Store at Westland Center.

"Sometimes they know for certain what to get, but can't decide on what else and they throw in a gift certificate at the same time," Polk said. "They're good at all our stores and no there's expiration date. We've had people come in and their gift certificate will be from two Christmases ago, and they tucked it away in a drawer and found it."

Whatever you choose, gift certificates are as easy as writing out a check.

■ Let them splurge and spend money, yours that is, on themselves. Who wouldn't want a luxurious day of pampering at a salon, for instance?

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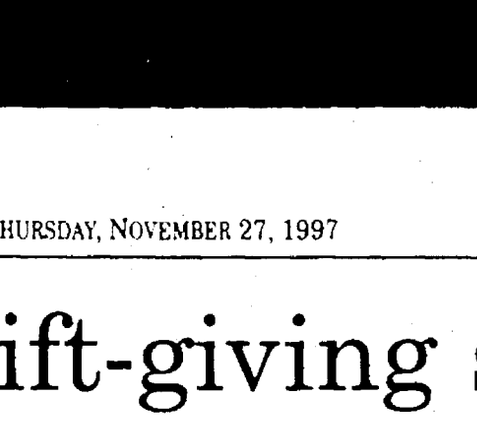

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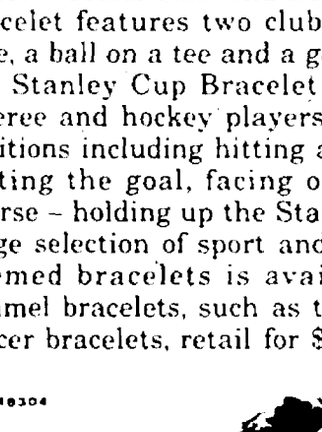

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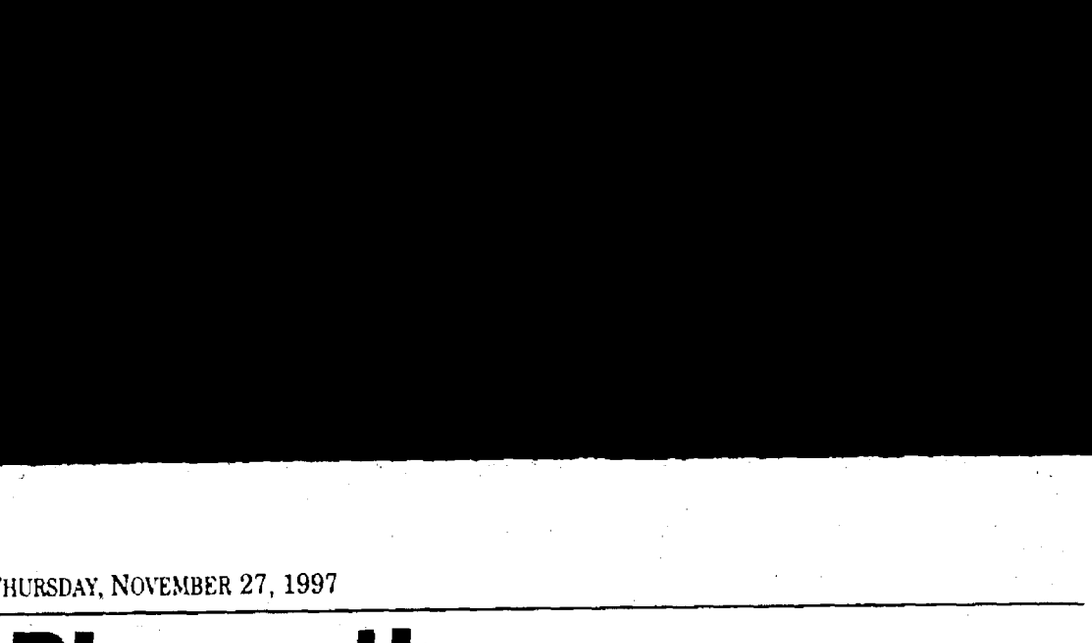

sories are also available. The train bookends retail for $39.95 at Village Shopkeeper, 470 Forest Place Mall in downtown Plymouth. (313) 455-6060.

Pet angel toppers: "Be kind to your furried friends, one may be your guardian angel," reads the note attached to these unusual pet angel tree toppers. Although a Siamese cat and Dachshund are shown, the angels are available in many different breeds. Each pet angel features dainty wings, a halo and a beautiful white flowing dress, accented by netting and feathers. They are hand-crafted in the United States and retail for $36.95 each at Vil-

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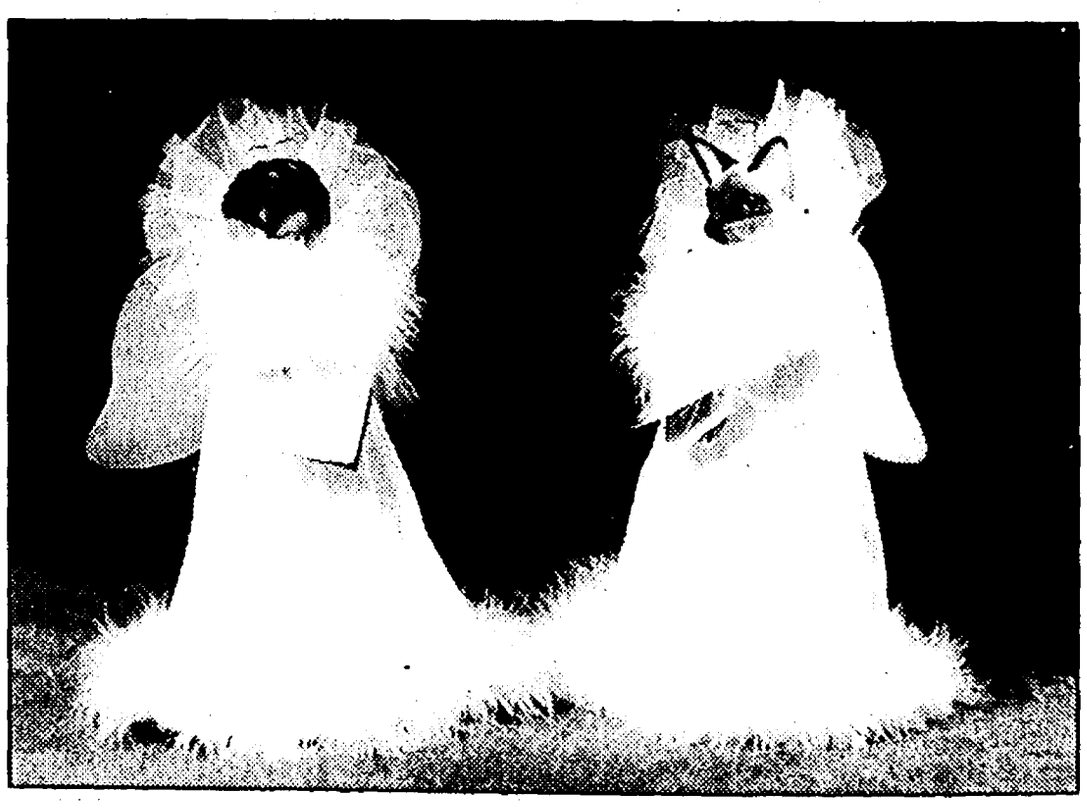

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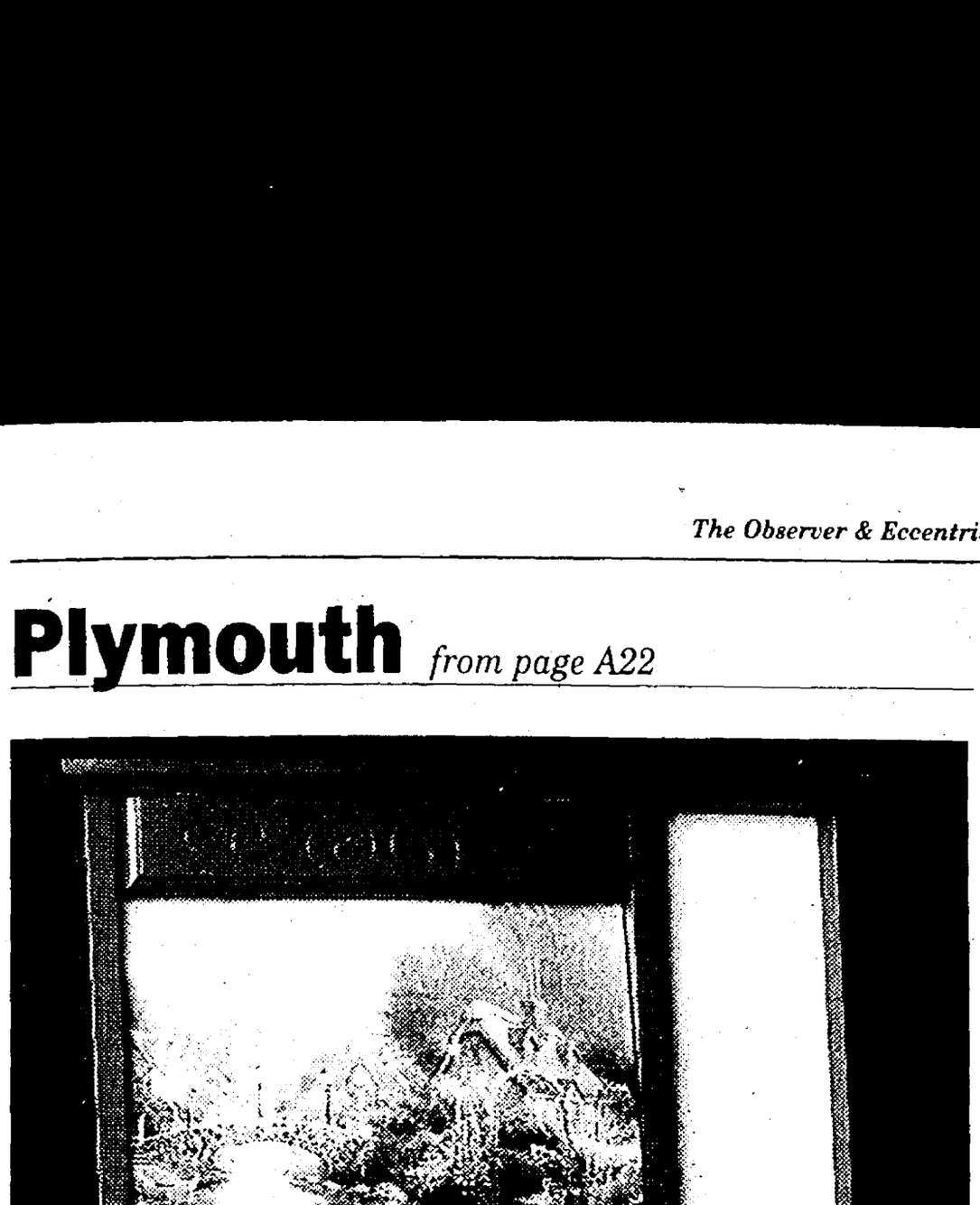
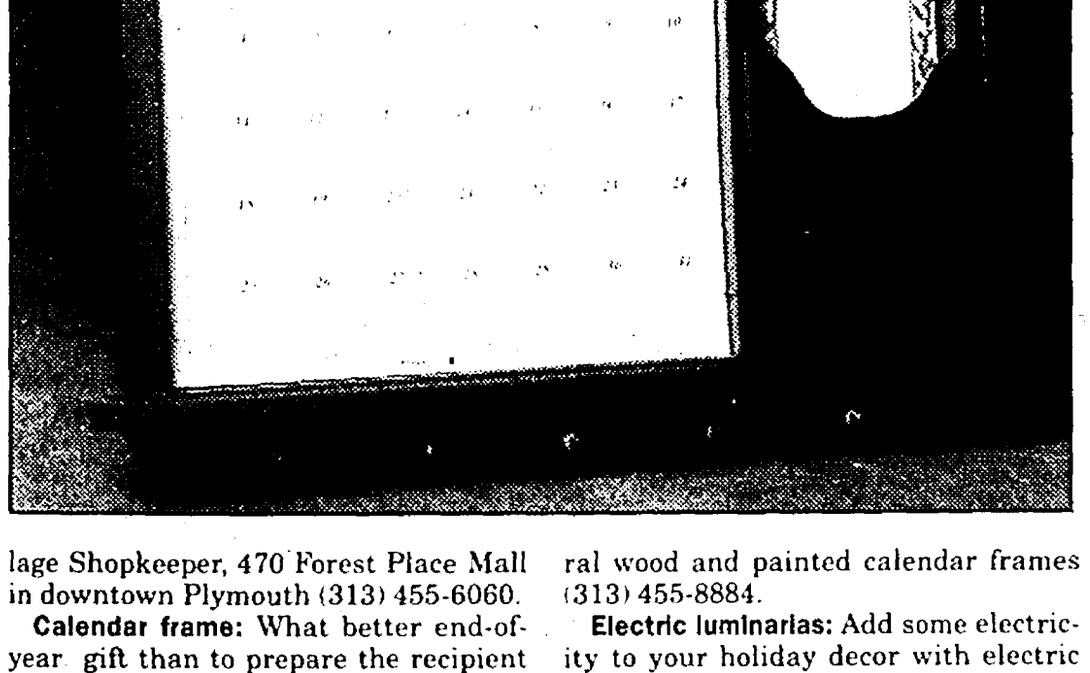


lage Shopkeeper, 470 Forest Place Mall in downtown Plymouth (313) 455-6060.

Calendar frame: What better end-of-year gift than to prepare the recipient for the future? This hunter green calendar frame features a hand-carved design, a pocket to hold a note pad, and a cork board for posting notes, photographs or cards. Its shown with a 1998 Thomas Kinkade, Painter of Light calendar and Main Street press list pad. The calendar frame, calendar and note pad retail for $57.95, $13.95 and $4.95, respectively, at Gabriala's, 322 South Main in downtown Plymouth. Gabriala's offers a large selection of calendars and several varieties of natural wood and painted calendar frames (313) 455-8884.

Electric luminarias: Add some electricity to your holiday decor with electric luminarias. Each set lights a 30-foot path and includes 10 light bulb sockets, 10 white snowflake sleeves, 11 clear candlewick-shaped bulbs and connectors to add multiple sets. Holiday-themed replacement sleeves are available for every season – including the green Christmas trees and red snowflake sleeves shown. the electric luminarias retail for $34.95 and the set of 10 holiday replacement sleeves for $7.95 at Gabriala's, 322 S. Main, Plymouth. (313) 455-8884.



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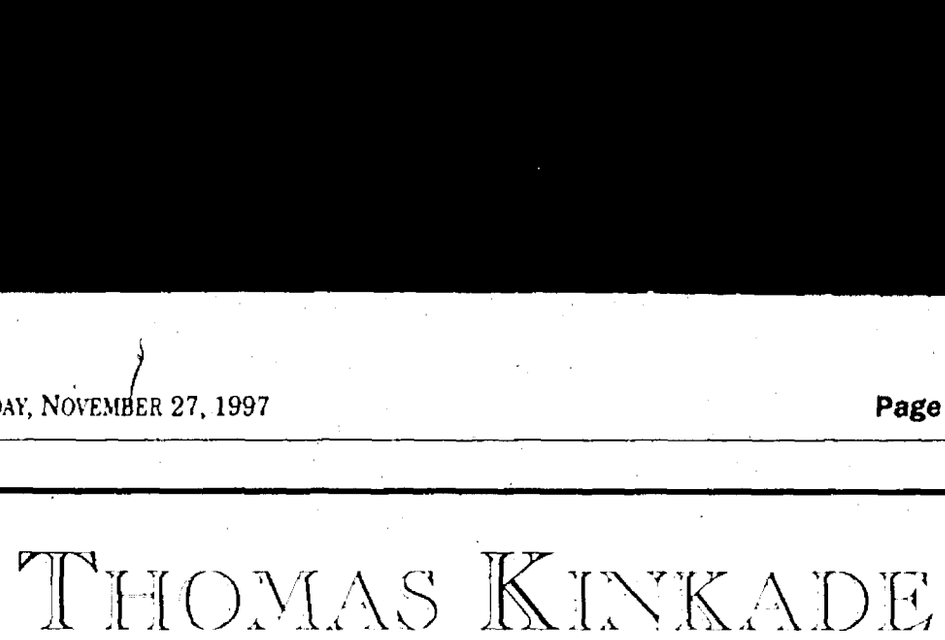

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