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Walgreens gets council denial

Walgreens won't be coming to a city site, following lobbying by an independent drugstore owner and many residents. The Westland City Council rejected the plans for the northeast corner of Wayne and Cherry Hill.

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An independent drugstore owner supported by hundreds of loyal Westland customers has won a turf war against a giant competitor.

Checker Drugs owner Doug Booker and nearly 800 residents signed petitions lobbying Westland City Council members to reject a proposed Walgreens for the northeast corner of Wayne and Cherry Hill.

Booker told the council Monday that Checker Drugs, in business 18 years near the southwest corner, could be forced to close if Walgreens comes to the neighborhood.

"We fear for the future when we are being encroached on by national chains," he said.

Walgreen Co. attorney Sean Kavanagh maintained that Walgreens would improve a dilapidated corner that includes a closed radiator shop and two nearby vacant houses.

"Currently, it is an eyesore," he said.

But council members, pointing to citizen petitions and the sheer number of drugstores in the area, voted unanimously to deny a Walgreen-proposed rezoning, special land use and site plan.

"I think we're saturated with drugstores in this town," Councilwoman Sharon Scott said. "I'd like to see a better use for that site."

Councilman Glenn Anderson warned that he and his colleagues can't legislate competition away from local businesses but joined the vote because he, too, wanted a different use for the corner.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said his opposition to Walgreens became firm after he saw 800 signatures of residents from a one-mile radius.

Councilman David Cox called Walgreens "a fine company" but said he isn't sure another drugstore is needed to boost Westland's slowly emerging

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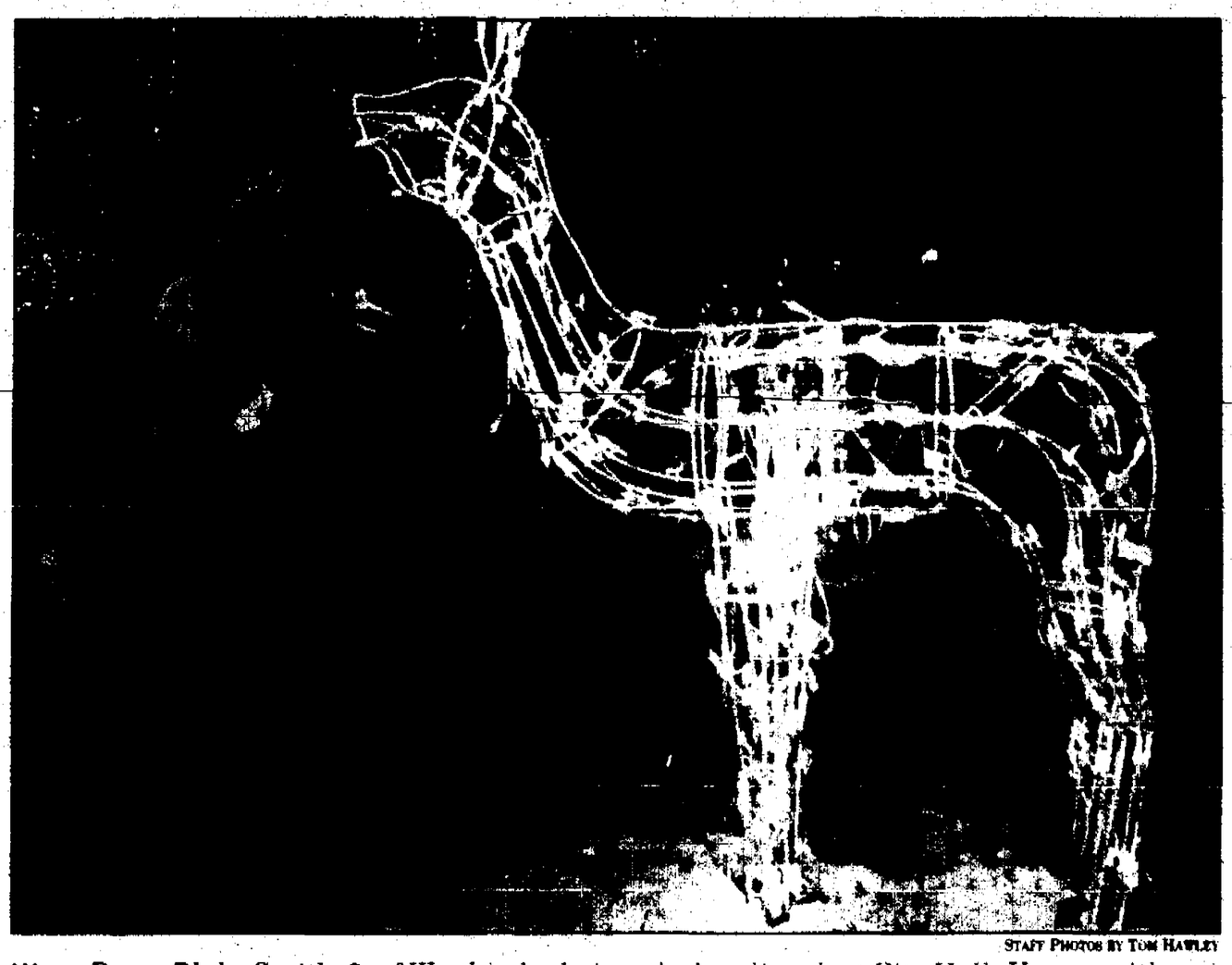

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Wow: *Roger Blake Smith, 2, of Westland admires the handiwork at City Hall. He was with mom Rhonda Smith at the Monday evening ceremony.*

Santa finds way to Westland

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He has used helicopters and police cars for transportation, but this year Santa arrived by horse-drawn carriage for the city's annual Christmas celebration and tree-lighting ceremony.

Children jumped up and down and screamed as they saw Santa rolling down Ford Road to City Hall, where hundreds of people – including three generations of some families – stood outside singing Christmas carols.

Cheyann and Codi Rosochacki

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Symbol: *Mayor Robert Thomas gives Santa the key to Westland children's hearts.*

Pickering backs mayor's ice plan

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Mayor Robert Thomas' plans to add two ice rinks to his proposal for a new recreation center has drawn support from one-time political opponent and former Councilman Charles Pickering.

Addressing Thomas and council members Monday, Pickering said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the mayor's latest suggestion for two new ice surfaces.

But Pickering also had a reminder for city officials: He long ago made a similar recommendation – on July 20, 1998, to be exact.

Pickering has long believed that Westland needs to resolve an ice-surface shortage that forces many children to get on a waiting list for hockey and figure skating clubs.

Pickering also has said new ice rinks could help generate operational revenues that a new recreation center – pegged at $15 million to $18 million – will need.

Thomas wants to build the center between the Westland library on Central City Parkway and the Kroger store on Ford Road. He wants to use existing tax revenues already in place in a special district north of Ford Road.

The city hasn't bought the land, and the council hasn't yet made a formal decision to build a new recreation center.

Thomas has suggested tearing down the existing Bailey Recreation Center and possibly the Westland Sports Arena that now houses skating programs.

On Monday, Pickering urged the city to keep both buildings. He offered a proposal for the sports arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

"It would be a wonderful facility for soccer and in-line skating," he said.

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Rosin's 80th features an abundance of tributes

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Friends tell how real estate entrepreneur Harold Rosin bought land along Warren Road when it was a two-lane rut flanked by farmland in then-Nankin Township.

"I don't think anybody ever thought it would take off or develop," Westland Mayor Robert Thomas said.

Rosin bought land where Westland Shopping Center has stood since 1965, but he has been the impetus for much residential and industrial development in Westland and Canton Township.

Now 80 and retired, Rosin drew strong praise this week during interviews with friends, who also celebrated his birthday Tuesday evening at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Rosin's son, Hal, said his father has remained quiet about the affair because he's modest, humble and, quite frankly, embarrassed by all the attention.

"He's the father of Westland Shopping Center, and he built Tonquish subdivision" along Warren between Wayne and Farmington, Westland Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

"Frankly, he helped us develop most of our industrial parks in Westland," Griffin said. "I think you could call him the father of our commercial/industrial areas."

Griffin also described Rosin as a friend and said, "I think he's a very

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'Fame' showcases talent at Wayne Memorial

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ARTS

It's been a few years since the movie "Fame" came out. The 1980 movie, which told the story of talented high school arts students, is being modernized and brought to Wayne.

Drama students at Wayne Memorial High School will present the play 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 9-10, at the Stockmeyer Auditorium, adjacent to the school at Glenwood and Fourth in Wayne.

The show was chosen "because it's a lot of fun," said Elena Garcia, drama director. "It's multicultural and it's a big cast. It allows for a lot of talent."

Students from all four grade levels at Wayne Memorial are involved. Rehearsals started in October following auditions. The stage play is based on the movie story, Garcia said, which

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Remember their names: *Senior Heather Dobrowolski (foreground) at Wayne Memorial High School rehearses with the cast for the "Fame" production. Students have been rehearsing since October for "Fame," which takes to the stage this Thursday and Friday.*

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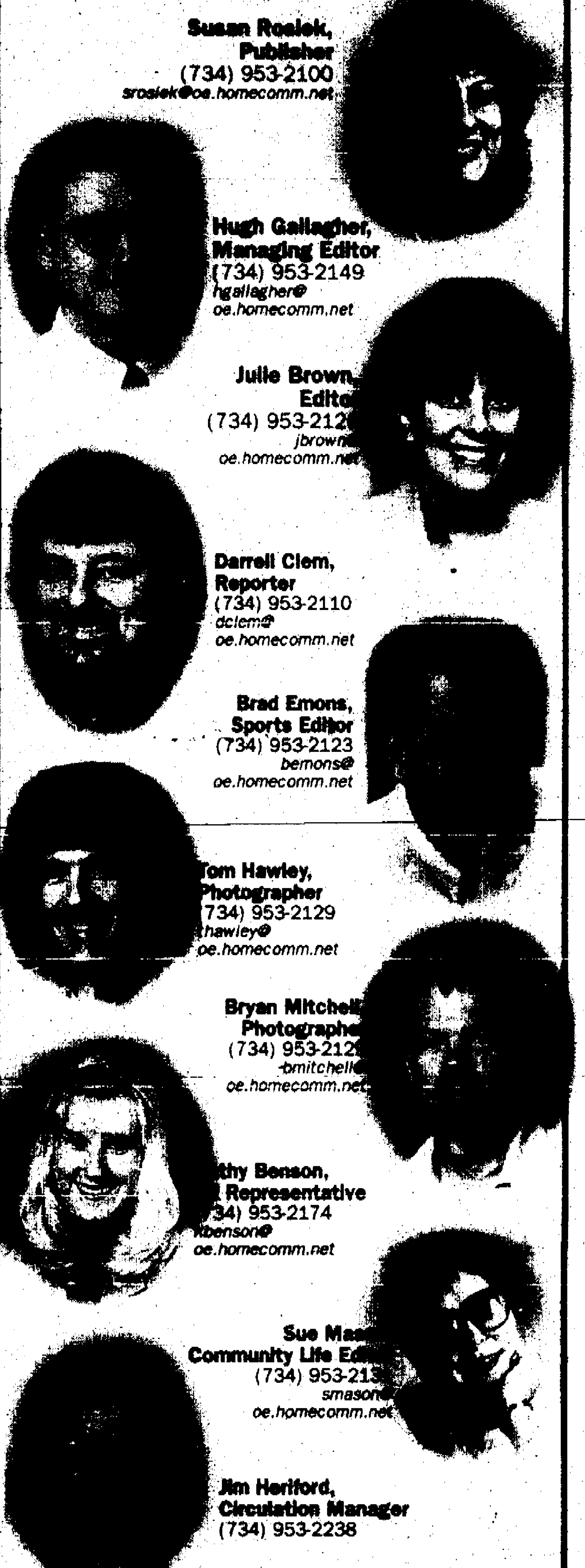

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They're published

A writing class at Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center has published a calendar book of "Blessings for the Year 2000."

Center director Sylvia Kosorosky-Wiacek and Dr. Christian Koontz, a University of Detroit Mercy English professor who helped the class, unveiled the book Monday during a city council meeting. Several seniors accompanied them. The book contains a different blessing for each day of 2000. It sells for $7 and is available at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh near Marquette.

Graffiti-busters

Dan Green, the owner of American Power Wash, and Westland District Judges C. Charles Bokos and Gail McKnight were honored at Monday's city council meeting for helping to get graffiti removed from the city's playscape structure in Central City Park. Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski gave the honorees plaques for their help.

Green provided equipment that helped remove graffiti from the large wooden play structure. "It was my pleasure," he said.

The judges provided court workers to help clean up the structure. "It is restored," McKnight said of the playscape. "It looks almost as good as it did on day one."

Tree celebration

Cub Scouts and Brownie troops helped the city in an Arbor Day celebration Monday. Youngsters read about the ways trees help the environment and also made drawings that decorated council chambers. Mayor Robert Thomas read a proclamation naming Dec. 6 as the 127th anniversary celebration of Arbor Day, which started in Nebraska.

Water problem

Resident Paul Valovick asked city officials Monday to try to address water problems on Newburgh Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette. He said water seems to be standing in the road after even the slightest rainfall. "This happens anytime it rains. We do not have to have a good downpour," he said. He urged city officials to examine the problem.

Board appointees

Council members confirmed several people for board appointments Monday. Bernard D. Hopkins was named a Democratic member of the Westland Board of Canvassers for a four-year term; Terrence Worden became the Republican member for the same term. Thomas Dunigan and John Molesky have been named to the Westland Board of Review for three-year terms.

MEAP challenge to Livonia fifth-graders

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If Michigan Educational Assessment Program results are an indication, Livonia fifth-graders are not adept at smashing debuts.

Parents need not fret, though. Neither are pupils statewide.

Overall, district fifth-graders performed poorly on the MEAP social studies test, which was given for the first time during the previous school year.

The exam quizzed kids on geography, civics, economics and history. Some 1,312 fifth-graders took the test along with eighth- and 11th-graders.

District officials are citing unfamiliarity with both the test and subject matter for the anemic results at the elementary level.

Only 19 percent of district fifth-graders exceeded or met the state standard by earning 40 of 61 possible points.

Some 33.3 percent were deemed proficient at a basic level by getting at least 31 of 61 points, while 47.5 percent fell below. Those students have been labeled as apprentices in social studies.

"Basically, it means they're lacking in a number of the skills and their amount of understanding in social studies relative to what the state standards are," said Allan Edwards, Livonia district research and evaluation specialist.

Livonia fifth-graders can take some solace, though: Only 19 percent of kids their same age statewide exceeded or met the standards on the same test.

By contrast, district eighth-graders scored above the state average on the MEAP social studies test. Some 42.2 percent of Livonia eighth-graders exceeded or met the state standard compared to 27.8 percent statewide.

At the 11th-grade level, 26 percent of 1,053 students either exceeded or met the state standard. Only 78 percent of 11th-graders took the test while some 300 opted out or were absent.

District officials are awaiting statewide results for 11th-graders.

While eighth- and 11th-graders would seem to better know the subjects involved, elementary kids were stymied on questions of geography, economics, history and government.

Fifth-graders are also tested on their inquiring and decision-making abilities. Some questions are open-ended where students are required to write extended answers, Edwards said.

"Some of those are things we've not traditionally taught specifically as part of the elementary program both here in Livonia and statewide," Edwards said. "Economics, as an example, has not been a standard part of the elementary program."

That will change as the district plans to adjust curriculum to reflect state standards. Elementary teachers are also training "to make sure they have the understanding necessary to teach the kids," Edwards said.

Parents received MEAP results late last week. Included was a phone number to ask questions. His office received four to five calls, Edwards said.

"Their primary concerns were: 'My child is doing well in the classroom but didn't do well on the MEAP test. Can you give us an explanation?' " he said. "They were satisfied with our explanation."

Baracy: School improvement takes time

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Wayne-Westland schools Superintendent Greg Baracy vows to improve student Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores.

"I want the community to bear with us as we continue to improve our instructional components," said Baracy, speaking during Monday's Wayne-Westland Board of Education meeting.

His remarks followed poor student performance, statewide and locally, on a new social studies MEAP test.

"We have an action plan in place. We are confident those scores are going to improve," Baracy said. The effort takes time and involves many, he said, and must be done one step at a time.

"We as public educators educate every child who walks through our doors," the superintendent said. More students are taking the test than in the past, he added.

Trustee Ed Turner cited the educational system in Japan, in which students are tested at fifth-grade level to determine future schooling, limiting their futures. Mathew McCusker, board vice president, mentioned the high youth suicide rate in Japan.

"I don't think anyone on this board is happy about those scores," McCusker said of local MEAP results.

In other action, the board:

■ Recognized participants in the 2000 Wayne-Westland Junior Miss scholarship program, including 2000 representative Brooke Robertson of John Glenn High School. She and first runner-up Melissa Jennings of John Glenn High will go to the state level in March in Alpena.

The program just completed gave out more than $12,000 in scholarships, Turner said. "It was the very best one."

Next year's scholarship goal is $15,000, he said.

■ Recognized the Wayne Rotary Foundation for a grant to buy library books for four elementaries in Wayne.

■ Recognized Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, as School District Maintenance/Communications Employees Recognition Day in the Wayne-Westland district.

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Appreciation Dinner set

The City of Westland will hold its seventh annual Board and Commission Appreciation Night Dinner. The dinner will be Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000, at the Friendship Center in Westland.

The announcement was made by Mayor Robert Thomas and the Westland City Council.

Those to be honored are members of the numerous board and commissions in Westland. The Appreciation Night Dinner gives the mayor and city council the opportunity to honor them and thank them for their commitment to the community.

This year's event will feature dinner, entertainment by the Robert A. Collingwood quartet, fellowship and a plaque presentation by the mayor and council President Sandra Cicirelli. The plaque presented to board members and commissioners will hang in City Hall in honor of all those who serve the city by being on a board or commission.

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On Tuesday, December 14, 1999 the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1986	DODGE	LANCER/2 DR	RED	1B3BX68E4GN201518
1985	V.W.	GOLF/2 DR	BLUE	1VWBA0175FV061958
1986	PLYMOUTH	RELIANT/4 DR	BLUE	1P3BP36D3GC246033
1992	FORD	T-BIRD/2 DR	GRAY	1FAPP6040NH129466
1991	DODGE	DAYTONA/2 DR	WHITE	1B3XG24K3MG106776
1988	BUICK	REGAL/2 DR	BURGUNDY	1G4AM47AXDH894665
1984	HONDA	ACCORD/4 DR	BLUE	1HGAD642542RA052907
1992	DODGE	SHADOW/2 DR	BLUE	1B3XP44KXNN174631

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1984	GMC	VANDURA/VAN	WHITE	2GDEG25C1E45501
1986	CHEVY	CAVALIER/2 DR	BLUE	1G1JC1116JJ224001
1984	MERCURY	MARQUIS/4 DR	TAN	1MEBP95F2EZ616063
1975	FORD	ELITE/2 DR	WHITE	5G21H153978
1986	OLDS	DELTA 88/4 DR	MAROON	1G3HY54C7JW334232
1987	FORD	TAURUS/STN WGN	RED	1FABP57U3HG231066
1990	FORD	PROBE/2 DR	WHITE	1ZVPT20C0L5102513
1986	PONTIAC	PARISIENNE/WGN	GREY	1G2BL35Y4GX267163
1988	MAZDA	323/2 DR	RED	JM1BF2328J0174398
1985	BUICK	CENTURY/4 DR	WHITE	1G4AH19R6FT456044
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1986	CHEVY	S-TRUCK/PICKUP	BLUE	1GCCS14R3G2123397
1984	BUICK	SKYLARK/2 DR	BEIGE	1G4AC37R8EW463786
1990	DODGE	SPIRIT/4 DR	BLACK	1B3BA76J0KF439151
1986	FORD	ESCORT/4 DR	RED	1FBP3697GW371293

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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Talent

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tells of teens at a performing arts high school in New York City.

Tickets for "Fame" are $5 for adults, $3 for students, and will be sold at the door. Garcia has performed in a musical production of "Fame," different from the local production.

"It's a play with music in it, but not a musical," she said of the Wayne Memorial production. The local production features two big song and dance numbers, for which students came up with ideas.

The cast includes some 25 students, Garcia said, ably abetted by several crew members. Students have been spreading the word about the production, and attendance shouldn't be a problem.

"It will bring a lot of people in," she said.

The high school does two dramatic productions a year, and will do a yet-to-be-determined musical in the spring. Garcia knows that such involvement benefits young people.

"The kids get to use a lot of their own talent."

She sees several benefits for Wayne Memorial students in the cast or crew. "First of all, they have a lot of fun." Students build friendships.

By being creative, they build their self-esteem, Garcia said.

■ 'The kids get to use a lot of their own talent.'

Elena Garcia
—director

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

On stage: *Wayne Memorial senior Christopher Williams performs in "Fame."*

Cast and crew know what to do

The "Fame" cast at Wayne Memorial High School includes: Jessica Savage, Marjorie Wright, Cindy Dietz, Marilyn Wallenmaier, Kelly M. O'Connor, Ashley Areeda, Vinïecia Farmer, Andrew Timmer, Kelly Leverenz, Crystal Ann Head, Jamie Merchant, Robert T. McKinney, Jennifer McLaughlin, Aubrey Jo Miller, Christopher Williams, Amanda Lickliter, Trisha Johnson, Heather Dobrowolski, Kyle J. Zrenchik, Ian Burss, Ami McCain, Kwame L. Hampton, Willie Perryman, Patricia Zaka.

Katie Russ is assistant director. Justin Monit is stage manager. Aaron Lawson lighting director. Jackie Haner is stage technician.

Golf Outing proceeds make community better

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Friday, Dec. 3, may have been a chilly day for golf, but golf was on the minds of those at a North Bros. Ford luncheon.

The Westland auto dealership holds a summer Golf Outing annually, and Dec. 3 its leaders presented checks to local organizations. "Everyone who participated was generous," said Doug North, president. The $25,000 raised this past August was a record.

"It's our biggest by far," North said.

Five organizations – Drug Abuse Resistance Education in Westland, Westland Youth Assistance, Wayne County Family Center, Wayne-Westland YMCA Partners for Youth and Westland Jaycee Park baseball field – received contributions of $5,000 each.

DARE, which helps kids fight substance abuse, is a longtime Golf Outing beneficiary. Several Westland representatives attended the luncheon.

"These guys put a lot of effort into the program and they honestly believe in it," said Westland Police Chief Emery Price.

Ronaele Bowman, Youth Assistance director, said "We really do appreciate the business community coming behind us like this."

Carol Oliphant, who chairs the local YMCA Partners for Youth campaign, was grateful.

"The Y does a lot of good things for the youth in our community," she said prior to the presentation. That wouldn't be possible without such support, Oliphant said.

Money for the Wayne County Family Center will help to aid the homeless. Work on the Jaycee Park baseball field, near the Ford Road dealership, will be done next spring.

Doug North thanked Ford Credit for its hosting duties, and noted it is also a Golf Outing sponsor. "We greatly appreciate your efforts," he said, mentioning a dealership food drive which is accepting contributions.

"We've developed a real relationship with DARE," said Tom North, vice president and general sales manager. Such efforts have helped North Bros. get involved in the community, he said, and make friends.

Photo exhibit opens Saturday

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Garden City's Kathleen Wayt will realize her dream Saturday night when she opens her first solo photo exhibit at the Innisfree Irish Pub & Grill on Middlebelt and Maplewood.

Wayt, a lifelong Garden City resident, has entitled her show "It's Only Rock and Roll." The exhibit, to open at 8 p.m. and open to the public, consists of her specialty – a collection of photos of area rock 'n' roll bands.

"I'm living my dream," she said in an interview at the Observer offices this week, although she admitted that, "I thought it would be wonderful to be a photojournalist and shoot for a magazine like the National Geographic."

The photographer, a graduate of St. Raphael Catholic School and West High School (Class of 1982), has degrees in history and English from Madonna University.

But the history degree wasn't wasted in her career as a self-employed photographer.

"As a photojournalist, you need a background in history and an understanding of history," she said, noting that she always wanted to do photo documentaries.

Wayt, 35, said she got interested in photography in an unorthodox way in 1992 when the Dearborn Heights Times-Herald was looking for a photographer.

"I conned my way into being hired," she recalled. Since she didn't have any relevant background other than a photography class at Madonna, "I spent a lot of time on the Kodak hotline," she admitted.

She stayed with the newspaper for about a year, doing a little freelance photography for the Garden City Observer and then enrolling in a graphics class at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

The exhibit opening Saturday night includes the roll 'n' roll band photos taken for most of this decade.

"My family and friends grew up in rock 'n' roll," Wayt said.

She noted that the Innisfree Irish Pub is a likely location for her first solo photo show, since her father, Frank Galligan, who died last year, is from Ireland.

Wayt is also proud that her show will travel to the Magic Stick club in downtown Detroit after Dec. 23 to be exhibited with works by Mark Arpinski, who is noted for creating colorful rock 'n' roll posters.

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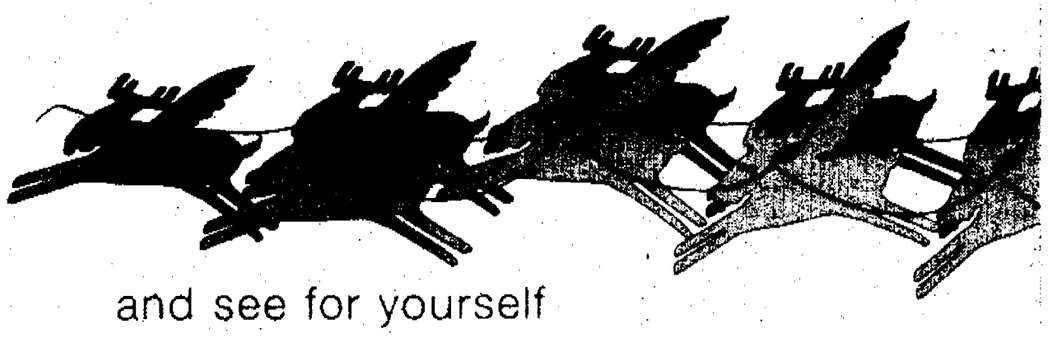

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Denial

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Downtown Development Authority district along south Wayne Road.

Bob Williamson, who chairs the city's Zoning Board of Appeals, said in a letter read aloud by council President Sandra Cicirelli that he opposed the Walgreens plan.

Williamson noted that pharmacies already exist close by at Checker, Kmart (on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Wayne) and at Rite Aid (a mile north at Ford and Wayne).

"How many drugstores do we need in this city?" Williamson asked.

Cicirelli voiced concerns about Checker going out of business and leaving a vacancy in a strip mall southwest of Wayne and Cherry Hill.

The city already has had difficulty filling strip mall vacancies, and Cicirelli said, "I sure would hate to see another vacancy."

Booker appealed to council members to take a stand for local business over giant chains.

"Why would the city council possibly trade the health of one for the other?" he asked.

Ice

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"We'll have to look at the soccer," Mayor Thomas said.

Pickering also said the building could be kept as a third ice surface.

Pickering told city officials he also opposed tearing down the Bailey Center, only 20 years old. He said uses could be found for the building.

But Thomas has said the building has mechanical deficiencies and would need extensive repairs to make it more accessible to disabled residents.

ACHIEVERS

Residents received High Achievement Awards, given to students who have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at Madonna University, and 15 hours within the major with a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Westland's honorees are: Michael Baker, management/business administration; Robert Euashka, international business and economics; Christine Gerak, management; Connie Gladki, accounting/management; and Theresa O'Rourke, marketing. Mary Imburgia of Wayne, business administration, was also honored.

Awards were given at the School of Business annual Honors Convocation Nov. 19.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Eager: *Devin Smith, 15 months, and aunt Tina Simpson attended the city of Westland annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony this past Monday night.*

Musical merriment: *The crowd sings Christmas carols at the ceremony. The arrival of Santa Claus and the throwing of the switch to light up the City Hall grounds had the crowd in a festive mood.*

Join in: *The Friendship Center choir sings Christmas carols for the audience, contributing to the spirit of the season. Many people braved the chilly weather Monday evening to come out for the ceremony. Refreshments were served at the main fire station.*

Hey, Santa: *Essay contest winner Rob Schurig gets some help from Santa, Mayor Robert Thomas and Miss Westland Kim Corney to throw the light switch.*

Sweet voices: *Allison Sanders, 12, (left) and Shelley Bernier, 12, sing "Jingle Bells" with the Friendship Center choir.*

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Carol Hamlett
—participant

Santa

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came with their mother, Peggy Rosochacki, and their grandmother, Charlotte Lee, who also brought a friend, Carol Hamlett.

"This is our first time," Peggy Rosochacki said, adding that they came with Brownie Troop 124 from Wildwood Elementary School.

Cheyann planned to tell Santa she wanted a jump rope for Christmas.

"I want to skip," she said.

Codi said he wanted to see all the lights turned on at once on all the trees in front of City Hall.

"I think this is pretty nice," Lee, the grandmother, said.

Her friend, Hamlett, agreed.

"I think it's excellent, and I'm glad that other organizations like the Brownies and the Cub Scouts got to be involved with it," she said. "And it's nice to see all the council members together."

Council members stood with other dignitaries on City Hall's front porch as Mayor Robert Thomas, Deputy Mayor George Gillies, Santa and others addressed the crowd.

The senior citizen Friendship Center choir led the crowd in singing holiday songs like "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Gillies also announced the winners of an essay contest on the meaning of Christmas. First-place winner was Rob Schurig of P.D. Graham Elementary, followed by Jacob Richards of Elliott Elementary and Stephen Anderson of Edison Elementary.

Soon after Santa called Westland "the best city in the country as far as I'm concerned," a switch was pulled that illuminated City Hall grounds with mostly white lights strewn through trees.

"Ooooh," said the crowd in unison.

Within minutes, children went next door to the city's main fire station where they enjoyed snacks and talked with Santa.

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OBITUARIES

LEO B. WONSACK SR.

Services for Leo Wonsack Sr., 89, of Westland were Dec. 6 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Leonard Partensky.

Mr. Wonsack, born Aug. 28, 1910, in Detroit, died Dec. 2 in Garden City. He was a clerk for an automotive company.

Surviving are his wife, Sonia; sons, Leo, Jr. (Leilani) and Ronald (Antoinette); daughter, Barbara (David) Cabrera; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

BETTY A. ESTEPP

Services for Betty Estepp, 53, of Westland were Dec. 6 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Jason Crawford.

Mrs. Estepp, born Aug. 29, 1946, in Detroit, died Dec. 3 in Westland. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Canton.

Surviving are her sons, Roy (Anita) Estepp of Wayne, George (Terri) Estepp of Howell, Edward (Laura) Estepp of Westland and Thomas (Maureen) Estepp of Westland; brother, George Horvath of Detroit; sisters, June Farr of Woodhaven and Rose Gonzalez of Lincoln Park; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Harvard Brain Center for Oliva Ponto Cerebeller Research, McLean Hospital, 115 Mill St., Belmont, MA 02478.

BERNARDA SCERRI

Services for former Redford resident Bernarda Scerri, 72, of Fort Mill, S.C., were Dec. 7 in St Gemma's Catholic Church in Detroit with burial at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Mark S. Brauer.

Mrs. Scerri, born Nov. 21, 1927, in Malta, died Dec. 3 in Fort Mill, S.C. She was a member of St. Gemma's parish for more than 40 years. She moved to Fort Mill recently and was a member of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband of 44 years, Pius; sons, Anthony (Lorna) Scerri of Fort Mill, S.C., and John Scerri of Westland; daughters, Rosalie Scerri of Westland, Mary (Lloyd) Duston of Plymouth and Margaret (William) Stafford of Novato, Calif.; and one granddaughter.

Rosin

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compassionate person."

Rosin started Dearborn Realty after World War II, and son Hal now runs the company.

"He would buy a piece of property and then go search for people who he thought it would be a desirable location for," local businessman Glenn Shaw Jr. said.

"He has taught me so much regarding real estate and his understanding of doing things right," Shaw said. "He's like the dean of real estate in western Wayne County."

Shaw also commended the Rosin family for helping to support the Westland Community Foundation, which helps the needy and provides programs such as scholarships for students.

Shaw fondly recalled how Rosin sometimes referred to himself as a "dirt Realtor" because he bought the land where development would eventually occur.

Shaw credited Rosin with spurring not only Westland Center and Tonquish subdivision, but also Woodcrest Villa Apartments, Woodcrest office complex Woodview Condominiums and the Ford-Hix industrial park, among other developments.

Canton Township Supervisor Thomas Yack remembered hearing Rosin call himself a "dirt peddler."

"I've often accused Harold of buying and selling the same parcel of land three or four times," Yack said with a chuckle.

"He has always been easy to work with," Yack said on a more serious note. "I never saw him lose his temper once."

Rosin has been instrumental in residential, commercial and industrial development – "the full gamut" – in Canton, Yack said.

Rosin could always see parcels of land "for their possibility or opportunity," Yack said.

In Westland, Mayor Thomas said, "Harold has been involved probably longer than I've been alive. We've never had any problems working with him as a developer.

"He's as good as gold, and he always wants to work with people instead of against them," Thomas said. "I can't say enough good things about him. It would be nice if all developers would be like Harold Rosin."

Battle over charter cap goes down to wire

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Gov. John Engler and House Republicans failed in their attempts last week to raise the cap on the number of charter schools allowed to operate in Michigan, but they also promised to come back and try again this week.

Just a handful of votes shy of the number needed for passage, proponents like sponsor Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, Speaker of the House Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, and Engler spent the week in intense negotiations trying to win over the last few reticent members of their own caucus, including Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

Law said there is so much wrong with the latest draft of the bill that "they would have to tear whole pages out of it to make it acceptable to me."

His primary concern is over a lack of financial accountability. Although charter schools are considered to be public schools - allowing them to draw financing from the state school aid fund in return for not charging tuition - many operate like private schools. In the past, charter schools have refused to turn over audits to the state.

"Tell me what kind of salaries you are paying the principal. Tell me what kind of salaries you are paying the teachers. You could go to a public school and get all that information. Like it or not, you could get all of it," Law said. "We are spending $210 million on charters, and I'm telling you that I don't know how that money is being spent. And we are just getting warmed up."

Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, is another of those Republicans opposing the plan. She said charter schools draw money away from public schools. She also noted that charter schools could get around the current caps by seeking authorization from a school district or community college. Only those authorized by universities are capped, she said, but charter schools prefer working through universities.

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, DeWeese said he was short only "a couple of votes" and he was adjusting his bill line by line to win them over. On Wednesday, Dec. 1, Republicans put the fifth rewrite of the bill to a test, but it fell a half dozen votes shy. The board was cleared before the vote was tallied or recorded, a practice which has become standard procedure in the House when leadership wants to keep a bill alive. "Every time he (DeWeese) changes a word to get one vote, he loses another," House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, explained.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, which was considered to be the deadline if additional charter schools are to be opened next fall, Perricone announced that Republicans would put off another attempt. He said he was rejecting an offer by House Democrats to trade passage of the raised charter school cap in return for killing off a bill which would eliminate residency requirements for city workers. "I don't make that kind of trade for anything ... Residency is a completely separate issue," Perricone explained.

Exactly who initiated talk of the trade isn't clear. Perricone said Democrats are demanding it. Minority Leader Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw, said it was the governor who first offered it, which the governor's office denied.

It may have been more than just moral outrage that caused Perricone to toss out the trade.

"There were eight Republicans who were ready to bolt if Chuck Perricone deals," Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, said. "They were ready to bolt because he was just talking to the Dems. He'd have lost more votes than he would have gained."

To open new charter schools next year, the bill would have to pass by Dec. 31 allowing the raised cap to go into effect in April. The legislature is scheduled to adjourn Dec. 9, and that means there will no longer be time for a required five-day layover between house and senate ... unless lawmakers decide to ignore their own rules.

"They'll find a way," Gosselin said, stating confidently that the bill can still be passed before legislators take off for Christmas break.

House Bill 4706, initially introduced by Rep. LaMar Lemmons, D-Detroit, but now significantly rewritten, would raise the cap on charter schools set up through universities from 150 to 200 next year. After that, the cap would increase 25 per year.

With 140 such schools in operation now, John Truscott, spokesman for the governor, said some 100 more schools are already seeking permission to open.

The bill would also create a new oversight board and allow for new charter schools specifically designed for "at risk" students.

Rep Gerald Law

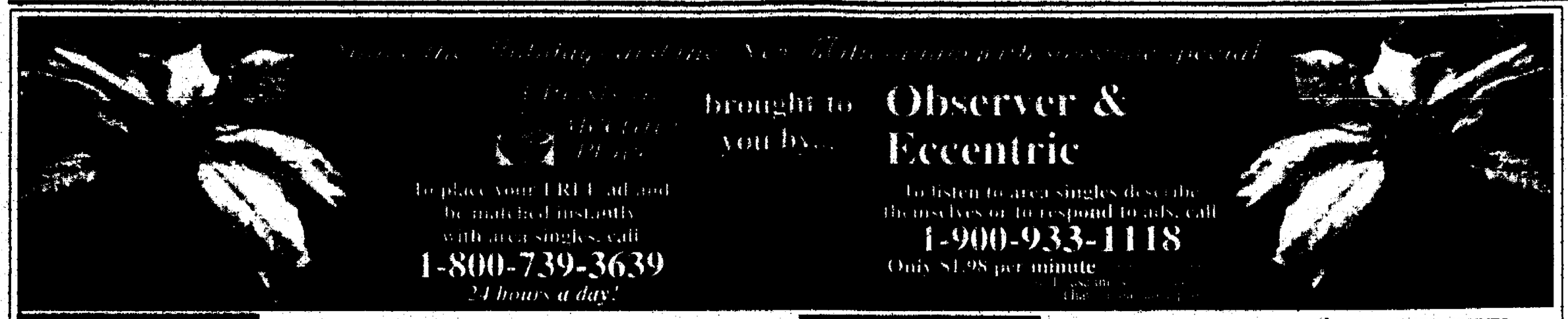
Stiff penalty for pretending to be a doctor

It will soon be a 15-year felony to practice medicine without a license, as a result of two bills signed into law recently by Gov. John Engler.

It always was illegal, but the penalties were not as severe, a fact that came clear last year when Dennis Roark of Sterling Heights was charged with acting as a thoracic surgeon despite having never graduated from college.

The prosecutor had to charge Roark with "uttering and publishing" for faking credentials in order to get a heftier penalty, said Jack McHugh, legislative aide to Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy. Roark is serving 6-15 years after pleading guilty to that charge.

"The penalties were nothing very tough. The judge said in this case (acting as a surgeon without a license) it was more like a rape," McHugh said.



FOR FOREVER
This shy and reserved SWC mom, 37, 5'5", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWCM, 35-45, to enjoy quiet times at home, great conversations, long park walks, and more with. Ad#.4455

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT
Enter a new dimension of life with this educated DWCF, 52, who enjoys the theater, dining out and youthful activities. She hopes to spark the interest of an educated SWCM, 52-60, N/S, with similar values. Ad#.1024

GOOD COMPANY
Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65, 5'4", 135lbs., who wants to share her time, her interests and friendship with a kind, considerate SWM, 60-70. Ad#.9438

NEW HORIZONS
Employed, family-oriented SBF, 26, 5'7", who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies and is seeking a SBM, 23-38, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.2218

SEEKING A SOUL MATE
This outgoing and friendly DBF, 42, 5'4", who enjoys music, reading and walks in the park, is ISO a serious and sincere SBM, 42-62, with similar interests, for a pleasant relationship. Ad#.7775

FOCUS HERE
This friendly SWF, 31, 5'6", who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, 30-36, who shares similar interests. Ad#.1706

JUST US
SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2814

HEART OF GOLD
Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship. Ad#.1237

FOR KEEPS
This friendly, honest SWF, 45, 5'4", 149lbs., who enjoys bike riding, dining out and dancing, is interested in meeting up with a caring, sincere SWM, 38-55, who shares similar interests. Ad#.4240

BIG-HEARTED
This friendly SWF, 37, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys gardening, dining out and traveling, is looking for a SM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1361

A SIMPLE REQUEST
Make a new friend by calling this DWC mom, 40, 5'8", who's looking for someone to share her interests with. If you're an outgoing SWCM, 35-45, who enjoys walking, camping, bicycling and watching movies, then you could be a perfect match for each other. Ad#.8191

STILL SEARCHING
Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 55, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, who loves the Lord. Ad#.4444

FOCUS HERE
She is a friendly, attractive SWF, 52, 5'7", 125lbs., with auburn hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include hiking, biking and boating. She's looking for a handsome, intelligent SWM, 52-62, who lives life to the fullest. Ad#.6262

CAPTURE MY ATTENTION
This outgoing SWF, 30, 5'2", 110lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, reading and working out, is seeking an open-minded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#.2469

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN
Spirit-filled, warm-hearted and employed DWC mother, 35, 5'5", is seeking a companionable, commitment-minded SWCM, 25-48, who shares her dedication to church and enjoys family activities. Ad#.7764

FAITH & HOPE
An educated SWPF, 50, who likes cultural events, listening to music, and reading, is seeking an intelligent, mature SWPM, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1998

MEET YOU HALFWAY
She's an outgoing, attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", medium build, blond hair, brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, long walks, and the theater. Her heart is open to share happiness and romance with a thoughtful, considerate SWM, 46-56, Ad#.5614

REBUILDING HER LIFE
Catholic DWF, 45, 5'2", 118lbs., with dark brown curly hair, a N/S, is looking for the right person, a considerate, respectful Catholic SWM, 40-50, who values his faith and family. She enjoys bowling, movies and a lot of friends. Ad#.5642

IS IT FATE?
This friendly SWF, 52, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, concerts and quiet nights at home, is seeking a SWM, 46-57, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#.2345

CIRCLE THIS
Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad#.4528

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS
Pretty DWC mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling and reading. Ad#.4108

BORN-AGAIN
This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad#.5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad#.6684

VIVACIOUS
Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad#.1103

TO THE POINT
SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad#.2220

LOVES THE LORD
Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad#.1956

LIFE GOES ON
This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2652

DEDICATED
She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9",, N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad#.1980

HERE SHE IS...
This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad#.1665

IS IT YOU?
This friendly SBF, 38, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad#.4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD
Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad#.8888

HEAVEN SENT
This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad#.6561

SHARE MY FAITH
This churchgoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69, who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad#.7575

TIME TO GET TOGETHER
Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome, SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested Ad#.9915

THE BEST THERE IS
Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad#.6354

END MY SEARCH
Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad#.2525

SIMPLY PUT
Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad#.5555

IS IT FATE?
Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad#.9455

SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD
This SWF, 21, 5'7", would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWM, 21-30, who likes children and sports. Ad#.1098

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE
Fun-loving DWCF, 47, 5'5", who enjoys sports, the outdoors and gardening, is seeking a sincere, dependable SWCM, 43-51, for companionship. Ad#.4488

FRESH START
Hardworking, Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic WWWM, 48-52, without children at home, for friendship first. Ad#.3907

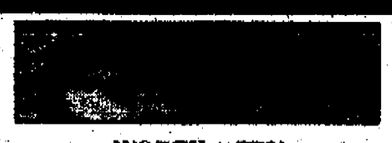
COMPANIONSHIP
Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a Catholic SWM, 45-55. Ad#.4536

LET'S CUDDLE
Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad#.1992

A RARE FIND
Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compassionate SWM, 54-62. Ad#.7141

A RARE FIND
Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad#.8917

UP FOR IT ALL
Friendly DWCF, 52, 5'10", with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys sports, rollerblading and just keeping active, is seeking an easygoing, monogamous SWCM, 48-60. Ad#.3747



WORTH A TRY
Friendly, spiritual SWM, 43, 5'9", who enjoys nature, flea markets and movies, is looking for a kind-hearted SWF, 29-49, to share interests with. Ad#.4500

AGED TO PERFECTION
Always having integrity and style, this handsome DWCM, 49, 5'10", knows how to entertain. He's searching for an attractive, sincere SWCF, 39-53, to share love with. Ad#.5454

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE
Outgoing, friendly, attractive Catholic WWWPM, 31, 6'1", who enjoys sports, ball games and a variety of other activities, is seeking a WWA/W/BCF, 18-55, with no children. Ad#.1965

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Professional SWM, 40, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, the theater and going for long walks, is seeking a SWCF, 26-38. Ad#.6789

CELEBRATE LIFE
Shy SWM, 31, 5'10", 220lbs., who enjoys camping, hiking, long walks and movies, is seeking a fun-loving, family-oriented SF, 25-35, who has old-fashioned values. Ad#.1018

A GOOD MAN
Shy, nice-looking DWC dad, 37, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, is looking to share movies, family activities and a lasting friendship with an independent, petite SWCF, 30-45. Ad#.6683

CONTACT ME
This friendly SB dad, 37, 5'11", who enjoys taking long walks, going to the movies and bike riding, is seeking a SF, who likes children. Has he found you? Ad#.4194

SHORT BUT SWEET
Friendly, never-married SBM, 38, 6'1", who is seeking a slender, outgoing, degreed SF, under 44, for dating first. Ad#.9317

A PEACEFUL MAN
Never-married, caring, handsome SBM, 28, 6', is in search of a down-to-earth, true SWF, 40-50, who has God in their life. Ad#.4278

AN ANGEL
Outgoing, attractive SWM, 33, 5'6", 140lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys walks, good conversation, fishing, and more, is looking for an ambitious SWF, 24-36, who shares similar interests, for friendship first. Ad#.6321

INTERESTED
Here's a friendly SWM, 48, 5'7", who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling. He's seeking a SWF, under 52, to share life and interests with. Ad#.4374

JOYS OF LIFE
He's a friendly SWPM, 58, 6'3", who enjoys renovating houses, dining out and more. He is in search of a caring, sincere SWF, 45-55, who shares his type of lifestyle. Ad#.1939

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Never-married SWPM, 37, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys the theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible relationship. Ad#.1260

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME
Shy and reserved, this never-married, college-educated SBPCM, 36, 5'5", 150lbs., 5'5", is ISO a never-married SCF, 25-39, with no children, who loves the Lord, to have a great time. Ad#.4949

WALK DOWN THE AISLE
Romantic, Catholic SWPM, 40, 6'1", who enjoys a wide range of interests, is seeking a marriage-minded, family-oriented, slender SWF who is athletically inclined. Ad#.1515

MARRIAGE ON HIS MIND
Take a minute to read about this wonderful DWM, 60. If you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys, family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad#.1445

JUST YOU AND I
Athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf, is seeking that one special, goal-oriented, compassionate, slender SWF, for a long-term monogamous relationship leading to marriage. Ad#.2739

COMMON BOND
This outgoing SWM, 26, 5'10", 170lbs., who enjoys martial arts, movies and more, is interested in meeting a SF, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1580

HAVE YOU SEEN...
My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs., who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seeking a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2727

LISTEN TO ME
Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this friendly, outgoing, educated SBPM, 36 He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall, attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outside, with a great smile, Ad#.8989

NEVER-MARRIED
SWCM, 26, 6', 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, seeks a petite, smart SWCF, 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes candlelit dinners, movies and time together. Ad#.1777

SEARCHING
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Airport ads take a lighthearted approach

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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■ 'Why would we go with the self-effacing, humorous approach? To do something amusing, and poke a little fun at ourselves. We felt people would listen to us more.'

Mike Conway
Airport spokesman

Maybe you've heard the radio ads.

David Katz sits down for a Thanksgiving meal, far away from his job as director of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, presumably to enjoy turkey in the traditional fashion with family members.

Soon it starts. First, his mother-in-law starts in on him about airport parking, then his brother chimes in about always getting lost at the airport. Katz reminds them about airport upgrades and conveniences: a new message sign, a parking hotline and parking exits.

The ads are a way for Katz and airport officials to acknowledge the public complaints and sometimes critical perceptions of the airport, but Katz uses the spots to update the public. Katz has a little fun with it, too, ending the spot with the line that he could eat a "little more turkey and a lot less crow" during the new holiday.

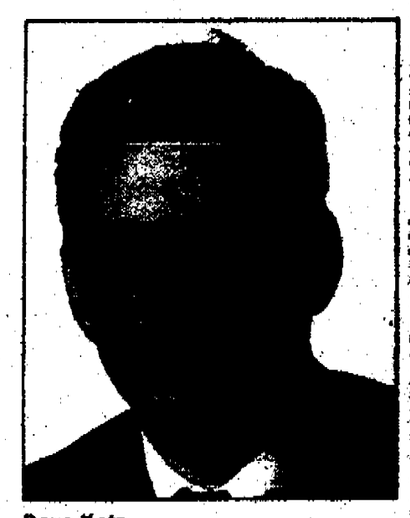
"Why would we go with the self-effacing, humorous approach?" asked Mike Conway, airport spokesman. "To do something amusing, and poke a little fun at ourselves. We felt people would listen to us more."

Airport officials found the ads a good way to inform the public about credit card express lanes for quicker ways to leave the parking deck, a parking hotline (1-800-642-1978) and a giant message sign informing motorists entering the airport about parking.

The idea for the ads came from the ad agency of Solomon Friedman Advertising in Bloomfield Hills with consultants at Caponigro Public Relations of Southfield.

Airport officials wanted the humor so the ads wouldn't sound like officials are "preaching" to the public, Conway said.

"We recognize the airport is crowded," Conway said. "But we're giving them good, new information to help them through the holidays."



Dave Katz

Santa Claus makes visit to LightFest

Children have a chance to visit with Santa Claus at Wayne County's LightFest until Dec. 24.

Santa's temporary residence is the Warrendale Picnic Area at the end of Wayne County LightFest, which county officials call the Midwest's longest drive-through holiday light show, now open 7-10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, through Dec. 31, with the exception of Christmas Day. Photos with Santa, food concessions and a gift shop are available at the Warrendale site.

Wayne County's LightFest exhibits displays along 4 1/2 miles of Hines Drive from Merriman Road in Westland to Warrendale Picnic Area in Dearborn Heights.

Each display features animation. This year visitors can expect to see parachuting reindeer, Santa's sleigh ascending into the sky and a ball shot over the Inkster Road bridge. Displays include the Lochness Monster and a giant poinsettia wreath.

This year marks the third season that Santa has appeared at the Wayne County LightFest. His helpers at the Dearborn Rotary Club have ensured that he spread Christmas cheer to all the children who stop and see him at his pavilion. A $5 donation for photos with Santa is suggested, and will benefit the Rotary's outreach efforts on local and international levels.

A $5 minimum donation per car also helps keep Wayne County LightFest operating. There is an additional charge for commercial vehicles and buses, which are encouraged to pre-register.

For more information on Wayne County LightFest or to arrange bus/limo tours, call (734) 261-1990.

Author speaks at seminar on hospice care

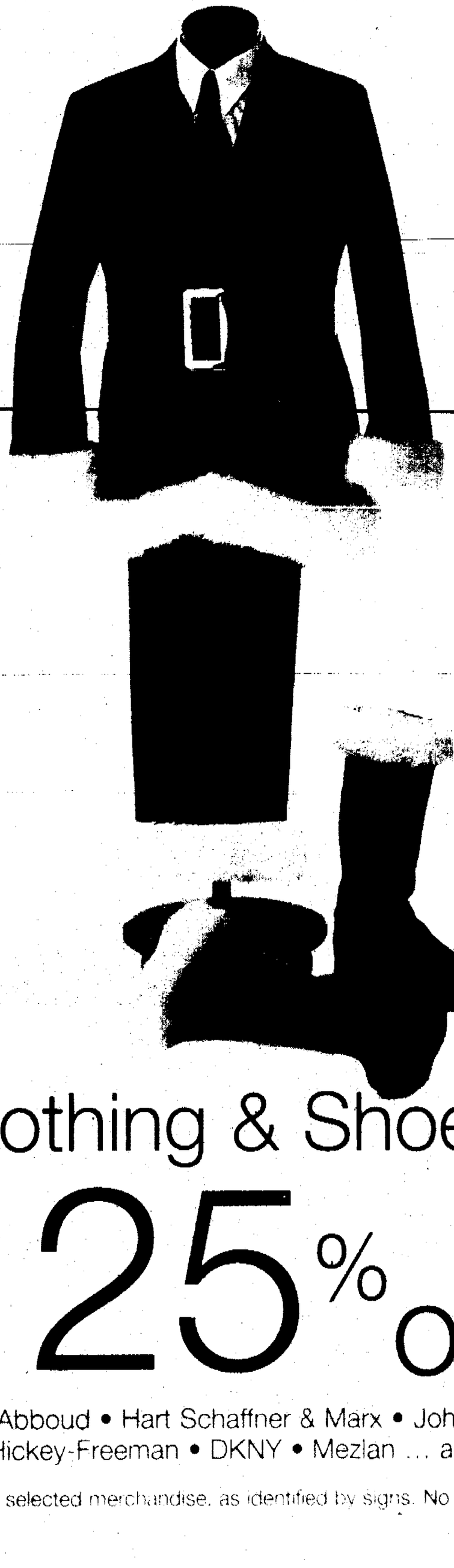
Dr. Alan Wolfelt, author and educator, will headline the seminar, "Hospice, Death, Grief and Mourning," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at St. John's Center for Youth and Family in Plymouth. The workshop is designed for clergy of all faiths, as well as deacons, pastoral care ministers and caregivers. Seminar sponsors are Madonna University's Hospice Education Department, Hospice of Michigan and St. John's Center.

Wolfelt is a clinical psychologist and director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado and Toronto, Canada.

Cost of the seminar is $35 a person, if two or more people attend from the same facility, the fee is $30 per person. Registrations received after Dec. 17 are $40. Seminar fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

For information about the seminar, contact Dr. Kelly Rhoades, Madonna University Hospice Education Department, at (734) 432-5471.

(Everyone needs a new look for the holidays!)



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Tax break for utilities may cost communities millions

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Communities and schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties may lose $116 million in tax revenue, according to leaders from those counties, because of a change in the state's computation of the values of gas and electric utility property (equipment holdings).

The Big Four —Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Macomb County Chairman John Hertel — spent Wednesday meeting with local municipal, township and school officials in those three counties to gather support for a lawsuit they expected to file this month against the State Tax Commission.

The commission adopted personal property multipliers in November. The multipliers give the public utilities a reduction in personal property taxes, based on studies county officials said were submitted by the utility companies. The tax schedules result in values that are "substantially below market," producing a cut of 25 percent in taxes for electric companies and 32 percent for gas companies, county officials said.

Edward McNamara: *Wayne County executive.*

The commission cut valuation multipliers, using a "net book value" for the utilities' distribution and transmission equipment and materials, based on the actual, original purchase price of the equipment minus depreciation. That tax classification did not include land or easements.

Historically, assessed values have been based on the property's current market value minus depreciation.

County officials expect to argue in court that the new method is unconstitutional because the new valuation method applies only to gas and electric utility property.

All other businesses in the state will continue to be assessed using the current-value method, not only giving the utilities an unfair business advantage, but dramatically eroding local tax bases throughout the state, officials said.

"The state constitution guarantees uniformity in taxation," said Gary Evanko, director of Wayne County's assessment and equalization division. Wayne County government would lose $8.2 million over four years.

Evanko said local communities would lose the following revenue due to the assessment reduction over four years, which includes the utilities' assessment appeals still pending, for these western Wayne County communities:

Livonia, $482,126; Westland, $445,897; Redford, $306,357; Garden City, $172,531; Canton, $98,708; city of Plymouth, $78,981; and Plymouth Township, $75,144.

Evanko said school and college districts also would lose the following for the same time period: Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, $2 million; Wayne County Community College, $990,744, Schoolcraft College, $207,901; Wayne-Westland, $1.2 million; Livonia, $1 million; Plymouth-Canton, $834,691; South Redford, $250,943; Redford Union, $233,578; Garden City, $198,308; Clarenceville, $62,705.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said there aren't many options for local governments and school districts when it comes to replacing the lost revenue.

"Most communities are right up against the Headlee cap and can't raise their local tax rates to make up the shortfall," McNamara said. "Schools and cities will have no choice but to cut back on services."

Archer said the city of Detroit and schools stand to lose $21.8 million. Archer said the group of leaders "had nothing against" utilities. "We're talking about basic fairness," Archer said. "We don't want the utilities to be hurt, but we don't want to be hurt, either."

Detroit Edison spokesman Scott Simons said Edison received communications from Oakland County about tax estimates, and believed the Oakland County figures were inflated.

"Sixty to 70 percent of any potential refund (appealed assessment) also would be reimbursed by the state of Michigan through the school fund program," Simons said. That information, however, could not be confirmed with state officials.

Generally Edison comprises less than 0.5 percent of communities' tax bases, Simons said.

Bridget Medina, press secretary for the state Department of Treasury, said the commission had a constitutional obligation to ensure the multipliers were accurate. "These haven't been updated in 30 years," Medina said.

The commission actually recommended tables that reflected a smaller depreciation rate than what was recommended by a consultant, Medina said. Differ-

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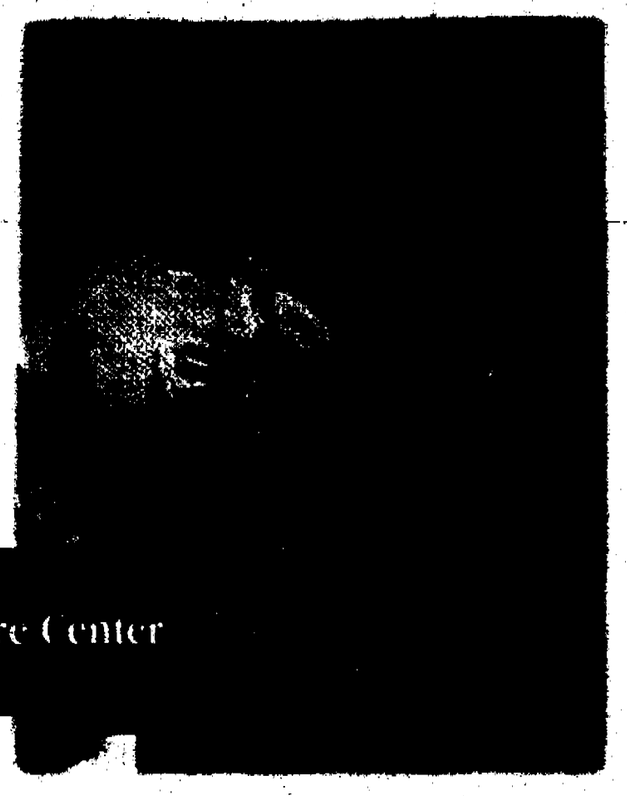

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Bill bars principals from joining unions

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School principals will no longer be allowed to join unions, or collectively bargain for pay and benefits, under a bill passed by the state House.

Lawmakers voted 56-54 to approve Senate Bill 663, sponsored, by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

He introduced the legislation when principals in Detroit schools joined teachers on the picket lines this fall. He contends they still had a management responsibility to be running the school buildings, even while teachers were out.

"There ought to be a clear distinction between labor and management. If principals are unionized, there is no clear management in the district. And that's not healthy," he said.

Bennett contended that principals, and teachers, will be "paid twice" for their time on the picket line. Because they receive an annual salary, they do not lose pay for time out on strike, he argued. But they do pick up extra pay when the school year has to be extended to make up for the time lost to the strike.

Federal law already bans school district administrators from joining unions, Bennett further contends. His bill will merely repeal the section of state law that allows the exception here.

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, argues it is one more case of the state overriding local controls. If local school districts do not want their administrators joining unions, that can be accomplished at the school board level.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, said he does not believe the state should tell any employee group it does not have the right to collectively bargain. Democrats have noted that management in other areas of government are allowed to unionize, such as supervisors in police and fire departments.

House Democrats further charged the bill was racially motivated on the part of Republicans, a charge to which Republicans objected.

Bennett's bill would prohibit supervisory personnel in school district and "confidential secretaries" from unionizing, as well as principals. The ban would apply not only to those who have a management role in the district – those who have the authority to hire and fire – but also to all frontline supervisors, those who simply direct work groups, he said.

Since representatives amended the bill before passage, the legislation now awaits concurrence from the upper chamber.

Here is how local representatives voted: Reps. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton; Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills; and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights; Eileen DeHart, D-Westland,; Tom Kelly, D-Wayne; and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, voted no.

Tax break

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ent items or company assets deserve different depreciation rates in their values, Medina said.

"Computers are vastly different than automotive equipment," Medina said. "They can't be lumped together and depreciate at the same rate. It's like apples and oranges."

The county leaders want local communities to pass a resolution opposing the special tax break for utilities. If community leaders wished to join the counties in the lawsuit, they would be charged 1.5 percent of the anticipated revenue lost in legal fees.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said Livonia was interested in joining the lawsuit. "I think we should seek uniformity and fairness," Kirksey said. Budget cuts would be difficult for the city, Kirksey added.

"(The new valuation) means other individuals will pick up the burden and that's not fair," Kirksey said. Kirksey expects the issue will be discussed Friday at the Conference of Western Wayne meeting in Plymouth.

Richard Reed, an attorney retained by the three counties and Detroit, would like a complaint filed by the end of the month.

"We just want the same techniques used for valuation that are used for every other taxpayer in the state – the same methods that are used for you and me."

Schoolcraft registers for winter term

Registration is in progress for Schoolcraft College's winter semester, with classes beginning Friday, Jan. 7.

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The college offers a variety of methods to register, including phone-in and walk-in. Registration forms are available in the winter schedules or through the Office of Admissions.

New students must meet with a counselor before registering. Phone-in registration continues through Dec. 29 by calling (734) 462-4800 except Sundays and holidays; and walk-in registration is available Dec. 6-29. Students may register from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the holiday break Dec. 27-29.

To register in person, go to room 200 of the McDowell Center 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday from and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. Radcliff Center walk-in registration is 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

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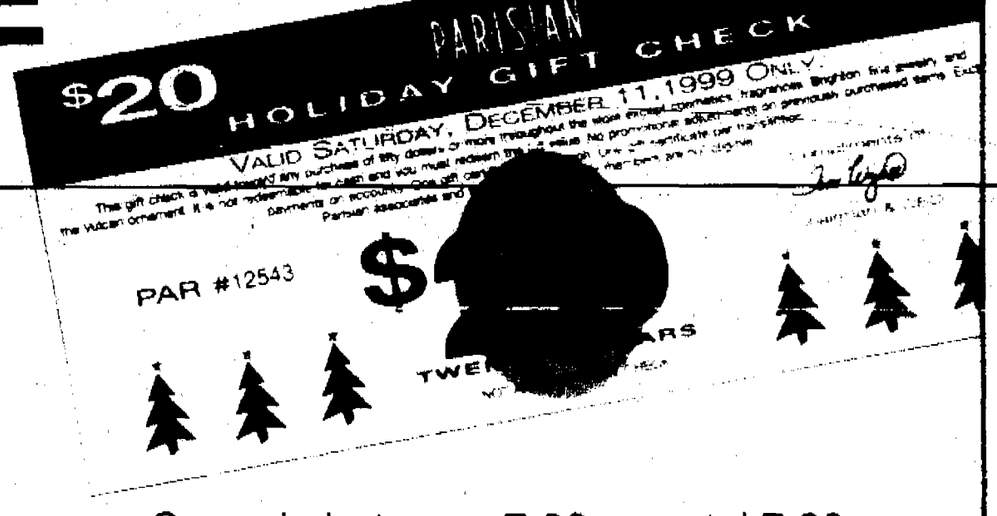

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Library's not a bakery, at least not most days

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Treats: *Jonathan Mosti, 5, (left to right), Jessica Peterson, 4, day care provider Tara England and Jacob Mercieca, 2½, ate chocolate chip cookies purchased at the bake sale.*

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Tara England brought some day care children to the Westland library Monday. They left with Christmas books – and yummy baked goods, not a typical library commodity.

"Very good, very good," she said in describing the goodies. "The chocolatiest cookies."

The children loved the cookies, said England, a Westland resident. "They were very excited."

Nearby at the bake sale table sat Elwonna Bowling of Westland. She said bake sale visitors weren't necessarily looking for holiday goodies.

"My daughter was very disturbed when the vandalism happened in the library," she said of recent vandalism. Daughter Autumn, 9, wanted to do something to help.

"This was her idea," said Elwonna Bowling, pausing between customers. "The library's done a lot for us and we wanted to give something back."

They approached library officials about the possibility of having a fund-raising bake sale. The response was enthusiastic, and Monday was set as the day. "So we're helping defray the cost of that," Bowling said of the repair costs.

Many library employees helped with baking, said Bowling, adding that her own 80-year-old mother was helping, too. Some $30-40 was sold to library employees before the doors opened.

It all looks good: *Elwonna Bowling (left) sells baked goods at the library to Dorothy Lowry and her grandson, Christopher Adams, 3, of Westland. "I think we'll do OK," Bowling said Monday of the sale.*

Patchin kids are at work

Children from Medallion School Partnerships' Champions before- and after-school programs at Patchin Elementary are busy elves.

The children at the Westland school are making special handmade tree ornaments specifically for the City Hall holiday tree. "The children are excited to be making the ornaments," said art teacher Mike Erspamer. Tree decorating was set for this week.

Santa visits

Children will enjoy a "Have Lunch With Santa" program 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Bill Knapp's, on Warren Road in Westland.

Toy donations gathered that day will go to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center's children.

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Doing business beyond borders

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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John McConnell needed to know whether expanding his firm's transportation services in Mexico would be worth the time, trouble and expense.

As vice president of Sonora Logistics in Northville, McConnell helps run that firm with his wife, Alba, arranging for transportation of automotive goods and vehicles.

So the McConnells of Northville turned to Schoolcraft College. John McConnell consulted with the college's Export Resource Center to report on the amount of "heavy haul," or machinery and equipment, exchanged between the United States and Mexico.

McConnell will use that study for business planning and to obtain financing from banks. "Banks are interested in the market, and how much demand there is," McConnell said.

"From a business plan perspective, (the export center) is an excellent resource of information. It's a great thing to have a facility that's close by that can assist small businesses."

Exports double

Indeed, all the world is a marketplace. Michigan's export growth of Michigan-produced goods and services has more than doubled in 12 years, up from $12 billion in 1986 to $31.4 billion in 1998.

With the Detroit area second only to Seattle as the largest exporter of American products and Michigan the sixth largest exporting state, Schoolcraft College is offering information and resources for small businesses whose owners wish to expand into foreign markets, but don't know where to start.

Trade talks: *John McConnell of Sonora Logistics discusses export with Kerstin Angermeier, international trade specialist at Schoolcraft's Business Development Center.*

The college has initiated seminars ranging from international marketing to cross-cultural communication, and offers its Export Resource Center at the Business Development Center. When entrepreneurs complete the series of six seminars, they receive an international trade certification.

Schoolcraft boasts that it has the only program in Southeastern Michigan that focuses on the entire export process and country-specific seminars. The college works as a "subcenter" under a regional center at Wayne State University and with the U.S. Small Business Administration in Detroit.

"World economies are becoming more and more interdependent with the restructuring of political boundaries, collapse of communism, opening of new consumer markets, historic trade agreements and World Trade Organization," said Vikram Mathur, international coordinator with Continuing Education Services.

Grants help out

The Export Assistance Center offered by Schoolcraft was established

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Detroit is second in businesses that export

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The World Trade Organization failed to get an agreement last week on an agenda for a new round of global trade talks, as protesters disrupted discussions on Tuesday and Wednesday in Seattle.

Seattle was chosen as the site of the WTO conference as the United States' leading exporter of American products, but guess who is No. 2?

With $27 billion in goods exported in 1998 – $12 billion to Canada alone – the metro Detroit area shines as a nation's No. 2 exporter, with sales in transportation equipment and industrial machinery leading the way and helping fuel the local economy.

John O'Gara, an international trade specialist at Detroit's U.S. Export Assistance Center, says the Detroit and U.S. trade success with Canada can be attributed to its proximity to Michigan.

"They also are very similar to us," O'Gara said of the two countries in terms of language and culture. "Mexico is close by, while western Europe has a similar culture."

Businesses also do well in Latin America, but the chances of success in trade depends on the product. Countries may protect certain industries, while the United States exercises economic and trade sanctions against Cuba, Iran, Iraq and Libya due to the political situations there, O'Gara said.

The number of U.S. small businesses that export has tripled in the last decade, and the biggest growth was seen in the smallest companies that employ fewer than 20 people. Small businesses now account for almost a third of all U.S. export sales.

A U.S. Small Business Administration – U.S. Department of Commerce study shows:

- Nearly 97 percent of U.S. firms that export are small businesses.
- Small businesses account for nearly 31 percent of total U.S. export sales.

Top merchandise exports to the world from the Detroit area for 1998

Exports listed here are over $100 million • Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

IN BILLIONS		IN MILLIONS	
Transportation equipment	$18.8	Primary metals	$600
Industrial machinery and computers	2.6	Scientific and measuring instruments	548
Electric and electronic equipment	1.2	Rubber, plastic and metal products	422
Fabricated metal products	1.1	Chemical products	387
		Furniture and fixtures	292
		Stone, clay and glass products	281
		Food products	126
		Apparel	120

Total manufactured products: $26.7 Billion
Nonmanufactured commodities: $315 Million
TOTAL: $27 Billion

- The number of small firms that export has tripled over the last decade, rising to 209,455 in 1997.
- Very small companies — those with fewer than 20 employees — made up 65 percent of all U.S. exporting firms in 1997.
- Non-manufacturing companies dominate exporting by small firms. In 1997, they accounted for 69 percent of all small exporters and generated 69 percent of exports.
- Small business exporters pay 13 percent higher wages than non-export companies and tend to stay in business longer.
- Small business exporters pay 11 percent higher benefits than other companies for health care, pension plans and disability insurance.

Business owners can learn about resources on exporting, including market entry and financing assistance, through the SBA's office at (313) 226-6075, U.S. Export Assistance Center at (313) 226-3650 and Michigan Small Business Development Centers at (313) 964-1798. Information also is available at the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/oit/export.

Foreign market seminars inform entrepreneurs

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The world market is open to local businesses through the Export Resource Center at Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center.

The Export Resource Center specializes in helping company owners who are interested in capitalizing on international business opportunities. The center can also assist companies already in the international marketplace through information about exporting trends and potential expansion of their products and services into additional countries.

The center houses a video conferencing facility, an executive Internet lab and an export research library. Video conferencing allows business owners to communicate with overseas contacts, meet with potential buyers and present product demonstrations.

The Business Development Center also has created the International Trade Certification Program offering six seminars on international trade and four seminars on specific countries.

Alicia Jones, chief operating officer and owner of Word Communications in Oak Park, runs an Internet consulting firm with programs to train at-risk children about careers involving computers and the Internet. She attended the seminars wanting to identify foreign markets in which she could sell the program on CD-ROMs.

Jones credited Kerstin Angermeier, an international trade specialist at the Business Development Center, with finding a market, locating Albanian children in France who Jones identified as "at-risk" and "disengaged." Jones hopes the French school systems will buy the CDs. She has served the Detroit Public Schools and the Oakland Intermediate School District with her products.

"It's a tremendous resource without having to go there (France) in advance," Jones said.

"We asked them to identify a foreign market that met our growth projections."

Jones said Angermeier obtained demographics of France, and Jones learned at the seminars about exporting the CD-ROM, language barriers and tariffs. Angermeier also was familiar with

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in 1995 through a U.S. Department of Education grant of $60,000 a year for two years, which was followed by another grant. The federal program was designed to improve the export infrastructure at community colleges and universities.

Four companies signed up for this fall's seminar. One wanted to send greeting cards to Asia; another wanted to ship nail polish to Europe, and a third wanted to ship goat cheese to Russia. Another wanted to ship machinery.

Many are small to mid-sized businesses whose owners don't know how to market internationally, said Kerstin Angermeier, an international trade specialist at the Business Development Center.

Companies also can learn about the World Trade Organization's regulations. "They are the major regulators of what goes in and out of the country," Mathur said.

Companies must learn all they can about the potential "end users" of a product, even the detrimental uses.

Angermeier cited the legal troubles of fines and jail time of McDonnell-Douglas officials for that firm's shipment of parts to China which U.S. authorities believed could be used in nuclear weapons. "If a small firm was hit with that (fines), they are done doing business," Angermeier said. "You have to know who the end user is for a product."

New customers

Mathur said China and India are difficult places to do business with their current political situations. "But once you are in them, it has tremendous potential," Mathur said. Together, those two countries have 2.2 billion people.

Angermeier adds that not all countries are necessarily easier to do business in just because they are English-speaking nations. "Great Britain is very different than the U.S.," Angermeier said. "Actually Germany may be easier to do business in because that country is closer to the way the U.S. does business."

Not only do markets need to be studied, so do customs.

With Germans, "you never talk about salaries. You're not supposed to ask what you make," said Angermeier, a native German.

Mathur, born in Nigeria and raised in India, said Indian men "never shake hands with women," but it is considered proper for an Indian man to shake the hand of an American woman.

A commonplace gesture sometimes needs to be avoided altogether, said Bruce Sweet, director of Schoolcraft's business and industrial services.

"If you do an OK sign, it's considered a vulgar gesture," Sweet said, about the Hispanic culture. "For us, it's a normal thing to do, but it's vulgar."

The international background of the staff — Mathur also worked in Geneva for the WTO — gives European and Asian views beyond the sometimes parochial American view of the world.

"It really gives our clients a perspective that is not the U.S. and a broader world view," Sweet said. "I think that they (the staff) don't make the same kinds of assumptions."

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France, knew the language, and the country.

Without her help, "we would have spent months of research and development and thousands of dollars," Jones said. Jones hopes to check on potential markets in Africa and China.

Lisa Radwick, a licensing and product support manager at Avanti Press in Detroit, attended the seminars to learn about the export process. Avanti prints primarily greeting cards, and produces gift items, such as calendars and mugs.

FOREIGN MARKET SEMINARS

Radwick is responsible for national sales and was exploring exporting licensing designs overseas.

"It's a very different list of things you need to be aware of," Radwick said of international trade. "Mistakes can be made and they can be very costly."

The seminar has provided Radwick with information about several resources on the Web.

"You learn about being careful about limited markets with distribution," said Radwick. "We don't have the opportunity to look at other options. Several red flags have been raised from the things I have learned."

"You think about things more and ask more questions, and don't act so swiftly."

Radwick didn't get to learn everything she needed to in order to export, but the resources were excellent, costs reasonable and gave them books and research assistance, Radwick said.

Seminars scheduled

International trade seminars in the winter of 2000:

■ **International Marketing** (Feb. 15 and 17): Includes product and company export readiness, conducting international market research and devising market entry strategies.

■ **International Finance** (Feb. 22 and 24): Considers letters of credit, other methods of payment, currency exchange rates (and risks), choosing a bank, and alternative financing options.

■ **International Logistics** (Feb. 29 and March 2): Addresses risk management, export procedures and documentation, electronic data interchange, and helps companies assess freight forwarders versus international logistics firms.

■ **Cross cultural communication** (March 7): Examines the role of culture in international business, including: customs and etiquette, negotiations and decision making, hosting international visitors and living and working abroad.

■ **Foreign Government Sales** (March 14): Explores how to do business with developing nations and helps create an effective strategy for foreign government sales. This session also addresses the role of multinational development banks and other appropriate U.S. agencies.

■ **Trade Agreements and Legal Aspects of Foreign Trade** (March 21): Reviews the roles of the World Trade Organization, regional trade agreements and various international trade-related organizations.

These seminars are offered 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Participants may register for either session.

Country specific seminars will be scheduled as follows from 9 a.m. to noon for Japan, March 18; Korea, March 25; Canada and Mexico, April 1, and Mercosur countries, April 8. Mercosur is a trade bloc of South American nations governed by a trade agreement by the same name, and includes Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

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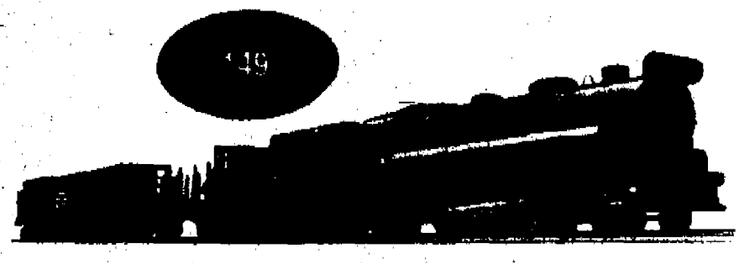

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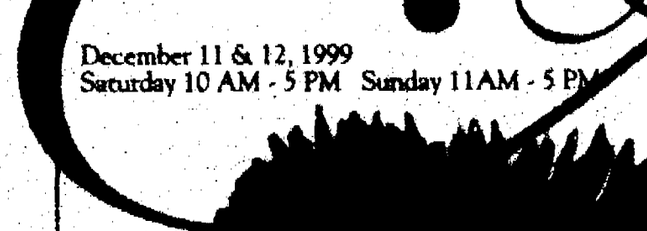

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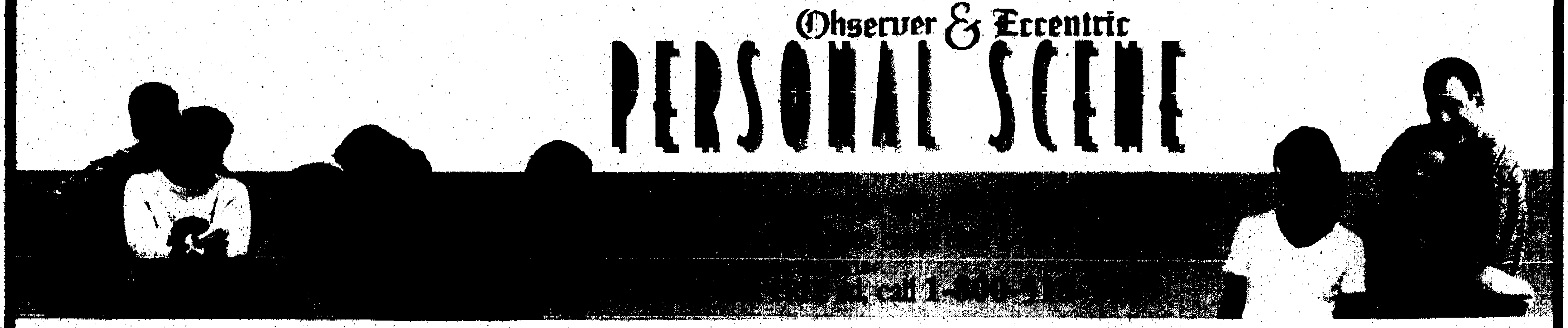

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SWF, 39, 5'2", slim, attractive, outgoing, likes hockey, football, loves kids. Seeking LTR with SWPM, 32-41, who's attractive, active, fit, fun. ☎1126

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If you are 32-43, and can handle those big loaders, you can handle this blonde/blue, who knows how to push the right lever. Must be great with kids. ☎1129

GIVE ME A CALL
Classy, athletic, adventurous, optimistic DWF, 44, tall, slender, blonde/blue. Seeking honest, humorous, adventurous S/DWM, with strong values for friendship/possible LTR. ☎5447

HAPPY IN WATERFORD
DWPF, 45, 5'5", blonde/green, N/S, N/D, seeks S/DWPM, 35-50, N/S, with sense of humor, who enjoys outdoor activities, indoor activities, loves life, is searching for LTR. ☎1145

ATT: MENTALLY HEALTHY MAN
Attractive, petite DWF, 5'4", seeks DWM, 45+, for friendship first. You're divorced for sometime, enjoy the arts, biking, dancing, and more. You're emotionally stable, can communicate well, honest, N/S. ☎1133

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TOGETHER
Attractive DWF young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, emotionally/financially secure, honest and caring, looking to love again. Seeking SWM, for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎5597

CLASSY, AFFECTIONATE, FUN
Very attractive, petite blonde, loves being by the water, boating, golf, snow ski, traveling, dancing, concerts, romantic dinners, fun, hugs. Seeking attractive, affectionate WM, 42-47, financially secure with class, integrity. ☎6063

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Pretty RN/pharmaceutical sales, financially secure, classy, slim, youthful SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, no dependents, enjoys biking, entertaining, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated, emotionally/financially secure SWPM, 45+, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5973

NOT PERFECT IN ROYAL OAK
You don't need to be, either, but you need to be N/S, hopefully no dependents. I'm a SWF, 47, 5'3", 140lbs, no dependents, like cats, who wants to share life's adventures. ☎1147

BIG, BEAUTIFUL GAL
SF, 37, auburn/green, likes movies, dining out, cuddling, long walks. Searching for patient, loving, understanding WM, 35-45, employed, drug-free, for possible LTR. Westland area preferred. ☎1149

PEOPLE PERSON
DBPF, 40, 5'7", 216lbs, medium build, auburn/brown, freckles, pretty smile, one child, likes reading, traveling, shopping, helping others. Seeking SM, 40-52, for friendship first, possible committed relationship. ☎1166

EXCELLENT SKIER!!
Cute, outgoing, fit, fun DWPF, 39, 5'7", N/S, slim, brunette/hazel, avid snow/waterskier, enjoys horses, rollerblading, travel, golf, boating, more. No kids, but I love them. Seeking male, under 45, skier! ☎5762

AFFECTIONATE AND CARING
DWF, 48, vibrant, stylish, affectionate, unpretentious, looking for a male counterpart. ☎1013

ONE IN A MILLION IN NOVI
Very attractive SWF, young-looking 50, 5'4", brunette/brown, great shape/figure. Seeks truly very nice looking SWM, 45-53, honest, easygoing, N/S, no dependents, emotionally/financially secure, for sincere friendship/possible relationship. ☎1128

ANIMALHOLIC
Pretty, smart, pleasingly plump, bubbly SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, needs SWM, age open, veterinarian or true animal lover, for permanent fix. H/W proportionate not necessary. ☎1083

HONEST BLONDE!
Intelligent, attractive, secure, sincere, outgoing DF, 5'7", long blonde/brown, proportionately fit, with great sense of humor, loves laughing, smiling, hockey, football, baseball, dinner, movies, social events. What more can an attractive man ask for? ☎6121

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music. Seeking tall, athletic S/DWM, 35-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first/possible LTR. ☎1189

NO MORE GAMES
Petite, honest, sincere SWF, 44, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, traveling, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking SWM, 30-45. ☎4537

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Fun-loving DWF, 44, blonde/blue, curvy, size 14, enjoys movies, dining, dancing, music. Seeking DWM, 40-55, financially stable, with similar interest. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1040

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 48, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. 10/21, 9:02 PM, didn't leave number call again! ☎5849

TAKE A CHANCE
Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. ☎6161

REGISTERED NURSE...
seeks SDM, 36-48, doctor to share similar interests in medical profession. Very attractive, educated, ambitious, outgoing, friendly, financially secure DWF, 38, 5'5", blonde/green, great figure, great smile. For possible LTR. ☎6119

STABLE, SMART...
attractive blonde, 41 (looks 31), 5'6", nice figure, love to smile/laugh, love to keep an active/busy lifestyle. Seeking devoted, secure, intelligent man with handsome personality. Scrabble is the only game I play. ☎5120

SEARCHING FOR MY SOULMATE
Pretty, tall, passionate DWF, 49, 5'10", blonde/brown, looking for that one-in-a-million, emotionally/financially secure guy who seeks a romantic, monogamous, fun-loving relationship. ☎6124

CHEERFUL & AFFECTIONATE
Attractive, petite DWPF, young 47, childless, enjoys music, movies, pets, travel, antiques, time with friends, romance. Seeking gentleman, 42-52, N/S, with similar interests/qualities, for LTR. ☎5969

TELL ME YOU ARE FOR REAL
SWF, N/S, 5'7", slender, attractive, 50+ (looks younger). Seeking N/S, down-to-earth, financially secure, attractive, good-hearted man, 50-58, with sense of humor. North Oakland area. ☎[illegible]

LOVELY, LONELY CLASSY LADY
Tall, slender, optimistic, attractive, romantic, fun, eclectic, special lady seeks honest, fun, loyal, flexible, special gentleman, 55+, N/S, for companionship and more. ☎5874

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, ladylike, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who is intelligent and interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, laughter with me. ☎6061

SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR
SWF, 45, 5'8", a few extra pounds, smoker, social drinker, seeks honest, romantic, sincere male, 47-55, with no small children, who enjoys dancing, quiet dinners, art shows, theater. One-on-one relationship. ☎1108

NATURAL & CHARMING
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎3738

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE
WF, 51, 5'7", medium build, seeks commitment-minded, kind WM, 45-55, for LTR. Livonia. ☎1080

NOT A TEN
Nice SWF, 62, 5'4", blonde/green, medium build, retired, likes cards, traveling, bingo, movies, theater, outdoors, camping. Seeking nice guy, 55-70, N/S, moderate drinker ok, who likes some of the same things. ☎1060

START TOMORROW TODAY
Educated, sweet, warm, active, slim JF, 60s, 5'6", blue eyes, good cook, loves music, animals. Seeking available, understanding gentleman for relationship or whatever shall be. ☎5602

DO U EXIST?
Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing, looking for kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, preferably childless, good ethics, for dating, possible LTR. ☎6246

CLARKSTON AREA
Attractive WPF, 49, 5'2", 115lbs, N/S, social drinker, great sense of humor, enjoys golf, bowling, theater, dining out. Seeking sincere, honest, handsome, affectionate SWM, 44-54, no dependents. ☎6211

MUTUAL REWARDS
Pretty, older, sensuous WF seeks youthful, sensitive, financially secure SWM who's honest, for great times, LTR. ☎6062

PASSION RULES
Pretty, intelligent, DWF, mid-40s, seeks SWM, N/S, for happy days and romantic nights. Looking for attractive, smart, sincere, no games guy, for LTR that could get serious. ☎5872

THIN, TALL & SPUNKY
Pretty, blonde, S/DF, 57, former teacher/fashion model, seeks companionship of professional gentleman, upper 50s-60s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet dinners, good conversation. ☎5273

CHEERFUL & AFFECTIONATE
DBPF, 49, loves Lions football, Pistons games, Tiger baseball, long walks, Mystery channel, American Movie Classics, raunchy novels, cooking a hot delicious meal. Seeking male, 40-59, to attend games with. ☎6209

KNOCK! KNOCK! R U THERE?
DWF, 49, looks younger, 5'4", long brunette hair, grown children, funny, articulate, spiritual, smoker, enjoys usual activities, cooking. Seeking S/DWM with sense of humor for companionship, fun, friendship, possible LTR. ☎6154

ALMOST ANGEL
Outgoing, friendly widowed WF, youthful 52, 5'6", full-figured but losing weight, enjoys horses, walks, Harleys. Seeking tall gentleman, 45-65, with similar interests, LTR. ☎6149

LOOKING FOR YOU
Cute, full-figured DWF, 41, seeks W/BM interested in beaches, Vegas, travel. Serious replies only. ☎5931

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Hard-working, honest SWM, 35, brown/brown, seeks secure, friendly, active SWF for friendship, possibly leading to LTR. Kids ok! ☎1244

NICE SMILES
Sharp, dapper SBM, 38, enjoys music, cooking, movies, videos, gourmet teas, the Redwings. Seeking stylish SF, 35-45, for monogamous LTR. ☎1231

RUGGEDLY HANDSOME
Automotive executive, Northern Michigan outdoorsman, 35, 5'10", 170lbs, muscular, fit, attractive, enjoys snow mobiling, snow shoeing, mountain biking, cooking, dining out. Honest, easygoing, nice guy, seeks friendship, leading to LTR. ☎5205

VERY GOOD-LOOKING
Very outgoing, employed SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive outgoing SWF, 18-35, H/W proportionate, who enjoys sports. ☎5377

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ONE IN A MILLION
DBF, 47, 5'8", slim build, N/S, social drinker, light-complected, beautiful inside/out, one eleven year-old at home, enjoys tennis, bingo, dining/dancing. Seeking slim-built, flexible SM, 45-55, 6', N/S, S/D, LTR. No players. ☎5966

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40+, 5'6", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks SWM who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, friendship first. ☎6126

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5780

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
DWF, 40+, 5'7", H/W proportionate, tactile redhead, seeks a tall, sensitive SM, 6'+, for LTR. I believe you're out there. ☎5569

MAD ABOUT YOU
Slender, physically fit, attractive SWF, 38, 6', likes sports. Seeks single/DWPM, 35-50, for committed relationship. Must like animals. Kids ok. ☎5375

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'8", 145lbs, great legs, no kids. Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening, nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

SINGLE SENIOR
DWF, 63 years young, 5'6", blondish-gray, N/S, N/D, almost retired, loves travel, fine dining, theater, music. Seeking intelligent SWM, 60-65, N/S, with variety of interests, sense of humor, possible relationship. ☎1057

SPONTANEOUS, SENSUOUS...
romantic, intelligent SF, 52, and fun! Medical professional, wrapped up in a great looking package searching for a N/S, H/W proportionate, professional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

ZENITH IN MOTION
Tall, shapely SWF, youthful 49, brunette, N/S, no dependents, likes astronomy and weekend escapes. Seeking interaction with intelligent WM, 40-55, who can exhibit honesty and passion. ☎6305

OLD-FASHIONED
Single mother of two, seeks attractive SM, 50-53, who loves God, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎6248

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
DBPF, 47, 5'5", 150lbs, N/S, likes jazz, long walks, movies. Seeking SBM, 47-52, with similar interests. ☎6129

ATTRACTIVE & AFFECTIONATE
Professional female, 26, once said I would never be caught dead doing this, yet here I am! Want to hear more? Call. ☎6064

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Full-figured SWF, 39, 5'5", brown/brown, many interests: bowling, quiet times at home, candlelight dining, horseback-riding, swimming. Seeking S/DWM with many different interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎6150

ENCHANTING FLAMBOYANT
Creative, distinctive, industrious, ambitious, confident SWF, 41, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys nature, horses, gardening, Reiki, dancing, art, motorcycles. Seeking S/DM. ☎6059

LADY IN WAITING
Beautiful BCPF, 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, enjoys all fun activities. Seeking gentleman Christian male, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. ☎5877

LIFE IS SUBLIME
Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar LTR, to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open and honest communication, mutual trust. ☎1213

HONEST & LOVING
Sincere, trustworthy female, 34, 5'6", long brown hair, one daughter, likes comedy clubs, dancing, beaches. Seeking intelligent, attractive, upbeat, enthusiastic, honest, trusting male. ☎5661

WISHFUL IN WATERFORD
Employed DWF, 5'2", 165lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, comedies, outdoors, sports, etc. Seeking employed WM, 6'+, 200lbs+, who can communicate, sense of humor. ☎6306

SECOND TIME AROUND
Spunky, classy, sensual, loving, lonely SF, 120lbs, blonde, senior, not young but fun, seeks witty, humorous SWM, 60 plus, N/D, enjoys ballroom dancer, to spend time with. ☎7966

FRIEND OR DATING
Laid-back woman enjoys computers. Seeking male, smoker ok, N/Drugs, prefer N/D. Looks are somewhat important. ☎5971.

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Articulate, creative, caring, open-minded SBM, 28, seeks outgoing, versatile, caring, independent SWF for loving, monogamous LTR. ☎1236

LET'S BE FRIENDS
Friendly, humorous, athletic, handsome DWM, 41, 5'11", N/S, seeks SF for dancing, dining, movies, long conversations, possible LTR. ☎1194

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1249

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Simple, dry-witted, college-educated DWM, 42, 5'9", 160lbs, enjoys nature walks, dining out, movies, theater, quiet evenings at home. Seeking secure SWF with similar interests, for loving LTR. ☎1234

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

LOVE POTION #9
DW/HM, 5'11", 185lbs, salt-n-pepper hair, enjoys cooking, shopping, movies, exercising. Seeking SW/HF, mid-late 50s, for monogamous LTR. Let me cook my recipe of love for you. ☎1229

AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY?
Why haven't you called yet? Worthwhile, attentive SWM, 45, enjoys the arts, comedy, travel, and entertainment. Seeking above-average SWF for romantic relationship. ☎1212

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic. Seeking classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45. ☎6155

FROM EAST COAST
DWM, 50, 5'10", trim, enjoys cider mills, jogging, plays, bookstores, nature, Detroit Film Theater, hiking. Seeking intelligent, fit, happy woman, 40-50, for companionship. ☎6069

LOYAL HONEST
Tall, honest, financially secure, slim, loyal DWM, 55, 6'4", N/S, social drinker, in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1036

BELLEVILLE AREA
Attractive, fit SWM, 38, 6'2", brown/blue, enjoys fishing, camping, dining, movies, more. Seeking slender, attractive SWF, 34-42, for committed LTR. Kids ok. ☎1175

SEARCHING FOR MY SOULMATE
DW dad, 46, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, glasses, clean-cut, smoker, very down-to-earth, automotive professional. Enjoys golf, bowling, movies, sports, walks, romance. Seeking new best friend for loving, caring, sharing relationship. ☎1172

SOULMATE NEEDED
Sensitive, honest, athletic, outgoing SWM, 35, likes all sports, outdoor activities. Seeking sensitive, honest SWF with similar interests and qualities for possible LTR. ☎5749

A REAL WOMAN WANTED
SWM, 35, 6'1", dark/hazel, likes working out, weightlifting, golf, racquetball. Seeking intelligent, attractive, thin, childless woman with great sense of humor. ☎1138

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
DWM, father of 2, N/S, 5'9", 190lbs, brown/brown, likes outdoor activities, from fishing to horseback riding. Seeking S/DWF to become friends, LTR possible. ☎1134

SINCERE MALE
SBM, 36, D/D-free, likes dining in/out, cats, biking, music, companionship. Seeking sincere, down-to-earth SF who enjoys the same. ☎6027

AWESOME OUTDOOR LOVER
Great looking, successful, motivated, family-oriented, down-to-earth SM, 37, 5'11", trim, sandy/blue, enjoys cabins, woods, lakes, gardens, country, motorcycle. Would appreciate a sweet, trim lady. ☎5867

START HERE
SM, 5'6", 140lbs, dark brown hair/eyes, Catholic, N/S, N/Drugs, light social drinker, professionally employed, likes walks, talks, movies, four-wheeling, horseback riding, street fairs. Seeking very outgoing, ambitious, loving, loyal woman. ☎1095

STILL SEARCHING? ME TOO!
Very handsome, honest, dependable SWPM, 33, 6'2", 185lbs, N/S, never married, no dependents, great morals/personality/job/house. Seeking attractive, fit, honest SWPF for lasting monogamous relationship. ☎1052

NOT THE SINGLES AD TYPE
Attractive SWM, 36, 6', 180lbs, brown/blue, professionally employed, enjoys dining out, movies. Seeking an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Garden City/Westland. ☎5974

BRUNETTE PREFERRED
Attractive, honest, secure SWPM, 36, 6'2", 190lbs, college-educated. Seeking attractive female, 28-38, H/W proportionate, with a zany sense of humor, for walks, talks, movies, and more. ☎5605

HARD-WORKING, HONEST
Down-to-earth, friendly, passionate SM, 5'8", 170lbs, brown hair, likes walking, bike riding, golf, football, hockey, the outdoors. Seeking companionship leading to possible future together with honest, loyal lady. ☎1116

TRUST IS A MUST
DHM, 34, 6'2", 185lbs, black/brown, looking for a SWF, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship, dining, concerts, sporting events and quiet evenings together. Must enjoy children. ☎1085

YEAH, BABY!
Easygoing, honest SWM, 38, 5'8", 165lbs, likes sports, dining, going out, having fun. Seeking female, 23-42, who's pretty, petite and likes to be adored. ☎1063

IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, basketball, baseball, football. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. ☎1066

SEEKS BEST FRIEND
Honest, funny, sometimes cynical, intelligent, logical SWM, 6'3", 34, 230lbs, enjoys nature, stargazing, snowmobiling, flying, Great Lakes fishing. Seeks slim SWF, N/S, who enjoys walking, talking, weekends getaways. No barflies. ☎5697

ATTRACTIVE SWM...
young 30s, seeks fun-loving SWF, 30s-40s, for dancing, fun, C&W, sports, weekend activities, bowling, ice skating, etc. ☎1038

MAN OF MANY INTERESTS...
including music, movies, playing tennis, ice skating, bookstores, travel, good conversations, long walks. This sensitive SWPM, 41, 5'11", N/S, no dependents, seeks S/DWF, 30-45. ☎1032

FINANCIALLY SECURE MALE
DWM, 50, 260lbs, semi-retired, seeks S/DWF, 30-55, medium/full-figured, likes movies, beaches, dining out, malls, for long-term, loving relationship. All calls answered. ☎1173

YOU CAN CALL...
me Sonny, I like to be funny! I could be your honey. It won't cost you any money! SWM 44, seeks SWF 36-50. ☎1174

BETTER THAN EVER...
and still interesting! Good-looking, easygoing, educated achiever SWM, 40s, fun to be with, loves outdoors, weekend getaways, dining, dancing, movies, values compassion, optimism. Seeking youthful, attractive SWF, of any age. ☎1171

UNCLOUDY DAY
The night is dark, deep silence reigns within. Amber thoughts turn to steel at dawn, they melt away stoic whispers. Stop to love. Stop to live, chase the clouds away. ☎1144

RELATE-THEN IT'S A DATE
Successful, spiritual, sensual, slim SJM, 47, enjoys art films, dancing, book stores, self-discovery, contemporary/classical music, spectator sports, warm getaways. Seeking marriage-minded SF, 30-43. ☎3923

YOUR MILLENNIUM MAN
Y2K bug free, handsome SWM, 40s, eagerly awaits challenges of the new era, seeks attentive, kind-spirited SWF for a modern age romance. ☎1130

RUGGED JOCK TYPE
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly SF for companionship. Age/race open. ☎4018

TROUBLE-FREE
Easygoing DWM, 42, N/S, N/D, good sense of humor, likes animals, outdoors, fitness. Seeking trouble-free female, 35-45, H/W unimportant, N/S, social drinker ok, similar interests, for sincere, lasting relationship. ☎1035

STILL SEARCHING
Strong, sensitive, affectionate DWM, 60, N/S, employed, good listener, enjoys outdoors, Red Wings games, romantic walks, family activities. Seeking a marriage-minded SWF, 45-55, princess. If interested, please call. ☎5601

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Open-minded SM, 5'5", 172lbs, fit, good conversationalist, loves reading, cooking, gardening, football, hockey. Seeking nice woman, good listener, for friendship, committed relationship. Race unimportant. ☎1151

A REAL GUY...
awaits your call! Nice-looking dependable SWM, 44, would love to share his many interests and privileges with a good-natured, attractive lady, for dating or possible lengthy emotional connection. ☎1131

STIMULATING INTELLECT
Humorous yet intellectual, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

LONESOME
Light-skinned SBM, 57 years young, 6'3", homebody, smoker/drinker, volunteer foster grandfather of 7 children, seeks female, 39-55, for LTR. Race open. ☎6218

TALK TO ME
SM, 5'10", husky build, dark brown/green, with one daughter, values communication, loves music, laughing. Seeking plus-sized or full-figured woman, articulate, expressive, sensitive, passionate, caring. ☎1120

TOP GUN
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, custodial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female, similar interests. ☎9878

LOVES DOGS & CATS...
and kids! Happy-go-lucky, handsome SWM, 41, nature and animal lover could be an interesting addition to your family structure. Seeking special SWF for friendship/possible LTR. ☎1033

LOVES THE FALL
Down-to-earth, sensitive, funny, cute, young-at-heart SWM, 47, 5'10", 165lbs, in good shape, seeks attractive, trim lady. ☎5781

FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS
Good-looking DWM, 44, spiritual, down-to-earth gentleman with integrity seeks S/DF, 30-50, who enjoys the simple pleasures in life, for friendship first, then see what develops. ☎1030

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks slim, attractive WF, under 48. ☎5357

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/HF, 40-50, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5970

MY CHRISTMAS WISH
Successful businessman, N/S, N/D, short, well-educated. Seeking one sweet woman, 35-45, N/S, short, H/W proportionate, to call my own. Should be financially secure, confident. ☎1091

LOOKING FOR NEW BEGINNING
Affectionate, honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 45, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker, who likes camping, fishing, swimming, is looking for a new relationship, starting as friends, possible LTR. ☎5840

BIG HANDSOME OUTDOORS MAN
WM, 51, looks 41, great sense of humor, likes Harleys, log homes, gardening, weekend get-aways, seeking special, down-to-earth WF, under 50, who likes to laugh, for LTR. ☎6247

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, weekend getaways for LTR. ☎1082

HANDSOME & TALL
Humorous, attractive, affectionate, romantic DWM, 47, 6'2", 225lbs, into candlelight dinners, cuddling and going out. Seeking loving, honest, caring, compassionate companion, friend/partner, 37-43, for serious relationship and fun. ☎5365

SHE HAS TO BE OUT THERE
I'm looking for a faithful, one-man woman, preferably widowed/DWF, 36-54. I am newly divorced (one year), 6', 215lbs, early 50s, just average, ordinary guy. Let's try to make a connection! ☎4915

HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dreaming of sharing Christmas with a nice young lady. I'm 39, look younger, 5'3", 120lbs, hard worker, in good shape, financially secure, N/S, very light drinker. Seeking special lady, 30-45, financially stable. ☎1142

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to conjure up warm wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR. Redford. ☎5696

BRIGHT EYES
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

ENJOYING LIFE?
DWM, young 50s, 6'1", 210lbs, N/S, light beard, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, dining, driving, golf. Seeking slim fit DWF, over 40, sense of humor for whatever keeps you happy. ☎6156

CITY TO RANCH
SWCPM, young 60s, 6'3", 205lbs, a generalist with morals, midwest ranch in my future, seeks slim petite PF, 45-60, who likes dress or jeans, outdoors, animals, for LTR. ☎5934

MR. SUNSHINE
DWM, 44, 5'10", 230lbs, who enjoys concerts, movies, dining out, dancing, seeks that special woman, 30-50, to spend those special times with. Western suburbs only please. ☎1086

BAR SCENE? NOT TO MEET YOU
Advance-degreed, alternative/conservative, well-balanced, athletic, artistic, spontaneous, thoughtful SWPM, 33, seeks similar in SWF, for monogamous LTR. ☎1235

FRIEND OR SOULMATE...
union lake area. Adventurous, slim, honest DCWM, 46, blond/blue, N/S, light drinker, enjoys bowling, boating, dancing, travel, amateur theater. Seeking lady, mid-30s to mid-40s, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎5966

WANTED: VERY PETITE FEMALE
For DWM, 40, 5'10", 142lbs, could pass for 25, physically fit, owns lake front house, own business, loves animals, children, outdoors. Seeking petite W/HF. ☎5879

TAKE A CHANCE
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", fit, brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. ☎5607

CHECKING FOR SPARKS...
chemistry, compatibility. Handsome, healthy, happy SWM, 45, ready to deal, available for adventures in date land while searching for that special joyful lady and a loving relationship. ☎1079

INTERACT WITH QUALITY
SWM, 43, 5'10", H/W proportionate, childless, college grad, does things well, open to marriage or LTR, which should include a good romantic life. Seeking SWF, 33-43, homebody okay. ☎5964

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games. Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎1050

LOOKING FOR LOVE
WM, 6'1", light brown/brown, neatly trimmed mustache, excellent shape, loves working out, biking, rollerblading, hockey, outdoor activities. ☎1065

MEET ME HALFWAY
SWM, 43, enjoys fine dining, travel. Seeking full-figured lady, 40-60, physical appearance not important, no children, or with grown children. Leave me a message, and we can have dinner. ☎6065

THE RIGHT FIT
DWPM, 42, 5'7", 140lbs, sandy-blond/hazel-blue, no dependents, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, comedy clubs, sports. Seeking attractive WF, 35-45, similar interests, possible monogamous LTR. ☎5756

HOPELESSLY DEVOTED
Very romantic SWM, 43, 5'9", 175lbs, brown/blue, looking for a very special woman, age open, for dating and more. All calls answered. ☎5454

SHARE LIFE
Sincere, caring, fit, active SWM, 6', 170lbs, N/S, college graduate, foster parent, enjoys the outdoors, travel, culture, humor, and good conversation. Seeking retired SWF, 50s, LTR, to share life, adventures. ☎1014

JUST OVER 50...
but looking good and feeling frisky. Handsome, robust SWM, 51, full of laughter and fun, seeks attractive fit lady of any age, who knows how to enjoy life. ☎1034

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, sailing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4988

ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL
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YAHOO
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AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard working, loving, caring, romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1215

ONLY THE LONELY
Financially secure, stable SWM, 48, 5'6", medium build, brown/green, N/S, seeks stable, independent SWF for monogamous LTR. ☎1216

LET'S HAVE LUNCH!
SWPM, 40, 5'8", 175lbs, enjoys cooking, travel, computers, fishing. Seeking happy SWF, 30-44, slim to medium build, kids ok. ☎1217

BEAUTY & BRAINS?
Different kind of man, India-born PM, 41, with a wicked sense of humor, seeks exciting, educated SF for high-energy, monogamous, serious LTR. ☎1214

MAN FOR ALL SEASONS
Humorous, fit, athletic, self-employed SM, 30s, 5'7", 160lbs, blond/blue, N/S, enjoys cooking, concerts, outdoors, travel, public radio/TV. Vegetarian/healthy lifestyle. Seeking sharp, fit, outgoing SF, 25+. LTR. ☎1071

SINGLE & AVAILABLE
Fun-loving, affectionate, well-rounded, active, handsome SWPM, 33, tall, seeks one woman who's smart, funny, caring, slim, attractive. ☎1078

A REAL MAN
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HANDSOME ENGINEER
DWCM, 60, 5'9", 160lbs, N/S, University of Michigan graduate, product engineer, seeks WF, 45-60, 5'-5'7", N/S, for friendship, possible marriage. ☎1177

LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS
Professionally-employed, college educated WM, 48, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social drinker, N/S, enjoys outdoors, fitness. Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1596

LOOKING FOR COMPANION
Attractive, blonde, retired WF seeks well-mannered WM, 65+, who enjoys travel, movies, dining, for friendship, good times. N/S preferred. ☎5450

GOLF PARTNER
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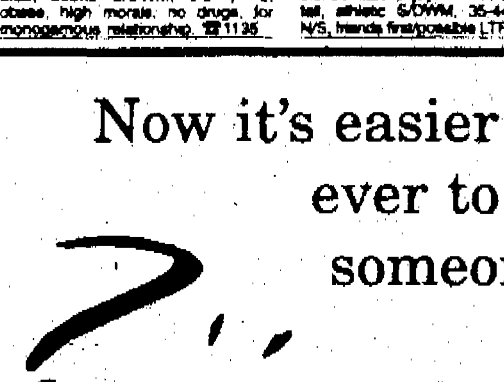

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Honored student: *Mary Ann Holloway (center) is congratulated by Dr. Stuart Arends (right), dean, and Dr. Leon Levitt, professor, School of Business, on receiving the Meta and Bernard Landuyt Award for High Achievement.*

Madonna gives honors to business students

Mary Ann Holloway of Farmington received the Meta and Bernard Landuyt Award for High Achievement at Madonna University's School of Business 15th annual Honors Convocation Friday, Nov. 19.

The award is the most prestigious honor a student may attain in the School of Business. It is awarded to a senior with a grade point average of 3.7 or above who has completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at Madonna University and 25 semester hours within the School of Business. The recipient must exhibit scholarly inquiry, critical thinking, professional growth, leadership qualities, participation in university and/or community activities and evidence of integrity, responsibility and strength of character.

In addition seven students received the 1999-2000 Highest Achievement Award in their major. The award is given annually to a student from each major who attains the highest GPA. To be eligible, each student must have completed 40 semester hours in the major, 30 semester hours at Madonna University and 15 hours within the past three semesters.

The honored students were Sandra Lesecki of Dearborn Heights, Linda Cosgrove of Livonia, Theresa A. Gentner of Livonia, Jeanette M. LaForge of Livonia, Denise R. Anderson of Northville, Ruth K. Hodges of Novi and Tanya L Rabkina of Sterling Heights.

Additionally, 63 students received High Achievement Awards which are given to students who have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at Madonna University and 15 hours within the major with a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Twenty-three students were inducted into the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, a national honor society in business administration. The motto of the society if "Through Knowledge, Power." A School of Business faculty member, Dr. Jacqueline Stavros of Waterford, was also inducted into Delta Mu Delta as an honorary member.

Tax aid group needs volunteers

The Accounting Aid Society's Tax Assistance Program is looking for volunteers to help prepare home heating, property tax, senior drug and earned income tax credits for the economically disadvantaged.

To volunteer, call Accounting Aid Society today (313-647-9620).

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Giving season

Many await your loving help

■ Such generosity is commendable. Don't forget to dig deep this season to help those in need. The economy's been good to most of us, but not all can afford to buy the basics.

Westland-area residents are a generous lot.

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army had reached more than 30 percent of its $120,000 goal for this holiday season as of late last week. Lt. Chuck Yockey of The Salvation Army was pleased with the success to date and hopes the generosity will continue.

If you're interested in helping The Salvation Army, call (734) 722-3660. The organization is at 2300 Venoy, north of Glenwood in Westland.

Another organization which helps the needy is also doing well. Westland Goodfellows – an organization that raises money to buy Christmas toys for needy kids – collected $17,000 the weekend after Thanksgiving from newspaper sales.

That sum easily topped past President Jerry Smith's projection of $13,500.

The group, which is buying toys for children from 450 families, has a motto: "No child without a Christmas."

Needy families seeking help may get applications from the Dorsey Community Center (467-3257) or the Westland Chamber of Commerce (326-7222).

Goodfellows members will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the senior citizen Friendship Center to pack toys to be delivered to kids.

Anyone interesting in helping is welcome at the center, 1119 N. Newburgh.

The organization will deliver gifts from the center starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. Those wishing to volunteer are encouraged to show up that morning.

There are other efforts taking place in our community to help the needy. Some businesses are helping, as are churches and other organizations.

Such generosity is commendable. Don't forget to dig deep this season to help those in need. The economy's been good to most of us, but not all can afford to buy the basics, let alone a special surprise for a special child at Christmas.

The Salvation Army, Goodfellows and others deserve praise for all their hard work and their kind hearts. Bless them all, and may the spirit of the season reach all in our community and beyond.

Work together for greater good

■ We believe the future of public education is an essential state issue, not to be lightly traded away or compromised. If Republicans, and some Democrats, believe the future of our education system depends on the increase of charter schools, why would they abandon that issue so blithely?

Horse trading is an essential part of the democratic process.

Politician A wants Politician B's vote on a matter he thinks is especially important and he's willing to trade away his vote on something he thinks isn't quite as important.

That's called compromise and that's how legislation gets done. When the U.S. House changed hands two elections ago, a group of inexperienced political novices came to office with the stated position that they weren't about to horse trade. They had their convictions, and, by gum, they were standing by them. The result was legislative gridlock, a stalled court system and a couple of confrontations with the president from the other party, who constantly trumped them.

On the state level, the Legislature and the executive are from the same party, but there is still a need for horse trading with members of the opposition and recalcitrant Republicans.

Gov. John Engler is a master at this sort of political gamesmanship and is generally admired across party lines for his understanding of how the game is played.

But there are times when the average citizen might wonder, is this really the best way to run a state, aren't there some principles that can't and shouldn't be traded away?

This past two weeks, Engler and House Republicans have been furiously trying to raise the cap on university-sponsored charter schools from 150 to 200. They face a tight deadline of Dec. 31 if the cap is to be lifted in time to get schools running by next fall. The issue seems dead in the House and even if it passes the Senate, it might be too late for joint legislation.

We have expressed our serious reservations about raising the cap and about the quality and accountability of charter schools. We are also concerned about the level of games playing involved in trying to push this legislation through.

It was reported that House Democrats were willing to trade away their votes on the charter cap in return for killing off a bill that would eliminate residency requirements for city workers. Democrats claim the offer was initiated from the governor's office.

As Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo) rightly notes, these are separate and unrelated issues. As it turns out, what Perricone was really concerned about was that several Republicans were ready to bolt on the cap issue if the House leadership made a deal on residency.

What a tangled web we weave.

We believe the future of public education is an essential state issue, not to be lightly traded away or compromised. If Republicans, and some Democrats, believe the future of our education system depends on the increase of charter schools, why would they abandon that issue so blithely?

We believe that the majority of Democrats in the House and Senate along with thoughtful Republican supporters of public education such as Rep. Gerald Law, Plymouth, and Patricia Godchaux, Birmingham, should remain skeptical about raising the cap.

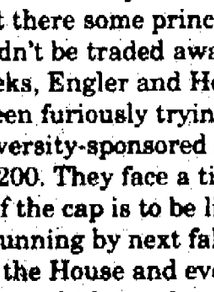
This is one of those core issues on which both sides should work to find the best answer rather than working to horse trade for their position.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

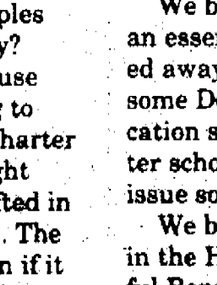
Are you tired of hearing about the millennium?

We asked this question at the library in Westland.



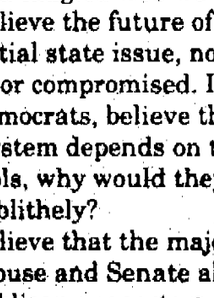
"Not really. I think there's a lot of interesting things concerning the millennium."

Earl Copeland
Garden City



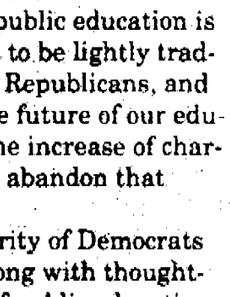
"Sure. I think maybe everybody's overreacting."

Tina Stugelt
Westland



"Oh, yes. We can't predict what's going to happen. If they're ready, they're ready."

Ina Foster
Westland



"Definitely. I'm definitely tired of hearing about Y2K."

Barbara Staniez
Garden City

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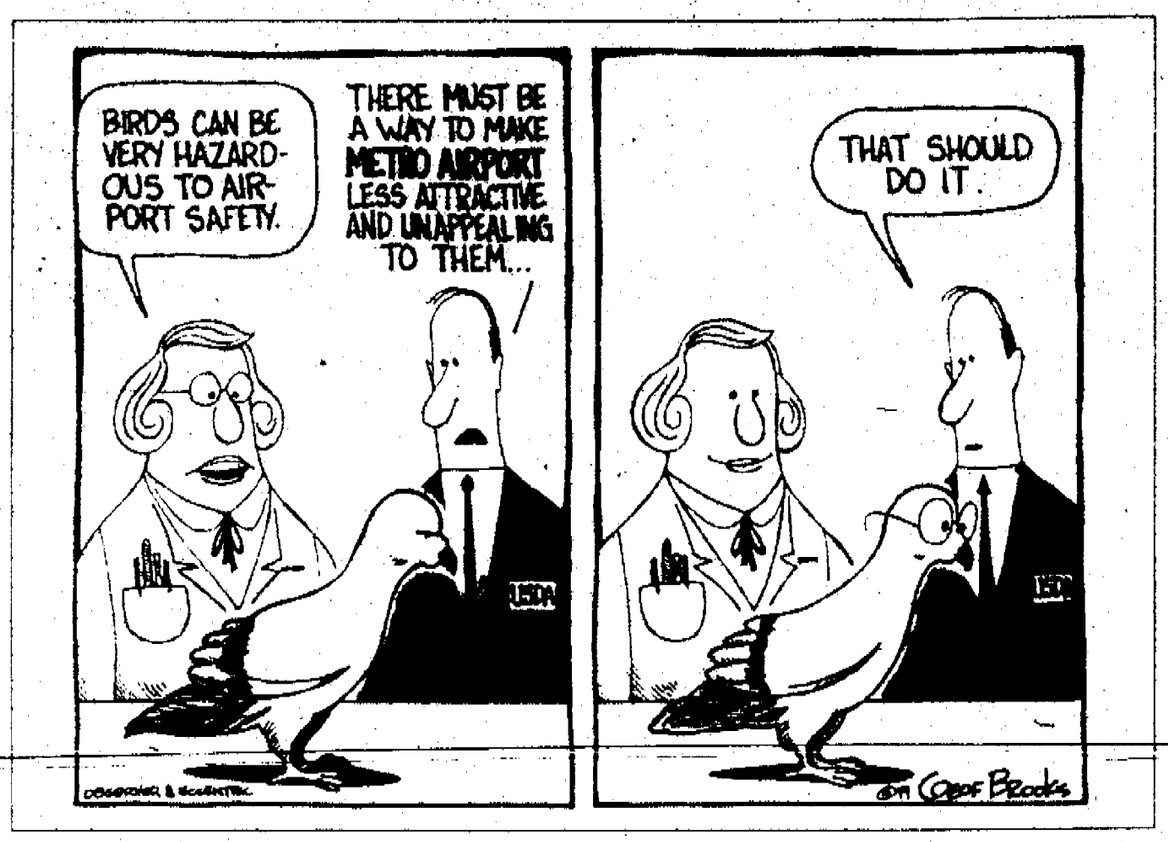

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Gear given

A short note adding to the story by Julie Brown on Officer Gocaj returning to Kosovo, from Nov. 28.

Skender Gocaj (did) return to Kosovo this (last) Thursday. One of his tasks there will be to help establish a police and fire response capability. In order to assist Officer Gocaj in his efforts, the Westland Fire Department was able to outfit him in a complete set of turnout gear, which he (took) back to Kosovo. The gear was taken from the spare stock.

Officer Gocaj was very happy to receive the used gear and the Westland Fire Department was very happy to be able to help him out

David Carignan
deputy fire chief

Voluntary help

A couple columnists have added their voices to the cry by Donald Trump for rich people to give 2 percent, 5 percent, 10 percent or whatever of their present wealth to the government or other people. The suggestion by the liberal that the rich ought to be assessed on their incomes and assets is as old as Karl Marx.

The citizens of the United States give billions in assets and give hundreds of millions of hours of help, aid and comfort to others. The United States gives more to the other 200 nations in the world than the 200 nations give to each other, totally.

Recently, Bill Gates gave billions to help those in need, especially identifying a very substantial amount of the giving for education. His voluntary gift is larger than all of the donations all liberal columnists, teachers, and government workers will give in their lifetimes combined.

Voluntary help does a tremendous amount in alleviating the need and agony in our society, churches and thousands of other organizations participating every day of the year. Take from the rich? We don't need to steal from some to give to others. Robin Hood yourself to other lands; your Marxian ideas of forcing the giving, of one man saying to his neighbor, "you got more than I have, gimme half," is not the moral way to accomplish some redistribution of income and never has been.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Don't blame guns

Your recent editorial about guns and kids brought something to mind.

Recently, the case of Nathaniel Abraham made the national spotlight. Many were wringing their hands over the fact that Abraham did in fact kill someone but was harshly treated. Somehow or other, the name of Ronnie Green became lost in the tears. How harshly Mr. Green was treated suddenly evaporated.

We could blame the gun here, but it seems as wrong headed as blaming Ronnie Green for his own death for being in the line of fire. (A defense that must have slipped Mr Fieger's mind.)

Recently, a woman was assaulted in New York by a man waving a paving brick and in London a naked man burst into a church during services and assaulted several worshippers with a sword. Are we to try the paving brick or the sword?

Isn't it about time that we stop blaming "the what" and start blaming "the who"?

Your editorial position is similar to the idea that all we have to do to eliminate obesity is to hide the silverware.

Fred Mager
Redford

Sad society

This past weekend, I noticed a billboard on Telegraph Road in Redford Township. The huge sign read – in purple letters – "Who is the father?" And listed a 1-800 number to call so you could have DNA testing. It also invited the public to visit its Web site.

I have nothing against the proprietors of this organization. The free market society in which we live is what has made us a great country.

But, honestly, isn't it a sad situation that there are enough people in this world with the need for this service that such an organization exists?

M. Siobhan Jordan
Redford

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

College application exciting for kids, parents

GUEST COLUMNIST

GEORGE GILLIES

Parents and children face many challenges as a family. Anticipating college and going through the whole process is one major challenge families experience.

A parent can experience tremendous joy and sadness getting children ready for college. This is the time when your child is considering college options and making decisions. These decisions fill them with excitement, discovery and sometimes a feeling of being overwhelmed. There is so much for them to learn and many tasks to complete, and it all seems to occur in a short period of time. Like all of the schooling experiences that preceded it, this is a time for parental support and involvement.

As a parent, you can ensure that your child engages in effective exploration and carries out the planning and application tasks in a thorough and efficient manner. You can help your child formulate relevant questions and analyze the information that is gathered in response to the college or university of his or her choice. This includes, but is not limited to, the utilization of the Internet. Parents can also lessen the anxiety and confusion that often finds its way into the college admission process. Parents can help their children visualize the big picture and not get caught on immaterial items.

The final years of high school should be directed toward the general educational experience, making certain your child is engaged in studies that are consistent with abilities, aptitudes, interests and accomplishments. This all sounds great, but keep in mind they still need to have fun and enjoy life at the same time.

Parents need to assist in the development of effective study and time management skills and make certain he/she has the tools and materials to do an effective job as a student. Parents must create an atmosphere or climate that encourages curiosity, discovery and promotes reading, exploration and expression.

The parent should work with teachers and counselors to track the child's learning experiences and address any issues or problems that could result in the student not realizing his/her full learning potential.

The second parental guidance role deals directly with the college exploration, decision making and application process. These three elements are extremely important because nowhere in high school can you learn the skills. It comes from years of experience and a high common sense level.

First, the parent should help the student understand the reasons why he/she is going to college and aid in the formulation of educational and career goals. This will, without a doubt, entail an appraisal of personal abilities, aptitudes, interests and relating what they learn about themselves to the educational options before them.

This is a very important time to respect the individuality of the child and the fact that he/she is still growing and maturing. Parents must also respect the child's right to make decisions about his/her personal future. The parent must keep in mind who is going to college and whose life and future career are being planned. Don't make the mistake of trying to live or relive your life or career(s) through your children. It happens all too often and brings on unnecessary anxiety in the child and the parent.

The student who plays a major role in the decisions that affect his/her future has a greater investment in making those decisions work. It is easier to fail or have mediocre success at the decisions others make or force upon you. Parents should recognize the difference between guiding and steering. Guiding is an opening, prompting and supporting parental behavior. At times, this concept seems to be a lost art, however; it is the optimum in parental guidance. Steering is a controlling, dominating and an insulting action.

Parents should be active participants in college exploration and the admissions process. They should visit campuses with the child and participate in the parental programs offered by admission offices. Supportive parents help the child acquire and evaluate the information needed to make good, solid decisions.

Parents should 1) make certain the child has been thorough in his/her search; 2) review the admission and financial aid application and offer information or guidance in their completion; 3) make certain that tasks are completed and forms submitted on time; and 4) be the calming force when confusion and anxiety enter the picture.

Above all, remember what our ancestors said: "Once a parent, you're a parent for life." You need to be proud, loving, encouraging and help your son or daughter deal with the outcome of the quest for college. When this experience has ended, you will be the parent of a college freshman.

A final note: Society has changed since you were this age. Guide, be suggestive, but more importantly make sure they have the latitude to be successful. It will pay big dividends. Success awaits you!

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Court selection process anything but divine

PHILIP POWER

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Just about a year ago, I wrote a column on the way special interest money, previously focused largely on races for governor and the legislature, was engulfing races for the Michigan Supreme Court.

I cited two successful Republicans who won seats on the court in last November's election after raising previously unheard of amounts of campaign cash. According to campaign finance reports, Maura Corrigan raised $1,004,495, while Cliff Taylor raised $943,863.

Michigan has a truly screwy way of picking Supreme Court justices. Candidates are first nominated at the Democratic and Republican party conventions – partisan political activities to the core. Then candidates are listed on the "nonpartisan" section of the ballot – a bewildering transformation to be sure. And because virtually no voters know anything at all about the actual judicial qualifications of any of the contenders, candidates are obliged to raise lots of money to run TV ads to increase their name ID.

I suggested moving into judicial races was a logical next step for the bigwigs who run the political action committees. After all, if buying influence with the state legislature works, why not judges? And I warned that the probable result would be that public attitudes about the integrity and impartiality of Supreme Court decisions would become about as alienated and cynical as public opinion now views votes in the legislature.

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Ford obviously hit a nerve. A lawyer for the state Republican Party immediately charged him with conduct unbecoming a lawyer and had him hauled up before the Attorney Grievance Commission. The case against Ford was eventually dropped on free speech grounds, although he was warned not ever to do it again.

Then last week, Justice Taylor (he of the $943,863 campaign war chest) went after Ford again in an interview with the Kalamazoo Gazette. That the justice with the closest ties to Gov. John Engler would get after a court critic in public suggests just how savage the political battle for control of the Court will be next year.

The Republican general argument is that the Michigan Democratic Party and its allies – the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, the American Civil Liberties Union and organized labor – are doing nothing more than trying to discredit a judicial system they no longer control. That may or may not be so.

But the argument now raging over the partisan bias of the Supreme Court is proof, to me at least, that the process of politicizing Michigan's highest judicial body is proceeding apace. While some may argue that interpretation of the law, like the writing of history, should be left to the winners, I'm old-fashioned enough to believe that respect for the impartiality of the law is one of the fundamental underpinnings of a civil society.

What's the fundamental problem in all this? The screwy system by which our Supreme Court justices are elected. The news organizations don't cover the Supreme Court races. The public is largely unaware of the capabilities of the candidates. The Michigan bedsheet ballot is long, and the voters don't even know which party nominated the candidates who appear fictitiously as "nonpartisan."

A far better idea would be to follow the lead of other states which have the governor appoint justices, subject to a vote by the Senate and, possibly, confirmation in office by statewide election. Another wrinkle would be to designate a panel of "wise persons," who would review likely candidates for our state's highest court and forward a short list to the governor, who would then be obliged to nominate from the list.

Doing this requires amending the Michigan Constitution. Sorry; this is unlikely. Republicans, sensing partisan history is on their side, are already raising big money to fight next year's judicial campaigns. And Democratic power brokers, notably organized labor, are reluctant to give up their choke hold on the nomination process.

The rhetoric from both sides on this subject, of course, will be about the sanctity of the public ballot and how important it is in a democracy for "the people" to select their justices.

I wonder if a system that relies on unknowing voters to select unknowns to our highest court is really democracy or merely a convenient device for shadowy interests to maintain control over the levers of power.

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LETTERS

It's not the guns

The death of a child, especially mine, is something I don't believe I could ever get over. It would not matter to me if it were by a gun or another misfortune. Dead is dead. Today, children are being "used" more to add emotion to an issue and sway public opinion than addressing the real problems causing the tragedies we have witnessed.

We must remember that a firearm is a tool that can be used for many purposes such as target practice, hunting and the most important of all, self defense. The firearm is no more responsible for deaths than the car driven by a drunk driver or the knife used to stab someone to death.

The bottom line is personal responsibility. Just think of what this whole gun issue has become. The blame for all deaths by firearms is being laid upon an assembly of metal parts, a tool, not the person who picked it up, aimed it and ultimately pulled its trigger.

Rallying your readership to write their congressmen and senators is a good idea if they are petitioning them to use existing laws to punish the criminals who commit crimes with firearms. Asking them to pass anti-gun laws against our Second Amendment rights and responsible gun owners is unconscionable. It's time to hold people responsible for their actions, not the manufactured assemblies.

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HOOKED ON HISTORY

VIRGINIA PARKER

Yule legacy abides in gentle hearts

We approach a Christmas that is noteworthy as the last one of the 1900s.

Capturing the uniqueness of this December is quite a task. What compelling parallels between now and 2,000 years ago can I find? Moreover, since holiday stories are among the hardest to write, what new tale can I tell that isn't too sentimental?

Be that as it may, let me tell you a story for the season.

Once upon a Christmas Eve, bitter-cold night air nipped at noses, hurrying people inside. Ice glazed the sidewalks and streets of one particular Michigan town. The manager of a townhouse community there couldn't risk driving on dangerous roads to be with relatives many miles away.

Finding herself unexpectedly at home, she joined the residents in their cozy arts and crafts room, where festive tables were laden with bountiful holiday fare.

"Excuse me," one of the senior residents said. "I've forgotten something." Off she went, leaving the manager and the merry chatter of the gathering behind. Shortly afterward, the room fell silent as another resident began reading the story of the Nativity.

When the woman returned, she went to the manager and whispered, "Some people were at the front door, inquiring about a townhouse, so I let them in."

Drat, the manager thought. It's Christmas Eve, and I'm off duty. Worse, I'm sure I know who they are, and I'm going to have to tell them they don't qualify!

Dreaded meeting

Off she strode, bracing herself to deliver bad news. Sure enough, there was the young couple she dreaded meeting, with their four small children in tow.

The couple had spent their savings to move to town for a job, which then fell through. They lost an apartment they had rented and their security deposit. Things had started to look up when the husband found a new job.

"We have enough for the rent now," he said, hopeful for his family. But he and the manager both knew there was no money left over for yet another security deposit.

Through frosty windows, she could see the panel van that the family was living in. They looked so cold and weary, especially the 2-year-old boy, whose face and hands were red. Alas, though, corporate rules. The manager felt bad, but her hands were tied.

Just as she opened her mouth to say, "I'm sorry, but ...," the resident's voice from the next room broke through the momentary silence in the office.

"... And there was no room in the inn," the woman read.

The words of rejection died in the manager's open mouth. Instead, out tumbled, "Let me show you to your new home" as she reached for keys to an empty townhouse.

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In triplicate: *Santa hats in place, 23-month-old triplets Madeline, Natalie and Greg Gannon get wheeled into Wonderland Mall by their mom, Susan of Livonia.*

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'Let me go!': *Gary Nayh of Northville holds a not-so-happy Brianna and Beatrice while mom Fran holds a crying Brittany as they get their picture taken with Santa. The triplets are 22 months old.*

Santa wishes come in 3's

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They rolled through the parking lot in triplicate, with Santa hats bobbing all the way.

A group of about 17 families of triplets known collectively as 3-4-All – got dressed in their holiday finest and strolled into Livonia's Wonderland Mall with mom and dad for a special visit with Santa Claus and some quality play time.

The special event, organized by mall marketing director Cathy Young, gave the children a special moment with Santa – who came in early and posed for pictures starting at 9 a.m. This was the first event of its kind at the mall.

"This was a perfect venue," said Young, smiling. "I know the group tries to get together as much as they can." She considered the day a success and may plan another day for triplets in the future.

It all started at Oakwood Hospital. Four mothers-to-be found themselves in one special situation. They were all about to give birth to triplets.

More than two years later, the moms connected with about 12 other sets of parents with triplets to exchange advice and give support. The group is building strong friendships all along the way.

Once a month the moms get together for dinner and conversation, and around the holidays they plan events with the children.

On Friday, giggles and chatter echoed through the corridors of the mall, which has been transformed into what it's calling a Winter Wonderland for the holiday shopping season. With a hearty "Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas," Santa posed for a group shot with the kids and led the group to an early lunch in the mall.

Although some people might think parenting three babies at once is a difficult task, all the parents agreed it's really triple the joy.

Just ask Lesley Merlino, a founding parent of Aftershock Times Three, one of the groups that makes up 3-4-All. The Farmington Hills resident was one of the original four moms and now writes a newsletter that keeps the group in touch with events, activities and advice. She insists that "life is great."

"It's a lot of work, but it's worth it," said Merlino. "You get three times the love, three times the hugs, three times the kisses. It's really all worth it."

But imagine trying to feed three hungry babies at once, or put three sobbing infants to sleep at the same time.

Good thing Carole Kody is around to support them. The Canton resident and mother of 2-year-old triplets started Aftershock and saw many of the other mothers through their pregnancies.

She warned the mothers-to-be to stay off their feet, and once the little ones were

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More to Adore club gives big people place to gather

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Kim Zager sounds a bit like Bob Barker when she talks about the private social club she started in February.

If you're a BBW, come on down. Ditto if you're a BHM. And if you don't have a BBW or a BHM to come to the dance parties with, no fret.

"I tell them to come and I'll introduce them to a whole table full of people," said Zager. "You don't necessarily have to like big women. If you want to come, you're not required to pick up somebody.

"However, big women are very cool to have fun with. We're really bubbly and light-hearted."

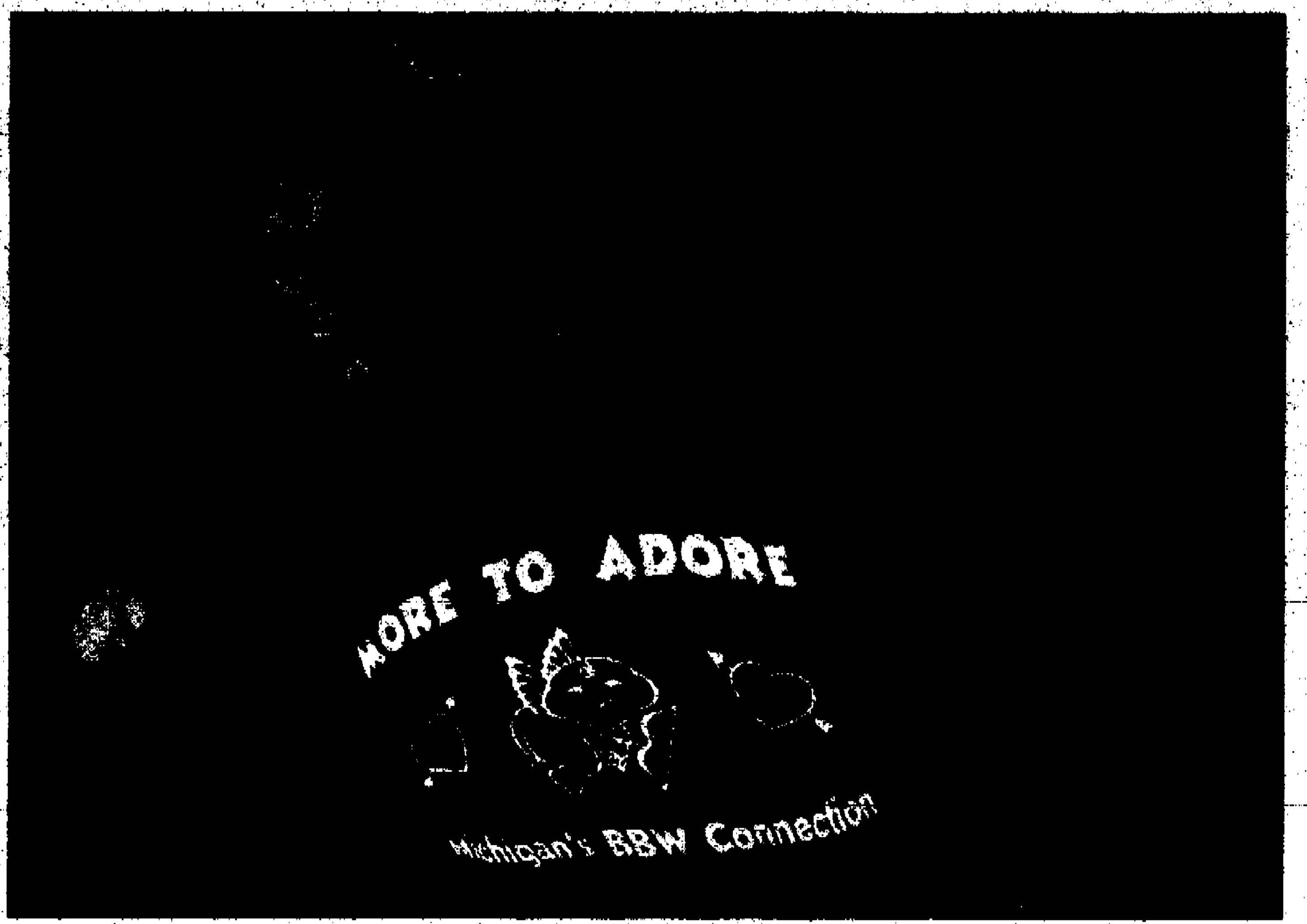
The "there" is Zager's More to Adore, a social club for people who weigh more than 200 pounds. The BBW is a big, beautiful woman and the BHM is a big, handsome male.

Through word-of-mouth, a hotline and newsletter, Zager has slowly built attendance, staging dances, swim parties, fashion shows and haunted hayrides for More to Adore members. The dance parties are held at the Dearborn Elks Lodge.

"Almost every month we do a dance and incorporate other things," said Zager. "We've had a large and lovely lingerie fashion show. In November, we did a Chubby Charity Clothes Swap and donated the money to the Red Cross's Disaster Relief Fund."

The first party in April attracted 85 people. By the October haunted hayride and bonfire, there were 125 people.

"I expected it would cost me money, but I broke even," she said. "A club is very expensive to run, so I use the admission to pay the expenses – the disc jockey, hall rental, refreshments and the toll-free hotline."



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Come one, come all: *Kim Zager knows what she wants: big beautiful women and big handsome men to enjoy themselves at More to Adore, the private social club she started in April.*

Spreading the news

Zager gets the word out through the More to Adore Web site, the hotline and newsletter, which has a mailing list numbering 198. And while participation is increasing, Zager is in need of a few more men. At the present the ratio is 3:1.

"A lot of men who come are in their 40s," she said. "They're at an age where they don't care what their friends think. But where are the 25-year-olds? There are so many women at the parties that the men have wonderful odds.

"I don't know how to reach the men who like big women. Some don't want to come alone, but if they do, I guarantee they won't be alone for long."

Social clubs like More to Adore, Michigan's BBW Connection, have been "around for ages," with the first ones starting up in New York. A large number can be found there and in California.

Zager, who has been honing her organizational skills since ninth grade, would like to see her club grow to chapters in other cities and states. She devotes 20 hours a week to the club and admits that it would be an even bigger success, "if I had the time to run around."

"I really work hard for a reason," she said. "I think people who go to the club should get something back from it. After the last party, it felt really good to sit back and have fun.

"My dad asked me what the reward was, if I wasn't making any money. This is the reward. I've made some wonderful friends and different connections."

The hometowns of the people who help her range from Grosse Pointe to Southgate to Sterling Heights and Royal Oak. More to Adore membership represents 79 cities in seven states – Michigan, Ohio, Texas, Illinois, New York, Indiana and Wisconsin – and Canada.

"I've had somebody from each of those places at a party," Zager said.

She also works "real close" with the local chapter of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance, a non-profit human rights organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for fat people. Information about More to Adore appears on the NAAFA Web site, and Zager makes announces about NAAFA at the parties.

Building confidence

Zager also helps others develop the confidence she has. The lingerie show featured fashions by a woman from St. Louis, Mo., who makes clothing up to size 10X, and modeled by club members.

"The confidence level now of people from the time I met them is just incredible," she said. "People who have dreamed of being models have that opportunity. This is a private club where you can walk in with confidence and know everybody there is like you and wants to be there.

"Most people who come say this how I'm going to be, but I try to reach out to those who feel insecure."

Big all of her life, Zager hasn't let that stop her from being on sports teams, active in youth groups and pledging and joining a college sorority.

"I tried, I always tried," she said. "I never let it get me down. "I try to promote confidence at any size. I tell people to be proud of who they are. I have a girl help me now who never would dance. Now she does."

Encouraged by the response, Zager has booked all of the dates for More to Adore parties next year. The club will close out 1999 with a holiday party 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Dearborn Elks Lodge, 25000 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

For more information about More to Adore, call the hotline at (877) PARTY-XL (727-8995), visit http: //www. geocities. com/ MoreToAdore, or send an e-mail to MoreToAdore@hotmail.com

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born, gave them strategies to get the babies to sleep at night.

But Kody admits the group is worthwhile for her, too.

"It's the best," she said. "It's the one thing I look forward to every month. It's so great to know there's such support."

Like the other parents, Kody said the most important aspect of belonging to the group is the support, advice and friendship she receives from others in her situation.

"It makes such a difference because they can relate," she said. "They understand. It helps keep me sane."

Joann Alcantara of Redford agreed, admitting she was "scared to death" when she found out she was not having one baby, but three at once.

"No one can really relate unless you have triplets," she said, adding that not even parents of twins can truly understand what parenting triplets is like. "The program is really great because they've all been through it."

So now when her little ones want to be held at the same time, and she finds she doesn't have enough hands to pick them all up, she sits on the floor and lets them all be close to her at the same time. It's just part of being a mom to triples.

Susan Gannon of Livonia has had 23 months to get used to it. The mother of Natalie, Madeline and Gregory has made a lot of friends. And her children are befriending other sets of triples.

"The kids get together to play," she said. "We have a summer picnic, a Halloween party, a Christmas party. The rest of the year, it's mostly the adults (who get together)."

For Fran and Gary Nayh of Northville, having triplets is a joy. Gary's best advice to parents about to have triplets is "have a schedule; do the same things at the same time. Routine is the key."

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Families find home that cares about their elder members

BY ARLENE FUNKE
SPECIAL WRITER

Judy Murray of Redford laid her worries to rest when she moved her mother into the Lutheran Home Livonia nursing home soon after it opened last fall.

"I wanted a place that would care about her, not just care for her," Murray said.

Lutheran Home Livonia is a nursing home with a "non-institutional" ambiance and a small army of volunteers who help keep residents busy and involved.

Today, 93-year-old Inez Alegnani is comfortable in her cozy room at the nursing home and enjoys playing bingo, taking field trips with the other residents and attending chapel services.

"They need activities, they don't need to stay in bed all day," Murray said. "I can't ever remember seeing people in the hall slumped over."

Lutheran Home Livonia on Plymouth Road east of Middlebelt Road, recently celebrated its first anniversary with a worship service, followed by dinner and entertainment for residents, family members, staff and volunteers.

At present, the skilled-care section of the nursing home is at its capacity of 88 residents, with a waiting list. Openings are available in the 20-bed special care unit for those with dementia, memory loss or early-stage Alzheimer's disease.

"I'm pleased, it's very clean," said Millie Cosner of Livonia, whose mother, 97-year-old Hazel Hagen, moved to the facility in July.

The home is operated by Lutheran Homes of Michigan, a non-profit Christian organization that began serving the elderly more than 100 years ago. The organization, affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, also operates nursing homes in Monroe and Frankenmuth.

Ministry for all

Although neither Murray nor her mother is Lutheran, both value the religious affiliation. Murray believes that link makes for more passionate care.

"This is a ministry for all people, not just Lutherans," said development director Patti Wachtel of Canton. "Our first concern is with (residents') spiritual needs."

Lillian Pfeiffer recently moved into the special-care memory loss unit. During a recent visit, she was seen, sitting with a group of women, taking part in light exercise. She wore clean, comfortable slacks and a roomy sweatshirt. Her hair was freshly styled and her fingernails were covered in bright red polish.

"Her caregivers treat her royally," said Pfeiffer's sister, Ina Huurto of Livonia.

The organization is dedicated to developing and nurturing a cadre of caring volunteers, all of whom receive on-the-job orientation.

To date, more than 100 volunteers have embraced the Livonia facility, regularly donating their time to assist at parties, bingo, Bible study activities and field trips. Church groups have raised money and donated furnishings.

Senior citizen volunteers are being recruited to bake and donate cookies, which will be sold at a cookie walk at the nursing home 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Virginia Meyers and Beverly Erickson, both of Redford, help with the monthly birthday parties attended by all the residents. Meyers belongs to Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. Erickson is a member of Salem National Lutheran Church in Westland.

"I like to come and visit with the residents," Erickson said.

The new facility replaces an aged, long-time nursing home that had been shut down some time ago. After Lutheran Homes of Michigan acquired the site, a $40,000 grant was awarded by the Plymouth Road Development Authority of Livonia to assist in the demolition of the old building.

"We wanted to encourage them to go forward with the removal of the old nursing home," said John Nagy, PRDA director. "We think the new facility is very attractive and we're delighted to have them."

Provide good care

Lutheran Homes of Michigan are licensed and certified skilled nursing care and home for the aged facilities. Anna Zwarka was the third person admitted to Lutheran Home Livonia and remained almost one year until her death in August at age 95.

"They provided good care for her," said her daughter, Betty Boss of Livonia. "The staff always called her by name. That meant a lot."

As their mother's health declined, Boss and her five siblings spent hours at the nursing home. They took turns feeding her and sang hymns to comfort one another.

The staff sometimes brought them cookies and lemonade. The chaplain visited every day.

"They were very nice to us," Boss said. "We met a lot of nice people."

Murray visits her mother several times a week. For the residents' entertainment, she helped organize a fashion show, with music and clothes from bygone days.

"She's a great cheerleader for the home," Wachtel said of Murray.

Sunday school students from St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford recently came to the nursing home, dressed in Halloween costumes, to bring treats to the residents.

Stephen Parnell, 9, of Detroit, is at the nursing home often because his mother, Quinn Parnell, is employed as an activities aide. Stephen helps out by wheeling residents throughout the building.

At Lutheran Homes Livonia, residents live in one- or two-person rooms. The Rev. Ernie Labbs, 84, and his wife Irma, 85, moved in this past summer and share a room.

"It's an adjustment," said Irma Labbs. "We're used to being busy."

The couple have brought from their home a favorite recliner chair, a curio cabinet, containing treasured mementos and family photos.

Labbs, a retired Lutheran minister recovering from surgery, hopes to do ministerial work at the nursing home. His wife plans to teach Bible study classes.

The Labbs' daughter, Claire Schwiebert, is chairman of the board of Lutheran Homes of Michigan.

"It's nice my parents can be together," Schwiebert said. "The workers really seem to care. When I have to be away, I don't worry about them."

Efforts have been made to make the home attractive and comfortable for the residents. Walls are decorated with both secular and religious paintings. Several small seating areas have comfortable chairs and couches.

The chapel accommodates 68 wheelchairs. The large, elaborately carved altar, which once graced a Detroit church, was donated by Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. The chapel's stained glass windows were made by Harry Flagg of Livonia.

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dearborn donated $2,300 to equip an on-site beauty and barber shop.

Courtyards allow residents to safety enjoy the outdoors.

"My mother enjoys looking out her window at the birds," said Millie Cosner.

The nursing home welcomes visitors and volunteers, according to Wachtel. For more information, call 734-425-4814.

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Room, sweet room: *Kathleen Franklin brought a bit of her home with her when she moved in to the Lutheran Home on Plymouth Road in Livonia.*

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When the family stepped through their new front door, the 3-year-old daughter said, "Oh, Mommy, it's so warm in here."

Overjoyed, they returned to the office to sign the lease.

"We're having a little party; why don't you join us," the manager said. Later, the residents fixed containers of food for the family to take home, with lots of desserts for the kids.

Christmas morning the oldest daughter brought the manager a candy cane.

"This is from our tree. I wanted you to have it," she said, hugging the woman.

The manager looked perplexed. "Your Christmas tree?"

Busy Christmas Eve

It seems the neighborhood had been rather busy late Christmas Eve. Someone had contacted the mail carrier, who persuaded a friend to unlock his tree lot. A blue spruce was soon on its way to the new residents.

Neighbors up and down the street began taking a string of lights off each of their trees, and a few ornaments, too. Children in several homes were asked choose a wrapped present to share. They gave without weighing which gift meant more or less to keep – except one little boy, who had wanted red mittens. He gave them to the toddler to warm his hands.

Invitations came from one set of neighbors to join them for breakfast, from another for church, and from a third for Christmas dinner.

On New Year's Eve, the woman and her children reappeared at the office. They laid out fried chicken in a basket lined with a red-and-white checkered cloth, homemade biscuits, corn on the cob, beans, hot chocolate and cake.

"We promised ourselves we would bring you lunch with our first paycheck," she said simply.

And so, a holiday tradition was born. Each New Year's Eve, she quietly brings lunch for the staff, who, while they eat, retell the story of that special Christmas.

Now you may think this tale was spun from a story teller's mind because the line, "... no room in the inn," was too conveniently placed. But the story was not invented. As someone once told me, "Coincidence is just God's way of remaining anonymous."

Therein lies our link to people who lived 2,000 years ago. Remembering the Nativity stirs our hearts to be a little gentler, to extend ourselves to those we care about and to strangers we find in need.

May that spirit of kindness endure, binding us to people who live a thousand years from now, as well.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

DRAMA CLUB
The Westland All-Stars Drama Club will present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, in the Bailey Recreation Center, 35561 Ford, Westland. Tickets, $5 each, are available at the Bailey Center or at the door. The story tells of a woman and her husband trying to put on a Christmas pageant, despite having to cast the nastiest kids known.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. Friends also hold a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS
The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month except during the summer. Westland Center, at Wayne and Warren roads, opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m., at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is held the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING
Figure skaters interested in USFSA synchronized (precision) skating are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC joint-venture teams. Prior team experience is not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING
Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive, Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the activities department, (734) 326-6537.

ANGEL CARE
Angel Care is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet, knit, etc., blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who die. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

VETERAN'S HAVEN
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527.

CAMELOT HALL
Camelot Hall Convalescent Center seeks volunteers to spend time with residents, providing an activity or a one-on-one pursuit such as reading to blind people or just talking. The facility is located at 36100 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. For information, call Esther or Diana in the Activity Department, (734) 522-1444, Ext. 27.

PET-A-PET
The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a $5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month, and Marquette House, Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month. There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month.

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 207-7889.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District 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 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for children ages 3-4, is located at 9601 W. Chicago. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karin at (734) 522-3714.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is located at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP
The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL
St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is located at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL
The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The school emphasizes basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE PEOPLES
Livonia Little Peoples Co-op Preschool is now enrolling in programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

LITTLE LAMBS
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is holding registration. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

GARFIELD CO-OP
Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years. It is located at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

BUILDING BLOCKS
Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, has morning and afternoon classes for 3- and 4-year-olds. A pre-kindergarten readiness class for 5-year-olds and a parent/child toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information for the 1999-2000 school year.

FRANKLIN PTSA
The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not 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, MI 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM
A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

ADULT LITERACY
An adult literacy program is being offered free Wednesdays at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center. Volunteers are being sought who are interested in tutoring children and adults 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Adult Literacy enrollment or additional information, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

MOM'S MORNING OUT
Children ages newborn to age 6 and their mothers are invited to a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. The program is an optional co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

They served

Glory: *Marquette House in Westland recognized its veterans with a photo display Nov. 10-11 and with discussions of life during World War II. Shown are (left to right, bottom then top) Frank Karr, U.S. Army Air Force; Don Newell, U.S. Army; Ed Zezulka, U.S. Army; Elmer Johnson, U.S. Air Force; Ken England, U.S. Army; William Campbell, U.S. Air Force; Marion Wisinski, who helped on the home front; Richard Blue, U.S. Navy; and Herman Quick, U.S. Navy. Zezulka gave a talk to residents about his life and experiences.*

HISTORIC

WESTLAND MUSEUM
The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

CASINO TRIP
A MGM Grand Detroit Casino trip is being presented by Bianco Tours in cooperation with the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center). It will leave the Friendship Center at approximately 8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, and return approximately 4 p.m. For information, call (734) 722-7632. Tour price is $16.

HEARING CHECKS
Every third Tuesday of each month a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free, 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

SENIOR CHOIR
The Friendship Senior Choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

EXERCISE
Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low-to-moderate workout for the older adult. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 1 p.m. two Fridays a month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebrations of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is an $8 membership fee for Westland residents. Call (734) 722-7632.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE
The Wayne-Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 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. Cost is $5 for members and $7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to big-band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL
Information Center Inc. refers workers to elderly people who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yard work, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to perform and the communities they want to work in. Call (734) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER
The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday through 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 Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh. The instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY
The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland.

SWEET ADELINES
The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a cappella music in barbershop style. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

CHADD
CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI28, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at OptimEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen, (734) 729-6368.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) teaches public speaking at the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan next to the Farmer Jack Supermarket in Wayne. Call (734) 421-1517.

MORE DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Call (734) 421-1517.

ST. MEL CHURCH
Bingo games are held 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren Road. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

WFCL BINGO
The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games at 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for girls' softball programs. The bingo games take place at the Wayne-Ford Civic League hall on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford, Westland.

MORE BINGO
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and School for the Blind. Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

SHAMROCK BINGO
Bingo is played at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO
"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Sts Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer east of Venoy in Westland. Offered are three jackpots of $400, $300 and $200.

K OF C BINGO
Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games take place in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

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 734-591-7279**. *Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.*

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

ENGAGEMENTS

Graff-Prim

George and Judy Graff of Adrian, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Jason Lee Prim, the son of Julie Verbanic of Taylor and Alvin Prim of Arlington, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed as an international coordinator at Central Airfreight.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Taylor Kennedy High School. He is employed as an inventory controller at ABX Logistics.

An October wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Atwood-Porter

David and Norma Atwood of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Karla Dee, to Eric James Porter, the son of James and Deborah Porter of Wayzata, Minn.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She will graduate from Texas A&M University in December. She is a professional figure skating coach for the Figure Skating Club of Texas at Texas Ice Station in Houston.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Wayzata High School and attends Texas A&M. He is employed at Golds Gym in Galveston.

An August wedding is planned in Cape Cod, Mass.

Farr-Morelli

Kenneth and Marie Farr of Quito, Ecuador, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Marie, to Andrew Bruno Morelli, the son of Diane Morelli of Canton and Joseph Morelli of Commerce Township.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Valparaiso University with a bachelor of arts degree and a graduate of Michigan State University with a master of arts degree. She is employed as a teacher at Mount Carmel High School in Wyandotte.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in supply chain management. He is employed at Lear Corp. in Southfield.

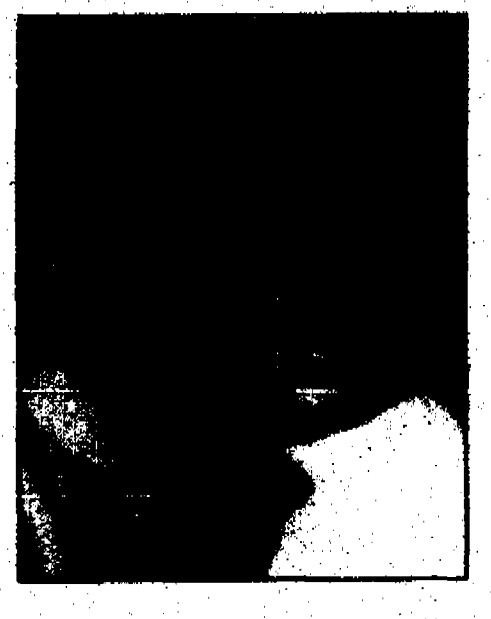
A June wedding is planned at Heritage Park in Canton.

Little-Word

George and Shirley Little of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Ann, to Pfc. David Charles Word, the son of Kenneth and Catherine Word, also of Westland.

No wedding date has been set.

Paris-Macy



Patricia and John Paris of Marshall announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Elizabeth, to Robert Joseph Macy, the son of Robert and Darlene Macy of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed as a fourth-grade teacher in Westland.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University's Haworth College of Business. He is employed at an insurance company as a program marketing specialist.

A May wedding is planned in Marshall.

Hays-McDonald

Steven and Dede Hays of Northville announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jacklyn Nicole, to Joshua Robert McDonald, the son of Harold and Teri McDonald of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Noah Webster Academy and attends William Tyndale College. She is employed at Tokyo Boeki N.A.

Her fiancé is a graduate of United Christian School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed at Yazaki North American.

A December wedding is planned at Martha Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

NEW VOICES

Ron and **Amy Muawad** of Grosse Pointe and Tettenhall Wolverhampton, England, announce the birth of **William Armbruster** Aug. 13 at Wordsley Hospital in Stourbridge, England. He joins a sister, Grace, 2 1/2 years old. Grandparents are William and Sharon Armbruster of Plymouth and Said and Donna Muawad of St. Clair Shores. Great-grandmother is Gertrude Armbruster of Livonia.

Shane and **Jill Baker** of Garden City announce the birth of **Julia Rose** Aug. 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a brother, Shane, and a sister, Madeline. Grandparents are Gary and Connie Surma of Westland, Eugene and Shelby Baker of Wayne, Gary and Debbie Ramsey of South Rockwood and Alan and Robin Louis of Detroit.

Stephen Moss and **Lisa CoLuccio Moss** of Westland announce the birth of **Madison Marie** Aug. 18 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Joseph and Joanne CoLuccio of Ishpeming and Veronica and Allen Moss of Westland.

Lts. James and **Jennifer Spencer** of The Salvation Army of Plymouth announce the birth of **Anneiyse Gabrielle** Aug. 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Donna Erickson of Minot, Ind., Ken and Corrine Charleston of Merrillville, Ind., and Jim and Polly Spencer of Hammond, Ind.

Rodney and **Micki Beckwith IV** of Livonia announce the birth of **Zachary Scott** Aug. 21 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mary Hartsell of Highland, James and Anne Hartsell of Clemmons, N.C., and Rodney and Georgia Beckwith of Howell. Great-grandmothers are Alice Hartsell of Utica and Mabel Bruining of Kentwood.

Patricia Calleja-Tackett announces the birth of **Amber Marie Tackett** Aug. 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has eight siblings – Cassie, 21, Sue, 16, Jeff, 14, Kevin, 12, Rose, 6, Chyanne, 5, Zack, 2, and Diane, 1 1/2.

Michael and **Rebecca Smith** of Westland announce the birth of **Paige Julia** Aug. 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has a brother, Cody, 16 months. Grandparents are Gerald and Roxanne Sands of Garden City and Michael and Darlene Smith of Livonia.

Chris Carter and **Lisa Szyszkowski** of Westland announce the birth of **Christopher Scott II** Aug. 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has four siblings – Nicole, 11, Sara, 10, Hannah, 6, and David, 8. Grandparents are Jena and Carl Mullins of White Lake and Maurice and Frostie Carter of Wayne.

Carol Hurst of Garden City announces the birth of **Alexander Anton** Hurst Aug. 23 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandmother is Jean Hurst of Garden City.

Joseph Kalep Jr. and **Michelle Wood** of Westland announce the birth of **Brandon Joseph** Aug. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister, Stephani, 6. Grandparents are Debra Stratz of Wixom and Joseph Kalep Sr. of Westland.

Antonio and **Dawn DiPietro** of Westland announce the birth of **Dylan John** Aug. 27 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are John and Marlene Murray of Redford and Franco and Filomena DiPietro of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Great-grandparents are Assunta DiPietro of Windsor and John and Alma Ippolito of New Baltimore.

Raymond and **Ruth Herron** of Garden City announce the birth of **Shelby Rae** Aug. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ray and Alice Deleon of Garden City.

James Harvey Jr. and **Lori Hollingsworth** of Westland announce the birth of **Tyra Lynn** Aug. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Albert and Sondra Hollingsworth and Debra and James Harvey Sr., all of Westland.

Dale and **Juliana Schopper** of Livonia announce the birth of **Regan Nicole** August 27 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents include Gerald and Lillian Schopper, formerly of Livonia, Art Madar of Sterling Heights and Marilyn Madar of Maineville, Ohio. Great-grandparents include Ralph and Sylvia Turco of Livonia.

Talina Klocke of Wayne

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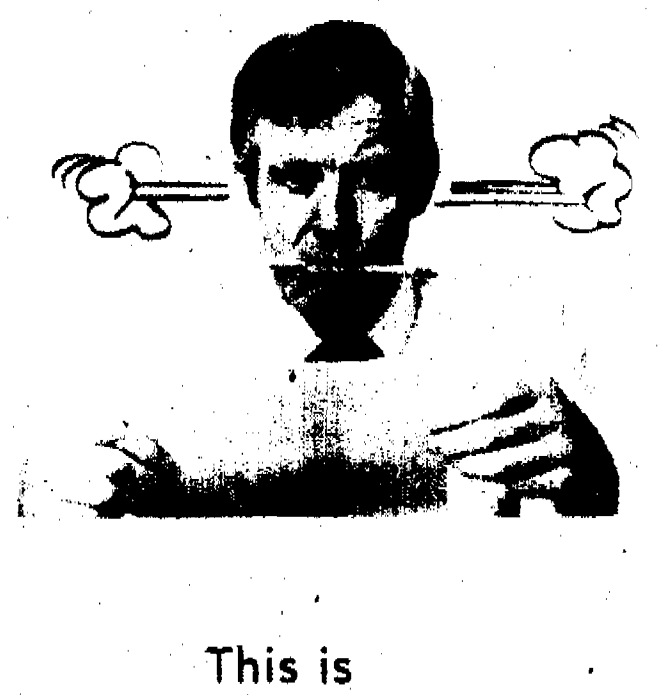
SHOWCASE	SHOWCASE	SHOWCASE
SHOWCASE	STAR GRATIOT	SHOWCASE
STAR JOHN R	STAR ROCHESTER	STAR
STAR TAYLOR	COMMERCE TWP. 14	WEST RIVER



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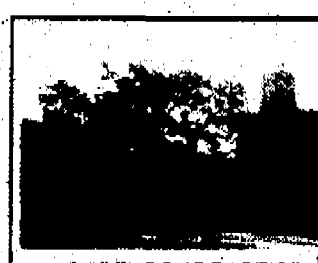

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Bob & Diane Goudie, Co-Pastors
313-937-3170
December 12
Scripture/Mark 1
Topic/Son of God
Rev. Diane Goudie, preaching

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Stephen Ministry Congregation
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.
422-0149
Worship Services & Sunday School
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The Adult Choir's "A Light Still Shines" is a compelling choral presentation blending traditional Christmas carols and contemporary music with the timeless message of Christ's birth. It's scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

For more information, call (734) 421-0472, or visit the MRBC home page at www.mrbc.faithweb.com.

■ Trinity Presbyterian Church is presenting a Christmas concert, "Heralding's God Plan," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 4 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Presented by the music and drama ministries, the concert includes an original drama by Susan Hicks, Trinity's drama director, and music performed by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Gordon Bleich.

Paul Bailey, a violinist with the Toledo Symphony and concertmaster at Hillsdale College, is scheduled to perform his own composition, written especially for the concert.

Tickets are available at the door or by calling the church at (734) 459-9550.

■ The Chancel Choir of Clarenceville United Methodist Church is presenting a Christmas cantata, "Journey of Hope, the Birth of the Savior," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

Written by Camp Kirkland and Tom Fettke, the performance relates the Christmas story in song and follows the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the journey of the shepherds and our journey of hope and praise.

Following the performance, guests are invited to a holiday celebration of hors d'oeuvres and festive beverages. For more information, call (248) 474-3444.

■ This is the last weekend of performances of Temple Baptist Church's 1999 edition of "Glory of Christmas." Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 49555 North Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Tickets cost $10 and are available at the Temple Baptist Church ticket office, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth 48170. For more information, call (734) 414-7777, ext. 600.

■ Plymouth Baptist Church is presenting its annual Christmas concert, "A Christmas to Remember," at 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 10-12, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. The 65-minute concert features traditional and contemporary Christmas music in a stunning visual setting.

There is no admission charge. Children under 5 are not permitted in the auditorium, but a full nursery and preschool care is available. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 453-5534 or by e-mail at PlymouthBC@aol.com.

■ The Creative Arts Ministry of Northville Christian Assembly is presenting a family musical, "A Time for Christmas," at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 11-12, at the church, 41355 Six Mile Road.

Packed with drama and music, "A Time for Christmas" follows the life of a workaholic accountant who sorely needs Christmas cheer. A mysterious visitor, Bartholomew, challenges the accountant to learn the true meaning of Christmas and, like Clarence in "It's a Wonderful Life," takes the accountant on a trip to five different locations covering 2,000 years.

Tickets for the musical are free, but required. They are available by calling (248) 348-9030. The 7 p.m. Dec. 11 performance includes creative translation for the hearing impaired.

■ Rediscover the joy of Christmas at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church's annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The one-hour "Sing With Joy" features vocal, handbell and instrumental music from Christ Our Savior's Livonia and Canton musicians. Selections include Craig Curry's contemporary arrangement of "Hark the Glad Sound," John Rutter's "Candlelight Carol," "Pat a Pan," "Follow the Star," "From Heaven Above" and Michael Smith's "Emmanuel."

Tell me why: *Business consultant Mary, played by Tonya Fowler of Livonia, questions the values of workaholic accountant Bill, played by Rick Gonzalez of Northville, in Northville Christian Academy's weekend production of "A Time for Christmas."*

There's no charge for the concert, but a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

■ The First United Methodist Church of Wayne's youth and children are presenting "Live from the Streets of Bethlehem," a Christmas musical by Christy Long, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 3739 Newberry, Wayne.

A luncheon will be offered in the Fellowship Hall following the service. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

■ The First Baptist Church of Wayne has extended an invitation to the public to attend its Christmas concert, "I Have Seen the Light," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 36125 Glennwood, Wayne.

The concert features a mix of traditional, Broadway musical and new music, presented in the sanctuary which is lit by 3,500 stars. For more information, call (734) 721-7410.

■ The Women's Chamber Chorus, under the direction of Gini Robison, is presenting "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Briton at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. The Chamber Maids, harpist Tiffany Aurora and pianist Nancy LeGrand also are performing.

A donation is requested for the performance. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

■ The Praisemakers Choir (children ages 4-5) and Nursery Department of Memorial Church of Christ are presenting their Christmas program, "A Christmas Pageant," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The Adult Choir is preparing for its cantata, "A Light Still Shines," celebrating the light that shone from Bethlehem that is still shining today, at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., while the Jesus Jammers (children in grades 1-6) are performing "A Star Is Born" at 6:30 p.m., both on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Set in Memorial's musical studio, the Jammers plan to convince the main "star," Sophia, that the one and only "star" is Jesus. For more information, call (734) 464-8216.

■ Organist Tony O'Brien is giving a Christmas concert at 8

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have the Rev. Neil Ellison talk speak on the topic of prophecies that led up to Christ's birth and why He needed to come. TIO meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Coffee and cookies will be served and a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Newburg United Methodist Church will have its AS(Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in Gutherie Hall of the Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. All proceeds will support a summer work trip to Appalachia, Fro ticket information, call the church office at (734) 422-0149.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Congregation Bet Chaverim will celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10. The celebration will be held at Cherry Hill Methodist Church at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. For more information, call the CBC hotline at (734) 480-8880.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a progressive hors d'oeuvre party Saturday, Dec. 11. Call Reggie at (734) 421-0135 or Val at (734) 729-1974 for information.

The group also meets at 10 a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call Val at (734) 729-1974 for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road west of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Call Mary at (734) 722-2612.

COOKIE WALKS

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, will have an assortment of 40 different cookies, a selection of sweet breads, candies, nuts and frozen foods (pierogi and stuffed cabbage) on sale at its cookie walk on Saturday, Dec. 11. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and stay open until everything is sold. The price will be $8 per pound. For more information, call the church at (248) 476-3432.

■ Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia, is reviving its tradition of a cookie walk Saturday, Dec. 11. Church members are providing the cookie selection for the walk which starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends when the last cookie is sold. The money raised will go to designated charities. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7249.

■ Garden City United Methodist Church will have its cookie walk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the church, 6443 Merriman Road at Maplewood, Garden City. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women, cookies will be sold at $8 for a large tine and $6 for a small tin. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-8628.

■ The First United Methodist Church, 3739 Newberry, across from the Wayne Post Office, Wayne, will have a different kind of cookie walk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. There will be homemade specialty cookies, candies (fudge, pralines, peanut brittle and more) and specialty dog treats. Prices will be $4 for small tins, $6 for medium tins and $12 for large tins.

Specialty tins at various prices will be available, and the candies will be sold by the pound. Special orders for whole or half pumpkin rolls also will be taken. To place an order or for more information, call the church office at (734) 721-4801.

'SOULFUL CELEBRATION'

There will be "A Soulful Celebration," starring Kirk Franklin, Hezekiah Walker, Kelly Price, Karen Clark-Sheard, Crystal Lewis, anointed, Marvin Sapp and Darwin Hobbs, with Sheila E. as musical director, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Tickets cost $50, $35, $25 and $15 and are available at the Joe Louis Arena box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666 or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets also will be on sale at the Cobo Arena box office the day of the show only. For more information, call the Olympia Entertainment event hotline at (313) 983-6606.

BLOOD DRIVE

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, in the west end of Gutherie Hall of the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call Larry at (734) 522-1977 or Sandy at (734) 422-0149 or (734)

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A new face: *The Rev. Luther Werth, second vice-president of the Michigan District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and pastor of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, recently administered the rite of installation to the Rev. Steven Eggers, the new associate pastor at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. On hand for the ceremony were (from left) the Revs. Tim Halboth, Werth, John Meyer, Robert Beyer, Eggers, Lawrence Witto, Vic Halboth and Rich Zeilke. Following the Oct. 17 ceremony, the congregation hosted a welcome dinner for the Eggers family in the school gymnasium.*

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p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. There's a suggested donation of $7.50 at the door. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

■ The Sunday School and weekday school children of Faith Lutheran Church are explaining the symbolism of Christmas in their Advent pageant, "Christmas Is Coming," at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The program includes music, bell ringing, singing and more. For more information, call (734) 421-7249.

■ The children and youth of Newburgh United Methodist Church are acting out the story of Jesus's birth as seen through the eyes of the stable animals, in their Christmas pageant, "The Mouse's Tale."

Performance times are the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

■ The children of the Sunday school are participating in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church annual Christmas pageant at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church, 16360 Hubbard, between Five and Six Mile roads, Livonia.

For more information, call (734) 421-8451.

Religion *from page B8*

464-8286 for a blood donation appointment.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Garden City Presbyterian Church is offering a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere. It's offered the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

JESUS'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, Dec. 13, is the deadline for signing up for a "Happy Birthday, Jesus," party at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia.

The annual event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 18, and is open to children ages 4 through the sixth grade accompanied by a parent or guardian. There will be games, crafts, a Christmas story and cake. The program is free of charge, but reservations are necessary. Call (734) 422-6038.

ADVENT SERVICES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has Advent Bible study at 7 p.m. Monday, now through Dec. 20, and 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, following Advent vespers at 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 21, at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0211.

■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church's Advent service will be 7:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Drama, music and a brief message will focus on the events in Bethlehem 2000 years ago.

There will be a fellowship dinner 5-6 p.m. The cost of the meals will be $3.50 for adults, $2 for children age 3-12 and free for those age 2 and under. For reservations, call (734) 522-6830.

■ Trinity Lutheran Church will have an Advent supper and service Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be a simple supper at 7 p.m. and worship service at 7:30 p.m, which will center around remembering the hungry and needy of the world. The midweek offering will go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord is presenting a healing service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland.

The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward," offered on the third Wednesday of the month at the church. This month's theme is "Do Not Be Afraid for Nothing Is Impossible with God."

For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

TLC STORYTIME

Timothy Lutheran Church will have a TLC Storytime for children 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Kids are invited to bring their parents to hear Christian stories and snacks. The books chosen are for age 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

Cultural center hosts 'Holiday Doll Show'

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For adoptees: *Andy and Patty Miller-Zelinke (top photo) and their children Dylan, 4, Rachel, 6, and Andrew, 9, joined Jackie Blackwood and daughter Tashia in celebrating at a Christmas party hosted by John and Linda Hinkle of Adoptees Help Adopt International in Westland.*

Merchants host Kindermusik story times

Parents and their children may experience an interactive programs of seasonal story telling, music and movement during Story Times with Miss Karen in December.

Favorite children books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times. Registrations are suggested for the Story Times.

Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music in Canton, will appear at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Baby! Baby! Children's Resale Shop, 153 E. Main St., Northville. Call Baby! Baby! at (248) 347-2229 for registration information.

She also will appear at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main St., Plymouth. Story Times are planned for the first or second Saturday of each month at the store. Call (734) 455-5220 to register.

Schanerberger also be at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4. Story Times are planned for the first Tuesday of each month at Plymouth Coffee Bean Call (734) 454-0178 to register.

Schanerberger has more than 20 years teaching and conducting experience with students of all ages. Evola offers Kindermusik Village for newborns to age 1, Kindermusik Our Time for children age 1-3 years and Growing With Kindermusik for children age 3-5 as well as group piano and violin classes.

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announces the birth of **Alexa Nicole** Aug. 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has two siblings, Ryu, 6, and Brandon, 4. Grandmother is Judy Haworth of Westland.

Todd and **Brenda Buehler** of Redford announce the birth of **Justin Dennis** Aug. 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a brother, Jesse, 4 1/2. Grandparents are James and Dell Hallam of Dearborn Heights and Mark and Louise Grossman of Melbourne, Fla.

Anastase Canelopoulos and **Denise Elkins** of Canton announce the birth of **Emily Sophia** Aug. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has a brother, Scott, 5. Grandparents are John and Emily Canelopoulos of Westland and Janet and Jimmy Elkins of Garden City.

Angelique Leksche and **Scott Eatmon** of Plymouth announce the birth of **Jamey Marie** Sept. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings Shelby, Josh and Brandon. Sue Leksche of Plymouth is her grandmother.

Kenneth and **Carrie Gartner** of Redford announce the birth of **Andrea Grace** Sept. 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has a brother, Nathan Tyler, 9, and sister, Haley Rose, 3. Grandparents are Lois and Dan Gartner of Livonia, Joanne McClanahan of Dearborn Heights and the late Joseph McClanahan. Great-grandmother is Ella Beck of Dearborn.

Doug and **Dianna Worsley** of Canton announce the birth of **Makenna Rae** Sept. 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins sister Alexis Taylor, 3. Grandparents are Carol Worsley of Garden City, Dennis and Judy Worsley of Westland, Lou and Cindy Moore of Garden City and Sheryl and Clem Ciluffo of Brighton.

Daniel and **Carrie Snyder** of Redford announce the birth of **William McNeill** Sept. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Gil and Becky Snyder of Hiawassee, Ga., and Ron and Linda Nesmith and Phil Culler, all of Garden City.

Timothy and **Rebecca Jager** of Westland announce the birth of **Hayley Anne** Sept. 16 at Providence Hospital of Southfield. Grandparents include Deborah Rais of Livonia and Richard and Linda Jager of Tawas. Great-grandmother is Sylvia Camilleri of Livonia.

Keith and **Christine Yancy** of Livonia announce the birth of **Adrienne Margaret** Sept. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins sister, Meredith, 4. Grandparents are Foster and Helen Yancy of Dearborn and José and Doris Mauricio of Inverness, Fla.

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Thanksgiving hockey

•Assistant captain Jeff Dominas scored on a shootout after overtime to give the Livonia Bantam Panthers a 4-3 victory over the Vaughn (Toronto) Panthers in a Thanksgiving holiday tournament.

Goaltender Jacob Pierzynski blanked the Panthers through a five-minute overtime and the shootout to earn the win. Captain Bill Kane was named tournament MVP.

The Panthers defeated the Redford Ice Dogs, the Toronto Panthers and tied the Livingston Lightning to win the 11th Sports Weekend Extravaganza, staged at Dearborn, Redford, Melvindale and the State Fair Coliseum.

Team members also include assistant captains Dave Ruprecht and Dave McCall plus Craig Bathurst, Tony Devlin, Mike Lauzon, Pat Miller, Chris Paul, Ryan Pfiefer, Jacob Sidor, Ken Sinclair, Jim Stevenson, Bennett Tyler and Pat Tullio.

The team is coached by Len Prfeifer, Mike Lauzon and Bill Tyler, managed by Ron and Sharon Miller and sponsored by Livonia Home Improvement.

•Four victories enabled the Livonia Knights to take the Chicago Cup Pee Wee A Bronze Division championship trophy Nov. 28.

The Knights defeated teams from Illinois and Missouri to win the Thanksgiving tournament.

Goalie Matt Parran shut out the Park Ridge (Ill.) Express in the championship game.

Key roles were also played by Scott Andrusiak, Evan Boyajian, Joe Burt, Mike Bushey, Danny DeRoo, Bruce Henderson, D. J. Kinnell, Christian Kuehn, Dan Kozlowski, Sean Nisun, Cory O'Neil, Ryland Phelps, Kory Strong, Mike Trowbridge, Brett Walsh and Brett Wannamaker.

The Knights are coached by Bruce Henderson, Brian Wood, Doug Olson and Dave Bushey, managed by Barb Bushey and sponsored by Cambridge Underwriters, Varsity Lincoln Mercury, Gandol Inc., Colonial Collision plus Reconditioning and Universal Glass & Metals.

•The Livonia Squirt Flames captured the Farmington Hills Thanksgiving tournament, defeating the Farmington Hills Spitfires, 6-3, in the title game.

The Flames also defeated the Plymouth-Canton Tiger Sharks, 4-3, in overtime, trimmed the Farmington Hills Ice Cats, 6-3, and defeated Southfield Dakota, 8-3.

In the semifinals, the Flames beat the Tiger Sharks, 5-2, in a rematch.

Ben Hoyt had four hat tricks and 19 points in the tournament while Steve Price had 14 points including a hat trick and playmaker. Alex Vial had eight points and Paul Yandric a playmaker.

Other team members included Ryan Burklow, Matt Chantres, Corey Hewitt, Greg Michael, Mattison Murphy, David Niemi, Kevin Noelke, David Pierzynski, Brandon Pump, Nolan Stempin plus goalies Michael Cole and Dan Martinelli.

The team is coached by Gary Stempin and assistants Scott Price and Chuck Cole. Team sponsors are Commercial Lawnmower and Grand Rental.

U-14 Hawks win

The U-14 Michigan Hawks captured the U-15 North America Indoor Soccer Regional Dec. 4-5.

The Hawks outscored their opponents, 27-5, beating U-15 Vardar III in the final, 7-2. They will defend their 1999 North America Indoor National Championship title in February at Cleveland.

Members of the Hawks include: Melissa Dobbyn, Erin Doan, Whitney Guenther, Nikki Hermann, Jill Kehler, Jennifer Szymanski, Jamie Poole, Stephanie McIlroy, Sabrina Must, Kyle LaPorte, Nichole Cauzillo, Mo Pawlak, Kathrine Cumming, Deanna Kubas, Erica Rose & Jordan Falcusan.

The Hawks are coached by John Bucanan.

Correction

In the Thursday, Dec. 2 edition of the Sports Roundup, Evan Hynes' name was misspelled.

He is a member of the Bantam B Canucks of the Livonia Hockey Association.

Boys hoop season jumps up

It was good — for openers.

Area boys basketball teams got solidly underway Tuesday night with mixed results.

Wayne, Westland John Glenn and Livonia Stevenson are off to 1-0 starts this season while Livonia Franklin, Churchill, Clarenceville and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran hope to be successful in their second try.

Wayne hosted Plymouth Canton and eked out a 58-55 victory.

"It was a white-knuckler, like we usually have with them," Coach Chuck Henry of the Zebras said. "It was a well-played first game by both teams."

Canton coach Dan Young didn't especially share that view.

"We had our chances," he said, "especially down the stretch. We had opportunities to take the lead and get stops.

"Our kids played extremely hard but we just couldn't get it done down the stretch. We had a lot of chances."

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The Chiefs held a two-point lead entering the fourth quarter but the Zebras pressed out to a 3-5 point margin and maintained it to the end.

Wayne got off to a 17-9 start but Canton came on to whittle that down to a point at halftime. An 18-13 fourth quarter settled the issue.

"We're both similar in style," Henry said. "We play tough man-to-man defense.

"We're not a real big team. We pretty much pressured the whole game. We just do what we do, hopefully pretty well."

Taron Smith led both teams with 19 points for Wayne, guard Gary Johnson scored 13 and guard Shane Nowak 12.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMAN

Take that: *Wayne guard Jermaine Garner passes the ball before guard Nick Cabauatan of Canton can stop it Tuesday night. The host Zebras eked out a 58-55 season-starting victory.*

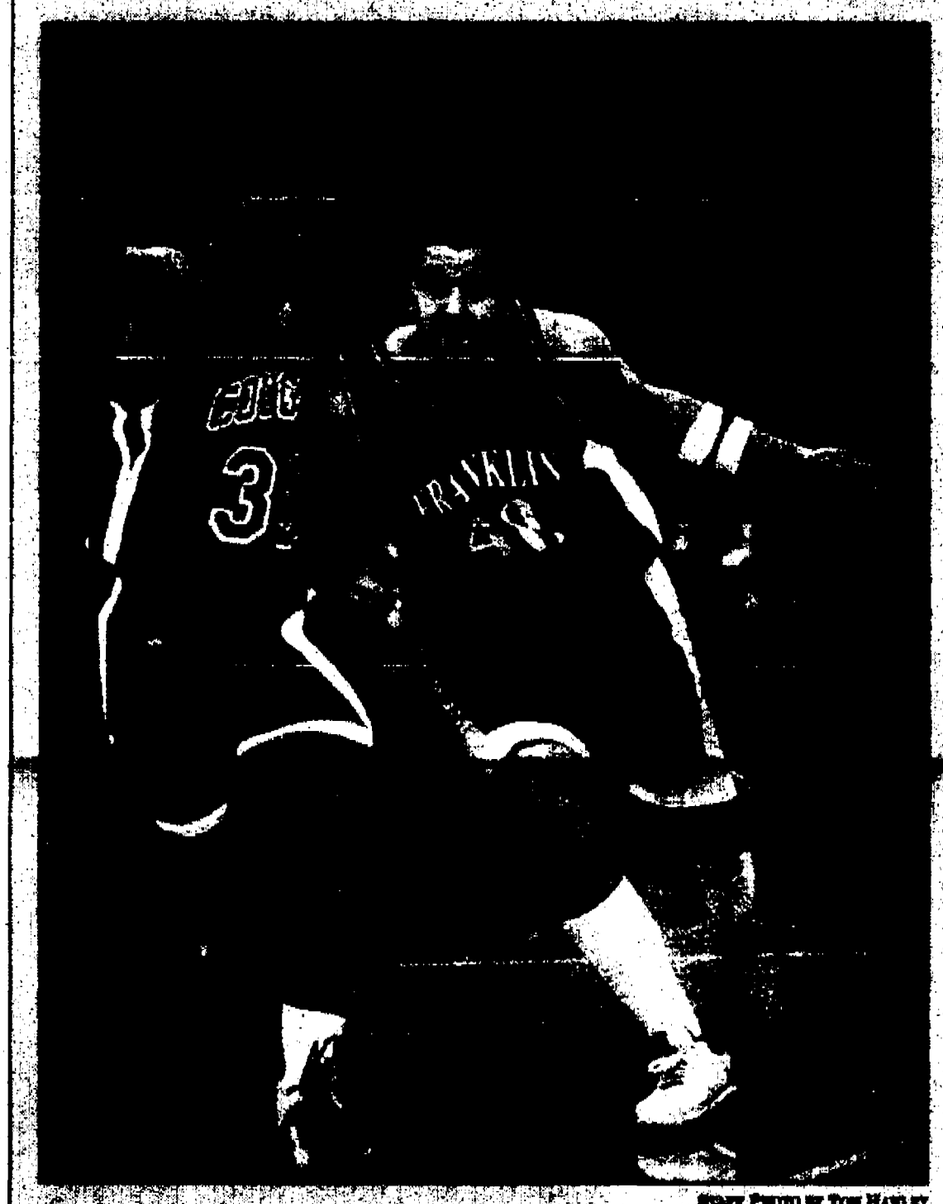
Center Jason Waidmann's 18 points led Canton while Kenny Nether, a transfer from Southfield, contributed 12.

The Zebras hurt themselves in the fourth quarter by missing seven of nine free throws and made only 12-of-21 in the game while the Chiefs sank [illegible] attempted.

Canton cut Wayne's lead to a pair inside a minute but the Zebras padded it back by making free throws.

"They made a free throw with 12 seconds left," Young said, "and we got a good look but it didn't go down and we had to foul.

"It just didn't go our way at end."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Drive by: *Forward Derek Schema of Franklin muscles past Garden City forward Colin Sizemore in Tuesday night action. The Cougars dominated in winning their mutual opener, 71-45.*

Franklin falters

Junior center Justin Ockerman, who at 6-foot-10 towered over Livonia Franklin's players, scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Tuesday night to help Garden City defeat the Patriots, 71-45.

"We were not very good," Coach Dan Robinson of Franklin said. "We really didn't execute on either side of the ball. "Our effort wasn't what it needs to be and neither was our execution."

The host Cougars featured some balanced scoring, with 10 players netting points. Jess Webb scored 10, Colin Sizemore nine, Mike Sparks and Alan Marszalek eight and Robbie Hudson seven. Dee Crawford made four steals.

"Jon Reid scored 10 points to lead Franklin while Derek Schema snared 12 rebounds.

"Schema, I thought, played pretty well," Robinson said. "He needs some help out there, though. We're going to need to play a lot better for Friday.

"Garden City played well. They played hard. Give them credit. They're a good team. They really come at you and their intensity is impressive."

The Cougars scored 16 points in each of the first two periods to take a 32-21 halftime lead and held the Patriots to just eight points in the third quarter while scoring 21 themselves.

Garden City helped itself at the line, too, making 7-of-11, while Franklin made just 9-of-23."

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Great girls grace good team

Tim Szakal and Patricia Rich were named co-coaches of the Redford St. Agatha girls basketball program this season.

Rich had one year of previous coaching experience to Szakal's seven.

But ask Szakal who learned the most and he'll say he did.

Szakal only coached boys basketball previously. He spent the last four seasons as the high school boys varsity assistant coach after coaching the St. Agatha fifth and sixth grade boys for three years.

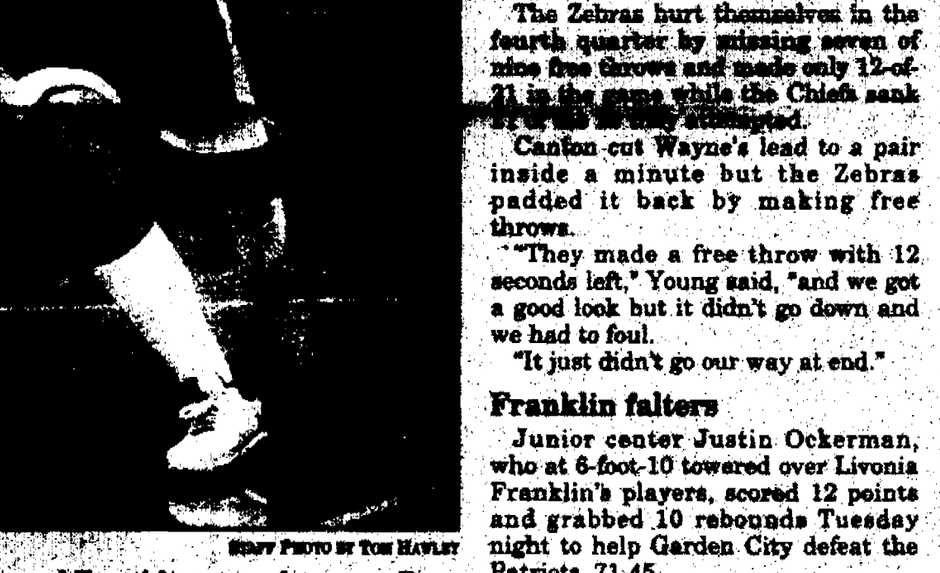
Rich's experience included one season as an assistant varsity girls basketball coach at the high school and a season as the seventh and eighth grade girls coach.

When girls varsity coach/athletic director Dave Feldman left before the school year for similar positions at Centerline St. Clement, Szakal and Rich decided to combine titles.

Their first year with the girls varsity was a smashing success as the Aggies rolled to a 22-2 record, winning the Catholic League C-D Division and Class D district championships. The Aggies won a regional semifinal before losing in the regional final to Portland St. Patrick's, the eventual state champion.

They have been named Oberverland Co-Coaches of the Year.

"I was a little apprehensive (about taking the job)," Szakal said. "But I couldn't think of a bigger mistake if I had turned it down. I learned a lot from the girls. We met our goals and exceeded them."



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Honored: *Junior twin sisters Michelle (r) and Melissa (l) Harakas of Livonia Ladywood seem to be congratulating one another on being named to the Observerland's All-Area First and Second teams, respectively.*

Szakal and Rich said the leadership of seniors Sonta Lousia, Kerry Shivers and Krystol Dennis, a transfer from Redford Bishop Borgess, eased the transition.

Rich and Szakal are 1993 graduates of St. Agatha, friends since grade school. Each excelled in sports at St. Agatha, not on the same teams, of course, and enjoy seeing the game from the coach's seat.

Rich also was a star thrower on the Central Michigan University track team. She earned a teacher's degree and is in her second year teaching seventh grade at St. Agatha.

"The big difference as coach is suddenly you're in the role of making deci-

Please see ALL-OBSERVER, C4

Churchill icers rate with best

Livonia Churchill bounced back nicely from its first loss of the young hockey season.

Churchill exploded for four third-period goals Tuesday night, with Tom Sherman completing a hat trick, to defeat Western Lakes Activities Association rival Plymouth Canton, 6-1.

The Chargers (3-1) improved to 3-0 in the WLAA while the Chiefs (2-3) dropped to 1-2 in league play.

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Jeff Andes scored an unassisted goal at 8:48 of the opening period to give Churchill a 1-0 lead but Canton tied the score at 9:16 on a Matt Kinger goal from David Commisky and Eric Mayer.

"The Canton team really played well in the first period," Coach Jeff Hatley of Churchill said. "They did a nice job in their zone."

The deadlock lasted all of two minutes, though, as Sherman started his natural hat trick with a goal, assisted by Jason Farra, at 12:09.

Sherman notched his second goal at 8:04 of the third period, assisted by

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Youth rules

Underclassmen carry Churchill to a 3rd

Sometimes finishing third is a victory.

"Especially," Coach Marty Altounian of Livonia Churchill said, "when you have so many young wrestlers."

Churchill's sophomore and freshman-laden wrestling team wound up third among 17 teams Saturday at the River Rouge Invitational. Wyandotte Roosevelt and Garden City were first and second.

Sophomore Kyle Malo went 4-0 to win the 103-pound classification for the Chargers, defeating Scott Massey of Garden City in overtime.

Churchill's other winner was Mike Carter at 152 pounds. The tournament's co-MVP, Carter pinned Wallid Munassar of Melvindale, fourth-place finisher in the state meet a year ago, in the finals.

Sophomore Steve Lenhardt was third in

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the 119-pound category with a 3-1 record while teammate Steve Abar finished third at 145, also taking three out of four matches. Another third-place finisher, 3-1, for Churchill was sophomore Tom Vandenbosche at 215 pounds.

Tom Allen was fourth at 189 pounds while sophomore Brian Jones was fourth at 160. Both were 2-2.

Freshman Brian Clement was sixth at 112 pounds with a 2-2 record while another freshman, Alex Murray, was sixth with a 2-2 mark in the 171-pound weight group.

"It was nice to see our older kids do their job and to have the younger kids come through for us," said Altounian, whose team participates in the Garden City Christmas Tournament on Saturday.

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103: Chad Bennett (LF) won by void; **112:** Ray Stratos (LF) dec. Rob Easterday, 9-0; **119:** Jon Simmons (F) p. Nate Brow, :28; **125:** Phil Calleja (LF) won by void; **130:** Aaron Turk (F) p. Steve Doig, 1:58; **135:** Chris Audette (F) p. Lee Warren, :21; **140:** Tom Mahon (F) p. Arik Wicketts, :33; **145:** Joe Pauley (F) p. Ryan O'Brian, 1:52; **152:** Mark Ostach (F) p. Don Hughes, 1:49; **160:** Mike Murtland (F) p. Brian Walker, 1:02; **171:** Eric Toska (LF) dec. Dustin Gress, 12-4; **189:** Ben Lukas (F) p. Andrew Bates, :40; **215:** Blake Belski (F) won by void; **275:** Brian Brinsden (F) p. Andrew Pruitt, :21.

FARMINGTON'S DUAL MEET RECORD: 4-1.

WRESTLING RANKINGS

OBSERVERLAND PRESEASON 1999-2000 WRESTLING RANKINGS

Team: 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Canton; 3. Plymouth Salem; 4. Farmington; 5. Livonia Stevenson.

INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT CLASSES

103 pounds: 1. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson); 2. Kyle Pitts (Canton); 3. Scott Massey (Garden City).

112: 1. John Mervyn (Salem); 2. Brian Clement (Livonia Churchill); 3. Carlos Gammons (Redford Union).

119: 1. Ron Thompson (Salem); 2. Jesse Purden (Westland John Glenn); 3. (tie) Pat Sayn (Garden City), Jon Simmons (Farmington) and Chris O'Hara (Redford CC).

125: 1. Rob Ash (Salem); 2. Vinnie Zoccoli (Garden City); 3. (tie) Jon Gregg (Wayne) and Dave Teets (John Glenn).

130: 1. Greg Musser (Canton); Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 3. Brian Marsh (Wayne).

135: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Jon Pocock (Canton); 3. (tie) Allen Waddell (John Glenn) and Branden Templeton (Garden City).

140: 1. Josh Fee (Garden City); 2. Jay Wheeler (Redford CC); 3. Steve Dendrinos (Salem).

145: 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston); 2. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 3. (tie) Steve Abar (Churchill) and Dan LeClerc (Clarenceville).

152: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 3. Mike Falzon (Stevenson).

160: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. (tie) Eric Kelley (Redford Union) and Mike Murtland (Farmington).

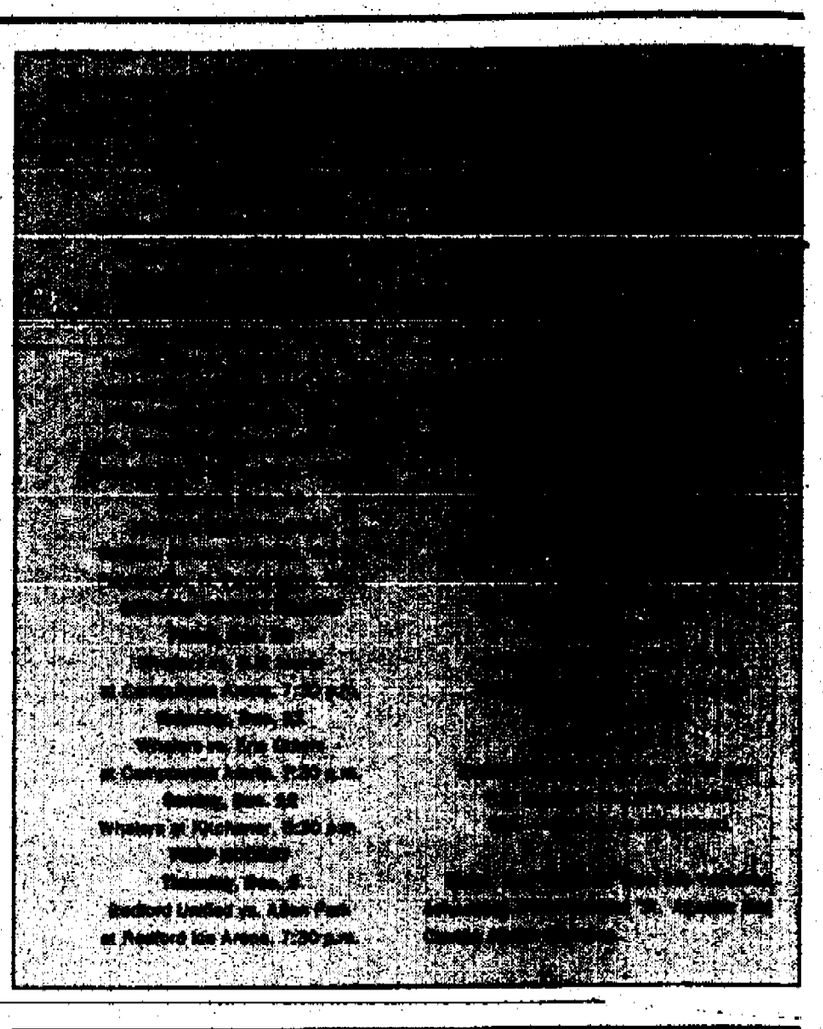
171: 1. Eric Toska (Livonia Franklin); 2. John MacFarland (Stevenson); 3. (tie) Jason Hilliker (Redford CC) and Craig Medos (Garden City).

189: 1. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 2. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 3. (tie) Steve Rotenheber (Clarenceville) and Tom Allen (Churchill).

215: 1. Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville); 2. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 3. Nick Smith (Wayne).

275: 1. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 2. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 3. (tie) Brad Tinney (Garden City) and Ollie Muscarella (Redford Union).

Note: The weekly Observerland wrestling rankings are compiled by a panel of four coaches including Bob Moreau (Stevenson), Marty Altounian (Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union) and Dave Chiola (Garden City).



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MIDWEST SKATING EVENT

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More than 140 skaters qualified from 65 United States Figure Skating Clubs throughout the Midwest for the opportunity to compete at the national championships next February in Cleveland, Ohio.

All events tickets are $25; daily passes are $10. Both may be purchased through the skating club by calling (248) 332-3000, ext. 106. A schedule of events can be found at the Detroit Skating Club's website: dscclub.com.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our December 9 insert, we advertised Vigilante 2nd Offense for Dreamcast as available. Due to a manufacturing delay, this title will not be available. However, we will be offering rainchecks on this title.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

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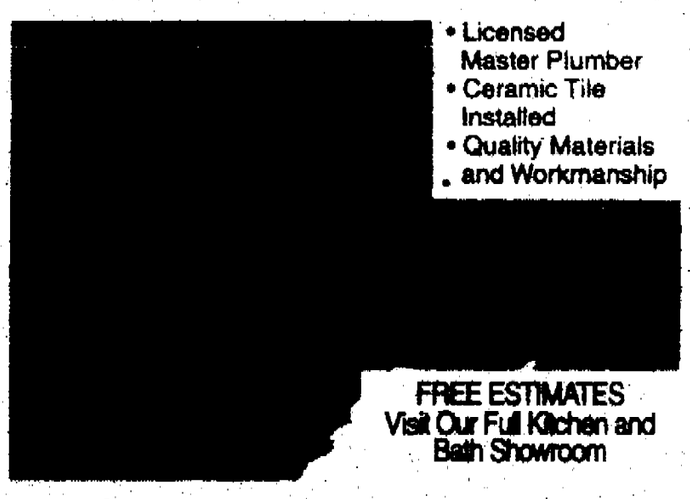

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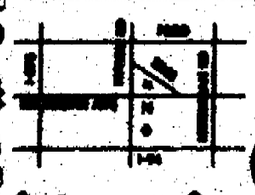

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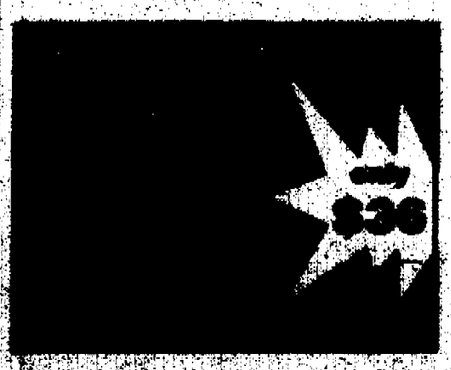

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Whalers beginning to jell; get 2nd-straight win

Tomas Kurka extended the Plymouth Whalers winning streak another game by scoring a goal 1:03 into overtime, giving the Whalers a 3-2 triumph over the host Owen Sound Platers in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday.

Kurka's goal, his 14th of the season, came on assists from Justin Williams and Andre Robichaud. It made a winner out of goalie Rob Zepp, who had 19 saves in net to improve his record to 11-7-2. Curtis Sanford took the loss in goal for Owen Sound, despite making 36 stops.

The win improved Plymouth's record to 14-13-3 (32 points); the Whalers are in third place in the

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OHL's West Division. Owen Sound fell to 8-17-2 (22 points), last in the Midwest Division. The win was the Whalers second-straight; for the Platers, the defeat was their third in a row.

Owen Sound took the early lead, getting a goal from Joel Ward just 1:09 into the game. Damian Surma knotted it for the Whalers with his first goal of the game at the 15:17 mark of the second period; Williams got the assist.

Surma's second goal of the game, and his 13th of the season, put Plymouth up 2-1 with 6:35 left in the third period. Eric Gooldy assisted. The Platers tied it at 2-all when Wes Goldie scored his 21st goal of the season with 2:45 left in regulation.

Last Saturday, Kurka scored twice in an 11-second span of the first period and Surma collected three assists to lead Plymouth to a 4-1 victory over the London Knights in a game played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Knights have lost four-straight and are 7-14-5 overall (19 points), currently last in the West Division.

Kurka's first goal came at the 1:10 mark of the first period, assisted by Surma and Gooldy. His second came at the 1:21 mark, assisted by Surma and Kevin Holdridge.

Randy Fitzgerald's sixth goal of the season, assisted by Nate Kiser and Willams, 4:16 into the second period pushed the Whaler lead to 3-0. Krys Barch put the Knights on the board 1:15 later with a power-play goal, trimming the Whaler advantage to 3-1.

Gooldy restored Plymouth's three-goal cushion with 4:20 remaining in the second period, assisted by Surma and Shaun Fisher.

Zepp had 32 saves for Plymouth; Gene Chiarello made 25 saves for London.

Ambassadors split

The Compuware Ambassadors at least managed to cool off the previously red-hot Texas Tornado and salvage one win in a three-game trip, beating the Tornado 3-2 Sunday.

Steve Swistak got the game-winner for the Ambassadors, scoring a short-handed goal — the third-consecutive goal for Compuware. Tom Fortunate had 16 saves in the net in a relief role to earn the win.

For Texas, the loss was just its second in its last 21 games. A Jason Guerriero goal in overtime gave the Tornado a 4-3 win over Compuware last Friday; he added a goal and two assists in their 6-2 victory over the Ambassadors Saturday.

Mike Smith had three goals and two assists in the three-game series for Compuware.

Texas is 19-4 overall (38 points), first in the North American Hockey League's West Division. Compuware is 15-7-1 overall (31 points) and in third in the NAHL's East Division, but the Ambassadors are just two behind the division-leading Soo Kewadin Casino Indians (33 points).

Compuware plays at the Soo at 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday.

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Andes and Sean Smith, then completed his scoring for the evening by knocking in a rebound at 10:10. Turri and Nate Jakubowski drew the assists on Sherman's third goal.

Ryan McDonnell, assisted by Nate and Aaron Jakubowski, made it 5-1 just 20 seconds later and at 14:18, Andes completed the scoring by redirecting an Adam Krug shot.

The Chargers held a wide edge in shots on goal but still played well in front of goalie Matt Williams.

"Coach Dan Abraham is doing a really good job with their team," Hatley said. "He has them playing good positional hockey."

Shamrocks top Chargers

When No. 1 plays No. 3, the higher rated team should win.

Redford Catholic Central, the top-rated high school hockey team in the state, defeated No. 3 Livonia Churchill, 5-2, Saturday night at Redford Ice Arena.

"I would say this year's CC team is better than their state championship team of a year ago," Coach Jeff Hatley of the Chargers said.

The turning point came roughly midway through the second period, with the Shamrocks holding a 3-2 lead.

The Chargers were pressing hard in front of the Catholic Central net and could have used instant replay to resolve a play that may or may not have resulted in a goal.

The red light went on when the puck either clanged off the goal post or went in the net. Nobody could say for sure and that was the crux of the argument.

"There was a big discussion," Hatley said, "but nobody saw the play clearly. It was disallowed after a long discussion."

Even afterward, opinion was split on whether the play was a goal or not.

Catholic Central more or less settled the argument when Brian Williams scored with 10 seconds left in the second period, assisted by Brandon Kalenicki and Ryan Yost.

Dave Moss scored 36 seconds into the third period assisted by Joe Hillebrand and Joe Moreau to assure Catholic Central of its fourth win in as many tries this season.

The Shamrocks held a 32-19 edge in shots on goal. Catholic Central was whistled for two penalties and Churchill for only three.

"It was a hard-fought but cleanly played game," Hatley said. "They really dominated play in the first period. They outshot us, 17-7.

"We were a little tight in the first period. We didn't play very well in our zone. Our goalie, Matt Williams, made some big saves to keep us in there. In the second period we kind of pulled it together."

Churchill lost its first game of the season in part because it couldn't keep Catholic Central off the scoreboard early or late in each period.

The Shamrocks scored 2:09 into the game, Kaleniecki getting the goal from Rick Buttery and Williams. They took a 2-0 lead at 6:58 on a goal by Jim Spiewak, assisted by Moreau and Moss.

Sean Smith drew Churchill within a goal at 9:09. Ryan McDonnell and Aaron Jakubowski assisted.

Catholic Central expanded its lead to 3-1 just 27 seconds into the second period, Moss putting the puck in the net and Hillebrand assisting.

Ike Andes got the Chargers back within one off a feed by Aaron Jakubowski and Smith but the controversial goal/non-goal, the Shamrocks' score with 10 seconds to go in the period and early third-period marker decided the game.

"One thing I learned," Hatley said, "is that I can't be worried about matching lines. Just roll out three lines and let our guys play.

"They're hard to match because they have so much talent. You really have to be impressed with the job they done. They've brought in a lot of players from the AAA ranks. That's good for high school hockey."

Kaleniecki, Spiewak, Moss, Williams and Yost were dominant hockey players in the game, according to CC coach Gordie St. John.

"Churchill played as tough as you can play, they're in excellent condition and they had a game plan," St. John said. "It was a very good game and they really took it to us. They're well coached. I was really impressed with all the kids on both teams."

Sophomore winger John Perkovich didn't pick up any points but St. John could tell he was out there.

"He's a very hard worker, does all the little things that make him successful," St. John said.

The Shamrocks, 3-1 overall, host Park Tudor from Indianapolis, Ind. at 8 p.m. Saturday at Redford Arena.

Ladywood tops Liggett

Courtney Stansick scored four goals Tuesday night to lead Livonia Ladywood to a 9-3 victory over Grosse Pointe Liggett at the Arctic Pond.

Backing Stansick with single goals were Jana Beumel, Jacque Lupinacci, Mickie Fallon, Pam Smart and Katie O'Dea.

The Blazers are now 4-1.

BASKETBALL TRYOUT

Tryouts for the Michigan Motion AAA girls basketball teams will be Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Salvation Army gym, 27500 Shiawassee Road in Farmington Hills.

The times are 10-11:30 a.m. for the 13-and-under team, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 14 and under, 1-2:30 p.m. for the 15 and under, 2:30-4 p.m. for the 11 and under, 4-5:30 p.m. for the 12 and under, 5:30-7 p.m. for the 16-18 team.

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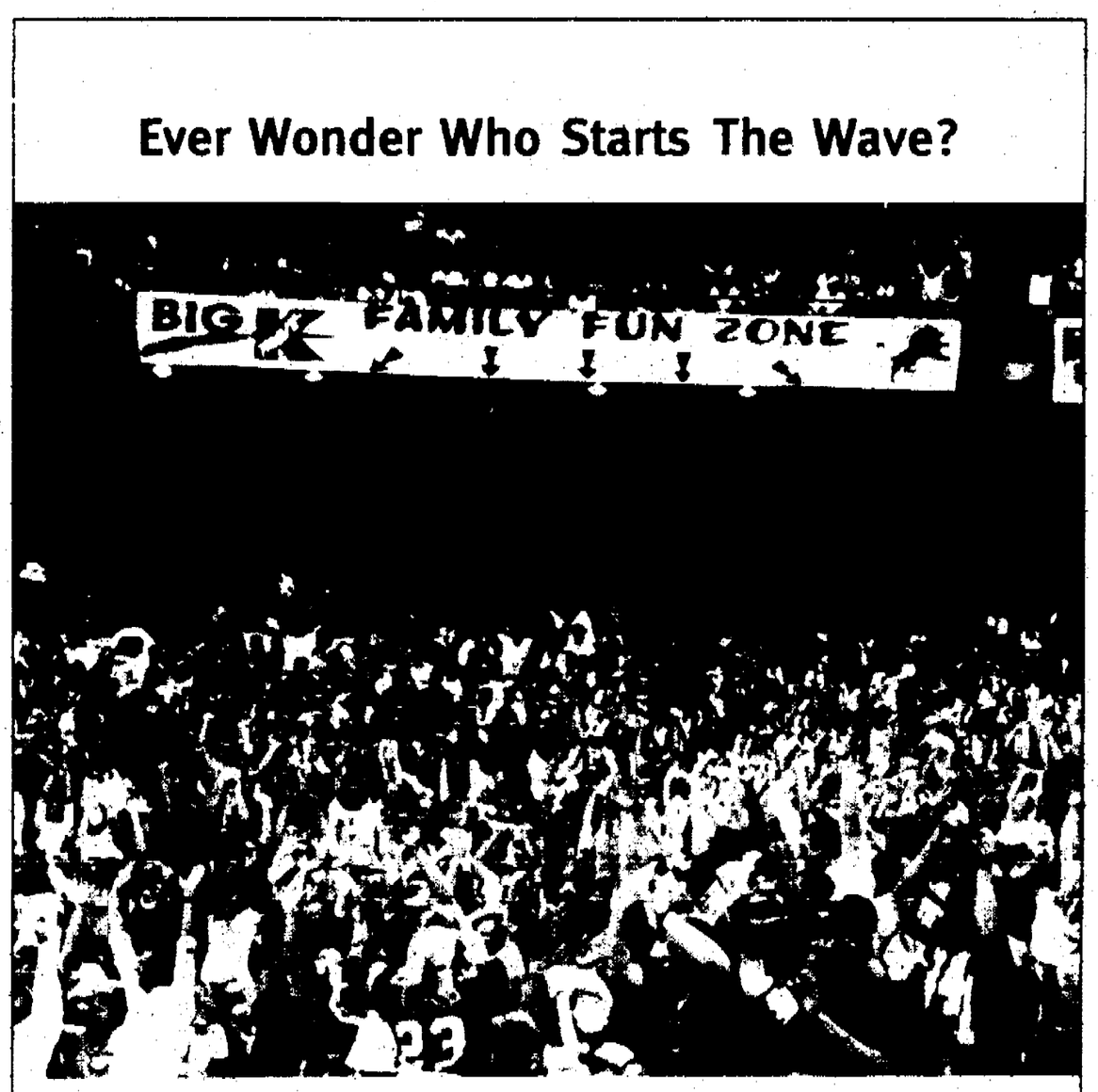

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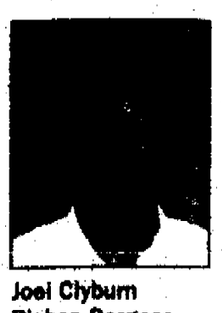
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sions, the role of guidance," Rich said. "All the kids were excellent, especially the seniors."

Szakal, an excellent student of the game, is someone Rich turns to for help in X's and O's. Szakal has always looked up to John Fenbert, the varsity boys coach at St. Agatha, and Jim Murphy, his former boys varsity coach.

FIRST TEAM

Tiffany Grubaugh, 5-9 Sr. Forward, Plymouth Salem: Sure, Grubaugh could have scored more — she did as a junior — but she was needed to do so much more for the Rocks. Her success was evident in their record: 22-2 and unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"She is such a great passer," said her coach, Fred Thomann. "The double teams she saw made for easy baskets for others."

Was that her best ability? Not according to Thomann.

"She loved to be in pressure situations," he said. "I think her teammates looked to her to hit the key shot.

"She's very versatile. There's so many different ways she can beat you."

Grubaugh averaged 16.7 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists a game. She was first team All-WLAA, and has signed with Wayne State.

Grubaugh's ball-handling and passing could make her a point guard in college. Her scoring ability — she can hit the three, can drive to the basket and has a strong pull-up jumper — could make her a good off-guard.

"She'll be a cornerstone player in (WSU's) program," said Thomann.

Janine Guastella, 5-8 Jr. Forward, Plymouth Canton: A first-team choice on the all-Western Lakes Activities Association squad, Guastella was a major reason the Chiefs finished third overall in the conference and reached the WLAA Tournament final.

"She was our most athletic player," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "She's great in the open court, she has a good first step and she's good off the dribble.

"And she's starting to go to her left a bit more, too."

Guastella averaged 14.5 points, six rebounds and 4.5 steals a game for the Chiefs, who finished at 14-7. Blohm expects her to be even better in her senior year.

"She's going to get better in the half-court game and she'll improve her jump shot," he predicted. "She's a determined kid."

Samantha McComb, 5-8 Jr. Guard, N. Farmington: McComb became the all-time leading scorer at North Farmington this year, surpassing the 1,000-point plateau and finishing the season with 1,299. And she still has another year to go!

McComb averaged 25.9 points per game this year, making 165 of 199 free throws (83 percent), 47 of 144 three-point attempts (33 percent) and 132 of 258 shots inside the arc (51 percent).

She did it all for the Raiders (13-9), who were district tournament runners-up for the third year in a row. She also averaged 10.5 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 4.2 steals and 2.2 blocks.

McComb, who never fouled out of a game, was the second-leading scorer in Oakland County. She's an all-area shortstop in softball and a good student with a 3.9 GPA.

"She has incredible court wisdom, offensively and defensively," coach Linda Perkins said. "She's a great leader and great teammate. She has the ability to do everything, but she helps everybody else to be better.

"She's just a natural leader on the floor, because she sees the floor so well. Her intelligence shows up on the floor, because she's making the quick decisions you need to make in a fast-paced game like basketball."

Kelly Grenan, 5-6 Sr. Guard, Redford Thurston: Grenan was a threat to score any time she passed half-court, pouring in more than 40 three-point baskets while averaging 22 points per game.

She scored in double figures in every game as a senior for the Eagles, including 16 against eventual Class A quarterfinalist Belleville in the Mega Conference championship game. She scored 12 of the Eagles' 20 points against eventual Class B state champion Detroit Country Day in a 52-20 district championship loss.

She had a career-high 34 points, including six three-point baskets, against Taylor Truman. Grenan, who played her freshman year at Livonia Ladywood, also averaged five rebounds, two steals and two assists per game.

"In all my years of coaching, she is probably the purest outside shooter that I've ever had," Thurston coach Mike Schuette said. "She's worked extremely hard on perfecting her game."

Michelle Harakas, 6-0 Jr. Forward, Liv. Ladywood: Michelle paced the Blazers in scoring, averaging 12 points per game. She also averaged seven rebounds, two steals and two assists per game.

Harakas, an All-Catholic League pick, shot 70 percent from the free throw line and 37 percent from the floor.

Four times Harakas averaged double figures in scoring and rebounds. She notched a career-high 30 points in a first-round Catholic League playoff win over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

"Michelle was our main go-to player inside," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "This year she stepped up and developed a nice outside jump shot. She also handles the ball for us.

"She was double-teamed a lot. She's a smart player and a good passer. She also works very hard."

SECOND TEAM

Tera Morrill, 5-10 Sr. Forward, Liv. Franklin: The four-year varsity player scored 1,079 career points, including 353 this season for a 16.8 per game average.

Morrill, a second-team All-Observer pick last year and All-WLAA Western Division selection, had a season-high 29 points against North Farmington.

This season she made 74 percent of her foul shots and made 51 percent from the field.

She was also the Patriots' top rebounder, averaging 11.7 per game.

"Tera was a very dependable player with natural basketball instincts for somebody who has only played since the eighth-grade," Franklin coach Gary Warner said. "This year she took over a leadership role and became more aggressive on the boards over last year.

"She was our go-to player when we need points, but she would also distribute the ball."

Melissa Harakas, 5-8 Jr. Guard, Liv. Ladywood: Probably the Blazers' most versatile player, Harakas averaged 11 points, three rebounds, five steals and four assists per game.

The All-Catholic League pick shot 68 percent from the free throw line and 39 percent from the floor.

"Melissa played three different positions for us before we put her at the point-guard spot at the end of the season," Gorski said. "She was by-far our best defender. She was all over the court. She had all kinds of deflections and steals.

"Towards the end of the season she

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shot the ball really well and was a very aggressive player. She was our do-everything kind of player."

Carrie Brankiewicz, 5-7 Sr. Forward, Farmington Hills Mercy: Brankiewicz made the All-Catholic first team after averaging 13.6 points and 9.5 rebounds. She was a tenacious and relentless player for the Marlins.

"She's the type of player every coach would like to have 15 of," coach Kristin Wright said. "She gives 150 percent every single practice and game.

"The great thing about Carrie is she can play every position on the floor. She can bring the ball up or play the post. She can guard the 6-2 girl or the 5-2 point guard."

Brankiewicz, who is also an all-area volleyball player, has a 4.0 GPA and is the No. 1 student in her class.

Kelly Taylor, 5-7 Jr. Guard, Farm. Harrison: Taylor earned All-WLAA honors while averaging 12 points, five rebounds, 3.2 steals and 1.6 assists. She led the Hawks (14-8) in scoring for the second year in a row and was second in rebounding.

Taylor shot 33 percent (74-of-227) from the floor overall, 31 percent (29-of-94) from three-point range and 49 percent (51-of-105) at the foul line.

In her varsity career, Taylor has averaged 10 points, nearly four rebounds and 2.3 steals.

"Kelly is one of the toughest players I've ever coached at Harrison," coach Pete Mantyla said. "She rebounds, defends, competes hard and is very versatile offensively."

Joel Clyburn, 6-foot So. Forward, Redford Bishop Borgess: The athletic forward scored 12.3 points and grabbed 7.8 rebounds per game in her second year as a starter.

It was her shot blocking, however, that had even the tallest of her opponents leery of her presence.

Clyburn averaged 4.7 blocks per game while shooting 48 percent from the field and 72 percent from the free throw line.

"She's probably the best shot blocker we've had," Borgess coach Dave Maier said. "She really developed as a super this year, as our top go-to kid."

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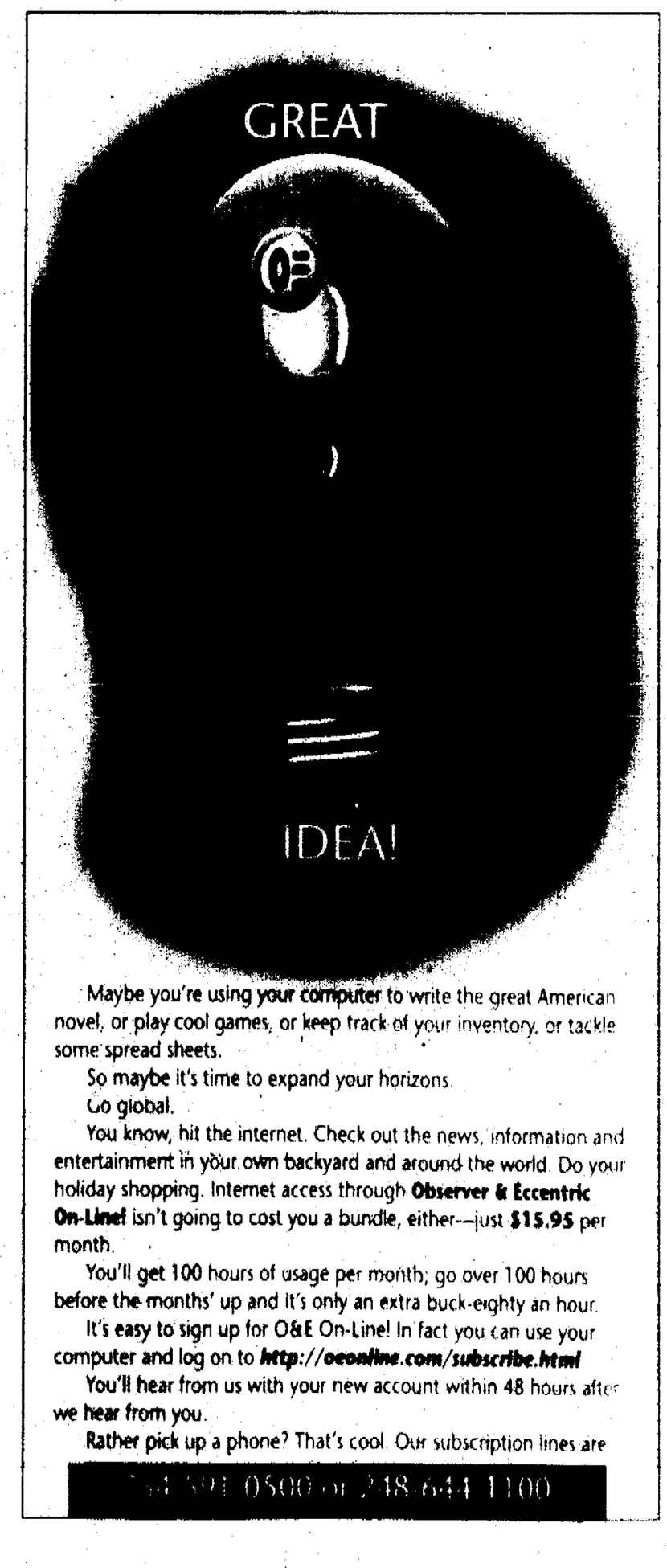

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Rockets rally

Westland John Glenn held host Ann Arbor Huron to just 17 second-half points Tuesday night to come back from a 33-23 halftime deficit to record a 54-50 victory.

"We focused on stopping them," Coach Mike Schuette of the Rockets said of his halftime speech. "We wanted five stops to start the second half, then convert after them.

"We wanted to make them take a shot we wanted them to take, not one they wanted to take, and we did. Plus four shots fell in the second half that didn't fall in the first."

Controlling the backboards was a big item for Westland John Glenn, too.

Center Yaku Moton scored 20 points and grabbed 19 rebounds while forward Ben Harris had 15 points and 21 rebounds.

Guard Eric Jones scored 11 points, eight in the second half, and had four assists. Junior Brent Vogle scored eight points.

Joey Sims led the River Rats with 15 points but was pointless in the fourth quarter. Andrew Martin scored 11.

Huron was 8-for-14 from the free throw line while John Glenn made 12-of-18.

The Rockets outscored the River Rats 17-12 in the third quarter and 14-5 in the fourth.

John Glenn did a good job of cutting down on its turnovers and Schuette praised his team for maintaining its composure under fire in the second half.

Huron "started to slow it down, but we didn't panic," he said. "We got two steals off their delay. Then they had to go back and play."

Harris sealed the outcome with a layup with nine seconds to play.

Spartans spank Bears

Livonia Stevenson welcomed Wyandotte with open arms and an open basket.

The Spartans got double-figure scoring from three players Tuesday night to earn a 50-43 victory over the visiting Bears.

"The biggest thing I was pleased with," Coach Tim Newman of Stevenson said, "was that we had a good first quarter."

Wyandotte held an 8-6 lead after the first quarter and expanded it to 23-16 at halftime.

"We just decided to come out in the second half, play aggressive, push the ball down the floor and see what happens," Newman said. "The kids made some mistakes, but they were liveable mistakes, mistakes of aggression.

"Our new kids played well and our seniors stepped up and did a nice job."

The result was a 19-7 third period for Stevenson and the Spartans held a 15-13 margin in closing it out.

"The defensive intensity by our guards got us a couple of steals and led to easy baskets," Newman said.

Keshay McChristion paced Stevenson with 13 points, Harland Beverly added 12 and sophomore guard Ryan Drolet had an 11-point debut.

Brad Swauger scored 12 to lead Wyandotte.

Drolet made 10 steals, made 4-of-6 shots and spearheaded Stevenson's pressure defense.

"The difference in the game was we really handled their pressure," Newman said. "We came out strong in the second half and they couldn't handle our pressure.

"We noticed the Oakland Press picked us 11th in our league. We're just out to prove maybe they don't know quite as much as they think they do out there."

Chargers squander lead

Livonia Churchill let a 28-20 halftime lead slip away Tuesday night and fell, 58-53, to visiting Dearborn.

"Our kids played super pressure defense during the game," Churchill coach Rick Austin said, "but we just couldn't finish to put them away.

"They went ahead in the third quarter but we battled back, which showed good character. We're working hard and making things happen."

Dearborn used an 18-10 third quarter to get back in the game then pulled slowly away in the fourth quarter thanks to free throw shooting.

Dearborn made 19-of-31 while Churchill made 11-of-21.

"We sent them to the line too many times," Austin said. "They won it at the free throw line. Eleven of their 20 in the fourth quarter was from the line.

"We missed five in the fourth quarter that would have really helped."

Randall Boboige had 17 points to lead the Chargers. John Bennett scored 16 and Brad Bescoe nine.

Sean Turner led the scorers with 24 points for Dearborn. Scott Golen had 19.

Trojans sandwiched

Livonia Clarenceville could muster only six points in each of the middle two periods Tuesday night in absorbing a 57-54 loss at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

The Trojans jumped out to a 19-8 lead but fell behind by a point, 26-25, by halftime and trailed by eight after three periods, 39-31.

Scott Wion scored 17 points to lead Clarenceville. Rick Burack had 12 and Scott Carr 10. Each scored seven points in the fourth period.

The Cranes got 25 points from Anthony Sharpe and 18 from Chris Taylor.

Even though the two are both in the Metro Conference, the new league setup made this a non-conference contest.

Hawks roughed up

Host Taylor Light & Life showed some muscle Tuesday night in defeating Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 61-31.

Rene Arnal scored 15 points to lead the Hawks and Alan Kleinke scored 10.

"They have a new coach and have upgraded their play," Coach Tod Bartholomew of Huron Valley Lutheran said. "We have a lot of work to do but a lot of good things took place for us, too.

"We worked hard and will build on that."

Paul Nitz scored 14 points for Light & Life while Jim McMahan and Billy Campian added 11 apiece.

Crusaders go 1-2

A win was added to Madonna University's men's basketball record. Unfortunately, so were two losses.

The Fighting Crusaders did manage to eke out an 80-77 victory Saturday over Indiana University-Southeast in the consolation final of the Mount Vernon Nazarene Tournament, played in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

That came a day after Berea College handed Madonna a 104-81 setback in the tournament opener.

On Monday, the Crusaders traveled north to Northwood University, where the Timberwolves rolled to a 92-71 triumph. The 1-2 record — all on the road — in a four-day span left Madonna with a 2-9 record.

In the win over IU-Southeast, the Crusaders rallied behind a superb shooting performance turned in by Aaron Cox.

The 6-foot freshman hit 10-of-11 floor shots en route to scoring 24 points; he also grabbed seven rebounds.

Mark Mitchell chipped in with 14 points and eight assists. Mike Massey had 13 points, and Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) contributed 10 points and a team-high eight boards.

Sean Smith scored 23 for IU-Southeast. Kyle Simpson added 17 points, 16 rebounds and five assists. B.D. Ledbetter netted 11 points, and John Coomer finished with 10 points and six steals.

Madonna converted 32-of-65 floor shots (49.2 percent), including 9-of-19 three-pointers (47.4 percent); IU-Southeast was 28-of-79 from the floor (35.4 percent).

In the tournament opener against Berea, Madonna fell behind 52-35 at the half and never caught up, despite a solid performance by Putnam: 21 points and five rebounds.

Massey scored 12 points and dished out four assists, and Cox totaled nine on 4-of-6 shooting.

Greg Laws topped Berea with 28 points. Scott Moore had 20, Kelly Day scored 18 and Charles Marshall netted 11.

Free-throw shooting was the difference in this game. Berea made 24-of-32 from the line (75 percent); Madonna was 5-of-6 (83.3 percent).

■ COLLEGE HOOPS

At Northwood on Monday, another slow start doomed the Crusaders — they trailed 50-33 at halftime.

Again, Cox came through with a solid shooting performance, hitting 8-of-12 floor shots and scoring 20 points. Putnam finished with 15 and Massey scored 11.

Eleven players scored for Northwood, four of them reaching double figures: Jeremy Hamlet with 15, Damon Lucas with 14, Sam Jones with 13 (and eight assists) and Anthony Chandler with 10 (and 10 rebounds).

Plymouth Canton grad Ron Hunter, who just finished his season with the Northwood football team (he was second team all-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as a wide receiver), totaled eight points and seven rebounds in just 18 minutes.

The Timberwolves outrebounded Madonna, 44-29.

Madonna women slip

Strong defense carried Madonna to a big lead in the first half, but the Lady Crusaders couldn't maintain it and lost to Urbana University 69-65 Monday at Madonna.

The loss dropped the Crusaders to 5-4. Urbana is 5-3.

Madonna built a 39-28 lead at the half, thanks to solid shooting (15-of-33, 45.5 percent) and a defense that limited Urbana to 8-of-32 shooting (25 percent). But that all turned around in the second half, with the Crusaders being outscored 41-26.

Urbana didn't improve its shooting that much — for the game, it made just 22-of-64 (34.4 percent) to Madonna's 27-of-65 (41.5 percent).

But turnovers doomed the Crusaders: They had 28 to Urbana's 17.

Lori Enfield paced Madonna with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) added 12 points and 11 boards, and Carissa Gizicki totaled seven points, eight assists, six rebounds and four steals.

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Salem grad helps Notre Dame into NCAA final

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■ COLLEGE SOCCER

It was a thrill that would be difficult to match: Reaching the NCAA Finals and playing for a national championship.

Mia Sarkesian did it. The former all-state soccer star from Plymouth Salem was an integral part of Notre Dame's surge to Sunday's title match opposite long-time collegiate soccer kingpin North Carolina.

Never mind that the Irish lost, 2-0. Not many teams have beaten the Tar Heels over the years.

"It was very exciting," Sarkesian said from South Bend, Ind., on Tuesday after returning from Santa Clara, Calif. early Monday morning. "I just wish we could have pulled it off."

Just getting that far was quite an accomplishment for Notre Dame, ranked third in the nation going into the tournament. Santa Clara was the nation's top-ranked team; North Carolina was second.

The Irish, who finished 22-4, had to play both on the same weekend.

For Sarkesian, who 18 months ago was trying to help Salem get past teams like Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Canton, it was a dream realized.

"We were playing in front of crowds of 14,000," she said. "It was just awesome."

While getting there was something special, earning a starting spot made it even more memorable. Sarkesian did it by utilizing her superb skills, and then putting them to use when most needed.

"Technically, she's very strong," said Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum. "She has the ability to find the seams in a defense, and then to find her teammates with her passes.

"And although she didn't score a lot of goals for us, the ones she did score were huge. Mia picked the right times to get her goals."

Foremost on that list was the Stanford game. Sarkesian, whose role was as a defensive center midfielder, scored three goals and assisted on three others for the Irish this season.

Mia Sarkesian starter at Notre Dame

In their third-round match of the NCAA Tournament against the Cardinal, regulation was fading with no score having been posted as Notre Dame set up for a direct kick.

"I was just standing at about the 18 (yard-marker), and the ball was cleared out to me," she recalled. "I gave it a one-touch and hit it with my left foot into the net."

The goal proved to be the only score of the match, giving Notre Dame a 1-0 win and a berth in the quarterfinals opposite Nebraska. Sarkesian came through in that match as well, assisting on the game-tying goal that resulted in overtime — in which the Irish ultimately prevailed.

"There in the stretch run she came up big for us," said Waldrum. "She progressed magnificently. She made huge strides.

"Impacting in big games — that's what you want a player to do."

Sarkesian, who appeared in 20 games as a freshman with five starts, began this season sharing time in the midfield with freshmen Ashley Dryer and Nancy Mikacenic. As the season wore on, Sarkesian's talents got her more and more playing time; she finished with 12 starts this season.

"In the role she's playing, you hope your player will have the ability to find the seams and break down defenses," said Waldrum. "She did. She broke teams down with her passing."

Although Sarkesian played a major role in the success of the Irish this season, she wouldn't mind if it was altered. "Actually, I'd love to be more offensive," she said. "I'd probably like to be more of a key player."

Which means being even more involved in the offense, hardly a surprising wish since Sarkesian finished her prep career at Salem with 72 goals and 36 assists. In that time she was a state dream team member twice and was all-state three times.

Her offensive abilities have surfaced during the NCAA Tournament, something her coach has taken notice of. Still, Sarkesian knows there's more for her to do.

"I want to improve in all aspects," she said. "But what I really want to do is play quicker. Like our coach is always telling us, take a touch and if the pass is there, make it. Don't hold the ball too long."

Sarkesian's role is bound to change next season. The Irish lose six seniors; that means she'll be expected to do more.

It's something Sarkesian is looking forward to.

North can't quite top Renaissance

North Farmington almost accomplished the impossible, certainly the unlikely, in its boys basketball season opener Tuesday.

The Raiders nearly beat visiting Detroit Renaissance without two of their best players, losing 44-42 when a last-second shot didn't fall.

North was minus senior post players Emir Medunjanin and Adrian Bridges, the team's tallest players who missed the game for disciplinary reasons.

But the other players did an impressive job, rising to the occasion and playing well as a team to break Renaissance's trapping, pressing defense while playing good defense themselves.

Senior Phil Watha scored a game-high 14 points to lead the Raiders, who led most of the game. Senior Brian Shulman accounted for 11 points and junior Mike Patterson nine.

North limited Renaissance star Rickey Paulding to 12 points, less than half his average from last season, and six rebounds. Yusuf Sabree led the Phoenix with 13 points.

Consecutive baskets by Sabree gave the Phoenix its first lead, 44-42, since midway in the opening quarter with 3:44 remaining in the game.

Renaissance went to a delay game, which worked to North's advantage when the Raiders fouled Joseph Carr with 35.2 seconds left.

Carr missed the free throw, and Watha grabbed the rebound. The Raiders worked the ball until Shulman penetrated and shot a leaning one-hander that bounced off the iron as time expired.

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SEASON/DATES

DEER
The late archery season runs through Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only firearms season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only firearms season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

ELK
Late elk season runs through Dec. 14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE
A special late grouse season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT
A special late pheasant season runs through Dec. 15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

FLY TYING
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

ROD BUILDING
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fishing rod building classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY POTLUCK
Bring a dish to pass and join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club for a casual holiday dinner and planning meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, in Troy. Call (248) 879-6004 for directions and more information.

WATERLOO WANDERING
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike at the Waterloo Recreation area beginning at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Call (313) 562-1873 for directions and more information.

STONY CREEK TRAIL
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on the trails at Stony Creek Metropark during this program, which begins at noon Sunday, Dec. 19. Call (810) 294-7789 for directions and more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS
Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Bald Mountain Range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12 -5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are $15 ($8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are $18 ($9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

TOYS FOR TOTS
Seven Metroparks as well as the HCMA Administrative Offices are serving as drop-off spots for the Toys for Tots program through Sunday Dec. 12. New, unwrapped toys that have no violent connotation can be dropped off at park offices for this program, conducted annually by the United States Marine Corps Reserve to serve needy people in local communities. Drop-off centers are located at Metro Beach near Mt. Clemens (800-477-3172), Stony Creek near Rochester (800-477-7756), Indian Springs near White Lake (800-477-3192), Kensington near Milford (800-477-3178), Hudson Mills near Dexter (800-477-3182), Lower Huron near New Boston (800-477-3182), Lake Erie near Brownstown (800-477-3189),a and the Administrative Offices near Brighton (800- 477-2757).

SNACKS WITH SANTA
Enjoy a visit and a snack with Santa during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Indian Springs. A similar program, which also includes a sing-along and a hay ride, will be offered throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-12, at Kensington.

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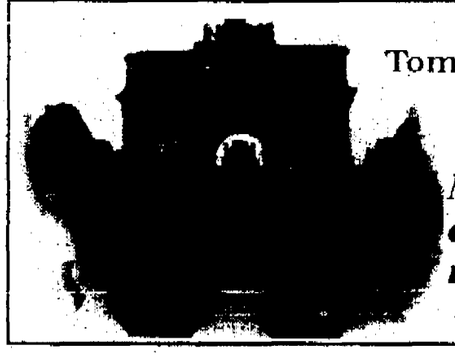

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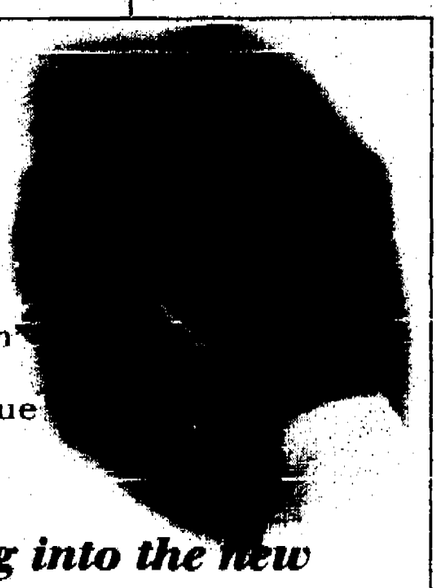

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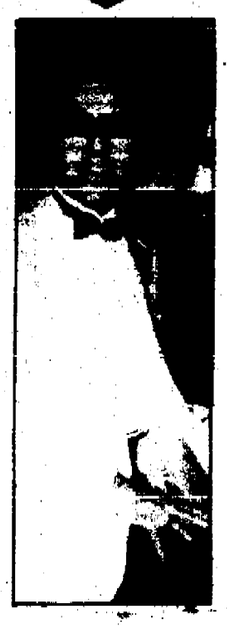
Keely Wygonik, Editor 734 953 2105, kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net on the web: http://observer.eccentric.com Thursday, December 9, 1999

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents a Holiday Festival, "The Colors of Christmas" 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit featuring Peabo Bryson, Dionne Warwick, James Ingram and Deniece Williams. Tickets $26-$55; call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY

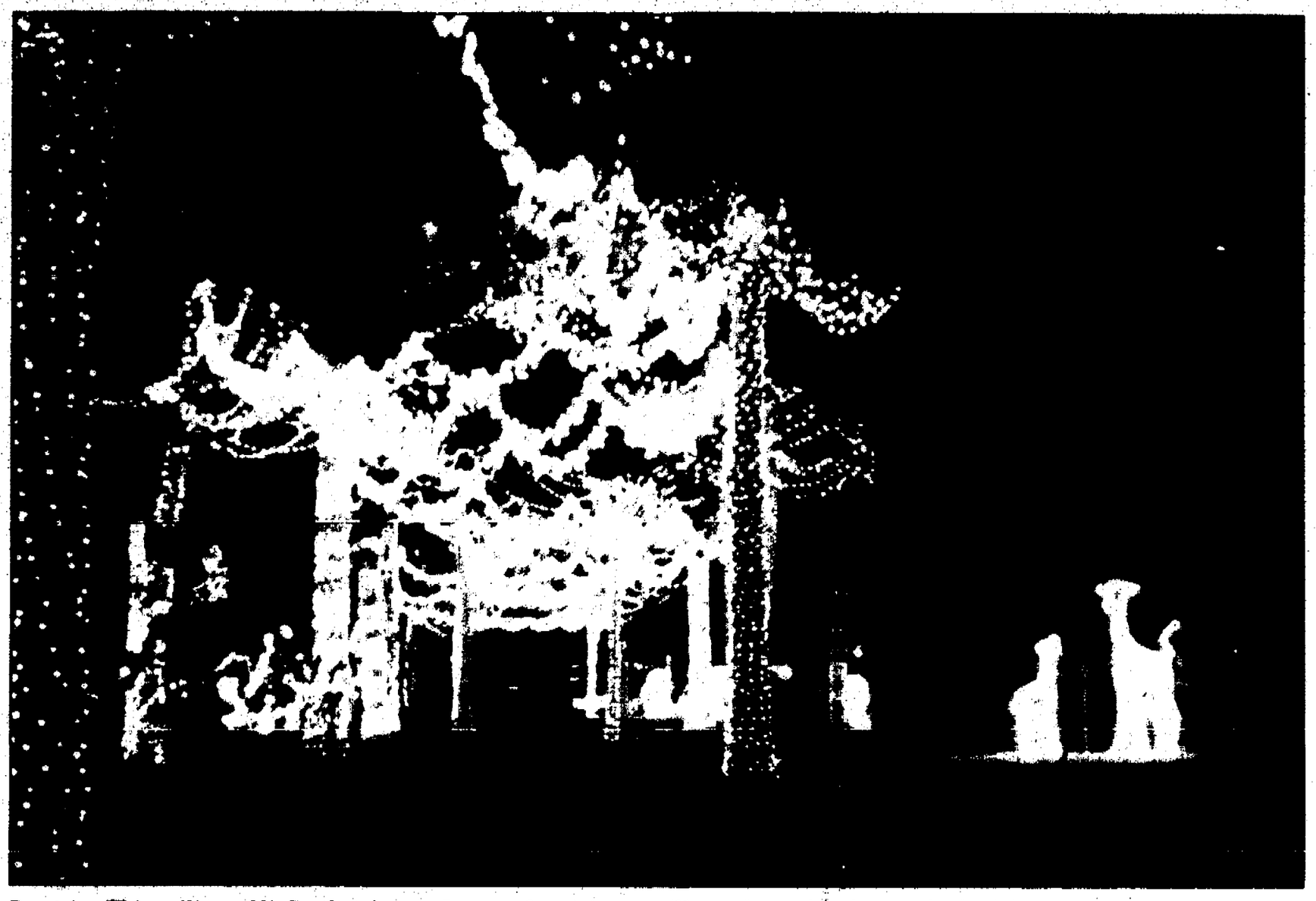


Organist Tony O'Brien performs "The Magical Music of Christmas," with Maria Nazarenko, soprano, and Dwight Sheetz, baritone 8 p.m. at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River in Detroit. Tickets $8, available night of performance at the box office.

SUNDAY

Sean Grier is the Giant and Adam Brown is Jack in the Stagecrafters' Youth Theatre production of the musical "Jack and the Giant," 2 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets $5 for ages 17 and under, $7 for adults. All seats reserved; call (248) 541-6430.

Stephen R. Bun- and Erin Dilly star in "... Guerre" playing at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit through Sunday, Dec. 19. Tickets available at the box office, or call TicketMaster (313) 645-6666.



Pergola: *This ceiling of lights brightens the way for visitors walking through a forest of colorful trees.*

'Wild Lights'

Thrilling for young and old alike

Love is everywhere: *(Above) Even the swans are paired up for "Wild Lights." (Below) This mother and baby penguin are two of the 70 animal sculptures on display at the Detroit Zoo.*

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
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Maybe it's the more than 70 animal sculptures, many of them in pairs. Maybe it's because love heightens the senses. Whatever the reason, the Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" is becoming a popular destination for couples in love.

Ron Rotole and Cheryl Lobocki recently took time out from planning their June wedding to walk arm in arm along the half mile trail leading through the forest of 400,000 lights. The dazzling display continues through Sunday, Jan. 2.

"There's lots of places you can sit down and enjoy the atmosphere," said Lobocki, who grew up in Farmington.

"It was nice," added Rotole, a Plymouth resident. "It's really bright."

But beware – a life-sized polar bear raising his arms overhead could frighten some passersby. But he's the exception. The rest of the lions, elephants and kangaroos warm the heart with their playfulness. Paired up swans and mothers and their offspring, including the tiger and her cub that greet visitors to the display, speak of love and family.

Lobocki especially liked the monkeys swinging through the trees, the red leaping deer, fish jumping out of the water, and the sequentially lighting butterflies. She knows good art when she sees it. Lobocki, who graduated with a fine arts degree from the University of Michigan, is creative director for the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association in Bingham Farms.

"I like that they were animated because you

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Light Shows

- **Wild Lights**, through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 5:30-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday (closed Friday-Saturday, Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1), at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road at Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Admission $4, $3 children ages 2-12, and $3 Detroit Zoological Society members, $2 child members. (248) 541-5835.
- **Wayne County LightFest**, through Thursday, Dec. 30, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday (closed Saturday, Dec. 25), along four-and-one-half miles of Edward Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights. $5 minimum donation per car helps keep the 39 giant displays lighted. (734) 261-1990.
- **Domino's Farms St. Nicholas Light Display**, through Friday, Dec. 31, 6-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday ($5 donation per car), and 5:30-10:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday ($7 per car). 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, off Earhart Road north of Plymouth Road Ann Arbor. Proceeds benefit more than 60 Metro Detroit children charities. Visitors are encouraged to bring a donation of canned food for Ann Arbor Food Gatherers and Gleaners Food Bank. (734) 930-4430.

HOLIDAY SHOWS

Rockin' around the Christmas tree

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Santa Claus will be making special appearances this weekend to celebrate the holidays with good little girls and boys, as well as the Henry Ford Community Full Circle Dance Company, Birmingham Village Players, and Junior Actors of Ridgedale.

Full Circle Dance Company

Everyone's favorite holiday story, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," will be brought to life by the Henry Ford Community College Full Circle Dance Company 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 in the Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Tickets are $5 at the door, call Diane Mancinelli (313) 845-6314 for more information.

Santa Claus will visit during the shows composed of eight dances. Featured pieces include the "Stocking Dance," set to Claude Bolling's "Fugace" and presented in black light, "Jazzy Santa," in which four elves worry about Santa falling off his sleigh, and a toe-tapping "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," number.

The dances, music and costumes were designed with children and families in mind. Approximately 3,000 children and adults attend this show annually.

Mancinelli of Livonia, HFCC dance instructor, is directing the production which features Redford residents Springer Underwood and Brittany Valente.

Birmingham Village Players

Join the Village Players in celebrating "A Tafleta Christmas," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, (on the east side of Woodward Avenue, two blocks south of Maple). Tickets are $8 adults, $5, children ages 3-12. To make a reservation for the Dec. 10 or 12 performance, call (248) 644-2075. "A Taffeta Christmas" will also be presented during the First Night Celebration in Birmingham on Friday, Dec. 31 at the Village Players theater. New Year's Eve performances are 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Please see SHOWS, E2

Holiday event: *Henry Ford Community College's Full Circle Dance Company, (standing left to right) Ann Marie Pizzimenti, Springer Underwood and Brittany Valente (both of Redford), Anna McMaster and Lori Moran, (seated, left to right) Natalie Gorman, William Spicher as Santa and Janeen Dragnes, bring the classic story, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, to the Dec. 10-11*

Shows *from page E1*

"A Taffeta Christmas" is a story about an all-girl singing group trying to make it big," explained show producer Diane D'Agostino, who is president-elect of the Village Players. "It's a 1950s musical revue for the holidays."

There will be plenty of "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," as the girls present their show, live from the Moose Hall in downtown Muncie, Indiana. It's being broadcast live by the Dumont TV Network.

Join the Birmingham Village Players in imagining the scene at this 1950s hometown hoedown at the Moose Hall.

"I think this may be the Michigan premiere," said Dan Castle of Birmingham, who is directing the show (written by Rick Lewis) with Bill Haycook.

"A Taffeta Christmas" is a spin-off of "Forever Plaid," a musical about an all-guy singing group in the 1950s. "There will be lots of singing," said Castle, "and it will be snowing on stage."

In addition to singing, the girls pause for commercials, and

■ 'A Taffeta Christmas' is a spin-off of 'Forever Plaid,' a musical about an all-guy singing group in the 1950s.

share all kinds of helpful information with the audience including how to kiss a boy and beauty tips.

"The girls interact with the audience and there are a lot of Christmas songs," said Castle. "They do a commercial for one of their sponsors, Galaxy Beauty Products."

Both D'Agostino and Castle agreed "A Taffeta Christmas" is a show the whole family will enjoy.

"The kids won't be totally bored," said Castle. "Two of the women in the show, including my wife, are mothers of young children, and they won't let the kids get bored."

Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Sunday performance. The cast includes Patty Ward as Kay, Carollee Castle as Cheryl, Peggy Ann Lee as Donna, and Laura Diane Dooley as Peggy.

Susan Borin is the choreographer, John Dickinson musical director. You'll find yourself humming along as the girls sing "It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas," "Silver Bells," and some tunes from the 1950s such as "Sugar in the Mornin'" and "Sincerely."

Ridgedale Players

The Junior Actors of Ridgedale Players are presenting "Pinocchio's Holiday Wish," adapted by and directed by Lynn Cummings of Troy, and Meale with Santa 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the playhouse 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Crooks Road and Livernois) in Troy.

Tickets are $7 per person and include a meal, the play, and a visit with and gift from Santa. Pictures with Santa are available for an additional $2. Reservations are a must, call (248) 988-7049.

The cast includes Troy residents Andrew Kalinowski as the story-teller, Ashley Yount as Pinocchio, Brian Cummings as Gepetto, Karly Gilbey, Melissa Gilbey, Haley Niederquell and Rachel Cooper; James Gieger and Stephanie Barcewicz of West Bloomfield; Nick Boni and Britanny Moncrieff of Oxford, and Christopher Veal of Clarkston.

Avon Players

The Avon Players Youth Theatre will present "Wind of A Thousand Tales" by John Glore, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10; Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at the playhouse, 1/4 mile east of Rochester Road on the corner of Tienken and Washington roads in Rochester Hills. Tickets are $7, call (248) 608-9077.

The musical show features three folk tales from faraway places — Mexico, Japan and Middle Europe.

Cast members include Ashley Rozanski of Troy, Julia Rudolf and Cheri Whitney and Kim Walkenhorst of Rochester Hills, and Katie Kingman of Rochester.

Folk tales: *Youth Theatre members (left to right, kneeling) are Ashley Rozanski, Julia Rudolf, Dan Staniszewski, Cheri Whitney, Katie Kingman, and Kim Walkenhorst.*

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Wild Lights *from page E2*

could see them move," said Lobocki. "That's how they make animation."

The hit of the evening were the sleekly swimming otters in the Edward R. Mardigian River Otter building. Their acrobatic antics as they waddled the wrong way up a slide left young and old alike laughing. Halfway down the trail in the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles and Amphibians, a python, gecko, skinks and dragons were popular with the littlest visitors. Ice carving, storytelling, and the sounds of choirs and bands entertain visitors every evening at stops along the way.

The Henry Ford Community College Ice Carving Club creates its fleeting sculpture every Thursday evening. The club is preparing for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Competition Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 12-17. Santa is also on hand to hear children's wishes. Louie the Lightening Bug and Sparky the Fire Dog accompany him 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. All these activities led Lobocki to long for more.

"I wish the penguinarium or the bird house was open," said Lobocki.

Walking through a winter wonderland

A ceiling of white lights brightens the way for visitors walking through the forest of colorful trees. More than 80,000 people are expected to thrill to the experience of seeing a train, moose and giraffe on the 45-minute walk. Toward the end of the trail, the sound and sight of a flock of geese flying overhead made the evening complete.

Whether giddy from the lights or being in love, Lobocki's spirits were high. Although there was hot cocoa in the warming tent, she and Rotole weren't cold. They were too excited by the sights and sounds.

"It's not fair the animals can't get out to see the lights," said Lobocki.

Forever after

Shirley Myers' spirits were soaring as well. She and husband Ron took in the lights on their way to the wedding of Kathleen O'Hara and James Conely in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. The couple were married in the butterfly/hummingbird garden. At any one time, there were three- to four-hundred rainbow-hued butterflies floating through the air in the 3,800-square-foot garden.

"The lights were so pretty that by the time you reached the butterfly garden, it put you in a festive mood for the evening," said Myers, a Livonia resident. "Everyone was commenting on the beauty of the site. We went from Christmas lights outside to a pretty meadow inside. It was exciting – the ceremony and seeing all the butterflies flying around the bride and groom."

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'Romeo and Juliet' is met with mixed sentiments

Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre presents Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," directed by Lavinia Moyer, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Tickets are $8-10. The Bonstelle Theatre is at 3424 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. For tickets or additional information, call (313) 577-2960.

Star-crossed and kissing: *Kavita Matani and Dean Cechvala share a passionate moment as the title characters in the Bonstelle Theatre's production of "Romeo and Juliet." The show runs weekends through Dec. 12. Call (313) 577-2960*

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Bonstelle Theatre, Wayne State's undergraduate theatre company, presents

Shakespeare's tragic romance "Romeo and Juliet" for one more weekend. Lavinia Moyer, one of Detroit's most celebrated theater artists, returns to Detroit to direct the show.

The show opens in Verona, a city teeming with tension due to an ongoing feud between the Montagues and Capulets. The city's ruler angrily issues edicts to keep the peace, but both sides remain primed for battle. Into this conflict, Romeo, a Montague, and Juliet, a Capulet, meet and fall in love. Their secret marriage, the surrounding violence and killings, and the haste of passions and tempers conspire to break hearts and destroy lives until the feud between the families is resolved.

Lavinia Moyer has chosen to set the play in what appears to be colonial India in the 1920s. English dress is mixed with East Indian garb. However, there was no true delineation of the classes, as both the nobility and servants wore clothing from both cultures, which lent itself to confusion. When Shakespeare's plays are set in another time period, the political/historical reason is usually highlighted through the costumes and setting. However, Moyer offers few clues why the costumes and the sets reflected the colonial East Indian culture instead of the traditional Elizabethan setting for the play.

The opening scene in the crowded marketplace was laudable for its excellent swordplay and well-choreographed fights, but the old English dialogue was not enunciated clearly enough, and too much of the dialogue was lost. Many of the smaller scenes overcame the difficulties of speech clarity, and the actors were ability to clearly convey the words of the immortal bard.

Dean Cechvala, a graduate of Clintondale High School, played Romeo with a lithe, dreamy approach, and he danced as well as he handled a sword. He was well-matched with Kavita Matani's Juliet. Matani, a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, used youthful exuberance and impatient joy to establish her character. The two wove a seductive chemistry between them, developing a quiet and intense passion without being frantically physically. Their expressions and embraces established the anguish and emotional intensity of the star-crossed pair of lovers.

Michael East created a Mercutio who is part Fonz, part James Dean: reckless and bold, wise but driven by his emotions. He cut a sharp figure in leather and shades; one expected him to have a motorcycle in the wings. His swordplay exuded a fierce, concentrated energy.

The male ensemble was ready to rumble with their angry swordplay and fast paced, angry exchanges. Their choreography from a high energy ballet of leaps, thrusts and parries. They were equally stunning in tuxedo evening wear at the Capulet's ball. An opening tango captured the intrigue of the masque ball, and heightened the sexual tension during Romeo and Juliet's first encounter.

The roles of Romeo and Juliet's parents were not as well executed or developed. The actors were oddly and inconsistently costumed in clashing colors, and Lord and Lady Montague were little more than chess pieces on the stage. Lord and Lady Capulet had more opportunity to display emotion in their scenes, but were restrained in almost all of them.

The costumes are a garish blend of colors, with reds and pinks fighting with olive greens. East Indian clothing was overlapped with English garb. The music is an odd mix of East Indian, techno pop and classical. Sometimes it's right on. Other times it's irritating. The selections also come from different time periods. More continuity needs to be observed to blend a pleasing audio tapestry.

The multi-level set was cleverly designed, with staircases on either side of the set, and moveable pieces that served as altars, tables and tombs. Even the wall was scalable, as demonstrated by the agility of the male cast.

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'Martin Guerre' on fire at the Fisher Theatre

"Martin Guerre" continues through Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets $15 to $60.50, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Martin Guerre," the new musical from the creators of "Les Misérables" and "Miss Saigon," is artistically magnificent. Its pre-Broadway run at the Fisher Theatre is historically significant.

It's not a Fisher world premiere like "Hello Dolly" and "Fiddler on the Roof." It's not even an American premiere; the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis was the show's first stop in the states after a successful tour in England.

However, the Fisher's traditional proscenium stage, unlike the Guthrie's thrust stage, more closely resembles that of a Broadway theatre. Following the Guthrie run the show had to be totally reblocked. Other changes will be made based on its three-week stay here. The Fisher is thus entitled to a share of tryout bragging rights.

And brag they should, as "Martin Guerre" will surely take its place alongside "Les Miz" and "Saigon" as an amazing achievement in theatre. With a major-league cast, music and lyrics you will remember on the way home and long after, and a love story that has survived for almost a half-millennium, "Martin" is a mega-musical for the ages.

The show is based on the true story of Martin (Hugh Panaro), a 14-year-old boy in the 16th century French village of Artigat who does not consummate his marriage to Bertrande (Southfield native Erin Dilly). Accused by jealous rival Guillaume (Jose Llana) and the suspicious Catholic villagers of incurring the wrath of God on their crops, Martin flees to become a soldier in the Religious Wars.

Seven years later, when Martin is stabbed in battle, he asks best friend Arnaud (Stephen Buntrock), as a final wish, to tell Bertrande that he's sorry. Arriving in Artigat, Arnaud is mistaken for Martin. He's also hailed as a hero because life-giving rains arrive at the same time.

Three months after that, Arnaud and Bertrande have fallen in love and conceived a child. That would be just lovely if it was the end of Act 2. It's not. Martin didn't die on that battlefield. He comes back a man in all respects and wants what's his. What does the law have to say about it? When, if ever, did Bertrande know whom she was sleeping with? And to what lengths will Guillaume go to eliminate both men once and for all?

Producer Cameron Mackintosh, composers Alain Boublil and Claude Michel Schonberg and co-lyricist Stephen Clark sought not to equal "Les Miz" and "Miss Saigon" as an epic production. "Martin" is a much more intimate story and is told on an appropriately smaller scale. There is no barricade, no helicopter. There is, however, a 12-ton set piece by John Napier that will not disappoint special effects fans. We'll just call it "The Wall" and leave the details for your enjoyment.

Panaro, Buntrock and our own Erin Dilly had better like New York; they'll be there for a long time following the show's scheduled April 2000 opening. They are exciting, attractive and extraordinary performers. Jose Llama earned his huge ovation as Guillaume, and Michael Arnold as village fool Benoit was a particular favorite in this most sensitive role.

'Martin' is a much more intimate story

There are at least three potential breakout songs in the score. "How Many Tears," Bertrande's solo, will be an audition standard for a generation, much like "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miz." "Live With Somebody You Love" and "Without You as a Friend" are the men's duets. You can expect to hear them all as pop recordings when word gets out.

It will likely be two years before "Martin Guerre" comes back on a road tour. See it now. You'll treasure the memory.

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CENTURY THEATRE
"Forbidden Hollywood," through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800.

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church," through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. $15. (313) 868-1347.

FISHER THEATRE
"Martin Guerre," continues through Sunday, Dec. 19, at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

GEM THEATRE
"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through Feb. 13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

COLLEGE

U-M THEATRE
"The Tempest," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Huron and Fletcher streets, Ann Arbor. $18, $14, $7 students. (734) 764-0450.

WSU HILBERRY
"Some Americans Abroad," through Feb. 5, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. $11-$18. (313) 577-2972.

COMMUNITY THEATER

CHORUS LINE AUDITIONS
Ages high school and older be prepared to sing and dance for the show. Bring a snapshot of yourself to auditions, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan 3-4. Call backs are set for Wednesday, Jan. 5., all at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in the Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962. Performances run Feb. 18-27.

PLANET ANT THEATRE
"Sexual Perversity in Chicago," through Sunday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. $10, $35 season tickets available until Dec. 19. (313) 365-4948.

PTD PRODUCTIONS
"Our Town," 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 9-12 and Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 16-18, at the Riverside, Ypsilanti. (734) 761-5202/(734) 482-8666.

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE
"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays ($25 Thursdays and Sundays, and $30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

"AESOP'S FABLES"
Starring Jim West who introduces the fables through classical music, puppetry and storytelling, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. $10. (734) 763-TKTS.

ANNIE JR.
Runs 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan 16, 23, 30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

AVON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE
"Wind of a Thousand Trees," a magical, musical journey of folk tales from faraway places, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. $7. (248) 608-9077.

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. $7. (248) 349-8110.

NOVI THEATRES
"A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. $10, $8 advance. (248) 347-0400.

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE
"Jack & the Giant," 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 9-10, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. $7, $5 ages 17 and under. (248) 541-6430.

'Live with somebody you love': *Stephen Buntrock and Southfield native Erin Dilley ask the age-old question "what's in a name" as they star as soul-mates in "Martin Guerre," now through Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Fisher Theatre, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets $15 to $60.50, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666*

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTRAIN USA
Artrain USA, the nation's only traveling art museum on train, returns with the "Artistry of Space" featuring artworks from NASA and the National Air and Space Museum art collections 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 11-12, at 1100 N. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 747-8300. Admission is free but donations are encouraged: Children are invited to make their own artwork 1-5 p.m. in the Creation Station art center located in the NEW Center. $1.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS
Experience an old-fashioned Christmas in a Candlelight glow, 6 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27, Greenmead's Historic Village Buildings. Tickets $7/person and family tickets $20 in advance. (248) 477-7375.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
Eastern Michigan Department of Music presents a Holiday Concert by the Barnhill Concert Band and Ypsilanti Community Choir, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Free.

LIVING NATIVITY
6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 10-12, in the Lower Public Courtyard of First Baptist Church, Willets and Bates, Birmingham. Free, but donations encouraged. (248) 644-0550.

METRO DETROIT WOODWORKING SHOW
Noon to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi. $8, children under age 12 free. (800) 826-8257.

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION
Complete with sit-down dinner, premium bar, comedian and dancing, Friday, Dec. 31, Pine Knob Carriage House, Clarkston. $125 per person. Call (248) 673-4932.

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Starring the Rockettes Friday, through Friday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. $20-$55. (248) 645-6666/(248) 433-1515.

"WILD LIGHTS"
Continues through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward and I-696, Royal Oak. $3 members ($2 ages 2-12), $4 non-members ($3 ages 2-12). (248) 541-5835.

FAMILY EVENTS

A TIME FOR CHRISTMAS
This musical production packs the house every year, with its combination of "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Scrooge." Plan now for shows 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-12, Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. (248) 348-9030. Translation for the hearing impaired scheduled for the 7 p.m. show on Dec. 11.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM
Get ready to be greeted by bell-ringers and enjoy desserts at the 23rd annual Nardin Park celebration of Christmas. Choirs will perform carols, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. $5 fee. (248) 476-8860.

POLISH CHRISTMAS EVE
Wigilia features performance by the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Stitt Post No. 232, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn Heights. $19, $13 children age 12 and under. (734) 427-8640.

POLISH CHRISTMAS OPLATEK
Wigilia features PRCUA Wieliczka Dancers, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Tom Dooley K of C Hall, 28945 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster. $12, $10 ages 7-12, $6 ages 6 and under. (734) 591-2079/(313) 531-6986.

WALK THROUGH VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS
Carolers, hot cider and home-made cookies 5-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, at the Irish Lace Bed and Breakfast, 1073 Penniman, Plymouth. $5, to benefit AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center.

BENEFITS

"ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE"
An evening of dinner, a silent auction, dancing and live music by The Earth Angels, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. $25, to benefit the annual Southfield Ice Company show. (248) 354-9357.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE MADRIGAL DINNERS
7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11, entertainment by Good Neighbors All and the college's Madrigal Singers, in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. $35. Proceeds go to the student scholarship fund. (734) 462-4417.

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-7160.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"The Nutcracker" with Ballet Internationale Thursday, Dec. 9, to Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Detroit Opera House. (313) 576-5111/(313) 874-SING.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
The Dearborn Ballet Theatre dances "The Nutcracker" with orchestra 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. $15, $10 students/children. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Presents their "Winter Splendor" concert featuring selections from Wagner to a Star Wars medley, noon Saturday, Dec. 11, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. $6 adults, $3 seniors/students. (734) 591-7649/(734) 422-6439.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
PSO, with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company, presents "The Nutcracker" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road and Canton Center, Canton. $17 adults/seniors, $10 students K-12, and $5 Sugar Plum Teas that follow Saturday-Sunday matinees. (734) 451-2112.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Violinist Megan Reiter and pianist Michele Cooker perform 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in the Forum Recital Hall at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY
"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300.

ALTURO SHELTON
The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute." Voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Pontchartrain Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194.

AUDITIONS

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Auditions for the youth orchestra will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 591-7649.

NOVI THEATRES
Auditions for "Fiddler on the Roof," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 15-16, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile. (248) 347-0400.

STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE
Auditions for "Forever Plaid," Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 13-14, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances Feb. 25-27, March 2-5 and 10-12. (248) 541-4832.

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD
The guild is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

YOUTH COMPETITION
The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton. In addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112.

CHORAL

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
LCC presents "Once Upon a December" 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Free.

RISING STAR SINGERS
6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Domino Farms; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at Henry Ford Museum. (734) 354-9825.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Holiday concert featuring Mozart's "Regina Coeli" and Rachmaninoff's "Ave Maria" as well as other seasonal favorites, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations will be accepted. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435.

JAZZ

GEM JAZZ TRIO
Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

RICH K. TRIO
8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350.

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With vocalist Judi Cochill 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, with saxophonist Larry Nozero 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. $5 cover. (734) 762-7756 at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. $5 cover. (734) 762-7756.

JANET TENAJ TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925.

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150.

ED WELLS
The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

WORLD MUSIC

"NIGHT IN MOROCCO"
Featuring Hassan Hakmoun with guests Marcus Belgrave and Wendell Harrison, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in the Anderson Theater at Henry Ford Museum, 10900 Oakwood, Dearborn. $30, $15. (313) 842-7010/(313) 664-200/(248) 645-6666.

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DICK SIEGEL
Saturday, Dec. 11, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587.

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN
Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586.

DANCE

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
Holiday Dance Spectacular, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps, Lake Orion. $12, $10 seniors/students. (248) 693-5436.

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. $13, $10 seniors/students, $8 ages 5-9. (734) 427-9103

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN
Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road, Dearborn. (313) 581-3181.

STARDUST BALLROOM
Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. $8. (248) 356-5678.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Steve McGrew through Saturday, Dec. 11, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays ($5). (734) 261-0555.

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Leo Dufour Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 9-12, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885.

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080.

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Laughs are at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com.

SECOND CITY
"Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: $10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, $17.50 on Fridays, and $19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222.

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM
The museum re-opened its doors Oct. 19, and the celebration continues with more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $6, $4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, 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 ages 12-18; free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

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DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are an additional $4. (313) 577-8400.

DETROIT ZOO
The exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring," continues through Jan. 2 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. $7.50, $5.50 seniors/students. $4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903.

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
Visit the newest exhibition, "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission $2, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051.

HENRY FORD ESTATE–FAIR LANE
"The Spirit of Christmas" continues through Dec. 31, enjoy guided historic tours of the estate festively decorated for the holidays. Special events include Tea Tour and Treasure, Thursday-Friday, Dec. 9-10, and Monday, Dec. 20; Holiday Luncheon Concerts Dec. 9-10; Santa's Workshop Fridays, Dec. 10 and 17; Candles and Carols Dinner Sunday, Dec. 12; and Candlelight Tours Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590 or www.umd.umich.edu/fairlane

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
Rising Star Singers perform 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12; "The Magic of Flight" IMAX film continues through Friday, Dec. 31 on the hour 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday ($7.50, $6.50 seniors and children ages 5-12, $6 members and children under age 4). (313) 271-1570, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620.

MEADOW BROOK HALL
Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. $12, $6 children ages 3-12. (248) 370-3140.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. $2, $.50 kids, $5 family. (734) 455-8940.

SPIRIT OF FORD
Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages. NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. $6, $5 seniors, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474.

POPULAR MUSIC

LORI AMEY
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110. 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. 21 and over. (248) 642-1135 (folk/pop/rock)

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL
Featuring Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie, Great Big Sea, Matt Watroba and more. 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets $30, $25. (248) 645-6666.

ANN ARBOR SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMANCE ART SHOWCASE
7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

BARENAKED LADIES
With Tal Bachman, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $50 and $35 reserved. (248) 645-6666

THE BEACH BOYS
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $25, $15 for general admission. (248) 645-6666.

BEDFORD DRIVE
With Broca's Area and Segway, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street. $5, 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (punk)

BLANKS 77
With the Criminals, Ducky Boys and LES Stitches, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (248) 645-6666 (punk rock)

BLUE HAWAIIANS
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BROTHERS GROOVE
7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE
With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunx, The Outsiders, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. $5 advance/$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT

EDDY CAMPBELL
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

CHAIN REACTION
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Token Lounge, Westland. (rock)

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG
8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $76, $51, and $40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

DEATHGIRL.COM
With Sweatysuedelips, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. $5. (313) 961-MELT

DEEP SPACE 6
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

DISCIPLINE
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Lilis 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With The Velvet Beat, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555

EKOOSTIC HOOKAH
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. $12 advance. (248) 544-3030

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
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3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk rock)

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'Toy Story 2' offers a second great adventure for kids

BY MALCOM RITTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — They've done it again. The folks who brought you "Toy Story" now present "Toy Story 2," another clever, riotous tale of life in the toy lane.

There's no mistaking the sharp, detailed and stunning computer animation. Buster the pet dog has nearly four million hairs. And with the voices of Woody (done by Tom Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (by Tim Allen) and others returning from the 1995 original, it's easy to get back into the fun.

And there's lots of fun here. Kids and adults will love the parodies of "Star Wars" scenes, and chuckle at the special ways these toys meet the challenge of adventure. As Mr. Potato Head prepares to leave on a rescue mission, for example, his wife thoughtfully packs him his "angry eyes" in case he goes into battle.

"Toy Story 2" introduces us to a toy's greatest fear: being discarded. The phrase "yard sale" strikes terror. Woody manages to rescue a broken toy penguin from the 25-cent box on the front lawn. But Woody is then snatched by the evil toy collector Al McWhiggen (voiced by Wayne Knight), who recognizes him as a valuable collectible.

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Of course, the toy gang sets out to rescue Woody. But when they finally reach him, they get a surprise. Woody has been seduced by the promise of immortality: a chance to go on display in a Japanese toy museum. Rather than waiting to be discarded someday by his beloved owner, Andy, Woody "will be adored by children for generations," a toy in McWhiggen's collection says.

It sounds pretty good to a cowboy who'd just been consigned to a dusty top shelf by Andy's mother. But Buzz argues the other side of the case. "Life's only worth living," he reminds Woody, "if you're loved by a kid."

Clearly, Woody faces a dilemma. You can guess which way he goes. This is a Disney movie.

But even after that, there are more escapes, rescues and battles. One imaginative fight scene occurs in that deeply mysterious place where your luggage goes right after it leaves the airline counter.

This film presents so much action that at times, a grown-up might feel a need for a break. Yet, these scenes are so studded with clever twists — as when a perky Tour Guide Barbie seizes control of our heroes in a toy store — that they remain a delight.

From its beginning, "Toy Story 2" dares to compare itself to the excitement of "Star Wars." Of course, watching animated characters risk their digital lives is much different from watching flesh and blood in danger. But when Woody and a cowgirl escape from an airliner as it speeds down a runway, it's as thrilling as anything moviegoers have seen in any galaxy.

You can only catch your breath and look forward to "Toy Story 3."

"Toy Story 2," a Walt Disney Pictures presentation of a Pixar Animation Studios film, is directed by John Lasseter and produced by Helene Plotkin and Karen Robert Jackson. The screenplay by Andrew Stanton, Rita Hsiao, Doug Chamberlin and Chris Webb.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 10

"THE LEGEND OF 1900"
Drama recounts the life of a piano player who is abandoned at birth on a Trans-Atlantic ship. His talent culminates in a rivalry of mythic proportions with jazz legend Jelly Roll Morton. Stars Tim Roth, Pruitt Taylor Vince.

"DUECE BIGALOW MALE GIGALO"
Contemporary comedy that tells of a down-on-his-luck guy who takes a job fish-sitting for a prominent L.A. escort. When the escort leaves the country on business, he leaves his clientele ripe for poaching. Stars Rob Schneider.

"TRAIN OF LIFE"
Set in the Holocaust, a village dreamer comes up with a crazy idea to save his village from Nazi invasion. Stars Lionel Abelanski, Rufus.

"THE GREEN MILE"
Remarkable story of a guard in a Southern prison's death row in 1935 and one of the inmates over which he has charge. Based on the 1996 serialized novel by Stephen King. Stars Tom Hanks.

"ANNA AND THE KING"
Set in 19th century Thailand, the true story of the relationship between a British schoolteacher and the King of Siam. Based on historical information. Stars Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat.

"CIDER HOUSE RULES"
Classic story of a young man's extraordinary journey: leaving home, finding love and finding his place in the world. Based on the best-selling novel by John Irving. Stars Tobey Maguire.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 22

"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY"
Drama about a an aging star quarterback who is induced to play hurt because a gifted and unprincipled young talent is seeking to replace him. The coach who struggles to remain true to the ideals that drew him to his career, and the ambitious young owner of the team. Stars Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid.

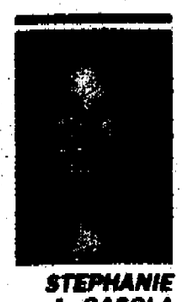
"LIBERTY HEIGHTS"
A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1950s which focuses on issues of religion, race and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars Adrien Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Mantegna

Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25

"MANSFIELD PARK"
Based on the book by Jane Austin, the story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealthy cousins at their estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure her place in society, but her high spirited nature and ideas about love will make it a difficult proposition. Stars Frances O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller.

Going the distance: *Doug Hutchison, David Morse and Tom Hanks star in "The Green Mile," the story of a prison guard and his relationship with one death row inmate.*

Local artists collaborate on CD to fight teen suicide



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

There's one story that still gives singer-songwriter Jill Jack the chills.

She recalls the day she met a young man in an Ann Arbor deli. He had overheard her conversation and asked if she were a musician. After talking, she handed him a CD.

A couple days later, the teen was involved in a severe car accident.

One year later, Jack received an e-mail from the boy's father explaining that her music was instrumental in his recovery. "He used the song 'Watch Over Me' (the title track of Jill Jack's first CD) for his recuperation," she said. "It got him out of bed and really motivated him. It got him through the depression."

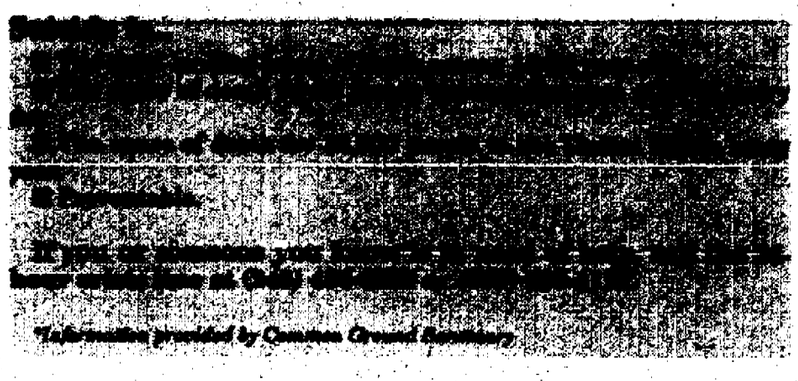
That story made her cry.

As someone who tries to "show the light at the end of the tunnel" through her music, Jill Jack and her bandmates were prime candidates for a CD compilation aimed at helping troubled youth. So when Scott Campbell, musician and owner of Nebula Records, contacted the band to contribute a song for "Counter Clockwise" – a CD of music meant to elevate awareness of teenage suicide in the metro area – the answer was yes.

"Music is a universal thing," said Jack, a Ferndale resident. "I love the thought that my music can help."

Sales of the disc benefit Common Ground Sanctuary's counseling and outreach programs. Campbell was instrumental in the project, and contributed his own tune "Turn Your Mind Inside Out." The compilation itself doesn't deal with the issue of suicide. It instead offers a body of material donated by a truly talented collection of artists. From legends such as Iggy Pop, New Order, to local stars such as MC5 and Detroit Music Award's Best New Band of 1999 – Stungun, the disc offers something for everyone.

"I picked what I consider to be the top local people," said Campbell. A member of that elite group, Jack added that, "being selected is always a great honor."



Another honorable mention is Mike Rehfus, saxophonist for The Articles. Rehfus was approached for the project by a former classmate from his days at the Center for Creative Studies, Donna Hazen. Hazen contributed the artwork. "It sounded certainly like a worthwhile project," said Rehfus. "I've been aware of Common Ground (Sanctuary) since at least high school. They've helped some friends of mine at one point or another."

The Articles have appeared on numerous compilations, but Rehfus commended Campbell's efforts on this one in particular. "Scott should be proud of putting this together. Anybody on the CD should be proud of it. Not to be cynical, but not much good comes out of the music industry. ...This is using (that) power for the forces of good."

That's where Common Ground Sanctuary comes in. Emily Norton, community education program coordinator at CGS, has been involved with the project since its start. She sees it as a way to reach out to the community, as well as to educate on the issue of suicide.

Common Ground Sanctuary is based in Oakland County, though its services are not limited to that area. "We get calls from all over the country," said Norton, a Southfield resident.

The money raised by CD sales is distributed to CGS programs including a victim advocacy program, shelters like The Sanctuary, A Step Forward and Graduate Apartment Living, and street-outreach programs for homeless youth.

Variety: The Children's Charity, which is based in Southfield, contributed money. "I think it's something (youth) will relate to," said Jennie Cascio, executive director. "It's difficult to get the message to kids. Through the CD, they have all the information on the jacket; they're able to talk to kids in their own environment and atmosphere, so they know these services are available."

Norton noted the importance of music: "When someone is feeling really isolated, they can hear a song and think 'This person doesn't even know me, but he understands my life experience,'" she said.

For Howling Diablos' vocalist Tino, music is a way of speaking to all people. "Music can change the world," he said. "It can make people stop and think about something. It's a powerful tool." The Royal Oak-based Diablos contributed "Nobody In Detroit" to the disc. He hopes "everyone buys one so (CGS) can get a big fat check."

Rehfus had his own take on the issue: "Music and misery are kindred spirits. For a lot of kids, music is the only form of escape that can have positive ends."

"Counterclockwise" can be bought for $10 at any Harmony House, Desirable Disc or Repeat the Beat location. Several Border Books and Music locations and independent record stores also carry it. The CD may be bought online at www. scottcampbell.net. Look out for live benefits and CD release parties in the new year.

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Sounding off: Holiday CDs bring good cheer

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Joy: A Holiday Collection

Jewel
Atlantic Records

No voice is more angelic than that of Jewel.

With a name befitting a sparkling ornament for a Christmas tree, who better than the popular songstress to breathe new life into old holiday favorites? As her star shines bright with two successful albums and a book of poetry behind her, Jewel has now ventured into the mass market that is holiday music.

With "Joy: A Holiday Collection," Jewel places her trademark, that bright, shiny tone, in tune with songs everyone knows.

The album starts off like the cork popping from a bottle of champagne, with the celebratory "Joy To The World," complete with choir. She slushes on to classics like "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" with grace, gently easing the listener into the holiday spirit. Though "Ave Maria" may not be her strongest cover track, her version of "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer" puts a welcome and delightful be-bop spin on the children's tune.

But Jewel doesn't limit herself to Christmas themes, no sir. Her medley of "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "Life Uncommon" and "From A Distance" brings an uplifting surprise to the collection, linking it to the theme - joy. Taking it one step further, she includes the Christmas version of her hit song, "Hands."

"Joy: A Holiday Collection" can be appreciated by Jewel fans and families alike. The liner notes include lyrics, though in most cases these are the songs we have been singing since childhood and simply know by heart.

— BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

A Rosie Christmas

Rosie O'Donnell & Friends
Columbia Records

Even before "A Rosie Christmas" hit the stores, a $1 million advance payment went to children's charities. And criticizing anything Rosie O'Donnell does to benefit children through her "For All the Kids Foundation" ranks right up there with the Grinch stealing all the gifts in Whoville.

■ 'As hard as that woman tries, she just can't sing.'

But gosh, as hard as that woman tries, she just can't sing. Luckily, on "A Rosie Christmas," the ubiquitous talk show host has some of the top names in the pop music industry to accompany her including Billy Joel, Sir Elton John, Lauren Hill, Gloria Estefan and Celine Dion.

In her duets with Cher on "Christmas" and Rosemary Clooney on "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" O'Donnell becomes the musical equivalent of tofu — she takes on the vocal characteristics of those around her. On "Winter Wonderland," Donny Osmond and she get frisky with plenty of warm fuzzy doo-wops.

A soulful rendering of "O Holy Night" by Billy Porter is sans Rosie — a Christmas gift to us all since those high notes are best left to the professionals.

"A Rosie Christmas" is a chirpy-enough album, great for background music when trimming the tree but hardly destined to rank among the Christmas classics. That's OK, Rosie, we love you anyway. And hey, you don't see Jerry Springer spreading around any Christmas joy, do you?

— BY ALICE RHEIN

Jingle Bell Swing

Various Artists
Sony Music

If your idea of the holidays involves sipping shaken martinis next to a blazing fire with your 50 closest friends as a jazzy quartet induces a dancing frenzy, look no further for a celebratory soundtrack this season.

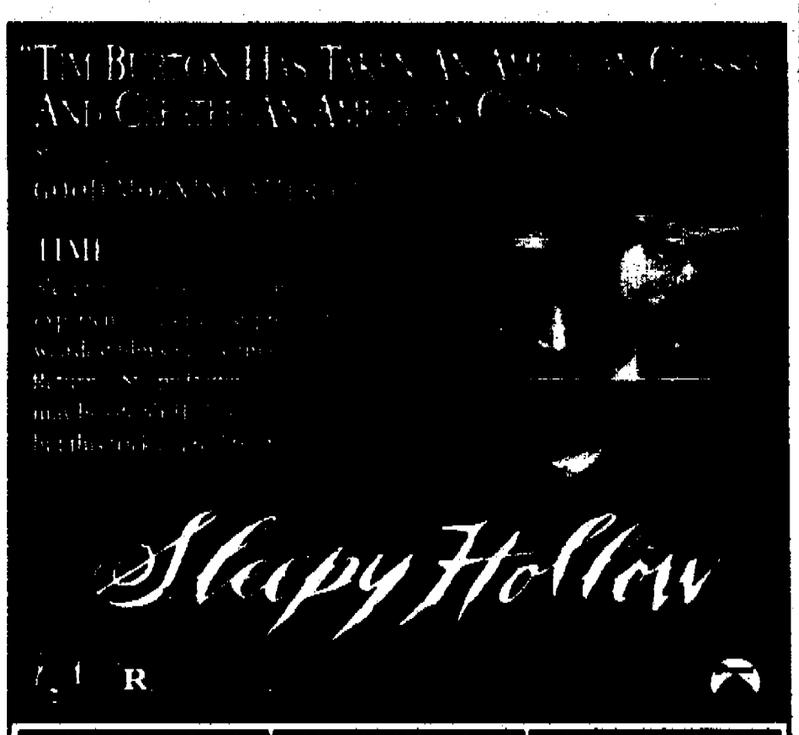
Grab a copy of "Jingle Bell Swing."

Including all of the necessary hits for the holidays, the CD stirs jazz, big-band and swing into a mix fit for festive wrapping. Indulge in Tony Bennett's smooth rendition of "Winter Wonderland." This is the romance of the holiday season.

Removed from the crowded shopping malls and icy conditions to come, sit back and take in Miles Davis bopping to "Blue Xmas (To Whom It May Concern)." Or listen to Art Carney's version of "'Twas The Night Before Christmas," a long unavailable reading circa 1954.

"Jingle Bell Swing" sets the tone for joyful holidays and a happy new year.

– BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA



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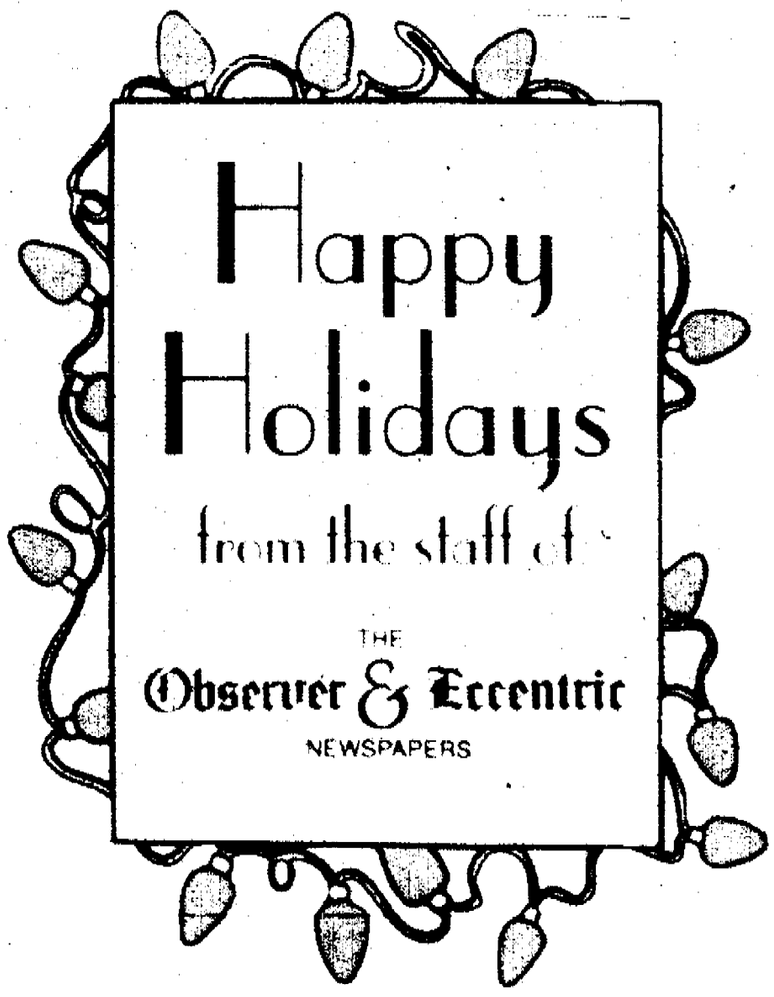

Happy Holidays
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THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS

Lily's brings more than creative seafood to Royal Oak

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Classy yet unpretentious and relaxed. That's Lily's, a new entry into Royal Oak's ever-expanding restaurant scene. Its niche is seafood, but a whole lot more including an on-premise microbrewery and house-made rootbeer and cream soda.

Brothers Bob and Scott Morton are operating investor partners joined by brothers Bill and Tom and father Jack as investor partners. Native Michiganians, the Mortons operated restaurants in the Jacksonville, Fla., area for 20 years. Now, as residents of Royal Oak, Bob and Scott have had their eye on its restaurant potential for a couple of years.

Diners are greeted by a well-weathered, friendly-looking wooden butler purchased from a Royal Oak policeman. From a newspaper ad, a 1920s antique bar was pulled out of a garage in St. Clair Shores. Given a modern facelift, it is a perfect backdrop for the surrounding blond-stained oak high-top bar tables and upholstered family-size booths and tables for four, highlighted by hunter green walls and ceilings with gray-green accents.

Picking up the copper of the brewing tanks are copper leaves on well-spaced dividers with grape bunch motifs. Upper Peninsula artist Rich Bronstein created a recycled metal ceiling mobile of a whimsical interpretation of "trash fish," including grouper, shrimp, barracuda and a giant gold fish. An old, restored ad for malt syrup from the Prohibition era graces one wall, creating another interesting piece of eye candy.

Stop looking around and get to the essence of Lily's! The same menu is offered during lunch and dinner hours. The house specialty is lightly-spiced Creole Soup with chicken, crawfish, Andouille sausage, chunky vegetables and tomatoes. The most popular salad is Fusion, dressed and garnished with Huntsman cheese, cayenne-candied pecans and sundried Michigan cherries.

Two sandwiches are unique. Baja Blackened Catfish Wrap and Carolina Pulled Pork.

For starters, Prince Edward Island Steamed Mussels are untraditional, sprinkled with Huntsman cheese. Southwestern Shrimp in Three Pepper Cream Sauce has succulent sautéed tiger shrimp in a Marsala cream with anaheim, serrano and jalapeno pepper essence. Pork and Scallop Satay with Spicy Coconut Peanut Dipping Sauce is a tasty oriental infusion.

While Lily's is obviously not an Italian restaurant, Pan Fried Spinach and Snow Crab Ravioli is the number one entree. But if you go to Lily's, go for seafood such as Old Country Seafood Boil, more approachable than a classic French bouillabaisse or the seafood boatload Crustaceans Platter.

Behind all this succulent, savory food is Waterford resident, Executive Chef Howard Sanders who came to Lily's from his position as chef de cuisine at Tom's Oyster Bar on Royal Oak's Main Street. A transplanted Californian, he earned a culinary degree from the American Culinary Federation there.

Chef Howard has worked in restaurants since he was 14 and his 23 years experience is illustrated in the creative menu offerings.

Five desserts, including Royal Root Beer Float awash in house-made rootbeer, round out the dining experience – almost. I like the terry cloth napkins; they do the job!

Brewer Paul Kropp was trained on premise by pro brewers Bob and Scott Morton with experience in brewing in this country, Japan and South America.

Two specialty December beers, Brown Ale and Golden Pilsner are complemented by Lily's Light Ale, Whitefish Bay Wheat (German style), Reggie's French River Red Ale (very hoppy and mildly bitter) and Strange Stout, brewed in a porter style. If you like chocolate, see On tap at Lily's (in the box) for

Bob Morton's unusual food selection with Strange Stout.

A huge private family investment has netted a creative dining experience.

The Mortons are well-aware that if they don't deliver, there are lots of dining choices in Royal Oak.

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Lily's Seafood Restaurant & Brewery

Where: 410 S. Washington (between Fourth & Fifth Streets), Royal Oak, (248) 591-5459.

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Lily's Uncorked

Executive Chef Howard Sanders knows his food and wines. He pairs:

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- 1997 Bonterra Viognier and Grilled Salmon Filet
- 1996 Fife Merlot and Twin Tournedos

On tap at Lily's

Managing partner and professional brewer Bob Morton pairs his:

- Whitefish Bay Wheat Beer with Peppercorn Crusted Tuna
- Reggie's French River Red Ale and Lily's Creole Soup
- Strange Stout and Dark Chocolate Mousse Pie

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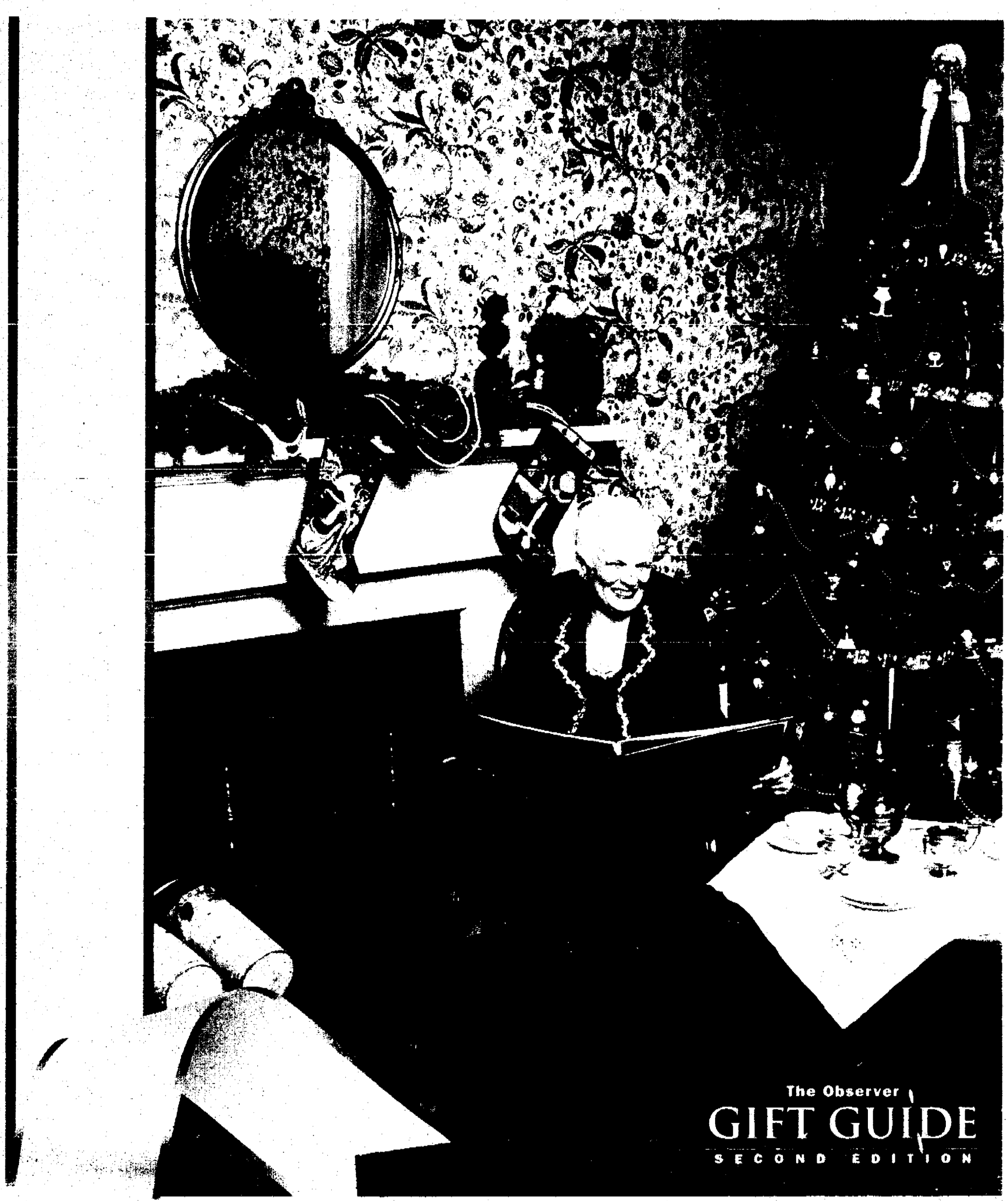
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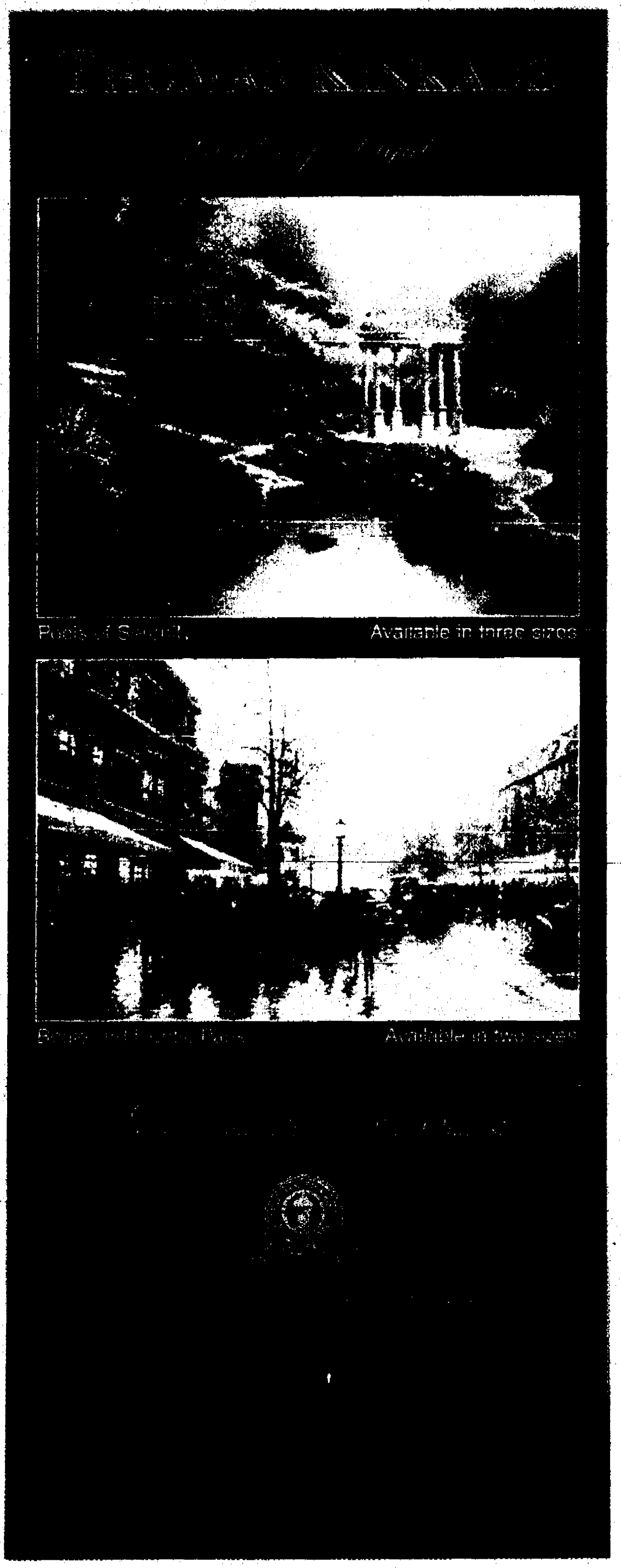

WELCOME TO OUR GIFT GUIDE

Like so many pretty ribbons, holiday memories are collected each year, stored in the heart, and brought out again and again. And like magic, they seldom lose their luster.

Fill your holidays with old memories while making room for the new. Take time for the little joys. They wrap your days in spools of silk and taffeta. Best wishes for a happy and memory-filled holiday season.

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Cover photo: *Features West Bloomfield resident Barbara Savanyu as Mrs. Claus in a St. John ensemble, including evening jacket ($995), camisole ($295), skirt ($270) and earrings ($130) from the Laurel Park Jacobson's. The setting is the Hill House parlor at Greenmead in Livonia. The parlor has been decorated for the holidays by the Sauk Trail chapter of the Questers.*

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Out on a limb: *The Plymouth Nursery, located on Ann Arbor Road west of Gotfredson, is stocking up on retro ornaments this year. They range in price from $1.49 for the replicas of the tin signs, to $40 for the Polanaise glass ornaments, including Betty Boop, the Cracker Jack box, classic bicycle and telephone. The bubble lights come in strands of seven for $21.99.*

COMFORT AND JOY

To have and to hold: *These beautiful purses from Parisian in Laurel Park Place should bring back memories from the '50s and '60s.*

Staff Photo/STEVE J. WHOLEY

Feet jammies: *Pam Milner of the intimate apparel department at Sears in Livonia Mall models some of the pajamas with feet now available in women's sizes. The ones she's wearing are 100 percent cotton flannel and go for $25.*

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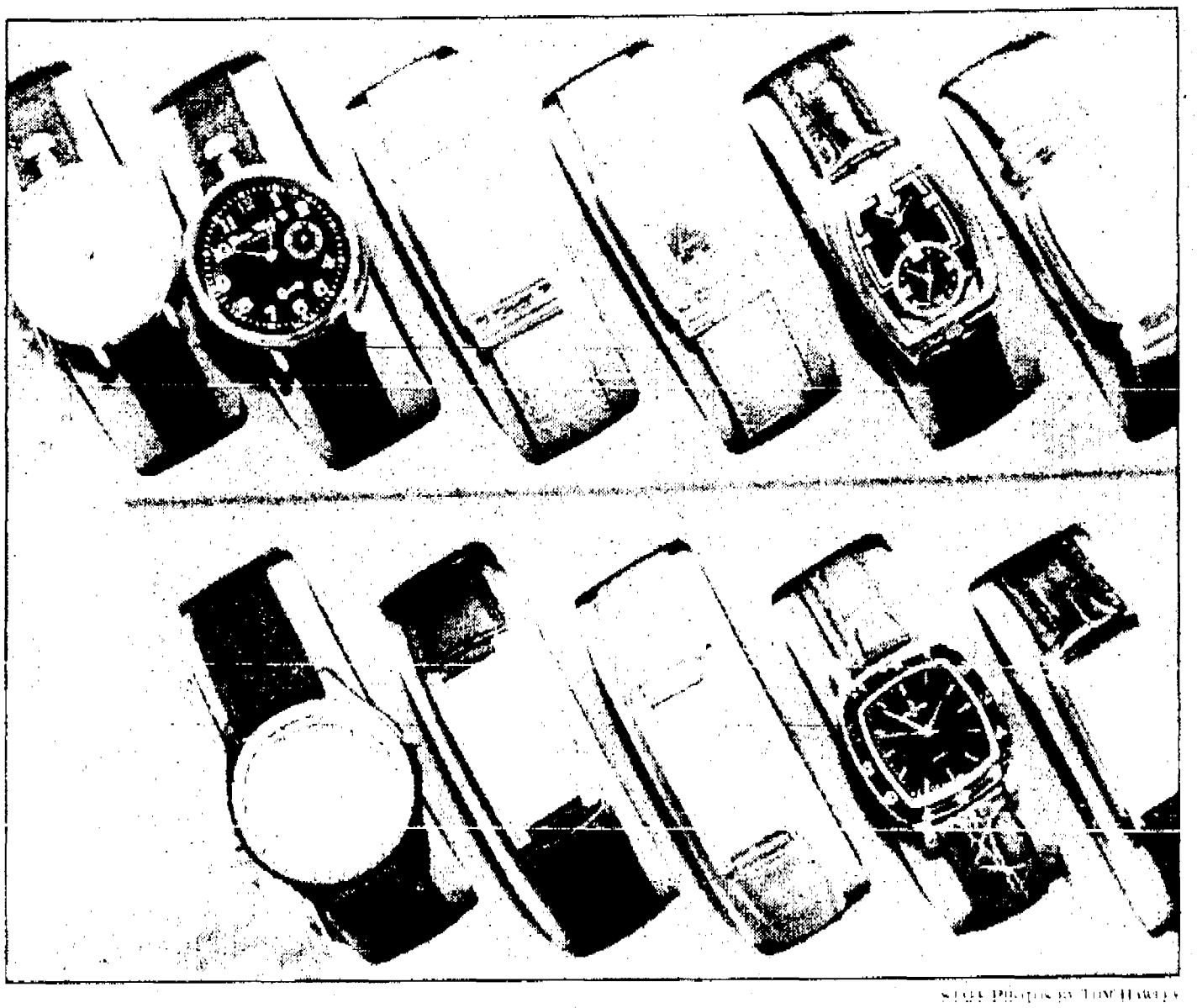

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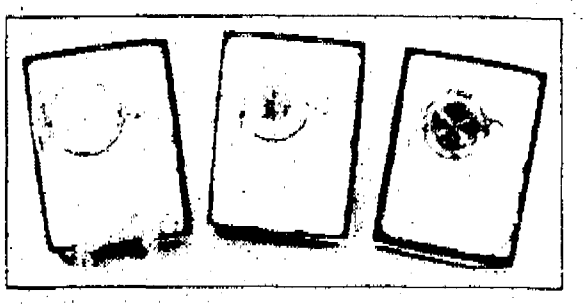
Time machine: *These watches by Dakota are specifically marketed as retro timepieces. They were photographed at Watch Works, a kiosk store in Wonderland Mall.*



Watch me: *Buy a pocket watch and have it engraved at Things Remembered, a modest shop in 12 Oaks Mall on Novi Road just north of I-96. At left is a silver plated quartz watch with chain for $50. In the center is a pocket watch with skeleton details, quartz movement and a Waldemar chain for $70. On the right is a "Blue Sunray" watch for $50. Have a name engraved on the watch for $5. Have a message engraved for $3 per word ($5 minimum).*

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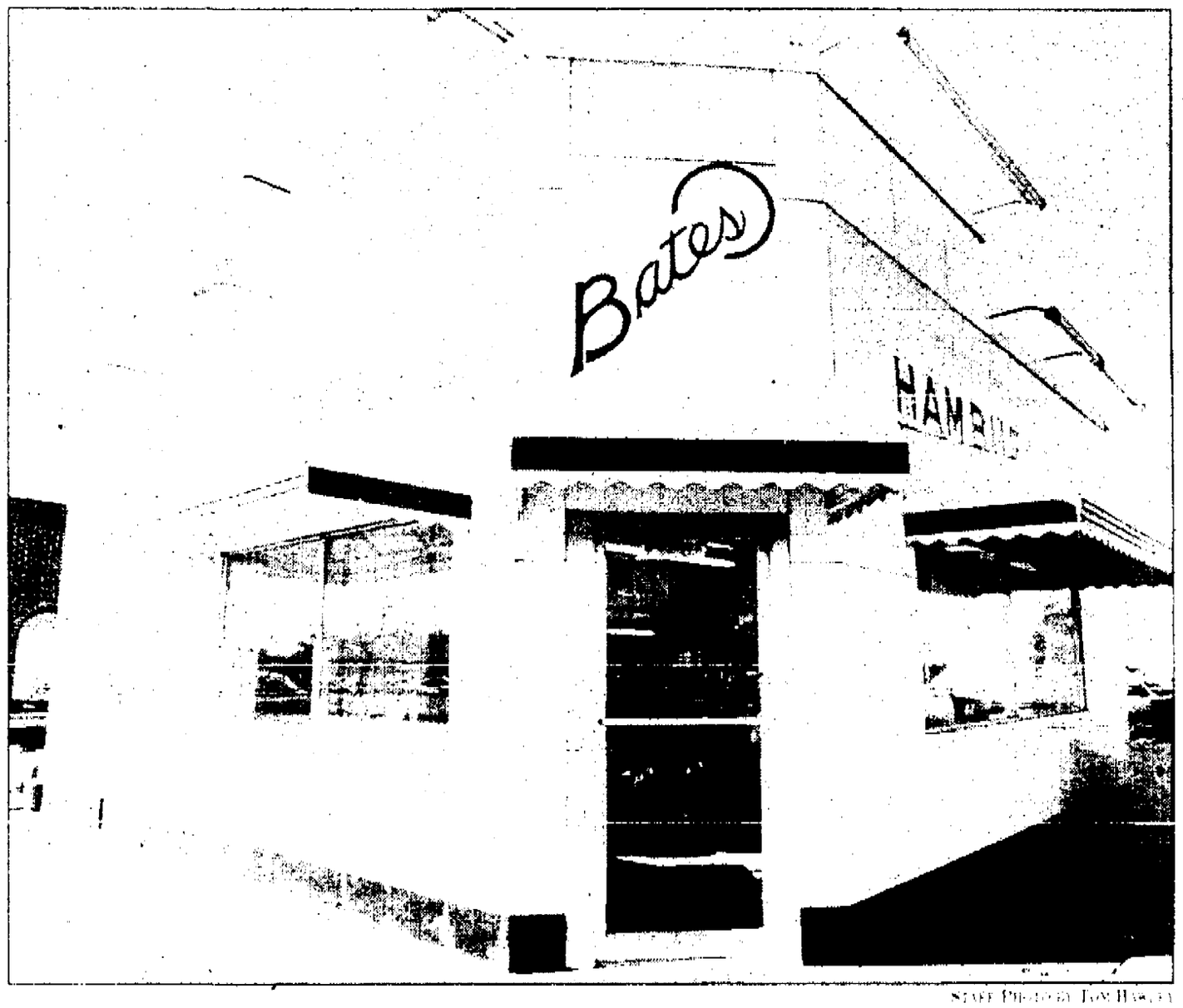

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Cheeseburger, cheeseburger: *Founded in 1958, Bates Hamburgers in Livonia hasn't changed much in 41 years. Nothing tastes better than a burger and coffee at 1 p.m. at Bates.*

Relax and take a shopping break in Burger Heaven

Take a lunch break from your nostalgic holiday shopping by cruising to a past that's never gone away, three area restaurants with that retro art-deco look.

The Central City Diner is located on Canton Center Road north of Ford Road in Canton Township. Owner Randy Blaylock has captured the look and feel of the classic American diner except he doesn't allow smoking.

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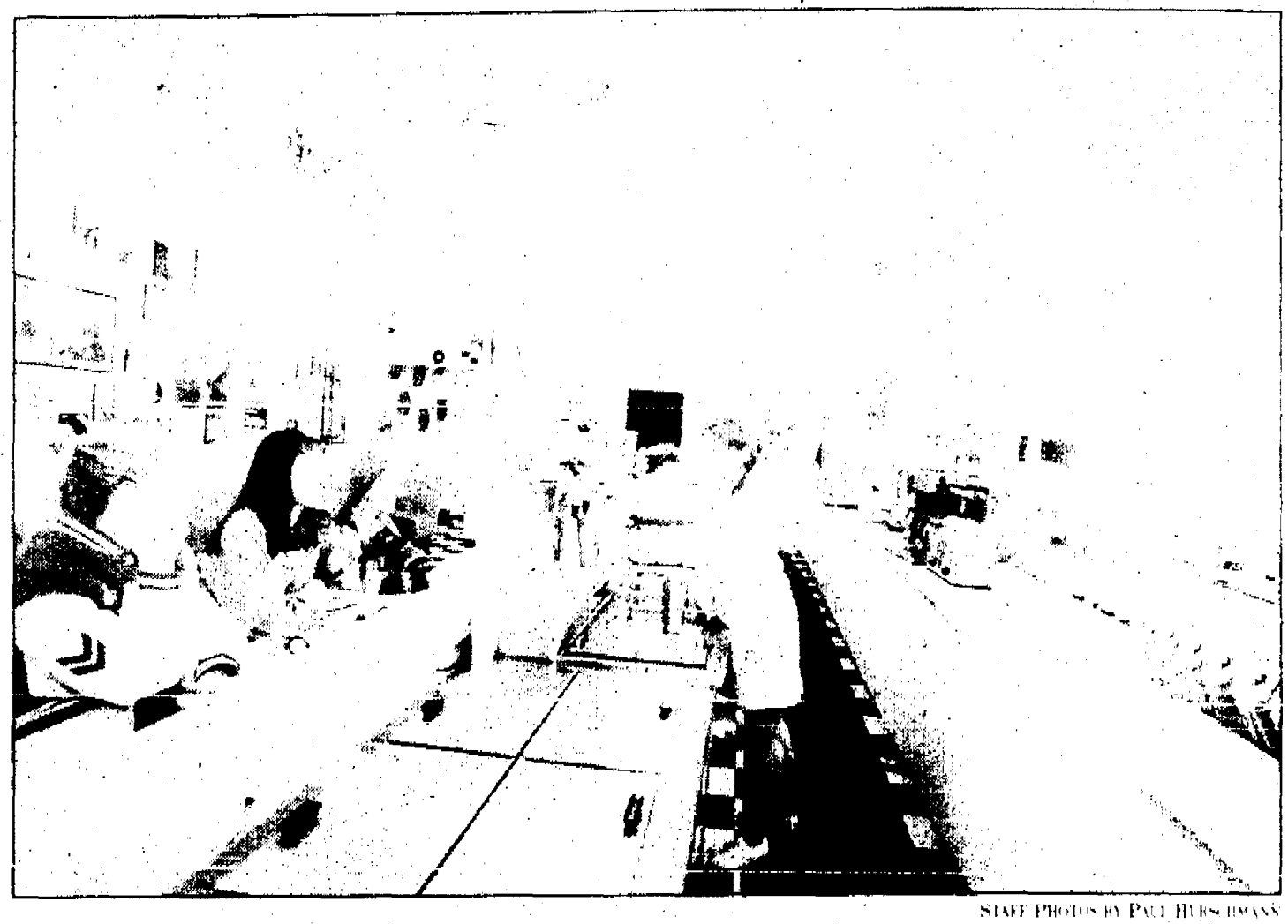
Where's Fonzie? *The Central City Diner, located on Canton Center Road in Canton Township, was deliberately designed – inside and out – to resemble a classic American diner of the 1950s. All that's missing is the cast of Happy Days.*

Heaven *from page 5*

changed a thing, and neither did his son, John Bates, who owns the restaurant now and one just like it in Farmington Hills.

From the stainless steel counter to the stools around the window and even the menu, Bates is pretty much the same place it was in 1958. (Still no public restrooms.) Only the times have changed.

Central City and Bates are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. The Soda Jerk is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday.



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Two scoops please: *Nancy McKeon (at right) has capitalized on the retro movement by creating the Soda Jerk, an old-fashion soda fountain in a strip mall on the northwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Her menu is heavy on ice cream but also includes burgers and fries.*

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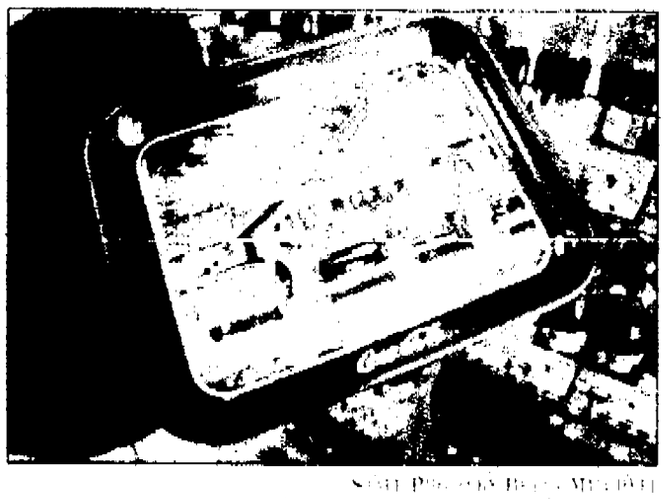

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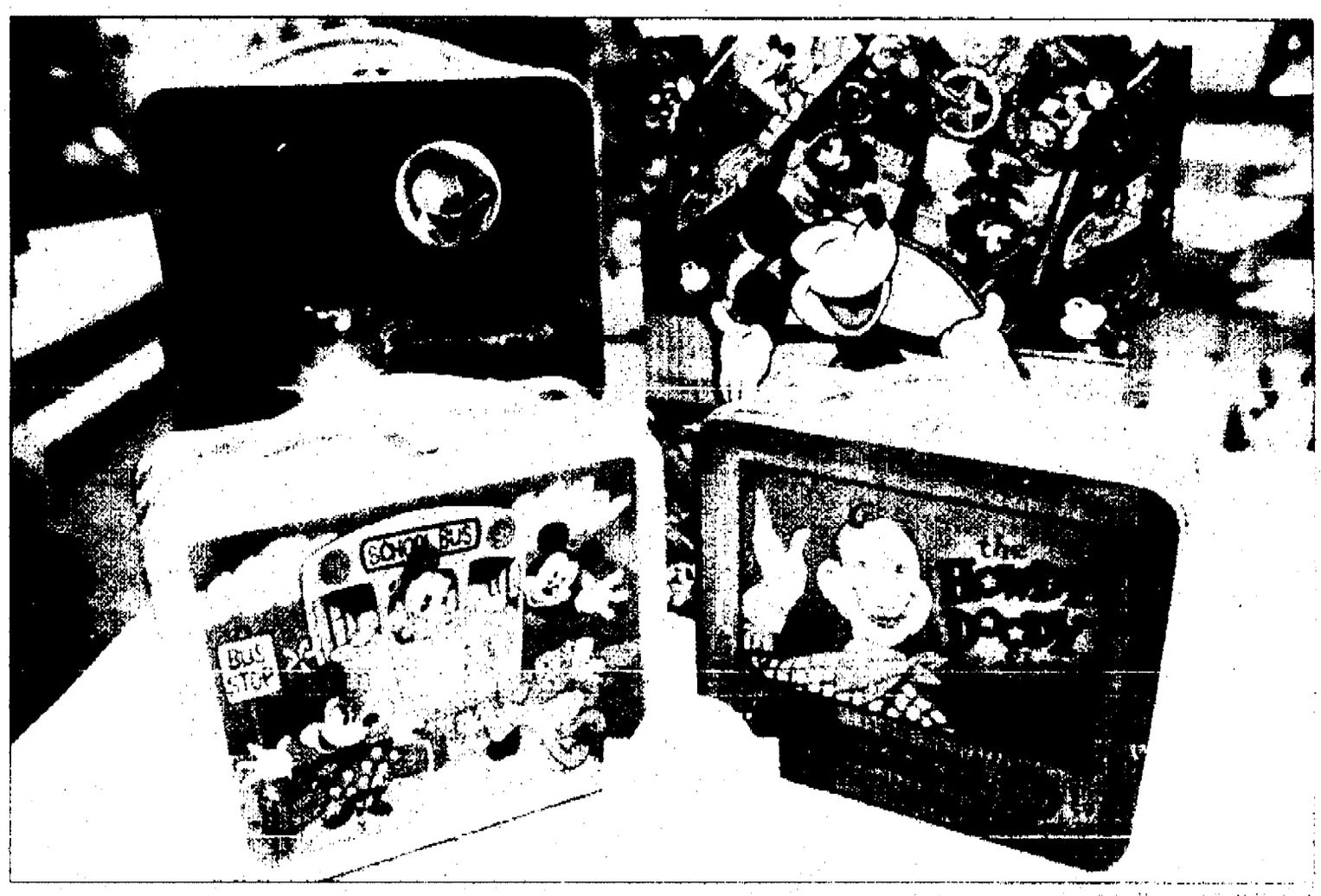
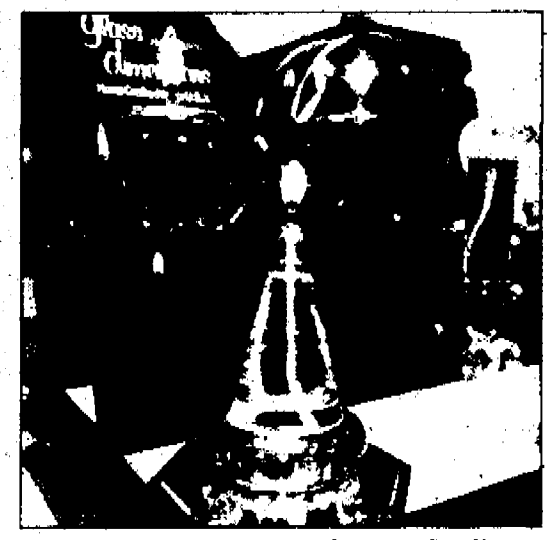
It's the real thing: *If you're nostalgic for some of the classic cookie shopping for sons in the Invention of Coca-Cola, you'll almost certainly find what you're looking for at Coca-Cola Collectibles in Garden City. Owner Jeanne Rae stocks hundreds of Coke items, including the two shown here and the actual boxes are in the background.*



Let's eat: *These lunch boxes aren't as big as the ones you carried to school, but they look just like them. You could buy an original at auction for hundreds of dollars, or you could get one of these replicas for $19.95 at a Hallmark store. Also available are Snow White, Lone Ranger, Barbie, Star Trek, Super Powers and Smokey.*

LOVELY LIGHTING



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Soft glow: *Forgot to buy kerosene? No problem. Nowadays you can buy oil lamps that burn liquid parafin, which is cleaner burning and produces less smoke than kerosene. Prices range from $15 to $50 at the Scent Station in Livonia Mall.*

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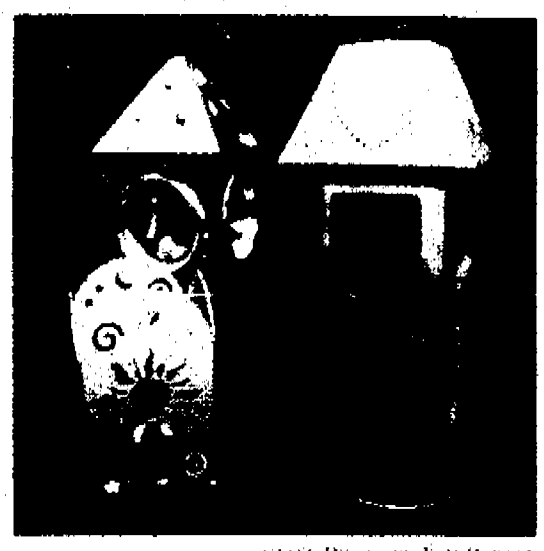
Lamp light: *Reproductions of old lamps that cost a fraction of what the originals sell for. From left, a Tiffany-style Dragonfly lamp ($379) and "The End of the Trail ($79.99), which features a profile of artist Frederick Remington's famous tired Indian. Available at the Town Peddler Craft & Antique Mall on Plymouth Road between Levan and Stark in Livonia.*



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Heavely scents: *Years ago, people punched holes in tin cans to create designs that would look nice when lit from within by a candle. Luminaries are coming back now in various styles and colors. Prices range from $10 to $30 at the Scent Station.*

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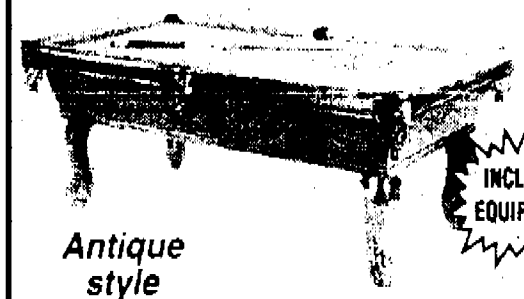

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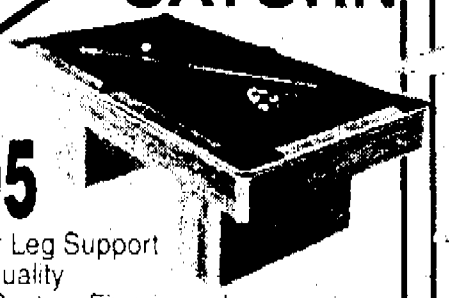

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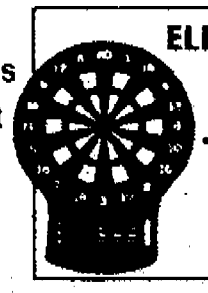

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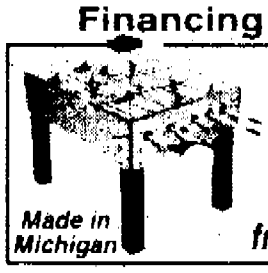

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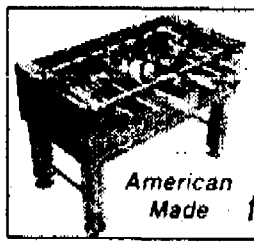

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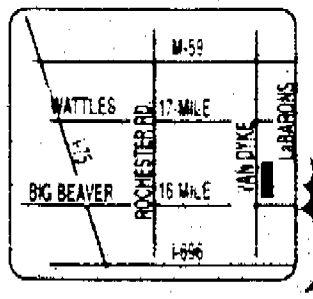

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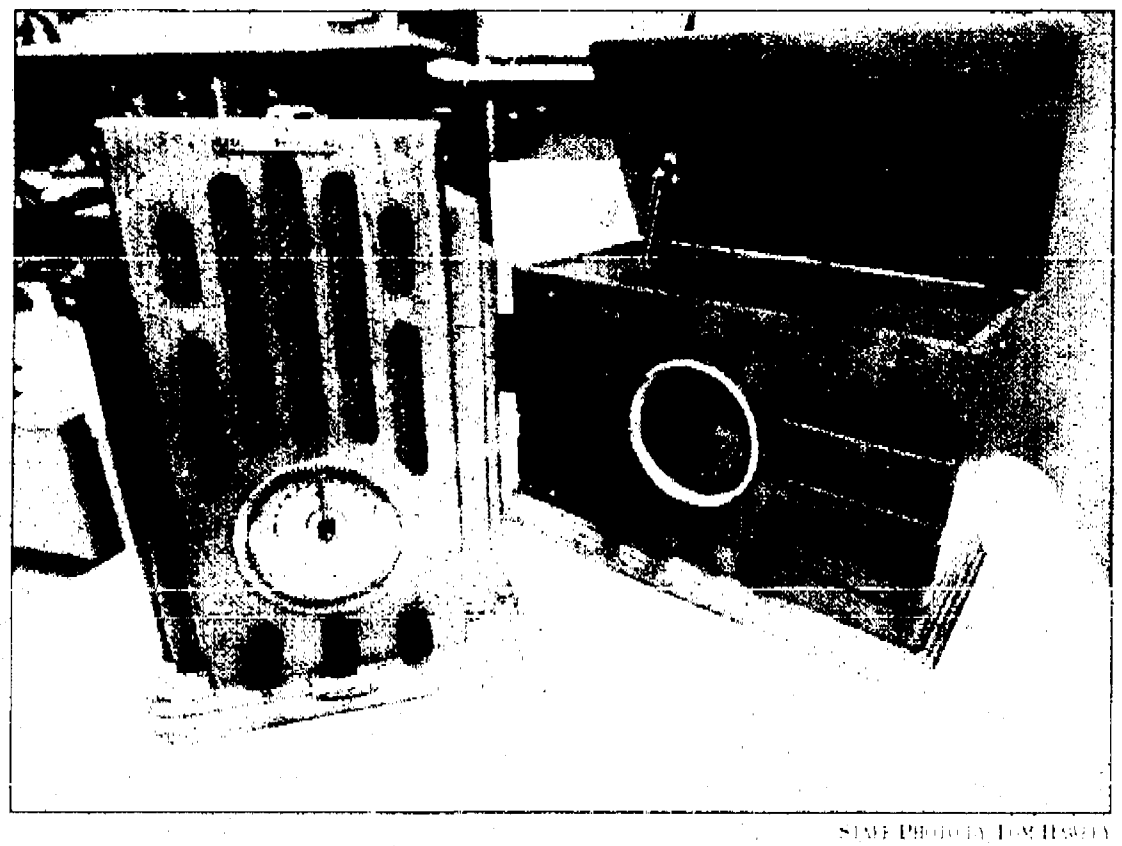

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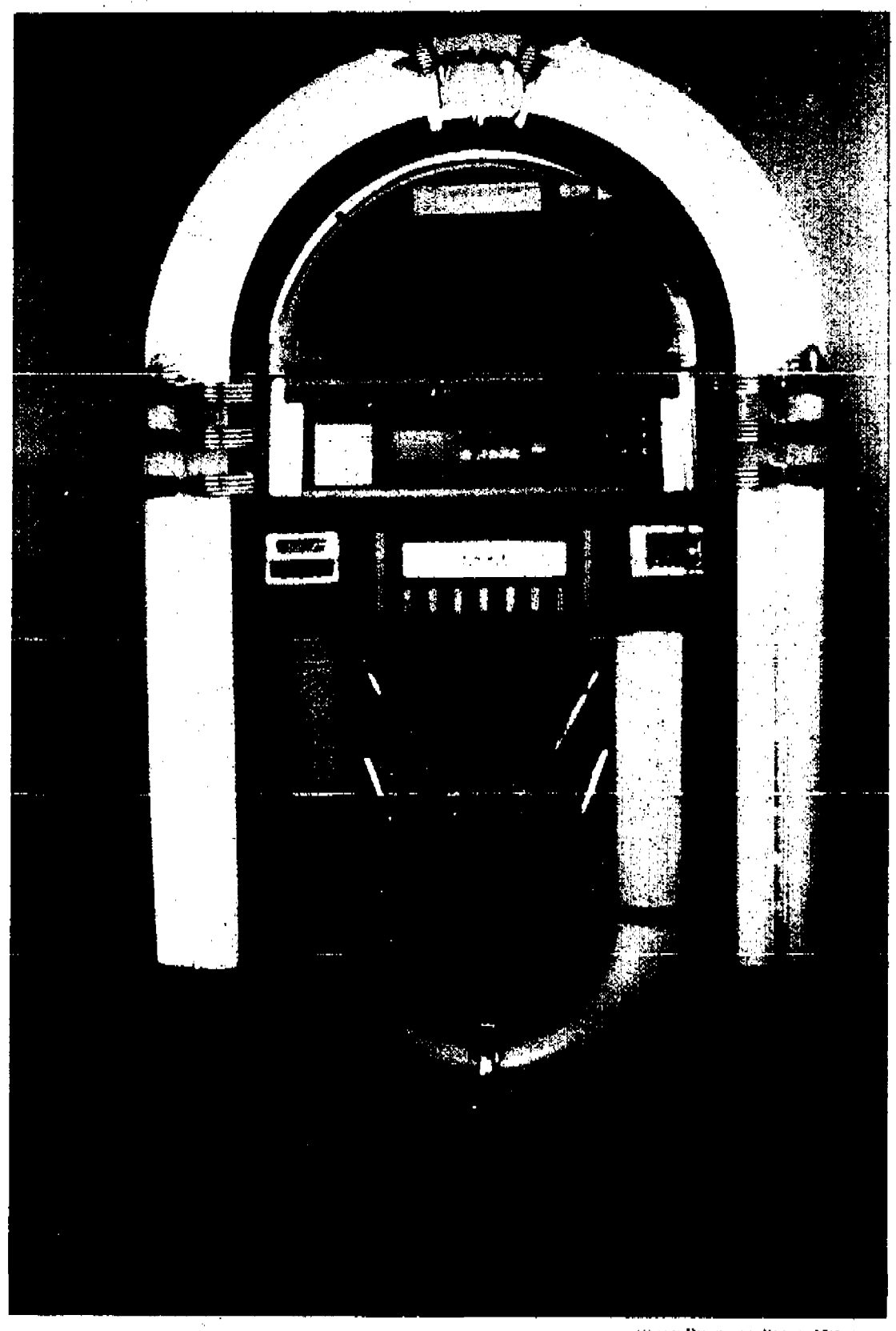
Yesteryear is here: *These radios are made to resemble (from left) the 1939 Empire and 1936 Bluebird, but inside they're modern AM/FM cassette players. The Discovery Channel Store in 12 Oaks Mall sells the Empire for $99 and the Bluebird for $199.*



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Got any quarters? *What do you get for the person who already has a pool table, bar and big-screen TV in his finished basement? How about a real jukebox from Cleveland Coin Machine Exchange of Livonia? This NSM jukebox combines the classic look of the 1940s with modern compact disc technology. Check out the 100 CD capacity, 250-watt amplification and more than 100 programmable functions. How much? Only $6,199.*

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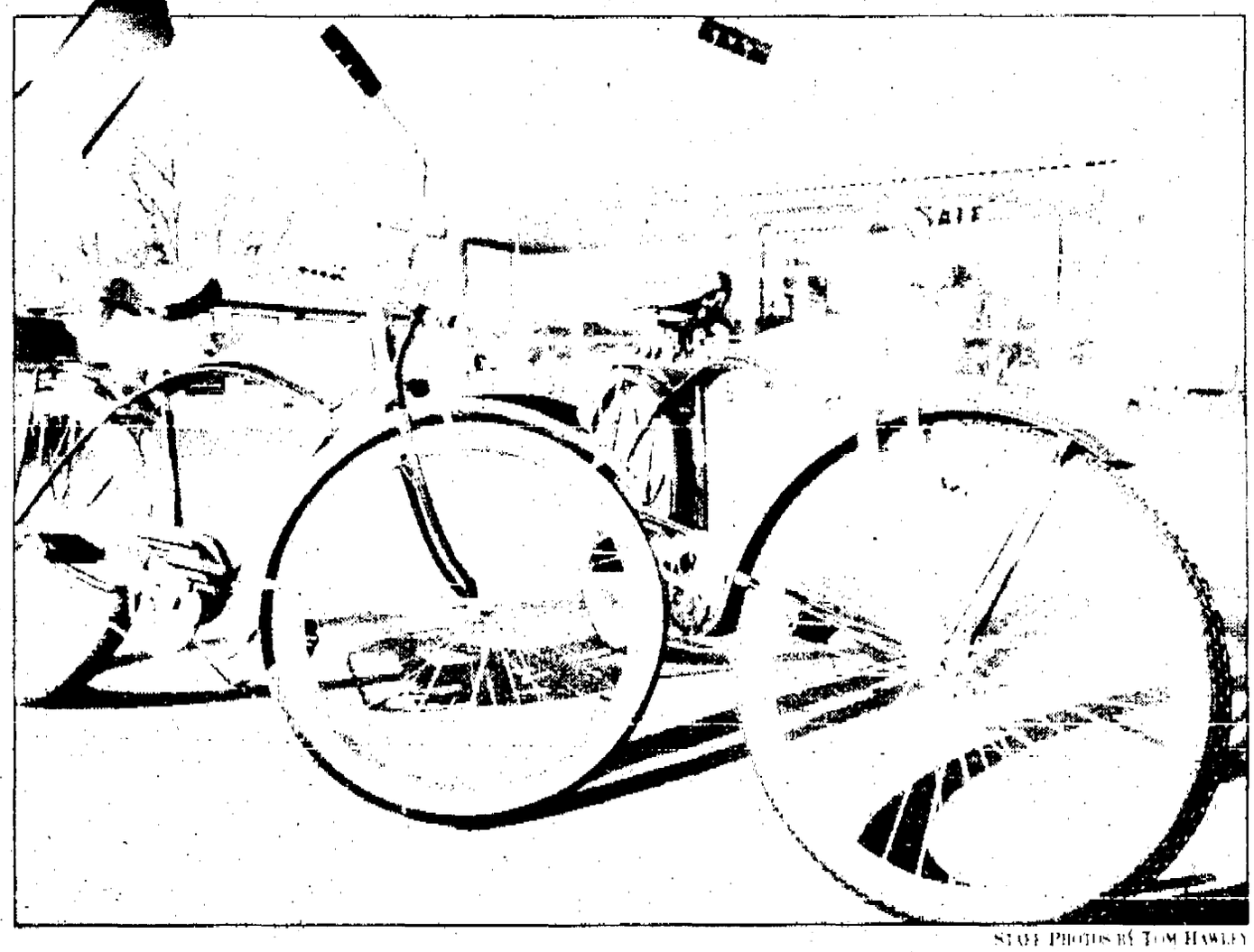

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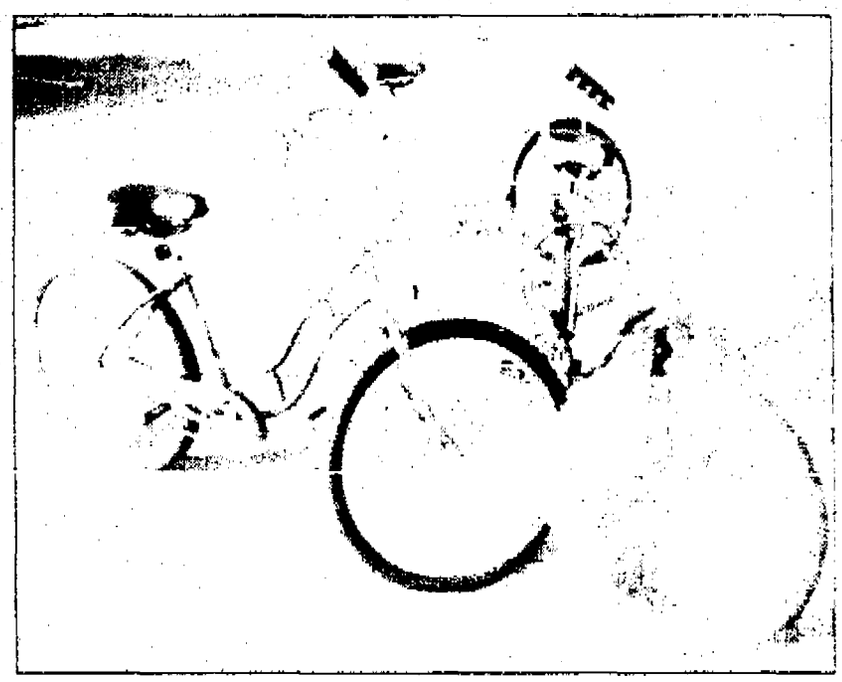
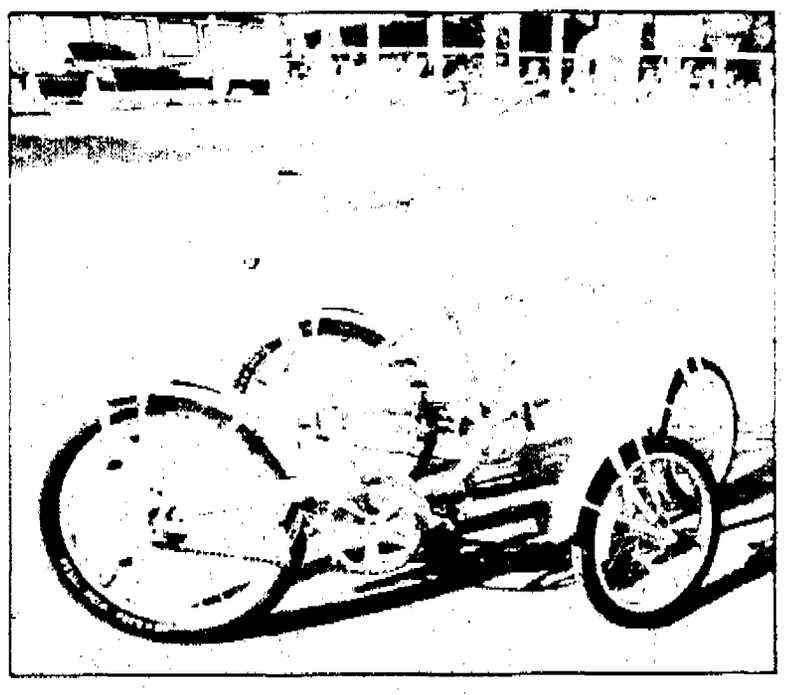
Let it roll: *Schwinn has responded to the retro bicycle movement with several models, including (at left) the 1949 Black Phantom replica for $2,000. The Cruiser Deluxe on the right is priced at $450. All bikes on this page were photographed at Livonia Schwinn on Seven Mile east of Middlebelt (next to Leon's Restaurant).*



Cruising along: *These 1955 Schwinn Cruisers are just plain comfortable and practical. The two without fenders are $200. The other is a bit more.*

Pedal pushing: *Schwinn's replicas of the 1963 Sting-Ray for $329 each.*

Banana seats: *Schwinn's Apple Krate and Orange Krate. These replicas have everything but muffler pipe and a shift stick on the horizontal bar, which the government will no longer allow. The price has come down from $500 to $425.*



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Boughs of jewels: *ornaments range from $1.49 for the replicas of the tin signs, to $40 for the Polonaise glass ornaments.*

Tall beauty: *A seven-foot silver Christmas tree — $159.*

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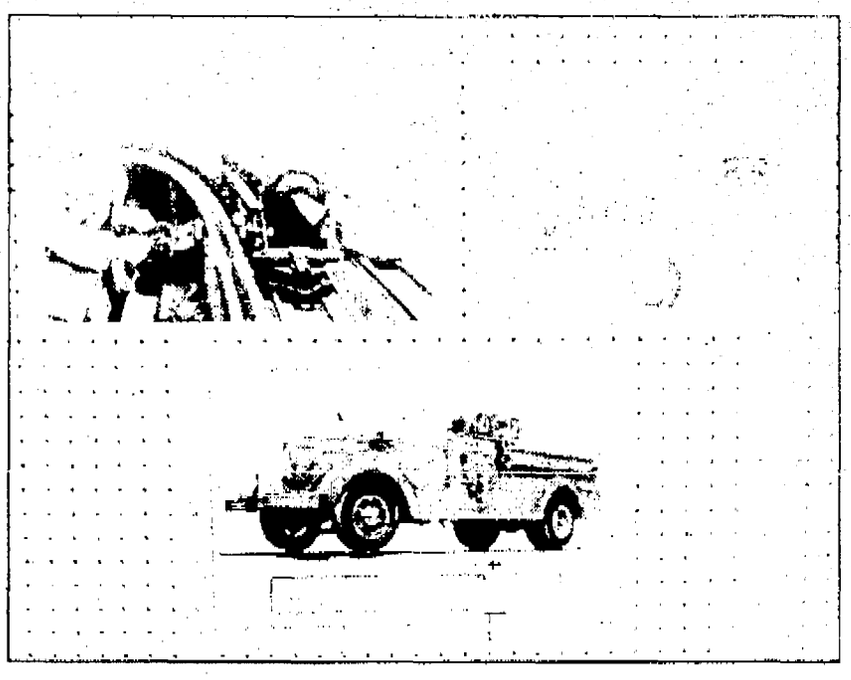
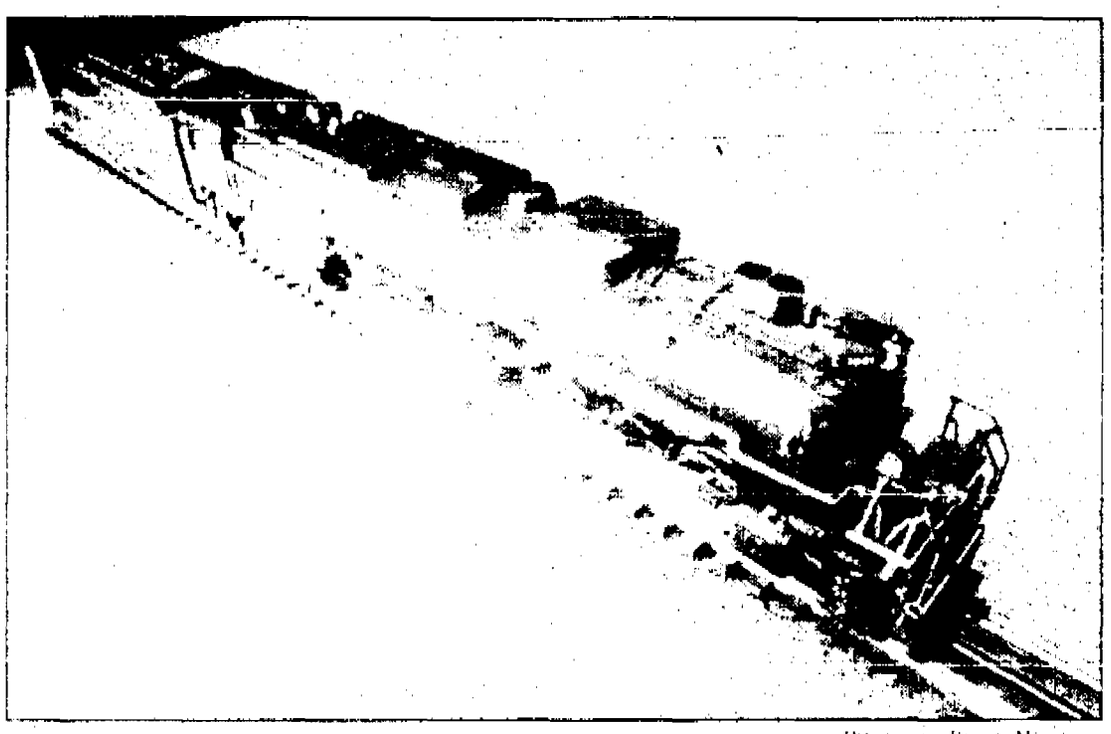
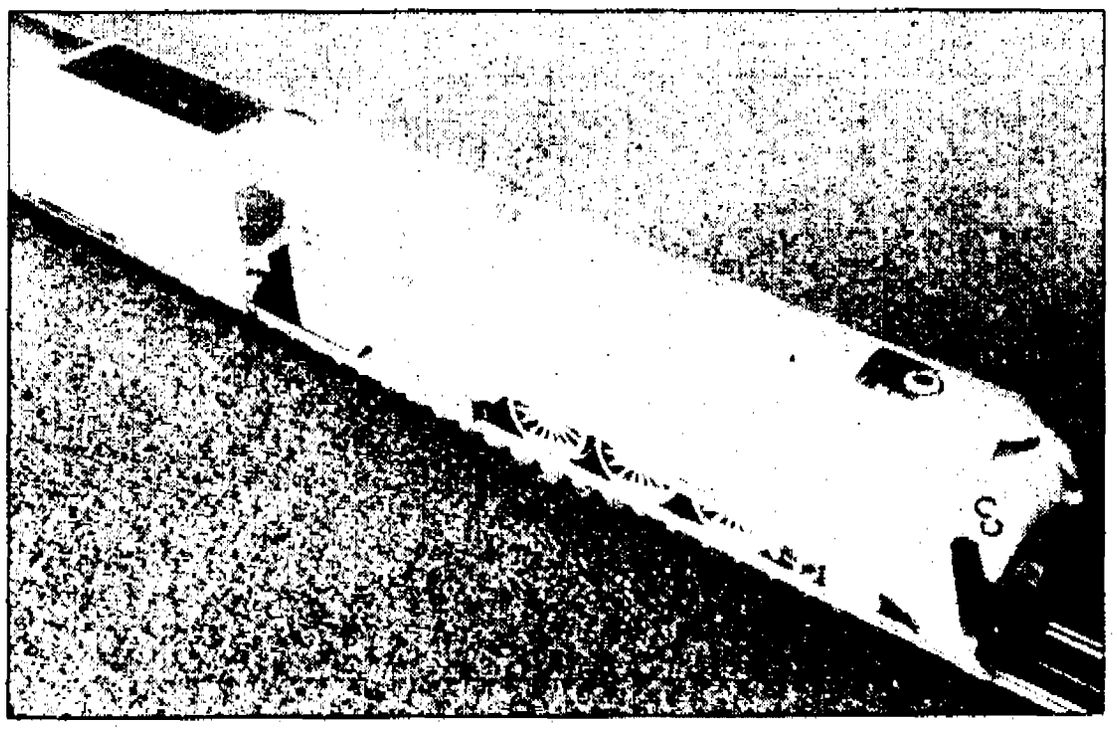


Give me a sign: *Livonia resident Charles Reiser sells replicas of old signs like these at the Town Peddler in Livonia. Each sells for less than $10.*



Choo! choo! *Pretend you're running the Cannonball Express to Petticoat Junction with this Lionel Allegheny. The real one can be seen at the Henry Ford Museum. The small one shown here is available for sale at Ken and Sandy Andreoni's Merri-Seven hobby shop in the southeast corner of Merriman and Seven Mile in Livonia.*



Riding the rails: *Before there were bullet trains there were sleek babies like this streamline Hudson. The Lionel model shown here can be found at Ken and Sandy Andreoni's Merri-Seven hobby shop.*

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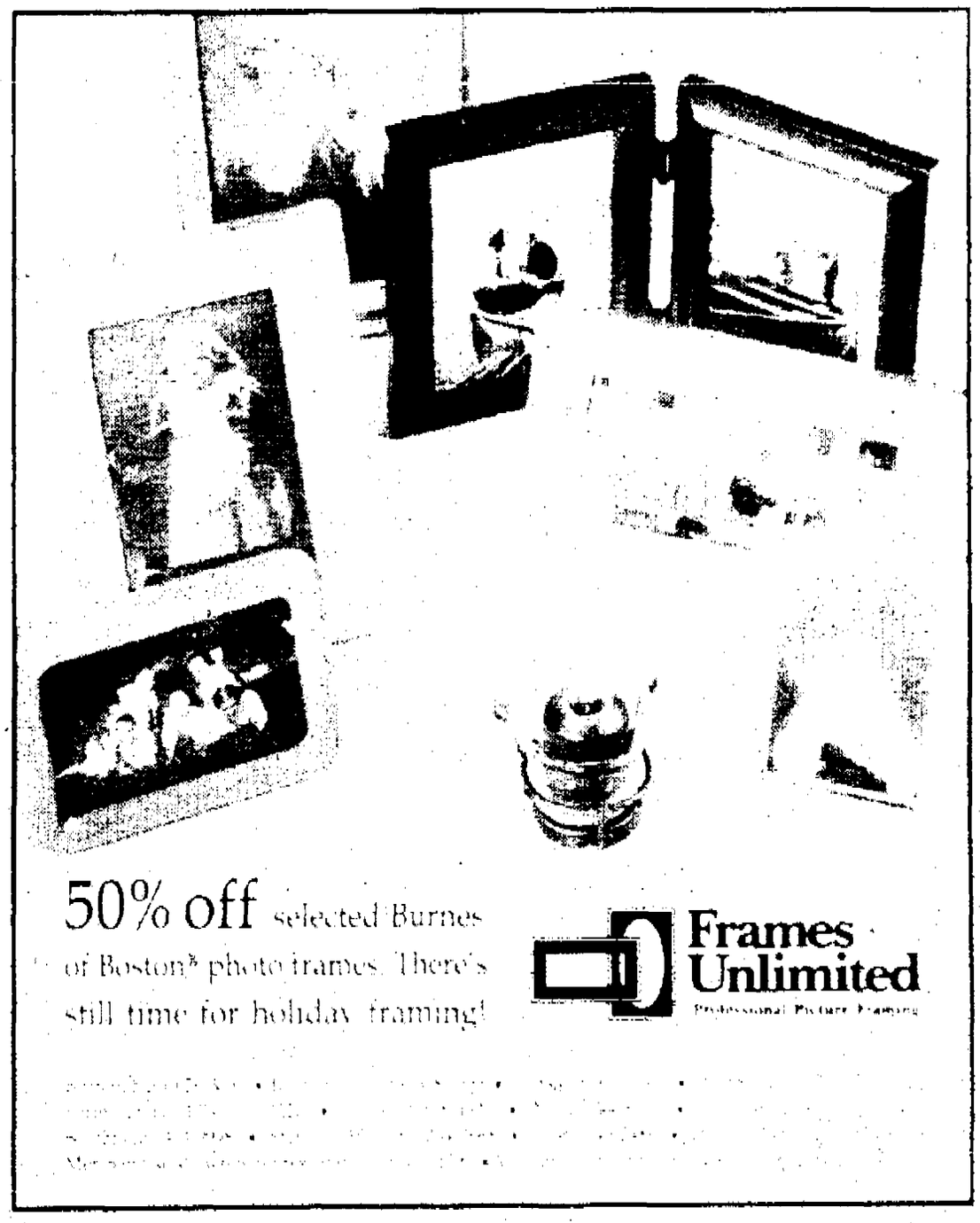

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GREAT GUY GIFTS

Gifts of Christmas past are in again

BY CHANDRA ORR
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If you're like the rest of us, you're at your wits' end searching for a gift for the guy who seems to have everything. You know the one: You buy the same conservative blue tie for him every year.

Relax. This year you don't have to spend weeks searching for that perfect present only to end up with another gift certificate. On the cusp of the millennium, retro is in and novelty items reflecting the past make affordable, but memorable, gifts.

Got a music-lover on your list but don't know what new albums he wants? Get him vintage albums, in the form of drink coasters. Tuscano, a music-lover company specializing in items inspired by times past, offers a set of drink coasters made from record labels of pre-World War II 78 RPMs. The coasters are cut from actual records and backed with felt. A box of four is $20.95, but rest assured they won't be finished to the end of the holidays are over.

Or, give the gift of real music: a replica 1920s AM-FM radio, also from Tuscano. At under $50 each, these affordable and functional radios will be a useful and unique addition to any man's office or study. You can find Tuscano on the Internet at www.designtoscano.com; or call for a catalog: 800-525-0733.

Locally, you'll find replicas of 1930s radios at the Discovery Channel Store in 12 Oaks Mall.

A replica vintage phone is another great blast from the past that mixes retro style with modern functionality. The Metro Phone from Pottery Barn is a new twist on an old favorite. The chunky black and chrome telephone looks like the rotary phones of the '40s, but features touch-tone keys and redial. A hidden drawer in the base of the phone holds notepaper. The Metro Phone is $69. To order call 800-922-5507, or surf over to www.potterybarn.com.

AUSTIN POWERS MARTINI SHAKERS

If vintage electronics are the gift you want to give, and price is no concern, check out Harry Foster's Web site (www.harryfoster.com). This handyman transplants new color television parts into cabinets from the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Some TVs look like they were pulled out of the Jetsons' living room, like the portable, metal General Electric "Hotpoint" from the mid-'50s, while others, like an RCA wood table-top set from 1948, look almost antique. Foster will refurbish TVs on a special-order basis, but he also has a wide selection of sets that are ready-to-ship. The TVs range in price from $150 to $700, but most feature luxuries of modern sets, like channel-surfing.

For the swank, styling guy on your gift-giving list, think pink. In the wave of cool cartoon character collectibles and the resurgence of styles from the '60s, the Pink Panther is making a big comeback. One of the original swing kids, the coolest of the cool cats, the Pink Panther is popping up on apparel like boxer shorts and neckties (available at Target) to bendable figures and yo-yos (available at Toys R Us). For more information and gift ideas, check out the Pink Panther's Web site: www.pinkpanther.com.

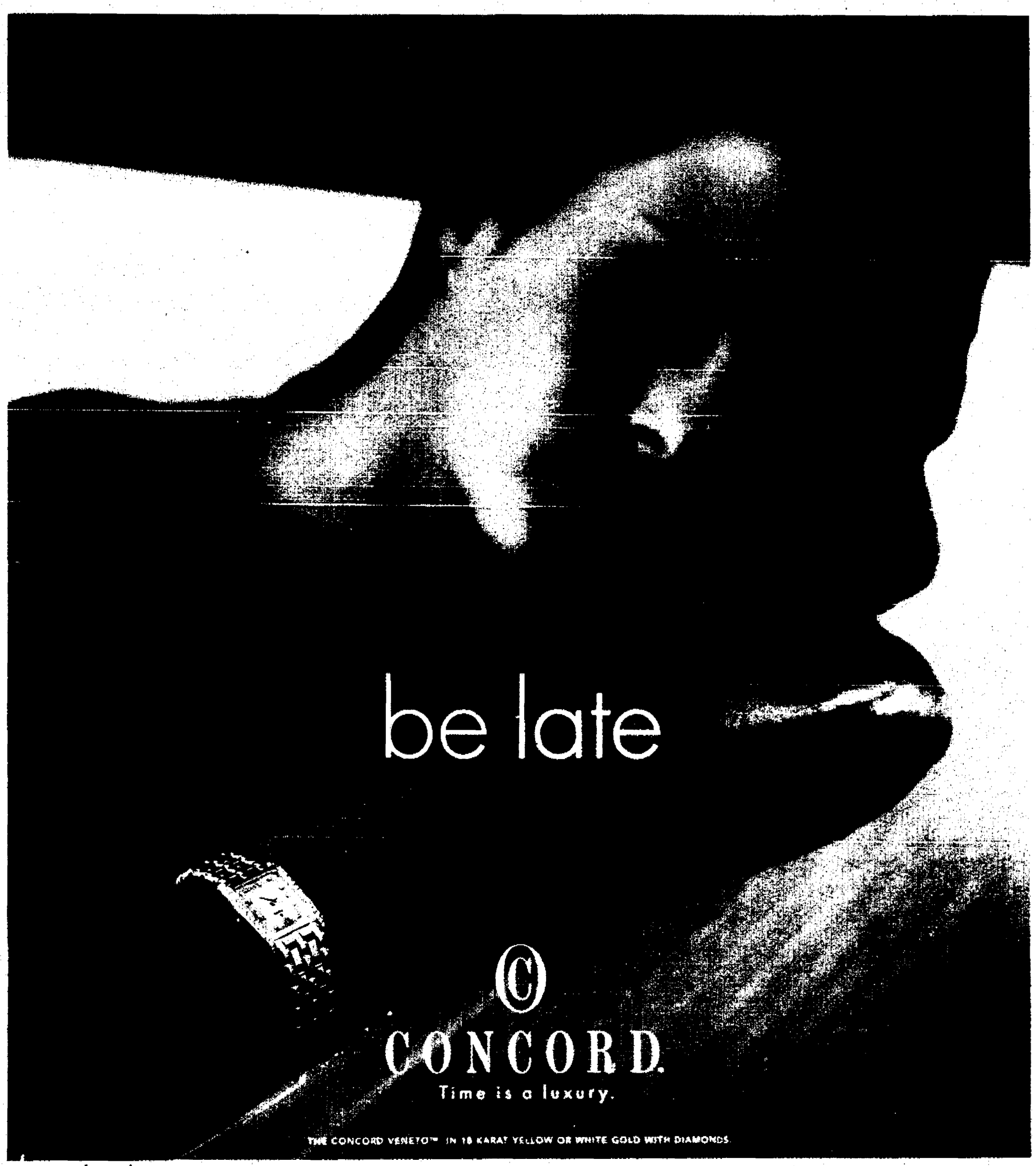
Inspired by swinger Austin Powers and his bachelor pad, but with the classic sophistication of James Bond, martini shakers are seeing a new peak in popularity. Reasonably priced stainless silver shakers are available from Crate&Barrel. These capsule-shaped bar classics cost $23.95, or $14.95 for a smaller version. Call 800-323-5461 to order, or shop online at www.crateandbarrel.com.

A campier version of the cocktail shaker, one shaped like a penguin, is available from Pottery Barn for $29 (800-922-5507).

Let the traveler in your life take the whole cocktail lounge on the road with a travel bar, also from Pottery Barn. With a leather case, all the necessary tools like a corkscrew and bar towel, and room for three bottles, this gift definitely says 007. The travel bar is $129.

Know someone stuck on the '80s? Perhaps nothing is more a token of that decade than Swatch, the company that took watches from apparel to fine art. Instead of trying to hunt down a pricey Swatch circa 1980, give one that is sure to become a sought-out collectible: the It's Here Swatch commemorating the new millennium. Featuring miniature monthly calendars for the year 2000 printed in black on a clear watch, this Swatch is the perfect mix of '80s cool and the Y2K celebration. Find Swatch on the Internet at www.swatch.com or at a range of department stores.

Still stumped on what to get that hard-to-shop-for guy? The best is finding something that no one else could get just with the push of a button. If you can't find anything, create something. For about $30, Kinkos will turn your old photographs into a 12-month calendar for 2000. What better way to bring the past and future together.



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