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Plymouth man says pilot cool under pressure

By LeAnne Rogers
staff writer

"It all happened so fast. I saw something go by the window. I thought we blew a tire."

A passenger on Northwest flight 299 to Memphis, Plymouth resident Edward Duda, said he didn't realize at first that the Boeing 727 in which he was traveling had collided with another plane.

"We were going along 200 miles per hour or faster probably, ready to take off," he said. "The guy behind me said 'we hit a plane.'"

Sitting in the second seat over the wing, Duda said he could see about a third of the plane's wing was missing and fuel flowing from a ruptured tank.

"I was scared the plane would catch on fire. They told us to sit

there," he said. "All the time I could see fuel running out. It took the pilot a long time to shut off the engine."

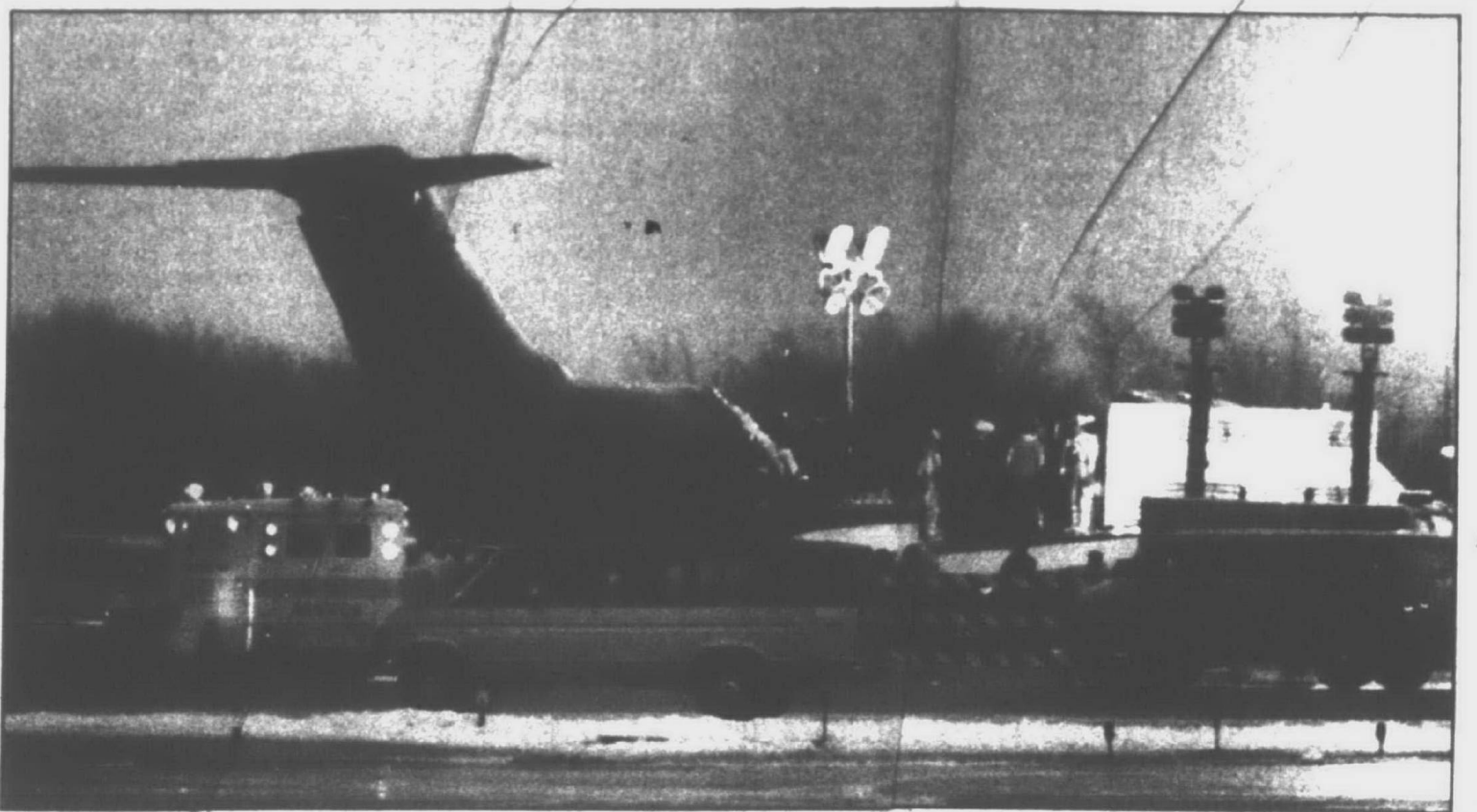
Duda complimented the jet's pilot for handling the plane after the collision, which occurred at about 1:45 p.m.

"The pilot kept the plane under control. He did an excellent job," he said. "We swerved a little but not bad. The plane came to a quick stop. It took about half a minute to stop."

Passengers remained calm after the collision, Duda said, both inside the plane and on the ground.

"Everyone was very calm. There was no screaming on or off the plane," he said.

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

The charred hull of Northwest Flight 1482, still on the ground at Metro Airport hours after Monday's crash with another departing flight, served as a grim reminder to the accident which claimed the lives of eight people and injured 21 others.

One question remains in air tragedy: why?

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Investigators are still sifting through the ashes of Northwest Airlines Flight 1482, trying to discover why the Pittsburgh-bound DC-9 jet apparently wandered into the path of another departing Northwest flight Monday at Metro Airport, killing eight and leaving 21 others injured.

All of those killed, including a 43-year-old Northwest flight attendant, had been identified as of Wednesday morning.

A West Bloomfield woman was among the passengers who remained hospitalized, though her condition had been upgraded to good. Most of the injured had been released from area hospitals by Tuesday.

Flight attendant Heidi Joost of Dearborn, a 22-year Northwest employee, was the first reported fatality.

OTHER FATALITIES were:

- Kingsley A. Brown, 30, Pittsburgh.
- Mary Blankenship, 37, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Thomas Kopriva, 50, Memphis, Tenn.
- Daniel E. Loughnane, 44, Memphis.
- Fred Zitto, 59, Memphis.
- Mauro Bottiglione, 23, of Venezuela.

Among the injured, Lilly Cohn, 63, of West Bloomfield, was transferred Tuesday from Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, where she received initial treatment for a collapsed lung to the surgical unit at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was listed in good condition Wednesday.

Preliminary explanation for the fiery crash could come as soon as today from air traffic controller tapes and flight recorders — the jets' so-called "black boxes." It

could take as long as one year, however, before a final explanation is given for the tragedy, according to John Lauber, chief investigator for the National Traffic Safety Board.

Major findings will be released as quickly as possible, Lauber said.

"ANYTIME WE have something that warrants immediate recommendation, we will do so," he said.

Lauber said investigators will remain on the scene through the end of the week, examining both jets as well as interviewing passengers and crew members.

Investigators have declined to offer any explanation for Monday's crash.

Speculation, however, has likened the accident to a driver turning the wrong way down a one way street in foggy weather.

Visibility at the airport was reported at less than one-quarter mile due to an early afternoon fog that followed a morning snowfall.

Officials declined comment on a report that a DC-9 flight crew

member told the tower "I'm lost."

The flight's captain, 24-year pilot William Lovelace, 52, of Phoenix, was embarking on his 13th flight after returning from a five year medical leave.

It was the first flight without an airline observer in the cockpit with Lovelace, who returned to active

duty Nov. 10 after completing an airline training course.

Airline officials noted the DC-9 left its gate four minutes ahead of schedule but that decision, like the decision for take off, remained with the pilot.

Investigators from the NTSB began examining the charred DC-

9 and damaged, Memphis-bound 727 late Monday evening. Preliminary reports indicated the right wing of Memphis-bound Flight 299 sheared off one of the DC-9's rear engine, apparently setting the plane afire.

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Hospitals respond to crisis

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

Five area hospitals and personnel from two dozen fire departments in Wayne and Oakland Counties played major roles in Monday's collision between two Northwest Airlines jets on a Metro Airport runway.

A sixth hospital, Westland Medical Center, could have been reopened to accept emergency patients if necessary, a spokeswoman

for the hospital's parent company said Tuesday.

The former county hospital, 3 1/2 miles from the airport, was converted to a psychiatric and substance abuse treatment facility this fall.

"From a strategic standpoint, certainly it could have been used if absolutely needed it," said Pat Oswald of Oakwood Health Services Corp. "But there's so many other hospitals in the immediate area that are part of the Oakwood

system I don't think it would have been necessary unless there was an extremely large number of (injured)."

OF THE 23 injured taken to local hospitals, 16 patients were transported to the closest open emergency room, at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Two of those patients were transferred to the Burn Center at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

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Township joins lineup of potential sites for new Tiger Stadium

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Could Plymouth Township be the Detroit Tigers' new home?

Don't reserve your parking space yet.

While local officials say they've heard nothing from the club, some observers are speculating that western Wayne County is a prime site for a new Tiger Stadium.

Some suggest that Tiger officials could favor a location where major freeways meet, such as M-14 and I-275 in Plymouth Township. But Bill Haase, Tigers vice president for operations, said that's just speculation.

Some observers have also pointed to sites in Dearborn, at Greenfield and Ford roads,

and in Allen Park, north of I-94 and Oakwood Boulevard, as potential sites for a new stadium.

Asked if Plymouth Township would be a good place to build a new stadium, Haase said, "Obviously those locations are nice to look at, but that doesn't mean they're the only ones. We haven't ruled out Detroit."

He said it's important to put a new stadium in a location that provides easy access and provides "comfort and security for our fans."

ARE THE Tigers considering a site in Plymouth Township? "I don't want to identify any of the sites we're looking at," Haase said, adding the club has set no time frame for announcing a new stadium site.

Local government and police officials say

they're aware of the speculation that a new stadium is being considered for western Wayne County.

"I have no idea where they would put it," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen, adding, "My personal opinion is that it belongs in Detroit."

A possibly suitable area for a stadium is the site of the former St. John's Seminary in Plymouth Township, on 175 acres at Five Mile and Sheldon. But while the Archdiocese of Detroit, which owns the land, has signed an agreement to sell the property, church spokeswoman Brenda Marshall declined to identify the buyer, or rule out the Tigers as the potential buyer.

"We just never comment on that," she said.

"Obviously, it would be good for the business community," said Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila, but it would add to traffic and congestion at related problems. "I'd rather have it a little farther away."

Echoing Bila, he added, "I don't see where there's that much available land — it seems rather developed to me."

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Police Chief Carl Berr said the ramifications of locating a stadium in the township would be "unbelievable."

"The traffic and enforcement, there would be a huge amount of review," he said.

Plymouth Police Chief Richard Myers said the impact in the city would not be as severe. He said he doubts a suit-

able site exists in Plymouth Township, he added. "If I look at it like a fan, I think, 'Boy, it's going to be convenient to go to a game.'"

Jim Anulewicz, director of township public services, said Tigers owner Tom Monaghan at present owns no sites in Plymouth Township large enough for construction of a stadium.

Besides the seminary property, the other township site of suitable size for a new stadium is the city of Detroit-owned 426 acres bordered by Five Mile on the north and Napoleon on the east.

"Such a stadium anywhere in the township certainly would not fit within our master

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Hulsing kids hurt in crash

At least seven people were injured in an accident involving a school bus full of Hulsing Elementary School students and a car at Warren and Canton Center roads about 9 a.m. this morning.

Five children on the school bus were taken to Oakwood Canton Center Hospital with minor injuries. The bus had been taking 54 students to school.

Two people in the car had more serious injuries and were taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Police believe the car ran a red light.

Graper to repay city part of money owed

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Former city manager Henry Graper is offering to pay the city back at least \$3,160 in expense charges that state investigators say are owed to the city.

"I will reimburse the city of Plymouth for items covered under exhibits B and C (of the state treasurer's audit) in so much as I feel that it is inappropriate to reimburse someone for undocumented expenditures," Graper wrote in a letter to Mayor Dennis Bila.

"And if I was paid or reimbursed twice for expenditures, obviously, that would not be proper in accordance with normal accounting procedures," Graper added.

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former city manager

Because the city of Plymouth would pay as much as \$3,000 for its part to review the expenses cited in the state treasurer's report, the city commission voted on Monday to accept the \$3,160 — and allow Graper to review about \$2,000 in his expenses before set-

ting a total reimbursement figure for the former city manager.

"I think that just from an economic standpoint, that's the way to go," said Commissioner John Vos.

Graper wrote he "would be willing to consider reimbursing the city for a portion of the \$2,022 (in addition to

the \$3,160) that cannot be properly documented."

THE COMMISSION voted to accept this way to settle the controversy over Graper's expenses, and to allow him to repay the city over a two-year period.

"In conclusion, I would state that I did and still believe that all expenditures made by me on behalf of the city of Plymouth were proper and in the best interest of the city," Graper wrote.

"We feel the entire \$5,300 is owed to us," Bila said.

Voting against the resolution to settle the expenses controversy were commissioners Ron Loiselle and Jerry Vorva.

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Man awaits sentencing for threatening actress

by M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Michael Shields, 43, of Plymouth was to be sentenced Wednesday in Los Angeles by U.S. District Judge John O. Davies after pleading guilty to seven counts of sending threatening letters to actress Stephanie Zimbalist.

At press time, a sentencing hearing was ongoing, but Shields had not been sentenced, said a spokeswoman

in Davies' office. Shields has been held without bail.

Thirteen counts of mail threats were dismissed in a plea bargain arrangement, according to FBI media specialist Fred Reagan. In exchange, Shields agreed to undergo psychiatric treatment and turn over his vast collection of Zimbalist memorabilia to the FBI's behavioral science unit.

Shields, described by psychologists as sexually obsessed, sent more than

212 letters to Zimbalist, who starred in the TV show "Remington Steele." Excerpts from the letters, many of them signed, "Your Secret Admirer," said things like, "I'll find you," "I am watching your house," "I have in mind some mischief," and "Don't say I didn't warn you," said Reagan.

Another letter said, "It's charming, really, your notion that I am going to be intimidated or stymied in some way by the police. The next time you do a play, Stephanie, you

are going to have a vivid demonstration of just how unimpressed I am by the police."

Shields made several trips to Los Angeles and was arrested there last March in the Valley Hilton Hotel in Sherman Oaks, a Los Angeles suburb.

"Our people were with him for a time. He made previous trips and stalked her, surely," Reagan said. Zimbalist contacted the FBI "on

several occasions, dating to August 1988 when she received the first letter. She unquestionably took these seriously. If I got 212 letters with that kind of menacing language, I'd take them seriously, too," said Reagan.

Shields lived with his mother, a principal retired from the Wayne-Westland schools, in the Crestwood Park condominiums on Sheldon. Described by neighbors as being "overweight and a loner-type,"

Shields was unemployed and often traveled with his mother.

"He never mixed much," said one neighbor, who asked not to be identified.

Another neighbor, also speaking anonymously, said, "I've only seen him when he goes out to get the mail and the paper. He always seemed to be at home. He lived with his mother and seemed to be very attached to her."

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Township joins list of new stadium sites

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"Anulewicz said, adding approval of the township planning commission and trustees would be necessary.

A man who works in management for Monaghan said the subject of where a new stadium could go is "the most topsecret thing — The stuff that's in the papers is big-time rumors.

"Anybody who tries to say anything about it, and I work with these guys every day."

— Bill Haase

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Plymouth man charged in assault

crime watch

Assault charges were filed Friday by a Plymouth man, 24, against another Plymouth resident, 35, as the younger man said he was grabbed by the throat and asked to pay his assailant money he owes him.

According to the report the younger man filed with Plymouth Township police, at 1:45 p.m. the older man grabbed him then struck him in the nose, after the younger man said he didn't have the money to pay him for work the older man did.

The older man then demanded collateral, and took a tool box and keys from the younger man's car, the report continued. Police are investigating.

CHURCH THEFT: Cash and checks totalling \$910 were reported missing Sunday from an office at the Joy of Living ministry on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township.

According to the report filed with police, a witness spotted a thin man 6 feet tall and fair-skinned putting a bag containing the cash and checks under his jacket, before leaving the church. Police are investigating.

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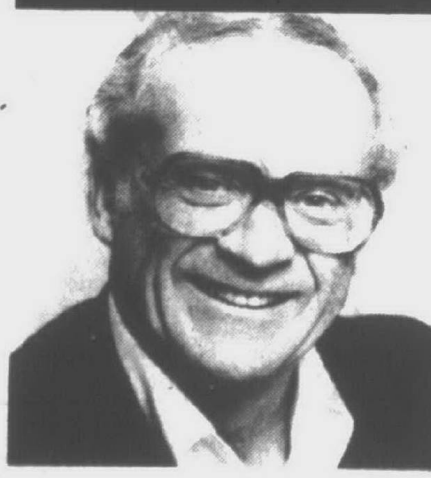
Sore Throat: A Common Complaint

One of the most common complaints heard by pharmacists and physicians is sore throat. According to a recent report, 8 out of 10 people get at least one sore throat each year. Causes of sore throat include smoke, pollen, pollution, and dust. Frequently sore throats are associated with colds or other upper respiratory problems that clear up in a few days without treatment.

Less often sore throat is caused by beta hemolytic streptococci ("strep throat"). Strep throat infections, if left untreated, can lead to rheumatic fever and heart damage in children. For this reason, it is good for children with sore throats lasting for more than 4 to 5 days to be seen by a physician. Treatment with antibiotic medicines can clear strep throat infection.

Minor sore throat pain often can be relieved with nonprescription medicines. Topical sprays may help give immediate relief. Throat drops and hard candy often soothe a dry, scratchy throat by improving saliva production. Cough drops and liquid medicines may suppress the urge to cough. A nose drop or spray may help reduce nasal congestion and secretions that flow into the throat, one of the causes of sore throat. A nondrug approach to sore throat pain is to gargle with warm salt water every thirty to forty minutes.

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Decorated Christmas trees line the sidewalk of Kellogg Park.

photos by JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer



Santa arrives in good old-fashioned style.

Park tunes in to holiday

A good old-fashioned Christmas was revived in Kellogg Park Sunday during Family Christmas Day. Santa arrived on a horse-drawn buggy complete with drivers wearing top hats. And people strolling through the park sang Christmas songs while Kellogg Park was aglow with 7-foot fir trees that were decorated.

The day in the park was sponsored by Fred Hill, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Community Arts Council.



Santa gets a warm greeting from well-wishers.



Marty Eisenstein gives Milo a great view of Santa.

Mother of dead boy tells TV viewers about controversial film

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Canton's Debbie Nalepa, who is suing Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in connection with the hanging death of her 8-year-old son, appeared Monday on the Phil Donahue Show. The segment was entitled, "Death, Suicide and Sex Education for Kids."

Nalepa's son Stephen, a second-grader at Gallimore Elementary, was found hanging by a belt in his bedroom last March. Nalepa and her husband Larry are charging that Gallimore staffers were negligent in showing "Nobody's Useless," a film depicting a handicapped boy attempting suicide, the day before Stephen died.

Debbie Nalepa received a call last month asking her to appear on the show.

"I mulled it over decided that I would. I felt that parents around this country need to know that there is appropriate educational programming on," she said after her return from New York.

It was a difficult experience, Nalepa said. "It was horrendous, but in my heart I felt that I had to supersede myself and my pain. I didn't go there to toot my own horn, I just wanted to try to touch base with other parents around this country. There needs to be more enlightenment and more dialogue."

Addressing classroom brainwashing were other guests including educators who instruct elementary and high school students about death, AIDS, and sex, a psychologist, parents, and students, including a teen who attempted suicide after studying suicide in class and hearing her teacher say suicide is a heroic act.

DONAHUE INTRODUCED Nalepa saying, "This is grim, Deborah, and we thank you so much for having the courage to share with us your own personal tragedy. For you it's too late, but you obviously, in your son's memory, want to step forward to say that your 8-year-old son hanged himself after seeing a film in school which included what?"

Replied Nalepa: "The essence of the class they were teaching was on handicaps and how to feel more empathetic to the people who have handicaps. So they had their feelings class and then they went to lunch and then

they saw a movie. It was an 1890's movie — a Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer-type of setting where a boy who swings from a loft, scratches his leg and gets gangrene and has to have it amputated.

"So now he has a handicap. Well, one night he overhears his father saying, 'Well, the boy's useless. We're going to have to take care of him for the rest of his life.' And so the boy, who's a youngster, said, 'Well,' to his buddy, 'I'm useless and I'm going to do myself in. Will you help me?'"

His friend, his buddy said, 'Sure. How do you want to do it?' Well, the first scene was on a bridge and he got into a sack and the kid threw the sack over the bridge."

Asked Donahue: "Your son, in your opinion, would not — was your son emotionally in any kind of distraction at that time?"

ANSWERED NALEPA: "No. He was being tested for the talented and gifted program and the next day he was looking forward to going swimming at the high school with his buddies and my son Jason."

"But the second suicide scene is in the hayloft and he has a rope around his neck. Stephen has a loft bed in his room and he did not realize that when he put his belt loop around his neck, that pressure on the carotid artery would pass him out within seconds."

"Phil, the movie wasn't made for second graders. They didn't even check it out. It's amateurism," said psychologist and author William Coulson, another guest on the show.

Nalepa was asked whether there was any dialogue between the school and her family. "I had no knowledge about the movie. The kids that I talked to Sunday (the day after Stephen's death) said, 'Well we know why Stephen died. He was just doing what we saw in the movie.'"

"Once I saw the movie, it all fell into place," she said. "Everything just meshed. I knew he was just imitating what he saw in the movie."

Summing up, Donahue said, "Now, let's understand the moral of your story, so well told here. Parent, beware. What visual aids are being used in school? What films are being used? How old are the children? How much monitoring are we doing?"

Farmington man dies in Canton crash

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A Farmington Hills man died in one of two serious accidents on snow-covered roads in Canton earlier this week.

Billy Frank McClain, 64, was alone in his car driving south on Lilley Road north of Ford Road about 8:44 a.m. Tuesday when he apparently lost control of his 1990 Dodge Omni and crossed the center line, police said.

The car slid into the path of a 1989 pickup truck going north and driven by a 33-year-old Canton man, James Lee Garcia. The truck hit the Omni broadside on the passenger side, police said. Garcia was uninjured.

McClain, who was wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident, was taken to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, where he was pronounced

dead at 12:10 p.m.

IN ANOTHER accident at about 9 a.m. Monday, a 23-year-old Westland woman, Shawn Marie Stropkai, was driving a 1988 Ford Fiesta west on Ford Road when she apparently lost control of her car, crossed the center line and was struck by a 1982 Ford pickup driven by Peter Kyryluk, 39.

Kyryluk was with his 44-year-old brother when the pickup truck he was driving struck the passenger side of the Fiesta, police said.

All three people were taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Ypsilanti. The two men were treated and released. Stropkai was in serious condition earlier this week.

Stropkai, who was alone in the car, was wearing a seat belt. Neither man in the pickup was wearing a seat belt, police said.

THE ACCIDENTS Monday and

Tuesday were a "direct result of the weather conditions and probably wouldn't have happened if the roads weren't bad," said Pat Nemecek, Canton police spokesman.

"People have to drive according to conditions," Nemecek said. "It takes a while for everyone to get used to driving under these road conditions. The best advice is to drive slowly."

Tuesday's accident pushed the number of fatalities on Canton roads this year to 12.

The other accidents were a double fatality Nov. 1 when a pickup truck collided with a semi-truck on Michigan Avenue near I-275. A 34-year-old Detroit man was killed Oct. 30 when he failed to stop for a flashing red light and was hit on Warren near Sheldon.

Other accidents were at Ford Road and I-275 Jan. 8; at Lilley Road and Michigan Avenue March 11.

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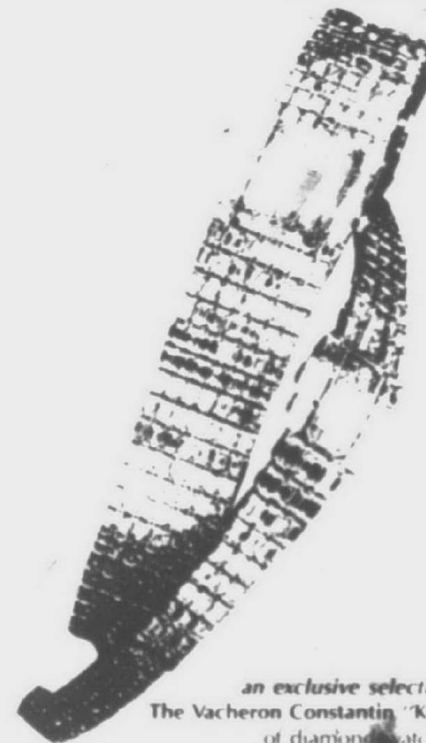


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Community Corner

This week's question:

Do you think the government will reinstate the draft, and, if so, would you be willing to serve?

We asked this question at Centennial Educational Park in Canton.



"I don't think they should." He's not sure if he'd be willing to serve.
— Paul Rittler
Salem freshman



"No, I would not be willing. I don't think they'll have to. We're just not going to need it."
— Debbie Chamberlain
Salem senior



"No, I'm not going to fight for something I don't believe in."
— Rashaad Woods
Canton sophomore



"I think that they might. If it did, I wouldn't fight." She'd be willing to serve in a medical unit.
— Kara Flegenschuh
Canton freshman



"I think there's a good chance they will. I would be willing to serve."
— K.C. Kirkpatrick
Salem senior



"I think they might reinstate it, but I wouldn't be willing to serve. I'd be a conscientious objector."
— Jim Wheaton
Salem senior

Passengers recall scary moments after plane crash

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Employed in engine engineering by Ford Motor Co., Duda and his wife Delores were flying to Memphis for a connecting flight to San Antonio. The couple planned to drive to Padre Island for a vacation, he said, after a business trip.

"My son dropped us off (at the airport). He was frantic when I called him," Duda said, adding he and his wife planned to catch a 6:30 p.m. flight Tuesday to take their trip.

All the fatalities in the collision were on

the DC9, Northwest flight 1482 to Pittsburgh, which suffered severe fire damage.

"I was half asleep. I fly so much it's like riding a bus. I heard a thud, then crash and blam," said Pittsburgh bound passenger John Izzo. "All kinds of debris flew past. All the oxygen masks were down."

A field service engineer for Westinghouse, Izzo said the plane jerked, then he felt a blast going around him. Picking up his briefcase, he said he exited the plane.

"I saw two people in particular inside the plane that I knew were beyond help," he

said. "The first guy I met (outside the plane) had a gash over his head. I put a snowball on it and used his tie around his head to stop the bleeding."

Izzo put his briefcase under the head of another injured man to keep him out of the water, talking to him to keep him alert.

"He had lost a digit on his ring finger. The man was diabetic and we were afraid he would go into shock," he said. "We heard hissing and we were afraid something was going to explode. I remember moving the man 150 to 200 yards away into the marsh."

"One man, his face was charred and his fingertips were melted. Someone helped him out of the plane. He was injured the worst that I saw," Izzo said of another victim. "I saw an older lady who was burned from behind."

Izzo and an off-duty Northwest flight attendant, Kay Bolin, who helped him care for the injured, were the last DC9 passengers taken from the scene, he said. Bolin was suffering from a back injury and was moved on a stretcher.

"I consider myself fortunate. I called my

wife and sons," said Izzo, who planned to fly home to Pittsburgh Tuesday evening. "I wanted to catch them before they heard. They hadn't heard about it when I called."

A resident of Jackson, Miss., Robert Karp agreed with other 727 passengers who initially thought their plane had a blown tire.

"I wasn't shook up until I got off the plane and saw the damage to the other plane," he said.

"It's a scary thing. If it had been a broadside collision. That is what most of us thought. Do I feel lucky? Are you kidding?"

City: No tag, no bag — no trash pickup

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Hey, Plymouth — it's time to play Dumping for Dollars.

That's right, city residents. Starting Monday, it will cost you \$1 for each bag of trash you set at the curb for pick up.

"If there is no bag or tag we will not collect your trash," said Paul Sisco, assistant city manager. Bags must be tagged based on the garbage ordinance passed in September by city commissioners.

Those exempt from the bag-tag program include apartment or condo dwellers who put their garbage in a dumpster, and business and commercial users who produce more than one cubic yard of trash a week.

The program, modeled on similar programs in Grand Rapids, Lansing and Mount Pleasant, also encourages residents to recycle — because the more you take to the recycling center, the less you'll spend on tags or bags for garbage set at the curb.

Residents can put trash in green bags with the city seal that cost \$1 each, in their own bags with a \$1 bag tag attached, or in garbage cans with the \$1 bag tag attached.

Recyclables, accepted at the city recycling center include newspapers; green, brown and clear glass; plastic coded "1" and "2" (see the bottom of the plastic bottle); tin cans and batteries.

Bags and tags are now available from:

- The Plymouth Fire Department



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Garbage bags accepted for pickup by city crews beginning Monday, displayed by Danny's Market clerk Laura Miller, are available at Danny's, the city recycling center, the fire department at city hall, and the department of public works yard.

- The department of public works yard, 1231 Goldsmith.
- Danny's supermarket, on Main Street.

Former city manager to return some money

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Vorva, who alleges Graper had much to do with firing him in 1989 from his job as a Plymouth police officer, noted Graper's 10 years as city manager and asked: "Would it not be logical to assume that there could be a substantial amount owed to us?"

The commission last month rejected Vorva's request to audit the former city manager's expenses over Graper's entire tenure.

The state treasury department in

October presented findings after auditing Graper's expenses for a one-year period ending in June 1989. Graper, now city manager of Sault Ste. Marie, resigned from the Plymouth job in June 1989 as some commissioners questioned the amount he spent promoting the city.

While the state auditors found that Graper owed the city \$10,532, commissioners agreed that nearly half that total was for car expenses that were allowed by Graper's contract with the city.

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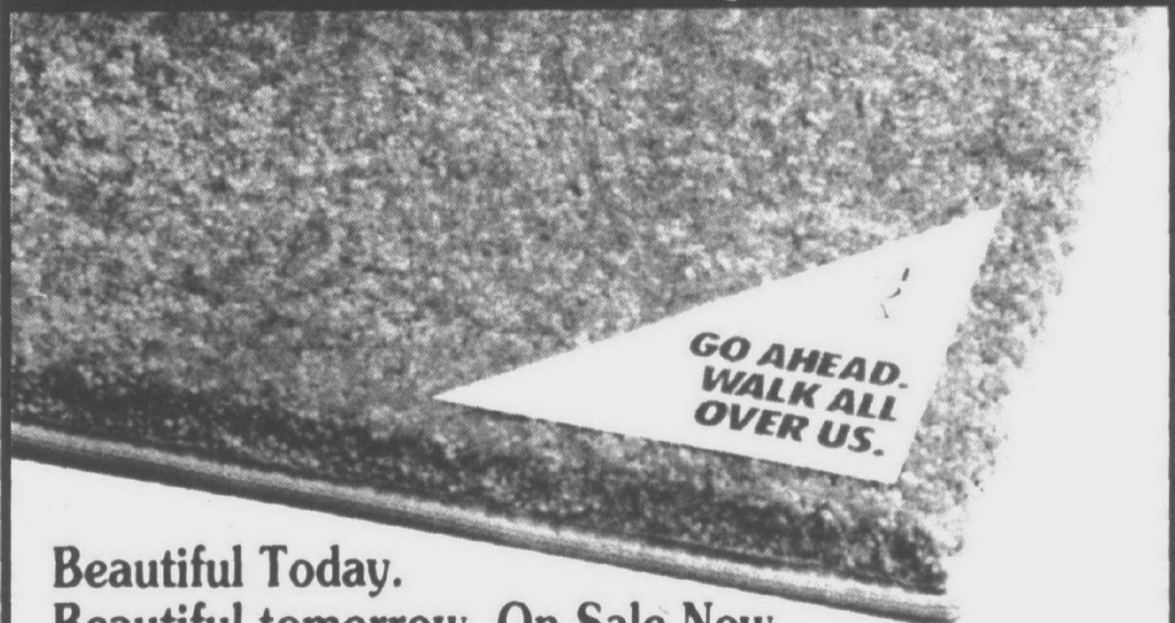
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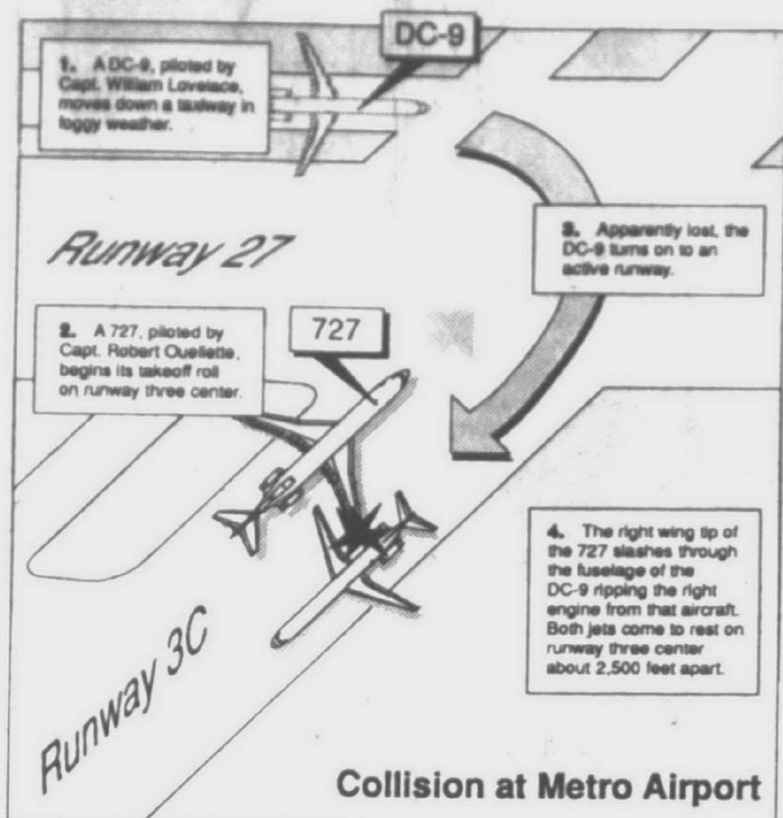
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Cause of crash sought

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Dan Kerber, deputy director of airport operations, said response was swift. Rescue efforts, however, may have been compounded by the fog. Emergency crew members reported they were unable to see the burning DC-9 for as long as 30 seconds after first responding to the less-severely damaged 727.

Concerned with what he termed an appearance of unclear authority at the airport in the moments after the crash, county commission Chairman Arthur Blackwell, D-Detroit, formed an ad hoc commission committee to investigate the crash.

"My concern is not only that the tragedy occurred, but how emergen-

cy measures were carried out, and under whose direction, after it happened," Blackwell said.

Spokesmen for Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, the man ultimately responsible for airport operations, said the move was a surprise.

"I don't know anyone who had any question about authority," Deputy County Executive Michael Duggan said. "Ed McNamara was in command the whole way."

The executive had drawn praise for his handling of the incident from Northwest chairman Al Checchi who said he "particularly appreciated the leadership" McNamara and his staff exhibited.

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Most patients were treated and released for burns, cuts, bruises and other minor injuries, O'Dowd said.

Two victims, including a co-pilot from the DC-9 that took the brunt of the collision, were taken to Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. Northwest identified the first officer from that plane as James Schifferns, 43, of Spokane, Wash.

Four people were taken to Heritage Hospital in Taylor and one, a pregnant woman suffering from smoke inhalation, was treated and released at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.

Disaster training was "fresh in the minds" of Annapolis staffers, who went through an emergency preparedness drill Oct. 13, one of two such drills each year, said Cassandra Speir, acting director of nursing.

"WE HAVE a plan (dubbed Code 11) that involves the entire staff — from physicians to orderlies," Speir said.

Among the first steps is for secretaries to call in additional staff, according to Speir.

Call-ups included five emergency room physicians, 15 attending physicians and 30 additional nurses, she said.

"The afternoon shift was called to come in early. Others came in without being called, when they heard about (the crash)."

Garden City Osteopathic got the first call to prepare for victims at



1. Garden City Osteopathic
Two transported to the hospital. One was treated and released and the other admitted.
2. Heritage Hospital, Taylor
Four transported to hospital. Two were admitted, one was taken to another hospital and the other was treated and released.
3. U-M Medical Center - Burn Unit, Ann Arbor
Admitted two burn victims transferred from Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.
4. Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn
One patient taken to the hospital, treated and released.
5. Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, Wayne
16 transported to hospital. Fourteen were treated and released.

2:05 p.m., about 20 minutes after the collision, said hospital spokesman Mitchell Nimmoor. Nimmoor said the hospital follows a national disaster procedure and went through a drill about a month ago.

The 17 southeastern Michigan fire departments that are part of a regional mutual aid pact all sent rescue vehicles to the Romulus airport.

EMS vehicles and private ambulances from Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Redford Township and Farmington Hills began arriving at the airport within a half-hour of the collision.

Frank Felts, Garden City fire chief, estimated that there were "probably over 100 (EMS) squads" on the airport grounds ready for transportation of victims.

Although many EMS crews were eventually sent back to their com-

munities, the large call-up was necessary, fire officials said.

"When we got the first phone call, the information was that there were two planes and a potential for more than 200 (victims)," said Richard Marinucci, Farmington Hills fire chief.

A 48-member Hazardous Materials Team, including two representatives from each of 24 area fire departments, was also called to the scene, Marinucci said.

TEAM MEMBERS receive special training for fighting fires involving toxic or flammable chemicals such as jet fuel.

Marinucci said it was the first time the team has responded to an incident at an airport.

Staff writers Joanne Maliszewski, Leonard Poger and LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

High profile for N'west

Unlike 1987, when Northwest Airlines personnel generally avoided contact with airport officials and the media, representatives of the Minneapolis-based airlines new ownership took a high profile in the aftermath of Monday's jet crash.

Perhaps in an effort to improve an already-battered company image, company public relations director Bob Gibbons flew to the scene the afternoon of the crash and company chairman Al Checchi arrived the next day, meeting with staff and crash survivors.

Wayne County Executive Edard McNamara, sharply critical of Northwest's response to the crash of Flight 255 in 1987, said he was more pleased with Northwest's response this time.

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campus news

LINDA SHAPONA of Canton was recently honored as Alumni Chapter Adviser for the Alpha collegiate chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau at Eastern Michigan University.

JASON L. FORRESTER is among the following Plymouth residents to be named to the honors list at Ferris State University: Megan J. Falarczyk, Martin P. Gant, Robert J. Pensari, Lisa M. Wood and Heidi L. Zaag.

JOHN E. SCHROEDER of Plymouth Township, attending Madonna College, has been selected as a national outstanding leader in the 1991 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

ANN STACEY of Plymouth, a graduate student at Penn State, has been awarded the Liberal Arts Robert J. Mowitz Graduate Fellowship.

KAREN E. DAVIES of Plymouth has been named a foundations professor at The Savannah College of Art and Design.

MS. BILLIE A. SEMANN and **GARY E. ICKES**, both of Plymouth, were named to the Siena Heights College Academic Achievement List for part-time students. Also named were two Canton residents, **ROBERT L. KRANTZ** and **PATRICK J. HERBERT**.

DAVID SZYDLOWSKI of Canton was awarded the Wayne L. Yanz Scholarship to attend Schoolcraft College.

ANN M. BRADLEY is among the following Plymouth residents graduating from The University of Michigan: Ann E. Dupuis, Barbara D. Evans, Jaceen M. Hill, Jay P. Knapal, Geraldine P. Little, Scott S. Matties, Gale L. Tang, Vytas J. Radze, Chris J. Harkey, Kaan Togrul, Anne Wood-Alatalo, Mary A. Wheeler and Elizabeth Schmidt Baron.

JENNIFER L. BERRY is among the following Canton residents to graduate from The University of Michigan: Aravindan Balasubramanian, Lisa L. Eyres, Marie L. Jarosz, William H. Mangione-Smith, Christopher C. Odell, Kevin R. Krolch and Susan M. Walter.

JEFFREY SMITH of Plymouth is a member of the Western Michigan University Sky Bronco Precision Flight Team that took second place in the 1990 Region III competition of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association. The team also took first place for safety in the competition. Jeffrey is a 1986 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is the son of Barbara and Douglas Smith of Canton.

SARAH CHESTER, seventh grade student at West Middle School in Plymouth, was selected as a national finalist for the Mickey Mouse Club.

LAURA SEWESKY, daughter of Dan and Carol Sewesky of Canton, was elected to the Homecoming Court of Olivet College. She is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Here comes the snow

Chris Soave of Lindsay street in Plymouth clears away the season's first snow cover Monday.



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obituaries

DIANA K. COWLEY

Services for Diana K. Cowley, 37, of Jackson were Friday, Nov. 30, at the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cowley was born June 10, 1953, in Ypsilanti. She died Sunday, Nov. 25, in Jackson. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1971 and lived most of her life in the Plymouth area.

The Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiated at the service. Memorial contributions may be given to UNICEF or the charity of your choice.

Mrs. Cowley is survived by her mother, Elizabeth A. of Canton; two daughters, Shaney Steiner and Katie Johnson, both of Jackson; three sons, Andy Steiner, Jonathan Steiner and Mathew Steiner of Jackson, all of Jackson; and two brothers, Dennis of Vermont and Dirk of California.

KENNETH E. DUNN

Services for Kenneth E. Dunn, 63, of Plymouth will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the UH Funeral Home in Westland. The Rev. James Stewart will officiate at the service.

Mr. Dunn was born July 1, 1927, in Saline. He died Saturday, Dec. 1, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was employed as a foreman at the Ford Motor Co.

Mr. Dunn is survived by his wife, Shirley Fisher Dunn of Plymouth; three sons, James, Chris and David; one daughter, Sandra Miller; two brothers, Robert and Jack; four sisters, Sister Rose Xavier, Evelyn Ford, Helen Norton and Pearl Ford;

and two grandchildren.

MARGARET A. ERRIS

Services for Margaret A. Erris, 81, of Canton Township were Saturday, Nov. 24, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Hobart, Ind. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Portage, Ind.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be given in the form of Mass offerings.

Mrs. Erris was born May 20, 1909, in Shenandoah, Pa. She died Monday, Nov. 19, in Ypsilanti. She came to the Canton community in 1987 from Indiana. She attended Divine Savior and St. Kenneth Catholic churches. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Erris is survived by three sons, Donald of Gary, Ind., William of LaSalle, Ill., and Charles of Merrillville, Ind.; three daughters, Shirley L. of Canton, Lucy Johnson of Longview, Texas, and Barbara Hult of Louisville, Ky.; one brother, Charles Klucavich of Eldorado, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

HARVEY C. ESCH

Services for Harvey C. Esch, 68, of Houghton were Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Esch was born April 10, 1922, in Livonia. He died Tuesday, Nov. 27, in Petoskey.

He was a lifelong Plymouth resident and moved to Houghton Lake in

1985. In 1982 he retired from the Burroughs (Unisys) Corp., where he worked for more than 35 years. He was a member of the Mayflower-L.L. Gamble VFW Post No. 6695 and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans-Livonia Chapter. He served with the U.S. Army in Europe in World War II.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Englewood, Fla. The Rev. Christopher Kruschel, pastor, officiated at the service. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Mr. Esch is survived by his wife, Susan A. of Houghton Lake; two sons, James C. of Port Huron and Thomas F. of Farmington Hills; one daughter, Sandra L. Helfer of Holt, Mich.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, William of Plymouth and Herman of Grayling; and one sister, Ina Jarvis of Plymouth.

PHILIP EARL

Services for Philip Earl, 59, of Homosassa, Fla. were Wednesday, Nov. 28, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Homosassa, Fla.

Mr. Earl was born March 21, 1931 in Detroit. He died Saturday, Nov. 24, in Homosassa, Fla. He lived in Livonia and Plymouth, until he retired in 1985 from the Detroit Diesel Allison Division of General Motors where he had worked in the service and sales departments for 28 years. He was a U.S. Navy Korean War vet-

eran, a member of the Spring Hill, Fla. V.F.W. Post No. 10206, a member of the Plymouth Lions Club and an organizer and charter member of the Detroit Diesel Retiree Club.

Mr. Earl is survived by his wife, Ariene M. Gresock of Homosassa, Fla.; sons, Peter Gresock of Livonia and Timothy Gresock of Pittsburgh, Pa.; daughters, Katherine Bridges of Delaware, Ohio, Cheryl Konrad of Powell, Ohio and Karen Czaplak of Danville, Ind.; mother, Vera Fullerton of California; brother, Peter Earl of Coldwater; sister, Barbara Warde of Fullerton, Calif. and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Citrus County, 595 Gulf to Lake Highway, Village West Center, Lecanto, Fla. 32661.

ALBERT M. HART

Services for Albert M. Hart, 78, of South Lyon were Tuesday, Nov. 27, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Hart was born Dec. 20, 1911 in Coffeyville, Kan. He died Saturday, Nov. 24 in Livonia. He moved to the South Lyon community from Plymouth in 1974. He was a custodian with the Plymouth School system for 11 years. He attended the First Baptist Church of South Lyon.

Mr. Hart is survived by his wife, Elva M. Hart of South Lyon; one son, Kenneth Hart of Brighton; daughters, Virginia Weinburger of South Lyon, Judy Detherage of Plymouth, Alberta Meyers of Wayne, Janet Simmons of Florida and Brenda Davenport of Royal Oak; 17 grand-

children; six great-grandchildren; five sisters and one brother.

Rev. Robert Beddingfield officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

DOUGLAS S. ROWE

Services for Douglas S. Rowe, 51, of Canton Township were Saturday, Nov. 24, at Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Rowe is survived by his wife, Maria Rowe of Canton; one daughter, Barbara Stockle of Canton; son, Robert Rowe of Canton; one grandchild, brothers, Richard Rowe of Terre Haute, Ind., Tom Rowe of Denver, Colo. and Daniel Rowe of Whitmore Lake; and sisters, Ann Cowley of Canton and Ruth Edwards of Plymouth.

Mr. Rowe was born July 10, 1939 in Plymouth. He died Wednesday, Nov. 21, in Ann Arbor. He was a lifelong Canton resident and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1957. He worked for the Ford Motor Company for 26 years and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

The Rev. Matthew Ellis officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Michigan Cancer Foundation or in the form of mass offerings.

KATHRYN A. WICKENS

Services for Kathryn A. Wickens, 78, of Westland were Thursday, Nov. 29, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Wickens was born Jan. 25,

1912 in Toledo, Ohio. She died Monday, Nov. 26, in Westland. She was a resident of Plymouth from 1943 to 1979 when she moved to Westland. She was a licensed practical nurse and was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church and the Order of Eastern Star No. 115, Plymouth and the White Shrine.

Mrs. Wickens is survived by her daughters, Pat Rutenbar of Garden City, Bonnie Kellogg of Denver, Colo. and Janet Lewis of Farmington Hills; son, David Wickens of Westland; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

The Rev. David E. Charch officiated the service.

OLIVE J. WILDER

Services for Olive J. Wilder, 84, of Canton will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 12 First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Mrs. Wilder was born Jan. 24, 1906 in Sioux City, Iowa. She died Friday, Nov. 23, in Westland. She was personnel director for Auto Owner Insurance Company from which she retired after 28 years of service.

Mrs. Wilder is survived by her son, Thomas Wilder III of Canton and three grandchildren.

Rev. John N. Grenfell Jr. will officiate the service. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Plymouth — Organ Fund, 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

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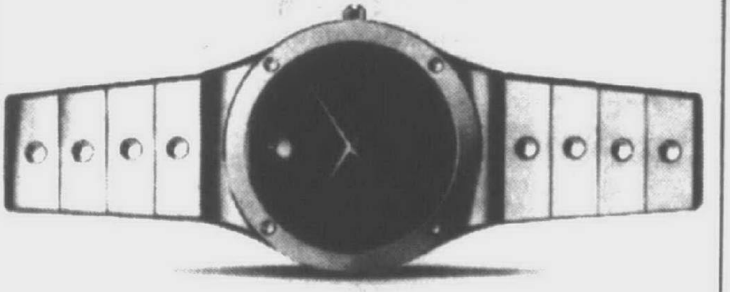
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Friends surprise Thomas

Boy, was Sharon Thomas, Plymouth housing director, surprised when she returned from Curacao, a Dutch island north of Venezuela, where she married Larry Sichter in a quiet, romantic wedding.

They went to the island because they wanted to avoid a big party. But Thomas' co-workers at Tonquish Manor had a different idea.

When she returned to her office she was surprised by the 300 balloons, confetti, party favors hanging from ceiling, New Year's Eve hats and just about anything else related to a big bash including beer cans and wine bottles.

"The office was trashed," Thomas said. "You couldn't walk."

Thomas was married by the government of Curacao on Friday, Nov. 23, and married again by a Catholic priest two days later, which also happened to be on Thomas' birthday.

"Not a word of it was in English," Thomas said.

The choir sang in reggae, she said.

"It was so beautiful."

Suspects in stolen car chase injured in crash

By Joe Bauman
Diane Gale
staff writers

Two men were injured Monday after striking a tree during a high speed chase with Livonia police who suspected the pair were in a stolen car.

Passengers in the Mustang were a Westland man, 18, who was in guarded condition at Botsford Hospital and a Livonia man, 17, who was in serious condition at St. Mary Hospital.

Police suspect the men were involved a chop shop operation.

POLICE DID not release the identity of the teens pending formal criminal charges being filed in the incident. Police were seeking warrants against the teens.

Livonia police traffic Sgt. Tom Green said the incident began at about 10:45 p.m. when a Western Wayne County Auto Theft Team, which is based in Canton, notified Livonia police they had the Mustang under surveillance near Plymouth Road and Yale and asked for help to stop the car.

When marked Livonia units arrived, Green said the driver of the alleged stolen car attempted to flee through several parking lots, and at one point spun out of control and struck a patrol car.

The Mustang continued east through the lots, then headed south on Wayne Road and west on Ann Arbor Trail.

"Our patrol units lost visual contact with the car as it continued west on Ann Arbor Trail at high speeds," Green said. "Our officers came upon the accident scene as they continued their pursuit."

Green said police believe the driver of the Mustang, which had no license plates, lost control of the car as he attempted to make a left turn at Angeline Circle, spinning out of control and striking the tree broad-

side on the driver's side. Green said one youth was thrown from the car at impact.

The consequences of the accident could have been much worse, Green said, adding that the impact of the crash ripped the front end of the car, including the engine block, completely from the rest of the Mustang.

Auto Theft Team Director Sandy Miller said an investigation showed that the youths had "quite a business going."

"They're pretty young, but they were already starting a chop shop business," Miller said.

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O&E arts editor gets state award

By Judith Doner Berne
staff writer

Corinne "Co" Abatt, who attempts to write objectively about the art world which touches our suburbs, couldn't edit out the superlatives Monday night.

Abatt, Creative Living editor for the Observer & Eccentric for 15 years, was one of nine recipients of the Governor's Arts Awards given by Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan, the statewide arts advocacy organization.

"This is the most wonderful award I could ever imagine getting," Abatt said in accepting the Media Honor Roll Award before 550 bejeweled women and tuxedoed men on the stage of the renovated State Theatre in Detroit.

Abatt, a longtime Beverly Hills resident who was accompanied to the event by daughter Julie, publicly acknowledged she was a little uncomfortable in the spotlight. "I'd rather be covering it than getting it."

"It has been my privilege to get to cover you — the members of the arts world," she told the crowd. She noted memorable interviews with Emma Schaver, the opera singer from Southfield; Peggy deSalle, a Birmingham art dealer who endowed a wing at the DIA and an auditorium at Cranbrook; and internationally-known photographer Yousuf Karsh.

"THOSE PEOPLE were so alive as so many of you are here tonight."

In fact, a number of audience members have been the subjects of Abatt's feature stories, including Bloomfield Hills artist Aviva Robinson, whose husband Jack is CCAM chairman, and Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association director Ken Gross.

Gross, who acknowledged he was one of the people who nominated Abatt for the award, said simply: "She lives it. It's beyond her job. That's the kind of thing this is all about — to recognize people who go beyond."

"She's unique. I deal with other press and it's just not the same."

The awards were begun six years ago during Gov. James Blanchard's first term when the Concerned Citizens for the Arts group posed the idea of giving the highest elected official in the state the opportunity to honor the arts.

"This has become an exciting,

meaningful night," Blanchard told the crowd, "but of course the arts are every day. The arts are the glue that holds our society together."

Blanchard, defeated by John Engler last month, looked anything but depressed, vaulting onto the stage and whittling down his prepared speech because "People who are being honored never quite get their due."

HE INTRODUCED a number of local legislators, including state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, and state Rep. Judy Miller, R-Birmingham as well as executive director of the Michigan Council for the Arts, Bloomfield Township resident Bunny Goldman.

Jack Robinson led the audience in a standing toast to Blanchard who, no matter what political party you belong to, "has approached the issues honestly and set a high standard of public service."

"We also know he will continue to support the arts as a private citizen should he not return to public life," Robinson said.

Marilyn Wheaton, CCAM executive director, Tuesday said she has spoken to members of Engler's staff and "they have given me no indication that he would not be interested in continuing" participation in the awards.

This was the first time the awards presentation was held at an arts venue rather than a hotel ballroom. "We did better than we have ever done" on ticket sales — although the weather kept some from attending, Wheaton said. That included the Four Tops who were supposed to fly in to receive the International Achievement Award.

"I was very, very pleased," Wheaton said. "We've never had such a sophisticated presentation audio-visually. Personally, although I don't make the decision, I can't imagine having it any other place."

Other awards went to:

- Arts Organization Awards — Kalamazoo Civic Players, William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, Michigan Artrain.
- Business Honor Roll Award — Hudsons Department Stores.
- Civic Leader Award — Walter Buhl Ford II.
- Michigan Artist Award — Bess Bonnier.
- Arts in Education Award — Karen VanderKloot DiChiera.
- International Achievement Award — The Four Tops.



photos by JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Corinne Abatt related three of her most memorable interviews in accepting the media award from Gov. James Blanchard.


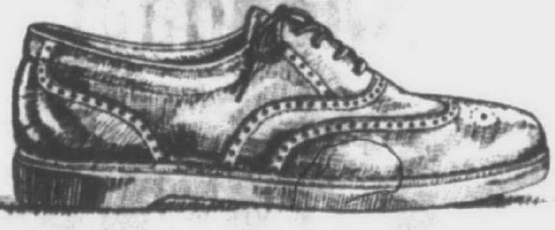



Michigan Arts Council executive director Bunny Goldman (above) and Concerned Citizens for the Arts chairman Jack Robinson (right) obviously enjoying the evening.



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● CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, Dec. 8 - The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual children's Christmas party, for Canton residents only, at the Recreation Center (Michigan Avenue at Sheldon Road). Games, holiday movies, refreshments and a special visit with Santa will be featured. Ages 3-7, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; ages 12 and under, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Call 397-5110 for reservations.

● CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP
Saturday, Dec. 15 - Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in cooperation with D & M Art Studio, is sponsoring two special kids only workshops for children ages 6-18 of both Plymouth and Canton. Session 1 will be 10 a.m. to noon; session 2, 1-3 p.m.; at the Canton Recreation Center (Michigan Avenue at Sheldon Road). Price is \$12 per child. Call 397-5110 to register.

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Et cetera

● CHRISTMAS CONCERT
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● CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES
Saturday, Dec. 8 - Santa arrives at Fiegel Elementary School at 9 a.m. Christmas activities will continue until 2:30 p.m. Pictures with Santa will be available until noon. There will be a holiday bake sale and Santa Secret Shop. Children can decorate a cookie for 25 cents. Sponsored by Fiegel P.T.O.

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● TOUGH LOVE
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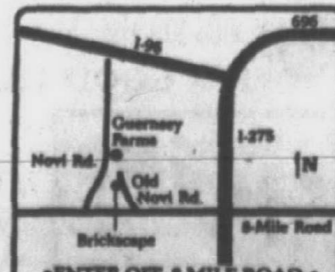
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Candidates eye western Wayne commission post

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Contenders are lining up to fill Milton Mack's soon-to-be vacated Wayne County Commission seat, but when an election will be held is anyone's guess.

Assistant county executive Bryan Amann of Wayne, Canton resident Shirley Poling and Wayne councilman Robert Beeny, all Democrats, have confirmed their candidacies, as has Victor Gustafson, a Canton Republican.

Mack, a commissioner since 1982, is expected to resign today after appointment to the Wayne County Probate bench. He will be sworn in as judge Dec. 18.

Though the seat only includes Canton, among Observer area communities, its impact is far broader. Mack was considered one of county Executive Edward McNamara's staunchest supporters on the board and a

key vote in the often-narrow majority that sided with the executive in budget disputes with commission leaders.

Commissioners could temporarily fill the vacancy as soon as this afternoon, but would also have to set a special election some time next year.

"ESSENTIALLY, commissioners have to do two things," said Ben Washburn of the county's legislative research department. "They have to fill the balance of Mack's current term (which ends Dec. 31) plus, they have to call an election for the new term."

Mack defeated Gustafson, 16,118-13,387 in the November general election and was to have begun his fifth consecutive commission term Jan. 1.

By law, an election must be held next year to fill the two-year commission term. But there's no law saying when the election would take

place. "That's the odd thing about state election law," said Brad Wittman of the state elections division.

The number of declared Democratic candidates indicates there a primary would have to be scheduled. The general election could follow in less than 60 days, Wittman said.

While Gustafson, a Canton planning commission member has said he should be appointed to the seat as the second-place finisher, his appointment is apparently barred under the county charter.

"The charter specifies that whoever is appointed must be of the same party as the person holding the seat," Washburn said.

Before today's commission meeting it wasn't clear whether the commission would even fill the balance of Mack's current term.

"THEY COULD choose to leave it vacant until the election," Washburn said.

Another possibility involves appointment of an interim commissioner who wouldn't seek election next year.

Such a situation occurred when commission chairman Arthur Carter resigned in mid-1989 to accept a position with the Detroit Schools. At that time, commissioner's appointed Carter's wife to fill the seat.

Contenders for the balance of Mack's current term include Jerry Higgs of Wayne, Mack's longtime aide. Mack confirmed Higgs' candidacy and also confirmed his aide wouldn't seek the new term.

Due to his new position as a judge, Mack won't endorse any candidates. "It's hard to step back and not be involved in partisan politics after being involved so long, but it's what I have to do," he said.

Cindy Burgess, an official with the Canton Community Foundation and former candidate for township clerk, is another potential contender.

"I'm putting my name forward to de-politicize the appointment," Burgess said. "Whoever is appointed could face a backlash if they decided to run for the new term and I don't want to see that happen."

Among the potential election contenders:

• Amann is an assistant county executive, working under McNamara. His most notable recent duties include serving as "noise czar", listening to complaints and arguing for changes in Metro Airport flight patterns. Head of the 15th District Democratic Party organization, he is a former deputy to county Clerk James Killeen.

• Beeny has been a Wayne county councilman since 1981 and a member of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He is a financial planner and owner of Financial Planning Services, Wayne.

• Poling, an employee of General Motors Hydra-Matic, Ypsilanti, is also a regional coordinator for UAW Region 1A, Taylor and a member of the University of Michigan union minorities/women's leadership training project.

County insiders envision Amann and Poling as the strongest Democratic contenders. Amann, a former UAW staff assistant, apparently ran afoul of the union by supporting a challenger against incumbent commissioner — and union choice Kay Beard in November's Westland/Garden City area commission race.

Gustafson's strong showing against Mack, and a potentially divided Democratic Party, is seen as giving the GOP a good chance to capture the seat.

"Republican traditionally do well in special elections," said board Vice Chairwoman Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township, the only Republican on the commission.

Headlee tax cut plan faces Jan. 25 deadline

Fighting to put the Headlee II property tax cut before the Legislature, Taxpayers United has until Jan. 25 to prove it gathered enough petition signatures.

State elections director Christopher Thomas last week told the Board of State Canvassers his staff believes several thousand of the remaining petitions to be screened are flawed and should not be counted.

"We cannot accept the dubious reasons they're using to try to disenfranchise good-citizen voters," said Richard Headlee, the Farmington Hills insurance executive who chairs Taxpayers United.

"The flaws are not in the petitions, but in the thinking and methodology of the Secretary of State's staff," said the head of TU, which seeks a 20 percent property tax cut with state reimbursement of all lost local revenues.

HEADLEE SAID TU people last month traveled to township, city and county offices and found that more than 70 percent of the petition signatures declared invalid on their face by the Secretary of State were determined by their hometown clerks to be genu-

ine signatures of registered voters.

"A Village of Beverly Hills voter, born in 1915, who now has a Birmingham home address, and who pays Birmingham School District taxes, was initially disqualified for writing 'Birmingham' in the space on the petition labeled 'mark whether registered to vote in city or township and write its name.'"

"That voter knew very well that the Southfield Township voter registration records were kept down the

street from his home in a building with a 'Birmingham' address.

"Yet the Secretary of State staff intended to declare him 'invalid' as a registered voter on the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative because the signer hadn't checked the 'township of' box and inserted 'Southfield Township' instead of 'Birmingham,' Headlee said.

THE BOARD of State Canvassers granted Taxpayers United's request

for additional time to complete the review of 'invalidated' signatures and to confer with the Secretary of State staff prior to the next meeting of the board.

Taxpayers United had expected board approval of the petitions so that the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative could be adopted by the state legislature before it adjourned this week.

If the Legislature fails to act, the proposal would go before voters in 1992.

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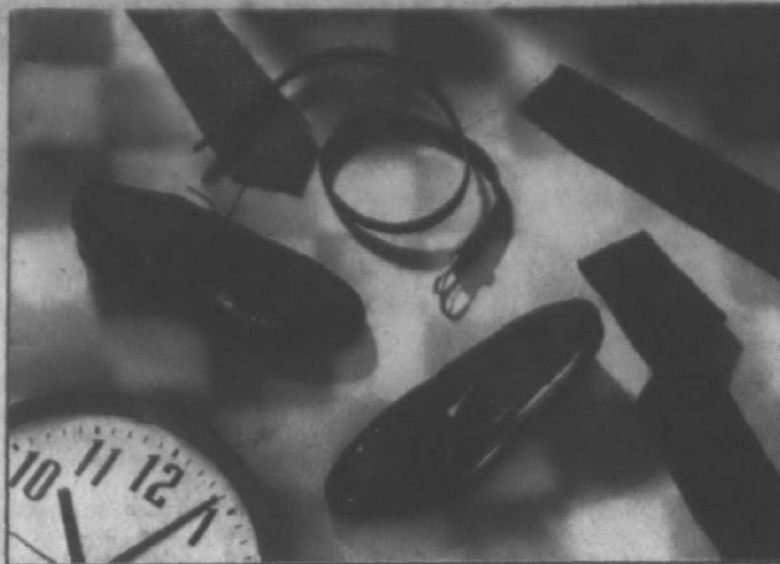
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Duns Scotus backers hope to save friary

By Tim Smith
staff writer

The friary at Duns Scotus may yet be saved.

Supporters of the friary are seeking an alternative to selling the 110-acre site to developers who want to build a conference center and golf course.

In the wake of the Franciscan Mothers' Club's spirited protest to block a reported \$9 million sale, discussions have taken place between a Duns Scotus real estate agent and D'Etre University, which leases part of the former seminary for its America-Japan International College, said the Rev. Daniel Havron, a Franciscan Provincial Councillor.

According to Havron, the very recent talks have centered on D'Etre University buying a majority of the 280,000-square-foot facility — all but the existing chapel and friary, where the 25 Franciscan fathers now live. Others also have stepped forward with an interest, he added.

"They (D'Etre University) are interested in the place" and in having "further dialogue" about a deal,

Havron said. That, he added, might "change the entire picture."

But for Duns Scotus supporters, the picture remains bleak. Havron on Monday said negotiations to sell the entire 61-year-old landmark and surrounding grounds for \$9 million to Southfield developer LoPatin & Co. and an out-of-state company remain "on the front burner."

SOURCES CLOSE to the scene confirmed that the second company involved in the proposed purchase is Florida-based Doral Corp. and not a New York firm as was earlier reported.

That sale, prompted by low staffing and financial problems at Duns Scotus, could take place by the end of December, Havron said.

Havron said the developers intend to keep the distinctive-looking structure intact for use as a conference center, with much of the 110-acre site being transformed from its current peaceful setting into a 9-hole golf course.

Meanwhile, members of the Franciscans Mothers' Club said there have been rumors that Duns Scotus

would face the wrecking ball if sold, or at least turned into upscale condominiums. Havron scoffed at those rumors.

"We had that offer years ago from developers, to buy the land and tear it down," Havron said. "If we knew that was their plan we wouldn't go any further with it."

The latter wouldn't bother those who have come out in full force to oppose any sale, including members of the Franciscan Mothers' Club volunteer group, which recently has collected nearly 4,000 anti-sale signatures onto petitions.

ACCORDING TO club president Rachel Hund and member Vicky Garland, the main objective of the protest is to at least save the chapel and friary's living quarters.

"That's all we're fighting for," Hund said, later adding that the 675-member club will continue its petition drive until a final decision is made. "If it's God's will (to save the chapel), I'm sure our prayers will be answered. If it's to be sold, then it will be sold."

Garland said the club's aim is to "show how much Duns Scotus is wanted and needed."

About 3,000 people a week attend religious services, while many needy

people are assisted by its retreat center, particularly during the holidays.

Hund and Havron said the club's efforts have stirred up public awareness in support of the efforts to save Duns Scotus.

"They say it's sad, it's terrible," Hund said. "That's like a historic place. No matter who you talk to, they say, 'Oh yeah, Duns Scotus, I love that.'"

HAVRON SAID public reaction to the club's protest surprised him. "It's nice to see that people care so much."

The petition drive also has resulted in companies calling Duns Scotus to inquire about purchasing the property, Havron said.

Meanwhile, Havron added that D'Etre University has been interested for more than a year in buying the now-closed college which is adjacent to the chapel/friary. It was closed in 1986.

The university's dean, William Poffenberger, could not be contacted Monday and Tuesday.

When asked whether there was any way the pending deal with LoPatin and Doral Corp. could be fine tuned to at least rescue the facility's chapel and friary, Havron said it

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Specifications for quotations are on file in the Office of the Housing Commission and may be viewed during normal office hours - 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. weekdays. Additional information is available from the Housing Director.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. 90-5
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.137 OF CHAPTER 24 OF THIS CODE OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:
SECTION 1. Section 2.137 of Chapter 24 of Title II of the Code of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended as follows:

- The second paragraph, second sentence of the second paragraph as it presently reads is deleted in its entirety.
- A new sentence is added to its place so that the second sentence of the second paragraph shall read as follows:
"Where the water service to any premises is turned off to enforce the payment of water service charges or sewage disposal service charges, the water service shall not be recommenced until all delinquent charges have been paid and a turn on charge of \$35.00 added to these past due amounts. Also, if the request of water turn on is after the normal beginning and ending of the work day for the Department of Public Services, the turn on charge amount will double (\$70.00). The defined working hours being:
Summer - Memorial Day - Labor Day, Monday-Friday
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8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become operative and effective on the 7th day of December, 1990.

Made, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, this 3rd day of December, 1990.

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Graper's tab Time to pay it and move on

THE PROPOSED deal between Henry Graper, former city manager, and the city commission that was struck this week sounds good to us.

A state audit says Graper owes the city \$10,532 for overpayment of his expense account, but the city commission now says it will settle for \$3,160.

It's a good deal. If Graper overspent his expense account, part of the blame can be laid on the city's doorstep.

There was a review each month of the city's bills and city commissioners approved the tabs. If there were questions about overspending, they should have been brought up at that point.

The frenzy over Graper's expense account is revisionist history. It's the taking of current standards and applying them to the past. We think things should be judged on the practices of the time.

Graper contends the expenses charged to the city and the subject of the state audit were proper under his contract. A dispute over the expenses set up the scenario for Graper's resignation in June 1988.

That's the dispute that lingers on.

THE SPENDING GNAWS at some who think there's no such thing as a free lunch. That would bother us if the sum was larger.

We think Graper has paid his debt through the public embarrassment caused by the airing of the issue. It's an issue that Graper, now city manager at Sault-Ste. Marie, will carry around with him for some time.

Also, Ron Lowe, city attorney, has issued an opinion that no criminal charges will be lodged against Graper.

It's time Plymouth acknowledge that it got stuck with a big lunch tab, pay it and move on from there. More important issues are out there for the city to tackle.

Mettetal Hearing will help clear air

We urge Plymouth residents to attend a meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 10, on Mettetal Airport.

The meeting to be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center is billed as a full airing of the discussions about purchasing the nearly \$5 million piece of property in Canton Township for public use.

Government officials from the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be on hand to answer questions.

We'll be there to listen because nobody has convinced us that a public airport is needed.

And the situation has been muddied by the actions of local government. Canton Township has

twice walked away from the deal. And now Plymouth Township is eyeing the airport. Meanwhile, the city of Plymouth is watching and will decide on Dec. 17 whether to join an airport authority being pushed by Plymouth Township.

And dropped into that stew is a proposal to locate an aviation school at the airport.

We think the idea for the aviation school has some merit. Promoters say there are good jobs available in aircraft mechanics, and local kids could benefit from training at such a school.

However, we can't fully endorse the idea yet. We just haven't seen enough evidence.

Let's hope for good attendance at the public hearing, and a forum that allows ideas to be discussed.

Tax sharing Robin Hood method of funding

LIKE A zombie, the notion of property tax base sharing keeps rising from the dead. Last week the state Senate Appropriations Committee buried the idea for this legislative session, thanks to the votes of Sens. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, and Robert Geake, R-Northville.

Probably the zombie will be back in 1991. The high priests of this voodoo — Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, and Rep. Bill Keith, D-Garden City — are tenacious.

Superficially, the idea has charm. Your school district has a big factory or mall. Ours has only homes and farms. We should collect the growth of commercial and industrial property taxes on either a countywide or statewide basis and distribute the revenue on a per-pupil basis.

Our kids shouldn't be deprived just because they were born on the disadvantaged side of a boundary — so the sales pitch goes.

MUCH IS WRONG with that argument. Michigan has 560 school districts. Admittedly, some have only \$2,500 per pupil to spend while others have \$8,000.

"Poor" districts tend to be small and rural, although a few are residential areas in metropolitan suburbs. For many, the proper method of tax base sharing would be to consolidate into larger districts.

A consolidation plan was floated in the Legislature last year. Little districts fought it tooth and nail. They talked about "home rule," although there is no such thing as home rule for schools in the Michigan Constitution. Essentially they put petty, provincial politics above the education of their children.

They want to have their cake (business property taxes) and eat it, too (local control). No to that.

It's interesting that the proponents of sharing want to share only urban business property — commercial and industrial. They never offer to share taxes on farms, which are certainly businesses, too.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS with industry are pictured as rolling in wealth. Not quite so.

Many cities, particularly in the metropolitan suburbs, have recruited industry at great cost to build their tax bases for the schools. They have incurred the cost of traffic, sewers, fire engines and a loss of country flavor to attract business. These cities often kept municipal services down so that school districts would have more leeway to levy taxes.

It would be preposterously unfair for the state

The state has \$15 billion in resources and power to raise more. It should raise the floor of support for poor school districts, not lower the ceiling on the rest with the zombie of tax base sharing.

Legislature to play Robin Hood with their hard-earned industrial dollars.

Some areas of Michigan don't want industry. They have lovely shorelines, pricey homes, quiet. That is their privilege. Why, then, should they share in the pot of commercial and industrial property taxes?

Other cities have driven out industry — through high taxes, crime, bureaucracy and plain rudeness. We recall the big city dentist who planned to renovate a building for new offices only to have the city bulldoze it by mistake. Feeling unwanted, he moved to South Carolina.

Spending figures you hear of \$7,000 and \$8,000 per child are often exaggerated. Several districts in the O&E area place capital expenditures in the operating budget. At least one funnels its special education money through the operating budget. These budget techniques overstate spending on the classroom.

Many high-spending districts are in southeastern Michigan where costs are high — for health, insurance, and construction. Southeastern Michigan's average prices run 22 percent higher than the rest of the state.

Districts are called "rich" only because of their business wealth. Many people in them are low-income folks and troubled families whose kids need counseling and special help.

FOR DISTRICTS which, despite high millage rates, lack adequate revenues for their kids, the Michigan Constitution has an answer: "The Legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law." (Art. VIII, Sec. 2) "The Legislature shall impose taxes sufficient with other resources to pay the expenses of state government." (Art. IX, Sec. 1)

On a 25-year trend line, the state has reduced education's share of the budget. The state has \$15 billion in resources and power to raise more. It should raise the floor of support for poor school districts, not lower the ceiling on the rest with the zombie of tax base sharing.



Our individual towns make region a fine place to live

THE HEADLINES of late have been gloomy. Recession. Layoffs. High fuel prices going higher. War in the Middle East. Detroit Lions.

So it's good when somebody comes along and reassures us of something we knew perfectly well all along: Southeastern Michigan is a fine place to live.

The Population Crisis Committee, a highly respected Washington-based family-planning advocacy group, recently released a study concluding that living conditions in this area are pretty competitive with any place in the world — sixth out of 100 areas studied.

We're better than New York or Los Angeles or San Francisco. Our region is more livable than Tokyo or London or Paris — or even Toronto. We score especially well in low food costs, housing, access to schools and lack of traffic jams. And we're pretty good in living space, telephone service, noise and clean air.

THE RESPONSE from assorted liberals and Detroit mass media people was predictable: Let's make one big regional governmental unit out of "Greater Detroit."

The Free Press put it clearly: "... the distinction between Detroit and its surrounding communities — and even its Canadian neighbors — is declining in significance. More and more, the local us-against-them attitude is a destructive fiction perpetuated by narrow-focus politicians and their equally myopic allies on both sides of the Detroit city limits."

I'm sorry. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out one good reason our area is doing pretty well: It

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is precisely because it is not one big regional government, with the troubles of Detroit rubbed off on the neighboring suburbs and vice versa. Farmington and Livonia, Rochester and Troy, Northville and Howell are all fine places to live because they are individual communities, each with its own history and traditions, its own politics and lifestyle. The notion that they are all the same, just small sub-units of a larger regional reality, is what distinguishes big-city daily newspapers from community newspapers such as this.

I FIND IT hard to believe that the ills plaguing Detroit would be noticeably reduced if the center city were somehow merged into a larger region.

I find it equally hard to see how treating southeastern Michigan as



Philip Power

one region would make any appreciable difference in anybody's quality of life — except that of bureaucrats who work for regional government.

In fact, it strains my credulity to think that Detroit Mayor Coleman Young would be at all interested in any kind of regional government structure he didn't control.

Young has been, on nearly all counts, an increasing disappointment in recent years. But he has been consistent on one main point: the necessity for black people to control all aspects of the city in which they have a large majority of the population.

Creating a big regional government runs against the realities of the suburban and exurban communities, just as it goes against the grain of the realities of Detroit politics. It makes no sense, and we might as well realize it. Let's get on to seeing how we can make the aggregate of our individual communities work together so it's more than merely the sum of the parts.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

from our readers

Animal vs. human rights

To the Editor: I would like to express my opinion regarding the Animal Rights Movement that is sweeping our country today.

I would first of all like to commend those involved. The needless slaughter of animals should stop, and each citizen should be concerned about the outcome. By the same instincts that we have to save these defenseless creatures should come at least the same amount of concern over the needless slaughter of human life that occurs with abortion. Does that have a similar ring to it?

Why is it that "Animal Rights" is the chic movement to be involved in today? What about "Human Rights." Where have our priorities gone — to the "dogs?"

Research has shown that parents who read to their unborn child, and play classical music will have more intelligent children. Why would these men and women of medicine be recommending that mothers use these tactics if this unborn child were simply a "lifeless lump of tissue." The fact that so many pro-choice activists seem to use this phrase really does not add up. Who is right?

Animals vs. Humans. I think it's about time we took a good long look at our motives behind our actions

and become responsible citizens. Linda R. Burleson Canton

Aviation school is supported

To the editor: In 1943 I joined the Indian Air Force and served at the Burma Front in World War II. In the Air Force I gained maintenance experience on all types of aircraft — fighters, bombers, transports and trainers. I served for 9 years in their largest training school as a Grade "A" instructor, teaching aeroengine subjects (piston and gas turbine engines), course supervisor and examiner. I had the unique opportunity to organize training from scratch.

After 24 years of service with the Air Force, I served with Air India, for 16 years in the jet engine overhaul division, as the quality control and NDT inspector.

Now I am 65 — a retiree with over 40 years of aviation experience with a special liking for teaching and training. My only ambition is to see that my knowledge and experience is made available to the coming generation of boys and girls, men and women, of this society.

I am not asking you for money. I am ready to dedicate my time and

soul for this noble cause of teaching and training. What I am asking you is only a place to start the school for aviation mechanics — a public facility — at the Mettetal Airport. You are well aware many of our people cannot afford to have training in a private school because the cost is prohibitive.

With your blessings, if this school is started, you will not only make history in the Plymouth-Canton area but you will also be placing our communities on the map of Michigan as having one of the best aviation schools turning out quality aviation mechanics in airframe, powerplant and avionics. We would be putting in more value in our people.

Imagine how lucky we are. The Northwest Airline Machinist Union (I.A.M.O.) is behind this great venture and Schoolcraft College is giving the proposal serious consideration. With the expansion of the Metro Airport, the need for quality aviation mechanics is tremendous. Grab the opportunity. Further I understand that NWA is considering building an overhaul facility for the Airbus. Imagine the top dollar job opportunities for our mechanics.

Now it is time to reflect and ask ourselves these questions: What asset have we kept for our children and grandchildren? What have we done for our children that can help them as men and women, earn top dollars and live with dignity?

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points of view

Possible national test for pupils questioned

Q: I hear that a national test out of Washington D.C. is going to be given to every child in our schools. Speaking as a teacher, we already have enough testing in our schools. Will this new national test serve any purpose?

A: Depends on who you talk to. Some believe the new national testing program is a significant move by Washington for more national influence and possibly more control of state education agencies and local schools.

Indeed, President Bush has a national Educational Goals Panel giving much time and effort to an expanded national assessment test. Why?

There are those in Washington who believe that student learning would be greatly enhanced if each state and our 83,000 schools would all agree on national goals, on a national curriculum.

The inference by some in Washington is that each state and each school district is a kingdom unto itself. That educational goals and curriculum vary as much as one superintendent's style can vary from another superintendent's style.

However, the war drums are beating in many local school districts. The message is always the same, local control of our own destiny — we know our students and what is best for them.

Education's most powerful teacher/curriculum group, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development see little value in the national assessment test. Executive director Gordon Cawelti believes there is already too much testing which takes too much time from what is really important, classroom instruction.

In Michigan, we have the Michigan Educational Assessment Test (MEAP), standardized tests, locally developed Criterion Reference Tests, the SAT, ACT, and others.



Doc Doyle

Carried to the extreme, those opposed to more testing would say: "Knowledge of lousy results is not a motivator or healer. Let's spend the millions of dollars that will go into this national testing program into funding programs that have proven successful in raising student achievement."

You ask if this new national assessment test will serve any purpose. It's not new. It is simply an expansion of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing program which has been going on for 20 years.

Frankly most teachers, most building principals and many central office people are not even aware — some don't really care — about the testing results of the NAEP. Why?

There are no diagnostic results that a building principal or teacher can use to improve the learning of specific children in the building. And the child is usually the focal point of the quality principals and teachers, not national test results.

However, in a broader sense the national test has served a purpose. Let's take just one situation. Years ago the test found that young women were not scoring as well as young men in math and science.

A follow up soon discovered that the young women, including the brightest ones, were often being steered away from math and science and continually into secretarial type courses whether they wanted to be a secretary or not.

Guess what happened once counselors started encouraging young women to consider engineering, high tech, the medical profession. High

school girls scored as well as or better than the boys in math and science on the national assessment test.

The political problem for many is that a national test will result in a national report card for each and every school district, information which can be used for comparison purposes by citizens. This will not be a problem says Washington, the report will go directly to just your own school district.

The Michigan Department of Education promised that individual MEAP test results would not be published, that the MEAP test was for only local district use for program improvement. The "sunshine law" changed that, and rightly so. Today, every Michigan school district compares their MEAP results to other districts whether they like what they see or not.

On the other hand, some educators see nothing wrong with school districts comparing test results. San Diego Superintendent Thomas Boysen stated in *Educational Weekly* that the national assessment test will compare all school districts in each state and across the nation. And he says, "That's fine with me. I'll put my program and testing results up with any district."

Indeed, when our test results are compared with i.e. Japanese children using national test results, we don't look so good.

One wonders how some of the school districts in this readership area would compare with i.e. Japan if only their school district test scores were used for comparison and not national averages — national averages that lump all school districts together. There would be some pleasant surprises.

You see, many students in high test scoring districts score as well as the Japanese but not when they are lumped together with some of our less fortunate, lower socioeconomic areas.

Gender gap on court

THERE'S A gender gap on the Michigan Supreme Court. Justice Patricia Boyle and Chief Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley tend to stick together in upholding tough prison sentences.

They give two basic reasons: • Their brothers are "inventing the authority" to reduce sentences. • In reviewing facts, their brothers look at them "antiseptically," while the women dissenters view them from "a pro-victim standpoint."

Two key cases come to mind. SCOTT MILBURN was convicted in Eaton County of breaking and entering the residence of his ex-girlfriend with intent to maliciously destroy property worth more than \$100.

Supreme Court guidelines say that, as a first offender, Milbourn, then 20, deserved one to 2 1/2 years in prison. In April 1985 Circuit Judge Richard Shuster gave him 10 to 15 — quadruple the maximum. "This young man has literally fits of rage," Shuster said, recommending "protective custody care" and "mental health counseling" for this "extreme danger to society."

In September the Supreme Court voted 5-2 to adopt a new "principle of proportionality," matching prison time to the seriousness of the crime and the background of the offender. It set aside Milbourn's sentence, sending the case back to Shuster for re-sentencing.

BOYLE WROTE the dissent, dwelling at length on the factual details.



Tim Richard

Milbourn had lived with the woman six weeks, but she booted him and changed the locks — twice. Milbourn sought a reconciliation. Rebuffed, he broke into her vacant apartment that night, slashed her clothing, bedding, drapes, bathroom towels and shower curtains. He sprayed red paint on the carpet and drapes, broke an end table and punched three holes in the walls, Boyle wrote.

Out on bail, Milbourn threatened that if the woman didn't drop the charges, he would send "lewd" photos of her to her family, co-workers and friends. Later he smashed the windshield of her car, flattened a tire and threatened her new boyfriend.

While Milbourn had no prior conviction, Boyle noted he had been suspended from school for fighting and savagely attacked another inmate in jail.

Boyle accused the majority of viewing the facts as Milbourn's "overreacting to the situational stress of a lovers' quarrel..." She and Riley felt the victim had been "terrorized."

THE SECOND is the famous basketball score case, the second-degree murder conviction of Timothy Moore in 1985 for killing his ex-girl-

friend. Detroit Recorder's Judge Michael Talbot could have given Moore life or a term of years. Talbot gave him 100 to 200 years.

"A life sentence for this part of crime allowed him to be reviewed (for parole) in 10 years," Talbot said, reasoning that with a 100-200 year sentence Moore, 34, would die before he became eligible for parole.

In May of 1989, four justices rejected his reasoning, ruling Talbot abused his discretion. They virtually accused Talbot of pandering to the press and public for being "tough on crime."

Boyle wrote the dissent, attacking the majority reasoning as "misguided." She noted that Moore shot the woman twice, struggled through three rooms of the house and stabbed her seven times. Her blood was splashed on walls 11 feet apart.

Boyle also said Moore had threatened the woman earlier, had a juvenile record and had three prior felony convictions, including armed robbery involving forcible entry and rape.

Women do see things differently. FOOTNOTES: The women had two male allies — Justice Robert Griffin, who joined in the Moore case dissent; and candidate Clark Durant, who used these cases in his campaign ads.

Talbot reduced Moore's sentence to 50 years. Last week Shuster gave Milbourn the identical 10-15 years.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

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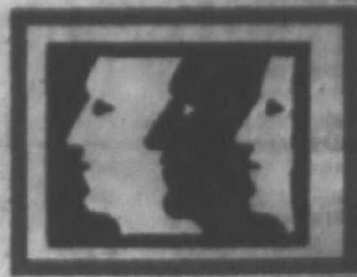
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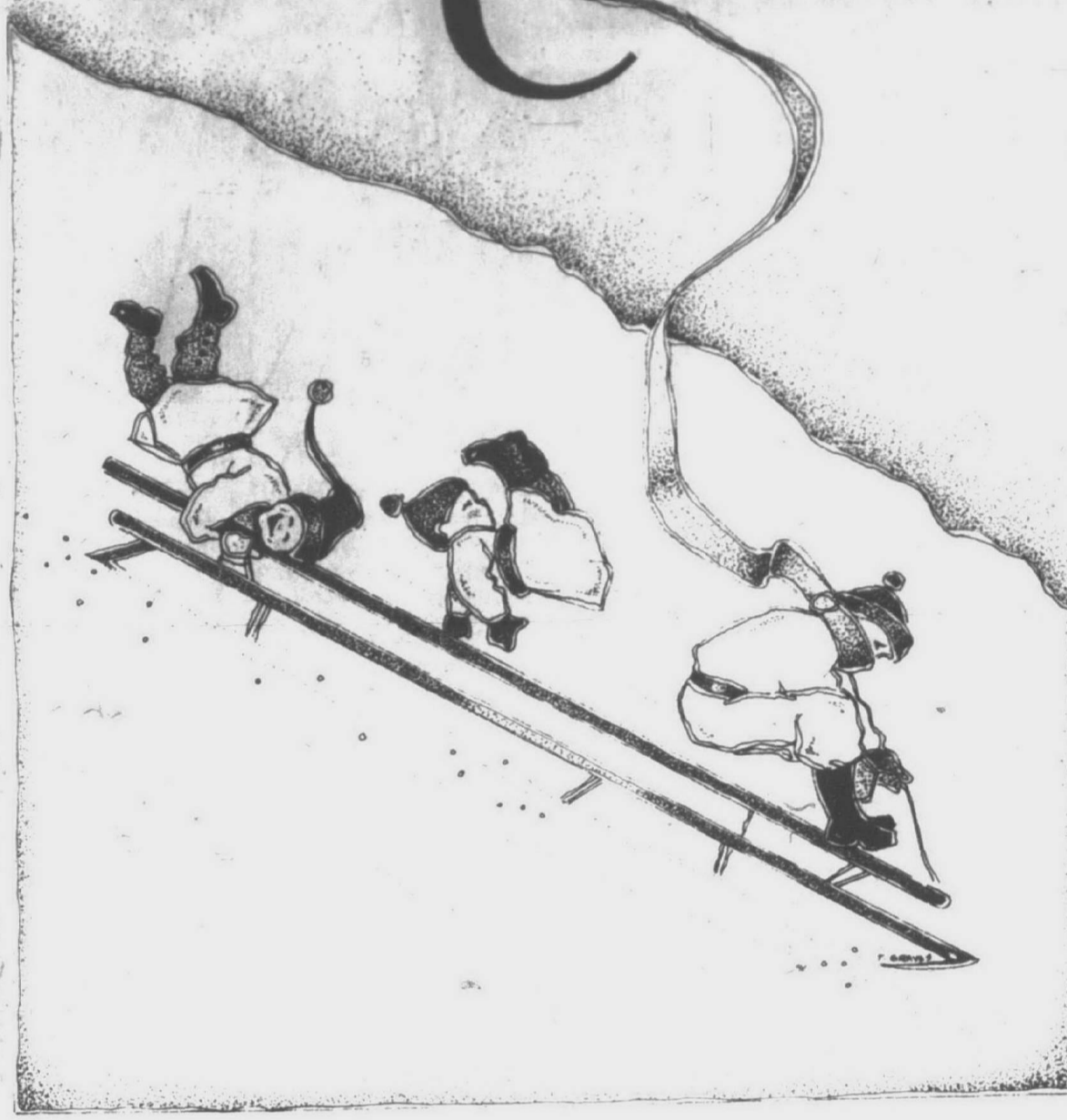
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CHILDREN'S WINTER ACTIVITIES



Children on winter break can choose from plenty of fun-filled activities.

Whether it's a visit to the Detroit Zoo, or a trip to Henry Ford Museum, families can find lots to do in the metropolitan area. Some low-cost, or free, activities are offered even closer to home.

Most museums and other attractions will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day, and some will close on other days as well. Information is subject to change, so making a phone call before heading out is a good idea.

These activities should keep youngsters and their parents occupied until it's time to go back to school. They're also a great way for families to enjoy time together.

ART INSTITUTE

A variety of activities are planned at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit.

"Breakfast With Santa" will be 9:45 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday in the Kresge Court. Visits — for believers of all ages — will continue through Saturday, Dec. 22. Ticket price is \$7 and advance reservations are required. Weekend visitors may enjoy a "Snack With Santa" noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. No reservations required.

The December line-up features special Detroit Youththeatre performances Saturdays. They include: "Christmas 'Round the World" on Dec. 8, a magical international sleigh ride for those age 5 and older; "Feliz Navidad" on Dec. 15, a holiday dance and music extravaganza for those age 5 and older; and "Holly Folly Christmas" on Dec. 22, with Ken Schultz as the elf who dazzles the audience with a variety-packed

performance for those age 3 and older.

Youththeatre tickets are \$5, and show times are 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the DIA Auditorium. For ticket information, call 833-2323.

The art institute's Prince Street Players will present their musical version of "The Emperor's New Clothes" Wednesday through Sunday, Dec. 26-30. Children must be 5 or older to attend, and tickets are \$6. Performances will be 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 27-29, 2 p.m. only Dec. 28 and Dec. 30.

The art institute offers self-guided family tours, including the "DIA Discovery Tour" and "Do You See What I See?" Information is available in the Farnsworth Lobby.

An archeological scavenger hunt, "The Mystery of the Five Fragments," is offered 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Kits for the scavenger hunt can be checked out in the Rivera Court.

For more information, call the DIA, 833-7900.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM

A holiday celebration, "Traditions to Treasure," is planned at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Special displays and demonstrations will continue through Jan. 1, except for Christmas Day.

The centerpiece for the museum celebration will be a towering Christmas tree decorated with cookies, candy, dolls, stuffed animals and small toys. The museum concourse area will feature a fantasy Lionel train layout.

Toy trains — including one equipped with a tiny camera that broadcasts an "engineer's eye view" — will wend their way through a

gingerbread village. Visitors will be able to watch gingerbread houses in the making.

Several craft activities are planned for children. Youngsters will be able to make such items as a gingerbread boy bookmark, snowflake ornament and angel ornament. Families can leave a little bit of their own history at the museum by contributing photos of their celebrations to the holiday photo wall. Family photos will become part of the archives.

Santa Claus will preside over the merriment in the museum. Many holiday customs and traditions from the past will be displayed at the historic Greenfield Village buildings. At the Town Hall Activities Center, children will find holiday crafts to keep them busy.

The Henry Ford Museum Theatre will present "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" on Saturdays through Dec. 22, with additional performances Wednesday through Sunday, Dec. 26-30. Two matinees will be staged each show date, the first at 11 a.m. and the second at 2:30 p.m., except Dec. 16 and Dec. 30 when only a 2:30 p.m. show will be performed. Audience members will be able to meet the characters after each performance. For ticket information, call 271-1620.

Hours at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Separate admission is charged for the museum and village. For more information, call 271-1620.

JEWISH CENTER

The Jewish Community Center, Maple at Drake in West Bloomfield, has planned activity days for kinder-

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AND CLOSER TO HOME . . .

PARTIES WITH SANTA

Children's Christmas parties with Santa Claus will be Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon in Canton.

Parties are sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services and are for Canton residents only. A party will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-7, followed by a 10:45-11:45 a.m. party for those age 12 and younger.

Children will participate in games, holiday movies, refreshments and a visit with Santa during the parties.

Admission is free. Advance reservations are required. For reservations or more information, call 397-5110.

WORKSHOP FUN

Christmas "Kids Only" workshops will be Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon. The first session will be 10 a.m. to noon, the second 1-3 p.m. Sessions are open to students ages 5-18 from Canton and Plymouth.

Workshops are sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services in cooperation with D&M Studios of

Plymouth. Participants will make items suitable for holiday giving (at least three projects), and each will decorate a Christmas cookie. Refreshments will be served.

Price is \$12 for each participant. Registration may be completed in person at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill in Canton. For more information, call 397-5110.

YMCA OVERNIGHT

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will offer a "New Year's Overnight" 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, through 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1.

The event will be in the old Grange building, across from the YMCA at 248 S. Union in Plymouth. Parents who plan to go out for the evening will be able to drop their children off and pick them up the next morning.

The sleep-over is for children in first-fifth grades. Advance registration is required and must be completed by Thursday, Dec. 20.

No late registrations will be taken. For registration information, call 453-2904.

Price is \$15 for YMCA members, \$20 for non-members. Participants will participate in crafts, games,

movies and a pizza party.

FAMILY FUN

A family Christmas program will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth.

It will include a presentation of "The Snow Queen" by Bill Siemer's String Puppet Theatre. Advance registration isn't required, and children from neighboring communities may attend. For more information, call 453-0750.

CANTON HISTORY

The Canton Historical Museum, operated by the Canton Historical Society, is at the corner of Canton Center and Proctor, south of Cherry Hill in Canton. Regular museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday.

A Christmas exhibit will be displayed through Saturday, Dec. 8. The Canton Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas party and sing-along 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the museum. Anyone may attend.

For more information, call 397-0088 or 453-1921. There is no admission charge.

PLYMOUTH HISTORY

The Plymouth Historical Museum, operated by the Plymouth Historical Society, is at 155 S. Main in Plymouth. Regular hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

The current main exhibit features more than 1,000 Santa Claus figures from the collection of Weldon Petz. A number of other holiday items are included. The exhibit will continue through late January.

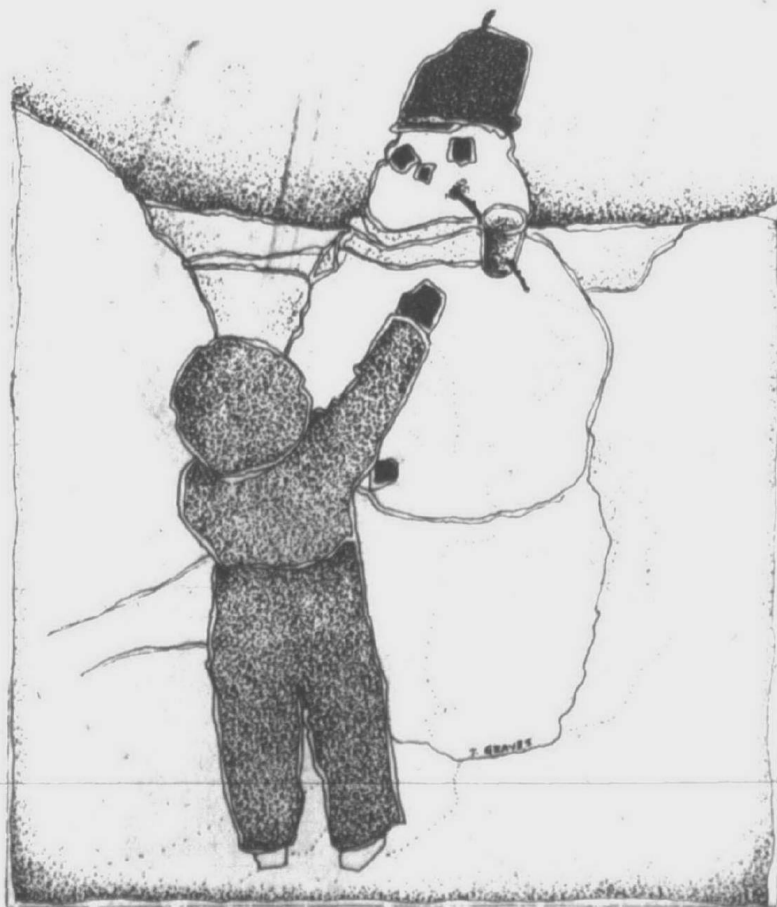
The "Then and Now" section downstairs helps younger children learn about history through hands-on activities. Several doll houses are on display downstairs.


Admission price is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-17, free for children younger than 5. Family rate is \$4. For more information, call 455-8940.

ICE SHOW

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club will present its Christmas show 7-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. About 60 skaters of all ages will perform. Youngsters from Academic Gardens in Plymouth will sing songs of the season.

"Sleigh Bells Ring" is the ice show theme. Admission price is \$3, free for children 12 and younger. Tickets will be available at the door the evening of the performance.





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Activities offer family fun

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gardeners through sixth graders. Each "Winter Day" will feature a special theme, plus activities in the gym and pool.

Sessions will be 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 24, 26, 27, 28 and 31, and Jan. 2-4. Daily price is \$18 for members, \$23 for non-members.

The center will also offer a Chanukah celebration with Barbara Cantor 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, for children ages 5 and under.

The Discovery Room: A Jewish Experience is a hands-on museum for children ages 3-7 accompanied by a parent or grandparent. In December, Chanukah exhibits and activities will be highlighted. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

A New Year's Eve sleep-over party for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade will be 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, through 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1. Food, activities and games will be featured. Price is \$33 for members, \$46 for non-members.

For more information on JCC programs for kids, call 661-1000 Ext. 252.

LIVING SCIENCE

"Holiday Discovery Days" will be at Living Science Foundation headquarters, in the Novi Commerce Center, 40400 Grand River, Suite F, between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads in Novi.

Sessions are for children ages 5-12, and price is \$30 per session. Times will be 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Themes will be: "Endangered Species Day" Wednesday, Dec. 26; "Animal Behavior Day" Thursday, Dec. 27; "Marine Biology Laboratory" Friday, Dec. 28; "Winter Skies and Winter Whys" Saturday, Dec. 29, and Wednesday, Jan. 2; and "Endangered Species Day" Thursday, Jan. 3.

For registration information, call the Living Science Foundation, 478-1999.

The foundation will offer "Drop and Shop" programs for children ages 6-12 at the Novi headquarters. Parents will be able to drop off youngsters and then go shopping at nearby stores.

Children will enjoy three hours of hands-on science activities, and will make gift items. Price is \$30 per session.

Remaining sessions will be held 8:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 18-21, and 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22. For registration information, call 478-1999.

The LSF will offer several other camps at different locations during winter break. Advance registration is required.

HANDS-ON MUSEUM
The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 219 E. Huron, has more than 170 exhibits designed to help visitors learn about science, art and different cultures. The museum offers many classes and workshops, weekend demonstrations and special events.

"Reflection and Refractions" will be the demonstration topic during December. Demonstrations will be held 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 4 p.m. Sundays.

Dr. Thomas Clark, M.D., known locally as "The Snowflake Man," will create one-of-a-kind paper snowflake cutouts. The exhibition, to continue through Sunday, Jan. 20, focuses on such scientific topics as dinosaurs, plants, insects and butterflies. Children will be able to try snowflake cutting by following simple directions provided in the exhibit area.

Advance registration is required for classes and workshops, a variety of which will be offered for kids of different ages during winter break. For class listings and information, call 995-5439.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission price is \$2 for children, students and senior citizens, \$3 for adults, \$7.50 for a family.

CRANBROOK FUN

Holiday fun is planned at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. "The Alien Who Stole Christmas," a new planetarium show, will be offered each Saturday and Sunday, and Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 28-28, and Monday, Dec. 31. Show times vary. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students ages 5-17, and include museum admission. For more information, call 645-3200.

Christmas "Ornaments" laser shows will be offered every Saturday and Sunday, and Wednesday through Monday, Dec. 28-31. "Frosty the Snowman" and the Muppet version

of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" will be featured along with other seasonal melodies synchronized to a display of multi-colored lasers.

Show times vary. Ticket prices are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3 and older, and include museum admission. For show times, call 645-3200.

"Five Days of Science" will be offered Wednesday through Sunday, Dec. 26-30. Treasure maps will take visitors through the museum and Nature Place with activity station stops and clues along the way.

Participants will need to solve problems to finish the treasure hunt, and will be given a treasure package to take home at the end. Sessions will be 1-4:30 p.m., and all activities are included in museum admission.

Laser shows featuring the music of Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd are planned for Fridays and Saturdays in December. Planetarium shows for adults and children are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. For details, call 645-3200.

Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Regular admission price is \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and students ages 3-17.

DETROIT ZOO

The zoo is at 8450 W. 10 Mile, at Woodward in Royal Oak. Regular winter hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission price is \$5 for visitors age 13 and older, \$3.50 for senior citizens age 62 and older, \$2.50 for students ages 5-12, free for children age 4 and younger who are supervised. Group rates are available.

The zoo will close Monday, Dec. 24, and reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2. For more information, call the Zoo Information Line, 398-0900. For information on group rates, call 399-7001.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens will be presented for its ninth season at the theater, on the campus of Oakland University near Rochester. Performances, scheduled to continue through Sunday, Dec. 30, are sponsored by the Handleman Co.

A variety of matinee, twilight and evening performances are planned, with varying ticket prices. Several performances are designed specifically for students.

The Dickens novel has been adapted for the stage by Charles Nolte, who is also directing the production. For ticket information, call 377-3300. For information on group reservations, call 370-3316. Student, senior and group discounts are available.

DETROIT HISTORY

A new "Collectors in Toyland" exhibition recently opened at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, at Kirby in Detroit. The toy gallery and adjacent history education center are the museum's largest construction project in more than 20 years.

The toy gallery will house exhibitions selected from among the 10,000 toys in the combined holdings of the Lawrence Scripps Wilkinson Collection and the Detroit Historical Department's own collection. The Glancy Trains, part of the museum's model train collection, will be housed in the ground floor gallery.

Activities scheduled during the holidays at the museum include a model train appraisal noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29.

Free parking is available in the museum lot on Kirby. For information on registering for Detroit Historical Museum programs, call 833-1419. For general information, call 833-1805.



Name that letter

Milissa Kujawa of Plymouth appeared on the TV game show "Wheel of Fortune" Tuesday, Nov. 27. Kujawa, a registered nurse, won a round for solving the puzzle "cornucopia." The broadcast was seen locally on Channel 4.



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Novelist and heroine have common traits

By Julie Brown
staff writer

La Verne Coan has a few things in common with Hayley Lancaster, the heroine of her novel.

"Hayley has a little bit of me in her. A lot of things that Hayley does I have done in my own life," said Coan, author of the romance novel "A Private Proposal."

There are some differences. "She's a pretty gutsy lady and I'm a little more reticent," Coan said. "I don't fly kites and she does. Sometimes my characters react differently than I would."

Coan, a Canton resident, recently had her first novel published by Avalon Books. She's a librarian and scientist, and works as a literature associate for Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research Division in Ann Arbor.

HER BOOK tells the story of Hayley Lancaster, a young woman who begins working as an information specialist for Mansfield Inc., a Pittsburgh consulting firm. Hayley's attracted to her boss, David Mansfield, but their relationship has its problems.

Coan, 36, has been writing since grade school. She remembers sitting down to write some 20 or 30 pages and illustrating her work with crayon drawings.

In junior high, she and a friend wrote an espionage novel based on "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." television series. They sent the book to a publisher.

"They did reject us. It was a very polite kind of letter, so we were encouraged."



Canton resident La Verne Coan is the author of "A Private Proposal," a recently-published romance novel.

Coan, who grew up in New Castle, Pa., earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware with a biological sciences major and a German minor.

She earned a master's degree in library science with a specialty in medical/scientific literature from the University of Maryland. Coan earned a master's degree in neurosciences from the University of Kansas.

COAN'S BEEN reading romance novels for many years. Her career as an information specialist has taken her to universities, naval bases and consulting firms around the country.

About 10 years ago, she got serious about writing. Coan's job at that time didn't offer a great deal of satisfaction, so she wrote a novel.

"I literally had 40 rejections. I counted them," Coan realized it would be best if she tried another story. She did more market research, learning all she could about the so-called "sweet romances."

"I started with that and read hundreds literally. 'A Private Proposal' is what came out of that."

She got several rejections on the book. An editor at Avalon asked to see the first chapter and a synopsis. Coan was thrilled to hear her book would be published.

She used a pen name, La Verne St. George, for "A Private Proposal."

"My husband's name is George." The pen name puts her in the S section, where some of her favorite authors are.

Avalon specializes in hardcover books for school and public libraries. "A Private Proposal" may be printed in paperback and could be published in foreign countries.

Avalon specializes in engrossing stories for teenage and adult readers. Questionable language or actions aren't included.

The career romance series is designed to show the variety of fields open to women. Coan wanted to show readers that library science is a dynamic field.

SHE AND HER Parke-Davis colleagues use on-line computer databases to do research. They help to analyze information on such things as where and how a drug has been used and its possible side effects.

"Basically, we're there to help the scientists." Information on pharmaceuticals changes quickly, so Coan's often on the phone checking with sources to get current information.

She's been with Parke-Davis for about four years. Coan does a great

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Skater Amy Fellman rehearses for the Christmas ice show.

Stars shine at show

PEOPLE DON'T have to go to Joe Louis Arena or other large ice rinks to see a first-rate ice show.

Members of the Plymouth Figure Skating Club are rehearsing for their Christmas show. The performance will be 7-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

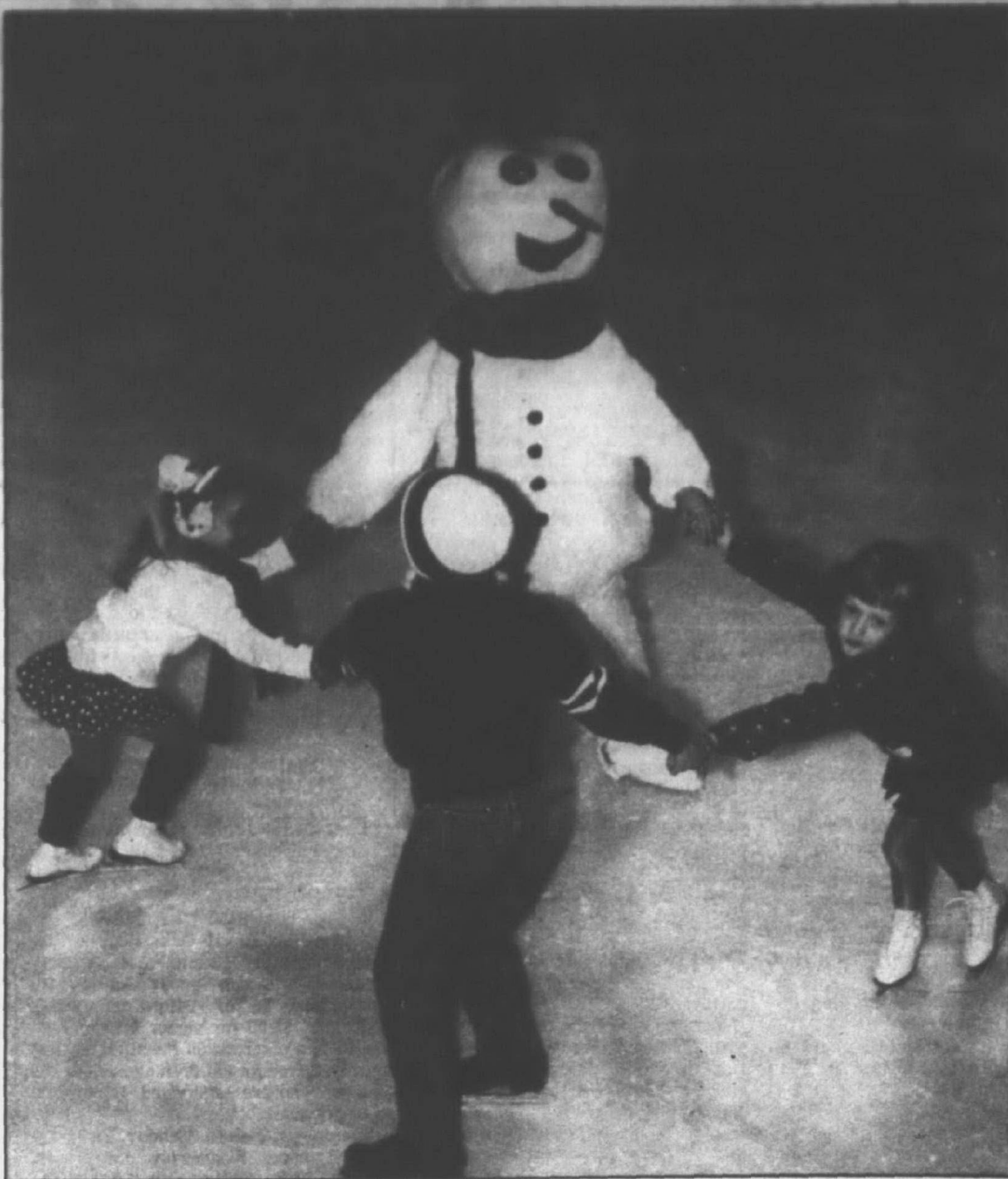
"It's just for fun," said show director Tammy Doroshewitz, a Plymouth Parks and Recreation skating instructor. "It's fun for the kids." Many club members skate competitively, and the holiday show gives them a chance to perform without any pressure.

About 60 skaters will perform in the "Sleigh Bells Ring" show. This is the third consecutive year the Plymouth Figure Skating Club has done a Christmas show.

SKATING WON'T be the only attraction. Children from Academic Gardens in Plymouth will sing, performing under the direction of Bev Venables.

The skaters in the show are all members of the skating club. Some adult dancers will perform, and several adult skaters will appear as such characters as Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph or Santa Claus.

Turnout at the previous holiday shows has been good, said



photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Kristin Doroshewitz, Michael Doroshewitz and Victoria Mason (left) rehearse a scene with Frosty the Snowman.

Doroshewitz, a Plymouth resident who's working with producer Alice Bohr and others on the upcoming performance. Many proud parents and grandparents attend, as do some from the community who don't have ties to the club.

"I think it gives them a chance just to do something a little different." The show's closer to home and less expensive than many major ice shows, she said.

Admission price for the "Sleigh Bells Ring" show is \$3, free for children age 12 and younger. Tickets will be available at the door of the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Doroshewitz, who has taught skating at different sites for about 15 years, is doing the choreography for the show. She's working with Tracie Beacher and Suzie Okopny, who also teach for Plymouth Parks

and Recreation. Skaters have been rehearsing for about a month at the Cultural Center rink. Doroshewitz has found stage fright isn't much of a problem for the performers, even for those who are quite young. In fact, working with teens can be more of a challenge for the instructors.

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PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170
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11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
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Rev. Ernest Ferguson
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Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

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Weekend Masses
Saturday 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 A.M., 12 Noon

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5 Bldg. E. of Telegraph - 934-2121

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Sunday Mass 9:00 A.M.
First Friday 7:00 P.M.
Saturday 7:00 P.M.
Nursery & Confession before Mass

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
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Rev. James Wysocki, Pastor

Masses: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M., Sat. 5:00 P.M.
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Bible Class & SS 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:30 P.M.
Ralph Fischer, Pastor
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
30000 Five Mile (West of Middlebelt)
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Worship & Holy Communion
8:15 and 10:45 A.M.
Learning Hour 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday Classes K-8 4:15 P.M.

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Worship Services
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Jerry Yarnell, Sr. Pastor
Dennis Beaver, Pastor
Jesse Abbott, Pastor
Youth Director: Ginlie Hauck
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Song Services - Last Sunday
of Month 7:00 P.M.

UNITED METHODIST

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
30900 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Merriman & Middlebelt)
Chuck Sonquist, Pastor - Karmay Kirby, Assoc.

10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes
Nursery Provided - 422-6038

CHERRY HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Randy Whitcomb

WORSHIP SERVICE
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 A.M.

321 Ridge Road
Just South of Cherry Hill in Canton

First United Methodist Church/Plymouth
45201 N. Territorial Rd.
453-0280

Worship 9:00 & 11:15 A.M.
Adult & Youth Church School 10:15 A.M.

Ministers:
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In Faith We Grow

NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
Livonia's Oldest Church

422-0149
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Worship Service

December 9th
"Hosea: Prophet of Forgiving Love"
Dr. David E. Church, preaching

Ministers:
Dr. David E. Church,
Rev. Roy Forsyth
Nursery Provided

Lois Valley United Methodist Church
A Family on a Journey of Faith, Fellowship and Freedom
16175 Delaware at Puritan - 255-6330

Susan Bennett Stiles, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.
Nursery provided

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Plymouth 453-5252

The Rev. K.M. Mehri, Pastor
M. Meseke, Vicar

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Church 348-3140 - School 348-3148
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Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Saturday Vespers: 6:00 P.M.

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WCAR 1090 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

In Livonia
St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road
Pastors Carl Page & James Hoff
261-1360

WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sun.
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
& Adult Bible Class

In Plymouth
St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church
1343 Penniman Ave. - 453-3393
Pastors Mark Freier & Daniel Helwig

Worship Services
8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 A.M.

In Redford Township
Lois Park Ev. Lutheran Church
14750 Kinloch
Pastor Edward Zell - 532-8655

Worship Services
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
29887 West Eleven Mile Road
Just West of Middlebelt
476-8860

Farmington Hills
Worship & Church School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

December 9th
"On Being Afraid of the Dark"
Dr. Ritter preaching

Dr. William Ritter
Rev. David B. Penniman
Rev. Robert Bough
Rev. William Frayer

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(Redford Twp.)
10000 BEECH DALY ROAD
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Redford, MI 48239 937-3170

Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School for all Ages 9:45 A.M.

December 9th
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Ward PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Farmington Road and Six Mile
422-1150
SUNDAY SERVICE BROADCAST
9:30 A.M. Wmuz-FM 103.5

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1994
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
8:00, 9:15, 10:45 A.M. and 12:05 P.M.
Worship and Sunday School

8:00 A.M.
"THE FAITH OF ZECHARIAH: IMPERFECT FAITH"
Rev. John B. Crimmins

MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION 12:05 P.M.
9:15 and 10:45 A.M. and 12:05 P.M.
"PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: JOSEPH'S PREPARATION"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess

7:00 P.M. - TEEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Rev. Paul D. Hansen
Minister of Youth and College Ministries


Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
(Activities for All Ages)
Nursery Provided at All Services

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10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
9:30 A.M.

Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor
Rev. Wm. Cranham - Associate Pastor

Nursery Provided
Phone 459-9550




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Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.)
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"The God of Peace"

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Worship, Church School & Nursery Care 10:30 A.M.




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December 9th
2nd Sunday in Advent
"Close To The Heart of God"
Dr. Thomas P. Eggebeen, Minister
CHURCH SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
9:45 A.M.



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33424 Oakland Ave. - Farmington 48335
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Sunday Schedule
Church School for all - 9:30 A.M.
Divine Worship, Worship
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MARK MCGILVREY, Minister
Steve Allen
Youth Minister

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& 1:15 A.M. Service - Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship & Youth Meeting 6:30 P.M.

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Worship 7:30 P.M.
(Classes for all ages)

Pastor Frank Howard - Ch. 453-0323 - Hm. 699-9809

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Making Faith a Way of Life
Sunday School for all ages
9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
8:30 & 10:45 A.M.
Wednesday Dinner 6:00 P.M.
Youth Group 6:30 P.M.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

33415 W. 14 Mile
(at Drake) Farmington Hills
861-9191
Rev. J. Christopher Icenogle
Rev. David S. Noren
Rev. Douglas J. Holmberg

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38516 Parkdale, Livonia - 425-7610

CHRISTADELPHIANS
Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night Bible Class 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 2 - "Eternal Life...
2:15 P.M. Men's Only Hope"

38516 Parkdale, Livonia - 425-7610



Pass the plate

Money matters: God, pastors love cheerful givers

By Arlene Funder
Special Writer

There's an upbeat mood at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Redford.

Membership, which had declined over several years, is rising. The building is adequate to meet the needs of the 700 members, and weekly collections are keeping pace with the bills.

"Our giving is a little ahead of inflation," said the Rev. M. Clement Parr, pastor of Aldersgate. "There's a real spirit of optimism."

Still, said the 57-year-old Parr, it doesn't pay to be complacent.

"Back in the late 1960s and early '80s, it was easy to grow a church," said Parr, a Redford resident. "That isn't the case anymore."

Published reports have indicated that the excesses of some high-powered TV evangelists repel many. Still, stewardship — the managing of resources — is an issue no church can ignore.

"It's an issue that needs to be addressed," said the Rev. Kenneth Grief, 41, pastor of the 175-member Grace Baptist Church in Livonia. "I think a lot of churches have a bad rap."

CHURCHES RAISE money through the collection plate. Occasionally, offerings are sought for expenses ranging from new carpeting to roof repairs.

Other sources of revenue are rummage sales, craft shows, carnivals, festivals and Las Vegas gam-

bling parties. Endowment funds and memorial offerings can be valuable sources.

The Rev. Richard Peters, pastor of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, emphasizes that stewardship also can mean donating time and talent. The church has 700 members.

"There are a hundred ways of helping the church without (spending) money," said Peters, 47, of Novi. "There is a limited amount of money that people are able to put aside for charitable organizations. You have to work out your priorities, and hopefully the church will be one of the top 10."

Rosedale Gardens is in good shape. It was established in the 1920s when the Livonia subdivision of the same name was developed. The building's paid for, and the last major expansion took place around 1960.

Peters believes many mainline Protestants choose their churches on the basis of proximity and programs. Meeting those needs requires both money and enthusiastic people.

"It's an expression of faith," Peters said. "When you become a member of an organization, there are certain responsibilities."

THE CHURCH is experiencing an influx of young families, many with double incomes.

"We seem to be riding a new crest," Peters said.

Several pastors, citing biblical passages, encourage members to tithing, to give 10 percent of their earnings back to the church.



"I'm not shy about that at all," said Aldersgate's Parr. "When we mention money, the heavy givers are never angry."

It is "foolish" for church officials to shy away from talking about money, Parr said. He likes to discuss stewardship as an expression of gratitude for God's blessings.

Although few Aldersgate mem-

bers tithe, Parr suggests that they "measure their blessings. Their gratitude increases, and so do their donations."

Tithing is unrealistic for some people, said Peters of Rosedale Gardens. "When discussing possible increases, Peters uses a 1 percent figure. Some members give substantially more.

"I'm just real upfront," he said. "We have gas bills, etc. Somehow, we have to generate the income to pay for it."

At Grace Baptist, an independent Baptist church, "a good 75 percent or more tithe," Grief said. The church is on solid financial footing.

"We have been very fortunate. Not all churches experience that. We preach and we believe in tithing. Not simply because the Bible teaches it, but out of love for the Lord."

TITHING ISN'T the prevailing philosophy at the Church of Christ in Plymouth, an independent, non-denominational church which supports several missionary projects.

"The Bible preaches that members should give as God prospers them," said the Rev. David Thomas, 41, of Plymouth, pastor of the 300-member church.

Members are asked, on Purpose Sunday, to fill out cards describing their anticipated contributions. Cards are destroyed after being reviewed in confidence by the elders.

"If people are not able to give, we believe God understands their desire to give," Thomas said. A new group of deacons have suggested a 42 percent increase in giving and spending.

"It is a tremendous goal for us to set," Thomas said. "The push we have is on the congregation as a whole, not individuals."

Aldersgate, established in the mid-1940s, has used a variety of strategies.

The church two years ago spent \$6,000 for a new sign to bolster visibility. A recent intensive telephone

solicitation in Redford, Livonia and Dearborn Heights has resulted in several new families attending services.

A stewardship campaign is in progress.

"This won't be a finger-pointing campaign," Parr said. "It's to get more people involved. It's goal-setting."

Although Aldersgate meets its local expenses quite well, it falls a bit short in meeting its apportionment for United Methodist missionary outreach programs.

"You have to have a goal each year, beyond what we were able to achieve last year," Parr said. "That creates a little bit of frustration. If you don't plan enough it's easy to get complacent. We are doing well, but we aren't doing as well as we would like to do."

Repairs and improvements can take a big bite out of any church's budget.

Aldersgate anticipates some capital improvements next year. Rosedale Gardens may replace its organ. At the Church of Christ in Plymouth, there have been several costly repair projects. Church policy is to earmark funds in the budget.

The roof was replaced twice, at a cost of \$10,000 each. Four years ago, the church spent \$40,000 to correct a problem of water leaking in the basement. When the auditorium was redecorated, members reached into their pockets.

"We're on solid ground, to the extent our people stay and continue to give," Thomas said.

church bulletin

The church bulletin is published every Thursday in The Observer. Information must be received in the Livonia office by noon the Monday prior to publication.

PEACE VIGIL

St. Michael Parish, 11441 Hubbard, at Plymouth Road, will have an all-night peace prayer vigil 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. Private prayer and peaceful reflection will continue throughout the night concluding Saturday, Dec. 8.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Al Kuhnle of Youth for Christ will be the speaker at the men's prayer breakfast 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington, at the corner of Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call 422-1826.

YULE CONCERTS

"Christmas by Candlelight" concerts will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, and Saturday, Dec. 8, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, at Gotfredson. Chancel and Bell Choirs will perform at the

service of carols, and instrumental music will also be featured. Donation is \$2. For ticket information, call the church office, 459-9550. The church is between Plymouth and Ann Arbor, approximately six miles west of Sheldon Road.

BIBLE CLASS

Margaret Hess teaches a Bible study Tuesdays at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington, at the corner of Six Mile, Livonia. Small groups meet at 9:30 a.m. and a 10 a.m. lecture follows. For information, call 422-1150.

ADVENT RETREAT

The Madonna College Alumni Association will present "Waiting for Mary..." an all-day Advent retreat, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Campus Residence Hall and Chapel. Price is \$8. Madonna College is at I-96 and Levan in Livonia. For information, call 591-5127.

GARDEN CITY CONCERT

Several Garden City church choirs will take part in a Christmas concert

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at St. Raphael Catholic Church, Merriman and Beechwood, two blocks north of Ford. Churches include Good Hope Lutheran, First United Methodist, Garden City Presbyterian and St. Raphael. A free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds will be donated to the local FISH program.

CHOIR CONCERT

A choir concert will take place 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, an Advent service with Holy Communion will be held. For information, call 425-0261.

GUEST MINISTER

The Rev. Gregory Gentry will be the speaker 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Livonia Assembly of God, 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Under the Urban Church Planting program, Gentry plans to work as missionary coordinator of a task force effort, planting "clusters" of churches. In addition to coordinating the planting of English-speaking and ethnic churches in the Boston-New York-

Washington area, Gentry will concentrate on helping other leaders take on the team concept in other densely-populated areas. The public may attend.

ADVENT WALK

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia, will have an Advent walk 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. Tour groups will be led through the rooms of the church. The story of Christmas will be traced from the Old Testament to modern times. Traditions of different countries will be highlighted. More than 100 people are involved as Biblical prophets, choir members, bell ringers and others. The journey will take one hour with tours leaving every 15 minutes. For information, call 466-0211.

YULE CELEBRATION

"Christmas Celebration '90," a musical/drama, will be presented at Fairlane Assembly Central and Fairlane Assembly West. Times at Fairlane West are: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7; 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8; 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

Times at Fairlane Central are: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13; 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14; 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15; 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

The play will be performed by more than 100 singers and actors from Fairlane Assembly's sanctuary choir and Impressions Drama. Fairlane Assembly Central is at 22575 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Telegraph, Dearborn Heights. Fairlane Assembly West is at 41355 Six Mile, Northville. Donation is \$1. For information, call 561-2810.

HOLIDAY TEA

The women of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia, will have a Christmas tea 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the church, 30900 Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program will be a dramatic Biblical presentation by the Rev. Mary Willoughby Albery, pastor of Berkley's First United Methodist Church, and St. Matthew's handbell quartet. Reservations aren't required other than for nursery care. For information, call 422-6038.

PRaise CHAPEL

A Christmas musical program will be presented 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Praise Chapel Church of God, 585 N. Mill, Plymouth. Dannie Lacks, minister of music, will direct the "His Love Reaching" program. The choir and ensemble will perform. Admission is free of charge, and the public may attend. For information, call 455-1070. The church is in Plymouth's Old Village area.

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Hubbard and West Chicago, Livonia, will have a children's Christmas pageant 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. The program will celebrate the birth of Jesus.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS

At 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, Historic Trinity will have its annual German language Christmas service. This year's service will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Jakob Heckert of Concordia College in Ann Arbor, and assisted by the Rev. Carl Welser of St. Paul Lutheran in Hamburg. Special German choral anthems will be provided by Deutschkinder Choir. Christmas Eve services will be 7 and 11 p.m., Christmas Day service 10:45 a.m. The church is at 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. For information, call 567-3100.

CHRISTIAN SOFTBALL

Any church representatives interested in participating in the Northwestern Christian Women's Softball League should call Pat Larson, 478-4925. Games are Tuesdays and Thursdays early May through mid-August, including regular season, tournament and an all-star game.

BUDDHISM

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SUPPORT GROUPS

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FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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CHURCH DINNER

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WSU CONCERT

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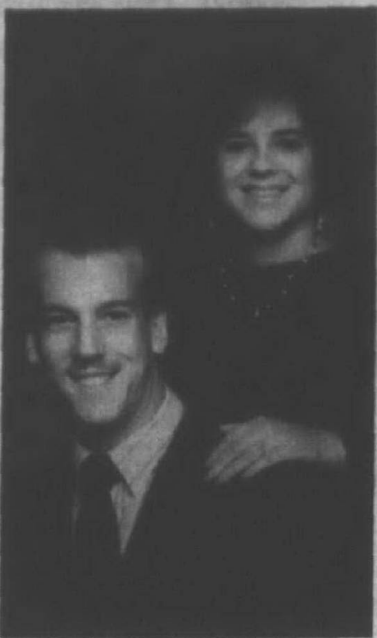
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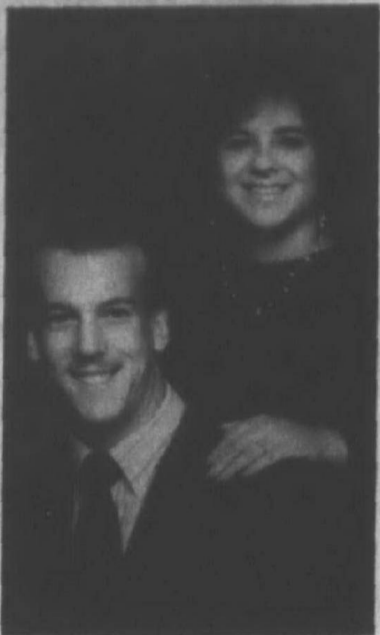
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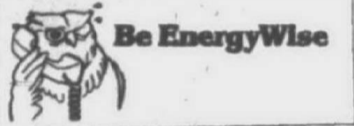


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Season's Greetings?

Get started now to ease tax crunch

By Doug Funke
staff writer

You can sigh, pout and grouse, but you still have to pay.

Federal income taxes, that is. Although returns aren't due for another four months, the tax year for most individuals ends Dec. 31. You have until then to position yourself to minimize the crunch.

"Conventional advice is to defer income until next year and accelerate deductions this year," said Michael Licastro, a certified public accountant and tax specialist with Ernst & Young.

But changes in the tax rates for 1991 may prompt some wealthier taxpayers to accelerate income now — if possible — and pay at the marginal rate of 28 percent rather than 31 percent next year, Licastro said. That strategy might be especially attractive to filers of joint returns with taxable income in excess of \$162,770 or singles with taxable income of more than \$97,600.

EXEMPTIONS will be phased out next year for joint filers with adjusted gross incomes exceeding \$150,000 and single taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$100,000. Itemized deductions will be reduced for all taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes in excess of \$100,000.

All the more reason why high wage earners may want to investigate accelerating income this year.

How exactly do you accelerate income?

Bonuses normally earned this year and paid next and accrued vacation wages earned for 1991 could be distributed this year. Investors can turn to treasury bills which pay interest immediately.

Dan Maher, a CPA and tax partner with Deloitte & Touche, wonders whether a difference of 3 to 4 percent on marginal rates is worth a lot of machinations even for the rich.

One federal deduction commonly overlooked by taxpayers in Michigan is the annual license tab fee for cars. That fee, now based on value rather than weight, can be claimed as a personal property tax on Schedule A.

"It makes a little sense to accelerate income, but it's not a tremendous savings. That is a narrow spread to go to a lot of unnatural lengths to accelerate income or deductions," Maher said.

Capital losses sustained since a dive in the stock markets in August could be used to offset capital gains realized earlier in the year. But tax experts caution that investments should be based primarily on economic grounds rather than on tax implications.

The standard deduction this year jumps to \$3,250 from \$3,100 for singles, \$5,450 from \$5,200 for marrieds filing joint.

You don't have to be Daddy Warbucks to load up on deductions to offset taxable income.

You can prepay property taxes and make a 13th mortgage payment in a year to claim the interest portion of the extra payment.

CHARITABLE contributions made by Dec. 31 can be deducted this year.

The deduction for personal interest payments declines to 10 percent this year and is phased out entirely for 1991.

"I would really encourage people who still have personal loans to take another look," Maher said. "The simplest solution is to pay them off. Another alternative is a home equity

loan. My impression is pricing and interest rates have become more competitive in the last year or two."

A fully-deductible Individual Retirement Account contribution, if a taxpayer qualifies, can be made right up until returns are filed.

While it's too late now to defer income into a qualifying 401(k) retirement accounts, consider joining the program if offered through your employer early on in 1991.

ONE FEDERAL deduction commonly overlooked by taxpayers in Michigan is the annual license tab fee for cars. That fee, now based on value rather than weight, can be claimed as a personal property tax on Schedule A.

A 10-percent excise tax on expensive cars, boats, jewelry and furs kicks in Jan. 1. So if you're thinking about buying a car worth \$40,000 (a luxury tax of \$1,000 would apply), you will save money if you make the purchase by the end of this year.

More taxpayers should be able to file the simpler Form 1040A this year, said Eley Maccani, spokeswoman for the Internal Revenue Service.

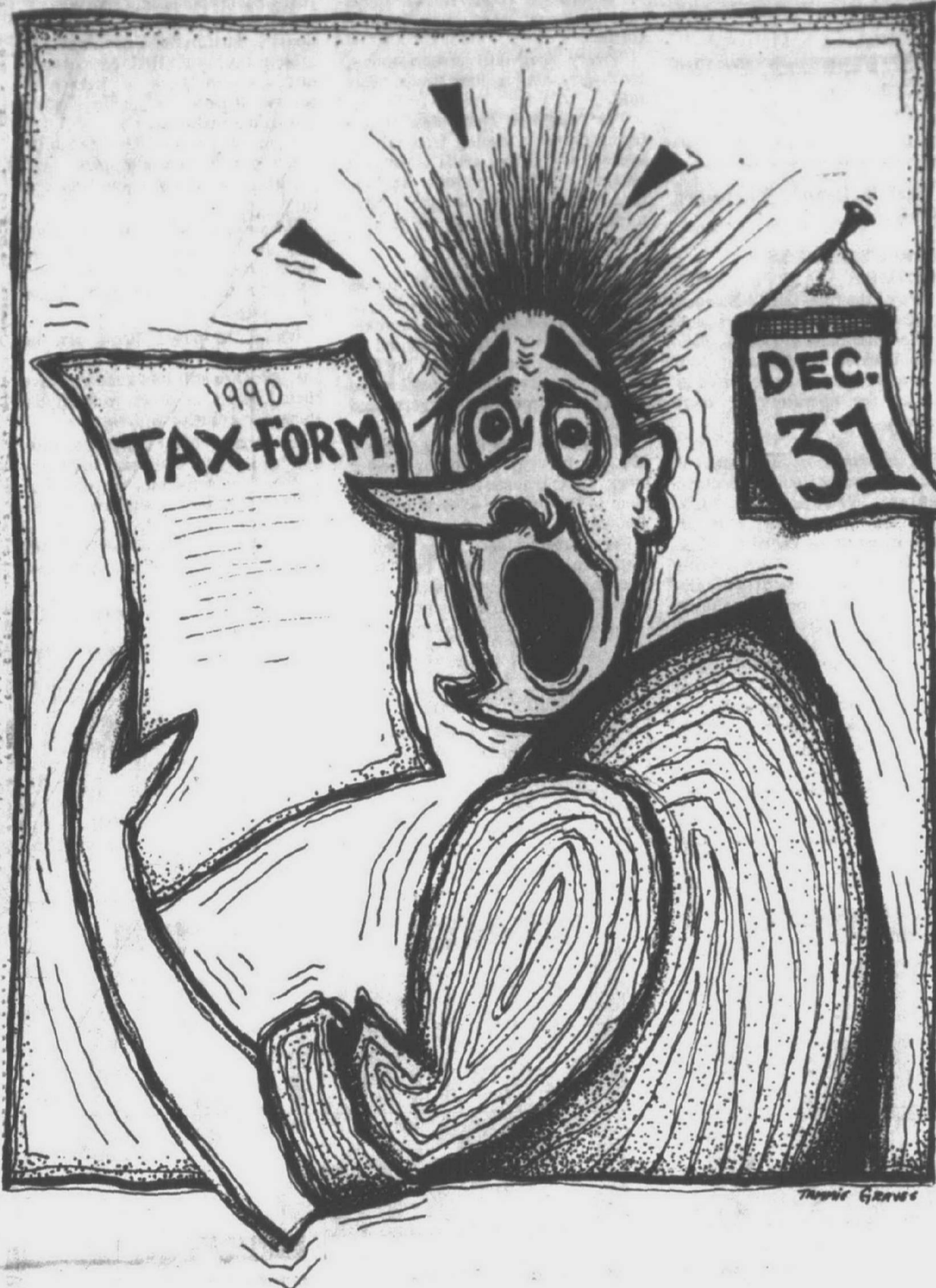
The form has been revised to include income from Social Security and pensions and credits for the elderly and disabled.

TAXPAYERS who are their own bosses will face a higher self-employment tax rate (15.3 percent this year compared to 13.02 percent), but will be able to deduct half of self-employment tax paid.

"The effect is pretty much a wash," said Scott Koll, a CPA with a private practice in Canton and Troy. "There's no big benefit, I believe."

If you're at the lower end of the income spectrum, check to see if you qualify for the earned income credit. You probably do if your wages are less than \$20,264 and a child lives with you.

Tax planning should be an ongoing process rather than an annual December scramble. "They should be looking at it throughout the year," Licastro said.



To discharge humanely

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Successful termination — it's an euphemism for being fired, but with a twist.

You've just been axed from your job and while experiencing the rage, disbelief and shock that is typical of such an awful event, your employer is trying to soften the blow by doing it under the best possible circumstances.

In increasing numbers, employers are turning to "outplacement" or career transition consultants to "successfully terminate" employees who are not performing up to par or are caught in cutbacks due to a soured economy or other reasons.

Firing an employee is never pleasant. "It's the least desirable part of our job, the number one worst thing," said Phil Bissell, a manager of employee relations for Federal Mogul, an international automotive supplier with offices in Southfield.

While Bissell is unwilling to describe the firm's exit interview for fired employees, he did say the company is increasingly turning to transition consultants to ease the departure process.

Drake Beam Morin (DBM), an international consulting firm formerly of Birmingham and now of Troy, provided services this year to some 100,000 clients who lost jobs, according to vice president Jim Tutorow.

Experts in human relations, DBM counselors attempt to place as positive a spin as possible on an otherwise onerous event.

"EARLY MORNING ON MONDAY," Tutorow said, explaining the ideal time for a firing. "Imagine, interfacing all day with someone you're going to fire at 4 p.m. Get the job done."

In addition, a Monday termination permits time enough during the week for the fired employee to seek professional support and employment advice elsewhere.

Tutorow said it is important to prepare beforehand an exact script of the termination notice. During the interview, come directly to the point. Provide a list of all severance benefits in writing.

Ideally, the fired employee is then referred directly to transitional counseling services like those pro-

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vided by Tutorow. "We concentrate on recognizing a person's skills and interests, what they have to offer and what they like to do. You'd be surprised how many say, 'I should have left 15 years ago. I hated it. Now I have the opportunity.'"

Typically, staff morale and production suffers following a termination, especially in the event of mass firings for economic or other reasons. To minimize the effect, "survivors" or employees who are retained must be told what has been done and why, and given an complete explanation of expected changes.

"If done well," reads the introduction to a handbook Tutorow supplies to clients, "people will feel that they have been treated with dignity. Their self-esteem will have been protected. They will leave the organization feeling as positive as possible."

"I WAS VP of human resources for Chatham Super Markets when they filed chapter 11 in 1982. I was 54 years old and still had a child in junior high," said Sam Ray, president of The Transition Team in Troy. Ray also found himself out of work and in desperate need of a new job.

Drawing on this experience, as well as his experience as a transition consultant, Ray describes typical termination scenarios, from both an employee and employer point of view.

Case 1: "The employee is not measuring up. He or she may be in denial but intellectually, they know they're not measuring up. Eventually the employer says, 'We can't put up with this any longer.'"

"The employer does one of two things, fires the person outright or says, 'We share your problem. We want to provide you with the help you need to get on with your life.'"

If "sharing" the problem, the employer provides severance pay and medical insurance as a financial bridge to a new job or career. Transitional services assists former employees in redirecting skills and interests into new employment.

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TERMINATION TIPS

Here's some tips for conducting a successful termination from "Manager Training Handouts, Terminated Employees," by Drake Beam Morin.

Delivering the message

DO'S

Invite the person to sit down. Get right to the point. Be clear about the action taken. State, why, what and when.

DON'TS

Say "Good morning, good to see you." Use humor. Be apologetic. Engage in small talk.

Managing Reactions

DO'S

Listen. Wait for employee response. Restate message if necessary. Keep to the script. Provide structure.

DON'TS

Defend, argue, justify. Discuss other employees. Use platitudes or gratuitous comments. Try to minimize or offer false hope.

Structuring Next Steps

DO'S

Clarify official separation date. Review separation package. Explain logistics for leaving the company. Close and agree to meet again if appropriate.

DON'TS

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Lisa Kujawa has been appointed associate director of admissions for the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Kujawa had been assistant di-

rector of admissions with Mercy College, having originally joined the staff as an admissions counselor upon her graduation from Mercy with a bachelor of arts degree in organizational psychology.

Jim Harb joined the Selective Group as sales coordinator for St. Lawrence Estates, a condominium community in Northville. He had

been with Weir, Manuel, Snyder and Ranko of Plymouth.

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Firing a worker can be humane

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Case II: An employee is caught in corporate down-sizing or staff reductions, due to a sluggish economy, corporate streamlining or a merger or acquisition between two firms that no longer need two complete staffs.

"Every firm has circumstances for layoffs, not just hard times," Ray said. The Transition Team steps in, offering career planning from an inventory of existing skills to writing resumes. Other options include launching a business or early retirement. A psychological assessment may also be provided.

"A TYPICAL PROFILE," muses Dodie David of Jannotta, Bray & Associates in Southfield. David manages the firm's program aimed at middle-level managers who are frequently "squeezed out of jobs" in the event of corporate mergers and buyouts.

"They're in their late 30s or early 40s and moving up on the career track. Their trauma is great," equivalent to the death of a loved one or a divorce.

Fortunately, they are easily placed in new positions, but "they have to work very, very hard in their search" for new employment.

David is retained by employers,

normally for a percentage of the fired employee's salary. In recent years, she has seen the transition industry mushroom, primarily as a result of "the corporate merger and acquisition mania." In the past two years, business has held constant.

Ralph Mortensen of RHR International in Southfield, a doctor of psychology (as are all RHR consultants), said this year there has been a 15-percent increase in inquiries about transition counseling.

In addition, some 20 percent of the firm's clients have eliminated staff positions during the same period of time.

"The executives I talk with never look at the decision to reduce the work force as an easy thing to do. It's always a tough choice to make, always agonizing."

While U.S.-based firms are increasingly providing transition benefits, they are still less generous than their cousins in other western nations, according to Mortensen.

In Canada, for example, a fired employee, even when termination is justified for something as severe as embezzlement, is entitled to 15 months severance salary. Citizens of Germany and Scandinavia enjoy similar benefits, as well as great job security, he said.

"There's some movement (in the same direction) here."

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Chrysler Corp. cans meaningless sales reports

When I was working in the payroll department at a GM plant a few years ago (OK, maybe 25 years ago) we pretty much got the guys paid by about 8 a.m., which was an hour and a half after we got to work. Then we started on the records.

There were lots and lots of records. In that pre-computer era, they were carefully hand-lettered in squares on sheets of paper that went into black three-ring binders and put on dark green steel shelves.

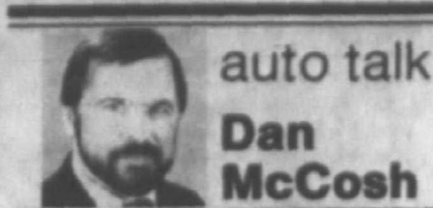
WE KEPT records of time worked, parts made, parts made per hour, parts made per machine and time worked to make so many parts made per machine. Then there were records of the machines, inventory and so forth — all sitting on those steel shelves, waiting for us as soon as we finished the payroll.

Even my boss thought most of these were a waste of time, so one day (actually, long before I started working for him), he started an experiment. He took one of the black binders and put it in an empty filing cabinet. Then he waited.

NO ONE asked for the record for a month, then finally a year. He used this as a sort of personal evaluation of meaningless paperwork. If nobody asked for the records for more than a year, they stayed in the filing cabinet, and he quit filling out that book.

Eventually, the shelves started to empty, and the cabinet filled up with books full of records that nobody asked for. Eventually, only the payroll records and daily production seemed to stay on the shelves.

All this explained why when I first started to work, there were several



auto talk
Dan McCosh

filing cabinets full of records that ended in 1957, 1958, and so forth. Which was fine with me, since by then somebody had asked for even more records that took most of the day to fill out, which we worked on after the guys got paid.

UNFORTUNATELY, MY boss got promoted and was replaced by a senior clerk who once had made a name in the drugstore business by developing a method of weighing the con-

tents of every milkshake he served, a system eventually adopted by drugstore management for which he never received proper credit, he said.

Looking to make his mark at GM, he opened one of those filing cabinets. Seeing the hundreds of unfilled pages, some of the books gathering dust for a decade or more, his eyes glazed over.

FROM THEN on, he carefully

resurrected every one of those books and had us compute the back figures, getting them up to date — after we filled out the payroll and completed updating the new generation of silly records. He harbored a fantasy, that someone, some day, would come in and ask for a number out of one of the dust-covered volumes. And he would be ready.

I was long gone before that day came, but the announcement by Chrysler that they no longer would report 10-day sales figures brought the whole thing back to mind.

The auto industry, it seems, is the only business that routinely reports retail sales every 10 days, an odd number that doesn't coincide with either the weekly production reports or the monthly figures issued by importers.

CURRENTLY, IT is impossible to make any sense out of 10-day auto sales reports anyway, since the major publications are constantly changing the definition of imports, domestic, cars and trucks, and report only a portion of sales on a 10-day basis, the rest monthly.

Chrysler should be congratulated for simplifying the paperwork, making everybody's life easier, etc. They even claim the move will save some money.

But I suspect the latter will never happen, since somewhere, deep in the bowels of the company, is the son of the guy I used to work for at GM.

Now he's hunched over a computer, working over 10-day sales records for 1974, catching up, filling the squares, working like a madman — in case somebody, someday, asks for the figure.

A new computer can hurt investing

By Thomas O'Hara
special writer

Q. I have a new computer and want to use it to help me be a better investor. However, a couple of friends tell me that if I don't use my computer carefully, it's more likely to get me into trouble. I could become a stock trader rather than an investor. Can you suggest how to use my computer wisely to be a better investor?

A. Your friends have given you a good caution. Because computers crunch numbers so quickly and easily, investors tend to use them to check out statistical items and ignore the more fundamental features that require thinking and judgment.

In my experience, computers are a tremendous help in comparing stocks and sorting out ones with the characteristics I am interested in. I place a lot of emphasis on the rate at which a company has increased sales and earnings per share in the past five years.

I ALSO like to compare the company's current price-earnings ratio with its growth rate, since this gives me a clue as to whether its price is reasonable compared with its growth. In other words, if I divide the price-earnings ratio by the growth rate and it is less than 1, I have some assurance that the cur-

rent price is not out of line compared with that growth.

These figures are readily available for most stocks on the different computerized financial services, and a computer can help you sort out stocks very quickly.

FOR INSTANCE, Better Investing Magazine did a survey to see which were the most widely held stocks by individual investors. It came up with a list of the 200 most-popular stocks among individual investors.

With that list in hand, Phil Keating, an investor who is a director of the National Association of Investors Corp. Computer Group, decided to sort those stocks on his computer for three fundamental investment features. He wanted to know

- Which of the 200 had doubled their earnings in the past five years
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- Which had favorably prices by virtue of the current price-earnings ratio being less than the projected five-year growth rate.

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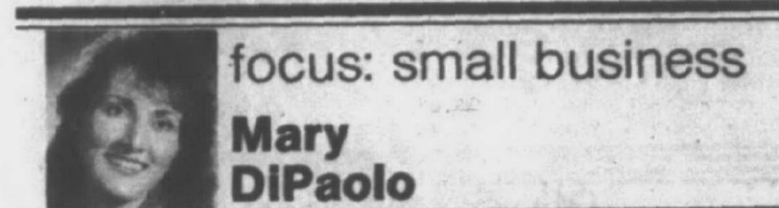
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- Sales and expense records or projections.
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- Your industry track record.

All of this is necessary to help banks evaluate your overall creditworthiness in both the personal and professional sense. As a retailer, your chances of obtaining merchant status generally are quite good. But companies in industries with a high incidence of fraud have a much



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Mary DiPaolo

harder time. For companies that face resistance or are turned down, there are still several options available.

These include:

- Discussing the establishment of a "cash reserve" account that protects the bank against possible losses.
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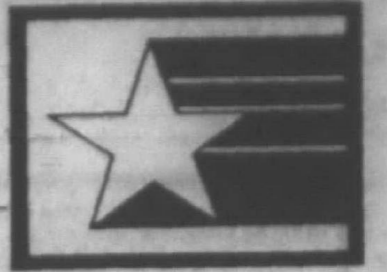
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Hollywood trip takes determination

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

WHAT DOES A TICKET from Detroit to Hollywood cost?

"The bottom line is inner determination," according to Scott Spiegel, graduate of Groves High School in Birmingham, who co-authored the screenplay for Clint Eastwood's latest film "The Rookie," opening Friday throughout the metropolitan area.

Spiegel, who was born in Detroit, spent a year at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills after his 1976 graduation from Groves. "That is," he said, "when I began to take film seriously."

His experience in those years included acting for Sam Raimi and Bruce Campbell in their 1979 production "Within the Woods." He also toiled on special effects for Raimi and Campbell's first well-known effort, "Evil Dead I." As with many other dedicated young Detroit-area filmmakers, he worked at whatever jobs he could in those days. In Spiegel's case that meant clerking at

a grocery store while producing short films.

"Cleveland Smith, Bounty Hunter" was a 10-minute parody of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Toro, Toro, Toro" about a runaway grasscutter. Both were 16mm films Spiegel sold to HBO in cable's early days when a nationwide search was underway for any and all programs. The cable system's enormous capacity for material created opportunities for many filmmakers. He also sold "Toro, Toro, Toro" to the U.S. Army.

SPIEGEL WRYLY remarked, "I think they made a mistake and thought it was 'Tora! Tora! Tora!'" (a 1970 film about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor).

"I got a lot of mileage out of those two films," Spiegel said. "They were also in a weird compilation, 'Filmhouse Fever,' a vignette piece where a couple of guys go to watch films."

Spiegel appeared in Sam Raimi's 1983 production "Crimewave." "Then I turned 'Cleveland Smith' into the lowest-budget feature ever made, Josh Becker's 'Thou Shall Not Kill Except . . .'" which Spiegel produced and co-wrote. "It was in-

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valuable hands-on experience — baptism by fire," Spiegel said. "I learned what not to do."

"Then Sam Raimi asked me to write 'Evil Dead II' which was shot in '86 and '87," he said. Another one of Spiegel's shorts, "Attack of the Helping Hand," was a film spoof of the Hamburger Helper commercials. The title describes the plot. "Sam Raimi liked it so much," Spiegel said, "that he dropped it into 'Evil Dead II.'"

"Everyone needs guidance and people to tell you how things are done. But ultimately it's got to come from within," Spiegel said. In 1987, with that inner determination in high gear, he moved to Hollywood where he rewrote scripts for Bill Lustig's low-budget productions including "Hit List" with Jan-Michael Vincent.



Scott Spiegel (above), who went to school in Birmingham and Farmington Hills, shares screenwriting credits with Boaz Yakin for "The Rookie," directed by Clint Eastwood.



Clint Eastwood plays a veteran cop and Charlie Sheen is his new partner in "The Rookie."

NEXT HE MADE "Night Crew" with Charlie Band at Empire Picture. Filmed in two weeks on a \$130,000 budget — "What I shot was what I got" — "Night Crew" was sold by Band to Paramount which renamed it "Intruder" and cut it to receive an R rating. "Ironically," Spiegel said, "my \$130,000 feature was marketed under Paramount's \$400,000 computer-generated logo."

Originally intended as an unrated film, "Intruder" is about people trapped in a supermarket and being picked off by a homicidal maniac. The special effects folks were Fangoria people, who featured a severed head from the film on the cover of Gorezone, one of the sci-fi fantasy/horror magazines.

Some of the stores selling Gorezone pulled the magazine from their racks. The negative publicity was heightened when the uncut version, which was selling well in England, got pulled after the distribution company was fined \$500,000.

Why all this interest in horror/slasher stories among young filmmakers like Spiegel, Sam Raimi and so many others? "Ever since I was a kid I saw horror films with my dad," Spiegel said, "and I grew up during the monster craze of the '60s. There

was also a lot of comedy in that era — and both comedy and horror are similar."

"They are both structured around a build and a payoff, the punchline of the gags or the special-effects impact of revealed horror," he said.

THE PUBLICITY generated by "Intruder" led Spiegel to working with Boaz Yakin, and the concept for "The Rookie" developed. "We wrote it together, and by this time I was with his agency," Spiegel said. The script was sold a year-and-a-half ago for \$500,000, and Charlie Sheen was attached to the project. Then it was given to Clint Eastwood who liked it and decided to direct as well as star in the production.

"The Rookie" features Eastwood as a veteran cop whose partner is murdered by a villainous car thief, Strom (Raul Julia), whose bizarre girlfriend, Liesel (Sonia Braga), doubles as Strom's chief hit-person. Eastwood's new partner is David Ackerman (Charlie Sheen), a young man whose mission is to prove his courage and reliability.

The all-star cast features Tom Skerritt as David's father.

Spiegel and Yakin met with Eastwood for one major change on the

script and a few minor ones. "He is so professional," Spiegel said. "It was a thrilling moment because his knowledge of film is just incredible. He made sure everything was to the letter. He knew exactly what he wanted."

Eastwood allowed both Spiegel and Boaz to appear in the film.

Spiegel is a baggage-carrier in the airport scene. Spiegel also worked on "The Rookie" set as a script consultant, although by this time he was directing "The Nutty Nut," which he co-wrote with Sam Raimi and Ron Zwig. That's an IVE Caroloco production film featuring Ione Skye, Tracey Lords and Pat Boone.

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AUDITIONS OPEN
The Theatre Guild in Redford will hold auditions for "The Road to Mecca" by Athol Fugard at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10. Needed are one man, age range 30-60, and two females, age range mid-30s, and 30-plus capable of playing 70. For more information call Rebecca Smith at 537-4145.

AIDS DOCUMENTARY
Harvey Ovshinsky's documentary about living with AIDS "Tony and Friends: A Celebration of Life" will be presented at a screening to benefit Wellness House on Friday, Dec. 7, at the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Presentation Center. The benefit is presented by the Detroit/Michigan Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in association with WTVS, Channel 56, and WXYZ, Channel 7. A minimum \$25 per person contribution to Wellness House includes a reception at 6 p.m. followed by the 7

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7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills. Performances include the band Leopold, experimental fusion; Mary McGuire, Hideko Mills and Barb Barton, acoustic folk/rock/blues; Billy Brandt and Mitch Druckman, acoustic space blues; Marie Mason and Sophia, acoustic folk and Celtic; Passengers, progressive folk/jazz/blues; Laughing Hicks, experimental, avant-garde, rock and poetry. The show is a benefit for Baldwin Avenue Shelter for the homeless, in Pontiac. There will be an open mike from 7:30-9:30 p.m., and the Vegan Kitchen will be open throughout the night. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information call 548-7235 or 541-8853. The night of the concert only, call 644-9604.

READERS THEATRE
Short stories read by professional actors will be presented at Readers Theater on Sunday, Dec. 9, in the DeRoy Theatre at the Maple-Drake Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. A complimentary wine bar opens at 3 p.m. The show begins at 3:30 p.m. The program features

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IN 'ALICE'

Two area residents are in the cast of "Alice in Wonderland," Friday-Sunday, Dec. 7-9 and 14-16, at the Bonstelle Theatre in Detroit. They are Rebecca Bujaraki of Southfield, who appears as a Heart, and Robin M. Chichester of Plymouth, who plays the Mock Turtle and Humpty Dumpty. Tickets are \$8 for adults,

\$6 for students and senior citizens, and \$4 for children under 12. For more information call the Wayne State University theater box office at 577-2960.

AUDITIONS OPEN

St. Bede Players announces auditions for its spring production of "Iolanthe" by Gilbert and Sullivan from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7; 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, and 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, in the St. Bede Social Hall in Southfield. For more information call 557-6527 or 557-7245.

GARDEN CONCERT

Southfield's Concerts in the Garden Series will feature the Bel Canto

Choral Society at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Prudential Town Center Atrium. The diverse program includes a medley of Broadway show-toppers, "Rock of Ages," a Hanukkah Medley, Randall Thompson's "Alleluia" and Christmas melodies. Tickets are \$5 for continental breakfast served at 10 a.m. or \$3.50 for concert and coffee only. For reservations and information call 354-4717.

KIDS CONCERTS

Mr. Grump and the Clowns will perform at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, presented by the Cultural Arts Division of Parks and Recreation. The Kids Concert will be held in the Parks and Recreation building, room 115, at the Civic Center. Tickets at

\$2.25 may be purchased at the door or ordered from Cultural Arts at 354-4717.

HOLIDAY FANTASY

"A Vintage Christmas" continues through Sunday, Dec. 9, at Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. The 100-room auto baron mansion has been turned into a holiday fantasy by 33 floral designers and display artists. "A Vintage Christmas" is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 6 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 7-8. Last tickets will be sold one hour before closing time. General admission is \$6 weekdays; \$8 Saturday and Sunday; children under 13 and OU affiliates, \$4 all days. For reservations or additional information, call Meadow Brook Hall at 370-3140.

FRANKLIN VILLAGE

Holly Day Highlights will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, in Franklin Village. Includes are a band concert, 7-7:45 p.m. and "An Original and Whimsical Historical Play" written by Villager David Roberts at 8 p.m. For more information call 855-1576.

PUPPET THEATER

"Little Red Riding Hood" will be presented through December at MeadowBrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills. Showtimes are at 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The mall with a turn-of-the-century theme features the only permanent children's puppet theater in this part of the country. A new presentation based on adaptations from fairy tale

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SUPPER THEATRE

The Peanut Butter Players, professional children's theater, will give a holiday presentation at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Historic Trinity in Detroit. Supper will be followed by a performance of the Peanut Butter Players' "Christmas," with music by Richard Berent. For reservations at \$13 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under, call the church office at 567-3100.

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By Mary Jane Doerr
special writer

As Ebenezer Scrooge, Booth Col-

man takes center stage just after his partner's ghost, Jacob Marley, disappears in the window with a burst of light. It was only a dream, he says to the audience.

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Meadow Brook Theatre's production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is very real to children



Mary Jane Doerr

and adults. As it has for eight years, director Charles Nolte's delightful adaptation continues to transcend designer Peter Hicks' 19th century English setting with a universal message of hope.

It is the very simplicity of this production and its adherence to Dickens' own story that keeps it a box-office draw. Nolte lets the lessons of Dickens speak to all of us, through the charm of English Christmas customs and the surprises of his theatrical tricks.

THE MOMENT we arrive at the theater, an octet takes us back in time to England with caroling of traditional tunes: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "What Child Is This," "Deck the Halls" and wassailing songs. Music director Donald Daniels can take credit for the well-blended vocal group.

As Scrooge himself admits, his is not a very pleasant name — which is remembered more for his greediness than his change of character. He was

mas Present is that of Joseph Reed, who has done this production for the past eight years.

This American show mixes English Christmas traditions — of gifts, folk dances, "yes and no" games, and meals of goose, stuffing, mashed potatoes, apples and oranges, and brandy sauce puddings — with German customs — of Christmas trees and decorations. It does not matter that Christmas trees are not mentioned in the book and that in Dickens' native country, English pantomimes are more popular.

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Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a fulltime teacher and freelance writer who specializes in opera and musical theater.



Booth Colman plays Ebenezer Scrooge, the miser transformed into a generous man.

table talk

Best of show

Schoolcraft College of Livonia's Culinary Arts Salon Team received the best of show award for culinary schools at the recent Expo Gast '90 competition in Luxembourg and won gold medals in several individual competitions. Individual gold medalists were Executive Chef Mary Brady and students Don Brago, Kim Larson and Shawn Loving. More than 1,000 international chefs competed in the World Cup event.

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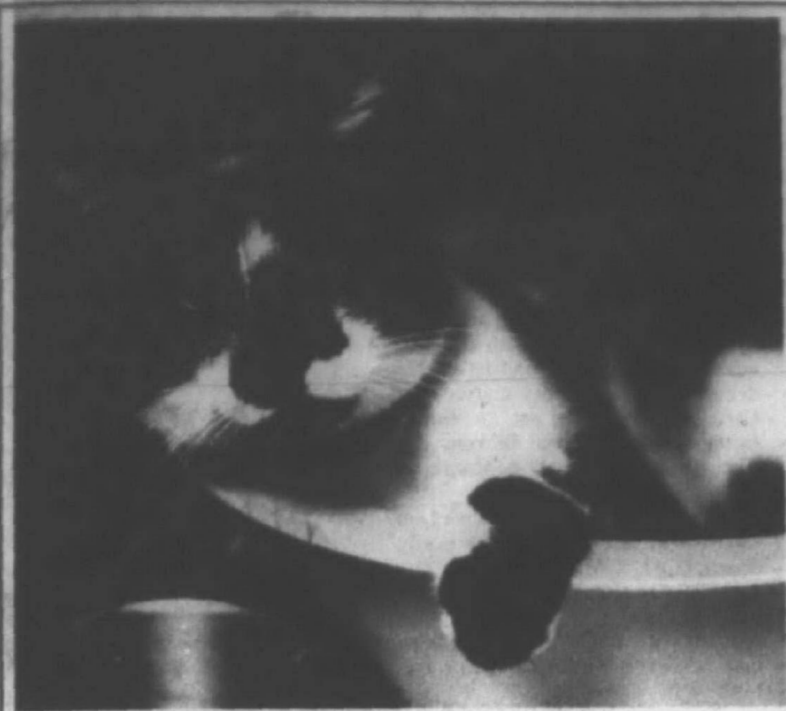
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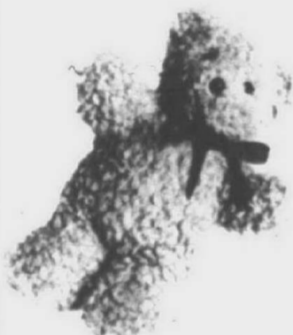
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● CANTON MUSEUM

A special Christmas exhibit will be displayed through Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center at Proctor, south of Cherry Hill in Canton. The museum is operated by the Canton Historical Society. Museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 397-0088 or 453-1921.

● TRAVEL CLUB

The Western Wayne County Chapter of Senior Tour Clubs of America will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. The club is for those age "39 and holding" who enjoy traveling. The evening will include a review of future trips. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a drawing for door prizes. A social time is planned.

Club members have planned a Friday, Dec. 14, trip to The Palace of Auburn Hills to hear contemporary Christian music performed by the Young Messiah Tour. A 200-voice choir and 40-piece orchestra will perform a modern version of Handel's Messiah. Sandy Patti, Larnell Harris, Sheila Walsh and the Imperials will perform. Price is \$39, including dinner and transportation. For more information, call Len Bloch, 459-5508.

● PLYMOUTH AAUW

The Plymouth branch, American Association of University Women, will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial. Shirley Swancutt of Greenfield Village will discuss Christmas lore and legends. The public may attend the

monthly meeting. For more information, call 453-8998.

● ATTENTION DEFICIT

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, on Five Mile just east of Farmington Road. Speaker Paul Jacobs will give an overview on the diagnosis, treatment and management of the disorder. Donation is \$5 for non-members. Registration will start 7 p.m. For more information, call 464-8233.

● WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. The Christmas music program will include a performance by the Madrigal Singers and the Chamber Singers from Centennial Educational Park. Those attending should plan to bring scarves and mittens for the "Mitten Tree" project and canned goods for the club's Christmas baskets.

● HOLIDAY LUMINARIES

Holiday luminaries are being sold at Kroger's, on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon in Plymouth. They will be sold 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 8, 15 and 22, at the supermarket. Luminaries will also be sold 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 8 and 15, at Me and Mr. Jones in downtown Plymouth.

Each \$3.50 kit contains 10 candles and 10 bags. They are sold as a fund-raising project for the Trailwood Garden Club and the Plymouth Symphony League. Displaying the glowing bags is a Christmas Eve tradition.

● CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association has classes starting Saturday, Dec. 8, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, and Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Garden City Hospital Health Education Center, 6701 Harrison. Other classes are also available. For more information, call 459-7477.

● YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan will perform 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. Donation is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students. Tickets will be available at the door and are available in advance from members at reduced prices. For more information, call 453-8887.

● US SINGLETONS

The US Singletons will have a Christmas dinner social 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at New Hawthorne Valley, on Merriman in Westland. The group is for singles age 45 and older. For more information, write to the group at P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn 48123.

● BUSINESS WOMEN

The MAIA Chapter, American Business Women's Association, will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Ann Arbor Regent Hotel, on Plymouth Road. The meeting will include 5:30 p.m. cocktails/networking, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. program and business meeting. Members will bring gifts for Foster Children of Washtenaw County. There will be a raffle of food, crafts and other holiday items. Guests may attend. For reservations or more information, call Linda Biskupski, 761-3912.

● YULE PARTY

The Canton Historical Society's annual Christmas party and sing-along will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Canton Historical Museum, Proctor and Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill in Canton. There will also be a special recitation of Christmas poems by Helen Garber. The public may attend. For more information, call 397-0088 or 453-1921. This will be the December meeting of the Canton Historical Society.

● POINSETTIA SALE

Local nursing homes will participate in the "Poinsettias for Progress" sale, with proceeds going to the Metro Detroit Branch-Arthritis Foundation. Poinsettias will be sold Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 12-13, at Plymouth Court, 105 Haggerty. Prices will be \$6 to \$25, and red, white and pink plants will be available. Money raised will be used for research, development and client services. For more information, call 350-3030.

● VIETNAM VETERANS

The Plymouth/Canton Chapter No. 528, Vietnam Veterans of America, will meet 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at the Mayflower-L.L. Gamble Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Area Vietnam-era veterans may attend the general membership meeting. For more information, call Greg Hudda, president, 453-5020, Joe Agius, membership director, 453-8180, or Mike Schlott, 455-9381.

● BOWLING LEAGUE

The Mixed Singles Bowling League is a group for singles age 30 and older. Substitutes and regulars are needed. League members bowl 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Merri-Bowl Lanes, Five Mile and Merriman, Livonia. For more information, call 591-1358.

● LAMAZE EDUCATION

The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association of Livonia offers a variety of classes. Participants learn about pregnancy, labor, delivery and other topics. There are six-week classes for new parents, two- and four-week refresher classes, and a monthly breast-feeding class. Weekday classes are 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday classes 9-11:30 a.m. For more information, call the registrar, 937-0665.

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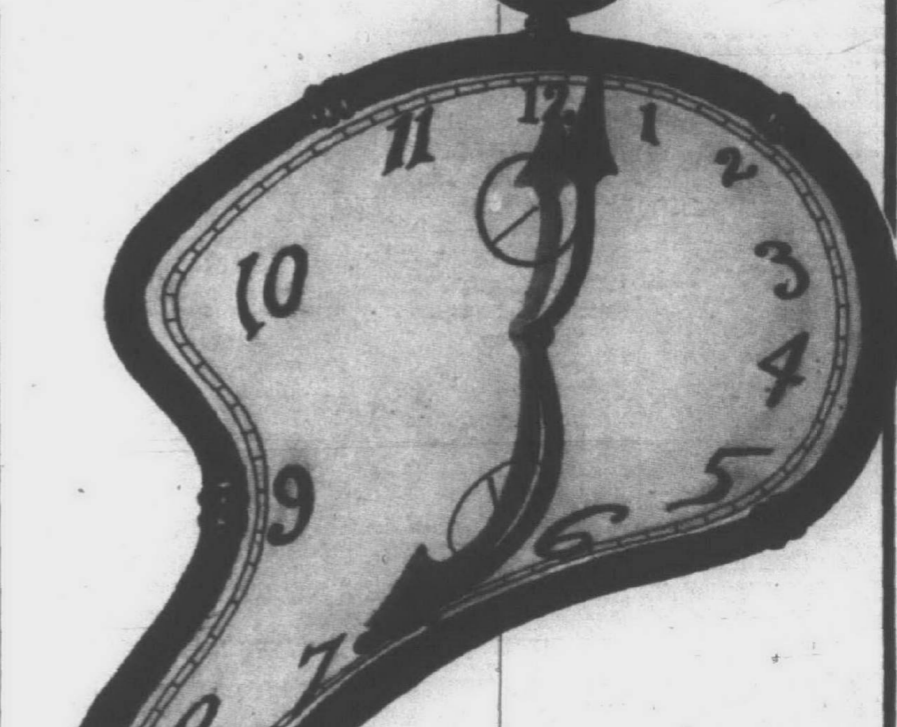
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 CONTEMPORARY queen sleeper sofa, \$125. Brown velvet sofa, \$175. 526-2445

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 37,000 miles, V-8, air, full power.
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 Exc. rear defogger, sport strips, 200 V-6, air, Stock #2442.
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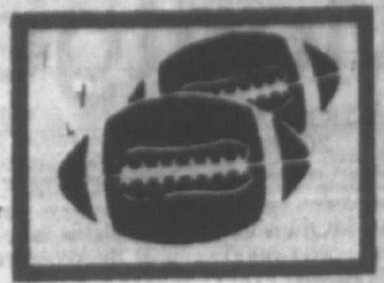
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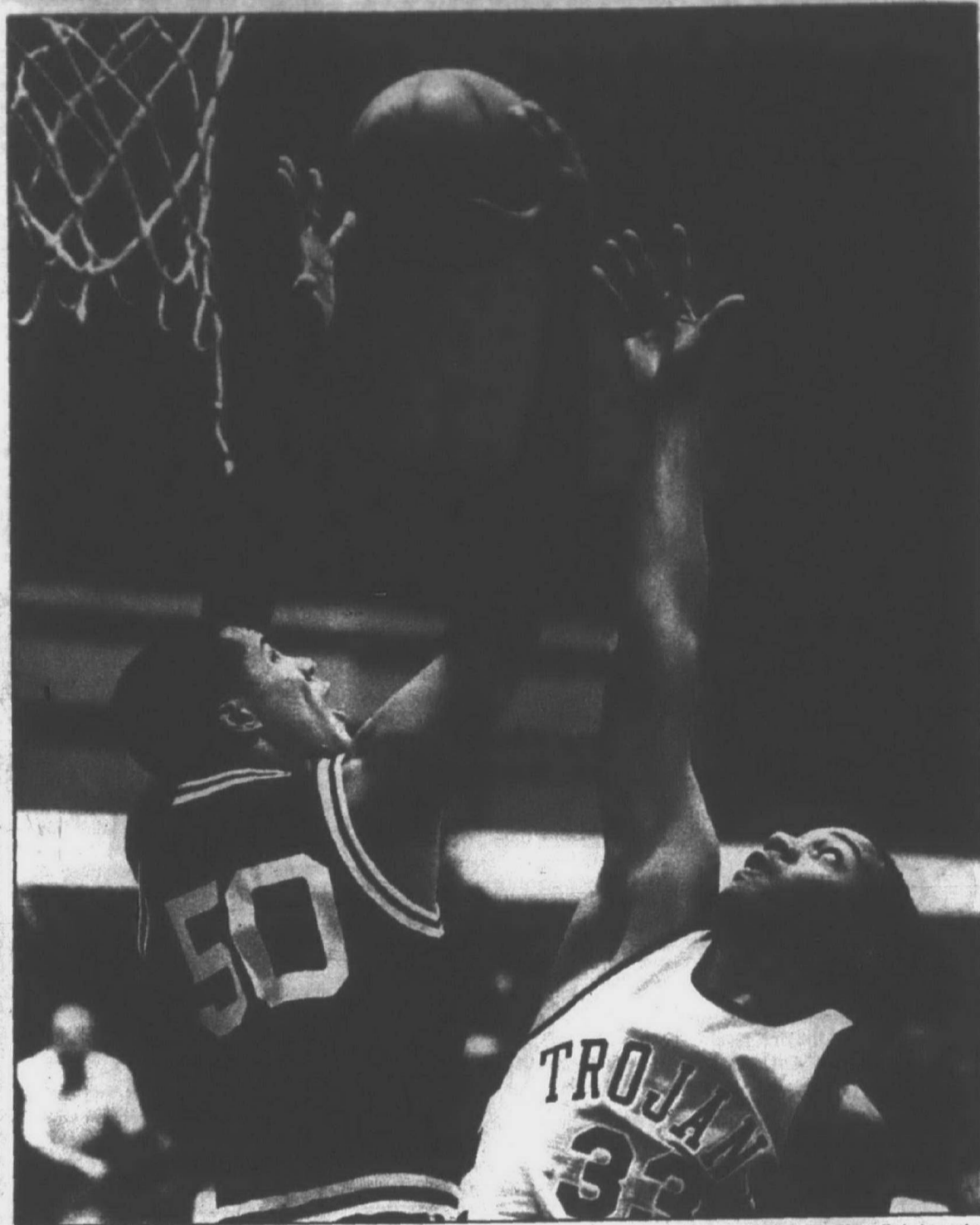
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Cliff Lee reaches for a rebound along with opponent Russ Bullock in the season opener Tuesday.

The 6-foot-5 senior scored 10 points in Salem's 56-45 victory.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

More height, depth boost PCA outlook

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

basketball

Plymouth Christian Academy is expecting good things from the 1990-91 boys basketball season.

The Eagles certainly anticipate a better year than last when they finished 6-15 overall, fourth in the American Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference at 2-6.

The reason for PCA's added optimism is the addition of six transfer players from defunct Redford Temple Christian. The Eagles also return five varsity players, including high-scoring guard Manish Nandani.

The former Temple players combine to give PCA its largest squad in coach Dan Brandel's five years and its strongest group of post players in school history.

"I think we've gone up a whole notch," said Brandel, who will carry 12 varsity players and had to make cuts for the first time. "The transfers have made us deeper at two levels, not only varsity but JV."

"AS LONG as I've been here, we might have the most physical talent we've ever had. A lot depends on how we mesh, because we have people who don't know each other. We're only talking three months (in school) and three weeks playing together."

Nandani, a 6-foot senior, will start at guard again and give the Eagles a major scoring threat after averaging 26 points per game last year.

"He can play inside and outside, he can shoot the three-pointer, he can drive, he can post up," Brandel said. "That's why people have trouble with him. They can't shut down every part of his game."

"The biggest problem for playing in the future is that he doesn't have a

lot of body weight (145 pounds). He doesn't have a Glen Rice (shooting) form, but he has a nice touch on the ball."

The other returning players are 6-3 sophomore Jason Neil, who developed as a freshman and was starting by the end of the year; and seniors Rob Flanagan (5-9), Kevin Kerfoot (5-10) and Gavin Balsch (5-10).

Neil averaged five points and three rebounds in the post. Flanagan and Kerfoot are guards, and Balsch, a strong, 180-pounder, plays small forward.

THE TEMPLE transfers expected to provide the biggest help are 6-3 senior Keith McCants and 6-3 Jeff Hess, a pair of post players who combine with Neil to give the Eagles their tallest team ever.

Both started at Temple as did 5-10 junior Kevin Williams, a guard who is sidelined by a pulled hamstring.

"Usually, we've only had one 6-3 guy," Brandel said. "Nobody in school history has been able to dunk, and (McCants and Hess) are able to put on a dunking show. That gives you an idea how strong these guys are."

"They can dominate games. In fact, they're quicker than the guards. We hope to be a running team if we can get out of the blocks."

An asset in past years when the Eagles weren't as talented, the small Lowell Middle School gym where the team plays its home games could instead be a liability this year.

"Our game facility could hurt us," Brandel said. "We've been able to harness other teams' talent and, with our weaker talent, control the game. Now the opponents have the advantage, and we'll have the advantage when we go to their places where we can open up on the bigger courts."

PCA also has former Temple players Milton Smithson, 5-11 junior; Matt Cronan, 6-0 junior; and Rob Askew, 5-10 senior. Rounding out the roster is Sunil Bhat, a 5-9 sophomore who spent last year on the PCA junior varsity. Smithson, Askew and Bhat are strictly guards while Cronan is a swing player who will start at small forward.

SMITHSON IS sidelined with a sprained ankle, and Brandel is unsure who would be the fifth starter in Friday's season opener at Lowell against Taylor Light and Life.

Brandel said he won't necessarily put his top five players in the starting lineup, because he likes to have some strength coming off the bench.

The Eagles also have their toughest schedule ever, according to Brandel. Besides its division opponents, PCA will play Livonia Clarenceville, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, Hamtramck St. Florian, Southfield Christian and Harper Woods.

"I'd like to see our big men work the inside," Brandel said. "We want to be balanced, so Manish probably won't score as much as last year."

"Some might not get as much recognition, but teams will have a hard time stopping us because they won't know who to stop."

"I think the talent is there (for a run at the division title). We had to do a lot of things to stay with it in the past, and now hopefully the talent is there to compete."

Canton, Salem win openers

The boys basketball season began Tuesday with a pair of road victories for Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton, two teams expected to do well in 1990-91.

The Rocks, considered to have one of the best ballclubs in the state, trimmed Trenton 56-45 while Canton had an easier time at Monroe, tearing up the Trojans 85-62.

Central Michigan recruit Jake Baker, a 6-5 senior, scored 17 points to lead Salem, and teammates Cliff Lee and James Head tossed in 10 apiece.

The Rocks led the entire game, but "toward the end they did a good job of attacking the defense," Salem coach Bob Brodie said.

"Any time you get a win in the first game it's good, but we were ragged. It's nice to come out after a long bus trip and win."

SALEM HELD quarter leads of 17-6, 31-17 and 48-30 before Trenton outscored the Rocks 15-8 in the finale. Senior guard Chris Mace scored a game-high 18 points for the Trojans, who made 17 of 22 free throws.

Salem was 3-of-6 at the line. The Rocks play host to Southfield Friday.

Canton coach Dave VanWagoner thought the same of his team's first game as Brodie did his.

"We played well in spots, but at times we didn't," he said. "We've got a lot of room for improvement."

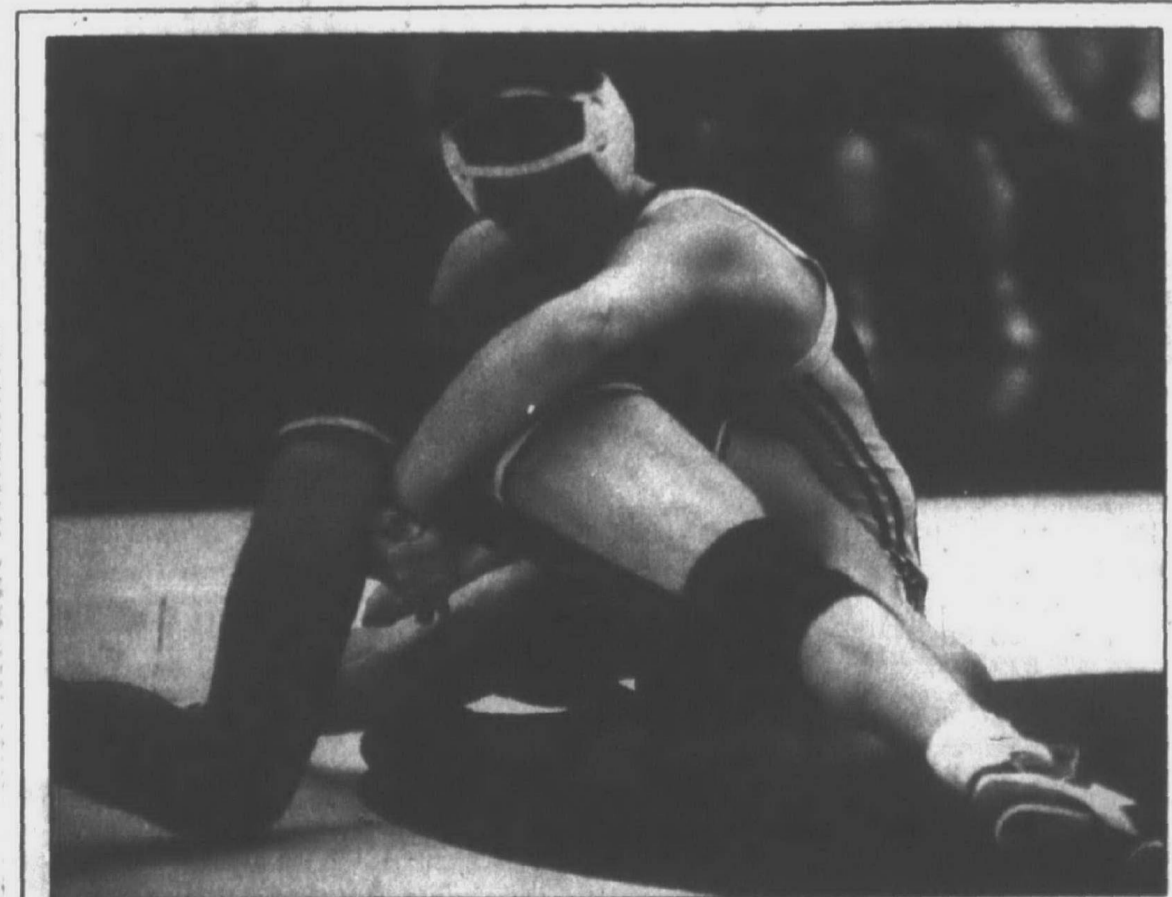
Tony Coshatt, a 6-foot-8 junior, scored 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Chiefs, and Karl Wukie, a senior guard, had as many points and six assists.

Canton had four players in double figures with sophomore Mike Stafford scoring 13 and junior Derrick McDonald 12. Chad Zion scored 18 to lead Monroe.

THE CHIEFS expanded a 17-12 lead to 36-25 at half-time and that to 53-38 after three quarters.

Canton faced a press the whole game, and the Chiefs "broke the pressure well at times but sometimes we broke down," VanWagoner said. "Defensively, we weren't very good. We'll have to play better Friday at Ann Arbor Huron."

The River Rats are rated in the top 10 in Class A by one statewide poll.



LEE EKSTROM/staff photographer

Wrestling previews

The 1990-91 wrestling season begins Saturday when Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton compete in invitationals. Jeff Coleman, wrestling Westland John Glenn's Cory

Buckalew last season, returns for his senior year with the Rocks. See Page 3D for preseason stories.

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Montgomery is all-region

By C.J. Nisak
staff writer

As season's go, Kim Montgomery wouldn't mind trading the one just completed for any of her three previous seasons at the University of Massachusetts.

Not that her own efforts were lacking. That was evident when Montgomery was named to the all-New England regional soccer team. The senior tri-captain from Livonia (Churchill) just wishes the end results had been better.

For the only time in her four years at U-Mass, the team did not earn a berth in the NCAA tournament. In fact, it was the first time in the nine-year history of the women's NCAA tournament U-Mass didn't qualify. And that hurt.

"We definitely had a very frustrating season," she admitted. "We had personnel as good as any since I've been here. We just were not scoring goals."

Montgomery still thought U-Mass' 10-5-2 record and No. 13 ranking was enough to earn it a spot in the tournament. But when a committee is making the selections, such decisions are imminent.

The team's lack of offense proved costly. The defense was solid, surrendering just 14 goals in 17 games. And Montgomery was a big part of that defense.

A MIDFIELDER throughout her high school

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years, Montgomery never considered herself to be strong defensively. But before her junior season, U-Mass coach Jim Rudy asked her to switch from outside midfield to sweeper.

"The coach liked the way I read the game. He liked my vision," she explained. "I like it now, but I never viewed myself as a very good defender."

It took some adjustment, but by the start of her junior season Montgomery was used to adjusting.

When she first came to U-Mass, Montgomery — a high school all-stater and all-midwest selection — got a rude awakening. "It was very tough," she remembered. "Coming out as a freshman, it was a big difference. For me, it was hard to adjust. But it's hard for everyone, I guess. They were so much faster and more skilled."

The coach at that time, Ken Banda, wasn't exactly what Montgomery had hoped for, either. After her freshman year, she toyed with the idea of transferring. "I got really discouraged," she said, admitting a lot of it had to do with a lack of playing time.

BUT THEN a coaching change was announced, with Rudy replacing Banda. Montgomery decided to "give it a year."

She liked Rudy's more personable style and decided to stick at U-Mass. But more changes were on the way.

"Three games into my junior season," she recalled, "our sweeper (Becky Bonzano) couldn't travel to a game with us because she was sick." Rudy switched Montgomery to sweeper in spite of her doubts.

The rest, as the adage goes, is history. By her own admission, Montgomery was an extremely cautious sweeper at first. "I was determined no ball would get over me," she said. "I played the deepest sweeper you've ever seen."

But she gradually adjusted, even to the point of yelling instructions to her teammates. "I was always kind of quiet before, not very vocal," she said. Rudy made her a captain this season and told her to increase her volume. "That really helped my game. He forced me to be vocal."

He also heaped responsibility upon her, which Montgomery appreciated. "Being a captain, knowing he trusted me enough with the responsibility — I liked that," she said.

What she didn't like was the final result — no NCAA berth. In her freshman year, U-Mass reached the NCAA title game before losing to North Carolina.

But she couldn't be happier with her decision to stick it out at U-Mass.

Ocelot men dominate non-conference foe

By C.J. Nisak
staff writer

The game is fun again. Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team sped up and down the floor Monday, outclassing the visiting Adrian College junior varsity with ease. No way the Bulldogs could keep pace in this game; the final score was indication of that: SC 128, Adrian 102.

The Ocelots had an 11-point lead (54-43) at the intermission and a 10-2 start in the second half decided the issue. Sure, Adrian closed to 13 on three separate occasions — the last was 89-73 on a Scott Hill three-pointer with 10:33 left — but never got closer. SC always had the answer.

That's the nice part of the Ocelots' early-season schedule. Even coach Dave Bogataj referred to these games as confidence-builders.

"It's 5-1," he said, examining his team's record. "And that's better than 1-5, like last year."

Bogataj knows the easy part of the schedule is over. A road game at Lake Michigan CC is coming up Saturday, before the real fun begins — the Eastern Conference slate. And what a start: a home game against one conference favorite, Oakland CC, Wednesday, followed by a trip to play another, Mott CC, Dec. 15.

BOGATAJ PLANS to try and keep the Ocelots in a pace similar to the Adrian game's. His reason is simple: "We're going to have to because we can't go half-court. Those teams will beat us up if we try and go half-court against them."

"We have to go for the quick shots. Once we get down inside, it's tough. We have to be quick in a half-court game. . . . We have to rely on whatever quickness we have."

In Monday's shootout, the final Bulldog rally was thwarted by Lynell Collins, a freshman point guard from Southfield. Collins converted a pair of layups, both after turnovers; he finished with a game-high 30 points, 20 coming in the second half.

Collins got plenty of offensive help. Four other Ocelots reached

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double-figures in scoring: Mitch Fyke (21), Kwesi McGill and Randy Watters (17 each), and Barry Quayle (15). Collins also had six steals and four assists. Watters had seven assists and seven rebounds, McGill had six assists and Quayle hauled in 10 boards.

Five Bulldogs scored in double-figures too, led by Eric Davis' 23. Hill had 19, Chad Demery netted 18, Bob Brugger had 17 and Brian Temple finished with 11.

BUT ADRIAN was similar in size and not nearly SC's equal in talent or depth. Such favorable odds won't be present in the conference season. The Ocelots will have to use whatever superiority in quickness they can muster to set up those easy shots — and they'll have to convert them. Bogataj would also "like to see a lot less turnovers. In an up-tempo game, you expect to see turnovers, but you don't want to see them in the double-digits."

It will be difficult for SC to win when it's surrendering the ball 20-to-30 times a game. It will be equally hard to win if the roster is ravished by end-of-the-semester academic losses, as it has been in recent years. Bogataj said he knew of no players having classroom problems at present.

Indeed, SC may even be strengthened for the second semester when guard Marcus Lowe, a sophomore from Westland, becomes eligible. Lowe, a 1988 John Glenn graduate, played a season at Madonna College before the program folded after the 1988-89 campaign. He didn't play last season, but academic troubles prevented him from becoming immediately eligible at SC.

There's no doubting Lowe's abilities; he'll be a definite asset. When combined with those already in the lineup, SC is transformed into a formidable unit — as long as everyone stays eligible and healthy.

Late free throws lift SC

Tricia Lucas' sharp shooting and Julie Sawicki's clutch shooting were the difference for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team in a 62-57 win against Siena Heights' junior varsity Friday in Adrian.

Lucas connected on 10-of-11 from the floor and 11-of-12 from the line in scoring 31 points. No other Lady Ocelot reached double figures, but

Sawicki had 9 — including 2 free throws with 10 seconds left to thwart a late Siena Heights' rally. Lee Anne Lightfoot also scored 9 points for SC.

The Lady Ocelots led by as many as 20 — they were up 38-30 at the half — but needed Sawicki's end-of-the-game heroics to preserve the win.

Raiders capture Tipoff Classic

Starlin Stevens scored 10 straight points in a second-half run that carried Oakland Community College's men's basketball team to an 81-71 triumph over Macomb CC in the title game of the Macomb Tipoff Classic Saturday.

Stevens finished with 27 points and five assists in the victory, which kept the Raiders unbeaten at 6-0. Fourteen of those came in the sec-



Stevens finished with 27 points and five assists in the victory, which kept the Raiders unbeaten at 6-0. Fourteen of those came in the second half, as OCC pulled away to victory after trailing 43-42 at the half. Rashe Reviere contributed 14

points and Ed Whitaker had 11 and 6 assists for OCC. Jerry Prieskorn was a demon on the boards, grabbing 20 rebounds. He scored 9 points. Mike Muscato led the Monarchs with 22 points.

In Friday's tournament opener, Reviere poured in 30 points to push the Raiders past Owens Tech 95-85. OCC dominance on the boards was

pivotal in the win. Prieskorn had 15 points and 10 rebounds. Devlin Bell had 15 points and 13 boards and James Escoe (from Southfield HS) collected 12 points and 10 rebounds. Dave Smith's 18 points led Owens Tech.

The Raiders play Kellogg CC Saturday at OCC's Highland Lakes campus.

SC trip produces 7th place

By C.J. Nisak
staff writer

Tom Teeters had just returned from a trip to Florida. This one was more enjoyable than the one spent two weeks earlier — although it wasn't as memorable. The latest one was vacation; the first one ended in disappointment.

Losses tend to haunt coaches, particularly when they had hoped for more. As Teeters' Schoolcraft College volleyball team headed to the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament in Miami prior to Thanksgiving, the goal he had set for his team was fourth place or better.

The result didn't match his high hopes. SC finished tied for seventh, losing its final two matches to Ricks College (Rexburg, Idaho) and Miami-Dade Wolfson. Those two teams ended up meeting for the NJCAA title, which Wolfson won.

"I think we could have beaten Ricks and Jefferson (College, from Hillsboro, Mo., which beat SC in pool play)," said Teeters. "They're both fine teams, and both of them outplayed us. But they were beatable."

"Miami-Dade (Wolfson) — that would have been a tough team to take."

ACCORDING TO Teeters, it wasn't the Ocelots' poor play that caused the earlier-than-expected

volleyball

exit. Instead, the tournament field proved much tougher than in the past — even tougher than Teeters anticipated.

Still, there was one definite reason for their ouster. "Hitting was our weakness," said Teeters. "At times, certain hitters hit as expected, but we never had them all hitting well together in crucial matches."

That was particularly true in those final two matches. Earlier, in pool play, SC won six consecutive games, beating Waldorf CC (Iowa) 15-2, 15-6, 15-3 and Onondaga CC (Syracuse, N.Y.) 15-5, 15-5, 15-3. Then came the Jefferson match, which the Lady Ocelots lost 15-12, 15-11, 5-15.

Their total-games record of 7-2 in pool play was still good enough to advance them to the next round. But the next round started with Wolfson, which ripped SC 15-7, 15-9 in the quarterfinals. Ricks knocked the Lady Ocelots out of the tourney with a 15-12, 5-15, 16-14 victory.

"Against Jefferson, we lacked consistency in our hitting, and our serving hurt us in that match," said Teeters. The tough, three-game loss to Ricks was more difficult to take. "WE HAD no middle attack," the

SC coach recalled. "It was gone. We were going to live and die with our outside attack. We went outside in the second game and we were extremely successful. Elena Oparka and Kari Domanski were both hitting extremely well."

But in the decisive third game, Ricks adjusted its defense to stop SC's outside hitters, and it made just enough of a difference. "They didn't pick up much, but it was just enough," said Teeters.

He added the team's defense "was just great," singling out Jenny Sproul, Lisa Domke and Laura Brown. But that was true throughout the tournament. Defense, serve re-

ception and passing proved to be SC's strengths all season.

"It's nice that if you're going to fail, you don't fail at the first level," he said. "We just didn't put it all together at the end."

Angellette Love was named to the all-tournament team. Love is one of five sophomores SC will lose. The others will be equally difficult to replace: Oparka, Sproul, Brown and Christy Clark. In addition, Lisa Domke is planning to transfer to Grand Valley State.

They were the foundation of a team that compiled a 43-6 final record, including 23-4 against junior college teams. They kept SC's unbeaten string in Eastern Conference matches alive (Teeters has never lost a conference match) and collected some impressive wins this season against a schedule Teeters called his toughest ever.

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Salem wrestlers prepare title defense

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

If tradition holds up, Plymouth Salem will contend for another Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling championship early next year.

But veteran coach Ron Krueger has some legitimate concerns as the Rocks prepare to begin the 1990-91 campaign Saturday in the Temperance Bedford Invitational.

Salem, a league champion in eight of the last nine years, lost a handful of quality seniors, including WLA title winners Julian Sell, Steve Burlison, Brian Burlison and Scott Breithaupt. Other names missing are Pete Israel, who placed in the state finals as did the Burlisons, Ken Stopa and Ron Miller.

The Rocks had more than 40 wrestlers on the mats when practice began last month but 16 failed to come back Monday after a preseason scrimmage Saturday.

"Apparently, a lot hadn't had any idea how tough a sport it is," Krueger said. "I guess they found out."

"WE'RE REAL young this year. A lot of JV's didn't come back, so we're starting the year with pretty young people."

Least anyone think Salem has gone totally in the opposite direction, the Rocks do return a league champion in sophomore Scott Martin and enough experienced wrestlers to build a team around.

Martin, who started the year at 98 pounds, won the WLA championship at 103 but will move up to 112 in place of junior Dan Bonnett, who goes to 119 this year.

"He's going to have to develop more technique and be more of a wrestler than he had to be at 98," Krueger said. "The bigger you get the more you have to know how to wrestle. He'll get better as he goes."

Bonnett was second in the WLA but will have competition from senior Chad Wilson at 119. Wilson was sixth at that weight. The loser in head-to-head competition will wrestle at 125.

"(Bonnett) wrestled some good kids and did well," Krueger said. "I'll bet he had more seconds than anybody. He always

seemed to get to the (tournament) final and meet a real good wrestler."

OTHERS WHO figure prominently in Salem's plans are junior Jeff Shumate, senior Charlie Apigian and senior Ken Coker.

Shumate placed third in the WLA at 140 and will wrestle at that weight again.

"He was hot and cold last year," Krueger said. "We're hoping he'll be all hot this year. He had days when he beat good wrestlers and days when he lost to not-so-good wrestlers."

"He went to Iowa last summer and spent 28 days out there in camps. He went through some intensive training, and hopefully it's going to pay off."

Apigian wrestled at 152 and is jumping two weights to replace Israel at 171. Injuries interrupted his junior season and he's currently sidelined by a neck ailment, but Krueger expects a good year from Apigian.

"He's been working real hard, and we're real happy with the way he's looking in the

room," Krueger said. "We're hoping he's going to step in this year and do real well."

Coker split time with Breithaupt at heavyweight much of last season. But that position in the lineup is his alone this year. Furthermore, he has trimmed down from 260 pounds to 225 and should give the Rocks a solid and dependable finisher.

"HE BEAT A couple state qualifiers last year," Krueger said. "He's improved 200 percent. He's gotten a lot quicker and just feels better about himself. We're looking for him to step up and be a leader for us."

Seniors Jeff Coleman and Bob Hansen also return with some experience at 145 and 160, respectively. Freshmen John Moran and Jeff Martin are expected to step into regular roles at 98 and 135.

Krueger also has high expectations for sophomore Tom Baker, an outstanding soccer player in his first year of high school wrestling. He will wrestle 160, which could allow Hansen to drop to 152.

"(Baker) did some freestyle wrestling when he was younger, and he's strong, quick and learns quickly," Krueger said.

Sophomore Dan Phillips, junior Josh Bias and sophomore Wade Langdon, each of whom got experience in JV matches, are the top prospects at 130, 152 and 189, respectively.

Krueger expects Walled Lake Western and Farmington, with most of their teams back, to challenge the Rocks for the WLA crown. And there's always Westland John Glenn Salem's first dual meet is next Wednesday at Livonia Churchill.

"OUR MAIN target, with all the young kids, is getting them some experience and getting back up there next year," Krueger said. "But it will be hard to stay there this year."

"We've got some experience, and then you turn around and we've got a lot of younger kids. We're hoping to do well by the end of the year."

Tradition says the Rocks probably will.

Canton program on right track

By Steve Kowaleki
staff writer

Plymouth Canton wrestling coach Ray Givens might have trouble matching names with faces this year, but it's a problem he welcomes.

"The highlight of last year was seeing the young kids mature," Givens said. "They came in with baby fat and went out looking like they could do something in a year or two. They don't even look like the same kids."

Whether Givens will see immediate results remains to be seen. The Chiefs were 5-6 a year ago, but the second-year coach is encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by the returnees, parents and community.

Canton had a "Family Day" Saturday and raised \$225 for the Plymouth Canton Invitational scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15. That kind of support has Givens — a 1973 graduate of South Lyon High School and a former Schoolcraft College wrestler — excited about the season's first test, Saturday at the Belleville Invitational.

"The enthusiasm is good," Givens said. "The program used to suffer from lack of support, not only from the administration, but also the community and parents. Now we have all three. We're not going to build Rome overnight, but we will build a foundation."

wrestling

"THIS LEAGUE (Western Lakes Activities Association) is tough in both divisions. (Plymouth) Salem and Northville are the toughest in the league, but you never want to turn your backs on Livonia Churchill and (Westland) John Glenn."

Canton's first concern is replacing nine seniors who graduated, including co-captains Tim Nardini and Nick Purzer. Nardini, a 152-pounder, won the WLA meet and the Westland John Glenn Invitational. He was runner-up at the Belleville Invitational.

Purzer, meanwhile, was the class valedictorian, as well as a consistent force at 160 pounds.

"It's a hard class to get rid of," Givens said. "Those kids put a lot of effort into working with the younger kids. They didn't beat up on them, instead they tried to teach them. It was the most giving group. They really set an example."

Canton doesn't have a large senior class, but it should be boosted by the return of Liam Rentz, a 145-pounder. Rentz was 7-1 as a junior before being suspended half way through the season for disciplinary reasons.

HE HAS THE green light to compete this season.

"I think he can win the state," Givens said. "The kid has talent. Before he didn't know how to handle his emotions. He'd fly off the handle a bit, and I could tolerate that only so long."

"He has made the biggest turnaround as far as attitude goes that I've ever seen. I won't hold last year against him. He knows where I stand. I'm real proud of him."

Another senior expected to help the Chiefs is James Carnes, who will wrestle at either 125 or 130 and "has shown a lot of improvement," according to Givens.

Sophomores and juniors make up most of the 47-man roster for the Chiefs. Back for his junior year is George Young, 172-pounder who wrestled 160 last year. Givens said Young learned a lot from wrestling Purzer a year ago in practice.

"He couldn't beat Purzer last year but it was good for him," Givens said. "He's a lot better now and looks like he's on a mission."

OTHER JUNIORS expected to fill the Chiefs lineup include Jerry Flynn, 125; Mark Meszars, 189; and Chad Getiyina, 160.

The sophomore class is led by Dave Yack, 119; Bill Buslipp, 160; and Kevin Pavlov, 140.

Buslipp has been impressive, thus far.

"He never left the room when the season ended (last year)," Givens said. "This kid is going to turn some heads. He's gotten to where he knows what he's doing."

The biggest preseason surprise has come from freshman Mark Armstrong, a 119-pounder.

"He shows a lot of ability," Givens said. "I'll tell you what, he seems to know his way around the mat. He doesn't back away from anybody."

Veterans lead CC

Redford Catholic Central coach Mike Rodriguez is hoping the success enjoyed by CC's football team continues on the wrestling mats.

Four important wrestlers — seniors Rob Sylvester, Dan Suhajda and Steve Sucher and junior Dan Kelly — played for the Class AA state champion football team.

The Shamrocks won more than 20 dual meets a year ago and made it to the regional but failed to qualify for the state tournament as a team.

"The football championship has kind of juiced them up, so they're ready to go," said Rodriguez, who has six seniors he's counting on. "I'm lucky to have that many, because usually I have only four or five with experience."

The Shamrocks will miss two-time Class A champion Jay Helm, a 140-pounder now wrestling for Michigan State University.

CC should get solid wrestling from Sylvester, a heavyweight who lost in the Class A finals a year ago. Rodriguez predicts senior Rusty Fowler (119) also can challenge at the state meet.

Other key returnees include Suhajda (189), a district champion, and Kelly (171), who qualified for the state meet. Jim Whall (152), Tom McAvoy (130) and Sucher (126) also will score for the Shamrocks.

The underclassmen are led by juniors Dan Rieple (140) and Jeff Harris and sophomores Jason Krueger (160) and Adam Gianattasio (112).

The Shamrocks open the season Saturday in the Battle Creek Lakeview Invitational. Rodriguez hopes to embark on a similar trip later on this winter — for the team state championship.

"It's nice to start off there (Battle Creek), because that's where we'll end up at," Rodriguez said.

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Early hoop games set tone for Salem

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Salem's experiences last August in the first week of the girls basketball season put the Rocks on course for a successful year.

The first three games provided the insight and direction that eventually guided Salem all the way to the Final Four for the third time in five years.

It took eventual state champion Detroit Martin Luther King to stop the Rocks with a 60-38 setback in the semifinals of the Class A tournament Friday night.

"We really achieved everything we could this year," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "We maximized our ability to the end. There was not much more to be accomplished with a roadblock like Martin Luther King in the way."

A fine season — the Rocks were 22-4 and won the Western Lakes Activities Association title for the fourth time in six years — began with Salem winning the Traverse City tournament, defeating Sterling Heights and the host school.

NEITHER TEAM lost another game during the regular season and entered the post-season tournament with 19-1 records.

On the heels of that uplifting experience came a humbling experience when the Rocks were soundly beaten by No. 1-ranked Flint Powers 59-40 in their next game.

"Our season and our expectations were shaped early in the season," Thomann said. "That put us in the position to know we were pretty good but not great and we had to keep working."

"We were down 16 points to Sterling Heights and came back to win. That was important for our team to believe good things could happen. Flint Powers was a good lesson. We had beaten two pretty good teams, but we found out we weren't the best team out there."

The Rocks overcame injuries and illnesses to win 15 of their next 17 games and finish the regular season 17-3.

A key was the play of sophomore

Christy Parmucha at point guard when returning starter Kelly Austin, suffered a knee injury that required surgery and sidelined her for the entire season.

"WE NEEDED someone to step in and fill that spot, and she did a great job," Thomann said.

"Every time there was a roadblock we figured out a way to get over it. We thought we'd be a good basketball team, but we didn't know we'd lose some people and be able to carry on."

The Rocks lose only two players to graduation, Sarah Ruete and Betsy McAllister, but the duo accounted for most of Salem's outside scoring.

"We'll definitely have to make some adjustments in terms of the perimeter game," Thomann said. "Right now I don't know if we have a consistent three-point shooter like Betsy or Sarah."

Salem's strength next year should be its post-up game since that's where most of the returning players will be. Junior Darci Miller and sophomore Yolanda Jackson started at post positions, and juniors Emily Giuliani, Martha Bol and Allison Fyke and sophomore Cyndi Platter came off the bench.

"I think that became one of our strengths this year," Thomann said. "Even Cyndi Platter had some great games for us. People really stepped in when Emily went down (with spinal meningitis), and we've got a nice group of players ready to play on the inside."

WITH THE addition of Parmucha and possibly a healthy Austin to that group, the Rocks will be a team to watch again next season.

Salem will have competition in its own backyard, however.

Plymouth Canton, which played some close games with the Rocks, loses one starter, all-league guard Mary Barna, and will return quality players like Julie Nicastrini and Stephanie Gray.

"We lose two starters; they lose one," Thomann said. "They'll have four starters back; we'll have three."

CC wins with late-game rally

By Brad Emmons
staff writer

Redford Catholic Central jumped out of the basket Tuesday, pulling off a miraculous season-opening 68-65 basketball victory over host Wayne Memorial, spoiling Dan Henry's debut as coach.

The Shamrocks, who sputtered throughout much of the game, put on a furious rally in the final five minutes after being down by as many as 13 points early in the fourth quarter.

CC outscored Wayne 28-13 in the final five minutes.

"I thought we were dead," said CC coach Bernie Holowicki. "I think we stole one. We went with our '80 deny' (press). We were in it earlier, but this time it worked. And then we made three excellent plays in a row."

The first pivotal play for CC occurred with 3:27 remaining.

Bob Kummer, CC's 6-foot-5 junior who is making the transition from center to point-guard this season, scored on a drive, colliding on his way to the basket with Wayne's Greg Hartman, who was called for blocking.

OFFICIAL TOM SULLIVAN then tagged Henry, who claimed it was a charge, with a technical foul.

Given three free throws, two because of the bench technical, Kummer connected twice. The four-point play pulled CC within three, 58-55.

The 6-1 Hartman, who led Wayne with 20 points, then answered with a baseline drive and scored again to put the Zebras ahead by seven, 62-55, with 2:28 to play.

But it all unraveled for Wayne in the final 2:11.

CC's Steve Whitlow, who led all scorers with 30 points, scored six straight points, including a four-point play with 1:47 left.

And it didn't help when the Zebras

North, Farmington lose

North Farmington and Farmington were on the losing end Tuesday in their 1990-91 boys basketball season openers.

Free throws were the difference as host Berkley edged the Raiders 51-49, and visiting Farmington fell 48-37 to Waterford Kettering after scoring only four points in the last quarter.

The Bears made eight of 14 free throws, and North was 6-of-13 at the line. Both teams made 19 field goals, including five triples apiece.

Senior forward Chris White scored 23 points to lead the Raiders, and 6-6 senior Bill Chwalk had 16 points and 11 rebounds despite playing on an injured ankle.

"We're satisfied," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "We played a lot of untested kids, and they did a good job."

Berkley was led by Jim Vick with 19 points and Damon Works with 12. Farmington led 22-15 at halftime, but the Captains outscored the Falcons 19-11 in the third quarter to take a 34-33 lead.

Kettering, using a press successfully in the second half, closed the door with a 14-4 fourth period.

Senior guard Rob Cook led Farmington with eight points. Tad Smith scored a game-high 18 for the winners.

failed to convert a wide-open layup during the CC run.

The 6-4 Whitlow hit a short baseline shot over the outstretched arms of Wayne's 6-1 forward Greg Hartman. The senior also went to the line for a one-and-one, converting both, when officials ruled that he was fouled after the shot.

Now trailing by only one, 63-62, the Shamrocks' Bob Schneider deflected the in-bounds pass and hurled the ball over his head as he was flying out of play to Kummer, who converted a layup (with 1:36 to play) to give CC its first lead since the second quarter.

CC STOLE the ball again with 1:31 to go and Whitlow scored, giving his team a three-point cushion, 65-62.

Barnes cut the deficit to one again, 65-64, with 1:14 to go, but CC came right back on Kummer's backdoor layup off the delay game.

Hartman and Schneider traded free throws in the final 29 seconds to make the final count, 68-65.

"The team took it hard, they're a young team and they don't like to lose," Henry said. "It's a tough way to start the season."

Wayne jumped out to a 22-11 first-quarter lead before CC rallied to within three at intermission, 35-32.

The Zebras, despite giving up four to five inches per man, took control of things in the third quarter, opening up a 51-40 advantage.

"They're pesky and they're quick," said Holowicki of Wayne. "They scored four baskets on out-of-bounds plays, which we didn't like at all. They had a lot of second efforts, second shots. It's a team with a lot of quickness."

Despite losing all five starters from a 21-2 team of a year ago, Henry's small team played big-time.

"WE WERE READY, and I had a hunch we'd play well after the way we had played in our scrimmages," said the Wayne coach. "Hartman and Barnes played their hearts out. And they'll play hard for 30 games. This team has a lot of desire. We're just a young team. We're starting two sophomores."

Lee Williams, a junior, contributed 10 points for Wayne, while sophomore Dantes Prewitt added seven.

CC, meanwhile, was missing five players, four out with injuries including senior guard Jon Barbara, who is recuperating from the Shamrocks' long football season which resulted in a state Class A title.

With all the injuries, Holowicki decided to go with the 6-5 Kummer at point. (He finished with 22 points.)

"I've always liked tall pointguards," Holowicki said. "Wayne's quickness caused him some trouble, but Bobby's a fighter and he'll come back. He'll learn. He's got a lot of pride. I saw more plusses than I did minuses out there."

"We don't know right now. We've tried a couple of guys at that spot. Sometimes he (Kummer) reminds me of 'Zal' (former CC All-Stater and ex-North Carolina player Tom Zaligras). He's smart and he handles the ball well. It does take him away from the basket, but it's nice to have somebody that size at the point. If somebody else steps to the forefront, then we'll put Bobby back inside. We're waiting for somebody to emerge."

WHITLOW, meanwhile, also plays a lot of guard, giving CC one of the tallest backcourts in the state.

"We have to get it to him because he's so tough inside," Holowicki said. "And if he doesn't get it, Bobby will."

The two combined for 52 of CC's 68 points, including some big hoops down the stretch.

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Canton 'oldtimer' 2nd

THE OLD TIMER Bowling Association held its annual tournament and party on Sunday, Nov. 29 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Thomas Fergan, of East Detroit, won the overall championship.

Ed Wright, of Farmington Hills, took second place with 628, while Rudy Pittaway of Canton wound up second in the 55-59-year-old division with 628. West Bloomfield's Phillip Horowitz took third with 624.

In the 60-64 group, yours truly came in second place with 609. Robert Haase, of Troy, took third place in the 70-74 division with 598, with 82-year-old Joe Norris taking the 80 and over division.

Norris, now living in San Diego, Calif., was the top bowler in the Detroit area nearly 25 years ago. He was perhaps one of the all-time great bowlers, a national Hall of Fame member and a member of the great Strohs' teams back in the '40 and '50s.

Bruce Falcon, of Rochester Hills, a former bowler for the Cecil Ward youth travel team, is a member of the Saginaw Valley State University bowling team. The Cardinals set a new all-time record high game record while competing in the Collegiate Match Championships recently in St. Louis, Mo.

The team rolled a one-game score of 1310, with Falcon contributing a 265 game.

The Dunkin' Donuts winners at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia were Mark Scripsick, who shot a 180 game, and Vickie DeCamillo who shot a 149. Both players earned trips to the National Championships, Dec. 13 in Reno, Nev.

Many of the local bowling establishments are now booking the New Year's parties. Anyone interested in making arrangements for New Year's Eve should make reservations early.

The format usually consists of a mixed bowling no-tap event and buffet dinner with prize and party favors. Some also provide entertainment, including DJ's. Some of the notables will be listed in this column in weeks to come.

If you've ever wondered what the word dedication means, how about the Thompson family. Al Thompson, 70, is an avid bowler in several senior men's leagues, averaging 208 and 203 at Mayflower Lanes. His sons, Alan, 23, and Brian, 22, bowl together in the Wonderland Junior Classic at Town & Country Lanes. Brian resides in Leesburg, Va., and comes in on Tuesday and returns by airplane on Wednesday. That's dedication.

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Angler comes up with big catch

IN THE EYES of the deer hunter there are bucks, trophy bucks and record-book bucks. Such is the case with most hunters, and anglers as well.

And since there are no "record-book bucks" yet reported by area sportsmen, you deer hunters will have to take the back seat for a few paragraphs while angler (Julius) Chip Drotos basks in the spotlight.

Drotos, of Bloomfield Hills, was bass fishing with a "Momma's Cat" crankbait on Oakland County's Kirkwood Lake on Oct. 17 when he caught what he thought was "a pretty big bluegill."

What he actually landed was a new state record and a possible world record 1-pound 8 1/2-ounce green sunfish.

"I'm not really an avid fisherman," said Drotos. "But I was enjoying the weather and went out (in a paddleboat) to do a little fishing."

"I pulled in what I thought was a pretty big bluegill. My neighbor, (Rob Rodtke) who is an avid fisherman, was on shore and when he checked it out it turned out to be a green sunfish."

When Drotos reported his catch to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources the next day to receive his Master Angler patch, he learned the fish was a new state record. Three weeks later, a DNR biologist called back to inform Drotos that the fish was a possible world record.

The fish eclipsed the old state record of 1 pound 5 ounces and is expected to be certified by the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in Wisconsin as a world-record catch in the 6-pound-test line category.

"I was proud to just catch a state record," Drotos said. "I didn't realize the impact of all of this until I started talking to other fishermen."

On with the buck report:

Bob Branton, of Farmington Hills doesn't hunt with a gun, but he's been hunting with a bow and arrow for the past five years. He hunted the western section of the northern Lower Peninsula during the early part of the archery season with his friend Don Shall of Ludington.

Experiencing no success, Branton decided to try his luck on his own property in Tuscola Coun-

outdoors Bill Parker

ty. It turned out to be a very good decision. Just before sunset on Oct. 26, Branton arrowed a 140-pound four-point which bounded off into a nearby swamp. He decided to spend the night and wait until morning to retrieve the deer. The next morning he was back in the swamp before sunrise.

"I decided to sit in a tree at the end of the swamp and wait until light to go look for it," said Branton. "While I was sitting there, a seven-point came through (165-pounds); and I made a pretty good shot on him, too."

It took most of the day — because he was hunting alone — to retrieve both deer, but Branton finally made it out of the woods and returned home with two nice bucks.

Tom Plagnay of Redford was hunting a blind on the edge of an open field in Manistee County when he made a great shot, dropping a 150-pound eight-point buck at 500 paces. He shot the deer at 7:30 a.m. opening morning of the firearms season.

After field-dressing the buck and taking it back to camp, Plagnay headed back into the woods. During a lunch break at his wife's blind, Elaine Plagnay shot her first deer ever, a doe, "in mid-sandwich," said Tom.

The next day, Tom's father, Andy Plagnay, a former Redford resident who now lives in Manistee County, filled both of his licenses in a span of 20 minutes. He shot a 170-pound eight-point and minutes later bagged a 140-pound spike horn.

The elder Plagnay was hunting a road crossing between some hardwoods and a cedar swamp. Ed Zabrowski of Brighton, who hunts with the Plagnay clan, filled his license with a 145-pound spike on opening day.

Floyd Simmers of Auburn Hills took a 160-pound seven-point with his bow and arrow on Oct. 9 from a tree blind in Oakland County.

On Nov. 30, Simmers dropped a four-point with his muzzleloader in a swamp in Lapeer County.

Rochester's Jack Ross shot an eight-point buck on Nov. 25 in an Oakland County hay field.

Greg Trolley of Rochester bagged his third buck in as many years when he dropped a five-point on Nov. 23 in Oakland County.

Hunters at the Trail's End Hunting Camp near Sidnaw in the Upper Peninsula's Houghton County had plenty to celebrate this year.

Bill Wilson, of Shelby Township, called to report that seven hunters at Trail's End managed to bring down eight bucks during the firearms deer season.

Wilson got things started on opening morning when he took a 125-pound four-point.

Ishpeming's Bill Hill claimed "Buck Master" honors at the camp for the upcoming year when he dropped a 150-pound nine-point, also on opening morning.

John Hill of Ishpeming took the first of his two spike horns on opening day and followed that with his second spike horn on Nov. 18.

Other opening day bucks were downed by Sidnaw's Jerry Strickler, who bagged a three-point, and Benzon's Tom Stapleton, who took a spike horn — his first buck ever.

Deas Doll of Clarkston filled his tag on Nov. 28 when he shot a spike horn which was also his first buck.

Gene Berbaum came all the way from Vista, Calif. to participate in Michigan's firearm deer season, and he wasn't disappointed. Berbaum filled his tag with a spike horn on Nov. 27.

Wilson attributed much of the camp's success to Greg Rogers of Howell. "Greg is our tracker," said Wilson. "We call him our 'Bloodhound,' because he always helps everyone else find their deer. He always complains that he never has enough time to hunt because he's always tracking someone else's deer."

(Bill Parker will take calls from successful hunters... and anglers... on Monday evening, 6-10 p.m. He may be reached in the Birmingham office at 644-1101. Send questions or comments to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.)

Club gymnasts ready for big event

The biggest event of the year for area club gymnasts takes place this weekend at Eastern Michigan University.

The Michigan Academy of Gymnastics in Westland will be co-host for the 12th Annual Christmas Classic on Saturday and Sunday in Bowen Field House.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

More than 400 gymnasts from Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina

gymnastics

who compete at Level 10, and four belong to Michigan Academy. The quartet consists of Devon and Danielle Cunningham, Shawna Gunnis and Carrie Thompson.

Other Michigan Academy gymnasts expected to do well this weekend are Gina Genrich, Jana Stoyanovich and Zoe Yockey at Level 7 and Lisa Blackmer, Anne Abramczyk and Sara Stoyanovich at Level 6.

Genrich was second on vault in the Judges Meet at EMU recently, and the Level 6 trio was fourth in team competition.

For information on the Christmas Classic call Doug Rowe at the Michigan Academy (721-4003 or 721-4001).

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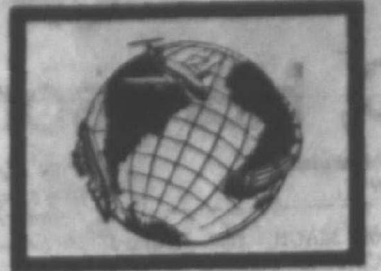
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'Tis the season — to shop

"I would kill to do that at Christmastime!"

I heard the voice through my office door. It was my friend Nora staring at a press release from Hamilton, Miller, Hudson and Fayne Travel Corporation in Southfield.

It read "New York Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree" and went on to describe one-day trips on Pan American to New York City, with transfers to Macy's. Fortunately, some were already over and some were sold out but there was still space Dec. 6, 12 and 13, leaving at 7:30 a.m. and getting back at 12:45 a.m. for \$129 to \$149.

I started to say, "call your travel agent," but she held up her hand. "I could get there but I couldn't afford to shop," she moaned. "Oh my God, look at this. Chocolate!"

She picked up the ad and read it aloud: "If you love chocolate, you'll love Hershey's Chocolate World visitors center in Chocolate Town USA." That's Hershey, Pa., home of Hershey chocolate.

That's when I found out about shopoholics and what they go through at Christmastime.

"I love to shop," she sighed. "Even if I buy a pot at K mart I feel better, because I've bought something. But we're on a budget and my husband took away my credit card. This year I can only shop by catalog or over the phone..."

There she was, a shopoholic with a glut of Christmas shopping opportunities in front of her and no credit card. We threw out the brochure from AAA Travel Agency for a December shopping trip to European Christmas markets in Germany and Austria, and the invitation to spend \$1,350 roasting chestnuts in the Ritz Hotel in London, England.

"Can you travel a little if you don't shop?" I asked.

"As long as I don't go too far and it doesn't cost much."

I lifted a bright yellow brochure that said: "Santa Claus Train Rides Through Wine Country." The third annual Santa Claus tree-cutting trains leave Kalamazoo on the Lake Shore & Chicago Railway for the Bonamego Tree Farm, a few miles west of Paw Paw, where you can cut your own Christmas tree.

The trains leave Paw Paw at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Dec. 6, 9, 15 and 16, with a special 4 p.m. train Dec. 7. Fares are \$17 for adults, \$7 kids under 12, children under 2 are free. The ticket includes hot apple cider, hot chocolate, doughnuts and snacks aboard. It costs \$25 for the Christmas tree, which is mechanically baled, tagged and delivered to the train for the return home. Call (616) 657-7037 for more information.

There are a lot of Christmas activities where you can avoid shopping if you pass the craft tables blindfolded. Check Interlochen at (616) 276-6230 for musical events through the season.

"Here's one for lots of ho-ho-ho's at Grand Traverse Resort," she said. And then she saw it. An ad for a "Power Shoppers' Weekend." "It's all right, that one is over," I said hastily. I didn't want any shopoholic fainting in my office.

It costs \$3.50 to see the new holiday laser light show, a 20-minute spectacular performed at Grand Traverse. You can also ride horse and sleigh complete with jingle bells. Call toll-free (800) TRAVERS for other activities going on in the region.

Closer to home, there is, of course, Dicken's Christmas Carol at Meadowbrook Theater or an 8:30 p.m. performance Dec. 7 and 15 at the Hibbard Tavern bed-and-breakfast in Milford. Admission is \$15 including refreshments.

You can go to Toledo to see the Lights Before Christmas display through Jan. 6 in the Zoo, Christmas by the River through Dec. 30 at the Wolcott House/Museum Complex, Children's Wonderland through Dec. 30 at Lucas County Recreation Center and Holiday Traditions through Dec. 30 at Ritter Planetarium. Shopoholics can't get in too much trouble there.

A tale of warm breezes and cool rum in Puerto Rico



A group of school kids perch atop a pile of huge cannon balls at El Morro fortress.

By **Mureen Flack**
staff writer

Like all Caribbean islands, the most important thing to do in Puerto Rico is to find a cozy spot on the beach and capture the magic of the ocean.

Needless to say, a few rum drinks blended with tropical fruits in a tall glass sporting an umbrella is enough to send anyone off into the palm tree breezes of the Caribbean and at least a few merry-making nights out.

For years, Puerto Rico has been a major exporter of rum. Last year, nearly 85 percent of the rum sold in the United States came from Puerto Rico.

I enjoyed several tours of various distilleries, which have a history all their own including pirate tales and origins of drinks. Call the distillery (Bacardi, Barrilito, Boca Chica, Captain Morgan, Castillo, Don Q, Palo Viejos, Ron Boy, Ron Lieve, Ronrico and Ron Superior). You can also call the Puerto Rico Tourism Co. toll-free from Michigan to reserve a tour or for other information: (800) 223-6530.

It wasn't only the wafting rums that enchanted me with the island. The tranquility of Puerto Rico offered, among other things, the perfect sunset, allowing me to forget about the chaos I left on my office desk back home.

Like all Caribbean islands, the most important thing to do in Puerto Rico is to find a cozy spot on the beach and capture the magic of the ocean. Vendors line the shore with their wares while bronze bodies soak up the rays. The sand is as warm as it comes and there's nothing better than a barefoot stroll along the coast before dinner.

The island cradles a population of 3.5 million, one million of whom

live in metropolitan San Juan.

Spanish is the official language and most Puerto Ricans know at least some English so you can usually get your message across.

I was amused by one tradition that seems to remain intact: Street workers would practice their mid-afternoon siesta and drop to the pavement or under a tree, it didn't seem to matter where, for a quick nap, and as temperatures rose, a siesta didn't seem like a bad idea for me either as I tried to catch the sights in the island's heat.

I took a 90-minute ride across the island from San Juan to Ponce one day. The ride journeys through a utopian-like blast of dramatic mountain scenery and peaceful countryside.

I didn't get a chance to see the Yunque rain forest, 35 miles east of San Juan in the Luquillo Mountains. The rain forest has become a popular visitor site in the past few years. It roams for 28,000 acres and is the only tropical rain forest in the U.S. Forest Service.

Ponce, Puerto Rico's second largest city was even more tranquil than San Juan. The city park and shops are clustered together making downtown an easy stroll through the cobblestoned streets.

I gained nearly 10 pounds while I was in Puerto Rico, even though I

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Light festival adds sparkle to Christmas

By **Nicki and Harold Chodnof**
special writer

Communities across the country may be settling down for a long winter's nap, but not Wheeling, W.Va. They have flicked the switch and turned on the lights for the annual "Festival of Lights."

What started in 1985 as a way to relieve end-of-the-year doldrums during tourist-starved winter months has escalated into America's largest light festival.

More than 70 major lighted displays attract nearly 300,000 visitors through February in downtown Wheeling and Oglebay (pronounced O-gul-bee) Park.

Visitors are greeted by lighted sidewalk trees, storefront displays and 250 giant lighted snowflakes, lining downtown business-area streets. More than 40 giant lighted displays are seen throughout the city.

A kick-off celebration performance got the Festival rolling November 15, followed on November 16 by

the annual gigantic holiday parade. All floats must be lighted.

Since the Festival's inception, celebrities and artists such as the Drifters, Janie Frickie, Willard Scott and Loretta Lynn have appeared in Wheeling during the light show.

In Oglebay Park, more than 900,000 multicolored holiday lights glow from dusk until 11 p.m. through Jan. 30 and on weekends through February.

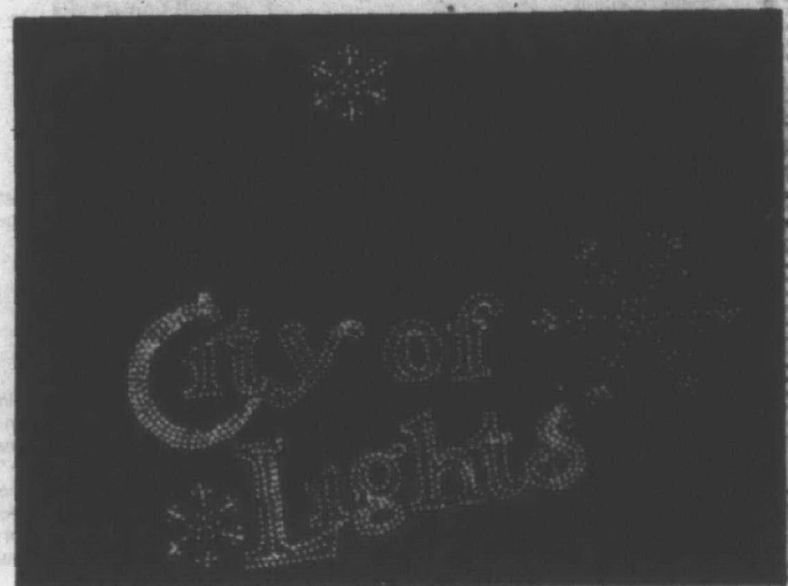
The free driving tour runs for seven miles through the city-owned 1500-acre park, which showcases 32 giant lighted displays that include

four new designs for 1990.

Lighting is not limited to displays. Selected landscape vistas, historical buildings and natural tree groupings on the property are bathed or outlined by twinkling holiday lights.

Downright giddy with excitement, visitors view jumbo-sized breathtaking exhibits like tumbling teddy bears or the Stars and Stripes behind Miss Liberty, and believe in Santa and the sugar plum fairy again. Jaded, sophisticated spectators turn into children once more.

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Wheeling, W.Va., proclaims its Festival of Lights with sparkling style. The annual light display attracts visitors from across the country.

Holiday excursions offer something for everyone

You can see them from an old-fashioned steam train. You can see them from a Victorian village. Anyway you look at it, you'll see lights in front of your eyes at Crossroads Village through the end of the year.

Christmas at the Crossroads lights up the sky near Flint from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays until December 30. The Huckleberry Railroad leaves on its first daily run at 4 p.m.

A musical revue, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," will be performed several times each day in the Colwell Opera House, and local choirs and organists will provide music in the Coldwater Chapel.

The General Store will be well-stocked for holiday shopping and the village's official U.S. Post Office will be open to handle the thousands of cards mailed by visitors every year. Each card is hand-canceled with the

distinctive Crossroads cancellation. Handprinted cards are also available in the Village Print Shop.

St. Nick and Frosty the Snowman will be on hand to visit with the children. The whole family will enjoy rides on the village's gorgeous 1912 Parker Carousel and horse-drawn wagon rides through the gaily decorated streets.

Informal buffet Christmas dinners are served at the adjacent Mott

Farm, and reservations can be made by calling (313) 736-7100.

Tickets, which include admission to Crossroads Village and a 25-minute excursion aboard the Huckleberry Railroad, are \$5.95 for adults, \$4.95 for seniors 60 and up, and \$3.95 for children 4-12. Children under 4 are free.

Crossroads Village is just north of Flint. Follow I-475 off either I-75 or I-69 to Exit 11. For additional infor-

mation, call Genesee County Parks at (313) 736-7100 between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

Christmas celebrations like this are lighting up the world all over Michigan. The Sinterklaas celebration is in Holland through Dec. 16. There's an Old-Fashioned Christmas in Battle Alley, Holly, Fridays and Saturdays through Christmas Eve.

Other Christmas festivities include the Christmas Carnival Hall through Dec. 18, A Christmas Candlewalk in Flushing and a Dow Gardens Christmas Walk in Midland Dec. 6 & 7, Christmas at Courthouse in Charlotte Dec. 9, Christmas at the Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek Dec. 12-23 and Dec. 26-30.

There's a Christmas Fantasyland Train Ride in Bridgeport Dec. 21-23, celebrations at the Nature Center in Kalamazoo weekends through Dec. 23 and the Festival of Lights in Ypsil-

anti through Dec. 31.

Ski Trips

Skiers interested in braving the slopes of Colorado and Utah are invited to participate in upcoming ski trips offered by the Traveling Teachers of Detroit. The primary purpose of Traveling Teachers of Detroit is to develop ski trips that coincide with the vacation schedules of school districts in the Metro Detroit area. However, you need not be a teacher to participate, and both adults and children are welcome on all trips. Upcoming trips are:

• Dec. 28-Jan. 4 (\$899 per person), New Year's Week in Salt Lake City.

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Holiday outings offer fun for all

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Utah (Also in Snowbird, Alta, Park City, Deer Valley, Brighton, Sundance, Solitude and more.)

• Feb. 14-18 (\$580 per person) and Feb. 18-23 (\$760 per person), "A Taste of Colorado" (Copper, Keystone, Abasin, Breckenridge, Vail, Loveland).

• March 30-Apr. 6 (\$650 per person), Spring Break in Aspen, Colo.

For further details on these ski trips or information on other upcoming recreational trips through the Traveling Teachers of Detroit, call Bonnie Linklater (313) 653-4393 or Sam Wolfe (313) 661-0675.

Going South . . .

Tennessee is hosting a wide variety of special events, unusual exhibits, spectacular displays, historic home tours, and Christmas celebrations this year. In Nashville, visit the Opryland Hotel for country musical celebrations, or take the kids to hear holiday stories read by well-known entertainers. In Pigeon Forge, celebrate a "Smokey Mountain Christmas" at Dollywood Fridays, Satur-

There's a Christmas Fantasyland Train Ride in Bridgeport Dec. 21-23, celebrations at the Nature Center in Kalamazoo weekends through Dec. 23 and the Festival of Lights in Ypsilanti through Dec. 31.

days and Sundays only through Dec. 18, and don't miss the "Smokey Mountain Winterfest" through Feb. 23. Call Tennessee Dept. Tourist Develop. (615) 741-7994.

Celebrate the holidays "Southern style" by attending the Savannah, Ga., 16th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes, sponsored by The Downtown Neighborhood Association. The doors of Savannah's lovely homes will be open Saturday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. and again from 5 to 7 p.m. for the "candlelight tour," and Sunday, Dec. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person, \$10 for groups of 15 or more. Call toll-free (800) 627-5030.

If your holiday travel includes the Carolinas, you won't want to miss the Asheville, N.C., "Light Up Your Holidays Festival." Events are scheduled through December 31 and include holiday entertainment the whole family will enjoy. And don't miss "A Grove Park Inn Christmas," through January 1. The celebration features sing-alongs with the Grove Park Inn Chorus, visits with Santa Claus, craft demonstrations, afternoon tea, dulcimer music, walking tours, horse-drawn carriage rides, gingerbread village and a train exhibit. Lavish decorations, including festive theme trees, yards of garland, 1,000 poinsettias and other floral displays will be featured during

the Christmas holiday.

Closer to home in Noblesville, Ind., The Connor Prairie Museum invites you to join it through December 23 for the "Festival of Gingerbread" where gingerbread houses of all shapes and sizes will be displayed, and Dec. 8-23 for "Conner Prairie by Candlelight." Call (317) 776-6000. "Holiday Fest" in Fort Wayne includes a variety of events including concerts by the Philharmonic and performances of the Nutcracker Ballet. Call toll-free (800) 767-7752.

Hotel special

The Marriott Hotels, Resorts and Suites are offering a \$49 holiday rate of \$49 per room from Dec. 13, 1990 through Jan. 6, 1991 at their 178 domestic U.S. hotels (New Year's Eve not included). Rooms must be reserved 14 days in advance and payment is non-refundable. Children 6 and under eat free. Call toll-free (800) 228-9290.



IRIS SANDERSON JONES

An ancient-looking tower at El Morro is a colorful and historic attraction to visit in Puerto Rico.

Warm breezes, cool rum in Puerto Rico

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jogged down the beach every morning, San Juan boasts some of the finest gourmet restaurants in the United States and the Caribbean.

For fine dining, El San Juan Hotel and Casino has several exquisite restaurants including La Verandah. I had to try Peter Ivanovich's (an internationally acclaimed chef) Puerto Rican cuisine, poached veal loin stuffed with a mousse of yucca and a sauce of pistachio and aji dulce. And for dessert, I indulged in his original Pina Colada ice cream with Don Q white rum.

Then there was Los Faisanes, a chic restaurant in Condado, with flawless pheasant and seafood cuisine. Ask Lucky Luciano, Los Faisanes' bartender, to stir up a "Hi Mamee" drink made with exotic mamee apples and dark rum, and tell him, "Salud from Detroit."

I stayed at the elegant El San Juan Hotel & Casino, but if you're not a resort traveler, Puerto Rico has accommodations for a quieter taste with paradore, noted for their homey atmosphere and good food. Each of the 15 paradores in Puerto Rico are nestled in a historic building or a suite of scenic beauty. Prices are reasonable and range from \$35 to \$76 per night. For a listing call (800) 443-0266.

El Convento in Old San Juan was built in the 17th Century and served as a convent for the Carmelite nuns until 1903. Today, the old building has been renovated into a fascinating hotel with some of its simple, delicate rooms offering the most breathtaking views of the bay. El Convento rooms begin at \$150 per night. Call El Convento at (800)468-2779.

Aside from great shops and restaurants, the Old San Juan historic district gave me the most distinct taste of the island's culture with Spanish colonial architecture, narrow cobblestone streets and wrought iron balconies.

El Morro in Old San Juan is perhaps the most visited site by travelers. This Spanish fort was built in the mid-1500s to protect settlers from an invasion by the English. The fort sits along the San Juan harbor and is structured to sight bay intruders from miles away.

Traveling is easy to Puerto Rico. As a commonwealth, the U.S. dollar is the currency and there are no customs or entry requirements.

Pick up a *Que Pasa*, the official visitors guide to Puerto Rico, when you arrive on the island, or write to Que Pasa, Box 4435, Old San Juan Station, San Juan Puerto Rico. For more information on Puerto Rico, contact the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, 575 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10017, or call (800) 223-6530.

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And these are no ordinary displays. They are huge. Some all-time crowd-pleasing favorites include a candy cane wreath glittering with 30-foot red and white candy canes surrounded by a 60-foot green and red holly wreath.

The "Twelve Days of Christmas" display brings to life that famous carol in football-field size, sparkling with more than 28,000 lights. A golden 32-foot menorah rises through a blue Star of David, commemorating the Jewish Festival of Lights.

My favorite is the Fantasy Light Tunnel. Eleven arches containing 1,243 white lights and crystal snowflakes capture and contort car headlights when driving through. The effect is what I imagine traveling on the starship Enterprise at warp-seven would be like, a stream of iridescent odd-shaped rainbows and bursts of white-heavenly light.

To transform winter darkness into a spectacular panorama of lights, a lighting display authority was hired to design the Oglebay effects. To understand the caliber and quality of the effects, the designer's other credits include lighting the Taj Mahal, the Parthenon in Greece and the Great Pyramids.

The Festival of Lights is a community-wide effort. Students at area high schools fabricate the major displays at Oglebay. Thousands of

In Oglebay Park, in Wheeling, W. Va., more than 900,000 multicolored holiday lights glow from dusk until 11 p.m. through Jan. 30 and on weekends through February.

working hours are volunteered by students in attaching the support wires and lights. Civic and church groups join in and sponsor theme displays.

Caught up in the holiday spirit, Wheeling residents dress up homes. Friendly competition between neighborhoods provides added viewing pleasure for visitors attending the Festival.

For a unique point of view, try a fly-over tour. A bird's eye perspective of Oglebay's illuminated grounds and displays, complete with dinner, is available from the Anchor Room (304) 394-5537. Their "Dinner & Flights to the Festival of Lights" packages are available through Jan. 30, 1991, at \$35 per person.

Once in Wheeling, there are a number of other things to do and see. The adventure of river travel on the Valley Voyager sternwheeler beckons with excursions ranging from 45 minutes to three-hours.

live country music show.

Wheeling is conveniently located one-hour west of Pittsburgh, Pa. on I-70. In 1989, 3.5 million visitors viewed the combined Oglebay/Wheeling light show. It does become crowded. To help make your visit more enjoyable, consider these helpful hints:

- Allow plenty of time to view Oglebay displays. Traffic can become congested at the Park.
- Choose alternate routes, available from the Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- Go during non-peak mid-week nights, except Christmasweek and Thanksgiving.
- When in Wheeling call the fun phone line (304) 233-2709, for the day's events and activities.
- If fighting traffic is not your idea of fun, bus tour operators sponsor trips to the Festival. When you leave the driving to someone else, you can enjoy the beauty of the Festival from the comfort of a well-padded bus seat.

- For more information on accommodations and activities, contact your travel agent or the Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau, toll-free (800) 828-3097.

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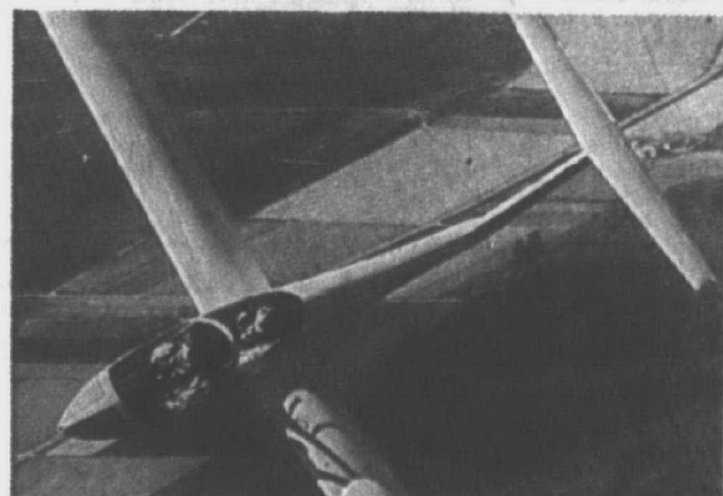
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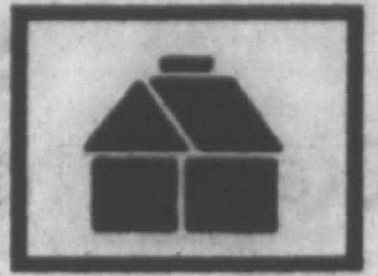
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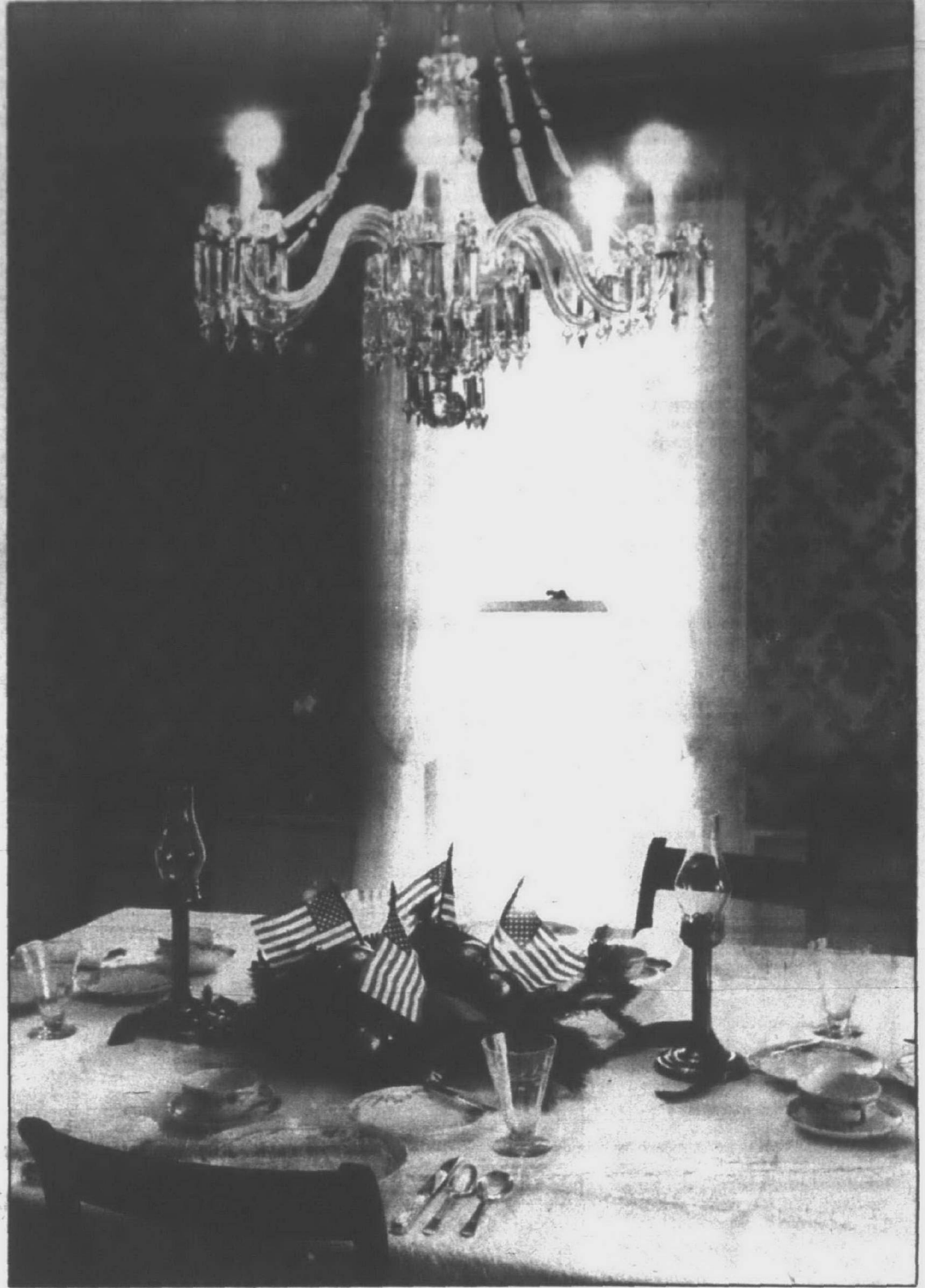


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Country Lane Flower Shops' floral arrangement brightens the great room of this Coventry Gardens home in Livonia. The tile steps lead to the dining area.



photos by JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

A centerpiece of greenery, flags and ornaments cast the Hill House dining room at Greenmead in a patriotic glow.

Friends hosting walk to benefit Greenmead

By Janice Tigar-Kramer
special writer

FOR A glimpse behind the doors of seven private homes cheerfully decorated for the holidays, consider Livonia's annual Christmas Walk from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

Advance tickets are \$5 at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia City Hall and all Livonia libraries, or \$6 the day of the walk at Greenmead's Hill House (use the Newburgh Road entrance).

Booklets with a tour map and description of each house will be available only on Saturday at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, or at the Hill House. Tour goers also may go through the historic Hill House, a Greek Revival style farmhouse, which will be decorated in a bright, patriotic theme.

'We want to dispel the notion that Livonia is a cookie-cutter community. We have a cross-section of home styles here that date back to the turn of the century.'

— Theresa Jaye, walk chairwoman

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead sponsors the second annual Christmas Walk. Proceeds will be used to restore Greenmead's Alexander Blue House, an Italianate style house built before 1850 and the former home of Alexander Blue, once a county auditor, township su-

pervisor and justice of the peace. Plans call for the 13-room house to be used as a conference center and reception hall for Greenmead's nearby chapel.

BESIDES BEING a major fundraiser, the Christmas walk is one way for the city to exhibit its diverse architecture.

"We want to dispel the notion that Livonia is a cookie-cutter community," said Theresa Jaye, walk chairwoman. "We have a cross-section of home styles here that date back to the turn of the century."

Each home on the walk will be filled with holiday flowers and decorations donated by one of six Livonia florists. One homeowner plans her own decorating this year. The Livonia Historical Society will decorate eight rooms of the 149-year-old Hill House.

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Symphony stages 'The Nutcracker'



Bettina Sulser of New York will perform the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet.

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

Before the evening ended, trumpets would announce the violins, then a single crash of a cymbal resounding through the rehearsal hall would awaken the 1990 holiday season with the magic music of "The Nutcracker" by Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky.



In an hour and a half, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's rehearsal, under the direction of Francesco DiBlasi, would begin with Tchaikovsky's March of the Trumpets. The Livonia Symphony Orchestra, along with the Contemporary Civic Ballet under director Rose Marie Floyd, will present two performances of Tchaikovsky's Suite from the Ballet, "The Nutcracker," on Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, in the

Churchill High School Auditorium, Livonia.

"We are importing two dancers from the American Ballet Theater for 'The Nutcracker,'" said Francesco DiBlasi, conductor of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Bettina Sulser and Fritz Masten are the New York dancers who will perform roles in "The Nutcracker," Sulser as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Masten as the Cavalier and Snow King. Sulser has danced professionally since 1984 with the American Ballet Theater under artistic director Mikhail Baryshnikov.

At 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and the Contemporary Civic Ballet will present the full production of "The Nutcracker" with Sulser and Masten.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, the orchestra and ballet will present Act II of "The Nutcracker," Gene Autry's "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" with guest conductor, Santa Claus; "Toy Symphony" by Haydn; "Disney

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Fritz Masten will perform the roles of the Cavalier and Snow King in the Livonia production of "The Nutcracker."

She's a deserving award winner; Smile and Say Read

TAPPING THE creative pipeline:
• She's Co to those of us who work with her.

And it's no surprise Corinne Abatt of the Observer & Eccentric staff was one of nine 1990 Governor's Arts Awards winners Monday at a lavish dinner at the Clubland in Detroit.

The statewide awards honor excellence and recognize leadership in the arts, two qualities Co exudes.

Co won the Media Honor Roll Award "for fostering public recognition and support of the arts and artists in Michigan through a sustained commitment to providing significant media coverage."

Creative Living editor of the Eccentric newspapers since 1975, the Beverly Hills resident not only appreciates the arts, she also can write about them with style and verve yet

simply. Co figures she has tapped out more than 1,000 major stories on the arts. But her love for chronicling such artistry hasn't faded. As she put it: "In most instances, I've enjoyed the people."

Co is on a first-name basis with most of the major local movers and shakers in the arts world. And gallery owners in communities served by the Eccentric typically look to her first when they host a major exhibit.

When WJBK-TV2 recently did a prime-time news report on the growing Birmingham arts colony, they quoted Co as an authoritative voice.

Her goals when she took her job tell much about her top priority: to bring the world of fine art into the homes of folks who enjoy the arts



Bob Sklar

but who aren't necessarily connoisseurs.

Co strives to expose readers to events and people who comprise the arts, to portray artists as vital community assets and to highlight the excitement and richness of artistic creations.

To Co, the arts are a friend. To her they make a difference in our everyday lives. That's keynoted through the special way she can make them interesting for even the casual arts

follower. Thanks, Co, for being such an inspiration to co-workers, readers and arts devotees alike.

You've earned this moment in the sun.

• Smile and Say Read. That's the theme of the Year of the Lifetime Reader Photo Contest.

To remind Americans of the power and pleasure of reading as a lifelong activity, Librarian of Congress James Billington has designated 1991 as the Year of the Lifetime Reader.

Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to capture the spirit of lifelong reading and vie for prizes in a contest sponsored by the Farmington Friends of the Library, American Library Association and Library of Congress' The Center for

the Book. Your subjects await in classrooms, at the library, in coffee shops, at home, in the park, at bookstores — anywhere people read.

Entries will be judged on photo quality and artistic merit. Prizes will be awarded in youth and adult divisions for black-and-white and color photos.

Entries, due Jan. 10, will be displayed at the Farmington Hills library during judging. Winners will be picked during National Book Week Jan. 20-26.

For entry details, call the Farmington Community Library: 553-0300. Photographers may enter only one local "Year of the Lifetime Reader Photo Contest."

Top local winners will be eligible for national competition with a

\$2,000 grand prize awarded during National Library Week April 14-20.

Why make such a fuss about bookworms? As historian Barbara W. Tuchman put it:

"Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill. They are engines of change, windows on the world, 'lighthouses' (as a poet said) 'erected in the sea of time.'"

Added Farmington librarian Maureen Baugh: "We're always looking for ways to get people into libraries and get them to read. We're hoping this contest will help."

So do I. Bob Sklar is the O&E's assistant managing editor for special projects.

Steady

Practice how you hold camera

How you hold your camera is important in order to obtain sharp pictures. Camera movement during exposure is one of the most frequent causes of fuzzy photos.

Too often, I've seen amateur photographers jerk the shutter release button and what could have been a prize-winning picture is hopelessly lost to camera jiggles.

There are some simple techniques you can follow when not using a tripod to minimize the shakes and maximize the chances of steady and sharp pictures.

To start with, hold your camera in a way that's both comfortable and steady. If right handed, grasp the right side of your camera in your right hand with your forefinger gently resting on the shutter release.

Cup the camera body in your left palm with your fingers on the focusing ring. For left-handers, just



photography

Monte Nagler

reverse the positions.

KEEP YOUR arms and elbows against your body, not suspended in air. Stand firmly on the ground with your feet slightly wider than shoulder width. Hold your camera tightly against your face, take a breath, hold it, and gently squeeze the shutter release. Chances are you'll make a picture free from camera movement.

You can even brace yourself against a nearby tree or set your camera atop a fence post or car

roof to improve sharpness.

What shutter speed should you use? It depends on the size of the lens you're using. A general rule is to use a shutter speed equal to or faster than the focal length of the lens. For example, use a shutter speed of 1/60 second or faster when using a normal 50 mm lens. A 1/250 second speed should be used with a 300mm lens and a 1/15 second or faster with a 17mm wide angle lens.

With zoom lenses, this guideline still holds true. Just use a shutter speed close to wherever you've set your zoom.

A golfer will practice his swing and his grip of the club. A marksman will practice squeezing the trigger. Photographers, too, should practice their handling and shooting techniques.



No signs of camera jiggles in this picture. Monte Nagler used proper holding techniques to produce this photograph of a scene at Point Lobos, Calif.

Chamber choir at Cranbrook

The 28-voice Chamber Choir of Eastern Michigan University will present a program of music by the great choral masters at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Cranbrook House, 580 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

The program of music by composers from the Renaissance to the 20th century, will be directed by Leonard L. Riccinto.

Concertgoers will be greeted outside Cranbrook House front door by a traditional brass choir playing old and familiar carols.

A festive holiday reception in the Oak Room will follow the concert.

Parking is in Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot, Lone Pine at Cranbrook with shuttle bus service to the door.

For ticket information, call 751-2435.

Match media to subject for best results

"Da...vid... Da...vid. The voice called in the middle of the night. Sitting up in bed, I realized it must have been a dream.

"Da...vid..." again I heard it, it was almost spiritual. Stumbling toward the voice, I made my way into the kitchen as the refrigerator light bathed my sleepy eyes. I saw the source of my calling, apple pie. It haunted me, it drove and heaped me night and day until finally I ate the whole thing!

Just a few weeks ago, I was outside working in the summer heat. Sandy brought me some water and asked if I was ready for lunch. Feeling healthy, I said, "No, Hon, I'm just gonna eat an apple, thanks anyway."

This summer's heat really did seem to turn off my appetite. But, oh, how things have changed since

the cool weather came in. The vision of a bowl of fruit pales in the unholy glow of a chocolate-covered doughnut and coffee (double cream). It scares me to think of entering the holiday season with writhing taste buds!

There are many of you artists out there that choke when you think of certain media/or subjects. My goal for myself and my students is to be able to use whatever media best suits whatever subject we intend to do.

I DON'T want to feel like there is a media or subject that I couldn't handle or execute for myself or my customers. To do this, you must feel free enough to move out of the safety of your favorite media or your favorite subject.



artifacts

David Messing

I like to think of media or subjects that I am rusty or inexperienced in and consistently develop them until they become a strength. I would hate to be remembered as just a wildlife artist or a commercial artist or a sign painter.

Likewise, I wouldn't want only to be known as a watercolorist or an oil painter or pen and ink artist. I would love it if we all could be versatile and unafraid to say, "I don't know

but I will learn" or "I can't draw it yet but I will soon." Art lessons, of course, will help speed you toward this goal.

Lessons often force you into the sometimes uncomfortable position where you realize that you don't know what to do next. Well, that is precisely the point where learning begins.

Lessons in art offer you the opportunity to "get stuck" in the presence

of the teacher. What you are paying money for is to learn. What a particular pleasure it is for the teacher to show the student that their supposed "deadend" was merely a "rest stop" for learning.

I GUESS it is like the musician who consistently works at a particular score of music. When it is finally mastered, he or she moves into other, perhaps more difficult pieces.

Or you could compare it to playing a video game that you just can't put down until you succeed on a certain level.

Then with hardly a pat on the back, you go at it again, seeking for yet a higher level. Now if you don't see your need for growth, then let me ask you a few questions.

Could you do a portrait of Uncle

Bill? Can you do an oil of your sister's dog or would pastel be more your choice? Here is a commercial product, could you do a pen and ink of it for a brochure?

The church needs a 3-by-15 paper banner sign. Would or could you handle it? Or finally, could you do a cartoon for a magazine article? Of course, you must see your need to grow as I certainly see my own weaknesses. What I am trying to say is, don't run away from your weak subjects or media.

Instead, run to them. Stay with them until you master them and then move into yet another weakness. Whether by instruction or self-criticism, you can learn to use any media. You can also, by instruction or your own careful study, correctly represent any subject.

Mexican mask exhibit planned for Cranbrook

Mexico's richest and most popular folk art traditions will be featured in the exhibition "Mexican Masks from the Collection of Rafael Coronel" on view Dec. 14 through Feb. 24 at Cranbrook Art Museum, Lone Pine and Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

The exhibition is a selection from Mexican painter Rafael Coronel's collection of 6,000 masks and includes 400 examples dating from the 16th century to the present.

A PROGRAM of activities relating to the exhibition will be scheduled.

Prehispanic masks dating from the 16th century, colonial masks and contemporary masks are featured in the exhibit. They represent the history, heritage and world view of Mexico's diverse population, which includes 50 Indian tribes as well as people of Spanish and African descent.

The masks originated in southern and northern regions of Mexico and include examples from Veracruz, Michoacan, Oaxaca, Puebla, Jalisco, Chiapas and Guanajuato. Among the ethnic groups represented are the Nahuatl, the Purepecha, the Huasteco, the Otomi and the Yaqui.

MASKS HAVE been used in Mexico throughout the centuries for magical festivities, religious ceremonies and folkloric dances. The person

wearing a mask can heal illness, become an angel or conjure the gods by taking on the appearance of his enemies.

The shape, the colors and even the materials with which each mask was built have a special meaning that was commonly understood by the observers. Most of the masks in the exhibition are made of wood, carved by hand and decorated with oil paints and other media.

NOTED PAINTER and collector Rafael Coronel, who was married to the daughter of Mexican painter and muralist Diego Rivera, began collecting masks in 1973.

Coronel's extensive collection is regarded as the most comprehensive of its kind. It is housed in the Rafael Coronel Museum, which Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari opened earlier this year in the painter's native city of Zacatecas.

erosity of Juan and Rafael Coronel.

CRANBROOK ACADEMY of Art Museum offers temporary exhibitions focusing on contemporary trends in the visual arts. Its permanent collection features work by Cranbrook artists, architects and designers. Museum hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday.

Guided tours are available with advance notice.

Cranbrook Academy of Art, along with its contemporary art museum, is a division of Cranbrook Educational Community, which also includes Cranbrook Institute of Science and Cranbrook Schools.

This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Collection of master prints on exhibit

"Master Prints of Five Centuries: The Alan and Marianne Schwartz Collection" is being shown exclusively at the Detroit Institute of Arts through Jan. 6.

This exhibition is a selection of nearly 200 master prints from the 15th century to 1950, with examples of all the major printmaking techniques: woodcut, engraving, etching and lithography.

Innovative painter-printmakers from Albrecht Durer to George Bellows are represented by some of their finest prints.

The collectors, residents of Bloomfield Hills, have a long association with the Detroit Institute of Arts. Detroit attorney Alan E. Schwartz is an adviser to the City of Detroit Arts Commission and a sen-

ior partner in the firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn.

Marianne Schwartz has been a trustee of the museum's Founders Society since 1970 and is a member of its executive committee. She is an honorary member of the board of directors of the Founders Graphic Arts Council.

This exhibition celebrates the 10th

anniversary of the establishment of the DIA's Schwartz Graphic Arts Galleries, made possible by the Schwartz' gift and named in honor of the couple and their children - Marc, Kurt and Ruthanne. The exhibition is made possible by the city of Detroit, the state of Michigan, the Founders Society and the Schwartz Family Foundation.

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AUTHOR SIGNING

Kathleen Stocking, author of the popular northern-Michigan book, "Letters from the Leelanau," will sign copies of her book from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at Borders Book Shop, Novi Town Center, off Novi Road, just south of I-96. The book is published by the University of Michigan Press.

FACULTY PERFORMING

Center for Creative Studies-Institute of Music and Dance will present a vocal chamber music recital featuring the vocal and instrumental faculty and guest artists at 8 p.m. Friday, 200 E. Kirby in the Detroit Cultural Center. For ticket information, call 872-3118, ext. 432.

PIANIST TO PLAY

Pianist Bess Bonnier, Detroit's "First Lady of Jazz," will be joined by bassist Paul Keller for the second performance of the Detroit Chamber Winds Nightnotes series. The concert is set for 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Machus Sly Fox.

Nightnotes is an eclectic monthly series of late-night music and mood sponsored by Detroit Chamber Winds and Machus Sly Fox Restaurant, 725 S. Hunter, just south of Maple in Birmingham.

Performances are accompanied by wine, coffee and Machus pastries. Admission is \$12, including the refreshments.

Bonnier is renowned for her extraordinary jazz stylings. Most recently, she was featured before a capacity crowd at Hart Plaza as part of the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival. Keller is among the area's most respected jazz musicians.

Future Nightnotes performances include a Jan. 11 appearance by The Story Peddler, William Alfred Boyce, and "Notes with Brahms" on Feb. 8, featuring clarinetist Laurence Liberson, cellist Debra Fayroian and pianist Robert Conway. Reservations are recommended. Call Machus Sly Fox, 642-6900.

HOLIDAY FEST

Westland Cub Scout Pack 864 and Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City will perform in the Hotel St. Regis holiday festival, "Where All Your Holiday Dreams Come True."

There will be free entertainment and refreshments at the Detroit hotel, decorated in traditional holiday

style, including floral arrangements.

The scouts will perform 6 p.m. Dec. 13, the church group 8:30 p.m. Dec. 18.

The festival runs through Dec. 21. Local choir and instrumental groups perform 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. weekdays.

ON STAGE

The American Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform: 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 at St. Genevieve Parish; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 at American House Retirement Residence; and 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, all in Livonia.

CRECHE DISPLAY

One-hundred nativity scenes from around the world will be featured at a creche display at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 31450 Six Mile at Merriman, in Livonia, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.

The display, free of charge, shows the birth of Christ from the point of view of many different cultures and through many art forms. Among the materials used are wood, clay, glass, paper, and fabric.

AUTHOR SIGNS

Redford Township author Shelly Thacker will sign copies of her debut novel, "Falcon on the Wind," from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Sweet Afton Tea Room, 985 N. Mill, Plymouth.

She will also be signing books from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22 at B. Dalton Bookseller in Wonderlind Mall, Livonia.

The novel, set in medieval France and Scotland, was one of six national finalists in the 1989 Romance Writers of America (RWA) Golden Heart Competition. It also won four regional RWA awards.

The story follows the adventures of ex-mercenary Connor of Glenshiel and heiress Laurien d'Amboise as they work to thwart an English takeover of Scotland. From a besieged French castle to the Scottish Highlands, they discover dangerous secrets, and fall in love. Thacker spent 2 1/2 years researching and writing the novel.

The trade magazine, "Romantic Times," gave "Falcon on the Wind" a four-plus rating, a rare compliment for a first-time author.

Reviewer Kathe Robin said, "Shelly Thacker's 'Falcon on the Wind' joins the ranks of the finest medieval captive/captor stories, along with those by Elizabeth Stewart and Johanna Lindsey. A new star of medieval romance is on the rise."

Luminaries aid local symphony

By Linda Ann Chomin special writer

The Plymouth Symphony League is continuing its tradition of selling luminaria kits on behalf of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

The orchestra's operating budget will receive half of the sales from the luminaria kits sold this holiday season. The rest of the money will benefit the Trailwood Garden Club.

What are luminaria kits? Luminaria are lanterns made from a cuffed paper bag and a candle. The bottom of the bag is weighted with two cups of sand, rock salt, bird seed or kitty litter. This keeps the lanterns from being blown away when lit; they are placed at curbside on Christmas Eve.

"Luminaria or luminaries are a holiday tradition borrowed from the Southwest," said Laurene Vigil, a league member in charge of publicity for the kits.

"On Christmas Eve, the Spanish place the lanterns alongside the curbs to light the way for the Holy Family."

The luminaria kits cost \$3.50.

They contain 10 candles and 10 white paper bags. Adapted from a Spanish custom, the league luminaries will be lit and placed curbside in the community at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

"In the last couple of years, the sale of the luminaria kits has earned over \$2,000 for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra," Vigil said.

Throughout the year, the league holds various events to aid the orchestra's operating budget for the season. On Dec. 1 at a Christmas Ball, league president Linda Hart presented a check for \$10,000 to the orchestra.

The next scheduled fund-raising event will be the league's winter antique mart Jan. 11-12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Luminaria kits will be sold by the league from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 15 at Westchester Mall in Plymouth and on Dec. 8, 15 and 22 at Kroger's, Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, in Plymouth.

For more information, call league chairwoman Jill Licata: 459-3827.

experience, a pleasant voice that blends well with others, above average tonal memory, some sight-reading ability, one prepared solo of your choice. Call Dianne Cragg, 881-5499.

DSO CONCERTS

Virtuoso conductor/violinist/violist Joseph Silverstein leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in its annual holiday performances of Bach's complete Brandenburg Concerti 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at Orchestra Hall.

Performing with Silverstein will be soloists from the DSO: Alexander Mishaevski, viola; Ervin Monroe and Shaul Ben-Mier, flutes; Donald Baker, oboes; Heron and Treva Womble, oboes; Eugene Wade and Bryan Kennedy, French horns; Ramon Parcels, trumpet; Harpischord soloist is Edward Parmentier, faculty member of the University of Michigan School of Music.

Music of the supposed long-lost (and best forgotten) son of J.S. Bach will be performed at a special concert, "An Evening with P.D. Q. Bach (1807-1742)?" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Orchestra Hall.

Semi-conducting the program will be celebrated musicologist Professor Peter Schickele, who will lead the DSO, with help from William Walters, in such works as the Howdy Symphony, Royal Firewater Music, Fuga Meshuga and Fantasieshlick for Piano and Orchestra with Schickele as soloist.

The DSO's popular holiday production of "The Nutcracker" returns to the Fox Theatre for 15 performances Friday, Dec. 14 through Wednesday, Dec. 28.

This year marks the production's second season at the Fox. It is the 16th season of collaboration between the DSO, Dance Detroit and Marygrove College. Jacob Lasco serves as director/choreographer.

Joining the DSO and Dance Detroit are guest principal dancers from the New York City Ballet: Melinda Roy and Peter Boal on the evenings of Dec. 14-16, 18 and 26 and Merrill Ashley and Jock Soto on the evenings of Dec. 19-23.

Principal dancers for the matinee performances are Amy Smith and Dmitry Mikheyenko on Dec. 15 and 22, Marie Aversa and James Russell Toth on Dec. 18, Marie Aversa and Ken Levitt on Dec. 23, and Amy Smith and Ken Levitt (of the Dance Theatre of Harlem) on Dec. 26.

DSO Associate Conductor Leslie B. Dunner will lead the orchestra in all performances. The Women of the Detroit Symphony Chorus will provide off-stage chorus parts at the close of Act I.

For tickets to any DSO concert: 833-3700.

DSO CHIEF

Mark Volpe, currently the vice president and general manager of the Minnesota Orchestra, has been named executive director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"His experience, vitality, and proven management skills are beneficial for the orchestra and for Detroit," said Steve Miller, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall chairman. "He is respected throughout the music industry, by colleagues and musicians alike."

Volpe, 33, will assume his new duties in January.

In Minnesota, he was noted for successfully negotiating labor contracts with musicians and stagehands and managing recording contracts and tours. Before that, he was general manager of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

"With the restoration of Orchestra Hall now complete and the arrival of Neeme Jarvi as music director, I believe the DSO is poised to resume its place as one of America's pre-eminent symphony orchestras," Volpe said.

"We have significant challenges ahead of us in solidifying the financial future of DSOH, but I am confident that with Neeme Jarvi and this great restoration of Orchestra Hall, and with the board leadership of Steve Miller, we can go on about the work of securing the successful future of this irreplaceable cultural institution."

Jarvi and the musicians themselves were also pleased with the appointment.

"This represents yet another key element in the growth and progress of DSOH," Jarvi said. "Now that all the pieces are in place, we can get on with the business of showing the world just how great this orchestra is."

"Mr. Volpe is one of the brightest rising stars among American orchestra managers," said Joe Goldman, speaking on behalf of the musicians. "One could not hope to find anyone more qualified to navigate our orchestra's course through the '90s and beyond."

FLORAL TOURS

Christmas songs are depicted in floral decorations this month at the Henry Ford Estate Park Lane in Dearborn.

"The Songs of Christmas" is the theme for the holidays at Fair Lane. Florists throughout the area have volunteered their time and materials to decorate this national historic landmark, home to auto pioneer Henry Ford I and his wife, Clara.

Guided 90-minute tours include the mansion and adjacent powerhouse. They begin at 10 and 11 a.m. and at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. The run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sundays (closed Christmas Day).

Tour cost is \$6 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Children younger than 5 are admitted free.

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gardener's book nook Marty Figley

"The Rock Garden and Its Plants" by Graham Stuart Thomas (Sagapress/Timber-Press, \$34.95, hardcover) is a history of rock gardens and the various types of rocks used, from ancient grottos to the present.

Thomas is a well-recognized expert and relates personal experiences in creating and maintaining these gardens. Included are historical facts about alpine plants. Anyone who desires to create such a garden can gain from this fine book. The author's own watercolor illustrations are a bonus.

"Genius of the Garden" by Peter Verney and Michael Dunne (Webb & Bower, \$29.95, hardcover) gives many ideas for creating gardens using examples from great gardens of the past and their designers.

This beautiful book tells "what makes a garden," by explaining how to incorporate the plants with architectural elements such as trellises, water, statues and backgrounds. The author writes in a very readable manner. I also like the quotes from famous authors interspersed throughout the book.

The gardener will be encouraged to try some old techniques and create new ones. For instance, it might be time to experiment again with multiple planting, practiced by Chinese gardeners years ago, placing several different plants into one hole.

"Plants from the Past" by David Stuart and James Sutherland (Penguin, \$16.95, soft) contains historical information about many plants still seen in modern gardens.

It shows how plants were used and explains how many were lost to the gardening world. Although not as "showy" as modern hybrids, "old" plants with their charm (and fragrance) are still important in modern gardens. A list of nurseries that specialize in these plants is included.

"The National Arboretum Book of Outstanding Garden Plants" by Jacqueline Heriteau with Dr. H. Marc Cathey (Simon & Schuster, \$39.95, hardcover) is a must book for every gardener who

wishes to learn about outstanding, environmentally safe plants (disease- and pest-resistant) that are easy-care.

This large volume lists more than 1,700 proven performers; trees, shrubs, ground cover, vines, ornamental grasses, flowers, herbs and aquatics. The book is written by the staff and consultants of the National Arboretum; the advice is sound.

The book launches a new American Association of Nursery Crops Coding System.

"The desire of the National Arboretum is to bring into common usage the botanical names," Cathey said. "It's the only way to establish order because the common names change from region to region and with the years."

It also introduces the Arboretum's new USDA plant hardness map of the United States, the first in 25 years. This would be a perfect addition to a garden library.

"A World of Plants," The Missouri Botanical Garden (Abrams, \$39.95, hardcover) features splendid photographs of this garden, first opened to the public in 1859.

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Holiday walk will benefit Greenmead

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"We're excited because this year's tour includes interesting homes from all over town," said Janet Bennett, president of Friends for the Development of Greenmead. "We have a farmhouse built in 1917 and a new ranch-style house just finished a few months ago."

Homes for the walk are selected by club members who keep their "eyes and ears open," just hoping to find an interesting place to include. Besides considering the architectural style, members try to find houses of various ages in all sections of the city. This year, two homes are south of Plymouth Road, the rest north of Five Mile.

"Quite often, someone on the tour will say they didn't realize a neighborhood was selected was in Livonia," Bennett said.

HOMES ON this year's walk include an English Tudor off Gill Road, between Six and Seven Mile. Built in 1986, the custom home features a sunken great room with all the extras. A commanding, circular staircase leads to a master suite with a complete living area.

A new 6,700-square-foot ranch home off Six Mile, between Farmington Road and Wayne Road, took 1½ years to build and was finished just four months ago. The inviting,

double-door entry combines beveled glass and brass. Inside is a pool and whirlpool surrounded by a recreational area with a television and grill. The spacious house boasts five bedrooms and four full baths.

A commanding, eight-foot oak door will welcome tour goers to a Tudor-style Cape Cod also off Six Mile, between Farmington and Wayne roads. The unusual, 3,400-square-foot house blends traditional and contemporary architecture. The spacious entry leads to a library with custom French doors of brass and beveled glass. The house includes a fireplaced great room and master suite with a whirlpool, sauna and vanity area.

A **DRAMATICALLY** decorated home in Coventry Gardens was originally built in 1925. It was thoroughly renovated by the present owner, who grew up in the house and supervised the reconstruction every step of the way.

"I did all of the demolition and even drove the nails," the homeowner said. "I'm thrilled with the house. It seems to look different every day."

The main floor features a living room with a cathedral ceiling and a state-of-the-art kitchen. A spacious recreation room, fifth bedroom and

spa cover the lower level.

The walk also features an Italianate-style house built in 1917 on Levan Road, just south of Plymouth Road. The three-story home, originally on 60 acres, was built by the great-grandfather for the present owner's grandfather. Nine-foot ceilings highlight the house, which still includes much of the original built-in storage space. Many of the furnish-

ings and other features date back to the late 1800s.

A **MODIFIED** Cape Cod off Inkster Road, between Five Mile and Six Mile, is tucked into the wooded area along Bell Creek. The present owners have enjoyed updating the house which now features a veranda and garden room.

A 40-year-old house in Rosedale

Gardens was thoroughly remodeled in 1988. Custom designed by the owners, the house features formal living spaces as well as casual areas such as the library loft, sun room and informal dining area. An expansive, 20-foot floor to ceiling glass wall highlights the spacious, multi-level living area.

Participating florists are Livonia

Florist, Country Lane Flower Shop, Bartel's Flowers, Premier Design, Apple Wreath and Cardwell Florist.

Tour organizers, who also sponsor the city's garden walk in June, hope ticket sales for this year's Christmas walk exceed the 500 sold last year. "We had great response for the first Christmas tour last year, so we're hoping for that enthusiasm again," Bennett said.

'The Nutcracker' to be performed twice

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"Magic" by Lowden; Herbert's "March of the Toys" with Miss Bunny's School of Dance, Livonia; "The Christmas Song" by Torrie; and the "Hallelujah Chorus" by George Frederick Handel.

"**WE'VE BEEN** working with Rose Marie Floyd and the Contemporary Civic Ballet on and off for eight years," DiBlasi said. "We're now at the point of proving our value to the community."

DiBlasi is conducting the Livonia Symphony Orchestra for the 18th season. He has been with the orchestra since its inception as the Oakway Symphony in 1973.

"It was named the Oakway Sym-

phony because it served the communities in Oakland and Wayne County," DiBlasi said.

DiBlasi recently returned from guest conducting the International Symphony of San Diego. He will be going back twice after the new year to guest conduct.

DiBlasi is excited about bringing the young pianist David Chan here as guest soloist next season.

DiBlasi conducted his first orchestra, the New York Little Symphony in 1947 at age 19. He attended Julliard School of Music in New York, and was assistant first trumpet for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for eight years.

DiBlasi conducted the Michigan Opera Company for our years, and

has been guest conductor for the Pittsburgh Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Julliard Opera, Grand Rapids Symphony, Flint Symphony and Detroit Women's Symphony.

"**WE HAVE** a wonderful board, the best board I've ever worked with," DiBlasi said of the board of directors for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. "Every one gets in there and works."

DiBlasi is excited about the Library Series Concerts at the beginning of next year. "This is the third year for the library series," DiBlasi said. "It's been sold out every year."

As for his plans for next year, DiBlasi said, he "hopes to have the next season nailed down by the middle of January."

DiBlasi's pride in the Livonia Symphony Orchestra beams through his words. "We're the only orchestra that gives live auditions," DiBlasi said of the yearly LSO competition that he began 13 years ago.

The competition offers area musicians the opportunity to win \$3,000 in prizes and a guest performance with the orchestra.

DiBlasi said he expects "The Nutcracker" performances will be sold out. The popular Tchaikovsky Ballet is a seasonal favorite. Many families feel their holidays would be incomplete without "The Nutcracker."

Tickets are \$9 and are available at Madonna College, Hammell Music and the Livonia Civic Center Library. For information, call 422-8090.

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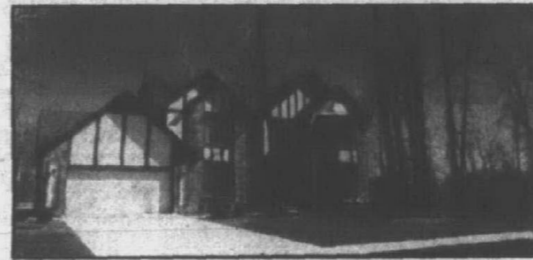


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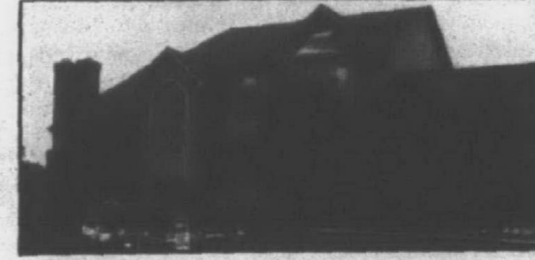
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- List of real estate listings with addresses and descriptions, including Birmingham-Bloomfield, West Bloomfield-Orchard Lake, and Farmington-Farmington Hills.

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SALE OR LEASE #345-372

- List of commercial and industrial properties for sale or lease, including business opportunities, office buildings, and warehouses.

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Real estate listings for Birmingham-Bloomfield, including Bingham Farms, Coldwell Banker, and various other properties.

Real estate listings for West Bloomfield, including Cape Cod, Ralph Manuel, and various other properties.

Real estate listings for West Bloomfield, including Century 21, Red Carpet Keim, and various other properties.

Real estate listings for Farmington-Farmington Hills, including Century 21, Red Carpet Keim, and various other properties.

Large advertisement for Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke, featuring a large photo of a house and detailed descriptions of properties like 'Quality and Perfection' and 'Lairdhaven Condos'.

Real estate listings for West Bloomfield, including Century 21, Red Carpet Keim, and various other properties.

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Large advertisement for Canton 'Lexington Square' featuring a large photo of a house and details about a pre-model sale.

323 Homes Washburn County... MOVE IN CONDITION, 3 Bedrooms... \$149,900

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BLOOMFIELD: Space and charm abound. 3 car garage, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch, neutral decor. Private, fenced, 1/4 acre lot on off site. Prime location in Bloomfield. Birmingham Schools. \$1200 mo. 1 1/2 baths \$650/month 1 1/2 baths \$650/month

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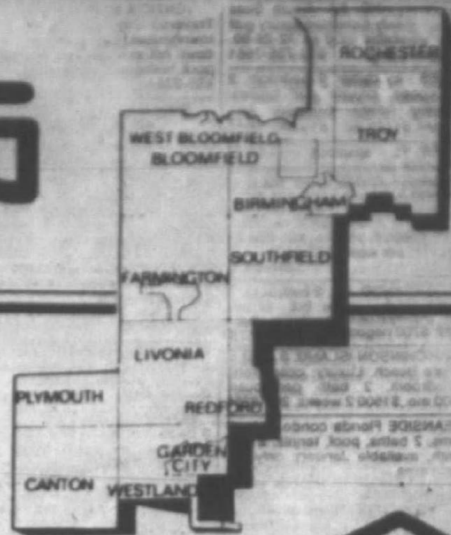
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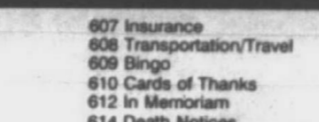
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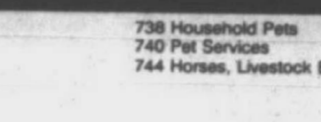


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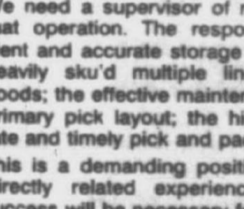
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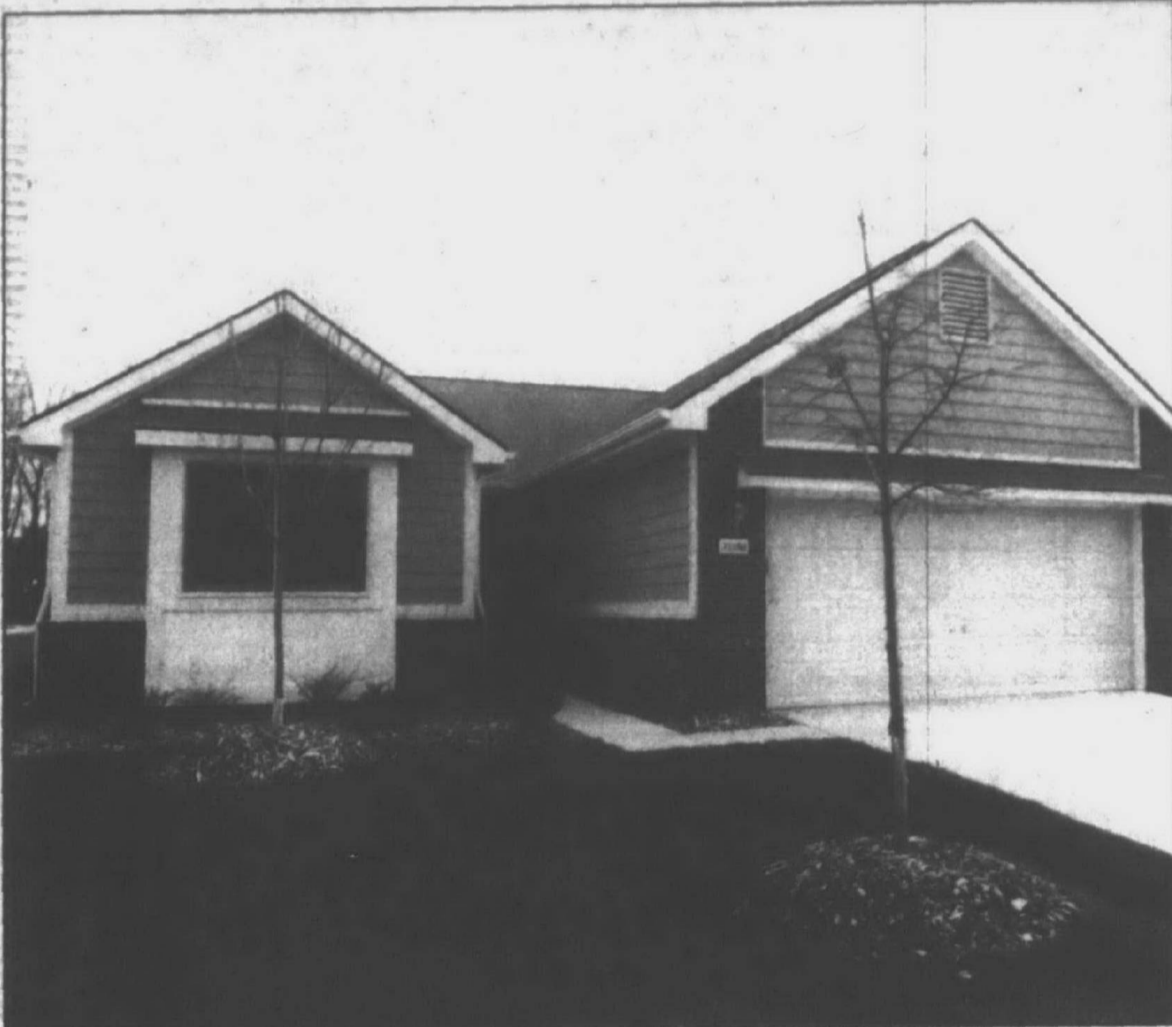
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This single-family, detached condominium in the Maple Hills section of the Maple of Novi development by Classic Construction Co. of West Bloomfield is one of two products avail-

able for under \$100,000. Sales for the three-bedroom, 1½-bath units, which sell for \$99,900, are brisk, according to Classic Construction president Sam Blumenstein.

Rising costs threaten 'affordable' housing

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Building homes under \$100,000 — some say that in these days of rising land, labor and material costs, restrictive zoning and building codes and slow growth/no growth pressures that that's almost impossible.

The key word is "almost." Sam Blumenstein, president of Classic Construction in West Bloomfield, said there is a tremendous market for under \$100,000 housing, but no one is filling it because of obstacles.

Affordable housing is critical for first-time home buyers, who are just entering the home buyer market and need a way to build equity, and for empty nesters, who need less space now.

The need for affordable housing is best exemplified by the sales record of under \$100,000 homes.

"We keep hearing about the economy slowing down, but we're bucking the trend like crazy. Sales are up 50 percent," Blumenstein said.

Very few builders are building for the under \$100,000 market, Blumenstein said, but not because they don't want to build affordable housing. "Unless you're a vertical company like we are, you just can't do it."

CLASSIC CONSTRUCTION is able to save a great deal of money because the company not only assembles and buys the land, but rezones it, develops it and builds the homes as well.

"If you do all that, and you run a tight ship, you can still do it," he said.

Instead of someone making a profit at each step of the development process, he can sell homes at 15 to 20 percent savings because he cuts out several middlemen, Blumenstein said.

And just because it's affordable housing doesn't mean it's cheap housing, he said. A nine-hole golf course, nature and walking trails and common areas, and community centers and pools are available to the homeowners.

Classic Construction is developing the 900-unit Maples of Novi development which has several options available for under \$100,000. Attached one-bedroom, one-den condominiums start at \$79,900; and detached three-bedroom, 1½ baths

condominiums start at \$99,900.

Homes adjacent to a nine-hole golf course start at \$139,000.

The single greatest obstacle to building homes under \$100,000, Blumenstein said, is the price of land.

"You can't buy the land cheap enough and you can't develop it cheap enough to (build homes for \$100,000 or less)."

Once the price of the lot goes over \$22,000 to \$25,000, the price of building materials and labor makes \$100,000 an unattainable goal, he said. "That's what's really killing the under \$100,000 market."

BLUMENSTEIN ADDED that local government restrictions on minimum lot sizes, woodlands and wetlands are the greatest factors in driving up land costs.

To make affordable housing more common, Blumenstein said communities will have to loosen their restrictions and recognize the need for lower cost housing.

Some communities, he said, are already taking a second look at their ordinances. The result? More flexible zoning ordinances that allow builders to develop projects with a higher density on part of site in exchange for open space, woodlands or wetlands preservation on another part of the site, Blumenstein said.

Communities that insist on stricter zoning ordinances, he said, are learning the hard way that the costs of restrictive zoning ordinances are high.

In many recent lawsuits, the courts have sided with builders in saying that some of these restrictive ordinances constitute an unlawful taking of property.

Bill Lawson, a partner with the Michigan Home Builders Inc. in Rochester Hills, said land costs alone have made home construction under \$100,000 virtually impossible. Lawson primarily builds custom homes and small projects.

"It's really tough," he said. "You can go out into the sticks where the land is cheap, but you're going to have a hard time anywhere else."

Lawson builds homes in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 range in North Oakland County where land prices have skyrocketed in recent years.

IMPROVED LOTS, depending on where they're located, can cost as much as \$100,000 in desirable areas

and even in less desirable areas will frequently cost more than \$50,000, he said.

"If you're building in Rochester it will cost you \$40,000 just for the lot — that means you would have to build (the house) for about \$50,000. You can't do it," Lawson said.

James McLennan, president of Willow Development in Birmingham said there aren't any secrets to building homes for under \$100,000. Builders arrive at a home's cost by adding labor and materials costs and then factoring in the profit.

"And frankly, you don't make much of a return for \$99,900," McLennan said. "It's a real price, but it's also a promotional price."

Most people will add options to the base price that drive the cost up, he said.

"Which doesn't mean these are stripped-down models," McLennan said. A builder can build several lower priced homes to attract customers and then make up the profits by selling options and upscale models.

"In that way, we're somewhat like the auto industry," he said.

McLENNAN SAID it's unlikely that builders will be able to hold the line on affordable housing for under \$100,000 much longer. "If we were to mass produce homes for under \$100,000, we'd have to take out a lot (of the standard features)."

McLennan developed Fox Run Condominiums in Waterford Township, which has two ranch-style, two-bedroom, 1½-bath units under \$100,000. Other two- and three-bedroom ranch and townhouse units at Fox Run range as high as \$140,000.

"They're essentially single-family homes that are attached one-half of one wall," he said.

Land costs are not the greatest factor in rising home prices, McLennan said. "Here in the Midwest, land is not the factor that it is on the west and east coasts."

Labor and materials are a greater part of housing costs than land, he said, adding that labor and materials are more volatile. Lumber costs, for example, have actually dropped in recent months, but other material costs have increased.

The net effect, he said, is that he has been able to hold the line on housing costs.

Builders compete with existing housing stock

A subtle reason for the lack of homes for under \$100,000 is builders have a hard time competing with the existing home market.

Bill Lawson, a partner with the Michigan Home Builders Inc. in Rochester Hills, said rising costs have made it impossible to compete. "We can't build a home for the same price as an older home and give you the same thing."

Increased regulations, land costs, material costs, labor costs — all have risen in the last decade.

The main selling point of the new home is exactly that — its newness, he said.

High property taxes is another reason it is difficult to build homes

for under \$100,000, Lawson said.

Even though assessments have risen significantly in the high-growth areas, they have not risen as quickly as building costs, Lawson said.

Assessments on older homes of the same size and type as a newer home is generally lower for the older home because the assessment was established at the original lower sale price, he said.

LAWSON SAID some people point toward re-urbanization as the answer to building affordable homes — the argument being that builders should construct homes in Detroit and other urban areas where land costs are relatively low.

Image problems, racism and lack

of city services aside, builders are still reluctant to build in established urban areas — even though the extensive infrastructure makes property alluring, Lawson said.

Because property has either devalued or not appreciated, tax rates in urban areas are generally much higher than in less urbanized areas, he said. "So why would I want to build in Detroit?"

The tax burden on newer, high-cost housing would be huge, he said.

For example, two \$100,000 homes — one in Detroit and one in Rochester Hills — would cost the same to build, but taxes would probably be more than double on the Detroit home.

Slowing economy turns interests to renovation

OK, maybe building a home under \$100,000 is becoming a thing of the past.

Rising land, labor and material costs, restrictive zoning and building codes and slow growth/no growth pressures have made new home construction a difficult, albeit not insurmountable task.

So other than apartments and existing homes, where does that leave John "blue collar" Smith?

Mike Claffone, a sales manager for the Michigan Condominium

Corp. said some builders will be turning to remodeling jobs of existing structures — especially in light of the slowing economy.

Remodeling can offer significant cost advantages to new construction depending on the property, he said, mainly because the building's structural frame — one of the greatest costs in building — already exists.

"The fact that we start with an existing structure reduces our costs significantly," he said.

REMODELERS CAN also pur-

chase existing buildings in high-price, high-growth areas at half the cost of building new, he said, because assessments — even though they've increased — have grown as fast as building from scratch.

By remodeling old apartment complexes, builders can often bring in condominium projects well below \$100,000 — even as low as \$59,000.

And some existing facilities, Claffone continued, offer great opportunities. The Michigan Condominium Corp. recently revamped 116 execu-

tive rental units in West Bloomfield and renamed it Moon Lake Condominiums.

The two- or three-bedroom, two-bath, detached units, which sell for \$99,990, were a rare find even for a company that specializes in finding remodeling jobs. "It's by far one of the best products, new or (remodeled), on the market."

Claffone said one thing that adds greatly to the cost of housing is people expect more in a home and are unwilling to wait for the extra bed-

room or amenities.

Since remodeling cuts down on materials and labor costs, builders — with the right property — can offer more at a reduced price.

"If we built (Moon Lake condominiums) today, there's no way we couldn't do it for \$99,990."

"(But) because we already had the existing structure, we were able to put more money into other things," he said.

Claffone said there are relatively few homes for under \$100,000 these

days, but there are still a lot of homes for under \$125,000. "There's actually a lot of competition out there."

Claffone said the line between "affordable" and "luxury" housing has continued to blur over the years.

"A \$100,000 home is not (the benchmark) that it used to be."

As costs continue to rise and building continues to be more difficult, first-time buyer and starter home prices will edge over the \$100,000 mark, he said.

Engineering consultants announce reorganization

NYH Consultants of Farmington Hills has announced a reorganization.

Jerome C. Neyer has been named chairman of the board and chief executive officer. He had been president of NTH since 1976.

Benedict Tiseo has been named president. He had been NTH senior vice president, director of Midwest operations since 1989 and prior to that principal and vice president since 1971.

Kal R. Hindo is the new senior vice president for corporate development. He had been a principal of the firm since 1976.

James E. Ritsch joined NTH as senior vice president and chief financial officer, a newly formed position. He held a comparable position with a Wisconsin consulting engineering firm.

Stephanie A. Redman joined NTH as director of human resources. She served in the same position with

R.A. DeMattia Co. NTH is a consulting engineering firm specializing in geotechnical, environmental and building support systems services.

Robert Pliska has been named president of Horton Commercial Realty, Birmingham. The company specializes in asset and property management, brokerage services including investment sales, mortgage financing and consulting services.

Pliska is a CPA who served as president and vice president of commercial real estate firms and specialized in service to real estate clients and financial institutions while with Coopers & Lybrand.

John A. Hamburger has been promoted to executive vice president of Parliament Co., a Birmingham construction and property management firm. He had previously been the firm's general counsel.

A. Robert Bliven has retired as vice president/architecture of Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer Associates of Troy, where he worked 22 years.

During his career he was responsible for the development and design of such projects as the reconstruction of the Detroit/Canada Tunnel Plaza, expansion of Chrysler Corp. Mound Road Engine Plant, renovation of Fruehauf Corp. world headquarters in Detroit and Campbell

Ewald's headquarters building in Warren.

Sunbelt Properties of Livonia will serve as Michigan broker for Keys Gate, a \$400 million resort community at the entrance to the Florida Keys.

Stratford Funding, a mortgage banking firm, has opened at 29398 Northwestern in Southfield. Founding partners at Bruce Tennen, Patrick Wolohan and Eric Johnson.



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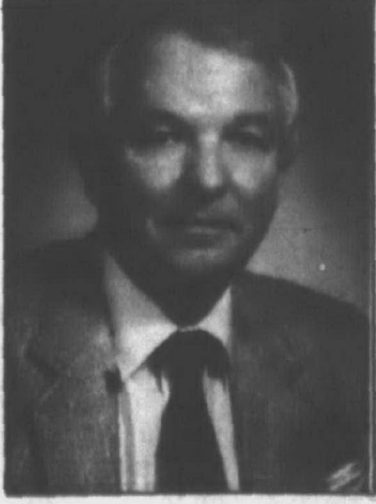
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commercial real estate sales in Oakland and Wayne counties

This lists recent commercial real estate transactions in Oakland and western Wayne counties. The first name listed is that of the buyer. The second name is that of the seller. Any transaction price followed by an * represents the price paid for more than one piece of property.

WAYNE COUNTY

Livonia
Autry Road Commercial
Taylor Freezer Properties
Harold Blumenstein Trust
\$800,000

Plymouth Township
Keel Street Commercial
R. A. Demattia Co.

Metro West Industrial
\$75,800

Redford Township
26069 W. 8 Mile Road
Shop (machine tool)
Robert C. Lee
Leon V. Calvert
\$54,500

26069 W. 8 Mile Road
Shop (machine Tool)
Charles J. Andrews
Robert C. Lee
\$72,000

26800 Grand River
Auto Service Station
Ben
ew L. Assoc
Jnc Inc.

Westland
6232 Executive Drive
Industrial
North American Energy
Albino Cicerone
\$275,000

Ford Road
Industrial
Rocca Dev Co.
Angelo D'orazio
\$240,000

Newburgh
Commercial
Woodbridge Pond Partners

David Ryder Smith Trst.
\$513,300

Van Born Commercial
Emro Marketing Co.
Yousif Koza
\$465,000 *

Van Born Commercial
Yousif Koza
Amoco Oil Co.
\$80,000 *

OAKLAND COUNTY

Birmingham

250 Martin Street
Office building 1-3 stories
Martin Street Assoc
George Corp.
\$39,500

Farmington Hills
30500 Northwestern
Office building
Farmington Hills Associates
North Valley Dev Pr Shrf
\$2,804,748

30665 Northwestern
Office building 1-3 stories
Farmington Hills Associates
North Valley Dev Pr Shrf
\$4,261,055

24062 Orchard Lake
Car wash
Thomas M. Page
Thomas C. Page
\$40,000

Huntington Woods
8711 W 11 Mile Road
Commercial
Anthony Rea
Linda C. Moran
\$175,000

Independence Township
Ortonville Road
Commercial Vacant Land
Oak Hill Corners
Robert E. Shell & Assoc

\$120,000 *

Ortonville Road
Commercial
Shelby M. Baylis Trst.
Lucy C. Kasl
\$90,000

Ortonville Road
Commercial
Shelby M. Baylis Trst.
First Of Amer Bk Oakland
\$55,000

Ortonville Road
Commercial vacant land
Robert E. Shell & Assoc Inc.
James R. Smith
\$35,000

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Industrial
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John J. Kuhn Trst.
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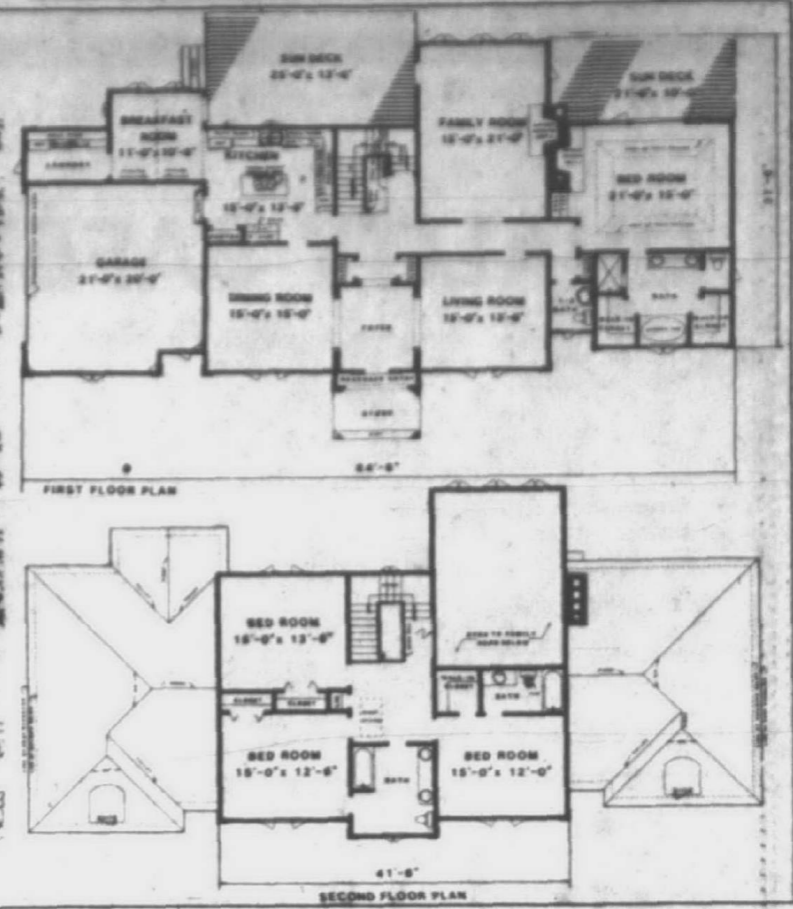
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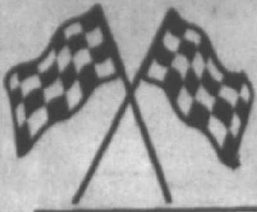
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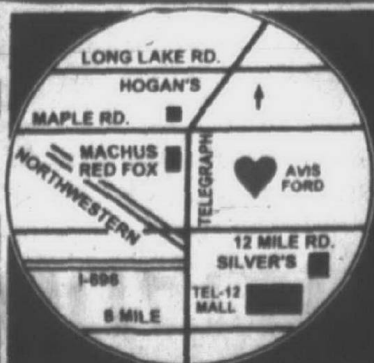
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Sharper Image — hi-tech, soft-touch amid world of gifts

By Helen Diane Vincent
special writer

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But with that crunch time now past, it's time for shoppers to set their sights on the end-of-the-year holidays.

This special holiday gift guide, appearing today in all 13 Observer & Eccentric newspapers, is designed to help shoppers survey some of what's on the store shelves during this gift-giving season.

It offers an array of gift-giving ideas as the Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year holiday seasons swing into high gear: from high-tech toys to health hints. Our package includes a sampling of the latest in gifts.

There's even a holiday story to enjoy and share with your youngsters. Included are cookie recipes that accompany the story. Maybe a family baking project could be the result.

As with our first gift guide in November, I'm sure you'll find this special section informative and interesting, maybe even inspirational if you traditionally don't shop for gifts until late December.

Happy holidays!

— Bob Sklar
assistant managing editor

Bob Sklar coordinated this special section, with assistance from special

writer Denise Lucas. Creative services supervisor Glenn Merillat designed the cover. Graphics editor Randy Borst assisted with page design.

O&E representatives Audrey Roof and Gigi Badalamenti coordinated advertising. Copley News Service provided some of our copy.

A special thank you to the Village Barn in Franklin for brightening our holiday pictures with holiday accessories.

Direct queries to Bob Sklar: 591-2300, ext. 313.

clarification

The telephone number for the Gourmet Cheesecake Club in Farmington Hills was incorrectly identified in our Nov. 22 gift guide.

The club, which has pioneered the cheesecake of the month club idea, can deliver a cheesecake anywhere in the continental United States, said Marian Sheridan, president.

"Anytime you would send flowers, you can also send cheesecake." Club cheesecakes cost \$21.95 plus \$2 postage and handling. Cheesecake of the Month memberships also are available, at a cost of \$234.50 plus \$25 postage and handling. Call (313) 553-2883.

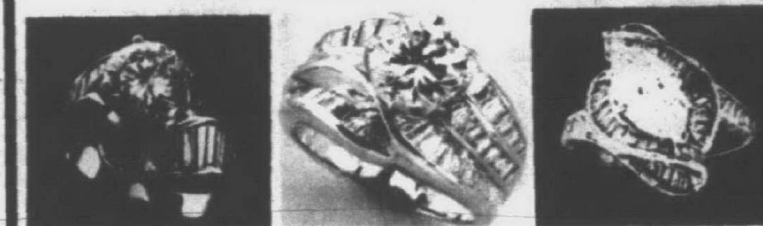


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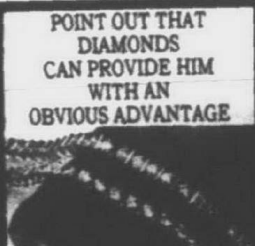
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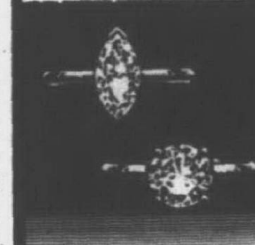
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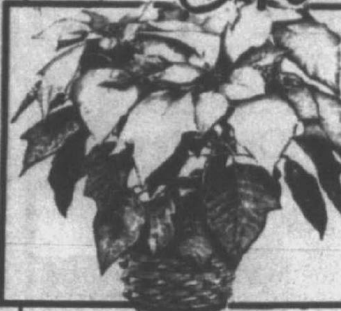
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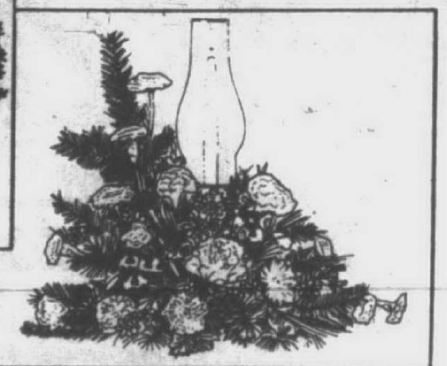
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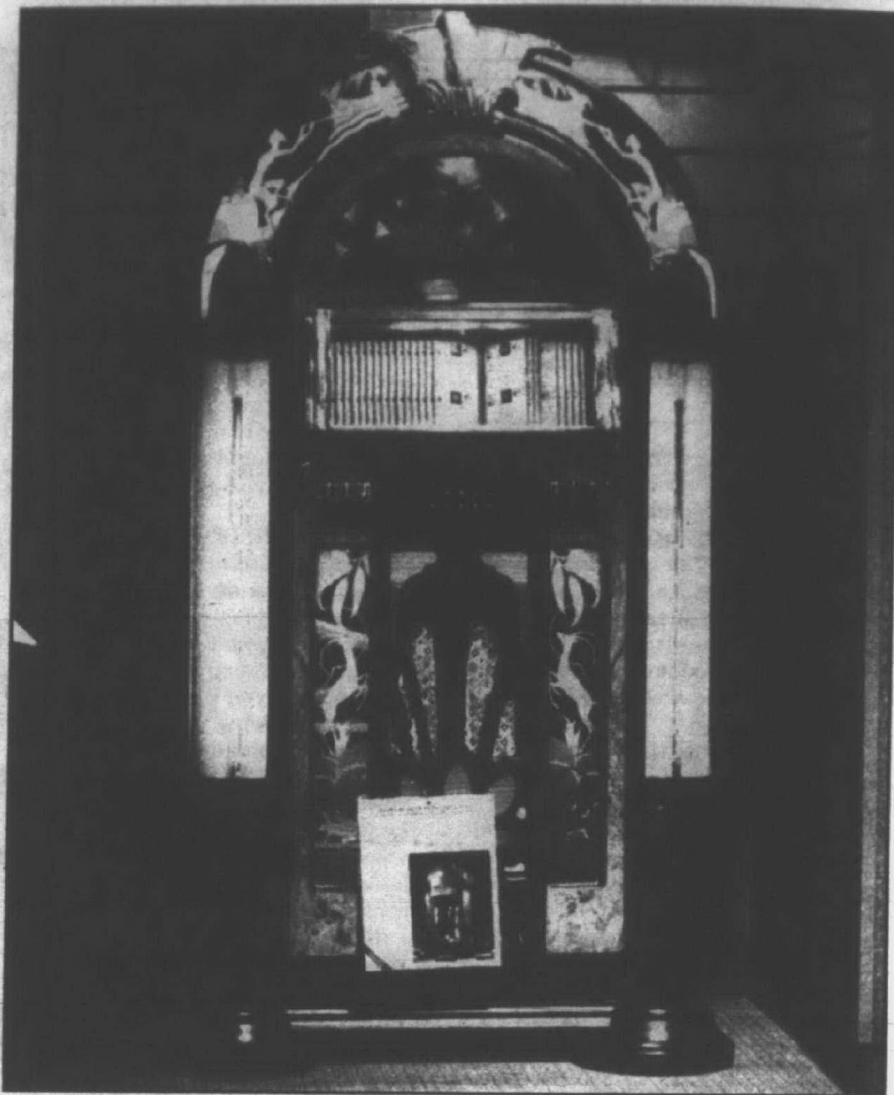
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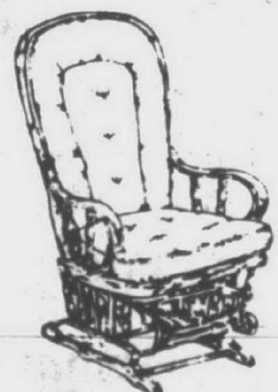
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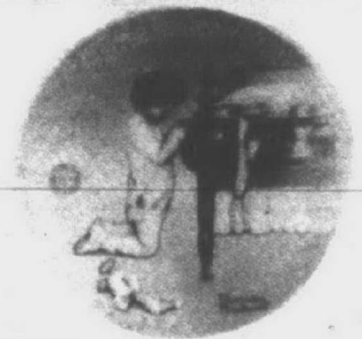
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It's back to basics in family kitchens

By Geri Rinschler
special writer

AMERICA IS cooking again! It's "back to basics" in the kitchen and entertaining family and friends at home. The '90s cook is focused on simplicity, healthy meals and, above all, timesaving gadgets and cookware. Here's a glimpse of what's hot for today's cook, connoisseur and literary gourmet:

• Cusinart Prepboard Counter Protector/Cutting Surface was designed for the practical cook on your list. An 11-inch, square plastic board with curved rims, it keeps counters clean, won't dull knives and is simply wonderful to use. It's attractive enough to go from counter to table. They're available in white and black. You may want to get two or three because one is not enough.

For a bridal shower, add a few brightly colored dish towels, a paring knife and tie with a big satin bow. Find PrepBoards in shops that carry Cusinart products and at Williams-Sonoma, Somerset Mall-Troy, Laurel Park Place, Livonia; Jacobson's, Livonia and Birmingham; and Kitchen Glamour, Redford Township, West Bloomfield and Rochester. At about \$7.

• Food processors, which have been in the United States since the mid '70s, are still hot items. One of the newest, the Krups Mini Pro is a perfect kitchen gadget for the busy cook. This small food processor takes up very little counter space and quickly chops small amounts of onions, garlic, nuts and chocolate as well as makes mayonnaise and baby food. Find it a Hudson's, Kitchen Glamour and Williams-Sonoma. For about \$35.

For the novice or "back to basics," there's the newly revised and updated, "the Fannie Farmer Cookbook" by Marion Cunningham. (Knopf Publishers, \$24.95) One of America's first cookbooks, it has been rewritten for the '90s to include new chapters on microwave, vegetarian and outdoor cookery. Along with hundreds of traditional style recipes, the book answers many questions about grocery and produce shopping, storage and cooking techniques.

THE OTHER new cookbooks on my recommended list are too numerous to describe. Here are some of the latest, which belong in the award winners category:

• "The Christmas Cook-Three Centuries of American Yuletide

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Greenfield Village offers up tradition

VISIONS OF sugar plums are sure to dance through the heads of visitors to Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village this holiday season.

From Dec. 1 through Jan. 1 (except Christmas Day), special displays and demonstrations at the indoor/outdoor historical complex will rekindle some of the magic that marks the holiday. They also will revive a variety of traditions from past generations as the holiday celebration "Traditions of Treasure" is presented at both the museum and the village in Dearborn.

Everyone knows the magic of the holidays can best be seen through the eyes of a child. Henry Ford Museum will celebrate the holidays keeping youngsters, the young at heart, in mind.

The centerpiece for the museum celebration will be a towering holiday tree decorated with cookies, candy, dolls, stuffed animals and small toys. Every child, young and old, will find something to wish for on the giant tree. It's not inconceivable that a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle or two might find its way onto the branches.

MORE TRADITIONAL holiday sights and sounds will await museum visitors in the concourse area, where the cheerful toots from a fantasy Lionel train layout will mingle with the strains of holiday music.

The toy trains, including one

The centerpiece for the museum celebration will be a towering holiday tree decorated with cookies, candy, dolls, stuffed animals and small toys.

equipped with a tiny camera that broadcasts an "engineer's eye view," will wind their way through a sparkling gingerbread village. Visitors can watch gingerbread houses in the making as well.

Several craft activities will offer children the chance to create items in keeping with the season. Folks can even leave a little part of their own family history with the museum by contributing photographs of their own holiday traditions to the holiday photo wall. (The photographs will become part of the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village Archives.)

Of course, Santa Claus will preside over the merriment and be available to hear every little one's holiday wish.

DOZENS OF "traditions to treasure" will be re-created in the historic buildings of Greenfield Village. Customs and trimmings from past decades will be featured, ranging from a rural English yuletide in the

17th-century Cotswold Cottage to a more modern 1880s American Christmas celebration at the Firestone Farm.

At scheduled times throughout the day, costumed staff in various homes throughout the village will create decorations and gifts, and demonstrate cooking and food preparation using recipes, utensils and techniques from the past. The Edison Homestead will offer one such domestic scene with the preparation of old-fashioned candles and baked goods.

Other holiday settings and activities to be enjoyed will include an 1890s millinery, where ladies busily fashion winter bonnets; the creative craftsmanship of potters and glass blowers; and the general store, where children are welcome to play with reproductions of yesteryear's toys.

At the activities center in Town Hall, children will find holiday crafts to keep little fingers busy, while holiday singers brighten winter days.

FOR A final touch of enchantment, the Henry Ford Museum Theater will present "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The two-hour play was written by Jessie Braham White and produced on Broadway in 1912. It will run Dec. 1-22, Saturdays only, with additional performances Dec. 26-30.

Two matinees will be staged each show date, the first at 11 a.m. and the second at 2:30 p.m., except Dec. 16

and 30 when only a 2:30 p.m. show will be performed.

The audience is invited to meet the characters after each performance. Call the Henry Ford Museum Reservations Center at 271-1620 for more information.

NIGHTTIME WEAVES a special kind of spell around the museum and village.

The public is invited to discover it in two after-hours programs: a 1920s holiday gala at Lovett Hall and an 1850s holiday at Eagle Tavern.

The festivities at Lovett Hall recreate the high society scene of the 1920s, complete with champagne toasts, an elegant dinner and dancing under glittering chandeliers to the vintage tunes of the Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra.

The village's Eagle Tavern presents a hearty, family-style meal in the manner of the 1850s, complemented by the holiday music and singing of a troupe of traveling musicians and entertainers. Advance reservations for both programs are required.

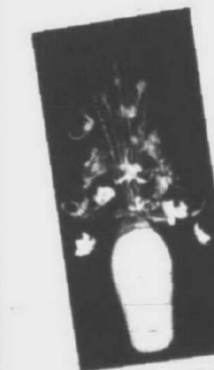
For visitors with troublesome gift lists on their minds, the stores and shops of the museum and village provide some out-of-the-ordinary suggestions. Items reproduced from the museum collections, decorations, wares fashioned by village craftspeople, and a variety of distinctive gifts and souvenirs will be welcome under any tree.

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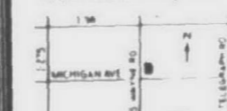


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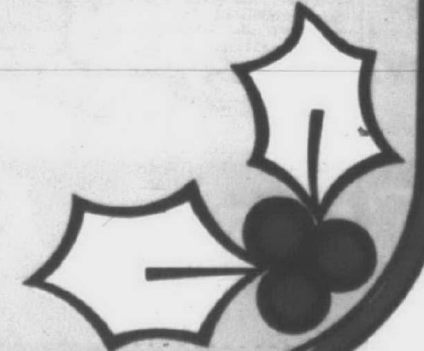
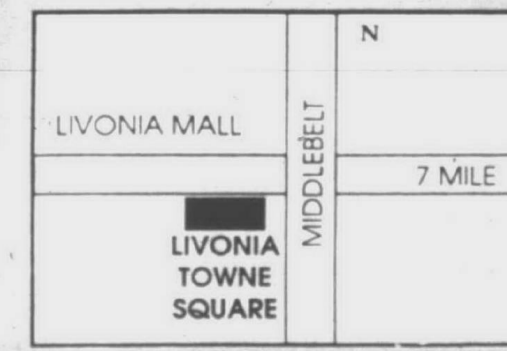


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Permanent makeup: It's a lasting gift

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

CHERYL WILLIS, a Michigan Board of Cosmetology member, had been plying her trade as a nail technician in



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Goodbye to the eyebrow pencil. The skillful artist of Cheryl Willis, as she uses micro-pigment implantation, will give her client, Doreen Myernik, permanent eyebrow color and shape. Permanent makeup can look as natural as you want it to be or a more dramatic look can be achieved.

Plymouth for five years when she got interested in permanent makeup.

She took the basic training in applying eyeliner and eyebrow color. She then took advanced classes in applying eyeshadow, highlights, lipliner, cheek color and camouflage procedures.

In March, she opened Permanent Make Up Clinic, 328 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

"Applying permanent makeup is very satisfying because my clients are so happy when they leave here. It is wonderful to have a job that enables me to make people that happy," she said.

"Plastic surgeons have been doing permanent makeup for many years. It has now been moved into the beauty field, where it is more affordable to the average woman.

"No one is too old for permanent makeup. My oldest client is 72 years old and is very happy with her new eyebrows."

WILLIS IS quick to show off before and after pictures of her satisfied clients. She's just as quick to show their written testimonials, which tell the story of what permanent makeup is all about.

"There is nothing like waking up in the morning with eyes," said one client of the makeup that doesn't smudge or come off after you've been swimming, or crying or sweating.

"I've had to struggle with eyebrow pencils for years. Now I don't," said another.

"I love my permanent eyeliner. It wasn't painful. Every woman needs this done," said another.

And from other clients, "I never look tired and worn out like you do when your makeup smears off."

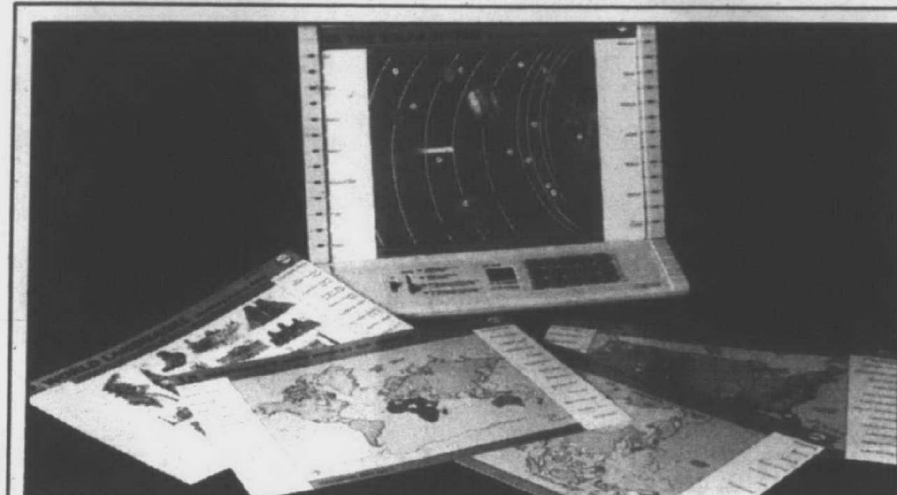
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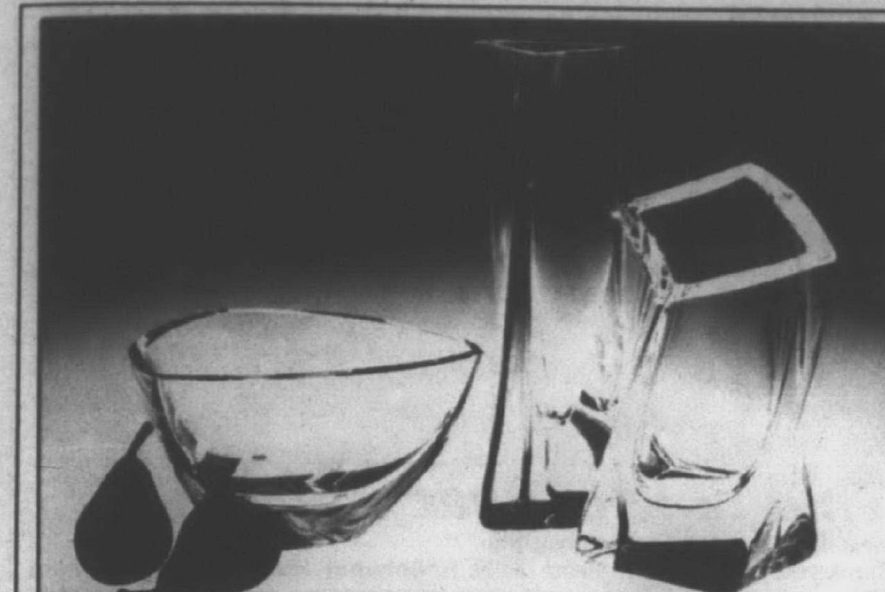
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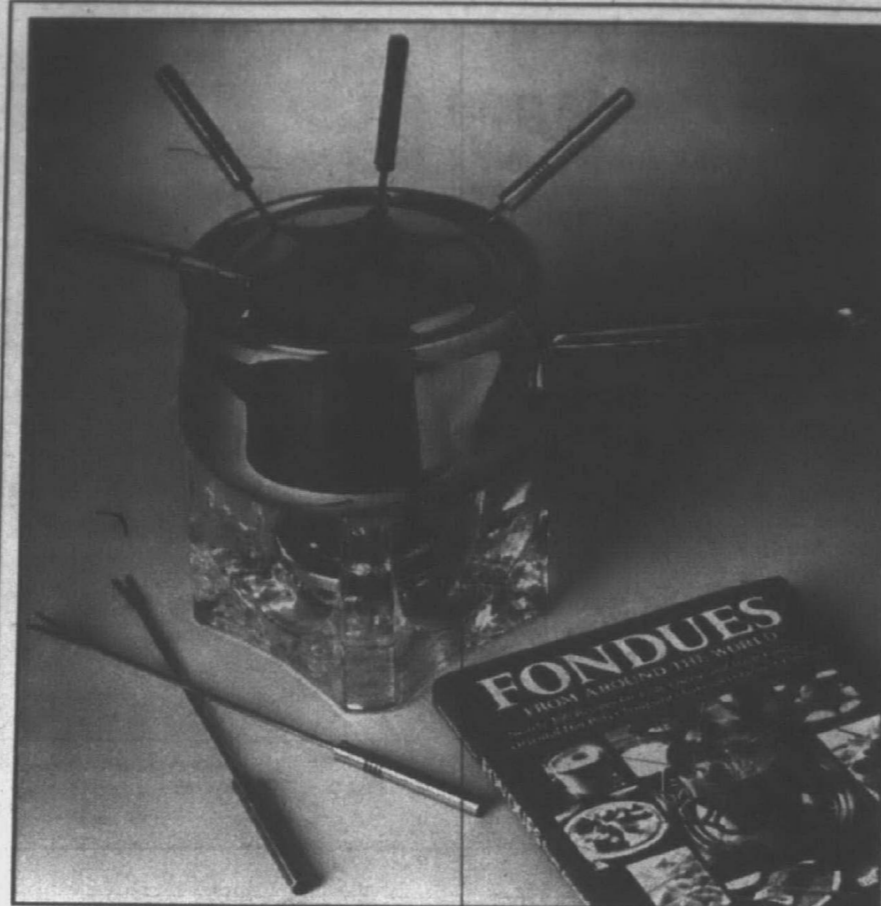
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Longaberger specials

The Gingerbread Basket, the 1990 edition of the Longaberger Basket Christmas Collection, and the Father Christmas Cookie Mold, the first in a series of Longaberger Pottery collectible Christmas cookie molds, are this year's yuletide offerings from Ohio-based Longaberger Inc. The handcrafted, hardwood maple baskets feature red or green accent weaving. The 8½-inch-tall mold is oven, microwave, dishwasher and freezer safe. Write Longaberger Marketing, 2503 Maple Ave., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 or call 1-614-455-3175 for the name of a local Longaberger consultant.



SHARON LeMIEUX/staff photographer

Holiday gatherings

Entertaining at home is back in vogue and the fondue of the '70s is a hot item as well. Little preparation is needed for fondue since guests do the cooking themselves. And recipes have come a long way from cheese and chocolate. The stainless steel, two-quart fondue, with glass-sculptured base, six forks and alcohol burner, is oven and dishwasher safe. Priced at \$119. Recipe book, "Fondues from Around the World," \$11.95. Both from Kitchen Glamour of Redford Township, Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield.

Evening drama

Celebrate the season with a showstopping, emerald, velvet strapless dress. The gold-embellished bodice bejeweled of elegance is enhanced with a draped tulip hemline and kissed with a bow at the hip, \$638. Brushed gold and emerald double drop earrings, \$96. At Hudson's.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Sneaky snoops

Parents beware! Sixty-six percent of children admit

they snoop for their gifts. Could it be time to find more creative places to hide presents from overzealous elves?

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A world of sharper images

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back-yard jungle until the quick-steering mechanism is mastered to avoid obstacles. This aggressive little vehicle goes for \$299.

For those who have long dreamed about being a firefighter, but never made it, a 27-inch red fire truck might fill the void. You'll have fun watching it make fancy turns and rotating its extension ladder. Its remote control is not as sophisticated, so it's priced at \$79.

AS EXCITING as these vehicles are, there is no substitute for actually sitting in a toy vehicle and driving it around yourself. For the 3- to 8-year-old set, the Captain Mike police car provides just such an opportunity. This 37-inch, battery-run vehicle with a siren is \$149.

But for the ultimate toy-car driving experience, The Sharper Image offers a 66-inch-long, red-motorized Ferrari, with a maximum speed up to 3½ miles per hour. It accommodates two children comfortably in bucket seats. Grandmothers have been known to indulge their grandchildren with this tradeup toy version of the famous luxury automobile.

Entertainment can also serve more than one person when it involves a digitized computer tablet designed to record a child's drawings in full color and textured effects. These earnest scrawlings can also be put on tape and later replayed on a VCR.

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The Sony Sketchpad at \$129 is no substitute for crayons or the messy joy of finger painting, but it does introduce the very young child to the 21st-century reality of the computer in the form of computer graphics.

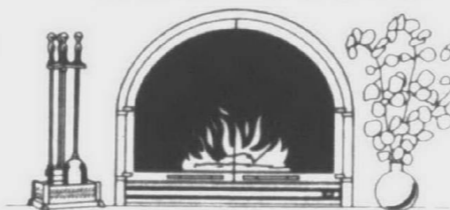
Because The Sharper Image stores and catalog bring in new items every month, one can only look forward to the next shipments to see if they are at all like the present offerings that engage the imagination as well as serve practical purposes.

The Sharper Image: Somerset Mall, Troy; Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi. Supplier of the 27-inch red fire truck: New Bright Industries, Southgate.

Description of the digitized tablet: 10 by 13 inch. The price of \$129 is only for the tablet, not the television or any other equipment.

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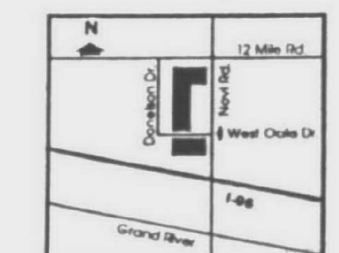
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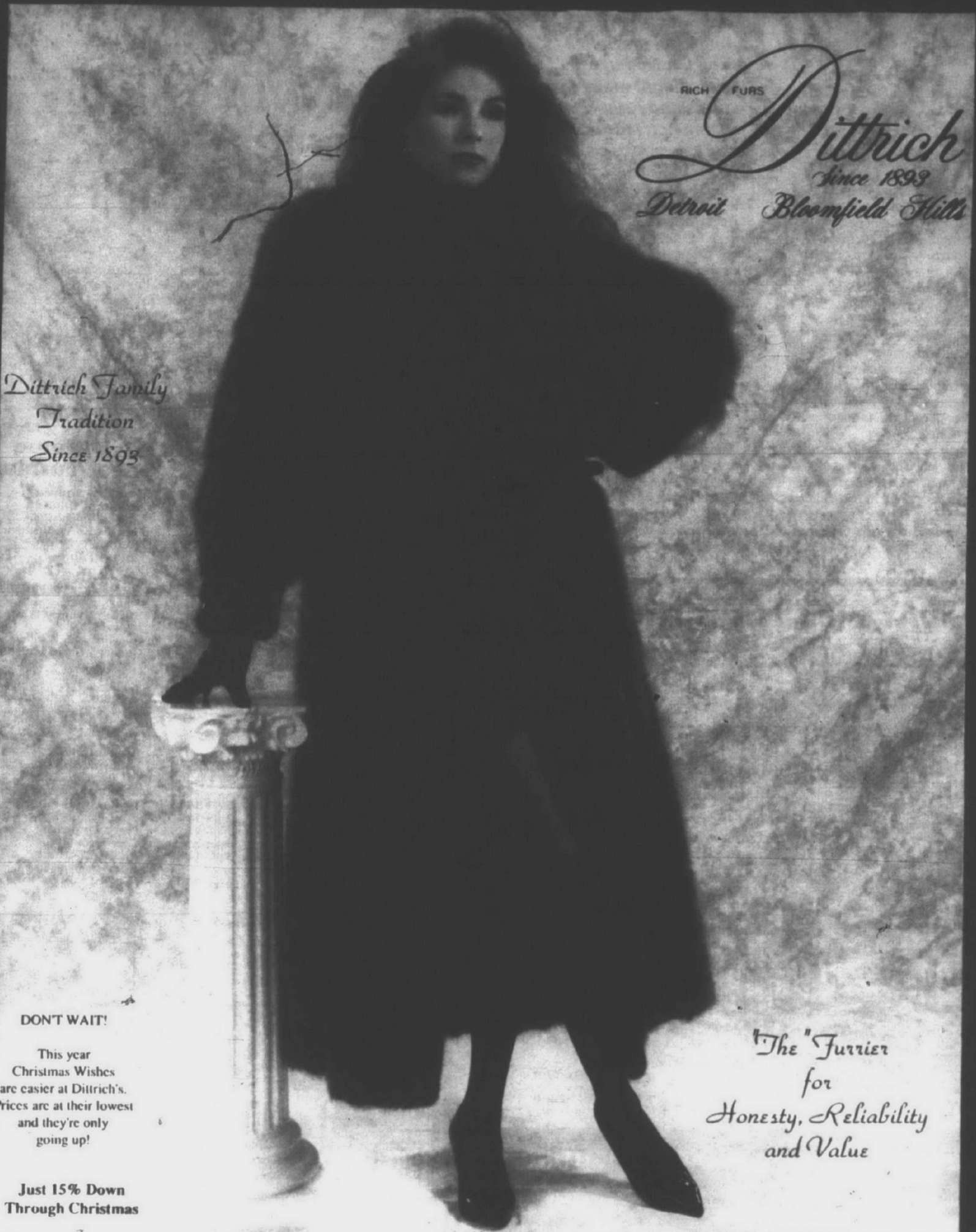


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