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A note to our readers:

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Leading off Section C is the popular Observer sports section complete with game coverage, features, prep schedules and stats on your favorite prep teams along with selected coverage of Schoolcraft College, Madonna University and Oakland County Community College.

Susan Ansieck
managing editor

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Teachers reach tentative pact



The 744 teachers in the Plymouth-Canton schools will vote on a tentative labor contract on Thursday. The accord was reached Tuesday. Contract details weren't revealed.

A tentative agreement reached close to 1 a.m. Tuesday between bargainers for Plymouth-Canton teachers and administrators averted an outbreak of the blackboard flu and negated a strike vote scheduled for today.

Instead of deciding on the proposed Jan. 16 strike as planned, the dis-

trict's 744 teachers will meet at 4 p.m. at Salem High School to vote on a proposed settlement concerning wage re-openers for this year and next.

Bargainers agreed on a 2-percent raise effective in January 1995; a 2-percent raise in August 1995; and a 1-percent raise in January 1996. Teachers' negotiators agreed to raise the

prescription co-pay from \$2 to \$5 beginning next school year.

"We didn't receive the money we wanted, but you have to compromise to get the job done," said Tom Cotner, chief bargainer for the teachers.

Chuck Portelli, president of the teachers' union, said, "While we did not get everything we had hoped for, this is an agreement which we can and will recommend to our membership."

"The tone of these negotiations was positive, and we were pleased with

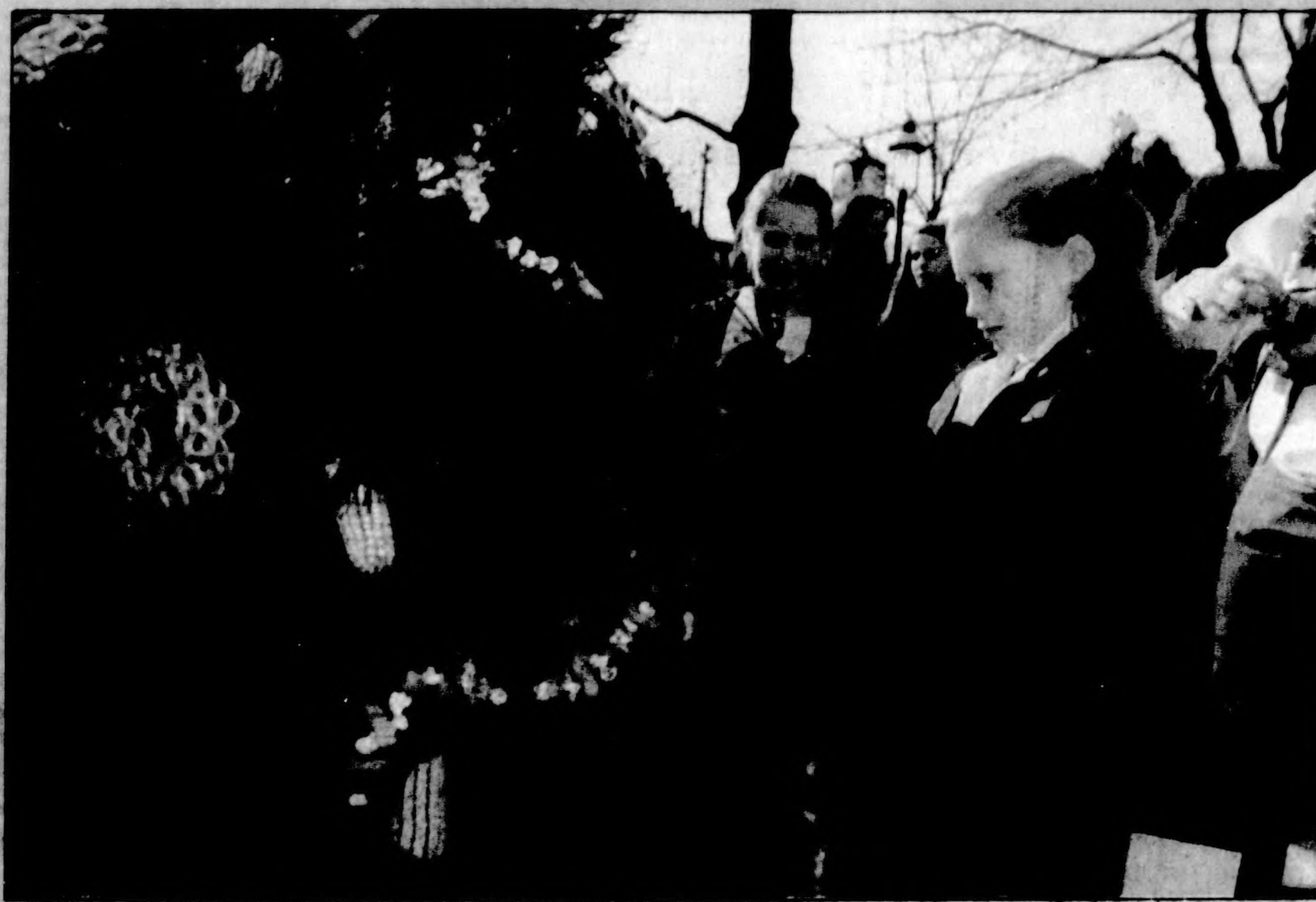
that tone. As anyone knows who has ever been involved, negotiations are never an easy process."

Superintendent Chuck Little said, "It's always a good feeling to reach agreement. This settlement recognizes the needs of the teachers, while trying to maintain funding for other programs."

"Our real problem is that we were short-changed under the new state funding provisions. While Livonia has a foundation grant of \$6,630 per

See TEACHERS, 4A

In the spirit



BILL BRIBLER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Troop 692: Leslie Whiting (left) and Carrie Franchi of Girl Scout Troop 692 decorate Smith Elementary School's Christmas tree Saturday. Their yule tree graces Kellogg Park, part of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Adopt-a-Tree program. Trees were decorated Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, they were dedicated at a candlelight sing-along. Revelers kept warm sipping hot cider and singing carols. Companies and organizations paid the chamber \$35 per tree.

Advocates for homeless get their day in court

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The issue of whether homeless people from Detroit can stay overnight in a Plymouth Township church could be resolved Dec. 27.

That's when attorneys for the Plymouth Township administration and First United Methodist Church are scheduled to appear in Plymouth district court, before Judge James Garber.

Garber is scheduled to hear oral arguments from both sides and rule in the case.

Ron Lowe, attorney for First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, said Plymouth Township is the only municipality in Wayne County where local officials challenge these visits of homeless people. The church, on North Territorial, seeks to house homeless for one week each year.

Lowe said the church should never

have asked permission in the first place.

"There's centuries of tradition in the Methodist church for caring for the needy — it's a basic tenet of Christianity," he said.

The visits of homeless to churches around the county are organized by the Cass Community United Methodist Church of Detroit.

About 60 homeless people were bused to the church on North Territo-

rial in October. A township ordinance officer wrote six tickets against associate pastor Kevin Miles and the church on the basis that the church is not zoned for residential use and for failure to provide adequate shower facilities.

"We are not attacking the ordinance," Lowe said. "But the application of this ordinance in this instance

See HOMELESS, 4A

Plymouth Township puts sledding in dry dock

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Where can a kid in Plymouth go sledding this winter?

Not at Plymouth Township Park. Citing concerns of some minor injuries in recent years and potential lawsuits, the Plymouth Township administration will not allow sledding at the park sledding hill this winter.

But pending a review of the terrain

and possible changes at the park, sledding could return the next winter, officials say.

"Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy said that the township is committed to fostering safe winter activities at the park for its residents," according to the announcement on the cancellation of sledding at the park.

James Anulewicz, director of public

services for the township, is slated to review conditions at the park in January and February to prepare a site analysis for township officials.

"Our insurer has indicated that we should not have sledding altogether out there," Anulewicz said.

Yet, "Our board (trustees) is very much committed that we have activities for our children both during summer months and winter months," he

said. The review will include looking at the possibility of expanding outdoor ice skating by possibly flooding a field, and a review of skating safety at the pond.

"We will take a look at conditions out there and we hope to come back with a number of activities that

See SLEDDING, 4A

Doll show

A doll show featuring antique and collectible dolls is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

There will be more than 100 tables featuring new, used and antique dolls. There will also be doll accessories, doll house miniatures, paper dolls and doll making supplies. Refreshments will be available.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids under age 12. For show information, call 465-2110.

Santa at your house

For \$25 payable to the Plymouth Dream Playscapes Project, Santa will visit your home Friday

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

evening Dec. 16 or Saturday daytime Dec. 17.

Call Darice at 454-4348 to arrange your visit. Proceeds benefit the playscape project, a volunteer effort to build a 15,000-square-foot wood play structure in Plymouth Township Park next spring.

Help Mott kids

Donations are being sought to buy large hand puppets for kids staying at Mott Children's Hospital.

The puppets are successful in turning kids' pain

and suffering into smiles, said Kathy Mount of Plymouth, who is helping to organize the fundraiser.

Checks to buy hand puppets should be made out to "Brandy Memorial Fund-raiser." Donations are being requested by Dec. 16.

Other donated items for kids are also sought. For more information or to donate, call Mount at 459-9780.

Promoting project

The Kroger store at 44606 W. Ann Arbor Road is promoting a "Dreams Can Come True" sponsorship program to benefit the Plymouth Playscape Project.

Patrons can donate \$1 at the store check-out counter or the service desk and a decal with their name will be posted in the store.

Funeral Mass held for helicopter crash victim

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Janice Nowacki-Tobin was afraid to fly.

"What helped her overcome her fear was that she could help someone out," the Rev. Richard Kelly, pastor of St. Thomas A Becket Catholic Church, said at the Tuesday morning funeral Mass for Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin.

A flight nurse and Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital employee, Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin, 43, was aboard a Midwest MedFlight air ambulance helicopter when it crashed northeast of Ann Arbor Dec. 1. Also killed instantly in the crash were Dr. Terry Racicot, 37, of Troy, and pilot Richard Elliott, 43, of Ypsilanti.

"I don't have any answers why bad things happen to good people," Kelly told the church full of mourners, who included family,

friends, co-workers and members of fire departments, ambulance companies and other emergency services from throughout the state, including Canton and as far away as Alpena, Durand, Saginaw, Pontiac and Jackson.

Emergency personnel, with whom Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin worked, stood circling the back of the church while their vehicles were lined up outside ready for a procession to Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. The procession of at least 29 emergency vehicles and friends and family, according to onlookers, reached 3-4 miles.

Catholic Central students and band members also filled the church in support of Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin's son, Philip.

Kelly reminded mourners that the flight nurse would have urged them not to give up on life. "She decided to take her anger and

grief and turn it around into positive elements," Kelly said, referring to her grief following the death of her first husband in an accident.

She had worked as a staff nurse, charge nurse and acting head nurse at St. Joseph's when she decided to apply to be a flight nurse in 1986. She was chosen as one of six nurses from a field of 30 applicants.

Shortly after she told an Observer reporter that she decided against a permanent head nurse position because she didn't want to be bogged down with paperwork. She wanted more direct patient care.

"Jan in many respects was a nurse's nurse," said the Rev. Kenyon Edwards, chaplain in St. Joseph's emergency room. "She had a rule: Always for the patient. And always go with your

gut instinct."

The Rev. Tim Dombrowski, an ethics specialist at St. Joseph's, said the accident and deaths had struck at the heartstrings of the hospital staff. "This tragic accident has touched us at St. Joseph's. This really hurts. I don't think anything can hurt worse than this."

Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher later said that Jan, as she was known to everyone, would be sorely missed. "She was the consummate professional. She was an ambassador for the emergency medical service. She was a real friend to everyone."

Rorabacher said Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin coordinated training for departments, including basic trauma life support. "She would always stop round the station. And she'd call us and joke with us," Rorabacher said.

Edwards told mourners he knew Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin as one who always double-checked on her patients and who always spoke of her children, Philip and Jennifer. Not long after her marriage to Michael Tobin seven months ago, she told Edwards, "What a beautiful day. I almost have to pinch myself to tell me I'm alive."

Michael Tobin read portions of the wedding vows he exchanged with his new wife and had a Stevie Ray Vaughn song played at the funeral. He joked that Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin, who loved blue jeans and T-shirts, would look at the crowd gathered in suits and dresses and wonder, "She would say she must be at a wedding or a funeral," Michael Tobin said. "I could talk about my princess forever. She meant a lot to me."

Kelly recited a joke Michael

Tobin told him that his wife brought home the day before she died. The joke was about a flight crew — doctor, pilot and nurse — who crash. When they got to heaven, each tells God — St. Peter had the day off — what they did with their lives and how they helped people. God told the pilot to sit at his right side; the doctor to his left. When the nurse stepped up, she announced to God: "You're sitting in my seat."

Michael Tobin spoke of his wife and how he had promised to care for her children should anything happen to her. "Baby girl and boy, I'll be here for you. I'm not going to leave you," Tobin told the children.

Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin is survived by her children and husband, as well as her mother, Lorraine Cartwright, sisters Pam, Judy and Pat, and brother Jerry.

Man hit with bird shot at trailer park

A Canton man hit in the leg with bird shot Monday was treated and released from the hospital and Plymouth Township police said they planned to seek charges against the man who allegedly shot him.

At 9:20 p.m., the Canton man, 44, drove to the home of his former mother-in-law in the Ply-

mouth Hills Mobile Home Park over a continuing family disagreement, according to Plymouth Township Police who are investigating the incident.

While outside the home on North Drive, the boyfriend of the former mother-in-law came outside with a 12-gauge shotgun and

allegedly fired one round of bird shot at the Canton man's older model Camero, striking it in the door.

"The victim then exited his vehicle and was having words with the ex mother-in-law outside, when he was shot in the lower right leg," said Det. Sgt. Robert Antal.

The man was taken to St. Mary's Hospital and released. Township police said they planned to charge the alleged shooter with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, at his scheduled court appearance Wednesday.

It was the first shooting this year in Plymouth Township.

Priest faces charge

A pre-trial hearing in Plymouth district court was scheduled for Wednesday for an associate pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, who police charge was drinking and driving Nov. 21.

The Rev. John Ortman was arrested on the charge at 5:35 p.m. after the Jeep he was driving struck a car driven by another man on Main Street, after Ortman turned left in front of the oncoming car south of Mill Street.

According to the police report, the other driver's air bag deployed, but neither driver was injured.

Besides being cited for driving under the influence of alcohol, Ortman was also cited for failure to yield the right of way and for driving with a suspended license.

He also had an outstanding warrant for a drinking and driving charge in Lapeer County, the police report continued. Ortman was released from custody after posting \$100 bond.

Mott Children's Hospital kids get yule help

To aid kids at Mott Children's Hospital, the "Make Me A Blessing Christmas Tree" drive is on.

Now through Dec. 16, shoppers can find small Christmas trees decorated with cards at participating Plymouth businesses.

Donors are asked to remove a

card, which represents a child staying at the hospital. The owner buys a gift for the child and returns it unwrapped to the store or Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor by Dec. 16 — and include your name and address.

"Enjoy the blessing that you

have touched, comforted and cheered a very ill child who must be at Mott on Christmas Day, by letting him or her know that even a stranger cares this holiday," said Kathy Mount of Plymouth, who is organizing the event.

For questions or information on

tax deductions, call Mount at 459-9780. The trees and cards are at the Engraving Connection, Specialty Pet, Minerva's, Penn Theater, Kroger's, Michigan National Bank, Lee's, Little Professor Book Center, Plymouth Office Supply, Paper Parade and several other businesses.

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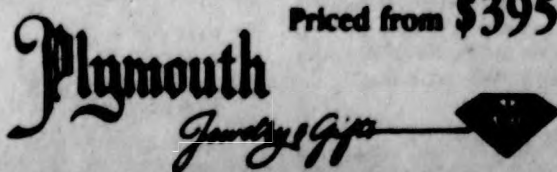


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Residents seek paving of alley to ease flooding

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Flooded garages caused by a too-high alley grade sparked a group of residents to ask for help from city commissioners this summer.

While they said that lowering the alley grade helped, the residents were back on Monday to seek paving of the alley.

"It's 100 percent improved from what it was," said Mike McCaffrey of Sheridan Street. "It's the

sewer there that's blocked up."

The commission approved the request, as a majority of affected homeowners said they favored the paving — to be paid for through special assessments.

Several homeowners with property abutting the alley off of Sheldon Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Sheridan Avenue attended the public hearing on the matter Monday before the commission.

"They did grade the alley, but

it is still too high, it has to be brought down," said Julie Nelson of Ann Arbor Trail. She told commissioners, "I'm definitely in favor of paving."

Jeff Hoffman, speaking for his father Rex Hoffman of Sheridan Street, said his father was opposed. So was Dave Schlick of Sheridan: "I don't think they can do an adequate job of paving it for \$10,000."

Hoffman asked how the city came up with the figure of

\$10,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Loiselle said the figure was a rough estimate from the city administration, adding they would know the actual cost once bids were taken.

City Manager Steve Walters added the figure was for asphalt paving — not concrete.

One resident who favored the paving told officials the city should pick up more of the tab. Another said that while she wanted the alley paved, she opposed

the work because some of her neighbors who opposed it would have to help pay for it if approved.

City commissioners approved the request to arrange to pave the alley, as property owners with just more than 50 percent of land facing the alley favored the action.

And of the eight affected property owners five approved while three opposed. "You've met the qualification (for approval) by either test," City Attorney Ron Lowe said.

The commission voted 5-0 to approve the paving. Mayor Doug Miller and Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury were absent.

Another public hearing will be scheduled to correct any possible errors in the assessment roll, before the paving is scheduled for next May, city officials said.

City building official Jim Penn said the grade of the paved alley would be set below that of existing garage floors.

Bird School students donate to Cheer Club

The donations are starting to stream in for the Plymouth and Canton Observer Christmas Cheer Club.

By 3 p.m. Tuesday, we'd been taking your donations of canned and boxed food for a week and a half. And you've come through with donations — 83 of you, so far.

Our Cheer Club donors in the last few days were Pam Rizzo and family of Canton, Juanita Fenkell of Plymouth Township; Ruth Rumbold of Plymouth, Valerie

Klemmer of Plymouth, Dominic Bonell of Plymouth, Ben Burkman of Canton, Patrick Todd and family of Plymouth, the Stolaruk family of Plymouth, Santa, Darlene Stevenson of Plymouth, Mary Shupert of Plymouth Township, an anonymous donor, and Peggy and Chris Soave of Plymouth.

Also contributing were a group of third and fourth graders from Bird Elementary School: Erica Ahrens, Matt Bizler, Shannon Brennan, April Brauseau, Del-

At 3 p.m. Dec. 15 — just one week from now — the Plymouth Salvation Army will help load up the toys and food on their truck.

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We are taking new unwrapped toys and canned and boxed food, for needy kids and families this Christmas.

Then at 3 p.m. Dec. 15 — just one week from now — the Plymouth Salvation Army will help load up the toys and food on their truck.

The items will be taken to the



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BREZLER

Cheer Club donors: Jane Nichols' split third and fourth grade class at Bird Elementary School recently donated a heap of canned food and other items to the Observer Christmas Cheer Club drive.



Helping Santa: Bird Elementary School third and fourth graders and some helpers recently donated items to the Observer's Christmas Cheer Club drive.

Salvation Army's Plymouth distribution center and grouped with other collected donations.

And there, needy families from Plymouth and Canton who qualify to receive food and toys under Salvation Army guidelines will be invited to take your donated gifts.

In each issue of our newspaper during the Christmas Cheer Club drive, we'll list names of donors who bring things in. We'll also

run a photo or two of folks dropping by our office to donate.

Our office is at 744 Wing just east of Main Street, and office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We've recorded as many as 200 donors to the Cheer Club during the Christmas season.

We hope you can join the Cheer Club this year. For more information, call the Plymouth and Canton Observer office at 459-2700.

By 3 p.m. Tuesday, we'd been taking your donations of canned and boxed food for a week and a half. And you've come through with donations — 83 of you, so far.

Omnicom, Salvation Army sponsor holiday food drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army and Omnicom Cablevision's 1994 "Baskets Filled with Love" food drive to help feed needy families and individuals in the community is under way.

Omnicom is working with the Salvation Army and this theme in hopes of having community wide participation. The 1994 project is endorsed by the Canton and Plymouth Chambers of Commerce.

More than 25 collection sites have been established, including the Plymouth and Canton Cham-

bers of Commerce, Canton Library and the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"We endeavor to make this food drive a success and are glad to provide this service to our community," said Maria Holmes, community affairs and program director for Omnicom Cable.

The food drive which began on Nov. 21, is looking for businesses, churches, schools and service organizations that want to participate and have "love boxes" at their meetings or establishment.

"Everyone can participate —

just donate a can or two," said Holmes.

To receive a box and poster, just stop by Omnicom's office at 8465 Ronda Drive in Canton or call 459-7321. The food drive concludes on Dec. 16. If participants cannot take their canned goods to the Salvation Army, they can contact Omnicom Cable to arrange for a pick up.

Businesses and organizations interested in participating in the food drive can contact Omnicom Cable at 459-7321 to receive a poster and love box.

Employees to donate clothing

Workers at the Ford Motor Co. Sheldon Road plant are working to ensure that every kid will have a warm and dry Christmas.

The employees have donated money to buy winter coats, boots,

scarves and mittens for children ages 3-13.

The "Coats for Kids" project is being sponsored by the Ford Motor Co. and the UAW Local 845

Community Service Committee.

The goal is to pledge \$40 per child, and the purchase of items will take place on Sunday, Dec. 11, and Dec. 18, at Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Santa Claus display disappears from restaurant in Canton

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

As Richard Costantino of Rose's restaurant in Canton says: Put out an all points bulletin on the whereabouts of the missing sleigh and reindeer.

Anyone who has driven past Rose's on Canton Center Road, north of Cherry Hill, within the past 1 1/2 weeks has marveled at the brightly illuminated display of Santa's sleigh pulled by three reindeer. Rudolph with his bright, red nose, was in the lead already leaping about four feet off the ground.

But when the Costantino family arrived at work about 6:30 a.m. Dec. 2, something was different. "I got in and thought, 'What's different about this place?'" Costantino said.

Sure enough, the brand new display was missing. It's believed

The family wants the sleigh and reindeer back. They are offering an undisclosed reward: 'If they bring it back, they'll find out what the reward is.'

Richard Costantino

that someone stole the large display sometime between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Dec. 2. The display was there when the carpet was cleaned at about 1:30 a.m., Costantino said.

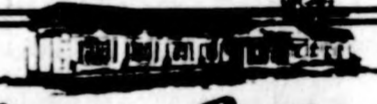
"People just loved it," Costantino said. He even called the factory that made the sleigh and reindeer to see if he could get an-

other one. "They aren't making them now."

Besides the sheer audacity of the thief or thieves, the Costantino family is also upset because they were looking forward to using the display Saturday when children are invited to the restaurant for a pizza party with Santa. The party will continue 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Santa will be there even though he's lost his sleigh and reindeer.

As displays go, it was fairly large. The reindeer stood about four feet tall. Someone apparently cut the cable that kept the display illuminated. The extension cords were even stolen. "It's just sad," Costantino said.

The family wants the sleigh and reindeer back. They are offering an undisclosed reward. "If they bring it back, they'll find out what the reward is," Costantino said.



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Reaching out

Schools to provide more information

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

If goals drafted by the "stakeholders" group from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are implemented, residents will learn about the school district on Omnicon cable, have access to a speakers' bureau and be invited to community dinners.

They'll also be able to attend board meetings at their neighborhood schools and get more school information from Realtors.

The proposals are among many suggested by a cross-section of the community charged by Superintendent Charles Little with identifying district objectives for 1994-95.

Also on the list are ways to improve the schools' image, better inform the public and enhance morale and learning.

Unlike earlier school improvement reports that receive lip service but languish, this wish list has a chance of becoming reality.

At a workshop Monday, administrators and the Board of Education discussed how to implement the goals, timelines and

measure success.

The stakeholders assembled at Little's request in lieu of the board drafting its own goals, as it has done in the past.

First on the list is a phone survey to assess community attitudes. Students will help employees question 400 residents.

To strengthen community contacts, the superintendent plans to invite business and political leaders "to brown bag lunches in my office, five or six at a time." Little already has toured some area plants and serves on the Chamber of Commerce economic development committee.

"Breakfasts of Champions" will be hosted at middle schools "to celebrate kids' achievements with a speaker, preferably someone who has made it from the school district, the principal, myself," and parents, said Little.

Little would like to see "at least four polished speakers, on the same page, prepared to go out and spread the schools' story. We have more calls for presentations than people to do it."

School board member Roland Thomas suggested a "school finance speakers' bureau."

The board also agreed to hold a monthly meeting at a neighborhood school. Plans also call for the district's budget to be published each June.

"I find there is a gigantic gap in what people know about school finance, not only in Plymouth-Canton, but even among people who are attuned," said Little.

To improve morale, goals include surveying staff, more frequent visits to schools by administrators and orientation videos for new hires and new residents.

Several audience members said the district needs to do more.

"It's your total community you have to build trust with," said teacher Earl Harrington. "Unless they trust you, you're wasting your time."

Paraprofessional Joyce Harrington said, "I don't see how surveys will be effective in improving communication, unless you do a lot of basic work beforehand. You

need to talk to people to get their ideas and make them feel like you're actually listening."

She commended Little for coming to school buildings for lunch. "That surprises people. We need to do more of that so you can get to know us, and vice versa."

A teacher criticized trustees for sitting in silence at last week's meeting after a string of teachers appealed to the board to recognize their hard work and come to terms on a contract. "At least I would have known that someone heard me," she said.

School board president David Artley, who offered a general response at the Nov. 28 meeting, said "We are not going to get in the habit of negotiating in public." Artley, and trustees Sue Feiten and Mark Horvath said they welcome phone calls.

The remaining goals — including long-range planning, measuring academic progress and setting high expectations for teaching and learning — will be discussed at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 prior to the regular board meeting.

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child and Ann Arbor will receive \$7,786 per child, our foundation grant is only \$6,515 per child. That's simply not equal dollars for education any way you look at it, but that's another story. The important thing is that this lets us once again concentrate our energies on the job of teaching and learning, which is what we're all about."

Following the teachers' settlement, the custodial-maintenance union reached a tentative agreement with the district later Tuesday morning. Still unsettled are the cafeteria and transportation workers, the paraprofessionals and the Plymouth-Canton Administrators' association. Clerical workers settled earlier.

"We will now look toward meeting with these groups," said district spokesman Richard Egli. "Most were simply waiting until the teachers were settled."

A number of teachers said they were serious about striking. Support was evident at two informational pickets and earlier this week when dozens of teachers called in sick.

A high school student said three of her six teachers were absent Monday.

Fan phone calls began at 1:30 a.m. and continued til 6 a.m. Tuesday, telling teachers to go to work.

"If they'd called for a strike, we'd have been out. A majority was in support. We would have been out that night had they asked for it," a teacher said of the Nov. 28 picket attended by 450 teachers. "We felt so betrayed. They said they needed the money, so everyone said fine, and we gave back our 3-percent raise last year."

"The tone of these negotiations was positive, and we were pleased with that tone. As anyone who has ever been involved, negotiations are never an easy process."

Chuck Portelli
teachers' union president

Hours later, they found several million dollars and extended our school day by five minutes."

The pact includes a severance buy-out, an unchanged school calendar for 1995-96, and language on school improvement plans and site-based decision making.

Assisting Cotner and Portelli on the bargaining team were teachers Sharon Belobraidich, Joann Gustafson and Dave Wert. Advising them was Louis Diaz of the Michigan Education Association.

Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for personnel, spearheaded bargaining for the board of education. Eligible for the buyout are teachers at the top of the scale.

"Out of 744 members, we have 600 at the top of the schedule. I'm not predicting people are going to retire, but if they want to, it's a very nice, 10-year package," said Portelli.

The board is expected to vote on the contract next week if the agreement is approved by teachers today.

Community Chorus to perform at museum

Members of the Plymouth Community Chorus will add their voices to the holiday celebration at Henry Ford Museum on Sunday, Dec. 18. The group is directed by Michael Gross. Performances are in the main concourse at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

The museum not only adds the melodic melodies of the Plymouth chorus, it also takes on a dazzling look with glitter, garlands and a

gigantic, spectacularly decorated holiday tree. In a fanciful gingerbread village, toy trains chime-clack along mini-railroad tracks. Storytelling, hands-on activities, and the jolly old elf himself will delight the youngsters.

Next door in Greenfield Village experience the changing ways Christmas has been celebrated at such sites as the Wright Home,

Sarah Jordan Boardinghouse and the Firestone Farm.

Holiday trees reflect decorating customs that pre-date tinsel and twinkle lights. Costumed interpreters will be baking holiday treats and crafting gifts based on centuries-old traditions. Children will discover resourceful ways to create Christmas cheer in a special hands-on area just for them.

The holidays will be celebrated at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day. Adults \$11.50; seniors citizens, 62 and over, \$10.50; children 5-12, \$5.75; children under 5 free. Admission to the museum and village is separate. Combination tickets (unlimited access to both sites for two consecutive days) cost adults \$20, youth 5-12 \$10.

Homeless from page 1A

is unconstitutional."

The issue was first raised around Christmas three years ago, when the church sought township permission for a similar visit by homeless people.

Township officials rejected the request, and that got attention from news outlets around metro Detroit.

Then, supervisor Gerald Law echoed Lowe's contention that once the church asked for permis-

sion, the township government had to follow its ordinances.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy has said the issue is not rejecting homeless people, but maintaining a safe environment in buildings.

The township government maintains the church is not approved as a dwelling for people to live in. But Lowe rejected that argument, saying youth groups are routinely allowed to have sleep-


overs at various township churches.

On a typical day, the group of homeless people coming to Plymouth would board buses in De-

troit in the evening, arrive at the church and be served dinner and participate in activities, sleep overnight and be served breakfast, then return home by bus to their jobs or the streets.

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NEWSPAPERS

Fragile families making job of educators harder

BY MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

Call Michael P. Flanagan an education advocate.

As superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency, Flanagan oversees everything from Head Start for preschoolers to identifying priorities for the almost half million children educated in the county's public schools.

"In my generation, 60 to 70 percent of families were intact, what I call Leave It To Beaver families with a mom, dad and kids. Now, nationally, that figure is only 6 percent. It's probably even lower in Wayne County. There is no built-in support mechanism for learning."

Flanagan, a New York native

and Notre Dame graduate, cut his teeth career-wise in several administrative positions in Michigan schools before joining RESA last January.

He was superintendent of Farmington Public Schools and held other administrative positions there. He also served as assistant superintendent of the Huron Valley Schools.

Flanagan, based in RESA's Wayne headquarters, travels across the county regularly for education summits with staffs from the 34 districts in the county. The past year has been an eye opening experience for him.

"The whole future is in jeopardy," he said. "We have a half million kids. And half of them are on the road to not becoming con-

tributing members of society.

"It wasn't hard being the superintendent in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Those kids are prepared to do well.

"The diversity of needs from district to district is shocking. The needs in Highland Park and Detroit are different from Grosse Pointe or Plymouth-Canton.

"The Governor, even the President, list solutions in an oversimplistic way."

Re-energizing staff is a key ingredient to meeting the challenge, he said. In Highland Park, the poorest district, Flanagan was part of a group responsible for creating an interdisciplinary team to focus on special education, technology and Head Start pro-

gram improvements over the next five years.

"Their needs are different from the team going into Grosse Pointe or Plymouth-Canton. Each district is totally unique.

"We're responsible for educating more kids in the county than in the whole state of Wyoming. And we don't have the political clout."

RESA has over 1,000 employees at 30 sites and a budget of \$143 million in federal, state and local money. It is the link between the 34 local school districts and the Michigan Department of Education. It's the largest of 57 agencies of its kind in Michigan and one of the largest in the nation.

Each district with input from RESA is planning strategies to improve schools into the next century.

"When I was in high school in the early 60s, even those who dropped out were able to find jobs in the auto industry," Flanagan said. "Today that's gone. Learning is the fuel for the future. The metaphor for education has changed from a 100 yard dash to a marathon where everyone crosses the finish line."

In addition to offering consulting and technical assistance to 37,500 school employees, RESA



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Michael Flanagan
RESA superintendent

Educational service agency serves districts countywide

The Regional Educational Service Agency has several new programs to promote education in Wayne County. A few are highlighted here.

An estimated 1,000 middle and high school students who want to stay in school, and even go on to college or post-high-school training programs, will get help attaining their goals through an educational talent search project called STARS (Student Talent Academy Reaching for Success).

Participating students in grades 6 to 12 — from the dis-

tricts of Ecorse, Huron, Inkster, River Rouge, Romulus, Van Buren and Westwood — attend Saturday enrichment classes; receive tutoring in math, science, and other subjects; obtain academic, career and personal counseling; and develop skills necessary for success in their academic as well as professional careers.

Located at RESA's Heritage Farm complex in Wayne, Outdoor Challenge is a pilot program designed for at-risk middle school and emotionally impaired high school students. Borrowing inno-

vative techniques from Outward Bound, students gain leadership skills and build self-esteem and self-reliance as they encounter physical challenges on a rigorous indoor-outdoor course.

Perhaps the most innovative new program, RESA in April initiated its first Head Start program for children whose families are without permanent homes. It currently serves 17 western Wayne preschoolers who live in area homeless shelters with their families.

directly runs Head Start programs for over 3,700 children; operates special education programs; provides computer services; and coordinates purchasing for local districts to save them money.

A nationally recognized educator, Flanagan is vice chairman of the National Superintendency Institute and education's representative to President Clinton's Task Force for Children's Health Ser-

vices. He is also a member of both the state superintendent's school finance advisory committee and the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators council.

He is a member of the Wayne County Tax Advisory Board, the County Library Board, and a board trustee of Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Flanagan lives in Plymouth Township with his wife and three children.

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At the Michigan Jaycees second quarter convention held Nov. 18-20 at the Troy Marriott, the Plymouth/Canton Jaycees were honored as the number one chapter in the "Parade of Chapters."

The announcement was made by Lynda Nelson, Michigan Jaycees president, during the Saturday evening banquet.

In addition, the chapter was honored as "Chapter of the Quarter" for their population division as well as "Chapter of the Quarter" for their population division for individual and membership development programming.

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees were chosen for these awards based on its outstanding efforts in

community service, individual development, chapter management and membership growth and retention during the past three months.

The Jaycees are a leadership training organization for individuals ages 21 to 39. Leadership training opportunities are available through participating/supervising community improvement projects, various training courses, and other activities.

There are 6,800 Jaycees in 160 chapters throughout Michigan. For more information on the Jaycees, contact your local chapter or the Michigan Jaycee Service Center at (517) 487-6077.

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following events are scheduled for December.

Holiday closings:
Saturday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Dec. 26.

Saturday, Dec. 30, through Monday, Jan. 2.

Youth department Christmas collection
The youth department has a special collection of Christmas books now on limited loan, two books per library card for one week.

Holiday family program
This program will feature Storyteller-Mime-Puppeteer Pat Judd. Join the youth department librarians 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Registration begins Monday, Dec. 12, by calling 453-0750 during reg-

ular library hours. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library and the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department.

Best seller list
The following are releases that may be reserved by calling 453-0750: "The Lottery," by Mary Higgins Clark; "Insomnia" by Stephen King; "The Chamber," by John Grisham; "Debt Of Honor," by Tom Clancy; "Nothing Lasts Forever" by Sidney Sheldon; "The Body Farm" by Patricia Cornwell; "Baseball" by Geoffrey C. Ward; "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," by John Berendt; and "The Kennedy Women" by Laurence Leamer are a few of the current best sellers available by adding your name to reserve list or by using the book rental collection.

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The writers club will meet 6:30-

8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays, in the second floor meeting room. For additional information, call Brian Anderson at 416-0418.

■ The Contemporary Books discussion group will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, to discuss "Like Water for Chocolate" by Laura Esquivel. For more information, call Darlene Ursei at the library, 453-0750.

■ The Great Books discussion meets 7:30 p.m. on alternate Monday evenings. If you wish to join this group, call Karen Berrie at 453-2454.

Board meeting
The Plymouth District Library Board will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, upstairs in Plymouth City Hall. This meeting is open to the public. Individuals with special needs who plan to at-

tend this meeting should call the library at 453-0750 (voice) or 453-6712 (TDD) if auxiliary aids or services are needed. Advance notice is required.

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Family seeks help getting dog back in time for the Christmas holiday

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Christmas won't be the same for young Dustin Sartin unless his 11-week-old puppy, a female rottweiler named Sable, is returned to him.

"I miss her," Sartin, 5, said. "I used to play with her a lot."

Sable was left in an unlocked car in Westland on Nov. 17 when Sartin and his mother, Sheila, went to the 8200 block of Merriman so that the boy could get a haircut. Someone apparently let the puppy out of the car.

"My little boy is just heart-broken," said Sheila Sartin, 33, of Inkster and formerly of Garden City. "She was such a sweet dog. She's a champion dog, and I had

planned on breeding her."

Westland police Sgt. Michael Gould is trying to help the Sartins find Sable. He is asking anyone with information to call him at 721-6311. The Sartins are offering a reward.

"I'd like to give Mr. Sartin his Christmas gift of getting his dog back," Gould said.

The Sartins seemed to be on Sable's trail at first. Shortly after the dog disappeared, a woman who found it went into another business near the hair-cutting salon and tried unsuccessfully to find the owner, Gould said.

The woman didn't want to take Sable to the Michigan Humane Society, fearing it might be destroyed, so she went to 20th Cen-

tury Pets on Wayne Road only to learn that the business "didn't deal in dogs," Gould said.

However, a pet store customer apparently overheard the woman talking about the rottweiler and volunteered to take it, the sergeant said. And that's where the trail to Sable ends.

Sheila Sartin said she was told that the man who took Sable may drive a blue van and may live in Garden City, but little else is known.

"I have followed all leads," Gould said.

Sable weighs 35 to 40 pounds,

and she had a distinguishing blotch of pink paint on her shoulder area.

"I had been painting the kitchen, and she got into the paint," Sheila Sartin said.

That's the playful Sable that Dustin Sartin remembers. And now he just waits to see if his puppy will be returned in time to celebrate Christmas with him.

LUNCH MENU FOR SENIORS

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals for the week of Dec. 12. Meals will be served at noon at Tonquish Creek Manor, 1160 Sheridan in Plymouth, (453-9703) and at 11:30 a.m. at Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. (397-5444).

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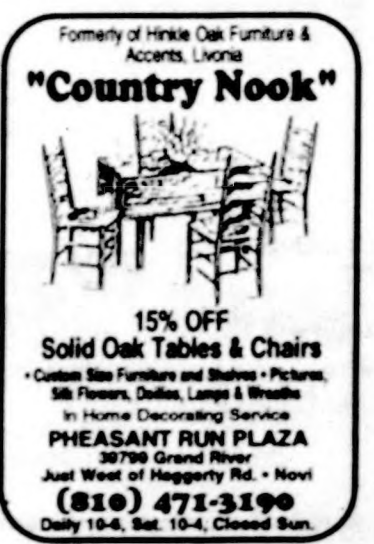
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ROLL CALL REPORT

U.S. House and Senate pass GATT tariff agreement

Here's how *Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress* were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Dec. 2

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GATT: By a vote of 288 for and 146 against, the House passed a

bill (HR 5110) authorizing American participation in the global free-trade pact known as GATT. The Senate (below) followed suit, clearing the way for the United States to join more than 100 other nations in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade set to take effect next July. GATT is designed to accelerate global commerce by requiring

nations to cut their tariffs, or taxes on imports, by one-third, and by forcing down the subsidies that governments worldwide use to protect favored industries. The bill includes revenue measures to offset the \$12 billion the Treasury is expected to lose over five years as a result of lower tariffs. GATT establishes a World Trade

Organization to enforce the new rules for international commerce. Critics said the WTO will chip away at United States sovereignty, for example, by judging U.S. environmental and safety laws to be unfair protection against imports. A yes vote was to approve GATT. Area representatives voting yes were: Bob Carr, D-Pontiac, Je-

soph Koellenberg, R-Birmingham and Sander Levin, D-Southfield. Voting no: Dale Kildee, D-Flint, William Ford, D-Ypsilanti.

Trade Pact: By a vote of 76 for and 24 against, the Senate gave final Congressional approval to a bill (HR 5110, above) including the United States in the international

SENATE
anti-protectionist trade pact known as GATT.

A yes vote was to approve GATT. Michigan Senators Carl, Levin, D, voted yes. Donald Riegle, D, voted yes.

Children must get shots

BY MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

At least one parent of a student in Livonia's Tyler elementary school was caught in a dilemma this week when notification of an immunization update was brought home.

The child brought the letter home from school on Friday. It said an MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) immunization was required by Dec. 7, or the child would not be allowed back to school. That gave mom and dad three business days to take action.

The doctor's office didn't have an opening before January, since its policy required a physical exam as well. Only by pestering a medical office worker was the father able to get his daughter in for her shot by the deadline.

While most school districts and day care centers give parents ample time to meet immunization requirements, sometimes communications break down.

The basic immunization schedule requires incoming kindergartners to have DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, (whooping cough) tetanus), polio, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), and a tuberculin skin test, or a chest x-ray if the skin test is positive.

The county offers the immunizations free at its Westland facility on Merriman north of Michigan Avenue. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling 467-3313. Immunizations are given daily.

There is also a traveling immunization clinic held the first Wednesday of the month at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Livonia.

"The county's requirements are not unreasonable," said Kari Miller, a nurse employed by Plymouth-Canton schools. "We try to do whatever we can to assist the parent in meeting the deadline."

"The ultimate goal is to make sure all children are adequately immunized."

Miller, one of four full-time nurses in Plymouth Canton, says an exclusion list from the county arrives at each local school district in October.

"After we get the exclusion list, we review our records. It's a lot of checking and it takes a lot of time. We try to get them out to parents as soon as possible."

Miller says that while the county clinic and HMOs don't charge for the shots, private doctors' offices will charge for an office visit.

SC teacher set to retire this month

Plymouth resident Richard T. Arlen, an accounting professor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, will retire this month after 25 years of service to the college.

Arlen was a significant leader in the college's faculty association, served on the college's grievance committee for 14 years, as chief negotiator for 16 years, and as president for 10 years.

He joined the college in 1969 and worked diligently for viable solutions for the college and its employees. He published a textbook for accounting students called "College Accounting: An Introduction." He was an active facilitator for accounting presentations, and was honored with awards by fellow accounting professionals.

Arlen has been involved in Plymouth as treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton school board. He also serves as a mediator for the Detroit Reconciliation Center.

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Go-ahead

Subdivision OK'd despite neighbors' fears

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland residents living near Cherry Hill and Carlson are worried that their neighborhood will be deluged with traffic from a new subdivision planned for the area.

Fifty ranch and colonial homes are slated for the Cherry Oaks Estates subdivision that is to be built on 13.9 acres southwest of Cherry Hill and Carlson, city planning director Tod Kilroy said.

Nearby residents, saying their neighborhoods already are bombarded by traffic, told the Westland City Council that the problem will only worsen. They are particularly concerned about developer Marshall Kallen's proposal to extend one street, Canyon, west from Carlson into the new subdivision.

Access into the subdivision also would be available from the north, via Cherry Hill.

"We already have a traffic problem at Carlson and Canyon," Carlson resident Carol Pi-

lon said during Monday night's council meeting. "Canyon cannot take any more traffic."

Pilon said she is fearful for children's safety.

Despite opposition from residents, the developer's plans apparently meet city ordinances. That prompted the council Monday to vote 4-3 to give the Cherry Oaks Estates project tentative preliminary plat approval.

Opposing the project were Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli and Councilman Charles Pickering. Supporting it were council members Glenn Anderson, David Cox, Charles "Trav" Griffin, Sharon Scott and Thomas Brown.

The council's action, however, was contingent on having the developer seek an alternative to extending Canyon. Some suggested a second Cherry Hill entrance.

Some nearby residents had hoped that Cherry Oaks Estates could have a single entrance, but Michael Reddy, assistant

fire chief, noted that two entrances would be necessary to provide adequate access during emergencies.

To further complicate traffic problems, the Cherry Oaks Estates project is expected to begin next spring, meaning it will coincide with the widening of nearby Newburgh between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Newburgh will be closed more than a year.

"I think we're going to have a really complicated problem when all of this happens at one time," Pickering said.

Cicirelli suggested that an emergency access road could be built as a second entrance, and that it could remain closed except during emergencies. A final solution has not yet been decided.

Mayor Robert Thomas noted Monday that traffic problems caused by the Newburgh widening will eventually subside.

Moreover, he said it would be unfair to penalize Kallen because of the Newburgh project, which isn't connected to the

Cherry Oaks Estates development.

At one point Monday, it appeared the council might postpone its vote a second time. The council delayed the vote two weeks ago.

"It is unfair to my client . . . to postpone another two weeks what could have already been addressed," attorney Steven Wallace told the council Monday.

Residents also have voiced concerns about other issues, such as water pressure. But Carl Clark, public services department director, said pressure will actually be boosted by system improvements that will accompany the project.

Council members noted that Monday's vote for tentative preliminary plat approval is the first of several steps necessary for the development. Several departments at the county and state level will have to review and approve the plans, which also still face final plat approval by the council.

Top local students earn math honors

Seven students from the Plymouth Canton Educational Park (PCEP) have qualified for the second part of the 38th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

The qualifiers from Salem High School are: seniors, Karanbir Gill, Rebecca Uhlmann and Daniel Hodge. Qualifiers from Canton High School are: sophomores, Angkana Roy and Besty Oatley and seniors Justin Palk and Gregg Wu.

The students qualified for Part

II by placing among the top seven percent of nearly 14,000 students who took an examination given at 400 schools across the state of Michigan on Oct. 12.

The qualifiers will compete by taking the second part of the exam on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The 100 students with the highest combined scores will be invited to a banquet in their honor at Grand Valley State University on March 4. Approximately the top 50 students will receive college scholarships ranging in value of \$400 to \$2,200.

Woman participates in annual parade

Charlotte Austin of Plymouth, a longtime owner and breeder of Arabian horses, was in the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade with her Harmony Acres Arabians. She was part of a parade train-

ing group of volunteer equestrians and has participated in various parades for more than 10 years.

The volunteer group plans to ride in the Chicago Thanksgiving parade in 1995.

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The request of DADCO is on file in the Clerk's Office in the Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Board of Trustees meet in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, at 7:30 p.m. Phone Number 452-3840 X 224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by Resolution.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Published December 8, 1994

Many cats, dogs find yule gifts under tree

Are your four-legged friends on your holiday gift list? If so, you aren't alone.

Almost nine of 10 pet owners (86 percent) plan to buy their dogs or cats a present this Christmas, according to a survey conducted at the 77-store Pets Supplies Plus chain.

On average, the survey respon-

dents said they plan to spend \$10 on their pets this Christmas, with catnip toys being the most popular gift for cats and large rawhide bones and rubber chew toys leading the pack with dogs.

Other popular gifts include doggie sweaters and beds, mechanical mice and dog biscuit cookies packaged in holiday boxes.

Most dogs and cats are likely to be surprised by holiday gifts since more than half of the respondents (53 percent) said they will wrap their pets' Christmas presents this year.

Other interesting results are: 47 percent of owners will place their pets' presents under the tree; 37 percent will place their pets' pre-

sents in a Christmas stocking.

The fact that most people include their pets in their holiday celebrations comes as no surprise to Pets Supplies Plus. "Pets have become part of the family today," said company president Jack Berry. "It's only natural that they should be part of the festivities at this time of year."

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Officials hope to streamline court funding system

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Chief Justice Michael Cavanagh promised legislators three model plans for straightening out the funding of Michigan's complex court system.

A joint Senate-House committee is wrestling with the perceived unfairness, dating back to 1980, of the state's paying for judges in Wayne Circuit, Detroit Recorders and Detroit District Court while the other 82 counties pay their own ways.

"The funding level for all Wayne County courts is not all that different from the rest of the state," Cavanagh told the panel Nov. 30. "There's a great deal of misunderstanding of 'state-funded' courts."

Cavanagh added he has "no secret plan" that he's holding back until May 10.

The 611-judge system cost \$510 million to run in 1991, the last full year for which data were available. The state picked up 30

percent, local units 29 percent, court revenue (filing fees and fines) 31 percent, and federal grants for the Friend of the Court 11 percent.

Under the 1980 plan of then-Gov. William G. Milliken and the Legislature, the state would pay judicial costs in the Wayne-Detroit courts and gradually pick up costs across the state. The severe economic recession of 1979-83, however, halted any further state action.

A group of outstate counties has filed suit against the state over the state's failure to proceed with a state funding plan.

But Cavanagh's figures showed that local units are paying 25.7 percent of costs for the Wayne-Detroit courts versus 35.8 percent in the other 82½ counties.

Lawmakers didn't comment on Cavanagh's presentation.

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Circuit courts bring in barely 10 percent of their \$193 million in operating costs. Probate courts collect 7 percent of their \$166.7 million costs.

Rep. Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he was "bothered" by court-collected fines going to such other uses as libraries and road patrols. "We tend to have court money going to other places," Nye said.

Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, noted court workloads aren't "weighted" — that is, con-

tested versus uncontested divorces aren't separated, and efficiency levels aren't shown.

The court administrator's staff replied that it was difficult to weight cases and assign some costs.

Cavanagh's detailed report showed the \$510 million total operating cost figure was a guess, at best. Some problems:

■ The salaries figure excluded some county clerk wages. County clerks serve general county government but also handle court paperwork.

■ Salaries of court clerks and their benefits differ widely across the state, with Wayne County's levels considerably higher than

even neighboring Oakland County's.

■ It was difficult to allocate the costs of "assigned counsel" — that is, lawyers for indigents. Some local units failed to identify what court the assigned counsel was working in.

■ Equipment costs varied. In some counties, courts and general government shared equipment.

■ Such costs as the law library, employee bonds and telephone p

ten are included in the general government budget and not in the court budget.

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More than 250 rollerskaters from throughout Michigan and Ohio participated in last Sunday's Michigan Inter-Club Artistic Rollerskating Meet at Riverside Arena in Livonia.

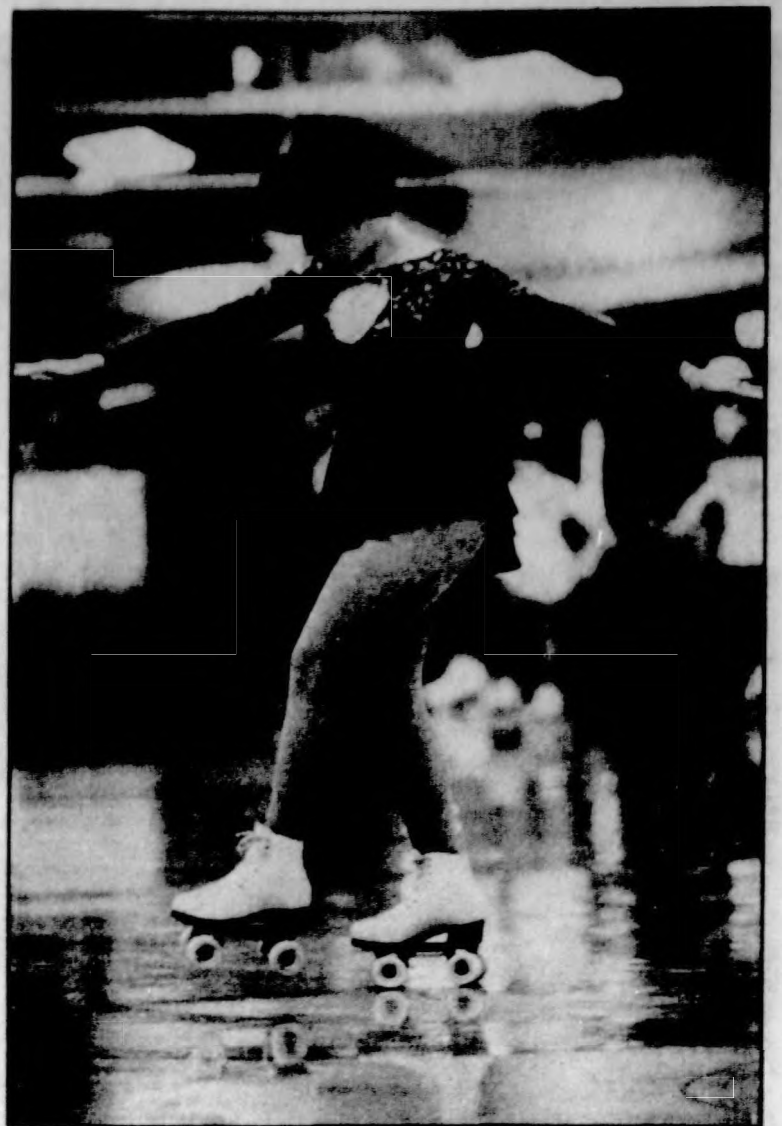
Placing (first, second or third place) in figure events were Bethany Rydzewski of Livonia, Christine Jarrett of Livonia, Lindsay Mann, Matthew Karr of Livonia, Travey Wilson of Livonia, David Parker of Brighton, Sara Rydzewski of Livonia, Christine Riding of Livonia, Lisa Huntington of Brighton, Marie Hayden of Canton Township, Stacey Lovelace, Janie Kayle of Westland, Linda Lacava of Livonia, Connie Core of Canton Township, Angel Bains, Sarah Krug of Clawson, Megan Scott of Livonia, Edgar Fuentes of Livonia, Sarah Baldwin, Stephanie Janiga of Livonia, Clare MacKinnon of Livonia, Devon Janus of Livonia, Sean Cartwright of Redford Township and Allison Ingham of Livonia.

Placing in dance competition were David Scott of Livonia and Susan Walton of White Lake

Township, Matthew Karr of Livonia and Katie Rydzewski of Livonia, David Parker of Brighton and Christine Riding of Livonia, Sean Cartwright of Redford Township and Devon Janus, Joshua Marr of Milan and Lisa Huntington of Brighton.

Also placing in the dance division were James Turner of Livonia and Janie Kyle of Westland, Ronald and Sherrell Maiera of Livonia, James Petty of Canton Township and Grace Seal and Stephen Reskitalo of Dearborn and Jeane Govan of Livonia.

In the solo dance division placing first, second or third were Meghan Leddy, Dinah Ramirez of Livonia, Krysten Johnson of Livonia, Sara Rydzewski of Livonia, Kasey Hansen of Livonia, Stacey Lovelace, Tracey Wilson of Livonia, Kristina Revels of Westland, Sarah Krug of Clawson, Elizabeth Sequin of Livonia, Sarah Merrill of Livonia, Bethany Rydzewski of Livonia, Sarah Baldwin of Livonia, Jennifer Frenc of Redford Township and Michelle Chevalier of Dearborn.



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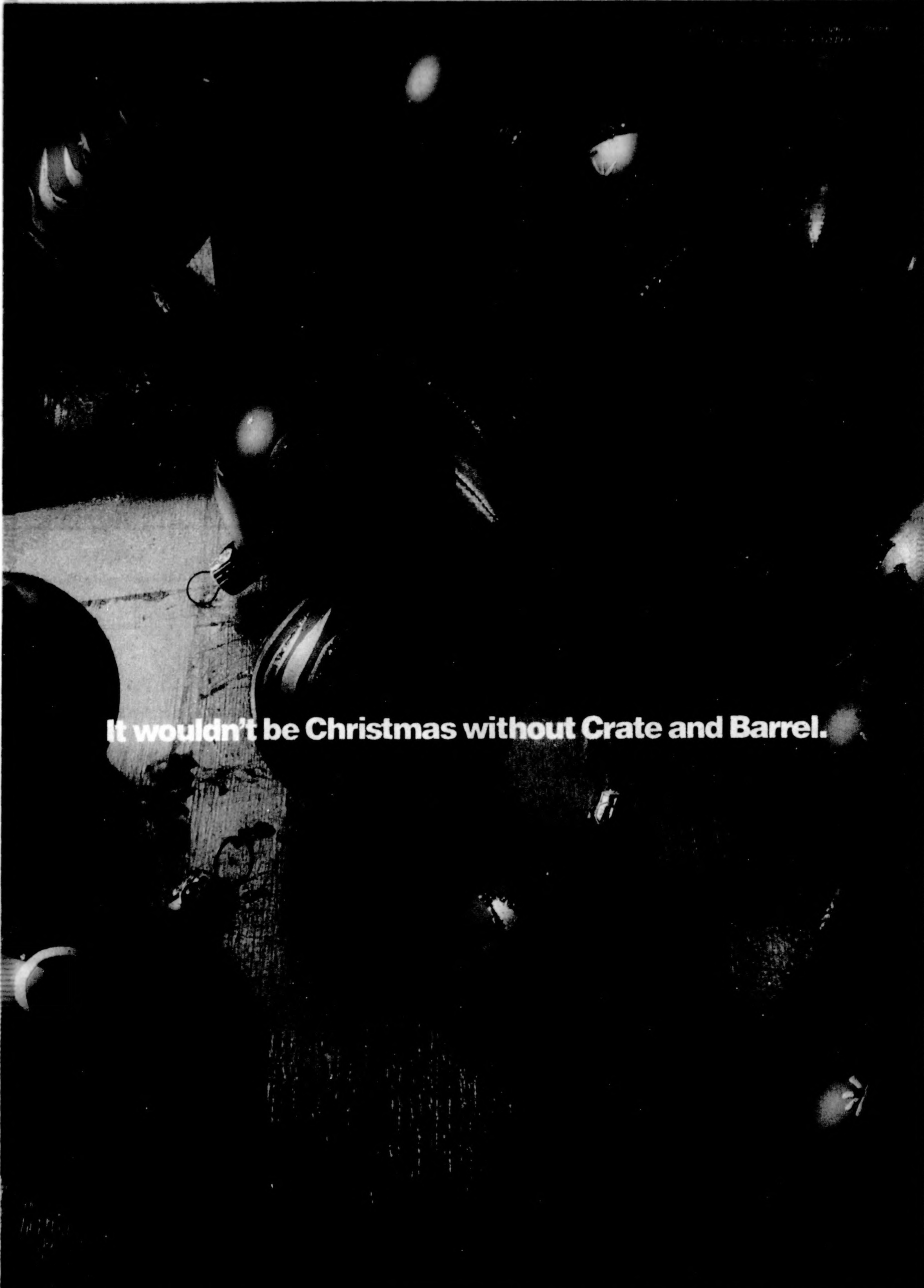
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I say, let's talk! Break the silence! It's time for the stomach flu to become to all people what childbirth is to women and hernia checks are to men. A badge of survival, a common ground. The stomach flu, you see, could be just the thing to trigger unity and kinship within the entire human race. We've all been there; we've all done it. So let's talk about it. I don't mind. I want to break the silence.

Here goes. My story. It all began with blankie troubles. One night, not too long ago, my son summoned me into his room seven times in a row. He had blankie troubles. "They're not staying put," he cried. Now call it mother's instinct, call it experience, call it whatever, but I knew (deep down I knew) trouble was brewing. Waking up with blankie difficulties seven times in one night is not right, even for 3-year-old Joe.

In the morning, as I stepped out of the shower, I heard Joe just outside the bathroom door. He made a noise; Joe's older brother called it a "blurrp" noise. It's the precursor noise a child makes when he's about to "bluck." (Older brother came up with that descriptive gem as well.) See? I was right. All those earlier blankie troubles? He was coming down with something, or rather up with something.

Now through 10 years of mothering, I've reached a certain level of maturity when it comes to this business of (I still hate this word) vomiting. There, I said it. Yuck. Anyway, I used

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Bugliosi: On Manson, Simpson

Highly successful prosecuting and defense attorney and just as successful author Vincent Bugliosi was quick to share his opinion on some of the more visible murder cases then and now at a recent Town Hall.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Vincent Bugliosi has convicted Charles Manson in court and Lee Harvey Oswald on British television. In a recent talk at a Northville Town Hall luncheon in Livonia, Bugliosi predicted that although he's not working on the case, O.J. Simpson will be next.

"I think this is an easy case," the now-retired Bugliosi said to a packed crowd at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. "I think the verdict is going to be guilty and the jury isn't going to have a problem with that."

"There's a fresh trail of blood from the murder scene to his car and home. He can come up with all sorts of excuses (but) if that's not an obvious sign of guilt I don't know what is."

Bugliosi should know. In his eight-year career at the Los Angeles District Attorney's office, he lost only 106 of 1,000 cases that he tried. The 1964 UCLA Law School graduate was so admired that the TV series "The DA" with Robert Conrad was modeled after him.

His story of Charles Manson, "Helter Skelter," is the biggest selling true-crime book in publishing history. This month, Norton Press released a hardcover anniversary edition of the book. He is also the author of the national best seller, "Till Death Do Us Part," and more recently, "And the Sea Will Tell," which went to No. 1 on The New York Times best seller list and became a four-hour CBS-TV mini-series.



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Signing in: Author and attorney Vincent Bugliosi chats with Betty Yura while signing books following his recent Town Hall appearance.

Plenty of views

In the 1-hour long talk and question-and-answer session, he managed to squeeze in his views of the Manson, Oswald and Simpson cases.

The bloody Tate/La Bianca murders by Manson and his "Family" make up "the most bizarre murder case in the recorded annals of crime," according to Bugliosi.

"If someone had written a fiction novel about this, (the reader) would put it down after a few pages. It (fiction) has to be believable and this is too far out," he said.

Besides their homicidal nature, members of Manson's Family were average citizens, Bugliosi said. His followers held degrees in history, were homecoming queens, all-American athletes, or attended Jesuit college.

Manson used his sophisticated evil ways to keep his followers under his control at the Family's commune, Spahn Ranch, breaking down their egos and their pride with sexual perversions, drugs, and daily preaching, Bugliosi said. Clocks and calendars were kept out of Spahn Ranch leaving the members to live a timeless existence. He exploited their weaknesses and led them to believe that he was Christ.

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them to be his slaves and followers."

He "programmed" his believers to kill for him. He wanted to kick start what he thought was an inevitable black/white war. According to Bugliosi, Manson said that blacks would start the revolution by robbing and murdering rich white people.

The blacks would "win" the revolution and Manson and his Family would survive, thanks to a secret hideaway. When the blacks couldn't handle running the country, Manson would step in, Bugliosi said.

Clues to his deep-seated hatred against blacks were found in Manson's journal. He didn't know who his father was, but believed it was a black cook named Scott.

"If in fact the man was part black, it may have been a black/white war going on inside of him," Bugliosi said.

His pre-existing deep-seated hostility against society pushed him as well: "Death is Charlie's trip; he wanted to murder as many people as he could," Bugliosi said.

Only one victim

Lee Harvey Oswald, on the other hand, really only wanted one person dead — John F. Kennedy. He killed Kennedy "because he was the quintessential representative of the society he hated."

"He was a nut; he said he was trying to change the world," Bugliosi said. "He told his squadron in the Marines that he wanted to do something that in 10,000 years people would still be talking about."

"Here's a guy who defected to the Soviet Union. You know you're dealing with someone who's very goofy."

In a mock trial produced by a British company, Bugliosi proved that Oswald was the sole assassin. When he was approached about doing the 21-hour series, he was apprehensive. He was assured that real witnesses and a

Texas judge would participate in lieu of scripts or actors.

"The historical significance was immediately apparent to (us). This was the first time that key witnesses had been exposed to a cross examination," he said.

He argued that Oswald was guilty for a number of reasons. It was proven that the shots came from the school book depository. A reporter saw a rifle protruding from the building and an employee heard three shots from the floor above him. Fragments of the bullet found near Kennedy were consistent with the rifle found in the building.

When questioned, Oswald denied owning a rifle but photographs of him holding a rifle were found in his home. He said that someone superimposed his picture on somebody else's body.

Based on those and other stories and the definition of a sniper, Bugliosi refuted the conspiracy

theory.

"No one has any credible evidence pointing in the direction of conspiracy," he said. "Part of the definition of a sniper is someone who wants to remain anonymous. All eyes were on the president's limousine looking to the front, the grassy knoll was in the range of vision. Why would a sniper who wants to remain anonymous position himself to the front when he could be seen? A knoll really doesn't make any sense."

Even though he doesn't believe in the conspiracy theory, he saw the film "JFK" "not because I expected to learn anything (but) I knew people would ask me about it."

"When I left the movie, I told my wife, 'Apparently you and I were the only people not involved in the conspiracy.' I don't know where all these people met, Madison Square Garden."

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to think the whole world was coming to a fast and furious end when someone got sick like that. Maybe it's because it's all so unpredictable. The mess goes everywhere at anytime. And it's heck to clean up. And children, until they reach maybe 5 years old, are not at all graceful when it comes to this most graceless malady. (Of course, George Bush was somewhat older when he fell from grace in Japan that time, but some things just can't be helped.)

Anyway, that day (the Monday before Thanksgiving) my calendar was marked like this: 10:15 a.m. Grandpa here to watch Joe and Jack while do Art Lady presentation in Carmen's class; Thanksgiving grocery shopping after that; 1:15 p.m. Joe to eye surgeon for follow-up (he had that surgery I was telling you about a few weeks back); 3:45 Tony and Carmen home from school; 4 Carmen to gymnastics, but first pick up teammate Brigid at her school;

4:30 Carmen and Brigid gymnastics; 5 Tony piano lesson; 7 Tony Scout pack meeting; 7:45 Carmen home from gymnastics. Husband — home late.

Things did not go well that day. Just when the situation seemed darkest, it got darker. On the way to piano, Tony noticed a Tupperware container, labeled Brigid's treats, on the van floor. "No! No! No!" I exclaimed. "This can't be. That's supposed to be with Brigid at gymnastics. Her Mom baked brownies, special, for the girls on the team. For today. Today's Brigid's birthday."

This was terrible. I couldn't fix this. Not enough time, too far to drive, too many things scheduled, too dark, too windy, too too. But poor Brigid. It's her birthday. A sweet girl turning 8.

To the gym I went. Twenty-mile round trip through darkness and extreme windiness. Then just past Mile Eight a blurr noise from Joe. I pulled the van off to the side, put the four-way flashers

on, helped Joe out, and the rest, as they say, was gone with the wind.

Mile Nine and 10 were without incident. Mile Eight had been the turning point for Joe. His recovery was dramatic and quick and complete. So complete that what was left of that Monday before Thanksgiving went on as planned. But that Wednesday, and the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday afterwards, plans went right down the... no I won't say it. But I will say this. Indeed, we all got sick. But each of us had our very own day to be sick in. Absolutely no overlap. And that's very good. As you know, stomach flu in the 5 and under crowd is messy. Overlap is worse.

So the episode ended. And what we're left with is this: baggy clothes, common ground and a kinship with one another we won't soon forget. Not bad for yucky old stomach flu, huh?

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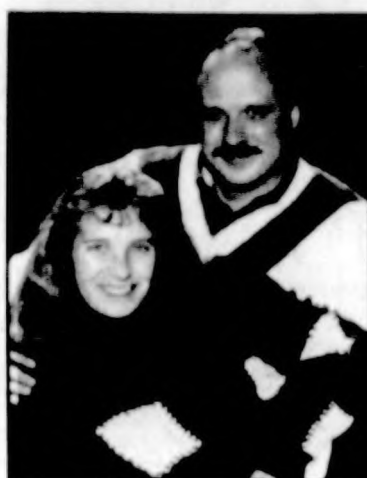
ENGAGEMENTS

Geiman-Dolan

Donald and Donna Geiman of Lewiston, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lynn, to Daniel John Dolan, the son of Charles and Kathleen Dolan of Clio, Mich.

A Canton resident, the bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Mary Academy in Monroe and a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where she received a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is also a graduate of Madonna University, where she earned a master of science degree in nursing administration. She is employed at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor in labor and delivery.

Her fiancé, also of Canton, is a graduate of Mt. Morris High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan-Flint, where he received a bachelor of business administration degree. He is em-



employed at Auto Alliance, Inc. in Flat Rock as a unit leader for the materials handling management staff.

A May wedding at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church in Canton is planned.

Zahn-Stanley

Michael and Karen Zahn of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Carey, to Eric Thomas Stanley, the son of Thomas and Helen Stanley of Grand Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids and will graduate in June 1995 with a secondary teaching degree in English. She is employed by Discovery Zone in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Grandville High School and is employed by Pro Audio in Grand Rapids.

A New Year's Eve wedding is



planned in Berean Baptist Church in Livonia.

Weber-Nippa

Carl and Irma Weber of Frankenmuth announce the engagement of their daughter, Hollie Sue, to Carl Edward Nippa, the son of Donald and Janet Nippa of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Frankenmuth High School and Grand Valley State University, where she received a degree in computer science. She is employed by Haworth Inc. in Holland, Mich.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Grand Valley State University, where he received a degree in health science. He is employed by Ferrigo Corp. in Allegan, Mich.



A May wedding in Frankenmuth is planned.

Fontaine-Weiman

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fontaine of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Ann, to Stephen Frances Weiman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weiman of Roselle, N.J.

The bride-to-be, a resident of Cordova, Tenn., is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and received her bachelor of arts degree in advertising from Michi-

gan State University. She is employed as an account supervisor by Bozell Advertising in Memphis.

Her fiancé, also of Cordova, is a graduate of Roselle Catholic High School, also attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a customer service and sales representative by ASI Corporation in Memphis.

A May wedding at Laurel Chapel in Livonia is planned.

Kelsey-Erickson

Barbara and Ken Kelsey of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Janice Lee, to Alan Carl Erickson, the son of Gerald and Carol Erickson of St. Clair.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University where she received a degree in general business. She is vice president of Kelsey Advertising Promotions in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of St. Clair High School and Stanford University, where he received a master's degree in civil engineering. He is employed by NTH Consultants in Farmington Hills as a project engineer.

A June 1995 wedding is



planned in Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington.

White-Henderson

Jim and Linda White of Redford and Sue and Dwight Thomas of Detroit announce the engagement of their daughter, Deanna Sue White, to Scott Daniel Henderson, the son of Ed and Sharon Henderson of Livonia and Matt and Sandy Funk of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Allen Park High School and is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Oakland Sports Medicine as a physical therapist technician.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is attending Central Michigan University. He is employed by Coca Cola as a sales representative.



An August 1995 wedding is planned in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Malack-Estes

Michael and Janet Malack of Northville, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Hope, to Kevin Michael Estes, the son of Larry and Janice Estes of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladybriar High School and is attending Schoolcraft College where

she is in the nursing program. She is employed by Internal Medicine of Northville.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, also attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed by CEC Products Co.

An April wedding at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia is planned.

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GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Ms. Green, I have been reading your column for several years and have always wanted to send you a sample of my writing, but due to time and the inability to make the letter flow just right I have procrastinated. Even today, I have thrown away several at-

tempts of this letter, but with the encouragement of a friend who won't let me give up on this, I've done it.

I am 33 years old and am right-handed. I see changes in my handwriting when my moods are different, but I believe this is my normal handwriting.

Thank you for considering my letter and I hope you find it interesting.

S.B.
Livonia

Today's large, right-slanted

handwriting quickly brings to mind a socially oriented young woman. She likes to be on the go and enjoys people and activities with them. Her caring heart reaches out to others with love and understanding. It would be difficult for our writer to conceal her feelings as her body language would give her away. Sad movies or stories can start the tears rolling.

Our writer is able to focus on the large picture of things while still retaining a feeling for and attention to all details. Just men-

tion an apple and she can envision the whole orchard.

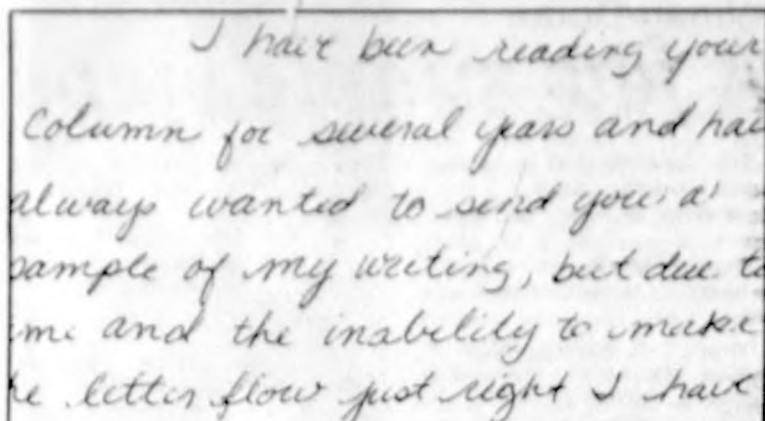
A very retentive memory is also seen here. This is an asset in furnishing her mind with information and eliminates the time-consuming need to search it out again.

Loyalty is visible throughout this handwriting. She is loyal to her friends and also to her beliefs. I suspect she has friends who have been with her a long time. Her behavior usually conforms to the standards of her social group. She wants to be accepted and well-thought of by them.

Optimism rides on every line of this handwriting. If this is characteristic of her handwriting on most days I feel confident we can be certain of an upbeat person who has faith in a higher being.

A sense of pride about most of the things she does can be seen. This can inspire her to live up to others' expectations as well as her own. She can organize her daily routine quite well, that is until something comes along that she would rather do. Then she is tempted to procrastinate a little. She can be flexible. Do I see some unfinished projects here?

This is not a long-range planner. She is more inclined to



plan as she becomes involved in a task or project.

As I continue to analyze this handwriting I feel there is a young woman here just waiting to develop into the beautiful flower she is destined to become.

Seemingly, she grew up in a traditional home, hearing more "shoulds" and "should nots" than acceptance. She has been under the influence of someone with a strong personality. Her need to be independent and follow her own star probably brought out some rebelliousness. Perhaps this explains the anxiety I find.

She has made some significant breaks with tradition and now knows better where she wants her life to go. At times, however, she

may still feel torn by the past. These ambivalent feelings can cause indecision for her.

There is a little intuition in this handwriting. It can, if trusted, give her insight into other people's thoughts and feelings. It can also effectively direct her through difficult situations by relying on her "hunches."

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful and feedback is always welcomed.

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A few simple steps help make holiday season safer one

The Christmas holiday to most people means colorful lighting decorations in homes and apartments.

But the lighting can also result in tragedy if residents aren't careful.

That's the message from the Detroit Edison Co. in warning people to follow several simple steps to avoid a fire during the holiday season.

"The hustle and bustle of the holiday season should not preclude safety from being an important element of festive lighting

displays," said Claudia Gabay, Edison's corporate lighting consultant.

"It's easy to get caught up in the spirit of the season and forget to include some basic safety checks."

Just a few minutes checking electric decorations can help prevent shocks or the start of fires. The most important thing before stringing lights and setting up other trimmings is to make sure they contain a label from Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

The "UL" designation ensures

that the set has been designed for safe operation. She added that the second-most important consideration is to use lighting as it is intended by the manufacturer — either outdoor or indoor.

"If your indoor lights are hot to the touch, they should not be used," Gabay said. "We want everybody to have a safe holiday and the best way to do that is to take a few moments and check for frayed wires, damaged sockets and cracked or missing insulation. If there are defects, the entire set should be replaced."

Decorative lighting can be a safe, inexpensive way to ignite the holiday spirit, Gabay said. Most lights cost from less than one cent to 7 1/4 cents per string to operate for six hours, depending on wattage. For strands of lights that blink off and on, the cost is halved.

Gabay offered the following indoor lighting suggestions for a safer holiday season:

- Don't overload electrical circuits. Older home circuits usually cannot safely carry more than 15 amperes or 1,800 watts. Newer

homes are able to carry as much as 20 amps or 2,400 watts.

For the best results, load to only 80 percent of your home's maximum capacity.

- Use no more than three sets of standard lights on each extension cord.

- Do not insert new bulbs or change fuses when light sets are plugged in.

- Keep lights away from carpeting, furniture and drapes. Some standard lights produce enough heat to scorch or damage items they touch.

- Turn off decorative lights be-

fore you go to bed or leave home.

For outdoor lighting, the Edison representative suggested:

- Use only outdoor extension cords with molded plugs and sockets.

- Keep all electrical connections off the ground and hang sockets downward to prevent water from seeping into them.

- Do not run lighting cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.

- Cover outdoor plugs and connection joints with plastic. Wrap and seal the ends with electrical tape.

Federal judge gives green light on action against Fieger

AP — A federal judge ruled Friday that the state Attorney Grievance Commission can proceed with charges of unprofessional conduct against Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger.

The commission charged Fieger in October because of comments he made in the news media about judges and a prosecutor. Fieger's attorney, Michael Schwartz, also

of Southfield, had requested a preliminary injunction in federal court to block the commission's actions.

Schwartz had also wanted to preserve the federal court's jurisdiction over the case. He contends the commission's charges infringe upon Fieger's First Amendment right to free speech, which is not in the purview of the state courts.

U.S. District Judge Paul D. Borman denied the request. However, Borman said the case could return to his court if the commission disciplined Fieger and the Michigan Supreme Court refused to review the decision.

Borman agreed with Schwartz in his 21-page decision that Fieger's constitutional right to due process would be violated be-

cause commission procedures do not guarantee judicial review of sanctions.

Borman also said Fieger must be allowed the chance to have his case reviewed in federal court if the commission disciplined him for "robust free speech" or based its sanctions on overly broad rules.

A hearing was scheduled for

December before the Attorney Discipline Board.

Among the items in the grievance commission's 12-page complaint:

- Fieger accused Ionia County prosecutor Raymond Voet of "covering up a murder" after he ruled a man's jailhouse hanging death was a suicide. Fieger repre-

sented the man's family in a lawsuit over his death.

- Fieger accused Appeals Court Judge Clifford Taylor of having a "political agenda" and taking advice from his wife in reinstating murder charges against Dr. Jack Kevorkian in the 1991 deaths of two women.

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Checking up: Checking the cash registers is new Kroger employee Emilie Thomas. The registers will be in full use Sunday morning when the new 63,000-square-foot building opens for business, replacing two smaller, nearby Krogers.

Kroger to open 'combo' store

Grocery shoppers will have a new Kroger grocery store, which will have a variety of other services available, when it opens Sunday morning. The new "combo" store will replace two smaller, nearby Kroger stores.

The company, which said it is Michigan's largest supermarket chain, will host a grand opening celebration for its newest and largest Wayne County store, located on the northwest corner of Ford and Central City Parkway.

Formally called Kroger Food and Drug, the company will open its doors at 7 a.m. Sunday.

Kroger said the 63,000 square-foot combo store will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The store will also offer numerous customer conveniences, including a full-service, on-site pharmacy and full-service National Bank of Detroit branch

that weren't available in the other existing Kroger stores.

The other stores will close their doors Saturday night.

"This new combo store will enable us to bring the Kroger's latest merchandising innovations to western Wayne County shoppers," said Don McGeorge, president of the company's Michigan marketing area. "We will offer the highest quality products at competitive prices in a friendly, customer-oriented setting."

The store is designed with the "time-conscious" customer in mind, he said.

Shoppers will be able to grocery shop, buy a greeting card and flowers, rent a movie, get a prescription filled and conduct banking transactions — all under one roof, he added.

"Our Westland store will offer unparalleled customer choice,



Preparing: The new Kroger store dairy department is stocked by workers in preparation for Sunday's opening.

Shoppers at the new Kroger store will be able to grocery shop, buy a greeting card and flowers, rent a movie, get a prescription filled and conduct banking transactions — all under one roof. Other specialty departments include: extended and Sunday hours, a customer service center with UPS and Western Union services, check cashing, copy and fax services, Lotto and lottery tickets.

value and shopping excitement," says store director Andy Gerben. An estimated 250 people will

work at the store, with most coming from the two closing stores. Other specialty departments in-

clude: extended and Sunday hours, a customer service center with UPS and Western Union services, check cashing, copy and fax services, Lotto and lottery tickets, money orders and gift certificates.

Kroger will provide free carry-out service in which purchases will be carried to the vehicles of customers needing help.

In the pharmacy department, a pharmacist will be available for consultation with most major insurance plans accepted. The store will have a floral shop, with arrangements available for birthdays, anniversaries, get-well wish-

es and other special occasions.

Kroger will also have video rentals with free membership, pastry shop, card shop and deli.

The two Krogers that will close Saturday night are at Warren Road at Nankin Blvd., which opened 20 years ago, and on Ford and Wayne, which was first a Chatham store which was later occupied by Great Scott.

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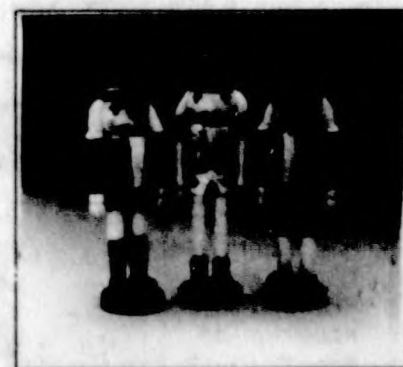
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Development

Wilcox parcel an opportunity

The Plymouth Community has an opportunity to add more spice to the Kellogg Park area now that a 3.5 acre parcel behind the Wilcox House is available for development.

The city and the Downtown Development Authority should take advantage of the chance to add diverse businesses or residential structures to the downtown area.

Plans had called for constructing three three-story upscale apartment buildings and a few shops behind the home off of Kellogg Park. However, those plans fell through. The DDA is looking for a developer for the property.

The idea of apartments and shops mixed in a development is a good one.

However, Wilcox House owner, Jack Wilcox, now says he is open to anything. But he does qualify that by saying he wants what is best for Plymouth.

The challenge to the community is to take a route that will not change the residential nature of the neighborhood behind the parcel. Having homes near the downtown area gives Plymouth its hometown feeling, and it's an attribute that should be retained.

That means the city of Plymouth and the

Downtown Development Authority should work together to find a low intensity use for the property.

According to DDA Director Steve Guile, the highest use would be a residential development.

And that could happen. City building officials say a developer could come in and build an apartment complex similar to the one formerly planned because of the zoning.

However, before that happens, the city should involve nearby residents and businesses in a discussion about what they would like to see on the parcel. That would go a long way toward keeping peace in the neighborhood.

A location near Kellogg Park has much to offer. Just look at the impending move of the Wild Wings Gallery from Ann Arbor Trail to the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail across from Kellogg Park.

We suspect other businesses would be willing to locate at the Wilcox site because of the allure of Kellogg Park.

However, the key is to find the correct mix. And that's the challenge faced by the city. But before decisions are made, the public should be involved.

Gambling won't solve problems

Problem: Public schools need more money. **Solution:** Start a state lottery in which 45 percent of the bets go into the school aid fund.

Problem: Downtown Detroit is withering and needs more than a theater district and stadium to bring it back. **Solution:** Casino gambling - in Greektown, on riverboats, any place.

Problem: The horse racing industry is hurting. Tracks are dying. They supply tax money for 4-H and young agriculturalists. **Solution:** Let the race tracks install gambling machines and take off-track betting.

Problem: Metropolitan Airport needs expanding to accommodate not only business but the growing numbers of working folks who fly. **Solution:** A casino to entertain waiting passengers.

Whoa! This is ridiculous. It seems the answer to every problem is to bring in casino gambling, slot machines, exotic new forms of wagering.

We demur. Gambling is no answer. Indeed, the western Wayne County suburbs could suffer more harm than good if even a fraction of the gambling schemes under discussion were to become reality.

Start with the lottery. Some folks believed we wouldn't need local tax increases once the golden goose of the lottery began laying its eggs in the school aid fund. The hard truth is that the lottery accounts for only 1-20th of school revenue - \$500 million out of \$10 billion.

In order for gambling to help downtown Detroit, the race tracks, 4-H and Metro Airport, we would have to see a monumental surge in the popularity of commercial gambling.

It won't happen. There never will be enough gambling to provide all the tax revenue and jobs the accumulation of promoters envision.

Gambling doesn't produce anything. It just shifts money from one person's pocket to another's, with deductions, of course, for govern-

ment, for casino owners, for the shells who encourage bettors, for psychologists and credit counselors to treat the addicted.

Gambling hurts society, and not just in moral ways. The United States has the lowest rate of personal savings of any industrialized nation in the world. We need more investment. Gambling, by siphoning off discretionary income, impedes the flow of savings, investment and production.

We are particularly concerned about two proposals for expanded gambling in the western Wayne County suburbs.

Ladbroke DRC, which operates the state's premier horse racing track on I-96 in Livonia, insists it can't continue to operate unless it is permitted to institute gambling. It would be sad to see DRC shut down after 40 years, but it wouldn't be the end of the world.

The major purpose of horse racing, we should recall, is to improve the breed. If the track owners can't make a living on staging horse races, then perhaps the industry is an anachronism - an expensive antique that can't survive in the modern market.

Ladbroke DRC eats up several hundred acres of expensive land in an industrial/commercial belt. In a practical world, we might be better off if the track site were developed.

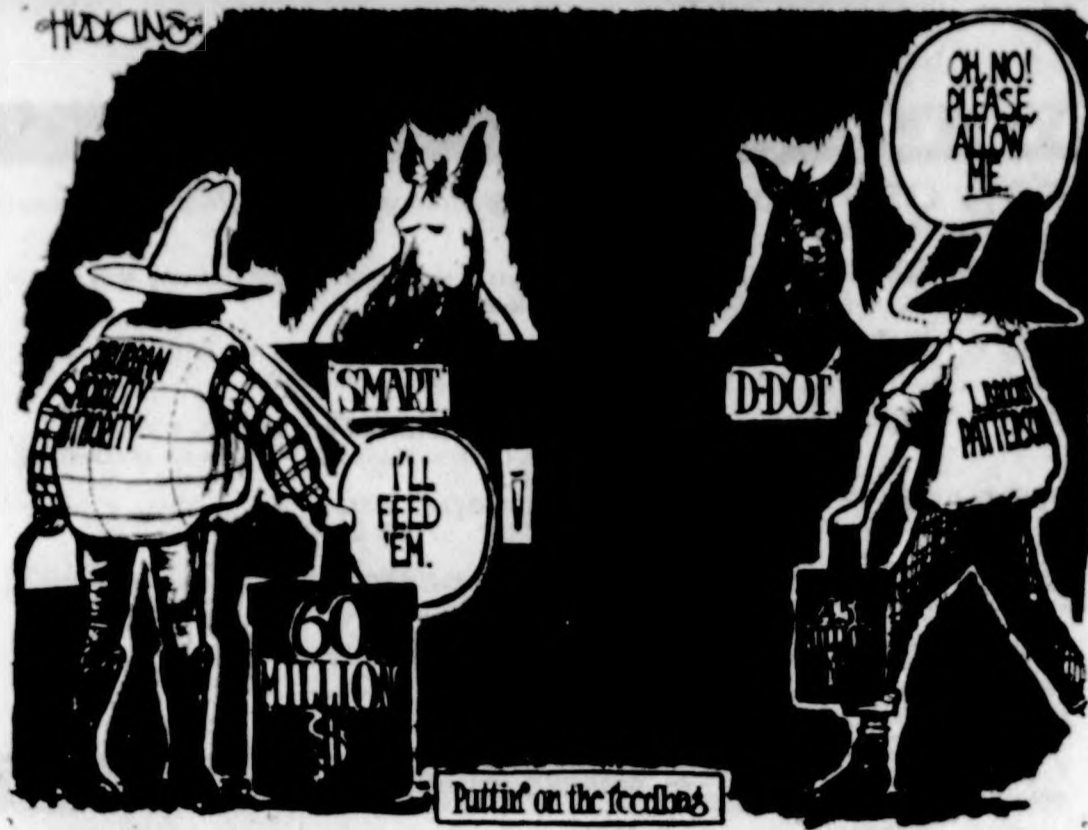
The second proposal is Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's to allow a casino at Metro Airport in Romulus.

It strikes us as particularly sociopathic to seduce travelers, with limited funds for their trips, into busting their budgets at an airport casino.

Politicians, take note: If you have a good idea, look the taxpayers straight in the eye and sell it. Wayne County taxpayers have voted funds for schools, the community college, a jail and other programs that struck them as beneficial.

There's no need - and much harm - in trotting out gambling, gambling, gambling as a cure-all.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Donations sought

Christmas is such a wonderful and usually joyous time for a child. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor tries hard to make it so for the children, most of whom are severely ill.

It's heartbreaking to see a child suffering, but it is heartwarming to help a child to "still be a child" by providing fun and interesting gifts and activities for the Child Life Activity Rooms.

If you could just visualize the "Mott Grand Prix" with children racing the 16 battery operated vehicles collected by the Brandy Memorial Fund-raiser down the hall with their parents and IVs alongside, and everyone laughing with joy. Of course, individual gifts also are provided for birthdays, after-chemotherapy parties, or as reward for enduring a painful procedure. This Christmas season we are helping in two ways:

■ "Sponsor a Critter for Mott." Donations are being requested for two additional collections of large puppets. They will be used by Child Life Therapists and Volunteers to cheer up children and for puppet shows.

■ "Make Me a Blessing Christmas Tree." These trees can be found in selected stores in Plymouth, including Kroger, Michigan National Bank, Lee's Chicken, Roose Animal Hospital, Speedy Printing, Cornwell Pool & Patio, Chris & Aurelia's Hallmark, Plymouth Office Supply, Paper Parade, Muriel's Doll House, Pied Piper, Little Professor, Heide's, Ribar Florist, Colonial Card and Camera, Engraving Connection, Specialty Pet, Minerva's-Dunning's, Dr. Covington D.D.S. and Penn Theatre. Cards for boys and girls of specific age groups are hanging on the trees. The trees will give you the opportunity to provide a Christmas gift to a Mott child who is too ill to go home for Christmas. They will be placed on the children's beds the night before Christmas. Mott is short of gifts. Call Brandy Memorial Fund-raiser, 459-9780.

Kathy Mount

Artless

Do you realize that West Middle School is the sole Plymouth-Canton school that does not provide an art program for its youngsters?

Do you know that for 32 years prior to this year West had one of the best art programs in town as well as in other neighboring communities?

Do you realize that West could have had a

continuation of that art program this year taught by a trained art teacher?

The administration will say that it was a matter of economics. Don't be fooled. I and others believe it was a matter of personal merit. There were qualified art teachers in our district who coveted West's art position this school year through transfer.

Yet when I retired this past June after 32 years of teaching art at West, no action was taken to replace me even after administrative assurances to me that there would be an art program for West's youngsters for the 1994-95 school year.

What really counts for this archaic and cheap school system is the welfare of your kids. Why should art education be offered in every school in Plymouth-Canton's public schools, but not at West?

Aren't equal educational opportunities important for your children? How can you as parents allow this to happen to your children?

Do I feel betrayed that after 34.5 years of dedicated service to Plymouth-Canton's schools, 32 of which were spent in building up an art program at West Middle School that in my opinion was second to none, and then have the art program dropped? You bet I do.

Elden Zang, Plymouth

Homeless prosecution

It's a disgrace - Plymouth Township is prosecuting the First Methodist Church for 17 code violations because the homeless stayed at the church for five nights this past October.

Why is Supervisor McCarthy taking the taxpayers' time and money to interfere with the events of the First Methodist Church?

We can only wonder if her motive is to control them (Big Brother) and show them who is the boss. By the way, what is the township's law firm, Law, Hemming and Polaczyk, getting paid to prosecute the First Methodist Church?

The solution is obvious - have the building department work out a compromise for this limited single purpose.

Merry Christmas to Township Hall and Supervisor McCarthy with her base salary of \$67,000 for continuing the policy of former Supervisor Law by prosecuting the people of the First Methodist Church of Plymouth for helping the homeless.

Elizabeth Wolfe, Plymouth

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What does Plymouth need that it doesn't have?



'A bagel shop.'
 Bonnie Robinson
 Works in Plymouth



'It's got everything.'
 Joanne Bishop
 Beverly Hills



'Keep the nativity scene in the park.'
 Lisa Klinger
 Plymouth



'I'm not here enough to notice.'
 Jan Phillips
 Canton

We asked this question at the Plymouth post office.

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— Philip Power


POINTS OF VIEW

Detroit-area drivers have a different mindset

It happened again today. There I stood, poised at the edge of the crosswalk. With me on this cool, windy afternoon were my two children, ages 1 and 6; my 6-year-old's best friend; and a friend's baby. And on this friendly little side street in Plymouth, not a single car took pity. There we stood at the corner, my toddler straining to break free of my hand, the baby fussing in the stroller. A dozen cars whizzed by. There are many things I will miss about Michigan if I ever move back to my native Seattle. But the attitude of drivers in the land ruled by the automobile is not among them. I understand that cars are important here. In fact, my friends keep reminding me, most of them wouldn't have jobs if it weren't for cars. My husband and I probably wouldn't have moved here if it weren't for cars. Maybe Detroit itself wouldn't exist if it weren't for cars. Still, back where I come from, being a pedestrian means having the right-of-

way. Crosswalks are places where cars stop if folks are waiting at the curb. If you don't stop, you run the risk of dirty looks, or even a ticket. In fact, Seattle drivers have been known to stop for pedestrians just because they're waiting to cross, even when there isn't a crosswalk. What a concept. But that's not all. Back home, drivers can enter the merge lanes boldly, knowing that someone will move over to let them on. If you're turning left off a two-lane road, we won't roar off into the ditch to get around you. Life will wait 10 seconds while we let you make your turn. "How can this be?" you are asking. "How did such a utopian, altruistic driving environment come to be?" I honestly don't know. Maybe it's that Northwest pioneer spirit, leading neighbor to look out for neighbor since the days of the covered wagon trail. Then again, maybe it's the natural caution inspired by navigating the precipitous hills that roll through our town.

GUEST COLUMNIST



LISA KONICK

And maybe, you're snickering to yourself, it's because we're a bunch of West Coast wussies, too busy sipping espresso and fussing over the spotted owl to drive like real men. Go ahead. Say what you want, I can take it. It's nothing I haven't heard yelled out a rolled-down car window as I enjoy a Sunday afternoon drive on one of Michigan's scenic roadways. (OK, so I drove the length of Hines


Parkway without breaking 20. Sue me!) Yes, I can tolerate the slings and arrows of you Michigan drivers. But something happened recently that really has me worried. My husband and I took the kids home to Seattle for a visit. Needless to say, I was thrilled at the prospect of leisurely drives along the shores of Lake Washington, stopping every hundred yards or so for ducks, little old ladies, and skateboarding grunge musicians. So you can imagine my surprise when my husband, also a Seattle native, began to exhibit unmistakable signs of Motor City madness. Emboldened by surviving the rigors of rush hour at Southfield and I-696, he was ready, he snarled, to give these wimps a driving lesson. "Look at that," he sneered as we drove through downtown. "Hey everybody, don't drive more than 14 miles an hour, now. Look, they've all set their cruise control." And this otherwise mild-mannered Presbyterian minister proceeded to

weave in and out of downtown traffic, causing pedestrians to shrink in fear and forcing the drivers of our ecologically-correct electric buses to take the drastic move (by Seattle standards) of honking their horns. Michigan suits him fine. So I guess I'm the final hold-out. I'm the person who will cost you 20 minutes on Lons Pine Road in October while I slow down to gawk at the gorgeous leaves. I'm the only person (state troopers included) driving the legal limit on I-94 headed into Detroit, or I-275 heading north, or I-96 heading in just about any direction. But maybe, just maybe, I'm also the person you'll thank, with a wave and a smile, when I stop at the crosswalk for you and your children on a cool, windy afternoon. Lisa Konick is a Plymouth resident and a freelance writer. The Observer uses guest columns on a regular basis. For more information, call Jeff Counts, the editor, at 459-4224.

Grand Rapids taking over the Michigan House

For decades, the twin bastions of Michigan Republicanism have been Birmingham and Grand Rapids. They supplied the big donations, the leadership and the short list of gubernatorial appointees. Republicans on Nov. 8 won control of the state House of Representatives, 56-54. When the new GOP caucus met in November, however, the Grand Rapids area took over. Speaker Paul Hillegonds is from Holland. The new majority floor leader is Ken Sikkema of Grand Rapids. He succeeds another Grand Rapids lawmaker. The GOP caucus will be chaired by Walt DeLange of Kentwood; his district borders Hillegonds'. The caucus vice chair will be Harold Voorhees of Wyoming; his district borders DeLange's. Mid-Michigan was able to pick up two posts — John Fitzgerald of Grand Ledge, speaker pro tem; Dan Gustafson of Williamston as one assistant majority floor leader. The other assistant

floor leader is newcomer William Byl (guess where) Grand Rapids. The only metro Detroit suburban rep to get a title was Penny Crissman of Rochester — an associate speaker pro tem. She will get to preside when there is almost nothing of importance on the calendar. The other associate speaker pro tem is Jessie Dalman of Holland — a neighbor of Hillegonds' and Voorhees'. Veteran Republican lawmakers like Munsell of Howell, Bullard of Milford, Dolan of Farmington Hills, Bankes of Redford and Law of Plymouth — forget it. There's a new Court of Appeals district in southwestern Michigan stretching all the way to Ann Arbor and Livingston County — one-fourth of the state. It elected four new judges — all from Grand Rapids. Poor Daniel Burrell, the Livingston County judge, didn't have a chance. Readers of this column won't be surprised. There has been noisy leadership



TIM RICHARD


from the Grand Rapids area in an effort to get uniform state funding for courts instead of favoritism for Detroit and Wayne County courts. Sure, a dozen counties or communities are involved in that lawsuit, but the political fire is in Grand Rapids' belly. The fire may have started with the arts funding issue in the late '70s. The Grand Rapids group sees a funnel of money cascading out of Lansing's exchequer along I-96 to the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony

(with its highly paid, highly unionized membership), and a host of other organizations, some worthy, many not. Gov. John Engler, a central Michigan farm product rather than a Grand Rapids type, blunted that debate by (1) slashing arts funding and (2) reducing the number of line items in the general fund budget and putting more authority into his new arts funding commission. My friends in arts groups squealed, but professional budget makers knew Engler was 95 percent correct. Grand Rapids bristles under its undesired reputation as being "Dutch" and dull. In truth, it has many fine cultural institutions, including a symphony orchestra and museum. The Grand Rapids Press' arts calendar is as full of concerts and artistic events, for its population, as the papers in metro Detroit. Those who think, like the late union leader Gus Scholle, that there's nothing but tree stumps west of US-23 and north of M-59 need to look again.

Now, is the Grand Rapids takeover so bad? Maybe not, for two reasons: First, there's little spare change to fight over. Public schools, prisons and judges are soaking up every loose penny in the general fund. Second, GOP chiefs like Engler, Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus and Hillegonds abhor the way Democrats ran the House the last 28 years — like a union bargaining session, where a group of leaders, the Quadrant, brokered one bill against another in the closing days of the session. You'll see Hillegonds appoint committees earlier, set up a steadier flow of work, and have a low tolerance for late December marathon sessions. Committee chairs will have more responsibility. Hillegonds' crew is conservative and anti-abortion, but with one minor exception there's no one from the Religious Right. Get ready for change — maybe even an improvement.

Appoint judges as a way to help wash off the mud

Alarmed by political mudslinging? Consider this: "A malignant cancer to our judicial system... a witch... crazy... unstable... a shrew... gives PMS and women a bad name." That's just a sample from a flier used by attorney Stephen Korn in his unsuccessful effort this fall to unseat Southfield 46th District Judge Susan Moiseev. The comments on Moiseev's performance on the bench came from a survey that Korn mailed to some 7,500 Oakland County lawyers. A low 9 percent responded, all anonymously. They weren't told their comments subsequently would be used by Korn in his campaign literature. This certainly wasn't the nastiest campaign in Michigan this year. But the fact that the name calling occurred in a normally staid and dignified judicial election caused a lot of notice. There are lots of reasons why electing judges is silly. Most voters have no idea who the candidates are. No one outside the legal fraternity knows about candidates' legal skills or experience or ethics or judicial temperament. Worse, the canons of judicial ethics muzzle candidates for judge from talking seriously about any serious subject. Judicial contests come to revolve around name ID (mysteriously, often emphasizing Irish ancestry) and increasingly nasty name calling. And that, in turn, reduces respect for judges as representatives of the legal system and contributes to the general breakdown of law and order. I asked Judge Moiseev about that. Her reply — "Society wants judges to be wise and just, but then they make us run in the muck, along with all other politicians" — seems on point. I also tried to talk to candidate Korn, but he declined to respond to my telephone calls. So let's pick judges in Michigan the way they do it in Missouri and some other states: The governor appoints judges, who then run unopposed for re-election, allowing voters to throw out any bad apples by choosing retain or remove. Most authorities — including the State Bar of Michigan, the American Bar Association and most of the thoughtful lawyers and judges I



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have talked to — agree appointing judges would be far better than electing them. There's only one catch: To do it, we'd have to amend the 1963 Michigan Constitution. I doubt very much that anybody is exercised enough to go through that thrash. Until that fine day, it's the job of hometown newspapers like this one to keep voters informed about candidates in judicial races. Wayne Peal, editor of the Southfield Eccentric, made the point perfectly in a memo to me about the Moiseev-Korn race: "Everything we heard — from phone calls to the office to conversations with voters, both informal and for the purpose of a pre-election article — told us Korn's campaign tactics were a bigger issue than Moiseev's perceived lack of judicial temperament. "Our endorsement had credibility because we were there. As a community newspaper, we witnessed Judge Moiseev in action over a period of years. Korn himself said he'd never actually seen her in action. By talking to voters, we were also able to judge the impact of Korn's campaign mailing." Hometown newspapers like this one spend a lot of time and money covering trials and reporting on campaigns, including those for judge. Wayne's memo is a wonderful explanation of why. For the record: We endorsed Judge Moiseev, who won easily. Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.




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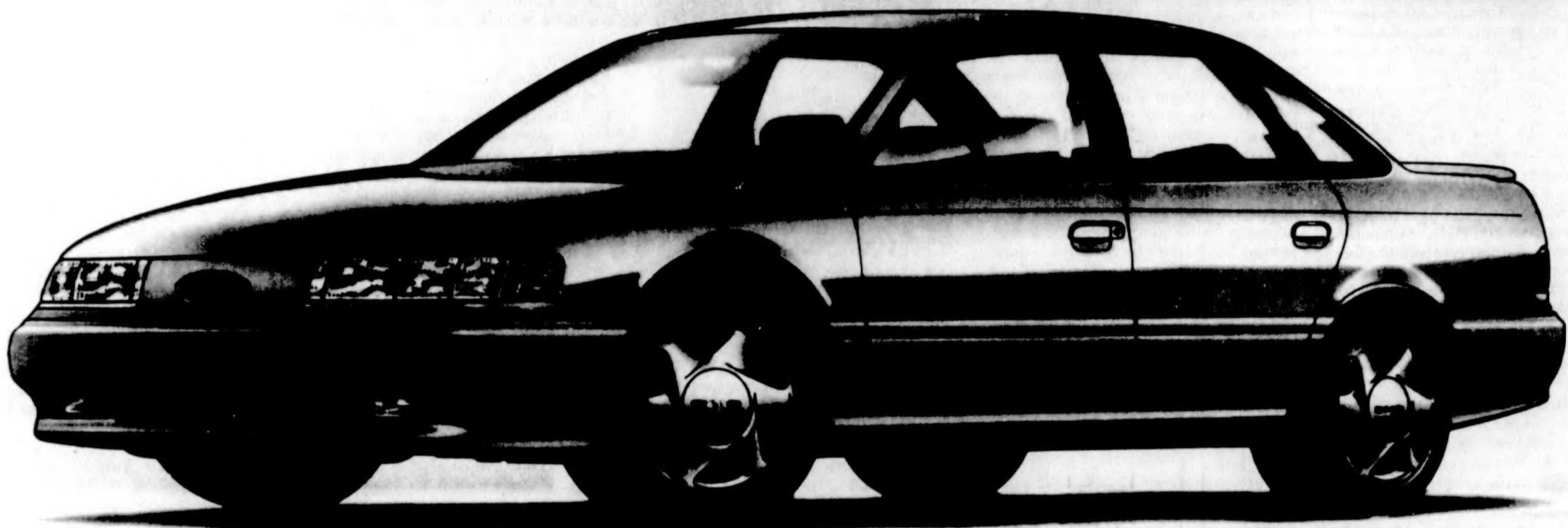
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ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

Polish holiday feast is a season highlight

The Wigilia feast presented every year at the Polish Century Club in Detroit is just like your mother made, said Ed Wojtan of Livonia who is co-chairing the event with his wife Jane. "The dinner of traditional Polish meatless dishes will include pierogi, mushroom soup, fried fish, and pickled herring in cream."

This year's festivities begin 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. The cost is \$30 per person, students \$25. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Polish Art Fine Arts Fund. Call Jane Wojtan (313) 425-2727, Christine Kanabrodzka (810) 549-4527 or Christine Brestek (313) 822-3379 for reservations.

Ewa Siarkowski Depa of Livonia will be singing popular Christmas carols in English and Polish. And of course, guests will share the tradition Christmas wafe, "Oplatek" and wish one another good wishes for the new year. "We also invite those who are not of Polish background to come and share in this Christmas tradition," said Ed Wojtan.

Family meals with Santa Claus continue Dec. 9-11 at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$5 per person and include lunch, entertainment and treat from Santa. Call (810) 477-8404 for reservations.

Meal times are 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9; 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10; and 1 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11. Photos with Santa will be available for \$2 each.

The Create-A-Gift workshop for ages 6-13 is being offered by the Volunteer Guild of Longacre House, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17. The cost is \$15 per child. Call (810) 477-8404 for information.

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Dining



Pam Cardell, a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, is cast in a dinner theater presentation at Eastern Michigan University.

Theater



Find out what's on stage in your community.

Movies



Just about every cast member in "Drop Zone" tumbles from an airplane. Wesley Snipes is no exception.

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Holiday gifts for the travelers in your life.

Music



The Hannibals called it quits in mid-summer. Now two fledgling bands - Nineteen Wheels and the Tearjerks - are benefitting from it.

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Holiday happenings.

These gifts made readers "Speechless."

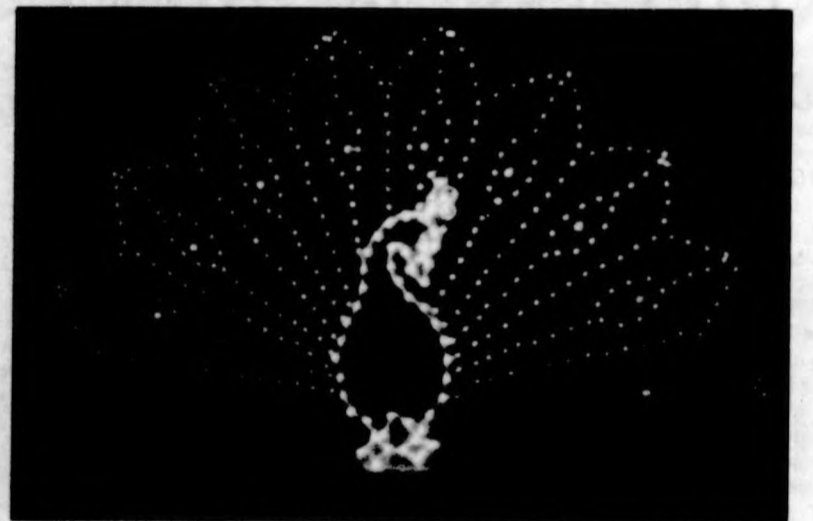


Lightfest: A train, loaded with sweets, chugs along Hines Drive, in Wayne County's holiday light display.

ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dazzling Displays

light up the skies



Wild lights: A colorful peacock lights the way for walkers at the Wild Lights display at the Detroit Zoo.

It's the season of lights! Wayne County's LightFest, Domino Farms Christmas Light Display, and the Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" Festival are lighting up the winter sky.

Wayne County's four mile LightFest, on Edward Hines Drive, features a 50-foot tall poinsettia wreath and display. The wreath uses 30,000 watts of electricity and took an entire tractor-trailer to transport. It was created by Bronner's of Frankenmuth, and last year drew 300,000 people.

This year a giant snowflake passage at the entrance funnels visitors into the display. It was formed by 40 six-foot snowflakes. Elsewhere, a sporty Santa driving a golf cart full of Christmas packages can be seen on the Warren Valley Golf Course. There are giant dragons, candy canes and more.

There are food concessions and photo opportunities with Santa

available at the picnic area near the exit. The \$5 entrance fee helps to keep county parks operating and maintained.

The Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" display of more than 40 colorfully lighted animal sculptures features a path of lighted animals including a herd of deer, pair of elephants, penguins, flamingos, a variety of birds and train full of animals shining in a rainbow of colors.

Trees and shrubs along the trail which begins at the zoo's front entrance, winds around the nature trail and around Island Lake to the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles and Amphibians are also wrapped in colorful lights. Visitors should dress warm on chilly nights and plan to spend 30 to 60 minutes on the trail.

The 1994 theme of the Domino's Farms display is "Christmas Lights Up the World," and the display offers a decidedly international

flavor.

Also, this year, for the first time, motorists can stop at Domino's Pizza World Headquarters and enjoy new indoor features, such as a Christmas Shop and Arts and Crafts open 6-10 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. About 35 different juried artists will display their works. On Fridays and Saturdays beginning Dec. 10, there also will be an indoor International Creche Display featuring nativity scenes from around the world.

Visitors to the Christmas Lights will also be treated to an indoors Celebration of Trees display in the Lobby B entrance to Domino's Pizza World Headquarters every night. The exhibit of 40 decorated trees, each with a different theme, includes a woodland tree, cathedral tree, Winter Wonderland tree, and one decorated with cartoon

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Encore goes 'a wassailing' during holidays



Carolers: For members of the singing ensemble Encore, nothing is more in keeping with the spirit of the holidays than old-fashioned caroling, and dressing up in Edwardian costumes.

BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Nothing is more in keeping with the spirit of the holidays than old-fashioned caroling, and for eight members of the singing group "Encore" dressing up in Edwardian costumes to sing at West Bloomfield's Lark Restaurant, makes the season special.

"It really gets you into the spirit of Christmas," said baritone Charles Sutherland, a second grade teacher in Detroit. Paul Silver, marketing manager for RMS of Troy, adds, "We sing the carols as they were written, as they were met to be heard."

The 8-member professional singing group "Encore" was formed a few years ago to sing at local private parties and public functions. Six of the singers are members of the Michigan Opera Theatre chorus. After a joint concert with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Meadow Brook, with some motivational input from Paul Silver, they decided to form their own professional ensemble.

Their repertoire, a mixture of Broadway favorites, Gershwin and Cole Porter most of the year, includes appealing arrangements of a cappella Christmas carols sung traditionally. Ever since their first engagement at Detroit's Noel Night three Christmases ago, the group has become more and more sought after, especially at this time of year.

At the Lark Restaurant, the carolers will be entertaining dinner guests Dec. 7, 14, 19, and 21. Besides another appearance at Noel Night, they are appearing at two luncheon engagements Dec. 13, and 22 at Detroit's Millender Center, and at the Bear's Head Dinner at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Dearborn, Dec. 10-11.

"This is my favorite time of year with the lights and decorations," said tenor John Hopkins, of Livonia, who is assistant operations manager at the Masonic and Fisher theaters.

Handling mega-musicals such as "Miss Saigon" and "Phantom of the Opera" hasn't tarnished the glow of the chamber-styled entertainment for Hopkins. A vocal performance major at Wayne State University and a part of the "All Night Strut" cast in Detroit and Flint, he loves his "Encore" engagements.

"This group is unusual with its cross section of people," said Hopkins. "Everyone gets along so well."

This cross-section of people might be considered a blend of perfect four-part harmony of family, career, social life, and professional musical life. Each has had extensive professional stage experience, vocal training, choreography opportunities, but also an active home life, a responsible job, and, like single Paul Silver said, is trying to maintain a social life.

"Yes, it is difficult to get everyone together for rehearsals," said soprano Diane Calhoun of Plymouth, a music teacher in the Farmington School district in whose home the group often rehearses.

Such a talented group is heavily booked. Charles Sutherland is the lead this week in the University of Michigan's production of "The Sorcerer" and will appear again this year in "A Christmas Carol" at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre. Jeanine Head Miller, is in the Interpretive Programs Department

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Holiday concerts lift spirits

Enjoy the sounds of the holiday season. The Livonia Symphony, Redford Symphony and Farmington Area Philharmonic are among the groups that will be performing this weekend. Look for them in the list that follows.

■ "Around the World at the Holidays" featuring the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Churchill High School's James P. Carl Auditorium, (Newburgh at Joy Road) Livonia. Concert of seasonal favorites with the Clarenceville High School Choir and guest conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk. Dancers from the Bunny Sanford School of Dance will also perform. Concert concludes with audience participation in Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Tickets \$12; senior (age 62 and older) \$8; students, \$6. Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 464-2741.

■ Farmington Area Philharmonic presents their holiday pops concert — "The Nutcracker & Other Sweets," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Farmington Hills Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. Tickets \$15, senior citizens, \$12, children under 12, \$5, available at all Metrobank locations, and by calling (810) 478-2075.

The musical centerpiece of the concert will be Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," intermingled with narrations from the original story by E.T.A. Hoffman. Other narrations will include excerpts

from Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol," and Clement C. Moore's "A Visit from St. Nick." Also on the program is a Mannheim Steamroller arrangement of "Deck the Hall," and Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride." There will also be a sing-a-long arranged especially for this concert by music director, Karen Nixon Lane.

The concert, sponsored by Target Stores, will be presented in the Philharmonic's popular "theme" concert format, with decorated concert room and complimentary refreshments.

■ Madonna University Chorale presents their annual concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Felician Motherhouse Chapel. There is no charge. Call (313) 591-5097 for information.

■ Farmington Community Band will present "Holiday Collage," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Harrison High School auditorium on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads in Farmington Hills. The concert band, jazz/dance band, and several small ensembles, will play a collection of holiday classics. Tickets available at the door. Call (810) 476-5014 or (810) 489-3412 for information.

■ Redford Civic Symphony presents its annual Christmas concert with the St. Valentine Choir, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at St. Valentine Church, on Beech Dale, south of Five Mile in Redford.

The program includes Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," and a sing-along at the end of the program.

■ Nardin Park United Methodist Church presents the Brazeal Denard Choral in concert 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The church is at 29887 W. Eleven Mile, just west of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$5. Call (810) 476-8860.

■ Motor City Metro Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society presents "Home for the Holidays," a concert of barbershop and holiday classics 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10 at Mercy High School Auditorium, 11 Mile at Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 625-6211 or (810) 634-1332 (evenings) for tickets.

■ Christmas celebration, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River. Program features Tony O'Brien with the Detroit Handbell Ensemble, Maria Nazarenko, soprano and Ray Shuster, tenor. Tickets \$8. Call (313) 487-9638.

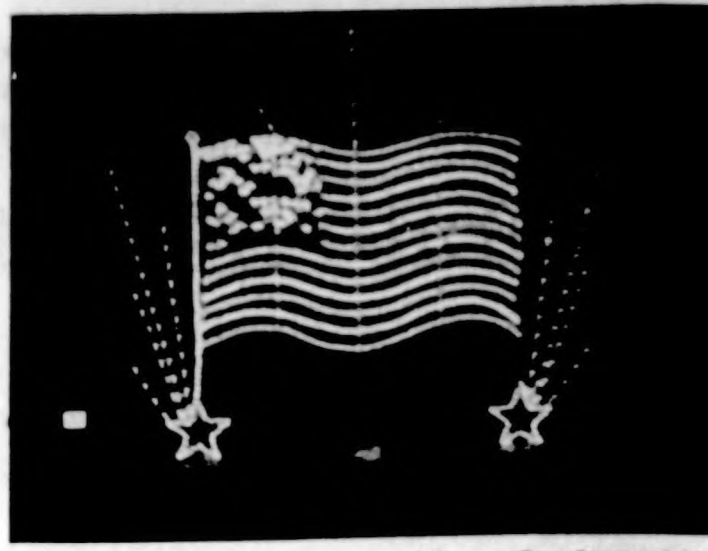
■ Cool Yule will be presented by Farmington Community Chorus 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17, at Harrison High School, 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt. Tickets \$6, senior citizens and students \$5, children 10 and un-

der \$3. Tickets will be sold at the door on an availability basis. Call (810) 474-4516.

■ Julie Rose of Redford is one of the singers performing Handel's "Messiah," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at St. Clement Roman Catholic Church, 5275 Kenilworth, Dearborn, (one block south of Ford Road, two streets east of Chase). The performance will feature the 35-voice DeHaven Chorale and Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are \$7 each, \$5 for children 12 or younger, available in advance or at the door. Call (313) 581-7495 for information.

■ Schoolcraft College Community Choir presents "Echoes of Christmas" 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (Six Mile between Merriam and Middlebelt) in Livonia. The concert will feature the ensemble "Solid Brass," traditional holiday favorites and a Christmas Carol sing-along. The Schoolcraft College Chamber Singers will also perform. Tickets are \$4 each. Call (313) 462-4448.

■ Livonia Civic Chorus, featured in our photo above, will present its 30th annual Christmas concert, "A Christmas Wish," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. There is no admission charge.



Stars and stripes: This illuminated American flag "waves" to crowds along Hines Drive in Wayne County's Lightfest.

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characters. When the Christmas Light Display is unplugged on Jan. 8, the trees will be donated to charitable organizations throughout metro Detroit.

The outdoor light display uses 500,000 lights. Two new sets have been added to the scenic drive, "The Annunciation" and "The Presentation," which help to complete the narrative of the Christmas story that the display shows.

There are lighted tunnels, some adorned with tunnels. Proceeds from entrance fees are donated to charities. Over the past two years, more than \$160,000 has been distributed to over 130 charities and service organizations.

The Domino's Pizza Store is open on weekdays and weekends and offers hot chocolate and coffee, cinnamon bread, pizza and other snacks for sale.

'Nutcracker' features PSO, local dancers

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will present "The Nutcracker Ballet," at Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium in Plymouth, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 11. Tickets \$14 adults, \$8 students. Call (313) 451-2112.

The holiday festivities will continue after each matinee performance with the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea, sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony League. Children will have the opportunity to meet the dancers after the Saturday and Sunday performances at the tea.

Tim Smola, of Canton, will return for the third time to dance the role of the King. The role of Clara will be performed by 13-year-old Pamela Rose Lawrie, who has been a member of the Plymouth-Canton Ballet since 1992.

Kristine Sills will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy. She has danced with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet Company, and is a member of the Metropolitan Ballet Theatre of Detroit.

■ Livonia Civic Ballet Company presents "Nutcracker," 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, Livonia. Call (313) 421-8264 or (313) 464-7310.

■ Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Dance Detroit Detroit will present "Nutcracker" Dec. 9-11; 14-18; 20-23, at the Fox Theatre. Tickets \$22, \$25 and \$27, call



Holiday ballet: Here are some of the dancers from the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company who will be performing "The Nutcracker," Dec. 9-11 with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

(313) 833-3700 or Ticketmaster, (810) 645-6666 for tickets and show times.

■ Oakland Festival Ballet Company is staging six performances Dec. 16-18 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Guest artists Karen Denise Gabay and Raymond Rodriguez, principal dancers with

the Cleveland-San Jose Ballet Company, will perform as Sugarplum Fairy and Cavalier. Atlanta Ballet's Kuan Lin Fan will dance as Nutcracker Prince.

Certain times are 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. All seats for the morning performance on Friday, Dec. 16 are \$10 each; for Saturday and Sunday performances the prices are \$14 children and senior citizens and \$16 adults. Call (810) 546-7610 or Ticketmaster for tickets.

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at Greenfield Village, and is seen in many of the productions at the Village Players. Silver has been in two films "Hoffa," and "Let's Shoot all the Lawyers." He's also had leads in MOT productions, and is finishing his masters in business administration at the University of Michigan.

Besides teaching, singing, and raising her two daughters, Diane Calhoun does commercials. Mezzo-soprano Louise Fisher of Northville sells commercial carpets. Tenor Michael Parr, of Livonia, is in the claims department of Allstate Insurance Company and is studying voice with former Metropolitan opera singer George Shirley. Peggy O'Shaughnessy of Troy, the newest member of the group, is the mother of two talented actresses, and a longtime veter-

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■ "A Christmas Carol" will be performed in full Victorian costume, with music by the Young Family, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10. Call (313) 532-3299 or (810) 349-9420.

■ Detroit Musicians League presents its fifth annual adult student recital, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Hammell's Steinway Hall, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free. Eleven pianists will participate.

■ Michigan Opera Theatre will audition children ages 8 to 14 Tuesday, Dec. 13, for the chorus of its May 1995 production of Puccini's "Tosca." There are 16 positions available; 8 boys and 8 girls. Auditions, by appointment only, are 4-8 p.m. at the MOT offices, 6519 Second, Detroit. Call (313) 874-7850.

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LET'S GO! DINING

Celebrate holidays at festive culinary events

Here are some holiday dining adventures you won't want to miss.

■ **Cafe Cortina**, 30175 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, is offering a Christmas Eve dinner — 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. Warm, cozy dinner served in various courses with guests selecting a choice of entree. Cost \$48 per person, call (810) 474-3033 for reservations.

■ **The Lark** is hosting an Old English Holiday Feast, 7 p.m. Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 19-21. Holiday repast will be accompanied by live music, including madrigals and carols. The main dish is roast fresh goose with port wine sauce. Cost is \$75 per person and

does not include beverages or gratuity. The Lark is at 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Call (810) 661-4466 for reservations.

■ **Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall** restaurant in downtown Northville is celebrating the holidays with two special events — lunch with Santa and a kid's Christmas show, and "Christmas Capers," a dinner theater presentation. Call (810) 349-0552 for reservations and information.

After lunch, served 11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10-11; Dec. 17-18, treat your children to a show. "Santa is Missing!" It's only a

few days until Christmas and no one can find Kris Kringle. It's up to Santa's elves to find him. But when they finally do find him, they are in for a surprise. Santa thinks that the kids don't believe in him anymore because he isn't cool. So he tries to hype up his image with hilarious results. The cost is \$10.99 for adults, \$9.99 for children.

"Christmas Capers," is running through Dec. 31. The cost for dinner and show is \$37.10 per person, (includes tax and tip).

It's Christmas Eve 1969 and WGEN, a down and out television station is once again preparing for a live Christmas Eve special. Unfortunately, when the station

manager announces that after this show the entire staff will be fired, it's just the beginning of their problems. Between the drunk host, a frantic stage manager, and inept crew, they must somehow put together a live television show. Along the way they sing songs, create hilarious situations, make some of the audience members television stars and maybe even learn what Christmas really means.

■ **The Lyric Chamber Ensemble** presents a holiday brunch on the lighter side at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 11 at Detroit's Gem Theatre and featuring Measure: A Men's Choral Society. The 65-

member, Ann Arbor-based group will perform sacred and secular songs from around the world and will be directed by Leonard Riccinto of Eastern Michigan University.

Tickets are \$22 and \$20 with brunch, \$2 less for seniors and students, or \$15 for just the concert. Call (810)357-1111.

■ **Henry Ford Estate**, a national historic landmark on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, has scheduled a variety of events. Call (313) 593-5590 for reservations.

"Holiday Luncheon Concerts" are scheduled 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 9, 13 and 16. Visitors are treated to classical and holi-

day music. Tickets \$17.

"Santa's Workshop" will be offered 5-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 17. Children follow lighted path to Santa's workshop, visit Santa, and receive a gift and cup of hot oyster soup. The workshop begins at the Visitor Center. Admission is \$5.

"Candles and Carols Dinner," 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Before dinner, guests are encouraged to tour the residence. Music and candlelight accompany the dinner. Admission is \$36.

"Candlelight Tour and Buffet," will be offered 5:30-7:45 p.m. Dec. 26-28. The tour is \$7 and the buffet is \$18.

EMU presents musical at Cady's Grill

Pam Cardell, a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, has been cast as City Her in "The Gifts of the Magi," to be presented 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, and Sunday, Dec. 18, at Eastern Michigan University Theatre.

EMU is joining with Cady's Grill to present five performances of the holiday musical in a dinner theater format. The O. Henry classic features a seven course, family style meal at Cady's followed by the musical in EMU's Depot Town Center. During the meal, entertainment

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will be provided by the award-winning a cappella quartet A.Y.Y.

Cady's Grill is at 34 Cross St. in Ypsilanti's historic district. The Depot Town Center is adjacent to the restaurant. Tickets are \$24 per person available by calling (313) 487-1221.

Cady's menu includes broccoli/cheese soup, tortellini with julienned vegetables, roasted chicken in roasted garlic sauce, smoked beef short ribs with cabernet sauce, ginger infused carrot coins and homemade cheese cake with triple berry sauce.

In the musical adaptation of "The Gifts of the Magi," by Mark St. Germain and Randy Courts, the six performers present the story of Jim and Della who find themselves with bleak prospects for the upcoming Christmas season.

They are out of work and penniless. But those familiar with the O. Henry story know that the couple's dilemma is solved when both part with their most prized possessions — Della, her beautiful hair, and Jim his heirloom watch, in order to buy presents for each other.

In this production, Jim and Della's story is merged with that of the cheerful folk Soapy and scores of city folk who lend



Pam Cardell

personal touches to the celebration of Christmas in New York City.

Restaurant Specials

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Special events

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Dinner theater, at 14487 Southfield Road, "Something's Afoot," a musical murder mystery, 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 17. Cost \$20.95 includes dinner, show and tax. (313) 386-6900

GANDY DANCER
Hop aboard the Amtrak at the Detroit or Dearborn station for trip to Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, Dec. 21 and 28. Train leaves Detroit 5:29 p.m. and Dearborn, 5:40 p.m. Cost \$48.50 per person includes train tickets, dinner, taxes and gratuities, (alcohol is extra). Dixieland band entertains on board. Football brunch offered, 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Cost \$14.50 per person. (313) 769-0592

GALLOP IN ST. CLAIR
The restaurants of St. Clair are hosting the second annual Gourmet Gallop 6-10 p.m. Dec. 15. Horse drawn carriages will carry participants for appetizers at the St. Clair Inn, Murphy Inn, DJ Gallagher's, the Voyager and Rachelle's on the River. Desert will follow at the William Hopkings Manor. Tickets are \$27. (810)329-7159

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College restaurants

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The college's gourmet restaurant, American Harvest, in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, is now open for lunch, noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. A lavish buffet is offered each Friday at \$10.95 per person. (313) 462-4488

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Gourmet dinner benefits pastry team

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For \$75 per person, gourmet connoisseurs will enjoy a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception and dinner starting at 6 p.m. Dinner will feature Oyster Consomme with Saffron and Shrimp Ravioli, Harvest Breads, Fois

Gras Hudson Valley with White Asparagus, Sorbet Fantasies, Roast Game Hen Luxembourg, Floral Salad with Goat Cheese Souffle, Chocolate Illumination for dessert, and a variety of complementary wines.

The Fenton Community Choir will perform. Tickets can be reserved by calling Schoolcraft at (313) 462-4417. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted.

You can also call the number listed above to make reservations for Schoolcraft's Winter Getaway

with Johnny Trudell, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. The event features a seven-course gourmet dinner and dancing. Tickets \$37.50 per person; tables seat eight.

The chefs who will prepare the delectable feast on Dec. 19 are E. David Auera, Chef proprietor, Milos Cibielka, Certified Master Chef; Kevin Gawronski, CEC; Jeffrey Gabriel, CMC; Daniel Hugelier, CMC; Ed Janos, CMC; Brian Polcyn, CEC; Leopold Schaeeli, CMC; and Jeff Smith, Chef proprietor.

On Jan. 22 and 23, the team will compete in the Coupe du Monde against teams from 18

countries. Three areas of competition will be featured: chocolate centerpiece with a plated dessert, sugar centerpiece with a chocolate torte, and an ice sculpture with a frozen dessert. The theme chosen by the U.S. Team is the 1940's Art Deco Era of Hollywood.

The U.S. Pastry Cup Team is comprised of Joseph Decker, CMPC, Schoolcraft College; Stanton Ho, Team Coach, Las Vegas Hilton; Jacqy Pfeiffer, Sheraton Hotel & Tower, Chicago; Kurt Walrath, Essex House Nikko Hotel, New York; and Donald Wresell, Four Seasons Hotel, Los Angeles.

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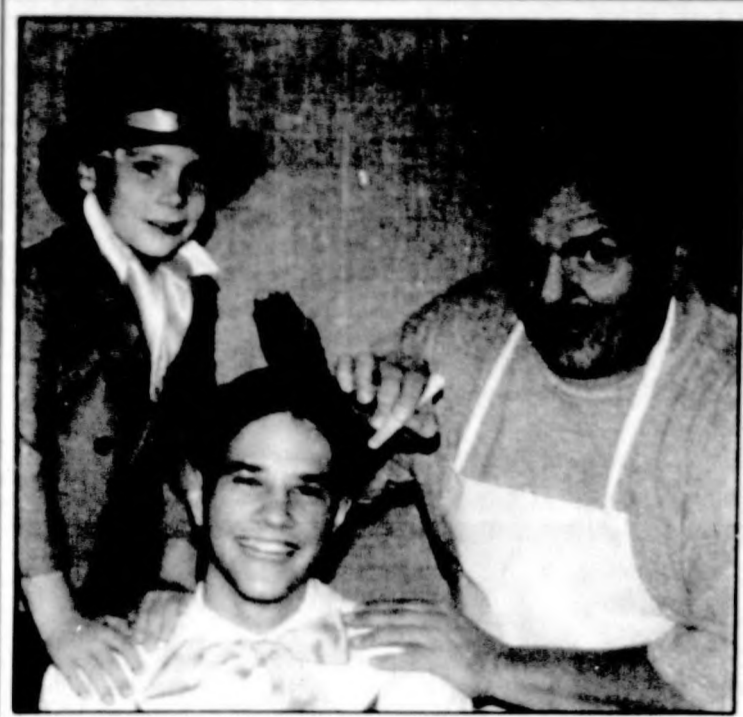
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Wesley Snipes flies high in 'Drop Zone' action

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"We kind of slithered past the producers and directors," said Snipes, who was in New York City promoting the film in November. "When everyone said, 'That's a wrap,' one car went one way and the other went toward the plane."

As a result, Snipes, who had never jumped before, appears in scenes usually handled by a stuntman. While viewing the rushes, the producers marveled at how close the stand-in looked to the movie's star.

"Drop Zone," which opens nationwide Friday, is about stunt skydivers who parachute onto government buildings to steal classified computer information. Once finished, they simply parachute off the roof to a waiting truck below.

Snipes plays a U.S. marshal who loses a brother to the thugs. He enlists the help of Jessie (Yancy Butler), who runs her own skydiving school and has a personal axe to grind with the team's evil leader (Gary Busey).

"In 'Passenger 57,' my character was a vigilante type out to get the bad guy if it's the last thing he did," said Snipes. "This guy, he's kind of plunged into the situation, an everyman who finds himself in extreme circumstances."

Veteran director John Badham prides the movie's realistic depiction of the skydiving subculture. "Whether it's discos in 'Saturday Night Fever' or computers in 'War Games,' I've examined these cultures I knew absolutely nothing about," he said. "I think that whole feeling of discovery translates to many of my movies."

The producers of "Drop Zone" hired some of the country's most talented skydivers, many who travel like gypsies in trailers living for the next jump. The drop zones where they meet and perform stunts are always dangerous and rarely within the law.

Snipes quickly discovered the attraction of skydiving. "That's the great thing about acting — You get to live different lives," he

said. "to do something you never would have done on your own; working with the best, so that your level of safety goes up — it's not like Billy Bob's sky diving."

"Drop Zone" is entertaining, Snipes says, though he finds straight dramatic roles "much more gratifying." This isn't surprising for the popular actor, who has chosen his parts carefully ever since making a splash with "New Jack City" in 1990.

He recently battled Sylvester Stallone in "Demolition Man," then made the low-profile "Sugar Hill." He will soon star as a drag queen in "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar," an offbeat project to say the least.

Snipes hinted that things weren't all that rosy on the set of "Wong Foo" or with its young director. "You have to crawl before you walk," he advised. "Show some respect. Show some compassion. You're working with actors and technicians who have more experience than you."

He fine-tunes his technical knowledge, hoping to direct someday. He may soon play jazz legend Miles Davis, which he doesn't want to turn into "a movie about a drug addict," though he would like to address "why so many of our geniuses have been so self-destructive."



BRUCE W. TALAMON

Thriller: U.S. Marshal Pete Nesson (Wesley Snipes) and Jessie Crossman (Yancy Butler) track down a skydiver for their exhibition skydiving team in "Drop Zone."

What attracts him to movies like "Drop Zone?" "For an action film, it's the hook," he said. "Here it's people jumping out of planes ... It's scary to me in real life so I

can make it seem scary on the screen."

If you have a comment for John Monaghan, call him at 953-2047,

mailbox 1866, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write to him care of Street Scene, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Screen Scene

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

MAJAN ART THEATRE
118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call 810-542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3 twilight).

"The Last Seduction" (USA - 1994). The follow-up film noir from John Dahl, director of "Red Rock West." This time Linda Fiorentino stars as a ruthless

femme fatale who double crosses her husband.

"Interview with the Vampire" (USA - 1994). Neil Jordan's stunning new film version of the Anne Rice vampire novel features seductive performances from Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, and newcomer Kirsten Dunst.

"Bullets Over Broadway" (USA - 1994). Woody Allen's latest, set in the 1920s, finds an ambitious playwright (John Cusack) offered the chance to direct his own play. The only hitch: he has to cast a mobster's girlfriend in a key role.

"Heavenly Creatures" (New Zealand - 1994). Opens Friday. The tale, based on a true story about two imaginative girls who find themselves mixed up in murder. An acclaimed new movie from Peter Jackson, the director of "Dead Alive."

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next Thursday. Call 810-855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

"The Professional" (USA - 1994). The new thriller from Luc Besson ("La Femme Nikita") finds a hitman taking a young girl

under his protection. Gary Oldman stars.

"Interview with the Vampire" (USA - 1994). See Main Art Theatre listing above.

"The Shawshank Redemption" (USA - 1994). Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman play prison inmates whose terms span the decades. An entertaining, if cliched, adaptation of a Steven King story.

MICHIGAN THEATRE
603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call 313-668-8397 for information. (\$5; \$4 students/seniors)
John Woo double feature — "A

Better Tomorrow" (Hong Kong - 1986) at 7:15 p.m. and "Hard Boiled" (Hong Kong - 1992) at 9 p.m., Dec. 12-13. Two films by Hong Kong action master John Woo. The first is a rousing melodrama about an aging gangster torn apart by loyalty to his rookie cop brother and his lifelong pal, a swaggering hitman. The second, "Hard Boiled," climaxes with an

epic shootout in a hospital that's both funny and ultra-violent.

STATE THEATRE
2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call 961-5450 for information. (\$1)
"The Mask" (USA - 1994). 9 p.m. Dec. 12. Jim Carrey plays a weasly clerk who dons and ancient mask and becomes a bizarre superhero.

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'Pagemaster' winner likes Willy Wonka story

Keith Shelton, 11, of West Bloomfield is the winner of our "Pagemaster" contest. Shelton wrote about his favorite book "Willy Wonka and the Great Glass Elevator." His prize is an autographed copy of "The Pagemaster" written by David Kirchner.

Here are excerpts from his win-

ning essay.

My favorite book is "Willy Wonka and the Great Glass Elevator," by Roald Dahl. It is my favorite book because it is a sequel to "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," it is very adventurous and kept me reading.

I liked the story because it was very funny and had some very

wierd villains called Vermicious Knids, which are shapeshifters! I liked the characters because they were also very funny. I liked Mr. Wonka because he had all kinds of crazy ideas like landing on the space station, inventing a pill that would make you smaller for example if you were 90 years old such as Grandpa George and

Grandma Georgeina and took 2 or 3 pills you would be a kid again!

"The Pagemaster," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters, tells the story of a young boy who takes refuge from a storm in an empty library. He is sent on an amazing journey by the Pagemaster, keeper of the books and guardian of the written word.

Coming Attractions

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:

Opening Friday, Dec. 9
■ "Disclosure" — A high-tech story of corporate intrigue and sexual harassment, based on the novel by Michael Crichton. Stars Michael Douglas, Demi Moore and Donald Sutherland.

Opening Friday, Dec. 16
■ "Speechless" — Romantic comedy based on the real-life relationship of Clinton/Bush campaign planners, James Carville and Mary Matalin, speech writers on opposite sides of a campaign who wage an election battle while romance grows. Stars Gene Davis, Michael Keaton, Christopher Reeve and Bonnie Bedelia.

■ "Dumb & Dumber" — Comedy about the misadventures of two incredibly stupid guys on a cross-country trip trying to return a

suitcase of money to its owner. Stars Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels, Lauren Holly, Karen "Duff" Duffy, and Teri Garr.

Opening Friday, Dec. 21
■ "Richie Rich" — Based on the Harvey Comics series, the story of a boy who has everything and takes over the family business when his parents are believed lost in a plane crash. With Macaulay Culkin and John Larroquette.

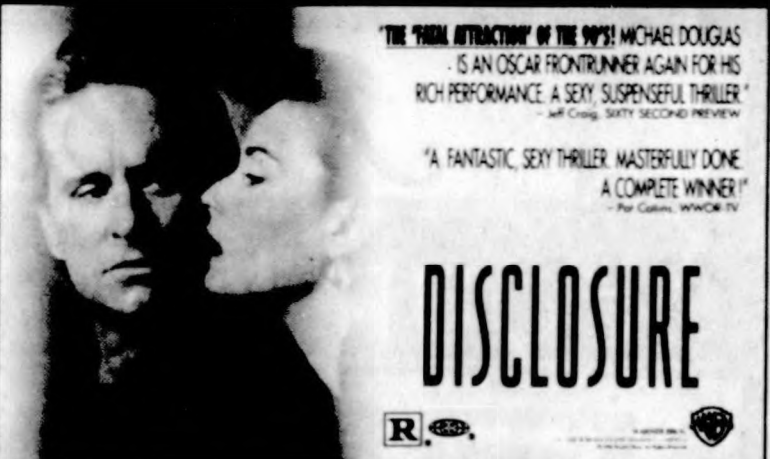
■ "Mixed Nuts" — A Christmas comedy for the '90s about a group of people at a suicide hotline on Christmas Eve, dealing with love, birth, death and fruitcakes. Stars Steve Martin and Madeline Kahn.

Opening Friday, Dec. 23
■ "Nell" — A woman raised in a remote cabin in the wilds, becomes a source of wisdom and inspiration to the doctor and psychiatrist who control her fate.



Comedy: Lloyd Christmas (Jim Carrey, left) and Harry Dunn (Jeff Daniels) are dressed to kill at the swanki Snow Owl Ball in New Line Cinema's comedy, "Dumb and Dumber." Benefit premiere at the Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. Tickets, \$15, call (810) 645-6666.

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 Westside Singles will hold a dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Roma's of Garden City, Cherry Hill east of Venoy, Garden City. Admission before 8:30, \$2; 21 and older, dressy attire. (313) 981-0909.

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 MoonDusters New Years Party will be Saturday, Dec. 31, at Bobby's Country House, 35780 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$37.50/person or \$75/couple Family style dinner, live band, Mike Wolverson, open bar. Singles tables available for men and women. (313)422-3298 or (810)347-1749.

WEDNESDAY DANCE
 Wednesday Suburban Singles will hold a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays in December in Burton Manor, I-96 and Inkster, Exit 177, Livonia. Age 21 and older, proper attire, no jeans. Cost is \$3. (313) 842-0443 or (313) 477-9050.

MEGADANCE
 Megadance, singles dance party, will be 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill. Dress is sharp, age 21 and over. Admission is \$3. (313) 292-0766 or (313) 425-1430.

Ballroom dancing

STABILITERS
 Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday in the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River, at Beech Daley, Livonia. Dressy attire, no jeans. Married couples welcome. (313) 525-8913.

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Single groups

U.S. SINGLETONS
 The U.S. Singletons (Dearborn-Livonia Chapter) meets at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Ernesto's Hillside Inn, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cocktails will begin at 2 p.m. with dinner at 3 p.m. There will be a \$10 gift exchange. Singles ages 45 and older wishing further information may write to: U.S. Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, 48123.

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 Voyagers Singles mixed non-denominational for singles 45-years and older meets at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. On Friday, Dec. 9, the group will host the 'History of Automobile Industry' at \$3.50 per person.

NEWBORN SINGLES
 Newborn Singles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. Light refreshments served. (313) 663-0014.

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 St. Edith Single Explorers meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month at St. Edith Church, on Newburgh south of Five Mile. (313) 464-2027.

PWP/LIVONIA-REDFORD
 The Livonia-Redford Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Cadillac Cafe, 30555 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. (313) 464-1969.

PWP WAYNE-WESTLAND
 The Wayne-Westland Chapter 340 meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall, 1217 Meriman, Westland. Meeting is 8-8:30 p.m. Dance is set for 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4 before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. New members welcome. (313) 525-6937.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI
 The Catholic Alumni Club is for Catholics who are college graduates and are free to many in the Catholic church. (313) 561-7564, (810) 939-1558 or (810) 647-7076.

Sports/Recreation

HOLIDAY VISIT
 Farmington Single Professionals are hosting a "Holiday Time" visit at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum Sunday, Dec. 11. Group members intend to walk through the village if weather permits. Admission is \$11.50. (810) 478-9181.

BOWLING
 The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit is sponsoring a bowling night at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Thunderbird Lanes, located on Maple Road west of Livorno in Troy. The cost is \$8. (810) 682-1807.

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL
 The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit sponsors indoor volleyball every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Berney Middle School in Southfield on the corner of Evergreen Road and 11 Mile Road. The cost is

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BOWLING
 Voyagers Singles mixed bowling league bowls 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Mem Bow Lanes, Five Mile and Meriman roads, Livonia. The league is open to those ages 40 and older. Regulars and subs needed. (313) 591-1350 or (313) 278-9717.

BOWLING
 The Activities Group, comprised of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural events, meet at 7 p.m. every other week at the Northwestern Bowling Club in Farmington Hills. No partners are needed, teams are arranged by group. A nearby restaurant visit follows. (810) 624-7777.

BOWLING
 Singles bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Lessons are offered 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. (313) 349-9104 or (313) 420-3177.

WALLEYBALL
 Farmington Single Professionals play walleyball at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at Racquetball Farmington, Nine Mile between Farmington and Drake Road, Farmington. There are courts designated beginner, intermediate and advanced. Cost \$4 for FSP members and \$5 for non-members. (810) 478-9181.

Other activities

IN SEARCH OF
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BOWLING/THEATRE CLUB MEETINGS
 The Gourmet Dining and Theatre Clubs Meeting of The Activities Group, a singles group composed of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural activities, will meet before the "Miss Saigon" performance at Moris, 30100 Telegraph Road, Dine and theater tickets package price is \$120; non-members add \$5. RSVP is required. (810) 624-7777.

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Concert showcases Beaux Arts Trio

"The Beaux Arts Trio" will perform for the Chamber Music Society at Orchestra Hall in Detroit 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Tickets range \$6 to \$30. Call (313) 833-

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Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Cans of food will be collected for the hungry. Call (810) 569-3888.

The story concerns a lotus flower that yearns to blossom in the light, and the Great Sage who finds the lotus and thereby helps the world find its peace.

"This show is a hymn of hope in an age of great cynicism," said playwright Rishikavi Raghudas. "We show how the human heart has the power to change difficult conditions, and how the labels which define us — need not divide us."



Spiritual fable: The lovely lotus flower (Vidyva Shaker, left) offers itself to the Great Sage (Dr. Robert Huchingson) for the sake of world peace, in Rishikavi Raghudas' poetry/music/dance drama "The Lotus and the Dawn: A Pilgrimage into the Light." Raghudas (right) reads from his epic poem.

A spectacular sequence near the show's climax features dancers representing the sacred traditions of ancient Europe, ancient Egypt, modern Africa, Native Americans, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and several others.

Transfiguration hosts Cookie Walk

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Road) in Livonia. Call (313) 476-3432 for information.

Pick the variety of cookies of your choice, and pay by the pound. The event will end when all cookies are sold.

Twisted Christmas tale lots of fun

A comic, musical twist on a classic old tale will happen Dec. 14-17 when Off Broadway Productions presents the madcap, whodunit, "A Fractured Christmas Carol."

The show runs Wednesday, Dec. 14 through Saturday, Dec. 17 at Gino's Restaurant, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Waterford. The cost is \$20 per person. Dinner begins 7

p.m., curtain is 8 p.m. Call (810) 682-6540.

An original spoof written, produced and directed by husband and wife team Beth and David Nelson of Waterford, the show lets playgoers have a "Dickens of a time." The cast includes Julie Yolles of Birmingham. In the show, Scrooge is mur-

dered and the audience must help the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future discover who killed him.

Was it Bob Cratchit, his clerk? Tiny Tim, who wants money for an operation so that he can walk? Lucy Cratchit who, like everyone else, hated Scrooge, or Fred Scrooge, the old geezer's nephew?

HFCC dancers present show for kids

Henry Ford Community College's Full Circle Dance Company will bring to life the classic story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9; 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 in the Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on campus (5101 Evergreen Road). Tickets are \$2, call

(313) 845-9803.

James Komer will narrate this charming tale. Santa Claus will make a special appearance and give gifts to the children attending.

Dancer company members include, Danielle Hassett of

Livonia and Carol Fedak of Canton.

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MUSIC NOTES



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Loving sets up site on Internet

The industrial band Machines of Loving Grace has launched its own World Wide Web site on the Internet. This marks one of the first music-related Web sites to be administered by the artists, as opposed to being label- or fan-initiated.

The band has stocked its site with downloadable artwork from every Machines release as well as video clips, biographical and tour information, lyrics, a fan club registry, merchandise area and other features. The site also offers access to every track and re-mix ever released by the band and a photo album.

It can be accessed at: <http://www.emerald.net/mig>. The band can be reached at MLGinfo@emerald.net.

Arvin's in Detroit is throwing a farewell party for longtime Detroit musician Missy Gibson who will be moving to the West Coast early next year. Gibson's band Breech will perform that night. For more information, call Arvin's at (313) 832-2355. The bar is at 5756 Cass Ave. on Wayne State University's campus.

Capital Records has released W.A.S.P.'s greatest hits album, "First Blood, Last Cuts." They're calling it "a celebration of a band that will be sorely missed."

Quick name three W.A.S.P. songs . . . Other new releases include "Toward the Within," an audio and visual documentation of new music from Dead Can Dance; "The Platinum Collection," a Blondie collection (EMI); "Nat King Cole: The Greatest Hits" (Capitol); "Private Dance," a three-CD box set retrospective of Tina Turner's career (Capitol); and "Across the Great Divide," a three-disc box set by The Band (Capitol).

Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash will release his solo effort, "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," under the name Snakepit in mid-February. In addition to Slash on guitars, Snakepit includes GNR drummer Matt Sorum, Alice in Chains bassist Mike Inez, rhythm guitarist Gilby Clarke and vocalist Eric Dover, guitarist for the now-defunct band Jellyfish.

Slash describes the album as "spontaneous, free-form, with only two ballads. It's a hard rock riffy record with a lot of screaming."

Although he plans to tour in support of the album, Slash says his first priority is Guns N' Roses.

A&M Records founders Herb Alpert and Jerry Moss have created a new record company associated with Geffen Records. The first releases on Almo Sounds will be Angel Cephus Christi, an alternative band from San Francisco; Rake's Progress, a New York City rock band; and Sberree Ford-Payne, an R&B singer from L.A.

Alpert and Moss founded A&M Records in 1962. In late 1989, they sold to PolyGram, but were retained to run the company. They officially exited in mid-1993.

If you have a question or a comment for Christina Fuoco, call her at (313) 963-2047, mailbox No. 2130 on a touch-tone phone, or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150.

Send us your Band of Year nominations

There are a lot of impressive local bands around Detroit, and we're looking for the ones that our readers loved the most.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is asking readers to nominate their local favorites for 1994 Band of the Year honor.

There's a lot of choices out there — Wig, Big Chief, Majesty Crush, Speak, The Verve Pipe, The Remingtons, Immigrant Sons, Slot, Hot Peasies/Puddle's Pie, among others.

Last year's winner was East Lansing-based The Verve Pipe, who will headline a concert on New Year's Eve at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

Deadline is Dec. 16. Call in your nominations to the 24-hour hotline (313) 966-2021 or send it in to Street Scene, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150. Please include your name and phone number.

Out of breakup comes Wheels

After 445 shows, three albums and two EPs, The Hannibals called it quits in mid-summer. Now two fledgling bands — Nineteen Wheels and the Tearjerks — are benefitting from it.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

In July, East Lansing roots rockers The Hannibals exited the music scene the same way they entered — quietly, unpretentiously and without carnivalesque fanfare.

There wasn't a series of "farewell shows" or press releases mailed to entertainment writers. Instead, they notified only the hundreds of fans on their mailing list with an emotional, six-paragraph message printed on simple black and white postcards.

"In a day where farewell tours are the standard, we found ourselves again a square peg in a round-hole world," The Hannibals wrote. "We've never been the kind of people who actively seek out such fanfare and to break that tradition would go against many of the ideals we so strongly believe in."

"We realize that it might not make sense to all of you. For those in that category, we sincerely apologize and ask that you please try to understand."

The breakup was an amicable one. Guitarist/songwriter Chris Geherin moved to New Mexico to pursue a doctoral degree. Chris Johnston, lead singer and guitarist, and bass player Scott Owens mulled over their musical choices while drummer Matt Aljian returned to his hometown of Birmingham. Recently, he joined the Tearjerks.

"We had been together almost seven years, and we had done a lot together. (There were) no hard feelings. We had done more than we had ever set out to do," the soft-spoken Johnston said via telephone from his East Lansing home.

In early fall, Johnston and Owens formed Nineteen Wheels with Lansing-area musicians drummer Jesse



Rolling along: Nineteen Wheels will perform at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor Saturday, Dec. 10, and at The Ritz in Roseville Friday, Dec. 16.

Soriano and bassist Tim Marzorati. Owens and Johnston both strapped on guitars supplying a fuller, more straight-forward sound. Johnston rarely played guitar in The Hannibals because most of the songs were written with one guitar part.

"It's kind of hard to get used to singing a song and performing a song with a guitar in my hand. I can't really walk around the stage the same way that I used to, not that I'm a big mover and shaker," Johnston said with a laugh.

Nineteen Wheels chose to play only one Hannibals song, "Shadow of a Man" penned by Owens, but the band maintains the same basic theory.

"In both bands, we were never one to improvise and the type of music that we do, there's not really a lot of

room for that. Even the best bands that are doing similar music probably don't really improvise. That hasn't changed," said Johnston, a Birmingham native.

The Hannibals were probably one of the more well-known local bands. With Nineteen Wheels, Johnston and Owens are starting from the ground up. Fans don't pack shows yet, and they aren't familiar enough with Nineteen Wheels songs to sing every word.

"That took some getting used to, (but) it takes a lot of the pressure off. I'm in a young band again (and it will) take awhile for our songs to develop."

To familiarize fans with their music, Nineteen Wheels will soon head to the studio to record their debut effort.

"We want to put something out just because it's important, especially for a new band for someone to be able to take your music home and understand it and hear it better. You start to hear things differently."

"I think the whole fresh blood thing and new sound is good for us (and) good for the people who listen to us."

Nineteen Wheels performs Saturday, Dec. 10, with the Restroom Poets at the Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 996-8555. The band will also open for The Pursuit of Happiness and The Gandharvas on Friday, Dec. 16, at The Ritz, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. Tickets are \$10. Call (810) 645-6666 or (810) 778-6404 for more information.

. . . And a future with Tearjerks

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Tearjerks only formed in February but already its members have learned the perils of performing live. While bands like Dinosaur Jr. and Primus are getting pelted with Doc Marten boots and flannel shirts, Tearjerks have found themselves the objects of messier ammunition — Silly String.

"It's so funny because on the videotape (the announcer says) 'Ladies and gentlemen, the Tearjerks. There's a smoke all over the place. We come out and Mikey (Brown, vocalist/guitarist) starts playing and as the camera starts focusing in he was pelted with Silly String. He had little whiskers so it was dripping from his face, his microphone stand and his guitar," said lead singer/guitarist Mike Nolan with a laugh.

"Then I started singing and I started getting pelted. They were having a blast, and we didn't want to say 'Hey, knock it off.' It's Silly String

night so we had to expect it. It added to the character of the night."

With incidents like that and endorsements by the likes of Rootbox vocalist M.E. Jonson, Tearjerks are creating a name for themselves. Now the band is being thrust into the spotlight even more with the recent addition of ex-Hannibals drummer Matt Aljian.

He hooked up with Tearjerks during last summer's Earthfest. After the Tearjerks' set, the then-drummerless quartet — which also includes bassist Jim Sabourin and vocalist/key-boardist Landon Summay — roamed around Earthfest mingling with other bands. They mentioned a handful of people that they were looking for a permanent drummer. Three suggested Aljian.

Coincidentally, Aljian was "scouring Earthfest" for a new band. Hearing that Aljian was there, Nolan asked a mutual friend to introduce them. Aljian liked what he heard on Tearjerks'

demo tape. After two shows, the Birmingham resident realized Tearjerks was in his future.

"There really wasn't a lot of effort. We're not pulling teeth for the music to happen. It's definitely a good thing," said Aljian.

Nolan, a Troy resident, agrees.

"He's very communicative and very interested. I think it comes from The Hannibals. He wants to make sure there's distinction in each song," said Nolan who hosts open mic night at Planet Ant Coffeehouse in Hamtramck. "When we played our last show at Griff's Grill, some friends (said) he has a very quirky style. He just never misses a beat, not that we haven't had that before. He changes all the time and he never throws you off."

Change is a main player in the Tearjerks' music. Besides Aljian's evolving drum style, Nolan swaps his gritty vocals with the bluesy, guttural stylings of Brown.

Facets of Tearjerks' musical personality remain the same. The simple organ by Summay provides the undercurrent of the Tearjerks' music, which resembles Canada's Blue Rodeo. The songs stick to the three-verse style.

As their name suggests, Tearjerks lyrics revolve around broken romances: "I know it sounds a little dark to just pretend I have no heart. But I fall in love and I fall apart when I do the same thing they do," Nolan sings in "Do the Same Thing."

Fans will be able to take Tearjerks home with them in early spring when the band releases their debut CD. Recording will begin in January at Warren's Bomyard Studio, run by Sister Seed member Benjamin Ridley.

"We think, in the short time we've been together, that the best stuff is yet to come. We all feel like there's something there. When we get our schedules together, it should take off for us," Nolan said.

Tearjerks perform Thursday, Dec. 8, at Grounds Coffeehouse on the campus of University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit. Call (313) 896-1346 for more information. They will also perform at Lili's, 2600 South Hamtramck, Friday, Dec. 9, with Cap. Bandy. For more information, call (313) 676-8888.

At Lili's:
Tearjerks —
Landon
Summay
(from left),
Mike Nolan,
Matt Aljian,
Mikey
Brown and
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rin — per-
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MARY BOGURE Celebrates release of cassette with party and performance at Java Coffeehouse, 517 S. Washington, Royal Oak. (acoustic) (810) 547-9530
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OWEN WELLS With the Ron Brooks Trio at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. (jazz) (313) 662-8310
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Mountain view: Suzy and Ronny Cooper of Westland headed into the mountains in October to visit her parents, Marilyn and Bob Blackwell, who live near the Great Smokey Mountains. In the picture, (from left) are Suzy and Ronny Cooper and Marilyn Blackwell. Suzy says the Smokies are always beautiful and especially during fall.

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LET'S GO! TRAVEL

Gift ideas for people on the go

BY BARBARA MICHALS
SPECIAL WRITER

Santa Claus covers a lot of miles each Christmas Eve, so Mrs. Claus probably gives him something travel-related for a Christmas gift. If the people on your shopping list do much traveling, whether for business or pleasure, there's a huge variety of travel gadgets and gizmos available in all price ranges. Or consider the gift of travel itself.

Most area travel agencies can provide gift certificates for future travel, and these can usually be customized to any amount one chooses. The purchaser can specify the certificate for a set dollar amount or for a specific destination. If the latter, then the exact details of payment and cost limits can be worked out with the travel agency.

Popular destinations for gift certificates range from moderately priced day trips to Atlantic City and weekends in Toronto or Chicago to pricier and longer Las Vegas and Florida jaunts and Caribbean cruises.

Travel 2000 at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi is a specialty store with a wide range of travel-related items suitable for holiday gift giving, many for less than \$20.

One particularly appealing item is a very compact AM/FM clock radio.

Some other nifty gadgets that make great gifts are one and two-cup beverage makers, a combination siren/flashlight, clip-on book light, door-stop intruder alarm, currency calculator, personal security alarm to carry on a key-

chain, and credit card safe with alarm.

To help travelers look their very best there are dual-voltage compact hair dryers, curling irons, and hair-set rollers.

For men there are tie cases, a hanging shave kit, hip flask, shoe shine kit, leg safe and hidden wallets to hang on your belt loop.

For women there are several varieties of jewelry storage rolls and pouches, a hanging cosmetic bag, inflatable hangers for hand laundry, bra safe, and an expandable tote with super-mini umbrella.

Both men and women would enjoy a travel office set, nail care kit, leather passport case, neck safe, neck and back pillows, water purifier for exotic locales, or a luggage cart.

While travel irons and steamers

are available, I recommend a wonderful product called "Wrinkle Free." The three-ounce spray can of fabric relaxer works particularly well on wrinkle-prone fabrics like rayon and linen.

Wallets on a string, also popular with non-travelers, are great for foreign travel. They can be worn under a jacket or coat to deter pickpockets and purse snatchers, and many have enough compartments to separate different currencies and coins.

For more expensive gifts, consider luggage. Some comparison shopping is recommended here. The single most popular piece of luggage spotted at airports these days is the roll-aboard, a wheeled carry-on. Price ranges from \$49 to \$180 depending on size, quality, fabric and manufacturer.

Tips help travelers reach destination safely

The holiday season brings excesses — but not only of high spirits and good cheer. It also brings a rush of travelers — hurrying and vulnerable.

"This year, fare wars have escalated to the point where lower fares have been offered even on dates that are normally blacked out," said L. William Chiles, president of Hickory Travel Systems, an international network of independent travel agencies.

"This, too, will add to the holiday crush and confusion." This sheer volume means crowded airports, packed planes, delays, lost luggage, and sold-out flights, hotels, and resorts. Distracted holiday travelers loaded down with gifts are also prime targets for thieves.

To help holiday travel go more smoothly, Hickory Travel Systems offers these practical guidelines:

■ Have wrap, will travel. Pack holiday gift wrap in suitcases and

wrap presents at your destination. Gift-wrapped packages may be cumbersome to transport and could prompt airport security personnel to ask to see the contents.

■ Overstuffed overheads. Travelers who carry on baggage instead of checking it may find onboard space stuffed with gift packages and winter apparel. Claim overhead-compartment space by boarding early (by choosing a high seat number or as a member of a frequent flyer group).

■ Label Logic. Although airlines require all checked luggage to be labeled, luggage tags may become dislodged. Be sure to also label the inside of suitcases. 4. Seating strategy.

Knowing where to sit can contribute to comfort. For more leg room, request bulkhead or exit-row seats. For a smoother ride, choose the more stable positions over the wings — and avoid rear seating.

■ "Poor driver" penalty. Unexpected denial of a rental car can mar a holiday trip. Major rental companies now check driving records with departments of motor vehicles. If your record has blemishes, check eligibility ahead of time. If declined a rental, try smaller companies that don't run checks.

■ Free Upgrade. Car rental companies inventory only a limited amount of economy-class sub-compact. If you reserve this category, chances are good of getting a free upgrade.

■ Towel tricks. Prevent toddlers from locking themselves in hotel bathrooms by draping a towel over the door to keep it ajar. Because all hotel room doors look alike to young children who may not remember or be able to read a room number, tape a child's drawing to the outsides of the door to aid identification.

■ Cruise buffer. If you're plan-

ning a holiday cruise, it's smart to allow a day or two to unwind at a hotel close to the boat dock. This way, you've built in a hedge against wintertime flight delays and misdirected luggage.

■ Avoid pay-phone stalkers. Because 27,000 crimes occur at pay phones each year, using them requires special precautions. These include avoiding isolated phone booths or those without lights, facing outward while calling (to watch for intruders), staying alert, and hanging on to belongings while making a call.

■ Luggage lifters. If you're loaded down with holiday luggage, be wary of accepting help from "kindly" strangers — who may make off with bags you entrust to them. Be careful, too about leaving bags unattended to help someone who has spilled the contents of a purse or stumbled. The person in "distress" may be the accomplice of a thief.

Schoolcraft Ski Club is offering three trips

Schoolcraft College's Ski Club, EdgeRunner, invites you to join them on their upcoming ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Jan. 1-9. The nine day excursion includes transportation, lodging, lift tickets, apres ski parties, powder cat skiing, and other optional side trips. The cost is \$398 per person. Call (313) 462-4422 for information.

Here are some other upcoming

trips. The club will go to Blue Mountain in Canada, Feb. 17-19. The cost is \$135 for club members, \$155 for non-members. Crazy Daze at Boyne Mountain is March 17-19. The cost is \$155 for members, \$175 for non-members.

Send information about your ski club to: Keely Wygonik, Let's Go editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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Thank you for sharing your vacation photos with us. We're trying to get in as many as we can. If your photo hasn't appeared in Let's Go yet, don't fret, it will!

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To be considered, take your Observer newspaper on vacation and snap a photograph of your family holding the newspaper in a scenic spot. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you would like the photos returned to you.

We'll print as many photos as space allows each week. Photos will be returned shortly after publication.

Send photos and travel recommendations to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. For more information, call (313) 953-2105.

We're also looking for recommendations for good places to go with families — overnight, for a weekend or week. What's your favorite winter getaway? Is it some place warm or cold?

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At the ruins: Lee and Noel Bittering of Canton visited the Mayan Indian ruins of Chichen Itza in October. When not traveling, the couple are real estate agents in Canton.

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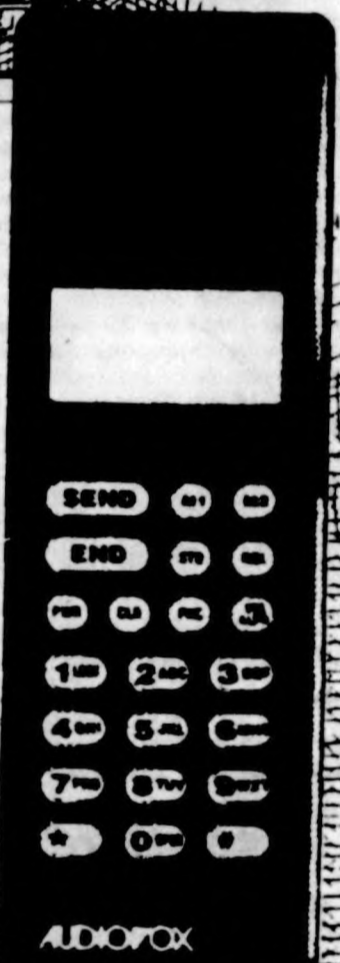
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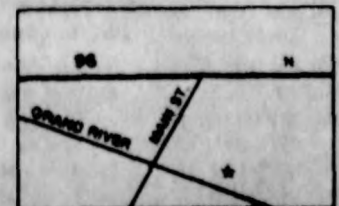


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PLYMOUTH SPORTS SCENE

Championship at stake

Albion College has reached the pinnacle of its football world. The Britons are playing for the national championship, and they're doing it on ESPN.

Albion meets Washington and Jefferson College (from Washington, Pa.) at noon Saturday in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, for the NCAA Division III title, at Salem Stadium in Salem, Va. This will be Albion's first-ever national TV appearance.

There are several local players on the Britons' roster. Like Tom Raven, a sophomore defensive lineman from Plymouth Canton; Brian Lee, a junior tight end and the long snapper on the special teams, from North Farmington; Joe Pesci, a freshman quarterback from Farmington Harrison; Kevin Curtis, a sophomore outside linebacker from Garden City; and Dave Morelli, a freshman defensive back from Redford Catholic Central.

Albion, now 12-0, is making its third appearance in the last four years in the NCAA III playoffs, but its first in the NCAA III championship game. It should be a wide-open affair: the Britons average 35 points a game while surrendering 13, and Washington and Jefferson nets over 40 points a game, giving up 11.

Father and son

If the officials looked a bit alike at the Class D high school football final Nov. 25 at the Silverdome, there was a good reason for it.

They were a father and son act.

Joe and Mike Kavulich, a pair of Canton residents, were selected to officiate together at the game between Beal City and Litchfield. It isn't the first time it's happened, and chances are it won't be the last.

Both also work together occasionally as basketball officials, working high school and junior college contests.

Baseball clinic

Here's a baseball player doing something for free.

Gary Pearson, who pitched in the Baltimore Orioles' system 25 years ago, will host a free baseball clinic for 11- and 12-year-old boys 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday at Hoover School in Taylor.

For further information, call Pearson at 561-8878.

Anyone wishing to submit items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

Monroe ruins Rock opener

BY C.J. RISAK
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See ROCKS, 4C



Rough start: Salem's Doug Herriman (with ball) gets past Monroe's Steven Jett this time, but the Trojans had too many weapons this opening night.

Beaten at the buzzer

Canton fails to put Wayne away

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton coach Dan Young had his first win of the Chiefs all but in the record books Tuesday until Wayne Memorial spoiled his debut.

The visiting Zebras snatched the game away from the host Chiefs when Lorenzo Guess tipped in a missed layup by Richard Rashad with one second remaining.

Guess' heroics gave Wayne the 54-52 victory.

"There's no other way to feel about this game other than we stole it," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said.

Henry, who has 18 years of coaching experience, was flanked

BASKETBALL

on the bench by longtime Redford Catholic Central varsity coach Bernie Holowicki.

Even with the near half-century of experience opposite his bench, Young's team outplayed Wayne for the most part.

After the Zebras took a 9-6 advantage, they didn't lead again until the Guess tip-in.

The sophomore forward finished with a team-high 16 points.

The Chiefs, who led by as many as nine points throughout the game, didn't score from the field during the seven minutes and 25 seconds.

"I thought the guys played

hard, but just didn't do the fundamental things down the stretch that you have to do to win games," Young said. "We should have won this game. Hopefully the team will grow and move on and learn from this."

Guess' tip-in also spoiled an outstanding performance by Canton's dynamic duo of junior forward Ron Hunter and senior guard Ted Docks.

Hunter poured in a game-high 21 points, while Docks scored 12, and added seven rebounds, seven steals and six assists.

Canton took the lead with a 10-6 run and led 19-15 heading into the second quarter. Hunter (nine)

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Baseball coaches both quit

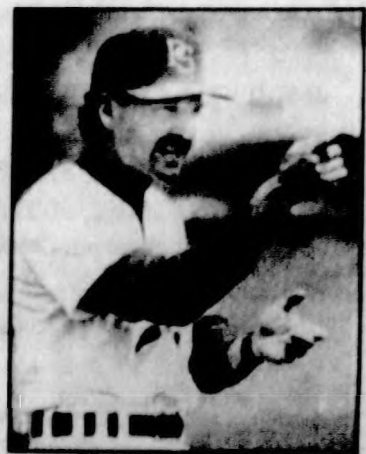
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The torch has been passed, but the new bearer warns an era hasn't gone with it.

John Gravin, Plymouth Salem's baseball coach for the past 11 years, has resigned. But athletic director Paul Cummings didn't have to look far to find a replacement — Gravin's longtime assistant, Dale Rumberger, has been named as his successor.

Also, Ed Turek, hired as baseball coach at Plymouth Canton last year, has resigned due to a conflict with his job. Filling that position will be Scott Dibbey, the junior varsity coach at Dearborn Divine Child for the past eight years.

Gravin helped mold Salem into one of the state's premier baseball teams. The Rocks annually challenged for the Western Lakes Activities Association title and in 1991 they col-



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lected their second Class A state championship. "He just decided it was time to spend some time with the family," said Cummings. "We were very sorry to lose both of them (Gravin and Turek)."

Rumberger, 41, was the obvi-

ous choice to take over for Gravin. A 1970 graduate of Plymouth High School, the Salem position was always at the top of Rumberger's coaching wish list.

"I think anybody who gets into coaching wants to coach at the highest level," he said. "For me, being from Plymouth, coaching at Salem is the highest possible honor."

Rumberger's high school coaching career started in 1977, when longtime Plymouth Canton coach Fred Crissey asked him to help coach Canton's catchers (Rumberger was an all-league catcher in high school). He did for a few weeks prior to that season — the same season Gravin was hired as Crissey's assistant.

Rumberger remained a part-time assistant for the next decade, helping when he could.

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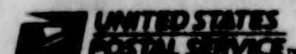
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"Either way, they'll be tough, sooner or later."

Salem opens its season in a double-dual tonight against Plymouth Canton and Monroe.

NOTES: Although Krueger was pleased with the turnout for team tryouts, he said he could still use more wrestlers at the opposite ends of the scale — to fill the upper and lower weight classes.

Salem will host three regular-season tournaments, the first an eight-team event Dec. 17. Belleville has dropped out, creating a vacancy that Krueger is trying to fill. Other tournaments at Salem are a 16-team junior varsity event Dec. 29 and an 18-team event Jan. 7.

Chiefs determined to succeed

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

The winter sports season has begun. It's time for another exciting season of boys basketball and hockey, girls volleyball, and... Oh yeah, wrestling.

It's that type of attitude that has this season's Plymouth Canton wrestling team hungrier than ever to improve on last year's season, which saw the Chiefs finish in the middle of the pack in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"For whatever reason, wrestling is on the back burner around here," Canton coach Ray Givens said. "Perhaps it's because of all the other sports going on, or simply because there is a lack of support for the program."

"But because of the lack of interest, the guys on the team have worked twice as hard as they usually do and you can see the difference in a lot of them."

Givens thinks as many as five wrestlers from this year's squad

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can qualify for the state tournament. Beyond those wrestlers, however, Canton will have to depend on a host of freshmen and sophomores to fill in the 15 weight classes.

The Chiefs are led by senior Dan Gruenwald, who missed qualifying for the state tournament by two seconds last season. Still, the 103-pound grappler won the league, the Observerland Tournament and was a regional qualifier.

"I think he's one of the premier wrestlers in his category in the state," Givens said. "He has one goal this year and that's to make it to Battle Creek (site of the state championships). You can see the intensity in his training. He looks like he's on a mission."

Gruenwald will be tougher than ever thanks in part to a new 100-pound category. In the past, he has had to fill up on water just to

make it to the 103 limit.

On the other side of the spectrum is heavyweight Doug Cooper. The junior has moves usually unheard of for a wrestler his size, according to Givens.

Senior Dave Cline will compete at 140 to 150. Cline placed in several tournaments last season in one of the most competitive weight classes.

"Dave's confidence level has changed," Givens said. "Now he is the attacker and the aggressor. He's not second-guessing himself anymore."

Another improved wrestler is junior Tom Kelling, who attended numerous wrestling camps during the off-season. Kelling will compete in the 130-135 class.

A healthy Aaron Hess should make an impact on the mat in the 119 division. The junior is coming off an injury-riddled season when he suffered through back and knee ailments. Givens said Hess is now at full strength.

Givens also expects freshman

Dustin Fant to make an immediate impact at the 150 level. Fant, whose father was a state qualifier at Belleville High, has unusual maturity for his age, according to Givens.

"He's been coming by our practices since he was in sixth grade," the eighth-year coach said. "He gets himself thrown around every now and then, but now he's the old man even though he's the freshman. He's also had a growth spurt and he's now six-feet tall. When his day comes, I wouldn't be surprised if he was a state champion."

Because of the wrestlers mentioned above, Givens believes the Chiefs will fare better in tournaments than they will in dual meets. However, Givens isn't concerned with the team's won-lost record.

"Winning isn't the priority around here," the Canton coach said. "Rather, it's the quality of the person once he leaves the program that's important."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 9
Lk. Franklin at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Garden City at D.H. Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Red: Thurston at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m.
Ben: Groves at Farmington, 7 p.m.
S: Telford-Lathrop at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
D.H. Annapolis at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at A.P. Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.
Don: Fordson at Lk. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Southfield at Phy. Salem, 7:30 p.m.

Phy. Canton at Monroe, 7:30 p.m.
Bishop Gallagher at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Sag. Buena Vista at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Loyola Academy at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
F.X. Harnden at W. Bloomfield, 7:45 p.m.
(Eagle Classic at Phy. Christian)
Franklin Road vs. Harper Woods, 5:30 p.m.
Phy. Christian vs. Light & Life, 7:30 p.m.
(St. Joseph High, Lutheran Tournament)
Mich. Lutheran vs. Grace Christian, 6 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. St. Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10
Eagle Classic at PCA, 1 & 2:30 p.m.
Mich. Lutheran Tournament, 2 & 3:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Dec. 10
Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 7:30 p.m.
Madonna at St. Francis (Ill.), TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Dec. 10
Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 5:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Dec. 9
Lk. Franklin vs. Lk. Stevenson at Livonia's Edger Arena, 6 p.m.
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OUTDOOR BOBBIETS



BILL PARKER

Hunters never seem to get their fill of stories from the field. Take a recent experience I had with a meter reader, for example.

A guy from Consumers Power came to check my gas meter last week. Since the meter is located in the basement of my house, the meter reader had to walk right past my bragging board (a cork board filled with hunting and fishing pictures). Once he saw that I, too, was a hunter the conversation quickly turned to the current deer season and took off from there. Some 20 minutes later my wife Donna came downstairs to see what was holding us up. She quickly discovered why we were still there, shook her

head and laughed, then joined in the conversation herself.

Had our common bond been softball, golf or auto racing, I'm sure the conversation wouldn't have gone past, say, the weekend action at best. Had we passed as strangers on the street we probably wouldn't have given each other the time of day. But with hunting as our common ground, the tales and yarns just kept coming.

Successful hunter reports have also been coming in at a steady pace.

I'm surprised, almost shocked however, that I haven't heard a word from any successful elk hunters. Six area hunters received permits for the September hunts and another eight were selected to participate in the December elk hunt, which comes to a close on Tuesday.

Did all you O&E elk hunters come home empty handed? I doubt it.

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On Oct. 28, then they moved it back to Nov. 4 but that day came and went without a baby, too" explained Casey, an avid hunter who admitted he didn't get out much for the early bow season. "She went into labor on Nov. 14 and I knew I'd miss the whole first week of gun season. It was kind of a mixed blessing. We were really excited about the baby coming, but I haven't missed opening day in a long, long time."

By Thursday, Nov. 18, Renee and Brandon were home feeling fine and, as an understanding hunter's wife Renee, consented to let Dan go hunting for the day.

Dan was up at 3 a.m. (but not for feeding this time) to make the two-hour drive to his property in Sanilac County. He hunted all morning without seeing a deer, then retreated to camp for a quick nap. Naturally - because all the excitement he'd been through - he overslept and was late getting

into the woods for the afternoon hunt.

As daylight began to fade, a doe came into Casey's field of view. He grunted the doe into shooting range, then saw a big buck following her. The buck was quartering toward Casey and he dropped the monster with a 60-yard shot.

The big buck dressed out at 173 pounds and sported a 10-point rack with a 2 1/4-inch spread. It was "by far" the biggest buck the 32-year-old Casey has ever killed.

Kerry Kukhahn proved there is no "Sophomore Jinx" in hunting. The second-year deer hunter from Canton connected on his first deer, a 6-point buck, at 7:30 a.m. on opening day of the firearms season while hunting in Charlevoix County.

"I was hunting below the crest of a hill and my hunting partner, Bob Nowak (of Garden City), was on the other side of the crest. The first thing in the morning a doe came between us and neither one

of us could shoot," explained Kukhahn. "A little while later another doe came between us. I decided to move to the top of the hill and that's when I saw the buck."

Arnie Roark, of Lapeer, shot a spike horn on November 21 while hunting in a stand of oaks in Se-ginaw County.

Larry Kammerer, of Metomora, arrowed an 8-point buck from his tree stand on Nov. 12. Kammerer was hunting along the edge of a swamp in northern Oakland County.

Farmington Hills resident Jim Neville filled his two-buck limit this fall. On Nov. 9, Neville shot a 130-pound, 4-point white bow hunting from a tree stand above an oak ridge in Newaygo County. On Opening day of the firearms season Neville made a 60-yard shot to drop a 160-pound, 7-point buck at 7:15 a.m.

Greg Trolley shot a 7-point buck on Nov. 22 in northern Oakland County.

Oh baby! What a buck.

Dan Casey, a Canton resident who works for the City of Southfield, recently experienced what must have been the biggest week of his life.

Casey's wife, Renee, gave birth to 7-pound Brandon on Monday Nov. 14.

"Her due date was originally

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816. Bob Mitchel will be the featured speaker at the January meeting. Mitchel will cover the basics of ice fishing including the latest equipment, techniques, safety and local hot spots.
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Slow-starting CC bounces Ypsilanti; Aggies roll in opener

Coach Rick Coratti was successful in his varsity debut Tuesday as Redford Catholic Central was victorious in its 1994-95 boys basketball opener at Ypsilanti, 70-66.

CC rallied from a 23-11 first-quarter deficit by outscoring Ypsi 24-4 in the second period. Junior guard Justin Hoener paced the winners with 23 points, while senior forward Mike Ridley added 19.

Eugene Brooks of Ypsilanti led all scorers with 29 points, including seven 3-pointers.

CC made 15 of 25 free throws (60 percent) compared with Ypsi's nine of 11 (81.8 percent).

ST. AGATHA 93, TRUE FAITH 34: The host Aggies made quick work of their

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opponents Monday of visiting Redford True Faith Christian in the season opener for both teams.

Senior center Cujuan Davis poured in a game-high 23 points for St. Agatha. Guard Spencer Galloway added 11 points. Bob Case and Mike Wilson pulled down eight rebounds apiece.

"This wasn't really a test for us," St. Agatha coach John Fenbert said. "They were a pretty young team, and we're pretty senior-oriented."

DEPOURRES 60, BISHOP BORGESS 50: Jerome Ross scored 12 in Redford Bishop Borgess' season-opening loss Tuesday at Detroit St. Martin Des-Porres.

Freedom Doctor paced the victorious Eagles with a game-high 24 points.

Close losses mar Crusaders' trip

This isn't what Madonna University's men's basketball team went west for.

The Fighting Crusaders road trip to Missouri started poorly, with tight losses at Hannibal-LaGrange College (Hannibal, Mo.) Saturday and at Lindenwood College (St. Charles, Mo.) Monday.

Monday's 76-68 loss at Lindenwood resulted from a second-half Lindenwood comeback. Madonna led 38-34 at the half, but improved shooting in the second half by the host team (15-of-26, 58 percent) caused the turnaround. The Crusaders were 17-of-34 in the opening half (50 percent), but dipped to 11-of-34 (32 percent) in the second.

Jualonni Dimes turned in a superb performance, scoring 25 points on 12-of-17 shooting. He also had six rebounds and four steals. Brandon Slone (from Plymouth Salem) added 15 points and Jeff Kennedy finished with 12 points and a team-high seven

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boards. Brandon Lemley added nine points and three steals.

Lindenwood was paced by Scott Kotovsky's 21 points. Greg Petty had 14 and Eric Samuelson scored 10.

In the loss to Hannibal-LaGrange Saturday, the game was tied at 49-all at the half and remained close throughout. Madonna connected on 40-of-84 floor shots (48 percent); Hannibal-LaGrange (now 8-2) made 32-of-66 (48 percent). Free throws made the difference — Madonna was 6-of-11 (54 percent) to Hannibal-LaGrange's 23-of-31 (76 percent).

The edge in free throws offset Madonna's 41-29 rebounding advantage. Again, Dimes provided the offensive spark for the Crusaders, converting 14-of-25 from the field for 29 points. He also had a team-high nine rebounds.

Slone chipped in with 18 points and Eric Furlotte had 10. Christian Emert and Kennedy scored eight apiece.

Hannibal-LaGrange's Luckist Turner totaled 25 points and nine rebounds. Vashon Weaver added 22 points, Ron Curtis collected 14 points, six assists and eight steals, and Jason Forrester had 10 points.

The two losses left Madonna at 1-5.

Madonna women

The Lady Crusaders opened the Hillsdale College Tournament Friday with a 67-56 triumph over Tiffin University, but on Saturday they lost to Hope College 70-55.

Madonna committed 25 turnovers and shot just 33 percent (20-of-60) in the loss to Hope. Vikki Koenig again anchored the Crusader attack, scoring 20 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

Stephanie Creiley contributed 13 points and nine boards, and Denise Williams finished with nine points and seven rebounds. Francine Williams totaled six points and seven assists.

For Hope, Kristin Carlson scored 25 points and Nicki Mannes and Lisa Timmer netted 13 apiece. Shelly Kuyers finished with seven points, seven steals and six assists.

In their win over Tiffin, shooting again was the difference. Madonna made 27-of-58 from the field (46.6 percent); Tiffin was 22-of-66 (33 percent).

Koenig's 16 points, 16 rebounds, five steals and four assists paced the Crusaders. Meegan Marlett led the scorers with 18 points; Williams had 11.

Tiffin got 23 points from Ashley Allen, 16 from Angie Shardo and 10 from Lisa Willaqa.

The split left Madonna at 3-6.

Coaches from page 1C

Gravlin was hired as Salem's varsity coach to replace Brian Gilles in 1984, and in 1987 he brought in Rumberger as his assistant.

"I just can't say enough good things about John," said Rumberger. "I know I wouldn't be coaching if not for him. We really had a good relationship... I'm going to miss him a lot."

One of Gravlin's strengths, according to Rumberger, was "his ability to delegate responsibility. He pretty much let us do what we thought was best."

Rumberger doesn't plan to change that. The rest of the Salem coaching staff remains intact: Joe Bonnett as junior varsity coach and Gary Coleman as freshman coach. Rumberger has hired

another Salem alumnus, Todd Marion, to assist him.

Marion graduated last year from the University of Michigan, where he established team pitching records for saves in a season (10) and career (32), and most appearances in a season (30) and career (106).

Such a tranquil transition allowed Rumberger to reassure the players returning from last season's 24-9 team. "I reminded them of that old cliché about not rebuilding, just reloading," he said. "I said when coach Gravlin left, it was the same thing — we're just reloading."

The switching at Canton can't be classified the same way. Since Crissey built the program into a

powerhouse in his 19-year span as coach, it's been a revolving door. Mark LaPointe coached for a year, then Turek.

Now comes Dickey, the Chiefs' fourth coach in as many years.

That recent trend is something the 28-year-old Divine Child graduate hopes to change. "I want to get some stability," he said.

He certainly brings with him a reputation for success. Coaching under Mark Falvo at DC, Dickey compiled a 199-44-2 junior varsity record — including a 22-4 record last season. The Falcons won eight JV Catholic League titles.

The reason for his interest in the Canton job was simple: "They always have such a good summer league (in Plymouth and Can-

ton)," he said.

Dickey, who applied for the job last year when Turek was hired, is currently working toward his bachelor's degree in secondary education at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He hopes he can someday teach in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"I'm just hoping we can build the program," said Dickey. He knows how to do it, certainly. "At DC, we developed a system where the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity were all doing the same kinds of things. I hope to do the same thing here, so it feeds all the way through the program."

Canton finished 15-12 last season, losing to Salem in the state district tournament.

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and Docks (eight) combined for 17 of the Chiefs' total.

Hunter scored on three straight possessions early in the second quarter to extend Canton's lead to 27-18. The Zebras weren't helping their matters as they committed 11 turnovers in the quarter.

"We didn't do too much different in the second half," Henry said. "We switched a couple of players around on defense to cover Docks and Hunter. Those two combined for 23 points in the first half."

"Those (Docks and Hunter) are outstanding athletes, and I was impressed with them. I'm happy we won't have to play them Friday."

The Chiefs allowed Wayne to stay in the game as they failed to make a shot in a six-minute span that carried into the third quarter. In the period, the Zebras narrowed a nine-point deficit to three.

Sophomore forward Rob John-

son (10 points) scored six points in 1:25 to keep the Chiefs in front. A Hunter triple extended the Canton lead back to nine.

Wayne remained close and a three-point play by Richard Johnson with seven seconds remaining in the third quarter closed the deficit to 44-42 entering the fourth quarter.

Johnson finished with 14 points.

It appeared as if the Chiefs would regain control of the game as Hunter nailed a 12-footer, then stole the inbounds pass and dunked to make it 48-42.

After Hunter's thunderous slam, the Chiefs settled for two free throws apiece from Hunter and Johnson for their final points. Wayne fought back until a Guess layup with 49 seconds left tied the game at 49.

Canton was going for the final

shot when Rashad stole a Mark Bray pass. Rashad's driving layup was hard off the board, but Guess was alone for the winning tip.

"We tried to keep in front of Guess and box him out all game," Young said. "He's strong, a great athlete and just a tremendous player."

The Zebras' celebration to the Guess tip-in was in midseason form, even though their play most of the night wasn't.

Wayne converted 40 percent of its shots (18 of 45) and were 17 for 23 at the charity stripe. Canton made 49 percent of its shots from the floor (20 of 41), but failed to score from the field in two critical spans.

"I'd rather win ugly than lose pretty — it feels much better," Henry said. "We have some growing pains, and we'll have some self-analysis to do. But this win

does make the bus ride home easier."

Agape 58, PCA 57: Josh Thompson's layup with just two seconds left supplied Plymouth Agape Christian with the points it needed to upend host Plymouth Christian Academy Monday in the opening round of the Eagles Nest Tournament.

The win boosted Agape to 3-1; PCA is 0-1.

A 15-10 edge in the second quarter gave Agape a 31-26 half-time lead. The Eagles trimmed the deficit to 46-43 entering the final quarter and had a one-point lead prior to Thompson's game-winner.

Thompson finished with 10 points and nine rebounds. Paul Salah led Agape with 23 points; he also had five boards and five assists. Corey Mullen contributed 13 points and Matt Major had 12.

Rocks from page 1C

they do it fast, then we'll be doing well by the end of the season. If they don't, then it'll be next year.

"Either way, they'll be tough, sooner or later."

Salem opens its season in a double-dual tonight against Plymouth Canton and Monroe.

NOTES:Although Krueger was pleased with the turnout for team tryouts, he said he could still use more wrestlers at the opposite ends of the

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scale — to fill the upper and lower weight classes.

Salem will host three regular-season tournaments, the first an eight-team event Dec. 17. Belleville has dropped out, creating a vacancy that Krueger is trying to fill. Other tournaments at Salem are a 16-team junior varsity event Dec. 29 and an 18-team event Jan. 7.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Dearborn St. Alphonsus High School is seeking an experienced varsity head football coach. For information call athletic director Paul Sherzer at (313) 582-0666.

Birmingham Seaholm's athletic department is looking to fill a pair of coaching vacancies on the varsity level. One involves the girls varsity basketball position and the other is the boys varsity tennis coach.

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BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

The Oakland County Flyers AAU girls basketball teams will

have tryouts according to the following schedule:

From 9-11 a.m. Saturdays, Dec. 10 and 17, for ages 11 and 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 13-14, 1-3 p.m. for 15-year-olds.

The tryouts will take place at East Middle School (Middlebelt Road).

There will be tryouts for ages 16 and 18 from noon to 2 p.m. on Sundays, Dec. 11 and 18, at Power Middle School (Gill Road).

For tryout information, call 661-1578.

Tryouts for the West Metro Cougars, a girls AAU basketball team, will be from 5-6:30 p.m. (ages 11-13) and 6:30-8 p.m. (ages 14-16) at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. For more information, call Ana Gabriel at (810) 262-4965 or (810) 649-0641.

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Kudos for top coach, players

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

In 18 seasons, Westland John Glenn's Chuck Gordon has established himself as one of the most respected football coaches in the state. But he may never have done a better job of teaching, preparing and nurturing than he did this season.

For starters, the Rockets entered the 1994 campaign with new players at 20 positions and only two regulars back from the Class AA runner-up squad.

Then the Rockets started the new season 0-2 — the first time since 1973 a Glenn team had found itself in that situation.

But Glenn produced the most amazing comeback in Observersland history under Gordon's leadership.

The Rockets won eight of their last 10 games, qualified for the playoffs a seventh time and almost reached the state championship game again. Glenn topped No. 1-ranked Belleville in the first round of the playoffs and avenged an earlier loss to Livonia Stevenson in the regional final. The Rockets would have played for the Class AA title but for a Bay City Central rally and 73-12 victory in the state semifinals.

For bringing his team back to an 8-4 finish, Gordon, who has a career record of 136-42, has been named Observersland Coach of the Year.

"Usually, when things go poorly, everyone wants to run for cover," he said, "but everyone said 'What can I do to be better?' — and you have to credit the senior leadership for that."

"Our players stayed positive and had a great attitude. That alone was the reason we were able to turn things around. No one gave up on the coaches, and the coaches didn't give up on the players."

ALL-AREA OFFENSE

Tony Jankowski (OL), Stevenson: Jankowski was a standout on a big, strong line that usually dominated opposing defenses and paved the way for Stevenson's power running attack. He started two years at guard and was a team captain.

ALL-AREA

"Tony is quick off the ball, stays on blocks and has good balance," coach Jack Reardon said. "He received our outstanding blocker award this season."

Steve Shaleb (OL), Harrison: Shaleb was a three-year starter at guard and also played defensive tackle this year, making 36 stops. The Hawks ran many of their inside plays over his position.

"He's one of the hardest working boys we've had at Harrison," coach John Herrington said. "He made himself into a good athlete with hard work in the weight room and dedication."

"He's definitely one of coach (Bob) Sutter's all-time favorite linemen. He was great on the short trap and putting around the corner on the pitch sweep."

Ron Schoenheide (OL), Glenn: Schoenheide played a key role in Glenn's turnaround and playoff drive, controlling the line at offensive tackle and opening holes for Brent Washington.

"He played his best football against excellent competition at the end of the year and in the playoffs," coach Chuck Gordon said. "He was the guy we wanted to run behind when it was winning time. He's the biggest lineman we've ever had (6-2, 290), and I think he can play some more."

Curt Katsis (OL), Farmington: Coach Lauri Niskanen often said the offensive line was the strength of the team, and Katsis figured prominently in that assessment. He was a three-year starter at guard who spearheaded a tough line that enabled Jake Siskosky to set school rushing records.

"(Assistant) John Buchtel has coached 17 years, and he said Curt is the best one-on-one blocker he's ever coached," Niskanen said.

"The thing about Curt being a one-way player is he always played on the scout team (offense). When we went against our defense, he was over there improving his skills. You want your best offensive players — if they're not playing defense — to come over on the scout offense, and it was not beyond him to jump in there."

Nick Belovary (OL), Garden City: Belovary was a versatile, two-way player for the Cougars. He was a two-time most

valuable player on defense where he was third in tackles with 32. Belovary is a straight-A student who will play in college at Wayne State, Adrian or Kalamazoo.

"We moved him to center and all over the offensive line — and from defensive line to linebacker and back to defensive line," coach Bob Esmeringer said. "He would have been better as an offensive guard, but he filled a void at center."

Brad Rainko (TE), Redford CC: Rainko was a two-year, two-way starter for the Shamrocks — a strong blocker on offense and a force at defensive end. He caught 12 passes for 166 yards and one touchdown; he had 50 tackles and three sacks on defense.

"This was his best year," coach Tom Mach said. "He's a big defensive end and has excellent technique. He helped out on offense with his catching ability. He'll play somewhere; he has the size and strength for Division I."

Kevin Bryant (WR), Harrison: A three-year starter who has committed to Michigan, he caught 33 passes for 630 yards and 10 touchdowns. He is the third all-time leading receiver at Harrison behind Brian Smolinski and Bryan Wauldron with 61 career catches for 1,228 yards and 18 TDs. A fierce hitter at free safety, Bryant was the leading tackler (101) and had 10 interceptions. He also returned punts and kickoffs.

"He's one of the most outstanding athletes we ever had at Harrison," coach John Herrington said. "You can put him in the same class with John Miller and Mill Coleman and all the great athletes. He can do it all on either side of the ball."

"When he came to Harrison (at a sophomore), we thought he was going to be a tailback, but we moved him to wide receiver and he became an all-star."

Richard Beal (WR), N. Farmington: Beal was another 48-minute player. He had 25 receptions for 443 yards and one TD — a 72-yarder for the only score in a 6-0 upset of Livonia Stevenson. As a defensive back, he had three interceptions, nine pass deflections and 24 tackles. Beal averaged 16 yards per kick return and 12 on punts.

"I don't think I've had a receiver who has such soft hands," coach Jim O'Leary said. "He can catch the ball in traffic and take a hit. He concentrates so hard on the ball he rarely misses a catch."

"He does his job every day and is a



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A two-year starter at defensive end, Eaton adapted well to what the offense was doing and had 78 career tackles.

"He was our most steady defensive lineman and was real consistent," coach Tom Moshimer said. "He could bounce the ball outside and force it on our support players very well. He could play as a regular defensive end as well as what people would consider a defensive tackle."

Brian Siriani (LB), Thurston: Siriani started at linebacker since he was a sophomore and led the Eagles in tackles each year. He had 124 tackles this year, including three sacks, and 370 during his career. Siriani also carried the ball 45 times for 225 yards and four touchdowns.

"You don't replace kids like Brian, and not just because he's a good player," coach Bob Snell said. "He loves to play the game, and his enthusiasm is infectious. His ability on the defensive side was outstanding."

John Spolsky (LB), Redford CC: Spolsky emerged as a hard-running fullback last year and added defense to his repertoire this year. He made 53 tackles, and he rushed 117 times for 640 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"He's a bruising tackler," Mach said. "He has the enthusiasm and hitting ability of a (Chris) Spielman, but he's still learning the position. His best days at linebacker are yet to come."

"He's a punishing runner. When he hits you, it will hurt. He was our go-to man in tight-yardage situations."

Corey McClelland (LB), Wayne: His greatest asset was his quickness at getting to the ball, according to Howton. That helped make McClelland the second-leading tackler for the Zebras. He also played fullback and made the All-Mega Red team.

"He's the best blocking back we've ever had," Howton said. "He was an emotional player and a great team leader for us."

Mike Redington (LB), Stevenson: As the inside linebacker, Redington was the heart of a fine Stevenson defense. He played especially well in the playoff victory over Howell and finished the year with 67 solos and 69 assists. Redington also had four sacks and two interceptions.

"Mike was our outstanding defensive player on a team that gave up 7.6 points a game," Reardon said. "He gave a great effort to get to the football. Mike was our Big Hit of the Game Player seven times this season."

Dan Kanaan (LB), Canton: Kanaan led the Chiefs in tackles two straight years, often playing over injuries. He had 78 first hits and 32 assists this year. He also blocked two punts, intercepted one pass and had two pass deflections.

"He was a good linebacker for us," coach Bob Knoenig said. "He has good size, good quickness; he called our defensive signals."

Dave Hensel (DB), Harrison: A three-year starter at cornerback, Hensel was an aggressive player and hard hitter. He was fourth in tackles (89) and finished his career with 203, tying him for ninth all-time. Hensel also started at swingback and had one touchdown catch. He returned punts and kickoffs.

"He was one of the most solid players we've had the last three years," Herrington said. "He's not a flashy player, but he played both ways with great intensity. He's very tough for his size."

"He went against some of the best receivers and shut them down."

"That's how strongly we feel about him," Gordon said. "He was a better quarterback than his stats indicate, and he was a threat to run the ball."

Hagelthorn passed for 550 yards and guided the Rockets into the playoffs. He had two interceptions at free safety and was outstanding on run support.

"He made tackles everywhere, from sideline to sideline," Gordon said. "He has a great knack for feeling out the play and getting to the right spot."

Jake Siskosky (DB), Farmington: Siskosky set the school record for single-season rushing with 1,181 yards and became the career rushing leader with a total of 1,704 in two years. He averaged almost six yards a carry (201 attempts) scored 12 touchdowns and had a team-high 76 points. A two-way standout, he also had 34 tackles at free safety.

"Jake is the type of kid who could gain 200 yards, and he'll say 'I'll do better the next game,'" Niskanen said. "He's self-motivated. You don't have to tell him to get in the weight room. He's doing that now."

"He was our best conditioned athlete and has a great work ethic. He'll do things in the offseason that will help him be even better next year."

Scott Goldman (DB), Stevenson: Goldman had the second-highest number of defensive points for the Spartans. He was a two-way standout who helped make the Stevenson offense go as a running back. Sharing the workload with Chris Mullett, he rushed for 742 yards and five TDs on 107 carries, and he caught nine passes for 108 yards.

"Scott was the best conditioned athlete on our team," Reardon said. "He played with the same intensity in the fourth quarter as he did the first. He is a great competitor."

FOOTBALL

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

LINEMEN

sr. Tony Jankowski (6-0, 239), Stevenson
sr. Steve Shaleb (5-10, 197), Harrison
sr. Ron Schoenheide (6-2, 290), John Glenn
sr. Curt Katsis (5-9, 190), Farmington
sr. Nick Belovary (5-10, 212), Garden City

RECEIVERS

sr. Brad Rainko (6-4, 225), Redford CC
sr. Kevin Bryant (6-0, 175), Harrison
jr. Richard Beal (6-0, 170), N. Farmington

BACKS

sr. Brent Washington (6-0, 170), Glenn
sr. Nick Williams (6-2, 248), Harrison
jr. Jason Granger (5-8, 148), Harrison
sr. Stan Stevenson (5-11, 180), Wayne
sr. Bill Matti (5-10, 170), St. Agatha

SPECIALIST

sr. Ron Bialobrzski (6-2, 180), Redford CC

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

LINEMEN

sr. Andy Short (6-0, 220), Redford CC
sr. Dave Ross (6-0, 212), Stevenson
sr. Ryan Lewis (5-11, 204), Farmington
sr. Craig Martin (6-0, 220), Stevenson
sr. Jeremy Eaton (6-2, 197), Ply. Salem

LINEBACKERS

sr. Brian Siriani (5-9, 180), Thurston
jr. John Spolsky (6-0, 230), Redford CC
sr. Corey McClelland (6-1, 230), Wayne
sr. Mike Redington (5-9, 185), Stevenson
sr. Dan Kanaan (6-1, 200), Canton

BACKS

sr. Dave Hensel (5-9, 165), Harrison
sr. James Hagelthorn (5-11, 170), Glenn
jr. Jake Siskosky (5-11, 185), Farmington
sr. Scott Goldman (5-9, 165), Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR

Chuck Gordon, Westland John Glenn

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

LINEMEN

sr. Phil Graca (5-11, 200), John Glenn
sr. Mike Liebau (6-0, 211), Redford CC
sr. Jim Lock (5-8, 190), John Glenn
sr. Jim Struble (6-1, 195), Harrison
sr. Jim Townsend (6-4, 255), Stevenson

RECEIVERS

sr. Dave Erickson (6-4, 215), Franklin
sr. Chris Wall (6-0, 165), St. Agatha

QUARTERBACKS

soph. Lorenzo Guess (6-3, 180), Wayne
soph. Kevin Bambenek (6-1, 150), Harrison
sr. Brad Lear (6-0, 190), Salem

BACKS

sr. Damon Frendo (5-9, 158), Garden City
sr. Mike Brannan (5-11, 192), Salem
sr. Leney Gardner (5-10, 165), Canton
jr. Kyle Vessell (5-10, 165), Harrison

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

LINEMEN

sr. Eric Hine (6-1, 261), Stevenson
sr. Bryan Szostak (6-4, 205), Redford Union
sr. Jeremy White (6-0, 185), Harrison
sr. Jim Churches (6-0, 192), Thurston

LINEBACKERS

sr. Matt Mesak (5-10, 185), Churchill
sr. Evan Jefferson (6-1, 202), Harrison
soph. Matt Grigio (5-11, 180), John Glenn
sr. Jeff Kong (5-9, 180), North Farmington

BACKS

sr. Ken Marzec (5-10, 185), Redford CC
sr. Martino Serman (5-11, 180), Clarencev.
sr. Chris Mullett (5-9, 170), Stevenson
sr. James Bohmweiger (5-9, 150), Wayne

HONORABLE MENTION

Harrison: Tony Valdez, Brad Donovan, Brian Gurnea, Dave Wright, Nick Sheeh, Jake Lawson, R. Pardughness, Jason Pawlovski, Nigel Whit, Ben Sommers, Mark Lee, Parsdaghoss, Corey Noble, Tom Wiest, John Economy, Dan Johnson, Pete Moore, Stevenson: Jeff Buder, Ben Lewis, George Murphy, Tom Dumont, Ghanshah, George Shamsian, Rudy Hatfield, Todd Wilson, Prasthal, Adam Hill, Robert Sakhala, Aaron Smith, Ryan Bayer, Stevenson: Ray Kast, Jesse Lynn, Vince Vitanovs, Steve Parks, Steve Spuz, Steve Mike Brown, Brian Kells, Mike Hutter, Jeremy Strick, Mike Bostonski, Sotoma Paul Totson, Jeremy Haynes, Dave Brent, Jesse Norland, Ashraf Yousuf, Gumbata Brett Filippa, Mike Murray, Leonard Dyer, Rob Johnson, Lannathan Westwood, Jason Kyles, Jason Bayouth, Ted Bohavater, Jason Brangate, Wayne Isha Nyrochak, Tim Gattine, Richard Burton, Redford: Ben Collins, Steve Karkala, Mike Monacze, (DB) Joe Anson, Brian Barryman, Theresate Jim Press, Joe Hendry, Dan Oakes, Steve Davern, Ryan Dentery, St. Agatha: Bob Gurne, Ryan Tut, Bill Dillaba, Mike Wilson, Bishop, Sergeant, Gary Carlson, Tanny Thomas, Richard Pledge



Tony Jankowski Stevenson



Steve Shaleb Harrison



Ron Schoenheide Glenn



Curt Katsis Farmington



Nick Belovary Garden City



Brad Rainko Redford CC



Kevin Bryant Harrison



Richard Beal N. Farmington



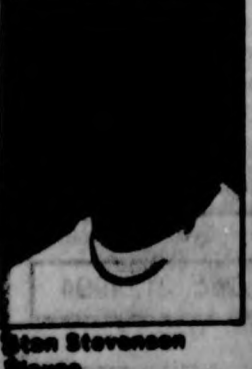
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Stan Stevenson Wayne



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Ron Bialobrzski Redford CC

All-Area 1st team Offense

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

LOCAL EVENTS

■ NUTCRACKER BALLET

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will perform "The Nutcracker" Ballet at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10-11, at Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy, Canton. Ticket prices are \$14 for adults, and \$8 for students. Sugar Plum Tea will be \$3 in advance, and \$4 at the door. For more information, call the Plymouth Symphony, 451-2112.

■ CHRISTMAS SNOW

A Barbershop Christmas show will be held 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, at Mercy High School, at 11 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. All seats reserved. For tickets, call (810) 625-6211 or 634-1332. Music with City Lights chorus and guests. Also Chordiac Arrest and High Bid quarters.

■ SKATE WITH SANTA

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Plymouth Figure Skating Club will be offering skating with Santa from noon to 1:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. This program is for children 12 and under and their parents. The cost is \$5 per skater and includes the opportunity to skate with Santa, and a lunch of a hot dog, chips, and pop. Children may have their picture taken with Santa after skating for \$5. Registration is recommended, call 455-6620.

■ CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Madonna University's choral will present its annual Christmas concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Felician Motherhouse Chapel, and is open to the public, free of charge. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. Information, 591-5097.

■ SING-ALONG

An "old-fashioned" Christmas sing-along is planned for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 W. Warren in Canton. Traditional and ethnic Christmas songs will be led by the Praise Choir with Brass members from Plymouth-Canton Centennial Band. Children are encouraged to bring Fisher-Price instruments, percussion instruments, jingle bells. Song sheets will be provided. Cookies and punch will be served, bring cookies to share.

■ LUMINARIA KITS

Trailwood Garden Club and Plymouth Symphony League in a joint fundraising project will be selling luminaria kits from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 17, at Westchester Mall; Kroger's, at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road; Kroger's at Ford Road and Sheldon Road; and Denny's on Main Street in Plymouth. \$3.50 per set of 10 candles with white bags.

■ CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The Music Department of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Plymouth will present its annual Candlelight service 7 p.m. Sunday Dec. 11. The theme is "Behold the Glory" The Senior choir, Children's choir, Christian

contemporary choir, and Handbell choir will perform traditional contemporary works. St. Peter's Church is located at 1343 Penniman Avenue (corner of Penniman and Evergreen). The concert is free, but an offering will be taken. Information, 453-3393.

■ WINNIE-THE-POOH

"A Winnie-The-Pooh Christmas Tail" performed by the Plymouth Community Arta Council will be held 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, and Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Tonda Elementary School in Canton. Ticket price is \$2 and includes refreshments. Popcorn, drinks, coffee. The performance is one hour with a 20-minute intermission.

■ LIGHTING CEREMONY

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home invites all to a holiday candle lighting ceremony in memory of deceased relatives and friends 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main in Plymouth.

■ TOY COLLECTION

Mel's Golden Razor, 595 Forest Ave. in Plymouth, is having its 17th annual toy collection for needy and handicapped children. Drop off your new or used toys through Dec. 17.

■ FLOWER SALE

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees will be selling Christmas wreaths, cedar roping and poinsettias, in red, white, pink and peach. Prices range from \$4 to \$32. Proceeds go to Christmas food baskets. Jaycee hot line, 453-8407.

■ NUT SALE

Community Hospice Services is holding the fifth annual holiday nut sale offering 16 oz. cashews, deluxe mixed, and German roasted almonds, and 14 oz. pistachios, at \$10 each. The nuts are available at the Community Hospice Services, 127 S. Main in Plymouth. All proceeds will assist incurably ill patients and their families in the communities they serve.

■ CALL SANTA

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees will be having their annual calling Santa from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 13-14. Have your children call 453-1200. Information, 453-8407.

■ DONATIONS NEEDED

Child & Family Services, a United Way organization, needs donations for its fourth annual gift giving program called Adopt-A-Family; Adopt-A-Wish. They hope to make the holidays special for over 400 needy children, families, disabled, and the elderly. To help, call Anne Keller at (313) 483-1418 or 1 (800) 242-6120.

■ BASKETS OF LOVE

The Salvation Army is looking for food donations for the annual "Baskets Full of Love" food drive. If you would like to be a part of the campaign, call 453-5464 for posters and boxes that can be displayed at your business, school, or organization. Deliver your donation to the food pantry from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The following is a list of food that is needed: canned goods — tuna, beef stew, chili with beans, potatoes, spaghetti/sausage, chunky soup. Other needed items: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti/meatballs, noodles, spaghetti sauce, cereal,

Oh, what a doll



Doll show: Doll artist Rusty Wilder's creations will be featured at the Doll and Doll House Show and Sale scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New, used, antique and collectible dolls will also be featured, along with doll artists and retail dealers — some specializing in doll-making supplies and others specializing in doll restoring. There will also be doll houses ready-built or in kit form and doll house miniatures. Admission is \$3 for adults and kids over 12 and \$1 for kids 12 and under. For show information, call 455-2110.

rice, instant potatoes, crackers, oatmeal.

■ HOLIDAY CARDS

Michigan Cancer Foundation holiday greeting cards are on sale at 744 Wing St., Plymouth. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They offer eight attractive designs and a "Michigan 1995" calendar featuring 12 scenic, full-color photos of the state.

■ RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth is conducting its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle. Ticket cost is \$10. This entitles you to a chance at a drawing for \$1,000 each month of 1995. If you are a winner your ticket is placed back in for future drawings. It is possible it could be drawn again for another \$1,000. Information, 453-7091.

■ THRIFT SHOP

The Presbyterian Women Thrift Shop will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, and is accepting men's, women's and children's used clothing for resale (also small appliances). The profit goes to mission work. 459-1250.

■ COED VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth Parks and Recreation coed volleyball registration is under way. Teams are allowed as many non-residents as they wish. A resident is any player who lives or works full time in the city of Plymouth or Canton Township. There is a limit of 16 teams for the league. \$250 plus \$15 per non-resident player. 455-6620.

■ MAYBIRDS

Maybury State Park at Eight Mile and Beck roads offers horse-drawn hay-

rides 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays at the park's Living Farm. There is no charge for the events. Cost to enter the park is \$4 for a daily permit and \$18 for an annual permit.

■ COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE

Seniors' line dance lessons will be 1-2:30 p.m. every Thursday through June 1995 at the Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Everyone welcome. \$4 per class.

■ HOLIDAY PLANT SALE

The Community Literacy Council is offering holiday plants for decorating a banquet room, lobby, or office for the holidays. Contact the Community Literacy Council to order and get pricing information on holiday plants. Poinsettias and cyclamens in many colors and sizes are available for order. 416-4900.

■ ART SALE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Art Rental Gallery is having a "Sell It So We Don't Have to Move It" sale. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

■ ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Plymouth Symphony League is offering an Entertainment book for sale to help fund the league. Each book contains two-for-one discounts on dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, and much more. To order, call 453-3016.

■ ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

'95 books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. 100 percent of proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout south-

east Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40. Home-delivered. Call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

■ CHILDREN'S SUPPORT

Community Hospice Services is offering a free Children's Grief Support Series. To register, call Vicki DesJardins or Joan Johnson at 522-4224.

■ CLOTHING BANK

The Plymouth-Canton schools' clothing bank will be open Tuesdays only. Hours are 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179 during open hours. The bank accepts donations of clothing in good condition during open hours.

■ PLAYScape PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to organize the various committees involved in the building of a wood play structure in Plymouth Township Park next spring. 454-9614 or 454-4829.

CLUBS

■ AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Post 391 will meet 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the American Legion Post, on North Main Street in Plymouth. Information, 459-7890.

■ M.O.M.

M.O.M. (Meet Other Moms) group meeting will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth. A

cookie and gift exchange will be held. All are welcome. Babysitting is provided for a nominal fee. Toni, 453-6134.

■ BEASLEY-ZALENSKY POST

The Plymouth Township Beasley-Zalensky Post 112 and its newly forming Ladies Auxiliary Unit of The American Legion will hold a regular business meeting at noon Sunday, Dec. 11, at The Oddfellows Hall, 344 Elizabeth St., Plymouth. For information, call Adjutant Jim Maahs at 455-5541 or President Linda McCoy at 422-8634.

■ AAUW

The December branch meeting of the Plymouth AAUW (American Association of University Women) will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. Members will tour the museum's teddy bear and toy train exhibit. Please bring an appetizer to share and donations for First Step. For more information, call 453-7924.

■ PLYMOUTH GRANGE

The Plymouth Grange No. 389 will hold its Christmas dinner 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the V.F.W. Hall on Lilley Road about 1/4 mile north of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. They welcome Grangers, new members, and friends. It will be a surprise dinner menu with Brother Jerry, and Sister Helen Buda, creating the meal. If at all possible a few cans of your choice food for the Jaycees basket for the needy would be appreciated. If you are able or unable to attend, call Mary Davison at 420-2878 or Ruth Strebbing at 420-0545.

■ VIETNAM VETS

The Plymouth/Canton Chapter No. 528 Vietnam Veterans of America general membership meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble V.F.W. Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. They are looking to encourage membership and participation among the area Vietnam veterans.

■ JAYCEES OPEN HOUSE

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees will be hosting a holiday open house 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Village Green Apartments Club House, Haggarty Road 1/4 mile south of Ford Road. If you are the age of 21-39 come and find out what your local Jaycees are doing around your community. The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees are Michigan's No. 1 parade of chapters. Information, 453-8407.

■ D.A.R.

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter D.A.R. will meet 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, for Christmas tea at the Plymouth Historical Museum, with speaker Beth Stewart talking about "The History of the Teddy Bear." Information, 455-9427 or 453-1774.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ SPECIAL EXHIBIT

Local artist Sharon Lee Dillonbeck of D and M Studio will be exhibiting her award-winning oil painting "Forgotten Friends" at the Plymouth Historical Museum's special exhibit at Christmas for children and children at heart. The painting will be displayed with the original

cast of bears set in a Victorian setting. The exhibit will run until Jan. 31, at 155 S. Main in Plymouth. 455-8940.

■ CHILDREN'S AUDITIONS

The Michigan Opera Theatre will audition children between the ages of 8 and 14 on Tuesday, Dec. 13, for the chorus of its May 1995 production of Puccini's "Tosca." Children must bring a resume and snapshot, and must prepare a memorized solo. Please provide the piano accompaniment of this solo for MOT's pianist. There are 16 positions available; eight boys and eight girls. Rehearsals begin in mid-February, with performances on May 13, 17, 20 and 21. Auditions, by appointment only, are 4-8 p.m. at the MOT offices at 6519 Second Ave. in Detroit's New Center area. Contact MOT's production department at 874-7850 for audition times and further details.

■ OPEN SKATING

Open skate time for all those looking to kill a lunch hour or looking to get a little exercise. The ice arena has open skate at the following lunch hours: noon to 1:20 p.m. Monday; 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday; 11:20 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Wednesday; 1-2:40 p.m. Thursday; 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Friday. Fees for city residents are \$2.75 adults, \$2 children; \$1.50 seniors; \$1.25 skate rental. For non-city residents: \$3.25 adults; \$2.50 children; \$2 seniors.

■ OPEN ICE SKATING

The Plymouth Cultural Ice Arena, at 525 Farmer in Plymouth, has open skating: Mondays — 8:40-9:40 a.m., noon to 1:20 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Tuesdays — 9:40-11:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays — 8:30-10 a.m., 11:20 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Thursdays — 8:40-11:40 a.m., 1-2:40 p.m., 4-5:20 p.m.; Fridays — 9:40-11:40 a.m., 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Sunday — noon to 1:20 p.m., 1:30-2:50 p.m. Fees for city residents are \$2.75 adults; \$2 children; \$1.50 seniors. For non-residents — \$3.25 adults; \$2.50 children; \$2 seniors. Skate rental is \$1.25. Open Skate Line, 455-1782.

■ RENAISSANCE CHORUS

Rehearsals will be held 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. They are looking for men to sing four-part harmony. Tenors, leads, baritones, and basses.

■ SWEET ADLINES

Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines, a women's chorus devoted to the singing of four-part harmony, barbershop style meets year-round, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1-96 and Linker Road. Reading music is not a requirement. Jan, (313) 834-4468.

■ HALL WALKING

Twelve Oaks Mall is open for walkers 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday. (616) 348-6438.

■ HANG-ON HOLIDAYS

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is offering many winter activities, including costumes and decorations. 219 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. (313) 968-6438.

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI, 48170, or by fax to 313-458-4224. Deadlines for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 458-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info:

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confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
Phil. 2:11

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Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries will hold "Talk It Over" with Dr. Bill Greenman at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the church; and volleyball, wallyball, racquetball and swimming at the Livonia Family YMCA at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The cost of BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) at the Livonia Family YMCA is \$6, and it is only open to adults. For more information, call (313) 422-1854.

PARENTS' NIGHT
Livonia Baptist Church will sponsor a "Parents' Night Out" 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the church, 32940 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Activities will be provided at the church for children, infants through the sixth grade. There is no fee, but advance registration is required. For more information, call (313) 422-3763.

At 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, the church will present the musical drama, "Isn't This What Christmas Is All About?" The public is invited to attend. There will be a reception following the service.

COOKIE WALK
The congregation of St. Michael's Orthodox Church is holding a Christmas cookie walk 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. Participants can fill their box as they walk through the display. Cookies are sold by the pound. The church is at 26355 W. Chicago Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster, Redford.

SANTA BREAKFAST
The Church of the Savior will hold its annual "Breakfast with Santa" between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the church, 38100 Five Mile, Livonia. A full pancake breakfast will be served, and each child attending

will have a picture taken with Santa. Cost is \$3 per person. Reservations can be made by calling (313) 963-8697 before 9 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

EASTERN CHRISTMAS
Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church Acappella Choir and special guest singers will celebrate an Eastern European Christmas at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. The program will feature carols from Russia, Romania, the Ukraine, Serbia, Greece, Poland and Hungary and liturgical music from the Orthodox Church's Feast of the Nativity of Christ. Donation will be \$6. For more information, call (810) 476-3439 or (313) 427-6592.

MONTHLONG FEST
Newburg United Methodist Church's Christmas celebration continues with "Carpenter Man" at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, by Dr. Gilson Miller; the Chancel Choir concert at Greenmead at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11; and Christmas craft and story hour for preschoolers and parents from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14. The church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG
An old-fashioned Christmas sing-along will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 W. Warren, Canton. Traditional and ethnic Christmas songs will be led by the Praise Choir with brass members from the Plymouth-Canton Centennial Band. Song sheets will be provided. Cookies and punch will be served following the program. For more information, call choir director Sharlene Borke at (313) 459-5515.

RADIO SHOWS
WAAM 1600 AM's radio show

"What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" continues at 9 a.m. Sundays. Upcoming shows will be: "Is Care in Christian Science as Reliable as Medicine?" on Dec. 11; "How Do Christian Scientists Feel About Jesus?" on Dec. 18; and "What Kind of Faith in God Heals?" on Dec. 25.

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION
Plymouth United Assembly of God's Children's Choir will present the musical "Baa Baa Bethlehem" at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 46500 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. A nursery will be available, and the public is invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
"Let All Heaven and Nature Sing!" is the theme of Detroit First Church of the Nazarene's Christmas concert featuring the sanctuary choir and orchestra at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. Admission is free. For more information, call (810) 348-7600.

GIFT OF CHRISTMAS
The Adult Choir of the New Life Church, 21446 Schoolcraft, Detroit, will present "The Gift of Christmas" at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
The sounds of music will echo throughout St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church when the adult choir, under the direction of Elaine Symons, presents its annual Christmas cantata during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Sunday, Dec. 11. St. Andrew's is at 26701 Joy Road, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. For more information, call (313) 274-3820.

'AROUND THE WORLD'
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will present a Christmas concert, "Sounds of Christmas Around the World," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The concert will feature the Choir of Christ Our Savior, Handbell, Cherub, Choristers, Brass and Woodwind choirs performing folk carols from various countries. The concert is free, however, a free will offering will be collected. For more information, call Lois Drake, music director, at (313) 522-6830.

'CHRISTMAS PATHWAYS'
The Children's Church of Livonia Assembly of God, 33015 W. Seven Mile, will present the Christmas play titled "Christmas Pathways" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The church's Christmas play, "The Night the Nativity Scene Lived," will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17-18. For more information, call (810) 471-5282.

COLLAGE CONCERT
The choirs of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will present their annual Christmas Collage Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Sacred and secular music will be performed by the vocal and bell choirs as well as by brass, organ, guitar and hammered dulcimer. Refreshments will be served.

'COME A CAROLING'
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church is having a family Christmas walk 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. There is no charge and refreshments will

be provided. For more information, call (313) 422-0494.

CHRISTMAS 'CLASSICS'
Bethel Baptist Temple's choir will perform a Christmas cantata, "Carols and Classics," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia. A free pocket planner will be given to each person who attends, and a nursery and toddler service will be provided. For more information, call (313) 525-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

NEW DEACONS
Deacons Richard Proffer, Dan Keck and Tom Mitton will be ordained during the evening worship service on Sunday, Dec. 11, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City.

HOLIDAY CANTATA
The all-church adult choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present a Christmas cantata, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 35474 Five Mile, Livonia.

"It's Christmas Time," a program featuring the nursery through junior departments of the Bible school, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. It will tell the Christmas story through music and recitations. Refreshments will follow.

VESPER SERVICES
Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church will have two midweek Advent vesper services at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14. The Rev. Gregory Gibbons will look at the Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ, "The Root of Jesse of Judah" and "The Root of Lion." The church is at 14750 Kinloch,

Redford. For more information, call (313) 532-8655.

SONG SERVICE
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have an Advent song service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. "Christmas - A Time of Joy," a pageant by school children about the coming of the Savior, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. For more information, call (313) 261-1360.

'ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS'
The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under the direction of Livonia native Donald Stromberg, will perform a holiday concert, "Echoes of Christmas," at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. The Schoolcraft Chamber Singers will also perform. The \$4 tickets can be bought at the door, and donations to the choir will be accepted. For more information, call Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services at (313) 462-4448.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Internationally renowned Irish tenor Mark Forrest will be in concert following a 2:30 p.m. rosary Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, sponsored by the Medjugorje Peace Center of Detroit. The performance is one of three he will do in the Detroit area - 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at St. Rene Goupil Church in Sterling Heights and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Beatrice Church in Southfield. No tickets are necessary, but a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of Bosnian refugees. For more information, call (810) 559-4544.

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NATURE TRAILS



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

When we think of farming we immediately conjure up rural areas, barns, silos, tractors, cows, chickens and such. Farmers work the land or tend their livestock for the products they yield. Surplus is what is sold to

city folks who don't even take the time to plant tomatoes.

Farming also occurs, to a certain extent, in the animal world. Each spring I watch the ants and aphids on the gray dogwood leaves. As soon as the leaves emerge, black spots on the undersides become visible.

Those black spots are actually small insects known as aphids. They are inconspicuous because of their size and their location. But as soon as the aphids emerge,

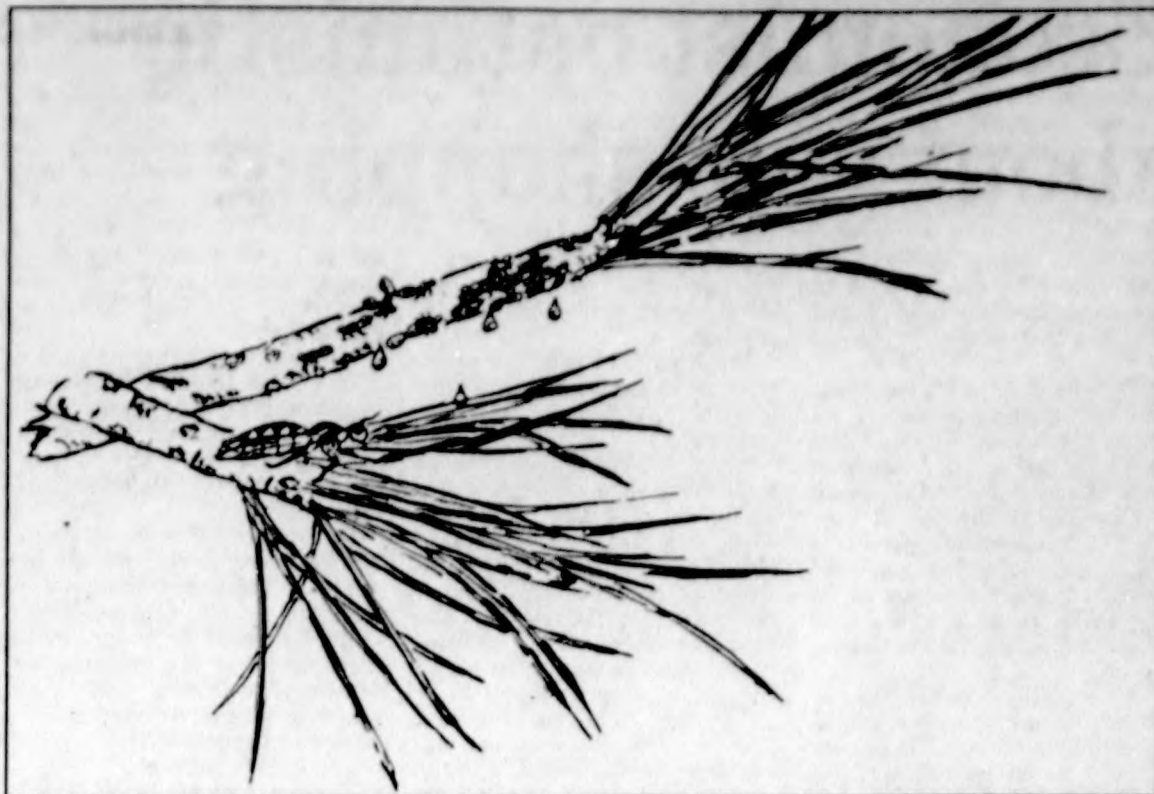
ants from the surrounding mounds take up residence on the leaves with the aphids.

Ants do not eat the aphids, rather they eat what the aphids produce. Aphids pierce the leaves and suck the sugary sap as food. The sap is then digested and a sugary waste liquid is voided. Many call it honeydew. When I was a young man my dad said the trees were dropping their sap onto his car. In a way he was right, except it was processed once. Attending ants collect this sugary liquid and use it as food.

Since the honeydew is a waste product, aphids don't mind the ants collecting it — if you can imagine an aphid reasoning. In fact, aphids like to have the ants around because they protect them from ladybird beetles (ladybugs) that like to eat them.

Earlier this fall, I observed a situation that was very similar to the ants and aphids. As I walked by a white pine tree I heard it humming. When I looked up at the branches there were scores of wasps and hornets. They were landing on the main branches and walking on the clusters of needles.

Upon close examination, I discovered the branches were covered with small gray colored aphids. Each branch had several large clusters of these insects. Though wasps are predatory, they were



Sap eaters: The almost invisible aphid insects drink the sap from dogwood trees, which pleases ants and wasps because they like to eat the waste product of the aphids. In the above drawing by Tim Nowicki, a wasp goes after some recycled sap.

not eating the aphids. Instead, they were searching the needles below for the honeydew deposited by the aphids above. I could actually see the aphids produce large drops of honeydew which fell to the leaves below.

Like the ants, the wasps, hornets and some flies were all feast-

ing on the extensive source of sweet liquid. These aphids were not protected by the wasps though. Scattered around the branches were both adult and young ladybird beetles.

So intent on eating honeydew, the wasps and hornets were undisturbed by my close inspection

of their feeding. It was interesting to see another insect exploit the aphid's source of food.

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Economist optimistic about yule shopping

Retailers will be smiling long after the holiday season, predicts an economist at Southfield-based Lawrence Technological University.

"I'm going by the basic 'Oakland Mall Parking Index' and I'd say retail sales are thriving," said Harold Hotelling, associate professor of economics and chairman of Lawrence Technological University's humanities department. "People are spending more because they have confidence. On the whole, consumers see good things happening in the economy."

The economy is a hot topic as the Christmas shopping season takes hold following a .75 percent jump in the prime interest rates by the Federal Reserve Board in early November.

But the action of the Fed should not impact holiday shoppers. The immediate impact of the prime interest rate jump was felt by individuals with variable rate home mortgages or home equity loans.

"People set their Christmas shopping limits by whether they expect to have a job in '95, more so than whether their house payment went up \$20," said Hotelling, who holds a doctorate in economics from Duke University and is a resident of Rochester Hills.

"Rather than trying to repair an economy with a problem, the move by the Fed keeps a growing economy on a healthy path," said Barbara Kouskoulas, assistant professor of management at Lawrence Tech. "The intent is to keep the economy growing with a minimum of inflation. The actual impact from the interest increases won't be known for perhaps a year or more."

Kouskoulas, who holds a doctorate in economics from Wayne State University and is a resident of Grosse Pointe, explained that the expansion of the American economy could outpace restraints. Expansion stayed at 4.3 percent this past quarter. If left unchecked, inflationary pressures could result in higher production cost, and less profit for business. The Fed adjustment of the prime interest rate — six times over the

course of the last four quarters — is meant to keep the inflation rate at its current level of 2.6 percent, she said.

Hotelling said that the possibility of escalating wages is "one of the things the Fed is also concerned about."

"In a thriving economy there's a tendency to make high settlements in collective bargaining. That can lead to inflation," Hotelling said. "When the Fed increased prime rates that 'touches the brakes' to the economy, and slows down new building and new hiring. That in turn, reduces the bargaining power of unions."

The drop in the stock market just prior to Thanksgiving was "anxiety over the possibility of an economic slowdown," according to Kouskoulas. She also pointed out that as interest rates rise, the price of bonds goes down.

"Not every movement on the stock market is an indication of something bad happening in the economy. You have to look at the market over a long period to see any long term trends," she said.

"The main concern is, will the Federal Reserve over do it and choke off the expansion before its time?" Hotelling said. "I'm not horrified by what the Fed did. Inflation can be a real problem. A lot of people today have forgotten how very bad inflation can be."

Both admitted surprise at the .75 percent increase in the Prime. Most economists foresaw a .5 percent hike. Any fallout is months away, both said. Kouskoulas said the first sign that the action by the Fed is not "keeping the economy on an even keel" will be increased inflation.

Benchmarks of how the economy is doing in the first half of 1995 will be whether businesses are replenishing inventory, and what happens with housing starts and home sales this summer, Kouskoulas said.

Hotelling said the holiday consumers are continuing the trend of "looking for bargains," and retailers have responded accordingly. This is a crucial shopping cycle since this is when most consumers make their largest purchases of the year. Christmas

shoppers, on average, say they plan on spending six to seven percent more this year than last Christmas.

"Institutionally, the retail business is changing and becoming more competitive," he said. "Retailers are offering consumers more options about how to save money, and people are taking advantage of that."

Credit card interest rates will not be immediately affected by the latest Fed action, according to Kouskoulas and Hotelling. This is good news since most Christmas purchases will be made on plastic. Kouskoulas said that consumers have reversed themselves, and appear willing to carry a large credit card debt.

There is a good forecast for the auto industry going into the new year — increased sales should continue. The industry is currently experiencing steady sales, with some models — notably the mini vans, and the Dodge Neon — having waiting lists.

"The auto market expansion has a year or two to run in its big eight to 12 year cycle. Right now, automakers are shoring up pent up demand," Hotelling said. "I see that going well into '95, and maybe '96."

"Blips" that could show up in the economy next year may come from political haggling between the Clinton administration and the Congress over a balanced budget amendment, "which could be terribly depressing factor for the economy," reductions of the regulatory burden on business, and health care reform, Hotelling said.

The questions for '95 include, is the Fed done "putting the brakes" on the economy to control its growth? And how much longer will the expansion continue?

"People are looking for a signal that maybe this is the end of the need for this kind of restraint," Kouskoulas said.

"The expansion has been going on for some time now, and the longer the expansion goes the more people say, 'Well, it's got to stop now,'" Hotelling said. "I'm a little optimistic."



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MARTY FIGLEY

Holiday plants: Festive touch, colorful legends

Many plants are associated with this happy season and can be decorated with tiny lights and perhaps miniature ornaments to add a festive touch. They have colorful legends that add to their intrigue.

Ivy was a symbol of happiness, fertility and honor in Greece; it was woven into crowns and used in wreaths for newlyweds. Ivy was used as decoration for churches and homes only on the outer passageways and doorways - put up on Christmas Eve and taken down on Candlemas Eve, Feb. 1.

Holly was revered by early British Druids who thought it was a favorite of the sun because it was evergreen. The British hung sprigs of holly about the house as hiding places for Christmas elves and fairies. In Germany, holly was called Christdorn, or Christ's crown of thorns - the berries were believed to have been white until stained by Christ's blood.

Legends surrounding European mistletoe go back to Norse mythology - it was the Druid's golden herb. Mistletoe symbolized purity and strength and was hung in houses to bring happiness, promote romance and assure peace. A more recent custom is to be kissed under the mistletoe. European mistletoe grows on oaks, while the American plant, a different species, grows on maples and tupelos.

The laurel of legend is the European species and was chewed by the priestesses at Delphi to inspire visions and prophecies. It was burned for incense.

When Christianity began, laurel was used to decorate churches and houses at Christmas, and it is still spread on church floors on Holy Saturday in some cities in Greece. The American laurel, or our flowering mountain laurel, is also called sweet bay. The leaves are used in cooking.

The herb rosemary is associated with the flight into Egypt by the Holy Family. Mary was sheltered by the plant and legend tells us that when she spread her blue cloak over the branches, the flowers changed from white to blue in her honor. It has been used for many years in Christmas decorations. It is the symbol of remembrance and a token of happiness.

If you plan to give a plant as a gift, perhaps a note about its legend could accompany it.

Book look

Books always make welcome holiday gifts. You may wish to consider one of the following.

"A Garden's Blessings: Refreshment for the Soul," Lois Trigg Chaplin (\$12.99, Augsburg Fortress), contains incidents in the author's life as she tells how her faith has taught her the relationship of nature and the messages of the Bible.

Two books published by Houghton-Mifflin are special. Both are written by Jacqueline Heriteau; watercolors by Susan Davis.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- A look at two young artists - Plymouth photographer, Kristin Cooper, and Livonia painter, Dana Schutz.
- The state of art education today.
- Victoria Diaz's Book Break column covers local authors and subjects.
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Time-honored Tradition: Douglas Semivan, an art professor at Madonna University in Livonia, demonstrates the art of printmaking.

A Primer on Prints: Clearing up the confusion

If you've considered purchasing a limited edition art print, but were mystified by the terminology and what it is that classifies a print as a print, the following primer will educate and could stimulate you to make that first acquisition.

By Linda Chomin

Buying a fine art print can be a confusing proposition especially with the overabundance of choices available today, and the apparent misuse of the term with everything from photographic reproductions to the actual photos themselves trying to pass as prints. Intaglio, relief, serigraphy, and lithography - what's the difference in methods, and aesthetic appeal of the real thing?

Madonna University art and humanities professor, Douglas Semivan has devoted the last 20 years of his life to the study, execution and teaching of print making. His energy and enthusiasm for the medium is boundless as is his knowledge.

"Where do we draw the line between a fine art print and a poster? You have to ask what is the artist's intention? Sometimes it's a fine line," said Semivan, who earned his master's of fine arts degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hill.

"The artist's intention is a communication between the artist and his audience. It has a beauty of surface. It has longevity, and it has value because it's a limited edition.

The poster that may even have been generated from the print is an impersonal and commercial venture. It becomes a photographic reproduction." Not a print.

A photograph of an artwork that is reproduced as an offset lithograph is not a print. It will not increase in value beyond a few dollars, if at all.

"If it's camera reproduced, that's a dangerous image. We don't know if the artist intended to have that reproduced," said the Royal Oak resident.

With the proliferation of prints by Chagall and Rembrandt being sold today, Semivan says you have to wonder how many were produced after the artists' deaths. In this case again, it's a question of artist's intention. Obviously after their death, intent failed to exist.

"Printmaking brought the artist's work to a larger audience to communicate a message with a larger audience than a painting could. Durer was one of the first during the early Renaissance who used it to communicate. Goya used it extensively to communicate the

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Island boat: The zinc plate in the foreground was used to print Semivan's intaglio, "English Red (island maru)" which is in the permanent collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Different processes

There are four types of prints - intaglio, lithography, relief, serigraphy.

• **Intaglio** is from the Italian verb to cut. It entails using acid to bite the image into the plate. The art of intaglio necessitates the use of engraving tools such as mezzotint rockers and burnishers to create pockets to hold ink that will be transferred from the plate to the paper during printing.

• **Relief** printing (wood cut, wood engraving, and linocut) uses a method by which the image to be printed is raised from the background. Woodcut, the oldest of printmaking methods was developed about 1400. Early woodcut prints were religious or secular in nature.

• **Lithography**, a planographic process, uses a flat surface for printing whereby the artist draws the image on a stone with a greasy material such as a lithographic crayon. Invented in 1798 in Germany by Alois Senefelder, lithography resulted from the playwright's attempt to find an inexpensive way to publish his plays.

• **Serigraphy**, silk screen, or art screenprinting produces works by the use of fiber mounted in a frame. The print artist blocks out areas of the screen not to be printed. In the case of a color screenprint, the artist prepares one screen for each color using a succession of screens to create the final print.

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What you should know before you buy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The first rule of collecting any type of art is to buy a work because you like it. You can spend as little as \$45 to \$50 for a hand pulled etching at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, to several thousand dollars for an engraving at an art gallery.

"It's important to fall in love with the work of art first," said Douglas Semivan, printmaking professor at Madonna University in Livonia.

"Buy what you enjoy; buy what you like. If it increases in value then you're lucky."

If you are thinking of purchasing an investment art print, be sure to

buy from a reputable dealer or gallery. It's important that the piece is signed and dated in pencil by the artist in the lower right margin.

In the lower left margin, the size of the edition and the number of the particular edition are indicated. If

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Sponsored by Handcrafters Unlimited, the show features more than 70 exhibitors whose works include pottery, stained glass, wood items, and florals. Local artists include:

Plymouth residents - Judy Moore, calligraphy and Roberts Baraszu, Christmas items; Canton Township - Lori Markiewics, stenciled baskets; Garden City - Linda Burton, Southwest ceramics and cactus dish gardens, and Livonia - Marlene DeFoor, hand painted Christmas bulbs; Susan Hattcock, angels; Denise

Sheldon, clothing.

"We have numerous artists they won't see other places. It is a juried show with lots and lots of Holiday items," said Molly Pemberton, co-producer of the show with Sue Smith, both Canton Township residents.

While Pemberton will display wood Christmas ornaments including personalized gingerbread boys and girls, small angels, and for your dog - a personalized dog bone ornament, Smith exhibits spice wreaths made of cinnamon, whole nutmeg, and ginger.

Prices for the hand crafted work in the show runs from \$2 for a Christmas ornament to sever-

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horrors of wars to a mass audience. Which is true today that it's generally an artist's intention to reach a larger audience. Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg in the 1950s came to this medium because it was economically viable.

Four types of prints

"However, an original print is never a reproduction. Although it is a work of multiples, it is still original art." According to Semivan, a print artist represented by the Lemberg Gallery in Birmingham, there are four types of prints — intaglio, lithography, relief, serigraphy.

Intaglio is from the Italian verb to cut. It entails using acid to bite the image into the plate," said the 46-year-old Semivan.

The art of intaglio necessitates the use of engraving tools such as mezzotint rockers and burnishers to create pockets to hold ink that will be transferred from the plate to the paper during printing. In his own work, Semivan has even used a Black & Decker drill to incise a copper plate. Forms of intaglio printing include engravings, drypoint, mezzotints, etchings, aquatinting and collographs, each with their own trademark or personality.

Relief printing (wood cut, wood engraving, and linocut) is the exact opposite of intaglio using a method by which the image to be printed is raised from the back-

ground. Woodcut, the oldest of printmaking methods was developed about 1400. Early woodcut prints were religious or secular in nature.

Until the 15th century only the rich could afford to own religious artworks. Prints put these images into the hands of anyone who wanted them. The woodcut print reached its peak in Germany and northern Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries with the work of masters like Albrecht Durer. Japanese woodcut prints, primarily landscapes, came into their own in the mid-18th century at the hands of masters Hiroshige and Hokusai.

Lithography

Lithography, a planographic process, uses a flat surface for printing whereby the artist draws the image on a stone with a greasy material such as a lithographic crayon. Invented in 1798 in Germany by Alois Senefelder, lithography resulted from the playwright's attempt to find a inexpensive way to publish his plays. Early lithography was dominated by French artists, Honore Daumier, and Eugene Delacroix as well as by Francisco Goya in Spain.

Currier & Ives hand-colored prints dominated the lithography business in the United States in the mid-1800s. Although lithography declined in popularity during the last four decades of the 19th

century it underwent a revival in the hands of Edgar Degas, Pierre Bonnard and Norwegian artist, Edvard Munch ("The Scream"). Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, well known for his Moulin Rouge posters, executed 370 lithographs in the last 10 years of his life. Picasso, Braque and Miro extensively used lithography as a means of creating works on paper in the 20th century.

Serigraphy, silk screen, or art screenprinting produces works by the use of fiber mounted in a frame. The print artist blocks out areas of the screen not to be printed. In the case of a color screenprint, the artist prepares one screen for each color using a succession of screens to create the final print. Pop artist, Andy Warhol mastered this method in the 1960s.

One final type of print, not an art of multiples, is the monotype or monoprint. By this method the artist draws on a metal plate or some other smooth surface. Then the plate is run through a printing press to transfer the image to the paper. French impressionist, Edgar Degas made hundreds of monotypes.

Contemporary artists like Frank Stella and Red Grooms combine several print making processes as does Semivan, who prides himself "on being a print artist because they have much more of a knowledge of the print making tradition, and much more



JIM JAGGELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tools of the trade: Intaglio involves the use of engraving tools such as burins, mezzotint rockers and burnishers.

of a commitment to the tradition.

Soul of an artists

Deeply etched in the prints by Semivan lies the soul of the artist, a combination of poet, philosopher, and sailor in love with the sea. Just as the ocean influenced Willem de Kooning's abstract work, so the water and sailing in-

tensely effect Semivan's art. In much of the work which is at once delicate and raw, Semivan uses the symbolism of a boat as an analogy for an artist going into their studio to face a blank sheet of paper.

"Small boats are a form of survival mechanism, leaving the safety of the dry land and going out and taking risks," said Semivan, who finds paper the most pleasing palette of all.

"My work is very physical, very forceful in the way I lay it down."

In the Intaglio print, "English Red (island maru)" Semivan produced an Oriental effect in the composition of blacks done on an

off-white background with the addition of one small square of vibrant red. This work is in the permanent collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Semivan's enthusiasm for the art of printmaking was fostered early at Olivet College under the tutelage of Stephen Hazel, now his mentor. Semivan's dedication and exuberance for the medium of print making shines through to the Madonna University classroom where he's taught the last five years.

"I see teaching as an opportunity to educate an artist, but also a future audience."

Know from page 1D

you're interested in collecting important work, says Semivan, collect smaller editions.

Traditionally, editions were limited to seven prints or less in number. Today, depending on the artist's intention, editions run to 50, 500, even 5,000. Obviously, an edition running into the hundreds and thousands is not as valuable as a smaller edition print.

Ask for a provenance or documentation of the work. A history should have followed the print after it left the artist's hand.

Find out about the artist, who they are and where they studied. Collect several works by a single artist.

"It's exciting to watch an artist's career unfold. A way to predict an increase is to find out what important collections, public and private, their work is in," said Semivan, whose own prints are represented by the Lemberg Gallery in Birmingham.

Don't be afraid of showing your ignorance. Never be afraid to ask questions. Educate yourself not

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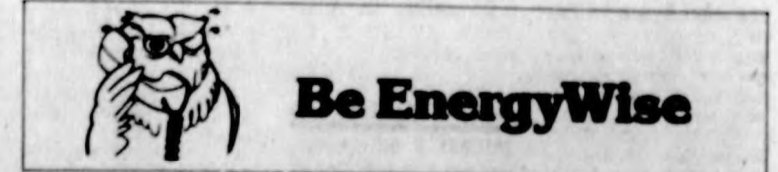
Douglas Semivan

only about prints and the history of print making, but art in general.

"Attend lectures at the DIA. Take a class at Madonna, get a little technical background. Take a drawing class. The point is to learn to draw, but also to know what goes into it. Quality is not the issue. You suddenly have a couple of insights into it," said Semivan of Royal Oak.

"Ultimately, it depends on what kind of collector you want to be. Do you want to be a collector who collects artist's proofs?"

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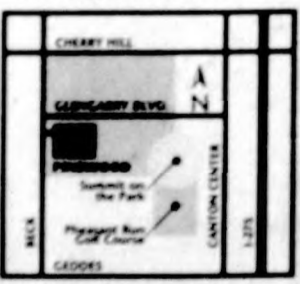
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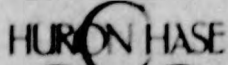
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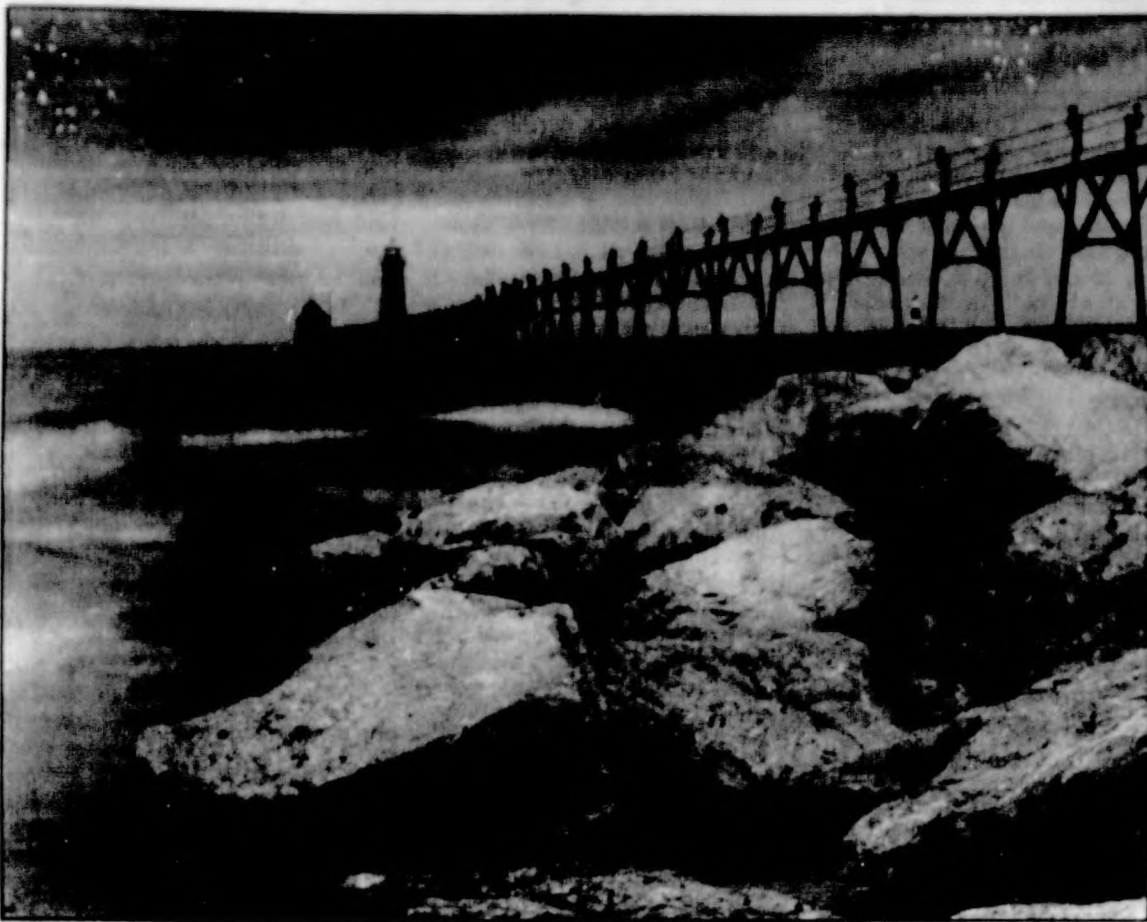
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Art Beat from page 1D



Light out for lighthouses: Monte Nagler chose early morning after a storm to photograph the Grand Haven, Mich., lighthouse. Notice how the walkway and the boulders add importantly to the composition of the picture.

Lighthouses capture imagination

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MONTE NAGLER

care, lighthouses can reward you with strong and satisfying pictures.

Good lighthouse photographs begin by carefully studying the lighthouse itself and its surroundings.

Is there a photogenic cove you can place in the foreground or perhaps a piece of driftwood or pile of rocks nearby you can use as a foundation in your composition? Can you get into a camera position to include whitecaps in the picture to add a dramatic

Everyone loves lighthouses. They possess an almost magical attraction that captivates all of us. Perhaps this is why they've always been a favorite subject for both professional and amateur photographers. Photographed with thought and

touch? Or is there a tree or two that can serve to "frame" the lighthouse?

In other words, spend some time thinking and planning out your picture so that you can produce a photograph with strength and stopping-power, rather than just taking a snapshot.

Decide what time of day might be best for your shot — a sunrise, sunset or even night picture. What kind of weather would work best — a blue sky day with white, puffy clouds or a stormy day that will add drama and mood to your photographs?

It was early morning, right after a thunderstorm, when I photographed the picturesque Grand Haven, Mich., lighthouse shown here. The dark clouds and waves added to the emotion of the shot. Using the walkway as a "lead-in" and the boulders as a "foundation," I carefully composed in the viewfinder.

As in all good photography, pay close attention to depth-of-field. It was important in this shot to

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get everything sharp and in focus from front to back. Most often, all it takes is a small aperture to do the trick.

Lighthouses, over the years, have guided mariners to safety. Now let them be your guide to making strong additions to your photographic portfolio.

Monte Nagler is a fine arts photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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If your arts organization, business or adult education program is offering winter art classes beginning in January or February of 1995, we want to know about it.

In January, this newspaper will feature a story on art classes rang-

ing from painting and pottery to basket weaving, quilt making and interior design.

Deadline for submitting information is Dec. 20. Send a listing of classes with short descriptions, times, dates, prices, and names and phone numbers of contact persons to: Creative Living, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

ART OPEN HOUSES

Two local galleries will be holding open houses this weekend to spotlight special shows. Nelson's Gallery, 16376 Middlebelt Road in Livonia, will host a meet-the-artists reception 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, presents their fifth annual Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival Dec. 8-11.

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NADONNA UNIVERSITY Through Dec. 11 — The university will host an exhibit featuring fibre fine art in various constructs by Patricia Williams now through Dec. 11 in Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the library building, 36600 Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

LIVONIA LIBRARY Through Dec. 30 — The Livonia Arts Commission presents a col-

lection of Barbie dolls owned by Livonia resident Marty Fishman. The 50-doll exhibit is on display in the Livonia Civic Center Library showcases, Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday.

SHERIDAN SQUARE Dec. 12-17 — Just in time to do a little gift shopping, the Garden City Fine Arts Association hosts its annual Holiday Exhibit and Sale at Sheridan Square, 30116 Ford Road, Garden City. More than 45 works of art will be displayed including paintings, pastel, color pencil and photography. An awards ceremony and opening

reception takes place 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. Refreshments will be served. The show will be judged by Gary Wilson, associate professor of art at Monroe Community College. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

NATIVE WEST Through Dec. 18 — A trunk show of American Indian jewelry kicks off the fifth annual Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival Dec. 8-11 at the gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Sterling silver and 14k gold jewelry by Navajo, Zuni and Hopi tribes is featured. A special line of sterling silver jewelry inlaid with semi-precious stones called Rock Kritters, also will be shown. An opening recep-

tion 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 will feature Cherokee artist Bill Rabbit. The self-taught painter, famous for his figures with flowing robes and manes of raven-colored hair, also will be at the gallery 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

OCC Dec. 10-11 — The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, who produce the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, present the 19th annual Holiday Art Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Farmington Hills campus, Orchard Lake Road I-696. Admission is \$3. Free parking is available. Some 130 juried exhibitors

of contemporary American art and fine crafts will offer their works.

NELSON'S GALLERY Through Dec. 31 — Director Laura Hardy presents her annual Art as Gift show featuring smaller, reasonably priced gift art now through Dec. 31 at the gallery 16376 Middlebelt between Five and Six Mile in Terrence. An open house takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. This year's show spotlights 13 artists working in a variety of media from painting and glass to jewelry and clay. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

SABANNE HILBERRY GALLERY Through Dec. 15 — An exhibit of

new paintings by New York artist Bill Komoski will continue to Dec. 15. Opening reception for the artist 5-7 p.m. Friday. Komoski indulges in the poetic and the coolly mechanical at the same time. This is the first time his work will be shown in the Detroit area. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 642-8250.

S.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY Through Dec. 31 — "Scrapple from the Apple," an exhibit of works on paper and monoprint by Vincent Smith, will continue to Dec. 31. Opening reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday. Smith will lecture on his work 2 p.m. Sun-

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Gallery to auction more than 300 works

When the auctioneer's hammer falls on Dec. 11 and 12, Park West Gallery of Southfield will offer more than 300 custom-framed works at an auction open to the public.

The auction, which will include works by old and modern masters and more than 30 contemporary artists, begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, and at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at the Holiday Inn-Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre in Flint.

The auction will feature works spanning five centuries, including wood engravings by Albrecht Durer; rare etchings by Rembrandt; rare impressions by Goya; etchings by Renoir; hand-signed works by Picasso; a selection of aquatints, etchings and lithographs by Miro; and etchings, engravings and lithographs by Chagall.

Works by several of the world's most famous living artists will also cross the auction block. The Park West Collection includes 300 paintings, watercolors, drawings, lithographs, serigraphs, and etchings by Tarkay, Altman, Picot, Agam, Lebadang, Fanch, Mouly, Wolfson, Cambier, Bragg, Kipniss, LeKinff and Krasnyan-

sky, among others. Works featured in the collection come directly from the artists and, in most cases, Park West is the world's largest dealer for the artist's works.

A selection of rare wood engravings from Salvador Dali's "The Divine Comedy," created between 1961 and 1964, will also be offered.

A collection of paintings, watercolors, drawings, serigraphs, lithographs and etchings by Peter Max, whose colorful imagery has reached millions of people around the world, will be featured. Max evolved from a visionary pop artist of the 1960s to a master of neo-expressionism, and his techniques with vibrant color have become a part of the contemporary American culture.

Bidding on most lots is expected to be between \$200 and \$5,000, with some bringing more. The entire auction collection has been appraised at over \$1 million. Credit of up to \$15,000 (higher limits are available) may be arranged with interest-free financing.

For further information, call Park West Gallery at 1-800-521-9654.

Area artists win awards

Area artists were among those who won awards in this year's Our Town Art Exhibit and Sale, which took place at The Community House in Birmingham recently.

First prize recipients and their works included Howard Dombrowski of Redford, "Pasture," oil; Nancy Thayer of Lathrup Village, "Hidden Waters," acrylic; Karen Carter Van Gampier of Troy, "Shimmering Twilight," oil; and Deborah Hecht of Bloomfield Hills, "Table," ceramic on iron base.

Third prize recipients and their pieces included Ernest Kellet of Troy, "The Girls," oil; D.M. Parrish of Troy, "Mr. Dunne," oil; and Billie Thompson of Livonia, "Dancing Deer," watercolor.

The Chairmen's Award went to

Jeri Fellwock of Farmington Hills for "The Family," watercolor.

Among those who received honorable mention were Ricki Berlin of West Bloomfield, for "Moon Light," acrylic; Julie Dawson of Birmingham, "Fun With Dick and Jane," watercolor; Fernando Diaz of Lake Orion, "Panorama," photography; Dorothy Foley of Bloomfield, "Spotlight Pears," acrylic; Terri Melnick of West Bloomfield, "City Sidewalk III," mixed media; Hans Nordwalk III of Bloomfield Hills, "The Cross in My Woods," oil; Constance Powell of Birmingham, "Historic Courthouses in Southeast Michigan," handcolored serigraph; Rita Mach Skoczen of Rochester Hills, "Drummer," watercolor; and Peggy Lynn Smith of Farmington Hills, "Katie," pastel.

Lecture series scheduled

The Northville Arts Commission is sponsoring the Michael Farrell 1996 lecture series, entitled "Our Living Tradition: Three Contemporary Realist Painters."

Farrell, associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor, adjunct curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts and instructor at the Art House of Detroit, is a recognized art authority.

His first lecture on Jan. 12 will present the works of Canadian artist Alex Coleville, who captures the grandeur of everyday life.

On Feb. 2 the works of American artist Alex Katz, who com-

bines photographic realism with a mannered and deliberate simplicity will be featured.

The third lecture, featuring Chilean Claudio Bravo, a painter, draughtsman sculptor and lithographer, will take place on March 30. All lectures will be held in the Northville High School forum. The school is at 775 N. Center St., Northville.

Only season tickets are available in advance of the season at \$21 per series. For further information, contact Joann Dayton at 810-347-2929.

Auction features estate items

The Frank H. Boss Gallery will host a holiday auction this week featuring many items from estates and consignors.

The auction, 6 p.m. Dec. 14, will feature paintings, furniture, glassware, silver and decorative arts.

A two-day preview of the sale

begins at noon Monday. Preview hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The Frank H. Boss Gallery is at 430 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills.

For more information, call 810-382-1800.

Real estate advertisement for Quality Real Estate NW, Better Homes and Gardens, featuring properties in Northville, Livonia, and Westland.

Real estate advertisement for Carolyn Binder Scopone, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, featuring a 'SOLD' sign and contact information.

CALL COLDWELL BANKER Schweitzer Real Estate

TOYS FOR TOTS advertisement for a December 11 event at Plymouth Office.

Real estate listing for 12158 Hidden Creek, Plymouth, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths.

Real estate listing for 7955 Brampton, Canton, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths.

Real estate listing for 7921 Brampton, Canton, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths.

Real estate listing for 4998 Woodway, Plymouth, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths.

Real estate listing for 69916 Sahale, Canton, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths.

Real estate listing for 3921 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths.

Real estate listing for 14945 Sheldon, Van Buren, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths.

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Real estate advertisement for Coldwell Banker and Schweitzer Real Estate, featuring contact information for Northville/Novi, Plymouth/Canton, and Livonia/Farmington.

Advertisement for 'The New Food Label' with a graphic of a food label.

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day, call the gallery at (810) 642-2700 for reservations. The show concentrates on Smith's jazz images. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham.

■ MARCHMAN LIBRARY
Through Dec. 16 — "Contemporary American Works of Art on Paper," an exhibit of prints and drawings, sponsored by the Fine Art Associates of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will continue to Dec. 16 in the library on campus. Opening reception 7:30 p.m. Friday. The show is on loan from the collection of G. Fredric Bolling, an art collector and the director of the UM-D manufacturing systems engineering laboratory, and his wife, Valerie Withington. Bolling will lecture at the reception Friday. For library hours, call (313) 593-5400. For information about the exhibit, call art curator Joseph Marks at (313) 593-5087.

■ CENTER GALLERIES
Through Dec. 16 — "A Place in Time: The Inlander Collection of Great Lakes Regional Painting, 1913-1958" will continue through Dec. 16, focusing on artists from the upper Midwest who painted scenes of the Midwestern cities and towns in which they lived and worked. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday. A panel discussion with collectors Patricia Glascock and Michael Hall will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Boughton Auditorium of the Center for Creative Studies Institute of Music and Dance at John R and Kirby. The exhibit will feature paintings by Aaron Bohrod, Clarence Carter, Hughie Lee-Smith, Ethel Spears and Zoltan Sepeshy, among others. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, in the Park Shelton Building at Woodward and Kirby in Detroit, (313) 874-1955.

■ SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER AND GALLERY
Through Dec. 29 — La Raza, a Canadian artists collective, will be presented in an exhibit called "Urban Realities" continuing to Dec. 29. Opening reception for the artists 5 p.m. Friday. The group of large paintings focuses on difficulties in urban living — homelessness, current economic, political and social crises and the breakdown of the family unit. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 33

E. Adams, Detroit, (313) 965-5422.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
Through Dec. 17 — "John Stephenson: After the Fire, A Retrospective" will continue to Dec. 17 at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor, celebrating the work of this well-known ceramist on his retirement from the School of Art. The exhibit will be on view simultaneously at the Jean Paul Slusser Gallery in the Art and Architecture Building on North Campus. Opening receptions Friday: 6-8 p.m. at the Museum of Art and 8-10 p.m. at the Slusser Gallery. "John Stephenson: Clay in the Mind's Eye," a slide lecture, will be presented in conjunction with the show 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Chrysler Auditorium across from the Art and Architecture Building. Call (313) 764-0395.

■ JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Through Jan. 12 — A retrospective of internationally acclaimed artist Samuel Bak will continue through Jan. 12. Opening reception, which Bak will attend, 7 p.m. Saturday; Bak will speak 1 p.m. Sunday and sign copies of his catalogs and books noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Bak's work reflects his experiences as a survivor of the Holocaust. His beautifully rendered paintings contain a visual vocabulary addressing universal themes and the plight of the human condition. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake in West Bloomfield, (810) 661-7641.

■ WOODWARD GALLERY
The gallery at 1357 Davis in Birmingham is the only dealer in the United States authorized to sell a limited edition series of photographs of jazz legends Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie. Gallery president and owner Dan Winter took the Davis photos. The Gillespie series spans this jazz great's career. Also available are original prints and paintings by more than 300 artists, including Peter Max, Karel Appel, Robert Indiana, Romare Bearden and Agam; an unusual collection of sports photos and posters; and vintage photos and newspaper articles. Call (810) 642-1357.

■ THE MOLE MOLE

Local photographer Karen Lueck has brought life and vibrancy to her photographs the old-fashioned way: She paints them the way they used to be before color film was developed. Lueck's work is on display at the gallery, 128 S. Woodward in Birmingham. Among the scenes and landmarks captured are Quarton Lake, the Birmingham Theatre, the falls at Quarton Lake, St. James Church and the Hunter House. Custom work is available. Call (810) 644-8233.

■ GALLERY: FUNCTIONARY
"The Spirit of CCS," the first in the gallery's Design School Exhibition series, continues. The show features works by Matthew Norris, Gonzalo Rodriguez, Dave Gillespie, Jeff Tilley, Jessica Ingolia, Jason Coffey, Greg Hanson and Vincent Tinger. The gallery is at 23-B W. Lawrence in Pontiac. Call (810) 333-0333.

■ SISON GALLERY
To Dec. 9 — The Michigan Water Color Society's 48th annual exhibition continues. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or by appointment, at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-6490 or (313) 845-9634.

■ RACKHAM GALLERIES
To Dec. 17 — Master of fine arts and bachelor of fine arts degree exhibits that change weekly feature the work of December graduates of the University of Michigan School of Art. The gallery is in the Harlan Hatcher Building at 915 E. Fletcher in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 763-4417 for information.

■ WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY
Through Dec. 23 — "Unauthorized Descendancy," featuring works by metalmith Mary Douglas and woodworker Stephen Litchfield, continues in the recently opened gallery. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and by appointment, 1719 W. 14 Mile at Crooks in Royal Oak, (810) 549-3016.

■ MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Dec. 29 — The gallery at Oakland University in Rochester opens its 1994-95 season with "Art of Book Illustration: Selected Works by Arthur Ignatius Keller." Keller was recognized as one of the leading illustrators of the turn-of-the-century period called the "Golden Age of Illus-

tration." His illustrations appear in more than 100 books, including "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens and "The Virginian" by Owen Wister. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, 2-6:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and evenings of a Meadow Brook Theatre performance, from one hour before the show through the first intermission. Call (810) 370-3006.

■ DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
To Jan. 8 — "So You Want to Build a Museum," at 5200 Woodward, includes plans, drawings and renderings of the 1888 Detroit Museum of Art by James Balfour and the 1927 Detroit Institute of Arts by Paul Cret. Call (313) 833-7900.

■ DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Jan. 8 — "Impressions on a Theme: Print Portfolios and Series" features prints by acclaimed artists spanning nearly five centuries. Among the works are "Los Proverbios" by Francisco Goya (1864), "Japonisme" by Felix Buhot (1883), all 16 of the DIA's rare, second-edition impressions of Giovanni Battista Piranesi's "Prisons" (1761), Albrecht Durer's "Apocalypse" or "The Revelation to St. John" (1498), Henri Matisse's "Jazz" (1947), Joan Miro's "Album 13" (1948) and David Hockney's "A Rake's Progress" (1963). The DIA is at 5200 Woodward. Call (313) 833-7900.

■ DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
To July 31 — "An Evolution of 20th Century Sculpture" continues at 5200 Woodward. The exhibit traces formal and thematic development in sculpture with American and European works from the permanent collection. Call (313) 833-7900.

■ INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES
Through October 1995 — A faculty exhibit features a variety of two- and three-dimensional works by the faculty of the University of Michigan School of Art. The institute is in Room 1524 of the Horace Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 763-4438.

■ THE ANDY SHARKEY GALLERY
This Royal Oak art gallery offers an unusual collection of Michigan artists featuring painted furniture, pottery, glass, jewelry, a Kids' Corner, custom painting and more. The gallery is at 204 W.

Fifth. Call (810) 546-8770.

■ BRIDGE STREET GALLERY
The recently opened gallery features Alaskan art and designer glass. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 208 N. Bridge, Linden, (810) 735-1393.

■ DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Fore ART! Golf, an indoor miniature golf course with 18 holes by 22 artists, has been extended indefinitely due to popular demand. It is at 300 River Place, Jos. Campau at Guoin in Detroit. Call 259-8345 for general information, 886-1623 for groups and parties.

■ PONTIAC GLASS COMPANY GALLERY
The gallery features the local talent of Michigan Glass Guild members displaying blown, fused and flat glass sculpture, decorative and architectural items. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, by appointment only Tuesday, 23 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, (810) 332-6619.

■ GALLERY VON GLAIN
The gallery is now carrying the limited edition print series, "Star Trek — Art from the Final Frontier." The images include portraits of the command officers from the first USS Enterprise and "The Next Generation," and paintings of the Enterprise soaring through space. The gallery is at 319 S. Main in Ann Arbor. Call 663-7215.

■ TOWN CENTER GALLERY
The gallery exhibits original works by Michigan artists, limited editions by internationally known artists and open edition prints, and tracks down "sold out" prints on the secondary market for customers. Its features include a design area with a professional design service, an extensive publishers catalog library, creative matting and a complete in-house framing production service. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 43267 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center, south of I-96 and east of Novi Road in Novi, 380-0470.

■ DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
Through Dec. 17 — International award-winning photographer

Marji Silk exhibits her photography in a one-woman presentation. Silk, a former staff photographer for the Detroit Science Center, is a writer, lecturer and teacher of photography. She teaches a two-day workshop, "How to Develop YOUR Unique and Creative Eye." The exhibit runs weekends only in the Main Lobby; hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 5020 John R, Detroit. Call (810) 544-1203 for information.

■ SELD/SNEVEL GALLERY
To Dec. 24 — "The Art of the Wood Box," an exhibition and sale featuring the work of 20 of America's leading boxmakers, continues. Works range from tiny ring and pen boxes to practical and fancy jewelry chests, fascinating sculptural containers and even an exotic hardwood candy dispenser. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 301 S. Main at Liberty in Ann Arbor, (313) 761-4620.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
To Dec. 31 — The painting "Gardanne" by Paul Cezanne is on view on the main floor at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor. Cezanne's geometricizing rendition of the craggy site influenced artists such as Degas and Picasso. Call (313) 764-0395.

■ DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through spring 1995 — Visitors can witness the in-gallery conservation of Rembrandt Peale's immense oil painting, "The Court of Death" (1820). The piece, 11 feet 6 inches by 23 feet 5 inches, is one of the most important allegorical paintings in the history of American art. The conservation process includes cleaning the painting's surface, repairing the canvas, removing the darkened varnish and overpainting, filling in damaged sections and in painting missing areas as needed. Call 833-7900.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
To June 25 — "African Art from the Collection" continues at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor. The display is a thematic selection of works from the museum's extensive collection of sub-Saharan African art. Call (313) 764-0395.

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"The Fragrant Flowers Birthday Book" (\$15.95) eloquently describes a flower for each week of each month. Growing instructions and the flower's history are included as well as a space for birthday names for each week.

In "A Feast of Flowers" (\$35), Heriteau relates her experiences and conveys her passion for flowers from the time she was a child in France to her present home in Washington, D.C., and the several gardens she has attended in between. A beautifully written and illustrated book, it can be savored at any time of the year. Many ideas for using and displaying the plants are refreshing and clever.

"A Bulb for All Seasons," Quin Ellis (\$13 Hearst-William Morrow), gives specific instructions about how to grow a bulb each month of the year. Short and sweet, with display ideas and colorful illustrations by Bud Peen.

Waldenbooks or your favorite book store can order any of these books.

TIMELY GARDEN TIPS

■ Workman calendars make welcome gifts. "The Natural Garden," Ken Druse, and "Herbs: Bouquets, Recipes and Fine Country Things," Emelie Tolley, are \$8.95 each. "Glorious Flowers: The Madderlake Calendar for 1995" and "Gardener's Calendar 365 Page-A-Day," Barbara Damrosch, are \$9.95 each.

■ Dig the hole before the ground freezes for your live Christmas tree.

■ Don't neglect house plants at this busy time. Remove dead foliage and pinch back to shape as necessary.

■ Spray broadleaf evergreens with an anti-desiccant to prevent dehydration, when the temperature is above 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

■ Pot Easter lilies for April flowering.

■ There's still time to prune trees if the temperature is above 30 degrees Fahrenheit.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 963-3047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1869. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

OPEN SUNDAY 1:00 to 3:00

CITY OF PLYMOUTH!
1115 MAPLE, South off Ann Arbor Trail just West of Harvey Street. An important location with a gorgeous treed rear yard. This pampered Cape Cod features 4 bedrooms (2 up, 2 down), formal dining room, hardwood floors, living room with a fireplace, screened porch, 2 updated baths, newer furnace, finished basement and attached garage. \$139,900 (453-8200)

CITY OF PLYMOUTH!
PACIFIC STREET... always popular by reason of its low traffic location, well maintained homes and tree-shaded settings. Pleasingly maintained Cape Cod with a fenced rear yard and aluminum covered exterior trim. There are 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths (one in the finished/carpeted basement), a wonderful windowed eating area, garage, etc. \$123,900 (453-8200)

CITY OF PLYMOUTH!
A WONDERFUL NEW HOME READY for you to make your color selections. There are 3 large bedrooms (the master has a cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet and private bath with a skylight, whirlpool tub and separate shower), formal dining room, great room with a fireplace, 2nd floor laundry, insulated windows, basement, 2 1/2 baths and 2 car garage. \$199,900 (453-8200)

PLYMOUTH!
"WOODLORE NORTH"... a 3,800 sq. ft. one-of-a-kind custom built home with 4 or 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, a gorgeous entrance foyer, hardwood flooring, 1st floor master suite with twin walk-in closets, oversized study, bleached oak island kitchen, 2 fireplaces, family room or an Au Pair suite, 1st floor laundry and 3 1/2 car garage. \$368,250 (453-8200)

OPEN SUNDAY 1:00 to 4:00

PLYMOUTH!
9565 COLONY FARM DRIVE, South off Ann Arbor Road and West of Beck Road. Backing into a 7 acre commons area, this striking Colonial has endless expensive upgrades. There are 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, oversized formal dining room, new kitchen, hardwood floors, family room with fireplace, screened porch, finished carpeted basement, etc. \$239,900 (453-8200)

NORTHVILLE
EDENDERRY HILLS/SHADBROOK presents a long admired French Colonial with a spectacular setting. There are 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, period carpentry detailing an elegant foyer and open wood staircase, a front-to-rear living room with a fireplace, a new kitchen with Corian countertops, a gorgeous family room with a fireplace, 1st floor laundry, study, etc. \$335,000 (453-8200)

CITY OF PLYMOUTH!
AN OUTSTANDING TREED and fenced rear yard adds considerable enjoyment to this Classic Colonial. Inside, the designer perfect interior includes 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood flooring, family room with built-in bookcases and a fireplace, a large living room, formal dining, finished/carpeted basement, new carpeting, etc. \$199,900 (453-8200)

SALEM TOWNSHIP!
NEVER BEFORE OFFERED! A spectacular treed setting on nearly 6 acres with an equally memorable custom built brick and cedar home. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, breath-taking living room with a studio ceiling and fireplace, separate formal dining room, a fabulous library, island kitchen, walk-out finished lower level, family room with a fireplace, etc. UNRIVALED! (453-8200)

PLYMOUTH!
NEVER BEFORE OFFERED! A quiet street in popular Trailwood with a treed rear yard. Faultlessly cared for with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, newer neutral carpeting, formal dining room, island kitchen with new countertops and Kohler sink, family room with a wood burning fireplace, study, 1st floor laundry, appliances to remain, etc. \$199,900 (453-8200)

PLYMOUTH
"DRURY LANE" presents a premium setting on nearly an acre. A custom built 3,150 sq. ft. home with 4 large bedrooms, 3 baths, formal dining room, hardwood flooring, open staircase, newer roof, family room with a full wall fireplace, a study, 1st floor laundry, covered rear porch, finished basement and 3 1/2 car side entrance garage. \$249,900 (453-8200)

PLYMOUTH!
NEW ON THE MARKET! An unrivaled wood setting flatters this extensively developed and highly pampered custom home. Surprisingly spacious with a formal dining room, hardwood flooring, large updated kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, small family room, finished/carpeted recreation room with a fireplace and 2 car garage with opener. \$154,900 (453-8200)

PLYMOUTH!
"BEACON TRAIL" presents a faultlessly developed Colonial offered by the original owners. There are 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, gleaming new hardwood flooring in the living and formal dining rooms, a new kitchen, family room with a fireplace, a study, 1st floor mud room, finished/carpeted basement, new roof, gorgeous rear yard, etc. \$224,900 (453-8200)

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REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

Listings feature news and notes about suburban real estate. To list an announcement, write: Listings, Real Estate Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Our fax number is (810) 644-1314.

TOYS FOR TOTS

To bring holiday joy to needy kids, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve are teaming up in the Toys for Tots program for the fifth year.

The Sterling Heights-based real estate company's 17 branch offices will serve as official toy collection centers through Dec. 20.

Center sites include: Birmingham, 534 S. Woodward, (810) 642-2400; Bloomfield Hills, 860 W. Long Lake, (810) 646-1800; and Troy, 901 Tower Drive, (810) 879-3400. Cash donations are welcome. The new Birmingham office opens Dec. 15.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, free pictures with Santa and a Marine, as well as refreshments and kiddie treats, await families that bring a new unwrapped toy to the branches in West Bloomfield (1-4 p.m.), 33030 Northwestern Highway, (810) 737-9000, and Royal Oak (noon to 3 p.m.), 1000 N. Woodward, (810) 399-1400. A string quartet will play holiday music in Royal Oak.

"We want the holiday season to be heartwarming and happy for as many children as possible," said Kathy Schweitzer, public relations and administration director. "We are making an appeal to the caring people of our communities to again lend their support."

FOREIGN SERVICE

Jack Christenson Relocation Group has created an International Relocation Division, designed to serve the needs of corporate transferees in major world cities.

Representatives at Jack Christenson speak several languages, including Dutch, Czech, Russian, Polish, Greek, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, French and German.

The organization has offices in Troy, Farmington Hills and Rochester Hills.

BROKER TIES

Gladys Corbin, in the real estate business for 21 years and a broker for five years, has joined Real Estate One in Rochester. She's president of the Rochester Area Association of Realtors and is its "Realtor of the Year."

—Compiled by Becky Burns

Shop for new home via Prodigy

BY BECKY BURNS SPECIAL WRITER

Prospective home buyers can now search for the perfect home without so much as even leaving the one they're already in.

For the past year, Electronic Realty Associates L.P., in a joint effort with Homes and Land Magazine, has been hooked up with Prodigy, an electronic bulletin board system. ERA has local offices in Troy, Lathrup Village, Rochester Hills, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Livonia and Canton.

The hookup allows any of Prodigy's 2.5-million subscribers to tap into ERA home listings and look at photographs of houses on the market over their own personal computer screens.

"It's a tremendous, added exposure for our clients," said Ben Skelton, vice president of ERA Rymal Symes Co. Realtors in West Bloomfield.

Skelton's office is linked to Prodigy. People who are relocating to other areas of the state or country especially appreciate being able to have this

information at their fingertips, he said.

"The broader the exposure we can bring, the faster property will sell and the better price it will bring," Skelton said.

In October 1993, ERA became the first national real estate franchise to go on-line with Prodigy, said Jeff Genna, publicist for ERA Real Estate.

Today, it remains the only franchise hooked up to Prodigy, although various individual agencies have also signed on to the electronic bulletin board.

"A benefit of being on Prodigy, obviously, is that you can view homes before you go out to see them," Genna said. "And from a Realtor's standpoint, you have access to show your homes to 2.5-million people."

Information Prodigy supplies details more than 90,000 houses on the market and includes: the size of each house, architectural style, location, the asking price, the number of bed-

rooms and bathrooms and community/home amenities. Prodigy is in the process of adding color photographs to the service.

"It's a whole new information superhighway thing for real estate," Genna said.

After viewing homes on their computers, interested potential home buyers can then call a toll-free number that will put them in contact with an ERA real estate professional in their area of interest within 24 hours.

ERA Accent Realty decided to log on to Prodigy after a seminar presented to its office by other ERA officials, said Rita Rooks, a Realtor associate at the Livonia office. She said the extra computer access will help improve the quality of the office's program.

Like the more than 2,500 other ERA branches in the country, ERA Accent Realty is also hooked up to the Electronic Home Selling Network, an in-house computer network that allows customers to go into an ERA office and view homes show-

cased locally and throughout the country.

With this network, the broker keys in a list of features the potential home buyers want in a new house and a new area. The computer then compiles a list of homes, from the more than 50,000 in the system, to match the customers' specifications, along with color photos and spec sheets.

ERA offices in 16 other countries have not been linked up to the network.

"One goal is to link all of the offices all over the globe to a global network," Skelton said.

"One of the reasons we joined ERA was this kind of thing. ERA is on the leading edge of the technical revolution in business and real estate," he said.

Skelton said ERA's link with Prodigy is in keeping with its Electronic Home Selling Network.

In order for a branch to list homes on Prodigy, it must go through the national office.

Legal advice may be essential; directors can study up

CONDO QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. Our complex is currently very small and is the first phase in the development. The developer owns an adjacent parcel, which is to be developed as Phase II, consisting of another phase of relatively few units.

Our phase has been sold out for a number of years and our association's transitional control date was three years ago. As of this writing, the developer is still a board member, but does not have any contact with the association.

The developer has had some problems with the law, and state and local municipalities. Many of the co-owners in our phase have unresolved construction problems. When we took over, we were

many thousands of dollars in the hole. Needless to say, we are not excited about the prospect of building Phase II with this developer.

Phase II is basically landlocked without the use of the entrance and our two roads in Phase I.

A. You have a myriad of problems, unfortunately too typically associated with the transition of control from the developer to the association in too many instances.

You need the various audits that are discussed in my booklet, "Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track."

Why the developer retains a seat on the board and does not participate is unexplainable. Why your co-owners and the association are not pursuing the developer for construction defects is highly suspect.

Whether the developer has a right to complete the condominium units in your condominium or through a separate condominium is not clear.

Whether the developer has retained easement rights over the roadways of your condominium is also not clear without a thorough review of your documents. You need legal guidance as soon as is possible.

Q. I am interested in buying a condominium, but am concerned about the concept that people who have no experience in running condominium associations end up getting elected to the board.

Is there any way that we can insure that these directors are enlightened or educated. Are there any classes that are being offered in that regard?

A. One of the major issues in condominium governance that is being debated around the country is the fact that volunteer boards are comprised of only the members of the association, some of whom may not necessarily have any expertise in condominium operation and are placed

in positions of power, without adequate skill and/or training.

Organizations such as United Condominium Owners of Michigan and the Community Associations Institute are designed to facilitate the governance of condominium associations through education of directors.

There are classes that are taught on condominium operation, such as classes being offered through Oakland Community College.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham-area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit questions by writing: Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion. To leave a voice-mail message for Robert M. Meisner, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1871.

CLASSIFIED REAL ESTATE

Observer & Eccentric Community Classifieds REAL ESTATE INDEX. Includes a map of the area and a list of properties for sale and lease.

301 Open Houses, 302 Birmingham, 303 Birmingham. Multiple real estate listings with details on price, location, and features.

Vertical sidebar containing various real estate advertisements and notices, including 'STOP HERE', 'THE REALTOR', and 'CENTURY 21'.

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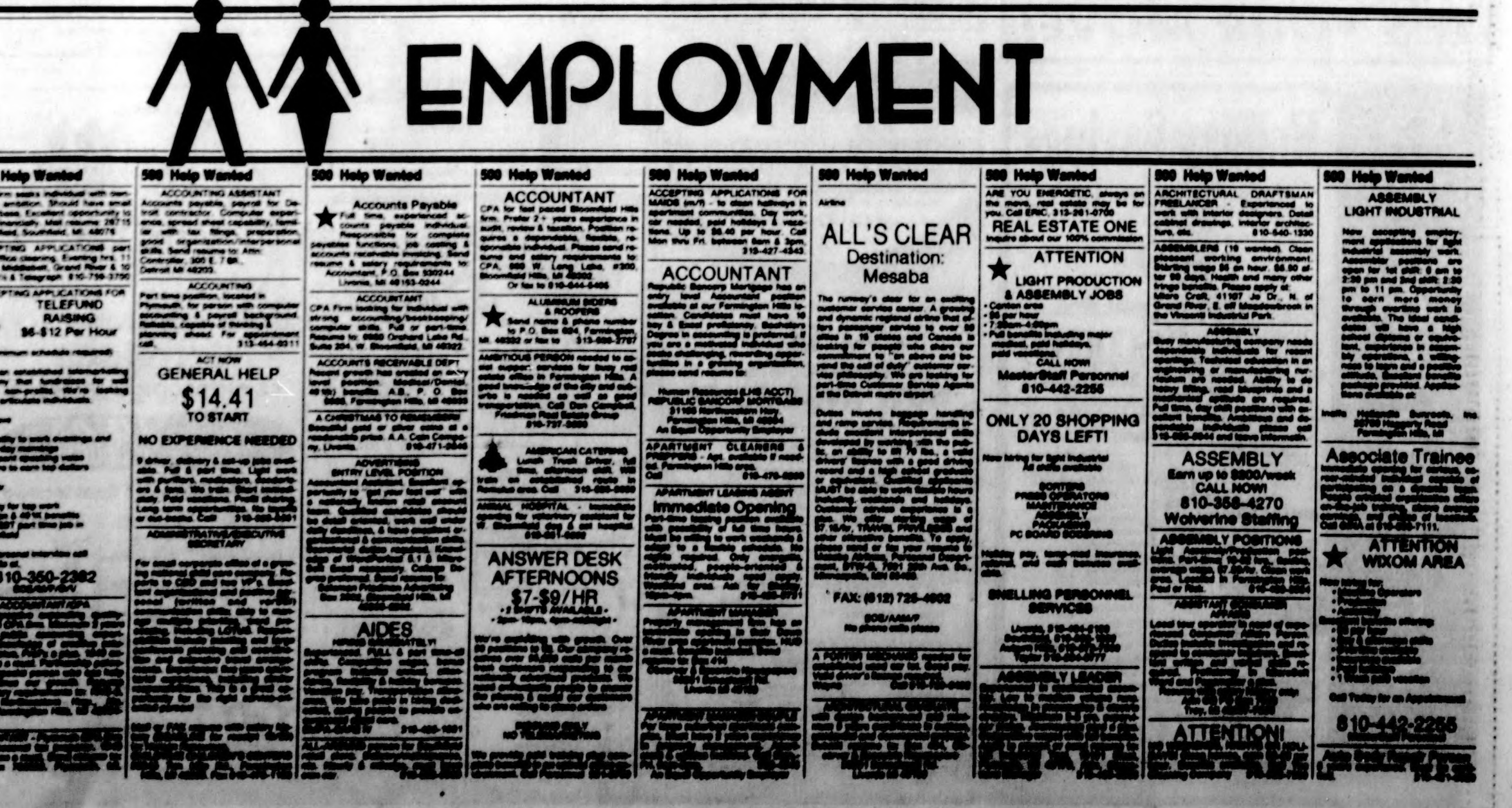
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BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary - including the towns of residency and employment - and a black-and-white photo, if desired - to: Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Carl Brickman joined the international division of First of America Bank Corp. in Birmingham as vice president-international banking/foreign direct investment. Brickman is the former president of Cerberus Symtec Americas Limited Inc.



Brickman

Stanley M. Stein of Canton was elected a senior vice president at D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles/Bloomfield Hills. He is managing director of DMB&B Public Relations. Stein began his career at DMB&B Public Relations in 1984 and was elected a vice president in 1990.



Stein

Philip Leader of Troy was promoted to chief of mechanical engineering with Albert Kahn Associates Inc. Leader had been assistant chief of mechanical engineering. Leader is an expert in health care mechanical engineering and worked on Providence Hospital's Novi center.



Leader

Eric Kosmider of Livonia received the 1994 North Star Award for Excellence in Marketing Communications from the Public Relations Society Detroit chapter. Kosmider is the manager of corporate communications for Talon Inc. in Detroit.



Kosmider

Architect has built for the old world and new

Architects bring life experiences to their jobs. Some are fortunate enough to live, study and work in several different cultures.

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER



Nazar Keer is somewhat of a global architect.

Owner of Aboody Keer Associates in Birmingham, Keer has worked on projects as varied as providing a master plan for a 2,000 year old city to designing Burger King and Papa Romano's outlets in Detroit's Renaissance Center.

The Iraqi-born Keer came to America in 1967 to study architecture at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. At 21, he already had a civil engineering degree and a desire to live stateside. But immigration hurdles caused a delay.

"I liked it here, but after graduation, I went back to Iraq," said Keer, an affable man whose second story office in downtown Birmingham is lined with photographs of his work.



DAN DEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

His career began in the Middle East. Born in Basra and educated in Baghdad, Keer's first assignment for a French firm was heading up a team providing a master plan for Mosul in northern Iraq on the Tigris River opposite the site of ancient Nineveh.

"My task was to document historical buildings, some still inhabited. We were able to salvage the majority with a restoration plan," said Keer, whose research led to a 1,000 page book.

He also worked on Iraq's centralized post office and helped his firm win first prize for designing a resort island. But America beckoned.

Government restrictions were tight, but Keer got his break in 1976 when he was selected as one of four Iraqi architects to travel to a United Nations symposium on habitats in Vancouver, British Columbia.

He never made it to the Canadian conference.

"I went back to Lawrence Tech and studied business management," said Keer, who learned English by totally immersing himself in American culture.

"After the business degree, I hired an attorney to work with the (immigration) system," said Keer, who had relatives in Michigan. "Two years later, I got my first job here, with Robert Alpern & Associates in Troy. Now they, too, are in

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Birmingham. I learned a great deal there."

The economic downturn of 1980-81 found Keer laid off from his job. "I began my own firm in downtown Royal Oak and a year later moved to Birmingham," he said.

He liked the community well enough to build a showpiece house for himself nearby in Lincoln. Three sisters (all college educated) and Keer's parents (his father was an Army colonel) followed.

Specializing in retail and shopping center design, Keer's firm has carved a successful niche in the world of architecture. He employs a staff of five and offers construction managing and general contracting in addition to design.

"We design large and small homes, churches. We did the post

Globetrotter: Nazar Keer has done architectural work in the Middle East, South America and the Detroit suburbs.

office in Redford and just finished a dental office in Troy."

Keer's American projects are "more down to earth - lots of retail jobs and homes. We've done up to 300 condominium units a year. Abroad, when an architect is hired, it's usually for a monumental job - something very elaborate."

He also finds the styles abroad more contemporary in style and design.

"In the States, a lot of buildings lean toward the traditional look. It's not easy to put something extremely contemporary in a traditional setting and have it look right."

Right now, the firm is designing a slew of Imperial Sports stores in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

While Keer works in both contemporary and traditional styles, he favors conservation of architectural treasures, such as the old buildings in downtown Detroit.

"They are beautiful buildings from the turn of the century," he said. "I would love to see them rehabilitated. But I don't know if that is going to happen in our lifetime."

Keer is a member of the Lions Club and is on the board of directors of the Arab American

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Communication links:

Newsletters can foster good feelings among employees and clients, maintains Carol L. Heminger, a consultant.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Newsletters help boss, worker talk

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Carol L. Heminger, a Canton resident, is a communications/marketing expert.

Her business, Promotional Planning & Development Group, helps small and medium-sized companies carry their banners to the broader community.

Another part of Heminger's operation - developing newsletters for external clients and internal morale - is becoming more and more important.

"With a little bit of commitment from management, any company or organization can benefit by producing a newsletter," she said.

Heminger's company, in business about six years, employs 12 and records annual sales in excess of six figures, she said.

Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview.

Why are newsletters important?

Heminger: It gives communication both ways.

So often, management doesn't communicate with laborers. They don't know how to, they haven't taken the time to. Newsletters give them the opportunity to talk with employees about the state of the company.

There's another side, too - employees talking to management. Newsletters, if well done, well executed, can be a sounding board.

What are elements of a good internal newsletter?

Heminger: Employee profiles are good. Employees who won awards, birthdays, safety information. New clients. Think about it - for employees on the line, now there's a much better chance their jobs will be extended.

Human interest stuff is what's important. Look at a lot that's written. It's heavy, boring to read. It's written how a vice president thinks a vice president should talk and that's not very interesting.

I don't want a lot of management people on this team. Middle management and hourly - those are the people I want to work with.

Once, the son of an owner wanted to be on the team. I felt he was going to keep the others from having free conversation and thought process.

What isn't appropriate for newsletters?

Heminger: Propaganda. Anything that has a company line I don't think is appropriate.

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REAL ESTATE (800-873)	B,E
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iate. It's throwing money down the toilet and creates worse problems with employees. Be careful about putting in something you wouldn't want a client to see. Problems with no solutions. Clients will walk through a plant, see a newsletter and pick it up. What about external newsletters? Heminger: This is where you want to provide good information, technical tips if you're technically oriented.

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Do clients always take your advice? Heminger: No, I feel like I have to slap some people. (Laugh) Most do. If they got to the point where they've come to see me, they've had enough hard knocks to know they need somebody to help out.

Why can't sophisticated business people handle their own promotions or newsletters? Heminger: One of the most important things I can do for a client is look at things objectively. They have no ability to throw bad stuff away. It's human nature. No one wants to admit they made a mistake or need a change of direction.

How often should a newsletter go out? Heminger: I've seen them every week and that's too much. Quarterly, it's too easy to fall out of the habit. Monthly, you're pushing staff. Bimonthly works nicely.

What's better for a newsletter — short and punchy like USA Today or all-inclusive with lots of background like the New York Times? Heminger: I like both.

I think there's an appropriate time for a lot of snippets and bullets where people can look at information and get it quickly — production statistics, safety measures, general news of the company.

I think some features, letters from editors, letter from the president, where are we, what are our goals... need to be more in depth.

External — all (items) have to be short. It doesn't fly any other way. People are too busy.

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Chaldean Social Services Council. He is an active member of the Brightmoor Tabernacle Assemblies of God congregation in Southfield.

Last September he traveled to Siberia with church members to deliver \$360,000 worth of medical supplies. "I do a great deal of missionary work in South America, building churches and schools," he said. "I've gone on three trips to Paraguay, Ecuador and Chile. The people of South America are beautiful."

"If you peel off the political nonsense all over the world and look at the people, it's amazing how much good you can find. I have no room for prejudices."

Keer is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his sister from Iraq. She is the last of his family to emigrate and is due any day now.

"I enjoy what I do and I live life to the fullest. The gifts that we have, we must use wisely. I can't see wasting it."

Kmart volunteers cited

Following is a listing of community volunteers recently cited by Kmart who work in company stores in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area.

Efforts ranged from feeding the hungry to helping the homeless to raising funds for non-profit, help agencies.

Canton: Charles Wagner, Gerard Grimes, Linda McMullen and Lori Sealy.

Bloomfield Hills: Deanna Miracle, Val Kearns, Rochelle Pillsburg and Jackie Aubuchon. Farmington: Cathy Petee, Jamie Scheer, Carol Laird and Luann Markcum.

Farmington Hills: Katie Smith, Jane Stachurski, Lois Burgess and Betty Armstrong.

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Livonia (Store 4430): Kathy Anderson, Kathy Smith, Debbie

Pezon and Toni Burlison. Livonia (Store 4352): Mary Morton, Mary Lou Behrendt, Sally Klebba and Dolores Lokuta. Plymouth: Susan Dent, Barb Tallman, Carla Vollmer, Nancy Dailide. Rochester: Jeannine Groves, Anna Nyzyo, Diane Naren and George Reichart. Southfield (Store 4074): Willie Cameron, Cathy Schkelford, Linda Moore, Storch McQuire. Southfield (Store 4192): Rosa Compton, Harriet Bargainer, Margaret Smith and Mary Gunther. Westland: Judy Biggs, Donna Ewing, Vicki Boljesic, Sheila Smith, Judy Afflen, Debbie Fields, Susan Shaffer and Jo Ann Porth. Troy: Dawn Martin, Gene Morris, Bonnie Horning and Marilyn Rutkowski.

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

REAL ESTATE SEMINAR

The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors a continuing education seminar for licensed real estate agents and brokers to fulfill annual license requirements 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Southfield, Cost, which includes lunch, is \$48.50 for BASM members, \$63.50 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477.

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS

The New Enterprise Forum and the Southeastern Michigan Venture Group host a joint breakfast program "Investment Opportunities in the Technology Corridor" 8 a.m. at Radisson on the Lake, 1275 S. Huron, Ypsilanti. Cost with registration prior to Dec. 9 is \$25, afterwards, \$30. To register, call Jaki Lewis at (313) 596-0402.

FINANCIAL SECURITY

Smith Barney hosts a free seminar "Securing Your Financial Future" 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. at the Columbia Center, 201 W. Big Beaver, Troy. For reservations, call (800) 227-1931 or (810) 740-2100.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

The American Society of Employers presents a seminar "Managing Workplace Violence and Traumatic Events" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern, Southfield. Speaker: Kenneth L. Wolf, Multi Resource Center. Cost is \$195 for members, \$225 for non-members. Advance registration requested at (810) 353-4500.

PROCESS INTEGRATION

Micro Engineering Solutions presents a free workshop on "Manufacturing Process Integration," focusing on building orders instead of inventory, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Metro Airport Hampton Inn. To register, call Jonathan Bouley at (800) 370-4637, extension 123.

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The Chipmunks, who have sold more than 20 million Christmas records (43 million overall) and are synonymous with the December holidays, deliver their first Christmas album in 14 years with "A Very Merry Chipmunk," released by Epic Records/Chipmunk Records/Sony Wonder. Alvin, Theodore and Simon are joined by some of the hottest performers in the music business, including Patty Loveless, Celine Dion, Alan Jackson and James Ingram.

And Chipmunks fans of all ages will be delighted to hear the classic "Chipmunk Song (Christmas Don't Be Late)," reinterpreted with the help of sax superstar Kenny G.

The family will also be singing along with Sony Wonder's Family Artist Series albums by Kenny Loggins, Nicolette Larson and Tom Chapin. A su-

perstar for more than 20 years, Grammy Award winning Kenny Loggins marks his first venture into family-oriented music with "Return To Pooh Corner." The album consists of the songs he sings to his own four children and the title track, "Return To Pooh Corner," is a new version of his original hit song "House At Pooh Corner."

Loggins, who first gained international attention as half of the rock duo Loggins and Messina, has also enjoyed a successful career as a solo artist, releasing such chart-topping hits as "Celebrate Me Home," "Whenever I Call You Friend," "This Is It," "I'm Alright" and "Forever."

Award-winning pop and country music singer Nicolette Larson first hit the charts with her recording of Neil Young's "Lotta Love." Her subsequent hits include "I Only Want To Be With You," "Rhumba Girl" and "That's How You Know When Love's Right" (a duet with Steve Wariner). For the last several years she has put her career on hold in order to devote herself full time to her young daughter, Elsie May, to whom she dedicates her Sony Wonder Family Artist album, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep."

A pioneer in the field of family entertainment, Tom Chapin has put togeth-

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BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

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The price tag will probably end up being less staggering and the gift may be more enjoyable through the whole year.

Here are some family gift ideas:

■ Adopt an animal at the Detroit Zoo for as little as \$20 and as much as \$200. The fee will go toward the feeding and care of a designated animal at either the Royal Oak or Belle Isle zoos. The family will receive a certificate of adoption, a fact sheet about the adopted animal and a membership card. The family will also receive free admission to the zoo's annual adopt-an-animal appreciation day. The arrangement is good for one year, but can be renewed annually, and families derive great pleasure from visiting the animal they are helping to care for. Participants, however, cannot take their adopted animal home with them.

■ An annual family pass to the zoo costs \$50 and gets the whole family into the Royal Oak and Belle Isle zoos, as well as the aquarium and about 150 other zoos nationwide. The pass entitles two adults and all children and grandchildren under the age of 18 to



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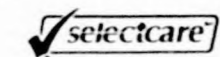


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free admission and parking at the zoo. They also receive the "Habitat" newsletter during the year and admission to exclusive members-only events. A family plus membership is \$65 and includes one guest admission with the covered family Memberships can be purchased at the zoo, at Twelve Oaks mall on weekends during the holiday season, and by calling the Zoological Society at (810) 541-5717. Gift packets are available to give on Christmas Day as a representation of the membership gift.

■ The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village offer annual passes as well and they make great gifts. An annual individual pass for an adult is \$25 and \$12.50 for children 5 to 12. A family pass for \$80 will allow unlimited admission to two adults named on the pass and all children or grandchildren under the age of 19. Actual passes take three weeks to process, but if the passes are bought in person at the village or museum and gift packet is available to offer as a representation of the gift.

■ The Ann Arbor Hands On Museum is a great place for families, and it offers a family membership that is sure to get a great deal of use. The pass, available through the Hands On Museum, is \$45 and is good for unlimited visits to that museum, the Detroit Science Center, Cranbrook museums, the Kingman museum and dozens of others in major cities across the country. The pass is good for the immediate



family only.

■ A movie package would make a great gift as well. Box up some gift certificates to an local movie theater along with coupons for the concession stand. This would be fun presented in a popcorn barrel from a theater.

■ A home movie package would also be fun. Pick out a couple new video releases and box them up with microwave popcorn or fuzzy slippers for everyone in the family.

■ Prepare a box of ice cream sundae dishes complete with spoons, toppings and ice cream scoop and a gift certificate for a great local ice cream emporium.

■ For families who love games, a collection of board games along with gift certificates for pizza would be fun for the winter months.

The options are endless whether you know a lot about the family or very little. Limit your gift-giving by only your imagination and the resulting reaction is sure to be a great reward.

Holiday classics on video bring childhood memories

From heartwarming favorites to thrilling blockbuster movies and literary classics, LIVE Home Video has something for everyone on Santa's list this year.

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For movie buffs, LIVE has the perfect gifts at perfect just-reduced prices. Santas everywhere can select from such blockbuster titles as "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" and "Universal Soldier" for \$14.98 each.

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er a collection of new songs for his latest album, "Zag Zig." Chapin garnered acclaim for his previous role as host of the Emmy Award-winning children's show "Make A Wish," and his four earlier family music albums have received awards from Parents Choice, Parents Magazine and the American Library Association, among others.

Pretty Planet: Tom Chapin Live in Concert" was honored by Parents Choice in 1992, and in 1993 Random House published his first children's book, "Sing A Whale Song." The father of two daughters, Chapin plays a leading role with World Hunger Year, an organization founded by his late brother Harry Chapin.

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Wrap up shopping with gorgeous gifts

BY BARBARA WILSON
 STAFF WRITER

Recovering last-minute shopaholics who filled their lists by Dec. 15 for the first time in their lives, might be panicked by the loss of things to do right up until Christmas Day.

Will the holiday spirit be lost without that Dec. 24 trip to the mall?

It doesn't have to be. Take time out to add style to your gift wrapping rather than just throwing on some store-bought paper and a pre-pasted bow.

Craft stores are noting an increase in shoppers buying bolted ribbons, ever-green picks and small ornaments to make gifts look even more festive under the holiday tree.

Stores offer a beautiful collection of gift wraps and bows as well, but these might be a little expensive for the larger items under the tree or if you had a lengthy list to fill. Most of us resort to the economy roll when buying gift wrap and are bored by the monotonous stack of packages rolled out on Christmas morning.

Making gift wrap and bows can be-

come a fun family project, so put some holiday tunes on the stereo, drag out the craft box and have at it.

Start out with plain paper. Bulletin board paper can be purchased at most teacher's supply stores, or use white butcher paper, colored tissue, or the eco-friendly brown paper that is used in grocery bags.

Mary Locke, a craft consultant at Frank's SuperCrafts store in Westland, said stamps and ink pads, sponges and acrylic paints are popular places to start when making your own gift wrap.

Kids love stamps and they are available in all sorts of holiday variations, as well as everyday designs that can be used again and again after the season.

Thin kitchen sponges cut into the shapes of Christmas trees, stars or snowmen can be dipped into acrylic paints and applied to the paper.

For really young children, be daring and just let them loose to paint handprints, footprints, do fingerpainting or splash paint from brushes to make one-of-a-kind designs. Wet paint can even be covered with glitter to add

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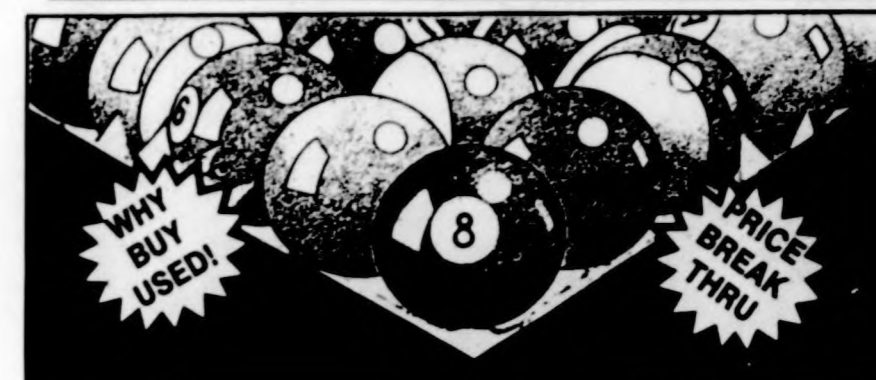
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Gift bags were really popular last year, especially for bulky items or several items as part of one gift. Gift bags can be made by decorating plain lunch bags or grocery bags with paint, glitter, construction paper and foil cutouts of trees, snowflakes and other holiday items (use cookie cutters as stencils). Loops of colorful ribbon glued to the inside of the bag serve as handles.

Plain boxes can also be decorated with cutouts to avoid wrapping altogether.

Locke suggests wrapping gifts in the

new paper mache boxes that are available in craft stores. The boxes can be decorated with paints, ribbons or fabrics and reused for other purposes by the recipient.

For those with a little less energy, wrap gifts in plain paper and use added creativity in the wrapping. Festive fabric ribbons are available in craft stores as well as miniature bears and ornaments. Try tying holiday cookie cutters onto a package as an added bonus gift or a funny picture of the recipient rather than a gift tag.

Tulle also makes a beautiful ribbon and is not very expensive. It is available in most fabric stores and will make a very elegant package.

So, eventhough you might not be out shopping on Christmas Eve you can still be caught up in the last-minute bustle as you explore different avenues of gift wrapping in the warmth and comfort of your own home.

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Traditional plants brighten the house

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

For holiday color throughout the house, the traditional poinsettia remains the favorite. In silk, plastic or real blooms, and in a variety of colors from natural to the unnatural these holiday plants seem to deck the halls of every home this time of year.

Wreaths and similar displays require the survivability of artificial plants, but florists and horticulturists suggest sticking with the real thing whenever possible.

Carol McCreedy of Clyde Smith & Sons in Westland said the plants don't require much care to get them through the holiday season. Those with a "less-than-green thumb" who are planning to host a party might consider buying the plants at the last minute to ensure the plants are at their best.

"Furnaces make houses drier this time of year, so the most important thing to remember is keep the plants moist, watering regularly," McCreedy said. "Drafts won't bother poinsettias too much, but placing them next to a heating duct will."

Most florists, nurseries and greenhouses have a full stock of poinsettia plants by now. Prices range from \$3 to \$20 depending on the size of the plant and the number of blooms. Larger poinsettia trees and hanging baskets are also popular for large areas like churches and offices and are usually about \$40.

Red remains the most popular col-

or selection for shoppers, although many colors are available. White is a favorite as well as varieties with speckled blooms, McCreedy said. A peach variety was made available last year and will be around again, although their wasn't much interest.

"I think people prefer the vibrant red in their decorating," McCreedy added.

While there should be little hassle in keeping the plants through the holiday season, McCreedy said those devoted plant lovers who say every year they will keep their poinsettia all year may be overly optimistic.

"They are really difficult to keep all year and to get to bloom again next holiday," McCreedy said. "They require only natural light and the slightest bit of artificial light will throw off their blooming cycle."

And contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous if ingested. Horticulturists say the plants are certainly not intended as food, but if eaten they will cause a severe stomach ache and little else.

There are other plants that can be linked to the holiday season, Christmas cactus is quite popular especially for those who spend little time at home and can't make a commitment to water regularly. These plants can be kept year-round without much trouble.

Amaryllis are also popular as are Norfolk pines, McCreedy said. All of these plants are stocked at most nurseries and greenhouses throughout the season.

Zoo lights up for holidays

"Wild Lights," a display of more than 40 lighted animal sculptures, is up and running at the Detroit Zoo and runs through Jan. 6.

The display will be open from 5:30 to 8 p.m. nightly.

The path of featured animals includes a pair of elephants, a variety of


birds, a herd of deer, a stegosaurus, an apatosaurus and a train full of animals. The trail begins at the Zoo's front entrance, winds through the nature trail and around Island Lake to the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles and Amphibians. The trees and shrubs along the walk will also be wrapped in colorful lights.



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The King: The re-release of "The Lion King" in movie theaters last month is expected to put related merchandise at the top of most children's gift lists. The film will also be released on video in Febru-

ary and a reserved copy of the movie is expected to be a popular gift for adults as well as children.

Santa Claus makes a stop in Hollywood to fill children's Christmas wish lists

Santa's sleigh is headed for happy holidays in Hollywood because toyland has been taken over by Tinseltown!

Licensed products from popular movies and television shows are hotter than ever.

"In 1992 it was estimated that 60 percent of all toy sales came from licensed products," said Christopher Byrne, toy consultant and editor of Market Focus: Toys. "And this year it could be higher."

Who might we be seeing under the holiday tree this year besides the purple prince of PBS and the Power Rangers?

"Topping the list is 'The Lion King' — roaring its way to being the highest grossing film in Walt Disney's 'haku-na matata' history," notes Byrne.

The movie was re-released in theaters during the Thanksgiving holiday and will be released on video Feb. 28, according to Debbie Bohnett, vice president for publicity and promotion for The Disney Store.

The video itself is expected to be a big item for Christmas with many retail outlets offering pre-purchase plans, including The Disney Store at Laurel Park. For \$21.99, a copy of the video is reserved in your name and you receive a lithograph of a scene from the film that can be wrapped up as an an-

nouncement of the gift to come. When the video is picked up, customers can choose between a souvenir watch from the movie or a \$5 gift certificate for The Disney Store. A collector's set of the video is also available for real Disney enthusiasts.

Mattel and Disney are making plush, Arco is making action figures and Just Toys is introducing The Lion King Talk 'N View Pond and Sip 'N Sound Straw. Disney itself is producing a wide assortment of merchandise, including clothing, from the film for sale at The Disney Stores and through the Disney catalog.

The Talk 'N View Pond shows an adult Simba gazing at his mirror image in the pond. With the press of a button, other characters appear in the mirror to give Simba a few words of advice. The Sip 'N Sound Straw is an electronic straw featuring Young Simba. When cold liquid passes through, Simba says "I'm going to be the King of Pride Rock. We're pals, right?" Other Just Toys Lion King products include banks, wind-ems, and finger top-ems.

T-shirts and a book featuring the "Gumpisms" of "Forrest Gump" will be hot and Jim Carrey's "The Mask" is "a-s-s-mokin'" at the box office and in toy stores. The official Mask mask is definitely expected to outlive its Halloween madness.

"There's a strong return of family-oriented movies this year," said Byrne. "A lot of popular children's books have been transformed into the industry's top films." With such past hits as "Free Willy" and "The Secret Garden," this year's G-rated blockbusters saw the return of "Lassie," "Black Beauty" and "Miracle on 34th Street."

Lassie's new movie introduced a whole new generation to man's best friend. She's featured in a line of books (Puffin), plush and bend-ems (Just Toys), collectible playsets (Marx Toys), and a line of apparel for Osh-Kosh B'Gosh.

Twentieth Century Fox's new live-action and animated feature, "The Pagemaster," stars Christopher Lloyd as The Pagemaster and Macaulay Culkin as the little boy he introduces into the magical world of books. The friends he meets on his journey include Fantasy, Horror and Adventure who are being featured as plush toys and bend-ems from Just Toys and others. The film, backed by a promotional campaign with Pizza Hut, Nabisco, Tropicana, and Dow Brands, is in a brilliant league of its own.

"Licensed products have always been popular," adds Byrne, "but 17 years ago, 'in a galaxy far, far away,' 'Star Wars' began America's passion in movie-oriented products."

And today, "Star Wars" products are still soaring — and not just for kids, but for collectors, too, making them great gifts for adults. At the Star Wars Boutique in New York's FAO Schwarz, Galoob's Star Wars Micro Machines could hardly be kept on the shelves. Also hot are the Just Toys Star Wars Bend-Em's and Topps Star Wars Galaxy Trading Cards Collection.

Although movie licenses are a great source for toy companies, for every success there are failures.

"The Flintstones" movie was a yabba dabba don't for some," said Byrne. "I think kids prefer cartoon Fred to the John Goodman Fred."

Some of the product is great fun, including The Flint Mobile (Lindberg), a Spin Pop and Laser Pop (Cap Toys), and the Talking Time Wristwatch featuring a 3D Fred who talks (Sounds Fun, Inc.)

For older "kids at heart," there are a lot of fun toys and novelties from other popular shows including Beavis and Butt-head dolls, Jerry Seinfeld's "Sein-Language" book and Seinfeld mugs, and books based on "Saturday Night Live's" most popular skits.

"For at-home family entertainment," said Byrne, "games offer an interactive alternative to popular television programs."

Beans beat the last of the gift-buying blues

BY BARBARA WILSON

STAFF WRITER

The easy gifts are bought and wrapped and the only people left to buy for are the difficult ones — co-workers, employees, distant relatives, bosses and such.

It is these people who could easily end up with the most pleasurable gifts of all. They are great candidates for gifts of food, wines and this year's trendiest edible, coffees, cappuccinos and espressos.

Coffeehouses and specialty coffee shops are the hot spots for couples and friends to gather, talk and sample relaxing brews to slow down hectic days. The same concoctions served in these emporiums and the equipment needed to make them can bring that relaxing feeling to the own house and would make thoughtful holiday gifts for just about anyone.

Early in the holiday shopping season, according to Lisa Vogler, acting manager of The Coffee Beanery at Westland Center, shoppers are creative and put together their own packages of mugs, flavored coffee beans and such. As the shoppers become more harried and harassed they rely more on the gift packages that are preassembled with some all-time favorites.

The Coffee Beanery carries a wide assortment of coffee makers, mugs, grinders and flavored coffee beans. They are also starting to sell a greater shoppers.

"We also carry a lot of teas for non-coffee drinkers," Vogler added.

This season, The Coffee Beanery assembled several special holiday gift sets. For \$19.95, there is a holiday tin available that is filled with one pound of the popular cinnamon holiday blend coffee that was first introduced last season. The Taste of the Holidays gift set is wrapped in a bright red gift box and includes the cinnamon holiday blend and five other coffees for \$13.99.

The year-round gift sets available at The Coffee Beanery remain popular at holiday time as well, Vogler said. The French Press Gift Set includes a 3-cup plunger pot, 1.75-ounce bags of Breakfast Blend and French Roast coffees, vanilla and hazelnut syrups, and jars containing 1.69 ounces each of Amaretto, Suisse Cinnamon, Irish Creme and Chocolate Mint accents. It's priced at \$28.99.

Other coffee shops have also added retail sections to meet the needs of holiday shoppers. The Plymouth Coffee

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Bean Company on Penniman in downtown Plymouth has made available a great collection of eclectic gifts for the real coffee lover.

Owners Pam and Tim Haase have added a collection of coffee canisters, mugs and French presses decorated with colorful works by the great masters of art. Pair a mug bearing an artistic rendering of Monet with a matching mouse pad for use with a computer and a special flavored coffee for the co-worker who has it all.

"Can you believe these (mouse pads)? They're just great and they match the other items we carry," Pam Haase said.

The decorated French Press will run about \$50, but the Coffee Bean Company also sells the traditional variety for about \$20.

A knockout box is the ultimate gift for the cappuccino lover. It allows one to beat the grounds out of the scoop in a controlled environment rather than beating it against a trash can, sink top or anything else they can find. It costs about \$25.

The coffeehouse owners have also added a selection of cookies and biscuits packaged in unique boxes and tins just for the holidays. They make the perfect hostess gift to have on hand.

Whole-leaf teas, chocolate-covered espresso beans and flavored syrups also make great stocking stuffers or add-ons for a holiday gift basket.

Other coffee shops have also added retail sections to meet the needs of holiday shoppers. The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company on Penniman in downtown Plymouth has made available a great collection of eclectic gifts for the real coffee lover.

And, even if coffees don't seem quite right for anyone on your list, don't let the idea stray too far from your mind.

The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company offers a warm and inviting sitting room where harried holiday shoppers and shopkeepers can sit and read and enjoy a great cup of coffee.

The Coffee Beanery will offer a special holiday drink for mall shoppers this year as well. Vogler said the peppermint mocha is a great cappuccino drink with peppermint extract added to the whipped cream topping and a candy cane as a stirrer.

"It's a great way to slow things down and think about the next gift to tackle on your list," Vogler said.

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Fancy toys



Collector's dream: For the kid in all of us, K&O Collectibles of Livonia is selling one-third scale replicas of children's pedal cars that were popular in the '30s, '40s and '50s. The cars and airplanes are made of die-cast metal much like their full-size counterparts and are limited in number to 10,000 pieces. The collectible models are individually numbered and autographed and come with a certificate of authenticity from the manufacturer. Made in China, each piece about the size of a shoe box and costs between \$50 and \$60. Two of the designs have already been retired and two more are nearly sold out. To see the pieces in person and to place an order, call (810)473-8622. Some pieces are kept in stock, but others must be ordered with about one week needed for delivery.

Popcorn's 'popularity' puts it on gift lists

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Who can resist popcorn? The "pop-ular" snack food has moved into the realm of holiday gift for those who enjoy munching or those who love to throw parties.

Popcorn (all flavors), pretzels and other snack foods packaged in colorful tins or huge bags are a hit as a gift to a party host or co-workers in the office.

Pre-packaged snack gifts are available at many places now including Mr. Bulky's and other bulk food outlets, Target and through mail order catalogs. But the folks who are really zooming in on the popcorn "pop-larity" are the folks at the new All American Popcorn Company in Livonia.

The new kids on the block when it comes to popcorn supplies and related snack foods, All American opened its doors in October with hopes of meeting the popcorn-loving needs of the western suburbs.

And while it's been a slow start, the quartet of entrepreneurs say a bit of smart marketing has helped get the word out about All American.

"We took 4-pound bags of popcorn to our neighbors to share the fruits of our labor and tell them what we do and how we do it," said partner Mike Millington. "The businesses were shocked to get something like that free of charge, and 50 percent of them have been in to purchase popcorn or buy gifts."

"And everyday there seems to be more volume and more smiling customers."

The idea for the company has its roots in the Southfield Business Network. Millington, a Dearborn Heights resident, along with partner Dick Larimore of Livonia belonged to the organization and that's where the two started talking popcorn. Millington's background is sales — 30 years in pharmaceuticals and snack foods, while Larimore owned several restaurants, including the Landmark in Dearborn Heights, and currently an Auto One in that community.

It was a case of one thing leading to another. Larimore talked to Dave Wdowiak, a Canton resident and lineman for Detroit Edison with experience in sporting goods, who in turn talked to Don Artushin of Livonia, also a Edison lineman.

By buying some used and some new equipment and with Wdowiak's and Artushin's know-how, they were able to set up a fully automated popcorn popping system that delivers 10 pounds of popped corn in 3 1/4 minutes.

Off to the side sits a large copper kettle where the caramel is prepared for the caramel corn and nearby is a 10-foot-long stainless steel table where it is cooled before being bagged.

Wdowiak's son-in-law, who works in the candy business, taught the quartet how to make the caramel coating. It took 20 attempts, or roughly 200 pounds of popped corn, to get it right, according to Millington.

With that task mastered, the men have gone on to produce chocolate-covered caramel corn — Wdowiak's idea — and are refining the process for a



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popcorn pattie made of chopped pecans, caramel, popcorn and chocolate — Millington's idea.

There's also a South of the Border popcorn that has ground hot chili peppers added to the slurry.

At present the company pops corn three times a week in 8-hour shifts to maintain freshness. They estimate they pop close to 2 tons of corn in a two-week period.

While the company is happy about the walk-in business, it's also working on a fund-raising relationship with local churches and schools. It has sent out fliers and mailers, letting people know it has all the supplies from the seed and oil to paper cones, boxes and bags.

And for the holidays, it has laid in a supply of tins, filled with flavored and caramel popcorn and nuts.

"We believe in serving the customer," Millington said. "We believe in listening to what they say and trying to provide what they ask for. . . . And we do taste test every batch to make sure it's what we're looking for."

The All American Popcorn Company is a 12620 Newburgh Road, south of Schoolcraft Road at Amrhein, Livonia. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. For more information, call (313) 591-7977.

Gourmet tastes



Sweet tooth: For those with a little richer taste in snacks, sample Frango Chocolates available at Hudson's department stores. Now available in bite-sized pieces, Litt'Lo's are packaged in 3-ounce and 11-ounce sizes for \$1.75 and \$6. The trademark temptation has been made for more than half a century at Marshall Field's in Chicago. Flavors include cookies 'n mint, mint, dark mint, caramel, toffee crunch, raspberry, almond and cappuccino. Some flavors are available in festive holiday wrappings.



Tips for trimming the picture-perfect tree

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

There is little doubt that the Christmas tree is the centerpiece of the holiday season. It may be big or small, real or artificial, but it stands as a symbol of the season and family memories.

Families take different approaches to their holiday trees. Some like to mold them into decorative masterpieces that fit into the color and design scheme of the room or house in general. Others like to make their tree something new every year, selecting trendy new ornaments and finding a theme.

Still others make their tree a family tree for all bearing memories of Christmases past, ornaments made by children in their younger years, ones crafted carefully and handed down from generation to generation and special ornaments marking occasions in family history like the birth of a baby or a special vacation trip.

While the first two would win more awards in decorating competitions, interior designers and florists agree there is no reason the third variety cannot be just as beautiful and fit like a glove in most family living rooms.

When selecting your tannenbaum, first look at the space where it will stand. Consider what the appropriate size is and even jot down some measurements. If selecting a live tree, also consider how many sides of the tree will be clearly visible as a tree perfect from every few is a gift Mother Nature seldom bestows.

When buying a real tree, make sure the needles are not brittle. Shake or bounce it lightly to determine that it's fresh (if it's not it will drop needles). Check the limbs to make sure they will hold up under the weight of ornaments.

Next, check out the shape of the tree and its overall look. A Douglas Fir with dark, soft needles is probably the most popular tree available and the least expensive at about \$20 to \$30, according to local dealers. A Blue Spruce with its short needles and blue-green coloring gives an elegant old-fashioned look, but they are a little tougher to find and they will cost between \$30 and \$50.

Many dealers suggest buying your live tree earlier and placing in a sheltered location, such as a garage, in a large pail of water to keep it fresh longer. On the lots, the trees are exposed to winds and may dry out sooner. When you get your tree home, trim about an inch off the bottom of the trunk. If it's going to be awhile before you decorate, tie it back up in a bundle and put it in a bucket of water.

Bring the tree in the house a day before you decorate it to allow the branches to fall, and secure it in a

good, sturdy stand. A new stand on the market this year has a swivel on it and a foot pedal which allows one person to straighten a tree as large as 15 feet without the usual bickering.

If you're going to be away at all during the holidays, consider an extra water reservoir for your tree stand, available at many garden stores. The reservoir attaches to the side of the tree stand and increases its water capacity.

Some tree growers suggest nature lovers who are prepared for some extra work, buy a live tree with the root ball attached. The tree can be decorated indoors and then transplanted outdoors afterwards. If you choose this option, you may want to dig the hole for the tree now before the ground gets any harder.

Wonderfully natural-looking artificial trees are also on the market now and pine scents can be added to give the illusion of having a live tree.

Anything goes when it comes to decorating your tree. Above all, make it a fun time for the whole family with Christmas music on the stereo and snacks to munch on as favorite ornaments are unwrapped and stories are shared.

Start with a colorful felt or cotton tree skirt wrapped around the base of the tree. Next, string lights on the tree and secure them in place before adding ornaments. There are a lot of new styles of lights on the market if you're tired of the ones you've had for years. Super Bright Pearl Lights and Lighted Ice from General Electric add a new look to a Christmas tree and are priced between \$5.99 and \$11.99 a strand.

It's popular now to choose a single color of lights for the tree. White lights have become especially trendy and add a look of elegance.

Take some cues from holiday magazines when choosing new ornaments. Hallmark introduces pop culture to holiday tradition with its Keepsake Ornament Collection. This year, Barbie, Barney, the Lion King and Looney Tunes join the cast of ornaments available.

A more exclusive line of more than 400 handblown glass ornaments, the Christopher Radko collection features dramatic designs for any tastes, but not for every budget. They range in price from \$10 to \$60 and are available at finer gift stores and some department stores.

If neither of these options appeal to your more traditional tastes, visit Greenfield Village and borrow ideas from early Christmases. Homemade candies, cookies, small toys, nuts and such make beautiful ornaments on their own or used in combination with your own collection of ornaments.



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Elegant: This Christmas tree is festooned with traditional ornaments and swathed in sparkling tulle.

'Tis the season for safety

Don't let your beautifully finished tree, or your family for that matter, fall victim to disaster. Keep these simple safety tips in mind this holiday season.

- Keep plenty of water in the tree stand, so that the needles don't dry out and become a fire hazard. Also, keep the tree away from anything that produces heat — fireplace or radiator — and never use candles or other open flames near the tree.
- Only buy lights with the U.L. label,

and always turn them off before going to bed or leaving the house. Check the light cords for frayed spots before you string them on the tree.

- If you have young children, keep the tree out of their reach so they cannot chew on light cords or cut themselves on broken glass ornaments. If that is not possible, supervise children carefully and stress that the pretty lights and baubles are not toys, and place only unbreakable ornaments at the bottom of the tree.

A natural tradition

After the gifts are unwrapped and the goodies are eaten, start a new family tradition by thinking of the wildlife surviving in wintery weather conditions.

Many families are promoting a better understanding of the environment among their young children and one way to do this is to decorate a tree outdoors with treats small animals and birds would enjoy. If you don't have an appropriate tree available in your own yard, maybe ask to borrow one from friends who live in the country or just decorate a tree on undeveloped land. The treats are all natural and biodegradable so their is no problem with littering.

Here are some "ornaments" kids can make and animals can enjoy.

- String popcorn, cereal and nuts to wrap around the tree.
- Cover pine cones and toasted bagels in peanut butter and then roll in store-bought bird seed or sunflower seeds for the birds to enjoy.

- Buy nuts and hang them on the tree to help small animals build up their winter supply.
- Dried fruits and slices of apples will also be a great treat for them.

This is a wonderful project for families to enjoy together and to share the warmth of Christmas with the wildlife near your own home.

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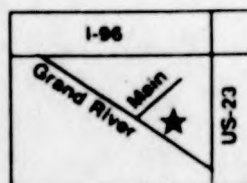
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