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Library to occupy vacant store



The Plymouth District Library will move to the long-vacant Farmer Jack store on Main Street in Plymouth. The library will use it temporarily while its building is renovated.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Two problems were solved at once Tuesday, as parties agreed on a deal to temporarily house the Plymouth District Library at the former Farmer

Jack's supermarket on Main Street.

"This is a great temporary building, it's the perfect size," said Pat Thomas, library director.

The former supermarket, closed in December 1988, offers 12,000 square

feet of public floor space, which compares to space available in the current library.

"We feel real comfortable we'll be able to move the entire contents of this building down the street," Thomas said, adding a lease for the library to occupy the former supermarket was signed on behalf of the Plymouth District Library board on Tuesday.

By terms of the lease, which starts

Friday, the library board will pay \$150,000 for the 28-month term of the lease.

Ted Simon, a vice president in Farmer Jack's real estate division, said, "We're just pleased at being able to be a part of making it happen." Property co-owner Stanley Dickson Jr. was unavailable for comment early Wednesday on the lease deal.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRISLER

Chorus line: Cast members Katie Truesdell, Abby Stonerock and Heidi Harlan keep in step.



Rehearsing: Amanda Rahie hides Frosty while cast members Ryan Welch and Erin Devine play roles as Keystone cops. At right, Katie Truesdell tries to draw their attention from Frosty.



Frosty gets help: Jan Hiatt Nelson, a volunteer, works on Frosty's costume.

'Frosty' places spotlight on kids

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is in the holiday spirit.

The Whistle Stop Players, a group of children, is rehearsing for its performances of "Frosty the Snow Man," which will be performed Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, at 7 p.m. and at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the arts council building at 774 N. Sheldon.

The show will feature songs and Frosty's escapades with children. Also, the "Keystone cops" will be on hand, along with skaters and a sled dog traveler.

After the public performances, the show will tour elementary schools, including Bird, Iabister, Miller, Farrand, Hoben and Tonda.

For more information, call the arts council at 453-5212.

Old Village turns clock back for yule event

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

For fun, and to advance the Old Village section of Plymouth, they're turning the clock back about 100 years.

Plans for the "Ye Olde Village Christmas" celebration Dec. 8-10 call for a Victorian Santa, elves, a town crier and Victorian hosts and hostesses.

And don't forget music in the streets, folks in vintage costumes and more. The event is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Santa will be available for kids to talk to, and a photographer will also be available to take pictures. Carolers are also scheduled, and Christmas music will be played along Old Village streets on a new

sound system. Several restaurants will serve as warming stations during evening hours, providing hot drinks.

A special version of the Old Village walking map will show warming station locations and sites for other happenings will also be listed.

"The basic idea is to bring business into Old Village and to try to bring the residents and business people together," said Roger Hall. He's on the Old Village Development Authority retail committee, which is putting the event together.

Hall said organizers decided a Victorian-theme Christmas would be fitting, as several buildings in the area — on the north end of town — date from around the turn of the century.

The event, Hall said, expands on the one-day

Christmas Walk, a former Old Village tradition that faded away in recent years.

"This is on a little bit grander scale," Hall said. Organizers are seeking volunteers to dress in period costume and serve as hosts. Call Susan Clark at 455-7464 to volunteer.

"We need community support," said Gerry Sindici, owner of Robin's Nest Antiques in Old Village and chairman of the retail committee.

Sindici said the committee also plans to revive some seasonal Old Village celebrations, including the Springfest in April, the Old Village Garage Sale in July and an Old Village Fall Festival, in late September.

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Sounds of the season



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Community Chorus: The small ensemble choir rehearses for the Plymouth Community Chorus's 22nd annual Christmas concert. Tickets are \$8 and are available for Thursday's 8 p.m. performance and for Saturday's 4 p.m. performance. Tickets are available at Ecologia Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, and Dearborn Music, 42679 Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call 425-1208.

Post office extends hours

The Plymouth post office announces extended hours for the holiday season starting Dec. 4. The Penniman office will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The Clipper Beck Road office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 10 and 11. From 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, there will be a food drive at the Clipper Beck post office. Appointments can be made by calling Alan Prince at 453-6110. Walk-ins are welcome. On Sunday, Dec. 10, Santa will be in the Clipper Beck lobby collecting holiday mail and visiting customers. New fence: Plymouth city commissioners

PIPELINE

On Nov. 29 approved the replacement of 20-year-old fencing at Massey Field. Commissioners awarded low bidder Furture Fence Co. of Sterling Heights the \$12,041 contract to replace the fence at the city's baseball field. The fencing is being paid for by Don Massey of Don Massey Cadillac. The fence purchase follows efforts this fall to replace damaged sod at the field.

Great seats

Johnson Controls of Plymouth Township has received the 1995 Highest Quality Seat Supplier award from J.D. Power and Associates.

In study results based on interviews with 28,000 vehicle owners, the average score among seat suppliers was 15.5 problems per 100 vehicles. Johnson achieved a score of 9.1 problems per 100 vehicles. Seat suppliers were ranked based on seat problems reported by owners who had been driving new vehicles for four to five months.

Miniatures live

Miniature artist Judith Shellhaus of Plymouth will show her scale models of antique doll house furniture 1.5 p.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, in a "Miniatures of Many Sizes" exhibit.

Each piece is a limited edition prototype. There will be holiday music and refreshments at the Christmas open house.

Deeding of property would allow extension of roadway

BY M.B. DILLON STAFF WRITER

Under a plan that Canton Township would like the Plymouth Canton Community Schools to adopt, the district would deed property it owns to allow the extension of Hanford Road to Canton Center Road.

Hanford currently ends halfway between Sheldon and Canton Center.

The school district owns 18 acres east of Canton Center and north of Ford Road that borders a subdivision. The parcel has 200 feet of frontage on Canton Center. If the school district deeded property permitting the extension of Hanford, it would give the schools northerly access to a road.

"(Canton Township Supervisor) Tom Yack spoke to me some time ago about the Hanford Road extension becoming a reality," said Superintendent Charles Little. "Right now, it's a field. Under the plan, it would become a collector road."

"Extending Hanford would allow the developer (of the existing subdivision) to obtain some additional lots," said school attorney Don Morgan. "It wouldn't be a 27-foot-wide subdivision street, but would have 86 feet of roadway depth."

Hanford would never become a main thoroughfare, officials said.

Whether or not the district builds a school on the property, the move would be advantageous, Morgan and Little said.

"If there is not a school there, you pick up the benefit of having much more frontage," and the property becomes much more salable, said Morgan. The area is zoned residential.

"If we decided to build a school, the extension would serve as an access area for a school," said Little. "Another advantage would be having a traffic light on that corner. That would be very advantageous for school buses and parents."

The school district would be giving up 1.6 acres for the road extension.

The remaining parcel would be large enough to accommodate an elementary or middle school.

The school board plans to decide the issue sometime in December. In the meantime, board members would like the answers to a few questions.

Board vice president Mark Horvath asked what the property's value would be worth with and without the road. He also asked for an estimate as to what it would cost for the district to pave the road on its own.

Horvath also asked that residents in the area be informed of the proposal.

Board treasurer Michael Maloney asked whether the district could be liable for sewer or other assessments in the future.

Morgan said, "There won't be any future cost. The road costs will be borne by the developer. There will be no out-of-pocket expenses for the school district for storm water drainage or sidewalks."

Robert Jones, an audience member and former Plymouth city commissioner, said, "Everything is on the table when you start negotiating. There are items to consider, such as who is going to pay for the sewer hook up, and who will pay for the traffic light." Legal and engineering fees could perhaps be handled on a quid pro quo basis, he added.

"It's my understanding that the traffic light is going to go in. Our only cost would be a little bit of property," said board president David Artley. "There would be no net cost to the district for paving or the light."

Recalled Jones, "As a city, we were told the county and state would do things, yet we ended up paying some money."

Plymouth shopping promoted

There's plenty of Christmas activity downtown this Christmas season, and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has a gift idea for downtown shoppers. At 6 p.m. Sunday the Plymouth Families Sing Christmas event returns, as some prominent Plymouth families lead the public

singing of carols in Kellogg Park.

Kids can visit Santa at his house in Kellogg Park from 5-8 p.m. Fridays and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 23. On Christmas Eve, Santa's hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also, the chamber is offering Plymouth gift certificates at the chamber office at 386 S. Main

across from Kellogg Park.

The certificates are used the same as cash at more than 30 participating retail shops. Any Plymouth business wanting to participate should call Fran Toney at the chamber at 453-1540.

This free service is provided in an effort to keep shopping dollars in Plymouth.

Christmas Cheer Club offers celebration of season's spirit

It's Christmas Cheer Club time again!

We started collecting your kind donations of toys and food on Friday. And by 2 p.m. Tuesday, we'd received donations from 23 people and one organization.

Those contributing to the Cheer Club were: Ellen and Kara Gregory of Plymouth; Doyal Gray of Plymouth; Bill, Ann, Janet and Brian Confer of Canton; Thomas and Barbara Tucker of Plymouth; Darlene Stevenson of Plymouth; Emerson and Diane Coates of Plymouth; Ed Andrysiak of Plymouth; Linda Comer of Plymouth; American Legion Beasley-Zalesny Post 112; Kay and Sandra Kotcher of Canton; Brendan Goldrick of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Olson Sr. of Plymouth, and two anonymous donors.

Since starting the Plymouth and Canton Observer's Christmas

Cheer Club five years ago, we've collected donations from about generous 200 donors each year.

We've seen kids from Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops with arms full of toys for needy kids.

We've seen representatives of school groups and service groups with boxes of canned goods and more toys.

To join the Christmas Cheer Club, just bring in a donation of canned or boxed food, or a new, unwrapped toy. When you come in, we like to ask that you give us your names — so we can print them in the paper.

On December 14, the Salvation Army will pick up donated items,

for distribution to kids and to make Christmas food baskets.

Many food items are used to stock the Salvation Army pantry, which provides food for the needy year-round.

Salvation Army officials say that when buying toys for kids, many donors focus on little star-eyed tykes. But don't forget kids ages 10-14, who need a Christmas too.

Our office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, at 744 Wing Street in downtown Plymouth. If you have any questions, call us at 459-2700 and ask for Kevin Brown or Jeff Counts.

Trial set in assault

Steven J. Burns of Whitmore Lake, charged in connection with a July 15 assault at the VFW Hall in Plymouth, will stand trial Feb. 24 before Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Kym Worthy.

Burns, 25, is accused of assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

The original charge was assault with intent to commit murder.

Burns was bound over for trial at his preliminary examination before 35th District Judge John

MacDonald. He pleaded not guilty and has remained free on \$1,000 cash bond.

The case arose from a fight that occurred outside the hall at 1426 S. Mill following a wedding. William Donohue, 43, of Plymouth required stitches and plastic surgery for facial injuries he said Burns inflicted with a broken beer bottle.

Burns has requested a jury trial.

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Local history highlighted in Saturday fund-raiser

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

There's no better way to kick off the holiday season than by taking a tour through some of Canton's historic buildings 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

"A Canton Country Christmas" is presented by the Canton Historical Society and is a self-guided tour of eight historic buildings. The tour is a fund-raiser to benefit the barn at the Bartlett-Travis House on Ridge Road. The barn will be used to house antique farm equipment.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$10 for senior citizens. Tickets are available at most Canton florists, the Willow Brook Inn, 44255 Warren Road, and the Canton Historical Museum at Proctor and Canton Center Road.

Guests will drive themselves to the historic buildings that include: Smith-Hoops House, 3704 Sheldon; Godwin-Flora House, 43425 Warren; Huston-McLaughlin House, 600 S. Ridge; Truesdell-Welton House, 1224 Haggerty; Vetal-Willow Brook Inn, 44255 Warren; Cherry Hill School, Cherry Hill and Ridge; Cherry Hill Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge; and the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center and Proctor.

The tour follows a Christmas theme with decorations. Florists will provide an arrangement for each building. Florists include: Mrs. Bee's, Bartel's, Wesley Berry, Amour Flowers, Piccadilly Petal'er and The Flower Pot.

There's even more for guests. When they arrive at the Cherry Hill School they will be treated to an antique doll collection and refreshments. Students from Gallimore Elementary will make decorations for the schoolhouse and decorate the Christmas tree at the school.

At the Canton Historical Museum, visitors may partake of the society's annual craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Crafts, made by society members, run the gamut including Christmas ornaments, pillows, note

cards and baked goods.

Restaurants also are participating by offering discounts (excluding drinks) to ticket holders on the tour day. Restaurants include: Rose's, 201 N. Canton Center; Thai Bistro, 45620 Ford Road; Mountain Jack's, 2100 N. Haggerty Road; Olive Garden, 41980 Ford Road; Applebee's, 43500 Ford Road; Himalaya, 44282 Warren; Izakaya Sanpei, 43327 Joy Road; Roman Forum, 41601 Ford Road; B.J.'s Bowery, 41275 Ford Road; and Johnson's Family Restaurant, 42400 Ford Road.



Huston-McLaughlin House: The house dates from the 1850s and is in the "Upright and Wing" style. It was originally owned by Reuben Huston, one of eight brothers who settled in Canton to farm.



Truesdell-Weldon House: This is a two-story Italianate house of brick. The house was built by Civil War hero Ephriam Truesdell for his bride in 1870. The current owners are restoring the house.



Annual sale: Tillie Schultz, a Canton Historical Society member, displays some of the crafts she has made.



Cherry Hill Church: Built in 1881-82, the building is made of soft-fired bricks made from Canton clay at neighboring farms. It is Gothic Revival in style and has a low central bell tower.



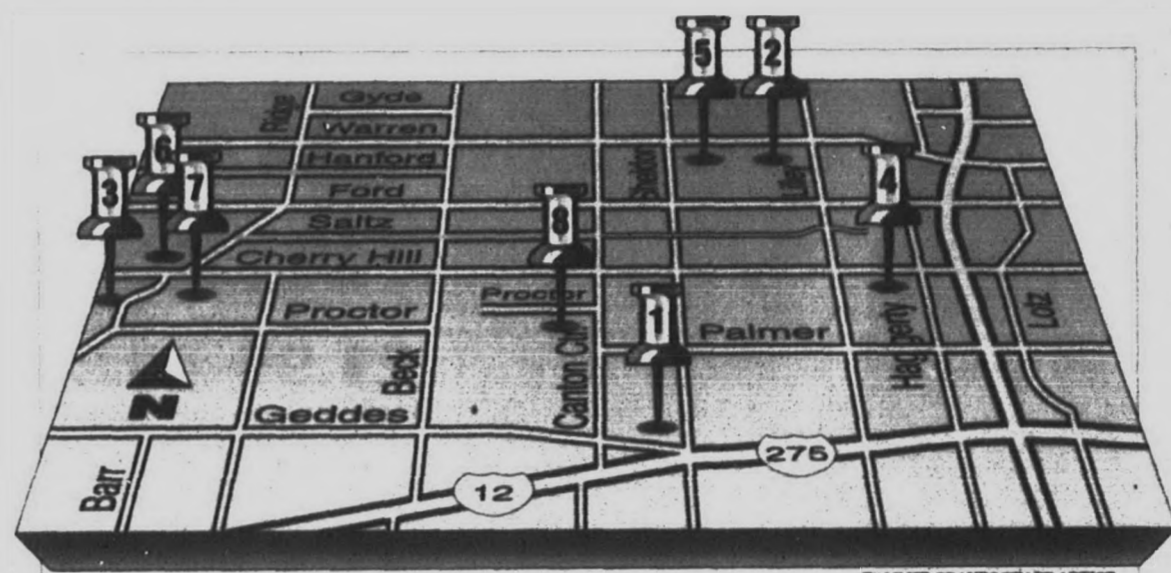
Smith-Hoops House: This Victorian two-story was built in 1904. Elements of a first house on the site were incorporated into this house that has three spindled bracketed porches. The current owners plan to open the house as a bed and breakfast.



Historical Society Museum: The museum was the former Canton Center School built in 1844 by Henry Sitlington. The school is made of bricks of Canton clay fired by the Cobb family on their nearby farm.



Cherry Hill School: This was the second school built in Cherry Hill. The two-room building replaced a log structure on South Ridge Road. The school served as a classroom for grades one to eight, as well as a social hall, until it was closed in 1962. It was reopened in 1989.



Canton self-guided historic home tour

Saturday,
Dec. 2, 1995

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1. Smith-Hoops House - 3704 Sheldon
2. Godwin-Flora House - 43425 Warren
3. Huston-McLaughlin House - 600 S. Ridge
4. Truesdell-Welton House - 1224 Haggerty
5. Vetal-Willow Brook Inn - 44255 Warren
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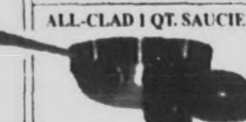
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Salem squad takes first place

The Plymouth Salem Rockette Pom Pon squad captured first place in the mid American Division II State Dance Competition held at Cobo Hall, Saturday, Nov. 11.

The win gives the Plymouth Salem Squad back to back state dance champ status.

The squad members are as fol-

lows: captains: Heidi Balatico and Christie Wilson, Paulette Adams, Katie Anderson, Audrey Ayala, Stacey Barbosa, Molly Boyle, Natalie Carabot, Melissa Carabot, Melissa Carron, Jennifer Chaney, Maria Cini, Roshini Deraniyagale, Meredith Green, Brienne Hesse, Becky Hopton, Jennie Langa Robyn Novak, Carrie Proctor, Amy Pomeroy, Kelley

See, Emily Stemmer, Mandy Schwartz, Laura Thorp, Erin Vaquera, Shelley Williams, Lisa Wilson, Cindy Wittrock, Coleen Wyndendorf and coaches Aileen Balatico and Cece Hinaki.

Some of the squad members will perform Thursday, Nov. 23, in the Thanksgiving Day parade as part of the mid-American Pom Pon All Star Team.

Hunters are urged to report successes

It's that time of year again. Hunters are headed to the woods for the rifle deer season in Michigan.

Again, we're asking successful hunters to report their kill to us

for use in our Buck Pole column. "Buck poles" are a tradition in northern Michigan. Hunters would bring their deer into town and hang them on the community pole for all to see.

We can't do that in Plymouth, so we use the Buck Pole column.

To report a hunting success, call us at (313) 459-2700. Ask for Jeff Counts, Kevin Brown or Bridget Moran.

Library from page 1A

Thomas said library board finance committee member Jim Jabara was instrumental in pursuing both the property owners and Farmer Jack's representatives to make the deal happen.

Since Farmer Jack's decided to close the Main Street store, city officials have pushed to get lease Farmer Jack and the property owners together on some plan — any plan — to get the building occupied.

Farmer Jack has willingly paid rent to keep the building closed so no grocery competitor would occupy the building.

As the building has remained

unoccupied, weeds have at times grown up through cracks in parking lot asphalt, causing some city commissioners to pronounce the spot an eyesore.

Last spring, City Manager Steve Walters spent hours communicating the negotiating positions of the two sides to one another in yet another attempt to resolve the problem — but they still couldn't agree.

Meanwhile, voters in November 1994 approved spending nearly 1 mill to build and equip a new library on the site of the current library at 223 S. Main. Library trustees said they would need a

temporary building during construction, and the former Farmer Jack supermarket was identified as a No. 1 choice.

The former supermarket, Thomas said, "will hold what we have but will not appear any less crowded than what we've got down the street."

"We probably won't move until mid-spring. We've got to get movers in there. I'd prefer not to move the contents when there's snow and slush," she said.

Plans call for new library construction to begin by the end of May. A new library is scheduled to open in January 1998.

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Of the "Ye Olde Village Christmas," Sindici said, "It's the revitalization of what Christmas used to be. It's going to be fun. I'm

going to be Santa Claus, no padding needed."

"We want to continue to pro-

mote Old Village as we clean it up and continue to make changes," said Mary Millington, an OVDA member.

Dancers and musicians gather to present yuletide tradition

BY JOHN BARR
STAFF WRITER

The Nutcracker Suite is coming to Plymouth again this year. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company to continue this tradition.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3, in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

The 70 dancers have been rehearsing hard for a big event, said Christa Grix, Plymouth Symphony executive director.

"We hope many people come out for it," she said.

"Even though this is the fifth year performing the Nutcracker with the symphony, it's always a new and wonderful experience for

the dancers, the symphony and the audience," said Dawn Greene, director of the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company.

Deborah Buttner, originally from South Africa and now living in Florida, is to join the symphony and the ballet company as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Timothy Smola of Canton is to play the Cavalier and Clara is to be played by Lauren Christiansen of Northville. Dancers from the ballet

company and the Madrigal choir from the high school are to perform.

After the Sunday ballet, audience members are invited to stay for the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea and meet the dancers, said Bonnie Holyoak, symphony press agent. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door. Concert tickets, sponsored by Panasonic and Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, are \$14 and \$8 for adults and children, respectively, with reservations encouraged.

Last year, the Nutcracker sold 2,700 tickets and grossed \$25,000, which they hope to surpass, Grix said. The orchestra doesn't make a whole lot of money because the performance is very expensive, she said.



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Staff changes announced

The Observer Newspapers recently named Beth Sundria Jachman as a reporter and Casey Hans as a copy editor for the Wayne County editions.

Sundria Jachman will cover the county government and business beat for all Observers in Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Westland and Garden City.

She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of South Carolina. She has been with the Observer Newspapers for seven years as a copy editor. She previously worked as a reporter, copy editor and copy desk chief at the Beaufort Gazette newspaper in Beaufort, S.C.

She won a first place for front page design in the 1994 Suburban Newspapers Association Contest. She lives in Livonia.

Readers may call her at 953-2122.

Hans, a copy editor for all local editions, returns to the Observer after more than two years as information coordinator for the Canton Township government, where she handled promotional work and other communications duties.

Hans holds a bachelor's degree in English from Western Michi-



Beth Sundria Jachman



Casey Hans

gan University and a master's degree in journalism from Michigan State University. She was previously a reporter for the Farmington Observer and the Southfield Eccentric from 1985-93 and also worked on the staffs of the Owosso Argus-Press and the Davison Index newspapers. She also has experience in business and marketing.

As a copy editor, Hans is re-

sponsible for editing copy and design of Observer news pages. She is a resident of Livingston County.

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"Both Beth and Casey are excellent journalists eager to continue the Observer tradition of producing high-quality community newspapers," said Susan Rosiek, managing editor.

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This yearbook is no small matter

BY JOHN BARR
STAFF WRITER

Ever wonder if Plymouth is first place for anything? It is Plymouth Salem High School, which has 4,500 students, produces the nation's largest yearbook.

At 432 pages, the yearbook is even larger than Michigan State University's now-defunct book, said Lauren Pearson, teacher and project coordinator.

At twice the pages of the average yearbook, "you get double your value," Pearson said, who has been teaching at Plymouth-Salem for six years and instructing her sixth-hour yearbook class for four years. On this particular Wednesday, the class is hard at work.

There are 21 students in this concrete-and-carpeted classroom busy producing every part of the book. Many come in as early as 6 a.m. work during lunch and after school because "you can't do the

book at home," said Melissa Duchesneac, a first-year senior. "I'm here until 6:00 because I'm not an early riser," she said. "It helps to prioritize."

Especially so, with five other subjects. Said Pearson: "They have to balance what they do in school, with this being Christmas. This is crunch time."

The students are doing everything except photo development. This was done until five years ago, but became too expensive. Processing is now done through Quicksilver photo service on computer disks. Photographs are taken on donated or personal cameras, Pearson said.

Layouts were previously drawn on grids and only body copy was computer-produced. Now the entire yearbook is produced on the nine new Macintosh computers using Pagemaker, so the staff can look at everything. The staff gets a lot of information, including

mail, so every person gets her own mailbox, Pearson said.

Pearson, who worked for a Massachusetts newspaper before coming to Plymouth Salem, receives layout, critiques and has students make corrections. When the pages are 100 percent correct, she keeps them.

The book covers everything: seniors, under-classesmen, sports, extracurricular activities, faculty and candid photos, incorporating the entire school, Pearson said.

"We try to do different themes such as Seniors of Distinction," she said, which has 20 students apply for each year with only two chosen.

Making a yearbook is very expensive. Part of the cost is paid by running senior ads with baby pictures and they are bought by parents, and buddy pictures, which students take out. The yearbook had community advertising in the past which it should have next year. Last year 2,800 yearbooks were sold. This year the school is shooting for 3,000, Pearson said.

On this particular day the production room smells of taco dip and the Beatles "Anthology" plays on a stereo.

"We play music to keep our sanity," Duchesneac, said, who is working on softball.

To get on the yearbook staff, students must apply in the spring and are chosen by teachers and the book editor. After being selected, students go to camp in July at the Livonia Holiday.

Some students work on staff for just a year, while others have several years experience, such as editor-in-chief Crystal Kopacz, a sophomore who has worked on a yearbook since seventh grade. She does everything, including checking mistakes, going through layouts three times after school and "hunting people down who put stuff off. This is not a slacker class," Kopacz said.

Why would someone want to work on the yearbook even though it takes long hours?

"It's tremendously rewarding," Pearson said.

Working is "really neat" even though it's hard work, Duchesneac said. She had wanted to be on the staff since being a freshman because of friends that said working was "cool," she said. "I didn't know how hard it was," Duchesneac said.



Editing: *Crystal Kopacz, editor of the Plymouth Salem High School yearbook, works on creating a page on the computer for the publication, which is the largest in the nation.*

But this hard work has paid off, with awards for Best Cover, Best Theme, Best Layout, Best Copy and Excellence in Photography.

It's no wonder then, that the community, including libraries and museums have embraced the yearbook on file, which dates back to 1900.

"The book is popular because

it's the only written record of the school," said Pearson. Students like being able to read about past things and events.

"I can't imagine doing anything else," said Tiffany Williams, sports editor. "It feels good knowing you were part of something you made that was important."

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OBITUARIES

JOHN C. WALLACE

Services for John Wallace, 83, of Chelsea, formerly of Plymouth, were Monday, Nov. 27, at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lapeer.

He was born Aug. 31, 1912, in Ontario. He was a retired manager for Kroger and was a life member of Plymouth Elks, the Plymouth Kiwanis Club and the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Among the survivors are his wife, Ruth; two sons, James Wallace of Dexter and Jerry Wallace of Pinckney; two sisters, Jean Stimson of Ann Arbor and Marion Carter of Lapeer; one brother, Geris Wallace of Capac; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Chelsea Methodist Home, Alzheimer's unit, or the Kiwanis Foundation.

MILDRED PERKOKIS

Services for Mildred Pernokis, 84, of Northville, who died Nov. 23, 1995, at Oakwood Hospital, were Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born April 11, 1911, in London, Ontario. Among the survivors are three sisters, Alice Lambros, Lil Gotham and Marie Smyers.

JASON A. SMITH

Services for Jason A. Smith, 21, of Plymouth, who died Nov. 21, 1995, were Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Vermeulen Trust Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Dixboro.

He was born in Mount Clemens on Sept. 19, 1974. He graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1993 and was attending Washtenaw Community College.

Among the survivors are a brother, James K. Smith, of Plymouth; a grandmother, Jessie Lindberg of Westland; and his parents, Danny and Nancy Smith of Plymouth.

LORETTA CECILIA CARNEY

Services for Loretta Cecelia Carney, 85, of Canton were held Nov. 27, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 12, 1909, in Detroit and died Thursday, Nov. 23. She was a teacher.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Eleanor Carney, in Canton; sisters, Gerardine, Bernadette and Marie Carney; three nephews; and two nieces.

JAMES T. POWELL

Services were held for James T. Powell, 75, of Hendersonville, N.C., who died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1995 at Pardee Memorial Hospital.

He lived in Plymouth for more than 40 years and was retired from the Plymouth-Canton school system where he was a plant engineer. He lived in Henderson County since 1985. He was a radioman in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Ida Powell; three daughters, Carol Powell of Plymouth; Sandra Churchill of Charlotte, N.C.; and Gloria Powell of Charlottesville, Va.; a brother, Robert Powell of Huntington, Tenn.; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Nov. 17 at the First Baptist Church in Hendersonville.

STUART H. ELLIOTT

Services for Stuart H. Elliott, 76, of Canton, who died Nov. 22, 1995, were Monday, Nov. 27, at the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 3, 1919 in Minneapolis, Minn., and was a retired custodian for the Plymouth Canton schools. He was U.S. Army veteran of World War II. A niece and a nephew survive.

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Fitzsimmons seeks GOP nod in 13th

BY BETH SUNDELA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

About 30 people gathered Monday afternoon amid displays of balloons and flags as Joe Fitzsimmons announced his candidacy for U.S. Congress in the 13th District.

Fitzsimmons, a former Ann Arbor business executive, will seek the Republican nomination.

The winner of the Republican primary will face freshman Democrat U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers in next year's election.

Saying he firmly believes that one person can make a difference, Fitzsimmons, a Republican, gave an announcement speech that touched on education, welfare, taxes and crime.

Local Republican elected officials put in appearances at the gathering, held at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township. An earlier announcement gathering was held in Ann Arbor Monday morning.

Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor, and Terry Bennett,

township clerk, made brief visits to the gathering. Other local Republicans in attendance included Elaine Kirchgatter, Canton Township treasurer; Phil LaJoy, Canton Township trustee; Steve Ragan, Schoolcraft College trustee; Sean Cox, 13th District Republican Party chairman, and Tom Hickey, president of the Plymouth Republican Club.

The 13th District includes Canton and Plymouth townships, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City and the southwest quadrant of Livonia and 15 other communities in Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

"Today, for our children, and ourselves, education must still be a priority — our first priority," Fitzsimmons said.

"But we are increasingly surrounded by an education system that no longer educates. A system which needs to again learn how to prepare our children to be competitive in today's global society — where knowledge is everything. I can't accept an America that has

an education system that's less than the best in the world, because I remember when it was the best," he said.

He cited a welfare system "that just doesn't work. What was once a helping hand has become a part of a hopeless cycle of poverty and despair."

Saying he will not accept a community that abandons its own, he said he will not accept a government that allows dependency to become a way of life.

Fitzsimmons said he has "witnessed an erosion in the America in which I grew up," including crime that is preying on society.

"Everywhere I go people express a detachment from their communities — and a distrust of our government. Distrust for a government which is fueled by waste and mismanagement, corruption, skyrocketing deficits, budgets that can't be balanced and a tax burden of more than 40 percent on the average family," he said.

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Fitzsimmons that is unaccountable to the people," he said.

Fitzsimmons, an Ann Arbor resident, recently stepped down as chairman of Ann Arbor-based University Microfilms International, where he worked almost 30 years.

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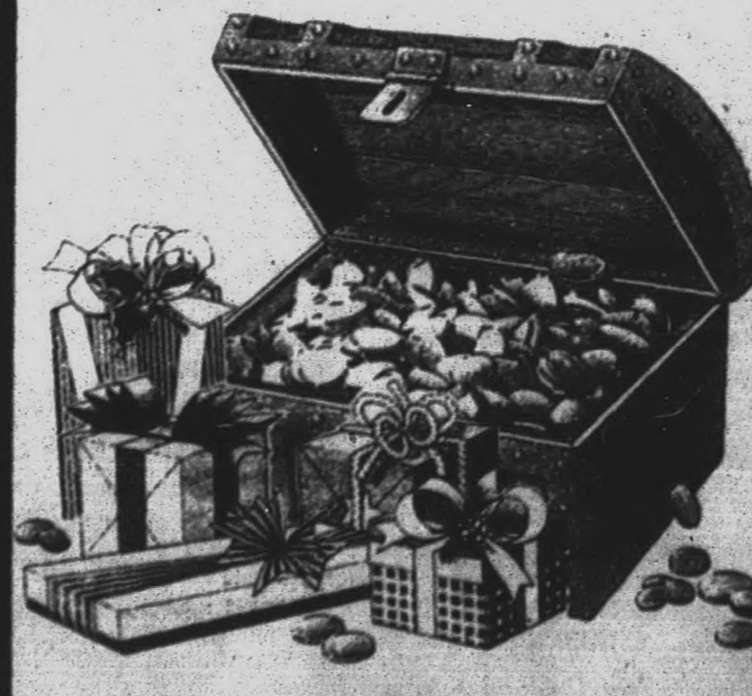
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Modified school code heads for House committee vote

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

With grim warnings from the public to go easy on radical changes, the House Education Committee is preparing to vote Tuesday on 1995's top K-12 bills — a revised school code and "schools of choice."

Rep. William Bryant Jr., R-Grosse Pointe and chairman of the panel, said his version of Senate Bill 679, the school code, will raise the cap on so-called "charter schools" but not remove it entirely, as the Senate's version did.

Wendy Wagenheim, Birmingham resident who is the new voice in Lansing of the American Civil Liberties Union, asked lawmakers not to remove the cap until the Court of Appeals decides the constitutionality of giving state money to what were previously private schools operating with charters.

"The quick conversion of many previously private schools to charter schools is not even a thinly-veiled attempt at manipulating the law; it is a blatant misuse of public funds," Wagenheim said in public testimony.

She cited the Muskegon Chronicle's two-day revelation that Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ, veiled by an intermediate corporation it controlled, was the financial backer, board strength and landlord of Trivalley Academy — in violation of the Michigan Constitution and the existing charter school law.

The ACLU spokesperson said inadequate monitoring by universities which charter public school

academies "has given us greater cause for concern, not less. Central Michigan University has one person making on-site visits."

She concluded: "Public school academies which are already in operation under charters need to be evaluated."

Current law, part of the Christmas Eve 1993 Proposal A package, places a cap of 35 on the number of public school academies that may be chartered. The Senate version removes the cap. Bryant's version would limit universities to 100 charters, place no limit on community colleges, and allow the Education and Social Services departments to charter.

Carol Waszkiewicz, representing Michigan for Public Education, said, "Charter schools threaten the religious neutrality of public education. . . There is no evidence they stimulate public schools."

With charter academies receiving public funds, the Kalamazoo resident said, "there is less public support for public schools."

Waszkiewicz blistered Senate Bill 639, "schools of choice," which would allow parents to enroll children in any public school that will accept them. "It is potentially segregationist," she said, "because there is not publicly funded transportation."

Hundreds of supporters of bilingual education jammed the fourth-floor meeting room and corridor of the State Capitol urging that their program continue to be required, not made voluntary on the part of school districts.

Dr. Phyllis Clemens-Noda, Troy resident and faculty member at Eastern Michigan University, said bilingual education is getting "a bad rap from the media" because of "nasty political connotations."

"There is no attempt to disrupt the unity of this nation," Clemens-Noda said. "We teach English. This is the bottom line." She suggested the program be called English Language Proficiency Development because the pupils' native tongues are used to support teaching in English, not replace it.

Bilingual education today receives \$4.2 million in state aid — the same as when it was started in 1978, she said. "If pushed into a corner, I would say retain the mandatory law and keep (eliminate) the money," she said.

Bryant scheduled meetings of the House Education Committee, a policy panel not connected to the Appropriations Committee, for 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 5.

He said SB 679, the school code, "and, if the votes are there, 639," schools of choice, would be reported out to the House floor for action before year's end.

Bryant and Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, two Republican moderates, lead the House Education Committee, but the bulk of its GOP membership consists of the party's most pro-charter faction. The panel has eight Republicans and seven Democrats, including Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

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Local salons participating are PGS Designers of Canton Township, (313) 416-9749, and Suzy's Glamour Hair Salon of Westland, (313) 522-8380.

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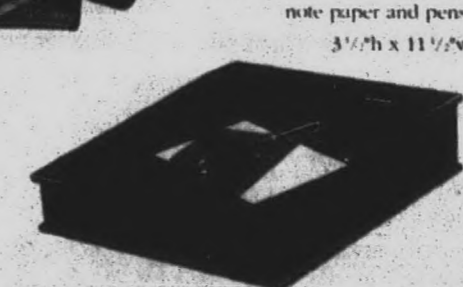
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Change needed School weapons policy wrong

A recent incident at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park that involved a special education student threatening another student with a weapon pointed up a serious flaw in a state and federal law.

The Plymouth-Canton school board was unable to expel the student who was carrying numchucks with a two-pound ball because the youth is a special education student.

The decision was made even though security guards at the high schools found the weapon in the student's backpack.

Meanwhile, other students who are caught with weapons or who commit arson or rape face mandatory expulsion.

Exceptions are made for handicapped students. Students who fit into one of 13 special education categories are exempted by law.

The explanation for this is that some people with handicaps may make poor decisions and others are impulsive and by the nature of their handicap are aggressive.

It's understandable that students with handicaps should be treated differently. However, school boards and administrators should be able to make decisions that will safeguard other students in the school.

There is a certain irony in the most recent incident in that the student in question was ticketed by Canton police and is being charged in juvenile court. But while he's facing court action, the schools can take none.

The parent of the threatened student has contacted state representatives in an effort to

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have the situation addressed. We wish her luck.

We agree with treating special education students differently and giving them a break when it's warranted. However, these students will some day be out of high school and in the world where they will have to know that it's not right to threaten another person with numchucks.

Part of the problem with the law is that it comes from the federal level and states can't make laws that supersede them.

However, that shouldn't stop the Plymouth-Canton school district from lobbying for changes in the federal law. There are numerous statewide school district organizations that could aid in the effort.

Laws can be modified so that a school district can make a decision for an individual case, such as the recent one. While expulsion probably shouldn't be the first option, the district does need it as a final remedy to what could become an ugly situation.

Special education students deserve the best education possible, and all the chances that other students have. However, they must also be held accountable for their actions.

Rally 'round public education

At this revered, patriotic season of the year, let us give thanks for the institution that kept us unified and strong, that taught us patriotism and Americanism, that taught us respect for our fellow humans, even those different from us — the public schools.

Now, however, Michigan's public schools are targets of a counter-revolution. From the mid-1980s to 1993, we reformed school finance to give non-industrial districts the same kind of per-pupil funding that the richest districts had. We passed laws for curriculum standards, diplomas that meant something, innovations like student portfolios. We required schools to have improvement plans and to be accountable to the voters through annual reports.

The counter-revolution would repeal most of that.

There are signs, however, that the counter-revolution, slapped together by state Senate Republicans, will be stalled in the House. There, Education Committee leaders are splitting the school code changes into bite-sized changes. Other representatives, including Republicans and Democrats, are asking hard questions about the Trojan horse called "charter schools" that senators should have discussed.

The House Education Committee has set a Dec. 5 deadline for voting on its version of improved school quality.

As the Legislature revises, updates and pares down the school code, it is time to ask some hard questions about SB 679, the Senate's vehicle:

■ Michigan has 35 charter schools, and the Senate bill will take off the lid. Charter supporters estimate 400 or 500 charter schools will be formed. But what research is there to show that charter academies actually are of-

fering better education?

■ The pro-charter literature says charter schools are supposed to be reconstituted public schools. Many aren't. It turns out that many charter schools were private schools until 1994. They're just getting state aid now. It looks more and more like the charter schools are just a devious way to get around the Michigan Constitution's ban on aid to private and parochial schools, not a market response to parents' desires for more choices in education.

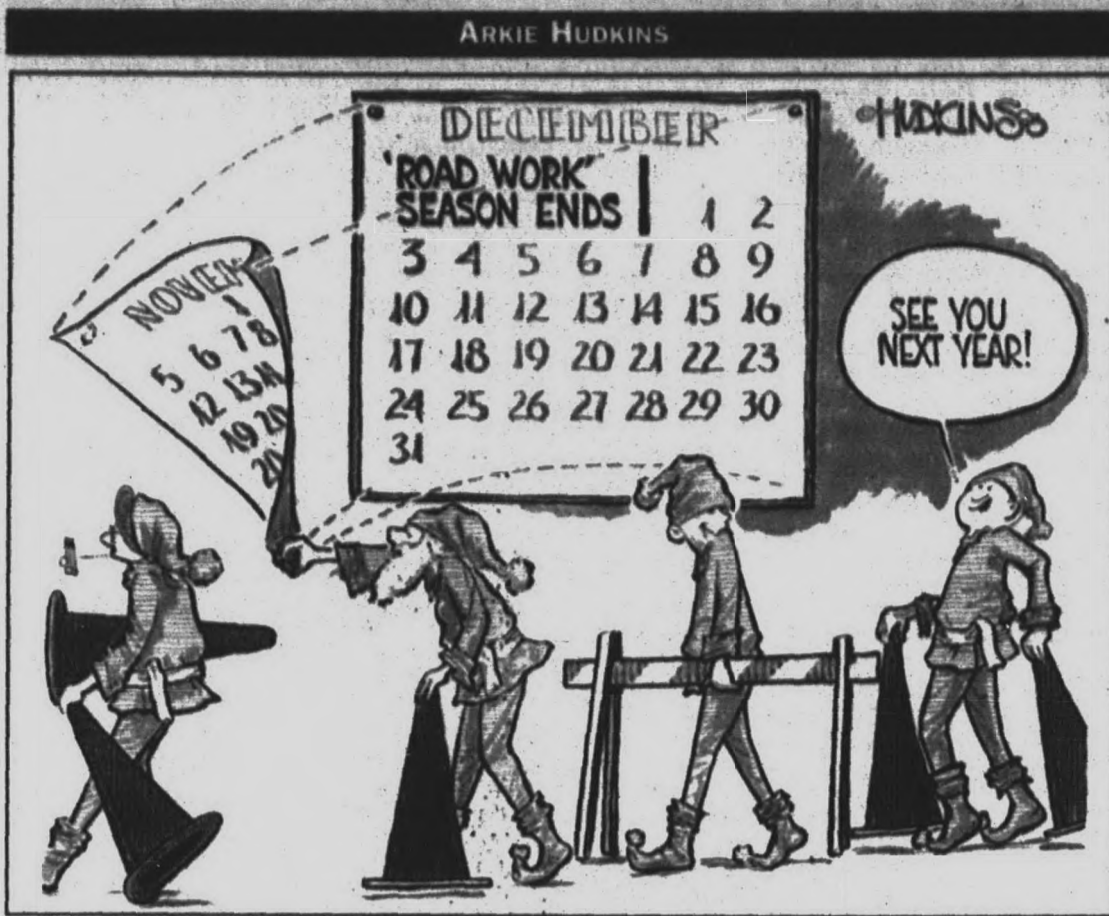
■ As charter schools drain off more and more of the state school aid fund, aren't we actually diluting the amount of money going to true public schools? And isn't this defeating the purpose of the voter-approved Proposal A to save school funding?

■ And isn't there a question whether the state has enough dedicated taxes to support the existing public schools, let alone to bail out private schools masquerading as charter schools?

■ The Senate school code bill says the school year will be lengthened by 15 days. Wonderful. Now where will the money come from? And how will we pay for longer school years when 400 or 500 charter-private schools are draining their shares?

By now, the curious reader will have concluded that there is a hidden agenda in the counter-revolution's savage attack on public schools, school funding, teacher certification standards, curriculum standards, school improvement plans and the rest.

We in Michigan have barely re-equipped public schools to do their job. From their founding in the 1830s until now, Michigan's public schools have played a key role in making ours a strong and unified nation. This is no time for our representatives to yield to the ideological hidden agenda of the "charter" and "choice" counter-revolution.



LETTERS

Lawn complaint

In a letter dated June 2, 1995, and signed by Paul Sincock the "Water Main Improvement Program, Beech Street" is explained. According to this letter, the project is to begin the middle of August and be completed in approximately six weeks. Paragraph three states "What does this all mean to you?" and explains how we will have flags placed on our lawn that are not to be removed. There is not a word about the removal of sidewalks, the tearing up of lawns, or in some cases the inability to use your driveway.

The letter is a joke, and a lie. There is now a trace of snow on the ground and November is fading into December. The sidewalk has just recently been replaced but still no lawn. My sprinkler system is broken (this is a really long story), shrubs are mangled on the corner, and bulbs scattered. I was told the landscapers were coming right behind the sidewalk crew but instead the company the city hired which I refer to as "Testosterone on Wheels" tore up the street again and once again a pile of concrete was thrown on sprinkler heads.

All is relatively quiet right now except one only has to drive a short distance to find this crew is very active in tearing up other various parts of the city. There seems to be no plan, and certainly no communication from the city to the public.

I have filed several complaints and have called Mr. Penn several times look for answers. He not only fails to respond but failed to show up for an appointment as promised. Just kept me waiting. I resent my tax dollars going toward this man's wages.

Judith A. Stolmar, Plymouth

Don't fall for it

In her guest column of Nov. 25, U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers advises us that in 1994 us "voters weren't intending to replace a Congress run by Democrats that wouldn't pass campaign and lobby reform with an equally obstinate Republican-dominated legislature."

She complains that her side, the Democrats, have been disadvantaged because of the election, and that she has a "reform" bill to right those wrongs.

My sense of the 1994 election is that the working middle class was fed up with the systematic economic processing of our pockets at every turn by the Democrat-controlled Congress and their pro-big-government con-

stituencies, the constant chipping away at our constitutional rights by those same Democrat elites, and the constant message that these affronts to our liberties were necessary because we had the audacity to believe that we too have constitutional rights, and that we ought to be able to keep what we earn.

Ms. Rivers' proposed legislation sounds like more "politics of meaning" legislation in place of solid reform from either side. I believe that more of us are watching and listening carefully to what both sides are saying and doing, and more housekeeping is coming in 1996 for both sides.

If Ms. Rivers is serious, she could attack the reform issue head-on. Why are all those temptations that Ms. Rivers seeks to "reform" there in the first place? Could it be because members of the U.S. government control things that they shouldn't, like piles of our tax dollars? Might it be that these piles of our money are redistributed to government supported projects that might not even be in our district or benefit us? Is it possible that PACs and lobbyists exist to influence government officials to spend our money in a manner beneficial to special interests, and not necessarily the majority of tax-paying Americans?

If Ms. Rivers were serious about reform, she could demonstrate that seriousness by supporting legislation that lowers our taxes, lowers regulations that add cost to business and individuals, and work to get the federal government, and the financial burdens it imposes on us, out of our lives and wallets. Ms. Rivers' voting record since taking office has been just the opposite of that, including her "yes" vote on the 1993 Clinton tax hike which is the largest in American history. Voters should not lose sight of that.

Ms. Rivers does not care about any meaningful reform. What she cares about is her own re-election and government control of us. Her election to position herself as a reformer is merely another form of triangulation strategy wherein she can present herself as crusading against both sides and the electorate should not fall for it.

Mark Tooze, Plymouth

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BY BARBARA WALSH TRAPP
GUEST COLUMNIST

When I first met Dan I guess I was just like everyone else who meets him for the first time. I was mesmerized by his personality and ability to draw you into his frame of reference so quickly.

He has charm, personality and a wit that can catch you off guard immediately if you underestimate him for one minute. He has a way of flattering a woman with just the right amount of attention, hence his nickname, "Flatter-Man Dan."

The thing is Dan lives in the present moment only. I don't mean he lives "one day at a time" as in the AA credo of living. He actually lives in the present moment because he can't remember what he did the moment before.

Dan has a traumatic brain injury which has severely affected his short-term memory. He knows, for example, that he just saw his family at a birthday party because he might have a new shirt and the residential staff person who just accompanied him to the party is showing it off.

Dan will pretend he knows about the shirt, but the reality is he can't recall

the shirt, the party or who was just there. It would be like walking around in a fog where you can't see behind or in front of you, but you blindly go forward anyway hopeful that someone will call you and familiarity will appear.

This is how we care for Dan. We lead him through life from one moment to the next trying to jog his memory into making some sense of where he has just been. Dan can remember the distant past very well. For example, he can tell you who his second-grade teacher was or sing all the lyrics to "Hello, Dolly" that he saw in high school. This throws people off because they think if he can do that why can't he tell you what he just had for breakfast?

The problem is the short-term memory does not encode properly, but what is in the long-term memory before his accident is intact. It can be a bit confusing to people unfamiliar with brain injury.

However, Dan can learn new things. Of this we are certain because, for example, I was not in his life before his accident and yet he always remembers me. In fact, I use his knowing me as a

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baseline for determining when Dan is completely out of one of his seizures because when he can recognize me and say my name, I know he is just about back to normal again.

Yes, Dan has seizures. In fact, his seizures are so severe at times that we must administer a special Valium suppository to stop them or they will go on indefinitely. So far we have been successful and Dan is doing well, but we are always concerned for the next one and what it might do to him and his memory problems.

Dan became traumatically brain injured when he was in an automobile accident at 18 years old. It's the kind of story that is every parent's nightmare. The night of graduation, too much drinking and a tree in the way at 90 miles an hour. Dan's friend died. Dan did not, but now at 30 years old is still in rehab which may continue for the remainder of his life.

Don't get me wrong, I'm glad he has a life. It may be different from the life he might have had without the accident and he is certainly unable to live with his family because his patience and tolerance for people is low. But he does well with us in the rehab setting. We guide him through life and I know he is happy.

What message can we learn from Dan? The obvious ones jump right out. Don't drink and drive, wear your seatbelts, and fight to keep auto no fault laws strong in the state of Michigan. Without our no fault laws, Dan would undoubtedly be in a nursing home facility that would provide an existence, but without the quality of life that Dan deserves.

As it is, Dan's automobile insurance must pay for him to be in a qualified rehabilitation setting for closed head injury. This allows him to have friends his own age and a chance to be out and about in the world functioning at the highest level he can. He works in a nursing home as a volunteer himself with the support of a job coach and is able to share his considerable wit and charm with the world.

But we can also learn something else from Dan. Life is fragile and precious. Any one of us could be changed forever in a moment in time when we step out the door and in particular get in an automobile. Head injury is forever. It means we must appreciate the ability to think and remember and function in a day-to-day way. Every day is precious and worthwhile, not to be wasted.

I hope and pray that Dan goes on. Those of us who have the privilege of knowing him and interacting with him daily appreciate everything he is able to do. Yet, we know that because of the seizures his life is still fragile and tenuous. We must cherish every bit of time we are given.

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Republican leaders don't improve legislative process

When Democrats ran the Legislature, I criticized their habit of operating like union bargain-ers. Bills weren't passed on their merits after thoughtful research by lawmakers. One bill was bargained against another by a handful of deal-making leaders. Bills piled up and were shoved through in a glut during a "marathon" session on the last working day of the year.

Now that Republicans control all, are things any better?

I give Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus and House Speaker Paul Hillegonds some credit. There is an even flow of work. Individual bills are judged on their merits.

But is it fairer? No. Let Bill Ballenger, proprietor of the Inside Michigan Politics newsletter, describe how Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, got the Telecommunications Act through:

"They (lobbyists for phone compa-

nies) developed — with Dunaskiss's approval — a strategy that called for a series of mind-numbing and meaningless public hearings that delayed unveiling the actual bill, crafted behind closed doors by the senator's staff. Even lawmakers on Dunaskiss's committee were in the dark on key aspects of the legislation until they first saw it in October."

Note the pattern: 1) generalized public input, 2) a specific, ideology-laden bill crafted in secrecy, 3) brief public hearings on a very complex bill and 4) a fast track through the Legislature.

We turn now to Rep. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, opposing the welfare reform bills:

"This legislation has been railroaded through the legislative process. More time is needed to study an issue as complex as this and the impacts this legislation will have on the many individuals, especially single women and children. . . . They deserve thoughtful,



TIM RICHARD

honest deliberation and a healthy debate."

Though much needed, the welfare reform bills, the biggest change in the system in 30 years, were rammed the House in a few weeks. Those aren't five-day weeks. Committees meet once a week. The bills went through the full House in one session of just a couple of hours.

We come now to the school code. The

Senate Education Committee conducted extensive hearings on the general subject all around the state. I covered one in Farmington where 18 or more people spoke. Chairman Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, and the panel gave the impression they were listening.

The new school code was quietly crafted, unveiled, and jammed through committee in just a couple of sessions. It looked nothing whatsoever like what people talked about in the hearings. It was rammed through the Senate in two sessions.

"Schools of choice" went through even faster. It was a sloppily-crafted work that invites districts to "skim" the best students and athletes from neighboring districts. It would allow parents to shift their kids to practice discrimination. Unlike the Minnesota "choice" law, it made no provision for transportation, causing critics to charge it was designed only for the rich. It requires a parent to give no reason —

educational or otherwise — for shifting a kid.

Stille held one hearing, pretended to listen but never lifted a finger to repair the multitudinous flaws.

To celebrate this new brand of ideological rush job, I have written a new verse to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Take me down to the Senate,
Where ram and jam is the game.
Rip up the school code and sunshine laws,
Ladle the money to Grand Rapids' jaws.
We will bend the rules for polluters.
Our highways and roads are a shame.
For it's wham! bam and jam
In the Sen-ate's game.

There is one consolation: term limits. Current committee chairs won't be in office 20 years, like Mack, Jondahl and Jacobetti, and become so jaded.

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

Death with dignity difficult

I found myself thinking a lot about my father and my mother over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Part of my reflections were happy, filled with bright memories of my father's carving turkey and the smell of my mother's pumpkin pie baking in the oven.

Part, however, were sad. Both my parents died, a couple of years apart, just before Thanksgiving. They died at home, more or less at peace and with dignity. In fact, I remember vividly my father's saying to me, just a week before he passed away: "I'm not afraid to die. I've had a good life and a long life, and it's time to go."

But for most people, it's hard to die with dignity these days.

That's the disturbing message of a major study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association just before Thanksgiving. It found that after years of discussion about the right to die with dignity, nearly half of terminally ill people in America still die alone, in pain, or hooked to mechanical respirators against their wishes.

In particular, the study calls into question the effect of Living Wills, "Do Not Resuscitate" orders and other devices intended to give patients more say in how to end their lives. Although it has been 25 years since the living will movement began, the study concludes that such safeguards against unwanted medical treatment offer virtually no protection.

Nearly one-third of patients in the study, for example, did not want to be resuscitated in the event of a crisis. But less than half of their doctors knew of their preference.

Worse, a follow-up study showed that even after an intensive program to improve communications about preferences in dying, there was essentially no change in the ways patients died. "The results . . . shocked me," said Dr. William Knaus, a coordinator of the study.

My parents offer a case in point. They had a fine and caring doctor, who knew and endorsed their wishes to die with dignity at home. Living Will documents were drawn up and repeatedly amended to keep up with constant legislative changes. They had to be signed and posted on the refrigerator door, together with the doctor's order not to resuscitate.

But it was a constant struggle. The fear, of course, was that some nurse or ambulance technician, motivated by a compelling mixture of a wish to help and fear of a lawsuit, would insert a breathing tube or an IV. "Once that happens,"



PHILIP POWER

the doctor warned, "I'm not entirely certain we can ever legally get them out, even though that's what they want, that's what you want, and that's what I want to do."

Part of the problem is that doctors and nurses, hospitals and EMS technicians are all trained to make patients well, not to counsel and comfort them as they die. Another factor is the tremendous advances in medical technology that make it possible to save patients from crises that would have killed them only a few years ago. And the pervasive infestation of medicine with fears of malpractice lawsuits cannot be overstated.

It's exactly this troubling situation that has led to such interest in physician-assisted suicide, as practiced in Michigan by Dr. Jack Kevorkian. In the mind of a person about to die, the argument has a certain elegant logic: If most people are going to die in pain and without dignity, and if the medical system — and legal system, for that matter — don't respond much to the wishes of people about to die, why not find a doctor who is willing to help out?

Most physicians I talk to are appalled at Dr. Kevorkian's antics. And many want to do what they can to help their patients die with dignity in the manner and place of their choosing.

But most are frustrated at an increasingly complex medical system that has failed to adapt to the realities of the times, and they are outraged at a legal system through which just one misstep by a doctor trying to follow the wishes of a patient can lead to a malpractice case that could ruin a career.

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Cherry takes offense for Dems

"We will move from the defense to the offense," said John Cherry, who takes over Dec. 1 as minority leader of state Senate Democrats.

"We must do more than simply criticize. We must also put forward constructive alternatives to the Republican program," said Cherry, 44, a senator for nine years after four years in the House. A Clio resident, Cherry represents half of Genesee County and six northern townships in Oakland County.

"We can offer asylum to the state's politically homeless — the independents and Republicans who reject the politics of division and false choices."

Elected unanimously to succeed Sen. Art Miller of Warren, Cherry immediately launched four "special projects" by individual senators to define Democratic positions. They are:

■ Class size in K-12 schools — Joe Conroy, Flint.

■ Federal block grants, which will replace specific aid programs to states and local units — Joe Young Jr., Detroit.

■ "Electronic university," or how Michigan students can earn college degrees through use of personal computers — Jackie Vaughn, Detroit. Cherry said this project could help working couples and single mothers become educated to break into the middle class.

■ Privacy issues due to advancements in telecommunications — Michael O'Brien, Detroit.

The new minority leader plans no major and just a few minor committee assignment changes after the first of the year.

Cherry moves up from Democratic floor leader, a post in which he orchestrated Democratic responses to the 22-16 Republican majority's bills. Republicans have

controlled the Senate since 1984. Succeeding him as floor leader is Virgil Smith, 48, a third-term member from Detroit. Smith, a veteran of 12 years in the House, promised that "we from Detroit are team players."

Smith, also elected unanimously, scored a near-hit in 1992 when he challenged Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair in the Democratic primary. Smith still displays some interest in that office.

Cherry has two degrees from the University of Michigan — in political science and public administration. But his Michigan Manual biography lists no occupation for him prior to his election to the Legislature at age 31.

The Cherrys have a son and daughter. The couple raises prize-winning English springer spaniels.

Miller resigned as minority



Sen. John Cherry

leader after 11 years — the longest tenure ever for a Senate Democratic leader. He recently lost a race for mayor of Warren.

McNamara joins Clinton on trade mission

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara is traveling with President Bill Clinton in Ireland this week as a member of the president's international trade mission.

McNamara is acting as a representative of Michigan, touring Belfast, Shannon and Dublin from Wednesday, Nov. 29, to Saturday, Dec. 2.

The county executive said he's excited about the trip and plans to "see some of the economics of the country," including factories and the benefits of the European Economic Community system.

The itinerary includes tours of several industrial plants and various community business sites.

He said he sees a lot of possi-

bilities for the trip, including furthering a plan to attract international carriers such as Ireland's Aer Lingus to Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

This would fall in with a plan the county is working on now with the secretary of transportation to gain the only direct flights to Beijing, China, at Metro Airport, McNamara said.

After a Wednesday morning

briefing at the White House, McNamara was to travel to Andrews Air Force Base for the trip to Belfast.

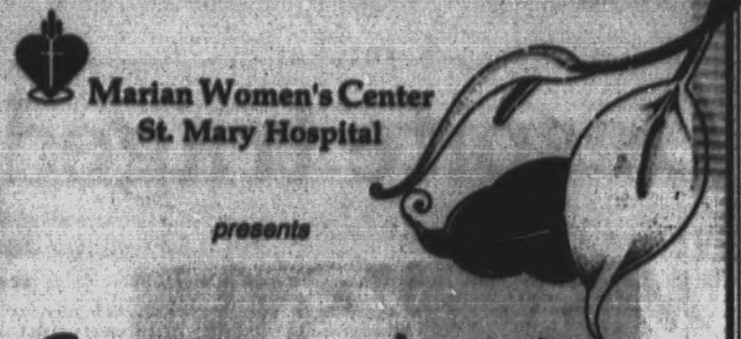
McNamara said he also hopes to talk to Clinton about some of Wayne County's projects, such as expansion at the airport, while on the trip.

He will also attend the presi-

dential address to the Irish Parliament.

A group of about 40 officials from all over the United States, including the mayors of Chicago and Los Angeles, and the secretaries of commerce and education, will be traveling.

The president's mission in Ireland will be to keep the peace process going in that country, McNamara said.



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COMMUNITY LIFE

FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Test of perfect Christmas tree

Buying the family Christmas tree is a tradition we all have a say in, although some of us seem to have more of a say in it than others. This family tradition is usually carried out on Dec. 1. We've done it like this for many years now. And so, tomorrow being Dec. 1, we'll go. We'll pile into the van, after supper when it's cold and dark. That's a good time to buy a Christmas tree, after dark, because that's when the bare light bulbs strung over the tree lot are lit and the stars above shine down. And that's good.

Whatever tree we choose, it'll pass several tests before the lot guy and Ron tie it to the top of our van and we head back home.

The first test is the tallness test. The tree just has to be tall — there are no two ways about that. If it fails this test and the tree looks like a bush — as tall as it is fat — everyone laughs. That's not good. And if the tree is too tall, either the bottom gets chopped off, leaving no room underneath to put presents, which is bad, or the top gets lopped off, which means the tree will look like one of those spooky ones you see after the electric company comes through to clear branches away from overhead wires. This also is not good.

The second test: Trunk straightness. It's hard to determine trunk straightness in the tricky lighting. The bare bulbs in the lot swing back and forth in the December wind and cast crooked shadows. Now why exactly the trunk has to be straight, I'm not sure, but according to Ron, it's got something to do with right angles and chain reactions and the presence of children under the age of 4 and/or pets with four legs. I don't get it.

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SELFHELP bazaar benefits artisans from Third World

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

At a time when most people are thinking about themselves, Debbie Coleman and St. John Episcopal Church of Plymouth are thinking about others.

The two are collaborating on a winter bazaar which will feature items from Third World countries, including the Philippines, Peru, Cameroon, Bangladesh and Indonesia.

The fair, which also features local artisans, will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

"We don't need to always make money for ourselves," Coleman said. "Sometimes it's important to support the rest of the world. We do a lot of fund raising and kids are always trying to get money more and more for themselves. So it seemed like an important time to do this (and spread the message

of sharing)."

The crafts, sold on consignment, are provided by SELFHELP Crafts of the World, a non-profit alternative trading organization and program of the Mennonite Central Committee.

SELFHELP provides fair income to Third World people by selling their handicrafts and telling their stories to North America. SELFHELP works with artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed.

In 1994, SELFHELP craft sales provided the equivalent of more than 11,000 full-time jobs for Third World artisans.

The organization was founded in 1946 when Mennonite Central Committee worker Edna Ruth Byler of Akron, Penn., visited MCC volunteers who taught sewing classes in Puerto Rico. They were looking for

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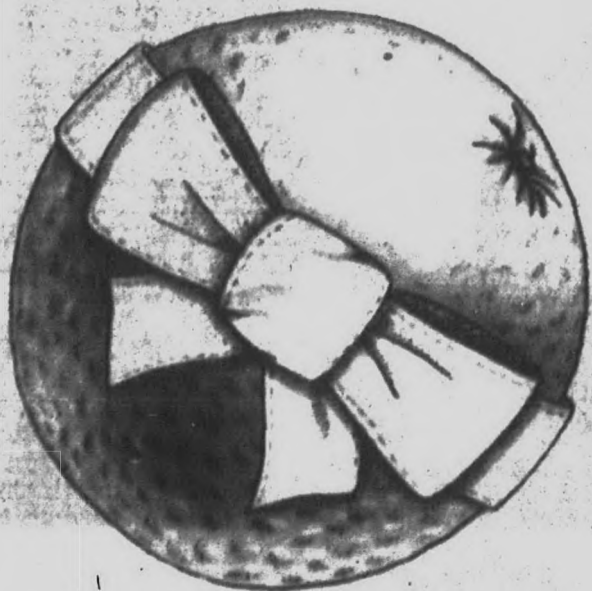


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Worldly crafts: Wooden carvings from Africa, handmade baskets from the Philippines, jewelry and metal sculptures are among the work of Third World artisans Debbie Coleman of Canton has lined up for a SELFHELP bazaar at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth on Saturday.

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to improve the lives of their students, many of whom lived in poverty. Byler brought several pieces of embroidery home to sell to friends and neighbors.

The crafts were popular and soon she added cross stitch needlework from Palestinian refugees and hand-carved Haitian woodenware to her inventory. In the early 1970s, the flourishing project moved out of Byler's basement and became an official MCC program.

SELFHELP pays up to half the value of a handicraft order when it is placed, the balance when the items are shipped to North America. This provides operating capital for artisans to purchase raw materials and for craft groups to pay workers.

Byler realized that there were plenty of folks who would be happy to make things, but they had nothing up front, Coleman said.

Coleman was introduced to SELFHELP while living in Marquette, Mich. The first year she held the craft show she made

\$3,000 for SELFHELP. By the fourth year, the show raised more than \$17,000 for the organization.

"Once people knew it was going to be there, they waited with all their Christmas money to come to the sale," she said.

Coleman explained that instead of buying a plastic gift for \$4.95 at the mall as a holiday gift, buyers can purchase a carved soap stone as a gift. Other items for sale in the past include rain sticks, carved African masks, jute ornaments, jewelry from all over the world, carved animals, brass items from India, candlesticks and baskets from the Philippines.

"It's so reasonable because there's no overhead," Coleman said.

Because the prices are so low, Coleman admitted that she has sometimes gotten flak from import stores. She just tells them, "If you weren't overcharging people it wouldn't be a problem."

"This is not a profit thing," she added. "We don't do that for that reason."

For more information about SELFHELP Crafts of the World, write to the project at 704 Main St., P.O. Box 500, Akron, Penn. 15301-0500, call (717) 859-4971, or inquire by fax at 717-859-2622.

RC distributes blankets for homeless

They came in their trucks, in their vans and in their cars. They would have walked, if they had to.

Volunteers and representatives of 85 area shelters picked up almost 16,000 blankets, towels and washcloths from a Detroit warehouse last week — gifts from people from throughout southeastern Michigan.

The blankets were collected by the American Red Cross Blanket Days for the Homeless Committee, which recently launched its 1995 campaign to raise funds to buy more blankets, towels and washcloth sets for homeless men, women and children.

"There is a huge need for blankets and towels in the tri county area," said Dick Kelly, Red Cross volunteer and chairman of the committee. "It's great that we can help these people, but we can't do it without help from the community."

Shelters from throughout the area, including First Step in Canton, Moore House in Inkster and the Wayne County Family Center in Westland received the much-needed supplies.

The committee hopes to raise sufficient funds to purchase another 16,000 blankets and towel sets before the end of the year, according to Kelly.

First started in 1989, Blanket Days is a community outreach project designed to meet the comfort needs of the homeless, domestic abuse victims and teen runaways in area shelters. Working hand-in-hand with World Medical Relief Inc., Blanket Days for the Homeless encourages contributions from the community.

"As the weather gets colder, the need becomes greater," said Kelly, a retired GM energy manager. The Rev. Dr. Tommie E. Wimberley, executive director of Effective Alternatives for Com-

munity Housing, affirms the importance of the new blankets to area shelters.

"Every resident gets a new blanket when they come in," he said. "They really, really appreciate that they are the first ones to have the blanket."

About 50 people seek a bed each night at Wimberley's Detroit shelter and he could use hundreds of blankets a year. Shelter managers expect the residents to take the blankets with them when they leave, he explained.

"I have never known of an instance where a blanket was left

behind," he said.

Organizers encourage financial contributions which enable them to buy items in bulk at a low cost. Just \$5 makes a difference. However, donations of new blankets, washcloth and towel sets, or crib blankets are welcome, and can be dropped off at any Red Cross service center.

Community groups also are invited to participate in this program in whatever way they can.

For further information about raising funds or donating blankets, call Barbara O'Neill at (313) 833-4440, Ext. 2516.

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but Ron always sounds so convincing, I believe him.

Third test: The needles must stay on the branches no matter what test. A tree gets spotted from the bunch leaning up against the fence and Ron'll pull it out into the open to size it up. Then he gives it a mighty shake. If no needles fall off, we take that tree, no matter what — no matter if it looks like a bush or a pretzel, we take it. This third test, the needle test, is the ultimate test; it overrides all other tests. If the needles stay on, on top of the van it goes.

It's so unfair, this third test. It's so difficult for trees to pass. Most of them never have a chance and they get unceremoniously thrown back in the heap, looking rejected and sorry and sad.

I have a considerable soft spot in my heart for these Christmas trees, I'm like Charlie Brown that way. It seems to me that with just a little love and a family to gather round, any tree, even a spindly one, could look beautiful. But it doesn't seem that way at all to Ron. He believes in perfection in the evergreen department. Imperfections, blemishes — unacceptable.

He clearly has a Type A personality — Type A for Artificial tree. He has threatened and growled and paged through the Frank's and Sears ads over the year. He seeks perfect girth, perfect height, perfect color, perfectly behaved needles. He wants fake.

"But what about the piney, Christmassy smell of the real tree?" I ask.

■ If no needles fall off, we take that tree, no matter what — no matter if it looks like a bush or a pretzel, we take it.

He tells me they have stuff you can spray on the fake tree to make it piney smelling.

I say, "What about the birds' nests we sometimes find in the crook of the arms of the tree?"

"Oh, good grief. Just toss a big gob of those shiny aluminum icicle things into the branches. That'll look nesty enough."

Can you believe this?

Men. Anyway, last year as he paged through a Kmart flier, Ron exclaimed, "Look at this. An electronic, musical bird nest with flashing red lights that sings 'Jingle Bells' continuously."

I was standing at the stove stirring a pan of Christmas fudge. The fudge and my Christmas dreams seemed to be going up in smoke all at once. The simple, old-fashioned pleasures of Christmas seemed to have been lost on

this man I married. Smelly spray and electronic bird's nests and engineered hunks and aluminum icicles and flashing lights and impeccably mannered needles never, ever to become peccable and if they did, just order the replacement kit for \$9.99.

I looked up from my fudge, unable to find words to say to this man. He was looking back at me, smiling. And without wasting a second, he lovingly said, "It's Dec. 1, dear, let's go buy our Christmas tree. Get everyone bundled up, it'll be cold out there in that tree lot."

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 21, 1995

Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Sheffery and Yack
Members Absent: Laskov

ITEM 1: HOMEOWNER ADVISORY
Canton Homeowners Advisory Council (CHAC) Members Present: M. Hall, S. Paszko, G. Reimer, N. Spencer, K. Zarbo
Nancy Spencer, President (CHAC) summarized the group's recent activities.

There was discussion regarding:
• conducting seminars for homeowner association representatives
• covenants and restrictions
• problems in collecting delinquent dues
• maintaining older subdivisions

It was decided to conduct a work session in January or February with planning staff and Township attorneys, and to invite association officers, residents, builders, developers and real estate brokers. Supervisor Yack asked CHAC members to provide to him a list of the subjects to be discussed at the work session. Interest was all shown by CHAC members to have a Planning Institute, to become more educated in planning issues.

CHAC members left the meeting at 8:47 P.M.

ITEM 2: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Supervisor Yack discussed the Capital Improvement Plan for 1996 through 1999.

Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

The above is a synopsis of discussion occurring at the Regular Board meeting held on November 21, 1995. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the regular meeting of the Board on December 12, 1995.

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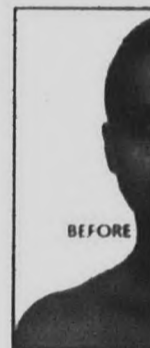
Lynn Marie Jones will be at the University of Ann Arbor Krauss office. The bride is Roger and Ma Livonia and Ma Campbell. The groom is Larry Jones and Shirley Livonia. The bride is nia Churchill Ferris State U employed as t country club. The groom Arbor Huron.

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Jones-Campbell

Lynn Marie Campbell and Aaron D. Jones were married Sept. 23 at the University Lutheran Chapel in Ann Arbor. Pastor Edward Krauss officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Madeline VanOmen of Livonia and the late Robert B. Campbell. The groom is the son of Larry Jones of Hollywood, Fla., and Shirley Lambert of Ypsilanti.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Ferris State University. She is employed as the manager of a country club.

The groom is a graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School and

Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by General Motors as a manufacturing engineer.

The bride asked Beth Mirabitor to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Amy Campbell, Jane Moylan and Linda Transou. Ashleigh Jones was the junior bridesmaid.

The groom asked Zeke Jones to serve as best man with Bob, Brett and Todd Campbell as groomsmen. The ushers were Jason and Matthew Jones.

A newlyweds received guests at the Washtenaw Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon in the Greek Islands.

They are making their home in Ann Arbor and at a year-round cottage in Houghton Lake.

Schafer-Scheuher

Donald and Marie Graff of Fowler announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sarah Marie Schafer, to Cary Robert Scheuher, the son of Lawrence and Susan Scheuher of Livonia.

The bride, the daughter of the late Ronald Schafer, is a graduate of Fowler High School and Western Michigan University. She is a third-year medical student in Michigan State University's School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed as a pilot for Chrysler-Pentastar Aviation.



Wark-Pearson

Roberta Ruth Pearson and Aron Frederick Wark were married May 6 in Martha Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Dr. Robert Selberg officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin Pearson of Plymouth and Nantucket, Mass. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wark of Akron, Mich.

The bride earned her bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a paralegal certificate from University of Detroit-Mercy. She is employed at the law firm of Stock and Leader in York, Pa.

The groom is a graduate of Michigan State University where he earned his bachelor of science degree in packaging engineering. He is employed by Graham Packaging in York as a process engineer.

Maureen Naomi O'Sullivan served as maid of honor with bridesmaids, Lauren Beth Pearson, Barbara Anne Pearson and Anne Valentine.



Alan Wark served as best man with Curt Lindenberg, Andy Bernia, Timothy Cramer, David Duke and Jason Valentine as groomsmen and ushers.

The couple received guests at the Eagle Tavern in Greenfield Village before leaving on a cruise to the Bahamas.

They are making their home in York, Pa.

Michell-Twomley

Kenneth and Dina Michell of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Suzanne Marie, to Michael Todd Twomley, the son of Robert and Patricia Twomley of Linden.

The bride is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed by the Ford Motor Company as a financial analyst.

Her fiancé is a graduate of General Motors Institute. He is employed by Chrysler as an engineer.

A December wedding in Rose-dale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia is planned.



Gamache-Zielinski

Gary and Susan Gamache of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh, to Norman Joseph Zielinski, son of Norm and Connie Zielinski of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a degree in education at Wayne State University. She is employed by Willow Creek Co-op Preschool as an assistant teacher.

The groom is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering, also at Wayne State University. He is employed by AEL as a design engineer.

A June 1996 wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.



Adams-Shulkin

Clifford Adams of Northville and Patricia Menna of Trenton announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Anne, to David Michael Shulkin, the son of Joseph and Jean Schlubatis of Battle Creek and Gordon Shulkin of Bangor, Maine.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Central Michigan University. She

is employed as an office manager for a general contractor in West Bloomfield.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Gull Lake High School in Battle Creek and Central Michigan University. He is employed as a station manager for the Macomb Cable Network in Mount Clemens.

A Christmas wedding is planned in the First United Methodist Church in Ferndale, followed by a honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains.

Send in announcements

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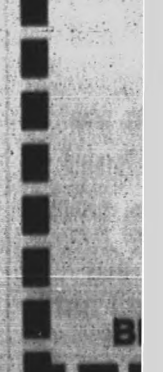
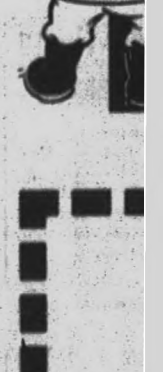
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Latter-day Saints' creche exhibit returns for 8th year

Nativities from all over the world will be shown along with handmade quilts at The Creche, an annual nativity display by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, scheduled for Friday through Monday, Dec. 1-4.

The nativities will be on display free of charge 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 1, 2 and 4 and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 3. The church is located at 31450 Six Mile at Merriman in Livonia.

"We love sharing our nativities and quilts with the community," said Leslie Snow, co-chair for this year's exhibit. "It seems like this is the best time of year to pull everyone together and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas."

More than 600 nativity scenes from more than 30 countries will be represented at the church at the corner of Six Mile and Merriman roads in Livonia. The nativities are made of many materials, including clay, stone, porcelain, fabric, metals, gingerbread, chocolate, corn husks, shucks, Israeli olive wood and even mud and dung.

A creche is an artistic representation of the birth of Jesus. Whether called the French "creche," Italian "presepio," Spanish "nacimiento," the German "krippe," the Irish "manger" or the British "crib," the recreation of the nativity scene is one of the oldest and most sacred

Christian traditions.

St. Francis of Assisi created the forerunner of the modern creche in the Italian village of Greccio in 1223. One December night, he saw shepherds sleeping in moonlit fields and recalled the first Christmas. Inspired by the sight and desiring to see the Baby Jesus in the manger with his own eyes, he set about re-enacting the Bethlehem scene with real people and animals.

"This is the eighth year for the Creche in our area and each year more and more people are visiting," said Richard Thorderson, co-chair. "Not only is the fame of the Creche spreading but also the fame of the man who's birth we celebrate, Jesus Christ, and that's the whole purpose of our exhibit."

Also on exhibit will be hand-pieced, hand-applied quilts. Local businesswoman Sue Cleary is one of the many women provid-

ing the quilts along with her mother Eunice Clevenger who lives in Ohio. Clevenger, the primary contributor of quilts for the show, will introduce her latest quilt, made especially for this year's exhibit.

Joel Tapley, new co-chair this year, has been organizing the musical performances. There will be four programs, ranging from choirs to video presentations. The performances will be 7-8 p.m.

Dec. 1, 3 and 4, and 4-5 p.m. Dec. 2.

"We are really looking forward to this year's music," he said. "We have many special presentations, and like the nativities, they represent cultures from all over the world."

"We look forward to seeing the community come together this year and hope all will feel welcome," added Kathy Facione, co-chair.



Nativity scene: Among the creches displayed this weekend will be Thomas F. Clark's "Mary II," made from crushed pecan shells.

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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.

MOPS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will sponsor MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) beginning in January. The program is designed to meet neglected "mom needs" and offers fun, friendship and education. Preschool children 6 years and younger are welcome to join in the MOPPET program. MOPS will meet 2-4:30 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Registration is being accepted through Friday, Dec. 1. For more information, call the church at (313) 522-6830.

SELLING BOOKS

The youths of Westland Free Methodist Church are selling Entertainment books now through Friday, Dec. 1. The books cost \$40 and offer hundreds of discounts and two-for-one offers at local restaurants and merchants. Money raised will support the teens who will be attending a youth rally in Chicago. For more information, call pastor Ron at (313) 728-2600.

St. Aidan is also selling Entertainment books for \$40. Proceeds will be used to send members to the annual CYO Rainbow Youth Conference. Books can be purchased in the parish office, Farmington Road in Livonia. For more information, call (313) 425-5950.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West are holding their Christmas Fellowship Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail (1/2 mile east of Newburgh Road), Livonia. The cost is

\$5 and members are asked to bring oral hygiene products for First Step. The program includes the installation of officers by Bonnie June Legge, and a story by JoAnn Korczynska from the Storytellers Guild. For more information, call (313) 464-0029.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Detroit Presbytery Men's Council's 15th annual Advent Communion Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 Jefferson Ave., Detroit. The guest speaker will be Gene Goya, president of Gleaners Community Food Bank. His topic will be "Feeding the Hungry." Tickets cost \$6 and reservations are limited to 300. They are available from the Detroit Presbytery Office at (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin at (313) 425-3024.

ADVENT RETREAT

Madonna University will hold an Advent retreat, "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in its residence hall, Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. The Rev. Bob Schramm, associate director of the Weber Retreat and Conference Center in Adrian, will conduct the event. Cost is \$12 and includes lunch. For more information, call Deacon Gene Desjarlais, campus ministry director, at (313) 432-5419.

'GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'

Tickets are on sale now for Temple Baptist's dramatic Christmas musical, "The Glory of Christmas." There will be seven performances of the musical, based on the "real" meaning of Christmas — 7-9:30 p.m. Friday and Satur-

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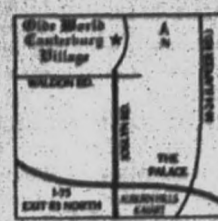
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'First Lady' talks about her life with the President

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The President's wife and the head of the Secret Service came calling at Schoolcraft College recently. But missing were the crush of the crowd and the hordes of media types.

The only ones there for the small, intimate luncheon was a small group of people ready to get the inside scoop on life in the White House in the 1860s.

Guests for the second installment of the Women's Resource Center fall luncheon series were Mary Todd Lincoln and her escort, Gen. Lafayette Baker, founder of the National Detective Police, the forerunner of the Secret Service, the personas of re-enactors Sheri Teller and Darrel Hinkle, both of Clarklake.

"I blame it on my father," said Teller. "He's a Civil War buff. He even has his own authentic Civil War cannon. Every year for vacation we would go to a different Civil War battlefield."

Dressed in a hop-skirted gown with detachable sleeves that she made herself — "What fun it is to go to new events and try to get into the Porta-John" — Teller delved into the life of the wife of the 16th President, emphasizing her real grace and dignity that was lost in history "due to bad press."

Slipping easily in and out of character, Teller offered glimpses into Mary Todd Lincoln's life from her growing up in Lexington, Ky., until her death in 1882.

"Yes, I did have a temper," Teller said. "Yes, I did throw potatoes at him, and yes, I did throw wood at him. Mr. Lincoln was a manic-depressive and I was a manic-depressive, and we had tons of fun."

The real Mary

But there's more to the woman who had "vapors and faints," was committed to an institution by her son and got caught between a rock and a hard place when it came to the things she did as the First Lady.

Born in 1818, the fourth of seven children of one of Kentucky's leading families, the well-educated Mary Todd meet Lincoln while staying with her sister in Springfield, Ill. Nine years younger than the 31-year-old Lincoln, they were soon engaged, although it was called off when her sister "told him I was too good for him and he couldn't take care of me."

"We would not get back together for 19 months and when we did, we met on the sly for sev-

'During the five weeks I was there, people came in and took the furniture. They wanted mementos of Lincoln and people didn't stop them.'

Sheri Teller

eral months because I knew my sister wouldn't approve," Teller said, adding that Abraham Lincoln "wasn't the most elegant man or the most suave man, but he had a heart as big as his arms were long."

As Mary, Teller, denounced claims that she was pregnant at the time she married Lincoln. Their son Robert was born nine months to the day they were married.

"I didn't rope Mr. Lincoln in to anything, ladies don't do that," Teller said, adding a "nope, nothing happened" in reference to questions about Lincoln's relationship with Anne Rutledge. "As far as Mr. Lincoln being with someone else, he was too busy with the war and too family oriented."

Teller's character also took aim at press which "wouldn't leave me alone," pointing out that "if I had a big reception, it was too extravagant, and if I didn't, I wasn't fulfilling my duties."

The Lincolns were the first family to live and sleep in the White House and it was sorely in need of repair when they arrived in 1861 because of a quaint practice "of taking a souvenir of where you have been — a piece of the curtain, a piece of upholstery — so it was very much in tatters."

And while Congress provided \$20,000 for the refurbishing, Mary spent \$27,000 and was criticized for being extravagant, especially during the war.

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Falsely accused

Both the President and Mary were born in Kentucky, however, he grew up in Illinois. Mary, on the other hand, grew up in Kentucky and was considered a Southerner. And at one point during the war, she was accused of being a spy, an accusation the President put an end to quickly, Teller said.

"I was more of an abolitionist than he was," Teller said. "I had slaves, but they were treated as family and taken care of as family."

Ironically, the Lincolns were called westerners when they came to Washington. For Teller's Mary, the questions is, "We were west of what?"

The President's death took its toll on Mary who took to her bed and didn't attend the funeral. In fact, the only other family member who accompanied the President's casket on the funeral train to Springfield was the body of their son Willie, who had died in 1862.

Teller's Mary defended herself against accusations that she took furnishings from the White House when she left for the last time.

"It was five weeks before I left the White House and I only took the presents that were given to Mr. Lincoln with me," she said. "During the five weeks I was there, people came in and took the furniture. They wanted mementos of Lincoln and people didn't stop them."



Inside, Abel: Sterned: faced Mary Todd Lincoln (actually re-enactress Sheri Teller) uses her finger to emphasize how she show her displeasure to the President's reaction to her 'raising the roof' of their Springfield, Ill., home.

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Because Lincoln had no will, his estate, worth \$110,000, was divided between Mary and their two sons, Robert and Tad. Left with very little, she spent two years lobbying Congress to get a pension.

Admittedly a hypochondriac who suffered from "vapors and faints," not to mention migraine headaches, Teller's Mary was frank in discussion her relationship with her oldest son.

"Robert did have me committed to an institution because I was becoming too much of an embarrassment," Teller said.

"He was doing it for my best interest. I had \$57,000 worth of bonds sewn in my skirt because I didn't trust banks."

Robert went on to become president of the Pullman Car Co. He also served as an ambassador to Britain and as Secretary of War under two presidents. He married and had two daughters and a son, named for his grandfather, who died at age 16, leaving no direct surname descendant, Teller said.

Tad traveled in Europe with his mother and they eventually settled in Paris. When they did return to the United States to see Robert's new daughter, Tad contracted pneumonia that progressed to pleurisy and died at age 19.

As for Mary, she spent her remaining days with her sister in Springfield, dying at age 65 in 1882.

Teller does her re-enactments up to 20 times a year. On some weekend excursions, her son and daughter, ages 12 and 15, join her, with her son taking on the role of Tad.

She spends much of her free time researching Mary Todd Lincoln's life and believes that "if I excite one person wherever I go, it's like dropping a pebble in a pond."

**Western Townships Utilities Authority
Board of Commissioners Study Session Synopsis
10:30 a.m., Thursday, November 16, 1995**

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Baja, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy.
The topics discussed were debt service allocation and excess flow.
The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

THOMAS YACK, Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices, 40905 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187.
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**Western Townships Utilities Authority
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12:00 p.m., Monday, October 30, 1995**

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Baja, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy.
The topics discussed were WTUA mission statement, value statement and goals.
The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

THOMAS YACK, Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices, 40905 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187.
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Haggerty Metals to amend the existing Use Subject to Special Conditions for a non-ferrous scrap metal business to permit Outdoor Storage, in the Industrial District pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at 14015 Haggerty Road, south of Schoolcraft Road. Application No. 1355. Tax I.D. No. 023-99-0021-005.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the amended Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 15.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned IND, Industrial District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on December 13, 1995 commencing at 7:30 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The meeting, application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840, Ext. 209.

DONALD SPROGELL, Secretary
Planning Commission

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Publish: November 30, 1995

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 7, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI to consider:

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| Z-95-17 837 Church Street | Non-Use Variance Requested: Side Yard Setback |
| Z-95-18 960 W. Ann Arbor Tr. | Non-Use Variance Requested: Flags |
| Z-95-19 960 Ann Arbor Tr. | Non-Use Variance Requested: Sandwich Board Sign |

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Carol Stone
ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
(313) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.
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**NOTICE
1995 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW
CITY OF PLYMOUTH
201 S. MAIN ST.
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
(313) 453-1234 X 222
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1995**

The December Board of Review will convene in the Conference Room located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, December 12, 1995 at 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The Board will review any Homestead or Poverty Appeals from local taxpayers.

No appointments are necessary.

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review.

Publish: November 30, December 4 and 7, 1995

**SHURGARD STORAGE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Legal notice is hereby given that the following units will be auctioned by sealed bid on January 2, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage, 41889 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187. Call 313-459-2200 for an appointment.

Unit 247, McDowell - Side by side fridge, clean oven, toaster, clothes, ceiling fan, 6 filing cabinets, desk chair, ladder, brass curtain rods, brass cup holder, 3 metal shelves, album, brass, hand dolly, misc. office equipment, 30 min. boxes, and tool box.

Unit 255, McDowell - 2 fridges, album, battery-operated Barbie Jeep, Stearns, 2 arcade games, entertainment stand, wall futon, Miralé, 2 mattresses, 2 box springs, bed frame, carpeting, sofa, 2 desks, mirror, TV, clothes, misc. business furniture, 30 min. boxes.

Unit 277, Woodard - Dining table and 6 chairs, bar & stools, 2 fans, 4 boxes, and tables & office table.

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**SHURGARD STORAGE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following units will be sold to the highest bidder on January 3, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage, 41889 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

Unit 484 - Richard Hester - 2 fridges, wood, coffee, painting supplies, tools, drywall compound, four shelves, mirror, etc.

Unit 249 - Nancy Hester - Clothes, gym, mattress & boxspring, 2 bed frames with 1 box, 2 empty shoe boxes, lamp, 3 crates with bathroom accessories, 1 crate, bagpipes, wooden handboard, disc drive, 5 crates of clothes, box of books, bed frame, Todd T. Hester, 12 crates, 2 laundry baskets.

Unit 400 - Michael Elliott - Misc. items, clothing table, clothing supplies, van, chairs, dining room table, kitchen, washer, chair & table, entertainment stand, brass, curtain rods, a lot of storage of miscellaneous items.

Unit 420 - Melaine Jolin - Couch, wheelchair, dining room table, 1 of set, coffee table.

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day, Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16, and 5-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the church, West Chicago at Telegraph Road, Redford. Tickets are priced at \$4 and \$6 for balcony and main floor seating. No children under age 4 will be admitted and no nursery will be provided. For more information, call the ticket hot line at (313) 255-3339.

■ 'LIVING TREE'
The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will present "The Living Christmas Tree" in four performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3, and Sunday and Monday, Dec. 10-11, at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, west of I-275, Plymouth Township.

Done as a present to the community, the 25-foot-tall tree will be decorated with thousands of lights and filled with more than 60 singers and 15 musicians. The AYU A Cappella Quartet also will perform on Dec. 3, 10 and 11. The performances are free of charge. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-1525.

■ BAKE SALE
The Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Congregation of Plymouth will have its annual Christmas bake sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the church, 290 Fairground, Plymouth. Upper Peninsula-style pasties, pulla (nisua) tarts and more will be available. For more information, call (313) 451-0500.

■ RADIO SHOWS
The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. Topics include "Christian Science Healing: Fraud Or Fact?" on Dec. 3; "Christian Science and the Entertainment Industry" on Dec. 10; "Does Christian Science Heal Serious Illness?" on Dec. 17; "What Makes Christian Science Christian?" on Dec. 24; and "What Proof Do You Have That Christian Science Heals?" on Dec. 31. The series also can be heard at 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. The series is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science churches. For more information, call 1-800-886-1212.

■ CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
Calvary Baptist Church in Canton will present three special Christmas concerts, beginning with "Come in from the Cold" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. The concert, featuring Celebrate & Co. (the youth choir), will be a musical/dramatic look at the cold and warmth surrounding Christmas, and at the concert, the youth will be collecting warm clothing to give to the needy.

The second concert will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. "A Christmas Fantasia" is the church's annual Christmas presentation, featuring the Celebration Choir and soloists. The performances will feature both a cappella selections and arrangements of familiar Christmas music, accompanied by a full orchestra. A special feature will be a music segment by the CBC Vocal Ensemble.

The final concert will be "Twinkle and the All-Star Angel Band" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. This year's musical by Hosanna I (the Primary Choir) will provide a fun and cute glimpse into Christmas as celebrated among one of heaven's younger choirs. Calvary Baptist Church is at 43065 Joy, Canton. For more information, call (313) 455-0022.

■ HANGING OF GREENS
Livonia Baptist Church will have its annual Hanging of the Greens service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the church, 32940 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Participants are invited to stay for a reception in the fellowship hall following the service. For more information, call (313) 422-3763.

■ IN CONCERT
Jack Dunn, pastor, invites the community to hear Presence in concert at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Presence offers a broad and diverse repertoire of spirituals, jazz, southern gospel, traditional favorites and contemporary originals, performed with harmonic warmth. A nursery will be provided for children up to age 4.

■ 'MIRACLE ON FIVE'
The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church is holding its fourth annual "Miracle on Five Mile" Christmas auction at its fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. The church is on Five Mile,

east of Haggerty. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served. For more information, call (313) 420-0131.

■ SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Dr. Jerry Smith as its guest for "Talk It Over" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, in Knox Hall of the church, 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile, Livonia. His topic will be "Here We Come a Carolling." Free child care will be available.

Other Single Point activities in December include BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) for adults only at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark

Road north of Schoolcraft; volleyball in Knox Hall at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Christmas caroling followed by a potluck dessert at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15; and a Christmas celebration in Knox Hall at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. on a first come-first served basis and costing \$5 (free child care available). For more information, call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

■ MADRIGAL DINNER
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia will present a Madrigal dinner at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9, at the church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. Participants are invited to spend an evening of

tradition brought to England from Italy in the 16th century. The dinner concert will feature madrigal music and singing woven around a roast prime rib of beef dinner. Tickets cost \$25 per person and can be ordered by calling (313) 422-0494.

■ WASSAIL FEAST
The St. Agatha Choir groups will host a Wassail Feast in the English tradition at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. The school gymnasium will be converted into a bucolic setting for the feast which will include punch and hors d'oeuvres, baked herb chicken with the trimmings, wine, dessert, coffee and tea prepared by the Rev. Thomas Slowinski, pastor.

The King and Queen will hold court, beginning with a grand procession, and troubadours, musicians, instrumentalists and rowdy peasants will entertain throughout the evening. There also will be a cash bar.

Tickets are \$20 per person, with tables for eight available. Reservations, accompanied by full payment, must be made by 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. Call (313) 531-0371 for more information. St. Agatha Church is at 19750 Beech Daly, Redford.

■ MADRIGAL FEAST
Redford Presbyterian Church will host a Madrigal feast Saturday, Dec. 9, at the church, 22122 McNichols. Participants will gather at the wassail bowl at 6:30

p.m., followed by a roast beef dinner at 7 p.m. There will be drama, continual music and entertainment throughout the evening. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-16 years of age and free for children 5 years and under. Reservations for tables of eight are available. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, Dec. 6. For more information, call (313) 421-6723.

■ VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Livonia is looking for people interested in drama within the church setting to be a part of its "In The Spotlight" group. For more information, call (313) 422-1470 and leave a message for Richard Hutchison.

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Announcements can be submitted to the Editor at 48150. For more information call (313) 963-2111.

Thursday, Nov. 30
SENIOR HOUSE
Senior House 1 Farmington Road, Livonia. Christmas Bazaar. Show will feature gifts, refreshments and a raffle. Homemade breads and salads are free. Admission at 3 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 1
LIVONIA SENIOR CENTER
The Livonia Senior Center will have a craft and craft sale to 3 p.m. Dec. 1. Livonia Senior Center, Livonia. All items made. Mary Ann Nabors

Friday, Dec. 1
ABINGTON MANSION
Abington Mansion of Newburgh. Show and bake. (313) 451-1155

Saturday, Dec. 2
WAYNE-WESTLIFE
The Wayne-Westlife have their holiday sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wayne Road, Wayne. (313) 721-7044

Faith Lutheran Church
Faith Lutheran Church annual craft sale to 4 p.m. Dec. 2. Five Mile, Livonia. Admission and parking free. (313) 532-8777

LATHERS SCHOOL
Lathers School Christmas box of crafters, 10 school 28351. Admission is free. Children under 12. (313) 427-5777

FARMINGTON ACTIVITY CENTER
Farmington Activity Center host their 20th annual show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Middlebelt Activity Center, 28800 Middlebelt. Admission free. Use Gates. (313) 427-5777

Saturday, Dec. 2
IRISH CHRISTMAS
An Irish Christmas celebration from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Farmington Activity Center. Irish crafts, Irish music.

Exhibit to feature AIDS victims

Well aware of the emotional and physical toll taken by AIDS, the Council for County Hills is sponsoring a series of panels of Project AIDS victims this weekend.

The exhibit will feature the losses of the disease as experienced by residents with AIDS.

The two eight-panel exhibits will feature the lives of AIDS victims created by family members.

Following the exhibit, the (Nov. 30) winning video, "Tony's Story," will be shown from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and noon to 5 p.m. The Wayne-Randolph Community Center.

The exhibit will have educational displays and a raffle. Admission is free.

Tickets are \$25. Proceeds benefit the exhibit and the AIDS Memorial Quilt. For the AIDS Memorial Quilt, call (313) 427-5777.

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

Announcements about craft shows can be submitted in writing to Sue Mason at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

tapes, sweatshirts, T-shirts and books. Celtic jewelry and baked goods will be featured. Admission is free. (313) 885-5818

ST. MARY HOSPITAL
St. Mary Hospital will have its third annual holiday crafts show 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Dec. 2 and noon and 5 p.m. Dec. 3 in the auditorium on the lower level near the Five Mile Road entrance to the hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Admission is free. There will be a variety of holiday crafts, ceramics, jewelry, woodworking, a bake sale, refreshments and a prize drawing. Exhibitor tables are available for \$30 a table on Dec. 2 and \$20 a table on Dec. 3. (313) 591-2912

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 8-10
HANDCRAFTERS
Handcrafters will sponsor its 14th annual Christmas arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 9 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville. More than 70 juried artisans will display their work in home-stained glass, wood, clothing and holiday items. Lunch also will be available. Ad-

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SENIOR HOUSE
Senior House Retirement Home, 11525 Farmington Road, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia, is having its annual Christmas bazaar from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The show will feature handmade gifts, ornaments and a white elephant table. Refreshments will be sold along with homemade breads, cakes and pies. Admission is free.
Madeline at (313) 425-3050

Friday, Dec. 1

LIVONIA SENIORS
The Livonia Senior Citizens' annual arts and crafts sale and show will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Civic Park Senior Citizens Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. All items offered will be handmade.
Mary Ann Naboychik at (313) 422-5010

Friday, Dec. 1-Saturday, Dec. 2

ABINGTON MANOR
Abington Manor, 37501 Joy Road, west of Newburgh, is holding a Christmas craft show and bake sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (313) 451-1155

Saturday, Dec. 2

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA
The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will have its holiday craft show and sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2, at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. (313) 721-7044

FAITH LUTHERAN

Faith Lutheran Church will have its second annual craft show/cookie walk 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2 at the church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. A lunch counter will be available and admission is free. (313) 532-8726

LATHERS SCHOOL

Lathers School will have its 24th annual Christmas boutique, featuring 90 tables of crafters, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 2 at the school 28351 Marquette, Garden City. Admission is \$1. Senior citizens and children under 12 will be admitted free. (313) 427-5756

FARMINGTON WOMEN

Farmington-Area Community Women will host their 20th annual arts and crafts show 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 2 at Farmington Hills Activity Center, formerly the Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads), Farmington Hills. Use Gate 4 to enter. Proceeds from the \$1 admission go to local charities.

Saturday, Dec. 2-Sunday, Dec. 3

IRISH CHRISTMAS

An Irish Christmas bazaar will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 2 and noon-5 p.m. Dec. 3 at the AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, west of Telegraph Road. Holiday crafts, Irish imports, calendars, music

Exhibition to feature AIDS quilt

Well aware of the number of local and national artists affected by AIDS, the Wayne County Council for the Arts and Wayne County Health Department are sponsoring an exhibition of quilt panels of the celebrated Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt this weekend.

The exhibition to acknowledge the losses and call attention to the disease will feature quilts created in memory of Wayne County residents who lost their battles with AIDS.

The two quilts are made up of eight panels each and commemorate the lives of Wayne County AIDS victims. In all, 32 panels created by friends, loved ones and family members will be displayed.

Following a benefit gathering to open the display this evening (Nov. 30), featuring an award-winning video by Harvey Ovshinsky, "Tony and Friends," the exhibit will be open to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Monday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the The Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph St., Detroit.

The health department will have educational materials and displays available during the exhibition.

Tickets for the reception cost \$25. Proceeds from the event will benefit the local Names Project and the Wayne County Council for the Arts. For more information, call (313) 224-6939.

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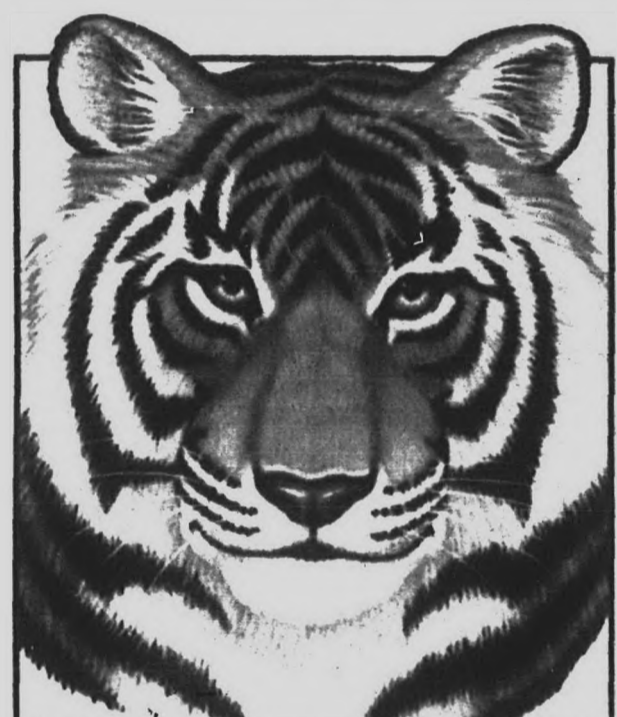


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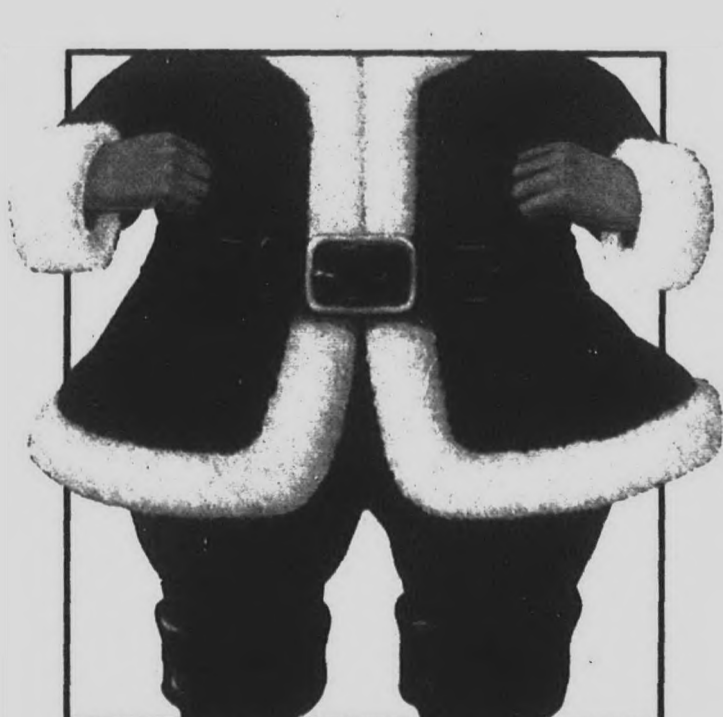
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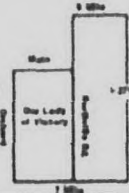
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LORENE GREEN

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I would like very much to have my handwriting analyzed.

I have four children, all working, and they are very good to me. I am in good health. Will you please give me an analysis. Thank you.

M.C.

I am sorry it was necessary for you to write again, but time does not allow me to analyze all of the letters I receive.

As I studied this letter, it touched my heart. I began to feel that possibly inwardly the writer was feeling like the bottom of her world had dropped out. Outwardly, however, she is trying to be optimistic, work hard and not allow others to be aware of this.

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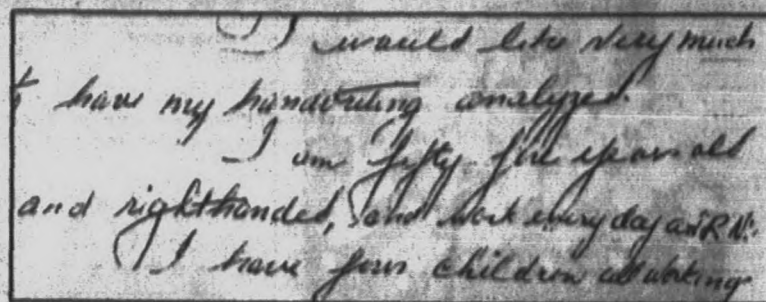
She enjoys activities with other people, although I do feel she may be somewhat selective of people. It is important to her that she make a favorable first impression, because she cares how others perceive her. Her ambitions aim high and she appears to be an overachiever.

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Our writer has the ability to articulate and express ideas or thoughts. Some imagination also is present and can lend interest to her conversations.

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portance on this person than on herself.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48160. Please write a few paragraphs

about yourself, using a full sheet of white, unlined paper and writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies are not possible. However, objective feedback is welcome.

DAR chapter marks its 54th anniversary

Members of the John Sackett Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently celebrated a milestone, the group's 54th anniversary.

Members gathered on Nov. 11 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, an appropriate place since that's where the original members gathered in 1941 to organize the chapter. Sadly, none of the mem-

bers who were present at the first meeting were on hand for the celebration.

Storyteller Florence Dinghy Sharp, great-granddaughter of Clement Moore who wrote "A Visit from St. Nick," was the guest speaker. She entertained with her story of how the poem was written and how her grandfather told it to her when she was a child.

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SATURDAY



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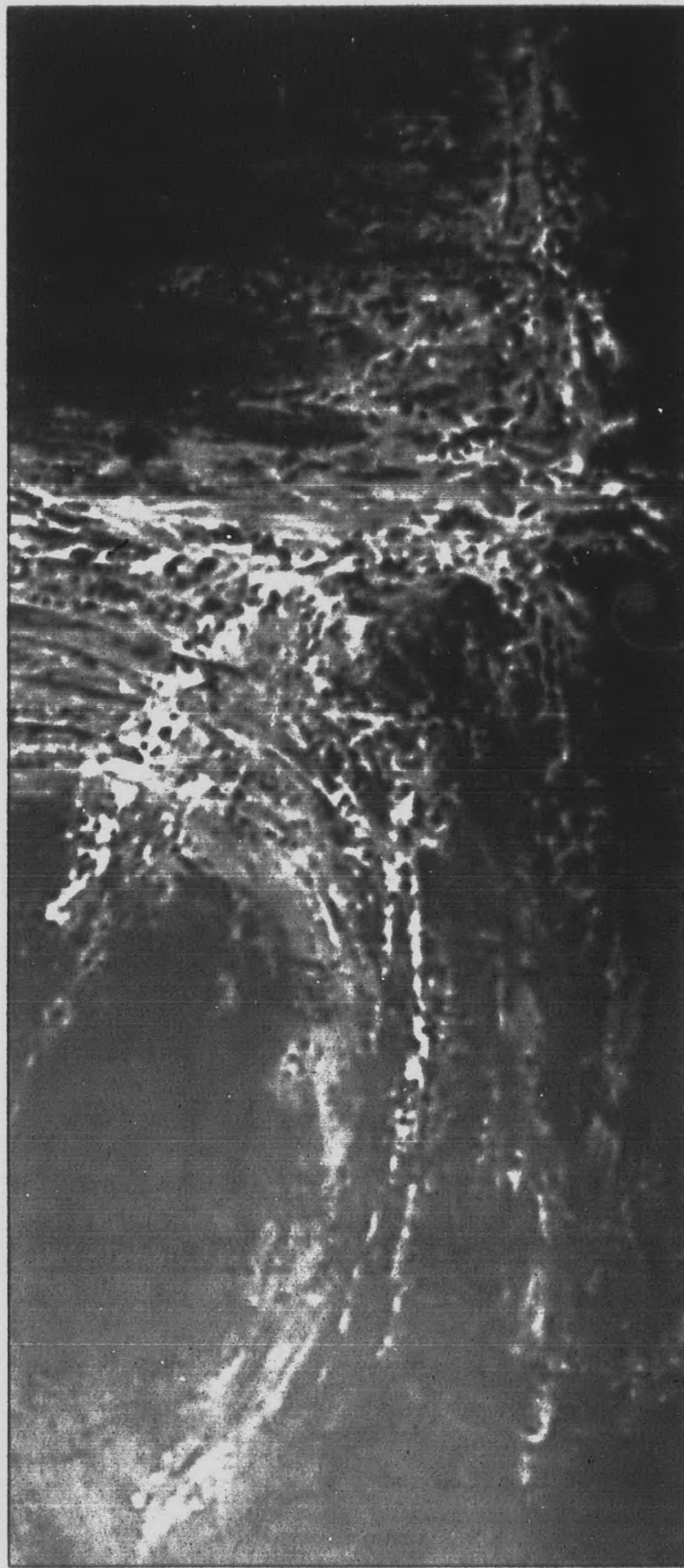
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After: "The Magic Cave," an abstract painting by Kenneth Barbb, is meant to trigger thought in the viewer.

Painter takes purple to the cutting edge

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • SPECIAL WRITER

No watercolor landscapes or florals for Kenneth Barbb. The 51-year-old painter's work has always been on the cutting edge. In recent years, his acrylic moonscapes and scenes from out of this world kept to a palette of purple and black. Barbb's still using these colors, but now he's trading in his representational style for abstraction.

"I felt like I was starting to get stagnant. Instead of that happening, I'm changing," said Barbb.

"I'm really enjoying abstracts because it's a challenge. Because you're not using shapes or forms, it's non-structural, it helps me be expressive."

Barbb also switches themes in the new paintings. Formerly, social statements concerning man's destruction of the environment played center stage. In his new work — although the paintings seem to emit religious overtones, because they are non-representational in nature — Barbb leaves the intent up to the viewer to decide. His "Essence of the Rainbow" series is not for those in search of a pretty picture, he said.

"The Essence of the Rainbow is color. That's the reason for the black background, because I want you to pay attention to the color I'm presenting. I like purple and use a lot of variations of magenta and plum. It's all build-up of color. Most of these are done with a palette knife with some brush work added after," said Barbb, an admirer of Claude Monet's use of color to create softness and tranquility.

"I'm adding textures now. I think it gives the painting more feeling, life, more

depth. It gives it soul and makes it interesting."

Barbb titles all of his works with words which provoke thought. His intent is to send the viewer on a journey of time and space. All one needs to know about his latest painting titled "Before Forever" is Barbb believes strongly that everything comes from one source. Some people call it a universal mind. He calls it God.

"I think that titles are important. They tell you where I'm coming from in a way. But what it all comes down to, it's whatever you want it to be, futuristic or right here and now. It's your own time and space."

A member of the Garden City Fine Arts Association for the last four years, Barbb will exhibit his new paintings in the group's Holiday Art Show and Sale Dec. 4-9 at Sheridan Square. This is the first time he's shown his work in more than a year, although Barbb exhibited widely in the past.

"I quit showing, but I never quit painting. As far back as I can remember, I was always drawing. I wouldn't quit now," said Barbb, who works in building maintenance in order to feed not only his family but his painting habit.

"I want to be able to paint and support myself and my family. I hope to eventually have work in galleries in Birmingham (Michigan), Chicago, or New York City."

Barbb's 11-year old son Frank, a student at St. Dunstan's School in Garden City, "really likes his paintings," Barbb said.

"He'll say, 'That's a good one, dad.' Maybe Barbb is onto something since changing his style and painting methods. After all, that's quite a compliment coming from the next generation.

Holiday Art Show and Sale

What: A juried exhibit of original art by members of the Garden City Fine Arts Association. For more information call (313) 261-0379.

When: Dec. 4-9 with an opening reception and awards presentation 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Sheridan Square, 30000 Ford Road (between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt), Garden City.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association Holiday Sales Show

What: A juried art and craft show featuring more than 135 exhibitors.

When: Through Dec. 9. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Where: 1516 South Cranbrook Road north of 14 Mile in Birmingham.

For information call (810) 644-0866.

New clay inspires artist

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Warren Agee works with a new medium called polymer clay to craft jewelry and collectible boxes with an eye on designs of the future. Polymer clay, or Fimo as it's known by its brand name, is a man-made material resembling clay in its raw state. Once heated to 275 degree F., polymer will take on the appearance of wood, plastic, metal and glass depending upon the techniques used. Unlike clay, artists sculpt, drill, carve and sand it like wood and metal. Agee works with polymer in much the same way as glass artists do when creating millifiori rods for bead making.

He layers long, thin canes of color to create patterned designs only revealed when the rods are sliced in

cross-sections.

"Since it's a new material, we use a lot of kitchen tools to work the clay. I use a kitchen processor to soften it up. A pasta machine rolls out thin sheets of it for making the boxes," said Agee, whose work is on display through Dec. 9 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association Holiday Sales Show.

"Polymer clay started about 20 or 30 years ago. It was originally used to make food placed in miniature dollhouses. Then artists started experimenting with it to make jewelry. It's a young material, so the possibilities are almost limitless."

Agee's architecture studies at Lawrence Technological University in

CLAY continued inside



Black Box: Agee flattens sheets of polymer clay with a manual pasta machine to make collectible boxes.

JOIN THE CHORUS OF HOLIDAY CONCERTS

This holiday season will be filled with "Silent Nights," "Chestnuts Roasting on an open fire," and "Silver Bells."

Music is an important part of the Christmas celebration. Local bands and orchestras will present some of those "Yuletide Carols," at these upcoming concerts and events.

■ Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents "The Nutcracker" with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company, Dec. 1, 2 & 3 at Plymouth-Salem High School. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 2-3. Tickets are \$14 adults and seniors, \$8 students. A "Sugar Plum Tea" follows the Dec. 3 performance for an additional \$3, (\$4 at the door). Call (313) 451-2112.

■ Livonia Symphony Orchestra is joining Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Ballet to present "The Nutcracker" 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at the James P. Carli Auditorium, Church Hill High School, Livonia. Tickets are \$15; seniors 62 and over, \$12; students and chil-

dren 21 & under \$8. Call (313) 421-1111. Two guest dancers from Toronto's National Ballet Company will also be performing.

On Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. the symphony will present a "White Christmas Benefit" at the Italian/American Club, 39200 Five Mile Road (west of Newburgh) in Livonia. Special guest artists are vocalists Jamie Coe and Renata Del Signore, and Johnny Trudell, trumpet. There will be cocktails and an array of appetizers and sweets offered prior to the concert which begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, and must be purchased in advance, call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 522-1100.

■ Plymouth Community Chorus will present a concert of traditional and wonderful new carols 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, Friday & Saturday, Dec. 1-2; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets \$8, available in advance at Evola Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; Dearborn Music, 42679 Ford Road, Canton, call (313) 455-4080.

■ Schoolcraft College Community Choir is performing their traditional holiday program "A Christmas Interlude," at two local churches in December. The concert will feature traditional holiday selections and a Christmas sing-along. A string ensemble, flute, traditional folk instruments and handbells accompany the choir.

The first concert will be 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church St. Tickets \$4 available at the door.

The second performance will be 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 W. Six Mile Road (between Merimian and Middlebelt). Donations will be accepted during intermission. For more information, call (313) 462-4448.

■ Fairlane Music Guild will feature Renaissance Voices at a concert 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Henry Ford Estate — Fairlane, University of Michigan-Dearborn. Tickets are by reservation only, call (313) 593-5590.

■ Racham Symphony Choir will present Handel's "Messiah" 8 p.m. Saturday at Old St. Mary's Church in Greetwood and 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at St. Alfred's Church (Telegraph & Wick Roads) Taylor. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call (313) 323-3514.

■ Madonna University will present a chorale Christmas concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 in the Felician Motherhouse Chapel, 1-96 at Levan Road, Livonia. Music by Pergolesi, Rutter, Victoria, and traditional carols. Admission \$3, students and children \$2, call (313) 432-5708.

■ Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan will present their first concert of the season 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 at Laurel Manor, 3900 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Tickets \$7 at the door. For information, call (313) 422-6194.

■ Livonia Civic Chorus will present "Down the Chimney," a Christmas concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Free admission, no ticket necessary.

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Southfield clearly influence designs. The collectible boxes resemble buildings, although in an abstract manner. Contemporary yet classic, they reflect the 29-year-old artist's affinity for detail. The latest pieces from Agee's Satellite collection resemble remnants of some primitive civilization, possibly African. These new designs come from his subconscious while practicing a meta-physical energy balance technique or form of meditative state called Reiki.

"My journey in becoming an artist has also been a spiritual journey. Reiki opens up your creativity. A lot of polymer work is light and happy and whimsical. And that's fine, but this is a high-tech space-age material, and I feel my work should reflect that," Agee said.

"Sometimes I almost feel the work is a primitive artifact from an alien race that landed here

thousands of years ago, yet it's futuristic."

Art never interested Agee while a student at Stevenson High School in Livonia where he concentrated on preparing himself for a career in architecture. Instead, drafting classes inspired his exacting nature. His studies at LTU on a full scholarship failed to satisfy, he says, because of the curriculum. He switched subjects and schools. Half-way through a degree in computer science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Agee quit when he discovered polymer clay and "the artist that was deep inside burst forth, unstoppable." It probably had more to do with the fact he wasn't working with his hands all the time. From the age of 13 knitting ingrained in him the enjoyment gained from the tactile sense of fibers. He stumbled onto polymer clay while ordering custom buttons for a sweater at a knit shop

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Warren Agee

in Birmingham. They were made of polymer. Excited by the relatively new medium, he joined the Metro Detroit Polymer Guild to further his knowledge of the material. Nan Roche's book, "The New Clay: Techniques and Approaches to Jewelry Making" became his bible.

"I'd always done things artistically like macrame, wood burning and model rocketry but it never held my interest. Then I started experimenting with polymer making jewelry. I became encouraged when I began entering shows and was accepted."

Agee realized before long that marketing was the key to any artist's success. He placed an advertisement in "Niche," a magazine aimed at progressive retailers looking for hand made crafts. Last fall in an attempt to gain his share of the marketplace Agee exhibited in a wholesale craft show

Although far from successful, it whet his appetite for the business end of art. Agee now has work in several galleries and art centers around the country including the Riki Schaffer Gallery in Pontiac and Gallery 222 in Dearborn. He plans to show his new line in February in Philadelphia at the Buyer's Market of American Craft, the largest wholesale craft show in the country. He sees the \$1,200 booth fee as an investment in the future.

"With corporate downsizing, you just don't get the stability in making a living anymore. My plan is to turn this into a full-time business. I'd eventually like to inspire other people the way I've been inspired. A lot of artists slip through the cracks even though they're extremely talented because they don't know how to market their work."

Canton Project Arts holds fine art show

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Arts editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

CANTON ART SHOW

The third annual fine art show presented by Canton Project Arts promises to be one of the highest quality shows of the season. Mary Stephenson, former assistant curator of 20th century art at the Detroit Institute of Arts, served as juror for the 55-piece show opening Dec. 2 at Summit on the Park in Canton Township. From a total of 200 entries, Stephenson chose the best in painting, pottery and photography from Southeast Michigan.

The show, with cash awards totaling \$1,500, continues through Dec. 10. For more information call Canton volunteer coordinator Kathleen Salla at (313) 397-6450.

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BY TONY LAWRY
SPECIAL WRITER

Many plays only have one basic plot to look at. Craig Lucas' "Prelude to a Kiss," however, does not fall into this stereotype. It focuses on a love story but contains a deep meaning about relationships.

Wayne State's Hilberry Theatre opened their 1995-96 season with a '90s love story. Although the acting was comparable to a high school production the deep focus of the script affected its captive audience as "Citizen Kane" does any movie goer.

"Prelude to a Kiss" is a modern boy meets girl scenario following the rapid relationship of Peter and Rita, played by David Haig of Ann Arbor and Ali Rogers, as they meet, fall in love, get married and a twist of fate tests this love.

REVIEW

They encounter each other at a party and, within a few scenes, are engaged roomies. This love transition only takes a period of six months. (Falling in love is only the sub-plot, it is the hardship of staying in love that is the primary message for Lucas to convey.)

This is successfully attained by director David J. Magidson. He chose to minimize propam costumes and set to put a focus on the relationships at hand. Although the body snatcher way of creating this central plot is cheesy in its origin, the fact that it relays the author's and director's desires is enough to allow the audience to take it all in.

At the wedding of Peter and Rita, an unknown Old Man, played by Sterling Heights native Greg Trzaskoma, asks "to perhaps kiss the bride." This kiss is then turned into the transition between simple and deep plots. The souls of Rita and the Old Man are switched in each other's

bodies to only their knowledge. It is on the honeymoon that Peter realizes that something has changed in Rita and not just her personality but her values and ethics. Peter tries to search for the real Rita and upon finding the woman trapped inside an old man's body the real love story is revealed, giving a new meaning to "for better or worse."

Having the actors and actresses mime props and remaining dressed in virtually one costume an act does not distract the viewer but prompts an even closer focus on the love triangle in our midst.

What does cause the theatre critic in me to come out is the lack of chemistry between the two leads. Haig and Rogers are well received when not interacting with each other. All of Peter's narrative monologues are delivered with a proper amount of intensity and feeling and the end of the show scene involving Rita and the Old Man definitely displays their talent as well. But Peter and Rita together gave off a lack of comfort.

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BY MARY QUINLEY SPECIAL WRITER

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For the fourth consecutive season, the tiny community of Berrien Springs, prepares to celebrate the Christmas Pickle Festival the first weekend in December.

Some people snicker at the

mention of combining pickles and Christmas. Not so in this southwest Michigan corner — an area boasting a long history of pickle production. The townspeople, numbering just shy of 1900, take their pickles seriously.

"We are the Christmas Pickle Capital of the world, recognized by the Pickle Packers International," said Glen Uminowicz, director of the Berrien County Historical Association.

Why the pickle craze? Umi-

nowicz explains, "Fruits and vegetables were used long before store bought ornaments came into existence. A Christmas pickle is a blown-glass ornament based on a German tradition dating back to the late 1890s. Parents would hide the ornament on Christmas Eve in the tree. The first child to find the pickle received an extra present from St. Nicholas."

Pickle jars, labeled with the names of candidates running for Grand Dillmeister, are emptied of

their monies prior to the festival weekend. Will the salt-and-pepper bearded Duke of Dill once again win the prestigious position of leading the town's Christmas parade? In the past, he has marched along the streets, passing out pickles-on-a-stick to the crowd.

Or will Holly D. Pickle be the first woman to upset the pickle cart and reign as Grand Dillmeister? Holly's hand-crafted specialties consist of pickle-shaped wooden cars and tractors, and a "picklesmile" used to help relieve that holiday frenzied-feeling. Take the kids to hear her read the story "Stop That Pickle!" at the community library and the town's Little Bakery.

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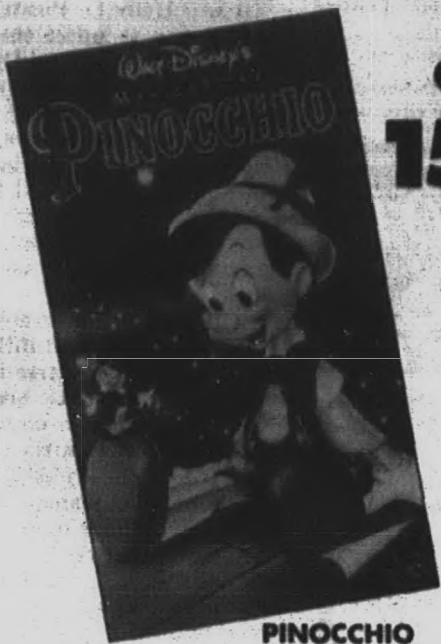
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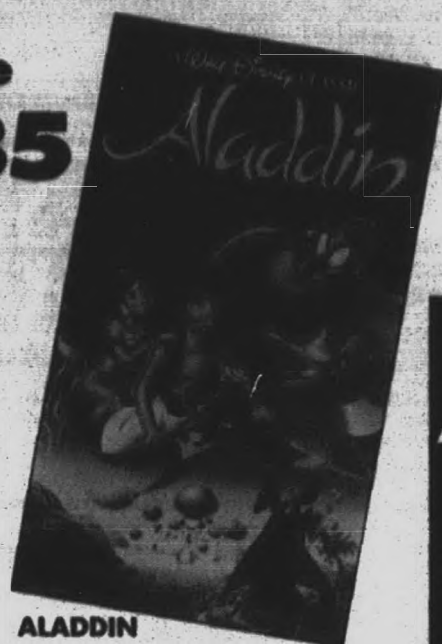
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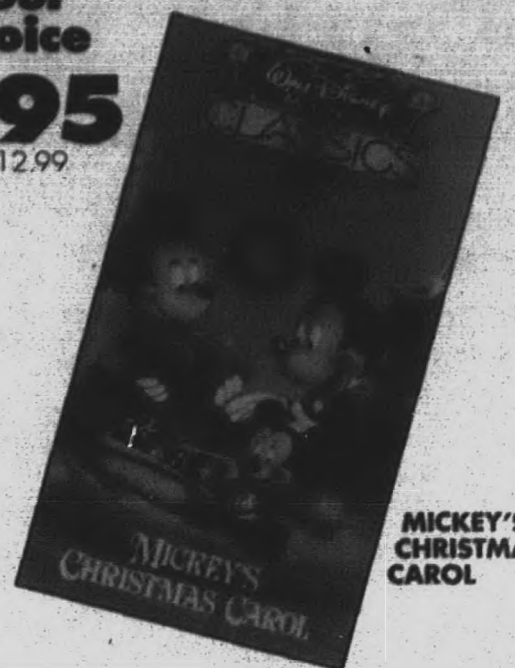


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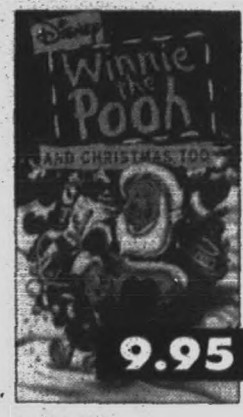
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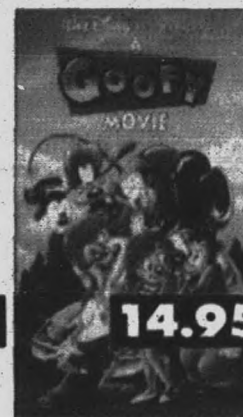
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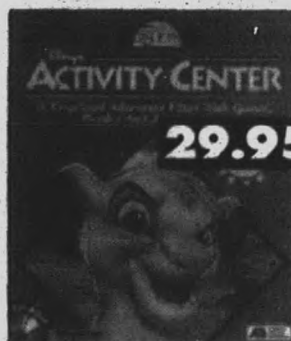


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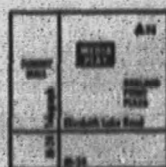
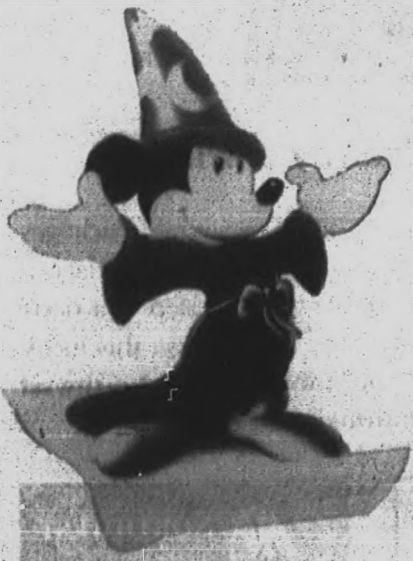
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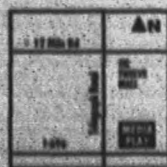
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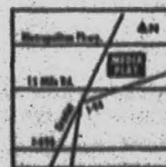
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- ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY**
Sky Tree Seeing Science Through Art is a special evening to preview an extraordinary collection of oil paintings by Thomas Locker and to meet author Candace Christensen 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at 536 N. Woodward. Birmingham. Original art, Sky Tree print portfolios, and books will be available for purchase. Christensen and Locker will be in the gallery 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. The art works are from their most recently published books, "Sky Tree," "Calico and Tin Horns," "The Ice House," and "The Earth Under Skybear's Feet." (810) 641-7040
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The Rouge, an exhibit of new photographs by Michael Kenia, will continue to Jan. 30 at 560 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Opening reception for the artist, at which he will sign his new book, "The Rouge," 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. The display is a culmination of four years of work by Kenia and 100 photos showing the Rouge steel plant in a beautiful, mysterious light. The gallery and the Detroit Institute of Arts are among the first exhibitors of this exciting new body of work by Kenia. (810) 644-8284
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An exhibit of recent paintings by Martin Madrox of Kalamazoo and new glass sculpture by Hank Adams of New York will continue through Jan. 20 at 107 Townsend, Birmingham. Opening reception to meet the artists 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Madrox's realist paintings portray a moody, mystical world inhabited primarily by solitary female figures. The women reflect, by turns, the myriad aspects of femininity. More expressionistic than realistic, Adams' sculptures become cutting edge portraits, remarkable for their fascinating charisma. His cast glass busts often incorporate metal components to represent flowing hair, eyes, mouth, earrings and necklaces. Adams will present a lecture 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at the Yamasaki Building at the Center for Creative Studies, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit. (810) 642-3909
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"A Day Without Art," a group exhibit by several artists including Christopher Campbell, Jennifer Reeves, Tye Guyton, Sharon Que, Cynthia Nantonis and Laurie Halbritter, will be presented at 201 Nichols Arcade, Ann Arbor. Opening reception to meet the artists 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. A Day Without Art is internationally recognized and honored as a time to reflect on the losses sustained by the art world as a result of AIDS. To commemorate this day, new work will be on view at the gallery but displayed in a darkened room, covered with a black drape and illuminated only by a candle. (313) 663-8900
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A Christmas art show will continue through Dec. 29 at 29 E. Grand River, one block east of Woodward, Detroit. Opening reception 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. The holiday exhibit is "cash and carry" and features art in a variety of media by co-op members. All work is available for immediate removal from the gallery — no waiting until the close of the show. (313) 961-4336
- BUNTING GALLERY**
Metal sculpture and furniture by Dale Wedg will be shown to Jan. 13 at 514 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. An exhibit by Chicago area photographer Jane Calvin is also featured. (810) 545-4820
- CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES**
Noted New York glass artist Hank Adams, who opens an exhibit at the Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham this week, will give a lecture 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, in the Yamasaki Building at CCS, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit. The public may attend.
- DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**
Michael Kenia, whose exhibit "Industrial Revolution: Photographs by Michael Kenia of the Rouge and Other Sites" continues through Feb. 11, will lecture 8:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the DIA, Dennis Nawrocki, associate professor of the history of art and director of the Center Gallery at the Center for Creative Studies, will give a gallery talk that discusses "Double Portrait of Henry Geldzahler," a sculpture in wood by Mansel, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in Gallery N283. German artist Uwe Krieger will discuss his work with masks and performance art 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, in Lecture Hall. The DIA Friends of African and African-American Art will present the 1995 Dr. Alan Locke Awards at the group's annual meeting Saturday, Dec. 2; call (313) 833-0247 for information. "Art Works: The PayneWebber Collection of Contemporary Masters" and "Speak to Us of Beauty: The Paintings and Drawings of Kahil Gibran" continue through Dec. 31 at 5200 Woodward. Events related to "Art Works" include class, "Topics in Contemporary Art," 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16, in the Holley Room. The class explores issues and themes that have influenced artists whose work is on view in the exhibit, call for fees and other information. Events related to "Speak to Us of Beauty" include teacher workshop, "Kahil Gibran and the Contributions of Arab-American Artists to the Arts," Friday, Dec. 1; call (313) 833-4249 for registration and other information. (313) 833-7900
- DOS MANOS**
The grand reopening of the newly expanded and remodeled gallery of Latin American folk art at 210 W. Sixth, Royal Oak, will take place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. The event will feature the music of SUR, a duo performing on Andean wind percussion instruments, 1-4 p.m., hors d'oeuvres by Monterey Cantina of Royal Oak and a drawing with the grand prize of two trips to Chicago on Amtrak from Royal Oak's new stop. (810) 542-5856
- OCC POTTERS MARKET**
The potters of the Oakland Community College Royal Oak Campus celebrate the 20th anniversary of their Potters Market Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3, on Horace Brown Drive, two blocks south of 13 Mile between Stephenson Highway and John R in Madison Heights. Benefit preview and advance sale 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30; tickets are \$10. Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3. Admission is free. The sale is the largest of its kind in the country. (810) 544-4974
- TOUCH OF LIGHT STUDIO AND GALLERIE OF HANDELOWN GLASS**
The gallery's holiday glass show continues through Dec. 23 on Woodward, one-half mile south of 1696, Ferndale. Glassblowing demonstration 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. (810) 543-1868
- THIRD STREET GALLERY**
An exhibit will continue to Dec. 17 in the Weber Building, 4126 Third, Detroit. Opening reception 4-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Monday-Sunday.
- UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART**
"Unpainted to the Last: 'Moby Dick' and American Art 1930-1990" continues to Dec. 24 at 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. Concert "American Opera Arias: Art and Nature" 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in the Museum of Art. The concert is a musical exploration of nature and art, in which students from the UM School of Music perform arias from American operas. (313) 764-0395

FOR NOV. 30-DEC. 8
Information on limited engagements only should be submitted two weeks in advance to: Christina Fuoco, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. To ensure publication, the venues' addresses and phone numbers with area codes must be included.

- ### POPULAR MUSIC
- FRANK ALLISON AND THE ODD SOX**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Heidelberg, 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and older. (quality alternative pop) (313) 663-7758
 - BEALE STREET**
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Rumors, 112 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 546-0606
 - BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS**
10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. \$3. 18 and older. (blues) (313) 485-5050
 - BLUE ROSE**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, The Olympia Room at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 396-7600/(810) 642-9400
 - BMON BONNEY**
With The Volbeats, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 19 and older. (313) 996-8555
 - BOTFLY**
With Baked Potato, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555
 - BRIGHT BLACK**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge, 18 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 544-3030
 - BROTHERS FROM ANOTHER PLANET**
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. \$3. 18 and older. (hard rock) (313) 485-5050
 - THE BUCKET**
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (punk) (313) 996-8555/(313) 996-2748
 - BUGS BEDDOW BRIGADE**
9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1-Saturday, Dec. 2, and Friday, Dec. 8, Rhinoceros, 265 Ripelle, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2208
 - TRACY CHAPMAN**
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$22.50 in advance. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 546-7610
 - CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650
 - CITY HEAT**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 852-6433
 - COSMIC DALI**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Hoop's, 2705 Lapeer Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 373-4744
 - DEEP SPACE 6**
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917
 - DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS**
Hosted by comedian Judy Tenuta, and featuring performances by Stewart Francke, Thornetta Davis with members of Big Chief, Harvey Thompson, Lucky Haskins and George Bedard and The Kingpins, and an after-show party with Charm Farm and the best of Detroit Techno, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance; \$10 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-5451
 - DETROIT MUSICIANS ALLIANCE SHOWCASE**
With IN/OJNO, the Hoolapoppers, The Lud-dites and Passenger to Nowhere, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (variety) (313) 875-6555
 - DAVE EDWARDS AND THE LOOK**
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30-Saturday, Dec. 2, Walsh's on the Border, 20116 W. Warren, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 441-6190
 - EKOOSTIK HOOKAH**
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (313) 996-8555
 - ELECTRAFIXION**
7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. Tickets from the original date will be honored. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT
 - EVERYTHING**
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6.50 in advance. 18 and older. Tickets from the 7th House show will be honored; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (313) 961-MELT/(313) 996-2748
 - THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, and Friday, Dec. 8, Payne's Woodward Inn, 1881 Woodward Ave., Berkley. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 541-7881
 - HAGFISH**
With Hoarse and Swingin' Utters, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7.50 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT
 - THE HARVENGERS**
With Jon's Escort and Nova, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Hamtramck Pub, 2048 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 365-3829
 - PETER HIMMELMAN**
Performs as part of "The Royal Oak Jam," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$12 in advance through the Jewish Federation. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 642-4260 ext. 241/(810) 546-7610
 - THE HOPE ORCHESTRA**
With Teapacks, 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Alvir's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 632-2355
 - WANDA JACKSON**
With Rosie Flores and Rumble, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13.50 in advance. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (810) 544-3030
 - LEMON JAMES**
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (810) 544-3030
 - NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge, 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Crow Bar, 309 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650/(313) 668-0111
 - "RUNK 'N' JAM"**
A rock 'n' roll show and rummage sale with performances by Motor Dolls, Botfly and Shifter, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 544-3030
 - JUNK SCIENCE**
With Dead Professor and Trains Can't Stop, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (810) 589-3344
 - JORNA RAUKONEN BAND**
With Vance Gilbert, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$14.75 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 761-1800

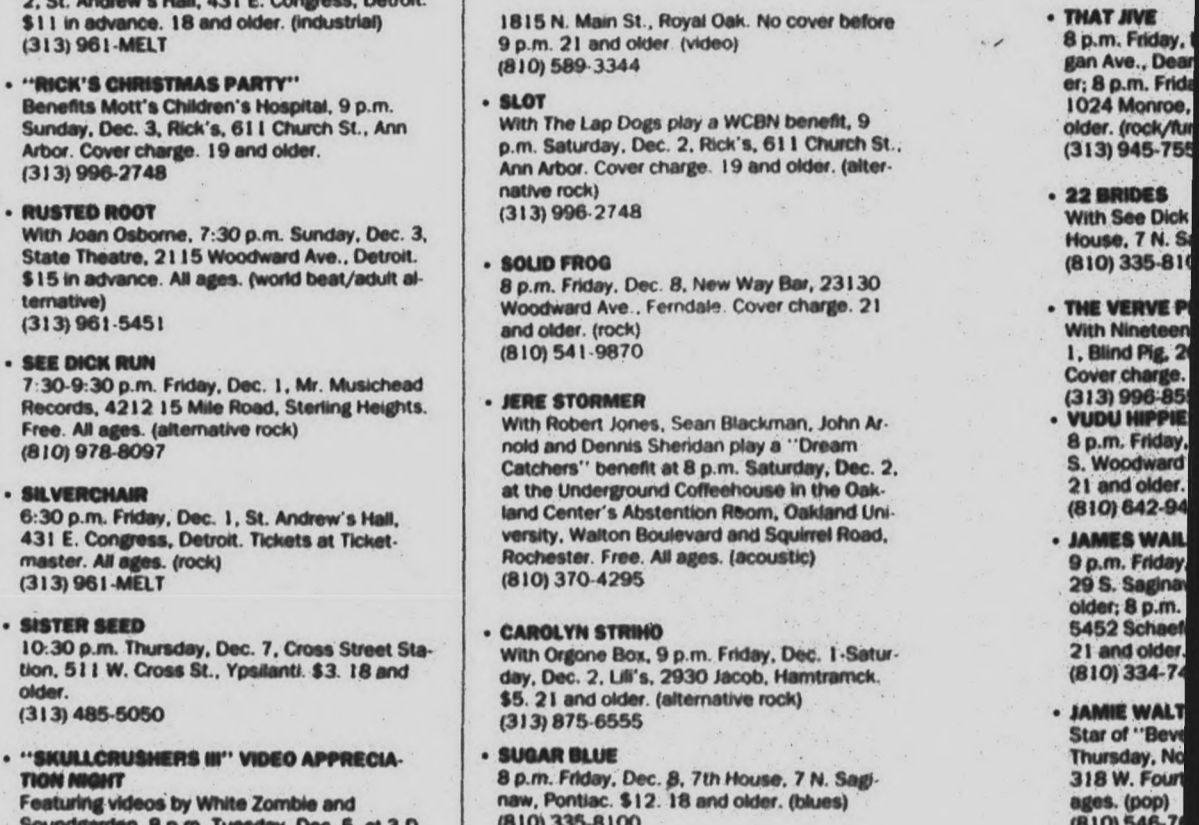
- JOHN D. LAMB**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1-Saturday, Dec. 2, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 349-7038
- PAUL MARVIN BLUES BAND**
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 852-6433
- "STEADY ROLLIN'" BOB MARGOLIN**
With The Terraplanes, 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (blues) (313) 996-2748
- MARY MCQUIRE**
8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4-Tuesday, Dec. 5, Backseat Saloon, 3064 Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor. Cover charge, 21 and older. (acoustic) (810) 682-1119
- MERCURY REV**
With Lotus Crown, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Alvir's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 632-2355
- MORSEL**
10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. \$3. 48 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050
- MUSTARD PLUG**
With The Insiders, and Aks Momma perform as part of "Your Monthly Skin Fix," 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at The Palladium, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. \$6 in advance; \$8 at the door. All ages. (ska) (810) 778-6404
- MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1-Saturday, Dec. 2, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917
- ROBERT PENN**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917
- PIGFACE**
With Circus Apocalypse, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$11 in advance. 18 and older. (industrial) (313) 961-MELT
- "RICK'S CHRISTMAS PARTY"**
Benefits Mott's Children's Hospital, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (313) 996-2748
- RUSTED ROOT**
With Joan Osborne, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (world beat/adult alternative) (313) 961-5451
- SEE DICK RUN**
7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Mr. Musichead Records, 4212 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights. Free. All ages. (alternative rock) (810) 978-8097
- SILVERCHAIR**
6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT
- SISTER SEED**
10:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. \$3. 18 and older. (313) 485-5050
- "SKULLCRUSHERS III" VIDEO APPRECIATION NIGHT**
Featuring videos by White Zombie and Soundgarden, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 3-D,

- THAT JIVE**
8 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. Ave., Dearborn; 8 p.m. Friday, 1024 Monroe, older. (rock/funk) (313) 945-7555
- 22 BRIDES**
With See Dick House, 7 N. S. (810) 335-8100
- THE VERVE P**
With Nineteen 1, Blind Pig, 21 Cover charge. (313) 996-8555
- VUDU HIPPIE**
8 p.m. Friday, S. Woodward 21 and older. (810) 642-9400
- JAMES WAIL**
9 p.m. Friday, 29 S. Saginaw; 8 p.m. 5452 Schaefer 21 and older. (810) 334-7000
- JAMIE WALT**
Star of "Beve" Thursday, No 318 W. Four ages. (pop) (810) 546-7000
- 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. No cover before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (video) (810) 589-3344
- SLOT**
With The Lap Dogs play a WCBN benefit, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-2748
- SOLID FROG**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, New Way Bar, 23130 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (810) 541-9870
- JERE STORMER**
With Robert Jones, Sean Blackman, John Arnold and Dennis Sheridan play a "Dream Catchers" benefit at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Underground Coffeehouse in the Oakland Center's Abstinence Room, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Squirrel Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (acoustic) (810) 370-4295
- CAROLYN STRIND**
With Orgone Box, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1-Saturday, Dec. 2, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555
- SUGAR BLUE**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12. 18 and older. (blues) (810) 335-8100

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- **22 BRIDES**
With See Dick Run, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8. 18 and older. (810) 335-8100
- **THE VERVE PIPE**
With Nineteen Wheels, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555
- **VUDU HIPPIES**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 642-9400
- **JAMES WALIN'**
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1-Saturday, Dec. 2, Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 334-7411/(313) 591-3650
- **JAMIE WALTERS**
Star of "Beverly Hills 90210," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$17.50. All ages. (pop) (810) 546-7610

- **WIS**
With Gondolier and Perleza, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (313) 996-8555
- **WYTCZYNER**
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (810) 544-3030

COMMUNITY THEATER

- **PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**
"Death of a Salesman" at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville, (campus of the Northville Regional Hospital). Shows 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2; 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. (810) 349-7110
- **VILLAGE PLAYERS**
"My Favorite Year" continues weekends to Dec. 9, 752 Chestnut St., Birmingham. Tickets \$12, students, \$10. (810) 852-8941
- **THE ST. BEDE PLAYERS**
"Amahl and the Night Visitors" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Divine Child High School, Dearborn; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, First Presbyterian Church auditorium, Birmingham. Tickets \$5 adults, student/senior citizen \$3, family, \$10 (810) 557-7245

COLLEGE

- **HILBERRY THEATRE**
"Pericles" opens Dec. 8 at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre. Tickets \$9.50-\$16.50 with additional discounts for groups. Runs in rotating repertory through Feb. 24, 1996. American Buffalo, by David Mamet, opens at Studio Theatre (downstairs at the Hilberry) this week and runs through Dec. 10. (313) 577-2972
- **EASTERN MICHIGAN**
Amahl and the Night Visitors at Peace Auditorium on Friday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. (313)487-3045
- **THEATRE COMPANY**
University of Detroit-Mercy Theatre Company presents The Time of Your Life by William Saroyan, through Dec. 17. 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. \$10 adult; \$8 senior and student. (313)993-1130.
- **STAGE PRESENCE, LTD.**
The Gift of the Magi, a benefit for Hope Clinic. Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. \$12.50 adults; \$9.50 students; \$7.50 student and children. (313)995-1797

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- **GREENFIELD VILLAGE THEATRE COMPANY**
"Rumpelstiltskin," 11 a.m. Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9 & 16; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17; 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Dec. 26-30, Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Children are invited to meet the actors after each performance. Tickets \$5.75, reserved (313) 271-1620, Extension 383
- **PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS**
"Once Upon A Mattress," through Dec. 17, Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Tickets \$7 per person, includes lunch. (810) 476-3078
- **MARQUIS THEATRE**
Musical comedy "The Wizard of Oz" through Jan. 14, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Tickets \$6.50. Children under 3 1/2 will not be admitted. (810) 349-8110
- **ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK**
"Cinderella" 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday,

- Dec. 8; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills (between Woodward and Lahser). Tickets \$6, 50 percent of all proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. (810) 644-0527
- **STAGECRAFTERS**
"Mr. Scrooge: A Musical Comedy" will be presented by Stagecrafters Youth Theatre, 7 p.m. Thursday & Friday, Dec. 7-8; 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$5, all seats reserved. (810) 541-8430

- **WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS**
"Frosty the Snowman" 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 774 N. Sheldon Road (corner of Junction, near M-14). Tickets \$3 adults, \$2 children 12 and under. (313) 416-R-Art

- **PIPPEN PUPPETS**
In a holiday play, "The Golden Snowflake," 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Room 115 of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. Admission \$3.25. (810) 424-9039

- **YOUTH THEATRE**
Tom Chapin presents a family concert for young people ages 3 and older, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, Music Hall Center, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$8 at the door, \$7 in advance. (313) 963-2366

- **AVON PLAYERS**
Jack and the Beanstalk on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. \$6 adults; \$3.50 students. Avon Playhouse is on Tienken Rd., one and a quarter miles east of Rochester Rd. in Rochester Hills (810)375-1390

- **PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS**
Once Upon a Mattress based on The Princess and the Pea fairytale through Dec. 17 at the historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, across the street from Harbortown. (810)469-7548

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

- **JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE**
"The Diary of Anne Frank" to Dec. 17 in the Aaron DeRoy Studio Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (810) 788-2900 or (810) 645-6666
- **THE GEM**
Comedy whodunit "Shear Madness," set in a unisex hair salon with local Detroit references, through Dec. 31. (313) 963-9800
- **ATTIC THEATRE**
"A" My Name is Still Alice, through Dec. 31. Musical comedy review. At the New Center Theater, 7339 Third St. Detroit. (313) 875-8284
- **MASONIC TEMPLE**
Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," continues to Jan. 28 at Detroit's Masonic Temple. For information, call (313) 832-2232. (810) 645-6666

- **FISHER THEATRE**
"A Tuna Christmas" to Dec. 3. "Stomp" opens Dec. 5 and continues to Dec. 17. (313) 872-1000 Ext. 0 or (810) 645-6666

DINNER THEATER

- **STARCLIPPER DINNER TRAIN**
Nostalgic train ride, dinner, and mystery & cabaret evenings. "Murder Madness," Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings; "Who Shot the Sheriff?" Wednesday evenings; Oldies Cabaret Friday and Saturday evenings; "Hot-Time Clipper Cabaret" Sunday evenings. Call for reservations, show times. (810) 960-9440
- **KINGSLEY INN DINNER THEATRE**
RJO Productions presents "Mass Appeal" by Bill C. Davis, Saturdays through Jan. 27, at the inn 1475 Woodward (south of Long Lake) Bloomfield Hills. Dinner 7:30 p.m. followed by show. Cost \$29.95 per person. (810) 642-0100
- **BOTSFORD INN**
A Christmas Carol, performed in Victorian costume with music by the Young Family. \$10. (313)532-0546 or (810)349-9420

BENEFITS

- **LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
White Christmas Benefit with vocalist Jamie Coe and Renata DeI Signore, Johnny Trudell, Trumpet — holiday music, food and drink to celebrate the holidays, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, Italian/American Club, 39200 Five Mile Road (west of Newburgh), Livonia. Tickets \$40 per person, must be purchased in advance. (313) 421-1111
- **BORDERS BOOKS & MUSIC**
Ann Arbor based Borders is sponsoring a tele-auction to raise community awareness of and funds for the National Endowment for the Arts. The Really Rosie tele-auction coincides with University Musical Society presentations of Really Rosie. Place bids via telephone on eleven dinner theatre packages that include tickets to the performance of Really Rosie at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater on Dec. 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. (313)668-7652.
- **PHIL MARCUS ESSER**
Will perform at Temple Kol Ami Sisterhood's annual fund-raiser Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Temple. \$20. (810)569-6904.
- **ALL STAR JAZZ JAM**
To benefit striking newspaper workers and their families on Sunday, Dec. 3, at IBEW Hall Local 58, 1358 Abbott Street, east of Trumbull, south of Tiger Stadium. Stars Orhelia Barnes and other well known artists. \$5. (313)896-2600
- **STROLL FOR HAVEN**
On Dec. 6, gather on the main floor of the Palace of Auburn Hills for the annual HAVEN (Help Against Violent Encounters Now) fundraiser. Tickets from \$150 and up for strolling supper. (810)334-2343, ext. 30
- **CAST OF BEATLEMANIA**
A multi-media show is coming to the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 14, to benefit Marathon for Meals. \$25 per person. (810)645-6666

CLASSICAL

- **BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY**
Two Nutcracker performances Dec. 2-3 at 3 p.m. at West Bloomfield High School then back to regular performance spot at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph, Dec. 17 for Holiday Pops Concert. (810)645-2276

- **PIANO DUO**
Yuki and Tomoko Mack perform Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward, at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. (810)647-2380

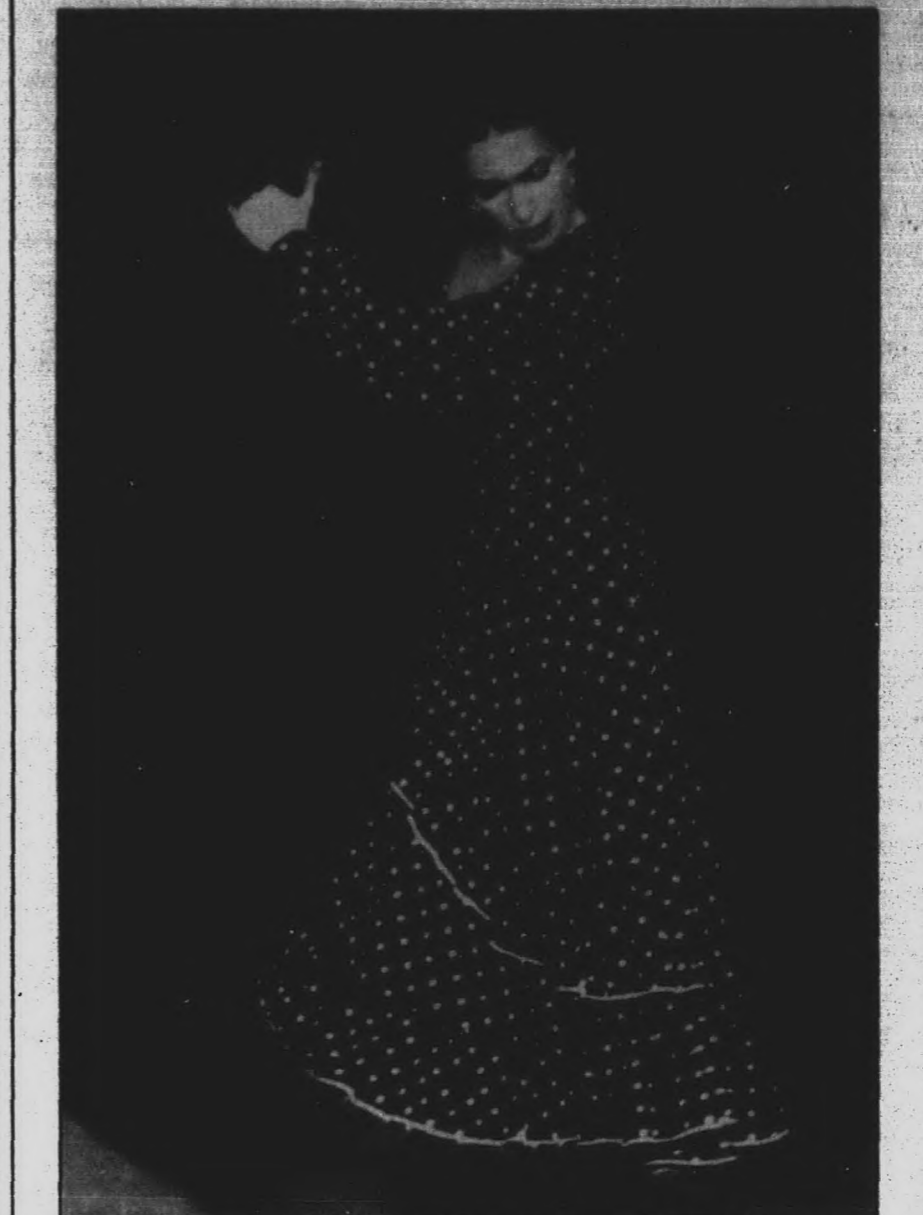
- **MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE**
Opera and holiday favorites sung by MOT professionals with audience participation: Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 23 East Adams. (313)874-7850

- **HARPSICORD RECITAL**
Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. at Northminster

- **MUSHROOM CELLAR JAZZ**
18100 W. 10 Mile Road at Southfield Road, Southfield, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays. (810) 559-4230

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- **MUSICA VIVA!**
Flamenco Show, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills. La Corja (dancer), Pedro Cortes, (guitar), Clara Filgueras, (dancer), Amparo Heredia, (singer) and company. Tickets \$17, \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. (810) 471-7667 or (810) 645-6666



Flamenco Dancer: Clara Filgueras, a Flamenco dancer from Spain, will be appearing at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills, as part of the Musica Viva series on Saturday, Dec. 2. Tickets are \$22 at the door.

Presbyterian Church, 2633 Big Beaver, Troy, between Coolidge and Adams. (810)644-5920

- **LIVONIA SYMPHONY**
Target stores, the Livonia Symphony and the Contemporary Civic Ballet present The Nutcracker on Friday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. at Churchill High School's Carli Auditorium in Livonia. (810)622-6912

- **OAKLAND FESTIVAL**
Ballet's The Nutcracker on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Royal Oak Music Theatre and Sunday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. (810)652-3117

- **LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**
The Bridge Ensemble of Seattle, Washington, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. Concert will feature piano quartets by Mahler and Dvorak and a string trio by Schnittke. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 students, seniors. (810) 357-1111

- **CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT**
Beaux Arts Trio, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 833-3700

- **BRIDGE ENSEMBLE**
Schoolcraft College's music club will present the Bridge Ensemble with violin, viola, cello, and piano on Wednesday, Dec. 6, from noon to 1 p.m. in Schoolcraft's Forum building, recital hall F530. Free and open to the public. A meet the artist reception will follow the performance. Campus is at 18600 Haggerty Rd. in Livonia (313)462-4417

- **AMERICAN ARTISTS SERIES**
American Artist Series Chamber Players 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook Campus, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (810) 851-5044

- **CHAMBERWORKS**
Music for Flute, Cello and Harpsichord, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Belian Art Center, 5980 Rochester Road, Troy. (810) 952-5207

- **CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD**
The Sutherland Ensemble, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (810) 751-2435

FOLK

- **PETER HIMMELMAN**
Singer and songwriter, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Royal Oak Music Theatre. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit's Young Adult Division. Tickets for the 21 and over event are \$12. (810) 642-4260, Ext. 241

JAZZ

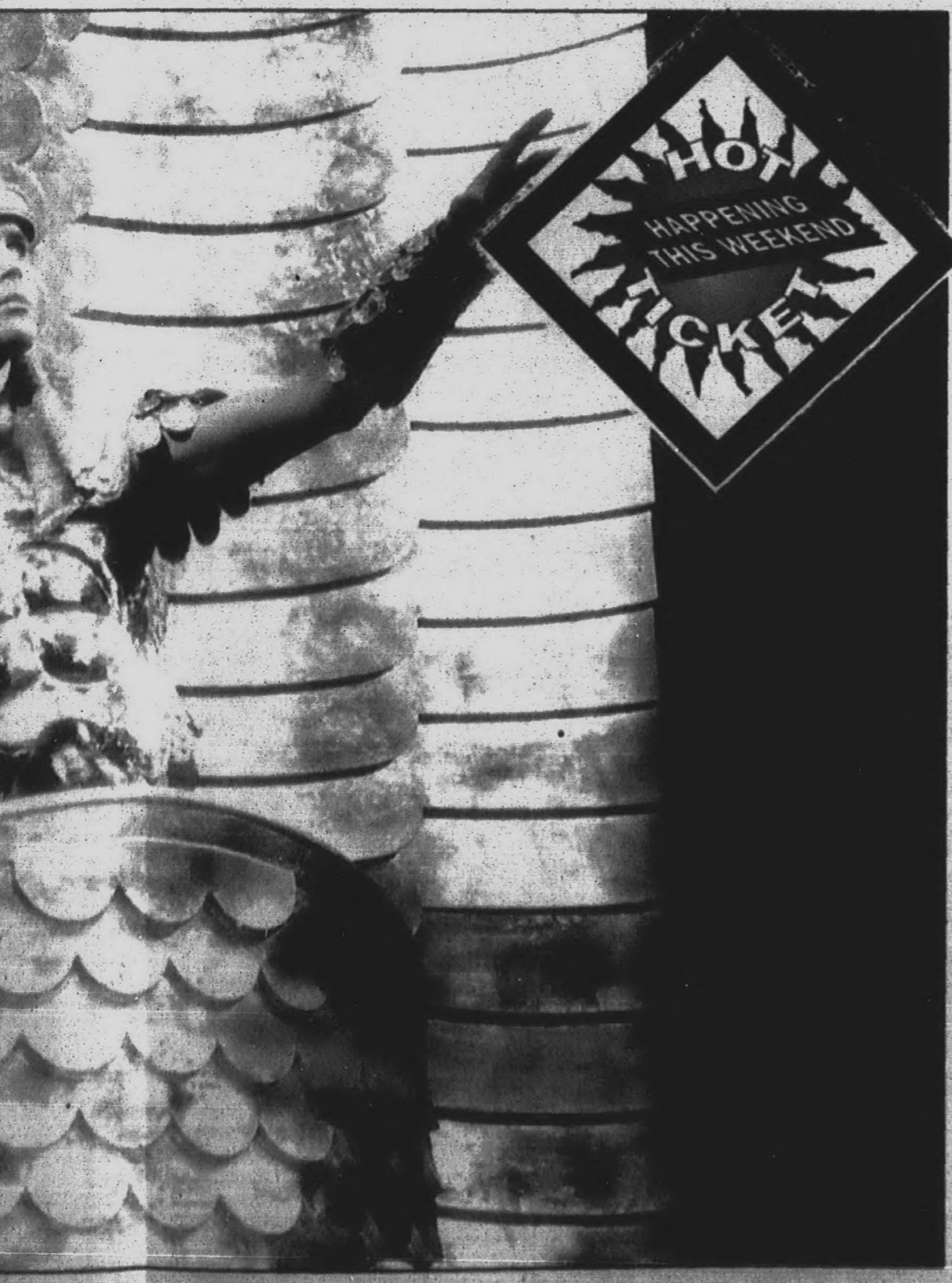
- **NORMAN'S ETON STREET STATION**
Coleman & Rhodes will be performing Thursdays. Top 40 dance Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Equinox, 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham. (810) 647-7774
- **PEABODY'S**
Paint Creek Jazz Society performs Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights, 154 S. Hunter, Birmingham. (810) 644-5222
- **ENVOY CAFE**
33210 West 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. (810) 855-6220
- **MURDOCK'S**
2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills (810) 852-0550

COMEDY

- **SECOND CITY**
New show "Whitewater Rafting," 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. (313) 965-2222
- **GINO'S COMEDY ROOM**
Bob Posch, 8 p.m. dinner, show 9:30 p.m. Fridays, 1999 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. (810) 682-6450
- **CHAPLINS WEST**
Tommy Chong with Vince Morris and Jon Uberoth, Dec. 1-2; Steve Seagren with Terry Gentner and Ron Parry, Dec. 6-9.; 16890 Telegraph, Detroit. Two shows each night 8 p.m. and 10:30. (313)533-8866
- **MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**
Bert Challis on Dec. 1-2, 8:30-10:30 p.m. showtimes. (313)741-0022
- **MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**
Through Dec. 3, as seen on Disney Tigertown and Code of Silence, Jeff Jenna. Also appearing, Donnell, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak (810)542-9900

FAMILY FUN

- **HENRY FORD ESTATE**
"It's All in Your Head: An Exhibit about the Brain" opens at Cranbrook Institute of Science continues through Dec. 31. The Institute is at 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Museum admission \$5 adults, \$4 children 3-17, senior citizens 65 and older. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. (810) 645-3200
- **NOEL NIGHT**
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 6-9:30 p.m. in the University Cultural Center, Detroit. The event highlights the best of Detroit's Cultural Center institutions and celebrates the spirit of the season with music, dance performances, craft sales, exhibits and walkways of luminaries. (313) 577-5088
- **"BEAUTY & THE BEAST"**
Tickets on sale now for this Disney Broadway Blockbuster coming to The Masonic Temple Theatre beginning March 19. Tickets \$16-\$60. (810) 645-6666
- **DINOSAUR EXHIBIT**
Recently purchased: the skull of a horned dinosaur, Anchiornis. Its display will begin on Dec. 9 in the Hall of Evolution, Exhibit Museum of Natural History, on the University of Michigan campus, at 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. 25 minute guided tours offered 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$2 a person for students and seniors; \$3 adults. (313)764-0476



and Webber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at Detroit's Masonic Temple Theatre — Abbott Middle School, West Bloomfield; Greenfield Honors Choir of Beverly Hills. For information, call (313) 832-2232 or (810) 645-6666 to charge tickets.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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MOVIES

Computer animation comes alive in Disney's 'Toy Story'

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

Computer animation has come a long way since the Oscar-winning 'Tin Toy' in 1989. The short film's combination of a drooling toddler and its favorite toy was an appropriate baby step for this state of the art cartoon process.

'Toy Story,' Disney's current holiday release, overcomes most of the clunky elements of the craft, which creates marionette-like, three-dimensional models on the computer and then programs them with various movements and facial controls. The result is a delightfully kinetic adventure that both kids and parents should enjoy.

with trepidation to discover what presents he has received. Woody, a lanky cowboy with the voice and facial characteristics of Tom Hanks, has the most to lose since he is Andy's current favorite. The new toy is Buzz Lightyear (the voice of Tim Allen), a space-man action figure who now enjoys the coveted position atop the boy's bed. Even the sheet pattern has changed from horses and lariats to spaceships and solar systems.

'DISNEY HAS DONE IT AGAIN!' Toy Story has something for everyone. Tom Hanks and Tim Allen give superb performances! Richard Corliss of TIME MAGAZINE says 'IT'S THE YEAR'S MOST INVENTIVE COMEDY!' Joel Siegel of GOOD MORNING AMERICA says 'IT'S ONE OF THE YEAR'S BEST!' You have never seen anything like this! Peter Travers of ROLLING STONE says 'IT'S ASTONISHING FUN!' Grant Tinker of SICKE & EBERT says 'IT'S ABSOLUTELY DAZZLING!' Susan Wosscoam of USA TODAY says '★★★★★' Owen Gleiberman of ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY says 'IT'S MIRACULOUS!' I can hardly imagine having more fun at the movies than I did at 'Toy Story'!

Table with 3 columns: AMC BEAUFORT AIR, AMC EASTLAND 5, AMC LAUREL PARK. Lists showtimes for Toy Story at various theaters.

JOHNNY DEPP NICK OF TIME 'A real nail-biter... Nick is a slick seducer... Nervous-rattling... Tight...Taut...Tough... Excellent actors.'

Readers share toy stories

Over 50 readers wrote and told us about their favorite childhood toys to win tickets to see Walt Disney Pictures' 'Toy Story,' which opened on Nov. 22. The first 25 readers to respond received a family four pack of tickets. Ginny Heyl's favorite toy was an 'Alice in Wonderland' doll. 'She was about 18-inches tall with golden curls and eyes that opened and closed,' wrote Heyl of Bloomfield Hills. 'When my daughter was five I gave her my favorite doll (still in her original clothes) and the doll became my daughter's favorite doll.'

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Describe favorite game for 'Jumanji' contest

Kids, ages 12 and under, briefly describe, and explain what makes your favorite game magical, to enter our "Jumanji" contest.

There will be six winners. The grand prize winner will receive a "Jumanji" sweat shirt, four Chris Van Allsburg books, including "Jumanji," and a \$10 gift certificate from the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Bloomfield Hills.

Five runners-up will each receive a "Jumanji" sweat shirt. Deadline to enter the contest is Thursday, Dec. 7.

Send entries to: Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax entries, call (313) 591-7279.

"Jumanji" a TriStar Pictures release opening at metro Detroit movie theaters Dec. 15, is a fantasy adventure about a magical board game. Two children release a man who became trapped in the game 25 years earlier, and must play the game, unleashing untold havoc and mayhem or risk being exiled back into the game forever.

"Jumanji" is based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg and stars Robin Williams, Kirsten Dunst, and Bonnie Hunt. It is rated PG.

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don't help move the action along but don't slow it down either. Songs like "You've Got a Friend in Me" and "Strange Things" are too quirky to have much hope as the popular hits that usually come from Disney cartoons.

While computer animators can masterfully manipulate objects like toys, they still have some trouble creating believable human characters, a criticism once leveled against conventional Disney animation. They sometimes have the mechanical move-

ments of robots, though the animators try especially hard in a scene where a party-full of kids (shown only by their shoes) storm into Andy's bedroom.

Though I wouldn't want to see all animated films become computer animated, "Toy Story" boldly goes where no cartoon has gone before. And unlike traditional cel animation, which probably hit its artistic peak 50 years ago, this new form is fresh and exciting and can only look better with films to come.

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

DETROIT FILM THEATRE Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call 313-833-2323 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)

"Mamma Roma" (Italy - 1962). 7, 9:30 p.m. Dec. 1 - 2; 4, 7 p.m. Dec. 3. Anna Magnani plays a retired prostitute who reclaims her 16-year-old son in order to raise him respectably. This early, relatively gentle film by Pier Paolo Pasolini has been restored through the efforts of Martin Scorsese.

"Manhattan by Numbers" (USA - 1993). 7 p.m. Dec. 4. When his unemployment checks run out, a laid-off newspaperman is so desperate to come up with enough cash that he'll do virtually anything to come up with his back rent by the end of the day.

MAGIC BAR THEATRE 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call 810-544-3030 for information. (Admission varies)

"Boys Life: First Love" (USA - 1995). 7:30, 9:30 p.m. Nov. 30. A trio of films with a gay theme as part of a monthly series sponsored by Southeast Michigan Pride. (\$6)

"Blue Velvet" (USA - 1986). 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5. In David Lynch's bizarre masterpiece, a college student home for the summer discovers the seamy underside of his quaint hometown. Dennis Hopper has perhaps his quintessential role as psycho Frank Booth. (\$4)

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

"Mighty Aphrodite" (USA - 1995). Woody Allen writes, directs and stars in this story of a father obsessed with discovering the identity of his adopted son's mother. The typically eclectic cast includes Helena Bonham Carter, F. Murray Abraham, Peter Weller, and Claire Bloom.

"Carrington" (Britain - 1995). A true story set in the 1920s England about an unconventional relationship between a painter (Emma Thompson) and an older homosexual man (Jonathan Pryce) with whom she's fallen in love. Playwright Christopher Hampton takes his first stab as director.

"Leaving Las Vegas" (USA - 1995). Just in time for the holidays, Nicholas Cage plays a suicidal alcoholic who finds his soulmate in an abused call girl (Elizabeth Shue).

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

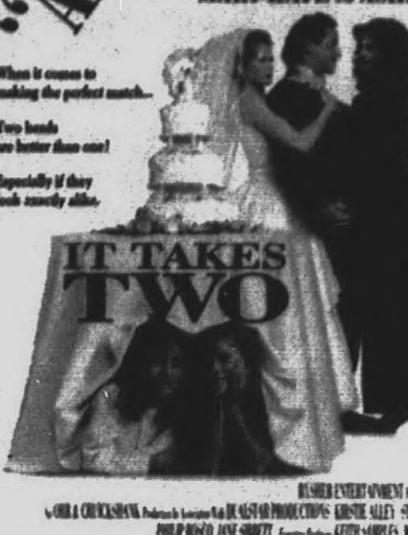
"The Crossing Guard" (USA - 1995). In this intense drama written and directed by Sean Penn, an alcoholic jeweler (Jack Nicholson) and his estranged wife (Anjelica Huston) still suffer from the loss of their daughter in a car accident.

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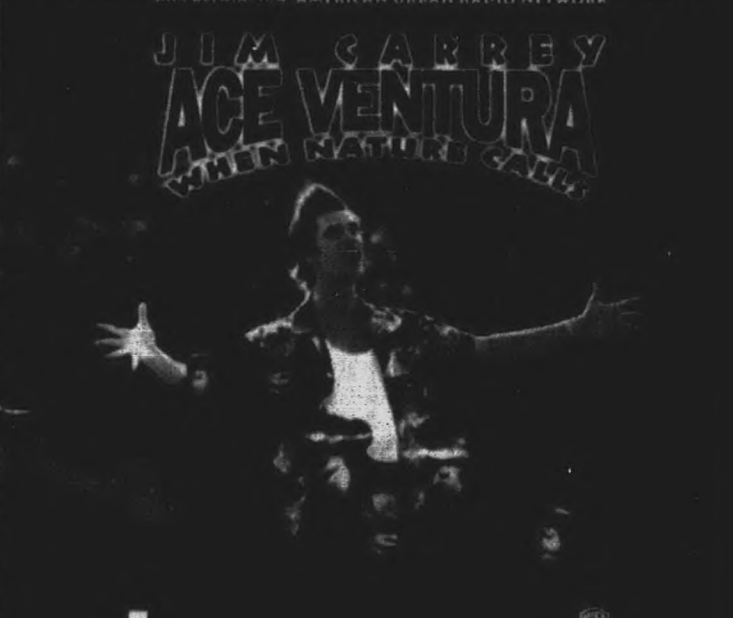
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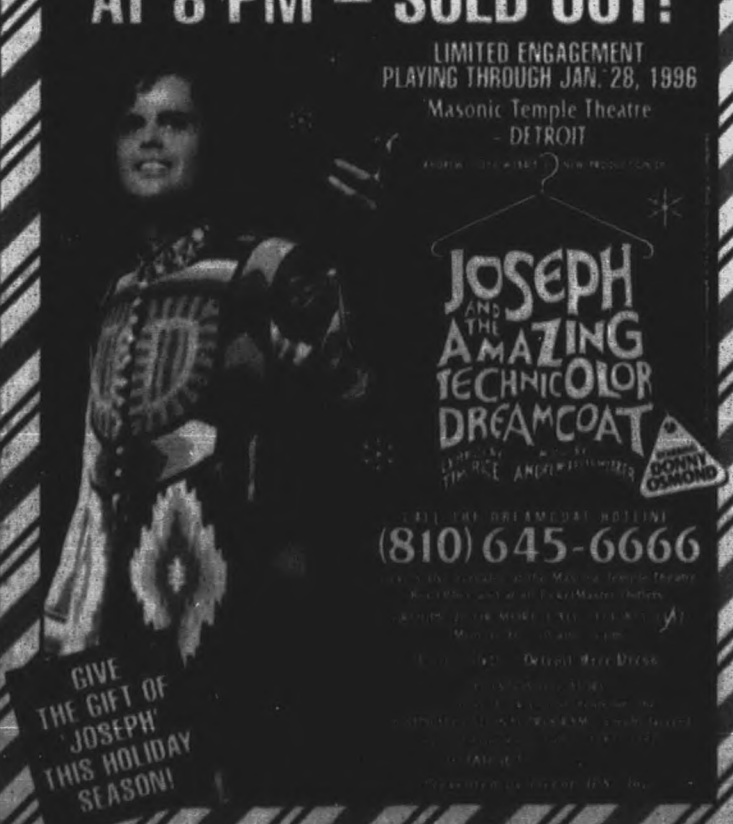
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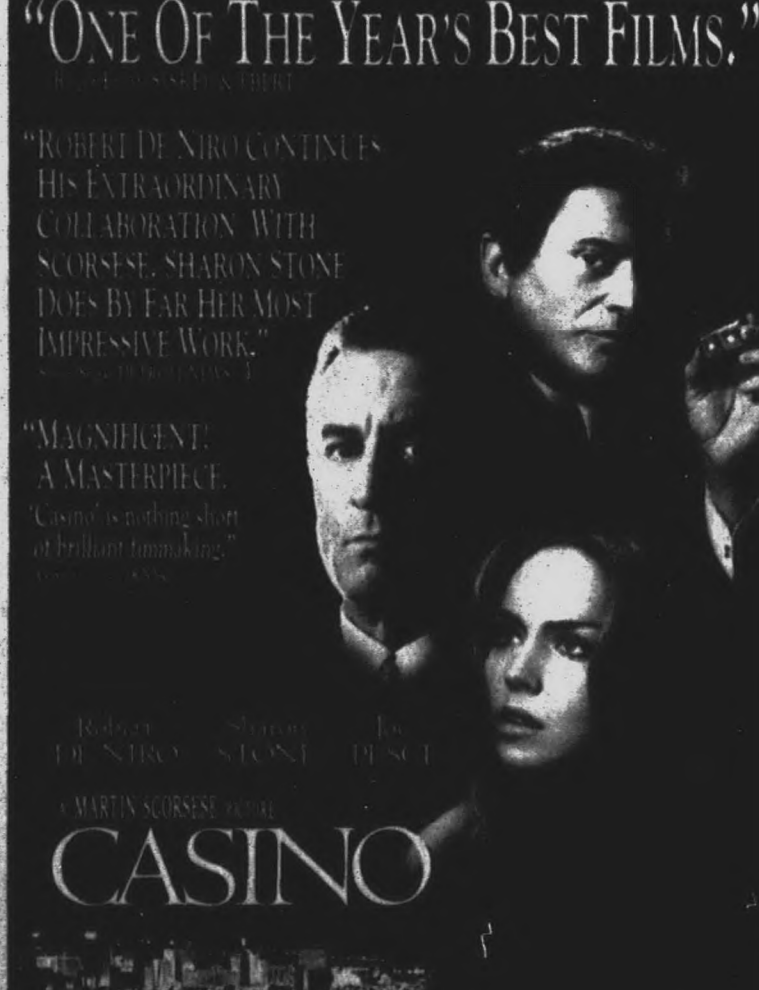
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DINING

Home cooking brings diners to Herc's

BY MARY QUINLEY

Searching for a restaurant where kids are welcome? Need to discuss business with a prospective client at lunch time? Perhaps you're in the mood for a burger and beer while watching a Red Wings hockey game.

Then check out Herc's Roast Beef & Spirits. The Livonia restaurant satisfies a wide range of taste buds. Patches of olive, beige and brown decorate the comfortable dining rooms, which seat 140 customers in booths and tables. A small bar provides service for a dozen plus patrons.

In July, Herc's closed for two weeks. The remodeling process was the first major change since the restaurant opened 17 years ago.

"We owed it to our customers to freshen it up. When you walk in, the foyer is larger. There is a sense of openness," said co-owner Sam Chemello.

Chemello, his wife Carolyn, and their son David share ownership of the restaurant.

The primary reason for remodeling stresses Sam was to expand the nonsmoking area. For the growing numbers of nonsmoking customers, this modification received positive feedback. The format of the menu also changed to make it clearer and easier to find items.

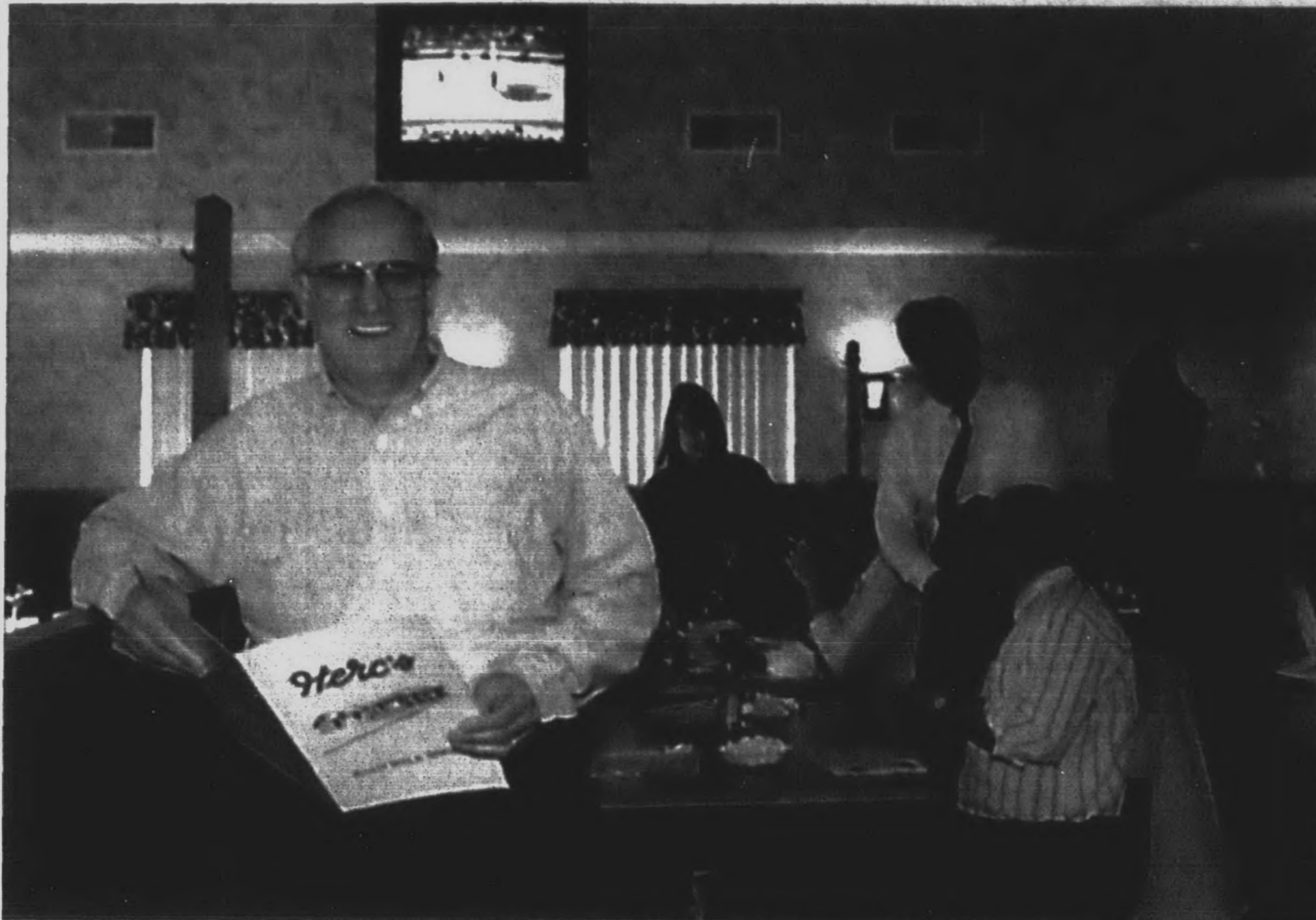
As customers walk through the front door, they enter a small waiting area. Directly ahead, the kitchen crew busily prepares food orders. Aromas of home-cooked soups and pastas, the sounds of sizzling steaks and the warm whiff of popcorn fill the air.

"We thought it was a good idea for people to see how we process the food. People like to see what's going on. We make our own bread — fresh like a pizza dough bread. We serve a lot of fresh seafood. It comes in daily," Chemello said.

A recent "Dinner Specials for Today" list included fresh calf liver and onions, sea scallops sauteed, fried or broiled; Bourbon sirloin and shrimps combo, home-style mostaccioli and meatballs and several different cuts of charbroiled or Cajun-style prime rib.

"We pride ourselves on the number of specials," David Chemello said.

Changing homemade soup



Comfortable dining room: Sam Chemello, co-owner of Herc's Roast Beef & Spirits in the newly remodeled dining room.

options consist of chicken noodle, New England clam chowder, cabbage and beef vegetable. Roast beef and prime rib are the restaurant's specialties. Kids choices are numerous and available for \$2.75 or lower.

Sam Chemello describes the food as "The type of food that you would cook at home — American home-cooked. We have a good choice of food: Italian

dishes, pasta, lasagna, seafood. With a new customer, the roast beef is what they try. As time goes on they try something else."

Larry Dillon, a Livonia resident and Herc's customer, remarks: "The (restaurant) has a character to it. I come here for business lunches and dinners. Michon, bartender and waitress, is my favorite (server). She remembers how and what I like. She makes

sure my food is steamy hot. The hamburgers and steaks are excellent — the pasta is fantastic."

For a light lunch, hearty dinner or midnight snack, the Herc's

staff delivers. Dillon knows — he's been a steady patron for 17 years.

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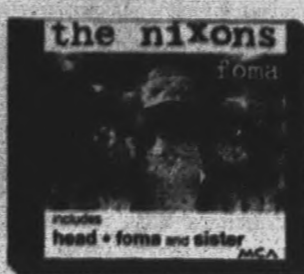
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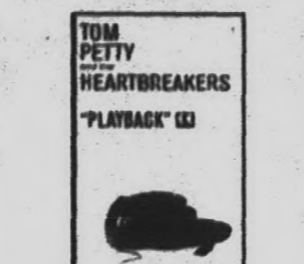
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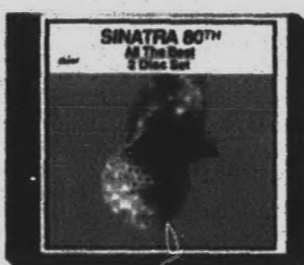
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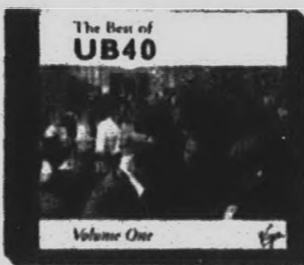
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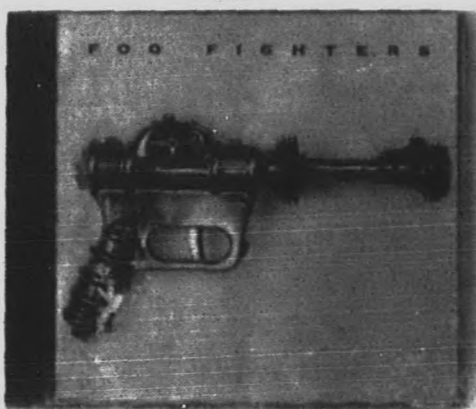
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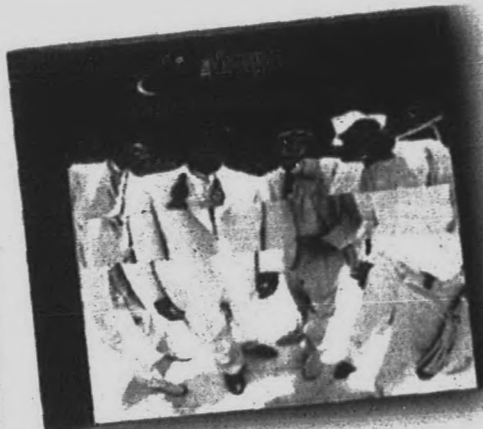
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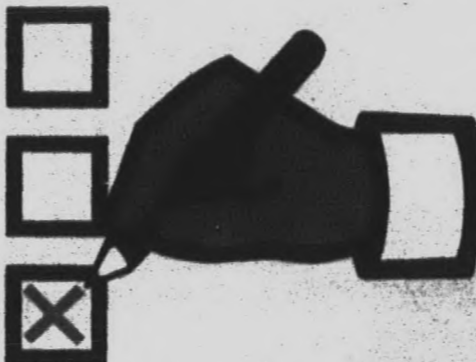


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PLYMOUTH SPORTS SCENE

Steelers win Super Bowl

There was no doubt that the two best junior varsity teams met in the Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl Nov. 12 at Westland John Glenn HS.

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers and the Ypsilanti Braves had played to a scoreless tie during the regular season, the only blemish on their otherwise perfect records (both 8-0-1 coming in).

Not much changed in the championship game, but the Steelers finally managed a dramatic comeback 7-6 victory in overtime.

Just like the regular-season game, the two teams started by playing four quarters of scoreless football, which meant overtime, each team getting the ball at its opponent's 10-yard line, first-down-and-goal.

Neither could score in the first OT, although the Steelers pushed inside the 1-yard line. The second OT produced the same results.

In the third OT, Ypsilanti scored on a fourth-down, 6-yard pass to go ahead 6-0.

On the Steelers' possession, they too managed a TD, with Chris Hardy tossing a 6-yard scoring pass to Charlie Haeger. The same pair hooked up on the extra-point attempt, Haeger catching a Hardy conversion pass — giving the Steelers their 7-6 triumph.

Defensive standouts for the Steelers were Greg Wood (blocked punt and a fumble recovery), Kevin Entsminger (an interception), and Trott and Marshall Tucker (five tackles apiece).

Other JV Steelers are: Paul Aschmetat, James Bechdol, James Brzuch, Justin Carson, Robert Dean, Jonathan DeBono, John Early, Danny Falk, John Flynn, Jerry Gaines, Brad Gentry, Timothy Kowaleski, Bobby Ladell, Brad LaVallee, Ben Mellis, Larry Mitchell, Michael Nocoloff, Chris Pisani, Jordan Robertson, John Theodore, Michael Tolhurst and Mike Tomasaitis. Coaches are Phil LaVallee, Jim Mellis, Kevin Swartzentrower and Mitch Tucker. Other team officials are Lori McDonald, Debbie Nicoloff and Jim Hardy.

College standouts

Siena Heights' women's soccer team reached the NAIA regional semifinal before its season ended with a 2-1 loss to Findlay College. At the Saints' annual fall banquet, Danielle Meyka (from Plymouth Canton) was honored when she was presented the Coaches' Award.

Meyka, a senior midfielder who was named to the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference team, was instrumental in the Saints' 12-8-2 season, which included a 7-0-1 WHAC mark.

Stephanie Gray, a sophomore at Northern Michigan University from Canton (Plymouth Canton HS), has been both a solid and consistent contributor to the Lady Wildcat basketball team.

On Saturday at NMU, the Wildcats set a school record for points in a game by blasting Northland College (of Ashland, Wis.) 119-46. Gray contributed seven points, six rebounds and two assists in 20 minutes of action. For the season, she's averaging 7.3 points and four rebounds per game.

Hockey winners

The Squirt A TNT Stingrays, members of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association, collected a championship Sunday with a 3-2 victory over the Oshawa (Ontario) Legion in the title game of the Thanksgiving Sports Extravaganza Tournament, held at Dearborn Heights' Canfield Arena.

On Saturday, the Stingrays posted a pair of shutout wins, beating the Michigan Nationals 1-0 and Southfield 2-0. In their tournament opener Friday, the Stingrays battled the Warren Panthers to a 2-2 draw.

Stingray goalie Derrick Woodring earned tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

Shooters on target

Members of the Livonia Sportsman's Club took home several medals recently at the Junior Olympic Shooting Championships held at the Edgar Arena range.

In air rifle, Shari Jedinak (Westland John Glenn) took the gold with teammates Karl Juziuk (Livonia Churchill) and Jeremy Breithaupt (Plymouth Salem) earning silver and bronze medals, respectively. Juziuk and Breithaupt won the team match.

Youth soccer champs

The Michigan United-Copa, an under-13 boys team, captured first place in the Open Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League with a 13-1 record.

Members of Wayne-Westland Michigan United-Copa, who plan to move into the Little Caesars Premier League's spring season, include Brian Balfour, Brian Collins and Ugo Okwumabua, all of Plymouth; Brian Braun, Chris Derrig, Mark Edwards, Peter Karoub (tri-captain) and Zach McKenzie, all of Livonia; Justin Smoos (co-captain), Wayne; Corey Dahn, Westland; Mike Johannes, James Thornton, Doug Radcliff (tri-captain) and Steve Walters, all of Canton.

Dave Radcliff is the head coach. He is assisted by Jim Thornton.

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Donahue sets record with SC's win

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It was a long, long wait. And at the college, when Glen Donahue chose to resume his coaching career, there was no telling when the wait might end. Donahue, who had previously coached college basketball at Highland Park CC and St. Mary's College, was two wins short of tying the state record for most collegiate coaching victories coming into this season.

While that may sound like a certainty at most schools, it was anything but at Schoolcraft. After all, the Ocelots won just three games all last season.

Donahue, however, quickly showed how he reached the victory milestone when he guided SC to its third win of the season, 104-101 over Siena Heights junior varsity Saturday in Adrian.

That upped SC's record to 3-2. It gave Donahue 518 wins for his coaching career, one more than

BASKETBALL

Gene Paxton's 517. Paxton coached at Grand Rapids CC until 1986, when he retired.

"It was elusive, because you wait 3 1/4 years to get it," said Donahue. His last college coaching post was at St. Mary's in Orchard Lake; after taking the Eagles to a pair of NAIA Tournament appearances, the program was cancelled.

That was in 1992. Since then, Donahue has coached at Bishop Borgessa HS.

But he always ached to return to college coaching.

"Who knows?" he answered when asked if he had doubts about his return to college coaching. "The first thing is, you've got to wait to get another job."

If all Donahue was interested in was getting the career record and then retiring, this was not the

best choice — and he did have choices. Madonna University was reportedly interested in hiring him before he selected SC.

Put briefly, Donahue's view on the record is that it's great — now let's get on with the season.

"You always want to try and do something no one else has done," he said. "It's quite an accomplishment."

"But I also realize that that and 69 cents will get you a cup of coffee, if you find a place that's open."

Donahue has apparently found a team open to his ideas on how to play the game. Against Siena Heights JV, the Ocelots simply outscored their opponents. They led 52-47 at the half and kept up the offensive pace.

"We held them to 101 points, for God's sake," said Donahue, a bit sarcastically. "It was a great defensive game."

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The best around

Three Rocks and a Chief earn spots on all-Observer team



Great finish: Ken Johnson, Salem's outgoing soccer coach, has been the recipient of several accolades as his final season comes to the end, but nothing could outdo winning a state title.

It's the stuff movies are made of, the perfect ending to the perfect script. Or so it seemed when Salem's boys soccer team collected the state championship in coach Ken Johnson's last game as coach. The honors keep coming for Johnson and his players, both honored in this year's all-Observer team.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER



It was the perfect ending for a long and successful career.

Having coached 295 games in 15 seasons, Plymouth Salem soccer coach Ken Johnson won a boys state championship in his final game earlier this month.

Johnson, who announced plans to retire before the season started, completed his farewell tour with a 22-3 record and Salem's first Class A boys title. The Rocks were runners-up in 1989 and '92.

"It was a fairy tale ending, like

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Borgess' best just seems too good

Spartans' Reese reaps honors as Miss Basketball

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't even close. Redford Bishop Borgess senior guard Maxann Reese is the state's Miss Basketball for 1995, easily outdistancing the rest of the vote-getters.

Reese, who has signed with Michigan State, collected 629 votes in voting by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Stacey Thomas of Flint Southwestern Academy was second with 395 and Muskegon Mona Shores' Jamie Ahlgren was third with 282.

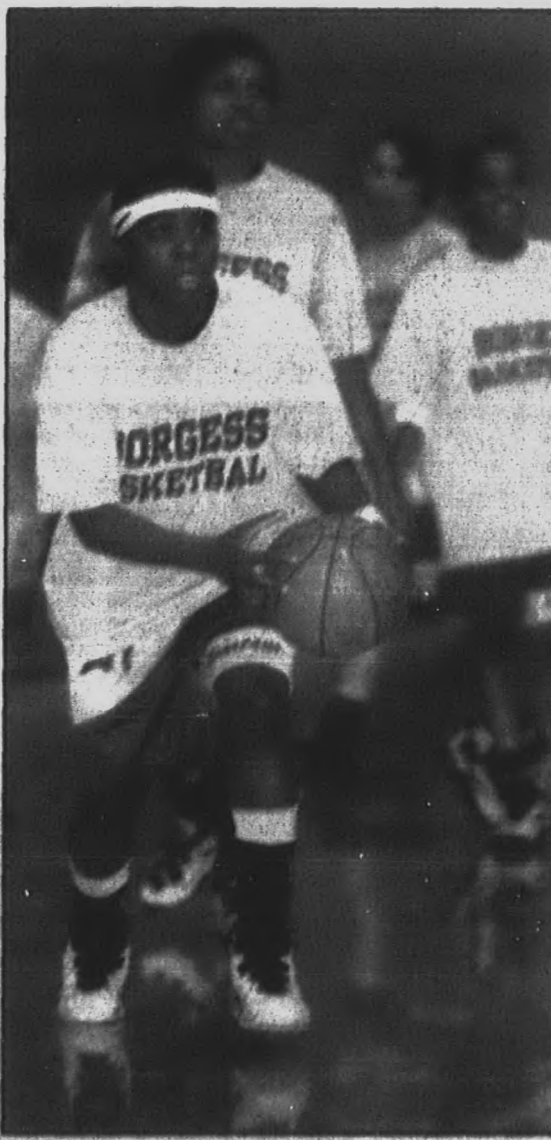
Reese was averaging 14.6 points, six rebounds and 4.5 rebounds per game for the Spartans, who are headed to Battle Creek to try for their third-straight Class C state championship.

"People would tell me: 'You have to do this; you have to score so many points,'" said Reese, who has a 3.3 grade point average. "A lot of other winners were averaging 20, 30 points a game. If that's what people voted on, then I wasn't going to win it. I just thought about being runner-up for the award. I wanted to be at least second. I know my stats weren't awesome. I wasn't going to cry if I didn't get it, but I would cry if I did get it."

Reese is the first player coached by Dave Mann to receive consideration for the Miss Basketball award.

"I'm real happy for her; she's real deserving," Mann said. "No kid loves basketball more than her. I don't know where she ranks among the past winners because there are a lot of great players on that list. But I put her at the top of the list of who loves to play the game."

— Associated Press contributed.



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Basketball's best: Borgess senior Maxann Reese has been instrumental in her team's success. Her efforts earned her Miss Basketball.

Sandusky can't keep pace with Borgess' attack

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

If this were a relay race, Maxann Reese would be getting ready to hand the baton off to Christina Anderson for the next leg.

Reese began her last week of high school basketball on a mission, scoring 22 points to lead Redford Bishop Borgess past Sandusky, 57-28, in Tuesday's Class C girls basketball state quarterfinal at Armada High School.

Reese, the state's newly-crowned Miss Basketball, who signed with Michigan State, is looking forward to a third-straight state championship.

She and point guard Adriane Bryant, a Toledo signee, have led the Spartans for four years. Following some unfinished business Friday and Saturday in Battle Creek, the site of the Final Four, the Spartans' standouts will be content to hand over the backcourt leadership role to Anderson.

The sophomore guard scored seven points against Sandusky, including a three-point shot from the corner in the fourth quarter.

"She's got the ability, speed, intelligence to do it," Reese said. "It's just how she puts it together. I can't rest easy yet, though. After the state championship, I'll rest easy, especially for Christmas, but not for long. Then I have to get ready for Michigan State."

The Spartans will be heavy favorites in Friday's 7:50 p.m. semifinal against Parchment (18-8) at Kellogg Arena. A win would put Borgess in the championship at 6 p.m. Saturday, also at Kellogg.

Sandusky, which finished 22-3 overall, gave a gutsy effort despite being outmatched at every position.

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Donahue

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Scoring balance aided SC's effort. The Ocelots had five players reach double figures. Tim Burns led with 22 points, followed by Tyris Williams with 18, Jason Maschke (from Livonia Franklin) and Dwaun Warmack with 15 apiece, and Aaron Brown with 13.

The Saints were paced by Don Marveros' 21 points, which included five first-half three-pointers. Oliver Kiefer had 17, Steve Bennett scored 16, with Matt Deveau contributing 13 and Will Daniels and Robb Camperu netting 12 apiece.

"It was the kind of tempo we like to create," said Donahue in conclusion.

Both Burns and Aaron Burks led SC with six rebounds, while Warmack finished out seven assists and Burks got six.

Against Ohio State Lima last Wednesday (Oct. 20) at SC, the Ocelots fell behind early and

could not recover in losing 111-98. SC trailed 54-38 at the half and could never really recover, although the Ocelots made a run at it in the second half. With 2 1/2 minutes left, they had trimmed the Lima lead to 97-90.

But SC could get no closer. "It is difficult (to come back) when you've already come so far," said Donahue.

Burks' 19 points and six boards topped SC. Williams totaled 16 points, Maschke had 14, and Brown and Burns each scored 12, with Burns also grabbing six rebounds. Warmack finished with nine points, seven assists and three steals.

On Saturday, the Ocelots have a rematch with Grand Rapids (C, this time at home. In both teams' season opener at Grand Rapids, SC was thumped 103-57. Saturday's game time is 3:30 p.m.



Unstoppable: That's what Borgess was against Sandusky Tuesday, with Tiffany Simon getting off a shot in the closing minutes.

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The Redskins even led 5-4 with 1:35 left in the first quarter following a basket by senior center Sara Biniecki. Leading that late in a state tournament game against Borgess is a moral victory for any Class C team.

The lead lasted only 16 seconds, however, as Reese answered with a three-pointer to put the Spartans ahead 7-5.

Borgess led 15-11 midway through the second quarter before Reese scored seven unanswered points, including a three-pointer with 1:52 left, to give the Spartans a 22-13 halftime lead.

Borgess started the second half with a 10-0 run, getting five points from sophomore center Aiysha Smith, to open a 32-13 lead.

The Redskins, who lost in the Class C quarterfinal in 1985, '87 and '92, were averaging 49.5 points per game heading into the quarterfinal.

Senior forward Lamara Legault, headed to Grand Valley State on a basketball scholarship, was limited to five points, all on free throws.

Reese, Smith, Charmaine Nixon and junior guard Regina Respert took turns guarding her. Sophomore guard Jennifer Green led the Redskins with eight.

Legault postponed knee surgery on Tuesday so she could play a

final high school game. The Redskins handled Borgess' pressure admirably but finished only five of 20 from the floor in the second half.

"We put six, seven, eight players out there in practice (to simulate Borgess' press), but it's just not the same," Sandusky coach Al DeMott said. "Reese hit a lot of clutch baskets and we couldn't get over the hump. Lamara's given us four good years."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association added a third referee, up from two, this year for tournament games beyond the regionals. It didn't make for more calls, however, as each team had only three fouls called against it in the first half.

Sandusky finished with 13 fouls to Borgess' 12.

"It was a physical game, the referees were letting it go both ways," DeMott said. "I'm sure it wasn't to our advantage. They are definitely a lot faster and more aggressive."

Bryant and Smith tied Anderson with seven points each and Respert added six off the bench.

Borgess coach Dave Mann wants to savor his last week with Reese and Bryant before turning over the reins to Anderson.

Mann wants some of the Spartans' aggressiveness to rub off on Anderson.

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Smiley twins proved pivotal in CC title run



STEVE KOWALSKI

The first day of classes at Redford Catholic Central arrived in late August and Tom Smiley was ready to get his senior year started, his twin brother Mike wasn't.

"I had to go get gas and he didn't want to wait," said Mike, recalling the first day of school. "I'm more laid back."

They are fraternal twins, not identical, and don't act alike off the field. Tom has blue eyes, Mike brown. Tom talks more than Mike. They don't even have the same blood type, which is odd for fraternal twins.

Tom's junior year ended with a neck injury in the last game against Dearborn Fordson. He left the field on a stretcher in an ambulance.

Success in the 'Dome' The Smileys attended St. Michael School in Livonia and played for the Gaels' 1991 Catholic Youth Organization championship team in the Silverdome.

His real estate agency sponsored the boys' Gus Macker Tournament basketball team, which won the Port Huron championship. Smileys' grade school pal and CC teammate Eric Gilbo (of Canton) even affectionately calls him "Grandpa."

When the two were born Nov. 21, 1977, Tom arrived in the delivery room seven minutes before Mike.

"At the hospital, Tom said to tell (defensive coordinator) coach (Rick) Coratti, 'I'll be at practice, but I'll be a little late,'" said their mother, Carol Smiley.

CC's 'Bruise Brothers' Tom, 6-foot, 203-pounds, wore No. 47 because he said it looked good. Mike (6-0, 210) wore 56 because it was worn by future National Football League hall of famer Lawrence Taylor.

They had to call for another ambulance," remembers their mother. The Smileys back each other up on the field.

The Smileys' football careers and label of teammates will end after this year. Tom wants to attend Western Michigan University and study criminal justice like his father, Jim Sr. (a police officer).

"You don't want to be always associated with your brother," Mike said.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

COLLEGIATE NOTES DePaul University sophomore Bridget MacKinnon (Livonia Stevenson) closed out the women's cross country season for the Blue Demons with a good showing at the NCAA District IV championships hosted by Purdue.

Members of the team are Brett Carbone, Sean Click, Andy Cooper, Andy Danyluk, Scott Gillies, Jon Green, Cyril Jean, Tom Krawczyk, Mike LaCroix, Josh Lutzman, Nick Niemiec, Pete Udink, Dave Waligora, Tim Weiser, Dan Wilson and Nathan Zuziak.

Redford Catholic Central graduate Mike Bruseau and Garden City graduate Jeff Kozakowski play for MSU.

Junior forward center Karen Groulx (Stevenson) was Albion College's second-leading scorer after the Britons' first two games, a loss and a win.

GLI TICKETS ON SALE Tickets to the 31st annual Great Lakes Invitational, held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29-30, at Joe Louis Arena, are on sale at the JLA box office and all TicketMaster locations.

U-M COACHES' CLINIC New University of Michigan baseball coach Geoff Zahn and members of his staff will host the 1995 University of Michigan Baseball Coaches' Clinic from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Oosterbaan Fieldhouse.

St. Norbert (Wis.) junior Jacqueline Gosz (Livonia Churchill) lettered for the Green Knights women's soccer team, which claimed its second straight Midwest Conference title. St. Norbert finished 11-5-2.

U-M plays NMU at 4 p.m. Friday, followed by MSU against MTU at 7:30 p.m. The third-place game will be played at 4 p.m. Saturday, followed by the championship at 7:30 p.m.

Assisting Zahn, who pitched in the major leagues 12 seasons and has produced one of the top instructional pitching videos on the market, will be assistant coaches Ace Adams and Chris Harrison.

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Tomasso Canton

I wrote my own script," said Johnson, the Observerland Coach of the Year. "I didn't realize we could do it until half way through the season when the team started jelling."

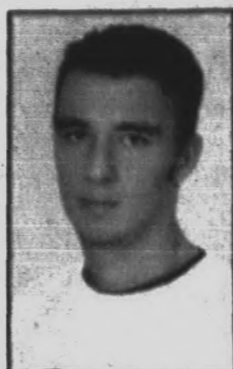
The other two (state finalists) were good teams, but this one had the best teamwork and spirit — and it had the big guns to go with it."

Salem suffered early-season losses to Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson and Troy Athens, but avenged all three defeats in the state tournament.

Johnson career record as boys coach was 203-65-27, 158-56-37 as the Salem girls coach.

His boys teams won six districts, the girls four. Each won one Western Lakes Activities Association title and three regionals.

The Salem girls were Class A champs in '87 and runners-up in '95.



Chris Curry Salem



Drew Drummond Salem



Ronny Mashni Salem



Scott Sersen Stevenson



Steve Williford Stevenson



Matt Quinter Stevenson

ALL-AREA TEAM

George Tomasso, goalie, Canton: The senior keeper was a Class A all-state selection the last two years, including first-team honors in 1995.

Tomasso allowed only 12 goals in 20 games this year — five in the last 16 — and had 11 shutouts along the way. He had a goals-against average of 0.60.

As a junior, Tomasso helped the Chiefs win the Class A championship, recording 13 shutouts while letting in a mere 13 goals in 24 games.

"He's definitely a big-game keeper, no doubt about it," Canton coach Don Smith said. "He's a strong kid, good in the air, a good all-round athlete."

Scott Sersen, defender, Stevenson: The senior sweeper was the best defensive player on a team that posted 12 shutouts. Sersen also managed to contribute five goals and six assists to the offense.

"We ran a zone defense that was second to none, and Scott was instrumental in the execution of it," coach Walt Barrett said, adding Sersen should have been a first-team all-stater but was overlooked.

"He's a leader by example and can organize complicated defensive schemes. He's the salt of the earth when it comes to defensive players."

Chris Curry, defender, Salem: The lone junior on the All-Observer team was a two-year starter at sweeper and the top defender on the state championship team.

Curry also managed to score four goals and was the Salem co-MVP.

"Chris kicks the ball a mile," coach Ken Johnson said of Curry's ability to clear the ball. "We allowed just five goals in eight playoff games, and the last three regular season games were shutouts, too."

Chris Kennedy, defender, CC: The Catholic Central senior received All-Catholic and second-team all-state honors after a fine season for the Shamrocks (10-5). Besides being the team leader on defense, Kennedy also scored six goals and had one assist. He was a three-year letterman.

"Chris has great physical size, with outstanding skills to go with it," CC coach Phil Lajoy said. "From time to time, he'd get involved in the offense, especially when we really needed him. He created problems for the other team; he has a real dangerous shot."

Steve Williford, midfielder, Stevenson: Williford's 18 assists serves a testament to his playmaking ability and value as a midfielder. He also ranked among his team's top scorers with 10 goals.

Williford was named to the high school coaches all-state dream team.

"Steve is a self-motivated, hard-working player," coach Walt Barrett said. "He was our quiet leader and a player with great individual skills. All we had to do was win one more game, and he would have been Mr. Soccer."

Matt Quinter, midfielder, Stevenson: Quinter was the other half of an outstanding

midfield combination for the Spartans. The second-team all-stater was involved in the offense a lot, accounting for eight goals and 10 assists, and also contributed heavily on defense.

"Matt has fantastic athletic abilities, great skill," coach Walt Barrett said, adding Quinter's name is well known by college scouts. "His personality helped to unite and solidify our team. For a Virginia Beach surfer, he turned out to be a helluva soccer player."

Brian Zawislak, midfielder, Churchill: Zawislak was voted the most valuable player on the Churchill team by his teammates, leading the Chargers with 10 goals and nine assists.

The first-team all-stater started every game and rarely came off the field. Churchill coach Chad Campau subbed for Zawislak once or twice the whole season.

"Brian got our offense started most of the time," Campau said. "He's good at trapping the ball and bringing it to his foot. He's quick and can beat guys one-on-one."

Tom Derhake, midfielder, CC: Derhake was often the player who coordinated and initiated the attack. The senior halfback had 23 total points this year with five goals and 13 assists.

Derhake, a three-year starter and two-time All-Catholic player, usually marked the other team's best player. He had 15 goals and 23 assists during his career.

"Tom is extremely intelligent and plays the game in a very smart manner," Lajoy said. "He has great vision and does a real good job of distributing the ball."

Eric Bowman, midfielder, Franklin: Bowman's intensity and high energy made him a leader by example and a key player in the Franklin lineup.

He had 10 goals, including the winning goal in the district semifinal, and six assists. Bowman was the team MVP.

"As much as I hate analogies linked to other sports, (Livonia Sports Editor) Brad Emons' description of Eric as Franklin's version of Pete Rose in soccer shorts was correct," Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit said.

"In some games, we played with only one center, because Eric could handle both the physical abuse as well as the technical and mental requirements that come with the position."

Ronny Mashni, forward, Salem: Mashni played four years on the Salem varsity and distinguished himself by earning a place on the coaches dream team this year.

He scored 13 goals and assisted on 21 others as a senior, pushing his respective career totals to 30 and 31. Mashni was the other co-MVP at Salem.

"The main thing he brought to the team, besides his versatility, was his toughness and aggressiveness," coach Ken Johnson said. "He was kind of our rock."

Drew Drummond, forward, Salem: Drummond received Salem's top-scorer award, tallying 22 goals and 10 assists this year.

He tied a school record for most goals in one game with five against Walled Lake



Chris Kennedy Redford CC



Tom Derhake Redford CC



Brian Zawislak Churchill



Eric Bowman Franklin



Roberto Vega Franklin



Jeff Urbats Stevenson

1995 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SOCCER TEAM

FIRST TEAM

GM: George Tomasso
DF: Scott Sersen
DF: Chris Curry
DF: Chris Kennedy
MF: Steve Williford
MF: Matt Quinter
MF: Brian Zawislak
MF: Tom Derhake
MF: Eric Bowman
FW: Ronny Mashni
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SECOND TEAM

GM: Jim Grewe
DF: Robert Gumber
DF: Pete Varga
DF: Don Warrington
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DF: Mike Lovati
MF: Chris Meyer
MF: Ken Shingledacker
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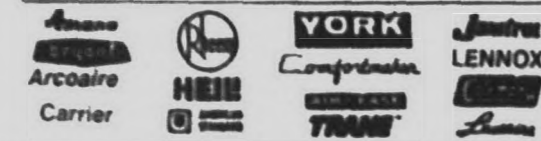
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Livonia: Neal Mower, Brendon Fry, Chris Kozars, Jesse S...
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branch. Like smoke, they give vision to the invisible wind. A seed without a parachute would simply drop to the base of the adult plant. Since adult plants already have an established root system, they would easily out-compete the new seedling. But the abundance of goldenrod illustrates the efficiency of the windblown seed. Milkweed and dogbane have large, silky tufts attached to their seeds, but most of those seed pods have already opened and released their seeds. How-

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| 100 FREESTYLE (state cut: 58.09) | Anne Arstede (Stevenson) 52.02 Lisa Kem (Stevenson) 54.61 Dana Schwaab (Hanson) 55.75 Erin Worden (Ledywood) 56.16 Lynndey Gordin (Mercy) 56.31 Ashlee Tull (John Glenn) 56.37 Kathryn Williams (Salem) 56.46 Emily Saurek (Mercy) 56.48 Jenny MacDonald (Mercy) 56.48 Carrie Ozolski (Salem) 56.71 |
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THE WEEK AHEAD

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| PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Monday, Dec. 4 (Ply. Christian Kick-Off) Ply. Agape vs. Light & Life 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 Glencoveille at 5 Field Christian 7 p.m. East Rock at Luth. Westland 7 p.m. L.V. Franklin at Garden City 7 p.m. D.H. Crestwood at Redford Union 7 p.m. Ply. Canton at Wayne Memorial 7 p.m. Dearborn at Luth. Churchhill 7:30 p.m. | Ply. Salem at Monroe 7:30 p.m. Ypsilanti at Redford CC 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 Luth. Westland at Annapolis 7 p.m. Dearborn at Liv. Franklin 7 p.m. Liv. Stevenson at Don. Fordson 7 p.m. D.H. Crestwood at Garden City 7 p.m. Ply. Salem at Southfield 7 p.m. Monroe at Ply. Canton 7:30 p.m. Westland Glenn at Ypsilanti 7:30 p.m. Redford CC at Bishop Gallagher 7:30 p.m. |
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Central comeback stops Marian

By Bill Parker
Staff Writer

Walled Lake Central's Becky Cummings wasn't listed on the roster that was handed out at the Class A girls basketball state quarterfinal game Tuesday at Ferndale.

Central's opponent, Birmingham Marian, probably wishes Cummings was absent on the court instead of just on paper. The 6-foot-1 junior center certainly made her presence known.

Cummings took control of a close game in the fourth quarter and led the Vikings to a thrilling, 60-57 come-from-behind victory over the relentless Mustangs.

She scored nine of her game-high 27 points, swatted away three of her game-high eight blocks, and grabbed four of her game-high 10 rebounds all in the fourth as Central outsourced Marian 21-13 in the final eight minutes to pull out the victory.

The win vaults the Vikings into the Final Four in Battle Creek. Central, 25-0 and ranked No. 2 in the state, meets unranked Harper Woods Regina (16-8) at 1 today in the state semifinals at Kellogg Arena. The Class A championship game will be played Saturday at 1 p.m.

CLASS A

"Cummings came alive in the second half," said Marian coach Mary Lillie-Ciccone, whose team finishes the season at 16-9. "We kept taking it to her, but she kept blocking the shots. We wanted to go right at her and get her in foul trouble, but we couldn't do it."

The unheralded Mustangs put a scare into the undefeated Vikings and actually led throughout most of the game.

Marian took a 16-15 lead on a triple by senior guard Sabrina Kassab (13 points) with 1:16 left in the first quarter and didn't relinquish it until Cummings hit back-to-back baskets from down low to give Central a 45-44 advantage with 6:16 left in the fourth.

The Mustangs regained the lead at 55-53 with 2:04 to play when Kassab stole an inbound pass under the Marian basket and went in for an uncontested basket.

But Central nailed eight of nine free throw attempts in the final 1:34 to secure the win.

Junior guard Jenny Keeler (six points) tied the game at 55 with a

pair of free throws, and Cummings gave Central the lead for good when she buried two free throws to make it 57-55.

Senior guard Jessica Alsop hit two more free throws and Cummings split a pair and grabbed two huge rebounds off missed free throws by Marian in the final 30 seconds of play.

"Deep down we thought it was going to be easier, but that's what we thought last year and we lost it," admitted Alsop, who was a member of the team that lost to underdog Plymouth Canton in the quarterfinals. "I think that loss made us want it more this year. We didn't want to go out in the same round again."

Cummings, who has scored 1,022 points in her three-year career, was the hero, but she had a wealth of support from her teammates.

Alsop finished with 15 points and two steals, and senior forward Jaelyn Pilkievicz scored nine points, grabbed three rebounds, dished off three assists and came up with three steals.

Junior guard Katie Horton came off the bench to play sterling defense on Marian's senior leader Brandi Bentley, who finished with 10 points but was held scoreless in the critical fourth quarter.

"We knew we had to shut them down in the second half," Horton said. "At this time of year, everyone has to step it up, and I knew it was my turn."

"We've worked so hard to get here. I've never been to Battle Creek, but I don't mind visiting for this."

Senior forward Alexis Koenig finished with 13 points for Marian, and sophomore guard Breann Walas netted 11.

First-year Central coach Steve Emert will also be making his first trip to Battle Creek and his first appearance in the Final Four. Emert is the longtime boys coach at Central and guided his team to the state quarterfinals in 1993 only to lose to the eventual state champion Detroit Pershing.

"This is exciting; it's great for Walled Lake, and it's nice to see Walled Lake kids going there," said Emert. "This is really a unique group of young ladies. Their battle cry all year has been 'one' because they want to play as one unit."

Kerr puts Country Day in Final Four

By Chris Mayer
Staff Writer

An injured Katie Kerr watched from the bench last season as Detroit Country Day lost in the Class B quarterfinals to Dearborn Divine Child.

But she is healthy this year and a major reason the Yellowjackets are headed for Battle Creek for the Final Four in girls basketball.

Kerr, completely recovered from a torn left anterior cruciate ligament, scored a season-high 22 points Tuesday, and Country Day used some sparkling half-court defense to smother upstart Monroe Jefferson 74-53 in a Class B quarterfinal game at Carleton Airport.

The win spoiled Jefferson's first quarterfinal appearance and enabled the Yellowjackets to return to the state semifinals for

CLASS B

the first time since 1992.

No. 4 Country Day's opponent will be top-ranked Paw Paw. The undefeated Redskins (26-0) earned a spot in the Final Four with a 69-48 triumph over No. 8 Muskegon Heights.

Tipoff is scheduled for 2:50 p.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. A victory would put DCD in the final at 8 p.m. Saturday.

"This is great," said Kerr, a senior guard who made four three-pointers and was a perfect 8-of-8 from the field. "Our goal is to reach that final destination, and we've made it to Battle Creek. We've had to take a lot of steps to get here, and we've played some very good teams in the tournament."

Kerr was a freshman when veteran coach Frank Orlando's Yellowjackets dropped a Class C state semifinal game to Elk Rapids in 1992.

A trip to Battle Creek again eluded DCD in '93 and '94, but Kerr and senior teammates Pam Bierzynski, Kerry Duggan, Jennifer Kostecke, Terika Richardson and Andrea Desy made good on their final opportunity.

"I'm really happy for these players, especially the seniors, to be able to have this experience," Orlando said. "We came into a gym Monroe Jefferson had played at this season. It was a pressure situation, and we had lost in the quarterfinals last year. But we're going to Battle Creek, and I hope we can enjoy it."

DCD, which won the 1989 Class

C state title, trailed only once (4-2) and put 11 players into the scoring column. Kerr netted 17 of her points in the first half, and was one of three Yellowjackets to reach double figures.

The Yellow Jackets shot a blistering 64 percent (30-of-47) in perhaps their best shooting performance this season, but it was a stingy man-to-man defense that kept the Bears (21-5) at a distance. Jefferson was guilty of 19 turnovers and had trouble executing its half-court offense.

"They have a good, aggressive defense," Jefferson coach Dallas Powers said. "But we really don't see that kind of talent and teams with that many quality players. I wouldn't be surprised to see them do very well this weekend."

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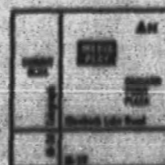


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Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School. Call (313) 420-2965 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and

a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

SNACKS WITH SANTA
A program including a hayride, a visit with Santa, a snack and a chance to sing holiday songs will be held throughout the day on Dec. 2, 3, 9 and 10 at the Kensington Farm Center. Admission is by advance ticket purchase only, (810) 685-1516. A similar program will be held Saturday at Indian Springs.

DEER HUN WALK
A naturalist-led hike on one of the park's longer nature trails begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.

DOUGH ART REINDER
Learn to make holiday decorations using a salt dough mixture in this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

DREAM CATCHERS
Learn to make a Native American dream catcher during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Sunday at Stony Creek. There is a \$3 fee per person and materials

will be provided.
MYSTERY WALK
A fun-filled hike for the whole family begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

FULL MOON WALK
An evening hike under the light of the "Cold Moon" begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Stony Creek. A similar program begins at 7 p.m. at Kensington.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area and Highland

Recreation Area are offering nature interpretive programs throughout the fall. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury (810) 349-8390, for Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433.

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MEETINGS

FRIENDS OF BALD MOUNTAIN
Friends of Bald Mountain will hold a membership meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in the shooting range building at the Bald Mountain Recreation Area, 1330 E. Grenshield Road in Lake Orion. Naturalist Jonathan Schechter will present a slide program on wolves in Michigan and will also discuss coyote sightings in Oakland County. There is no fee and the meeting is open to the public. Call (810) 693-6767.

SEASONS

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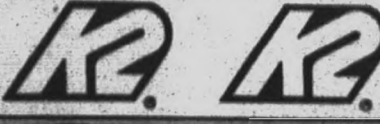
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Hunters, anglers, naturalists, conservationists, birders and anyone else interested in the outdoors take note: the 57th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference is returning to Detroit for the first time in 10 years.

Entitled, "Restoration Reality or Delusion," the conference is open to the public and will be held Sunday through Wednesday, Dec. 3-6, at the Westin Hotel in the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

A social event kicks off the activities on Sunday night. More than 200 seminars will follow on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Speakers will cover topics specifically related to fisheries and wildlife and most of the talks are scheduled for 20 minutes in duration.

There are 121 seminars dealing with fisheries covering topics such as habitat assessment, cold water and warmwater species, the Great Lakes, habitat management and more. A walleye symposium will be held on Tuesday.

There are 112 seminars dealing with wildlife covering such topics as raptors and upland birds, songbird ecology, deer and elk ecology, research methods, wetland animals and more. A symposium on migratory neotropical birds will be held on Tuesday.

Peggy Johnson, of the Clinton River Watershed Council, is one of four plenary speakers opening the conference on Monday morning. Johnson, who directed the Clinton River Watershed Council for 21 years, will focus on watershed management and what's in it for fish and people.

A special workshop called "Fishing for Solutions" will also be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3. Participants in the workshop will take a close look at commercial fishing in the Great Lakes. A wildlife art show, featuring the work of David Bollman, winner of last year's Michigan Waterfowl Stamp contest, will run Monday and Tuesday.

For registration and more information call Lori Sargent at (517) 373-9418 or Mike DiCapita at (517) 337-6650.

Successful deer hunters

The firearms deer season ends today but deer hunting opportunities are far from over. Archery season resumes tomorrow and continues through Jan. 1 while the muzzleloading season runs Dec. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 8-17 in the Lower Peninsula.

Observer & Eccentric area hunters are encouraged to report their success. Please include the hunter's name and city of residence, where the deer was taken (county), means by which the deer was taken, (bow, gun, muzzleloader), and a phone number in case I need additional information. Also include any interesting facts about the hunt. Send the information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call me in the evenings at (810) 901-2573. Please remember to leave your phone number.

A number of youth hunters highlight this week's successful hunter reports.

■ Glen Roland Heinrich shot his second buck in as many years, but the 15-year-old Canton youth may have dug himself a hole in the process. Having shot a 6-point last year during his first firearms season, Heinrich topped that this fall by dropping a 9-point on opening day. The deer dressed out at 140 pounds and was taken in Presque Isle County. Word is, the elders in camp said Glen's not invited back next year. Maybe they'll chill-out by then and just make him cook and wash dishes before he hunts.

■ Jeff Oliver accomplished in one year what some hunters take years to achieve — he bagged a deer with a bow and arrow. Let's face it, despite all these successful hunter calls, there are thousands of deer hunters out there who go deerless each year. Oliver

is not one of them this year. The 14-year old Clarkston archer shot a button buck on Nov. 14 while hunting with his father near Bergland in the Upper Peninsula.

■ My nephew, Justin Parker, is another successful youth deer hunter. The 14-year-old Oxford hunter shot a 3-point buck on opening day of the firearms deer season. Hunting with his dad's Ithaca 12 gauge shotgun, the same gun I took my first deer with, he dropped the buck near dusk on a farm in Oakland County.

■ Canton's Corey Lasley shot his very first buck on opening day while hunting with his dad in Emmet County. The 17-year-old was ready to leave his blind when a doe appeared. Her presence encouraged Corey to stay put and the move paid off. Fifteen-minutes later he shot a 5-point.

■ On Nov. 16, Bill Lasley, Corey's dad, filled his buck tag with a dandy 9-point. The elder Lasley admitted he was about to fall asleep when the buck appeared.

■ Rochester's Bob Zeeman shot a 4-point on the third day of the firearms season. Zeeman was hunting on the edge of a swamp on state land near Kalkaska.

■ John Chippi, of Union Lake, bagged a nice 6-point with his bow on Nov. 3. Chippi was hunting from a tree stand on private land in Livingston County. The buck dressed out at a whopping 150-pounds.

■ Bow hunter Keith Eversole took his second deer in two years on Nov. 13. Hunting from a tree stand on private land in Oakland County, the Oxford resident arrowed a 120-pound doe during an afternoon hunt on Nov. 13.

■ Ed Jewell didn't get a shot during the first archery deer season, but he wasted little time filling his buck tag when the firearms season rolled along. The Lapeer hunter dropped a spike buck on opening day while hunting private land in Oakland County.

If you've reported a successful hunt and haven't seen it yet, don't despair. I still have a stack of reports to get to.

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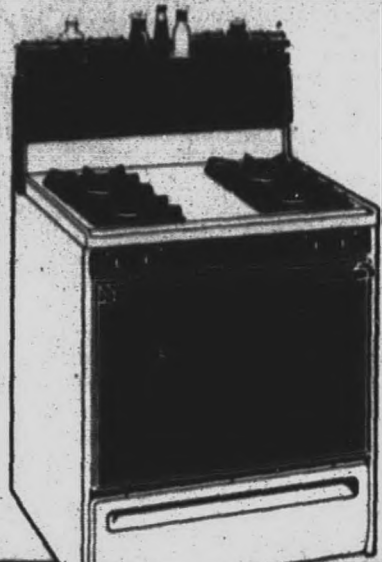
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Madonna avenges earlier loss

It's still early, but it is nice to see some improvement.

Which is what Madonna University's men's basketball team showed in its game at home last Saturday against Ohio Dominican. The Fighting Crusaders had opened the season at Dominican Nov. 11 with a 79-74 overtime loss.

This time it was Dominican that couldn't keep pace. Madonna led 33-30 at the intermission and managed to keep the visitors down in the second half, posting an 89-81 triumph.

The win pushed Madonna's record to 2-4 for the season.

The difference: shooting. Only Brandon Slone (from Plymouth Salem HS) shot less than 50 percent from the field for the Crusaders, and Slone was 3-of-7, scoring 11 points and grabbing six rebounds.

Madonna was 30-of-52 from the floor (57.7 percent), including a blistering 18-of-25 in the second half (72 percent).

But it wasn't just from the floor that the Crusaders ruled. Dominican, which was 30-of-66 from the field (45.5 percent), missed too many free throws, converting just 12-of-24 (50 percent) for the game, including 9-of-20 in the first half (45 percent).

Madonna made 25-of-34 from the line (73.5 percent), outscoring

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Dominican by 13 points at the stripe.

Four other Crusaders joined Slone in double figures in scoring: Frank Zielinski totaled 23 points and a team-high seven rebounds; Jeff Kennedy had 18 points, three assists and three steals; and Christian Emert and Mike Maryanski scored 10 apiece, with each also getting three assists and Emert making three steals.

For Dominican, Chris Kitamiller had 19 points, Mike Roberts scored 17, Kurt Pottkotter netted 14, and Michael Bell finished with 11.

The Crusaders travel to the Transylvania Tournament in Lexington, Ky., this weekend.

Ind. Wesleyan 77, Madonna 73 (women): A slow start again cost the Lady Crusaders Monday at Indiana Wesleyan.

Madonna (now 4-5) fell behind 37-26 by halftime and never caught Wesleyan, although the Crusaders did get as close as two.

Unfortunately, that came with five seconds left.

"We got down in the first half and had to climb back again," said Madonna coach Bill Potter, taking note of a troublesome hab-

it. "We made a real nice comeback. But because they're so young, they don't realize how long a 40-minute game can be."

Madonna shot just 30 percent from the floor in the first half, including 0-for-7 from three-point range. The Crusaders improved significantly in the second half, converting 42 percent from the field and going 8-of-18 on three-pointers.

But it wasn't enough.

Potter estimated 20 of his team's misses (the Crusaders were 26-of-73, 35.6 percent) were inside of 10 feet, including four layups.

Mary Murray did her share, however, collecting 25 points, six rebounds and two steals, hitting 5-of-7 threes.

Katie Cushman, who was named to the all-tournament team last weekend at the Aquinas Tournament — Madonna split its two games, losing to Grand Valley State and beating Calvin College — had 15 points and four assists against Wesleyan.

Dawn Pelc and Angie Negri each scored eight points, and Francine Williams totaled seven points, 11 rebounds, four assists, four steals and two blocked shots.

Wesleyan, which improved to 4-2, was led by Leah Miller with 28 points. Deb Porter scored 19.

The Crusaders are now idle un-

til they host Albion College at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Lansing CC 66, SC 55 (women): Getting baskets in the early going has been a problem for Schoolcraft College's women's team.

Against Lansing CC Saturday, the Lady Ocelots spotted the visitors an eight-point lead, committing three-straight turnovers. After that, it was a matter of playing catch-up, which SC did successfully, building a four-point lead in the second half.

But the Ocelots couldn't hold it. Committing 35 turnovers certainly didn't help.

Julie Schmidt's 18 points and 11 rebounds paced SC. Christine Edwards had 14 points and Becky Billieki netted 13. Lansing got 20 points and eight boards from Ebony Dickerson, 11 points from both Erin Battie and Alisha Davis, and 10 points from Shelly McGee.

"Basically, we're overloaded with freshmen," said SC coach Ed Kavanaugh. "We're doing some things good every game, and some things not so good."

"This is a good team. It's just a matter of meshing, of putting it all together."

The Ocelots, 3-4 for the season, play at the Owens Tech Tournament in Toledo this weekend.

SC's spectacular season ends at NJCAA

BY C.J. RIBAK
STAFF WRITER

There were no surprises left in Schoolcraft College's bag.

Not this time.

The Lady Ocelots traveled to the NJCAA National Volleyball Tournament Nov. 20-23 at Miami-Dade Kendall CC, facing 15 of the nation's best junior college programs. They came in as a long shot: They had only seven players on the team, all of them freshmen.

It was a team that wasn't expected to win the Eastern Conference, let alone the Region 12 title. But the Ocelots did both.

However, they couldn't survive the field at the NJCAA finals. Seeded 11th going into the tournament, that's about where the

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Ocelots finished, going 1-2 in pool play, which eliminated them from further play.

SC concludes its highly successful season with a 33-21 record.

"We did not have the talent some of the teams did," said coach Tom Teeters. "But if we were to vote which team got the most out of its talent, we would be at the top of the list."

SC lost its first two matches of the tournament on Monday, falling to eighth-seeded Sheridan (Wyo.) 15-11, 15-7, 15-12, and No. 1-seed College of Southern Idaho 15-10, 15-9, 15-7. On Tuesday, the

Ocelots beat Bethany Lutheran (Mankato, Minn.) 12-15, 15-6, 15-5.

Southern Idaho went on to collect its third-straight NJCAA championship, beating Miami-Dade Wolfson in the final. It was the first time two unbeaten teams met in the tournament final; Southern Idaho concluded the season with a 65-0 record, while Wolfson finished 32-1.

Leading SC in the three matches were Hermina Angeles, with 32 kills and 35 digs; Michelle MacRae, with 34 kills and 10 blocks; Tracy Sledz (from Livonia Clarenceville), with 22 kills and seven aces; Andrea Greer (Livonia Franklin), with 88 assists-to-kills; Stacy Sailus, with 17 kills and 14

blocks; and Jamie Clark (Livonia Churchill), with 11 kills and 28 digs.

Even though it may have seemed as if the Ocelots were out-matched by many of the teams in the NJCAA field, Teeters was undaunted.

"You never know for next year," he said. "We developed a lot from what we had. And everything goes in cycles."

But how much can SC improve? Enough to make a run at the likes of Southern Idaho and Miami Wolfson?

Teeters has no problem playing the best. "I like the challenge," he said. "I look forward to it."

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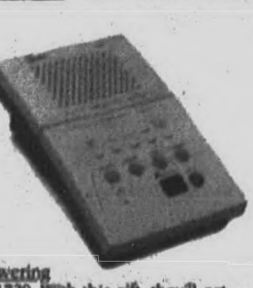
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INTERIOR MOTIVES

Some things to know about antique shows



NAOMI STONE LEVY

Before you enter the premises of an antique show you need to acquaint yourself with some of the terminology that you will hear as you tour the aisles.

What qualifies an "antique"? Our U.S. government says it must be 100 years old or it cannot enter the United States without

paying duty. That is a dramatic difference from "only old."

Is this a "vetted" show? Most of them aren't, but it adds to the prestige if it is. "Vetted" guarantees that all of the articles are as represented — no fooling! What more can one ask? Said antiques have passed a review board before entering the show. The reputation of the dealer is at stake. You are more comfortable when paying for your treasure. You are attending a fine antique show.

When a dealer says this item "is of the period" he or she has told you it was made in that period, not just resembling that era. As an example, "circa 1850" means it was literally fashioned in 1850 or before, not after. This is vital information, not to be treated lightly.

Most of the local shows aren't "vetted," nor are the dealers as knowledgeable. This doesn't mean you should stay away. There are wonderful treasures within, and you will learn to discern which are the goodies. But let the buyer beware!

You are about to begin your tour. Armed with the program as a guide, head for Booth No. 1. Lay out your pathway so you won't miss anything, nor retrace your footsteps.

A fast tour of the booth tells me this dealer doesn't have my kind of artifacts. Hold it — there is a wonderful collection of cut crystal including a charming vase. The price is right, so here goes the first note in the program. Having a limited amount of money to spend today, I cannot be hasty.

Onward. Booth No. 2 contains very beautiful elaborate and fussy items; not

for me. After attending many shows I have learned one important lesson. Don't try to eyeball each and every item. Let your eye come to rest only on that which has real appeal. I politely thank the dealer and proceed to Booth No. 3.

Ah-h-h! So many things appeal to me this booth will take a lot of time. First of all I make acquaintance with the dealer and ask a lot of questions. There is a pair of Celadon vases that are lovely. Into the program goes the size and price. Also noted is a charming tiny table of Chinese origin. My all-time favorite accessory is Oriental Export porcelain, and here is a lovely bowl on a teakwood stand. With assurances of returning after a complete tour of the show, I proceed.

Booth No. 14 has a single Celadon vase, far more appealing than the first pair. It has more age and is "crackled." I prefer a pair but cannot ignore this one.

Aisle after aisle and booth after booth, I am exhausted. I opt for the tea room and siesta time and, in a relaxed atmosphere, out comes the program. Carefully assessing the aforementioned notations, I mark off planned purchases. Checkbook in hand, I decide it is time to return to the show.

The first purchase is the cut crystal vase, almost ignored on the first go-round. Next is the Chinese table. Darn it — sold to someone else! Was it smart to procrastinate? That was the chance taken. Yes, I want the Oriental Export bowl. Additionally, I buy the single superior Celadon vase.

With packages in hand and happily heading for the parking area, I have had an extraordinary day and learned a lot. Always keep in mind that every expert was once a beginner!

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Hudson's introduces Tracy Porter

Hudson's is introducing the "Tracy Porter The Home Collection" to its customers.

The line includes tapestry throws, rugs, pillows, placemats and hand-painted wooden accessories. Porter's designs are enchanting compositions of color, texture and pattern and are available at Hudson's Twelve Oaks and Summit Place stores.

Porter, the designer of the collection, will make two special appearances at Hudson's stores Saturday, Dec. 2. She

will introduce customers to her new line noon to 1 p.m. at Twelve Oaks and 3-4 p.m. at Summit Place. Both events are free and will take place in the Bed and Bath Department. Tea and cookies will be served.

Porter was raised on a gentleman's farm in central Wisconsin. Because of her experiences there, she drew from the country a love and respect for all of Mother Earth's creations. Her designs for the collection are all inspired by nature.

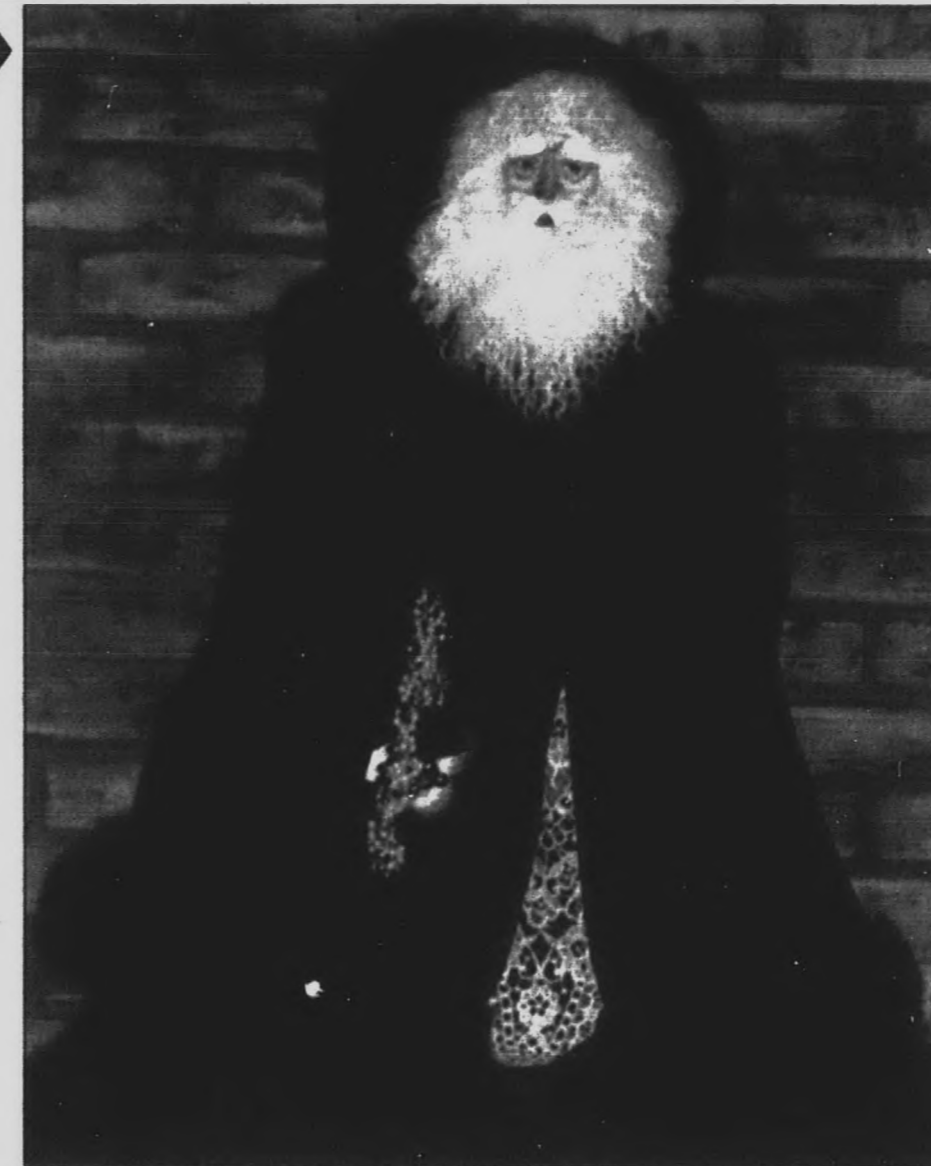
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Their faces are hand-painted porcelain and their beards are made of wool. Cost is \$250 for most of the figures, \$300 for one in mink. One Father Christmas is about 41 inches tall, wears dark green, fur-trimmed velvet and carries a gold trumpet; his cost is \$1,000. Call the church at (313) 729-7550.



What's brewing

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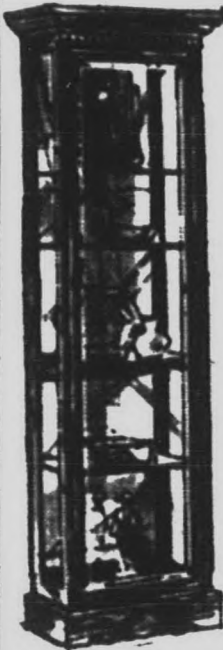


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INVITING IDEAS

Take a break for a cup of Java



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Coming down from Thanksgiving? Mentally gearing up for Christmas? Take a break and do a cup of Java with a friend.

While the coffee house revival is upon us — doing a coffee break at home could be a fun, simple, and relaxing way to spend some downtime. No big menu to plan, a minimum of ingredients — accouterments included, and easy preparation — once you decide on what type coffee and how you choose to prepare it.

What is it about coffee that makes it an event? Does anyone ever call you and ask you to go out for a diet pop — no, they say, "Let's go grab a cup of coffee." For some, it's that instant perk in the morning, for others it's that relaxing cup to a accompany their paper, or a time to get together with a close friend and share details (good and bad). Twenty some years ago, when I was hooked on books and collecting rare, first edition Dickens and books by the prolific Frank Swinnerton, I had the brilliant idea that it would be great fun

to own a book shop with a coffee house. I should have followed my gut, now we can all go within a five mile radius of our homes and find that concept throughout every community. Coffee houses date back in history to a time before the 13th century — certainly not a new concept, just new marketing.

Is it the fresh brisk aroma of freshly roasted coffee beans that becomes the enticement for that expectant first sip? Coffee connoisseurs will fervently discuss their views of what makes coffee great, it all seems to be in the beans. "Cupping" or "cupstesting" with its rituals and scientific process makes coffee tasting a simple practice, yet, the tasting becomes as precise as tasting wine. Are we ready for Java Sommeliers? The Starbucks folks feel the four fundamentals of a great cup of coffee are: proportion, grind, water and freshness, and needless to say from their perspective, great beans! The general public, the coffee drinking public, picks its favorites by taste — is there a great deliberation on flavor, acidity and body — perhaps, but it still comes down to just plain personal taste.

The amount and types of coffee out on store shelves for consumers to peruse and choose is overwhelming — blends abound and pot types are numerous — you will find there are enough models of coffee machines on the market, you will wish you lived in a third world nation and only have one choice — espresso machines, drip-types (manual and electric), French press (plunger pots), cold water brewers, vacuum pots, Moka stove-top brewers, metal-flip drip pots — I wasn't kidding!!!

Corby Kummer, a well-respected food writer and the senior editor of Atlantic Monthly has written an entire book on coffee — The Joy of Coffee, published by Chapters Publishing 1995. Corby's book is for the serious coffee aficionado — tracing the roots/routes of coffee, all done in conversational (witty) style and loaded with facts including how to make the perfect cup of coffee at home!!

Take a coffee break, make it easy or intense — choose your favorite coffee (keep in mind what type of pot you are using) add some simple go-togethers (granola, mandel bread a cheese Danish, a bagel or a fabulous rich custardy pastry or a thick, creamy chocolate truffle). Coffee accouterments can include things like fresh cream sugar cubes — brown or white, chocolate shavings, peppermint sticks, honey (honey straws), cinnamon, cardamon, crystallized ginger, Italian coffee flavorings, whipping cream, or flavorful liquors, and share some kindness with a special person in your life.

A morning get-together edible:

This is a basic British recipe, you can add nuts, coconuts, or a variety of dried fruits (cranberries, blueberries, or cherries), or add an actual icing to the top. Serve buns plain or with whipped butter or clotted cream — have some jams,

curds, and marmalades on hand, just in case! This makes 16 buns.

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- 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
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Basic Bun Ingredients:

- 1 pound bread flour, warmed (350 degree oven 6-8 min.)
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons bun spice
- ¼ cup warm water
- 2 teaspoons fast rise yeast
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- ¼ cup softened unsalted butter or margarine
- ¼ cup (or a bit more) currants or raisins

Glaze Ingredients:

- 1 egg, plus ¼ teaspoon salt beaten
- 4 tablespoons apricot jam, heated and sieved

Directions:

1. Sift the warm flour, sugar and bun spice into a large bowl. In a glass measuring cup, combine the warm water and yeast — stir to dissolve. Make a well in the flour mixture and add the yeast liquid, eggs, butter and dried fruit — place some of the flour over the liquid and let sit about five minutes (bubbles should appear).
 2. Combine the ingredients and turn out onto a work surface. The dough will appear sticky — do not add extra flour. Rub hands with flour and knead dough in a rocking motion or process in a food processor until smooth.
 3. When dough is smooth, place in a lightly oiled bowl — cover and let rise in a draft free area for 1½ hours or until doubled.
 4. Turn dough out onto a floured board and press dough gently — (do not knead. Break the dough off into golf ball sized pieces — shape into balls with your hands.
 5. Line a cookie sheet with non-stick parchment and place the buns with the beaten egg glaze.
 6. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
 7. Place backing sheet with buns in a warm place and let rise again until double in size (about 1 hour).
 8. Bake the buns for 20 minutes — remove from the oven and brush with boiling sieved apricot jam.
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BOOK BREAK

'A Map of the World' is gripping, poignant



VICTORIA DIAZ

"A Map of the World," by Jane Hamilton (390 pp., \$12.00. Anchor Books/Double-day - pb)

If I were putting together a list of the five most outstanding novels I've encountered over the past five years, "A Map of the World," recently re-

sued in paperback, would most certainly go on that list. The reasons are countless.

Once you have picked up Hamilton's second novel ("The Book of Ruth" is her first) and begun to read it, it is almost impossible to put down. Over a lifetime, this is simply one of the most gripping stories I have ever read.

It begins on a sunny morning in early June, on a rather unremarkable Wisconsin dairy farm. Inside the farmhouse, a young woman named Alice Goodwin is tending her own small daughters and the daughters of her best friend, who has driven into town to visit a relative.

Seeking relief from the heat, Alice and the little girls soon decide to go for a swim in the spring-fed waters of the

farm pond. Alice runs upstairs to look for a swimsuit and, while she is looking, comes across an almost-forgotten artifact from her childhood — her own fanciful map of the world, created shortly after her mother's death when Alice was 8 years old.

As she momentarily loses herself in the childhood fantasy, her friend's small daughter, Lizzy, toddles out of the house, wanders into the pond alone, and drowns.

As is so much real-life disaster, this one is upon us almost before we know it, even as threads of our attention are still focused elsewhere. In just a few pounding heartbeats on only a few pages, this unforgettable, harrowing literary journey has begun.

Though Lizzy's death is at the center of this drama, her death is not really what it is about. "A Map of the World" is ultimately a story about what follows in the wake of death, as Hamilton's metaphorical ripples in a pond grow into a full-fledged maelstrom, connecting each of her characters, at the same time that it threatens to tear them apart.

Exquisitely drawn characters are what impel this story forward. Not one of them is larger than life; instead, each is exactly life-sized, as familiar and

flawed as someone you'd come across on your street, or at your dinner table, or at the beginning of your day, in your bathroom mirror.

Alice and her husband, Howard, take turns telling the story from their different points of view, revealing the substrata of their own inner landscapes as they go, along with that of their relationship, and the community.

Alice sees Howard (whom she met at an Ann Arbor vegetable stand) as "a philosophical and poetical farmer." He sees her as "intemperate . . . one minute shut up in herself and the next dancing." They are all of this, and none of it, and much more.

Hamilton's story teems with characters, but it is hard to find one who seems superfluous or implausible. Even those who make the briefest appearances snag our attention and add to Hamilton's textured landscape. We can almost smell the "unbearable sweetness of Lizzy's sweaty head" as Alice holds her on that warm morning shortly before disaster strikes; nearly see the half-blind egg lady, Miss Bowman, wordlessly passing out her religious tracts; practically hear the upbeat voice of the ambitious realtor as she stumbles around the stony countryside on her

impossible high heels.

At Birmingham's Baldwin Library recently to read from her work, Hamilton looked barely grown-up. Judging from this novel, though, she has clearly been around long enough to develop stunning insight into such matters as the curious elusiveness of truth, the unique bond of mother and child, and the cosmological importance of equilibrium. All of this illuminates this novel, not barging in at all, but subtly flavoring it

Hamilton's singular gift for dialogue and a quietly appealing sense of the comic and the peculiar way it often accompanies pain also set this work of fiction apart.

Finally, then, there is this author's way of stringing glorious words together, making "A Map of the World" not so much something you read, as something you experience.

Here is Alice, essentially faithless, trying to put together a desperate prayer after disaster has struck. The prayer seems "crude as an old stick." She can feel the words . . . crawling on their hands and knees through . . . hollow bones, clamoring . . . shouting.

READER'S CALENDAR

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CD-ROM demonstrations given by media specialist Gary Price 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

La Table Francaise will rendezvous 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. All French speakers welcome!

American Institute of Graphic Arts hosts annual book fair 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Borders Cafe Espresso. See 50 of the most outstanding books in graphic design, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and participate in a worthy cause. Donate a children's book for collections at Children's Hospital, the Judson Center and the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

Memory seminar: Kevin Trudeau conducts seminar on improving your memory and signs his book "Mega Memory" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.

Free relaxation sessions with therapist Kenneth Sikora throughout the day. Come in and let him rub out the stress of the holiday season 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

CD-ROM demonstrations given by media specialist Gary Price 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Columnist Mitch Albom signs his book "Live Albom IV" 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

CD-ROM demonstrations given by media specialist Gary Price 4 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 16 and 23.

For children: Author Sylvia Branzei signs her book "Grosology," a guide for all the icky but neat stuff a body does, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19.

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Children's holiday book reading 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

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Buck Wilder signs his book "Buck Wilder's Small Fry Fishing Guide" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. For children and adults.

World Kids Press in-store appearance: Children's foreign language songs, entertainment, educational games and coloring 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Stewart Frank performs songs from his CD "Where the River Meets the Bay" 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Stephanie Mellon signs her books "The Golden Rabbit," "The Crystal Rabbit," "A Bear in the Chair" and "The Teeny Tiny Voice" noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Arbor Bells hand bell choir performs 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Children's storytime: Stories, games, puzzles, prizes 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

Children's holiday face painting 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

Pianist and recording artist Kurt Kunzart performs holiday favorites and original music 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

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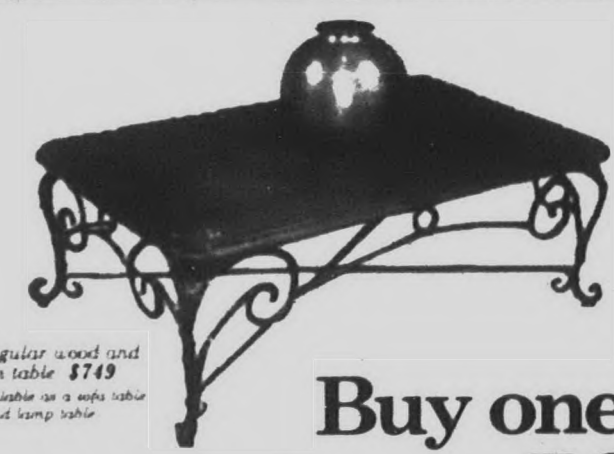
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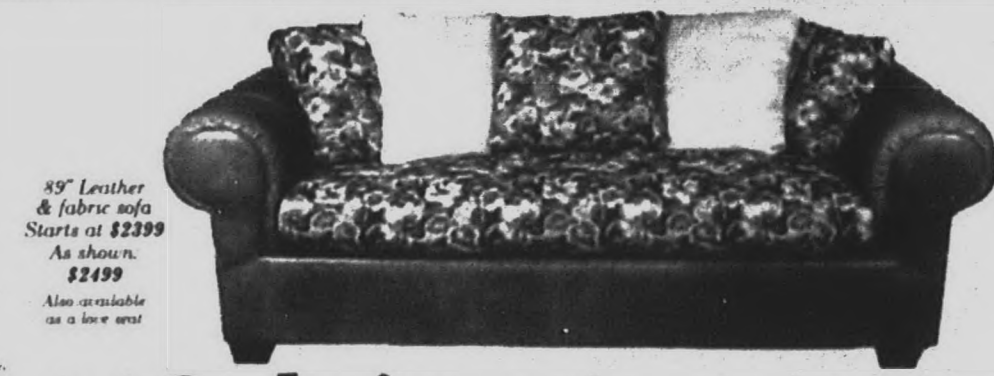
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Photographer Monte Nagler signs his 1996 calendar, a year's worth of exquisite photos, 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.
Book Club discusses Pagan Kennedy's latest novel, "Spinsters," 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4.

Children's storytime: Penguins are the theme this week 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.

Robert Lytle signs his book "Mackinac Passage: A Summer Adventure" 1

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Cynthia Cummings signs her children's books 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Children's storytime: Learn how different people around the world celebrate the season 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

Face painting and storytime 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

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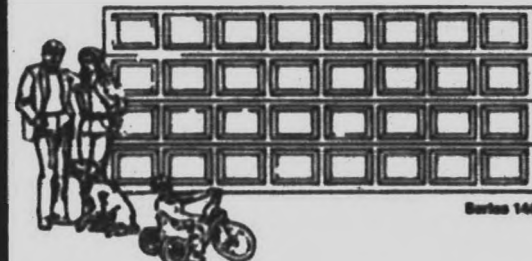
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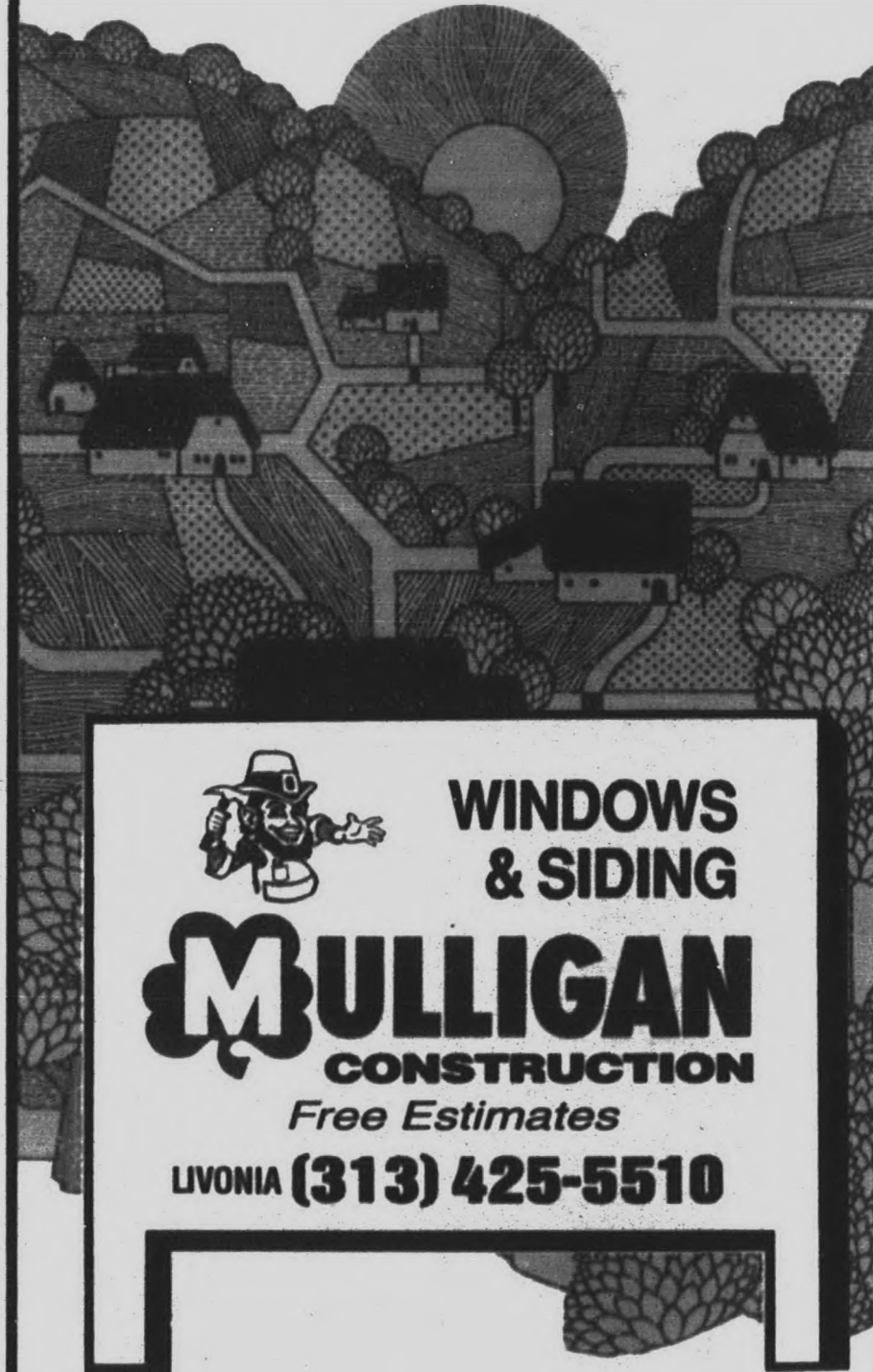
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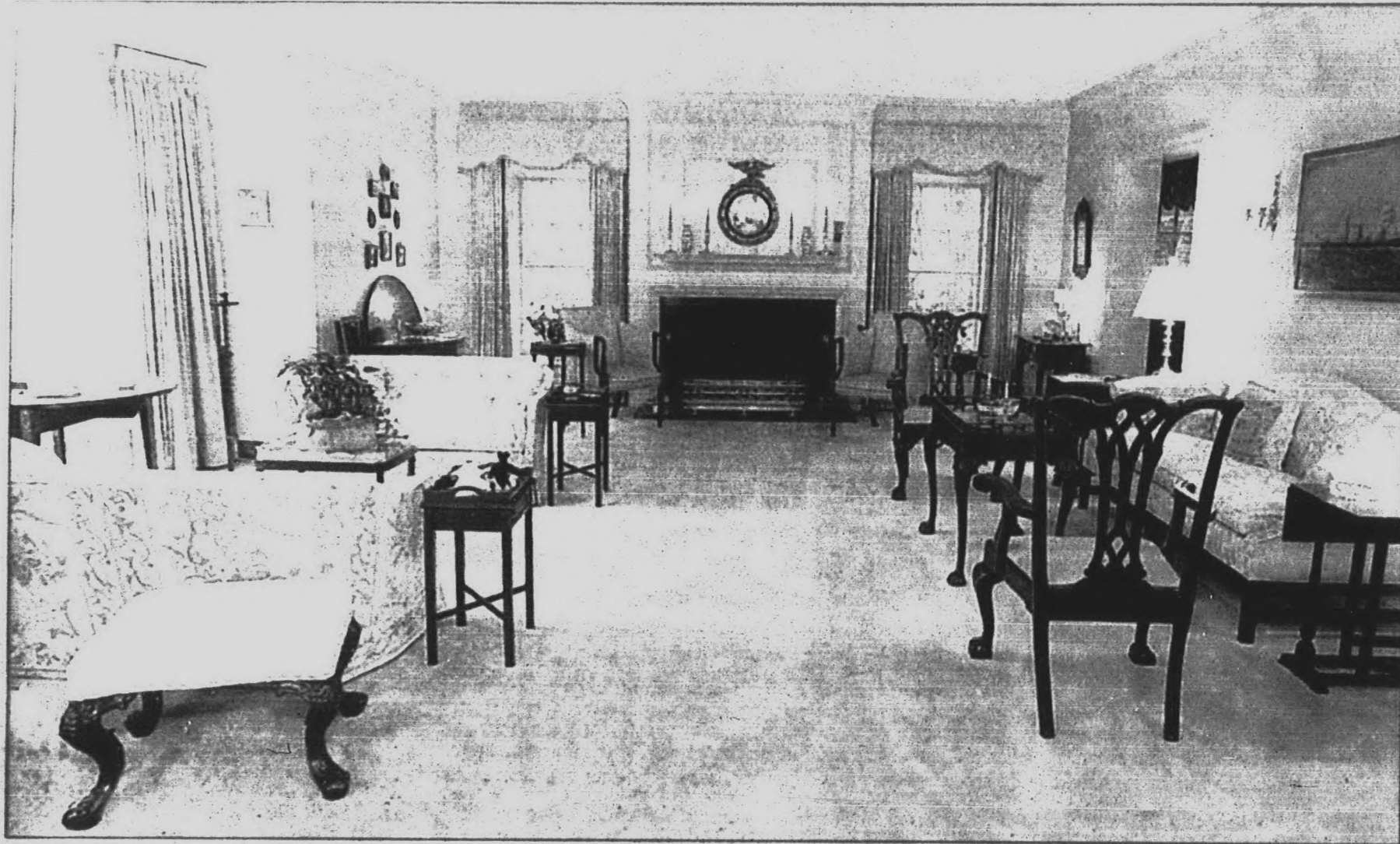


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Living room: The residents designed this room for comfort by arranging smaller furniture pieces in seating groups.

Antiques make home design history

Mirror, mirror: A Queen Anne lowboy in the entranceway greets visitors to the home of a couple who has been collecting and decorating with antiques for more than 30 years.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Ever think about decorating your home with antiques? Vintage furniture and accessories add character to interiors by steeping rooms in history.

A morning-long visit to the Greek Revival home of area residents, who asked that their names not be used, revealed a host of design ideas.

Bought over a period of more than 30 years from local dealers, the antique furniture, an eclectic mix of formal and country, maintains the integrity of the architecture structuring the 7,000-square foot home that was built in 1952.

Even the Paul Revere lantern lamposts lining the driveway of the 3-1/2-acre property are in keeping with the owners' intent.

"Overall, we wanted to make it 18th century Federal. Our original home (a classic Marblehead in

On the cover:
A striking entry to the dining room features a vista with a pedestal table and Hepplewhite chairs.
Photo by Bill Hansen.

Birmingham) was country or primitive. Now we've switched to a formal look to match the exterior of the home. We feel strongly about the interior matching the exterior architecture," one of the residents said.

Examples

The burl walnut William and Mary highboy with trumpet legs (c. 1680-1720) in the living room is definitely a focal point of the home. A hidden document drawer at the top was meant "to keep Indians away from important papers."

On the other end of the room, Chinese export vases decorate the mantel. Silhouettes by itinerant artists, who roamed from town to town in the 1800s in search of work, fill the adjoining wall.

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APPLIANCE DOCTOR

Stories you won't see in the newspaper



JOE GAGNON

In this column I thought I would promote myself to the status of a newsmen and give you some happenings in the world today. These are not stories you would normally see in the media, rather they are stories I get through the grapevine of industry papers, etc.

For example, Joe Gagnon is currently retained by two different legal firms in regards to clothes dryers being the cause of house fires. He soon will be giving his deposition in a room full of attorneys and engineers from different manufacturers. Already having done this several times in the past and helping the consumer, Mr. Gagnon and his testimony have cost the opposing parties some very big bucks. Stay tuned to this column as in the weeks ahead for more details.

Just a few weeks ago I wrote about chlorofluorocarbons (Freon) in which I explained my viewpoint that millions of

dollars have been spent on the say so of highly contested findings by the E.P.A. and their scientists. My closing remarks in the column were, "Now I only hope that in the next few years the E.P.A. doesn't come out with a new finding. It really isn't that serious folks, we apologize if we caused you any expenditure." — Holy Smokes folks, we didn't have to wait a couple of years, it's already begun in the front page of the Appliance News out of Chicago is the headline story, LEGISLATION TO POSTPONE CFC PHASEOUT UNTIL 2000 IS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS. Scientific evidence for ban isn't sufficient, say sponsor Doolittle. Doolittle said he hasn't seen sufficient scientific evidence to justify the immediate phaseout of CFCs, which many scientists claim destroys the Earth's protective ozone layer. The delay would give the scientific community more time to prove its theory, he added. Stay tuned to this column with some assurance that there is more to this story.

Ken Adler, the owner of the Detroit-based Servall Co. has retired as director of the Appliance Parts Distributors As-

sociation, a nationwide organization. After 50 years of heading this group, Adler will be retained as an adviser for the next six months. Judging by Adler's youthful appearance, this writer thinks he may have started working in the appliance industry when he was only 6 years old.

Maytag Corp. recently announced a potential fire hazard in their dishwashers produced between March 28, 1994, and January 31, 1995. If you have one of these dishwashers and the serial number ends with any of the following letters, please call Maytag at 1-800-462-9267 for an inspection of the product — KF, KH, KK, KM, KQ, KS, KU, KW, KY, KZ, MB. The serial number is located on a plate on the upper left portion of the tub.

Bemis Manufacturing Co. has recalled about 400,000 WATERWICK whole house humidifiers to correct a potential fire hazard. If you have one of these humidifiers in your home, please look in the back for the model number and if it is any of these numbers 4261, 4261cn, 4262, 4273, 4362, 4363, 4363cn, 4371, 4963, 4971, 4973, 6964, 6964cn, 6947 — call 1-800-765-1122. The Bemis Co. will pick up and deliver your unit free of charge, plus give you a

new air filter for the product.

I know that some of you think I'm not too happy with some of the appliance manufacturers in this country, and rightfully you should. I certainly am one who knows they can build better products for their customers, but folks, they don't listen to me. Now I'd like to say something nice about one of them, because they're deserving. Several weeks ago there were two children ages 11, and 3 kidnapped from Benton Harbor. The Alvarado brothers were found in New Orleans where the alleged kidnapper was arrested. We followed this national story for several days with our local media to discover a somewhat brutish but happy ending. What most people don't know about this story is that the Benton Harbor based Whirlpool Corp. made room in their corporate headquarters so that the FBI, State Police, local authorities, and others could work together to coordinate their efforts. When the boys were discovered, it was the Whirlpool Corp. who loaded the parents onto their company jet and flew them to New Orleans for a tearful reunion. They returned the family to Benton Harbor to hopefully have happy ever after. As J.P. McCarthy would have said — Roses to you, Whirlpool.

Holiday open house scheduled

The Detroit Garden Center presents "In the Spirit of St. Nicholas," its annual Holiday Open House, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 2-3.

Visit Detroit's oldest brick house with its historically furnished parlor. Every room will be decorated by area garden clubs in a Victorian St. Nicholas theme. The center is at 1460 E. Jefferson, 1/2 mile east of the Renaissance Center.

Admission is \$1.50, free for children

under 12. Admission includes the Red Ribbon Walk to four historic buildings Sunday. Call (313) 259-6363 for more information.

Three Christmas workshops will take place daily, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. A fresh green wreath and swag sale, and Upstairs Shop for holiday gifts, will be featured.

Sunday, the walk will visit Christ Church, Sibley House, Trowbridge House and Moross House.

Annual home tour announced

Palmer Woods, one of Detroit's finest neighborhoods, will host visitors for the area's sixth annual Architectural Society Holiday Home Tour 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

The seven homes on the tour reflect the diversity of architectural styles found in the neighborhood. Each features quality craftsmanship and many have been lovingly restored or updated.

One of the homes was built by Albert Kahn's firm for Kahn's brother Maritz. This home is one of the few examples of Kahn Associates' residential architecture in the Detroit area.

For information, call (313) 368-0714. Proceeds are designed for charitable and neighborhood beautification purposes.

Tour prices for all ages are \$12 per person in advance, \$15 on the day of the tour and \$10 for groups of 20 or more. Tickets are available in Detroit at The Detroit Gallery of Contemporary Crafts in the Fisher Building, Sidney Bogg on Woodward, Terry's Enchanted Garden on Livernois and Hole in One Donuts on Seven Mile. Suburban outlets include, Bloomington, in Berkley, and Bir-

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irmingham and Pronto 608! in Royal Oak.

Tickets can be bought on the day of the tour at the Detroit 12th Precinct Police Station, 1441 W. Seven Mile. Advance ticket buyers will be given instructions to begin the tour without visiting the precinct.

The Palmer Woods Subdivision, between Seven and Eight Mile west of Woodward, was carefully planned in 1915 to take advantage of the natural beauty of the terrain. Curving streets contrast with the rigid gridiron tradition of Detroit, and street names such as Balmoral and Strathcona reflect an interest in English history. Today, early Tudor Revival homes sit side by side with Mediterranean and Modern construction.

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"The silhouettes are all hand-cut because they didn't have cameras back then," another resident said. "The small pieces look better when grouped together."

In the dining room, Hepplewhite chairs with Prince of Wales' feathers and ovals of inlaid woods decorating the backs date from the late 17th or early 18th century. A colonial ratchet floor lamp next to a sofa in the music room and a rare Masonic sampler from around 1792 originally used in the couple's first home provide a mix of formal and authentic Early American.

"As pieces come in other pieces leave but above all else, it's all useable, all functional."

Rule of thumb

The couple has a rule of thumb before any purchase is made. Both must agree on it. Throughout the tour, there were plenty of stories on how their purchases came about.

But what is the main reason this retired ophthalmologist and his wife chose to surround themselves with antiques? The history behind them: what period and place the vintage pieces held in the lives of

our ancestors.

"There's a history behind every piece. The colonists traded tobacco for the Chinese porcelain. The brass candlesticks you see all over the house were very important to the colonists because it was their only form of light."

To mention the way they used a Chippendale chair, bride's box or Federal bullseye mirror would take longer than the length of this article permits. The 32 antique dealers at the third annual Holiday Antiques Show Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 5-7, at The Community House in Birmingham will be available to answer any questions visitors have about decorating with antiques.

Design tips

In the meantime, here are a few of the residents' tips for buying and designing with antiques: Keep an eye on the proportion of the room. Buy small scale furniture rather than large. Smaller pieces give a larger look when arranged to create seating groups that look comfortable and inviting.

Use soft colors of fabrics and carpet-



PHOTO BY BILL HAMMER

In the corner: Every corner in the home is used to create an effective overall design.

ing for warmth.

Spend time reading and researching the history of an antique and then buy only from reputable dealers. Look for a dealer who will allow you to return a piece if it doesn't fit in once you get it home.

Don't buy an antique because you think it's something you should have. Buy it because you love it.

Finish is one of the easiest ways to

spot a reproduction. The majority of vintage furniture pieces have a matte finish. If the wood shines, beware.

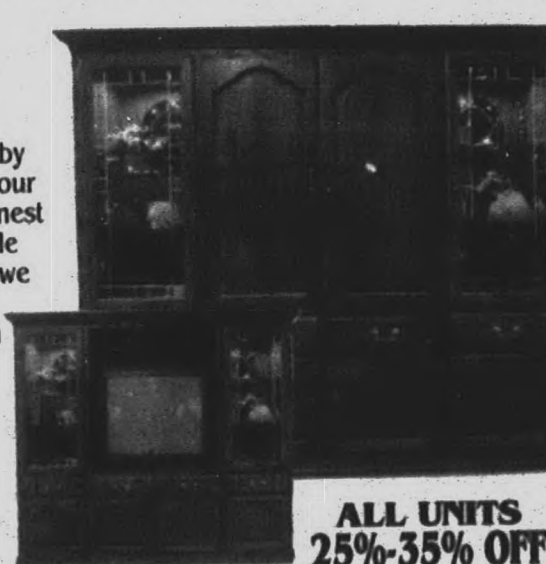
Lighting is important. A very dim, dismal room can be depressing on Michigan's dark days.

Finally, never ever refinish an antique because it destroys the value. And buy in a condition good enough to be functional.

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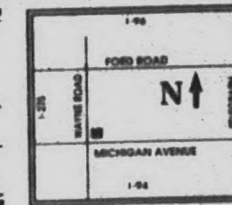
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Holiday antiques show set

If you're thinking about decorating or accenting your home with antiques, a visit to The Community House's third annual Holiday Antiques Show Dec. 5-7 could prove quite a find. Dealers from 10 states won't only have furniture with which to design interior spaces but porcelain, Majolica, Quimper, pattern glass, quilts, prints, lamps and clocks for accenting as well.

The show, presented at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, kicks off with a preview night 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. Tickets are \$30 per person and include light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

The show continues 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, and to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. Admission price of \$5 includes two hours of free validated parking.

"The show will feature 32 dealers, 14 more than last year, with everything from English and American antiques to china and silver," said Connie Lovell, a member of the volunteer committee producing the show.

Sponsored by McDonald & Company Securities Inc. and the Bank of Bloomfield Hills, the show will offer a special Holiday Boutique stocked with decorative items like candles, toys and reproductions of Victorian ornaments. Visitors will be able to refresh themselves at a cafe 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and until 4 p.m. Thursday, or drop by for tea, available at 5 p.m. both days.

Local dealers in the show include Shelley Barr Antiques of Bloomfield Hills, Candlestick Antiques, Clarkston; Dede and Jim Taylor, Troy; Waters Edge, Oxford; Rare Old Prints, Royal Oak; Marlis Brink Antiques Berkley, and Toothill & McBean and Carol Hutchins Cole, Ann Arbor.

For more information, call The Community House at (810) 644-5832.

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY

Picture problems? Use some deduction



MONTE NAGLER

I'll often receive calls from photography friends and students complaining about picture problems.

From the description of the fault and at times the pictures themselves, I find most shooters don't know which to blame — the camera, the film, the processing lab or even themselves.

But by putting on your Sherlock Holmes hat and using methods of deduction, you can determine where the guilt lies.

Print too dark? Not enough light reached the film. First thing to check is the ASA setting. If you set it higher than required by your film, you'll know right away what went wrong. If you've set the ASA correctly and still have prints that are too dark, then look at your negatives. If there is detail overall, including shadow areas, then your exposure was correct, but the processing lab goofed. Ask for a remake of your print.

But if the negative lacks detail, then your camera's meter may be at fault. The best way to check this is to stand side by side with a fellow photographer and compare light readings of the same subject. If your readings are inconsistent, take your camera in for repair.

Print too light? Too much light may have reached the film. Again, check the ASA setting first to make sure you didn't have it at too low a setting. Then check the negative. If it looks good, request a remake from the lab. If it appears dark all over, check your meter as described above, and take your camera in for repair if necessary.

Scratches on your prints? Look closely at the negatives. If the scratches are intermittent, there was probably a burr on the lip of the film cartridge or a nick on the pressure plate (part of the film transport mechanism). If the scratches are consistent through the entire roll, the problem could be twofold: a bad burr or nick just described, or a processing lab goofup when your film was developed.

Overall yellowish tint on your prints? The cause is most likely either old film or a loaded camera left in a hot place.

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Deduction just described will work for you. Just remember, the effects of over- or underexposure are exactly the opposite from negatives because slides in themselves are positive. Thus, if a slide appears too dark, it was underexposed, and if too light, it got overexposed.

So clue yourself in to playing photographic detective. You'll eliminate many of the common faults in photography which in turn will improve your pictures.

Always check the date stamped on the box when you buy film and never leave your camera and film where a hot sun may bake it.

For color slides, many of the same faults can happen and the methods of

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.



No problem: No problems here! Everything worked just right for Monte Nagler and his camera to produce this carefully composed shot of Cedar Falls in Ohio's Hocking Hills Region.

GARDEN SPOT

Dig into these books for gardening advice



MARTY FIGLEY

"Taylor's Guide to Container Gardening" is another excellent publication in the series, as is their revised edition of "Roses" (both Houghton Mifflin, \$19.95 each).

In the first, nearly 200 plants are described as suitable for container gardening, how to use them in the landscape, care for them, start from seeds, etc. Suitable containers are discussed as well.

"Roses" is a guide to 400 roses selected for American gardens. This revised edition includes more than 100 new varieties. All phases of growing and caring for the plants is clearly explained. In both books the color photos clearly illustrate; contributing authors are tops in their field.

Two books in a new series based on the four-volume Royal Horticultural Society Dictionary of Gardening will allow affordable information with expert advice.

"Manual of Grasses," consulting editor Rick Darke, and "Manual of Climbers and Wall Plants," consulting editor J.K. Burras (both Timber Press, \$39.95 each), include all the material found in the RHS Dictionary, as well as additional information.

Darke, Longwood's curator of plants, explains the history of grasses and gives a very understandable account of their general care. This introduction is followed by the encyclopedic listings. Burras, superintendent of the Oxford Botanic Garden, also shares his expert advice. Both books are superbly illustrated with line drawings. Serious gardeners and growers will find much useful information.

Two small soft-cover books in the For Your Garden series, "City Gardens" and "Arbors and Trellises," Warren Schultz (Little, Brown, \$12.95 each), are filled with lovely photos to illustrate their focus. Schultz accompanies the photos with explanations that will in-

spire the gardener to try something new, different and perhaps dramatic.

If you're having a time deciding just what to grow on a difficult site such as windy, shady, stony, "Plants for Problem Places," Graham Rice (Timber Press, \$19.95), now in paperback, will help. Rice describes 13 garden locations and their specific problems, then suggests suitable trees, shrubs, climbers, annuals and perennials for each.

"The Best of the Hardest," Third Edition, John Sabuco (Plantsmen's Publications, \$29.95, soft), is encyclopedic in format but very "readable." The many plants listed are hardy to 20 degrees F. colder; among them are trees, shrubs, groundcovers, ferns, grasses, cacti and bulbs. Included is a chapter on the climate and its effect on winter adaptability, plus cultural information. To order, write Plantsmen's Publications, P.O. Box 1, Flossmoor, Ill. 60422. Add \$3 shipping and handling.

Soon the Ann Arbor Flower Show and the Silverdome Home and Garden Show will be here, and those who participate with their specimens will find "Winning at Flower Shows," Jack Kramer (Fulcrum, \$17.95), very helpful. Kramer gives the "scoop" on growing and showing. He suggests which plants to show, how to care for them before and during, and tells about requirements for judging. Shows are listed throughout the United States; included are addresses of many plant societies. Good solid information.

"Grow It Indoors: How to Make Houseplants Thrive," Richard Langer (Stackpole, \$16.95, soft), covers all the basics of plant care, from soils, water requirements, light and houseplant cycles. He describes houseplants from those that need dry conditions to those that require a humid location — more than 250 plants. Line drawings help explain particular techniques. It isn't colorful, but it's most informative.

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden's two new books, "Butterfly Gardens: Luring Nature's Loveliest Pollinators to Your Yard," guest editor Alcinda Lewis, and "Salad Gardens: Gourmet Greens and Beyond," guest editor Karan Davis Cutler (\$6.95 each), are available at your local bookseller. The first illustrates (with color photos) and describes many commonly found butterflies and flowers that they prefer. A list of butterfly plants by region is a plus.

"Salad Gardens" includes growing tips and designs for the gardens, from the familiar greens to more exotic ones. Salad vegetables are included as are herbs and edible flowers. A chapter about seed sprouting is a nice addition. Seed sources for the unusual are helpful.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.



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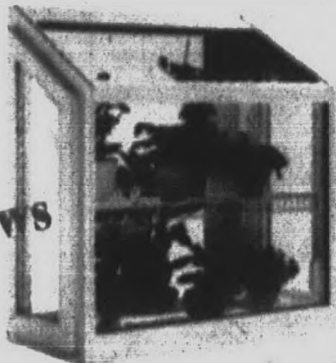
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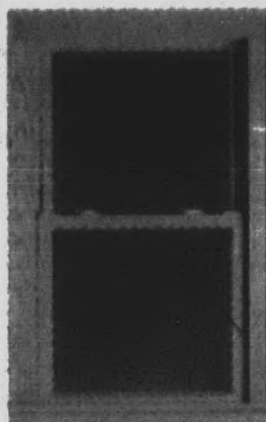
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Prices start at \$600,000 for a 3,500 square-foot, two-story and a half unit with three bedrooms, including a first floor master suite, and 2 1/2 baths.

But there's a lot more to the structure than bare bones basics.

Standard features include two-car garage, fireplace, air conditioning, alarm system and two furnaces.

Also, a refrigerator, dishwasher, oven and microwave, first floor laundry, basement and landscaping.

Other standard amenities include a deck, sound insulated baths and laundry room, cedar shake roof, and brick and wood exterior.

Builders John C. Uznis and Robert R. Deneweth went to work on the property on Long Lake Road just west of Woodward after previous plans there stalled.

The brothers in law first spent nearly half a million dollars up grading the site.

"We cleaned the pond up, dredged it," Uznis said. "We transplanted trees, then built a brick wall. We bought flowering crab-planted maples up and down the street, put in a street lighting system."

"What you basically had here before was a berm, a street and a 5,000 square-foot custom house that was never finished," Deneweth said. "We tore the house down."

The site needed it," Uznis said of the work. "Without it, it wouldn't have gone anywhere."

What it shows is we're committed to not only starting a project, but a substantial project that will be completed," said Douglas P. Keating, sales representative at Vaughan Crossing.

The typical buyer there likely will be a Bloomfield Hills resident who wants to stay in the community but doesn't need as much space or maintenance worries.

"This is going to be empty nesters or a family with older children," Uznis said. "This isn't the place for a family with four little kids. It will be an older couple whose kids are gone, who have a house in California or Florida but want to maintain a presence in Bloomfield Hills."



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"We're right in the heart of Bloomfield," Keating said. "If you want a substantial residence in Bloomfield comparable to a home but a condo, this certainly fits the bill."

"With a condo, we take care of everything," Uznis said. "A traditional, single family feeling is what you're getting."

"Configuration of the road, one way in and one way out, is good for security reasons and for development reasons," Keating added. "You either back to a pond or a good looking, landscaped back yard."

All rooms on the main level of the model — library, kitchen/eating nook, dining room, family room, laundry and half bath — come off the two-story foyer.

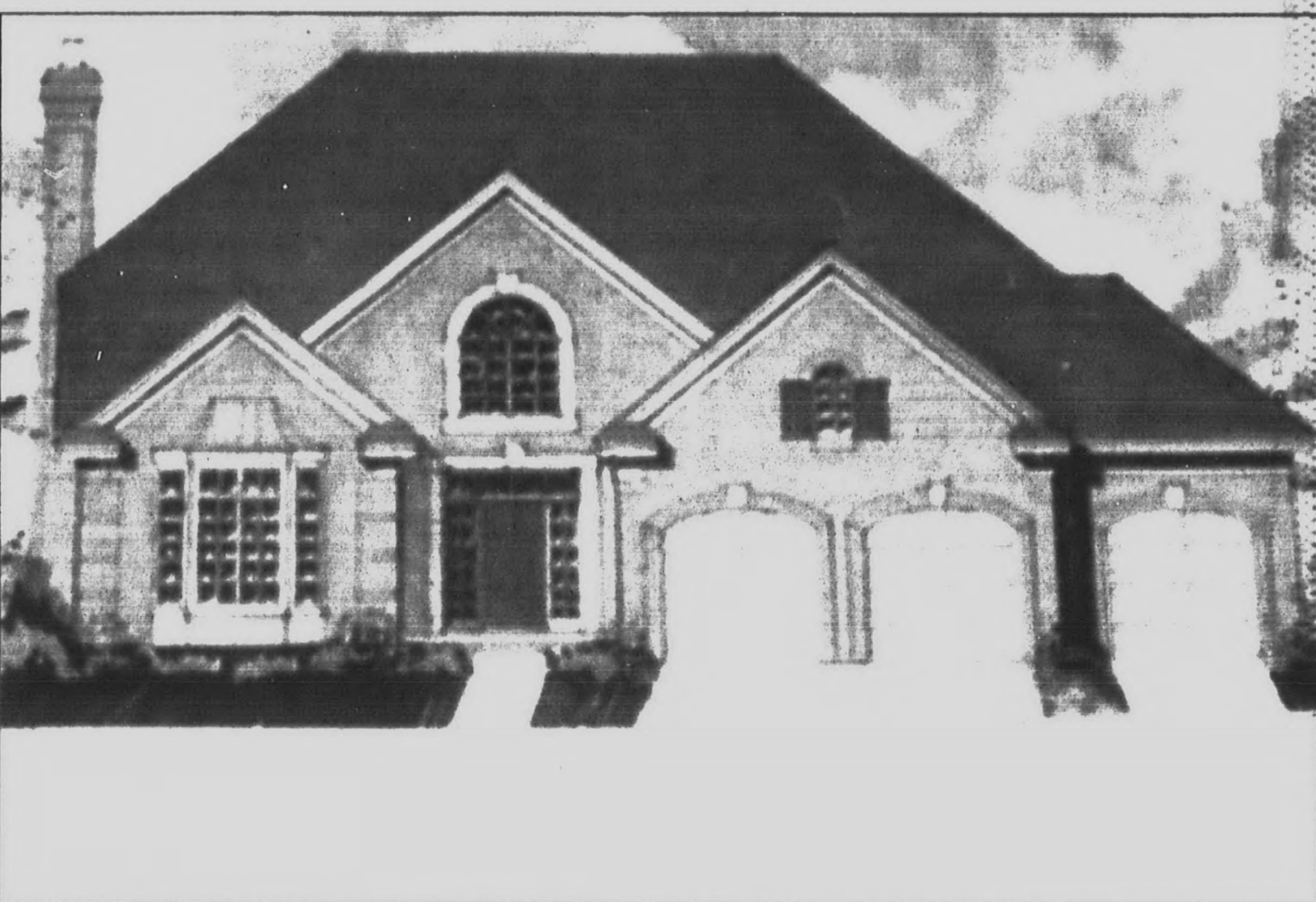
The family room has a fireplace and tray ceiling, the powder room a pedestal sink.

The master suite, also on the first floor, has a separate whirlpool tub and shower, two walk-in closets and a dual sink vanity.

Each of the two upstairs bedrooms has a separate bath and a walk-in closet. The standard plan shows a single bath and two bedrooms upstairs.

The model with extras like a three-car garage, finished walk-out, more baths, an additional fireplace and upgraded floor treatments, sold for \$775,000. The basic price of the plan, including lot, would be about \$615,000.

"Comments I get is 'I like the layout, there's no wasted space,'" Keating said. "All of them want a first floor master. They want to be able to shut off



Vaughan Crossing: Detached condominiums at this small development in Bloomfield Hills carry lots of amenities and a hefty price tag.

the upstairs if the kids don't come back or they don't have guests."

Vaughan Commons, in the Bloomfield Hills school district, is serviced by city water and sewers.

The property tax rate is estimated at \$33 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$650,000 unit in Vaughan Commons would pay \$10,725 the first year.

The monthly association fee is projected at \$230.

Stan and Silvia McLaughlin are moving to suburban Detroit from St. Louis.

"Vaughan Crossing seemed to have the type of development design we liked," he said. "It's a terrific location. The builder has a marvelous reputation."

"The walkout downstairs, master on the main floor, additional bedrooms upstairs, overlooking a

pond — all of that added to our decision to move forward,"

McLaughlin said.

The sales office at Vaughan Commons, (810) 646-0066, is open 1-6 p.m., closed Thursdays.

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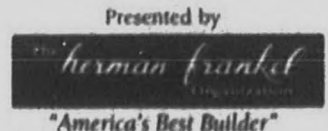
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Paint not always the culprit

Usually it's the paint itself that gets the blame for paint problems on your home's exterior. In most cases, the cause lies elsewhere. Here are some common problems and ways to prevent them.

Blistering is the earliest stage of peeling and is usually caused by moisture trapped under the new paint coat or by poor surface preparation. If it occurs within the first few weeks, it's probably caused by trapped moisture.

While latex paint can usually be applied to damp surfaces without any problem, alkyd and other oil-based paints form a moisture barrier-skin that traps the water inside. The water then turns to vapor and forms blisters.

To avoid this, never paint with alkyds after a rainstorm, when the relative humidity is more than 85 percent, while dew is on the siding, or too soon after you've washed the old surface. Also, never paint when the temperature is more than 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

If the blisters appear after a month or so, the problem is probably poor surface preparation. If you washed the surface down with detergents, did you take the time to rinse completely? Unless such films are removed before painting, they can cause blistering. Also, glossy surfaces must be given a light sanding, so the new paint will grip well.

Peeling is the curling of large pieces of dried paint and is merely a later manifestation of blistering. Severe peeling may also indicate use of a poor primer, or a heavy film of dirt, grease or dust. Prevention involves sanding or wiping the old finish with a deglossing liquid. Then follow the manufacturer's directions as to what primer may be required before applying the top coat of paint.

Alligatoring is a cracking and flaking of the paint in a square pattern. It can result from applying paint over a previous coat that had a high gloss finish that was not sanded, use of the wrong primer or use of old paint, particularly paint that's been stored in an unheated space and allowed to freeze.

To repair the condition, sand the surface smooth and apply the proper primer before

applying a new top coat.

Checking is a series of long lines, usually caused by the wood underneath expanding and contracting. This can be a problem with exposed plywood siding regardless of the kind of paint used. Sanding and then applying a new coat of wood primer will usually solve the problem. But if the new paint shows signs of coming loose, complete removal of the old paint is required.

Wrinkling results in a crinkled surface that is caused by interfering with required drying time. Contributing factors are too-thick finish coat, building up of too many layers, under-coat that was not completely dry, wrong solvent or improperly stirred paint. Repair by sanding smooth and applying proper primer before painting top coat.

Chalking or powdering characteristics are designed into some paints in order to keep the surface looking new. Chalking of old paint can interfere with proper bonding of a new coat, so scrub off as much as possible beforehand. In severe cases you may have to apply a bonding primer or sealer.

Mildew manifests itself as patches of black spots. Though most exterior paints contain mildew-inhibiting ingredients, none work under all circumstances.

Remove mildew by washing down the affected area with a bleach solution. Use one-third cup powdered laundry detergent, two-thirds cup of household cleaner containing trisodium phosphate, and 1 quart of household bleach. Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, goggles and a respirator to avoid breathing the fumes.

Stains that bleed through the paint are often the result of sap from knots in the wood seeping through the surface. But it also can be caused by rust from nails and hardware. Many discolorations bleed through coat after coat of paint, so repainting alone is not the answer. Instead, apply a primary coat of stain-killer, such as pigmented shellac-base sealer, and then apply your paint.



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of the living room in the Jefferson, creating street appeal on the outside and drama on the inside. Board and batten siding combines with brick accents to provide textural variety in this mid-size, single level plan.

On the exterior, brick work flanks the stacked windows, resulting in a square column effect. Brick at the corners of the garage echoes this design feature, and a true column supports the roof of the small front porch.

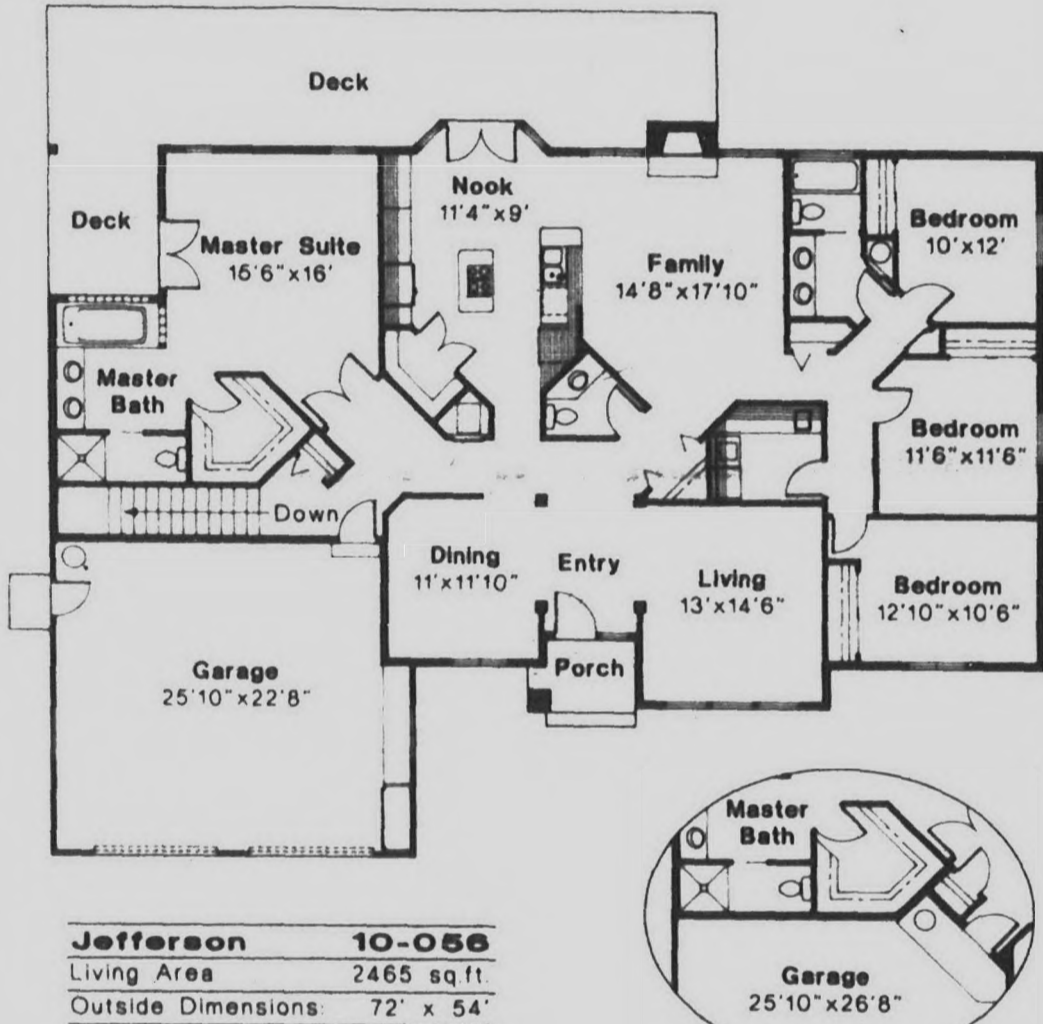
In the living room, multipaned windows stretch almost all the way from the floor to the 10-foot ceiling. More multipaned windows cap the front door, brightening the equally high-ceilinged entry. Columns in the foyer add a touch of class and mark the entrances to the living room, dining room, and a huge great room.

The spacious kitchen is expanded by a bayed eating nook with French doors that open onto a wrap-around deck. The sink is set in a long eating bar that faces into the family room. Counter and storage spaces are ample, including a large walk-in pantry, and a central work island. A desk could be built into the counter next to the back wall.

Basement stairs are tucked between the garage and the Jefferson's master suite. The garage could be expanded, if no basement is desired. Amenities in the master suite include a large walk-in closet, enclosed water closet and shower, twin vanities and a spa with glass blocks on two sides.

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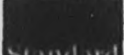
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Firm offers ready-made business network

BY JILL HALPIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Most professionals will agree that establishing a business network can be challenging as well as time-consuming. Despite these drawbacks, most will also agree that setting up a successful network is still a very necessary part of business.

A local company, however, is promising to help ease the burden of networking for busy professionals by doing the work for them.

Business Network International, a California-based company with two operations in Livonia, offers professionals a chance to join a "ready-made" network for a fee. By becoming a member of a chapter, professionals in a variety of occupations — from accountants, appraisers, florists to travel agents and veterinarians — join others in passing along business referrals to one another. And ac-

ording to its members, there are many referrals being passed along.

"My business has really increased as a result of being a part of this network. As a CPA, I belong to a number of different organizations — the chamber, the Rotary — but this one has really had direct results on my business," said Bill Sturgeon, president of the first Livonia chapter.

Chiropractor Greg Hix, head of Livonia's newest Laurel Park chapter, agrees. "I attended meetings at another chapter and was impressed when I heard about the results. There was a trial attorney who said that his firm was approaching \$1 million in billings just from BNI referrals. I was interested," said Hix.

Professionals who join BNI pay a yearly fee of \$195. In return, they attend weekly meetings

where they share information about their business, learn about others' businesses and pass along referrals to group members.

According to Brian Maxson, BNI regional director, the company operates on three premises: marketing, education and structure.

"The biggest fear that we have is becoming a social club. This is all about boosting business and enhancing contacts," said Maxson. A financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, Maxson first learned of BNI two years ago when he was looking for ways to increase his own business.

"I am a member of many different organizations — the chamber, charities and social clubs — because you can make important contacts there. But with this group, everyone is concentrating on helping each other increase

business. And it really works," said Maxson, who now holds BNI franchise rights for six counties in southeastern Michigan.

One of the important tenets of the group is what Maxson refers to as the "non-competes feature." That is, membership is limited in each group to one individual from each profession — one attorney, one florist and so on.

This feature allows members to focus on increasing business for group members and also "eliminates jockeying back and forth between two professionals," said Sturgeon.

Prior to joining BNI, members must submit business referrals to a membership committee for consideration. This helps ensure that members are providing quality service, and that other members feel confident in passing their name along.

"If I have a client, and he men-

tions that his daughter is getting married and going to Cancun, I can refer a travel agent and feel confident that this person will provide quality service to my client. In this way, we all benefit," said Maxson.

Hix believes that the secret to the group's success lies in a golden rule — you get what you give.

"The whole philosophy of the group is that when you help someone out with a referral, then they will turn around and help you out. When you give someone a business lead, they feel the need to reciprocate. And as a result, they will remember your name," said Hix, adding that a certain portion of the highly structured meeting is devoted to sharing thank yous for leads.

"The whole tone of the meeting is a positive one. These testimonials help illustrate that the refer-

als really help people," said Hix. Although both Livonia chapters are growing, there are still some professions not yet represented within the group. Prospective members are allowed to attend two meetings without charge prior to applying for membership. The Laurel Park chapter held its first meeting on Nov. 8.

Although many members have experienced success, it is important to remember that some professionals will reap benefits more quickly than others based on their type of business. Others will benefit on a greater scale over a longer period of time, Maxson said.

"Everyone in the group might not be a CEO, but they all know CEOs and I know that these people can lead me to the people that I want to be in contact with. This group has eliminated a great deal of cold calling," Maxson said.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary — including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired — to: Business People, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, ATTN: Business Editor. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

DEBORAH HALL-TURNER

Deborah Hall-Turner has recently joined the Michigan Peer Review Organization based in Plymouth as its state government team leader. Her responsibilities will include coordinating the activities related to the organization's contracts with several state of Michigan departments.

Hall-Turner was formerly director of accreditation and regulation for Mercy Health Plans, a Farmington Hills-based HMO associated with Mercy Health Systems. She had been with Mercy Health Plans for four years in capacities which included director of quality improvement and manager of quality services. She served as division head of quality management with the Wayne County Patient Care Management System from 1987 to 1991 in addition to other management and clinical experience in managed care and medical/surgical care with an oncology focus.

She is a graduate of Mercy College of Detroit with a bachelor of science in nursing. She is also a candidate for a master's of science degree at Central Michigan University and is a certified case manager through the Insurance Rehabilitation Specialist Commission.

"Deborah's strengths and expertise will help position MPRO for greater success, particularly in managed care and quality improvement. She is also a Detroit resident and committed to improving the access and quality of health care services needed by mothers and children in the Detroit metropolitan area. We are very pleased to have her with us," said Gary Horvat, the organization's chief executive officer.

The board of directors of Poly Flex Inc. — Precision Polymers in Southfield has announced three promotions within its upper management team. Norm Majeski, formerly president, has been named chairman of the board and chief executive officer. Russ LaFevre, who had been vice president, will assume the position of president and chief operation officer. David Dalfino, former sales manager, has been promoted to vice president. Poly Flex, founded in 1979, designs, engineers and manufactures plastic, rubber, urethane and polymer products for material handling applica-



Deborah Hall-Turner



Norm Majeski



Russ LaFevre



David Dalfino

Joseph Brish has been promoted to tool room manager at Exotic Rubber & Plastics Corp. Brish has been with Exotic for 12 years. He is a graduate of Farmington High School and is working on his associate's degree at Oakland Community College. He is a resident of Canton and is married to Germaine with two children, Justine and Alec.

Linda Krawiec has been promoted to senior accounts receivable assistant at Exotic Rubber & Plastics. She has been with Exotic since 1989, when she joined as a part-time associate working in support services. She has a bache-

lor's degree in accounting from Wayne State University and is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is married to Brian Krawiec.

Jerry Weaver has joined the inside sales force at Exotic. He has previous experience in sales with the Mid-Atlantic Group. He has a bachelor's degree in administration from Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids and is a graduate of Redford Union High School.

Exotic Rubber and Plastics, a distributor and manufacturer of plastic and rubber products, was founded in 1962. The company

provides rubber and plastic products to the automotive, machining, business machine and related industries with more than \$24 million in annual sales.

Exotic's 95,000-square-foot facility in Farmington houses the administrative headquarters, warehousing and manufacturing operations.

Livonia resident Maryjane Peck has been honored by the Michigan Association of Children's Alliances with the Hugh Whipple Award for Administrative Excellence. Peck is the executive director of Boys and Girls Republic, a residential treatment

center for youth and families in Farmington Hills.

Peck was selected from seven nominees statewide; she was nominated by Boys and Girls Republic's staff for her vision and dedication to youth. The award was instituted to honor the memory of Hugh Whipple who developed Michigan Association of Children's Alliances training programs for child care workers.

Prior to becoming executive director at Boys and Girls Republic, Peck was the executive director at the VFW National Home in Easton Rapids and had worked for the Michigan Department of Social Services.

Netscape can be customized to be more useful



EMORY DANIELS

A writing rule someone gave me a long time ago was never to announce a two-part series until both were written and ready to go. When last week I suggested a two-part series on Powering Up Netscape, the second part was still in progress.

You might remember I really did not commit to Part II. But I know as much now as I will two weeks from now, so let's do it. Some steps taken has not yet had the desired results. Because so many variables are involved, I am really not sure what I need to do

further — if anything. However, using Netscape or any other Internet software will be slightly different for each of us because of system differences. So even if my changes were all working perfectly, they might not be for you and fine tuning still would be necessary.

Netscape is the most popular graphical browser in use for those with SLIPP or PPP access, Slipknot or similar software. Of those Internauts who surf the World Wide Web, about 70 percent use Netscape as their browser of choice. Despite its strengths, Netscape can be customized and be an even more useful tool for individuals.

Netscape has a built-in viewer that displays images in .gif, .jpeg and .xbm formats. Netscape 1.1

has its own audio player. The image viewer is not as versatile, though, as dedicated image-viewers like LVIEW and the audio player may not be compatible with your system.

To improve image viewing, you may find it better to tie-in Netscape to LVIEW. Likewise, you can substitute an audio player like WPLANY to handle sound files. You can also rely on a movie viewer like MPEG PLAYER and link it to Netscape.

To do the setup, go to "Options" on the top line and select "Preferences." On the top of the dialog box that appears is a "Set Preferences On" choice. Click on the arrow to unfold the drop-down menu and choose "Applications & Directories."

To allow Netscape to go to Tel-

net sites for you, fill in the directory path on your computer pointing to Telnet, i.e., c:\oeonline\netnet.exe. And do the same for TN3270 sessions. By the "View Source" choice, enter the path for LVIEW or whatever image viewer you wish to use. Under the "Helper Applications" choice, go down to the bottom to the "Launch Applications" option at the bottom of the box and enter the path for WPLANY or MPEG PLAY.

Netscape also can be used to send e-mail anywhere you chose. It does not receive e-mail but will send. Netscape also will function as a news reader. However, sometimes it works just fine as a newsreader; other times it does not respond. Under the "Options" choice, go to "Set Preferences On"

and select "News and Mail." Next to "Mail (SMTP) Server" enter "mail.oonline.com" and then underneath enter your real name and your email address and the directory path where your signature file rests.

For news, next to "News (NNTP) Server" also enter "s0a.oonline.com" and for News "rc0a.oonline.com" enter your Netscape directory path and add the sub-directory "newsrc" such as c:\oeonline\netscapenewsrc.

At home I have problems with various news readers because of what I think is a Windows glitch. And so I am not surprised that Netscape is not functioning consistently as a news reader for me. Your experience may be different.

So, that's it on Powering Up Netscape. You might find it easi-

er, and so might prefer, to simply go to the Netscape home page and download the newest version of Netscape 2.0. The software still is in its beta (testing) phase but can be retrieved free, downloaded, and tried out. Its more souped up and probably is something you want to take a look at. I do, but haven't yet.

Next week some excitement. Are you ready?

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Planning eases financial burden of kids' college



TOM HOGAN

Recently, my sons returned home from college to be with our family for the Thanksgiving holiday. What a joy to have them home for the holiday and we were thankful that we were able to provide them with a good college education. Their return caused me to ponder what it would have been like if we had planned even earlier for their college education.

The average cost of a single year at a four-year state college or university is in the \$7,000 range and in another five years, that number could jump to almost

\$9,000. For a private four-year college, today's average cost is nearly \$20,000 and that could climb to \$25,000 in the next five years.

How can parents meet these costs?

There are six basic steps to consider. First, determine where you are going to send your son or daughter to college. Second, forecast how much it is going to cost to send your child to college based on today's cost of education. Then increase that cost yearly by a reasonable inflationary rate times the number of years to the time your student starts college.

Tuition for the 1995-96 school year rose by 6 percent from the previous year, according to a recent survey by the College Entrance Examination Board. The third step in preparing for

financing your child's college costs includes your son or daughter himself or herself. Most parents do a really great job of coaching kids on the need for higher education, but we don't do a very good job of bringing them in on the finances. Children should be more aware early on in appropriate ways as to the financial mountain that parents must climb in order to get their kids through college.

Students can become part of the solution rather than part of the problem. They can start saving money early from their allowance, paper routes and baby-sitting jobs. They must be made to realize that the summer jobs that they have are primarily for saving money to help their parents put it all together.

Fourth, it may be necessary for both parents to work in order to save enough money to reach the goal of being able to pay for costs of college education. If it is possible, try to live on one parent's income and save the other for educational funding.

Fifth, start investing money for educational costs as soon as possible. Don't assume that your income will keep pace and that you will be able to pay these expenses from income, because this is a big ticket item and it is just going to get bigger. Start saving now and invest for growth.

A top-notch rated growth mutual fund could go a long way toward accumulating assets for education. Grandparents can also participate in the investment process. They can take advantage of

giving funds to their grandchildren and then have the joy of watching the money used for excellent purposes during their lifetime.

Finally, don't assume that your family will not be eligible for financial aid. Students whose parents have six-figure incomes have qualified for financial aid. These students' families may have large medical bills or have more than one child in college.

It is very important that parents and students complete the free application for federal student aid and turn it in every year. You never know what financial aid your child may qualify for and that may change every year.

Through a combination of parental investments, student savings from jobs, financial aid

and academic scholarships and parental/student loans, the financial burden of educating your children may not be as difficult as you thought.

Questions and comments are welcomed. If you would like to have a particular financial subject addressed, contact: Thomas E. Hogan or Elizabeth A. Allen in care of the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 Attention: Editorial Department. Or tell us via e-mail address newsroom@oonline.com.

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BLONDE/BLUE PROFESSIONAL SWF, 27, 5'10", 165lbs, blond curls, blue eyes...

PETITE LADY WANTED SWFP, 45, N/S, successful, intelligent, considerate...

MR. RIGHT DM, early 60s, 6'3", 220lbs, employed, divorced, redhead...

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PRETTY TYPE Attractive, athletic, kind male, 45, with sense of humor...

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TRICK OR TREAT? Dude, 33, 5'8", brown/blue, nice, slim, seeks similar...

FALLS LAST CHANCE! Blue-eyed, 34, 5'7", 150, would like to engage...

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Service improvement gets people moving

BY BETH SUNDELA JACHEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Change is in the air at the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

New routes, 86 new buses, new fare boxes, and, later on, new bus shelters are all part of the package since voters throughout many communities approved a tax increase to support the regional bus service. SMART also has a new general manager — Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Kaufman will be taking over for interim general manager Michael Duggan in January.

Starting Dec. 9 changes will be made in the SMART routes in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. In Wayne County, these changes will include adding a new route in Livonia in December, and a major north-south route on Telegraph Road will begin in February.

Bus service will include Plymouth Road from just east of Telegraph to Levan Road, north on Levan to Five Mile

Road, west on Five Mile to Newburgh Road, north on Newburgh to Laurel Park Place mall then on to Seven Mile and Newburgh, west on Seven Mile to Haggerty and south on Haggerty to Schoolcraft College.

The new route will have a bus arriving and departing along the route every hour for 12 hours. New stops include: Plymouth Road just east of Telegraph, Plymouth Road-Telegraph Road, Plymouth Road-Farmington Road, Schoolcraft-Levan at Madonna University, St. Mary Hospital, Newburgh-Five Mile, Laurel Park Place, Seven Mile-Newburgh and Schoolcraft College.

The Park and Ride services from Livonia to downtown Detroit will continue.

In February, the Telegraph Road route will travel from Southland mall at Eureka Road north to 14 Mile Road, with two to three bus stops per mile.

"This is saying to all businesses (along Plymouth Road) that you've got a way to get workers to work," Duggan

Other information for SMART riders

- New electronic fare boxes were installed in all the buses, replacing boxes that dated to the early 1990s.
- The fare boxes take exact change or SMART tickets.
- To buy SMART tickets in advance, western Wayne County riders can visit Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia.
- Or, buy tickets by mail by sending check or money order to: SMART Ticket Sales, Transit Center, 660 Woodward Ave. Detroit MI 48226.
- Tickets can be purchased singly, in ticket strips of 10, or monthly SMARTcards good for a month of bus travel.
- The new fare boxes will allow SMART to offer stored value cards — magnetic fare cards offered in various amounts. The electronic fare boxes would automatically deduct the fare from the stored value card. Along with this feature SMART will install ticket kiosks in malls and stores. The cards and kiosks are expected to be available in 1996.

said. And in February it will be the same for Redford with the new Telegraph route, he said.

The Middlebelt bus currently stops at Wonderland Mall at Plymouth and Middlebelt roads. But now, businesses in the Plymouth Road corridor can try to attract workers with the promise of bus service, Duggan said. Also, for example, a student from Garden City can

take classes at the main Schoolcraft campus in Livonia, he said.

As an example of how the service has been needed, Duggan said Rally's eatery, at Plymouth and Farmington, would send someone up to Middlebelt to pick up workers as they got off the bus.

Now riders will have access to the business corridor on

Plymouth Road, Laurel Park Place mall at Newburgh and Six Mile and Schoolcraft College on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Duggan said.

To drum up more riders and fill jobs, the Get a Job — Get a Ride program gives a free first month's pass to ride the bus to unemployed people who find a job. June West, marketing director for SMART, sits down with business officials and shows them how to use the bus system when hiring employees, giving them copies of the SMART routes and times and explaining fares.

"In service and retail businesses they don't pay as high a wage as folks need to drive a car every day," West said.

In Westland and Garden City, the SMART changes involve the Cherry Hill, Ford Road and Warren Road routes connecting with one downtown express bus in Dearborn. The transfer in Dearborn will be quick and there will be no charge, according to West. This service runs primarily in the morning and afternoon, with less

frequent service in the middle of the day, she said.

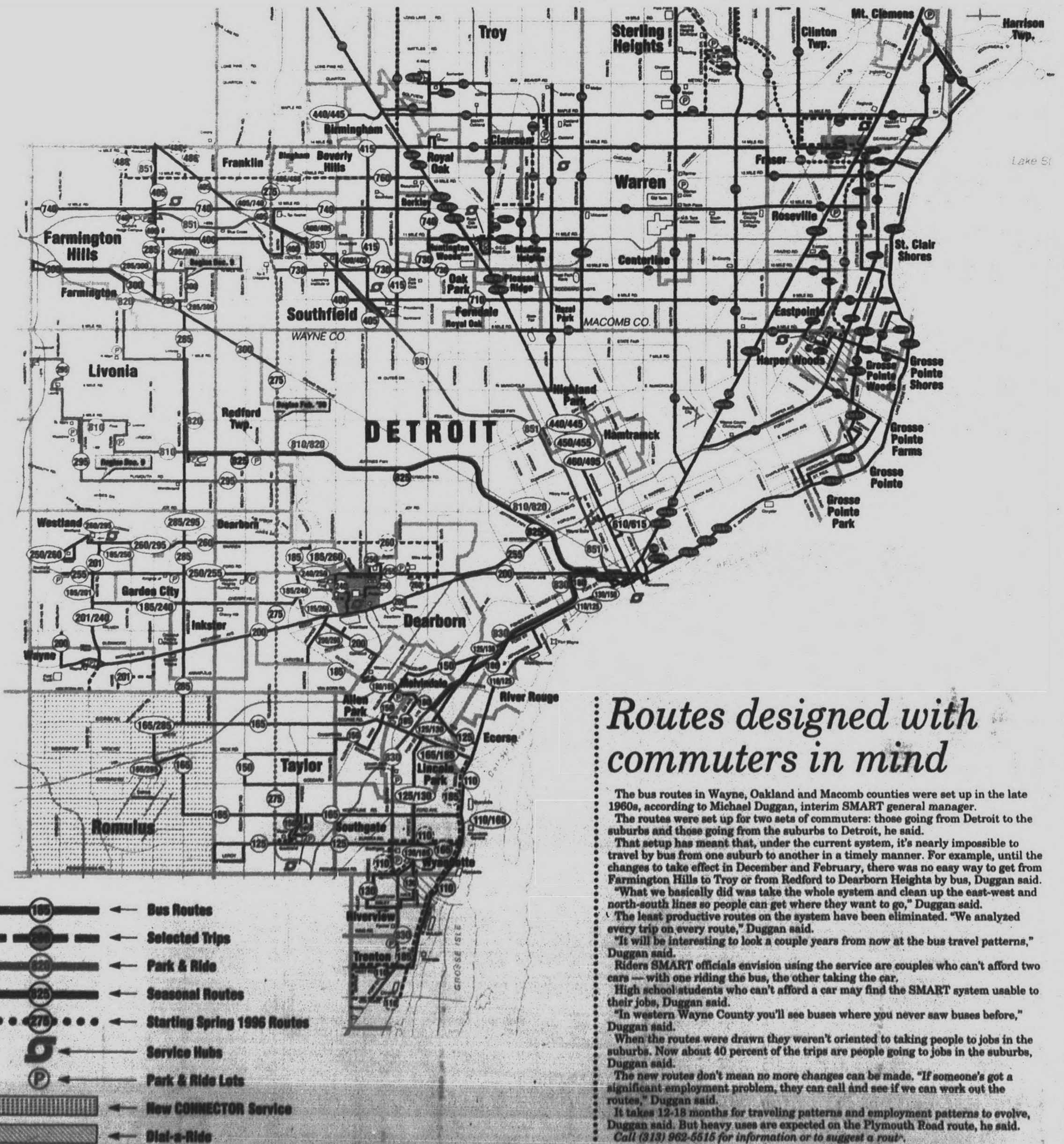
Wayne County residents will also have easier access to Oakland County with the new SMART routes. Included will be a more direct route to Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills as bus service will continue up Middlebelt, over to Orchard Lake Road and up to OCC.

Hubs have been established at Westland Center mall, Oakland Community College, Fairlane mall, and Northland mall to allow for more ease in changing buses at those points.

The SMART service began all these changes after voters in the spring in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties approved a 0.33-mill property tax for three years, generating about \$6.2 million per year for the Wayne County Transit Authority.

Several Wayne County communities opted out of the transit authority, including Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

Printed timetables will be available Dec. 4. Riders can call (313) 962-5515.



Routes designed with commuters in mind

The bus routes in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties were set up in the late 1960s, according to Michael Duggan, interim SMART general manager. The routes were set up for two sets of commuters: those going from Detroit to the suburbs and those going from the suburbs to Detroit, he said. That setup has meant that, under the current system, it's nearly impossible to travel by bus from one suburb to another in a timely manner. For example, until the changes to take effect in December and February, there was no easy way to get from Farmington Hills to Troy or from Redford to Dearborn Heights by bus, Duggan said. "What we basically did was take the whole system and clean up the east-west and north-south lines so people can get where they want to go," Duggan said. The least productive routes on the system have been eliminated. "We analyzed every trip on every route," Duggan said. "It will be interesting to look a couple years from now at the bus travel patterns," Duggan said. Riders SMART officials envision using the service are couples who can't afford two cars — with one riding the bus, the other taking the car. High school students who can't afford a car may find the SMART system usable to their jobs, Duggan said. "In western Wayne County you'll see buses where you never saw buses before," Duggan said. When the routes were drawn they weren't oriented to taking people to jobs in the suburbs. Now about 40 percent of the trips are people going to jobs in the suburbs, Duggan said. The new routes don't mean no more changes can be made. "If someone's got a significant employment problem, they can call and see if we can work out the routes," Duggan said. It takes 12-18 months for traveling patterns and employment patterns to evolve, Duggan said. But heavy uses are expected on the Plymouth Road route, he said. Call (313) 962-5515 for information or to suggest a route.

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other key personnel moves within the suburban real estate community. Send a brief biographical summary — including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired — to: Movers & Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Joins Century 21



Mary Day, a Troy resident, has joined Century 21 East in Rochester Hills. She holds a national real estate sales ranking in the top 10 percent and is a member of the multi-million dollar club.

Day specializes in residential sales in Oakland and Macomb counties.

Joins Clarkston firm



Carol O'Neil, who lives in Clarkston, has joined Clarkston Real Estate Services in that community as an associate broker.

Stepping up

Several members of the sales team at Signature Associates-ONCOR International, a commercial brokerage based in Southfield, will step into leadership roles of professional associations.

Paul S. Hoge and **Gary F. Sallen**, associate brokers, have been elected 1996 president and secretary, respectively, of the Michigan Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors.

Joseph M. Banyai, associate broker, has been elected 1996 president of the Michigan Chapter of Certified Commercial Investment Members.

Additionally, **David Miller**, has accepted the 1994 Outstanding Manager of the Year Award as determined by a jury of his peers worldwide. Growth, quality service and leadership were evaluated.

Jon G. Savoy, associate broker, has received the 1995 Realtor of the Year Award from CCIM of Michigan.

REAL ESTATE

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You gotta hustle to be a success

Success usually doesn't just happen. You need a plan and focus. And luck often results when preparation and opportunity meet.

By **DOUG FUNKE**
STAFF WRITER

You don't become a top-selling real estate agent on wishes, hopes and dreams alone.

And you don't find coulda, woulda, shoulda kinds of people heading the list, either.

It takes perseverance, putting in long hours, getting up early, staying up late, being on call, not taking no for an answer. It takes time to build a clientele and referral network. It takes hiring assistants to better prioritize time. It takes adapting to technological change.

That's the consensus of top-producing agents from area firms.

"I'm an independent contractor and have to make an investment in myself," said **Glenda Lagrois**, an associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country in Sterling Heights.

"I have two assistants that work with me. They do the paperwork, scheduling of appointments, sales follow ups. I do all the personal contacts, sales and listings."

Lagrois, with 18 years in the business, said she's had in excess of \$12 million in sales each of the last three years.

Linda Rea, a Realtor associate with Real Estate One in Troy, employs three assistants.

"It's a different world," said Rea, a 20-year veteran who counted nearly 250 closings last year. "Each (assistant) has a job to do to keep me out in the field."

Rea said she's a big believer in spending money through advertising to make money through sales. Her biggest challenge is helping clients separate needs from wants.

Rea's keys to success?

"Be willing to endure, be willing to get back on your feet when all doesn't go well," she said. "Be willing to share back into your business. Have full knowledge of the marketplace. Then you have to care about the client and not a fast buck."

Steve Cash, a Realtor associate with the Michigan Group in West Bloomfield, said he's chalked up sales of between eight and ten million dollars each of the past couple of years.

"I do the things I promise with people to market their homes, and I keep in touch with them," he said. "I get in early in the morning. I'm a little bit aggressive, but not in a pushy way. I ask for business... but don't steam-roll people."

"When you sell long enough, you build up clientele," he said. "I develop rapport. Many of my clients have become friends."

Persistence pays off, especially if



Top producers: Some of the most prolific real estate agents in terms of sales volume in this area include, from left, Glenda Lagrois, John Goodman, Dee Wright, Mary Gladchun, Lillian Hoard and Steve Cash.

you're just entering the business, Cash said. "I've never met anyone who consistently called on for sale by owners and who called expired listings who didn't succeed."

Dee Wright, an associate broker with Hall & Hunter of Bloomfield Hills, said she had sales last year of more than \$6 million.

"I think there's a big difference between buying a home and selling a house," she said.

"Buying can be a little more emotional. You're talking about a place where you're going to spend your life, where children will be reared. When you're selling, then it's a business. You treat it as a business and step away from the emotional."

Previous careers in banking and speech therapy have helped her immeasurably in real estate, Wright said.

"Part of it is knowing how to communicate with people. Financial skills is a big factor."

"I think the biggest piece of advice

anyone gave me is know when to be quiet," Wright said. "Sometimes, nothing is the best thing to do or say. You have to know when to back out and let people make a decision."

John Goodman, an associate with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Northville, said he recorded sales last year of \$28 million.

"One thing I do is spend about \$15,000 a month advertising myself and my properties," he said. "I call my sellers at least twice a week and send constant written communication."

"The customer always comes first," Goodman said. "No matter what, you make them happy. You're on call 24 hours a day, basically. That's what you have to do to do the volume I do."

Lillian Hoard, an associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates in Farmington Hills, an 18-year veteran, said she averages sales of \$5 million to \$6 million annually.

"I do personal advertising on my listings... and lots of times I'll mail out a flier to other agents," she said.

"Some people don't spend as much time (60-70 hours per week) as I do," Hoard said. "I think that makes a difference. I think you have to be willing to be on call."

Hoard's advice to beginning agents: "You can't be afraid to ask for the order and don't be afraid to ask for help from associates."

Mary Gladchun, broker/owner of Re/Max on the trail in Plymouth, said she sells upwards of 70 houses a year.

"To me, the trick is really timeliness," she said. "The faster you go, the faster you get results. Real estate won't wait for you. You can't put something off until tomorrow because it will sell today."

"Personally, I feel you have to prove yourself every day," she said. "Never take anything for granted. It's built one customer at a time by delivering satisfactory results."

"I don't believe in the word no," Gladchun added. "All my life people told me not to do things. I went with what I felt, and it worked out well."

Hire lawyer before drawing up purchase agreement

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: In your years of experience in representing purchasers of a house or condominium, what are the most common issues that you are confronted which could be of help to those of us who are thinking about doing our own purchase agreement?

A: The biggest problem that I have seen over the years in representing purchasers is that they have not sought legal counsel before they sign the purchase agreement and only consider retaining an attorney for "closing."

Obviously, the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement dictate the obligations of the respective parties. Unless the purchase agreement adequately protects the purchaser in such areas as inspection, guaranteed possession at the time of closing, adequate prorations of taxes, assessments and other dues, and many other issues, the purchaser will be at a disadvantage at the time of closing in obtaining what he or she has bargained for.

A purchase of real estate is the largest investment that most people make, and they should be adequately protected before the enter into any type of binding agreement.

Q: The control of our condominium association has just been turned over to the co-owners by the developer. There are a number of construction defects and deficiencies in the condominium which we believe are attributable to the developer, including roof leaks, basement leaks, and poor drainage.

The developer promised the steering committee that something would be done, but nothing has been done to date, and the developer has only a few units to sell in the condominium. We are concerned that the developer will run away from its obligations and we will be left without a remedy.

What should the association do?

A: One of the audits that we recommend to condominium associations when the control of the association has been turned over to the co-owner/purchasers from the developer-controlled board is the physical audit. That audit will determine the exact composition of the condominium project as it relates to its physical condition and will allow the association to intelligently evaluate whether it has a claim against the developer and other responsible parties for any defects and deficiencies in the construction of the condominium.

In your instance, it appears that the association members have known for a period of time of the

developer's improper construction tactics but have been either misled into acquiescence by the developer or have otherwise not been willing to pursue the developer aggressively.

Based on my years of experience in these kinds of matters, I would strongly recommend that the association board consult with knowledgeable legal counsel as soon as possible in regard to the rights that the association has to pursue these defects and deficiencies against the responsible parties and/or entities and to secure, with the assistance of legal counsel, the necessary documentation through engineers and architects, as the case may be, to document the claim of the association.

Demand should then be made upon the developer to take care of the problems. Without a satisfactory response, the association should consider its legal alternatives, including the commencement of legal proceedings.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



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The Plymouth REAL ESTATE ONE Office, welcomes Bill Florence to the team. Bill recently transferred from another real estate company and is a graduate of Marketing courses at the Southeast Institute of Real Estate Instruction.

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OFFICES MERGE
Jerry Borregard, broker/owner of Century 21 Chalet, has teamed with Terry Michaels and Nick Exarhos, owners of Century 21 Elite, to form a new agency, Century 21 Chalet.

The office is at 37290 Five Mile, Livonia. Borregard is the broker/owner. Michaels and Exarhos remain as sales agents.

"We're committed to the Century 21 system because it is the largest real estate organization in the world," Borregard said. "People recognize the name and, more

importantly, they acknowledge the outstanding track record the company has in helping people buy and sell homes."

CONSTRUCTION LIEN ACT
The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a step-by-step review of the Michigan Construction Lien Act 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 7, at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Cost, including continental breakfast, is \$30 for members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call the BIA at (810) 737-4477.

BLIGHT BUSTERS
Motor City Blight Busters announced that it has teamed with Charity Motors to turn donated vehicles into cash to fuel its house revitalization movement. Blight Busters specializes in Detroit neighborhoods. The group has completed hundreds of clean-

ups, board-ups, beautification projects, renovations and new construction.
Charity Motors, (313) 255-1000, accepts running and non-running vehicles. People who donate vehicles get a tax deduction and can designate a non-profit charity for a percentage of subsequent sales.

ABC HONORS KNOLLENBERG
Associated Builders and Contractors recently presented U.S. Representative Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Township) with a Champion of the Merit Shop or Eagle Award.

ABC, devoted to merit (non-union) shop construction, annually honors Congressmen whose voting records best reflect a commitment to fair competition, free enterprise and democratic principles.

REAL ESTATE INVESTORS
The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts a dinner

meeting 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the Kingsley Inn, Woodward south of Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.
The program is a gag awards holiday presentation.
Cost is \$16 for members, \$26 for non-members. Reservations required at (800) 747-6742.

CENTURY 21 ACHIEVEMENT
Several area offices received Century 21 Top Office status for sales activity during the month of September.

They include Century 21 MJL Corporate Transfers Service, Mark Zehnder, broker owner, and Century 21 Nada, Nada Illich, broker owner. Both offices are in Farmington Hills.

Also, Century 21 Today, Douglas A. Hardy, broker owner, Livonia; Century 21 West, William R. Eldridge, West Bloomfield; Century 21 East, Eldridge, Rochester Hills; and Century 21 Town & Country, John Kersten, Sterling Heights.

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You get movies from the stars with TV service from satellite

Small-dish satellite systems were introduced into the United States about a year ago and are now in more than 600,000 homes across the country.

You've seen them in backyards across rural and suburban America — places where cable TV hasn't quite reached. In fact, it's hard to miss them — they may take up half the yard. They are satellite dishes, and the good news is that they're getting smaller.

The new, small-dish satellite TV systems are smaller and cheaper than the larger dishes, which usually measure from 6 feet to 10 feet in diameter and cost more than \$2,000.

Small-dish satellite systems were introduced into the United States about a year ago and are now in more than 600,000 homes across the country. So far, there are two small-dish systems available: the RCA Digital Satellite System and the Primestar system.

RCA's dish measures 18 inches in diameter, and Primestar's is 39 inches — each quite an improvement from the large models that can make properties look like NASA outposts.

Basically, the larger dishes rotate to glean programs from 24 different satellites, while the small dishes don't rotate and only aim at one or two satellites that provide packages of up to 150 channels.

The Primestar system is rented for roughly \$8 per month, and there is an installation cost of about \$300. The RCA system, which is purchased, costs from \$700 to \$900, plus an additional fee for installation.

There are a few advantages for using the small-dish systems over cable television, the primary being that your locale doesn't even offer cable, you have the opportunity to buy more channels than cable, sound and picture quality are better, there are "audio-only" music channels, special options like Sunday-afternoon NFL packages are offered, and movie programming may be staggered on two channels — so you could choose to watch the same movie at 5 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.

The cost of receiving programs for small-dish systems is about the same as the rates for cable TV, and the rates may vary by region. A small-dish system offers different packages of channels, and in some cases, you need to buy channels from a programming provider, like USSB or DirecTV each seeming to have advantages.

Not all locations are feasible for satellite hookup, and some localities even prohibit dishes. Program providers are not allowed to supply network programming if network programming is available in your location from somewhere else. While there can be some glitches in reception, they are outweighed by the benefits of this new entertainment system.

Value is all-important in home electronics

Everything comes down to value. You purchase a product and it doesn't give you value, it's not valuable. You won't get much use out of it, and it won't last very long. You'll find yourself replacing it much sooner than you'd like.

"Value is the cornerstone of the consumer electronics industry," says Gary J. Shapiro, group vice president of the Electronic Industries Association's Consumer Electronics Group. "Whether you're purchasing a VCR, computer or portable CD player, you're purchasing a product that will give you infinite enjoyment over a long period of time."

Of course, part of the bargain that's struck when you purchase consumer electronics products is that you'll treat them with care and observe the manufacturer's recommended guidelines on their use. The other part of the bargain is that you're getting a product that will satisfy your needs.

The consumer electronics industry is pretty good at satisfying the needs of American consumers. This isn't something the industry has suddenly mastered, mind you, it was a hallmark of manufacturers of consumer electronics products before there was even a proper consumer electronics industry and before the term "consumer electronics" was in popular usage, right back to 1920, when the first radio receivers were advertised for sale.

Value is an interesting word, and the art of satisfying the needs of consumers is a precious gift. However, this doesn't come automatically as a part of the package — it takes the best designers, developers, engineers, product planners and visionaries to come up with products that exhibit value and satisfy your needs.

That's where the consumer electronics industry excels. Think about it — digital technology, fueling such revolutionary products as digital compact cassette and MiniDisc, the digital-based recorder/players, and Digital Broadcast Satellite, which delivers crystal-clear programming and CD-quality sound to your television by way of a pizza-sized dish, could not have come from an industry that doesn't have the latest technology pulsing through its veins.

Pentium and Power PC microprocessor chips, which lie at the heart of some of the most powerful computers available today, could only have come out of the consumer electronics industry. You could say the same for the VCR, the compact disc player and a host of other products, as well.

"Today, we're all running at such a fast pace, it's often difficult to take a breath and take stock of where we are," says Shapiro. "If you're a small business owner and you work out of your home, as so many people do these days, you probably have some sort of home office — a concept that came out of the consumer electronics industry."

"It would seem that the merging of the home computer, fax machine and telephone would be a simple process, and on the surface, it is, but getting the most out of such a coupling is a much more complex idea, and the manufacturers of those products have found a way to make it work to your advantage."

The same goes for home theater, says Shapiro: "We were watching movies at home well before the home theater concept was born, certainly, but in a way that puts us in the center of the action and surrounds us with swirling, three-dimensional sound? In front of a big screen?"

"Home office and home theater offer us unparalleled value. We get a lot of use out of the products that populate these exciting concepts. Home office makes us more productive, home theater gives us a place to go — unwind after all that productivity."

Just think — after a day in the home office, getting things accomplished like never before, and an evening in a home theater, unwinding as your favorite movie plays lifelike before you, you're feeling good. Look at it this way — a night in your home theater can be considered your reward for a productive day in your home office. It all comes down to value.

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This updated home in the western part of Westland has new windows and central air and sits on a double lot. It even has an oversized two car garage and lots of additional storage. (OE-N-33PAR) \$99,900 810-347-3050

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COMMERCE TWP. New Construction in beautiful Huron Hills in Commerce! Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, side entry garage. Still time to choose your colors. \$249,900. Code 4956 (ML540226) BRANDON KEKICH 313-591-9200



OUTSTANDING 2 YEAR OLD. 3 or 4 bdrms. 2 story home decorated to perfection. Extras galore. West Bloomfield Oaks sub. Walk to Walled Lake Elem. School. Priced at \$220,000. Call Beth Freund at 360-6300. (25WB)



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LIVONIA Just back on the market! Over 2100 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, large living areas, good sized lot, deck and more. All this for under \$130,000. Better run not walk there. Located in one of Livonia's most desirable subdivisions. Call immediately and you won't miss this great opportunity! \$127,900. (ML545556) JIM DONOHOE 313-591-9200



FARMINGTON HILLS This spacious 4 bedroom home is loaded with quality and extras. Beautiful cul-de-sac location in popular sub. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, walk-out bdrm. & more. \$289,000. Code 5086 (ML555300) LETA KEKICH 313-591-9200



SPACIOUS 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath Colonial in popular Pine Lake Estates white privileges. Pride of ownership prevails. Beautifully landscaped yard w/custom brick walkway & deck overlooking mature trees. Living space galore w/LR, FR, Den & finished basement. Bloomfield Hills schools. \$213,900. Linda Griesen-Strecker at 360-6300. (43WE)



BLOOMFIELD UPDATED TRANSITIONAL HOME in executive neighborhood. Offers open floor plan & large room sizes. 4 bedrooms. Birmingham Schools AND MUCH MORE! \$325,000 WO-53 ASK FOR BELLA BROOKENTHAL. 810-851-4100



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SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL. \$249,000. This home sits on Lake Manitou with over 200' of frontage. This home has many features including o.c., 2 car garage, 2 baths, 2 bdrms, poss. 3rd in LL, 2nd kitchen, and rec. rm. 1.44 acre w/10' of lake frontage also avail. for \$129,900, in area of prestigious homes and just down the road from Indianwood Golf Course. Call Robin or Neville for more details at 360-6300. (53N)



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WABEEK SHOWPLACE. 6 bedrooms, 4 1/2/1/2 baths completely updated. 2 story foyer, many wonderful amenities & extras. Finished walkout overlooking water. 2 car attached garage. CALL NOW! \$719,000 ME-19 ASK FOR SYLVIA STOTZKY. 810-851-4100



ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES! Perfect WEST BLOOMFIELD ranch with Birmingham Schools and WALNUT LAKE privileges! All major things NEW in last 3 years. Vaulted ceilings, big rooms, great neighborhood. \$194,000 PU-52 ASK FOR BONNIE CAMERON 810-851-4100



LIVONIA Spacious 1 bedroom condo freshly painted whewer carpeting, newer appliances, furnace, C/A, closet space galore, private enclosed balcony w/front view and 1/2 basement with personal storage. \$81,000 Code 5024 (ML548708) RHONDA WERTZ 313-591-9200



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ALL SPORTS UPPER LONG LAKE-BLOOMFIELD canal front, all updated throughout, 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen AND SO MUCH MORE! \$515,000 LO-19 ASK FOR DEBBIE WILLENS. 810-851-4100



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HOUSES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings received Monday, Nov. 27, as taken from Wayne County Register of Deeds records and compiled by Amerestate, Inc. publishers of Pace, a regional real-estate transaction report. Listed below are towns, addresses and sales prices. Asterisks denote multi-parcel transactions.

- CANTON TOWNSHIP**
- 1778 Aberdeen St \$144,000
 - 7524 Admiralty Dr \$155,700
 - 43680 Amber Ct \$149,300
 - 45422 Augusta Dr \$249,475
 - 43231 Barchester Road \$127,000
 - 43326 Barchester Road \$113,500
 - 5999 Beaufort St \$132,000
 - 46842 Bennett Ct \$229,900
 - 43680 Amber Ct \$149,300
 - 2256 Brookfield St \$115,000
 - 7085 Clampton Ct \$127,000*
 - 364 Country Club Ct \$277,146
 - 241 Country Club Lane \$316,158

- 277 Country Club Lane \$289,468
- 47949 Covington Ct \$264,920
- 1850 Canton Center Road \$85,000*
- 1378 Glengary Road \$188,000
- 48835 Gyde Road \$188,000
- 5999 Beaufort St \$132,000
- 1638 Haggerty, N \$115,000
- 42129 Hartford Dr \$145,600
- 36696 Hillary Dr \$109,000
- 45029 Indian Creek Dr \$167,000
- 42569 Lilley Pointe Dr \$76,900
- 46671 Mornington Road \$246,645
- 47044 Mornington Road \$247,955
- 45518 Muirfield Dr \$55,000
- 43629 Nowland Dr \$201,070
- 43747 Nowland Dr \$169,420
- 44079 Palisades Dr \$133,000
- 46406 Polo Dr \$199,500
- 7669 Provincial Road \$121,900
- 1406 Rand Road \$144,000
- 45132 Rector Dr \$141,000
- 240 Redfield Ct \$144,000
- 46948 Southgate Dr \$182,512
- 46974 Southgate Dr \$160,743
- 45070 Thornhill Ct \$219,000
- 7845 Thornwood St \$220,000
- 42075 Trent Dr \$47,256
- 42155 Trent Dr \$187,190
- 42298 Trent \$47,328
- 42711 Versailles Road \$152,000
- 43111 Versailles Road \$147,900
- 44260 Village Ct \$139,000
- 2011 Vine Way Dr \$81,250
- 47900 Wadebridge Ct \$267,000
- 8181 Warfield St \$148,000
- 372 Willard \$135,000*
- 43802 Yorktown St \$127,300

- 18892 Lathers St \$88,000
 - 552 Radcliff St \$88,500
 - 33051 Sheridan St \$91,900
 - 1011 W Rose \$135,900
 - 31752 Windsor \$74,000
- LIVONIA**
- 38381 5 Mile Road \$125,000
 - 15427 Alpine Dr \$184,000
 - 38545 Ann Arbor Road \$90,000
 - 15056 Arcola St \$107,000
 - 15161 Auburndale St \$86,200
 - 14372 Barbara St \$67,430
 - 29478 Bobrich St \$50,400
 - 34070 Bretton Dr \$215,000
 - 9624 Brookfield St \$90,900
 - 28750 Buckingham St \$108,000
 - 37844 Chase Ct \$160,200
 - 9353 Colorado \$106,000
 - 20211 Deering St \$66,000
 - 38024 Donald St \$132,900
 - 30636 Elmira St \$83,000
 - 15422 Fairfield St \$90,000
 - 15422 Fairfield St \$40,000
 - 16888 Fairfield St \$152,000
 - 17907 Floral St \$119,900
 - 9278 Florida St \$105,000
 - 18315 Fremont St \$127,000
 - 8942 Fremont St \$86,000
 - 8960 Fremont St \$68,500
 - 14462 Garden St \$125,900
 - 29802 Greenland St \$116,000
 - 36077 Grennada St \$179,000
 - 33170 Hampshire Road \$250,000
 - 11785 Hartel St \$49,000
 - 30605 Hathaway St \$117,000
 - 35375 Hathaway St \$58,000
 - 14304 Hix Road \$116,000
 - 8880 Hix Road \$120,000*
 - 11404 Hubbard St \$121,000
 - 11400 Hubbell St \$151,190
 - 38120 Joy Road \$78,957
 - 38660 Joy Road \$181,000
 - 14255 Knolston St \$135,000

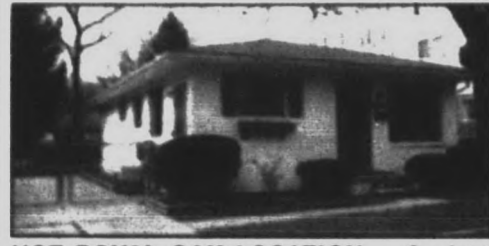
- 18992 Lathers St \$88,000
 - 16918 Levan Road \$163,500
 - 17760 Loveland St \$189,000
 - 1011 W Rose \$135,900
 - 18130 Mayfield St \$155,000
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 - 31568 Merriwood Park Dr \$130,000
 - 36727 Munger St \$185,000
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 - 19791 Norwich St \$174,500
 - 15743 Penn Dr \$175,000
 - 19574 Pollyanna Ct \$203,000
 - 29168 Rayburn St \$105,000
 - 38155 Ross St \$104,000
 - 33950 Schoolcraft Road \$105,000
 - 31568 Scone St \$134,000
 - 12146 Stark Road \$53,000
 - 12146 Stark Road \$73,000
 - 28531 Sunnysdale St \$103,100
 - 15645 Surrey St \$103,200
 - 27697 Western Golf Dr \$153,890
 - 17586 Woodside St \$149,000
- PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**
- 237 Ann Arbor Trail Ct \$99,450
 - 135 Holbrook Ave \$123,500
 - 12243 Howland Park Dr \$375,000
 - 1381 Linden St \$258,500
 - 344 Mill St \$85,800
 - 225 Parkview Dr \$84,000
 - 420 Parkview Dr \$98,000
 - 303 Pinewood Dr \$71,000

- 6215 Northern Ave \$73,000
 - 49434 Pine Ridge Ct \$401,487
 - 49946 Plymouth Way \$141,390
 - 45633 Primrose Ct \$252,125
 - 8991 Quail Circle \$335,000
 - 46580 Strathmore Ct \$192,000
 - 45637 Turtlehead Ct \$213,500
 - 45524 Woodleigh Way \$214,900
- REDFORD TOWNSHIP**
- 9061 Appleton \$68,900
 - 9111 Appleton \$69,900
 - 9169 Baywood Dr \$156,500
 - 16620 Centralia \$87,500
 - 17438 Centralia \$65,000
 - 17215 Delaware Ave \$83,000
 - 11395 Fenton \$70,000
 - 15954 Fenton \$58,900*
 - 18257 Five Points St \$57,000
 - 16123 Fordson Hwy \$89,900
 - 96164 Garfield \$86,900
 - 20445 Gaylord \$68,550
 - 24609 Graham Road \$95,968
 - 14360 Inkster Road \$38,000
 - 11430 Lenore \$65,000
 - 19130 Macarthur \$74,000
 - 9984 Marlon Crescent \$70,000
 - 9599 Norborne Ave \$80,900
 - 9311 Riverview \$85,000
 - 11377 Rockland \$82,500
 - 12116 Rockland \$59,900
 - 9595 Rockland \$111,900
 - 9944 Rockland \$65,000
 - 8829 Royal Grand \$80,000
 - 26289 Southwestern Hwy \$60,000*
 - 17201 Summer St \$71,900
 - 26415 W 7 Mile Road \$40,000
 - 15770 Wormer \$45,000


- 34004 Cambria Ct \$42,000
- 6722 Caribou St \$74,000
- 1419 Carlson Ave \$72,000
- 8122 Carousel St \$80,000
- 8524 Cavell St \$99,000
- 33130 Chief Lane \$118,000
- 150 Dawson St \$135,598
- 186 Dawson Ct \$94,832
- 36541 Deerhurst Dr \$95,360
- 36505 Deerhurst N \$114,624
- 36815 Dover \$135,900
- 5921 Dowling \$93,000
- 747 Easley St \$79,000
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- 31817 Fairchild St \$65,731
- 35036 Fairchild St \$69,000
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- 35365 Joy Road \$98,900
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- 5657 Parent Ave \$63,000
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- 39222 Randolph Ct \$119,400
- 322 Randolph St \$122,722
- 7854 Rivergate Dr \$96,300
- 7872 Rivergate Dr \$91,885
- 34356 Roselyn St \$93,000
- 35413 Schley St \$88,000
- 36338 Schley St \$47,500
- 34238 Sheridan St \$94,500
- 38336 Timberland Dr \$173,500
- 444 Van Lamm St \$60,000
- 820 Venoy Road \$72,900
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Aug. 17, 1996, at the Northfield Hilton Inn, Troy. (313) 886-0770
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Detroit St. Andrew's
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Oct. 4, 1996, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. (313) 453-1022
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July 27, 1996, at the Assumption Cultural Center, St. Clair Shores. (313) 886-0770

Lakeland
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July 13, 1996, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. (810) 887-3923 or (313) 416-5547

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June 15, 1996, at the Novi Hilton, Novi. (313) 886-0770

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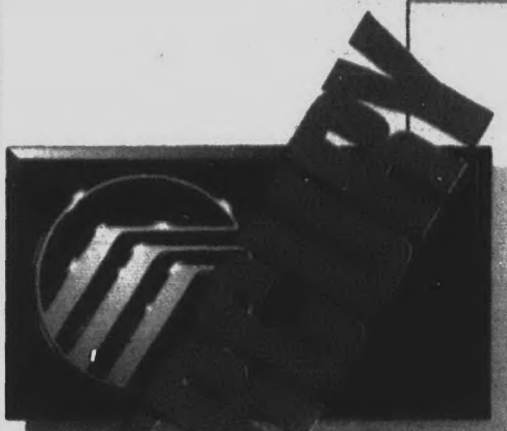
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Redford Thurston
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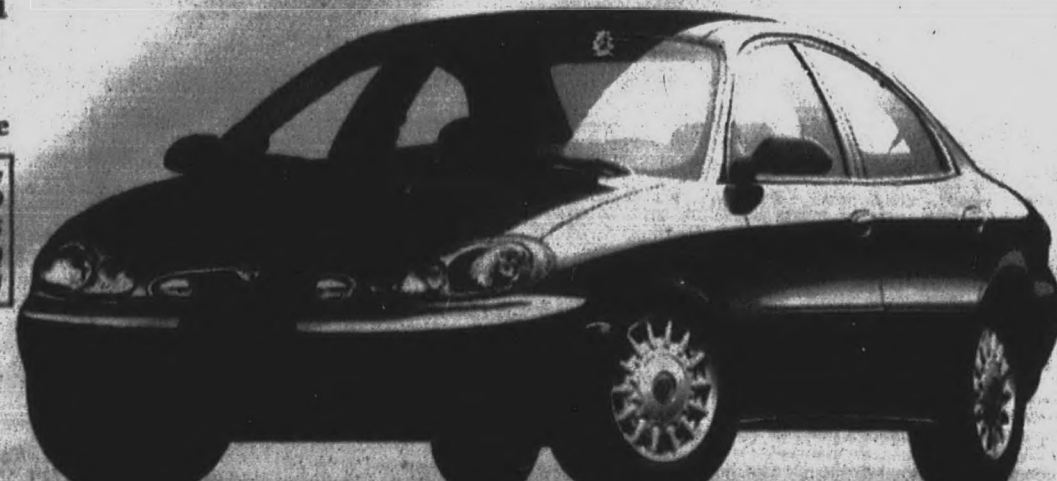
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GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$1335.85 **\$25,295**

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Air conditioning, airbag, anti-lock brakes, power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, 4.3 V6 automatic with overdrive, running boards, four captain's chairs, fold down rear seat, AM/FM stereo cassette with clock, 10" wheel base. Stock #552049.

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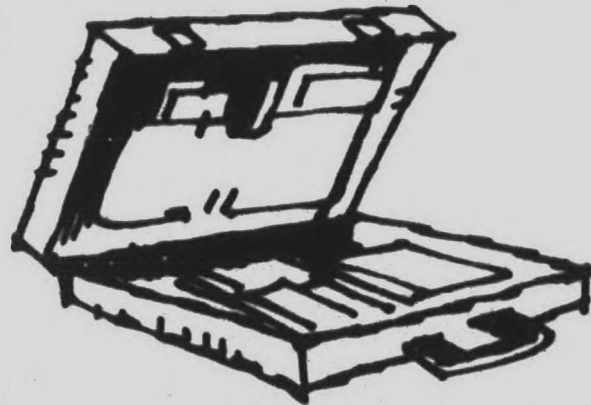
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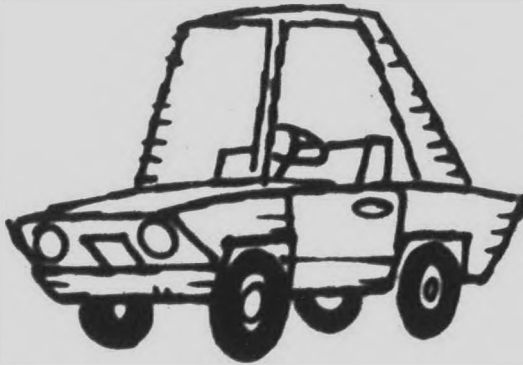
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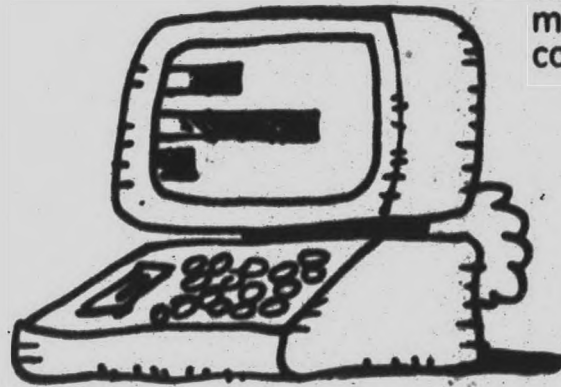
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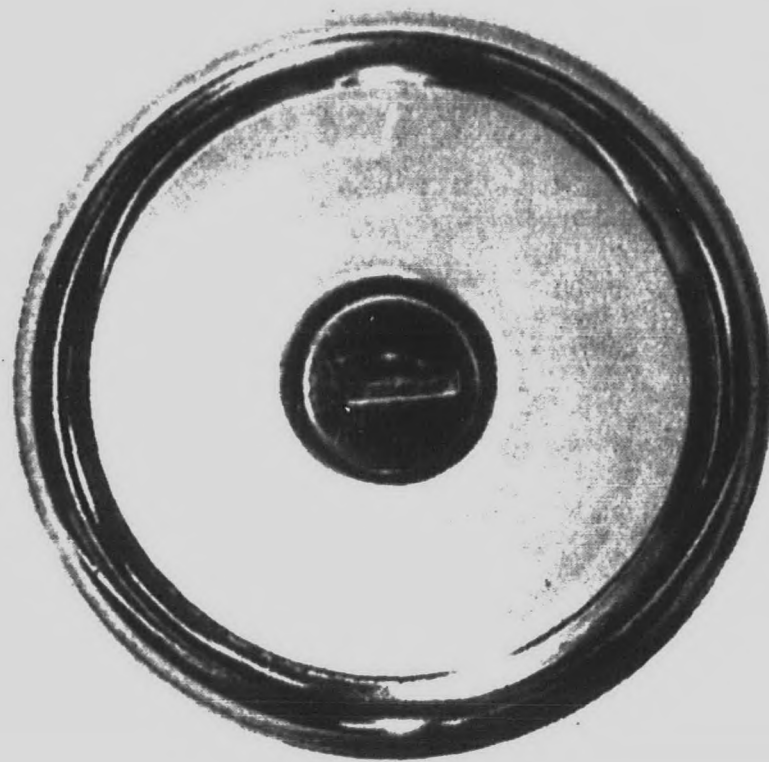
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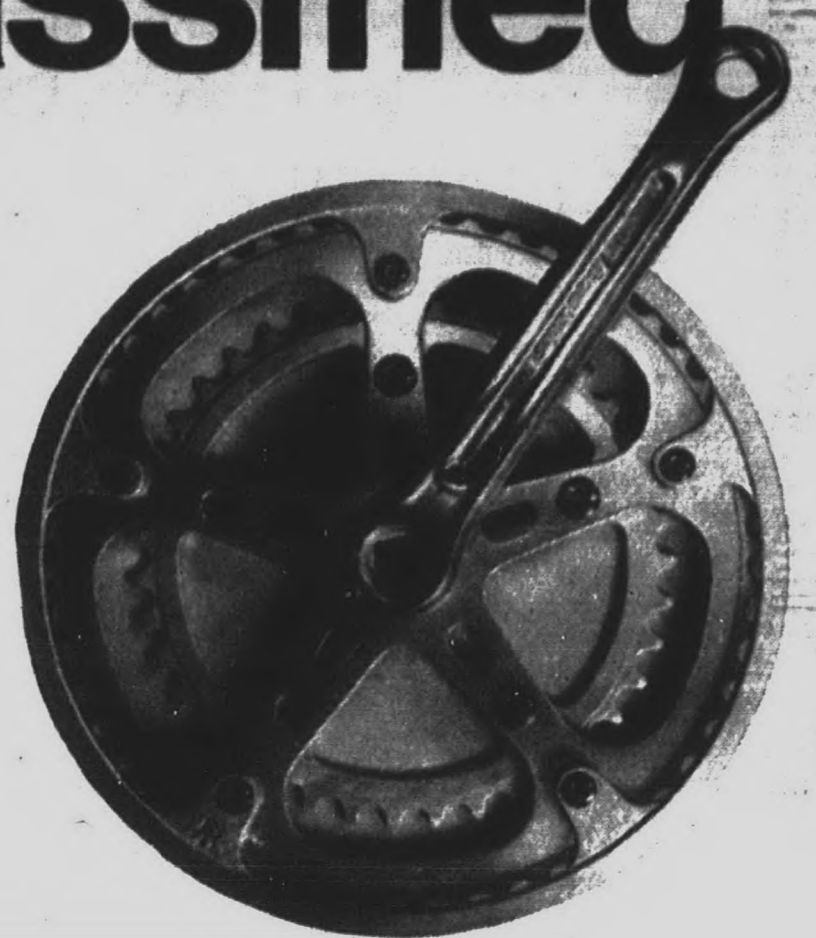
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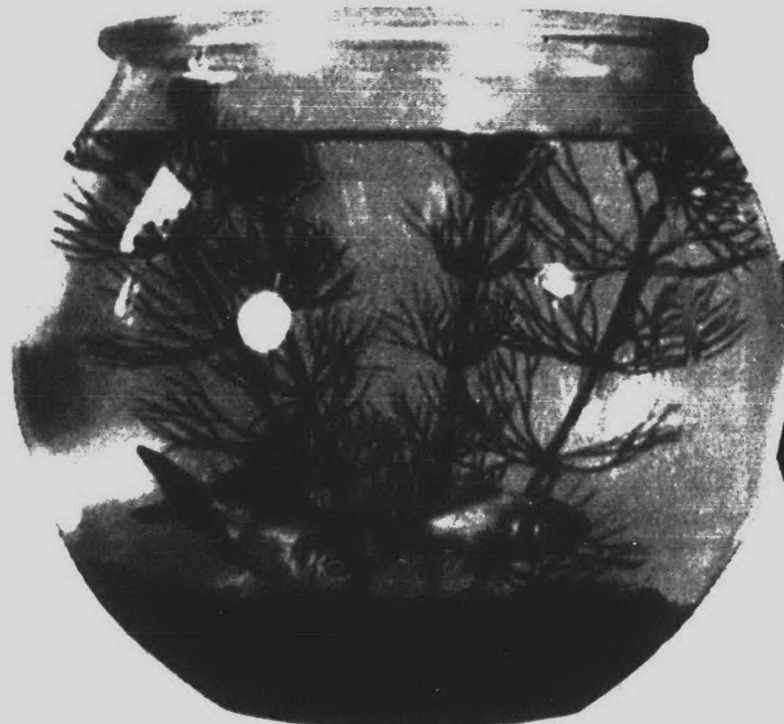
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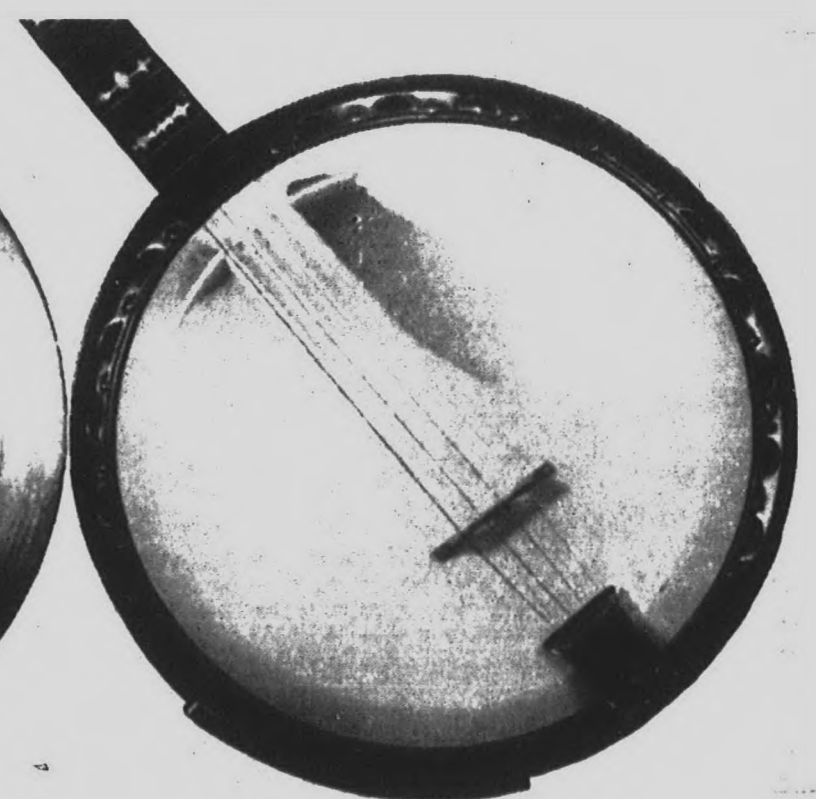
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Overdrive Leather Traction Assist

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| RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS | RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR |
| \$9385²⁰ | \$399** |
| TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$12,385 RCL & Dealer Cash \$300 Monthly use tax \$30.99 Lease term 24 months Refundable security deposit \$425 Total due at inception \$10,128.24 Total mileage allowed 24,000 Mileage penalty 15¢/mile Title and plate extra | • Base Monthly Payment \$399 • Monthly Use Tax \$33.94 • Total Monthly Payment \$432.94 • Refundable Security Deposit \$425 • Number of Months 24 • Cash Reduction From Lincoln-Mercury and Its Events \$3000 • Tax on Rebate Money & Down Pay \$257.09 • Total Due at Inception From Customer \$258.21 • Total of Payments \$678 • Total Mileage Allowed 24,000 • Mileage Penalty over 24,000 15¢/mile • Closed End Lease |

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1996 CONTINENTAL
Touring Package 4.6 L 32V Intake V6 Electronic I40
Transmission Traction Control Leather JBL Audio System

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| \$9229²² | \$399** |
| TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$12,229** RCL & Dealer Cash \$300 Monthly use tax \$30.87 Lease term 24 months Refundable security deposit \$425 Luxury Tax \$150.00 Total due at inception \$10,143.55 Total mileage allowed 24,000 Mileage penalty 15¢/mile Title and plate extra | • Base Monthly Payment \$399 • Monthly Use Tax \$33.94 • Total Monthly Payment \$432.94 • Refundable Security Deposit \$425 • Number of Months 24 • Cash Reduction From Lincoln-Mercury and Its Events \$3000 • Tax on Rebate Money & Down Pay \$257.09 • Total Due at Inception From Customer \$258.19 • Total of Payments \$678 • Total Mileage Allowed 24,000 • Mileage Penalty over 24,000 15¢/mile • Closed End Lease |

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| RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS | RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR |
| \$9094⁴⁵ | \$399** |
| TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$12,094** RCL & Dealer Cash \$300 Monthly use tax \$31.49 Lease term 24 months Refundable security deposit \$425 Total due at inception \$9,859.54 Total mileage allowed 24,000 Mileage penalty 15¢/mile Title and plate extra | • Base Monthly Payment \$399 • Monthly Use Tax \$33.94 • Total Monthly Payment \$432.94 • Refundable Security Deposit \$425 • Number of Months 24 • Cash Reduction From Lincoln-Mercury and Its Events \$3000 • Tax on Rebate Money & Down Pay \$257.09 • Total Due at Inception From Customer \$257.67 • Total of Payments \$678 • Total Mileage Allowed 24,000 • Mileage Penalty over 24,000 15¢/mile • Closed End Lease |

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| RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS | RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR |
| \$8076³² | \$341²²** |
| TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$8,076** RCL & Dealer Cash \$300 Monthly use tax \$31.49 Lease term 24 months Refundable security deposit \$425 Total due at inception \$7,850.54 Total mileage allowed 24,000 Mileage penalty 15¢/mile Title and plate extra | • Base Monthly Payment \$341.00 • Monthly Use Tax \$33.91 • Total Monthly Payment \$374.91 • Refundable Security Deposit \$425 • Number of Months 24 • Cash Reduction From Lincoln-Mercury \$1000 • Tax on Rebate Money & Down Pay \$120.00 • Total Due at Inception From Customer \$107.00 • Total of Payments \$650.00 • Total Mileage Allowed 24,000 • Mileage Penalty over 24,000 15¢/mile • Closed End Lease |

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| RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS | RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR |
| \$6573⁹² | \$268** |
| TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$7,573** RCL & Dealer Cash \$1000 Monthly use tax \$18.93 Lease term 24 months Refundable security deposit \$300 Total due at inception \$7,273.24 Total mileage allowed 30,000 Mileage penalty 11¢/mile Title and plate extra | • Base Monthly Payment \$268 • Monthly Use Tax \$18.10 • Total Monthly Payment \$286.10 • Refundable Security Deposit \$300 • Number of Months 24 • Cash Reduction From Lincoln-Mercury and Its Events \$1000 • Tax on Rebate Money & Down Pay \$120 • Total Due at Inception From Customer \$1704.43 • Total of Payments without tax \$6438.92 • Total Mileage Allowed 30,000 • Mileage Penalty over 30,000 11¢/mile • Closed End Lease |

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| RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS | RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR |
| \$7283⁶⁸ | \$269 |
| TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$7,283** Renewal Incentive \$600 Monthly use tax \$19.48 Lease term 24 months Refundable security deposit \$300 Total due at inception \$7,593.72 Total mileage allowed 30,000 Mileage penalty 11¢/mile Title and plate extra | • Base Monthly Payment \$269.16 • Monthly Use Tax \$19.21 • Total Monthly Payment \$288.36 • Refundable Security Deposit \$300 • Number of Months 24 • Tax on Rebate Money & Down Payment \$80 • Total Due at Inception From Customer \$1749.36 • Total of Payments without tax \$7685.60 • Total Mileage Allowed 30,000 • Mileage Penalty over 30,000 11¢/mile |

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| RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS | RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR |
| \$7783⁶⁸ | \$320¹⁵** |
| TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$7,783** Monthly use tax \$19.48 Lease term 24 months Refundable security deposit \$300 Total due at inception \$8,256.72 Total mileage allowed 30,000 Mileage penalty 11¢/mile Title and plate extra | • Base Monthly Payment \$320.82 • Monthly Use Tax \$17.81 • Total Monthly Payment \$338.63 • Refundable Security Deposit \$300 • Number of Months 24 • Cash Reduction From Lincoln-Mercury \$500 • Tax on Rebate Money & Down Payment \$80 • Total Due at Inception From Customer \$1720.63 • Total of Payments without tax \$7123.69 • Total Mileage Allowed 30,000 • Mileage Penalty |

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| \$5908⁵⁶ | \$234** |
| Monthly use tax \$14.77 Lease term 24 months Refundable security deposit \$250 Total due at inception \$6,658.04 Total mileage allowed 30,000 Mileage penalty 11¢/mile Title and plate extra | • Base Monthly Payment \$234 • Monthly Use Tax \$14 • Total Monthly Payment \$248 • Refundable Security Deposit \$250 • Number of Months 24 • Tax on Rebate Money & Down Payment \$80 • Total Due at Inception From Customer \$1058.92 • Total of Payments \$553.99 • Total Mileage Allowed 30,000 • Mileage Penalty over 30,000 11¢/mile • Closed End Lease |

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