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## Tempers flare over proposed firefighter pact

By Maurie Walker  
and Sandra Armbruster  
staff writers

Westland firefighters are expected to seek arbitration to reach a contract agreement after the City Council rejected a tentative pact Monday night.

Following a brief shouting match between Westland City Council President Thomas Artley and Mayor Charles Pickering, the council voted 5-2 to deny approval of the Westland Firefighters Association contract.

Council members Nancy Neal and Ben DeHart voted to approve the contract.

The verbal explosion between Artley and Pickering came after DeHart suggested Pickering be allowed to present some of what the administration feels were cost-savers in the contract.

"We should let the audience know what is in the contract," DeHart said.

When Artley refused, Pickering asked again to be allowed to speak.

"You've told your side of the story, now let me tell mine," the mayor said.

Artley yelled back, "If you want to tell your side, tell it to the press," he said.

That's just what he did — Tuesday morning.

Pickering said he is considering a

veto of the council's vote. He has until Thursday evening to decide to do so. It would be his seventh veto this year. Pickering said the veto would return the tentative pact to its former status as something still to be dealt with.

Both Pickering and Joe Hawrylak, serving as personnel director and mayor's assistant, expressed surprise with placement of the item on Monday's agenda.

"We had two closed sessions and expected to have a third," Pickering said.

IN EXPLAINING why they were voting against approval, Robert Wagner and Kenneth Mehl cited the poor economy.

"We have spent hours studying the contract. Every union deserves a raise, but the city just can't afford it. If we can give one in the future we'll give it to them," Wagner said.

"The city now has a \$600,000 deficit, we just can't give raises to anyone. If one union gets a raise, other unions will want one," he added.

Mehl agreed.

"If anyone thinks we can afford to give a raise they are dreaming.

"No bargaining unit in the city is better than any other. If one can't be given a raise, none should," Mehl said.

COUNCILWOMAN Nancy Neal, in supporting approval, cited the cost of

going to arbitration.

"The last time we went to arbitration, it cost us \$167,000," she said. "If the firefighters go to arbitration, they will get more than they are asking for now."

"I don't view the contract as giving the firefighters a raise, just benefits. I think it's a good contract," she added.

Mark Neal, outgoing president of the union, said the firefighters had agreed to take a pay freeze for one year.

"We are surprised the council denied the contract," he said. "It's hard to understand their thinking."

"We will go to arbitration. The city knows from past experience that arbitration is costly. This contract could have saved the city \$43,000 by approving this contract," he added.

"The council, with the exception of Neal and DeHart, have shown they are irresponsible."

He said the firefighters approved this contract "in an effort to try to help the city."

"THIS IS THE first administration we could believe in, and we negotiated this contract we felt would aid the city."

He said one item alone in the contract will save the city \$3,000.

"The firefighters had been having physicals every year; now, under the new contract, we will be taking one every three years, when our Emergency Medical Technician license comes up for renewal."

Several members of the union sat through two hours of agenda items waiting for the contract issue to come up. They walked out of the council chambers shaking their heads after approval of the contract was denied.

Pickering said the contract would have resulted in a \$40,000 savings to the city. That figure is disputed by the council, citing loss of productivity as a cost to the city.

The contract calls for a pay freeze and other changes in benefits. Hawrylak described the settlement as "remarkable" in light of agreements elsewhere — 19 percent over three years in Canton Township and 15 percent over two years in Wayne.

Other terms in the contract call for four additional days off with pay in exchange for the return of 1 1/2 days pay per quarter for each fireman, a provision in the last contract. Hawrylak said this will save the city about \$43,000 unless firefighters are required to work overtime if staffing levels drop.

While this represents a loss of 3 percent per year in productivity, Pickering and Hawrylak said it returns money to the city's general fund — a crucial concern since Westland is facing a \$600,000 deficit for the year.

Firefighters also will receive improved longevity pay, although the ceiling for such pay remains the same. That is expected to cost the city \$2,517. In addition, another \$1,200 for insurance of the widow of a retired firefighter is called for under terms of the agreement.

PICKERING SAID he is worried that if the pact goes to arbitration the firefighters could be awarded a lucrative contract. Also of concern is the cost of arbitration proceedings, which he estimated at a minimum of \$40,000 to \$50,000.

He added that the council's vote was a "deliberate attempt to create dissension between the firefighters and my administration."

Pickering said that the contract also showed that he wasn't paying off the firefighters for having supported him in his bid for mayor. He further accused the council of being anti-firefighter, saying that the only city union asked to make concessions by the council was the firefighters' union.

While Hawrylak said he is concerned about what the impact of the contract's rejection will be on the firefighters' morale, Pickering said he is confident that it won't affect services.

Irrked that he wasn't allowed to speak at the council meeting, which he said "violates the city charter," Pickering said he is considering not having his administration represented at council meetings and requiring all council requests to be processed through his office instead of going directly to department heads.

He said that is a change from his current open door policy.



Emerson Junior High School students display the wooden toys they made in shop class which will be distributed to some needy children in the Livonia area. Surrounding samples of their workman-

ship are Tim Riley, Mike Lamerson, Dan Lefauve, Janet Farhat, Mike Ingold, Keith Bobrowski, Tina Giacodini, Ronda Young, Dave Nitz, Scott Gray and Ron Sackett.

## They construct holiday cheer Students' toys make grade

By Louise Okrutsky  
staff writer

Enough cars, trucks, tanks, boats and planes to cause a small traffic jam are parked in the lobby of Emerson Junior High School.

In fact about 100 wooden toys are causing something of a jam as crowds of students stop in front of the display case to ooh and aah.

Most of the admirers don't notice that in a nearby shop class, the eighth-grade creators of these toys are beaming over the attention given to their work.

But the toys proudly designed and made by students in Joe Costa's woodshop class are destined to get some special oohs and aahs on Christmas Day when they're given to children who otherwise might not receive a toy.

"I wanted to instill in my students a gift of giving, a sense of community and a pride in self," Costa said.

When the project was finished, Costa had a roomful of toys and five classes of proud students. He also didn't have a

clue as to who could use the toys. "I started to get a little shaky. Here we spent three weeks at this," he said.

After the principal, counselors and the Parent-Teacher Association couldn't yield an answer, a friend of his called on Sister Diane of St. Damian Elementary School. She tagged 30 toys for students in her school who needed them and contacted other parochial elementary schools in the Livonia area. They took 30 toys each.

"I went from nowhere to go, to everywhere to go. She could use 300 of them," he said.

Costa also benefits from the project. An industrial arts teacher in the Livonia School district since 1969, he's been laid off and called back to work for the last five years. He believes this is his final year as the district's last full-time industrial arts teacher.

The toys, which will help make Christmas for some children, help Costa mark his own milestone.

In his first junior-high post in 10 years, Costa helped his 13 and 14-year-

old students choose and design the toys they made.

After he checked each student's design, they cut patterns for the toys or traced an outline on the 2 x 4's the class used. It took them seven to 10 days to finish the toys once they had been cut.

Toys were finished in shellac instead of paint to guard against poisoning if children chewed on them.

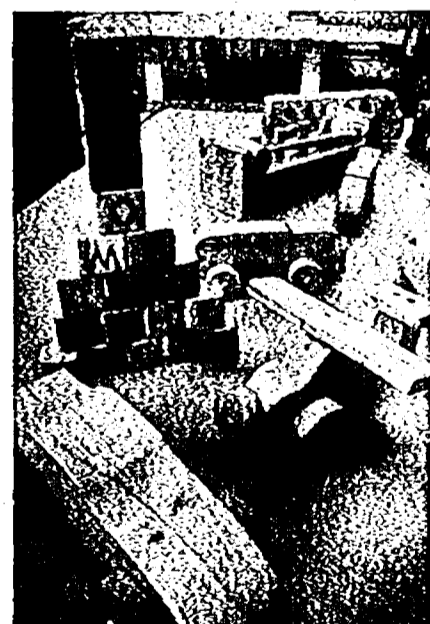
Some monitoring of the students' choices was necessary.

"The biggest things were tanks. I could have had 75 tanks if we let that happen," Costa said.

A typical tank produced in the class included a turret, wheels which turned and a gun coming out of the center.

Other students constructed puzzles of three to four pieces in the shapes of teddy bears, unicorns, floppy-eared dogs and sail boats.

There are cars with wheels that move and some which are only silhouettes. "For a junior-high setting — they're not bad at all," Costa said, obviously proud.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Cars, airplanes and blocks, perennial children's favorites, are among the toys which the eighth-grade class designed and built.

## Westlander faces manslaughter rap

A Westland man faces a manslaughter charge following the traffic death of a 34-year-old Canton woman late Friday afternoon.

The accident occurred at about 5:30 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Sheldon and Cherry Hill, police said.

Madonna C. Tharp, of Sincoc, a passenger in a car, died in the accident.

William Matney, 25, of Almo Court, Westland, was arraigned over the weekend in 17th District Court on the manslaughter charge. He pleaded not guilty and was released on \$10,000 personal bond. Preliminary exam in 35th District Court is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 27.

Manslaughter is a felony carrying a maximum penalty of 15 years.

THARP WAS TRAVELING with her son, Eric, who was driving southbound on Sheldon when he stopped at the Cherry Hill intersection, according to a police report. After checking for clear traffic, he turned the car eastbound onto Cherry Hill, but his car was struck on the passenger side by a car driven by Matney, police said.

The impact of the collision spun Tharp's car into the path of another car, traveling westbound on Cherry Hill, resulting in another crash of the passenger side, police said.

Matney fled the scene, police said, but was arrested at the corner of Queens Way and Cherry Hill by assisting police officer William McCusker from Westland. Investigation indicated that Matney was intoxicated and driving with his car headlights off, police said.

Mrs. Tharp was pronounced dead at Oakwood Hospital Canton Center immediately after the incident. No one else was seriously injured.

Funeral services for Mrs. Tharp took place Monday in Muncie, Ind. She had been a Canton resident for 18 months and a nurse at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas; sons Eric and Aaron; parents, Earl and Cynthia Hall of Muncie; three brothers; and three sisters.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Oakwood Hospital, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn.

## City selects consultant for cable TV

By Maurie Walker  
staff writer

Westland will soon have a cable television consulting firm to assist the city in the preparation of a cable television franchise.

At the recommendation of Dale Farland, Westland planning director, and the city's cable commission, the City Council voted Monday night to enter into a contract with Telecommunication Management Corp. of Los Angeles.

Farland, who is also cable coordinator for the city administration, said the city hopes to sign a contract with the firm by the first of the year.

The consultant will assist the city in the preparation of all cable television ordinances and review and prepare a recommendation on all proposals received for a franchise.

THE COUNCIL last October approved a cable television resolution authorizing the administration to seek the services of a private cable television consultant.

Farland said the city received 13 proposals for cable consulting services in response to its request.

These proposals were diligently reviewed, and the four finalists were personally interviewed by the city's cable

television consultant review committee, who finally agreed on Telecommunication Management Corp., she said.

THE CONSULTANT'S fee will be paid from application fees charged to prospective bidders for the local franchise.

Farland said the contract will provide for a firm, fixed fee for the services in the amount of \$16,000 plus the additional amount based on the number of applications received.

This would amount to \$4,800 per application for the first three applications, \$4,400 for four-to-six applica-

tions, and for seven or more applications the amount would be \$4,200 per additional application, above the first six.

Farland had said earlier that the main reasons most cities go with a consultant is the mass of information needing to be assessed in order to prepare a well thought-out comprehensive cable ordinance and bid proposal.

Westland is one of the few remaining large suburbs still preparing for cable. Most others already are wired for the medium.

Westland voters had rejected a proposal for a city-owned cable TV system in February 1981.

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Sadie Humphrey of Westland enjoys a candy cane provided by the restaurant.



The Project Compassion bus that took residents from the Camelot Convalescent Centre to the York Steak House is equipped with a special door to get Bill Newell and his wheelchair in and out. Assisting him are Camelot staff members Anna White (left) and Wanda Main.

## Seniors treated to festive meal

By Sherry Kahan  
staff writer

It was up early and dressing in their best for 34 residents of the Camelot Hall Convalescent Centre on a recent morning. They had been invited out to brunch by the York Steak House in the Westland Shopping Center. It was the restaurant's way of saying "Merry Christmas."

The visit was not without its problems in logistics. Several residents and their wheelchairs had to be raised on a lift into an orange bus. Persons with walkers had to be helped aboard and their walkers stored.

The bus bore a sign saying Project Compassion, certainly the theme of the day. It was provided for the trip by Lutheran churches in the Detroit area, and driven by Earl Witt.

"They're really happy to be out," Witt noted, looking at his passengers. "They were all smiles. This is the most rewarding work I've done in my life. I see the smiles, the looks on their faces and eyes that light up."

"This is a big thing in their lives. They are not forgotten. People do care and will help them."

JOANNE ZITO, assistant manager of the restaurant, pointed out that letting the seniors know they had not been forgotten at Christmas figured strongly in York's decision to invite them to a free meal.

"We gave them a menu choice and they chose steak, eggs and potatoes," she said. "They could either have fruit cocktail or jello, and there was pie for dessert. Each resident has his or her own place card."

In a room decorated with colorful Christmas roping and lights, Sadie Humphrey of Westland tasted the candy cane that was lying at her place along with a chocolate reindeer.

"I think this is marvelous, the most wonderful thing I ever saw," she said. "I certainly appreciate it."

Jessie Murphy of Livonia arrived in a wheelchair and plaid shirt. "This is the first time I've been out in two years," she commented.

Charles Green of Redford Township, a former manufacturer's agent, had dressed up for the occasion. He appreciated the opportunity to have a change from institutional cooking.

"IT'S A GOOD idea to have something to look forward to," he said.

Margaret Maas of Detroit reported: "I nearly fell over when I saw all that food. I had absolutely no interest in Christmas except sit and cry because I couldn't do anything. But I think I feel better now."



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# Lewand lines up Blanchard team step at a time

By Suzie Rollins Singer  
staff writer

Tom Lewand has his eye on western Detroit.

From his office window on the 20th floor of the Michigan Plaza Building downtown, Lewand, director of the governor-elect's transition team, can see the highway signs leading to Lansing.

Nestled in the offices which once housed Gov. William Milliken's Detroit bureau, Governor-elect James Blanchard's top advisor talks about the challenges he is experiencing so close to power.

"It's very exciting to put together the system by which the governor will operate," Lewand said. "I can watch the governor develop his own style, and that's very rewarding."

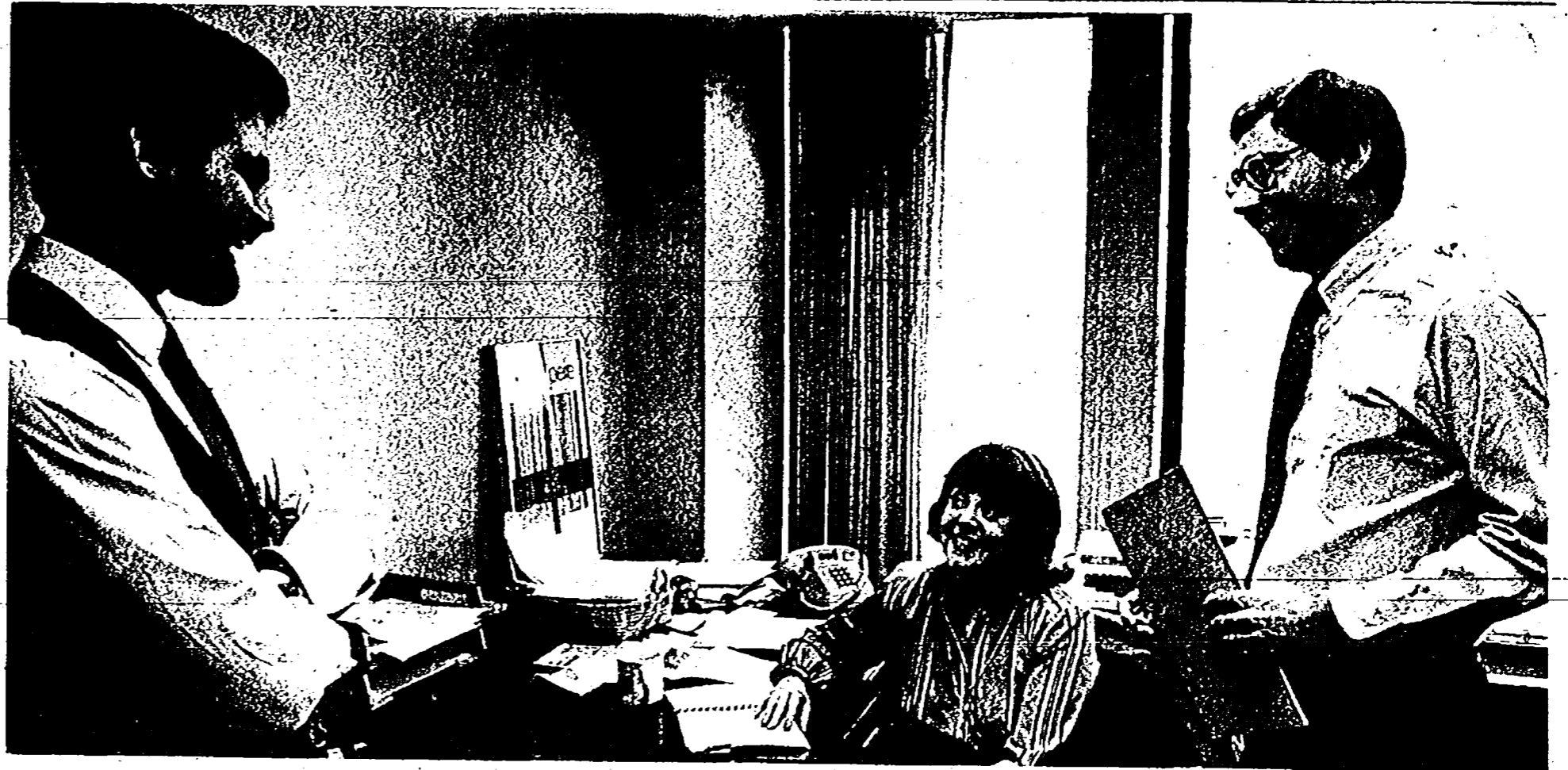
DURING HIS 18-hour work days, Lewand, 36, said he's amazed by the volume of telephone calls filtering into the transition office.

"There are so many requests for meetings with the governor-elect. It's really remarkable. But then it is the first change of administration in 20 years," he added.

It's no secret that not all 55 paid transition staff members will be hired on the governor's payroll, but Lewand won't disclose who will remain or when permanent appointments will be made.

"The governor can only appoint 200 people — 59 on his executive staff and 11 department heads. The others are on various boards and commissions," he explained.

The changing of the guards won't happen all at once, the Royal Oak resident promised.



JOHN STANO/staff photographer

In their 20th-floor office in Detroit, transition director Tom Lewand (right) discusses the day's events with transition team director of communications Betty Howe, former Oakland County Democratic

chairwoman and an MSU trustee, and legislative director Shelby Solomon.

"People in business have told us that a transition is crazy. Their businesses could never survive if everyone changed at one time.

"Jim is replacing only key department heads to start. The stress of getting the governor's office set up is enough, and he'll let things continue as they are for a short period of time," he added.

Blanchard has said publicly that he won't follow in former President Jimmy Carter's footsteps and rush into making appointments. Instead, he'll pattern himself after President Reagan and begin getting a firm grasp on one department before moving on to others.

**THE TRANSITION** team works in eight divisions, each dealing with various forms of government ranging from legislative affairs to communications. Lewand and the department heads hired the other staffers.

Salaries are spread over 12 months but terminate Jan. 1. Lewand's salary is \$50,000, department heads earn \$45,000, support position personnel earn from \$20,000 to \$30,000 and clerical person \$10,000 to \$15,000.

The \$1 million transition budget must be used to pay off all the people in state government whom Blanchard will lay off, travel expenses, state cars, supplies, phones, and rent.

"The vast majority goes to salaries.

In addition, money will be needed for the inaugural, even though a committee is working on raising money for the event," Lewand said.

**BECAUSE THE** budget is limited, Blanchard has asked Michigan's business leaders to lend him employees to help improve the state's economy.

"It's not uncommon for industry to lend government talent: We've got lawyers and accountants and have one person on loan from Ford Motor Co.," Lewand said.

Milliken has been extremely helpful in making the transition easier, Lewand said.

"George Weeks (Milliken's executive secretary) has been very helpful in suggesting ways for us to organize," Lewand added.

A lawyer, Lewand is a political protégé of Blanchard, a four-term congressman from Pleasant Ridge. Lewand served one term as a county commissioner before making an unsuccessful race in 1980 for county executive. He managed Blanchard's successful campaigns for the Democratic nomination and the executive office.

Speculation is that Lewand is in line for the executive secretary post.

The transition staff is laced with suburban Democratic workers who have helped either Blanchard or retiring Congressman William Brodhead over the years.

**AMIDST THE** hoopla, Lewand promised there was one issue the governor and his staff would not lose sight of — jobs.

"We will definitely set up a program to create jobs. There are other state crises the state will face right away and we're studying the budget. The forecasts tell us that \$200-500 million will have to be cut from the budget, but we're still committed to the jobs program," he said.

Lewand noted that jobs could be created without raising taxes if revenue

bonds are sold.

"Congress is already passing some legislation to help the state's and the governor and lieutenant governor have tremendous Congress experience so we're confident we'll get through this," he said.

**BLANCHARD** will be sworn in as Michigan's 45th governor at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, on the steps of the Capitol Building in Lansing.

Administering the oath of office will be state Supreme Court Justice G. Mennen Williams, himself governor from 1949-60. With his wife Paula holding the family Bible, Blanchard will become the first Democratic chief executive in 20 years.

Dr. John A. Hannah, president emeritus of Michigan State University, where Blanchard earned two degrees, will be master of ceremonies. Among other duties, Hannah will introduce Jay Blanchard, the governor's 12-year-old son, who will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also sworn in, after the Democratic sweep of Nov. 2, will be Lt. Gov. Martha W. Griffiths, Secretary of State Richard Austin, Attorney General Frank Kelley, Supreme Court Justice Michael Cavanaugh, and two members each of the State Board of Education and governing boards of the University of Michigan, MSU and Wayne State University.



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Governor-elect Blanchard



CRAIG GAFFIELD/staff photographer

Exchanging hugs at the Dorsey Center are Santa (Elmer Castle) and 4-year-old Ronnie Kennedy. Santa made his first visit to the center this year, greeting youngsters who

were unable to go elsewhere to talk with the jolly old gent.

## Santa, donations brighten holiday for Norwayne area

Santa visited the youngsters of Norwayne this week. That visit marked a first for the area in southeastern Westland.

"We never seem to have a Santa, and mothers don't have transportation to take their kids somewhere to see him. So we had the idea of having Santa here this year," said Alice Able, a Norwayne resident.

"Here" is the Dorsey Center, a city-sponsored community gathering spot on Dorsey east of Venoy and south of Cherry Hill. Elmer Castle donated his services for the visits, including a tour of project areas.

"There are a lot of areas where the mothers won't even bring their children to the center," said Madelyn Schroeder, who worked on coordinating the project. "This is one time of year when you can go knocking on doors and people will say hello."

NEARLY \$200 was collected by the fire and police personnel in the city to provide the children with treats. Any remaining money will be used to bring packages to children for the holiday

Like experiences in other areas in the state, Schroeder said she has received more calls for help this year than in the past.

She received a donation of 10 coats from one area TV station but could use 60.

"We're scrounging for good, useable coats up to about size 16-18. A friend of mine is donating the cleaning. It's surprising how many children go to school in just sweaters."

Forty food baskets were donated by a Catholic Newman parish in the area.

"While I was delivering them, people would stop me on the street and ask if they could have something. We could still use donations.

"We have a small food cupboard. So many come to borrow food. You can't tell them no. If we get enough donations, I would open it to the entire community."

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# Therapist urges parents to help develop speech

Humans spend more time talking than doing any other single thing. Most everything we do is surrounded by speech.

And yet we often take speech development for granted, assuming that a tot will pick up language training from the environment with little need for supervision.

On the contrary, according to Betty Jones, speech and language pathologist at Annapolis Hospital. Parents can and should take an active role in helping a child develop speech and language skills.

Annapolis is one of five Peoples Community Hospital Authority units. Westland and Garden City are PCHA member communities.

Jones, who supervises a staff of four speech and language pathologists and an audiologist at Annapolis, noted that many common speech problems can be corrected if detected and treated early. The most important person in this process is the parent. "Parents really need to listen to their child from the first moment he starts making sounds," Jones said. Then by using common sense and watching the child's development, the parent can spot any potential speech problems in plenty of time to correct a disorder.

"There are a couple of things the parent should look for in gauging their child's development.

"FIRST, THE parent should notice the size of the vocabulary and the use of language structures.

"For example, is the child using only nouns at age 2, or has he learned to put nouns and verbs together in some approximate facsimile of the words an adult would use?

"It is important that the child speak with commonly understood words. If he's developing his own jargon, he'll be in trouble when he has to communicate with other people.

"Second, listen to his articulation of speech sounds. The youngster should be intelligible before he starts school.

"There are cases where the parent can understand the child because he knows the child's pattern, but no one else can.

"Parents should be aware of this very early," she added.

Speech therapists note that a baby will develop the ability to make certain sounds at different ages, and will go through various stages as he or she discovers what a voice can do.

The "babbling" stage and the "lalling" stage shows the child is getting acquainted with its own voice as he or she learns to make new sounds.

One of the first things a parent can do to monitor development in a baby is to see if the infant is attentive to sounds.

This may indicate if the baby is having a hearing problem.

Chronic ear infections that temporarily damage hearing may also have an effect on speech development.

Hearing problems might be medically treated, or the physician may request that an audiologist evaluate the child to determine if he requires amplification by a hearing aid.

Speech and hearing development go hand in hand.

FROM ONE year to 18 months, the child is beginning to use words, and by age two will probably be putting two or more words together. Words become a means to express needs.

As time goes by if you find that your child has difficulty communicating to you its basic needs,

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**— Betty Jones  
speech pathologist**

there may be a problem. If you find yourself playing "20 questions" to find out what a child needs, it may be time to have tests.

Speech therapists will converse with the youngster and evaluate them through various articulation tests.

Mrs. Jones cautions parents not to "over-listen" either.

Every child has his own pace in language development and can't be compared strictly to any chart.

A therapist can help determine if speech is within normal limits or if a problem is developing. If so, the earlier therapy starts, the better.

If the child's incorrect speech pattern is not set, we have a much better ability to correct and change the misarticulation problem," she said.

"In that case, we're not trying to replace a pattern, but instead are redirecting it into the correct developmental path."

Jones give another standard rule to parents. Speak correctly, don't indulge in baby talk to the point where you are repeating back to the child incorrect speech.

"When a child has misarticulated, you should repeat back to it the correct speech so the child can compare," she said. "The child will correct its speech to be like yours. You are a model for the child."

JONES GIVES another tip to parents who are working at helping the child expand its vocabulary. If the child says "ball," repeat back, "red ball." Expand on what the child says and in this way it will learn.

Annapolis Hospital offers a comprehensive program in speech, language and hearing evaluation and therapy using staff audiologists and speech and language pathologists.

One program of particular interest to parents is the summer speech clinic for youngsters who regularly receive speech therapy at school during the school year but whose therapy is interrupted during summer vacation. The Annapolis program fills the gap.

"If a child has a speech impairment and is getting a good start on correcting it in school, it could really lose ground if it has time off during the summer months," Jones explained. "We can continue that program."

Summer sessions are scheduled two to three times per week depending on the needs of the child. Some youngsters are referred to the hospital program by the school pathologist, and in other cases, the parent contacts the hospital directly. The eight-week sessions begin in June.

BESIDES WORKING with children's speech development, the Annapolis staff handles stroke rehabilitation therapy and works with any other patients with speech and hearing disorders.



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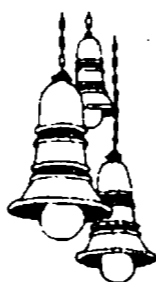
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JUDITH LOU ANN MANN

Mrs. Mann, 39, died Dec. 21. She was a nurse's aid in a nursing home.

Services for Judith Lou Ann Mann of Garden City were held Dec. 15 in the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home. The Rev. Joseph Carpenter officiated. Interment was in Knollwood Cemetery.

Survivors are her husband, Lowell; daughter Diana M.; son Ronald R.; sister Sue Cabrara; and brother Robert Brewer.



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# Local Cub makes good Ficano surprise as new sheriff

By Mary Klemic and Tim Richard staff writers

It has been a long time since Deputy Wayne County Clerk Robert Anthony Ficano donned a Cub Scout uniform, but he apparently remembered Scouting's motto: "Be Prepared."

Ficano, 30, of Livonia, prepared himself in politics, criminal law and county department administration through the years. And his experience will come in handy when he succeeds William Lucas as sheriff of Wayne County Jan. 1.

Before Ficano was appointed Tuesday as Lucas' successor by a three-member panel of county officials, he had run unsuccessfully in three political races — two against state Rep. Sylvia Skrel, R-Livonia. Skrel had been a Cub den mother in the days when her son and Ficano attended Garfield School.

"One thing this election taught me is you never run against your old den mother," Ficano said after he lost to Skrel.

His former den mother Tuesday described Ficano as a "fine young man" and called him a "compromise candidate" in the controversy preceding his selection of Lucas' successor.

LUCAS HAD argued that as county executive — the office he was elected to Nov. 2 and which he will take over

Jan. 1 — he has the right to appoint the new sheriff. He said he will appoint Undersheriff Loren Pittman.

But Wayne County Clerk James Killeen, who is on the panel with Prosecutor William Cabalan and Probate Judge Joseph Pernick, contended state law gives the panel the authority to name the sheriff. The county charter allows the county executive to make the appointment only "if permitted by law," Killeen noted, and the law has yet to be changed.

Ficano served as Westland assistant city attorney, prosecuting traffic laws and misdemeanor cases. He has also been in private practice of criminal law in the district courts and circuit court.

Ficano once worked as an associate in the law office of former Livonia councilman Jerry Raymond, who commended the panel's selection.

"I know (Ficano) to be an aggressive, able attorney, a most able administrator. And in that capacity I see him doing a good job (as sheriff) just as I've seen him do a good job in the past," Raymond said.

County Commissioner Mary Dumas, R-Livonia, said she was "surprised (the appointment) was not someone with more of a political following county-wide."

FICANO HAS been Killeen's chief deputy clerk since early in 1981, in the



Robert A. Ficano ability plus politics

meantime serving as chair of the 2nd Congressional District-Wayne Democratic organization.

After working three months for Killeen, he told the Observer in an interview that Killeen carried "political clout."

"He seems to transmit and carry political clout," Ficano said. "When he wants something, he seems to know how to go after it."

Some observers wondered aloud if political clout had anything to do with Ficano's appointment. The panel made its selection by a 2-1 vote within 10 minutes. But Ficano said he thought the panel made its choice objectively.

Ficano said he did not know how the vote would turn out. He said he offered his name as Lucas' successor some two weeks ago when he heard there "would be a logjam" on the commission.

"I FELT I had the ability to do the job and I approached them," Ficano said. "Once all of my background and ability is disclosed, I don't think there will be any question. The people of Wayne County are going to see I was elected on my ability."

The appointee said he thought there would be a smooth transition when he took over the sheriff's post.

"I think that Bill (Lucas) and I can get along. I think there will be a spirit of cooperation," he said.

Asked about his priorities as sheriff, Ficano said he would "review the situation, and we'll see everything we have to do." Concerning the appointment of an undersheriff, Ficano commented that current Undersheriff Loren Pittman's qualifications would be considered, along with others.

He would not comment on the other possible candidates.

# DSO members win voice in picking Dorati's successor

By Tim Richard staff writer

The 100 musicians in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will have a voice in judging the merits of potential conductors, but no chance to tie management's hands by approving only one name.

"We got rid of the adversary relationship," said musicians' union spokesman Douglas Cornelsen, a clarinetist, as he announced the members had ratified a new three-year contract Tuesday by a vote of 87-5.

Salaries will be increased 30 percent over three years, he added.

The musicians' role in selecting a successor to Antal Dorati had been a major stumbling block in negotiations. The musicians went on strike Dec. 9 for the first time in DSO history.

The compromise also seemed to satisfy the objections of Oleg Lobanov, DSO executive vice president and managing director. Lobanov was concerned that under the previous procedure, the musicians might vote to submit only a single name as meeting their artistic standards.

THE SELECTION procedure will

work like this, according to Cornelsen:

The musicians and the board of directors each will select three members to a six-member search committee. A majority of the committee will recommend approved names to the board. The committee's majority may recommend guest conductors, too.

If the search committee splits 3-3, each side will be able to present its case to the board of directors through a spokesman. The board, by secret ballot, will decide whether to add that name to its list of candidates.

The board will hire from the list of candidates.

CONTRACT language calls for "honest and prudent discussion" aimed at developing a list of candidates. In answer to a question, Cornelsen agreed the language would prohibit musicians from "ganging up" to submit only one name to the board.

No other major American orchestra is believed to have such a procedure, although some European orchestras elect their conductors.

The previous contract, which expired Sept. 20, provided management could pick a music director only from a list approved by the musicians.

THE MUSICIANS' vote came at midday Tuesday following a rehearsal in Orchestra Hall, where they performed their own concert that evening to help pay their health insurance costs.

Cornelsen, announcing the vote from the Orchestra Hall stage, gave this rundown of contract provisions:

- Pension benefits were increased to \$14,000 a year from \$10,000. Management reportedly had not wanted to increase this benefit.

- A clause allowing management to cancel the contract and season was dropped at the insistence of the union.

- Starting salary was raised from \$600 a week in the previous contract to \$625 retroactive to Sept. 20; \$630 for the first half of the second year; \$680 for the last half of the second year; \$700 for the first half of the third year; and \$780 for the last half of the third year.

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Nicholas Andrews was No. 2 man in the American embassy in Poland.

### OU man to do eye research

A researcher from Oakland University, an acknowledged world expert in transport mechanisms in the eye, has been asked to join the National Eye Institute (NEI) for a year starting in September to assist in a research project on cataract formation.

Venkat N. Reddy, director of the OU Institute of Biological Sciences, will assist the cataract group of the NEI Intramural Research Program. The researchers have developed animal models in studying cataract formation.

NEI researchers said Reddy will use his newly developed method of analysis to determine the turnover rates of charged particles and measure the changes during the course of cataract development. He will also use chemical methods to determine the changes in the biochemistry of the lens membranes during cataract development, according to researchers.

Reddy has won the Friedenwald Medal for vision research and continuous funding from the NEI. The Bloomfield Hills resident is a member of the National Advisory Eye Council of the National Institutes of Health.

# Poland at Christmas

## Long food lines, but no starvation

By Suzie Rollins Singer  
staff writer

Americans planning vacations in Poland may have a better time next spring or summer than this winter.

Danger isn't imminent, but long food lines and continued unrest may make the holiday visit slightly disheartening, said Nicholas Andrews, a U.S. State Department official who served in Warsaw.

Andrews was assigned to Poland from July 1979 to July 1981 as deputy chief of mission — second in command to the ambassador. He also spent time there from 1968-1971.

"There are no problems for Americans traveling in Poland, but they would probably enjoy it more in the spring or summer. Poles are friendly to American tourists.

"The only people they don't like," he quipped, "are President Reagan and members of the State Department and the CIA because they take a hard line against martial law and support sanctions."

THE POLISH tourist bureau requires each visitor to pay a \$10 a day fee in exchange for coupons for meals, to assure that visitors leave "hard currency" in Poland, Andrews said.

"They don't want people going to Poland and trading blue jeans for goods and services. They want the hard currency," he explained.

Americans needn't worry that their Polish friends and relatives aren't receiving mail from the United States, said Andrews, who visited the Observer & Eccentric last week while on a speaking engagement in metropolitan Detroit.

"Censorship was very tight on the mail in the early martial law period. It was easier to receive postcards from Poland than to get them there. But that's not true any more. Sometimes it takes longer for the mail to travel to America, but if martial law is eased, it will travel faster," he said.

Andrews advises people sending packages to Poland not to mix food with non-food items because, when they are received, Poles must pay duty taxes on non-food items.

EVEN THOUGH he left Poland before martial law was imposed, Andrews gave his views on why the government tried forcefully to quash the Solidarity Labor Party just one year ago. Martial law was eased this week.

"The domestic, political and economic situation there had deteriorated so much that Gen. (Wojciech) Jaruzelski didn't see any way out other than taking over," Andrews explained.

"Solidarity wanted a say on all economic policy, and they demanded political changes beyond what Communists authorities could agree to. They didn't see any room for compromise," he said.

Since the imposition of martial law,

consumer prices have risen about 300 percent, Andrews said, but huge price increases mean more balance.

"Ration cards provide equity. It's a more organized market," he said, adding that while Poles may have to wait long for food, they aren't starving.

NEWSPAPER REPORTS are for the most part accurate, Andrews said, but they are always censored. Publishers are allowed to print more information than they could immediately after martial law was instituted.

"After martial law, the objective was to control the press, radio and television. Newspapers were suspended, the content tightly censored. Now it is a very dull press," he said.

"Editorials can criticize one faction of the government — such as the housing authority if it did something the editor thought was unreasonable — but it's impossible to envision an article getting into print that criticizes the government's overall policy," he said.

UNDERGROUND newspapers and Solidarity movements are quite extensive, Andrews said.

"There are loads of underground papers with articles on options and policy debates. They are all uncensored and

**'Censorship was very tight on the mail in the early martial law period. . . But that's not true any more.'**

Nicholas Andrews



put out by the Solidarity organization," he explained.

"But the only thing Solidarity can't do underground is organize a general strike because they can't distribute information quickly," he said.

Post-war baby boomers are by far the largest supporters of Solidarity, Andrews noted, and they're not going to die off despite martial law.

"It is a young generation with aspirations stronger than their fathers. It's a difficult group to restrain," he said.

# Road board backs off on SEMTA tax appeal

SEMTA officials said they were encouraged by the Oakland County Road Commission's statement that it would not appeal a recent Court of Appeals decision releasing more than \$18 million in challenged taxes to the transportation authority.

John L. Grubbs, managing director of the road commission, had said last week that his board would let the decision stand if SEMTA will provide adequate bus service to Oakland County. The agreement was reached last week in discussions between SEMTA and the road commission representatives.

"We are certainly encouraged by that statement," SEMTA General Manager Gary Krause said. "We don't see what we're doing now is any different."

UNDER TERMS of the agreement, the Oakland County Road Commission said it would not appeal the Court of Appeals decision if SEMTA uses the taxes for senior citizens, handicapped persons and others who have no other access to transportation; assures continuation of small bus service in Oakland County; and allocates the funds to

the county in which they were collected.

SEMTA must abide by the agreement within the 20 days allowed by the Court for appeals to be filed, the commission said.

"We're doing that," Marvin Meltzer, of inter-governmental relations for SEMTA, said of the terms of the agreement. "We're providing services essentially as the need in Oakland County is."

"I think it's very good that we are able to have the funding available to continue to provide the services."

THE STATE Court of Appeals ruled last Wednesday that SEMTA was entitled to funds escrowed from November 1980 to April 1982, totalling \$18.7 million.

The road commission's lawsuit had challenged the constitutionality of a state law which levied an additional \$2.50 license plate fee on motorists in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. It also argued that the taxes had expired last year.

Krause said he and the SEMTA

board-chairman were present for the discussion with commission representatives. He said the discussion took place in the early evening of the same day the court's decision came down.

Krause would not speculate as to what the outcome would be if the commission appealed the ruling.

"I'd be really prejudging the Supreme Court if I were to do that," he said. He added that the court's decision last week was unanimous.

"The ruling was rather clear as a victory as far as SEMTA is concerned," Krause said.

SEMTA IS a seven-county regional transportation agency providing public bus service outside the city of Detroit and commuter rail service between Pontiac and Detroit.

SEMTA is currently struggling with state and federal subsidy cuts that threaten to force drastic reductions in service. Victory in the Court of Appeals case removes one cloud in SEMTA's stormy monetary picture.

The 15-member SEMTA board is scheduled to vote soon on what service cuts it will make.

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roll call report

# Pursell, Ford vote to block MX missile money

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Dec. 2-8.

HOUSE

**MX MISSILE** — The House adopted, 245 for and 176 against, an amendment to delete all money sought by the Reagan Administration to start building the MX missile.

Objections centered on the administration plan to base the MX in a single "dense pack" situated in Wyoming. Pentagon planners say the dense pack would work because incoming Soviet missiles would destroy one another as they honed in on their target.

The dense pack would consist of about 100 MX missiles housed in hardened silos within a 20-square-mile area.

The \$988 million deleted by this vote from the fiscal 1983 military appropriations bill (HR 7355) was to have bought the first five MX missiles. As later passed and sent to the Senate, the bill contained \$2.5 billion in MX research and development money. While the vote was a major defeat for President Reagan, it was far from the final congressional word on the fate of the dense pack.

Supporting the cut, Howard Wolpe, D-Mich., said, "Now is not the time to let the Pentagon go on a Christmas

shopping spree for sophisticated weapons of dubious utility."

Opposing the cut, Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., said that to delete MX procurement money would give the Kremlin "an early Christmas present... the world will be able to hear the vodka glasses clinking in (Soviet Premier) Andropov's chamber tonight."

Members voting yes opposed the dense pack basing plan or the entire MX missile program. They were Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, David Bonior, D-Mount Clemens, William Ford, D-Taylor, and William Brodhead, D-Detroit.

Voting no: Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Rep. James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, did not vote.

**GAS TAX** — By a vote of 236 for and 169 against, the House adopted an amendment that raises the federal gasoline tax 5 cents a gallon. The purpose is to finance \$5.5 billion a year worth of projects upgrading mass transit, U.S. highways and bridges.

The measure also permits larger trucks to use interstate highways. Sponsors said the measure will create hundreds of thousands of jobs during the first year of the six-year program.

But critics said the projections was

overstated because the tax would drain productivity from other sectors of the economy.

The hike of the federal gas tax from 4 cents to 9 cents per gallon is slated to take effect next April 1. The amendment was adopted to HR 6211, later passed and sent to the Senate.

Supporter Barber Copnoble, R-N.Y., said that while the tax hike was not a cure-all for the economy and the nation's crumbling infrastructure, "It is appropriate to the time."

Opponent Norman Shumway, R-Calif., said, "For every dollar that the consumer pays in higher gas taxes, less money will be made available for consumer demand in the private sector."

Members voting yes favored the nickel a gallon hike in gas tax. Voting yes: Reps. Pursell, Ford, Brodhead and Broomfield.

Voting no: Rep. Bonior.  
Rep. Blanchard did not vote.

**DEFENSE BUDGET** — The House passed, 346 for and 68 against, and sent to the Senate the fiscal 1983 defense appropriations bill (HR 7355).

Although the \$231 billion measure is the highest peacetime military appropriation in history, it is \$18 billion less than President Reagan had requested. The bill provides funding for conven-

tional and nuclear weapons systems, military salaries and pensions, and scores of other Pentagon outlays. It represents an increase of 6 percent over 1982 military appropriations, after adjustments for inflation.

Supporter Bill Young, R-Fla., said the measure provides "for the common defense so those people back home in our districts can feel safe, can believe that someone, somewhere, is looking after their future security interests."

Opponent Bill Green, R-N.Y., said supporters are "telling your constituents that you are ready to return to double-digit inflation and to 20 percent-plus interest rates."

Members voting yes wanted to pass the \$231 billion defense spending bill. Voting yes: Reps. Pursell, Ford and Broomfield.

Voting no: Reps. Bonior and Brodhead.

Rep. Blanchard did not vote.  
SENATE

**WIDER TRUCKS** — The Senate rejected, 31 for and 62 against, an amendment to retain the 96-inch maximum width for trucks plying interstate highways.

The vote left intact language in the fiscal 1983 U.S. Transportation Department appropriations bill to allow 102-

inch truck widths. Coincidentally, the issue arose at the same time Congress is moving to allow larger trucks as part of the new nickel a gallon gasoline tax.

The bill (HR 7019) was passed and sent to conference with the House.

Sen. Thomas Eagleton, D-Mo., sponsor of the amendment, said: "Let those monsters roll down the highways tomorrow. Let them chew them up and do not ask them for a penny... What made America great? Big, bigger, and biggest trucks? Poppycock."

Opponent Mark Andrews, R-ND, said: "The truckers want heavier trucks, sure. The consumers and the grocery manufacturers and the forest products producers and the rest need trucks that are a little wider so they can work and function better."

Senators voting no favored wider trucks on interstate highways.

Michigan's Sens. Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, both Democrats, voted no.

**PRICE FIXING** — By a vote of 38 for and 58 against, the Senate failed to adopt a motion silencing a filibuster against legislation changing the way federal courts assess damages in price-fixing cases. Following this vote, the bill (S 995) was withdrawn.

The bill is intended to prevent some defendants from increasing the liability to co-defendants by settling out of court. It became controversial when it was applied to pending cases.

Senators voting yes favored the retroactivity provision of the bill. Levin and Riegle voted no.

Private funds sought

# Ford's Fair Lane to be restored

Plans to restore Fair Lane, the last Dearborn home of Henry and Clara Ford, were announced by the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a group of community leaders.

A 13-member Fair Lane Development Committee, representing the campus and a cross-section of the Dearborn and surrounding communities, was introduced at a benefit dinner.

UM-D also announced that the 56-room home, adjoining powerhouse and grounds will be officially designated "The Henry Ford Estate — Fair Lane," the name which appears in the national register of historic sites.

Fair Lane, the 15th and final home of Henry and Clara Ford, was designed and built for them in the neighborhood in which they had grown up. Work began on the residence in February 1914, and Henry Ford laid the cornerstone on June 2, 1914. His friend, Thomas Edison, laid the cornerstone of the experi-

mental laboratory and power plant. The Fords lived at Fair Lane from January 1916 until Henry's death in 1947 and Clara's in 1950.

MEMBERS OF the development committee will work with the university to obtain gifts and grants to refurbish and restore portions of the 67-year-old home.

The objective is to conduct a multi-year restoration program that balances Fair Lane's roles as an historic landmark, cultural and educational center, said Dr. Sal Rinella, U-M-Dearborn vice-chancellor of business and finance.

Committee members include Peggy Campbell, Dearborn, chairman; John Anhut, Farmington Hills; Henry Czerwick, Dearborn; Jack Demmer, Dearborn; Donald DeRosen, Harper Woods; Ernest DuMouchelle, Grosse Pointe Woods; Jane Fellrath, Dear-

born; Oscar Frenette, Bloomfield Hills; Peter Green, Franklin; Joseph Hallisey, Dearborn; Frederick Hoffman, Dearborn; Dr. Phillip Peter, Dearborn; and Dr. William A. Jenkins, U-M-Dearborn chancellor.

ACCORDING TO Rinella, Fair Lane "is a unique asset, both to the campus and the community. The university, however, cannot use state funds to operate Fair Lane, and does not have an endowment for the estate.

"It is necessary to seek private gifts

and grants for major repair and restoration projects."

A few important restoration projects have been conducted. Rinella said the original furniture for the master bedroom suite was donated to the university by the Anhut family, owners of the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills.

Examples of progress outlined by Rinella include refurbishing of the Gathering Room with funds generated by the tour program and re-roofing of the residence and powerhouse with a grant from the History Division of the Michigan Department of State.

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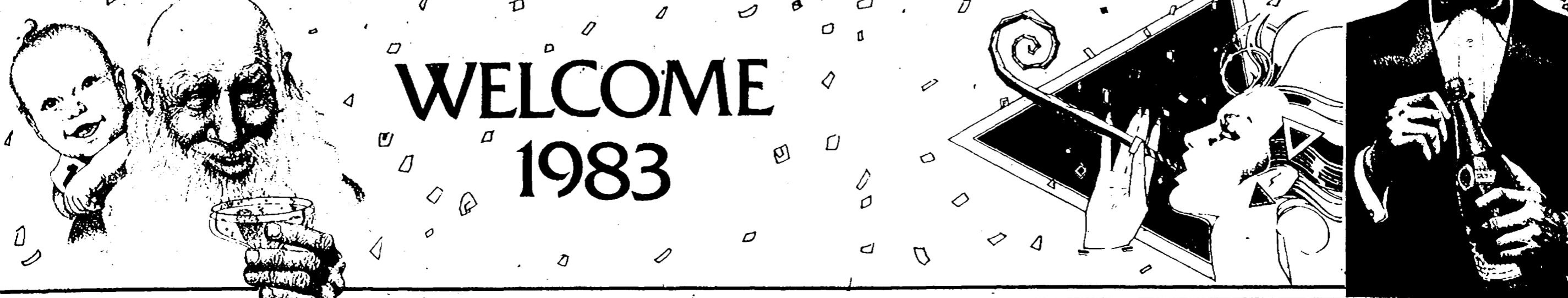
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Revolution's refugees

# Tories' descendants mark bicentennial in Bahamas

This is the second article in the Observer and Eccentric Travel Page's look at the Abacos of the Bahama Islands.

**GREEN TURTLE CAY, BAHAMAS** — A sculpture garden, shaped like the Union Jack, will open here on Green Turtle Cay in 1983.

The bronze heads represent Loyalists who fled the newborn United States of America in 1783 and with their descendants built this island community through 200 years of farming, shipbuilding, fishing and tourism in the Abacos.

Those early settlers were Loyalists, sometimes called Royalists or Tories, loyal to the British crown. They were on the losing side of the American Revolutionary War, and when the war was over they fled from the Carolinas and New England, via St. Augustine and New York, to the Bahamas.

Abaco is the second largest, but one of the least known, of the 700 Bahamian islands. More than 8,000 people live on 20 communities spread around the main island of Great Abaco and its seven surrounding islands and cays. The largest number live around Marsh Harbour, Hope Town and Man-of-War Cay where the boomerang shape of Great Abaco bends in the middle. The rest live north here on Green Turtle Cay and in the nearby resort community of Treasure Cay.

The Great Abaco Highway leads north from Marsh Harbour in a swirl of dust to Green Turtle and Treasure Cays. A taxi costs \$50 each way for up to four people, plus \$15 an hour while he waits, so most travelers interested in this northern end of the island fly into the airport at Treasure Cay or rent their own car.

Transportation is expensive anywhere in the out-islands of the Bahamas because of a 50-percent import duty on cars and the kind of corrugated roads that wear them out in about five years. Even from Treasure Cay resort it is a \$10 taxi ride both ways to the ferry to Green Turtle Cay.

Bicentennial celebrations on Green Turtle center around the Albert Lowe Museum, named for the 82-year-old Albert Lowe and run by his artist-son Alton Lowe in the historic little village of New Plymouth. Albert was born here, and his grandparents were born here; the Lowes came on those first ships from New York.

Small clapboard houses circle the little peninsula and crowd the half-dozen streets of New Plymouth, their green and yellow and white shutters reminiscent of New England sea towns. The only accommodations in town are at the 160-year-old New Plymouth Inn where Wally Davis, of Chicago and Minneapolis, offers eight beautiful rooms in a pink and white gingerbread setting, \$90 for two in season.

Wally's brother Les runs another hotel, Bluff House, accessible by boat across a strip of water from town. Bluff House has two-story condominiums and round "tree houses" scattered up a steep hill, with a highly reputed dining room at the top of the hill and a popular bar and beach restaurant at the bottom.

The Davies family bought the Bluff House property about 10 years ago, did a major construction job on the hillside site and now offer an intimate hotel experience in a very contemporary setting.

Les and his wife, Melissa, will introduce you to the other guests, give you access to their well-stocked library and feed you five-course, two-hour gourmet dinners. Otherwise, there is absolutely nothing to do at Bluff except enjoy the bar or the silence.

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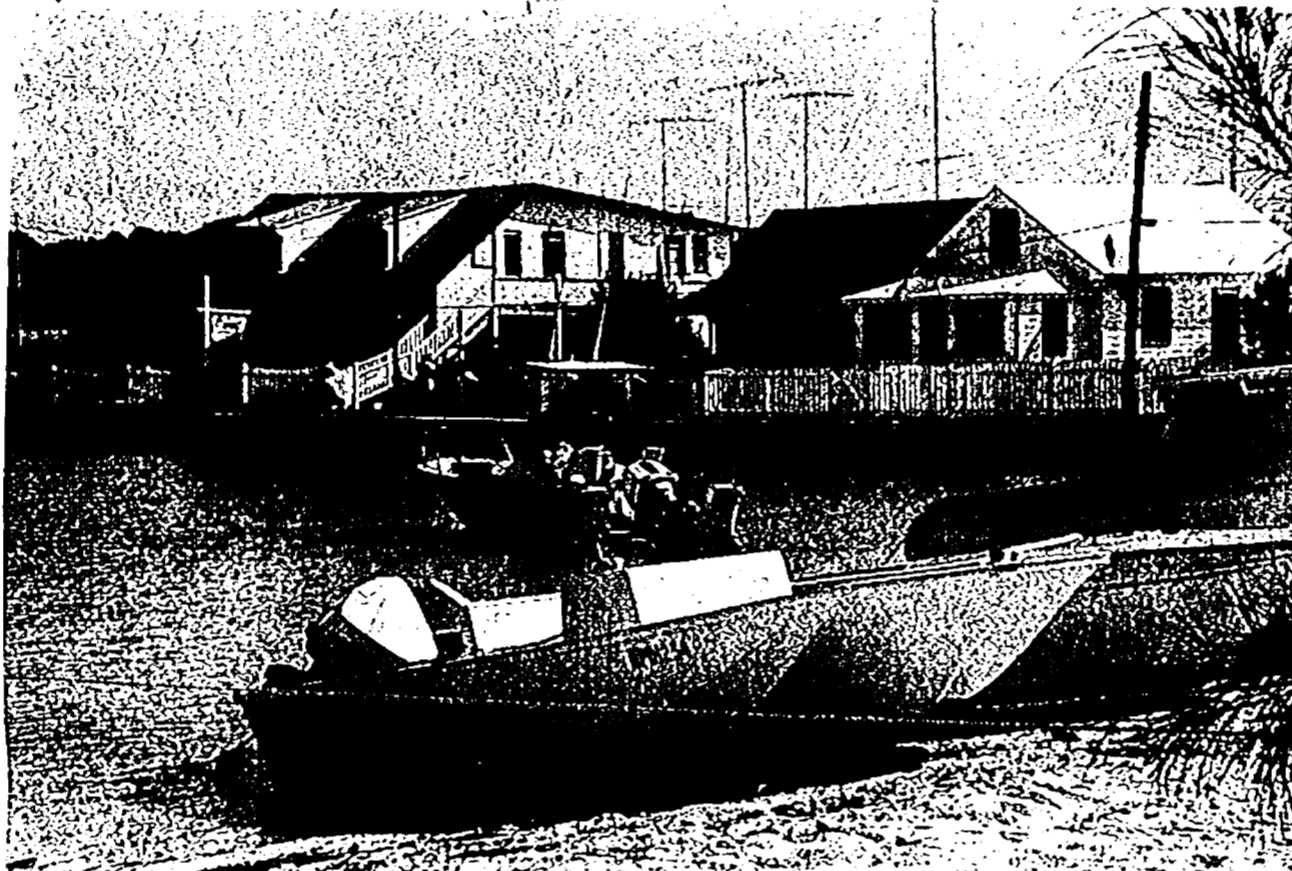
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MICKY JONES



MICKY JONES

The clapboard houses of the Green Turtle Cay village of New Plymouth are reminiscent of New England sea towns.

Although Abaco is the second largest of the 700 Bahama Islands, it is one of the least-known islands in the group. Which is just fine with these two solitary scuba divers (above) as they walk along one of Abaco's beaches. Actually, more than 8,000 people live on 20 communities spread around the main island of Abaco and its seven surrounding islands and cays.

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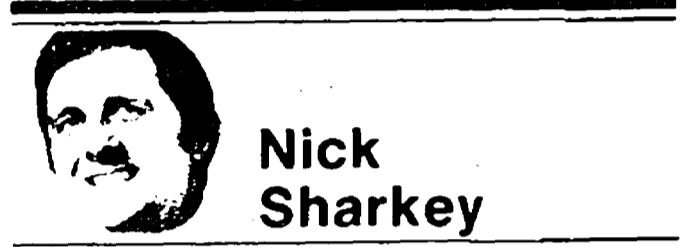
Holiday stories capture spirit of season

TODAY'S EDITION OF THE Observer contains a variety of holiday stories which we believe emphasize the true spirit of this holiday season — caring and sharing with others. Despite a bleak economy, many who have the resources are sharing their good fortune...

the moment — by GM and their fellow workers. MARIE MCGEE'S STORY and Bill Bresler's pictures on page 3A are especially heartwarming. Students from the Livonia Public Schools Alpha/Beta alternative high-school program went to Owen Elementary School in Detroit to help make the holidays a bit more merry for a group of special inner-city youngsters...

Service, contain food, toys and a gift certificate for clothes. The baskets were made possible by the donations of thousands of Livonia residents and business owners and the hardworking men and women who comprise the Goodfellows organization. Senior citizens also got into the spirit of giving by collecting canned goods for needy elderly residents...

day's edition contains a listing of Christmas Eve and Christmas services at churches throughout the area. Perhaps the generosity of people is best portrayed in Margaret Miller's story featured in today's Suburban Life section. Answering a call they heard on a local radio station, some 2,500 people loaded with food, clothing and toys poured into the People That Love Center on the site of Bethel Missionary Assembly of God in Livonia...



Nick Sharkey

Our suburbs get a taste of misery

A FAMILY gathers on Christmas Day. The youngest child puts a star on top of the decorated tree. A large dinner is prepared. Afterward, grandparents join with the children in the singing of Christmas carols. The weatherman has cooperated, and snow is falling outside. Someone starts up the fireplace, and now it's time to exchange presents. Ah, it's a "perfect" Christmas...

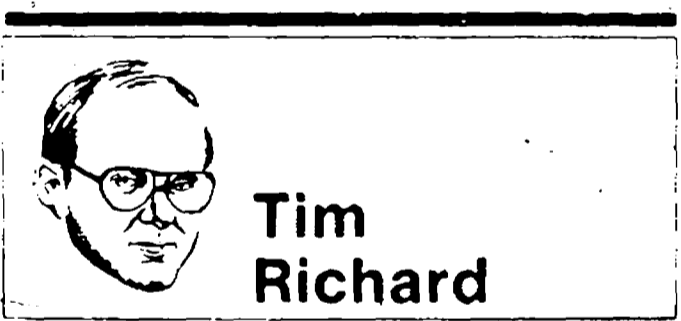
IF YOUR CELEBRATION of Christmas only fulfills this traditional picture this year, then something is sadly missing in your life. For this is not a traditional Christmas. People are hurting all around you. Last week, Gov. William Milliken declared "a human emergency" in Michigan because of high unemployment. He pleaded with businesses and individuals to donate food and money to help the poor. Milliken pointed out that for three consecutive years this state has had double-digit unemployment, with 700,000 persons out of work. At the same time, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young said as much as one-third of Detroit's 1.2 million population was ill-nourished. HUMAN MISERY is not confined to the city of Detroit. It's here in the suburbs. The statistics are revealing. Here are unemployment rates in Wayne County communities: Plymouth — 13.5 percent; Plymouth Township — 12.2 percent; Redford Township — 12.1 percent; Garden City — 11.9 percent; Canton Township — 11.4 percent; Westland — 10.2 percent; and Livonia — 8.3 percent. For many suburbanities, this is their first experience with unemployment. "We're getting calls from people who've never been in this situation," said Judy Arthur of Troy People Concerned. Her agency arranges for food baskets for the needy. "They're not used to living on such a small amount. That's why it's so depressing," she said. SO WHAT CAN you do in the few hours that remain before Christmas Day? Look around. There's probably a family across the street or down the block that is facing a bleak Christmas because of unemployment. Is there some tactful gesture you can make to extend your love to them? Perhaps it can be as simple as inviting another couple into your home to share a Christmas drink. Most local churches have programs to help the needy. Call a church. Besides donating food and money, maybe you can give some time by distributing food baskets on Christmas day. Many social agencies are finishing their Christmas work. The People That Care Center on Middlebelt in Livonia is still distributing food, toys and clothing to the needy. Call 421-9142, if you can help. Dun Scotus College and Seminary in Southfield gives gift certificates to the needy. Money is always welcome. Call 357-3072 for more information. Besides running a soup kitchen, the Capuchin Community Center also gives food baskets, clothing and toys to the needy. Call 579-1330 for more details. Focus: HOPE is looking for persons to donate food and deliver baskets to the low-income elderly. Call 883-3300 to take part in this program. Some local businesses are sponsoring canned food drives for the poor. Drop canned food off at Harmony House record stores or Elias Brothers restaurants. These are only a few of the places where you can still help during this Christmas season. Look around and you'll find many others. THE 3.5 MILLION of us who have jobs in Michigan can help families of the 700,000 without work. Christmas is a time for giving. This year's poor economy requires that your generosity not be limited to the immediate family. Reach out to those around you. Then you will celebrate a "perfect" Christmas.

Ghosts of Christmas Present



A final word on the Milliken years

IT'S FASHIONABLE TO kick Bill Milliken while he's on the way out. "Good," said Richard Headlee, whom Republicans nominated to be his successor, when Milliken announced earlier this year he would retire as governor. Senate Majority Leader William Faust, D-Westland, has been stomping on Milliken and budget director Gerald Miller good and hard for leaving it to the Democratic governor and legislature of 1983 to raise taxes. Covering local government since the days of G. Mennen Williams, I see little cause to kick Milliken. Sure, the economy is dismal, but it's like that in most industrialized states, some Sun Belt states, Canada, Mexico and three-fourths of the world. Sure, it's commonplace to call Milliken "decent" and "a gentleman," but let's stick to public policy matters. THE MILLIKEN years actually start with George Romney's tenure as governor (1963-68) because Milliken came along as his lieutenant governor and continued much of what Romney started. (And let's not take too seriously Romney's 1982 effort to put distance between himself and his successor. Romney was a liberal governor who frightened the daylight out of the hard-nosed conservatives of his day.)



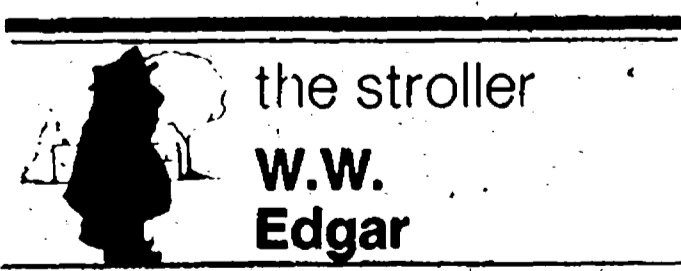
Tim Richard

Milliken was our first "environmentalist" governor, not simply because the movement started in 1969 but because he genuinely worries about the quality of the world we live in. Besides a pile of environmental protection laws, we have Maybury State Park in our back yard, one evidence of the state's commitment to the southeastern urban area as well as the boonies. Fittingly, one of Milliken's last acts was to sign three bills creating a Heritage Trust Fund for the state oil and gas royalties. The resurrection of public transportation, which was dead in most cities in the mid-1960s, and our amazing system of bicycle paths are evidence of an environmental vision. PERSONALLY, I can never forget how, in an era when young people were becoming alienated from

society, Milliken in 1972 promoted lowering the age of majority to 18. Many politicians pandered to the youth vote by offering benefits, but few addressed the question of more rights and more responsibilities in the same breath. It was a far-reaching and visionary act. Romney initiated, and Milliken nurtured, systematic attention to the problems of cities. After all, cities are the creatures of the state, and it's the responsibility of the state — not Washington — to look out for their health. The Milliken effort goes beyond help for the Detroit Art Institute and the symphony. There is revenue sharing with local units. There is a Boundary Commission to bring order to chaotic battles for annexation and defensive incorporation we used to suffer through. Above all, there was thoughtful attention to the problem of urban sprawl — location of state offices in downtowns, a re-examination of disruptive freeway projects like M-275, an emphasis on preserving built-up areas as well as forests. But more than any individual I can think of in the state's 145-year history, Milliken brought to fruition a vision of state government as a major solver of domestic problems — not just a dispenser of federal aid or a place to play politics while nursing an itch for higher office.

Christmas Eve memories of long ago

WELL, HERE WE are at another Christmas Eve, and The Stroller would like to turn back the pages to the days of his youth when this was the greatest night of the entire year. It was on Christmas Eve back home that we had the annual yuletide exercises in the little white church on the hill — and the memory of it never has faded. As part of the exercises which were staged while waiting for Santa to come down through the chimney in front of the pulpit, we would have a series of recitations and the annual awarding of prizes for attendance in Sunday school. In each of these activities, The Stroller played a leading part. FOR ONE REASON or another, he was selected to deliver the final recitation, and he always was asked to memorize a lengthy series of verses so that he could stop upon hearing the jingle bells of Santa's arrival. This was always a big night, and no youngster ever delivered a recitation with more pride. And well he remembers the night that he heard his mother say, "That's my boy," as he walked up the aisle to the platform.



the stroller W.W. Edgar

And she added: "If only his father could see him." While he was proud to walk up that aisle to speak, The Stroller was even prouder when he was called upon to accept an award for perfect attendance for the year. THE CUSTOM in those days was to award a book each Christmas Eve to those who had not missed a session of Sunday school for the year. To make it all the more interesting, the prize awards developed a rivalry among members of the various classes in Sunday school. Year after year when The Stroller's name was called, he would look across the aisles to Mame Scott's class to see if she were being called, too. It so happened that she and The Stroller were deadlocked for top honors. This went on year after

year until the total reached 20, when it ended with The Stroller moving to Detroit to make his way in the world. On the night he reached the 20-year mark, he was presented a gold medal. It was in the shape of a Bible with the inscription that he had gone two-score years — through wind, rain, snow and ice — with nary a miss. How proud he was! JUST THINKING of it now recalls several narrow escapes he had from having the mark halted. There was one Sunday morning, in particular, he never will forget. It had snowed during the night, and with the wind blowing a gale, the drifts in some places were close to three feet high. He got out of our yard all right, but as he neared the school house several blocks from home, he got stuck in one of the drifts. He just couldn't lift his feet high enough to keep going. Fortunately, an elderly fellow came along, spotted the trouble, lifted The Stroller out of the drift, took him to Sunday school and helped keep his attendance mark intact. With that, a merry Christmas to you all.

# Stay comfortable at home while dialing down

Keeping warm takes energy... lots of it. Heating is by far the largest single energy cost in Michigan homes.

Fortunately, there are many ways to save on heating energy — simple practices that don't cost money.

For example, you can save by moving your index finger an inch or so. Use that finger to turn down the thermostat on a central furnace.

Try turning the thermostat down two degrees every other day until you find the lowest temperature at which you can be comfortable. Then consistently maintain that lower temperature. But don't turn it so low you are cold: The object is to keep it as low as possible and remain comfortable.

Older people or those with impaired circulation may want to keep the temperature higher, but wearing loose, warm clothing can keep you warm farm more cheaply than running your heater or furnace overtime.

**SOME FOLKS** wear hats and gloves when inside, reasoning that a hat and pair of gloves are cheaper than hundreds of cubic feet of gas or gallons of oil.

If you are that dedicated, fine. Saving energy/money can be a whole way of life.

Clothing is important when you are dialing down, however. The need for different weights of clothing disappeared as workplaces became more evenly heated.



energy  
**Barry Jensen**

But if your at-home dress is the same winter and summer, you are wasting money. A sweater, slacks and shoes will keep you just as comfortable as a T-shirt, pair of shorts and sandals — with a money-saving bonus.

**IF YOU** permanently dial down one degree, you can save 3 percent of your annual heating energy usage. Dial down five degrees and save 15 percent.

Or you can try my method. If we do not have guests, the thermostat is turned down when our son goes to bed each night. The house retains heat for several hours — enough so that a blanket keeps us comfortable during "Remington Steele."

Since this is the season of gift giving, try giving an energy-saving gift. If you like to watch television in the evening, how about a comforter to keep a TV-viewer warm as he relaxes at the end of the day?

**AT NIGHT**, reduce the thermostat setting a few more degrees or down to the lowest setting that provides a reasonable degree of comfort.

Savings will be more than 1 percent for every degree dialed down for an eight-hour period each night. For example, a five-degree additional night setback will reduce fuel consumption by 7 percent annually.

If you like to read in bed, a bed jacket with sleeves that extend over the fingertips makes reading in bed possible. Look for a warm fabric — the traditional bed jacket is for receiving guests, not the stout stuff needed for reading in a cold bedroom.

**SAVE SOME** energy by shutting off all heat to your bedrooms.

If you must have heat when you retire and when you arise, buy a clock-operated automatic thermostat that will turn on the heat a half-hour before you get up.

If you are made of tougher stuff, leave a robe by your bedside to keep you warm while you make a dash for the thermostat every morning.

While a bedroom gets cold without any heat, an electric blanket keeps us older folks warm at night. The pennies

it costs to operate an electric blanket is a good trade-off against the dollars to operate central heating.

Babies may not do well in a cold bedroom, but children may not even want a regular blanket, let alone an electric blanket.

**IF YOU** are going away for the holidays (or just away for the weekend), set the furnace thermostat as low as it will go. Do not turn the thermostat off — you must have some heat in an empty house to keep the pipes from freezing. Most thermostats will go down to 55 degrees, more than enough to keep the water from freezing.

In fact, any time you're away from home for five hours or more, dial down and save.

By now, you know how delicate your house plants are. If they require more than 55 degrees at all times, consider putting them just below fluorescent lights when you lower the thermostat.

And check the lights occasionally to make sure they are not burned out. Frozen vegetables are fine, brown-leaved hot-house flowers are not.

**THE BEAUTY** of dialing down is that it is simple and inexpensive. But if you have a forgetful finger, you may want to install an automatic setback thermostat to help you realize these savings.



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# Choice: tax hike or poor colleges

By Tim Richard  
Staff writer

David Adamany, president of a beleaguered Wayne State University, says Michiganians will support a modest tax increase to preserve higher education, even if politicians are afraid of it.

"I'm giving you a choice: poorer quality higher education or a tax increase," said WSU's eighth president, who was inaugurated Aug. 1. "Obviously, I don't recommend poorer quality higher education."

Adamany (pronounced "Adam-annie") was interviewed recently on the Channel 7 "Spotlight on News" program.

"THE PEOPLE must not be under-estimated. The people are not fools," said the Wisconsin-raised lawyer and political scientist.

"I would not like to be the public official in this state who destroys what it has taken a century of Michiganians to build. The people of the state can afford, in a crisis time, to meet the cost of preserving schools and colleges which have taken a long time to build and which are among the three or four best systems of higher education in the country."

"So often, public officials get behind the people. We had a temporary (1 percent income) tax increase last year during the Milliken Administration. It expired Oct. 1. While there was a lot of crying in Lansing about the tax issue, there was very little crying from the public. When the tax expired Oct. 1, very few people noticed much change in their paychecks."

A former Wisconsin secretary of revenue and an acknowledged expert in campaign funding, Adamany cited a New Detroit Inc. poll which showed 51 percent of suburbanites and 63 percent of Detroiters would prefer "modest new taxes" over further cuts in services.

ADAMANY IS far from alone in advocating new taxes. The University of Michigan has begun a similar campaign, contending that depression-caused cuts in state funding have shifted the burden of supporting the university to student tuition (see chart).

The Wayne State president is particularly concerned about his 30,000-student city institution, however, because "we're a little more fragile as an institution (compared to Michigan and Michigan State) because we are relatively young (since 1958) as a state university. We don't have as much research as the older institutions. Research brings in the dollars that are not tied to a state budget."

For example:  
• "In the last three years, we've lost 24 faculty members in the College of Engineering. Those



Dr. David Adamany  
"modest new taxes"

*'The people of the state can afford, in a crisis time, to meet the cost of preserving schools and colleges which have taken a long time to build and which are among the three or four best systems of higher education in the country.'*

—David Adamany  
—Wayne State president

faculty members carry with them, out of the state of Michigan, grants worth roughly \$7 million."

• Wayne is having trouble attracting new faculty. "We are issuing notices just this month to 100 of our young faculty members who will not be able to renew their appointments this year. This is the third year in a row... that we have thinned out the ranks of the young very badly." Because of the possibility of layoffs and the lack of ability to offer first-rate laboratories and special equipment, Wayne is "no longer a leading competitor" in luring new faculty.

ONE BY ONE, Adamany was asked about alternatives to increasing the state's 4.6 percent personal income tax or 4 percent sales tax. His replies:

• Eliminate some state colleges? "If we eliminated the two smallest colleges in this state, the money we would save would be less than the cuts made at Wayne alone. One you would lose, Saginaw Valley, has 85 percent of its students commuting. It's not as if those folks would pick up and go to a dorm in a university setting. They're adult students and working students."

• A state coordinating board for colleges, as advocated by gubernatorial candidates James Blanchard and Richard Headlee? "I was vice president of a 19-campus system in California. To coordinate 19 campuses, we had a 300 staff people in the central office. They taught no students and produced no research. If we're going to have coordination, I prefer coordination by the Legislature because that process is done less expensively and by the elected representatives of the people."

• Tuition increases? "As the state has cut back (aid to colleges), we've already been raising tuition. For the average undergraduate, (Wayne State) tuition is now \$1,971. That is the third highest tuition in the nation among public research, doctoral, uni-

versities. The first highest in the nation is the University of Michigan. We've already gone to the students for an unconscionable fare. I'm especially concerned at Wayne because so many of our students are working, so many are poor."

• Greater efficiency? Wayne runs classes from 7:30 in the morning until 11 at night. "We are one of the most efficient of public institutions." But equipment expenditures have been slashed from \$2.5 million in 1974-5 to \$1.3 million in 1981-2. Wayne has increased class sizes, "but you burn good people out. We're beginning to see the signs of that — great discouragement, class sizes too large to be effective, students waiting longer to get the courses they must have."

• Look hard at social services, which have increased steadily in the last 20 years in exactly the same proportions as college appropriations have

## 1982-83 Tuition and Fees National Rank Of Major Public Research Universities

University	Tuition	Rank (most expensive at top)
University of Michigan	\$2,144	1
Pennsylvania State University	2,118	2
Wayne State University	1,971	3
Michigan State University	1,889	4
Rutgers University	1,675	5
University of Cincinnati	1,671	6

decreased? "If people are genuinely stricken, and unemployed, and face the winter without heat, I as a human being would prefer to pay a little more in taxes so that those people don't have to suffer."

• More alumni contributions? U-M has "long-standing alumni and gift support. We have a little of that (6 percent of alumni contribute to Wayne), but have not yet built up." Lawyers, doctors and engineers are good prospects, but Adamany said many Wayne graduates are in lower-paying occupations such as teaching and social work.

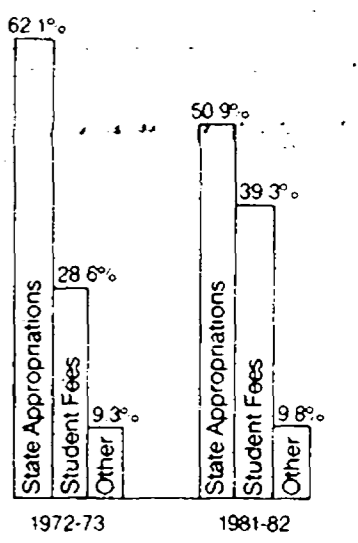
"MICHIGAN HAS gone from ninth in the nation to 33rd (in per capita support of higher education) and from 19th in percentage of personal disposable income to 38th," Adamany said.

"South Carolina and Alabama are doing better than we are in supporting higher education. We are in the bottom quarter of states in appropriations for higher education."

"The problem is not that colleges are inefficient, wasteful, duplicative or too numerous. The problem is that Michigan's commitment to colleges has just died in the last 10 years."

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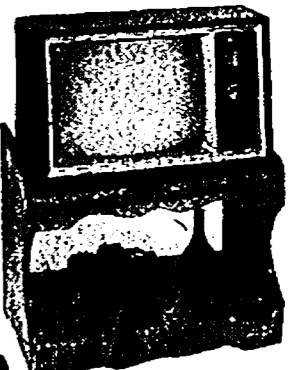
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# Never underestimate the spirit of Christmas

By Margaret Miller  
staff writer

**A** BIG BARN of a building that has stood idle behind a Livonia church is newly transformed into a center of Christmas

caring. It's housing Operation Helping Hand, a program that seemed to burst almost spontaneously onto a yule scene that in this area includes need as well as joy.

All afternoon and evening Friday, people streamed into the People That Love Center at the site of Bethel Missionary Assembly of God, 8900 Middlebell.

Answering a call they heard on radio station WMUZ-FM, they arrived some 2,500 strong, and they carried in food, clothing and toys. They stayed to munch cookies, get acquainted, sing Christmas carols and offer service.

This week they are making good on that offer, helping to sort the piles of contributions and get them ready for Christmas distribution.

And the program that will mean a better Christmas for maybe 200 families is only beginning, says its leader, Donald Miller of Inkster.

"After Christmas we're going to be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday," Miller said, in a few moments away from sorting-work five days before Christmas. "We'll have food and clothing, and toys for the children for the needy who come to us."

"We also want to get started on an Alcoholics Anonymous group, and we want to try a job bank. And maybe by spring or summer a lending program."

MILLER IS a currently-on-layoff General Motors Corp. worker who has followed the work of People That Love, a ministry that has spread its word by radio and television and worked through conservative denominations, mainly the Assemblies of God.

Serving in centers established under PTL auspices in area churches, particularly one in Fenton, Miller said he became enthusiastic about the program and "felt a burden" to help needy persons closer to his own home.

Checking with Assembly of God churches in Canton, Livonia, Westland and Dearborn, he received promises of help for the local center in the form of donations of food, goods and money.

From the Rev. John Roy of Bethel Assembly of God he received an even more helpful offer.

That church, Roy told Miller, would provide rent-free a building it had at the back of its property. The structure that used to be used as a gym had holes in the room and lacked insulation. But the Bethel board appropriated \$5,000 for repairs and the building took on new life.

**'We're getting quality, not junk, and we're excited. People are really reaching out to help the needy.'**

—Director Donald Miller  
People That Love center

THEN PAUL NICHOLAS, a Redford resident who puts a Christian message into his disc jockeying on WMUZ-FM, got into the act.

"He called me," Miller said, "and said he'd like to help with our project."

For a couple of weeks in mid-December, Nicholas told listeners of his "Gospel According to Paul" program about the center.

"I asked on the radio if people out there who are in desperate situations would write me a note, tell me about what they needed," Nicholas said. "Then I also asked people who have been blessed to do something to help."

"I told them the center would be opening Dec. 17, and people would be there to accept gifts. And I said the gifts brought would go to our own radio family, the people in need who wrote to me."

Nicholas did his broadcasting Friday afternoon from a "living room" area set up in the center's big building.

And while he kept the calls going out, people responded in droves, jamming the parking lot and filling the building with activity.

WANDA MALLEY was sorting and hanging quantities of clothing. "I heard the radio broadcast and brought some things over, and they needed help so I stayed," said the Detroit woman.

Sandra Varney, also from Detroit, heard the radio invitation too. "I called Don Miller and volunteered to help, and they put me in charge of this area," she said from behind tables stacked with canned goods.

Pat Williams of Plymouth came to see how she could help, and Ross Stevens of Southfield said he was there because "the Lord has commanded me to love my brother."

Betty Arnold of Garden City signed up to help a couple of days a week at the center. "I want to serve," she said, "and this is what we have to do to make it."

Meanwhile cars kept driving up to the door of the center and volunteers unloaded contents.

Miller and Frank Francioso, general manager of WMUZ, exclaimed over a brand new Atari video game that was brought in. "We're getting quality, not junk, and we're excited," Miller said.

"People are really reaching out to help the needy."

NICHOLAS kept his broadcasting going, talking to some of the visitors while the crowds streamed in and out.

At 5 p.m. a carol sing began in front of the huge Christmas tree. "I think we had 800 people singing," Miller said later.

A quick check of the registration list indicated interest was widespread. Cars with gifts had come to Livonia from Melvindale, Garden City, Westland, Trenton, Walled Lake, Livonia, Ypsilanti, Allen Park and many other communities.

By Monday it was a matter of sorting. Miller had the letters Nicholas had received, more than 170 of them.

They too represented a cross section of addresses. There were letters from Livonia and Farmington, one from a single mother who was unemployed and lived in Bloomfield. There were many letters from Romulus, Inkster and Detroit.

And there were people coming to the center asking for help. They received boxes of groceries.

"I had planned to set things up on Monday, deal with the letters on Tuesday and Wednesday and get to the general public on Thursday," said Miller. "My schedule got switched around."

DID HE EXPECT such a response when he began work on the center and set up the grand opening, Miller was asked Friday.

"Yes," he said firmly, with only a moment's hesitation. "I knew people would be here when called. That's why I lined up 300-dozen cookies."

And Monday he had one triumphant postscript. There were perhaps 2,500 people who visited the center that eventful day, but when it was over a few cookies were left.



Operation Helping Hand drew people from all over the metropolitan area to the new People That Love Center in Livonia on opening day last Friday.

Staff photos by Bill Bresler



Paul Nicholas, disc jockey who invited listeners to bring gifts to the center, talks in his impromptu broadcast booth with Pat Williams of Plymouth.



Mike Collins brought some items and stayed to pack up canned goods.



Center director Donald Miller (left) thanks Greg Story of Inkster for the contribution he brought.

# Go a'wassailing with Oakway

The coach horns will sound, and the boar's head will be borne aloft.

The Master of Misrule will cavort, and madrigals will be played.

The fare, straight from the menus of merrie olde England, will include a wassail bowl copied from the refreshment enjoyed at Christmastide in the middle ages.

And guests, who will pay \$25 for a step back into long-ago Christmas, are invited to get into the spirit by donning medieval garb. Choir robes with rope or chain belts would do just fine, they are assured.

The occasion is the Oakway Symphony Orchestra Society's Elizabethan Evening, scheduled at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the coach house of Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills.

Tickets may be bought until Dec. 24 at Botsford, Madonna College, Hammell Music of Livonia, the Southfield Cultural Arts Division or by calling the Oakway Symphony office, 476-6544. Single seats or tables of eight or 10 may be reserved.

**THE FUND RAISER** chosen by the Oakway group has roots deep in English history.

A feast involving the carrying in of a boar's head long has been a part of Christmas tradition at Queen's College in Oxford. One legend says the boar got into the Christmas act when a long-ago Oxford student, walking in the countryside and studying a book of Aristotle's teachings, was attacked by a wild boar. He saved himself by stuffing the book into the boar's mouth and then was able to spear the boar and kill it for a feast.

Also time honored is the tradition that the feast of the Christmas season represents the last of the fall's harvest, and people eat well because they do not expect to get much more until spring.

Whatever the reason for the boar's starring role, the head is always trumpeted to the meal.

The Oakway society version of the dinner will feature a real boar's head, stuffed and inedible rather than speared and savory, and trumpeters in the person of Ernie Jones, well-known area musician and occasional guest conductor, and Francesco DiBlasi, director of the Oakway.

Both will blow the traditional long, straight horns. Jones received his from London colleagues in his advertising firm of D'Arcy, MacManus & Maslum. DiBlasi, whose instrument is the trumpet, will use a borrowed instrument.

**DINNER, AS** planned by John Anhut, Botsford Inn owner, will include Caberges, an old English style cabbage soup, Roast Sirloin of Beef,

Lemonwhyt, a rice dish, and Carrots Gloriana, along with Figgy Pudding and the traditional Wassail bowl.

Dancers and a court jester will keep up the entertainment during the dinner hour.

After the meal, there will be music by an ensemble from the Oakway orchestra. Those participating are DiBlasi and Jones, violinist Priscilla Marino of Bloomfield Hills, violist Judi Bennett of Westland, Howard Mitchell of

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West Bloomfield, playing a sackbut, an ancestor of the modern trombone, and Christa Grix of Farmington on a troubadour harp.

Staff photos by Margene Johnson



Violinist Priscilla Marino (left) of Bloomfield Hills and violist Judi Bennett of Westland will be among the music makers for the Oakway Symphony Society's Wassail Feast at Botsford Inn Dec. 29.



Christa Grix will play the troubadour harp.



Trumpeting in the procession with the boar's head will be Francesco DiBlasi (left), Howard Mitchell and Ernie Jones.

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Included in the workshop will be hands-on activities and exercises on the TRS-80 and Apple computers to help participants feel more comfortable with both the hardware and software components of computer technology. Minor trouble-shooting techniques also

will be reviewed.

Participants can receive college credit or continuing education credit for the workshop. The cost is \$65 plus a \$5 fee.

Section I will be 4-7 p.m. Mondays Jan. 10, 17 and 24; Section II will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays Jan. 12, 19 and 26, and Section III will be 4-7 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 13, 20 and 27. All classes will be in Room 117A.

For more information, call 591-5049. Madonna College is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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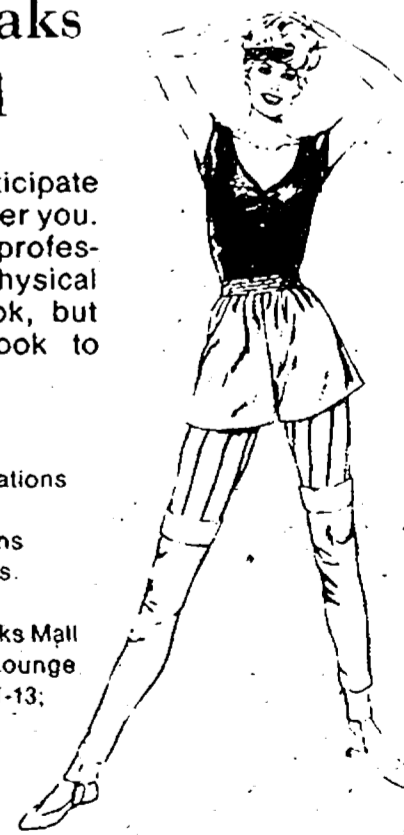
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**Spickler-Jacobson**

Julie Anne Jacobson, daughter of William and Martina Jacobson of Ronie Lane, Livonia, became the bride of Daniel Fox Spickler, son of Dr. Laurence and Alma Spickler of Bloomfield Township, in a ceremony at Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills.

Attending the couple were Jill Halliburton and Eric Spickler.

The bride graduated in 1973 from Churchill High School and in 1977 from Michigan State University. She is employed as a reporter by the Oakland Press. The bridegroom, who graduated in 1973 from Andover High School and in 1978 from MSU, is a reporter for the Jackson Citizen Patriot.

They are making their home in Ann Arbor.

**clubs in action**

**FOLK DANCE CLUB**

Folk dance sessions from 8-11:45 p.m. are held each Friday from September through June by the Detroit Folkdance Club, which meets at Brookside School, Cranbrook Institute, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. The leader is Ben Chang, who teaches several folk dances followed by request dancing. The last Friday in the month is party night from 8 p.m. until midnight. Beginners are welcome. Partners are not necessary. Admission is \$2.50, except for party night when it is \$3. Throughout the year, the club sponsors several folk dance workshops, and two week-end folk dance camps with noted folk dance experts. For more details, call the club at 649-2878.

**The old order changes**

Family Christmas will be different this year.

For many years our home and hearth has been the center of activity. Our fireplace has been the spot where stockings have hung, our Christmas tree has been the one loaded to the gills with gifts.

And our living room has been the one where the carpet was entirely obscured by unwrapped gifts and discarded wrappings once the excitement was over.

**BUT NOT** this Christmas. This year the man of our house will load gifts into the car and head for the nearby home of our daughter and son-in-law and granddaughter Katie.

They'll take care of the stocking detail, and we'll stack gifts under their tree.

It's their home that will be the scene of a Christmas grand opening, to be



m.m. memos

**Margaret Miller**

shared with Katie's other grandparents and their family.

That home, also, will be the main stop for our college daughter and her husband, who plan to be in for the holidays; and their telephone will be used to place two long-distance telephone calls, one to New England and one to Alaska, to the daughters who won't be with us for Christmas.

And, of course it's my daughter's floor that will be obscured by gifts and wrappings. I may help her pick them up, though. She's been very good about helping me in the last few years.

**KATIE'S PARENTS** asked for the new order. A lot of being toted around was wearing on their small daughter, they said. They thought it would be good if their family could be home on Christmas and let others visit them.

My daughter even was ready to start a tradition I had avoided for many years. She'd plan a Christmas dinner, and how would it be if we had roast beef.

I'm in complete agreement with her request. I did the same thing a generation ago. A friend who has made the same transition put it very well. "You go where the baby is," she said.

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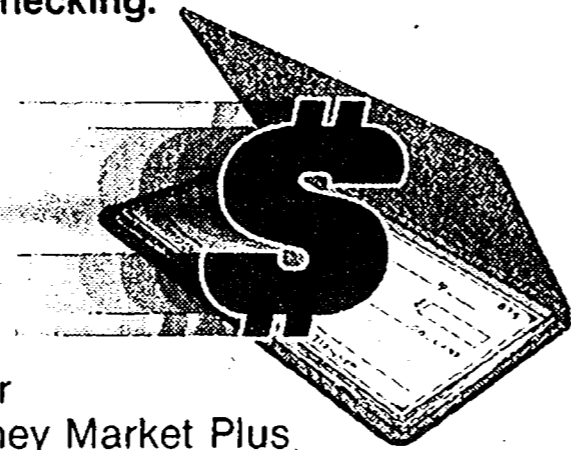
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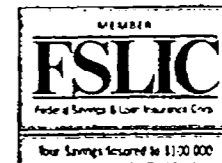
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**THE MUPPET MOVIE** The smash hit family comedy returns for the holidays with Kermit and Miss Piggy.  
9-11PM ABC (8 Central/Mountain)  
**THE FISH THAT SAVED PITTSBURGH** Laughter scores when all else fails as Jonathan Winters, Julius "Dr. J" Erving, Stockard Channing and Meadowlark Lemon hit the hardwood in a slam-dunk comedy about the zaniest basketball team that ever shredded a net.

SUN., DEC. 26  
9-11PM NBC (8 Central/Mountain)  
**BATTLE BEYOND THE STARS** Richard Thomas and George Peppard in a low-budget space flick.

MON., DEC. 27  
9-11PM NBC (8 Central/Mountain)  
**SKEEZER** The true story of a dog used by therapists to help children at a home for the emotionally disturbed.

9-11:15PM ABC (8 Central/Mountain)  
**SHAMPOO**  
WARREN BEATTY  
GOLDIE HAWN  
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TUES., DEC. 28  
9-11PM CBS (8 Central/Mountain)



RONA JAFFE'S MAZES AND MONSTERS Tom Hanks, Wendy Crewson, David Wallace and Chris Makepeace are college students whose increasing involvement in the fantasy world of a game leads to tragedy.

WED., DEC. 29  
9-11PM CBS (8 Central/Mountain)  
**MISS ALL-AMERICAN BEAUTY** A behind-the-scenes look at a beauty pageant, focusing on a naive 18-year-old lass whose life changes drastically when she wins the coveted crown. Diane Lane, Cloris Leachman, David Duke, Jayne Meadows, Alice Hirson and Brian Kerwin.

NEW YEAR'S DAY  
8:30-11PM CBS (7-30 Cent/Mount)

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SUN., JAN. 2

9-11PM NBC (8 Central/Mountain)  
**COCAINE AND BLUE EYES** O.J. Simpson takes a break from running through airport lobbies.

9-11:30M ABC (8 Central/Mountain)  
**LIVE AND LET DIE** Roger Moore's first outing as 007, and a nifty one about a beautiful psychic, mistress to a voodoo leader who is also an international crime king. With the stunning Jane Seymour reading the tarot and the always intriguing Yaphet Kotto as the sinister "Mr. Big," aka "Baron Samedi," who plans to feed Bond to the alligators. Paul McCartney's score is also a rouser!

MON., JAN. 3  
9-11M NBC (8 Central/Mountain)  
**THE KID FROM NOWHERE** Susan Saint James and Loretta Swit.

TUES., JAN. 4  
9-11PM CBS (8 Central/Mountain)  
**LISTEN TO YOUR HEART** Kate Jackson and Tim Matheson are a young couple trying to make their love affair work.

WED., JAN. 5  
9-11PM CBS (8 Central/Mountain)  
**I TAKE THESE MEN** Susan Saint James shocks hubby James Murtaugh as they prepare to go out for their 15th anniversary dinner. She tells him their marriage has grown stale and she wants out.

**specials**

THUR., DEC. 23  
10-11PM CBS (9 Central/Mountain)  
**DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!** A look behind the small screen at the big business of primetime television.

FRI., DEC. 24

8-9PM ABC (7 Central/Mountain)  
**PINOCCHIO'S CHRISTMAS**  
11:30PM-Midnight NBC (10-30 Cent/Mt)  
**THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS EVE** A musical celebration of the Yuletide season is offered by host-conductor Doc Severinsen with Henry Mancini.

Midnight-1:30AM NBC (11PM C/M)  
**CHRISTMAS ROME 1982** Pope John Paul II celebrates the Midnight Mass.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

11AM-Noon NBC (10 Central/Mount)  
**CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL**  
8-10PM CBS (7 Central/Mountain)

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NEW YEAR'S DAY  
11AM-1:30PM NBC (10 Cent/Mt)  
11:30AM-1:30PM CBS (10-30 Cent/Mt)

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TUES., JAN. 4  
8-9PM CBS (7 Central/Mountain)  
Walt Disney: **WORLD'S GREATEST ATHLETE** Tim Conway, John Amos, Roscoe Lee Browne and Jan Michael Vincent. (Note new time slot).

**sports**

SAT., DEC. 25  
4-6PM NBC (3 Central/Mountain)  
**SPORTSWORLD**  
5-8:30PM ABC (4 Central/Mountain)  
**WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS**

SUN., DEC. 26  
12:30PM-? NBC (11-30AM Cent/Mt)



NFL Regional telecasts starting at  
1PM NYT N.Y. Jets at Minnesota  
Cleveland at Houston  
New England at Pittsburgh  
Seattle at Cincinnati  
4PM NYT Baltimore at San Diego  
Denver at L.A. Raiders  
12:30PM-? CBS (11-30AM Cent/Mt)  
NFL Regional telecasts starting at  
1PM NYT New Jersey at St. Louis  
Detroit at Tampa Bay  
Green Bay at Atlanta  
S.F. 49ers at Kansas City  
Washington at N. Orleans  
4PM NYT Chicago at L.A. Rams  
Philadelphia at Dallas

TUES., DEC. 28  
11:30PM-? CBS (10-30 Cent/Mount)  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Louisville takes on UCLA at Pauley Pavilion.

MON., DEC. 27  
9PM-? ABC (8 Central/Mountain)  
**NFL FOOTBALL** The Buffalo Bills behind the strong arm of Quarterback Joe Furgerson charge into Miami to confront the Dolphins with alternating quarterbacks Don Stock and David Woodley plus one of the AFC's toughest defenses.

**BOWL GAMES**

NEW YEAR'S DAY

1:30PM-? NBC (12-30 Cent/Mount)  
**FIESTA BOWL** The Sooners of Oklahoma, 8-3 and 10th ranked by AP (12th UPI), visit 11th ranked AP, UPI Arizona State (9-2) at their home field.  
4:45PM-? NBC (3-45 Cent/Mount)  
**ROSE BOWL** The UCLA Bruins, Pac 10 champions with a 9-1-1 record and 5th ranked AP, UPI, amble down the freeway for a battle of the beasts with the Big 10 champ Michigan Wolverines (8-3, 19th ranked AP, 17th UPI).

8PM-? NBC (7 Central/Mountain)  
**ORANGE BOWL** Big Eight champion Nebraska's Cornhuskers, 10-1 and 3rd ranked AP, UPI, try to "hold that Tiger" against 13th ranked AP, UPI Louisiana State University (8-2-1).

SUN., JAN. 2, 1983

12:30PM-? NBC (11-30AM Cent/Mt)  
**FOOTBALL DOUBLEHEADER**  
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Denver at Seattle

12:30PM-? CBS (11-30AM Cent/Mt)  
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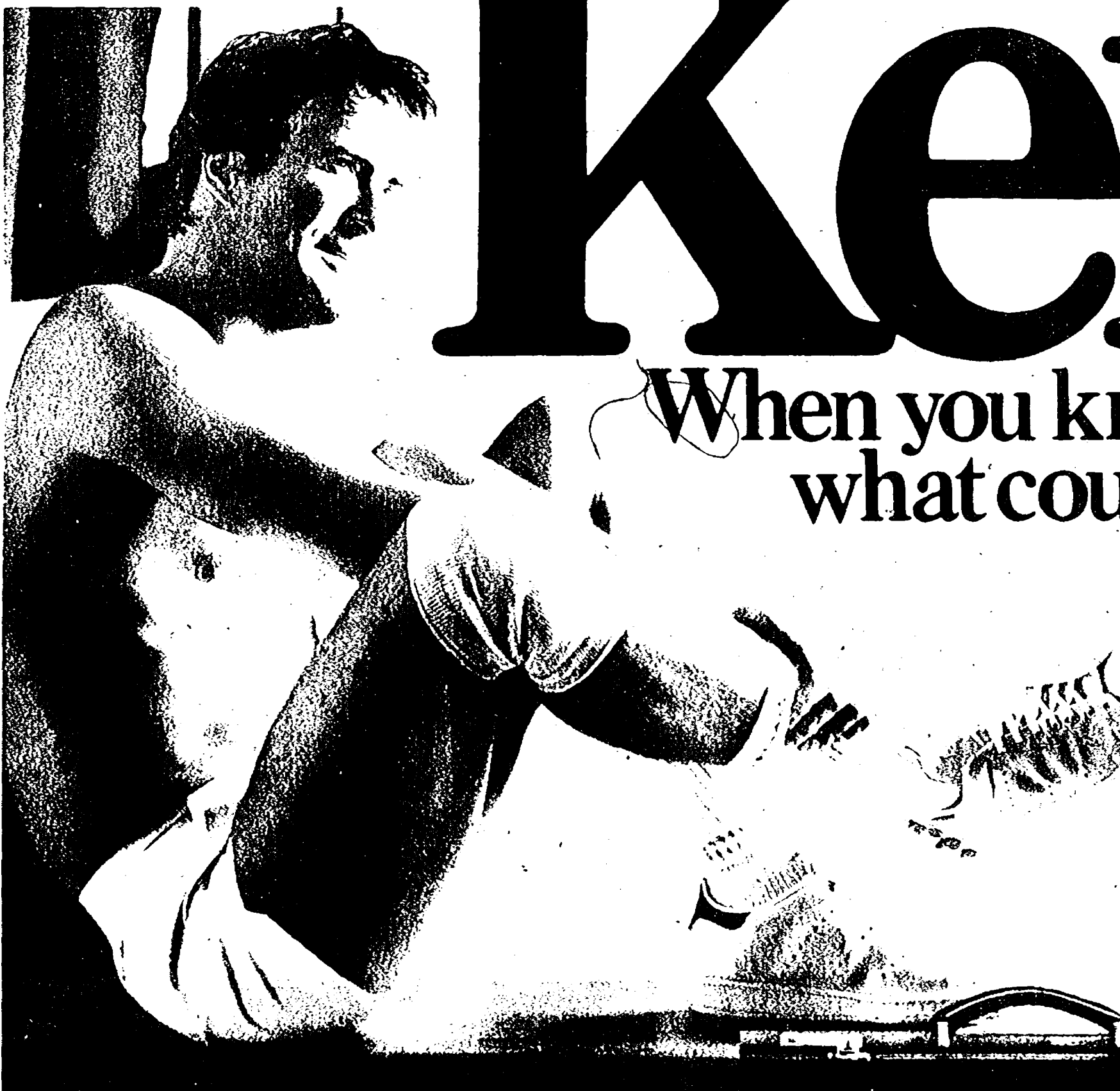
MON., JAN. 3

9PM-? ABC (8 Central/Mountain)  
**NFL FOOTBALL** The Dallas Cowboys ride the frozen range up to Minnesota to do battle with the Vikings as Gifford, Meredith and Cosell make a final appearance of the season.  
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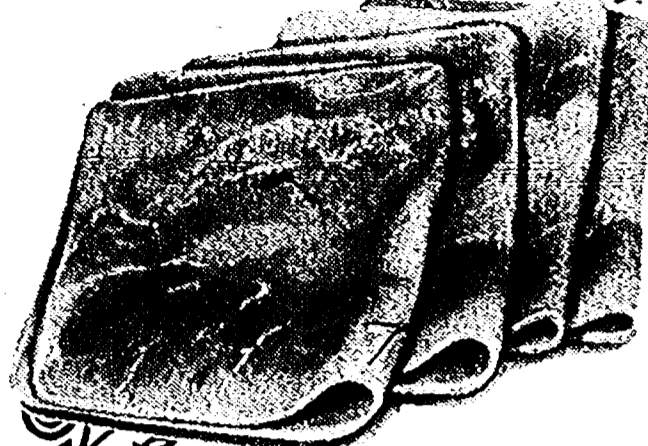
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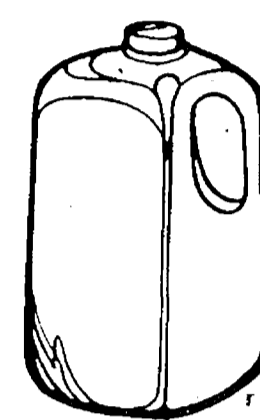
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# Celebrities share show-business careers

By Ethel Simmons  
staff writer

**JIMMY AND BRIGITTE LAUNCE** may be a glamorous couple, but these local celebrities have worked hard to build their success and a happy marriage.

The West Bloomfield residents have been married for 14 years and have pursued separate and overlapping careers since they first met. As a matter of fact, they met on the job — at an auto show in New York where he was talking about cars of tomorrow while she, in a slinky, silver pants outfit with matching boots, demonstrated features of a futuristic prototype.

"After 14 years we still like to do good things together," she said last week, in an interview at their multi-level subdivision home that overlooks a small stream.

He commented, "We really are good friends, in addition to everything else."

HE'S A RADIO star, heard weekdays on "The Jimmy Launce Show" and on a Sunday morning entertainment-personality interview show, both on WJR. She's a fashion model and fashion-show producer.

Sometimes the two of them get together for speaking engagements, where she may give the women fashion and beauty tips and he may be the after-dinner feature with a humorous talk.

Jimmy Launce at 48 is curly-haired and boyish, with a friendly grin and easy-going manner. Brigitte Launce, who says she doesn't mind admitting she's 39, is a German-born blonde with pretty, fine-boned features and a warm, gracious personality. In trim, the Launces do early-morning aerobic

exercises together at Vic Tanny's Executive Club, at her insistence on maintaining good health and nutrition.

As they talked about their busy lives, both pitched in to serve the afternoon coffee and dessert that is a German custom.

A FEW YEARS ago, Launce began a dinner-theater operation, Jimmy Launce Productions, which puts on shows at Somerset Dinner Theatre in Troy's Somerset Mall. The production company recently opened its second dinner theater at the old db's club at the Hyatt-Regency in Dearborn.

About once a year, he appears in one of the company's dinner theater productions. Currently, he's rehearsing for the role of the dangerous, older playwright in "Deathtrap," which will open Jan. 14 at the Hyatt.

His wife, who doesn't mind stepping before the cameras to do commercials, doesn't consider herself a stage performer. But she has become increasingly involved behind-the-scenes with the dinner-theater company.

"I have a business degree, from Germany, and I never used it," she said. She's happy to be handling the business end of the operation and producing shows in which he stars. Otherwise, he handles the producer's reins.

"It's something different, and it's good for up here, too," she said, pointing to the top of her head.

"I GOT FORCED into doing the bookwork," she said, recalling her introduction to the dinner-theater's finances. "To be honest, I really liked it."

He declared, "She knows what I want to do. I know what she wants to do. We don't even have to verbalize it."

For the dinner theater, he writes the press releases and the biographies for the programs. She designs the newspaper ads and did the program front for the Hyatt.

Her only regret is that, having grown up in Europe, "I'm not perfect in English." "But I spell better," she said, comparing her skills to her husband's. "I'm a lousy speller," he admitted.

Aside from the dinner-theater, they both work as performers booked through their separate agents at Gall & Rice. Motion picture work, narrations and commercials, as well as speaking engagements, fill their schedules.

SHE ALSO books herself for fashion shows. Having worked for 19 years in metropolitan Detroit, she has done all the big shows for area stores. She still models for Janet Varner of Rochester and Chudik's of Birmingham. "They're very loyal," she said.

She's gotten into producing fashion shows and has done several for Dittich Furs where she previously modeled. "I never want to be told you're not on top anymore" is how she described her willingness to switch from modeling to producing, as she grows older.

Launce has done acting as long as he has been in broadcasting — for 28 years, he said. He started as an entertainer at age 8, playing accordion on stage with other youngsters.

As a teen-ager, the performer worked on the air for five local radio stations in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he was raised. "I didn't earn a dime," he said of his volunteer efforts.

After working at two Michigan radio stations, in Sturgis and Battle Creek, for a total of four years, he came to WJR as staff announcer in 1958.



JOHN STANO/staff photographer

Radio star Jimmy Launce and his wife, fashion model Brigitte Launce, both consider themselves performers. The West Bloomfield couple also works together on Jimmy Launce Produc-

tions' two dinner theaters, where he is sometimes on stage while she works behind the scenes.

AS A POPULAR radio personality, he considers that work as his livelihood and the dinner theater as his fun job. "Whenever I feel any fits of depression,

the best thing for me is to take on a show. It shakes you out of your lethargy," he said.

The Launces have raised his three

children from a previous marriage and have their big house to themselves, now

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Marc Gawronski of Westland is "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," being challenged by Peter Carman (right), also of Westland, in a scene from the Mark Twain classic. Frederick Karn (left) is Merlin the Magician in the play, which continues through Jan. 15 at Henry Ford Museum Theatre in Dearborn.

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- HOMETOWN DATES**  
 The Urbations band winds up its 1982 world tour with hometown dates, including showtime Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Ranch in Redford; Tuesday at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit; Wednesday, Dec. 29, at B'Stilla in Detroit; Thursday, Dec. 30, at Joe's Star Lounge in Ann Arbor, and a New Year's Eve Party at St. Andrew's Hall. The band's new 45 on Wild Child Discs is "The Whip," backed with "Skaffle."
- ARBOR VALLEY**  
 Stone Mist will play New Year's Eve at the Arbor Valley Inn, 2800 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor.
- CENTER STAGE**  
 The Look, with special guest the Stingrays, will perform at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at Center Stage, 39940 Ford Road, Canton. Admission is \$3. The Push band performs at 9:30 p.m. Monday. Admission is \$1. Steve King and His Ditties appear at 9:30 p.m. Monday through New Year's Eve. Admission is \$2 through Dec. 30. Women will be admitted for half price Dec. 30. Admission will be \$12.50 per person New Year's Eve, and the price includes party favors, champagne toast at midnight, and sandwich and coffee buffet at 2 a.m.
- WONDERLAND CENTER**  
 WXYZ's psychic Jacqui will make 1983 predictions from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Eaton Place at Wonderland Center, Plymouth and Middlebelt roads, Livonia.
- 'CONNECTICUT YANKEE'**  
 "A Connecticut Yankee" is the children's holiday offering this year by the Greenfield Village Players at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Performances are at 2 p.m. Sunday-Friday and Jan. 8 and 15. Based on Mark Twain's light-hearted story, "A Connecticut Yankee" tells the adventures of a New England character mysteriously transported to the days of swords and sorcery in olde England. Reserved seating at \$2 a person is available by calling 271-1620, ext. 415.
- WAGON WHEEL**  
 The Rick Hall Band is playing oldies, late-'60s and early-'70s tunes today at the Wagon Wheel Saloon, Rochester and Big Beaver roads, Troy. The saloon will be closed Friday-Saturday for the Christmas holidays. The Rick Hall Band will resume Sunday through Dec. 30.
- OAKWAY SYMPHONY**  
 A holiday evening of feasting and merriment in the manner of Merrie Olde England will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. The event, sponsored by the Oakway Symphony, is priced at \$25 per person for seating at tables of eight. There will be a cash bar. Guests may go "a-wassalling" in costume, if they wish. Rolland Sharette will be the Lord of Mistle. Tickets are available at the Botsford Inn, Madonna College, Hammell Music and the Southfield Cultural Arts Division. For more information call 478-6544 or 522-7846.
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 The Susan Jones Duo plays from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at J. Ross Browne's, 26855 Greenfield, Southfield. There will be no entertainment Christmas Eve. Browne's will be closed Christmas Day. The Mike Ogorek-Gary Schunk Duo plays
- VILLAGE INN**  
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- SHOW CHOIR**  
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- COMEDY CASTLE**  
 David Couwler, Detroit comic, will entertain Wednesday, Dec. 29, through Jan. 2 at the Comedy Castle at Maximilian's, 4616 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. He will be performing the New Year's Eve shows and one show only on New Year's Day. Couwler has been featured on the "Mork and Minky" cartoon series and CBS' "M\*A\*S\*H." For more information call 549-2323 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.
- IMPROV TROUPE**  
 The Fourth Street Playhouse will present a New Year's Eve celebration with Johnathon Round's Detroit Times Theatre Co. at the playhouse at 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. The party begins at 10:45 p.m. The celebration, at \$10 per person, includes improvisational theater, liquid refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. The Detroit Times Theatre Co. is an improvisational troupe patterned after Second City in Chicago. Tickets must be paid for by Dec. 29. For reservations call 543-3666.
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- BUFFO PERFORMS**  
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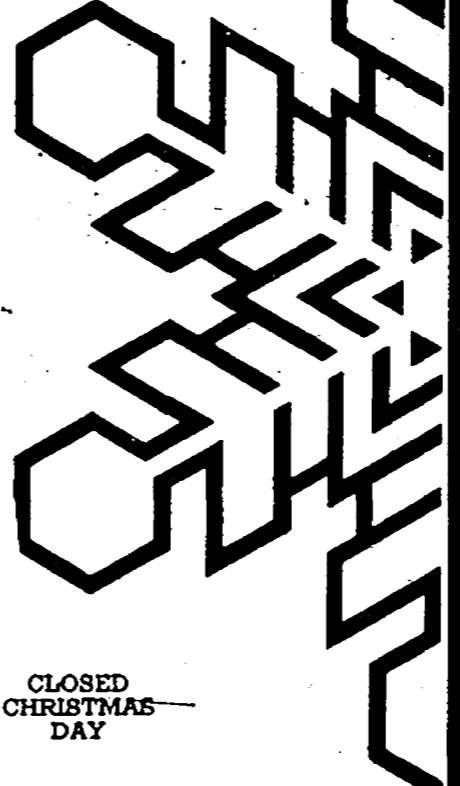
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ed work shed for tools and projects. Of their congenial marriage, she explained, "People say it looks like a pretty picture and ask us how we do it. We have to work at it."

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backgammon

Mike Giordano

of the Cavendish North backgammon club

The position diagrammed above occurred at the weekly novice tournament held at the Cavendish North Backgammon Club. White is on play and had rolled a 3-2.

There are a number of alternatives open to white but only three need be examined: They are, one, covering the loose man on white's 7 point by moving all the way from the 6 point; two, playing the 3 from his 6 point and the 2 from his 5 point, thereby making white's 3 point; and, three, playing 7 to 4 and 8 to 6 points. Let us consider each of these choices in turn.

First of all, by making his 1 point, white builds a 5-point board and doesn't leave any loose men. This dubious quest for safety is the trademark of most beginners.

In this situation it is the least desirable alternative. Since white is unlikely to get a shot on his next roll (only double 5s by black leave a shot), he should be more concerned about how he will play his next couple of rolls.

BY BUILDING the 1 point now, white creates a position that is destined to deteriorate. Whenever white rolls a number with a 6 or 5 before he is able to move his back man, he will be forced to play additional men to his 1 or 2 point and be faced with the prospect of having to break his 6 or 5 point in short order.

Clearly better is the second option.

By making his 3 point, white now has 6-point prime of his own in case of the double 5 miracle by black.

However, most of the timing problems that go along with the previous play remain. It is unlikely that white will be able to play for 2 rolls without breaking his board. Should this happen his chances of winning after getting a shot and hitting it are exceedingly slim.

Bringing both men in from his outer board serves a vital function for white. If black retains his blocking position for a couple of rolls, white will no longer have any 6s to play. By killing his own 6s, white has the best chance of keeping his board intact.

After bringing one man to his 6 and one to his 4 point, white would welcome the roll of a 6, as it would slow his forward progress. Notice that after the recommended play white will make his 1 or 3 point with any number that doesn't include a 6 and that all his best numbers start with 6.

White's winning prospects from this position are exceedingly slim as he must first get a shot at black and then must hit it while he still has a good home board. But white can retain his board through adroit play, and so long as he keeps his board integrity, his meager hopes stay alive.

Questions about backgammon can be directed to Mike Giordano, c/o The Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich., 48150.



Brecht comedy

Uria Shelley (David P. Drobot, right) coerces Galy Gay (Michael Kumor) to change from a peaceable civilian to a ferocious warrior in Bertolt Brecht's comedy with song, "A Man's a Man." The Studio Theatre production opens at 8 p.m. Jan. 13 at Wayne State.

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Deck the halls with "The Greatest Story Ever Told" (1965), in two parts at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday on Ch. 50. Originally 141 minutes.

They made the story of Jesus as only Hollywood could (or would) — with a star-studded cast of silver screen kingpins dotting the epic venture. Look for Van Heflin, Ed Wynn, Claude Rains, Jose Ferrer, Sidney Poitier, Ava Gardner, Shelley Winters and even John Wayne in period dress alongside a cast of regulars that includes Max Von Sydow (as Himself), Charlton Heston, Carroll Baker and Dorothy McGuire. Even though the stars are distracting, the film has its epic, awe-inspiring moments. But generally it's a reflection of its director, George Stevens, who's responsible for such plodding efforts as "Shane" and "Giant." Incidentally, the lengths of different prints of the film vary from 141 to 225 minutes.

**WHAT'S IT WORTH?**  
A ratings guide to the movies

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Ch. 50 will take four hours to show the picture, but that's no indication of which print they have in store.  
Rating: \$2.60.

"The Bells of St. Mary's" (1945), noon Friday on Ch. 9. Originally 126 minutes.

The sequel to "Going My Way" is at its best when sparks of forbidden romance fly between priest Bing Crosby and nun Ingrid Bergman. Director Leo McCarey never exploits the relation-

ship, but the chemistry is there. Henry Travers and Ruth Donnelly also star.  
Rating: \$2.95.

"Boys Town" (1938), 1 p.m. Friday on Ch. 50. Originally 96 minutes.

When Spencer Tracy won an Oscar for his portrayal of Father Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town in eastern Nebraska, he took the award, inscribed it with the following, and sent it to the man who coined the phrase "There are no bad boys": "To Father Edward J. Flanagan, whose great human qualities, timely simplicity, and inspiring courage were strong enough to shine through my humble effort." Mickey Rooney and Henry Hull also star.  
Rating: \$3.

"Scrooge" (1970), 9:30 a.m. Saturday on Ch. 20. Originally 115 minutes.

Versatile Albert Finney gives this musical adaptation of the Charles

Dickens story his best shot, but uninspired songs, music and direction mar the effort. Still, it's a pity that Ch. 20 is squeezing the film into a 90-minute time slot.  
Rating: \$2.25.

"It's a Wonderful Life" (1947), 11:15 p.m. Saturday on Ch. 9. Originally 129 minutes.

Perhaps the key to Frank Capra's success is his pacing. "Wonderful Life," like many Capra films, is foolishly sentimental and terribly overacted, but it's so quickly paced that the viewer can't think twice about what he's witnessed before another lavish sequence strikes and dulls the senses. Before you know it, you're sucked in by this diabolical schematic, and you're thoroughly enjoying the movie. James Stewart, Lionel Barrymore, Thomas Mitchell and an incredibly young and beautiful Donna Reed star.  
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