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Phoenix board taps Dyer for top post



Timothy Dyer

By Sandra Armbruster
editor

Dr. Timothy J. Dyer, superintendent of Wayne-Westland schools since July 1973, has been named superintendent of the Phoenix Union High School District of Phoenix, Ariz.

Dyer, 45, is scheduled to begin his new duties April 1 in Phoenix. According to district sources, however, Dyer's resignation from Wayne-Westland is

effective May 1 when he assumes full-time responsibility in Phoenix.

The superintendent expressed his views on education during a Friday afternoon press conference in Phoenix, where his appointment was announced.

"Education is, in my judgment, the most important function of an orderly society," he said. "It undergirds the very foundation of American life, for it allows its citizens to be prepared with skills and tools to make for a happy

and productive life."

HIS APPOINTMENT followed a unanimous vote by the Phoenix governing board after two board members visited the Wayne-Westland district last Tuesday. He succeeds Dr. Patrick Henderson, who has retired.

The Phoenix area has a different school organization than that of Michigan. The Phoenix Union High School District includes about 20,000 students

in grades nine through 12. The largest high school district in the United States, it has 15 high school campuses and a budget this year of \$71.7 million.

This year's budget in Wayne-Westland is \$59.26 million.

Dyer has a three-year contract in Phoenix, with an annual salary of \$55,000. In Wayne-Westland, he declined to take a salary increase this year, leaving his wages at about \$80,000, plus an 8-percent tax shelter annuity

and other benefits.

PRESIDENT OF the Wayne-Westland board, the Rev. W. James Le Duc, described word of the appointment as "bad news for us. It comes at an inopportune time." However, he noted that the effective date of May 1 would allow the district time to reach agreement with employee groups and arrange a transition.

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Man grabs customer at drive-in

A man grabbed a young Canton woman in her car as she was stopped at a drive-through window at a Burger King early Thursday morning in Westland.

Police said the woman, 20, sped off in her car to escape the man, dragging him some 20 feet across the lot. The woman and the passenger in her car, a 19-year-old Detroit woman, had left the car and were running for help when they came across two Westland police officers.

THE INCIDENT took place at 2:05 a.m. at the Burger King at 120 S. Merriman. Police said the driver's window was two-thirds of the way down after the two women ordered food. The Canton woman turned to get money out of her purse when the man appeared and leaned through the driver's window. Without saying a word, the man grabbed her around the head with his left arm and tried to pull her close to him.

Fighting and screaming, the woman accelerated her car, dragging the man with her, according to police.

Two Westland police officers were driving south on Merriman in front of the business when they saw the two women run through the parking lot and try to open the front door. Police said the women appeared to be scared and running from danger. They ran over to the officers when they saw the patrol car and told them someone had tried to get into the woman's vehicle.

Directed to the Burger King, police saw that the woman's car had jumped a curb and struck a small tree.



Peace, good will to all

We, at the Westland Observer, hope that your holiday season will be filled with the gift of peace and a renewed spirit of good will to our neighbors. From our family of staff to yours, happy holidays!



places and faces

DOING SOMETHING for charity isn't just a lot of malarkey in Westland. In fact, a "family feud" between Malarkey's Pub and the Red Lobster Restaurant, both of which are on Wayne Road, is planned to bring in some money for the Denby Memorial Children's Home in Detroit.

The fun begins at 8 p.m. Monday when five employees from each eatery play the game, "Family Feud," at Malarkey's. For every drink purchased, 25 cents will go to the children's home. A raffle, with prizes donated by area merchants, will add to the pot o' gold for the youngsters.

IT WAS "third time unlucky" for a young couple with what may have been larceny in their hearts when they entered a Westland party store last Sunday afternoon.

The owner of the store owns a similar store in Livonia. He told police that a man and a woman entered his Livonia store some three months ago. The woman bought one quart of beer and paid for it with a \$20 bill. After the owner gave her change, she said he "shorted" her \$10, so the owner paid her \$10.

It was approximately one month ago that the same couple returned to the store and made the same purchase, again with a \$20 bill, police said. The woman again told the owner that he shorted her \$10. However, the owner, thinking the woman palmed \$10 of her change, suggested that the police be called. The couple left instead.

The couple entered the man's Westland store last week. Police said the woman picked up a bottle of beer and approached the check-out with a \$20 bill in hand, just as before. But this time the owner said, "Oh no you don't! I know what you're doing!" He said he would call the police and ordered the two to leave his store, which they did.

The woman was described to police as white, 22 years old and 5 feet 6. She had a medium build, short, platinum blond hair, a fair complexion and some acne scars. Her companion was described as a thin white man, 24 years old and 5 feet 7. He had medium-length brown hair, glasses, buck teeth and acne scars.

You, too, can have news about people and places in your community listed in the *Observer*. Just send the complete information to *Places and Faces*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Be sure to include the name and phone number of someone who can be reached during normal business hours.

135 teacher layoffs loom in district

By Sandra Armbruster
editor

Despite round-the-clock negotiations, the Wayne-Westland School District is expected to order the lay-off of 135 teachers at Monday's board meeting.

The layoffs would take effect Jan. 27, the end of the first semester of school. According to the teachers' contract, 30 days' notice must be given prior to layoffs.

The board of education has said the layoffs are necessary to cope with the district's "critical" financial condition and because of declining enrollment. The 135 teachers represent \$1.9 million in the board's budget, according to administrators.

"It's an unfortunate Christmas present to those teachers," said Dennis

O'Neill, deputy superintendent for instruction.

Representatives of the Wayne-Westland Education Association could not be reached for comment.

Negotiations began last September to avert the unusual midyear layoffs, which were agreed to by both sides last December as part of a concession package from the teachers. Negotiators are seeking further concessions to avert the layoffs.

Administrators have said that no teachers would be laid off if the union agreed to drop a 6 percent raise due in July.

BOTH SIDES were expected to resume meeting at 2 p.m. Friday, after an earlier round of talks broke off at about 2:15 a.m. that day.

"We've been working independently

since then," O'Neill said. The entire pact is now five years old. There's been a lot of discussion on language alone.

"As of today (Friday), we haven't talked about money, but we've gotten a lot of language off the table."

Monday will be "crunch night" for the board of education, according to board President W. James Le Duc.

"I expect it (the meeting) will be similar to last year in terms of feeling," he said. "I hope it will be a lot calmer, but it won't be any easier."

THE DISTRICT is facing a \$4.1 million deficit.

"There will be other budget cuts," added Le Duc. "Those will be coming to us (the board) later. The cabinet (administrators) is trying to solidify those."

This year's budget of \$59.26 million

represented a \$1.2 million reduction in expenditures. Several things have compounded the district's financial crisis, according to a memorandum from Supt. Timothy Dyer to the board.

He said that a \$2 million surplus accumulated in past years was wiped out last year. The district also experienced an \$800,000 drop in property taxes and a \$2.1 million loss due to declining enrollment in adult and community education programs.

But the district gained \$900,000 in state aid.

NOW, SAID DYER, the problems can be solved by asking the teachers to "surrender" their 6 percent raise, ask all other employees to take no pay increases this year and negotiate further

concessions with all unions.

Dyer pointed out that despite care center employees recently agreed to a 2½-year pay freeze. Cabinet administrators and the superintendent also have agreed to wage freezes.

"Failing to accomplish the above, we must proceed with the cuts which will mean tearing the program of this school system limb from limb," he said in the memo. "There are simply no other alternatives available to us."

Dyer said, however, that he is optimistic for the year 1984-85 because of an improving economy. He added that if split tax collection, which also will be decided at Monday's meeting, as well as annexation of the Cherry Hill district and a slower enrollment decline come to pass, the district will "return to some level of normalcy."

These youths recall holiday customs of their homelands

By Arlene Funke
staff writer

"I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams," say the nostalgic words of a popular holiday song.

A small group of teen foreign exchange students will be nourishing memories of Christmas celebrations back home, while enjoying typical American festivities with their host families.

Several in the Youth For Understanding exchange program gathered recently at the home of Henrietta McDonald of Canton to reminisce

about holiday customs. The youths are living in Canton, Westland, Livonia and Northville, and attending local high schools.

Carsten Kuehntopp, a 17-year-old youth from Berlin, is looking forward to phoning his relatives at Christmas.

"I expect to be thinking about my family in Germany," said Kuehntopp, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. James Verkennis in Westland and attends John Glenn High School.

AS DESCRIBED by the students, families in Europe celebrate Christmas with a combination of religious and

secular activities. There are plenty of parties, good food and gifts. Celebration starts in December and extends into January.

"The big Christmas day for every child is the evening of (Dec.) 24th," Kuehntopp said. "We have a real tree and real candles."

"The children are supposed to go into their rooms and be quiet," he continued. "(Parents) light the candles, bells ring and the children run into the room, and find their presents."

Axel Skielka, 16, also from Germany,

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Dyer heads to Phoenix

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"I sent a telegram to tell the school district there that they made a good choice — darn it!" Le Duc added. He said that Dyer had left a mark on

Arsonist hits church

Arson is being suspected as the cause of a fire last weekend at the Beulah Baptist Church, 5651 Middlebelt, that resulted in damages estimated at \$200,000 to \$250,000.

The blaze started in the main section of the church at 7:24 p.m. Dec. 12. The fire was contained in the church area but offices and a multipurpose room were damaged by smoke, according to Westland fire officials. There was nothing reported missing.

The suspect broke into the church through an air conditioning vent.

the district "that's healthy and wholesome."

Le Duc numbered among Dyer's greatest accomplishments his "philosophy of a multi-faceted school system," with education for all ages and vocational education an emphasis.

Although Le Duc said he was unsure of the procedure for hiring a new superintendent, he said that he hoped the search would not be a long one.

"We have too many critical issues to be tied up," he said.

IN A PRESS release issued Friday, Dyer said that his decision to leave was the most difficult of his life.

Dyer, who has worked in the school district for 21 years and also has been a regent at Eastern Michigan University, said that he has a "whole host of close friends and memories that will live with me forever."

The former mayor of Ypsilanti, Dyer is on the boards of directors of the Michigan Artrain, Wayne-Westland YMCA and Youth Living Centers.

Youths bring understanding of homeland

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is living with his American "parents," Henrietta McDonald and her husband Alden in Canton. He attends Plymouth Canton High School.

Skjelka enjoys giving presents, but he is disturbed about the heavy commercial overtones associated with the holidays. "Shouldn't generosity be a year-round custom?" he wonders.

IN HOLLAND and Germany, the feast of St. Nicholas (Dec. 5-6) is a time for children to place their shoes before the fireplace at bedtime in hopes of finding small gifts in the shoes upon awakening.

Holiday parades are popular in Holland, said Manita Overweg, who celebrated her 19th birthday last week. She is living with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams of Livonia and attending Churchill High School.

Holland, on the North Sea, has many canals. "Sinter Klaus arrives in a boat. He gives away bags of candy," according to Overweg.

ANOTHER POPULAR custom described by the teens is the lighting of candles each week to signify the progression of the Advent season, the month preceding Christmas. Also widespread are advent calendars, with doors or pockets which open and reveal holiday messages or sweets tucked inside.

Lights and candles play a prominent role in Sweden, a far northern country which is dark most of the winter months.

Maria Tamayo, 17, of Stockholm attends Plymouth Salem High School and lives with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bourlier of Canton.

On Dec. 13, Lucia, an Italian saint from antiquity, is honored, according to Tamayo. A girl dressed in a white dress with a crown of candles depicts Lucia. Other girls dressed in similar clothing carry candles, and songs are sung.

Another custom is dancing around the Christmas tree, Tamayo said.

"At 5 a.m. (Christmas) we go to church," she added. "If there is snow, you go by sled."

Armando Quiroga, 17, enjoys parties during the Christmas season in his native Mexico. He lives with Mr. and Mrs. David Guertin of Northville while attending Northville High School.

Although he misses his parents and friends, Quiroga doesn't feel bored or sad to be away.

IN MEXICO, the feast day of the Virgin Mary is celebrated Dec. 12, with people gathering with lighted candles and statues of Jesus to re-enact the Nativity in Bethlehem. Gifts are not lavish or obligatory, Quiroga said.

Holiday parties feature a pinata



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

These youths celebrating their first American holiday season are foreign exchange students visiting families in Wayne County through the Youth for Understanding program. Clockwise

from upper left, they include Manita Overweg, Carsten Kuehtopp, Armando Quiroga, Axel Skjelka, Maria Tamayo and Takuya Yoshida.

(peen-ya-la), a papier-mache object filled with trinkets and candy attached to the ceiling. Guests use sticks to hit the pinata until it breaks open and the goodies spill out.

Another custom is baking a figure of Jesus into a cake, Quiroga said. The person receiving a slice with the figure

has to give the next party.

"It's an excuse for having another party," he said, with a smile.

Takuya Yoshida, 16, of Japan is living with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Henke of Westland and attending John Glenn High School.

As a Buddhist, Yoshida does not wor-

ship Jesus. But he enjoys celebrating Christmas in a non-religious way, Yoshida said.

Typical are a decorated tree, playing of games and giving gifts of toys and food to children.

"Many kids in Japan believe in Santa Claus," Yoshida said.

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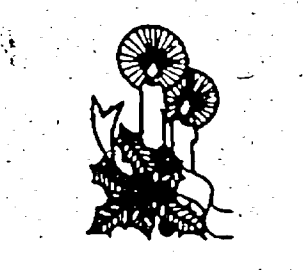
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Checking her fortune is Ruby Doles who wonders, along with Ila Caroselli (right), what lucky prize she may have won during Christmas celebrations at the Senior Friendship Center.



Toasting the holidays and the good cheer they bring are Frank Elias, his mother, Flora (center), and Elsie Mainz. The trio were among senior citizens who celebrated the holidays last week at the

Friendship Center, operated by the city of Westland Department on Aging.

Seniors renew spirit of the season



Good friends settling down for a chat are 5-year-old Mathew Marcotte and Santa (John Kozleski).

It was all part of the fun last week as Westland's senior citizens gathered for holiday celebrations.

Christmas came early to the Friendship Center in Westland last week, as the senior citizens celebrated the holidays with the help of the department on aging, area merchants and civic groups.

From refreshments to a visit from Old St. Nick, the Friendship Center glowed with the good cheer of the holidays on Monday through Thursday last week. The fun included carolling and decorating the tree while seniors toasted the season with wine.

Seniors had a chance to enjoy the entertainment, eat special holiday lunches or just socialize with their friends. Some even won gifts.

But the seniors weren't just thinking of themselves. The tree at the Friendship Center was decorated, through the Warm Hearts and Warm Hands program, with the gloves, scarves and hats they donated.



Enjoying lunch are newcomers to the Friendship Center, Fern Canright (foreground) and Dorothy Kindler, as well as active volunteer Merdis Simington (background).

Staff photos by Jim Jagdfeld

Learn CPR in Whitman Center class

Monday, Dec. 19—The Garden City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, for a business session. A public hearing will start at 7:10 p.m. Agendas are available from the city clerk's office in City Hall.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Monday, Dec. 19 — The American Heart Association of Michigan is offering free blood pressure screening from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Whitman Center, 32235 W. Chicago in Livonia. Please call 425-2333 for more information.

SANTA CLAUS

Tuesday, Dec. 20 — The Child and Family Neighborhood Program in cooperation with the Dorsey Center is sponsoring a "Visit with Santa" at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey Road. Times will be 10:30 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. and on Wednesday Dec. 21, 2-4 p.m. Pictures will be available with the children for \$1.

BINGO

Wednesday, Dec. 21 — The Wayne-Westland Community Schools Senior Adult Club will hold bingo at 1:45 p.m. in the Senior Adult Center, 36745 Marquette.

NOMINEES WANTED

Through Dec. 31—The Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club is seeking nominees for its annual outstanding young career woman award. Nominees must be between 21-30, have worked at least one year in a fulltime position, have good communications skills and have demonstrated an interest in improving their career options. Nominations may be accepted through Dec. 31 by calling Ann Wheeler at 427-3016 or Nancy Kitzman at 522-7716 after working hours.

LUNG ASSOCIATION

The American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan's (ALASEM) Breathers Club, monthly educational meeting for respiratory patients will break from its normal lecture series for a holiday party, at 7:30 p.m. in classroom 8 of Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. For more information, call 981-1697.

community calendar

Non-profit groups should mail items for the calendar to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The date, time and place of the event should be included, along with the name and phone number of someone who can be reached during business hours to clarify information.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT

Thursday, Dec. 22 — Epilepsy support program, a self-help group, will meet 7:30 p.m. in All Saints Lutheran Church, 8850 Newburgh at Joy, Livonia. Meetings usually are the first and third Thursdays of the month. For information, call Joanne Meister at 522-1940.

PEERS

Tuesday, Jan. 10 — PEERS (Positive Effort for Education and Recovery Against Substance Abuse) will meet at 7 p.m. in room 149 of John Glenn High School on Marquette west of Wayne Road in Westland. The group will meet the second Tuesday of the month.

CRIME PREVENTION

Wednesday, Jan. 11 — The Garden City Police Department will sponsor its monthly crime prevention discussion 7 p.m. The program is held the second Wednesday of every month at Maplewood Community Center. This month Judge Richard Hammer of the 21st District Court will speak.

CPR

Monday, Jan. 16 — The American Heart Association of Michigan will offer CPR classes at the Whitman Center 7-10 p.m. There is a \$2 charge. Please preregister. Call 425-2333.

DOG TRAINING

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WIDOWED GROUP

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WISER volunteer willing to share her time and information with you. If you need to talk to someone, call the Women's Resource Center, 591-6400, Ext. 430.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

A diabetic support group will meet 7 p.m. in the Melvin Bailey Center the fourth Monday of every month. There are no dues. For more information, call 552-0480.

PARENT GROUP

The Wayne-Westland Chapter of Parents Without Partners will meet at Westworld, Warren at Merriman, on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. For more information, call 476-3298.

WESTLAND PARKS AND REC

There's plenty of racquet time available for residents and non-residents of Westland, at Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. Resident court time is \$6 and non-resident is \$8. A non-prime-time special is available Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Residents pay \$5 and non-residents pay \$7. Racquets are available, work out in fully equipped exercise room, then relax in either sauna or steam room. Call 722-7620 for more information.

SAVE OUR SHAPE

The SOS (Save Our Shapes) chapter of Buxom Bellea meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Garden City Log Cabin building in the city park on Cherry Hill, east of Merriman. There are nominal monthly dues. The chapter is reopening membership for men and women. There is weekly participation and weigh-ins at meetings. For more information, call 728-5290.

HEALTH SCREENING

Free health screening for individuals 60 and older is being sponsored by People's Community Hospital Authority. Call Annapolis Hospital for an appointment at 722-3308.

FREE TRANSPORTATION

Daily transportation to Plymouth Community Medical Clinic by appointment only. Leaves Friendship Center, 37095 Marquette, and Whittier Community and Senior Center, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail. For information, call 722-7632. If interested in a visiting doctor in your home, call 459-2255.

BINGO

Garden City's VFW Post 7575 will host bingo at 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays at the American Legion Post, Middlebelt just south of Ford. Proceeds are used for the activities and events in which the post participates.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

A women's support group meets 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 109, St. John Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road. For information, call the YMCA at 721-7044.

BINGO

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A Christmas gift: faith in mankind reaffirmed

"WE'LL NEVER see them again," the father said of the lost presents. The two daughters looked dismayed.

The trio was on the annual outing, a shopping tour that had become a family tradition. The father needed his daughters' advice on what to buy their mother, he would explain to her each year. She would readily agree, remembering gifts like coffee grinders and pepper mills. She also would remember the yearly trip back to the store to return his gifts.

But for the two girls, the trip would be a day filled with conspiracy. They had spent weeks surreptitiously trying to find out what she wanted and what size she wore. Now they would plot what to get and where to hide it.

"Remember, it's a secret," the elder conspirator would tell her younger sister. "And don't laugh."

THEIR MOTHER had a way of devining information that would have made the CIA envious. She would wait for her youngest daughter to blush and giggle when the appropriate object was mentioned.

But this year it was a sorry group that trooped into the restaurant at Hudson's Northland store for what was supposed to be the highlight of a day spent with Dad — lunch topped off with Hudson's ice cream

Sandra Armbruster

pie swimming in chocolate fudge sauce.

That morning they had bought their mother a mustard and coffee colored plaid robe with slippers to match. The outfit was more suitable for fall camouflage than the bedroom, but it seemed destined never to reach their mother in any case. Somewhere during the morning's wanderings, the boxed treasures were lost.

AFTER THE it was discovered the packages were missing, the trio tried to retrace their steps. No one, however, had seen the elusive gifts.

One store clerk did have a suggestion. "Why don't you check with package pickup?" he said. "That's where all of our lost and found items go."

That's all the hope the two girls needed. "We'll find them," they reassured their dad.

"No," he said, shaking his head with the knowledge of one who has struggled in a sometimes unfair world. "They're gone."

They all knew what that meant. The family budget couldn't afford to make up the loss. There would be no gifts for their mother that year.

THE OLDER daughter looked up from the letter she was reading. How long ago had that been? Their mother had been dead for 10 years now, and the sisters had children of their own.

She reread the letter. It was from a Livonian who had gone shopping at a store in Westland. The incident related was a familiar one.

The shopper had lost a wallet during a trip to the drug store. Another shopper returned it to the store intact, but didn't leave a name. So the letter writer had a message for the anonymous finder:

The letter from the Livonia shopper — and the remembrance that came with it — brought needed relief in a week filled with news of man's inhumanity to man.

"May your honesty be catching! Merry Christmas."

The memory of that earlier shopping trip had drifted into the daughter's consciousness as she finished reading the letter, snagging at times on other memories of Christmases past.

SOMEHOW the trio finished lunch, although not even the ice cream pie could sweeten the mood at the table. After completing the remaining errands, the daughters insisted that their father check with package pickup.

The clerk behind the counter produced the missing gifts. He said that they had been brought in by someone earlier that morning. No, he said, the shopper hadn't left a name.



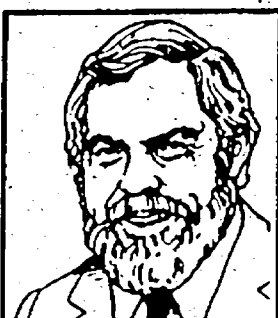
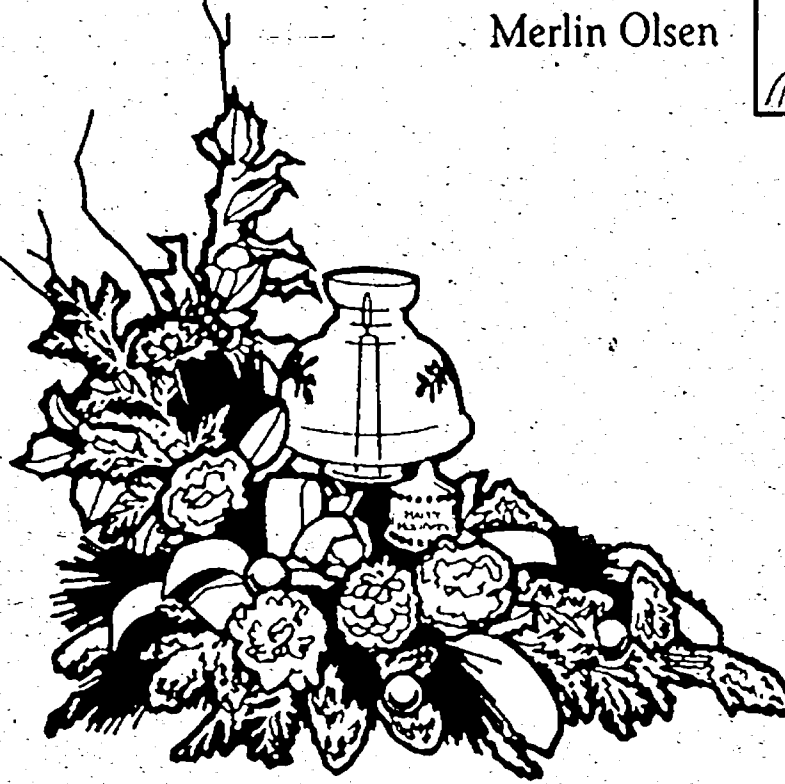



Years later, the daughter wished they had found a way to say thank you.


The letter from the Livonia shopper — and the remembrance that came with it — brought needed relief in a week filled with news of man's inhumanity to man.

Sometimes, she thought, it's good to know there's still hope.

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DID YOU know that Michigan has a Brooklyn? The village of a little more than 1,000 is located in Jackson County in the southern part of the state. It has a school enrollment twice that of the village's population, a city park, a state park, four public golf courses — and Jackson Community College is only 10 miles away.


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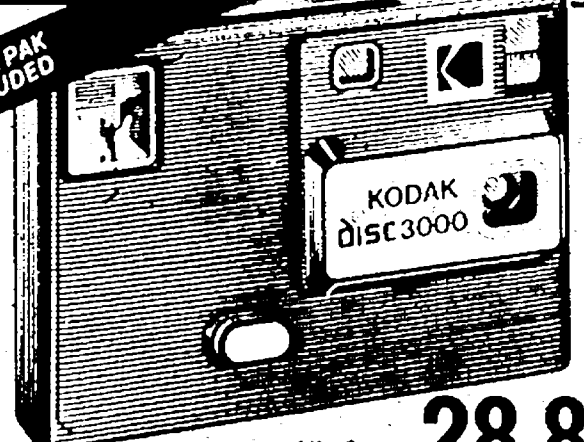


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Reapportionment talks continue in state capitol

By Tim Richard
staff writer

All year long, the two parties in Michigan's Legislature have been poles apart. Last week, however, there was movement toward a compromise over the toughest issue of all — reapportionment — and some lawmakers are unhappy about it.

"The Republican caucus does not want to support any redistricting plan whatsoever," said Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville.

But Geake confirmed that Republicans Harry Gast of St. Joseph and William Sederburg of Lansing were meeting with Senate Democratic Leader William Faust of Westland to see if they could work out a more palatable alternative to Faust's SB 3. The redistricting bill would cost the GOP two or three incumbent senators.

"They're meeting on their own," Geake added.

On the House side, John Bennett, D-Redford, also was looking to a compromise and admitted the Democratic caucus has mixed feelings. He summed it up: "The House is in disarray. The Senate is a disaster."

THE PARTIES have different feelings about the 1982 Apol reapportionment plan, named for the former state elections director who was appointed by the Supreme Court to draw up new districts.

Freshman Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth Township, said the beauty of the Apol plan is that it made compact districts, lumping similar communities.

"People like seeing their local units of government no longer broken up," Law said. "It's harder to represent a district that goes all over the place."

His predecessor was Roy Smith, a Republican from Saline, a small city south of Ann Arbor. Smith's pre-1982 district circled Ann Arbor to pick up part of Plymouth Township. The other part of Plymouth Township was represented by Tom Brown, D-Westland.

Law said many outstate Democrats share his view, which is why they, too, are cool toward redistricting.

"PEOPLE AREN'T concerned many times about whether their representative is a Republican or Democrat.

Compromise is possible

They're concerned about whether they're city people or township people," he said.

Law was interviewed during a holiday luncheon in his Capitol office. Almost as he was speaking, the Michigan Townships Association was mailing out an entire magazine edition devoted to how townships should resist annexation by cities.

Currently, Law's 38th House District includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township and three-fourths of the population of Canton Township — five communities in Wayne county.

Under the new Democratic-sponsored redistricting plan, Law would lose part of Plymouth Township and some of Canton Township and pick up the Oakland County part of Northville, half of Novi and all of Novi Township — seven communities in two counties.

Even if districts under the Apol plan are unequal in size, Law said many people prefer the compact districts with residents of similar interests — the kind of districts Apol created.

BUT ANOTHER freshman, Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, didn't buy that view.

"We're not here to represent geographical boundaries. We're here to represent people," she said.

"I don't know if my convenience should be a factor. If you go outstate, you'll find some representatives have 16 or 18 townships and several counties."

Berman's district includes two cities: Southfield and Lathrup Village. Prior to 1982, Southfield had been split into districts represented by Republican W.V. Brotherton of Farmington and Democrat Joe Forbes of Oak Park. Southfield had not had its "own" state rep since the '60s.

When the Democratic caucus was discussing redistricting, Berman told the leaders she would not accept "tearing apart my city," meaning Southfield. Under the new Democratic redistrict-

ing plan, she would pick up a few precincts in Berkley and keep Southfield and Lathrup Village. It satisfied her.

NEVERTHELESS, Berman admits "mixed feelings about reapportioning the Legislature after only two years. I have not yet made a commitment on my vote," she said.

"I have honest concerns," she said, and listed them:

- Timing. Two Democratic state senators were recalled last month for their vote on an income tax increase, and the Senate passed SB 3 only hours after results of the second election became known. "The public perception is that it was retribution rather than re-doing what was done wrong."
- Malapportionment. The Apol plan allowed a variance of 20,000 persons, or 16 percent, between the largest and

smallest House districts — "not acceptable."

- Policy. The reapportionment issue has made the two parties extremely bitter toward each other, at least on major issues.

HOUSE SPEAKER Gary Owen, D-Ypsilanti, said he would hold up House action on reapportionment while Faust and Gast negotiate. "They assure me

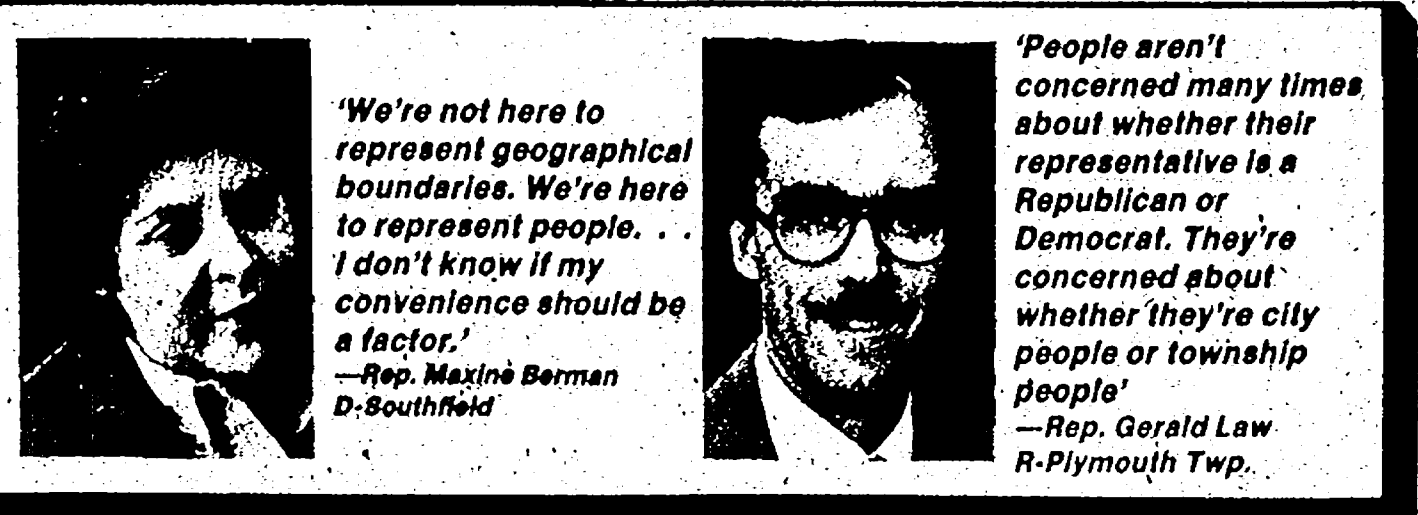
they are sincere" in seeking a compromise, said Owen after a House session.

Meanwhile, Republican senators, finding themselves with at least a temporary 18-17 majority last week, sent a "respectful message" to the House asking it to send back SB 3 without taking action. Traditionally, such a message is honored, according to its sponsor, Sen. Richard Fessler, R-West Bloomfield.

This time, however, it is unlikely the

House will return the measure. "We're not gonna do it," said Bennett, adding that Republicans in a similar position wouldn't honor the request.

The 1982 election gave Democrats a 20-18 Senate majority. That became an 18-18 tie with the two recall elections and an 18-17 Republican advantage with the illness of Sen. Joe Mack, D-Ironwood, who has a history of heart problems.



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County commission takes another stab at controlling Wayne County General

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Even as County Executive William Lucas works on selling the Wayne County General Hospital, the County Commission is working on taking control of it.

Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster, chief opponent of the sale, doubted publicly last week that Lucas really has a buyer.

"The county executive's office has every right to report to us, but it's obvious there is nothing to report," Beard told commissioners Thursday.

Lucas had planned to announce sale of the hospital at the end of November and layoff of hospital employees Dec. 1. But he has postponed the employees' pink slips until Jan. 4.

TANGLING with Beard were Commissioners Milton Mack, D-Wayne, and John Hertel, D-Harper Woods. They sought to send Beard's proposed hospital ordinance back to committee.

In the end it was a standoff. The ordinance, reported out of Beard's Human Resources Committee, was given first reading (one step forward) and sent to the committee of the whole for

more discussion (one step back).

A series of procedural votes made it clear Beard's ordinance has only eight votes — enough to get through the 15-member County Commission but two shy of overriding a certain veto by Lucas.

Local commissioners favoring it are Beard, whose district includes Westland and Garden City; Mary Dumas, R-Livonia; and Richard Manning, D-Redford.

Those opposed include Mack, Hertel and Edward Plawewski Jr., D-Dearborn Heights.

BEARD SAID her new ordinance is identical to one Lucas has already vetoed.

It would put the hospital, located in Westland, under a five-member Board of Institutions. Lucas would be able to appoint only one member outright.

He would have to select the four other members from a list supplied by the County Commission, a requirement that would give the legislative body effective control over four members.

Lucas seeks to sell the hospital because its \$50 million budget requires a \$14 million county general fund subsidy, and 900 union employees won't

make the kinds of cost-cutting contract concessions Lucas wants.

MACK, CHIEF backer of the county executive system, urged delay on the ordinance.

Commissioner Samuel Turner, D-Detroit, the only black member supporting Lucas on this point, said, "The commission did not provide adequate funds for the hospital to operate (in 1984). No one has shown how the hospital can operate with the kind of appropriation we have provided."

Beard, in whose district the hospital lies — and many of its employees reside — said it should remain a county institution because it's the only major trauma center near Metropolitan and Willow Run airports, a teaching hospital, a major research facility and needed by the poor.

REIMBURSEMENTS from third-party payers — such as insurance companies and the state Department of So-

cial Services — fall to cover costs, Mack said.

"The cost of physician training is not covered. We subsidize the University of Michigan's training program," he said.

But Commissioner Richard Manning, D-Redford, launched into a bitter attack on Lucas for his attitude toward the deficit.

"It (the hospital) was designed solely for the care of the poor. It was not intended for paying patients," Manning said of the hospital that was founded in 1867 as an infirmary for residents of the "poor farm."

"He (Lucas) is saying, 'We don't think that as a society we can care for the less fortunate. The wisdom of 1867 is no longer the wisdom of today. Let's just talk about money — not the sick and mentally ill.'"

"If we could ignore all the problems of society," Manning said, "we could pay a dividend. That's not what we're here for. I'm going to take care of human needs."

SC launches creative journal

The first annual issue of Creative Arts Journal published by Schoolcraft College in Livonia will be available in March 1984.

"The journal will be a student publication and much more," said Arthur Lindenberg, who teaches English and creative writing at Schoolcraft. He sees it as becoming a high quality periodical like the Michigan Quarterly Review or Paris Review.

Anyone who has been connected with

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Memorable holidays start at home with bustling preparations for festive gatherings and the traditional aroma of baking for the season. Now even the busiest families can find time for these activities. Plan ahead and have everyone join in the fun of preparing decorative and delicious goodies to adorn the home.

Add excitement to holiday entertaining with a beautiful Sugar Plum Tree or Ornament Cookies. Both can be made from one basic recipe. What's more, the undecorated cookies can be baked ahead and frozen until you're ready to use them.

Get the children involved. Let them help cut out the cookies and then do the last minute decorating. "M&M's" Chocolate Candies make it fun and easy, providing instant gaily-colored and artistic accents when arranged on frosted cookies, as well as adding a delicious milk chocolate flavor. Once assembled, use the Sugar Plum Tree as a distinctive centerpiece, or trim your tree with elegant Ornament Cookies.

Another specialty for the holidays is the Spirited Fruit Cake flavored with brandy, almonds and a variety of dried and candied fruits. Make it several weeks in advance since it will be more flavorful if allowed to age. Glaze with a brandy icing and garnish just before serving. It's the perfect complement to coffee when friends drop in.

Cookies, like the classic fruit cake, are an important part of the holidays. Among these are Merry Cherry Bars, a moist bar cookie with a mild almond flavor and topped with a sprinkling of red and green. Drizzled with a shimmering glaze, these look festive when piled on a plate.

For more nibbling and gift-giving, bake a selection of other cookies, too. Rich Nutty Buttery Gems are spiked with rum, if desired, and dressed up with red or green candied cherries. These keep well in the freezer till friends stop in. Marvel Bars are glistening beauties which combine a variety of festive ingredients in a chewy-moist mouthwatering delight. And, to round out the old-time favorites, add Sugar 'N Spice Snaps, a crispy spicy cookie covered with a sprinkling of confectioners' sugar.

These colorful creations will surely decorate and adorn the home as well as provide delicious treats for the table.

SUGAR PLUM COOKIE TREE

STAR COOKIES

- 1-1/2 cups butter or margarine
- 3 cups granulated sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 teaspoons vanilla or 1-1/2 teaspoons almond extract
- 6 cups flour
- 4-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 3 tablespoons milk

GLAZE

- 4 egg whites
- 9 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 6 to 7 tablespoons hot water
- Green food coloring

DECORATION

- 1/2 cup green "M&M's" Plain Chocolate Candies, cut in half*
- Silver dragees

For star cookies, beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy; blend in eggs and vanilla, mixing well. Gradually add combined dry ingredients alternately with milk, mixing well after each addition. Divide dough into six portions; wrap each securely. Chill 2 to 3 hours or until firm enough to roll out. Roll out dough, one portion at a time, directly onto ungreased cookie sheet to 1/8-inch thickness. Repeat with each portion of dough, cutting out 2 cookies from each size star pattern,** making total of 18 star-shaped cookies. Remove excess dough each time from around star; chill thoroughly before rolling again to 1/4-inch thickness for circles. Cut out three 3-inch circles, eight 2-inch circles, and five 1-1/2-inch circles with round cookie cutters or sharp knife. Bake all shapes of cookies at 350°F. for 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are a light golden brown. Remove from oven; immediately cut 3/4 to 1-inch hole in the center of each star and each circle except in one small star and circle. Remove cookies to wire rack; cool thoroughly.

For glaze, beat egg whites until foamy, gradually adding sugar. Add vanilla and 1 tablespoon water at a time, beating until glaze is thick and of spreading consistency. (Glaze should be smooth when spread with spatula.) Remove 1-1/2 cups glaze; cover with damp cloth and set aside. Add 3 to 4 drops green food coloring to remaining 2-1/4 cups glaze; mix well. (Add a few drops water if glaze thickens.)

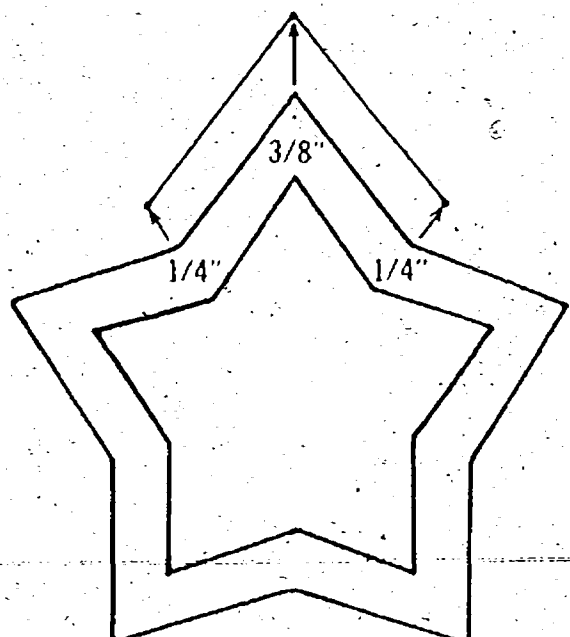
To decorate and assemble tree, frost each star and circle with green glaze; let dry. Drizzle white glaze over edges of each star; decorate star with candies and silver dragees securing with additional glaze.

To make tree stand, secure 1/2-inch wooden dowel rod, cut 12 inches long, into the center of 10-inch round by 1/2-inch thick wooden or heavy cardboard base. Frost top and side of base with white glaze; let dry.

To assemble tree, slip largest star over dowel followed by largest circle. Continue alternating stars and circles in order of decreasing size, ending with smallest star. Top with solid star or circle. Makes one 12 to 13-inch cookie tree.

*NOTE: One 16 oz. pkg. "M&M's" Plain Chocolate Candies yields about 1/2 cup green candies.
**NOTE: To make the seven additional star patterns, measure 1/4-inch out from the indentations and 3/8-inch out from the points of the star on the pattern above. Draw lines connecting points to make star-shape; repeat seven times to make increasing size patterns.

VARIATION: For ORNAMENT COOKIES, divide star cookie and glaze recipe ingredients in half. Substitute orange juice for milk; omit vanilla. Stir in 1 tablespoon grated orange rind, if desired. Chill as directed. Roll out dough directly onto ungreased cookie sheet to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with floured 3 to 4-inch assorted Christmas shaped cookie cutters. Bake at 400°F. for 7 to 9 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Immediately make a hole with wooden pick or straw at the top of each cookie. Cool as directed above. Prepare glaze; divide and tint with food coloring, as desired. Frost cooled cookies with glaze; decorate with whole or halved "M&M's" Chocolate Candies and silver dragees, as desired. Makes about five dozen 3-inch cookies or about three dozen 4-inch cookies.



SPIRITED FRUIT CAKE

CAKE

- 2-1/2 cups golden raisins (about 15 oz.)
- 1-3/4 cups chopped dried or candied apricots (about 10 oz.)
- 1-3/4 cups chopped candied pineapple (about 10 oz.)
- 1/4 cup brandy
- 1-1/2 cups butter or margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 6 eggs
- 4 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup milk
- 3 cups coarsely chopped blanched almonds, lightly toasted

GLAZE

- 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- 4 to 6 teaspoons water
- 2 teaspoons brandy

For cake, combine raisins, apricots, pineapple and brandy; let stand about 30 minutes. Beat together butter, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy; continue beating eggs in one at a time. Gradually add combined flour and salt alternately with milk, mixing well after each addition. Stir in nuts and fruit mixture. Spoon batter into greased 10-inch tube pan. Bake at 275°F. for 3 hours or until wooden pick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool thoroughly on wire rack. Remove from pan. (If desired, moisten as directed below.) Wrap securely; refrigerate to store.

For glaze, combine confectioners' sugar, water and brandy; mix until smooth. Drizzle over cake; garnish top as desired. Makes one 10-inch fruit cake.

*NOTE: To moisten cake in brandy: Wrap unglazed cake in cheese cloth cut 4-ft. in length and doubled, that has been moistened in 3 tablespoons brandy. To store, wrap brandy moistened cake securely in aluminum foil; place in refrigerator. Repeat moistening of cheesecloth with 2 to 3 tablespoons brandy once a week for up to, but not longer than 3 weeks, if desired. Glaze as directed to serve.

MERRY CHERRY BARS

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped red candied cherries
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped green "M&M's" Plain Chocolate Candies*
- 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- 5 teaspoons warm water

Beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy; blend in egg and almond extract. Add combined flour and salt; mix well. Stir in 1/2 cup cherries. Spread dough into greased 15-1/2 x 10-1/2-inch jelly roll pan. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup cherries and candies; press in lightly. Bake at 300°F. for 30 to 35 minutes or until edges are very lightly browned. Cool thoroughly. Combine confectioners' sugar and water, mixing until smooth. Drizzle over cherry-candy topping; cut into bars to serve. Makes one 15-1/2 x 10-1/2-inch pan of bars.

*NOTE: One 16 oz. pkg. "M&M's" Plain Chocolate Candies yields about 1/2 cup green candies.

NUTTY BUTTERY GEMS

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, separated
- 2 tablespoons rum
- 2/3 cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts
- 24 whole candied cherries, or pecan or walnut halves

Combine flour, butter, sugar, salt, egg yolk and 1 tablespoon rum; mix well. Cover; chill dough 1 to 2 hours or until firm enough to shape into balls. Beat egg white with remaining 1 tablespoon rum until foamy. Shape dough to form 3/4-inch balls. Dip into egg white mixture; roll in nuts. Place balls about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Make indentation in center of each cookie ball; press in cherry or nut. Bake at 350°F. for 13 to 15 minutes or until edges are very lightly browned. Immediately remove to wire rack; cool thoroughly. Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

MARVEL BARS

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon soda
- 1 cup quick oats, uncooked
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 2/3 cup chopped "M&M's" Plain Chocolate Candies
- 1/2 cup orange marmalade or apricot preserves
- 1/4 cup flaked coconut

Beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy; blend in egg and orange juice. Add combined flour, baking powder, salt and soda; mix well. Stir in oats, 1/4 cup nuts and 1/3 cup candies. Spread half dough (about 1-1/2 cups) onto bottom of greased 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Spread combined marmalade, remaining 1/4 cup nuts and coconut over top of dough. Drop remaining dough by rounded teaspoonfuls over marmalade mixture; sprinkle with remaining 1/3 cup candies. Bake at 350°F. for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool thoroughly; cut into bars to serve. Makes one 13 x 9-inch pan of bars.

SUGAR 'N SPICE SNAPS

- 3/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Sifted confectioners' sugar

Beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy; blend in egg and molasses. Add combined flour, soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt; mix well. Cover; chill dough 1 to 2 hours or until firm enough to shape into balls. Shape to form 3/4-inch balls; place 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350°F. for 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Remove from cookie sheet; cool slightly. Sprinkle warm cookies heavily with confectioners' sugar. Makes about 6 dozen cookies.

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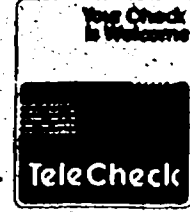
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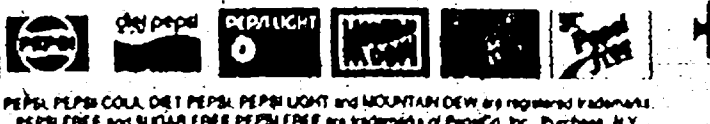
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STAN'S BONUS COUPON

Join the Steaming Pudding Society — properly

Getting into the proper holiday spirit can take many forms. An article from last December's American Way Magazine tells of a novel way to celebrate that you might enjoy.

A transplanted Britisher by the name of Paul Atsbury, who now lives in San Francisco, likes to wear a self-styled bit of holiday merriment around his neck — a specially conceived necktie with a Christmas pudding featured on it against a great field of blue. The tie is apparently the preferred costume if you happen to be honorary secretary for something called the Steaming Pudding Society.

"What is the Steaming Pudding Society?" you ask.

Some 20 years ago, a group of dedicated British subjects began their annual festivities in Dorset, England, to honor the holiday season in a way distinctly traditional. Since leaving England a few years ago, Atsbury introduced a bit of home on a fairly ambitious scale. Every year just before Christmas, he brews up generous tidings of homemade plum pudding by the hundreds, in a pot the size of a California hot tub. A generous gift giver, he.

When is the last time you had plum pudding? Of course, any member of the Steaming Pudding Society can tell you what Duane Cook of the Fred Sanders Co. pointed out recently.

have plums in it, and it isn't really a pudding at all," confessed Cook ruefully.

Not to be disillusioned, the one-time Christmas favorite had a seemingly humble beginning. It first appeared as a very ordinary frumenty of hulled wheat and milk.

By the dawn of the Middle Ages, it had gotten more dressed up for the holidays with dried plums, thus earning its name. Also, oatmeal, currants, mace and ginger were added to make it a semi-liquid kind of soupy porridge. In Shakespeare's time the oatmeal was removed in favor of breadcrumbs, and suet was added.

By the time of the "Glorious Revolution," it started getting boiled in a cloth for the very first time, and was fittingly fashioned into the shape of harmless cannon balls.

According to Cook (whose job at Sanders involved directing quality control and serving as resident confectionery historian and "holidayologist"), about a hundred years ago the plums were taken out (except in name only) and raisins, sultanas and candied peels of lemon were put in their place. Once again this year, Sanders will be the only place in the area where you can buy these authentically made fruitcake-like treats delicately shaped like pint-size angel food cakes.

they differ from them primarily because they lack chunks of pineapple and those candied red and green cherries. As a result, they are somewhat less sweet, even though they're almost pure fruit.

Why all the steam? Cook maintains that there is one quality, above all others, that makes these little delights an ethereal experience that has inspired the Steaming Pudding Society for a long time now and Britannia for even longer. Steaming keeps the gruel at a fastidiously regular 212 degrees for a full six hours of dedicated simmering which is necessary lest the wheat gluten lose some of its holiday spirit. Although the process is grueling enough in itself, Cook says it is necessary to go to a little extra trouble to get it right.

Tradition has it that a ceremonial silver sixpence, a thimble and golden ring should all simmer together astride a bone button and Spanish nut inside the cooking pudding. Why? To bring either a lucky new year, or... let's just say a quieter one than you might otherwise prefer. Hmmm... Well, never fear, these last ingredients have been left out of the two-pound plum puddings that Sanders is offering.

At home you can try your hand at making your own traditional Christmas pudding. It won't guarantee you membership into the Steaming Pudding Society, but it does offer a timely challenge. Here's what to do.

OLD-FASHIONED STEAMED PLUM PUDDING

- 1 tbsp dry breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp soda
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp allspice
- 1/16 tsp cloves
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1 1/4 cups buttermilk
- 2 tbsps brandy
- 1/2 lb. cold ground suet (1 cup)
- 1 cup fine dry breadcrumbs
- 1 1/2 cups raisins, plumped
- 2 tbsps each fine-cut candied orange and lemon peel
- 1/2 cup blanched almonds, silvered

Butter a 6-cup mold, then sprinkle with tablespoon breadcrumbs. Sift flour, measure, resift 3 times with next 5 ingredients, the last time into a 3-quart mixing bowl. Combine eggs with next 3 ingredients and beat, then add to flour mixture all at once and stir well. Thoroughly stir in rest of ingredients. Turn into prepared mold — it should be 3/4 full. Cover mold and steam about 3 1/2 hours, adding more boiling water to steamer if necessary. When pudding

is done, a toothpick inserted into center will come out clean. While hot, unmold onto a plate. Serve warm with creamy vanilla or brandy sauce. 8 to 10 servings. (Note: Sanders' actual recipe does not call for brandy and requires longer steaming).

Christmas pudding makes a

handsome gift. Whether you choose to make it yourself, or to buy it, this holiday season is bound to be a memorable one if you happen to bring a little old-fashioned steaming pudding into your life. No matter the temperature outside, Christmas can be a steaming once again.

Leftovers a bonus

Whether you choose a beef roast, ham, pork roast or leg of lamb for a special holiday dinner, you'll want to buy enough so that you'll have some leftover for a bonus meal or two. Not only will the leftover meat make future meal preparation easier during this busy time of year, it will also help stretch the budget, another important holiday consideration.

Sandwiches are a popular way to enjoy leftover cooked meat, but they can be just the beginning. Meat salads are

also sure to please as are a variety of casseroles and skillet dinners made with chunks or strips of cooked meat.

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How to carve a beef roast

Surely one of the most impressive ways to keep the tradition of roast beef for Christmas is to serve a regal beef rib roast. For maximum enjoyment of this most special holiday roast, it's important that it be properly carved and attractively served.

Here are some carving tips from the National Live Stock and Meat Board to help you present this festive roast at its tender and tasty best.

First, it's important that the roast be properly prepared at a low to moderate constant temperature. Then, allow the roast to "stand" for 15 to 20 minutes after it has been removed from the oven. During this standing time, the meat becomes firmer for easier carving. A sharp knife is also essential for successful carving.

To carve a beef rib roast, remove a slice from the large end so that the roast will stand firmly on the platter on this end. Then insert a wide-tine fork between the two top ribs. Starting on the fat side, carve across the "face" of the roast to the rib bone. With the tip of the knife, cut along the rib bone to loosen the slice. Keep close to the bone to make the largest serving possible. Slide the knife back under the slice and lift the slice to the serving platter.

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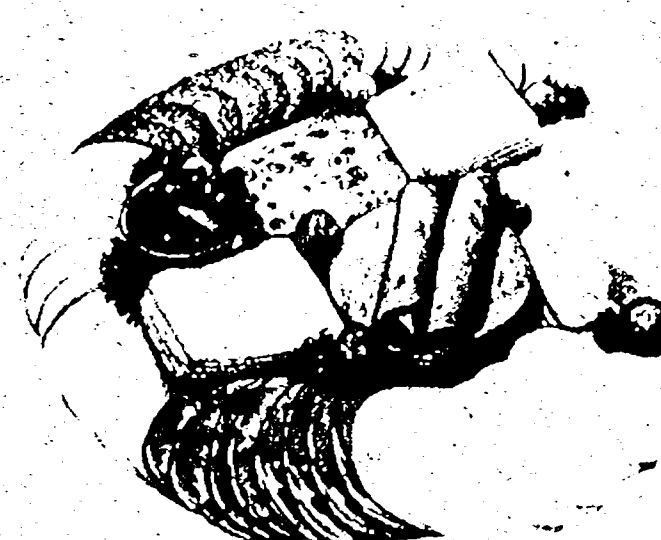
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There's no choice like prime

When I'm invited out to functions where dinner is served, they usually fill the plate with chicken or prime rib. Naturally, I prefer the rib.

I remember when prime rib meant prime rib. Because the federal government several years ago allowed the grading of meat to be revised, the rib I eat today most assuredly is choice. That's not the case where the eating establishment brags on the menu about its prime rib au jus.

At home, there's no doubt the rib is choice because it comes from the supermarket, and the only thing the store puffs out its chest about is the price. Sometimes, the price is right.

I opt for the small end beef rib roast

when I prepare what I call choice rib. How long to roast can be a problem. My wife, for example, prefers her meat cooked until even the pink disappears. I like my rib rare.

When I bought a small rib roast for \$2.99 a pound, I later found two bones, I cooked it rare, split the roast and cooked Anita's half more while I enjoyed mine, nice and juicy.

It's not always true that a couple who dines together stays together. I've given up trying to convince Anita that rare is the way to go.

CHOICE RIB

- 1/4 tsp. marjoram
- 1/4 tsp. thyme
- 1/4 tsp. crumbled bay leaf

- 1/4 tsp. dried basil leaves
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- Pinch of black pepper
- 4-lb. small end beef rib roast
- 1 beef bouillon cube
- 1/4 cup hot water
- 1/4 cup burgundy

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Combine marjoram, thyme, bay leaf, basil, salt and pepper, rub into surface of meat and place roast fat side up in shallow, open pan, letting beef rest on bones. Dissolve bouillon cube in hot water; mix with burgundy and baste meat during roasting. Roast beef 1 1/4 hours for rare and 2 1/4 hours for medium. Let stand in warm place 20 minutes before carving. Serves 2-4.

Reduce holiday costs

You don't have to spend a lot of money to make Christmas a special day.

Christmas dinner can still be special, even if you have to count your food dollars carefully. Buy larger cuts of ham or turkey than you will need and use the leftovers creatively to feed the family for several meals.

You can substitute a variety of fruit breads for the more expensive traditional fruitcake. Cranberries, apples and pumpkin are in season — and all make tasty breads.

The cost of entertaining can be reduced in several ways. If you plan to

serve alcoholic beverages, why not have a hot spiced cider or wine bowl instead of a variety of drinks and liquor. You needn't serve expensive hors d'oeuvres, either. A large vegetable platter with an easy-to-prepare dip, such as sour cream and onion soup mix, will serve the purpose just as well. Remember, too, that the way the table is set will contribute greatly to the festivity of the occasion.

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Lorene Green

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Dear E.W., What a charmer you can be! Bet you can just talk yourself into and out of anything.

Taking a stand on an issue that might put you in conflict with others is a thing you like to avoid.

Your facility of expression could be an asset if used with the aid of literary aptitude I see in your handwriting.

YOU ARE A woman who is willing to accept responsibility to enhance your self-esteem.

on the back you need. Still you find ways to bring yourself into the limelight.

Early life did not find you dancing around a bowl of cherries.

Someone above you, possibly a husband, a boss, etc., appears to be exerting some pressure on you at this particular time.

A COMPARISON OF your signature to the rest of the writing suggests that you would like others to see you as more sophisticated than you may feel.

If you have a question about your handwriting, write to Mrs. Lorene Collett Green, a certified graphologist, in care of this newspaper.



JIM JAGDFELD

If you wait a minute you might see the little red caboose go by. It and the other cars and the engine are moving on solar power.

Sun powers toy train, tree lights

By Sherry Kahan staff writer

The Little Red Caboose of children's story fame would have loved it. Imagine whirling over the tracks with power provided by the sun.

That's what happened to a toy train quietly running around a circular track at Encon Photovoltaics, the only retail photovoltaics store in Michigan.

Standing over it protectively is a Christmas tree, bearing lights that are also solar powered.

It's all Encon's Yuletide way of calling the attention of the public to the fact that the sun is as hot as ever and ready to go to work to give us a renewable source of energy.

Thanks to the magic of engineering, there is now a way for the rays of the sun to be soaked up by photovoltaic (PV) cells and stored in batteries.

PETE DENAPOLI of Livonia, marketing director of Encon, noted that solar energy may not be able to power a real locomotive.

Atcheson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Co. are among the companies drawing on sun power.

They have found it useful for track circuitry, branch and mainline crossing signals, caboose rear marker lights, dragging detectors, and ground to train communicators.

The reason railroads chose to use solar electricity is because of its reliability to produce in all kind of weather," said DeNapoli.

Today's batteries can store the energy taken from the light so it can be used at night or on gray days.

DeNapoli said that "when we design a photovoltaic system, we look at the load we're running and match the PV systems to the load."

SALES MANAGER Pat Fitzpatrick of Livonia said that panels of photovoltaic cells can do a lot more than light up a Christmas tree.

"They are used for beacon lights, channel markers and lighthouses," he said. "Also for security lights to protect buildings in case of a power outage and backup power for hospitals."

Homes are also adding photovoltaic panels to bring in a piece of the sun.



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Christmas from afar

It was about halfway through our first retirement year that Joe commented we had moved at the right season, from a holiday point of view.

What he meant was that, coming south in January, we could expect to be well-established in our new home by the end of the year.

He was a good prophet. We had made a definite pronouncement that we wouldn't be back in Michigan this Christmas.

Robinson is an assistant professor of clinical child psychology in pediatrics, and a staff psychologist at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

I HAVE TO ADMIT to a few early twinges about the decision. After all, I was the one who so much dreaded the first break in the holiday circle.

But things seem to be working out well. Thanksgiving saw all of us well scattered but still connected in spirit.

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Granddaughter Katie said "Happy Thanksgiving" by telephone, and we made contact with all the girls before the weekend was over.

And we agreed it was something new and pretty neat to be able to walk on the beach while the Thanksgiving turkey roasted.

LOOKING TOWARD Christmas, we have invitations to holiday parties and Christmas dinner with new friends.

We've enjoyed the holiday-lit downtown streets, laughed a bit about the artificial snow in the stores of a land that prides itself on banning the real stuff.

There's a traditional Christmas Eve service at our newly adopted church, different from what we have known, but then many things are different now.

On Christmas Day, our first in nearly three decades without daughters near, we'll surely manage to send our love over telephone lines.

And then we'll start looking forward to January, when three of them plan to visit us. A Christmas apart is different, but we expect it to be just as merry and just as blessed.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida where she writes Retirement Memos.

Dear Ms. Green: your graphology column "The Observer" is my favorite.

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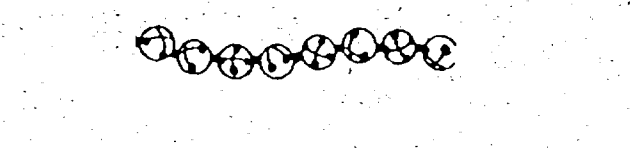
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Class to help parents, teens

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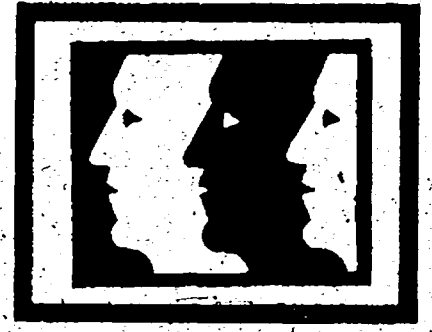
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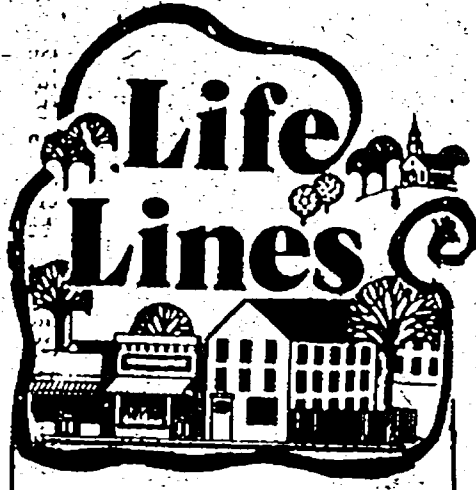
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Porno films are cruel: Women, kids are abused

By Sherry Kahan
staff writer

Before 1977 Jean Ruhlman had an attitude of live and let live about pornography. She thought it mainly concerned scantily clad women.

Since then she has learned that pornography today involves cruelty to women and children. Porno films are showing women being whipped or threatened with a knife to perform sexual acts. They are then shown enjoying the act.

Even more appalling, she said, "Children as young as 8 or 9 have been used in pornography films in California, where they use the phrase, 'Sex before 8 or it's too late.'"

In her talk to Family First and in an interview she said that films are being made of children being sexually abused and of children in bondage. In one case she knew of a girl was depicted with a crucifix in her vagina.

"Women are so degraded, and children are being used," she said. "The image of a man that comes across is: Unless you want to dominate, whip, beat and abuse, you're not a man. That's part of porno philosophy. The other message is that women want this."

AT A MEETING at Bonnie Brook Country Club she outlined the steps she took as she moved toward a vigorous role against pornography. The event was sponsored by Family First, an organization of about 110 women, who are pro-life and favor the traditional role of the homemaker and prayer in

the schools. Hulda Piercecchi of Livonia is president.

"In 1977 at about the time the last victim of the Oakland County slayings was laid to rest," said Ruhlman, "I was driving down Woodward Ave. and saw a theater marquee saying 'Sex Under 18.' As I pondered this marquee I couldn't believe what we allow in our society. I asked my husband why no one is doing anything about this."

Her husband replied that it would probably be up to her.

Her resolve to take action grew after talking to Dr. Judianne Densen-Gerber, president of Odyssey Institute in Detroit, which rehabilitates people suffering from substance abuse. Gerber became interested in child pornography when she learned that substance abusers sometimes allow their children to be used for porn films.

The parents then use the money paid for this to support their habit.

"She showed me a magazine totally filled with pictures of children involved in sex with adults in every way, shape and form," said Ruhlman. "I sobbed."

Gerber told her: "Dry your tears and do something." So Ruhlman, a Ferndale mother of six, began her career as a woman who made a difference.

CITIZENS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY was founded by Ruhlman. It now has a mailing list of more than 300 names.

"We are an awareness-type group," explained the speaker, who now gives talks to church, PTA and other groups

on this topic. Its members make efforts to bring pornography theater owners into court.

They are supporting House Bill 4409, which Ruhlman says would require stiffer penalties for pornographers, and would have a theater "padding" provision for those who violate the law.

She takes an aggressive stand when anyone accuses her of being a censor or depriving people of their First Amendment rights.

"The last time we went to Lansing to lobby, the senator (Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills) who represents our area stood up and equated us with Nazis," she said. "He claimed we were trying to prevent the expression of free thought."

The First Amendment does not protect obscenity, she said. "In 1975 the U.S. Supreme Court laid down the rules on obscenity. It is not a protected expression. We have the right under this amendment to speak up against pornography."

She said the test set by the court for obscenity is this:

- Whether the average person applying contemporary community standards would find the work taken as a whole to appeal to prurient interest.
- If the work depicts or describes patently offensive sexual conduct.
- Whether considered as a whole, the work lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

"The law protects against the very conservative element that might call everyone or everything obscene," noted the speaker.

If someone raises the issue of consenting adults doing what they wish, Ruhlman will counter that it is a non-issue. "Consenting adults do drugs, but it is illegal," she declared.

EVEN THOUGH the law is on her side, in Ruhlman's opinion, it is not always easy to take a porno theater owner to court and have him punished.

"The laws are on the book to back us up," she said. "But we have enforcement officers at all levels who don't have the background and knowledge about obscenity law. They don't follow through on what we are interested in having them do."

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Art work by Marvin Teeples

"The fact is that these innocent, fragile bodies are being subjected to the sexual perversions and preferences of adults. To think that children of such a tender age are into this type of adult activity makes you wonder how they can ever undo that experience and have a warm loving relationship."

GIRL SCOUTS of the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council are thinking about global understanding these days. Seven troops which meet at Edison and St. Matthew schools in Westland, led by troop services director Diane Buiton of Westland, have "adopted" the First Step shelter, a facility for battered women. The Scouts are collecting food, clothing, personal items, baby clothes, diapers and baby bottles to aid the women and children at the shelter. They are also getting involved in projects relating to hunger, literacy cultural heritage, natural resources and health care.

THERESA BOITOS of Livonia is the new president of the Eastern Michigan University Chapter of Psi Chi National Honorary Society in Psychology. She was also given a national honor service award in recognition of her contributions to the achievement of the goals of the chapter. Daughter of Livonians Jack and Christine Boitos, she is a graduate of Bentley High School, and a senior at EMU. She is a member of the Golden Key Honor Society and the Stoltz Honor Society, and has been on the Dean's List each year. She is employed by the university as an undergraduate assistant in the psychology department.

THE NAME of Jan Vurr of Livonia was omitted from Observer list of artists whose work is on display at Gallery V in Livonia City Hall. Take the trouble to hop on the elevator and go up there. It is sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission in cooperation with the Livonia Cultural League.

SKIERS on your list? The American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan has an idea for you. Just \$20 will buy the association's Ski Key Card which offers free lift tickets at each of 23 different Michigan ski resorts. There are restrictions as to days and hours at some ski areas, and the card is valid Dec. 24 through Jan. 2. Among the resorts are Apple Mountain, Mt. Brighton, Caberfae, Crystal Mountain, Pine Knob and Thunder Mountain. Four of the resorts are in the Upper Peninsula. For information on the resorts and the cards call the association at 961-1697.

IN A COOKBOOK published by the Michigan Cancer Foundation, food fanciers will find such entrees as turkey strata, zucchini and beef casserole and chicken divan. If that is not enough, turn the pages to desserts, soups, relishes, jams and salads. The book costs \$6.95, with proceeds going to cancer research and services the foundation provides. It can be picked at MCF's regional center, 15600 Seven Mile. It can also be sold by mail. Call the center at 493-0043.

NORENE DALY, chairwoman of the education department at Madonna College, joined more than 2,000 educators, legislators, parents and business and union leaders at the national forum on education held recently in Indianapolis under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Education. She is immediate past president of the Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education and a member of the executive committee of the American Association for Teacher Education. She is also a life member of the International Council on Education for Teaching.

AN OPEN HOUSE for nursing students who will graduate from nursing school this spring and summer will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, in Fisher Center auditorium at Providence Hospital, 16001 Nine Mile, Southfield. Representatives from nursing and personnel will discuss the range of nursing career opportunities available at the 463-bed hospital. Information will be presented on Providence's patient care team, the wage and benefits package and the 10-week orientation program for new graduates.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Jean Ruhlman is founder of an organization called Citizens Against Pornography.

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Ann Burgess, director of development at the Village, says these are a limited edition doll which has been copyrighted. They are only sold by the Village. They are also tax deductible because the money will be used to purchase the important extras in life for the young residents of the Village.

These include items such as party clothing, camping equipment and in one case a typewriter for a learning disabled child.

The dolls cost \$25 and are made of polyester and yarn. Their faces are hand-embroidered, and they wear a tiny guardian angel T-shirt. They were designed by Burgess, with the prototype and pattern made by Thelma Baxter of St. Clair Shores.

Volunteers made the 14-inch angels from kits supplied by the Village.

They can be purchased at the Methodist Children's Home Society, 26645 Six Mile, Redford. Customers who wish them mailed to their homes should add \$2.50 for postage and handling. The dolls will continue to be sold after Christmas.



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Movie critic named

Dan Greenberg is the Observer & Eccentric's new film critic. He replaces Louise Snider, who resigned to pursue other writing interests.

Greenberg teaches film history/appreciation and filmmaking at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. He has been with the college since it opened in 1965.

Before that, Greenberg was business manager of Channel 56 in Detroit while completing his doctorate in radio-TV film at Wayne State University. He also received a master's degree in theater from WSU and his bachelor of arts in English from the University of Michigan.

Greenberg is writing a book surveying and analyzing film literature. He also has written articles for Magill's Survey of Foreign Cinema and Film Quarterly.



Dan Greenberg



Meryl Streep and Kurt Russell are lovers, who share her troubles in "Silkwood," the story of Karen Silkwood.

'Silkwood,' Streep are paired perfectly

"Silkwood," which opened Wednesday at area theaters, is an excellent movie. It has everything audiences want — a realistic, gripping love story, characters who stimulate our emotions, stunning photography, serious issues, subtle direction and a fine cast. But most of all, "Silkwood" has Meryl Streep.

In "Kramer Vs. Kramer," she made us think seriously about women's roles in a changing society. In "Sophie's Choice," she indelibly etched the Holocaust's pain in our minds.

In "Silkwood," Streep is brass and bitchy, sometimes tough, sometimes touching as Karen Silkwood, a personality who lives on the screen and in our minds because of Streep's talent. Her intelligence and charm enrich us all.

The generalized news reports of Karen Silkwood's mysterious death in 1974 become intimate and meaningful under Mike Nichols' subtle direction. We care about Karen Silkwood, her lover, Drew Stephens (Kurt Russell), and their live-in lesbian friend, Dolly Pelliker (Cher).

THEIR RELATIONSHIPS are affected by Karen's growing union activism and sense of responsibility for the dangers of the plutonium plant where she works. These are the serious concerns of someone we love.

The film is first and foremost a touching, realistic love story. Glossy Hollywood perfection gives way to people with pimples and perspiration. They sweat and sink. Sometimes they have finer moments. They are very human.

The strength of love among Karen, Drew and Dolly stimulates our concern for everything they do. Their personalities interest us in the abstract problems of corporate responsibility and radioactive peril.

That is characteristic of the very best films, which focus our attention on abstract issues by making us care about the people who are facing those problems. In this regard, "Silkwood" excels.

Nichols' sensitive direction and the fine acting — particularly Streep, Cher and Kurt Russell — never bombard us with heavy sermons. The film gradually builds images of love, of fear, of danger, but always delicately, so that we are led slowly to realize the great dangers inherent in our atomic, private and public worlds.

AS KAREN SILKWOOD becomes more involved and more concerned with plant safety and union representation, she is treated to a level of indifference beyond corporate concern for profits. Her union's national leadership has a "moral imperative" regarding health and safety. It diminishes noticeably after the certification election is won. Her co-workers also lose interest as job security becomes their major concern.

Considerable credit for the movie's impact goes to the director of photography, Czechoslovakian cinematographer Miroslav Ondricek. The soft, delicate quality of low-lit yellowed images heavily emphasizes naturalistic scenes (the countryside, the rain, the trees, the sunset) and reinforces the personal relationships of Karen, Drew and Dolly.

In contrast, the harshness of plutonium plant machinery is brightly lit to emphasize the frightening technological threat. But the indelible images left are those of the countryside, the scratched, nicked, faded wooden house, and the faces of the people whose humanity we respect.

In its own quiet and understated way, "Silkwood" should scare us all as it touches delicately but surely on the frightening questions of corporate and individual responsibility, radioactive peril, and the impact of fear on human relationships.



Streep as Karen and Cher as Dolly are close friends and roommates.

what's at the movies

BIG CHILL (R). William Hurt, Kevin Kline and Glenn Close in drama about a group of college friends from the 1940s who are reunited by the death of a close friend.

CHRISTINE (R). A '68 Plymouth Fury has a mind of its own and control over its owner Arnie, in tale of terror by Stephen King.

DANTON (PG). Terror during the time of the French Revolution.

THE DEAD ZONE (R). Christopher Walken and Martin Sheen about the threat of World War III.

GORKY PARK (R). Three people are murdered in Moscow's Gorky Park, and an investigator tries to unravel the mystery. Starring William Hurt, Joanna Pacula, Lee Marvin and Brian Dennehy.

THE MAN WHO LOVED WOMEN (R). Blake Edwards film with cast headed by Burt Reynolds and Julie Andrews.

MICKEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL (G). Animated featurette from Walt Disney Pictures. This is the first new movie in 30 years with the famous mouse Mickey.

THE RIGHT STUFF (PG). Airborne stories of test pilot Chuck Yeager and the Mercury Astronauts are told in movie based on Tom Wolfe's bestseller.

SCARFACE (R). Al Pacino is vicious gangster Scarface, in film about the American underworld.

SILKWOOD (R). Meryl Streep, Kurt Russell and Cher star in story of Karen Silkwood, who died mysteriously while trying to expose dangers of plutonium plant where she worked.

SUDDEN IMPACT (R). Clint Eastwood produced, directed and stars in this latest saga of the adventures of Dirty Harry Callahan, San Francisco's crime-fighter.

TERMS OF ENDEARMENT (PG). Shirley MacLaine and Debra Winger are mother and daughter in this film that mixes warmth and a tender sadness.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE (PG). Husband-and-wife Mel Brooks and Anne Bancroft star together, for the first time, in remake of movie that originally starred comic Jack Benny. Plot is about a Polish acting troupe during World War II.

TWO OF A KIND (PG). Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta costars of "Grease," are at it again in romantic comedy about star-matched lovers in an unlikely situation.

YENTL (PG). Long-awaited film directed by and starring Barbra Streisand, in which she masquerades as a young man who is a yeshiva student.

ZELIG (PG). Woody Allen and Mia Farrow in Allen's fresh, exciting comedy about a man whose severe identity crisis makes him take on the personality and characteristics of whomever he associates with.



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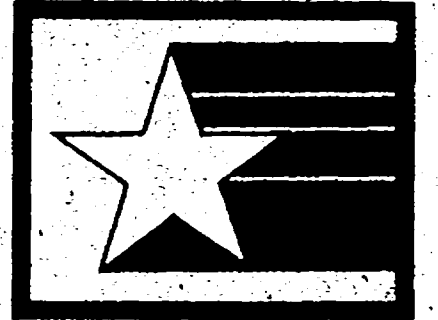
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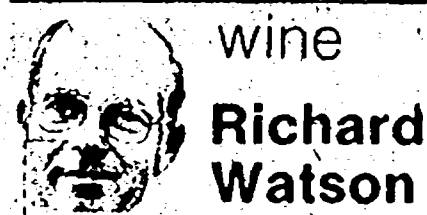
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wine

Richard Watson

The last few weeks have brought to local shelves, or very soon will, some truly remarkable issues from California. It is gratifying to write about them, especially when such a large group can be reviewed. Here's a great mixed case to consider, selected for quality as well as value per dollar.

Cabernet Sauvignon: From Monterey County, long the home of poorly matured cabernets resulting in a cooked taste, is the 1980 Smith and Hook Vineyards issue. No faults here, just massive, intensive fruit with great acidity and tannin to balance.

The producers make only cabernet and are new to the state. Hard to find but worth the effort. Cost about \$12.50, very reasonable for the quality in the bottle.

To the west of Monterey, in the Coastal Range of the Santa Cruz Mountains, is Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyard. Known chiefly for marvelous pinot noirs, winemaker Ken Burnap occasionally makes a cabernet when he can get the right grapes. In 1980 he did.

THIS IS A beautifully structured wine, complex and full of good rich flavors. A bit costly. You should not pay more than \$20 for it. Age this one for several years, however.

One of the most memorable wines I experienced on a 1981 journey to California was drinking the Estrella River 1978 Reserve. I have not drunk it since but the memory lingers of a great cabernet. Should cost about \$18. From the Paso Robles area, this is due soon.

Recently released, in the more reasonable cost range (\$12), is the Napa Rutherford Hill 1978 cabernet. A splendid wine, ready to drink now or will take age well.

Zinfandel: Sometime in the next six months, Gallo will issue its first ever from this grape. When it comes in, it should be well-priced and you'll find it light and full of good berry flavors. This is an everyday wine, not great but good for the money.

On the excellent side of the ledger, and one of the best zinfandels I have had in a long time, is the 1980 from Preston Vineyards. It is estate-bottled, which means the grapes are from the excellent benchland along Dry Creek in Sonoma, and came in at 14.4 alcohol.

THE FULL, warm flavors completely mask the alcohol; the mouth is simply filled with deep fruit, ripe and lush. Priced at \$8, this is a Best Value wine, either for drinking or aging. This wine marks a dramatic change for Lou Preston, away from his fresh, berry-like earlier releases. Let us hope this marks a sustained change for him.

Chardonnay: Amazingly, three of them in the under-\$6-a-bottle range, all of excellent quality for everyday drinking. (After all, who needs more \$15 chardonnays? They can be found too readily.) The Geyser Peak Winery 1981 issue is a delightful wine, crisp yet full of good chardonnay fruit, unmasked with oak aging. The recently issued Zaca Mesa Winery's 1982 toyon chardonnay is well-crafted, complex and reminiscent of citrus flavors.

The least expensive of all, at less than \$4, is the 1982 Glen Ellen Winery's Proprietor's White Reserve, a blend that contains 75 percent chardonnay; a bit fat and opulent. This issue is in marked contrast to its 1981 issue, which was a crisp French colombard. Some stores sell this at two for \$7.



Booth Colman is delightful as Mr. Scrooge . . . When we remember Tiny Tim played by Larry Szafran saying, 'God bless us every one,' the words from Dickens' Christmas classic make us warm inside.

Dickens' classic delights crowd

Performances of the Meadow Brook Theatre production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" continue through Dec. 25 on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. For ticket information, call the box office at 377-3300.

By Cathie Breidenbach
special writer

"A Christmas Carol" is playing to packed houses and working its heartwarming magic for the second year in a row at Meadow Brook Theatre. By the end of the classic holiday play that Charles Nolte adapted from Dickens' original and directs on the Meadow Brook stage, the spirit of Christmas has won over everyone, even the memorable old humbug, Ebenezer Scrooge.

Booth Colman is delightful as Mr. Scrooge. His best lines come when he's a stingy, cantankerous old coot who'd rather ignore Christmas and treat it like any other day. In the Meadow Brook production he's a bit of a pushover.

One ghost is enough to change him from a selfish, crotchety fellow to a jolly man of goodwill. Charles Dickens didn't intend for Ebenezer to be such an easy conquest. He would have wanted Scrooge to hang on longer to his cold-hearted ways to keep the tension of the story going and to give the other ghosts a challenge. But that's humbug talk. Everybody knows the story anyway and the Meadow Brook production can withstand a little humbug because it makes magic on stage that captivates the audience.

SPEAKING OF magic, the Mead-

review

ow Brook cast, particularly the ghosts, weaves its expert spell with help from the thespian's art. The first ghost, Jacob Marley, rises in a swirling cloud of smoke from a trap door on stage. He's come to show Scrooge what will become of him if he doesn't change his skinflint ways. Jacob warns that three spirits will come to haunt the sleep of his old partner, Ebenezer Scrooge.

Everyone expects ghosts, so they must be exceptional ghosts to captivate the audience. The Meadow Brook ghosts surprise with their ingenuity. We never know from where they'll appear or just what they'll look like. The best of the visiting ghosts is the Spirit of Christmas Future, an apparition not to be forgotten.

Neither is the set to be forgotten. It's another movable marvel by Peter Hicks, elaborate, yet simple at the same time. And when it begins to snow on stage as people bustle about singing carols, the Christmas magic is complete.

Holiday music weaves throughout the play and begins with carolers singing in the entryway as theatergoers come in from the cold.

The carolers are dressed in 1830s styles and look as though they were lifted from a Christmas card. They harmonize traditional songs of the season and set a warm nostalgic mood that carries throughout the evening.

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Bull will dominate Wall Street, speaker says

By Gary M. Cates
staff writer

Despite a slight downward trend in the stock market during the past few days, economist Frank Cappelletto expects Wall Street's bull market will continue climbing to record peaks in the coming year.

"Stock market jumps really are prone to lead the way out of a recession. And, conversely the market is slow to react going into a recession. We don't think we're at the beginning or the end of the recovery — instead, somewhere in the middle," Cappelletto said.

Cappelletto — a regular on public television's "Wall Street Week," president of the McCullough, Andrews and Cappelletto investment firm and frequent guest on ABC's "Good Morning, America" show — spoke Thursday morning at a breakfast meeting hosted by the Plymouth office of Prescott, Ball and Turben.

Speaking to an audience of some 80 invited guests, Cappelletto was in town to kick off a mutual fund being put together with Prescott, Ball and Turben.

THE ONGOING bull market, which has increased stocks 62 percent during the past 14 months, will continue, Cappelletto said.

Currently the Dow Jones 30 Industrial stocks average is hovering around



"Today consumers feels pretty good about themselves. They feel frivolous and are willing to spend — as evidenced by the sale of Cabbage Patch dolls. This sets the tone for consumer spending for the next six to eight months."

— Frank Cappelletto
investment economist

1260. Cappelletto projects the market will climb to 1,400-1,500 in 1984.

The economist based his projections on the condition of the American economy and pointed to consumer spending and the housing market as leading indicators.

"Next year should be a very good year for consumer spending, consumer confidence should be up," he said.

"We are experiencing one of the best Christmases in the last 10 years. The

cash registers are ringing, and there are fewer discounts being offered than ever before.

WHILE CONSUMER spending accounts for a large part of the economic indicators, Cappelletto said the housing market makes up the remainder.

"We are very confident that the housing starts next year will be as many as this year," he said.

Some 1.7-million houses will be

started in 1983, compared to as many as 2 million in record years, he said.

Another factor Cappelletto's firm keeps a close eye on when making projections is interest rates.

"Majority opinion is that interest rates will rise in 1984, due to increased borrowing on the part of businessmen," he said. "We hold the minority opinion."

Cappelletto believes interest rates will go up slightly and then come back down in 1984. According to him, three factors play on the level of interest rates: supply and demand of money to lending institutions, expectations and the policies of the Federal Reserve.

THE SUPPLY of money to financial institutions should be good, due to good interest earnings on saving accounts and saving instruments, he said.

"For the first time small investors are getting the best yield they can for their money. Five years ago, the small saver couldn't play with the big boys — you couldn't get the interest yields that the big money was getting."

"On the supply side there should be plenty of money," he said.

"On the demand side, we don't think there's going to be that much. Businessmen still are being very careful, they just came through a recession."

Cappelletto anticipates the Federal Reserve will stay away from increasing its lending rate in 1984.

"No Federal Reserve chairman wants to put rates up on the election year of a sitting president. I believe that was part of the deal in which Reagan appointed Paul Volcker as chairman," he said.

THE COMBINATION of these factors should lead to a prime interest rate right around 10 percent, which will aid in maintaining a good stock market, he said.

"You get the feeling that many corporations are on the verge of having a very good year."

The anticipation of increased earnings will feed the market, he said.

"As dramatic as those earnings are, they are not the best news. The best news is that the earning increases are the result of operating earnings."

The recent recession forced many companies to become more efficient, Cappelletto said. This resulted in lower operating costs for many companies.

Next year will be a good year to stay in the stock market, as it enters the second phase of the bull market, he said.

"The second phase will start as soon as the public recognizes the earnings," he said.

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Thurston eludes Raiders to stay unbeaten, 43-42

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Redford Thurston basketball coach Gary Fralick was breathing a heavy sigh of relief.

North Farmington's Tom Negoshian, meanwhile, analyzed a 43-42 defeat by telling his young team that "we've come one step further."

Fralick's Eagles held on for their fifth straight win without a loss when Bob Chawlick's jumper, taken just inside the free line, bounced off the back of the rim with two seconds remaining. North got a chance to win it when Thurston turned the ball over in the frontcourt with seven seconds to play. Negoshian then called timeout to set a final shot.

"Give Tom credit," said Fralick. "They got the shot he wanted. And we didn't have any timeouts left."

The ball was to go to either the 6-foot-4 Chawlick, who put North to within one point on a basket with 17 seconds left, or 6-6 sophomore Rick Anderson, the game's high scorer with 14 points.

"WE DIAGRAMMED that exact

basketball

play," Negoshian said. "The first time we were in that situation we didn't get off the shot. We got it this time and the next time it will go in."

"We're so young. We need to win this kind of game. Until we do we'll keep second-guessing ourselves."

Thurston increased its lead to 43-38 on two free throws by Raffi Kostegian with 1:09 to play, but the Eagles got a little jittery, turning the ball over twice in the final minute.

"We're having a little trouble handling the pressure," said Fralick, coach of the defending league champs. "We'll work on that during Christmas vacation. We've got a lot of work to do. We welcome the layoff."

"It was not pretty, but it was a win — and we'll take it. This has never been an easy place for us to play. We won here by only four last year."

Kostegian, a 5-11 junior guard, scored 13 points for Thurston despite

sitting out a majority of the second period because of foul trouble.

CENTER Dan Starinsky, a 6-7 senior, added eight points and more importantly grabbed 17 rebounds. Lars Anderson also scored eight points.

Steve Bambach tallied 10 points for North, while Chawlick chipped in with nine.

The two teams played evenly throughout the first half with Thurston gaining a slim 22-21 advantage.

The Eagles got somewhat untracked in the third quarter behind Brian McGrath's six points, taking a 37-33 lead into the final period.

Scrappy North, however, refused to quit, clawing back during the final two minutes.

"We didn't start well in third quarter," said Negoshian, whose team is 1-4 overall. "We talked about it after. We didn't get at it like we should have."

Thurston plays its final game before the Christmas break Thursday at home against Dearborn. North has the week off but returns to action the following week against Ferndale in four-team holiday tourney.

Fast Glenn '5' breaks RU

Westland John Glenn outscored Redford Union 20-8 in the third quarter and went on to a 72-53 Northwest Suburban League (NSL) basketball win Friday night.

Glenn, Redford Thurston and Garden City go into the Christmas break all tied for first place with 2-0 league records.

"We played man-to-man in the first half and got into foul trouble," explained Glenn coach Gordie Davis. "We made an adjustment in the third quarter. We went to a zone and got the running game going — we forced RU to shoot from outside."

The Rockets, now 4-1, used a balanced scoring attack.

Mario Granull, a 6-foot-6 senior center, scored 13 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. Jeff Hawley and Todd Stein contributed 11 points each.

Dennis Bushart led winless RU with 17 points.

BISHOP BORGESS 66, WARREN OOUSINO 58: The Spartans raised their season record to 2-0 Friday behind Gary Dziekan's 26 points.

The 6-4 senior also grabbed 13 rebounds. Junior point-guard Joe Gregory contributed 18 points and seven assists.

Mike Rucinski paced the host Patriots with 18 points.

Borgess, which hit 14 of 31 free throws, led 30-28 at the half and 48-42 after three quarters.

GARDEN CITY 72, FRANKLIN 66: The host Patriots pulled to within three points in the final period against their taller counterparts, but it wasn't enough for an NSL victory Thursday night.

All-Observer forward Scott McCloskey had a big night for the winners,

scoring 30 points. Steve Klein and Paul Krol added 13 and 12, respectively.

Garden City is now 3-2 overall and 2-0 in league play.

Franklin had three players in double figures — Dave Carravallah (18), Jeff McCaw (16) and Mike Wilkins (15).

"We played a good game," said Franklin coach Jim McIntyre, whose team is 1-4 and 0-2. "The kids played well in spots — let down in others. But I was pleased with what we got out of it."

CHURCHILL 59, W.L. CENTRAL 58: The Chargers close out 1983 with a 4-1 record thanks to Craig Hunter's 22-foot jumper with seven seconds to play.

Visiting Walled Lake, holding a one-point advantage, missed a free throw with 17 seconds to go. Churchill's Steve Juodawlkis grabbed the miss and fed to Hunter, who dribbled down the floor for the winning basket.

Senior guard John Grzybek led Churchill and all scorers with 20 points, including 14 in the first half. Hunter registered 14 points, Juodawlkis added 12 points and 13 rebounds, Mike Hermanson came off the bench to score eight, and Rob Foust added six assists.

Three Walled Lake players scored in double figures — Rob Gardner (19), Clark Bock (15) and Tom Cummings (12).

Churchill trailed 19-12 after one quarter, but roared back to take the lead with eight straight points at the outset of the second period.

"We were getting beat on the back door so we tightened our zone," said Churchill coach Don Albertson. "It's a nice win going into the Christmas vacation. This group has the potential to be a good team, but we have a long way to go."

the week ahead

PREP BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Dec. 20
Farmington at Birm. Seaholm, 7:30 p.m.
Belleville at Ft. Belknap, 7:35 p.m.
Py. Christian at Huron Valley, 8 p.m.
Dive Chad at Bish. Borgess, 7:35 p.m.
Dearborn Fordson at Catholic Cent., 7:35 p.m.
Temple at Springfield Ch. Tourney, TBA
Garden City Tournament
Edsel Ford vs. D.H. Annapolis, 8:30 p.m.
Garden City vs. Clearcove, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 21
Temple at Springfield Ch. Tourney, TBA
Cherry Hill Tournament
Wild. John Glenn vs. Wayne Mem., 8:30 p.m.
Inkster Cherry Hill vs. Howell, 8:15 p.m.
Garden City Tournament
Consolation and finals, 8:30 and 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 22
Dearborn at Redford Thurston, 7:35 p.m.
Cherry Hill Tournament
Consolation and finals, 8:30 and 8:15 p.m.
— (TBA) To be announced.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 19
Marygrove (women) at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.

GREAT LAKES JUNIOR A HOCKEY
Thursday, Dec. 22
Redford Royals vs. Fraser Flags at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

Rockets blast GC, Chiefs nip Bentley

Westland John Glenn's wrestling team is off to a roaring start.

The Rockets opened the 1983-84 season with five straight dual victories, including a 48-21 triumph last week over Northwest Suburban League (NSL) co-leader Garden City.

Glenn, defending NSL champion, received victories by pins from Dave Hart (98 pounds), Mike Rossi (119), Dan Gibson (126), Tom Forchione (165), Vic Knox (198) and Kurt Potulski (heavyweight). Other Glenn winners against Garden City included Rob Okurovski (112), Dan Schlumsky (132) and Vaughn Vlar (185).

Finding the victory column for Garden City were Ron Taggart (105), Mike Howell (138), Ron Kasparek (145) and Larry Combs (167).

In Glenn's 53-16 victory over Southgate Aquinas, Vlar pinned Dave Willis in 23 seconds and Forchione took only 25 to pin Dan Taylor.

The Rockets, however, had a tougher time with Howell, winning 30-29 as Potulski pulled out the match with a 12-11 win over Mike Perkins.

Lake Orion and Ann Arbor Huron also fell against Glenn by scores of 39-30, and 57-18, respectively.

GARDEN CITY bounced back to beat NSL foe Livonia Franklin on Thursday, 64-12, as Herb Herge (119) led the way by pinning Allen Carpenter in 56 seconds.

Other Cougar winners via pin included Taggart, Roger Osler (112), Bill King (126), Tom Mack (132), Dale Creech (145), Mark Grigerell (155), Combs (167) and Kevin Dee (198).

Other GC victories were scored by 138-pound Kasparek (17-7 decision) and heavyweight Marvin Pike (by vold).

Franklin's lone winners were Scott Weyer (98), who pinned Dan Pichla in 5:48, and Doug Sutter (185), who pinned Harold Rauch in 3:37.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL slipped to 2-

5 Thursday as host Northville escaped with a 33-31 Western Lakes win.

The Chargers built an early lead, but failed to win a match after 145-pound Sam Karadabeh decimated Mike Levitt 13-7.

Other Churchill winners included Sean Foran, 98; Mike Krause, 105; Gary Ribbscoe, 112; John Parr, 119; and Mark Crotty, 126. Foran took just 51 seconds to pin the Mustangs' Toby Balal.

Earlier in the week, Churchill split a double-dual meet at Birmingham Groves.

Churchill took a 44-19 fall against Rochester Adams with Foran, Dave Dudek (132), Jim Brown (138) and Karadabeh scoring the only wins for the Chargers.

In a 39-32 win over Groves, the trio of Foran, Krause and Parr all scored major decisions. They were joined in the winners circle by Mark Crotty (126), Brown, Karadabeh and Dave Scott (185), the latter whom wrapped up the match with a 10-8 triumph over Rick Enike.

LIVONIA BENTLEY lost a heart-breaker Thursday night to Plymouth Canton 34-33.

The loss keeps Bentley winless in four dual meets, including two in the Western Lakes Conference.

All three Yaffal brothers, however, won for Bentley.

Anwar, listed at 119, pinned Tim Birely in 1:46; while Abe, a 126-pounder, pinned John Allmand in 5:17. Salem Yaffal (105) won by vold.

Other Bentley winners included Bill Paddison (132), Mark Zenas (185), Tracy Scott (198) and Marty Altounian (heavyweight).

Scott's 13-7 decision over Keith Kesckes pulled the Bulldogs to within four points with one match left.

Heavyweight Jim Malson saved the Canton victory when he avoided a major decision loss to Altounian (11-4).

Panthers get swim victory

The F Troop carried Redford Union to its first boys' swim victory of the season Thursday, a 93-78 triumph over visiting Walled Lake Central.

One-fourth of the F Troop, Jeff Friday, figured in on three RU victories.

Friday captured 50- and 100-yard freestyles in 25.8 and 58.5, respectively.

Another member, Matt Ford, won the diving with 204 points, while Todd Fortner figured in on two winning relay efforts.

Fortner teamed up with Mark Forrest, John Ascencio and Mark Brainard to win the 200 medley relay in 2:10.0, while Fortner, Friday, Mark Brainard and Pete Martinuzzi combined to capture the 400 freestyle relay in 4:07.3.

Martinuzzi formed his own troop, winning the 200 individual medley in 2:28.2 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:13.4.

Brainard was best in the 200 freestyle (2:11.1), while Ascencio topped the 100 backstroke field (1:11.8).

Royals rip Datavision

Six different players scored as the second place Redford Royals turned back the Datavision Falcons 8-3 in a Great Lakes Junior A hockey game Thursday night at the Redford Arena.

Redford scored twice in each period. Larry DePalma and Scott Williams tallied first-period goals. Billy Trisch and Kevin Miller followed with second-period goals.

Dave Lerg and Paul Rossi scored to wrap things up for the Royals in the final period.

The Royals played superb defense as goalie John Mahr was called upon to make only 15 saves. Redford peppered 33 shots at the Falcon goal.

Redford returns to action at 8 p.m. Thursday at home against Fraser.

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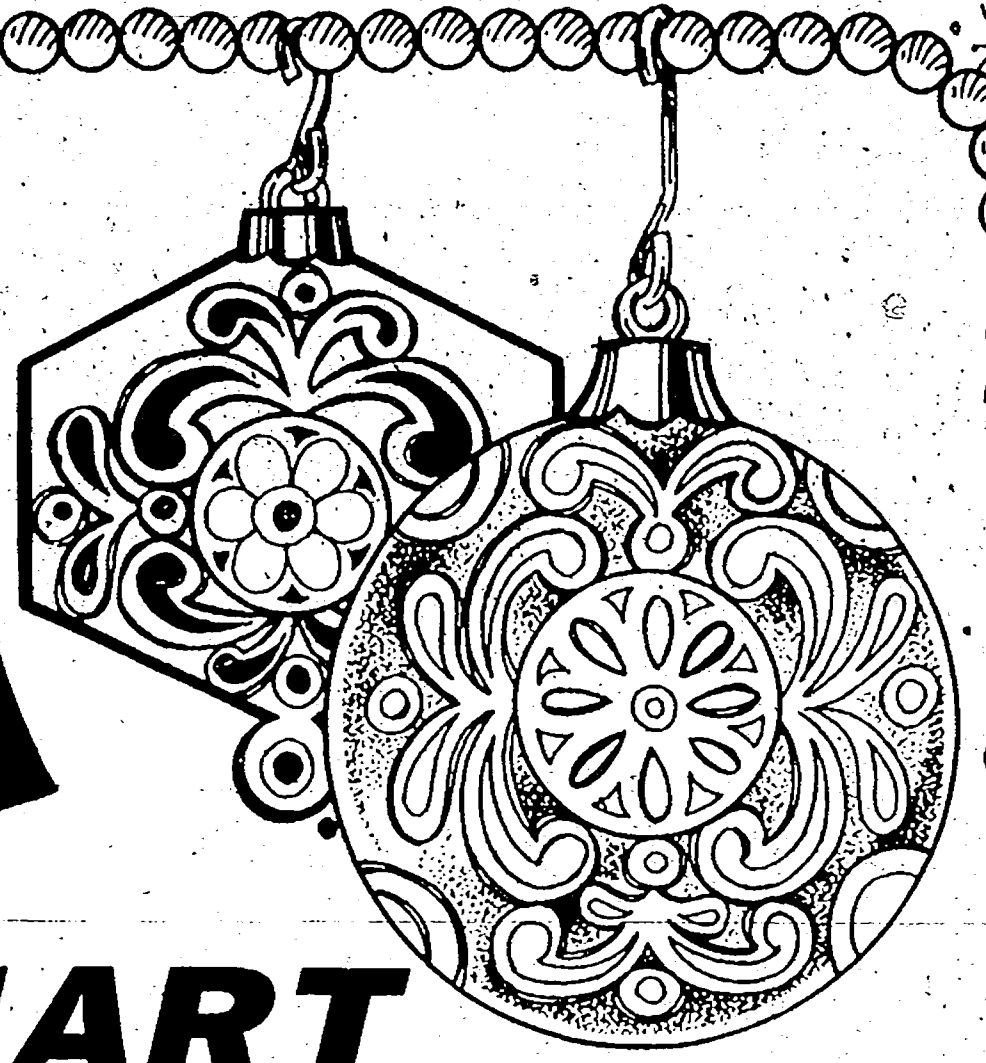
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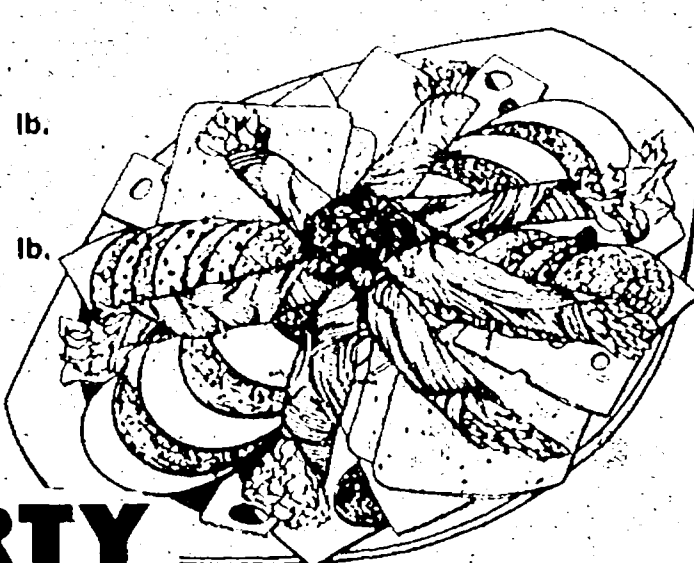
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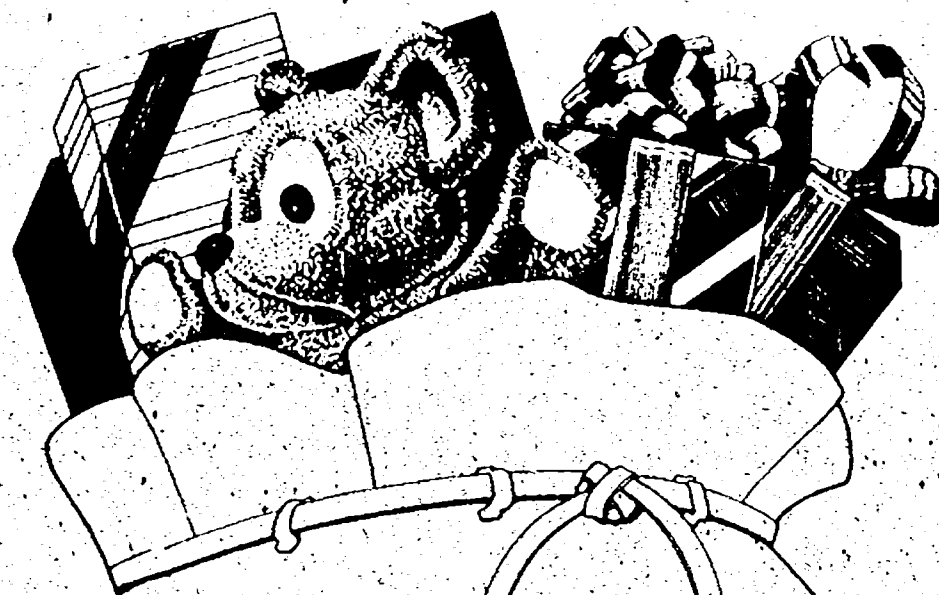
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Hospital seeks heart patients for study

Persons suffering from congestive heart failure are needed to take part in a new study being conducted by Sinai Hospital of Detroit.

The study may offer them hope, according to Dr. David Wisley, medical director of Sinai's cardiac fitness and rehabilitation program.

The study hopes to determine whether heart and lung capacity can be improved with regular moderate exercise, he said.

"WHEN A patient is in congestive heart failure, the heart muscle has reduced ability to pump because it has been damaged," Dr. Wisley said. "This causes fatigue, shortness of breath, limited ability for physical exertion and overall poor quality of life."

West Bloomfield resident Melvyn Rubenfire, chief of cardiology at Sinai says, "Exercise can have many positive effects."

Over the past 10 years, moderate exercise has become an accepted part of rehabilitation for some heart patients. This is based on the knowledge that physical fitness improves the efficiency of the heart and reduces certain coronary risk factors such as obesity and hypertension.

"Patients can benefit from physical activity which increases work capacity and the level of exertion needed to provoke chest pain or other symptoms.

Patients also experience a heightened sense of well-being," Dr. Rubenfire said.

THERE IS NO charge to participants in the study. Each will receive a complete physical examination and cardiologic work-up. Those interested should contact Sinai's Cardiac Rehabilitation Team at 493-6333.

The study will have participants walking on a treadmill, bicycling, row-

ing, jogging and other endurance exercises for upper and lower extremity training. Continuous electrocardiographic monitoring of the heart rhythm will occur during the sessions.

Half of the study patients will be a control group. These people will not participate in the exercise sessions initially. However, based on the findings of the study, they may join the exercise group at a later time.

The exercise segment of the study

will be held in hourly sessions, three times a week. There will be two to five patients in each exercise group, supervised by a cardiologist, nurse and exercise physiologist.

In early 1984, the Sinai Hospital Cardiac Rehabilitation Program will be opening a major facility in West Bloomfield, where a substantial portion of the exercise training for this study will take place there.

Doctors heal heart patients' emotional scars

With the help of Oakland University faculty, Bi-County Community Hospital in Warren has taken steps to heal the emotional and physical scars incurred by cardiac rehabilitation patients.

Many patients suffer from anxiety and depression that can affect their recovery, their family relationships and even lead to a recurrence of heart problems.

More needs to be learned, according to Oakland University professor James Schmidt of Southfield.

THESE PROBLEMS can occur even if surgery has been an unqualified success, he said.

Schmidt is working with Fred Stran-

sky, an OU exercise physiologist and cardiac rehabilitation expert, in the Phase II project at the Warren hospital. Stransky helped initiate the project at Bi-County Hospital.

Schmidt, who has a long history in counseling and health psychology, was invited into the Warren program by Stransky to study the psychological reactions of cardiac rehabilitation patients.

HE IS working with hospital staff and with patients and their families to propose an on-going program.

It will use biofeedback and other methods to help patients cope with stress, restyle their lives and begin a health maintenance program that they

hope will help prevent a recurrence of heart problems and improve the quality of the participants' lives.

Schmidt defines biofeedback as the use of instruments to measure responses such as muscle tension and

skin temperature. Patients can use this knowledge and gain more control over their physical and mental conditions.

In addition to his healthy psychology interests and nine years of counseling patients at a medical clinic, Schmidt is

taking advanced work at a New York Institute on family counseling and therapy.

If he is successful in developing an on-going program of treatment for cardiac rehabilitation patients and their

families, the Bi-County Community Hospital could become an internship site for OU graduate students in counseling.

A professor and educator since 1970, Schmidt is also trained in biofeedback.

AMC backs U.S. seat belt law, fund

American Motors Corp. has proposed a \$40-million joint government-industry fund to encourage safety belt usage. The Southfield-based auto maker also called for the passage of mandatory safety belt laws.

Dale E. Dawkins, vice president of environmental and safety affairs for

AMC, testifying before the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), said:

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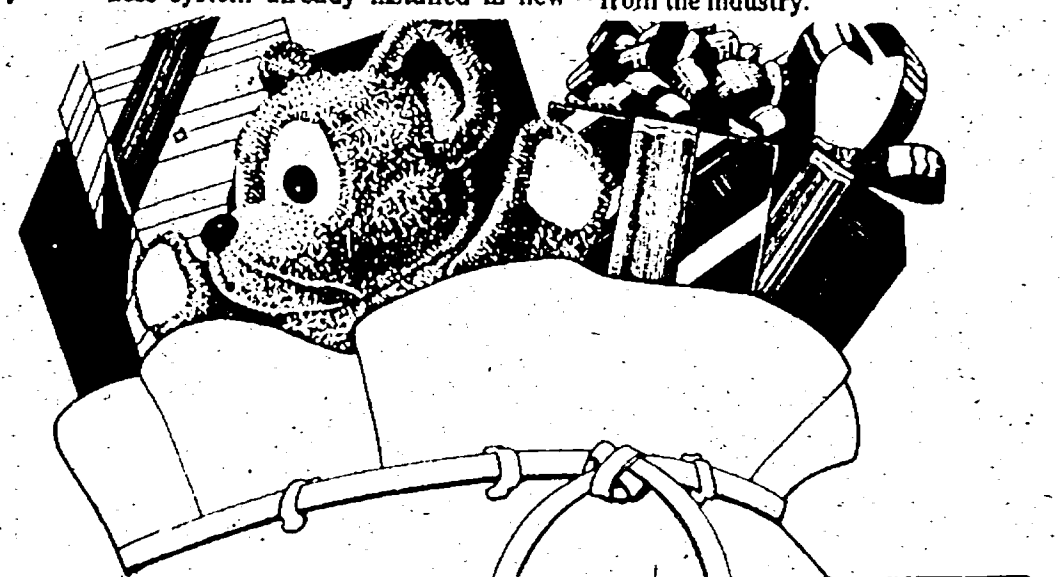
available — the one their vehicles already offer."

EMPHASIZING "no technological panacea for dramatically reducing deaths and injuries on the highways," Dawkins cited NHTSA's own conclusion that the manual lap belt and harness system already installed in new

vehicles is more reliable and effective than currently proposed passive restraint systems.

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