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## School discord tops 1992 news



Nationally, most newspapers and TV networks agree that the year's top story was the election of Bill Clinton as the nation's next president. Locally, Wayne-Westland school district disputes highlighted the Observer's headlines for the past year.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A bitter political war raged in 1992 as two sharply divided factions on the Wayne-Westland school board clashed over hiring a new superintendent to lead the battle-scarred district.

Three board members loyal to former Superintendent Dennis O'Neill tried unsuccessfully to derail the hiring of new schools chief Larry Thomas — chosen in a razor-thin 4-3 vote to lead the 16,500-student district.

Thomas called for "a renaissance, a rebirth" of Wayne-Westland schools,

and he quickly won many supporters. But he also came under fire — most recently for allegations he made a "hit list" of principals he wants to fire. He denied the claims.

Violence on school grounds remained a troubling issue as a student-made pipe bomb exploded during a football game at John Glenn High School, prompting the expulsion of two teenage boys. And a Wayne Memorial High student was shot in the arm during a racial dispute in front of Franklin Junior High,

where he had gone to meet another student.

Four teenage boys went on trial this year for a 1991 killing behind Adams Junior High School, resulting in convictions against two defendants who were placed in juvenile facilities. The two others were tried as adults and are awaiting jury verdicts expected in January.

In November, John Glenn mourned one of its best, 17-year-old Melissa Thompson, who was killed in a tragic

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## Elkins still missing

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Jeffrey Allan Elkins' family shuddered when they heard news reports of a body being found Wednesday morning in Kalamazoo.

"It was awful," said Elkins' aunt, Debbie Stubbs.

But the family's fears were erased — momentarily at least — when they learned from authorities that the body wasn't Elkins, a 21-year-old Westland man missing since Dec. 23.

"Oh God. It was just such a relief. It was unbelievable," Stubbs said.

Despite a widespread search, friends, family and authorities remain baffled by the disappearance of Elkins, last seen when he left his uncle's house in Ingham County to come home for Christmas.

Ingham County authorities reported no apparent progress in the search last week as friends and relatives of the 1989 John Glenn High School graduate grew increasingly worried about him.

"We're still keeping an eye out, but we don't have any (significant) leads yet," said Dennis Shackelford, a detective with the Ingham County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities have been treating Elkins' disappearance as a missing person. His family and friends have said he's not the kind of person who would go away on his own without telling anyone.

Though Elkins' family and friends had little to comfort them last week, they held out hope that he would soon be found — alive and unharmed.

"We haven't heard anything concrete," Stubbs said.

Shackelford noted that authorities haven't received any tips that would lead them to suspect that Elkins has been killed.

"We have no indications of foul play," Shackelford said.

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## Teens to join inaugural parade



JIM JAGFIELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**All-Americans DC-bound:** Local pompon squad members who will be appearing in the presidential inaugural parade are, first row: Mia Lawson (left) and Robyn Angelosanto of Westland, both of Franklin High; second row: Dawn Rice of Westland (left), Brandy Bakita, Lisa Stevens and Megan Hannigan (and Stacey Mariko, not present) of Churchill High; and, third row: Sandra Munn (left), Jill Eupizi, Jennifer Leutze, Tonya Scott, Candice Vella, Krysta Blazaitis, Wendy Stefani and Suzy Setfula. Coaches are Dolores Mohammad (upper left), Judy Nouhan (upper right) and Liz Embree (not present).

## Churchill to keep the beat

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

Performing to the tune of America's newest theme song, local high school pom pon girls will march down Pennsylvania Avenue Jan. 20 as part of President Bill Clinton's inaugural parade.

The Livonia school district girls — five from Churchill, two from Franklin and eight from Stevenson — earned the right to march in the parade during regional competition this past summer in which they all performed outstandingly.

The 15 are part of a 120-member pom pon contingent from Michigan which leaves the state Jan. 17 for Washington, D.C., and comes back Jan. 21.

In early December, a member of the Inaugural Parade Committee notified Karen Blazaitis, president of Mid-American Pom Pon, Inc., that the girls had been accepted to perform in the parade.

Previously, the girls had performed in the Michigan Thanksgiving Day Parade, Sea World, Pistons halftime events, Chicago's St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Citrus Bowl.

Wearing red, white and blue skirts and sweaters, the pom pon girls will march in the parade to the beat of "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow," Clinton's theme song which dominated the Democratic National Convention.

"The whole song plays while they

march down Pennsylvania Avenue," Blazaitis said. "The avenue's about a mile and a half long."

On Sunday, the girls practiced their routine at Churchill High.

Blazaitis called the trip a "high honor" for the 15 All-Star pom pon girls.

"This is a memory they will carry with them forever and will be able to tell their children and grandchildren," said Judy Nouhan, Churchill coach.

Other coaches are: Natalie Brohl of Plymouth, pom pon captain for the squad at the University of Notre Dame; Blazaitis; Sandra Redfield; and Maria Nouhan.

See THE BEAT, 2A

## Stingrays swim for a near-perfect record

BY DIANE GALE  
SPECIAL WRITER

Imagine an almost perfect winning streak that has lasted three years.

That's the phenomenal record the Wayne-Westland YMCA Stingrays swimming team has maintained by winning all but two matches with other YMCA teams since 1989.

"I like the competition, the ribbons and the medals and the friends you make," said Stingrays swimmer, Carrie Slabaugh, 11. One day, she said,

**'I like the competition, the ribbons and the medals and the friends you make.'**

Carrie Slabaugh

she hopes to compete, in the Olympics.

Brother Scott Slabaugh, 9, has been with the team, which includes swimmers from Garden City, Canton

Township and other communities, for two years.

"I just really like to swim," he said, adding that one day he'd like to coach. "I'll make all the kids do 50 sit-ups."

Mandy Hubel, 8, said she liked being on the Stingrays for the "ribbons and medals. The coaches are really good, too."

There's a lot more than just winning and swimming involved, according to Y physical director James McNellis, who also coaches the Stingrays along with Ed Churchman and volunteer coach, Wally Martin.

McNellis, 29, attributes the team's

See STINGRAYS, 4A

### VCR class

A popular class on how to maintain and repair a VCR will return to Bailey Recreation Thursday. Bob Brooker, who teaches the two-hour class, said the program will start at 7:30 p.m. in the center on Ford east of Newburgh, directly behind City Hall. To register, anyone can call Brooker at (517) 546-9690. There is a charge. Seating is limited. Brooker said trained people can handle VCR maintenance and repairs on their own.

### Police hot line

The Michigan Fraternal Order of Police labor council has established a 24-hour hot line for persons to anonymously report crimes. The hot line

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will be open all year with cash rewards ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 for tips that lead to an arrest and conviction of someone who has committed a felony in Michigan. In conjunction with the hot line, the police union will also distribute a publication, "Michigan's Top Fugitives," highlighting criminals being sought in the state. The toll-free hot line is 1-800-860-TIPS.

### Child care classes

The American Red Cross will hold classes for people who want to be licensed as child care providers. The classes will cover first aid, infant and

child CPR, prevention of illness and child development. Classes will be held 6-10 p.m. Thursdays, from Feb. 4 through April 1, with no class on Feb. 18. Proficiency in knowledge and skills are required for a child care course certificate. Call Rose Govig, 473-8933, for registration information.

### Health classes

Health programs are being offered to local residents by Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. "The Right Weight" will be held for people who want a healthy, lifelong weight loss. Classes will start Tuesday, Jan. 12. A stop-smoking class will start today (Monday). Call 467-2559 for both programs. A blood drive is scheduled 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the hospital. For appointments, call 467-2530. Annapolis Hospital is on Annapolis at Venoy.

## 'Heartsaver' course set

St. Mary Hospital of Livonia will offer a "Heartsaver" CPR Course A 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Training in one-person adult rescue (CPR) and choking techniques will be featured.

The class will be held in the Pavilion Conference Room B

in the Marian Professional Building, adjacent to St. Mary Hospital.

Deadline for registration is Monday, Jan. 4. A fee of \$15 per person will include all course materials.

For more information or to register, call 591-2922.

## Elkins from page 1A

Elkins had been staying with his uncle and aunt, Cyril and Carol Lapinski, in the Ingham County community of Dansville. He had been working construction with his uncle and had planned to go to Lansing Community College.

"We haven't really heard anything," Carol Lapinski said last week. Authorities "are getting a lot of leads, but there's nothing definite yet," she said.

Elkins, a 5-foot-8, 160-pound man, was supposed to meet his girlfriend, 21-year-old Windy Parrino of Novi, at a Redford Township bar on Dec. 23. He was going to finish his Christmas shopping before meeting her.

But he never showed at the bar, and Parrino was the last to leave at 2:20 a.m. Thursday. Elkins

also didn't show up for a family get-together on Christmas Eve at his Westland home.

His friends continued to comb an 80-mile stretch from here to Dansville last week — still to no avail. They have distributed thousands of fliers that show his picture and description.

Anyone with information about Elkins is asked to contact the Ingham County Sheriff's Department at (517) 676-2431.

A \$10,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to Elkins being found. His friends also are hoping to increase the amount in the reward fund. They are asking that any donations be made to the Jeffrey Elkins Reward Fund, P.O. Box 804, Garden City, 48135-0804.

## 1992 from page 1A

car accident on Newburgh Road. And a former John Glenn student, 21-year-old Jeffrey Allan Elkins, mysteriously disappeared Dec. 23 en route from Ingham County to Westland, prompting a widespread search that continued into 1993.

### Heroes cited

Westland had heroes in 1992. Cerebral palsy victim Erika Benjamin, 27, rode her bicycle to a new world record on the Olympic track in Barcelona, Spain, where she competed in the Paralympics for disabled people.

And Eric Donahue, 13, who survived an early childhood brain tumor, rode his bike 300 miles across Michigan to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to terminally ill children. His wish to go to Disney World had been granted when he was in first grade.

"I wanted to give something back," he said.

In another story of community recognition, Madeleine Schroeder was named the Westland First Citizen of 1992 for her many years of service as a district court probation department volunteer.

In city politics, feuding between Mayor Robert Thomas and the seven-member city council reached a new high — or low — and the squabbling is expected to spark an unrelentingly negative mayoral race in 1993. Already, Thomas has been accused of politicking on Westland's cable channel.

Westland got a new district judge as Thomas Smith called it quits after more than 24 years.

Gov. John Engler appointed longtime city attorney C. Charles Bokos to replace him. Police Chief Michael Frayer also retired and was replaced by Emery Price.

In February, Westland residents who work at General Motors Corp.'s Willow Run plant in Ypsilanti were told their jobs would be eliminated as the automaker struggles to stem a tidal wave of red ink. Others will be out of work when GM closes a Livonia plant.

Many workers blamed President Bush's administration for a failing economy and held out hope for better times under President-elect Bill Clinton. Incidentally, Clinton's campaign included a stop with wife Hillary at Wayne Memorial High School, where students gave him a rousing welcome.

### Economic news

In other economic news, Kroger workers walked picket lines for several weeks at two Westland stores before finally reaching an accord with the supermarket giant. At Westland Center, an ownership change and planned expansion failed to materialize in 1992, raising doubts that the project will ever succeed.

In November, state Rep. Justice Barns, D-Westland, won a sixth term, defeating GOP opponent Steven Cabrera. U.S. Rep. William Ford also won re-election for a 15th term, beating his closest rival, Robert Geake.

Three veteran school board members stepped down in 1992. Kathleen Chorbagian chose not to seek re-election, and Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek lost her re-election

# Missionary: Russia ripe for religion

BY DIANE HANSON  
SPECIAL WRITER

"There is such a vacuum in Russia," said the Rev. Martin Frusti who will soon be traveling to St. Petersburg, formerly Leningrad, as a missionary. "For the last 75 years, it's been atheist. The state tried to eradicate the church. But, the word of God was still there," he told a church group at a recent Sunday morning program.

"The people had the word of God in their memory. They had pieces and bits of information that they shared in house churches and secret churches. The church never was eradicated, even though they (the government) tried."

Dramatic changes have been unfolding in Russia, most notably in the past two years. A significant one has been the reclaiming of churches that had been converted to theaters, factories, storage facilities and even an indoor swimming pool.

As the doors of these churches re-open, the Russian people come through them in large numbers according to Frusti. Along with them, they bring a thirst for knowledge of the word of God. Frusti and his wife, Karen, along with their children, Carrie, 15, and

■ 'Our first year there will be to learn the language and the culture.'

The Rev. Martin Frusti

Eric, 12, hope to quench some of that thirst.

The Frusti family was the guest of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Hubbard and Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Frusti shared information on his October trip to St. Petersburg and his plans to assist the Russian people during the family's five to seven year stay there.

Frusti said individual congregations within the Lutheran church can designate funds to particular ministries. The program is called "Together in Mission."

"They become more personally attached to a particular ministry," Frusti explained. "Salem is one of those congregations."

Salem had previously sponsored Frusti's sister and brother-in-law in their mission to Togo, Africa. That couple has just returned to the United States and the congregation has since picked up the same program for the Frustis.

The Frustis have other family connections with Salem Church. The Rev. Paavo Frusti, Martin's

father, was pastor of the church for 10 years before retiring in 1989.

Although the oldest, Frusti was not the first to become involved in church work. "I delayed going to the seminary for 15 years" he admitted. Formerly a commercial pilot, an aircraft mechanic, machinist, chemist and consultant engineer for nuclear power plants across the country, "I took the scenic route," he quipped. "But, the many skills I have acquired, the experiences I have had, have aided me already."

He had the opportunity, while in St. Petersburg in October, to be in the Academy of Science. "I can just see how the Lord was using these things," he emphasized.

Frusti graduated from the seminary in May of this year and this is his first call by the Board of Mission Services of the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran church.

The family will leave for Russia on Jan. 24, next year and are looking forward to living in one locale for a period of time. The family has moved nine times in 15 years due to Frusti's career changes. During their five to seven year stay in Russia, they will come back to the United States periodically on furlough to travel and share information with the churches.

learn the language and the culture," Frusti said.

The family spent 6 weeks at a Lutheran college in Canada this summer, learning the language from some native Russians.

Carrie and Eric are both looking forward to their new adventure. "Maybe, if we learn enough Russian," said Eric, "we'll go to a Russian school."

On his October trip to Russia, Frusti learned that "the head of all education has now said that every school student in Russia will receive a Bible."

According to Frusti, the director of the public schools in St. Petersburg has given permission to put up religious pictures and say prayers in the classrooms. "Russian teachers have asked our teachers to teach them the Bible," noted Frusti.

The concept of world Christians was just as important to the Russian people. In October, Frusti had the opportunity to speak at a brand new Lutheran church in St. Petersburg.

"I brought greetings from your brothers and sisters in Christ from the United States," he told the congregation. He said the grandmothers stood up and, with tears in their eyes, shouted, "Thank you. Thank you for bringing greetings from the U.S."

That brought to mind a very poignant thought of Frusti's own grandmother. His grandmother, told of how people would be sent to Siberia in her day for owning a Bible. Now she could see her own grandson go back to Russia to proclaim the word of God freely.

bid. Voters replaced them with longtime principal Francis "Bud" Winter and GM employee Richard LeBlanc.

Board member Andrew Spisak, who remained angry over O'Neill's dismissal, resigned when new Superintendent Thomas began his job. The board selected longtime school volunteer Sharon Felan as his successor. In July, board member Leonard Posey made history by becoming the first black and the first Inkster resident ever named as board president.

O'Neill's closest aide, Deputy Superintendent Thomas Sivkovich, left the district for a top job in Flint. His ties to the O'Neill administration weakened his chances for the Wayne-Westland superintendency.

In crime, Westland resident Charles Piper, 53, was found dead Jan. 5 at his motorcycle shop in Wayne, and a former employee was charged with murder. The case against Frederick Morris hasn't yet been tried.

### Van feud

The voice of Westland's senior citizens was heard — loudly — during a dispute over a tour bus that didn't have a handicap lift. Many wanted the lift, but many also said it would use up too much space on the bus. In the end, the city council ditched plans to buy the bus.

In environmental issues, some parents at Stottlemeyer Elementary became concerned when school officials disclosed that a clump of soil containing metals had been found on the playground. The finding raised fears of a contamination scare similar to the Livonia district's Cooper school, built on a toxic landfill. But soil tests at Stottlemeyer revealed no imminent health risks.

Drinking water at several Westland homes also was found to contain high levels of lead, and further studies are expected. City officials have downplayed the findings and said residents don't face any health threats.

Averting a strike, Wayne-Westland teachers ratified a contract giving them a 3-percent raise in 1992 and a 5-percent raise this year. The pact didn't rattle many residents, unlike the previous contract that gave teachers an 11.9-percent raise over two years.

The 11.9-percent raises sparked a citizens' recall effort against four board members. But the recall failed in early '92 because citizens didn't get enough valid signatures to place the issue on the ballot.

While in the nation's capitol, the students also will spend time sightseeing.

## The beat from page 1A

Judy Nouhan coaches the following Churchill All Stars: Brandy Bakita, Meghan Hannigan, Dawn Rice, Lisa Stevens and Stacey Maniko.

Dolores Mohammad coaches Franklin All Stars Mia Lawson and Robyn Angelosanto.

Liz Embree coaches the Stevenson All Stars: Suzy Sejfula, Sandra Munn, Jennifer Leutze,

Wendy Stefani, Jill Eupizi, Candice Vella, Krysta Blazaitis and Tonya Scott.

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# Swimming in synch much tougher than it looks

BY DIANE GALE  
SPECIAL WRITER

Swimmers in the Wayne-Westland YMCA's synchronization swim team say anyone who thinks what they do is easy is all wet.

"It takes flexibility, power and strength," according to Patti Poirer, a member of Michigan Synchro Masters, which took first place in the team competition at the IV World Masters Swimming Championships held recently in Indianapolis. The team includes swimmers from Garden City, Westland, Livonia and other communities.

Member Rhonda Madej warned spectators not to be fooled by the smiles on the swimmers' faces.

"It's very graceful and we have smiles on our faces," she said. "Our smiles don't support us — our legs and our arms do. Just because we're smiling doesn't mean we're not going through a lot of pain."

If you're trying to understand just how hard it is, a five-minute routine expends the same amount of energy as someone swimming one mile in five minutes. And consider that team members range in age from 24 to 67.

The eight-member world masters gold medal team included Kathy Kaminski and Rhonda Madej, both of Garden City; Debbie Hoepner, Marie Lambers, Scotti Nichols and Patti Poirer of Livonia; Peggy Brady of Birmingham; and Ruth Thompson of Port Huron.

The four-woman team of Barb Hayes of Northville, Joan Jasin of Canton, and Marie Stratton and Agnes Szeromski of Garden City placed sixth in the world masters.

More than 3,000 athletes representing 45 countries competed. For the first time, all five aquatic sports — speed swimming, long distance swimming, water polo, synchronized swimming and diving — were contested in one World Masters Championship.

It was also the first time the world masters was held in the United States. Previously, Australia, Japan and Brazil hosted the event.

It was an exceptional year for the Michigan Synchro masters team. They repeated as gold medalists in the team competi-

**■ 'Our smiles don't support us — our legs and our arms do. Just because we're smiling doesn't mean we're not going through a lot of pain.'**

Rhonda Madej

tion at the Masters Nationals Synchronized Swimming Championships held in Ft. Lauderdale last fall.

Nearly 250 athletes from all over the United States and Canada in age groups ranging from 20 to 80 years old competed in this year's nationals.

The winning eight-woman team was performed by Hoepner, Kaminski, Nichols, Thompson, and Nancy Szeromski and Carrie Pluczek of Garden City and Nancy Moore of Ann Arbor.

The team was rounded out by Mary Beth Windrath, a resident of Red Wing, Minn., who trained for the event by videotape. Windrath swam with some of the team members since they were children.

In solo competition, both Szeromski and Thompson took silver medals in their respective age groups.

Team members write their own routines, choose the music and coach themselves for months before competitions. Madej joked about listening to tapes in their cars and practicing some of the arm motions as they drive. They go through the routines on land before they take them to water.

"You have to practice over and over and over and over," Agnes Szeromski said.

Synchronized swimmers have to be "top notched athletes to do this sport," Lamberg said. "It looks so easy, but it's not so easy to keep 65 percent of your body above water."

"We want people to understand the sport, not make fun of it," Lamberg added.

Most team members began swimming together at a Garden City Parks and Recreation program when they were 9 or 10. Others got involved when their children swam. Eventually, they joined the team.



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Form displayed: The synchronized swim team, which includes women from Garden City and Westland, shows off during a practice at the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA pool.

"We do compete, but we do it because we love it," Poirer said. "It's fun."

Agnes Szeromski said she worries the sport will fade away from lack of interest. In fact, she said, their group is the only masters synchronized swimming group in the state.

"When my daughter swam there were 120 girls on the team," she said. "Then it went to 40 and it's down from there. It's a dying sport."

Participation doesn't come easy. "It takes five years to learn the sport and another five years to polish it," Szeromski said.

The group welcomes new male and female swimmers, who are at least 20. You don't have to know synchronized swimming to join. Interested persons may call the Y, 721-7044, for information.



In synch: The Michigan Synchro Masters squad consists of (front row from left) Nancy Szeromski, Agnes Szeromski, Scotti Nichols, Deby Hoepner, Kathy Kaminski and Carrie Pluczek; (back row, from left) Marie Stratton, Joan Jasin, Marie Lamberg, Rhonda Madej, Nancy Moore, Peggy Brady and Barb Hayes.

## Religious art gets home

BY CASEY HANS  
STAFF WRITER

The Very Rev. Parn Avedikian is proud of the many pieces of rich history he has collected over the past 20 years.

He's even more proud of the people that history represents.

"They lived their faith and they knew whatever talent they had, it was used to praise God," said the religious leader of St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield, which has been his pastoral home for the past 24 years.

In a new wing adjacent to the church, Avedikian stands before a myriad of tapestries, hand-woven lace clothing, well-used Armenian rugs and time-kissed holy artifacts. It's the church's new Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum of Armenian Art, the largest Armenian collection in North America, housed on the grounds of the church on Northwestern Highway. Avedikian is the museum's acting curator.

The 12,000-square-foot museum also features a room with Alex Manoogian's desk and other personal items which the 91-year-old entrepreneur and philanthropist has donated.

The Manoogians provided funding for the museum that bears their names.

Like the landmark 26-year-old bronze-topped church stands as a monument to the Armenian people, the hundreds of items filling the eight specialty galleries tell the story of Armenia from 9th Century B.C. to the early 20th

Century.

The galleries include: household and personal objects; paintings and sculpture; rugs and carpets; religious objects; textiles; early printed books, manuscripts; and ancient objects.

Avedikian has spent 20 years traveling the world and collecting these items. Now, he said, collectors of Armenia's heritage bring things to him.

"I know people feel you've done this, and that's it. But this is just the beginning. The important thing is this is what identifies us."

He called the museum project "a congealing factor" for both the Armenian and non-Armenian communities.

"I want my friend's child, his teacher, classmates or a neighbor to come and see — to know who we are. I think the museum is rich enough. It has enough substance for the scholars to come and study."

He worked in Washington, D.C. and New York state before coming to Southfield in the 1960s.

During his childhood years in Jerusalem, Avedikian said he was raised with an appreciation for Armenian art and the history of his people.

In that light, Avedikian is making a trip this week to Armenia, where he and four others from the church are taking 500 pounds of flour to help residents who have never recovered from the major Armenian earthquake four years ago.

"It's been four years. There's no light, no food, nothing gets there. Unfortunately, we just hear of Bosnia and Somalia."

He said the Southfield church has "tried to do something every year since the earthquake."

It is lessons like these that he hopes the museum will teach to those who visit it.

The "germ of an idea" for the museum here started in 1973 when a New York collector allowed the church to use part of his Armenian collection in an exhibit here.

"Immediately, it became clear we would collect artifacts," Avedikian said. "That's how the possibility of a museum became a plan."

Construction on the building wing started in 1986, with everything specially designed. Consultation in design and display was offered from the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The museum was dedicated with much fanfare earlier this month, including black tie dinners and a symposium of Armenian museums attended by 13 scholars from around the world.

The museum is now open to the public 1-6 p.m. weekdays and 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday with an admission fee of \$3 for adults and \$1 for students and children. A new Armenian library is also part of the facility.

An endowment fund has been established on a three-year pledge program to help pay for the museum operations.

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## Stingrays *from page 1A*

success to the enthusiasm of the coaches and the parents' booster support group. "We have a very strong team concept. There's a lot of dedication for everyone involved."

The Stingrays are matched against other swimmers of the same sex and age group. They practice four nights weekly.

The team includes swimmers from 5 years old through high school age.

Winning isn't the only goal. "It teaches the child self discipline, goal setting with not so much emphasis on winning," according to McNellis, a Westland resident.

"Every child always gets a ribbon. And a lot of times that's all they care about that they got a ribbon and not so much what place they were in," said McNellis, who started with the YMCA nine years ago as a morning life guard. He worked in various positions on both a volunteer and pay basis.

Swimming, like all Y programs, has a lot to offer families, McNellis said.

"The YMCA is catering to the family needs of today's society," he said. "I can't overemphasize

the family bonding and the YMCA program. It's a wholesome atmosphere for a 'fit' mind, body and spirit."

Children and adults involved with the YMCA back up the claims.

"We've met so many nice people — the YMCA is really good for that," according to Laura Hubel of Westland. Her daughter, Mandy swims on the Stingrays.

"It keeps them out of trouble," she said. "We have a very dedicated coaching team. The coaches encourage good sportsmanship."

The Y should not be confused with health clubs, McNellis said, adding that the organization also offers community service programs, like one that teaches children and adults basic swimming techniques. The classes are in April and the lessons are only \$5.

"We try to be a good place to bring the family together to enjoy the benefits of improving yourself."

Y organizers also are eager to begin programs for senior citizens and teenagers, McNellis said, adding that he welcomes suggestions.

For information about Y programs, call 721-7044.



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In the swim: Stingray team members Kristyn Peterson (left), 6, of Westland and Jennie Palmer, 8, of Garden City take a break at a recent practice.

## Tree trimming on the way

Detroit Edison's line clearance program, which trimmed 800,000 trees in 1992, will move into the community and 42 others in January during the third year of an accelerated program to improve electric service.

The program is part of the company's \$236 million reliability improvement plan to reduce the number of power outages and storm damage restoration time.

Line clearance is aimed at maintaining a 10-foot clearance between tree branches and wires. A study of areas where line clearance work has been completed indicates a 33 percent reduction in outages.

Accelerated tree trimming and other improvement projects systemwide have reduced the number of outages more than 40 percent in the last 12 months and the length of outages 64 percent.

"There is definitely a correlation between tree trimming and our ability to provide safe, reliable electric service," said Robert J. Buckler, senior vice

president, Energy Marketing and Distribution.

"The efforts of the past year have already begun to pay off for our customers in the form of fewer and shorter outages."

Detroit Edison will spend \$101 million through 1993 on line clearance to prevent trees from growing into electrical wires, which is a major source of outages, especially during wind and ice storms.

All work is performed by professional line-clearance crews. Trees are trimmed according to National Arborist Association standards, which are designed to protect the trees and keep them healthy.

The utility's reliability improvement program also includes adding lightning protection and new circuits, and replacing worn or damaged equipment. A new customer communication center and toll-free telephone number was started earlier this year.

The tree-trimming program will continue through February.

## City offers smoking cessation clinic

Dr. Arthur Weaver will return to Livonia for a stop-smoking clinic.

The clinic, sponsored by the city of Livonia community resources department, will begin Wednesday, Dec. 30, under the leadership of Dr. Weaver, thoracic

surgeon, through Better Living Seminars.

The clinic will be 7:30-9 p.m. in the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile just east of Farmington Road. The program will consist of seven evening sessions, as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 30, "Getting Ready to Quit"; Monday, Jan. 4, through Friday, Jan. 8, "Kicking the Habit"; and Monday, Jan. 11, "Success!", graduation.

There is no charge for the sessions but donations may be made

at the end of the clinic. Participants who wish to succeed should attend all seven sessions.

For information, contact the Livonia Information and Complaint Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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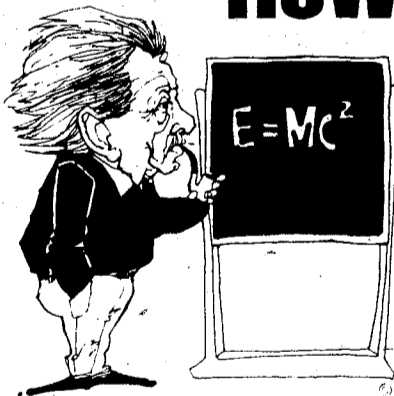
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# Faction tries to oust commission chair

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission will likely have one of its noisiest meetings of the year Tuesday as a group of renegade commissioners attempt to oust the chairman and change the rules that give him more power than they think he should have. In a relatively hush-hush campaign, a group of suburban commissioners is plotting to overthrow Chairman Arthur Blackwell, D-Detroit, and replace him with someone else, according to conversations with several commissioners. As phone calls shot back and forth between this commissioner and that commissioner last week, stealthy negotiations proceeded while leaders of the coup tried to rustle up enough votes to either demote Blackwell to a mere commissioner, or force

him to accept major rule changes.

Commissioner Bryan Amann, D-Wayne, referred to all the phone calls as "a lot of foreplay" and said, "Everybody's waiting to see who shows up at the dance with each partner."

Also, new commissioners Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, will be sworn in Tuesday and take part in the meeting.

Amann referred to this process as, "One day getting sworn in and two years getting sworn at."

The meeting is set to begin at 2 p.m. (they usually start at least 30 minutes late) in the 13th-floor auditorium of the City-County Building on Woodward in downtown Detroit.

# Test your skill County quiz makes fun of everything

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

Here it is: The first-annual So You Think You Know Wayne County quiz.

1. The executive of Wayne County is . . .  
a. Ed McNamara  
b. Yogi Berra  
c. Coleman Young  
d. Loretta Young  
answer: a. But give yourself half a point for b because a looks like b.

2. Ninety percent of Wayne County politicians . . .

a. Give the other 10 percent a bad name.  
b. Are running for mayor of Detroit next year.  
c. Drive county cars.  
d. Outnumber the county's bank tellers.  
answer: This is a politically liberal question. All the answers are right.

3. Wayne County can best be described as . . .

a. The third most affluent county in the nation.  
b. Oakland County's southern neighbor.  
c. The home of Garden City.  
d. The home of the Detroit Lions and Detroit Pistons.  
answer: b. Oakland County is a and d.

4. The Wayne County commissioners are famous for . . .

a. Their admiration of the county executive.  
b. Their purchase of Girl Scout cookies for jail inmates.  
c. Their elevation of politics to an art form, making them eligible for federal arts grants.  
d. Their uncanny ability to provide the Observer with one great story after another.  
answer: b, but you could make a good case for c and d.

5. A good slogan for Wayne County would be . . .

a. Home of the traffic jam.  
b. Home of the stick-up.  
c. Home of a lot of people who work in Oakland County.  
d. Taxation with representation is tyranny, too.  
answer: c, but you get half a point for a and d.

6. Suggested noise-abatement procedures for Metro Airport include . . .

a. Requiring all flights to take off

and land at Detroit City Airport.  
b. Buying out hundreds of homeowners in Romulus and Huron Township.  
c. Restricting airport use to gliders only.  
d. Taking the airliners in and out of the airport on trucks so they can take off and land somewhere else.  
answer: b, but d doesn't sound too bad.

7. A common misconception about Wayne County is that . . .

a. It's nuts, absolutely nuts.  
b. The only city in it is Detroit.  
c. Its ordinances, if dropped in the Detroit River, would flood south-east Michigan.  
d. It's a nice place to live.  
answer: b, but c hasn't been tested yet.

8. Wayne County has the most in common with the following places.

a. Lebanon and the Riviera.  
b. Sarajevo and San Diego.

c. South Central Los Angeles and Paris.  
d. Detroit and Livonia.  
answer: d, but it's a trick question.

9. Drivers on Ford Road at 5 p.m. should bring the following with them:

a. A good book.  
b. A hand-held sign that says, "Thanks a lot, buddy."  
c. A 2,000-piece jigsaw puzzle.  
d. Hand grenades.  
answer: a, because there's not enough room in a typical car for c.

10. Making a left turn onto Middlebelt Road at 5 p.m. . . .

a. Is illegal.  
b. Is impossible.  
c. Qualifies one for the title of "thrill seeker."  
d. Jack Kevoorkian's latest method of assisted suicide.  
answer: c, but give yourself half a point for b.

# Battery deposit delayed

The deposit system on lead acid batteries has been delayed for at least two years, according to Roland Harmes, director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Senate Bill 1119 extends the deadline from Jan. 1, 1993, to Jan. 1, 1995. The additional time will allow the DNR to verify retailers' claims that lead acid batteries already are being collected and recycled at rates exceeding 90 percent, said Harmes.

"If our monitoring efforts bear this out, then there will not be a need for a deposit system," said Harmes.

It is illegal to dispose of lead acid batteries in landfills, waste-to-energy incinerators or by any other means. They must be returned to a retailer, distributor, manufacturer, collector, recycling or smelting facility approved by the DNR. Lead acid batteries are the types found in automobiles, motorcycles, boats, snowmobiles, etc.

"Retailers and others on the verge of having to institute a battery deposit collection system have maintained that it is not necessary, as recycling efforts are already very successful," said Harmes.

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Experience indicates that you obtain possibly 2-3 months of relief, then your arthritis returns. The benefit does not match the expense of arthroscopy or the hazard that comes with the anesthesia the operation needs.

Arthroscopy also permits the physician to see ligaments and cartilage tears and assess the extent of arthritis. However, advances in visualizing joints, particularly Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) provide an alternative that is less expensive and without risk.

Where arthroscopy remains useful in arthritis is to permit the orthopedist to undertake repair of limited tissue damage that adds to the arthritis already present.

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Politics won't allow reform of state's judiciary

Jim Ryan's prediction for 1993 was discouraging. "It's not politically expedient," said the veteran jurist.

We were talking about a plan to unify circuit, probate and district courts into a single trial court in Michigan. Every trial judge would handle every kind of case.

The recommendation came two years ago from the Commission on the Courts in the 21st Century. That group was established by a resolution co-sponsored by a senator named John Engler.

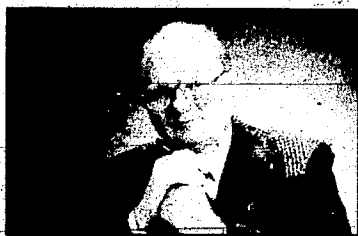
Oakland Circuit Judge Barry Howard of West Bloomfield and former judge Robert B. Webster of Birmingham were on it. Wayne County people included Circuit Judge Sam Gardner and the new county clerk, Teola Hunter. Big union people like Ernie Lofton

and William C. Marshall signed on.

Ryan is what they call a judge's judge. After graduating from University of Detroit law school and serving in the Navy's judge advocate general corps, he practiced law with a young Livonian named Daniel Burress, now a Livingston County circuit judge.

At 31, Ryan was elected a justice of the peace in Redford Township under the old 19th century system. He moved up to Wayne circuit judge in 1968 and the Michigan Supreme Court in 1975. Now he is a judge of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, second highest in the land. He teaches at schools for judges. President Reagan made a mistake, in my view, when he bypassed Ryan for William Rehnquist for U.S. chief justice.

So when Ryan said unifying the trial



TIM RICHARD

courts "would heighten efficiency," I listened.

"There is no jurisprudential reason for a multiplicity of courts. Our system is extremely inefficient. But there is a political reluctance to put supervisory authority into the Supreme Court."

So why do we continue with a system where Joe Six-Pack doesn't know

which court has jurisdiction over an \$11,000 civil suit or why a murderous juvenile is silently swallowed up by a probate court?

Ryan quoted state Justice Charles Levin, "When everybody's in charge, nobody's in charge."

Of the 21st Century Commission's recommendation, Ryan observed, "These proposals have been made in Michigan, not frequently but regularly. The press supports most consolidation plans, but the Legislature rejects them. They (legislators) are made to believe that it's a good thing for district judges to remain close to the people."

Retiring Redford District Judge John Dillon, an old friend and associate of Ryan, favors a unified trial court. "I've sat in Circuit Court many times. Why not? We went to the same law

schools and read the same books," Dillon said, adding it would give judges more variety.

So we continue: Circuit courts handle major civil lawsuits and criminal cases, though somehow Detroit's Records Court and Ingham's Court of Claims get into the act; probate handles wills, adoptions, delinquency, neglect and abuse cases; district courts handle misdemeanors, pre-trial exams in criminal cases and civil cases up to \$10,000, though the circuit court can kick back (remand) larger cases.

No change in the judiciary in 1993. It's starting to sound like the school finance reform story.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. To leave a voice mail message for him from a touchtone phone, dial 953-2047 mailbox 1881.

# Reader mail helps to end year on cheery note

A new year means taking a look back and forward and maybe even making a couple of New Year's resolutions.

Well, the other day I took a look back at letters, most of it hate mail, I received in 1992. I thought about the criticism for a while and decided to make no other New Year's resolution than to catch that elusive 15-inch brook trout on the Fox River.

Here's a sampling of what folks had to say:

But then, I never said Jeff shouldn't be allowed to express his honest opinion. I merely meant to point out that the man is a stark raving jerk.

From a column by James Radebaugh, Observer & Eccentric copy editor

Mr. Counts' writings encourage the darker side of the human situation, fostering bigotry and general disdain for seemingly all but whiskey-drinking, cigarette-smoking white southern males. Should his columns continue, I see him progressing from a raving jerk to societal menace.

Sally Bila, Plymouth

When I read Jeff Counts' column on whiskey drinking white males, I took it to be a piece of humor directed at this current, politically correct piety. So far as I could tell, his column did not contain any insult to any person or group.

Joseph Armstrong, Birmingham

I can only say, if Jeff Counts' writings reflect the result of education in the



JEFF COUNTS

public school system, (I hope he attended private schools), our public schools are really in trouble.

Ken Kubeck, Plymouth

People live life each day, Mr. Counts.

They know what hard work is. Many "modern day" people are dealing daily with substance abuse in one way or another. They know firsthand, why rub it in.

Susan M. Smith, Greenfield Village employee

If Jeff Counts wants mob-rule and harassment, why not move to where they have it. I can no longer afford your paper. Cancel my subscription at once.

Graham B. Durling, Livonia

Mr. Counts, if you would teach your children to go out and help us seniors mow our lawns, shovel our snow, paint up and fix up our homes, then maybe, us old coots could afford more of our Social Security money to pay teachers

to care for your children which you don't seem able to do yourself.

Ernest Alley, Garden City

Get a load of your picture! One could childishly cite, "Hemingwayesque character," macho loudmouth, etc., bragging name-dropping, lackluster dodo who must belittle another to make himself look grand.

Jacqueline Powell, Birmingham

Thanks for the encouragement, I'll try to live up to folks' expectations during 1993.

Jeff Counts is the editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observer Newspapers and values his hate mail. His telephone number is (313) 459-2700.

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# Back to Congress

## Ford says Clinton team ready for action

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
and SUSAN ROSIEK  
STAFF WRITERS

Like most Democrats these days, U.S. Rep. William Ford hasn't stopped grinning since Bill Clinton was elected president of the United States.

After 12 years of under Republican presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, Ford anticipates a real happy time with the incoming Clinton Administration. The veteran Congressman noted that Clinton has surrounded himself with a competent group of cabinet members and advisors.

"And, he's got a good Congress to work with," said Ford, adding that some 80 percent of new members have been in government or have experience in public service.

Like a head football coach before the season begins, he makes it sound as if Clinton will take us all the way to the Super Bowl.

"For 12 year's I've been returning punts and suddenly I've got a coach on the bench that's going to let us pass. He'll be leading in the plays from the bench and it's up to us to try to execute them. You get sick and tired of playing defense all the time."

Although Ford originally supported Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin in the Democratic primary, he's sol-



Bill Ford  
D-Ypsilanti

**'For 12 year's I've been returning punts and suddenly I've got a coach on the bench that's going to let us pass.'**

idly in Clinton's corner. He makes the president-elect sound like the second coming of John F. Kennedy.

"The president-elect is very much a hands-on person who involves himself very much in the issues and constantly amazes me," Ford said. "He constantly amazes members of congress with how much substance he has on all these things he's talking about."

"There's an aura around this guy," said Ford, adding that the president-elect listens well and asks a lot of questions.

Even Hillary Clinton "never ceases to amaze" Ford. "Every

time (my wife) Mary and I met them we came away higher on both of them," he said.

As chairman of the House education and labor committee, Ford expects to work closely with Clinton's labor secretary-designate, Robert Reich.

Ford said he likes Reich's ideas about training displaced workers "so they can take these more skilled jobs and go as technology goes and we get a high wage work force in this country again. There are still some old fashioned thinkers who believe that it doesn't matter what kind of job you get somebody out of school as

long as you get them a job."

Ford also responded to recent reports that General Motors doesn't really save any money by closing the Willow Run Chevrolet Caprice plant and building that car in Arlington, Texas.

"We make no bones about the fact that we break our backs trying to protect the auto industry," he said. "But damn it, don't lie to us and don't lie to Bill Ford out there in Ypsilanti, in my district. The move (to Texas) didn't save money according to their own internal documents."

However, Ford said he doesn't want to start an "unnecessary war" with General Motors "and give them an excuse to say we've got a hostile congressman and move that (other big plant) out. It would be popular for a couple weeks if I just kicked the crap out of General Motors, call them a lousy company and so on, (but) I can't just go flailing around and say, 'Take your damn business and go someplace else.'"

Ford said Clinton is "ready to go once he's sworn in." Look for action on family leave "right away."

"There's an aura around this guy and people are reacting positively."

"I'll be a footnote but he'll make make history," said Ford.

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# TASTE

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### TASTE BUDS



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## Fork-tender stew hearty winter meal

Invited some good friends over last weekend, and while on the phone extending the invite, was asked the usual "what are you preparing?"

When I responded "stew," the phone went silent for what seemed to be forever. Let's face it, most folks don't go to a chef's house to slish stew.

But the stewing rage is resurfacing again. Personally speaking, I can't say I remember it sinking. The Janes Gang was raised on stew. Later on, in cooking school, stew was called ragout, paprikash and goulash. Now again, "stew" seems to be the proper colloquial term to identify a savory blend of potatoes, vegetables and the most tender meat you can sink your teeth into.

Think about it — what else can be made ahead, reheated, mistreated and still come out tasting lovely? Most folks think that just because stew is so reliable that it doesn't belong on the tables of the food connoisseur. To them I say — "let them eat liver!"

### Momma's method

Momma used to get out the old pressure cooker and precook an English blade cut roast that couldn't have set her back more than about \$2 then, and with a few vegetables and potatoes, and the best bread-soakin gravy ever, a hearty meal was offered to all.

Some nights we dined "fancy style" and served the stew over rice or noodles. Even fancier was when she made a pie crust and wrapped the stew in pastry for what we would thankfully call a "shepherd's pie."

The French are noted for their excellence in stew making. Their process utilizes two main French ingredients that have fallen by the wayside in this day of microwave and boxed cake mixes, namely — wine and time.

While interesting herbs and spices, fresh vegetables and the discreet use of wine can make a fabulous stew, the true success lies solely in the method of cooking. A stew that has boiled on high power with as much agitation as a washing machine will cook no faster than one gently urged on the simmer setting.

Everyone knows that boiled meat will prove to be tough and stringy and the gravy will be muddy with the flavors "boiled out."

Always simmer with wine for several hours so that the true taste of the vino can "marry" the remaining flavors into a rich, happy family.

Of course, other liquids can be used for braising, such as beer, cider, broth and fresh vegetable juices.

### The right pot

Now, I'm not talking crock-pot cookery here folks, however, such an electrical contraption is acceptable when you just can't get your hands on a big, old, heavy cast iron Dutch oven.

Le Creuset makes an affordable enameled cast iron Dutch oven that not only makes the best stews but can double for just about anything from a casserole to a soup pot. Smaller families or singles can even cook a great stew in ovenproof casseroles like Pyrex. The secret here is keeping it covered so that all the flavors and juices stay intact.

When preparing stew, a "skin" that usually forms on the top of the pot while cooking can be removed. Allowing a large pot to simmer for hours will not only produce this so called "skin" but also will surface an oil or grease slick.

A gravy ladle or bent oversized kitchen spoon works best to remove this without the overmixing that could turn a tender pot of stew into barbecue helper.

### Thickening stews

When it comes to thickening, I personally don't feel the need to make everything as thick as 20W 50 motor oil. Some people like a substantial sauce and use a roux to accomplish this.

Mamma sufficed with dissolving flour in milk and whisking through a sieve so as not to get any lumps. I guess if it was truly necessary, I would thicken the stew with some cooked, pureed vegetables or incorporate the silky-rich taste of cream and egg yolks.

Whatever your preference, fork-tender meat and vegetables in a luscious sauce can be an easy accomplishment to a busy cook.

And the only way to serve a homemade stew is with some crusty bread that is ripped apart with the hands rather than sliced by a machine.

I like those inexpensive baguettes from some of the major grocery store's bakeries that are brushed with an egg white, then sprinkled with salt and warmed in the oven until crisp on the outside yet still flaky tender on the inside.

See Larry Janes' family-tested recipes inside. To leave a message for Chef Larry, dial 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1886.

## TEEN HAS APPETITE FOR healthy food

It's the new year, and a lot of people are resolving to eat healthier foods this year. High school senior Amy Underwood will help you get started.

BY GERI RINSCHLER  
SPECIAL WRITER

If you've ever written a cookbook or volunteered your time to assist on a cookbook committee, you know publishing a collection of recipes is no easy task. Now picture yourself in high school, captain of the varsity women's tennis team, member of the lacrosse team, editor of the school yearbook, an all-around busy teenager and publishing a cookbook. Well, in the summer that's exactly what Amy Underwood of Birmingham, a senior at Detroit Country Day School, accomplished.

"The No Red Meat Cookbook — a low fat approach to healthy eating," was not a project which Amy took lightly.

"I'm into healthy eating and I love to cook," she said. Those are two good reasons for writing a cookbook, but Underwood was also looking for a project that was fun and worthwhile.

Independent of her family, she made a decision to stop eating red meat while in the sixth grade after learning that a dear friend of her dad's had died of a heart attack.

Her dad's friend loved "junk food," she said. The experience redefined her lifestyle.

"I stopped eating red meat and ice cream and lessened my intake of fatty foods. I ate more fruits and vegetables and read lots of literature on eating healthy."

As she researched, she kept her family informed of the latest information on eating healthy.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cookbook author: Amy Underwood, a senior at Detroit Country Day School, features healthy dishes like Black Beans and Rice in the newly published "Eat No Red Meat Cookbook."

In the forward of her cookbook, she credits her Mom, Linda, who encouraged her to cook when she was young.

"She has inspired me to create new and different recipes while finding healthier alternatives for others," she said. As you page through the book, you'll notice contributions from a number of Underwood's extended family.

"My relatives have spent hours looking for old family recipes."

All of the recipes in the book have been tested, and with the assistance of a friend, Tammy Dowd, a nutritionist, include calculated nutrition information.

The calorie, fat, protein and carbohydrate calculations included with each recipe were based on Jean A. T.

Pennington's Food Values of Portions Commonly Used, nutritional information from food product labels, and the computer software program "Diet Analyzer 2.0.1." by Natural Software Limited.

The recipes focus on poultry, fish and dried beans as tasty alternatives to red meat. She says the Cream of Carrot Soup is her favorite and suggests East Indian Chicken Curry and Confetti Cheese Ravioli to folks buying her book.

Not every recipe is low-fat, and they can, for the most part, be found in the dessert chapter. Because of her interest in children, she selected the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation as the beneficiary of proceeds from the sale of the book. The book is available at a

variety of stores including Borders Bookstore in Ann Arbor, Birmingham and Novi, Barnes and Noble in Rochester, and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Southfield. She will be signing books noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 in the kitchen shop at Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham. The book costs \$12.

Linda Devore, a registered dietitian at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is enthused about high school students like Underwood taking a serious interest in healthy eating.

But on the flip side, she is concerned about the increasing number of eating disorders.

See TEEN, 2B

## Gourmet cuisine-to-go shop is dream come true

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Dreams do come true, if you believe in them, and work to make them happen. Such is the story of husband and wife team Anastasios "Tasso" and Carol Bozadzis of Farmington Hills who opened Tassos Epicurean Cuisine, Inc. in November 1991.

The gourmet cuisine-to-go shop at 6887 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield has been successful, and Tasso is thinking about his next projects.

"I would like to write a cookbook with recipes for flavorful dishes made with healthy, natural foods, and develop my own cooking school to train chefs to work in exclusive restaurants," he said.

Bozadzis is a dreamer, and a doer. Born in Greece, he moved to the United States and studied chemical engineering at Wayne State University in Detroit.

"I've been cooking since I was four," he said. "This was the long-term goal: Get an education, become independent, and open my own business."

His job took him, his wife, Carol, and their youngest son, Christopher, to Saudia Arabia for 8½ years. "In Saudia Arabia the only form of entertainment was to entertain friends at home. We offered cooking classes, and would have a sit down meal afterward," they said.

Shortly after, Tasso decided to pursue the Grand Diplome from Le Cordon Bleu Ecole de Cuisine et de Patisserie in Paris. Carol also attended Le Cordon Bleu and studied patisserie (pastry) cuisine.

With their training completed, the couple moved back to the metro Detroit area, and began making plans to open their own shop.

"We prepare food here the way we do at home — something nice without being expensive," said Carol Bozadzis.

The menu reflects Tasso's Greek heritage and features new versions of French and continental dishes such as Spinach Cheese pie, Tarte Provencale, Chicken Dijon and Vegetarian Moussaka.

There are also a variety of dishes that have been authorized by Henry Ford Hospital as "Heart Smart," including black bean salad, lentil salad,

### CHEF'S SECRETS



DAN DEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Epicurean cuisine: Carol and Anastasios "Tasso" Bozadzis present Vegetable/Basil French Tart, Mosaic of Vegetables and Rice Royale, available at their shop.

and Orange Roughy baked with fesh tomato, vegetables and herbs.

With its European cafe atmosphere, marble topped tables, and wrought iron bistro chairs for those who can't wait to sample the delicious entrees, salads, and pastries, Tassos is gaining a reputation for quality food. They cater weddings and parties, and have participated in numerous area fund-raising events. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call 539-0110.

**Family:**

Tasso and Carol have two grown sons. Nicholas lives in New York and attends the Rochester Institute of Technology. Christopher attends Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, and helps out part-time at the shop.

**What's a normal dinner at your house?**

"We eat a lot of fruits and vegetables, and combinations of seafood. For dinner we might have chicken breast with a nice sauce, salad and a glass of wine," said Tasso.

**Cooking philosophy**

"Food is one of the most pleasant experiences. We associate it with pleasant events, gatherings with close friends and family. Food shows the character of the individual. It's a way of expressing your feelings," said Tasso.

**What's your favorite food?**

"I like bouillabaisse," said Tasso. "It's excellent."

**How have food tastes changed?**

"People are asking how much oil, cheese, butter. People are more knowledgeable about food and choosy," said Tasso.

**Cooking advice.**

"Utilize products that Mother Nature gives us without any artificial flavors. Everything is available. Leave the imagination free to develop the flavors of food."

See recipe inside. Tasso said his "Blanc De Turbot Aux Aromates" (Fillet of Sole with Aromatic Vegetables) is an excellent dish that's low in fat. Yet it's very tasty so you wouldn't think you were dieting.



# Pound cake darkened with cocoa, flavored with orange peel

AP — Familiarly flavored with vanilla, or orange or lemon zest, Anne Willan's recipe for pound cake is darkened with cocoa and flavored with candied orange peel. Make your own orange peel or use commercial peel. If the commercial peel seems dry, soak it in boiling water for 5 to 10 minutes, then drain and dry before chopping. The recipe is from Willan's "Look & Cook Chocolate Desserts" (Dorling Kindersley, \$19.95).

## CHOCOLATE ORANGE POUND CAKE

For the pound cake:  
 4 ounces candied orange peel  
 Butter and flour for the pan  
 1 cup flour  
 3 tablespoons cocoa powder  
 2 teaspoons baking powder  
 Salt  
 ¾ cup unsalted butter  
 1 cup granulated sugar  
 3 eggs  
 For the orange icing:

½ cup confectioners' sugar  
 2 to 3 teaspoons orange juice  
 Reserve several pieces of the orange peel for decoration. Finely chop the rest. Heat the oven to 350 degrees F.  
 Using 2 to 3 tablespoons of melted butter, brush the inside of an 8¼- by 4½- by 3-inch loaf pan. Make sure the bottom and top edges are covered. Line the pan with parchment paper. Butter the parchment paper and flour, tapping out excess.

Sift the 1 cup flour into a medium bowl with the cocoa powder, baking powder and a pinch of salt. Set aside.  
 With an electric mixer, cream the butter. Add the 1 cup sugar and continue beating until light and fluffy, about 2 to 3 minutes. Add the eggs, one by one, to the butter and sugar mixture, beating thoroughly with the electric mixer after each addition. The butter and sugar mixture will gradually lighten as the sugar dissolves. If the mixture begins to separate while adding the eggs, heat the bowl gently over hot water.  
 With a rubber spatula, stir the finely chopped orange peel evenly into the batter. Stir the flour mixture into the batter until just mixed. Transfer the batter to the

prepared loaf pan. Tap the pan on the table to level the surface of the batter and knock out large air bubbles.  
 Bake the pound cake in a 350-degree F oven until it shrinks slightly from the sides of the pan and a skewer or wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 50 to 60 minutes. While the cake is baking, make the orange icing.  
 To make the icing, sift the ½ cup confectioners' sugar into a small bowl and stir in enough of the orange juice to make a soft paste. Adjust the consistency of the icing by adding more confectioners' sugar if the icing is too thin or more orange juice if it is too thick.  
 Set the bowl containing the icing over a saucepan of hot, not simmer-

ing, water, and heat until the icing is warm and will pour easily from the spoon. Keep the icing warm.  
 Remove the cake from the oven. Run a small knife around the sides of the warm cake to loosen it, then transfer to a wire rack, with a tray below the rack to catch the drips from the icing. Strip the paper from the cake.  
 Pour the warm icing over the cake. Decorate the top with the reserved pieces of candied orange peel. Leave until the cake is cool and the icing has set. To serve, transfer the cake to a serving plate and cut into thin slices. Makes 1 loaf cake.  
 Note: The cake can be stored up to one week in an airtight container.

## Don't get sick, eat healthy foods



KEELY WYGONIK

Happy New Year everyone! Am I alone, or are you making a new year resolution to eat healthier foods this year, too? Being sick, and feeling run-down is not much fun. Yours truly caught two of the viruses that have been buzzing around. I got zapped in October and again in mid-December.

They say you are what you eat, and it's better to spend your money on good food rather than good doctors, so join me in making 1993 a healthier one.

Feel free to call any time, 953-2105 to suggest story ideas and express your opinions about what you read in Taste. Next week, special writer Joan Boram will tell you more about foods that heal like garlic.

As the year begins, the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan has issued its top 10 predictions for what you'll see in stores, and what direction the food industry will take in 1993.

Joe Sarafa, Associated Food Dealers of Michigan executive director, has good news — he says the increased competition and economic conditions will work to keep food costs down, while increased label information will make us more aware of what we eat. Here are his predictions.

Food costs will go down in 1993. Double coupons, up to 50 cents will continue, but we won't see as much doubling at higher levels as we saw this year.

Expect a continued decline in the number of convenience stores. Fast foods in the supermarket and convenience stores will continue to become more popular.

The vast majority of people employed in the food industry will be part-timers, usually between the ages of 25 and 54.

New product introductions will be down.

Scanners will increase in the supermarket industry at a faster pace as the cost of implementing this high-technology product will be substantially decreased. Other gizmos, like cashierless cash registers; calculators on shopping carts and TVs at the check-out, will also experience some growth.

Manufacturers and grocers are working together to increase the

amount and improve the kind of information consumers get at both the point of sale and on the label.

Some consumer advocacy group will find something wrong with something we eat. Most often we will find out a few months later that the information and data were flawed.

Tobacco and alcoholic beverages will cost more in 1993, mostly as a result of hidden federal and state taxes.

Betty Crocker tip of the week: Try substituting shredded or finely chopped vegetables, such as carrots, cabbage or zucchini, for some of the meat next time you make burgers or meat loaf. You'll add extra vitamins, fiber and flavor and cut the fat in your recipes.

## Chef shares fish recipe

See related story on Taste front.

### BLANC DE TURBOT AUX AROMATES (FILET OF SOLE WITH AROMATIC VEGETABLES)

2 pounds Brill or Sole  
 2 garlic cloves  
 3 large basil leaves  
 20 chive leaves — fresh  
 2 medium tomatoes — peeled and seeded  
 ½ cup olive oil  
 juice of ½ lemon

2 shallots  
 5 ounces red pepper  
 3 ounces green pepper  
 2 ounces yellow pepper  
 10 black olives  
 10 green olives  
 1 small zucchini squash  
 1 celery stick

Cut all vegetables in ½-inch cubes. Mix vegetables with salt, lemon juice, olive oil, 5-7 leaves of basil and garlic, cut in large slices. Set aside.

Pat fish fillets dry with paper towel. Season with salt, pepper, few drops of lemon and oil. Place 2-3 small leaves of basil and sheared chives on each fillet and wrap in Saran wrap.

Steam wrapped fillets for approximately five minutes.

Warm mixed vegetables. Unwrap fillets and serve on a bed of raw baby spinach leaves topped with warm vegetables, sprinkle with tomatoes.

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# Smart snacking strategy will help you stay on your diet

It's true. Snacking can be a smart strategy when you're on a diet, provided the snacks you choose offer more in the way of nutrition than just calories.

According to Mary Mullen, a Chicago area dietitian who works with individuals on weight control diets, a downfall of many dieters is eating sparingly all day (or even skipping meals) and then over-eating in the evening. A better strategy is to spread calories out, thereby keeping blood sugar levels steady so you don't feel hungry all the time.

The way people snack can be as important as what and when they snack, notes Mullen. The follow-

ing snacking smart strategies can help you achieve the maximum benefits snacking has to offer.

Don't skip breakfast. Breakfast skippers tend to over-eat later in the day. If you're not hungry when you wake up, pack a piece of fruit, a rice cake or low-fat yogurt to eat at your desk.

Think of a snack as an important component of your diet rather than an "extra." Snacks should provide a variety of essential nutrients including vitamins and minerals, protein and complex carbohydrates.

Keep portions small. While a full size bagel or muffin would be

appropriate for breakfast, the miniature versions are sized just right for snacks.

Match the snack to the activity. If you're an arm chair athlete, choose a low-fat snack like pretzels. If you're going to be physically active, a snack that's more substantial such as whole-grain crackers with a reduced fat cheese and a small apple will provide the energy you'll need.

Snack only when you are actually hungry. Sometimes we interpret boredom or feeling blue as hunger. Before munching, drink a glass of water, walk around the block or get involved in another activity.

Plan ahead. Keep "good for you" snacks on hand that require no preparation. Bowls filled with fruit or containers of vegetables in the refrigerator, ready-to-eat cereals that are low in fat and sugar, fat free/sugar-free yogurt, rice cakes, frozen fruit juice bars and mini bagels are just a few examples.

Because you never know when the next urge to snack will strike — watching a movie on the VCR, before a late afternoon sales meeting, or when the kids walk in the door after school — be prepared with a wholesome, great tasting snack mix you can make yourself in minutes.

Two snacks, both created in the Quaker Kitchens, start with puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal.

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Garlic Cheese Munch offers lots of crunch and a flavor combination that, until now, dieters could only dream of — all for just 80 calories per cup.

Rum Raisin Snack Mix will satisfy the sweetest sweet tooth. Reduced calorie margarine is the secret to keeping fat low in both mixes, and it helps distribute the flavorings.

Both of these snack mixes can be made in the microwave oven or baked conventionally. And they can be stored tightly covered for up to a week.

## GARLIC CHEESE MUNCH

2 tablespoons diet margarine  
2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese

1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt  
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
6 cups Quaker puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal

Add margarine to large microwaveable bowl. Microwave at High for 20 to 30 seconds or until melted. Stir in Parmesan cheese, garlic powder, garlic salt, hot pepper sauce and lemon juice; mix well. Add cereal, stirring until evenly coated. Microwave at High 1 minute 30 seconds; stir. Microwave an additional 1 minute to 1 minutes 30 seconds or until cereal no longer appears wet. If desired, sprinkle with additional Parmesan cheese while warm. Serve warm or let cool. Store tightly covered.

Conventional oven directions:

Melt margarine in a 13 by 9-inch pan in preheated 250 degree oven. Stir in Parmesan cheese, garlic powder, garlic salt, hot pepper sauce and lemon juice; mix well. Stir in cereal. Bake 20 minutes, stirring once after 10 minutes. If desired, sprinkle with additional Parmesan cheese.

Nutritional information per serving (1 cup): Calories: 80, Protein 3g, Carbohydrate 11 g, Total Fat 3g, Cholesterol 0mg, Dietary Fiber 1 g, Sodium 250 mg. Percent calories from fat: 29 percent.

## RUM RAISIN SNACK MIX

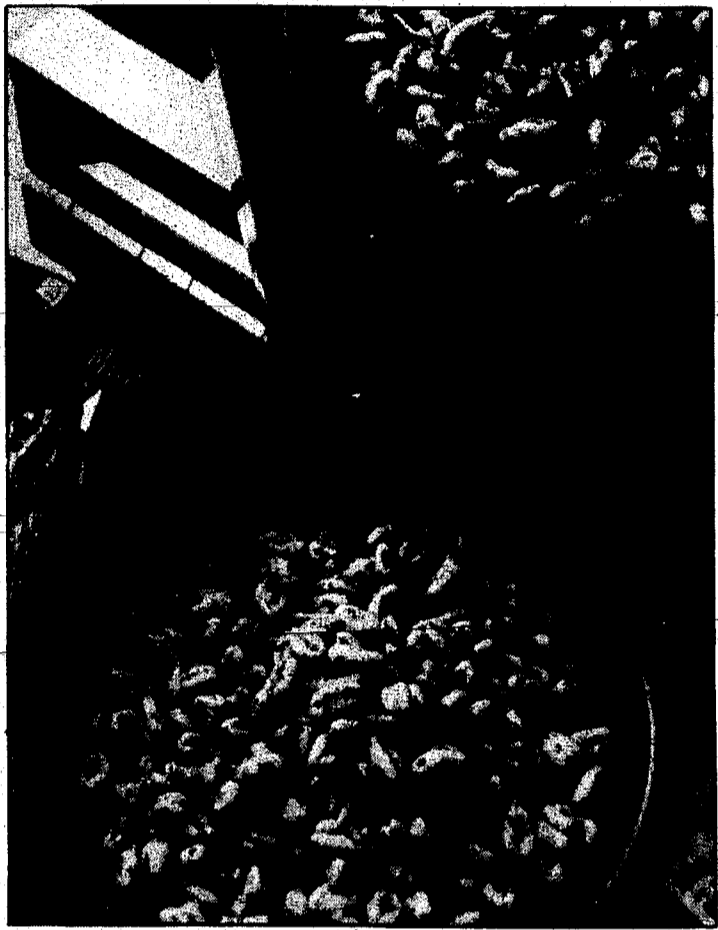
2 tablespoons diet margarine  
2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar

2 teaspoons rum extract  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
6 cups Quaker puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal  
1/2 cup raisins

Add margarine to large microwaveable bowl. Microwave at High 20 to 30 seconds or until melted. Stir in brown sugar, rum extract and cinnamon; mix well. Add cereal, stirring until evenly coated. Microwave at High 1 minute 30 seconds; stir. Microwave an additional 1 minute to 1 minute 30 seconds or until cereal no longer appears wet. While warm, stir in raisins. Serve warm or let cool. Store tightly covered.

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Nutrition Information per serving (1 cup): Calories: 120, Protein, 3 g, Carbohydrate 22g, Total Fat 2g, Cholesterol 0mg, Dietary Fiber 1g, Sodium 50 mg. Percent calories from fat: 16 percent.



Snacking smart: Curl up in front of the VCR with a bowl of Garlic Cheese Munch. It's crunchy, cheesy, garlicky, spicy and totally satisfying for just 80 calories a cup.

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**SCREEN SCENE**

The week in films briefly noted: "Aladdin" — Disney continues its new golden age with this colorful blend of gags and rollercoaster adventure. The genie in this oft-told story is a blueberry spirit, who possesses the voice of Robin Williams. The villain here is Jafar, who has his sights set on becoming supreme ruler. Not as seamless as the two previous Disney outings, but a delight from start to finish. (At area theaters.)

"Bram Stoker's Dracula" — Francis Ford Coppola has gotten a bad rap. Not since 1963 and his last run-in with horror in "Dementia 13" has the director shown such an eye for style. And for what it's worth, he does try to stay somewhat faithful to Stoker, using references to the book's diary entries, telegrams, and newspaper accounts whenever possible. Winona Ryder holds onto her English accent; Keanu Reeves doesn't, while Gary Oldman cleverly transforms from the rat-faced older Dracula to a sleek young European dandy in stovepipe hat and sunglasses. A must-see. (At area theaters.)

"The Distinguished Gentleman" — In this moronic update of "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," Eddie Murphy wins a senate seat by virtue of his name, which is the same as a recently deceased veteran. He goes to D.C. for the cash, but has a change of heart when he meets a cancer-stricken constituent. Murphy sleepwalks through the wiseguy role, which he's played a hundred times before. (At area theaters.)

"A Few Good Men" — When murder takes place on a Cuban military base, young gun lawyer Tom Cruise goes up against Colonel Jack Nicholson to get at the truth. Director Rob Reiner has an amazing eye for entertainment, but he can't elevate the movie, which also features Demi Moore,

Kevin Bacon and Kiefer Sutherland, beyond a "twentysomething" version of much better courtroom dramas. (At area theaters.)

"The Lover" — Jean-Jacques Annaud's very European love story, in English, offers the structure and satisfaction of a porno movie without the cheapo lighting and camera work. The film is based on a respected 1984 novel by Marguerite Duras, yet it's amazingly hackneyed. A young English girl has a torrid affair with a Chinese man in 1929 Vietnam. Jane March and Tony Leung look fabulous as the lovers, but in the movies, where new nymphettes sizzle on screen every two years or so, they are just this year's models. Still, there are worse ways to spend a winter evening than between the sheets in a steamy Saigon bachelor's room. (Exclusively at the Star John R in Madison Heights.)

"Malcolm X" — Every bit as good as Spike Lee said it would be, this three-hour-plus documentary doesn't pull any punches in its depiction of the controversial civil rights leader. What makes the film so fascinating is Malcolm's ability to grow into, at least three different men and those changes are beautifully portrayed by Denzel Washington, in the role of a lifetime.

"Toys" — Robin Williams plays the Peter Pan-ish son of a toy manufacturer in Barry Levinson's ("Rain Man") misfire attempt at whimsy. When dad dies, he leaves the company to his brother, a general who wants to launch a new breed of war toys. No ordinary G.I. Joes, these radio-controlled tanks, helicopters, and jets carry real explosives. Of course, it's up to Williams and friends to stop the midget military in its tracks.

— John Monaghan

**Candy isn't 'sweet' in 'Delirious'**



LeAnne Rogers

Everyone knows that old saying that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. But they also say hope springs eternal, which probably explains why people will buy pills guaranteed to make you lose weight while you sleep or grow hair on balding heads.

For me, it's that glimmer of hope that keeps me expecting to laugh at John Candy movies. That and fond memories of Johnny LaRue, the Schemenge Brothers and Tommy Shanks, the Mayor of Melonville.

In all fairness, Candy has been good in some movies, like "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" or supporting parts in "JFK" and "Splash." I thought

he was the funniest part of "Home Alone," which I realize is faint praise. I can usually find a few funny bits from Candy in any movie, but the laughs are rare few in the film "Delirious."

The premise sounds like it could have some potential. Candy plays a soap opera writer who is in an accident and wakes up in his show's fictional hospital. He's hovered over by hospital staffers; there are always doctors and nurses in soaps, characters he created on the hospital staff. He thinks he has died, gone to hell and his punishment is being spending eternity on his own show.

Candy, who is mistaken for a mysterious millionaire entrepreneur, discovers he can control this soap opera come to life through plots written on his typewriter.

This is a device that Candy uses to further his infatuation with the malevolent heiress,

played by Emma Samms. Although she is engaged to a spineless doctor, she develops an unexplained fascination with Candy.

The best laugh in the film takes place at a party at Samms' palatial family estate. Candy and Samms glide like Fred and Ginger into the garden, which looks like something from an MGM musical. Pausing in front of a fountain, the lilted music switches to "It's a Man's World."

The story hits a lot of soap opera's favorite themes — sibling rivalry, secrets about parentage, plots over family fortunes and even intrigues over a secret formula that would eliminate weight gain from eating.

Maril Hemingway is the ear-nest and clean-scrubbed heroine you know Candy will fall for once he recovers from his infatuation with the flashy but nasty Samms.

"Delirious" is available on cassette at your local video store. If you have a question or comment

**Hoffa** from PREVIOUS PAGE

big business disputes. He does paint a ridiculous picture of young Bobby Kennedy, who looks no older than 17 when squaring off with the labor leader. It's hard not to compare these courtroom scenes with those in "A Few Good Men," where Nicholson created a much more memorable character with only about 15 minutes on-screen.

DeVito concludes the film by postulating exactly what happened on the afternoon when Hoffa was taken for a ride. Yet his explanation, like too much of "Hoffa," is filled with cheap movie cliches and a predictable denouement.

He again rewrites history by moving the location from Bloomfield's Machus Red Fox (spookily just a stone's throw from the movie premier at The Maple) to a road house in the middle of nowhere. And of course, DeVito places himself prominently in the scene.

The joys of picking out Detroit landmarks used in filming may prove frustrating, since the only recognizable glimpses occur at a warehouse and some courtroom steps (actually the entrance to the Detroit Public Library's main branch). Local stage actor/director David Regal is highly visible in the latter scene and even has a

line as an admiring reporter.

"Hoffa" is a pretty, if surprisingly dull, picture made by a director whose Hollywood clout increases with each new movie. The talented DeVito should stay behind the camera and leave Warren Beatty and Barbra Streisand to screw their own movies up with on-screen strutting and primping.

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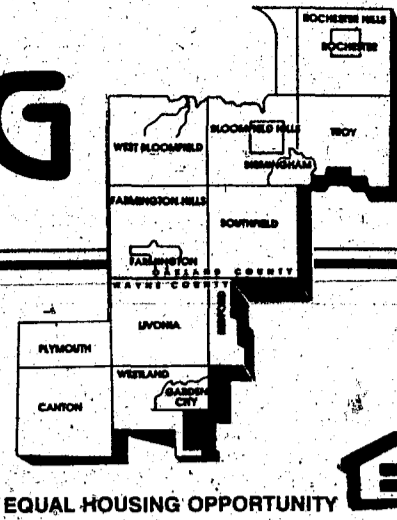


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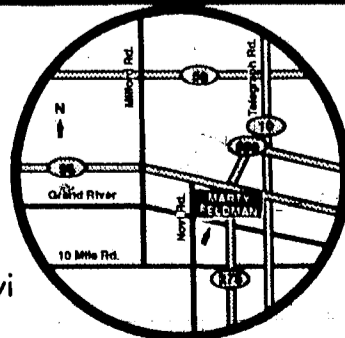
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C. J. RISAK

## No excuses for sorry state of suburban hoops

**S**o we're all sittin' around, doin' what folks in every business office in town do between Christmas and New Year's.

"When was Michigan's first Rose Bowl appearance?"  
(Answer: 1902; the Wolverines beat Stanford 49-0).

"When was Michigan's second Rose Bowl appearance?"  
(Answer: 1948, and the score was the same — U-M 49, Southern Cal 0).

"When was Michigan State's first Rose Bowl appearance?"  
(Answer: 1954; the Spartans beat UCLA 28-20).  
"When was the last time U-M was voted the nation's No. 1 team?"  
(Answer: Hah! . . . Well, the actual answer is 1948).

It was at about this time that a more local, and certainly more obscure, trivia teaser was posed. "When was the last time an Observer-area team won a state basketball title?"

Brows furrowed. Silence prevailed. Then one set of eyes suddenly brightened.

"1985 — Livonia Ladywood in Class B!"  
OK. Correct answer, but that wasn't the question intended. "When was the last time an Observer-area team won a boys state basketball title?"

### Last boys champ was . . .

Again, brows furrowed with concentration for a long period before an answer was forthcoming. "How about 1976 — Catholic Central in Class A?"  
Wrong. CC did win in '76, and in '61, but it was located in Detroit at the time.

The correct answer, as it turned out, is embarrassing. There has never been a champion from the Observer-area, in any class, in boys basketball.

Can you imagine?  
Why is that? The deluge of excuses — pardon me, I mean reasons — follows.

- Basketball's a city game.
- Soccer, swimming, golf, baseball — even football. Those are suburban games, not basketball.
- There are bigger and better athletes in the city.

Why not say it's a black man's game? Or maybe it's something in the water.  
Those aren't any closer to the truth, either. The truth is, there is no good reason for not having a boys basketball champion from the Observer-area. Because all the ingredients are here.

There's some great coaching available. There are some very good summer camps, camps which should be more affordable to the alleged more affluent suburbanites, right?

The talent at most Observer-area schools may not be of championship caliber at present, but you've got to figure that sometime in the last 67 years they would have managed to win one title.

### No good reason

As for the excuses — or arguments — listed above, well, they're ridiculous. When you say basketball is a city game, do you mean there isn't room for courts out here?

Sorry.  
Other sports are more suburban? Well, there may be more alternatives for suburban kids, but basketball isn't the only sport of the city, either. Detroit teams have won three football state championships in the last five years.

Athletes are better? Maybe. But reading Chris McCosky's story on the Observer all-area basketball team of a decade ago says something different. Tom Domako, John McIntyre, Shawn Respert, Parrish Hickman, Mike Maleske, Lewis Scott . . . these are but a few of the top players to graduate from area schools in the last 10 years. All played NCAA Division I ball.

Besides, being suburban hasn't kept Birmingham from winning a few titles (Country Day, Brother Rice).

And it hasn't prevented the local girls' teams from excelling. Plymouth Canton reached the Class A final four in '91; Farmington Hills Mercy has won two Class A titles, and Ladywood has collected two more in B.

I'm beginning to think perhaps goals are set too low. Coaches point teams toward what they feel are obtainable goals — league championships, district titles — instead of the bigger plums. If players don't believe they can beat a Detroit team during the state tournament, chances are they won't.

Well, the challenge is there now. Look to the top. Start building a team that can match anything Detroit has to offer.

Redford Bishop Burgess did reach the Class B final in 1988 before losing. So it is obtainable.

And I, for one, believe it's possible. A state boys basketball title for an Observer-area team — I'd like to see that.

## Heaton's final test: NFL combines

By C. J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Toby Heaton has one major exam left in his college career.

A lot of people figure that will be in the one remaining class Heaton has left to take to earn his degree in advertising. But if you know Toby, you know that isn't any real problem. After all, this is a guy who's been an academic all-Big Ten football player since he first started playing at Michigan State.

No, the real test Heaton is preparing for comes Feb. 10 in Indianapolis. That's when NFL teams will send their scouts to time, weigh, test and interview prospective players.

Heaton plans to put up marks that are as impressive as those he's managed during his stay at MSU — on and off the field.

Another final? "Really, it is," Heaton agreed. "You've got to be ready."

His last season as a Spartan didn't do much to advance those hopes, unfortunately. The former Redford

Catholic Central star from Plymouth was the only senior starter on the offensive line. Injuries cost MSU everywhere, but Heaton managed to play every game at left guard.

"I thought the team did a really good job keeping together," he said. "It was tough, for me, being out there and trying to keep something going."

There were different problems each week. New players were shuffled into the lineup, forcing Heaton to make an adjustment himself while helping the new player get adjusted — not always an easy task. He doubted some were willing, or ready, to make the necessary sacrifices when moved into a starter's role.

"They may have been young, but they were still starters," said Heaton.

The breakdowns hurt Heaton's draft chances. He knows it. Still, he managed to make second team all-Big Ten. That should be enough to get him a good look by pro scouts.

Heaton is listed at 6-foot-8, 283 pounds, but says he played between

290 and 295 all season. There are several other commodities he possesses that could interest the pros.

"I think I'm smart enough that I'm ready to play at any time," he said. "And I'm a hard player. I will go until the whistle blows. My pass protection is pretty good, and scouts have told me my footwork is good."

"I think I'm a coachable person. I do what I'm told to do."

And his liabilities? "Maybe my overall athletic ability," he answered. "That may drop me back to the middle rounds of the draft."

And, of course, MSU's lackluster 5-6 season. "All I can do is play hard and hope that if the scouts look at the film, they'll see," said Heaton.

He probably won't play in any all-star games. He was invited to the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., but didn't reply in time to reserve his spot. Others don't interest him — not even the Hula Bowl, played in Honolulu. "I'm not interested in going out there just for the trip," was his reason

for bypassing it.  
Heaton would rather not sacrifice time he could spend getting ready for the pro combine partying in Hawaii.

With talk around the NFL in cutting the draft to seven rounds, Heaton could go undrafted — a prospect that doesn't all together bother him.

"If that's the case, and I was drafted in the fourth or fifth round, I'd be OK," he explained. "If I'm in the sixth or seventh, I might as well be a free agent because then I can pick a team that needs offensive linemen."

If things don't go well, if Heaton doesn't make a pro team, it won't bother him. "I feel I've had a great career in football," he said. "I had a lot of fun. If you're satisfied with your accomplishments, then you have nothing to be sorry about."

"If football does work out, fine. If not, I'm fully prepared to go on with my life in the business world."

That is a decision Heaton won't have to make for a few months, anyway.



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*That was then: Remember when Lars Richters (shown during his days playing for the Marauders travel team in 1990) was the scourge of Observerland soccer? These days he sits and waits for his chance to display his All-American skills for the Detroit Rockers.*

## Richters nears a crossroad with Rockers

**■ The professional career of former Observerland standout Lars Richters may be idling away on the Detroit Rockers' bench, but he's too well-mannered to make a fuss. So far.**

By CHRIS MCCOSKY  
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College women's soccer coach Nick O'Shea, a part-time analyst for PASS on its Detroit Rockers telecasts, was talking about his friend Lars Richters the other night.

"He's too nice," O'Shea was saying. "He needs to go up to the coach and say, 'Hey, how come I'm not playing? I deserve a chance.'"

People around here remember Richters as the star of Livonia Stevenson's back-to-back state championship teams of 1985 and 1986. They remember him as an All-Ivy League midfielder at Yale. They do not, however, remember him as a reserve player, as a bench-warmer.

But there he sat last Tuesday night at Cobo Arena, watching his Detroit Rockers teammates beat the Chicago Power, 17-10, in a National Professional Soccer League match. Not once did Coach Brian Tinnion call his name.

"Sure it's frustrating," Richters said. "Nobody likes to sit on the bench. It's very difficult."

But don't expect Richters to raise a big fuss about it. He can barely bring himself to complain about it.

"I just wasn't brought up to show disrespect to a coach," he said. "I was taught to just do my best and not say too much. I guess I need to be more aggressive, more vocal, so I wouldn't have to tread water like this and wonder if I have a future with the Rockers."

For the past two seasons, Richters has played the role of super-sub for the Rockers.

"Basically, my role is to fill in wherever necessary," he said.

For most of training camp and for the first few weeks of this season, Richters was being called upon quite frequently. In fact, while striker Andy

Chapman was injured, Richters was starting.

"I did all right, but it kind of bothered me because I was playing out of position," said Richters, a natural midfielder. "It's very difficult to play at this level in a position other than one your skills are suited for."

It's even more difficult when you are being pulled in and out of the lineup like a yo-yo.

"All I want is to get a fair shot to play the position my skills are suited for and I don't think that has happened yet," he said. "I've been thrown in different situations for brief periods of time. Nobody has ever given me a position and a regular shift and said, 'OK, let's see what you can do.'"

It seemed like Richters was getting that shot at the beginning of training camp. The Rockers were going through a change in ownership and players were arriving late to camp. Richters was there from day one. He was starting in the pre-season games and he played well.

"I was loving that," he said. "I was playing well and getting confident. I was loving just coming to the practices and touching the ball."

But as more and more guys came into camp, Richters' playing time grew shorter and shorter.

"I felt like I was really doing good, and it would have meant a lot to me for them to say to those other guys, 'He's been here and he's been playing well. You have to take the job away from him.' But that didn't happen."

At that point in the conversation, Richters stopped himself.

"But, you know, I don't want to sound like I'm complaining. That's just the way it is."

No complaints, then. But here is the reality of Richters' situation. He isn't getting any younger and he isn't getting rich playing professional soccer. He has his life, his career, his future to think about. There is a prestigious fitness equipment manufacturer on the west coast offering him a nice career as a sales rep. and spokesman. He loves soccer and he wants to play as long as he can, but he needs to know if he is in the Rockers' future plans or is he just spinning his wheels.

See RICHTERS, 2C

## Salem's Dena Head is home for holidays, but the road to pro basketball beckons

By CHRIS MCCOSKY  
STAFF WRITER

Let's see, Track down Dena Head.

The task, she graduated from the University of Tennessee last summer, tried out for and nearly made the U.S. Olympic basketball team and then, last anybody heard, she was playing professional basketball in France or Italy or somewhere overseas.

Oh, this ought to be fun.

Where to start: Well, her brother James is a junior at Plymouth Salem. Maybe Coach Bob Brodip can help.

He'll have the number of Dena's parents, Jim and Jackie. Maybe they'll have an overseas number for Dena. Of course, what are the chances she'll be there? Her team is probably on a road trip somewhere in Europe or Asia or Africa. What the heck, call the Head residence in Canton.

"Hello?"

"Hi, is this Jackie?"

"No, this is Dena."

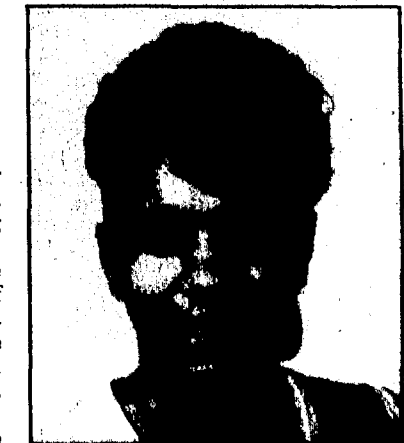
Unbelievable. Dena is home for the holidays.

"It's been enjoyable being home,"

said Head, who helped Salem to four straight Class A regional titles and two final four berths before helping Tennessee claim a pair of national championships. "I finally got to see my brother play. I am very proud of the progress he has made. He doesn't have to be known as Dena's little brother anymore. He's got his own name and his own game now and that's what I always wanted for him."

James Head, a 6-8 junior and the

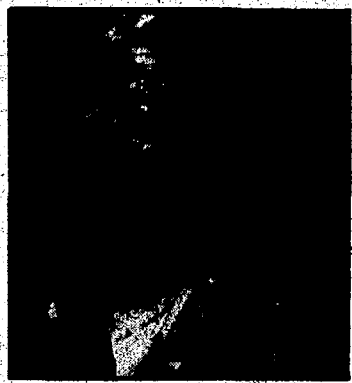
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Dena Head  
Back to Italy?

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"I do think I can play at this level," he said. "Realistically, I'm not sure the indoor game is best suited for me. The outdoor game is better for me. But I would like to think that if I was given a chance, given some time to make mistakes and gain some confidence, I could help this team." Well, is a meeting with Tinnion imminent? "At some point I would like to talk to him," Richters said. "I want to feel like all of this is building toward something. It's fine if I'm sitting and growing and improving. But I want to make sure there will be something waiting for me down the road." So go talk to Tinnion. "Well, not now," he said. "We've just won two in a row. I don't want to go to the coach with a complaint when the team is winning. My first priority is to



All-Ivy: Lars Richters was an All-Ivy League performer at Yale before joining the Rockers.

help the team in anyway I can. I would never take away from a victory."

Dena Head from page 1C

Observerland's pre-season pick for player-of-the-year, will be getting his headlines in the next couple of months. We're still trying to catch up with Dena. "I was playing professional basketball in Italy and I could be going back in a couple of weeks or maybe not until next year," she said. For three months she played for the team in Ancona, a small town in central Italy about three hours from Rome. She was signed to replace another American, Olympian Carolyn Jones, who had been injured. In those three months, Head averaged 21 points per game and Ancona, one of the weaker teams in the league, was in fourth place and on the rise.

"I was brought in there on a trial basis and I think I proved myself," she said. "I think I definitely left my mark and made an impression. I got good reviews." Problem was, the Italian League mandates that no more than three Americans can play on one team. So when Jones came back, Ancona said *ciao* to Head. At least for now. "I went in as an unknown and I gained some status," she said. "People know who I am now and that will help me. My next contract will be a long-term one. But even if I don't go back, I had a good time and I gained the respect of the Italian people. And they gained mine." As for her personal experience, Head can recount good times and not so good times. "As for basketball, it's definite-

ly the next step up from college," she said. "The Europeans have a different attitude: all they care about is winning. And they pay the Americans the most money so they expect the most in return. It's not the same." The Italians must have learned the game from some Hoosiers. There is very little run-and-gun or one-on-one play. Most teams deploy a very deliberate, multiple-passing style of offense. And it's very physical. "The Italians expect the Americans to be tougher, so the refs don't give us many favors," Head said. "It gets pretty tasty sometimes." Socially, well, you can imagine. Head was in a small town that offered little in the way of shopping, fine dining or entertainment. The people were certainly friendly

enough, but it's tough to get to know people when you don't speak their language. "The good thing was that the big cities like Rome and Milan were only three hours away and I had time to visit there," she said. "I enjoyed that." Financially, life was good. All Head had to pay for was food. She was given an apartment and, if she wanted, a car. "The money was good and the experience was good," she said. "I wanted to continue playing basketball and since there are no professional leagues here, I had to leave the country. I mean, I was happy for the opportunity to play, but it is unfortunate that we have to go so far away to earn a living." Head left Tennessee with a degree in sports management.

Surgery spoils holidays for North's Scot Lord

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY STAFF WRITER

All I want for Christmas is...re-constructive knee surgery? Such was the unfortunate fate of North Farmington junior Scot Lord, who spent Christmas Eve on the operating table and Christmas Day in a hospital recovery room as doctors repaired the anterior cruciate ligament he tore during a basketball game against Redford Union on Dec. 17. "That's about as tough a situation as you can imagine, but I'll tell you the type of kid Scot is," said North coach Tom Negoshian. "He apologized to me. He said he was sorry that he let the team down. Can you believe that?" Lord, a 6-4 and 220-pound two-sport standout at North, aroused the interest of some Big Ten and Mid-American Conference football scouts last fall and was expected to play a leadership role on the young North Farmington basketball team. "It's all up to him now," Negoshian said. "The doctors told him that recovery is possible but it was all mental. He has to make up his mind to outwork everybody. From now on practice is

every day, in therapy." Lord is expected to begin rehabilitation therapy today and, as for being ready to play football next fall, Negoshian likes his chances. "He's big, he's strong, he's tough and, right now, he's in a great frame of mind," Negoshian said. "If anyone can come back from this type of injury, Scot is the kind of kid who can do it." If Lord is looking for some inspiration or a role model, he should take a drive out to Ann Arbor and spend some time with Michigan wide receiver Derrick Alexander. Alexander suffered the same injury in the 1991 season-opener at Boston College and had to sit on the sidelines while teammate Desmond Howard enjoyed a Heisman Trophy season. But after a year of excruciatingly tedious and painful and lonely rehabilitation, Alexander returned to his 4.4-second speed over 40 yards and his All-Big Ten form. "That's a good comparison," Negoshian said. "He needs to see that you can come back from this type of injury. And I really think he will."

THE WEEK AHEAD

RU pins Thurston

- PREP BASKETBALL  
 Tuesday, Jan. 5  
 Luth. Westland at Luth. West, 7 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Det. Trinity, 7 p.m.  
 Garden City at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m.  
 Ply. Salem at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m.  
 Ply. Canton at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson at A.A. Pioneer, 7:30 p.m.  
 A.A. Huron at Wild. Glenn, 7:30 p.m.  
 Borgess at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.  
 St. Agatha at Card. Mooney, 7:30 p.m.  
 Ply. Christian vs. Warren Bethesda at Lowell Middle School, 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan. 8  
 Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
 RU at Dbn. Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.  
 Thurston at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m.  
 Liv. Churchill at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.  
 Franklin at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.  
 W.L. Western at Wild. Glenn, 7:30 p.m.  
 Ply. Canton at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.  
 Northville at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.  
 Harrison at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.  
 Garden City at Woodhaven, 7:30 p.m.  
 Notre Dame at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.  
 Redford CC at UJ-Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Oak. Catholic at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.  
 Ply. Agape at Livingston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.  
 MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
 Wednesday, Jan. 6  
 St. Clair CC at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.  
 WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
 Thursday, Jan. 7  
 Aquinas College at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Jan. 9  
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 3 p.m.  
 Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.  
 PREP HOCKEY  
 Wednesday, Jan. 6  
 Liv. Churchill vs. Redford CC  
 Liv. Franklin vs. Birmingham  
 Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Wyandotte (Yack), 8 p.m.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUDUBON EVENTS  
 A trip to Lake Erie and the Lower Detroit River begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, 525-8630 or 545-2929.  
 A trip to Rouge Park in Detroit begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 525-8630 or 545-2929.
- DATES/DEADLINES  
 Ruffed Grouse season ends Jan. 1 in Zone II and Zone III.  
 Squirrel season ends Jan. 1.  
 Archery deer season ends Jan. 1.  
 Bass season ends Dec. 31.  
 Rabbit season ends March 31.
- FISHING CLUB MEETINGS  
 The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.  
 Romeo B.A.S.S. Busters meet 7

p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Romeo Community Youth and Civic Center, 286-6469.

CLASSES AND SHOWS

A cooking class on wild game preparation begins at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Chef Milos Chelka of the Golden Mushroom in Southfield will teach the class which meets for five weeks. Course fee is \$147, 462-4448.

The Wayne County Sportsmen's Club and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will offer a Michigan hunter safety certification course beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23-24, at the Wayne County Sportsman's Club in Romulus. The course will cover firearms history, use and safety, archery safety, hunter ethics, first aid, survival techniques, wildlife management, game care, wildlife identification and hunter/landowner

relations. Course fee is \$5. Class size is limited and pre-registration is advised, 532-0285.

Northern Wildlife Art Expo, featuring the work of 50 wildlife artists, will be held Feb. 5-7 at the Lansing Civic Arena. Admission is \$5 adult, \$3.50 senior citizen and children under 12 will be admitted free. Weekend passes are available for \$8.

The Greater Detroit Sportfishing Expo will be held March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Michigan Wildlife Art Festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary April 2-4 at the Southfield Pavilion.

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## SHOPPING CENTERED



LINDA BACHRACK

### See what's in store at unusual new shops

To help you ring in the new year with style, I would like to introduce you to some new shops that have opened recently in our local malls and along our mainstreets. Most of you have probably already discovered these merchants during the holiday shopping season. I think they are excellent additions to our retail community, so join me in welcoming them.

I received a phone call from David Feldman who said I should check out **In The Cards** in Laurel Park Place. "A lot of neat stuff," he said in describing this one-of-a-kind card shop. Funny that when I visited this emporium owned by sisters Sandy Nagy and Mary Ann Colohan and their husbands, I heard another customer voicing the exact same words. "What neat stuff," she said.

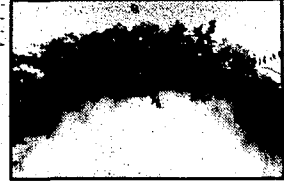
In addition to the usual greeting cards, **In The Cards** offers an array of unusual gift items including the hand-blown Silvestri perfume bottle pictured here (\$31.95).

Tinted in swirls of purple and plum, the colors complement its elegant shape. A display case holds a variety of these graceful decanters.

The Whimsical World of Pocket Dragons by Land of Legends includes this irresistible little ceramic collectible titled Scales of Injustice (\$39.95). This expressive green dragon overindulged during the holidays, like the rest of us, and is chagrined by his weight gain. See the entire quaint collection.

**In The Cards** also sells the popular mystery puzzles, unusual pottery, a complete selection of Gayle's Chocolates and the most colorful fish magnets (\$3.95) you've ever seen. "We had a great Christmas," said Nagy. "The demand was tremendous, and we learned a lot for next year." For instance, they'll buy more gift wrap, so they don't run out early.

### That's some swag



This gorgeous crescent swag that can truly be appreciated only if seen in person is representative of the elegant creations found at **Paterson Carney Florist** in Birmingham. Picture this swag in shades of pink and green, adorned with roses and hyacinths and accented with eucalyptus, ivy and berries. Finished with rose-colored wired ribbon, it's a knock-out (\$129.99, other swags start at \$69.99).

Co-owner **Jacqueline Carney** opened this location on Oct. 12, consolidating two previous businesses, one in Royal Oak and one on Adams Road. The result is a spacious, full-service florist featuring a huge selection of fresh-cut flowers, as well as custom wreaths, dried arrangements and unusual baskets and vases.

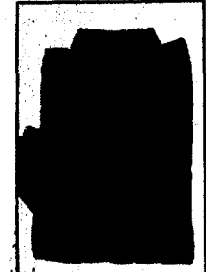
I was particularly charmed by the moss and twig birdhouses and the picturesque mini-terrariums.

**Joanne Goodvich** of Troy was equally enthralled. "I got in here and lost track of time," she said as she described her favorite purchase — a tin candle holder. She discovered the shop by accident and "I wasn't disappointed," she said.

Look to **Paterson Carney** to brighten a dreary winter's day. Nothing lifts the spirit more than a fragrant bouquet of fresh blossoms.

If you've strolled **Lakeside Mall** lately you've undoubtedly discovered Michigan's only **Abercrombie & Fitch**. This 100-year-old retailer features moderately priced casual clothing for men and women.

### Clubby look prevails

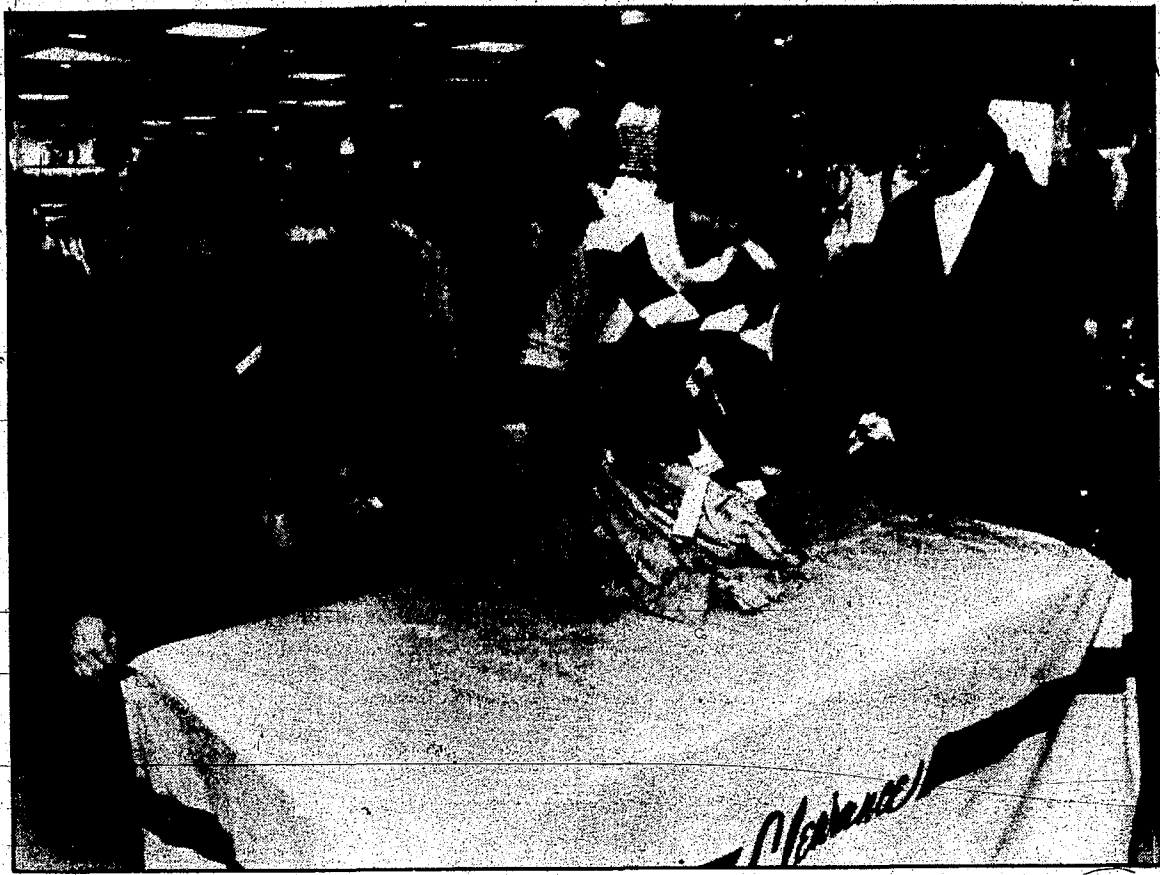


The genteel, clubby look of the spacious store is achieved with plaid carpeting, dark mahogany furniture and brass chandeliers. It has the air of a chic, yet casual English hunt club. Comfortable classic clothing prevails, including this flannel Big Shirt (\$38) bearing the store's own private label.

Sweatshirts and sweaters, rugby, fleecewear and cotton shirts round out the rugged outdoor apparel. The store also carries dress shirts and ties and women's wear. Men's fragrances, including the best-selling Woods after-shave and cologne, are available.

Manager **Monica Dembeck** praised the store's location, saying business has been wonderful and the Lakeside store is ranked fourth or fifth in the entire company right now.

*Linda Bachrack lives in Birmingham. You can give her your column ideas by calling 953-2047 from your touch-tone phone.*



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Calm before the storm: Clearance tables in the sportswear department are organized by (from left) Sandy Bernier of Lake Orion, Charlene Rivard of Rochester Hills and Bernadine Johnson of Clinton Township.

## READY, SET, MARKDOWN!



It's pre-inventory sales and clearance time everywhere you shop this month as retailers try to end the year on empty shelves. Preparing a store for a clearance sale is busy work as this crew at Jacobson's explains.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
STAFF WRITER

It was hard to come in early the day after Christmas, but the staff at Jacobson's had a job to do.

Almost every item in the store had to be marked down by hand by noon.

So at 7 a.m. about 50 yawning, eye-rubbing, slipper-footed, coffee-sipping salespeople, department managers and maintenance workers reported for duty.

"The staff works in pairs to get ready to open on clearance," said Norman Kesman, Jacobson's general manager at Great Oaks Mall in Rochester. "One person reduces the ticket price by hand in red ink and another immediately tallies the reduction on a chart. It's a time-consuming process. Most of the people who come in to prepare for the store-wide clearance sale get to go home shortly after the store opens, so it's not too bad a job."

Kesman said the Christmas merchandise is marked down 50 percent. A reduction "in the neighborhood of 20 percent" is taken on most regular merchandise.

"The reductions are made by the day after Christmas to take advantage of the captive audience that comes in to make returns and exchanges," Kesman said. "Jacobson's Winter Clearance will last through January."

Four maintenance workers arrived extra-early at 4:30 a.m. to set up cir-

### Santa was good to area merchants

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
STAFF WRITER

"Retailers can't put their worry beads away and breathe a sigh of relief. The fat man came down the chimney," reported Frederick Marx, president of Marx Layne, marketing and public relations.

"In fact, this retail period is the best in four years," he said. "However, it was easy to top last year's sales figures because they were so soft; 1991 was lackluster, disappointing. Most retailers blamed it on General Motors' layoff announcements."

The week between Christmas and New Year's is gaining clout with retailers as another prime shopping time, he said.

"It used to be a break-even week in retailing but with so many gift certificates being passed out during the holidays gift purchasing continues afterwards," he said.

Charles Creamer, senior vice president of the Michigan Retailers Association, said that 68 percent of the retailers surveyed reported surpassing 1991 sales fig-

ures by double digits before Thanksgiving.

The MRA represents more than 5,000 independent retailers of varying size.

"Expectations for a healthy holiday retail season were high this year," he said. "And there is no question that in the week after Christmas many businesses do better than during the week before."

Michael Buescher of Laurel Park Place in Livonia said sales all through the year were stronger than last year. He estimated a 30-percent increase in holiday sales over 1991.

At the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, general manager Michael Fenley, reported 1992 mall sales were up "in strong single digits" over 1991.

"Holiday sales probably went into a double-digit increase, although actual figures are not yet available," he said. "The after-Christmas phenomenon has been incredible here. On Saturday we saw 100,000 people visit Fairlane. That's a record for us."

cular racks, rectangular clearance tables and square sales signs in every department. They also had to thoroughly clean the store, left ragged by the Christmas Eve rush.

Several people worked steaming hundreds of tablecloths printed Clearance to hang over tables in the center aisles. Others armed with Windex and sheets of paper towels, wiped down glass shelves and cabinets.

"You bet it was hard to get in early this morning," Jill Major of Rochester said. "I went to bed early on Christmas but it was still difficult to wake myself up at 6 a.m. Look, I'm still wearing my slippers! That's how hard it was."

After putting a red slash through the price tags of several dresses in the Misses Dress Department, Diane Simon of Rochester Hills breathed a deep sigh.

"I'm exhausted," she said. "We had company until midnight yesterday, and it was hard to wake up today to take mark-downs. I'm waiting for the day this can all be done by computer."

Kesman said he had no doubt the store would be ready to greet shoppers in full black-and-red Jacobson's clearance-style by noon. And he was right.

"We had time to sit back and catch our breaths before the crowds arrived," he said.

Coffee and doughnuts of appreciation awaited the early bird staff in the employee's cafeteria.

## Planning a wedding? Make a day of it

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
STAFF WRITER

To help this year's brides and grooms prepare for their big day, Hudson's will host a day-long Bridal Show and Registry Fair, *A Marriage of Style* Saturday, Jan. 23, beginning at 10 a.m. in Southfield.

Participants will be treated to a sit-down brunch, a fashion show featur-

ing gowns for either a morning, afternoon or evening ceremony, an address by communications expert Dr. Loretta Malandro on *Talking Straight Not Crooked With Your Spouse*, and the chance to discuss patterns and prices with manufacturers' representatives from more than 75 companies.

Reservations are required. The \$12.50 ticket is redeemable for \$12.50

off a single item purchase of \$50 or more in the china, crystal, silver, cookware, bath and bedding, small electronics, or intimate apparel shops.

Jill Ditmore, co-host of TV-2's *Eyewitness Morning* show, will emcee the event. All guests will receive a gift, and the chance to win the grand-prize honeymoon trip.

The latest Vera Wang collection will be highlighted throughout the day. Jaclyn Barret-Hirschhaut, editor of *Elegant Bride*, will be on hand to chat with participants.

Guests will be shuttled between the Hudson's Northland store and the Southfield Pavilion.

For tickets and more information call 443-6332.

### ON-LINE WIRE (Eastern Standard Time)

The following customer service numbers will come in handy when Christmas, Hannukah and birthday gifts don't come out like the picture on the box. Customer service representatives can take orders for new pieces, direct callers to stores for items they couldn't find before the holidays, and walk callers through assembly and operation.

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**HASBRO:** 1-800-752-9755 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**KENNER:** 1-800-327-8264 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**LEGO:** 1-800-422-5346 - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**LIONEL TRAINS:** 1-313-949-4100 ext. 1286 or 1409 - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**LITTLE TYKES:** 1-800-321-0183 - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**MATTEL:** 1-800-524-8697 - 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**OHIO ART:** 1-419-636-3141 (ask for Replacement Parts) - 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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**TYCO:** 1-800-423-5340 - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Please note:**  
The Malls & Mainstreets Added Attractions calendar will return next week when the sales and clearances die down and the special events and activities return.  
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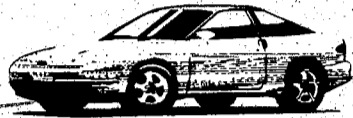
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WAS \$13682 IS **\$10,881\***

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WAS \$15,661 IS **\$13,499\***

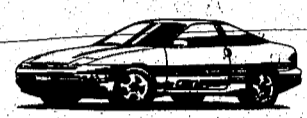
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WAS \$12,833 IS **\$10,199\***

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WAS \$11,618 IS **\$9801\***

**NEW 1993 F-150 4X4 SUPER CAB PICKUP**



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WAS \$22,680 IS **\$18,016\***

**NEW 1993 RANGER 4X2 SUPER CAB XLT**



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, rear anti-lock brakes, XLT trim, console, light group, AM/FM stereo cassette, sliding rear window, rear jump seat, cargo cover, chrome rear step bumper, overdrive transmission, aluminum wheels, clear coat paint, cloth 60/40 split bench seat, cargo box light, spoiler, moldings, and scuff plates. Stock #11357.

WAS \$13,716 IS **\$11,299\***

**NEW 1993 F-150 4X2 SUPER CAB PICKUP**



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WAS \$21,401 IS **\$16,928\***

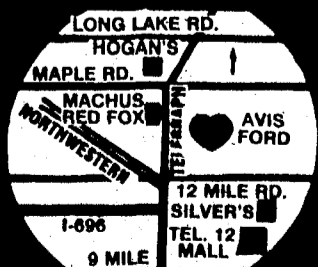
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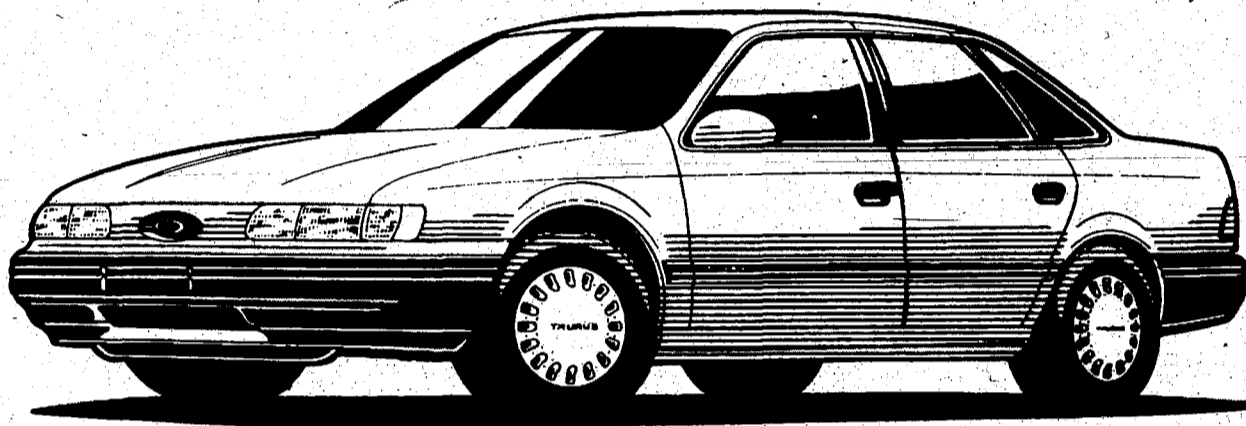
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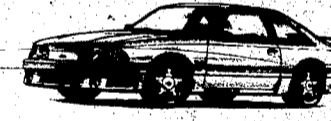


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Rear window defroster, front and rear carpeted floor mats, illuminated entry system, power lock group, speed control, leather-wrap steering wheel, cornering lamps, power radio antenna, cast aluminum wheels, anti-lock brakes/traction control, high-level audio system, electronic group, keyless entry, rear air suspension, dual 6-way power seats, V8 engine, automatic overdrive transmission, WSW tires, heavy-duty trailer towing package, leather split bench seats. Stock #D2431

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#### 1992 EXPLORER 4x4 EDDIE BAUER

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#### 1992 EXPLORER EDDIE BAUER 4x4 4 DOOR

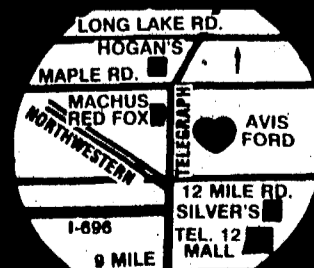
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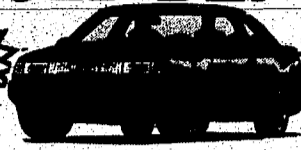
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FACTORY REBATE ..... \$1500  
DISCOUNT ..... \$4146  
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FACTORY REBATE ..... \$500  
DISCOUNT ..... \$2779  
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FACTORY REBATE ..... \$200  
DISCOUNT ..... \$2675  
**\$10,599\***  
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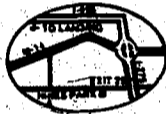
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