

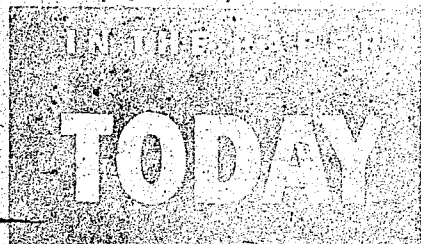


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## Felan vs. Brown saga continues



School board member Patricia Brown has declined to say if she will sign an assault complaint against former board member Sharon Felan. The city's prosecutor said he will have the complaint ready this week for Brown's signature.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Former Wayne-Westland school board member Sharon Felan may be charged with assaulting her successor, Patricia Brown, who claims Felan shoved her during a Nov. 23 dispute. "It looks as though we do have a criminal case that we can go forward

with," city prosecutor Don Vander-sloot said Thursday.

A criminal complaint against Felan will be ready for Brown's signature this week, Vandersloot said, but Brown declined Friday to say whether she will sign it.

"I'm just going to wait and see what happens," she said. Brown

would have to sign the complaint for the case to proceed.

Brown declined to comment on the possible lawsuit. But she defended her decision to file a police complaint following an argument that occurred during a Nov. 23 school board meeting.

The dispute came five months after Felan — who served a one-year appointed board term — lost her bid for a four-year term in an election won by Brown and Mathew McCusker.

The argument occurred in a hallway behind the board meeting room. Brown had temporarily left her seat

during the meeting.

The clash stemmed from Brown's opposition to filling a curriculum department vacancy that remains vacant. Felan believes the budgeted post should be filled, but Brown has cited budget constraints in opposing it.

Brown accused Felan of shoving her during the 1½-minute dispute. Only one other person, Brown's roommate, claims to have seen Felan push Brown, though others heard the verbal dispute.

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## Textron employees help Goodfellows



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**Yule donations:** With help from Chamber of Commerce marketing director Andrew Johnson (right), the Westland Goodfellows gained several boxes of gift-wrapped items from Davidson Interior-Textron employees. The boxes were delivered last weekend to local needy families. Picking up the gifts with Johnson are Goodfellows vice president Glenn Anderson (from left), and Textron's Donna Tharpe and Louisa Muldoon. Also on hand was Goodfellows toy chairperson Gail Anderson. Johnson said Textron wanted to make donations to civic groups and he suggested the Goodfellows.

## Teens face trial on robbery charges

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Two teens have been ordered to stand trial for charges of robbing a 14-year-old Westland boy at gunpoint and taking his \$150 Miami Hurricanes coat.

Jason Krasson, 18, of Garden City and Michael Raymond Elkins, 17, of Westland could face life in prison if convicted of the Nov. 28 robbery that occurred as the victim was walking with a friend near Wayne Road and Fairchild, north of Palmer.

No shots were fired and no injuries reported when two men drove up in a black Pontiac Firebird and one pointed a 12-gauge shotgun at the boy, robbing him of his jacket.

**Jason Krasson, 18, of Garden City and Michael Raymond Elkins, 17, of Westland could face life in prison if convicted of the Nov. 28 robbery that occurred as the victim was walking with a friend near Wayne Road and Fairchild, north of Palmer.**

On Thursday, Krasson and Elkins appeared separately in 18th District Court for a preliminary hearing to determine if they should stand trial for armed robbery.

Krasson — accused of holding the gun — also faces trial on a felony firearms charge that carries a mandatory two-year prison term upon conviction.

Both defendants decided to give up

their right to a hearing, in a move that averted pretrial testimony and resulted in Judge C. Charles Bokos ordering them to stand trial in Detroit Recorder's Court.

Both teens remain jailed. Krasson's bond has been set at \$50,000 cash; Elkins would have to post \$25,000.

Pleas of not guilty had been entered for both in court prior to Thursday's hearing.

Thursday morning, Elkins' attorney asked Bokos to reduce the bond, saying the defendant has a 2-year-old child and has a job at Burger King.

But the judge refused and sent a strong message that he won't tolerate "robbing people in the city of Westland with shotguns for jackets."

Several such incidents have been reported in recent months — some involving youth gang activity, police have said.

Elkins was arrested after police traced his license plate to a woman in outstate Michigan who had sold the car to the defendant, Detective Sgt. Marc Stobbe said. Krasson turned himself over to authorities after Elkins' arrest.

## PLACES & FACES

### Group skating

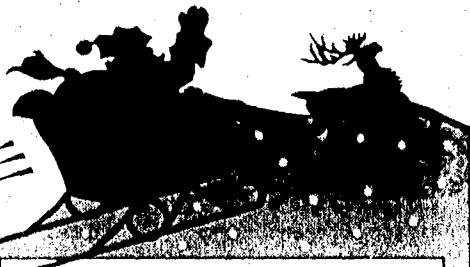
The Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood near Hunter, will start group ice skating instruction the week of Jan. 17 with registration scheduled for 4-6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10. There will be classes for three ability levels held during the week or Saturdays. Classes are 45 minutes, continuing for six weeks. Fee is \$30. Interested persons may call the arena, 729-4560. For those who can't wait until mid-January for the skating program, the arena will hold open skating from noon to 1:45 p.m. Dec. 27-31 while local schools are on their two-week holiday break. Admission is \$2.25 for students under 17; \$2.75 for adults and \$1.50 for skate rentals.

### Dance lessons

The Westland recreation department will sponsor old-time contra and square dance lessons on the second Fridays of each month, starting Jan. 14, in Bailey Recreation Center, on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh. They will be held 8-11 p.m. on Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11 and April 8. Fee is \$5 for Westland residents. Dances will be taught, walked through and prompted by Karen Missavage with live acoustic music by the Joyous Noise string band. For information, persons may contact recreation supervisor Marilyn Martin, 722-7620.

### Free money advice

The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will hold a free financial planning workshop at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, in St. John Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road. It will be held with support by IDS Financial Services. To be covered will be planning for children's education, retirement planning, tax management strategies, improving investment performances, making the most of your employer's benefits, estate planning concepts and YMCA and Heritage Club programs. For information, interested persons may contact Chris Cooper, YMCA physical program director, at 721-7044.



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# Police say woman went on spree with false credit card

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Detroit woman used a driver's license that wasn't hers to get an on-the-spot credit card at the Westland Mervyn's, then went on a shopping spree with a male companion, police said.

The pair would've gotten away with \$1,600 in merchandise from Mervyn's and other stores if an alert police officer hadn't stopped their car, said Westland Sgt. Steve Ryskamp.

Ryskamp commended officer Mark Engstrom for police work that led to the Dec. 7 arrest of Aletha Charlene Foster and Roy Hershel Walker, both 47, who face criminal charges for the alleged scam.

Both could face four-year prison terms if convicted of illegally using the credit card. Walker faces an additional charge of receiving and concealing the merchandise — punishable by five years behind bars.

Foster and Walker were ordered to stand trial in Detroit Recorder's Court following a preliminary hearing Thursday before Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

A Mervyn's employee testified that she issued a temporary credit card to Foster under another name that appeared on a driver's license. Foster looked like the woman pictured on the license, the worker said.

Foster was to receive her plastic card by mail. But she and Walker used the temporary paper card to go on an immediate shopping spree, police said.

A string of events led to their arrest, however, after a Mervyn's employee phoned police to report a suspicious-looking car in the parking lot, shortly before the store was to close.

Officer Engstrom initially let the couple go after

asking some brief questions outside the store on Warren, west of Wayne Road. But then he ran a computer check of the license plate and found there was no record of it, he testified.

Engstrom followed the car east on Warren and noticed that it had tinted windows and a broken taillight. He trailed the couple for two miles and then stopped them.

Separating them, Engstrom testified that they gave conflicting answers to his questions. Foster said she was Walker's husband and was pregnant with their child, but Walker said he had just met Foster, Engstrom said in court.

Walker also ripped up some Mervyn's receipts, Engstrom said, noting that the pair had several bags of illegally obtained merchandise in the car.

Both were initially arrested for hindering police, but were later charged with the more serious crimes as details of the case unfolded, police said.

Sgt. Ryskamp testified that Walker made a verbal statement saying the pair planned to charge the merchandise and later sell it to obtain cash. Walker called Foster the "credit card expert" but said he was to get a share of the money, Ryskamp said.

Foster, however, tried to clear Walker by telling Ryskamp that she carried out the scam by herself, the sergeant testified.

Defense attorneys questioned whether Engstrom had probable cause to stop Walker's car, but Wayne County assistant prosecutor Maria Petito argued that the officer acted appropriately.

Judge Bokos agreed, ruling at the end of the hearing that Foster and Walker should stand trial. The defendants have posted bond and will remain free until their trial in Recorder's Court.

# 5 apply for board post

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Five candidates had applied as of Friday for a Wayne-Westland school board seat that will become vacant Dec. 31, when Leonard Posey steps down six months early because of an out-of-state job promotion.

The candidates include:

■ Sharon Felan, a former appointee who served one year before losing her seat in the June 14 election. A Wayne resident, she is a longtime school volunteer, Schweitzer Elementary PTA president and former real estate associate.

■ Debra Fowlkes, a Westland resident who has served on sev-

eral school district committees and has been active in the Marshall Junior High PTA.

■ Richard Honaker, a Westland resident who has served in appointed city government posts such as the Local Officers Compensation Commission and Municipal Service Bureau board of directors. He is a National Bank of Detroit assistant vice president who manages the Ford-Wayne Road branch.

■ Donald Lancaster, a Westland resident and retired General Motors Corp. engineer.

■ Mable Pittman, an Inkster resident who is a special education teacher in the Van Buren Public Schools. She has served

in a variety of volunteer groups helping youngsters.

The candidates were identified Friday by Gary Dell, administrative assistant to Superintendent Larry Thomas.

The five candidates applied in person to the district office, which closed Friday for the holidays. However, Dell noted that other applicants may apply in writing for the six-month appointment.

Candidates must have their letters and resumes postmarked by Dec. 31. The information should be mailed to the Superintendent's Office, 36745 Marquette, Westland 48185 and be marked "board vacancy appointment."

# Driver cleared in fatal accident

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne man accused of accidentally hitting and killing a Westland woman with his pickup truck has been cleared of a charge of negligent homicide.

Thomas Lee Markham, 24, had been charged in the Feb. 19 death of Sharon Ann Myers, 49, but he was recently acquitted during a trial in Detroit Recorder's Court, according to the court clerk's office.

Markham's Ford Ranger hit Myers as she was walking at night along Van Born near Inkster Road, earlier court testimony indicated. The truck catapulted Myers into the air and passed un-

der her before she fell to her death on the pavement, deputy sheriff Gary Lutzman had testified during a hearing in 18th District Court.

Lutzman had been driving on Van Born when he saw Markham drive through a yellow light, he said, and authorities indicated that Markham may have hit Myers while he was looking in his rear-view mirror to see if the deputy was going to pursue him.

However, Westland police have said that Myers was walking on the road when she was hit, indicating that Markham may have not seen Myers in time to avoid hitting her. Markham also didn't appear to be speeding in the 45 mph zone, Lutzman testified.

Markham admitted to Lutzman that he drank four beers prior to the accident, testimony indicated, but Westland police noted that the defendant's post-accident blood-alcohol test revealed that he was not considered legally drunk by Michigan standards.

Markham had maintained his innocence, pleading not guilty to the charge. He could have faced two years in prison if convicted.

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Felan's attorney, Michael Ostrosky said he doubts that the roommate's testimony could be damaging to Felan.

Brown, 30, is a public affairs employee for Wayne County Community College and is a former Associated Newspapers news editor. Felan, 45, is a past real estate associate who has served as a school volunteer and a PTA president.

Some school board members have sided with Brown, while others believe Felan. Board members appear to be split along political lines.

Feuding among board members has raged for years in Wayne-Westland, but reached a new peak when Brown accused Felan of pushing her.

If convicted of the misdemeanor assault charge, the maximum penalty Felan could face would be 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Felan learned about the impending charge while she was

updating her resume last week to seek a board appointment. She is applying for the post that board member Leonard Posey is quitting six months early — on Dec. 31 — because of an out-of-state job promotion.

Ostrosky accused Brown of filing the complaint to try to discredit Felan for the post.

Brown denied Ostrosky's allegations.

"Any of my dealings with Sharon in the past were purely positive, and I've never had a problem with her until the day I was pushed," Brown said, adding that Felan "has had a problem with me since the day I won the (June 14) election."

Ostrosky said the case will go to trial if Brown signs the complaint because he would refuse a plea agreement.

"There's absolutely no excuse for violence of whatever degree," she said, adding later, "Anybody who knows me knows that I would not go to the police de-

partment and file a report unless I had a reason to."

Likewise, Felan said her supporters know that she wouldn't lie about the incident.

"I have tremendous support, and if we need to go to court, then we'll go to court," she said.

Felan admitted she pointed a finger at Brown, but emphatically denied touching her. Felan also said the two engaged in name-calling.

Brown and Felan have been at odds in a school district plagued by political fighting. For example, Felan has been supportive of superintendent Larry Thomas, while Brown gave him low marks during her campaign.

Ostrosky said he wasn't surprised that Felan is facing charges — only because "it's Sharon's word against Trish Brown's."

In such cases, he said, prosecutors have little choice but to let a jury or a judge decide the matter.

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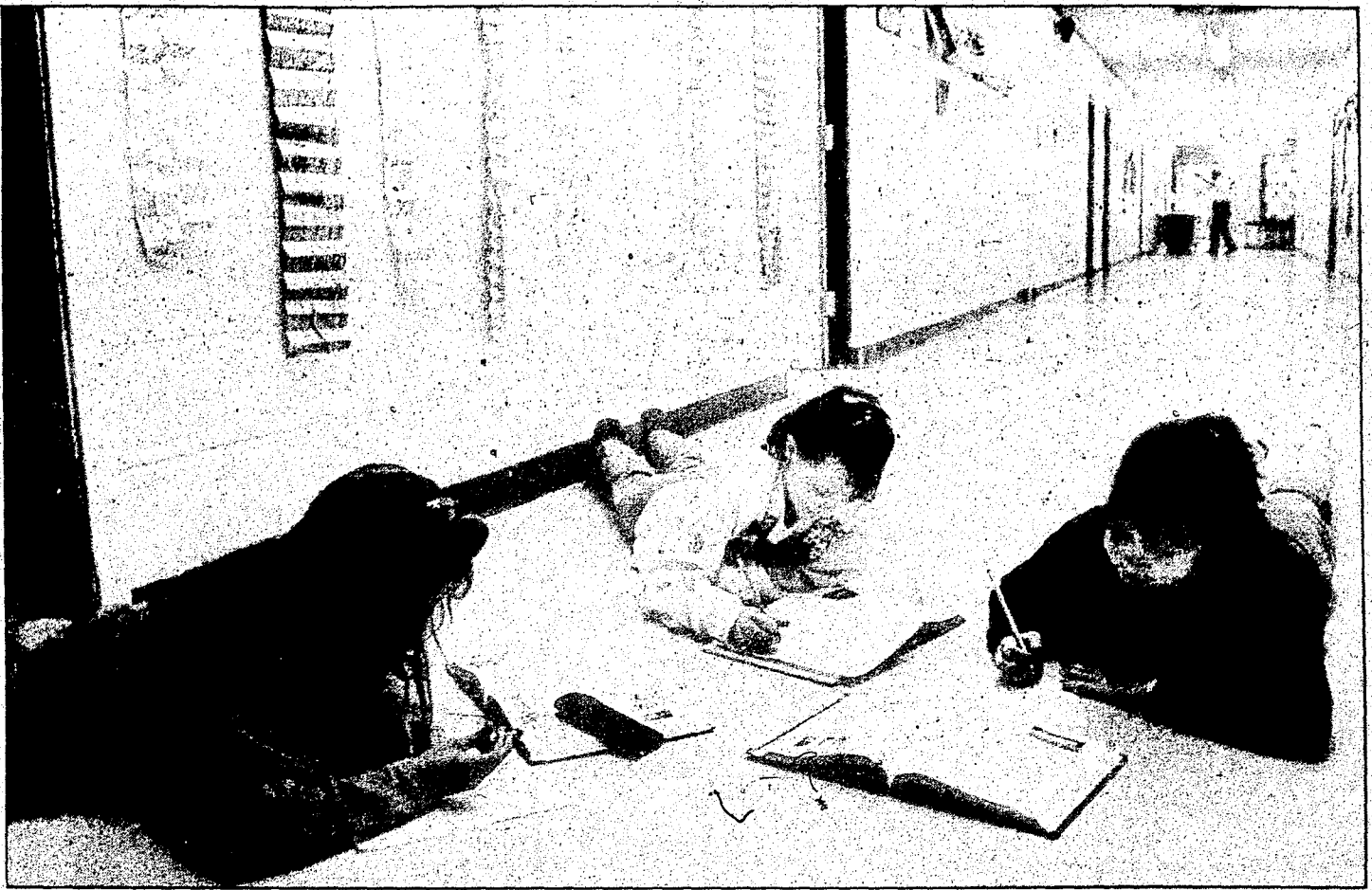
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# 'Gift of Words'

## Young writers compile anthology

The budding writers and artists at Nankin Mills Elementary will be in the spotlight this week with the publication of the school's first anthology, "Gift of Words." "It's new this year," said Linda Gantos, principal of the school on Hubbard near Ann Arbor Trail, in the Westland portion of the Livonia school district. "Every class is represented. For

some classes, every student contributed. For others, the pieces were selected." This is the month for holiday fun at Nankin Mills. Recently they took part in a Jingle Bell Jog and a Christmas sing-along. "We've been studying Christmas around the world, a multicultural theme to teach students about our global society," she said.



Spread out: As long as they had math homework to do, three Nankin Mills sixth graders — Mari Traub (left), Heather Wnuk and Kelly Taylor — made themselves as comfortable as possible on the hallway floor.

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**Christmas sing-along:** In music class, first grader Courtney Niland practices an old-time favorite, "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth."



Making a point: At left, fourth-grader Joshua Davidson sharpens a pencil while fifth-grader Jason Watson, above, enjoys an apple during a break.

# Plans get low-key response

BY WAYNE PEAL  
STAFF WRITER

While Detroit civic leaders were dismayed with last week's announcement WJR-AM will be moving to a suburb, some Southfield officials were pleased but low key. "We didn't take any part in this decision," Southfield community relations director Nimord Rosenthal said. "We found out when the world found out." The move opens speculation WJR and its parent company would be interested in acquiring another station, as would be permitted under new federal broadcast rules. "I can't speak for corporate, but if you're going to stay strong, that appears to be the way to go," said Jim Long, WJR president and general manager. WJR is one of the nation's oldest radio stations and is generally considered the region's most prestigious and influential. Its summer 1995 arrival will add new luster to Oakland County's growing broadcast community. Station officials Thursday announced plans to move WJR from its longtime location inside the Fisher Building in Detroit's New Center area to a vacant radio studio on a 30-acre site adjacent to Broadcast House, on 10 Mile road, near Northwestern Highway, across from Lawrence Technological University. Broadcast House is the longtime home of WXYZ-TV, the local ABC affiliate. While WJR is owned by Cap Cities/ABC, the television station is owned by Scripps Howard. "We're completely separate," Long said. WHYT-FM, a WJR affiliate, is also coming to the Southfield site. In all, 100 jobs will be coming to Southfield. Initial plans call for the approximately 35 WHYT employees to move into the existing station, once operated by hard rock station WRIF-FM, since

## WJR MOVE

moved to another Southfield station. New quarters would be build for WJR personnel. While the move was criticized by a variety of Detroit officials, including Mayor-elect Dennis Archer, Long characterized it as a business decision. "We've owned this acreage for a long time," Long said. The property came to Cap Cities through its 1986 acquisition of ABC, though rumors surfaced in 1984 and 1992 that WJR was considering moving to Troy. Countering criticism of the Southfield move, Long said the station's commitment to Detroit "won't change one iota." Event coverage and station-sponsored charitable events won't change, Long said. But he added WJR — "The Voice of the Great Lakes" — is also the voice of southeastern Michigan. "WJR doesn't stand for Detroit, it doesn't stand for Southfield, it stands for Southeastern Michigan," he said. Best known as home to J.P. McCarthy, WJR is one of the last of the "full service" radio stations. Its daily fare includes news, as well as talk shows and music programs. It also broadcasts Detroit Tigers baseball games, Detroit Red Wing hockey games and University of Michigan sporting events. WHYT-FM features a contemporary hits format, including rap and dance music. In addition to WXYZ, Southfield is also home to WJBK-TV and WKBD-TV — three of the metro area's seven over-the-air television stations. In addition to WRIF, Southfield-based radio stations include WWJ-AM, WXYT-AM and WQRS-FM.

# Dad charged with molesting son

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

An 8-year-old Westland boy was allegedly sexually molested by his father during an 11-month period that ended in October, a Westland police sergeant said. The father, Bradley Brion Blessing, 31, was arraigned Friday morning before 18th District Judge Gail McKnight on charges allegedly involving oral sex and masturbation, Sgt. Laura Moore said. Blessing, a Drug Enforcement Administration employee, could face up to life in prison if convicted on two counts of first-degree

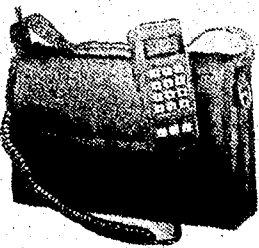
criminal sexual conduct and two counts of second-degree CSC. He stood mute during Friday's arraignment, and a plea of not guilty was entered for him. He is scheduled for a Dec. 23 preliminary hearing that will determine if he should stand trial on the charges. He has been released from custody after posting \$1,000, or 10 percent of a \$10,000 bond, Moore said. Blessing was arrested after the boy told his sister — Blessing's only other child — about the alleged incidents, Moore said. The girl told the children's mother, Moore said.

The father moved out of the family's Westland home in October and now lives in Gibraltar, the sergeant said. The parents are in the process of a divorce, she said. The molestings allegedly began in December of 1992 and continued through October, Moore said. On Friday, one of Blessing's superiors at the DEA accompanied him to court to show support, she said. The father has been ordered to have no unsupervised contact with minors. He also has been warned by the judge not to go to the family's Westland home, Moore said.

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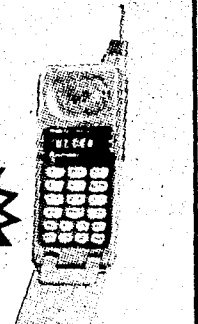
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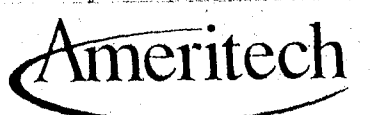
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# Stevenson honors students

Forty-one Stevenson Junior High School students were honored for improvements in several areas during the first card marking period. They were formally recognized as "students of the marking period," said Margaret Franks, chairwoman of a school improvement task force.

She said the students were nominated on the basis of improvement in areas such as be-

havior, attitude, maturation, academic progress and attendance.

Honored were Amy Armstrong, Marta Baldysz, Kerry Booterbaugh, Ben Brown, Meredith Buddington, Ryhan Cameron, Rich Chase, Jennifer Dillon, Kristen Fidh, Tamara Grezlik, Peggy Haman, Christina Hatfield, Christopher Houdek, Katy Hover, Ryan Hubbard, John Kantner, Tricia King, Kim Lentz, Shaun

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## Youngsters enjoy visit



**Yule project:** The Westland Jaycees and Mervyn's retail store combined efforts Sunday morning, Dec. 12, to have 23 children from the county homeless shelter, Youth Assistance Program and the Dorsey Community Center receive gifts and a visit with Santa. The shopping spree cost of \$1,000 was divided by Mervyn's and the Jaycees. During the two-hour activity, Jazmin Johnson, 6, enjoyed a visit with Santa while Stephanie Uhlian, 5, had help from Jaycee Sharon Strebbling in wrapping a gift.



## OBITUARIES

### LEWIS E. EAGAL

Services for Mr. Eagal, 73, of Garden City were Dec. 17 from the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, with burial in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Bruce Harris officiated.

Mr. Eagal died Dec. 15 in Garden City.

Born Jan. 11, 1920, in Oklahoma City, Okla., he was a retired truck driver.

Survivors include: wife Aurore; daughters Anne Hurst, Eve Perry and Adelaide Siler; step-daughters Moela Perry and Yvonne Garrow; sons Rudolphe and Lewis; 19 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; brother Robert, and sister Olive Holt.

### RENA M. GIACOBBI

Services for Mrs. Giacobbi, 85, of Westland were Dec. 15 from St. Bernadine Catholic Church, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Giacobbi died Dec. 12 in Westland. Born April 1, 1908, in Eveleth, Minn., she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughter Helen Bogus; sons William, Joseph and James; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and sisters Elizabeth Calvisi and Irma Christiansen.

Arrangements were by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

### GUS GINOPOLIS

Services for Mr. Ginopolis, 83, of Westland were Dec. 18 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Rev. Leonard Partensky officiated.

Mr. Ginopolis died Dec. 15 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Born Feb. 15, 1910, in Norfolk, Va., he was a wheel repairman.

Survivors include: wife Helen; sons John and Paul; grandson Jason, and sister Mary Lagas. Preceding him in death were a

son, Dennis, and a daughter, Patricia Ann.

### MARIE G. LEAHY

Services for Miss Leahy, 89, of Dearborn Heights were Dec. 18 from the Church of the Divine Child, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. The Rev. Matthew Ellis officiated.

Miss Leahy died Dec. 14 in Dearborn Heights. Born Aug. 15, 1904, in Stevens Point, Wis., she was a retired nurse.

Survivors include: brothers Vincent Leahy and Leon Leahy; sisters Kay Henkel, Evelyn DeLong and Helen Carey and many nieces and nephews.

### MICHAEL WYDEMAN

Graveside services for Mr. Wydeman, 45, of Wayne were Dec. 14 at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia. Rev. Michael Davis officiated.

Mr. Wydeman died Dec. 13 in Saline Community Hospital.

Born Aug. 30, 1948, he was a life-long Wayne resident and welder for Ford Motor Co. for nine years.

Survivors include: brother Frank and sisters Elizabeth Hall and Gloria Hall.

Arrangements were by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. His remains were cremated.

### DONALD J. LINDEMANN

Services for Mr. Lindemann, 67, of Belleville were Dec. 15 from the David Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, with interment in Bethlehem Cemetery, Ann Arbor. Bruce Harris, of the Church of Christ, Garden City, officiated.

Mr. Lindemann died Dec. 12 in his residence. Born Aug. 20, 1926, in Ann Arbor, he was a retired Ford Motor Co. employee and member of the Belleville Kiwanis Club. He enjoyed roller-skating and square dancing.

Survivors include: brother Walter of Garden City; two nieces and two nephews.

Memorials may be donated to the Belleville Kiwanis Club.

### ALMA J. BEAUCHAMP

Services for Mrs. Beauchamp, 82, of South Lyon were Dec. 14 from St. Theodore Catholic Church, Westland, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Mrs. Beauchamp died Dec. 11 in South Lyon. Born Nov. 11, 1911, in Canada, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: sons Thomas, Kenneth and Carl; daughters Michaelyn Thompson, Bernadette Faust and Beatrice; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and two brothers. Preceding her in death was husband Frank.

Arrangements were by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

### JAMES ALLEN SIMS

A memorial service for Mr. Sims, 43, of Northville was Dec. 11 at the Casterline Funeral Home, Northville. The Rev. Douglas Vernon of the First United Methodist Church of Northville officiated.

Mr. Sims died Dec. 5 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Born March 16, 1950, in Garden City, he was a Northwest Airlines supervisor.

Survivors include: his wife, Kay; daughter, Leah; sisters, Margaret Bell of Wayne and Pearl Barnes of Garden City; and brothers, Alvin of Westland and Michael of Jackson, Mich.

Memorials may be donated to the American Heart Association.

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# Lansing pols still trying to rebuild school finance

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

The school tax bills that emerged from the House's all-nighter Dec. 10 differed in one major respect from the deal cut by the bipartisan legislative team (BLT).

If voters approve a 2-cent increase in the sales tax next February, the bills will cut homestead property taxes from 16 mills to zero, but will leave the income tax rate at 6 percent.

The original BLT plan called for using a higher sales tax to reduce homestead property taxes to nine mills and rolling back the income tax to 5.3 percent.

"That was Martin's amendment," said Rep. Sue Munsell, R-Howell, a key player in the BLT deal, referring to Rep. Bill Martin, R-Battle Creek. "It was the most substantial change. It almost derailed the package."

The House broke for 45 minutes of negotiations and caucuses, during which leaders decided to accept the Martin amendment. "The Democrats decided they could live with it," Munsell said.

## Pattern set

State representatives passed a dozen bills and sent them to the Senate, which is expected to juggle the numbers but is unlikely to change the overall pattern:

■ Michigan's statewide average of 34.5 mills for school operating property taxes will be gone.

■ Businesses, under the House bill, will pay 20 mills which will be shared statewide on a per-pupil basis. (Gov. John Engler wanted 16 mills.)

■ The single business tax will go from 2.35 percent to 2.95 percent.

■ The personal income tax will be raised from the current 4.6 percent to 6 percent.

■ Property buyers will pay a real estate transfer tax of \$11.10 per \$1,000.

■ And state government in Michigan will carry something like 95 percent of the burden of paying for schools — second highest in the nation, behind only Hawaii — instead of 37 percent.

"The senators will put their thumbprint on it," said Munsell, "but the mix will be the same."

## Politics of 57

With 56 votes needed to pass any bill, the House gave the most controversial bills margins of exactly 57 yes votes.

It was done by pre-arrangement so that any one representative could tell constituents: "If I had voted no, it would have made no difference because they had 56 votes to pass it."

Here is how area lawmakers voted:

**Income tax increase (HB 5106 — passed 57-48):**

YES — Republicans Lyn Bankes of Redford, Barbara Dobb of Union Lake, Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills, Shirley Johnson of Royal Oak; Democrats Maxine Berman of Southfield, David Gubow of Huntington Woods, William Keith of Garden City.

NO — Republicans Penny Crissman of Rochester, John Jamian of Bloomfield Township, Greg Kaza of Rochester Hills, Jerry Vorva of Plymouth and Deborah Whyman of Canton; Democrats Justine Barns of Westland

and Richard Young of Dearborn Heights.

Kaza put on an on-the-record protest into the House. Journal explaining his no vote: "Legislative pensions remain exempt from the state income tax. Pensions of federal and state government employees remain exempt. There are no exemptions for the private pensions of senior citizens. There is no cost-containment, no budget cuts."

**Single business tax increase (HB 5109 — passed 57-50):**

YES — Republicans Bankes, Dobb, Dolan, Johnson; Democrats Barns, Berman, Gubow, Keith and Young.

NO — Republicans Crissman, Jamian, Kaza, Vorva and Whyman.

**Real estate transfer tax (HB 5110 — passed 57-49):**

YES — Republicans Bankes, Crissman, Dobb, Dolan, Jamian, Johnson; Democrats Berman, Gubow, Keith and Young.

NO — Republicans Kaza, Vorva and Whyman; Democrat Barns.

Kaza's formal protest said two-thirds of those who responded to his poll opposed tax increases without cost-containment, and "there is no cost-containment tied to this tax package."

Whyman's formal protest said, "When school operating taxes were removed from homesteads, the transfer tax was introduced to generate revenue. School operating tax has been partially reinstated. I believe this (transfer) tax should have been eliminated when property tax was reinstated."

**State property tax authority (HB 5111 — passed 57-49):**

YES — Republicans Bankes, Crissman, Dobb, Dolan, Jamian,

Johnson and Vorva; Democrats Berman, Gubow, Keith and Young.

NO — Republicans Kaza and Whyman; Democrat Barns.

**General property tax (HB 5115 — passed 57-43):** It ties property tax cuts to the sales tax increase and restores property tax support of intermediate school districts.

YES — Republicans Bankes, Crissman, Dobb, Dolan, Jamian, Johnson and Vorva; Democrats Berman, Gubow and Keith.

NO — Republicans Kaza and Whyman; Democrats Barns and Keith.

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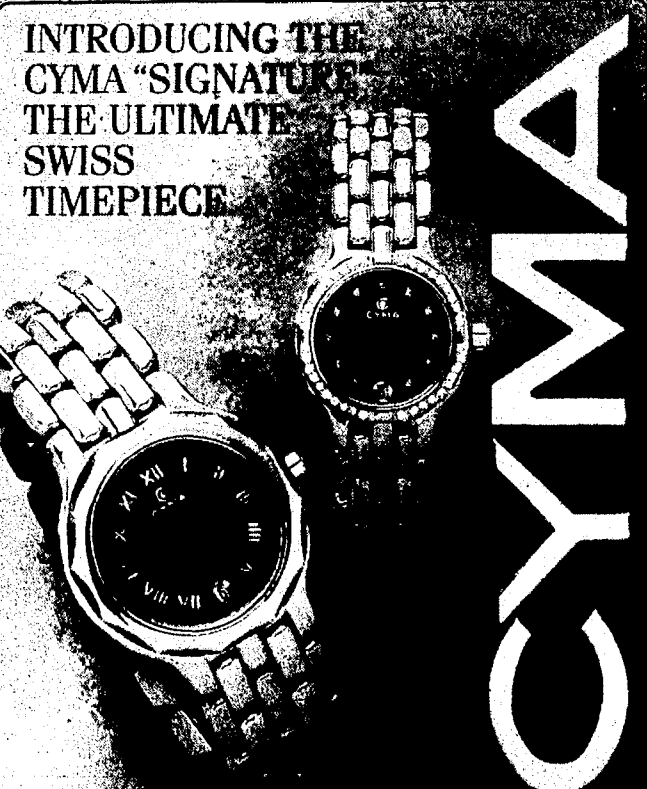
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1993

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## SHOPPING CENTERED



LINDA BACHRACK

## Pamper parlours put you first

If the stresses of the holiday season have left you slightly frazzled, now's the time to treat yourself to a bit of pampering. I visited several highly regarded salons and spas and gathered expert tips for soothing your soul and brightening your look for the New Year.

My "Mira's Marvelous Morning" health and beauty session at Mira Linder Spa in the City, 29935 Northwestern Highway in Applegate Square in Southfield, was a recent indulgence that left me relaxed and eager to tackle the remaining hectic days of December. It's not too late to schedule a day at the spa before New Year's Eve or drop a hint that a Mira Linder gift certificate would make an appreciative present.

The "Marvelous Morning" (\$130) began with a quick change into a peppermint pink smock, robe and footies. As I was ushered into the facial salon, I met Rose Mary Worthen of West Bloomfield, who escapes her demanding job every two weeks for a massage, facial and hair styling. "It's especially welcome this time of year," she said.

My facialist, Janet, dimmed the lights, covered me with blankets and plunged my hands in warm lotion-drenched mitts, then proceeded to cleanse, tone, soften, nourish and revitalize my weary visage. Janet recommends an instant beauty mask to refresh your skin before an evening out. It'll make you "feel glowy" all night.

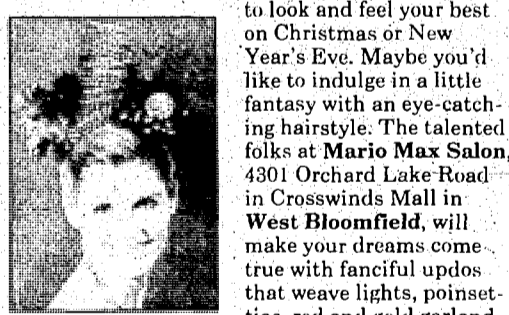
### A real treat

Aroused from near slumber, I staggered into an intimate dining room for a light lunch. There I chatted with Sandy Miemi from Plymouth and Lea Cairo of Sterling Heights. Both women were enjoying gift certificates given them by their husbands last Christmas. Both had babies in 1993 and were finally devoting much-deserved time to themselves. Sandy basked in the afterglow of her massage, while Lea showed off her watermelon red toes and proclaimed her pedicure, "a real treat."

Sally hustled me into a darkened room for an hour-long body massage and suggested that more and more people are scheduling massages to combat holiday stress.

Though my program didn't include a pedicure, Mira surprised me with this ultimate indulgence. "When the feet relax, the body relaxes," counseled Irma my pedicurist. Hazel Bullock of Detroit soaked her tired soles in the Jacuzzi alongside mine and blessed her children for giving her a day of beauty. "I'm hooked on the pedicures," she said.

Next, Kelle transformed my features with some natural-look makeup. She recommended some frost to add sparkle to lips and eyes for holiday parties. "Frost is in," she said, as she renewed me floated out of the door. It may not be enough just to look and feel your best on Christmas or New Year's Eve. Maybe you'd like to indulge in a little fantasy with an eye-catching hairstyle. The talented folks at Mario Max Salon, 4301 Orchard Lake Road in Crosswinds Mall in West Bloomfield, will make your dreams come true with fanciful updos that weave lights, poinsettias, red and gold garland and ribbons through braids and chignons. Really strut your stuff this season. Call for a creative consultation.



Sherri Nicole's elegant and personal salon, Illusions by Sherri, 360 Hamilton in Birmingham, is a favorite escape for Michelle Tadian, Gail Johns and Ruth Talmer, who praise the warm, inviting atmosphere and specialized services. Makeup artist Nicole, recommends a soothing eye revitalizer for droopy, tired lids and a fresh-as-outdoors scented hydrating cream for thirsty winter skin. Warm red lips topped with a gold veil finish your party palette. And for a real statement-making pick-me-up velvet hats are it according to Nicole. See her stunning selection by Rosemary Warren.



Linda Bachrack is a Birmingham resident. You can leave her column ideas at 953-2047, mailbox 1889, or fax them to her at 644-1314.

## LOOKING AHEAD

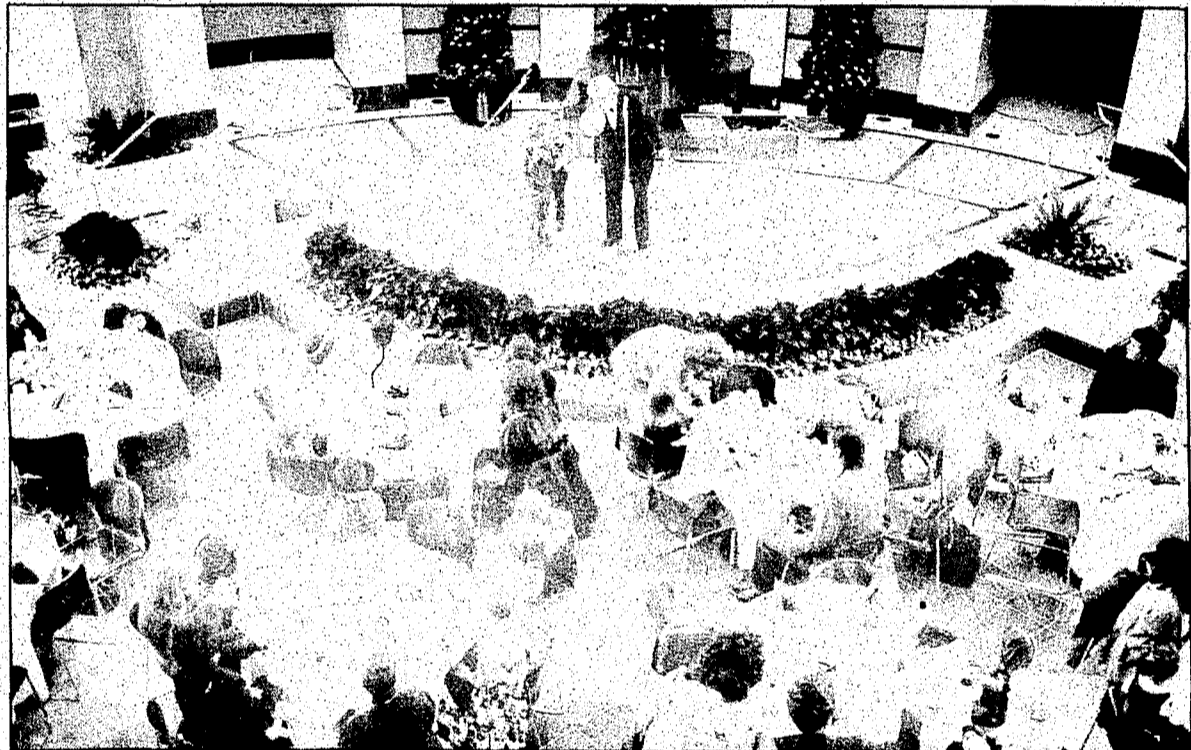
What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- The Coffee Beanery stores brew a pot of success.
- A tale of two Lakesides.
- Linda Bachrack shops for New Year's Eve entertainment.



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pet pictures: Mack poses with Santa while owner Bruce Raymond of Farmington Hills tries to coax a suitable expression from his dog. Michigan Humane Society volunteer Lew Tillman of Northville snaps a photo at the Livonia Mall benefit.



JIM RIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tea time: At the Somerset Collection in Troy, a magician entertains until Santa arrives to visit with the young guests at formal teas held throughout the week in the mall's rotunda.

## Santa schmoozes about town

■ Santa gets around. Whether he's listening to a litany of "I wantas" from a 5-year-old, calming the fears of a 10-month-old or posing with somebody's pet pig, Santa embodies the spirit of the season.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO

He's posed with hamsters, parrots, goats, and even alligators, but the potbelly pig that stopped by Livonia Mall last week for a photo with Santa was almost too much.

"Ho, Ho, Ho," Santa said. "That little piggy took one look at me and squealed and cried like a little baby. He was afraid. Imagine! Being afraid of Santa. Ho, Ho, Ho. You should have seen him slipping all over the polished floor. What a sight! Ho, Ho, Ho."

Santa had it a bit easier when he stopped by the Somerset Collection in Troy to have a proper English tea with some very well behaved little ladies and gentlemen. Does Santa like high teas?

"Well, ho, ho, ho," he ho, ho, ho'd. "Let's put it this way, Santa likes to be at gatherings where children are having a good time."

Santa also likes raising money for good causes, and that's why he sits for photos with pets each December to benefit the Michigan Humane Society.

"Between our three locations, we have about 200 unwanted pets a day turned in," said Ron Blauet, spokesman for the Michigan Humane Society. "The pets that come out, have their pictures taken with Santa raise money for the care of their less-fortunate brothers and sisters."

And out they came. Terriers. Bullmastiffs. Collies. Cats. The potbellied pig. A few St. Bernards.

Some wore sweaters, bows and antlers. Some droolers wore Christmas bibs. And Santa welcomed them all.

"My son is in the service in Egypt, so I brought his dog in for a picture with Santa to send to him in a Christmas card," Joanne Epner of Livonia explained as a beautiful golden retriever watched other pups pose with Santa. "I think my son will get a kick out of it."

The Bak family of Detroit's west side brought Pooker — half schnau-

See SANTA, 7A

Mall and Main Street businesses are invited to submit news of special events and promotions for inclusion in this calendar. Deadline is the Wednesday before the Monday edition. Send information to Malls & Mainstreets, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax material to 313-591-7279.

MONDAY, DEC. 20

### FIRST NIGHT TICKETS

Tickets on sale for downtown Birmingham's annual New Year's Eve party, featuring family entertainment and refreshments 4 p.m. to midnight. A \$7 First Night button entitles the bearer to free admission at all events. Tickets available at area Kroger stores, Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, Community House, Crowley's and Michigan National Banks. First Night cookies, \$1.25 each, on sale courtesy of new Townsend Bakery Shoppe. Cookies at Jax Car Wash, Cranbrook Book Store, Polo Store and Claymore Shops. 540-6688.

### SHOE DRIVE

Red Wing Shoe Stores are collecting used boots and shoes for reconditioning for the needy through Dec. 31. Store managers will restitch, resole and relace old footwear, which will be distributed through the Capuchian Soup Kitchen. The Red Wing Shoe Stores are at 2741 Woodward, Borkley, 5948 N. Sheldon, Canton, 33145 Ford Road, Garden City, 25545 Five Mile Road, Redford, and 13989 Hall Road, Shelby Township. 522-5950.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

Hudson stores will stay open until 11 p.m. Dec. 20-23 as a convenience to holiday shoppers. 443-6000.

### WORLD HOLIDAYS

Vignettes feature holidays around the world in custom display throughout the mall. Photos with Santa. Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. 353-4111.

### CAROUSEL CHRISTMAS

Gilded horses, Pierrot dolls. Piano concerts Thursday-Sunday, north court. Fourth annual "Light Up A Life With Love" campaign benefits Angela Hospice through Jan. 8. Photos with Santa. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. 462-1100.

### MARY KRIS MOUSE

Storybook theme features Kris Mice. Santa photos. Train rides for preschoolers \$1. Mall opened to 10 p.m. through Dec. 23. Wonderland Mall, Plymouth/Middlebelt, Livonia. 522-4100.

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

### JEWEL OF A HOLIDAY

Boxes, ornaments, ribbons and bows glitter and sparkle through mall. SantaPhotos. Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Hubbard, Dearborn. 593-1370.

### SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Dickens characters, animated surprises. Photos with Santa. Center court. Toys for Tots program needs new, unwrapped toys during broadcasts by W4 Country through Dec. 24. Drop box for Gift of Reading Program near Sander's center court. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. 476-1166.

### SNOW GEESE

Center court children's events include musical performances and Mother Goose story hours daily 1, 3, and 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 and 6 p.m. through Dec. 24. Photos with Santa. Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford. 682-0123.

### INTERNATIONAL SANTA

Santa photos in high-tech North Pole setting. Breakfasts with Santa 9 a.m. various mall restaurants to Dec. 24. First-come, first served basis. \$3 per person. Contact mall for complete schedule. Lakeside, M-59/Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. 247-1744.

### MUSICAL NOTES

Large musical instruments with jolly faces decorate the center. Magic mailbox winks letters off to Santa at North Pole. Photos with Santa. Twelve Oaks, Twelve Mile/Novi, Novi. 348-9438.

### SANTA AND SCOUTS

Giving Tree benefits 800 wards of the state in need of holiday gifts. Coordinated by local Boy Scouts through Dec. 24. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Adams/Walton, Rochester Hills. 375-9451.

### SESAME SANTA

Sesame Street theme throughout mall. Santa photos. Interactive displays for preschoolers. Local music groups perform 10 a.m. 1 p.m. On Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. On Dec. 22, 7 p.m. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy. 585-6000.

### PINOCCHIO

Hudson's annual animated exhibit tells the story of

puppet who becomes a real boy. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. No charge. Santa's workshop features animated elves building toys. Photos. Lower level exhibit hall. Through December. Northland Center, Eight Mile/Greenfield, Southfield. 443-6263.

### HOMELESS BENEFIT

Bricker-Tunis Furs will collect coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks for the homeless through Dec. 24. Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake Road and Maple, West Bloomfield. 855-9200.

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

### CAROLERS

Dickens carolers perform 5-7 p.m. Mall remains open to 10 p.m. through Dec. 23. Westland Shopping Center, Wayne/Warren. 425-5001.

### BRIDAL FAIR

Information for engaged couples and bridal parties at annual Hudson's Bridal Fair. Includes brunch, visits with manufacturer's reps. and fashion show Saturday, Jan. 22 beginning 9:30 a.m. Southfield Pavilion. \$15 per person. Tickets on sale now through date of event. 443-6334.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

### SANTA VISITS

Santa has a new house in Kellogg Park. Kids welcome to visit and pose for pictures, Thursdays and Fridays 4-9 p.m. Saturdays noon to 6 p.m. Sundays noon to 5 p.m. \$3.50. Main St./Ann Arbor Trail, Downtown Plymouth. 453-1540.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Mall and Main Street shops close at 5 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 25

Christmas Day. Stores closed.

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Frank's Nursery & Crafts is operating 104 Christmas stores through the holiday season in boutiques in large regional shop-

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Products include animated figures, floral arrangements, ceramic villages, unusual ornaments and display pieces. The concept debuted three years ago with three stores. Frank's Nursery & Crafts is a wholly owned subsidiary of General Host Corp., which operates the nation's largest chain of specialty retail stores devoted to lawn and garden products, crafts and holiday merchandise.

**NEW SECURITY CHIEF**

Harold Scott, a commanding officer with the Detroit Police Department, has been named director of security for the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. Scott



Harold Scott

will direct a staff to provide a safe and secure shopping environment at the regional retail center. Scott brings 30 years' experience to the post, most recently as commander of the Internal Affairs section for the Detroit Police Department.

A native of Georgia, Scott received a bachelor of science degree in criminal science and social justice from Madonna College in Livonia.

— Compiled by Susan DeMaggio

**Santa** from page 6A

zer, half shih-tzu — (and half reindeer sporting antler ear muffs) in for a photo. "for the cause." "Everybody in Dearborn knows Pooker," Sarah Bak laughed, holding the little pooch tight. "He runs out the door, the yard, the porch, whenever he gets the chance. Everyone takes turns bringing Pooker back."

Four-month-old Reba, a bull mastiff, was brought to see Santa for the "social aspect."

"We want to show her eventually, and this event gives her a little exposure to other animals and people. It's been a good experience for her," said Maria Kane of Dearborn Heights.

What does a dog want for Christmas? Santa inquired. They asked for biscuits and "lots of walks."

**Teas sold out**

"Santa made the girls feel so special," said Carol Arola of Bloomfield Hills after Santa left the tea table around which Carol and daughters Chanel, 9, and Ryanne, 5, were seated.

"We just moved here from California, and I didn't know where to take the girls to see Santa until I got a flier in the mail from the Somerset Collection. The idea of a high tea with Santa sounded fun. I get emotional at these kind of things. It's such a special time for children."

Santa listened with concern as Ryanne requested *The Littlest Pet Shop* and *Poodle Surprise*. He told Chanel he would try to deliver *The Grape Escape Game*.

Rochester neighbors Debi Ryan and Pam Page each brought their three children to visit Santa at Somerset's high tea.

"We tried to get reservations last year, but the event was sold out," Ryan said. "We wanted to do something special with our friends, and this tea seemed like a good idea."

The children wore their holiday best and enjoyed a light supper prepared by Sebastian's Grill. They received some goodies from Santa, some balloon animals made by Santa's friend, the clown, and watched two white doves escape from the magician's routine to the rafters of the rotunda.

Santa reminded the children that his favorite cookies are big chocolate chips with walnuts — a small price for all the joy he brings.



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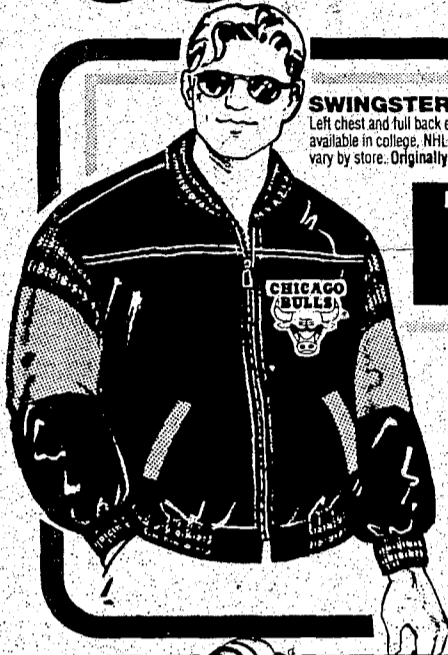
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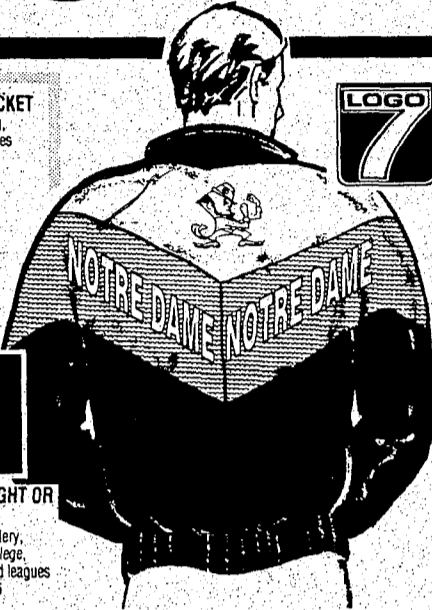
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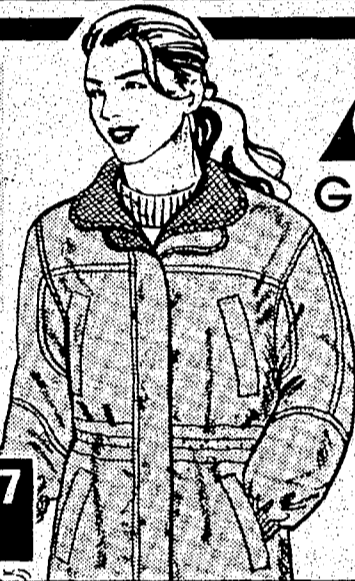
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POINTS OF VIEW

Ingrained sexism shows that no one 'gets it'

Poor Paul Denefeld. He's an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union who took the place of Lisa Gleicher, another ACLU attorney, at a recent forum on pornography. Hosting the program was the WomenCenter on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Denefeld was uncomfortable and said so when he claimed that Gleicher, who was tied up in Lansing, was better suited to argue the subject of pornography as a mode of free speech. A woman, was his specious argument, should have opposed Carolyn Fletcher Sharpe, assistant dean at the University of Detroit Mercy law school.

Denefeld missed Sharpe's message — that incidents of pornography can involve men as well as women, children as well as adults and gays as well as the "straight" community. And an audience member told him so.

"Men just don't get it," said the young woman, who had listened intently throughout the program. "Most vio-

lent crimes are against women and violence is shown in pornography.

"All people are afraid, but women don't get a voice."

Sounding more like he was trying to win a case than understand her point of view, Denefeld said that only violent sex crimes are directed more against women.

"Men just don't get it." That premise kept me amazed in the last two weeks at how differently men and women think as certain events unfolded. But this is not about a battle of the sexes; it's about dominance, power, anger and harm.

Even my two Joes apparently don't understand, and that hurts. After listening to them on the radio so often, I feel that I know them on a first name basis. One, J.P. McCarthy, I wake up to every morning; the other, Joseph Antonini, who heads Kmart, is on J.P.'s show so often I think of him as my personal financial adviser and Kmart greeter.

Anyway, on a recent radio show, McCarthy told what I considered to be



SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

a very sexist joke about best-selling dolls. The male doll wants to cuddle, do dishes and go to the mall; the female doll does nothing but keep her mouth shut. Antonini's reply was to tell McCarthy that he was "right in line."

Did Antonini really believe that, or was he just being polite? I don't know, but I wondered how many women listeners of WJR and customers of Kmart thought the joke was funny.

Certainly no one could in any way call my two Joes pornographers, but

they should have heard Sharpe's definition of pornography as that which depicts the subject as an object in a graphically sexual way.

They also should have heard the argument between Denefeld and Sharpe over whether pornography was an issue of free speech or harm done. What neither men nor women understand is that it is both.

We are free in this country to speak, write, compose music and produce art that is pornographic. But we are also free not to; moreover, we have the responsibility to accept the consequences of our actions.

Doing just that are Toys R Us stores, a nationwide chain with a location in Southfield, that is pulling one graphic video game from its shelves.

That's also why right now there are at least two women, written about by Tedd Schneider in his column on McDonald's and Wayne's World videos, who are engaged in what Denefeld calls counterspeech — the act of opposing what they see as harmful. Now my colleague, Tedd, thinks those

women ought to get a life, but I contend they have a much better life than those who wink and nod over the not-too-subtle nuances of sexism found in some venues.

We also have to take responsibility for our inaction. It may well be that women "just don't get it" either when they allow themselves to be debased without objection, for a wide variety of reasons.

During the forum, Denefeld argued that banning pornography would limit free speech, a First Amendment right. Sharpe said that wasn't her mission. Sharpe said she believes women ought to have the right to sue, if they can prove they have been harmed by incidents of pornography.

Let the debate continue. And in the meantime, I wish my two Joes a happy holiday season. But most of all, I wish they would be more conscious of the impact that subtle, ingrained sexism can have on the public.

Sandra Armbruster is Oakland County editor for the Eccentric Newspapers. You can reach her at 901-2587.

When you cry wolf, big problems get lost in the noise

Well, I did it. I wasn't going to, but they made me — Phyllis Counts, Renee Reyer and their silly protest.

So Saturday I went into my local McDonald's, plunked down my cash and walked out with a Big Mac and a copy of "Wayne's World."

I'm not really sure what motivated this rash, retail act. If you know me, you know that even the bargain price of \$5.99 is a lot when it comes to movies. Oh, I can — and do — spend money just as frivolously as the next person. (Ask my wife, Lori, about the \$25 radio-controlled car I ran up and down our new driveway all fall.)

But six bucks equals three or four movie rentals. And while "Wayne's World" made for an enjoyable evening at the (second-run) theater, I'm not sure I'll watch it three more times — ever.

No, I think my impulse purchase had more to do with thumbing a nose at these two women who are making such a big deal out of a movie they deem inappropriate for young children. Sort of a personal, anti-protest protest.

Livonia resident Counts and Canton resident Reyer see McDonald's as the "family values" fast-food chain. Because the PG-13 rated movie — based on characters from a "Saturday Night Live" sketch — contains some saucy language and implies some people occasionally have SEX WITHOUT BEING MARRIED, it doesn't fit into this promotion, they claim. Repeatedly. In print, on local TV news, on placards in front of offending restaurants and on talk radio across the country.

Well, as Wayne would have said, exsqueeze me.

McDonald's isn't giving the movie away. It's selling it. Selling it to people



TEDD SCHNEIDER

who presumably have \$5.99, plus the cost of a meal and a VCR to play it in. Now, it's been a while since I was a pre-adolescent, but this to me indicates parental involvement should be a factor somewhere along the route.

And McDonald's is no more, or less, interested in promoting family values than the other burger/taco/chicken places along the suburban landscape.

Warm, fuzzy commercials aside, McDonald's cares about one thing — the bottom line. There's nothing wrong with that. Remember, companies that make money provide jobs and keep the economy moving.

What we have in Counts, Reyer and their supporters is another float in the endless parade of political correctness targeting corporate America these days.

Object to a TV show? Hey, launch a boycott of advertisers. It's more fun than hitting the remote and switching channels — or turning the set off altogether.

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crash dummies (dead or plastic)? Don't eat tuna, wear cologne or fur, or drive a safe car.

It seems a company can hardly launch or promote a product without a public expression of angst from some corner of the community.

The net effect of all this superfluous noise is to diminish the voices of legitimate outrage on cornerstone issues — race relations, economic policy or health care — that deserve true and thoughtful debate.

Don't get me wrong. I'm all for free speech.

I just liked it better when the things that moved people to protest actually meant something.

Tedd Schneider, a Farmington Hills resident, covers the Livonia city and police beats at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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# NEA president, ex Livonia teacher comes home

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

The number-one reason that Minnesota parents support choice of public schools across district lines is to have a babysitter before or after school.

That's what National Education Association president Keith Geiger said research reveals when it comes to the schools of choice issue.

About five years ago, Minnesota became the only state to offer schools of choice across district boundaries, Geiger said.

The issue is important here as schools of choice is one facet of Gov. John Engler's plan to reform education in Michigan.

"So if we want to talk about choice, let's be honest about why parents are utilizing choice," Geiger said. "It is not to get a better education for their child. It is to have their kids near a Grandma or a Grandpa, an aunt or an uncle, so that they can have free babysitting after school."

Geiger spoke twice Monday at the Livonia Education Association's office on Munger — first to four print reporters, then to a closed audience of area union officials from which the press was barred. Jacqui Thomas, MEA communications coordinator, explained that the meeting was closed to the media because a LEA union meeting was planned

after Geiger's speech.

LEA president Nancy Shaw invited Geiger, a former Livonia teacher, to speak prior to the meeting.

Geiger discussed with educators the California Teachers Association's defeat of Proposal 174, which would have given private and religious schools in California \$2,600 for each student enrolled. The November ballot initiative was defeated by a sound 70-30 margin. The NEA contributed \$1 million to defeat the proposal.

The NEA will decide in February, how much money it will contribute to lobbying efforts in Michigan, Geiger said.

A former Michigan Education Association president, Geiger began his career as LEA president. He is a former math and science teacher at Stevenson High School. Geiger has been NEA president since 1989, running unopposed this year.

Geiger said the NEA supports schools of choice, but only among public schools. The lobbying group opposes the use of tax dollars for private schools.

Charter school concept proposals are often a "back door way of getting vouchers for private/parochial school," Geiger said.

"Charter schools should not be put in place to violate a collective

bargaining agreement or to get rid of teacher tenure," he said.

Allowing parents to choose a school outside their district of residence is probably harmful to education, Geiger said.

"We're spending more money getting kids from one district to another. It's not benefiting them at all," he said.

He went on to say that the fi-

ancial disparity among school districts in Michigan is largely a result of lack of federal funding and responsibility. States are expected to foot more of the bill for education without additional resources. Geiger argues that research indicates teachers are still underpaid nationally.

Engler will spur confrontation if he believes he can put the union in its place, Geiger said.

On other issues, Geiger said:  
■ "Test scores for minority students have been increasing over the last 5-10 years, while those for white students have been staying level."  
■ "If you take the same socio-economic students, test scores for public school students always score as good or better as students in private schools. The biggest determining factor of a kid's score is

family income. The obvious solution is not to worry about teachers' salaries but to make sure that all parents make \$100,000 a year. That would take care of it."

■ "Ejecting the President of the United States pales in importance compared to the thousands of people that the president appoints that we have lived with for 12 years and this organization is now dealing with."

## Livonia teachers don't like Engler

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Education Association is unwavering in its dislike of Governor John Engler's school reform proposals.

Anti-Engler messages abound in the hallway of the Association's office on Munger in Livonia.

Even lifelike cardboard models of President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton sport badges reading "Yes Schools. No Engler" and "Save Our Schools. Bump Engler."

MEA union locals in the metro-Detroit area came Monday to hear National Education Association president Keith Geiger speak. Some paid a \$1 to the "Survival Defense Fund," pinning on badges that read "Don't Trust Engler," and "Engler Hates Me."

The NEA is expected to provide monetary help next year when the school reform issue heats up in the Michigan legislature.

"It makes me happy to hear Keith say that the battle that we are fighting in Michigan regarding vouchers, etc. is not totally unusual (in the country), said Elaine Miller, a 30-year Redford Union High school teacher and president of Wayne County MEA/NEA. "This is something that so far has been deemed unacceptable by the public across the country. I'm happy that he (Geiger) appreciates what I do."  
So far, vouchers have only passed in Milwaukee, according to Jacqui Thomas, MEA communications coordinator. That city has approved \$2,500 per pupil, but only for disadvantaged children, she said.

Julius Maddox, MEA president wants citizens to know all of the ramifications. "We will also potentially become involved in a petition campaign," Maddox said.

During an earlier news conference, Geiger took issue with a June 7 Forbes Magazine article, "Suffer the Little Children. How the Na-

tional Education Association Corrupts Our Public Schools."

Forbes maintains that increased spending and high teachers' salaries have produced only deteriorating student test scores. The article also said that the NEA now has more members than the Teamsters.

"We work from a point of view that isn't right or wrong," Geiger said. "This just happens to be a point of view that we believe in."

He called the article "lies and fabrication." Forbes isn't read by many people in the United States, Geiger said, but right-wing churches have extensively reproduced and distributed the article.

"Understand that the article was about one thing — public tax dollars for private and parochial schools," Geiger said.

Added Lou Battaglieri, president of Local 1 MEA/NEA, Macomb: "In California, they got thumped in the ballot box."

## Bicycle helmet law proposed

Small children would need helmets while riding on a bike or as passengers under a bill passed by the State House of Representatives.

Opponents called it "Big Brother" legislation, after the George Orwell novel 1984.

Sponsored by Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, the bill says, "A person less than four years of age riding on a bicycle or as a passenger on a carrier or trailer attached to a bicycle shall

wear a helmet properly fastened on his or her head."

The House softened the bill by making it inapplicable in private driveways or private property not used for vehicular travel by the public.

The vote was 58 to 39.

Observer area lawmakers supporting it were: Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Justine Barns, D-Westland, William Keith, D-Garden City, and Richard Young, D-

Dearborn Heights.

Opposed were Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Whyman lodged an official protest in the House Journal: "We can't legislate EVERYTHING."

Refer to House Bill 4953 when writing to your senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48913. The bill is in the Senate Transportation Committee.

## Renters left out, advocate says

Renter-occupied housing is taxed as commercial property and may not benefit from proposed property tax cuts, a spokesman for the apartment industry says.

"Renters are being penalized because they don't own the home where they live," said Melvin Kaftan, president of the Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) and of Kaftan Enterprises in Southfield. "Renters need to urge their state senators to include them

in the property tax rollback."

The 1990 Census indicated that 991,688 (or 29 percent) of housing units in Michigan were renter-occupied. They are classified as commercial property and are treated as businesses in paying taxes.

"Renters who can't afford to buy a home are at a disadvantage over people who already own homes," added Kaftan. "Renters will continue to pay property taxes plus any new taxes to fund education. It is important to find new approaches for funding Michigan's school systems but the benefit of the property tax cut should be for residences whether they are rental or owner-occupied."

The Legislature in July abolished property taxes for school operations, cutting more than \$6 billion in school district revenue. The House last week approved bills restoring 20 mills of property tax for commercial, industrial and second-home construction and 16 mills for primary residences. If voters next year raise the sales tax two cents, the Legislature would wipe out residential property taxes but not commercial-industrial.

Of all the renter-occupied units, 22 percent were occupied by "empty nesters" or seniors 55 years and over; 35 percent were occupied by three or more persons.

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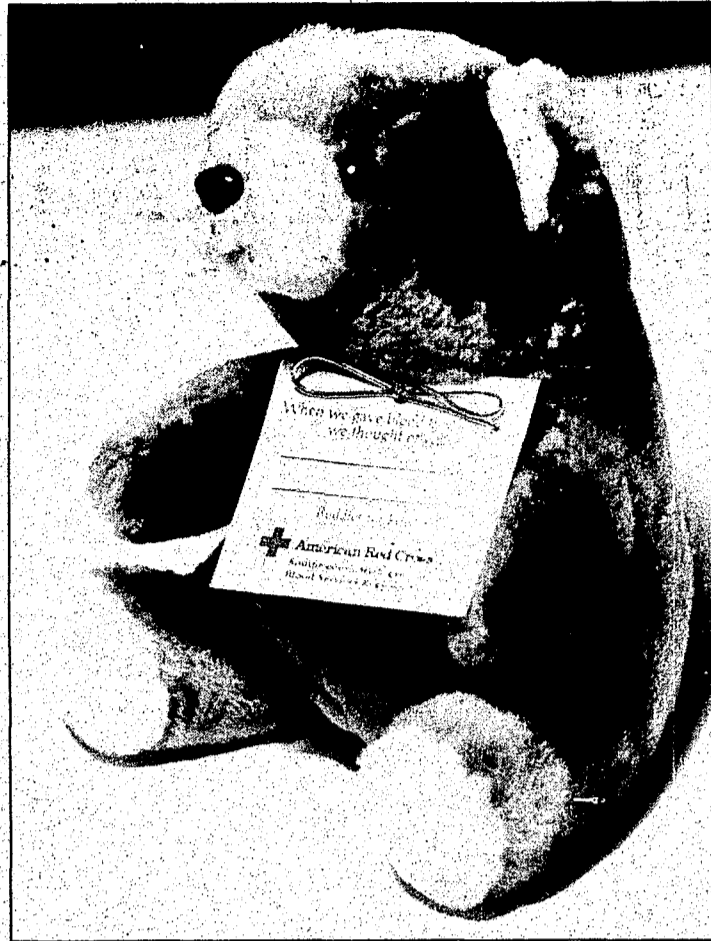
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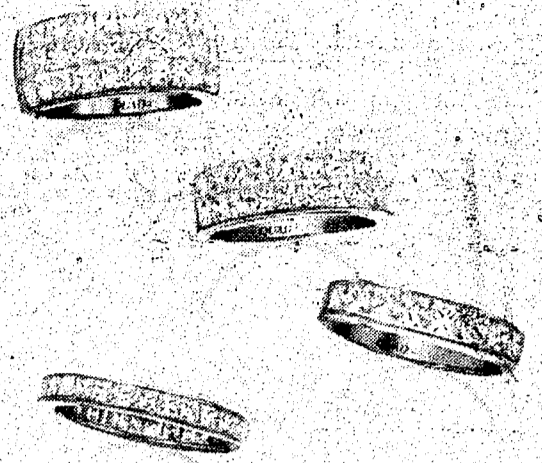
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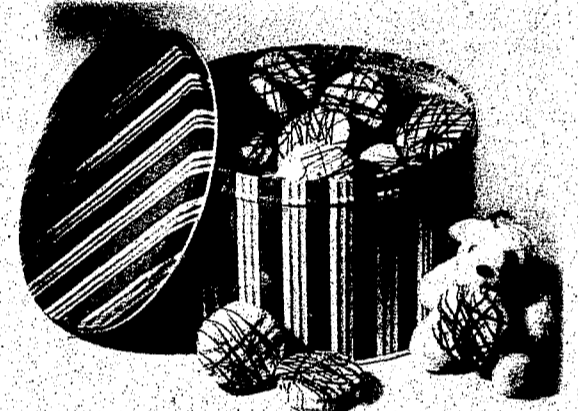
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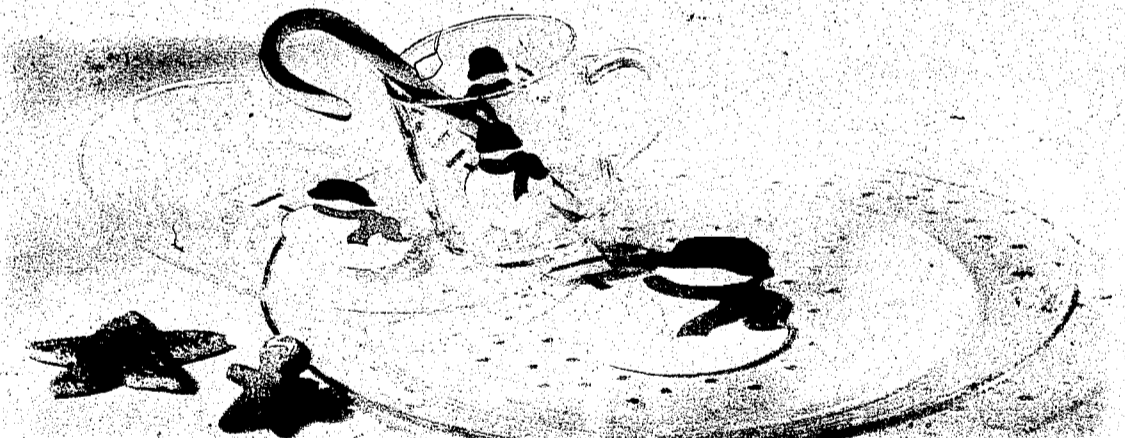


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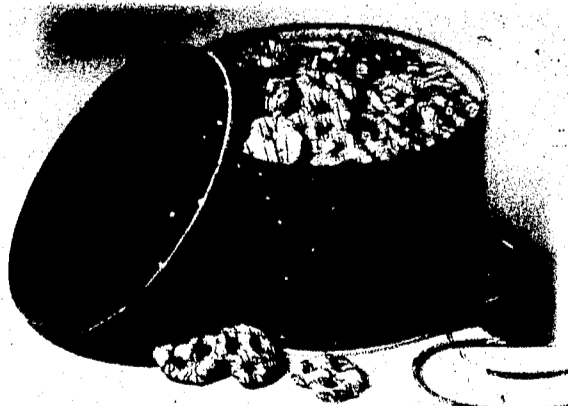
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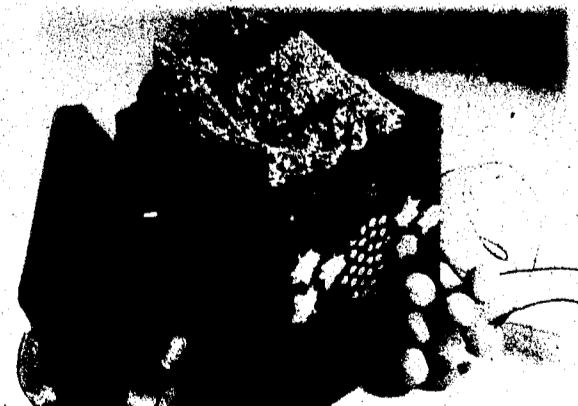
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by  
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## TASTE BUDS



CHEF LARRY JANES

### Janes Gang shares happy holiday recipe

I would be lying if I didn't admit the holidays are my favorite time of the year. You wouldn't believe me if I told you my shopping was done, everything was wrapped, and I spent the evening making cookies while Bing Crosby crooned "White Christmas" on the stereo.

But I'm making a promise to myself, and to the Janes Gang, that this week is going to be different. For the first time ever, the holidays are going to be fun. I'm going to take the "X" out of Xmas. Here are the ingredients for our happy holiday recipe.

Tonight, the Janes Gang will climb into the mini van and drive to Wyandotte.

#### Making goodies

I mention my momma frequently in this column and sometimes take advantage of her skills and knowledge. Tonight will be no different as the gang will gather with momma around the dining room table, and we'll roll up our sleeves and make stuffed dates, fudge and her signature holiday pastry called kiflis.

This will be a new experience for the kids, and for momma, but maybe it will find a place in the back of their hearts to be treasured for years to come. For the record, you don't need a momma to do this, just someone who would usually spend the evening in a rocking chair draped with an afghan. The recipe can be as simple as Rice Krispy Treats or as complicated as baklava.

Tuesday will be a day of choice. A visit to the nursing home, an hour or two packing boxes for the needy or something as simple as bringing one of the Salvation Army bell ringers a cup of hot chocolate.

We have two favorite charities in our house, one chosen by the adults and one chosen by the kids. This is the time of year we all need to show a little peace on earth and goodwill to all. On the way home, we'll drop off a box of old towels at the Humane Society shelter so a few strays might have a warm place to lay on Christmas night.

#### Thank you gifts

Wednesday night will be spent packing gift boxes for those we appreciate, but seldom thank for their services throughout the year. I might curse when my paper is late, but I silently give thanks when it's between the door on a blustery, rainy day. Fruitcakes are passe and how many young newspaper people do you know who would appreciate a fruitcake? Something homemade and frosted with a check or gift certificate is better.

Thursday will be spent with best friends. Friends who gather with us to dine and share a glass of wine. We will laugh as we recall our culinary blunders of the year and then give thanks as we sit down to a bountiful table. The grown-ups will first pretend to be servers to the youngsters catering to their every dining whim and fancy. We will light candles, use the better dishes and pour sparkling grape juice in stemmed glasses, something the kids seldom get to appreciate.

We will party hearty but with care, remembering the red ribbons that fly from our car antenna.

Friday will be spent baking cookies for Santa (I still have one that believes) and will continue the time honored tradition of climbing up on the roof of the house to leave a bunch of carrots for the reindeer. A pot of steaming soup and a loaf of freshly baked bread will be our dinner as we gather around the telephone to send our holiday wishes to Uncle Hank in Phoenix, Aunt Martha in Florida, Cousin Barb in Idaho and the other leaves on the branches of the old family tree.

At dusk we will light luminaria and will pick up Aunt Terry to spend the weekend with us. We will pop corn, string cranberries for the birds, make those last minute trips to the 24 hour 7-11 for the things we forgot all the while praying that the kids will tire quickly, go to bed and spend half the night assembling Easy-Bake Ovens and charging remote control race cars.

Through the years, the Janes Gang has accomplished all of the above mentioned goals, but never have they ever been able to be completed in just one week. Everyone needs a goal and this year our goals have been outlined and a copy of this article will be posted on the refrigerator door.

Will we accomplish it? With the help of an occasional home delivered pizza, I think that this year just might be the year.

From the Janes Gang house to your house, we wish you peace, prosperity and the happiest of holidays.

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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

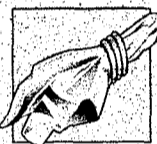
What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Festive holiday brunch ideas.
- Clam Chowder Recipe Make over.

# BE PREPARED FOR UNEXPECTED GIFTS

Be prepared. When someone drops by unexpectedly with a gift, surprise them with something from your gourmet pantry. It's not too late to make some last minute goodies, quick.

BY JOAN BORAM  
SPECIAL WRITER



You can be jolly if you want to, but in reality this is the season for lists - lists of people to send greeting cards to; lists of people to buy gifts for, and "to do" lists of things that don't go on the other two lists.

We know as we start that somebody will turn up who isn't on our lists.

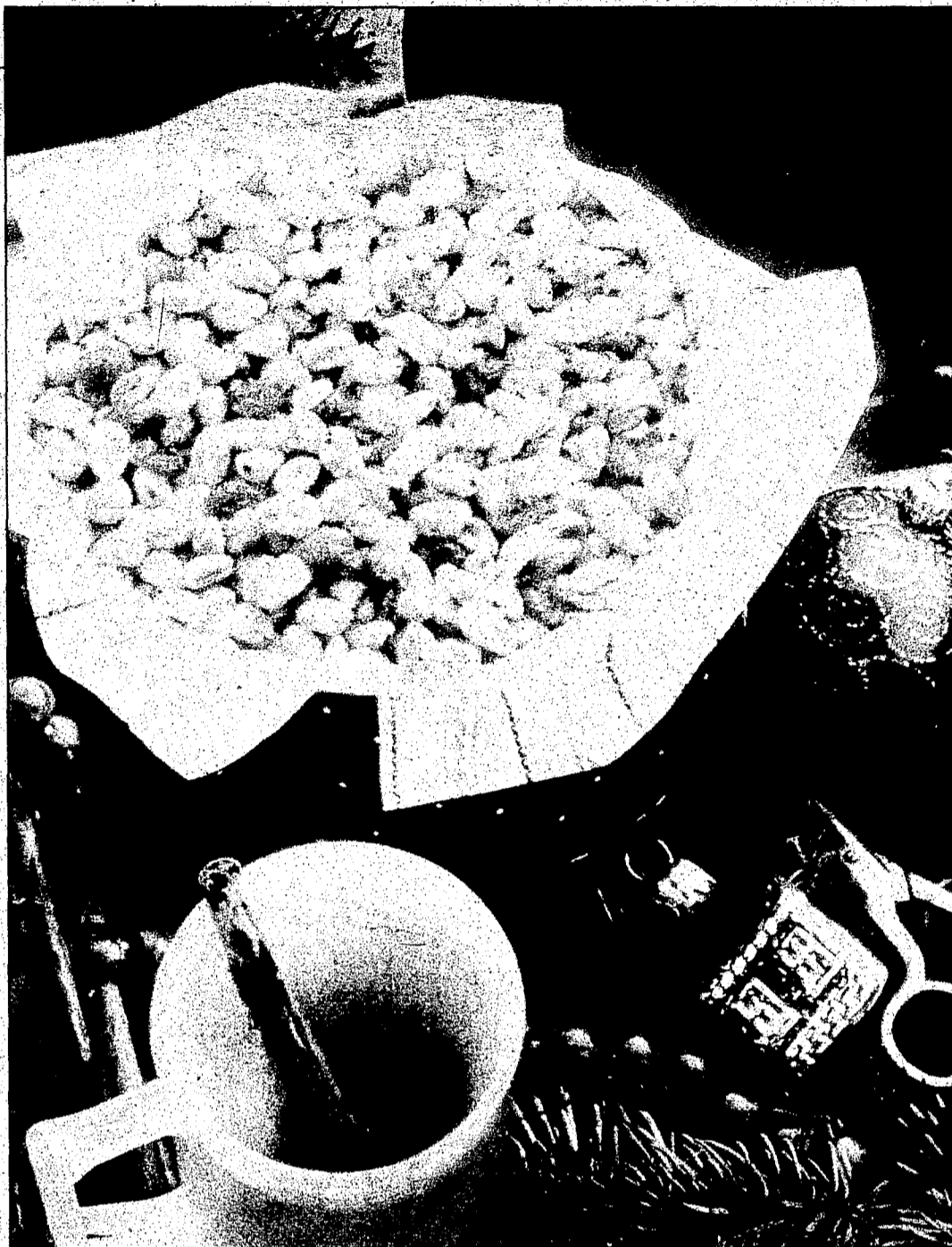
It's not so bad with cards - you can always hide behind a New Year's card - but what to do when Cousin Irene from St. Louis turns up? Or the neighbor down the street, who you don't really know that well, comes by with a plate of cookies?

Well, as they say in the Coast Guard, "Semper paratus" - Always prepared. Take advantage of the halcyon days before the holidays to whip up a few specialties and store them in the freezer. When Cousin Irene shows up, just hand her something out of your cache, trimmed with a festive bow or ornament, and congratulate yourself for being so clever.

Caroline Gall's emergency gifts include cranberry-wine jelly. "It's easy to make, and everybody loves it, especially for Christmas breakfast," said the Plymouth resident. "It's pretty and tasty and the ingredients are always available in the supermarket, so I can make it before the holiday season and keep it in the fridge. You don't have to worry about storing it after it's open - it's gone almost as soon as you open the jar."

Gall also makes chili sauce and salsa in the summertime, when fresh tomatoes are available, and freezes them for her family and for gifts.

If you're a good cook, or at least better than some of your friends, consider writing up a



Quick gift: Cranberry-Apple Snack Mix makes a trim snack for last-minute holiday gifts for friends, neighbors and the people who serve you throughout the year. This snack mix is a sweet and crunchy blend of holiday flavors and is easy to make at home in your microwave oven.

gourmet menu and specify the date you'll cook, or give the recipient the option of a special date. Or take a matchbook from a favorite restaurant and attach a dinner invitation to it - be sure it's not in New York or Paris.

Select a special bottle of wine, and present it with a written toast for a happy holiday. Consult a book of poetry for a special sentiment or simply write the words for "toast" in several languages - sante' (French); salud (Spanish); salute (Italian); gesundheit (German); and skoal (Scandinavian).

Don't forget those few intrepid souls who watch their calories even during this self-indulgent season. They would appreciate a delicious crunchy snack mix that you can whip up in your microwave in no time. Remember, while candy-coated chocolate does add color, they aren't exactly health food.

Janet Bailey of Farmington Hills, relies on her trusty microwave to supply her with last minute gifts. "It's easy to make a gourmet mar-

malade in a few minutes, literally," said Bailey. "I keep an eye out for interesting small containers throughout the year. Nothing fancy or expensive - it could be a mug, or a jar that came with another product. One of my favorites is a graceful round jar that orange honey comes in."

"The kiwi-lime marmalade is different, something you'd never find in a store, and the dried cherry chutney is a good substitute for cranberry sauce. It's especially appropriate this year, because of the shortage of fresh cranberries for Christmas dinner."

Sometimes, I make pound cake batter, freeze it, and pop it in the oven the day I need it. A warm cake seems much more festive than an ice-cold cake from the freezer!"

The book, "Microwave and More," by the California Culinary Academy (Ortho Press), gives these directions for freezing and baking batter:

See GIFTS, 2B

## California brandies gain international status

### FOCUS ON WINE



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crafted, doubly-distilled grape brandies in the tradition of cognac. While these three premium pot-distilled brandy makers are not in a marketing league with the "big four" cognac houses - Courvoisier, Hennessy, Marten and Remy Martin, they have elevated their craft to an internationally recognized status. Astute brandy drinkers have learned about the artisan California pot-distilled brandy producers principally by word of mouth, but the word is out and spreading fast.

Brandy is a generic term for a wood-aged spirit obtained from the distillation of wine or a fermented fruit mash. An alcoholic beverage answering this description may be produced in any part of the world. California grape brandy has been produced for over 200 years, interrupted only by Prohibition, and boasts over 200 producers.

Most California grape brandy makers use a continuous still and age in American oak, a large percentage of which are once-used, heavily charred, Bourbon barrels. The artisan producers use an Alambic pot-still and follow cognac production techniques. California brandies are distilled from the

In California, only Alambic Inc. (more commonly known as Germain-Robin), Carneros Alambic and Jepson make small quantities of hand-

wine of several grape varieties, such as French colombar, pinot noir, gamay beaujolais, folle blanche, chenin blanc, muscat canelli and palomino. In Cognac, the ugni blanc grape is used.

"My partner Hubert Germain-Robin brought an antique cognac still to my Mendocino County ranch," explains Ansley J. Coale Jr., president of Alambic Inc. "Each year he hand-distills 80 barrels of a cognac-style brandy bearing his name. Germain-Robin, whose family has produced Jules Robin cognac since 1782, uses traditional methods which have been abandoned in France as uneconomical. The result is a true connoisseur's brandy, equal to cognacs from the best small houses."

"Hubert makes every drop the way a distiller in Cognac would have made his 'Paradise' in 1890. By making brandy in California, we have significant advantages (over Cognac): no rain (at harvest), so our grapes have no rot; early harvest in a sunny climate, which means good flavor and high acidity; much use of non-traditional varietals, which adds complexity; modern California winemaking and storage equipment, yielding exceptionally clean wines of delicacy and finesse. All cellaring is in the finest Limousin barrels."

Located in the Carneros District of southern Napa Valley, Carneros Alambic produces RMS Special Reserve, a California brandy produced in the cognac method. The distillery, built in 1984, houses eight specially hand-crafted and hand-assembled copper potstills manufactured in Cognac.

Carneros Alambic brandies are aged in 3700, 90-gallon Limousin oak barrels ranging in age from new to eight years old. "Instead of using one grape



Holiday beverage: Germain-Robin Alambic brandy is perfect served neat after dinner with freshly shelled nuts.

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# Get cooking on last-minute gifts

See related story on Taste front.

## MICROWAVE KIWI LIME MARMALADE

4 kiwis, peeled, trimmed, and quartered lengthwise  
zest of 1 lime, slivered  
¾ cup sugar  
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

Cut the kiwi quarters into ½-inch cubes. Combine kiwi cubes with lime zest and juice, and sugar. Place ingredients in a deep 2½-quart microwave-safe dish, and stir well.

Cook, uncovered, at full power for 5 minutes. Stir, return to the microwave, and cook until thick, about another 6 minutes.

Allow the marmalade to cool to room temperature, then place in a pretty container with a cover. Top with a seasonal bow or ornament. Marmalade will keep one week in the refrigerator. Makes 1 cup.

## DRIED CHERRY CHUTNEY

2 cups dried pitted cherries  
1¼ cups sugar  
¾ cup white vinegar  
¼ cup finely chopped celery  
¼ cup minced fresh ginger  
6 tablespoons apple juice  
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
½ teaspoon crushed dried red-pepper flakes (optional)

Combine all the ingredients in a microwave-safe, 2-quart dish, and stir well. Cook, uncovered, at full power for 6 minutes. Stir, making sure the sugar has dissolved, and return to the microwave. Cook another 8 minutes.

Allow the chutney to cool to room

temperature. Place in attractive containers, cover tightly, and refrigerate. It will keep for one week in the refrigerator. Makes 2 cups.

## CAROLINE GALL'S CRANBERRY WINE JELLY

3 cups cranberry juice cocktail  
7 cups sugar  
¼ teaspoon cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon ground cloves  
1 cup port wine  
1 bottle liquid fruit pectin

Combine juice, sugar and pieces, and mix well. Stir over high heat until sugar is dissolved. Bring to a full, rolling boil over high heat and boil hard for 1 minute, stirring constantly. (Note: Make sure you use a large enough pot — if it boils over it makes a terrible mess.)

Remove from heat — stir in wine and liquid pectin. Skim off foam with a metal spoon, and pour at once into hot jelly jars. Cover immediately with a thin layer of paraffin. Cool, cover jar, and store in refrigerator. (Makes 8 cups)

## LEMON-SCENTED POUND CAKE

2 cups sugar  
1 cup butter or margarine, room temperature  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 teaspoons finely grated lemon rind  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
5 eggs  
2 cups flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl of electric mixer, cream together sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in lemon juice, lemon rind, and vanilla.

Add eggs in 3 additions, mixing well after each addition. Gradually add flour to butter mixture, and mix to blend thoroughly.

Spoon batter into greased 10-inch fluted pan or plain tube pan. Bake until a skewer inserted in center comes out clean (1 hour to 1¼ hours). Cool on wire rack 15-20 minutes before turning out of pan.

To freeze: Wrap pan tightly with heavy-duty aluminum foil. Label and date. Freeze at 0 degrees F. up to 4 weeks. Do not thaw. To bake, remove foil and bake at 350 degrees about 1 hour and 15-20 minutes. If cake starts to get too brown, cover loosely with aluminum foil the last 30 minutes of baking.

## CRANBERRY APPLE SNACK MIX

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar  
2 tablespoons frozen apple juice concentrate, thawed  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg  
6 cups puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal  
½ cup dried cranberries or raisins

In small bowl, combine vegetable oil, brown sugar, apple juice concentrate, cinnamon and nutmeg; mix well. Place puffed cereal in large microwaveable bowl. Drizzle liquid mixture over cereal, stirring until evenly coated.

Microwave at high 1 minute; stir. Microwave an additional 1 to 1½ minutes, or until cereal no longer appears wet. Stir in dried cranberries. Cool. Store tightly covered. Makes 6 cups.

Recipe from Quaker Kitchens.

# Bake Momma's favorite cookies

See Larry Janes' column on Taste front.

## MOMMA'S KIFLIS

Cookie:  
2 eight-ounce packages cream cheese, softened  
1 pound butter or margarine, at room temperature  
4 cups sifted flour  
¼ cup powdered sugar

Filling:  
1 cup finely ground nuts (walnuts, almonds, etc)  
1 teaspoon fresh grated lemon rind  
1-3 tablespoons of milk

Cream together the cream cheese with the butter or margarine. Beat until fluffy. Stir in flour and mix with a fork until blended and mixture clings together.

Make individual balls about the size of a small walnut and chill balls in refrigerator for 2 hours. Roll out individual cookie balls in powdered sugar approximately 5-6 inches in diameter. (The size of a small plate).

In a small bowl, combine nuts with lemon rind and just enough

milk to make the nuts and rind hold together. Place a small amount of filling lengthwise in rolled cookie and carefully roll and shape into crescents.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place kiflis on a greased cookie sheet and bake for 10-12 minutes or until very lightly golden. Cool on cookie racks. Sprinkle with more powdered sugar, if desired. Store in airtight containers. Makes about 8-9 dozen, depending on the size.

## MOMMA'S FAVORITE CRESCENT COOKIES

¾ cup almonds, blanched and sliced  
½ cup vanilla sugar (To make vanilla sugar, put 1 pound granulated sugar into a large glass jar. Slit 1 plump vanilla bean and bury it in the sugar. Cover the jar tightly and store at a cool room temperature for 7 to 10 days before using.)  
¾ cup unsalted butter, room temperature  
½ cup shortening (butter flavored, if available)

1½ cups all purpose flour  
¼ teaspoon salt  
Topping:  
½ cup powdered sugar  
½ teaspoon cinnamon

Grind the almonds very finely. In a large mixing bowl, combine almonds with sugar, butter and beat until light and fluffy. Sift together the flour and salt and beat into the sugar mixture on low speed until incorporated.

Press into a sausage shape and wrap in plastic. Refrigerate for 1 hour.

Divide the dough into 8 portions. Work with one portion at a time while others are kept refrigerated. Knead the dough between floured hands until almost smooth. Pinch off a ball of dough roughly the size of a large marble and then roll it into a log about 3 inches long.

Shape into a crescent and place in a preheated 325 degree oven on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 15 minutes. Cool for a few minutes on the cookie sheets and while still warm, dip them, one at a time into the sugar/cinnamon topping mixture. Store in an airtight container. Makes about 5 dozen.

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■ The batter should be frozen in the pan in which it will be baked. To free up your pans, first line them with heavy-duty foil, then pour in the batter and freeze it, uncovered, until it is solid. This usually takes 6 to 12 hours. Remove the batter from the pan and wrap it completely in heavy duty foil, label and date the package,

and return to the freezer.

■ To bake, grease the baking pan in which the batter was frozen, peel away the foil, and place the batter back in the pan.

"The quality of baked goods is far superior when you freeze batters rather than the finished product," said Bailey. "The only adjustment you must make is the

baking time — depending on the batter's density and the size of the baking dish, you will need to increase the bake time by 5 to 30 minutes."

Most batters will keep up to four weeks at 0 F. If your freezer doesn't maintain that temperature, keep the batter frozen no more than two weeks.

# Brandies from page 1B

varieties and blend the brandies to achieve our style," explains Carneros Alambic's director Bernard La Borie. "Ugni blanc, grown in California, does not give us the fruity character we desire. We want ripe flavors from mature grapes, but they must be balanced against the higher alcohol of the spirit."

Alambic potstill brought from France in 1983. The doubly distilled brandy is then aged in French Limousin oak for five to six years. Lorenzi notes that his brandy retains the flavor of the fruit and the warmth of the sun.

After spending the requisite time in barrel, Lorenzi critically

re-evaluates each barrel and blends what may be described as a best-lots selection boasting fresh fruit and a soft, round mouthfeel.

To leave a message on the *Heald's* voice mail — dial 953-2047, mailbox 1864. Be sure to include your name and hometown

## Special brandies to try

After a festive dinner this holiday season, try one of the special California brandies from artisan producers. Serve brandy in a snifter warmed only by hand, never with a candle or any warming device which is a waste of money and destroys a brandy's delicate aromas.

■ Carneros Alambic RMS Special Reserve (\$29) is pale amber with aromas of dried apricot, cigar-box, vanilla, toast and cherry-spice. Sleek, viscous textures with fruity

overtones finish with vanilla-wood accents.

■ Germain-Robin Fine Alambic Brandy Lot No. 8 (\$35) is amber-gold with aromas of pear, banana, apricot, oak and vanilla cream. The flavors mirror the best of the nose with a smooth, delicate presence and fruity aftertaste.

■ Germain-Robin Reserve (\$80) has a copper color and aromas of vanilla, caramel, toffee and wood followed by intense woody notes on the palate and finish.

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# Fabulous dessert fruity, chocolaty

"Often when I am creating a new dessert, especially something with chocolate, I think of the name first," said award-winning chef Marcel Desaulniers. "And I have a lot of fun making something that lives up to a good name."

Home cooks will have equal pleasure preparing and serving Desaulniers' elegant new holiday creation, Red Fruit Fanfare. It is a sparkling combination of chocolate cream and berry compote that matches its musical namesake, with a flourish of tastes and textures that rings out to dessert lovers everywhere.

For Desaulniers, co-owner and executive chef of The Trellis Restaurant in historic Williamsburg, Va., his "name first" creative process is a sure success, as it has brought him national notoriety for wickedly indulgent and wittily titled after-dinner chocolate delights.

He's been dubbed Dr. Chocolate by fans of such temptations as "Chocolate Devastation," "Chocolate Denise" and "Double Mocha Madness."

And his second recipe book, the unforgettable "Death By Chocolate," garnered this year's prestigious James Beard Award for Best Baking and Dessert Cookbook.

The joys of chocolate are well-known to Desaulniers, an admitted "chocoholic."

"Something pleasurable is experienced by the palate, as soon as chocolate starts melting in the mouth," he explains. "It's instant gratification."

But the inspiration for "Red Fruit Fanfare" and other multi-layered delights is in presenting more "interest" for the palate.

"When you introduce other tastes and textures, you start getting great complex flavor messages, a whole different experience, that you don't get from simply chocolate," said Desaulniers.

Three different berries contribute distinctive voices to his Fanfare, and Desaulniers loves the "synergy" between strawberries, raspberries, cranberries and chocolate ganache cream.

Simple enough to make for a crowd yet suave enough for the most sophisticated palate, Red Fruit Fanfare is another Marcel Desaulniers marvel that lives up to its name. Vibrant in color, with fruit and chocolate singing in perfect harmony, it will sound a high note at any holiday celebration.

### MARCEL DESAULNIERS' RED FRUIT FANFARE

- 3 cups cold water
- 2 cups cranberries, chopped
- 1 cup cranberry juice cocktail
- ¾ cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 pint strawberries, sliced



Shimmering dessert: Vibrant in color, with fruit and chocolate singing in perfect harmony, Red Fruit Fanfare will sound a high note at any holiday celebration.

KNOX GELATIN

- 1½ cups fresh or frozen raspberries
- 3 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup whipping or heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

In 3-quart saucepan, bring 2 cups water, cranberries, cranberry juice, and ¾ cup sugar to a boil, stirring occasionally. Continue boiling 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add strawberries; continue boiling an additional 5 minutes. Add raspberries; remove from heat.

Meanwhile, in large bowl, sprinkle unflavored gelatin over

remaining 1 cup water; let stand 5 minutes. Add hot fruit mixture to gelatin, stirring until gelatin is completely dissolved. Pour mixture into 8 dessert dishes; chill until firm, about 2 hours.

Place chocolate in large stainless steel bowl; set aside. In 3-quart saucepan, combine cream, butter, and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar. Stir over medium-high heat until sugar is dissolved. Bring mixture to a boil, then pour over chocolate; let stand 5 minutes. Stir until smooth; cool to room temperature. Evenly pour chocolate over fruit mixture in dishes; chill until ready to serve. Garnish, if desired, with strawberries and raspberries. Serves 8.

Recipe was taste tested by The Knox Kitchens.

# Guys, send us your special recipe

Guys, send us your favorite recipe, and we'll send you an oven mitt with the words "Mrs. Doubtfire" printed on it. The mitts are part of our "Mrs. Doubtfire" promotion for the newly released movie starring Robin Williams. We've received quite a few recipes for "his speciality" already,

but still have mitts to give away, so we're extending the deadline to Dec. 23.

Send recipes to: Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150. If you have any questions, call 953-2105.

# Use leftover turkey in fluffy egg strata

AP — Holiday turkey time brings with it leftover turkey time. This year, layer that cooked turkey with bread and bake it into a fluffy egg strata for a weekend or holiday brunch.

To keep this dish as lean as possible, use skinless turkey breast meat, low-fat cheese, skim milk and egg substitute. Together, they can save as much as 14 grams of fat over a traditional strata. Plan on assembling the casserole the night before to allow time for the bread to soak up the cheesy egg mixture. All you'll do in the morning is pop it in the oven and enjoy.

### TURKEY-MUSHROOM STRATA

- Nonstick spray coating
- 7 slices day-old bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (5 cups)
- ½ cup cubed cooked turkey
- ½ cup sliced green onions
- 4-ounce can mushroom stems and pieces; drained
- ¾ cup shredded low-fat or regular Cheddar cheese
- 8-ounce carton frozen egg product, thawed, or 4 eggs
- 2 cups skim milk
- ½ teaspoon poultry seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

Spray an 8-by-8-by-2-inch baking dish with nonstick spray coating. Layer half of the bread cubes in the bottom of the dish. Add turkey, green onions, mushrooms and cheese. Top with remaining bread cubes.

In a medium mixing bowl slightly beat egg product or eggs. Stir in milk, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper; pour into the dish. Cover and chill for 2 to 24 hours.

Bake, uncovered, in a 325-degree F oven for 55 to 60 minutes or until set. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 228 cal., 6 g fat, 40 mg chol., 24 g pro., 19 g carbo., 1 g fiber, 439 mg sodium. RDA: 32 percent calcium, 15 percent iron, 15 percent vit. A, 18 percent thiamine, 31 percent riboflavin, 21 percent niacin.

# Sip on flavored liqueurs after dinner

AP — For a cozy after-dinner drink with family and friends, choose a liqueur or brandy. The information below will give you some suggestions on what to serve.

### Liqueurs

Soft, smooth and silky — a tiny glass of liqueur goes a long way and one bottle lasts a long time. After opening, you can store most liqueurs at room temperature for up to six months.

Liqueurs, or cordials, impart sweet, intense flavors because they contain a sugar syrup and a fruit- or spice-flavored brandy or alcohol. If you buy a bottle of liqueur whenever a special occasion arises, you'll soon build up a wide selection for drinking and cooking. For drinking, serve liqueurs

either straight (without ice) or over ice. For cooking, pick from the following ideas.

■ Fruit: The lexicon of fruit liqueurs reads like a summer orchard — apple, apricot, banana, blackberry, cherry (kirsch), cranberry, currant (creme de cassis), lime, mango, melon (Midori), orange (Cointreau, curaçao, Grand Marnier and Triple Sec), passion fruit, peach, pear, raspberry and strawberry.

Stir a spoonful of any fruit liqueur into a dessert sauce or drizzle it over ice cream. Or splash some liqueur into whipped cream or champagne to spoon over fresh fruit.

■ Nut: The nuttiest tasting of all are almond (amaretto) and hazelnut (Frangelico) liqueurs. Interchangeable in cooking, these cor-

dials taste delicious stirred into ice cream, whipped cream, custards and even chocolate cake. Combine either one with a little light cream to make a rich-tasting dessert drink.

■ Chocolate: For chocolate fans, creme de cacao and mint-chocolate Vandermint are musts. Stir a spoonful into hot cocoa or into a fudge topping for ice cream.

### Brandies

Brandies come in many flavors, ranging from heavily sweetened brandy-based liqueurs to fiery unaged brandies. Regular brandy is made from distilled grape wines and is aged. Cognac, the king of the brandy family, comes from wines produced in the Cognac region of France. Other imported brandies include Grappa (an Italian brandy usually not aged be-

fore bottling), Metaxa (a Greek brandy) and Pisco (a Peruvian brandy). Brandy blends include B&B (a mixture of Benedictine and brandy) and chartreuse (a green or yellow brandy flavored with herbs, plants and extracts).

■ Fruit brandies: Made from a wide variety of fruits other than grapes, fruit brandies may or may not be aged. Some fruit-based or fruit-flavored brandies include apple brandy (calvados is the French version; applejack, the American version), apricot brandy (also called abricotine), blackberry brandy, cherry brandy (the German version is called kirschwasser), peach brandy, pear brandy, plum brandy (called slivovitz by central Europeans) and raspberry brandy (also known as framboise).

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# Fruity dessert fabulous

"Often when I am creating a new dessert, especially something with chocolate, I think of the name first," said award-winning chef Marcel Desaulniers. "And I have a lot of fun making something that lives up to a good name."

Home cooks will have equal pleasure preparing and serving Desaulniers' elegant new holiday creation, Red Fruit Fanfare. It is a sparkling combination of chocolate cream and berry compote that matches its musical namesake, with a flourish of tastes and textures that rings out to dessert lovers everywhere.

For Desaulniers, co-owner and executive chef of The Trellis Restaurant in historic Williamsburg, Va., his "name first" creative process is a sure success, as it has brought him national notoriety for wickedly indulgent and wittily titled after-dinner chocolate delights.

He's been dubbed Dr. Chocolate by fans of such temptations as "Chocolate Devastation," "Chocolate Demise" and "Double Mocha Madness."

And his second recipe book, the unforgettable "Death By Chocolate," garnered this year's prestigious James Beard Award for Best Baking and Dessert Cookbook.

The joys of chocolate are well-known to Desaulniers, an admitted "chocoholic."

"Something pleasurable is experienced by the palate as soon as chocolate starts melting in the mouth," he explains. "It's instant gratification."

But the inspiration for "Red Fruit Fanfare" and other multi-layered delights is in presenting more "interest" for the palate.

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tastes and textures, you start getting great complex flavor messages, a whole different experience, that you don't get from simply chocolate," said Desaulniers.

Three different berries contribute distinctive voices to his Fanfare, and Desaulniers loves the "synergy" between strawberries, raspberries, cranberries and chocolate ganache cream.

Simple enough to make for a crowd yet suave enough for the most sophisticated palate, Red Fruit Fanfare is another Marcel Desaulniers marvel that lives up to its name. Vibrant in color, with fruit and chocolate singing in perfect harmony, it will sound a high note at any holiday celebration.

### MARCEL DESAULNIERS' RED FRUIT FANFARE

- 3 cups cold water
- 2 cups cranberries, chopped
- 1 cup cranberry juice cocktail
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 pint strawberries, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen raspberries
- 3 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

- 1 cup whipping or heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

In 3-quart saucepan, bring 2 cups water, cranberries, cranberry juice, and 3/4 cup sugar to a boil, stirring occasionally. Continue boiling 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add strawberries; continue boiling an additional 5 minutes. Add raspberries; remove from heat.

Meanwhile, in large bowl, sprinkle unflavored gelatin over remaining 1 cup water; let stand 5 minutes. Add hot fruit mixture to gelatin, stirring until gelatin is completely dissolved. Pour mixture into 8 dessert dishes; chill until firm, about 2 hours.

Place chocolate in large stainless steel bowl; set aside. In 3-quart saucepan, combine cream, butter, and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar. Stir over medium-high heat until sugar is dissolved. Bring mixture to a boil, then pour over chocolate; let stand 5 minutes. Stir until smooth; cool to room temperature. Evenly pour chocolate over fruit mixture in dishes; chill until ready to serve. Garnish, if desired, with strawberries and raspberries. Serves 8.

Recipe was taste tested by The KNOX Kitchens.

# Tips for home bartenders

AP — Relax! Successful at-home bartending doesn't require a degree in mixology. Just keep these tips in mind:

### What to Buy

From your pocketbook's standpoint, act like Scrooge at the liquor store. Choose only the liquors you know your guests will drink. If you're unsure, select a few of the basics: whiskey, Scotch whiskey, gin, vodka, rum or vermouth for cocktails; wine and/or beer to drink alone.

If you use an ounce of liquor for each mixed drink, you'll get about 24 drinks from each 750-milliliter bottle (fifth) of liquor. Be sure to buy plenty of mixers — carbonated water, tonic water and ginger ale — especially since more partygoers are preferring soft drinks. Allow about a liter-size bottle for every three people.

Remember to have extra ice. Allow about a pound of cubes per person, a little more for longer

parties. If you don't have enough freezer space, fill a clean cooler with ice.

### How Much to Buy

The traditional guidelines for how much to buy were based on guests drinking one to three cocktails an hour. However, as more and more people drink less and less, and hosts take charge for responsible drinking, this guideline is too high. A better rule of thumb is to estimate each guest will have 1 ounce of pure alcohol. This translates to either two cans of beer, two small glasses of wine or two single-shot cocktails per guest in an evening.

Toasting friends with low-alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages not only makes good sense, but it's also easier than ever. Non-alcoholic and low-alcohol wines come in red, white and rose and can either be still (no bubbles) or sparkling (like champagne). Wine coolers are another option. Non-alcoholic or low-alcohol beers may

be domestic or imported and range from pale, straw-colored lagers to dark, heavy, bitter ales. These promise the flavor of beer and almost none of the alcohol.

Carbonated beverages, fruit and vegetable juices, bottled mineral water, coffee and tea are other popular non-alcoholic options.

### Glassware Basics

You needn't have a wide selection of bar glasses for your party. Ten- or 12-ounce all-purpose highball glasses and 9- or 10-ounce stemmed wineglasses will work for nearly every drink. Other glass sizes that make nice additions include old-fashioned glasses (from 6 to 10 ounces), cocktail glasses (4 or 4 1/2 ounces), and liqueur glasses (1 or 2 ounces).

(For a brochure with recipes for non-alcoholic drinks, compiled by Dale DeGroff of the Rainbow Room in New York City, write to: Sutter Home, Box 248, St. Helena, Calif. 94574.)

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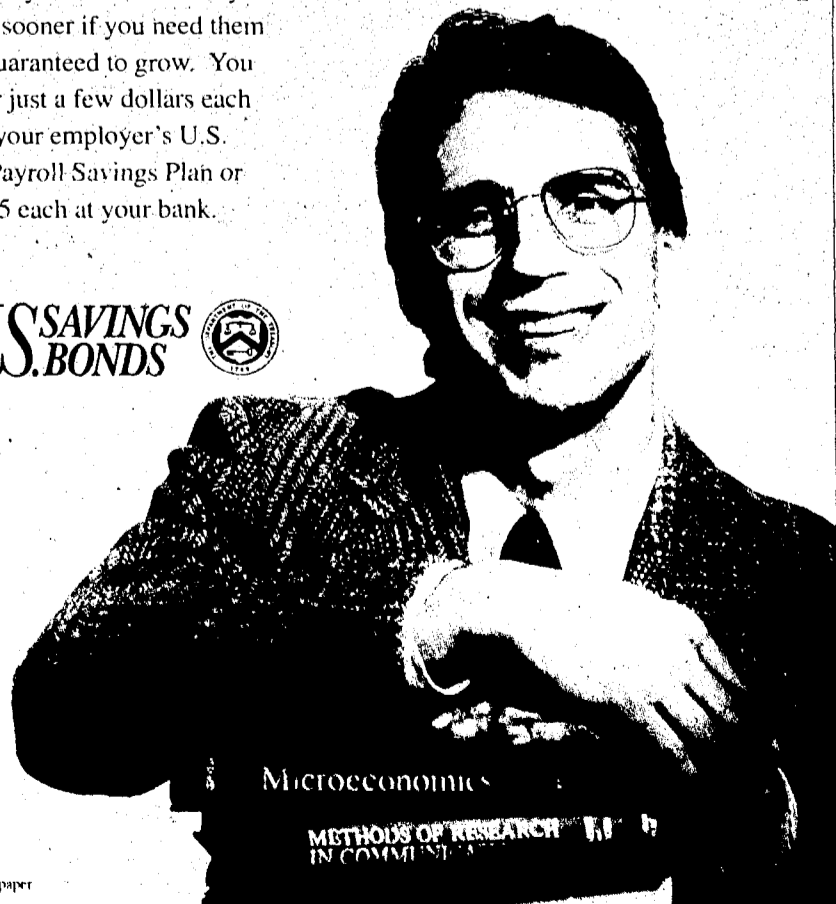
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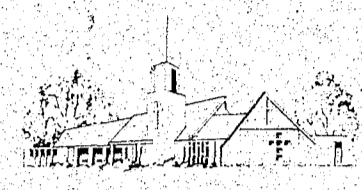
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5:30 P.M. FAMILY SERVICE OF  
READINGS AND CAROLS  
11 P.M. FESTIVE WORSHIP OF  
HOLY COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT  
*All Are Welcome!*


**ANTIOCH LUTHERAN CHURCH, E.L.C.A.**  
Corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Roads  
Phone: (810) 626-7906  
Pastors: Gary D. Johnson and Peggy A. Rose  
**Christmas Eve Services, December 24**  
5:00 P.M. - Children's Service, Jesus Birthday-Band, Holy Communion  
7:00 P.M. - Family Service, Bells, Guitar, Holy Communion.  
(Nursery provided)  
10:00 P.M. - Candlelight Service of Lessons, Carols, and Holy Communion  
(No nursery)

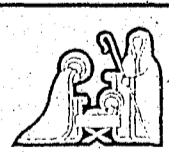
**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
46001 Warren Rd. • Canton, Michigan 48187  
313-451-0444  
**CHRISTMAS EVE - DEC. 24TH - 4:30 P.M.**  
(CHILDREN'S MASS) & 7:00 P.M.  
AT OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE CHAPEL  
**CHRISTMAS DAY - DEC. 25TH - 11:00 A.M.**  
AT OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE CHAPEL  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE - DEC. 31ST - 4:30 P.M.**  
AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS


*The Magic of Christmas*  
**Christmas Eve Services:**  
5:00 p.m. Celebration with Holy Communion  
7:30 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service  
**Christmas Day:** 10:00 a.m. Christmas Service  
**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
Phone: 553-7170  
*"Where Everybody is Somebody and Jesus is Lord."*

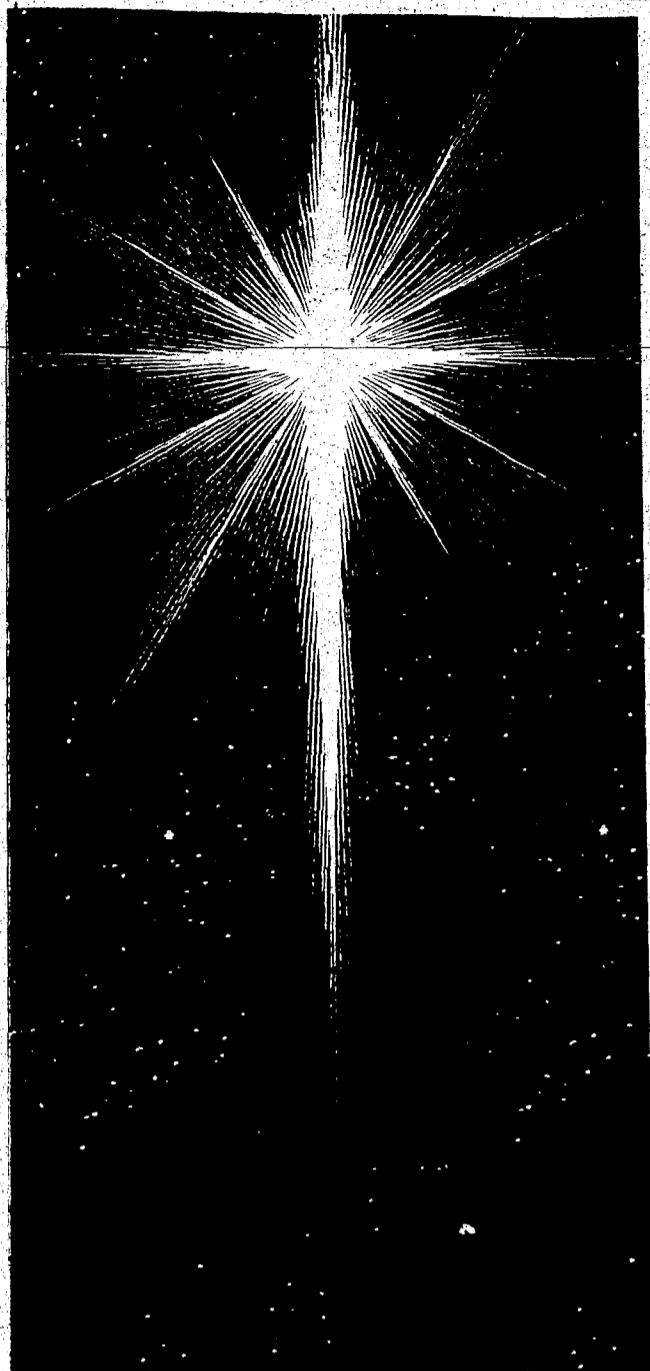
**ST. OWEN CATHOLIC CHURCH 626-0840**  
6869 Franklin (South of Maple)  
**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Christmas Eve:** 5:00 & 10:00 P.M.  
Caroling 9:30 P.M.  
**Christmas Day:** 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Everyone Welcome*

  
**ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH**  
44800 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187  
**COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION**  
December 22 • 7:30 p.m.  
**INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION**  
(Confession)  
December 21 • from 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
**MASSES**  
December 24 • 4:00, 6:00 & 9:00 p.m.  
December 25 • 8:00, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
December 31 • 7:00 p.m.  
January 4 • 10:00 a.m.  
*"As we journey in Faith, may we come to  
understand more clearly how close God is to us  
A Blessed Christmas and a Prayerful New Year"*

*Peace on Earth*  
**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
7000 Sheldon Road, Canton • Sheldon/Warren Roads • 459-3333  
Wednesday, December 22 • Advent Cantata • 7:30 PM  
**Christmas Eve**  
Family Worship • 7:00 PM  
Worship/Communion • 9:00 PM  
Communion/Candlelight • 11:00 PM  
**Christmas Day** • Worship/Communion • 10:00 AM  


  
**WE WELCOME YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish**  
23815 Power Rd. at Shiawassee  
(S. of 10 Mile between Farmington & Orchard Lake Rds.)  
Farmington, MI 48336  
Rev. Msgr. Walter A. Hurley  
Rev. William H. Tindall  
Rev. Loren O'Dea  
**Christmas Liturgy Schedule**  
Friday, December 24, 1993  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
8:15 a.m. Regular Weekday Mass  
3:30-4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas  
Program  
4:00 p.m. Christmas Mass with children  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Mass  
11:15 p.m. Adult Festive Choir Program  
12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass  
Saturday, December 25, 1993  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass  
9:30 a.m. Christmas Mass  
11:15 a.m. Christmas Mass  
1:00 p.m. Christmas Mass  
**Sunday, December 26, 1993**  
8:00 a.m. Sunday Liturgy  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Liturgy  
11:15 a.m. Sunday Liturgy  
1:00 p.m. Sunday Liturgy

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**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

9083 Newburgh Road  
Livonia, 48150 • 591-0211  
*The Rev. Emory F. Gravelle, Vicar*  
*The Rev. Margaret Haas, Assistant*

**Services December 24th** 7:15 p.m. Carol Sing & Eucharist  
10:15 p.m. Carol Sing & Eucharist

**Service December 26th** 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Service December 25th** 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Service December 31st** 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

A Barrier-Free Facility for the Handicapped

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154  
Phone: 421-8451

**Christmas Eve - December 24**  
7:30 P.M. Family Eucharist, 11:30 P.M. Holy Eucharist

**Christmas Day - December 25**  
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

**Christmas I - December 26**  
7:45 & 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist (No Classes)

**ST. ELIZABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

26431 W. CHICAGO RD.  
REDFORD, MI 48239  
(313) 937-2880

The Rev. M. J. Bedford, SSC, Rector

**Christmas Services**

December 24 - 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion  
10:15 p.m. Carol Sing  
10:30 p.m. Holy Communion

December 25 - 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

December 26 - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

*St. Elizabeth's is aligned with the Episcopal Synod of America  
Come, worship God the Father, God the Son  
and God the Holy Spirit in a traditional  
parish family  
Children welcome, nursery service provided*



*Historic St. John's Episcopal Church*

*In the Fox Center*

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

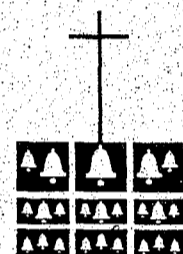
10:30 P.M. Carols - 11:00 P.M. Festive Holy Eucharist  
Woodward Fisher Trust (313) 962-7358



**St. Stephen Episcopal Church**

550 North Adams Road, Troy 48098  
641-8080  
The Rev. Jonathan C. Sams

5:00 p.m. - Family Eucharist, Creche Filling, Children's Choir  
10:00 p.m. - Organ Prelude  
10:30 p.m. - Festival Eucharist with Choir



**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
7:00 p.m. Family Eucharist  
Children's Creche Procession  
Alumni/ae, Family and Junior Choirs  
Nursery Care Provided

9:00 & 11:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist  
Music for harp and organ  
Selections from Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols"  
Carols for choir and congregation

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
355 W. Maple • Birmingham MI 48009 • 810/644-0820  
The Rev. Roger Tilden, D. Min. Rector

**Kirk in the Hills**  
presbyterian  
1340 West Long Lake Rd.  
626-2515

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
5:00 p.m. Family Service  
(with infant care)

7:30 & 10:00 p.m. Holy Night Services  
(no Child Care)

**ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
534-7730

**Christmas Eve**  
Candlelight Service 7:30 p.m.  
Communion Service,  
Special Music and Carol Singing  
Nursery provided, elevator available

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
555 S. Wayne Road  
Westland, Michigan  
one block south of Cherry Hill Road  
Telephone - 721-5023

**Christmas Eve Services**  
5:30 p.m. Children's Pageant & Holy Communion  
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Holy Communion with Choir

**Christmas Day**  
No service  
Sunday, December 26  
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (no music)

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**  
1800 West Maple Road  
(between Southfield & Cranbrook)  
Birmingham, Michigan 48009  
644-4010

**Christmas Eve**  
5:30 p.m. Family Service  
8:00 p.m. Candlelight and Carols  
10:00 p.m. Candlelight and Carols

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FARMINGTON**  
Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile

Christmas Eve Services  
5:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service  
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service  
Special music begins at 10:30 p.m.  
Sunday, December 26  
One service of worship at 10:00 a.m.  
474-6170

**UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1385 S. Adams Rd.  
Rochester Hills

**Christmas Eve Services**  
7 p.m. & 10 p.m.

**WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile  
(313) 422-1150

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
Friday, December 24

Pre-service Harp Concert - by Onita Sanders  
4:30 and 6 p.m. - Family Services  
7:30 and 9 p.m. - Candlelight Services  
Message by Dr. Bartlett L. Hess  
"CELEBRATE THREE CHRISTMASSES"

**ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia  
(just south of Six Mile Road)

Friday, December 24 - 7:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Nursery Provided Wheelchair Accessible

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH**  
Main and Church, Downtown Plymouth  
453-6464

Christmas Eve Candlelight Family Service - 5:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service - 8:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 11:00 p.m.  
Special music begins at 10:30 p.m.  
Sunday after Christmas, December 26 - 10:00 a.m.  
New Year - Communion, January 2 - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: David F. Kiehlund, Interim Minister  
L. Paul L. Stevens, Jr., Associate Minister  
Philip Rodgers Magee, Minister Emeritus

**Celebrate Christmas at Garden City Presbyterian Church**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7:00 & 9:00 P.M.  
Child Care at 7:00 P.M.  
Choir Anthems and Carols

**Candlelight Participation by the Congregation**  
Meditation: "Happy Birthday, Jesus!"  
by Rev. Gareth D. Baker, Pastor  
1841 Middlebelt (one block south of Ford) • 421-7620

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
26701 Joy Road  
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127  
274-3820  
(Between Beech Daly and Inkster)

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24TH • 7:00 P.M.

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A House of Prayer for all People since 1842  
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**THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS**  
Friday, December 24, 7:30 and 11:00 p.m.  
Duplicate Services: Festival Choral Eucharist  
Nursery care at the 7:30 Service only.

**Sunday, December 26**  
8:30 and 11:00 - The Holy Eucharist  
11:00 - Nursery Care  
(Church School resumes January 9)  
12:10 p.m., Thursdays  
1928 Book of Common Prayer

**170 E. Jefferson**  
(At the Tunnel Entrance)  
Free Secured Parking in the Ford Auditorium Garage  
(313) 259-2206  
The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector

**Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church**  
Hubbard at West Chicago  
Livonia 422-0494

December 24 - Christmas Eve  
5:00 p.m. - Family Service  
10:00 p.m. - Communion Service

*Rev. Richard I. Peters*  
*Rev. Ruth Billington*

"All Are Welcome"

**BIRMINGHAM**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
1669 W. Maple Road  
Ronald P. Byars, Ph.D., Pastor

**Christmas Eve**  
5:00 p.m. - Family Service (Child Care)  
8:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Worship (Child Care)  
11:00 p.m. - Festival of the Incarnation

**644-2040**  
Sundays, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

# Being smacked by a car led him to Easter Seals

The terrifying experience of being hit by a car at the age of 6 is something that stays with you for a lifetime. For Cary Storchan, attorney and chairman of the board of the Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan, that experience was the catalyst that brought him to Easter Seals more than 10 years ago.

"I was hit by a car when I was 6 years old. After spending three months in a body cast, I wasn't able to walk, so I started school at the Oakman School for Crippled Children in Detroit," Storchan said. "That experience has stayed with me all of my life because I was one of the lucky ones. I walked out of the Oakman School on my own, but some of those kids never left."

Because of his childhood experience, Storchan has always been interested in helping the handicapped. "I just called Easter Seals one day, told them I was interested in doing something to help," Storchan said. "I joined the board of directors in the mid-1970s and just started working to raise money to provide services for Easter Seals' clients. Ever since then I've been hooked."

Involvement with Easter Seals became a family affair in the Storchan household. "I used to bring my kids to Easter Seal events when they were little. It was the best thing in the world for them because they got to meet people with disabilities and see them as just regular people," Storchan said.

"You know how uninhibited kids can be. When my son saw a person riding in an electric wheelchair, he thought it looked like great fun, so he asked for a ride. My son saw a person in a wheelchair. He did not see a disabled person. I learned a lot from my

son that day," Storchan said. Storchan also has been a VIP on the annual Easter Seal Telethon on WDIV-TV, raising many thousands of dollars over the years, and served as the president of the board of directors of the Easter Seal Society of Oakland County from 1982 to 1989. After a brief absence from the board, as required in the by-laws, he was re-elected in 1991.

With the completion of the merger of the Easter Seal societies in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, Storchan was elected chairman of the board.

"I am really excited about Easter Seals, especially the opportunities open to us since the merger for growth and expansion," Storchan said. "I hope I can be a catalyst for the board and for all of the good people who work for this society."

Storchan points out that everyone is vulnerable to becoming disabled. In fact, statistics show that one in every 11 people will become disabled at sometime during their lives.

"I get a lot of personal satisfaction out of volunteering for Easter Seals because I know that Easter Seals helps people with all types of disabilities," he said, "so I know that my work is doing some good for somebody in need. I don't need to be given credit for my efforts. The people that are helped by Easter Seals are the real heroes, because they never give up. If they don't quit, how could I?"

The mission of Easter Seals is to promote the maximum independence of people with disabilities by developing and providing quality services.

# Get out fast in a house fire

Studies indicate that once a fire has started in the home, a person has about three minutes to escape the overbearing effects of smoke, poisonous gases or superheated air, according to AAA Michigan.

On such short notice, residents of a household need to be prepared and even rehearsed to act fast in this terrifying situation.

Some areas deserve special attention. Smoke detectors are the best protection in a home fire. Many victims suffer upstairs from downstairs fires. Smoke detectors can prevent such deaths.

The most dangerous period for fatalities from fires is between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. Alarms sound prior to a spreading fire, allowing residents to escape before being overcome by smoke and gases.

"Location is key," according to AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch. "Bedrooms need the most protection. A detector should be placed outside each bedroom in the hallway. If the hallway is longer than 30 feet, alarms should be installed at each end."

Also, he advises that detectors should be kept away from a fireplace, wood stove or cooking fumes to avoid false alarms.

Install the devices six inches away from dead air space near walls and corners. Do not place them closer than three feet from an air register that might recirculate smoke. Do not place on un-insulated exterior walls or ceilings. Temperature extremes can affect batteries. Maintenance of the alarm is essential for early detection. Devices should be checked every 30 days and batteries replaced every year or as needed. If you have been away from home any length of time, detectors should be checked upon returning.

Fire extinguishers should be kept at a readily

available location. Locate these devices near the doors of rooms with potential fire sources (furnace-stove). Keep one on each level of the dwelling and one in the garage.

Proper operation is very important because extinguisher contents empty fast. Aim at the base of the fire and sweep from side to side, standing six to eight feet from the blaze.

It is critical that the proper extinguisher be used. Not only might the fire not be extinguished, but the flames could increase.

Since youngsters under age 12 account for more than 20 percent of Michigan's fire casualties annually, extra precautions for them, as well as for the elderly and handicapped should be taken.


Practice drills should be supervised by an adult. Emphasize the importance of children escaping on their own and the danger of trying to hide from the fire. Stress getting out fast and staying out.

Arrange for infants and children to sleep in a bedroom next to parents. Teach children to stop, drop and roll and cover face with hands if clothes catch fire.

For elderly residents, make sleeping arrangements on a ground floor, if possible. Install a smoke detector and telephone in or near the bedroom.

"Special precautions should be taken for physically or mentally challenged occupants," Basch emphasized. Whistles and visual signaling systems can aid in evacuation. A specially designed escape route may be necessary.

Feel the door with the back of the hand. If it's hot, do not open it. If there is heat and smoke, seal off cracks around doors and vents with cloth or rugs, soaked in water, if possible.



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7:00 P.M. FAMILY SERVICE  
11:00 P.M. LATE SERVICE

Franklin Community Church  
3275 Normandy Road  
Franklin  
48036  
1 Block West on Wellington

Minister:  
Dr. Richard C. Cheatham

**Nativity United Church of Christ**  
9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago  
Livonia, MI 48150 • 421-5406

Rev. Donald Lintelman, Pastor

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Family Service - 7:30 p.m.  
Carols, Community & Worship

Candlelight Service - 11:00 p.m.  
Worship Service with Carols, Candlelighting and Holy Communion.

All Are Welcome!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**  
Farmington First United Methodist Church

4:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.  
Nursery. All Welcome

**Christmas Sunday**  
December 26 at 10:00 a.m.

33112 Grand River • Farmington  
(Just East of Farmington Rd.)



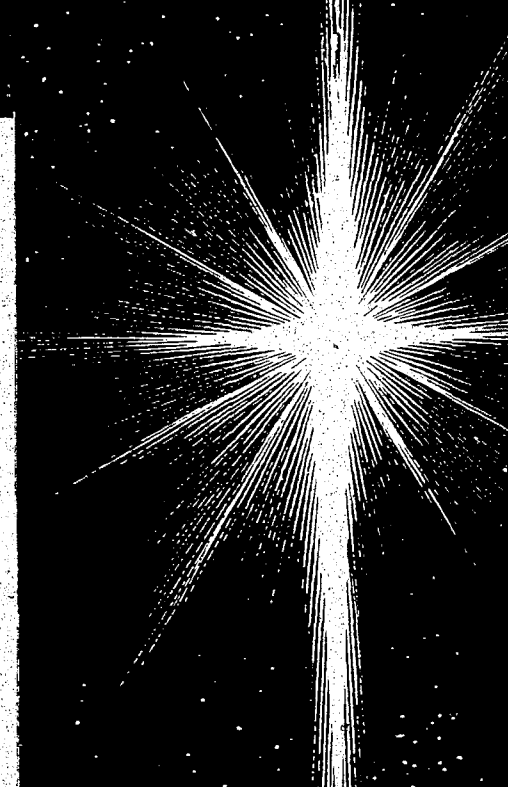
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Community Candlelight Service  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve

Family Oriented • Choirs • Christmas Carols  
Children's Story • The Christmas Message  
Nursery for infants

626-6900  
32500 West 13 Mile Rd. • Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
(Between Orchard Lake & Farmington Rds.)



**Grace Chapel**  
27996 Halsted  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331  
Just N. of 12 Mile

**December 24**  
Service at 5:00 p.m.

"Big Dreams - Humble People"  
Luke 2:36-38  
Dr. Anthony DeOrio

**Lola Valley United Methodist Church**  
16175 Delaware at Puritan  
Redford Twp., MI 48240  
(313) 255-6330

**Christmas Eve**  
Candlelight Service  
For All Ages  
December 24, 7:00 p.m.

Scripture.  
Carols and Special Music  
Pastor - Rev. Susan Bennett Stiles

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
1589 West Maple - Birmingham - 646-1200

Pastors  
William A. Ritter Bruce E. Petrick  
Bruce M. Denton Charles H. Beynon

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**  
4:30 p.m. Family Service - All ages welcome  
7:00 - 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Lessons, Carols and Holy Communion

**Meditation by Dr. Ritter**  
"A Cello For Jesus"

Child Care at 4:30, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

**MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
35475 Five Mile Road - Livonia - 464-6722

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Candlelight Service - 7:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**  
Worship - 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.

"Outstanding Gift Giving"  
Steve Allen

Bible School - 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.  
Our nursery will be open for all services.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
6443 Merriman Road  
Garden City, Michigan  
Phone (313) 421-8628

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**  
7:00 P.M. Family Candlelighting Service  
Wassail Bowl between Services  
10:00 P.M. Carol Candlelighting Service  
All Are Welcome

**Salem United Church of Christ**  
33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington  
(Farmington and Grand River Avenue)

474-6880

The Rev. John E. Maki, Pastor

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF MUSIC,**  
**CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION**  
7:30 p.m.

Barrier-free sanctuary; nursery staffed  
Regular worship - Sundays, 10:45 a.m.

**NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Three Services**

6:30 p.m. Special Family Worship Service. Carols and Candlelighting. Nursery provided.

8:30 p.m. Worship Service with Carols and Candlelighting.

11:00 p.m. Worship Service with Carols, Candlelighting, and Holy Communion.

Special music by Choirs, Organ and Handbells.

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church**  
620 Romeo St., Rochester  
(located 1 blk. N. of University, and five blocks S. of Rochester Rd.)  
651-9361

**Christmas Eve Services**  
(Crib and Toddler Care available at all Christmas Eve Services)

5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Family Celebrations and Candlelight Services  
Meditation - "Lost and Found"  
Dr. Hickey

11:00 p.m. - Worship and Candlelight Service  
Sermon - "Basking in the Glory"  
Dr. Hickey

Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery and Toddler Care provided  
Church School at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
New Year's Eve 7:30-8:30 p.m. Silent Holy Communion  
Celebrant - Dr. Hickey

**ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
30450 Farmington Rd.  
Farmington Hills, MI  
(Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)  
626-3620

Pastors: Paul F. Blomquist, David E. Husehine, Edward C. Coley  
Director of Music: Jan Brachel

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00 p.m. - Traditional Family Service  
Cantata: "Three Wise Men and a Baby"  
Adventure and Wesley Choirs  
Candlelight Closing  
Outdoor Living Nativity following service

9:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service  
Chancel Choir and Orchard Bells Choirs  
Christmas Eve Meditation  
Candlelight Closing

11:00 p.m. - Quiet Service of Meditation  
Chancel Choir  
Holy Communion  
Candlelight Closing.

Nursery for crib thru 3 years old at 5:00 p.m. only Christmas Eve



**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**  
29887 West Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336  
476-8860

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**  
4:30 P.M.

**Christmas Eve Family Service**  
6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

Services of Lessons and Carols

**"A Teen Who Came Home For Christmas"**  
Pastor Richard A. Peacock  
Communion at 11:00 p.m.

# Social Security benefits rising 2.6 percent in 1994

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will get a 2.6 percent increase in payments beginning Jan. 1.

The average Social Security benefit for retired workers will rise from \$657 to \$674 monthly. The maximum benefit for retired workers will increase to \$1,147 from \$1,128 monthly.

The maximum federal SSI monthly payments to individuals will rise to \$446 from \$434. The

State of Michigan supplements this amount.

The employee (withholding) tax rate stays the same at 7.65 percent as does the self-employed rate at 15.30 percent.

"All changes are legislated at the federal level," said Marilyn Alimpich, field representative of the northwest Detroit office, in Redford Township. "It (payments) goes up every year. Last year it was 3 or 3.2 percent."

Payments are based on the Consumer Price Index put forth by the Department of Labor.

The 7.65 percent represents the combined Social Security and Medicare tax rate. The Social Security portion (Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance or OASDI) is 6.20 percent of wages up to the applicable maximum taxable amount.

The Medicare portion (Health Insurance or HI) is 1.45 percent on all wages for 1994.

Maximum earnings taxable on Social Security (OASDI) will rise to \$60,600 from \$57,600.

Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts (gross earnings)

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For people age 65 through age 69, \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above the limit," Alspich said. "For people under age 65, \$1 will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings above the limit."

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For more information, call the Social Security Administration from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 1-800-772-1213.

## SC launches poetry contest

Poet Herb Scott will judge the 11th-annual "Poet Hunt," sponsored by Schoolcraft College and The MacGuffin literary magazine.

The competition is open to all Michigan residents. Individuals may submit up to five previously unpublished, original poems of 50 lines or less. Entries should be typewritten. Names and addresses cannot appear on the manuscripts, but should be placed along with a phone number on index cards.

The entry fee is \$1 per poem, payable by check to The MacGuffin.

Entries must be received by Feb. 1. Mail to Poet Hunt, Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, 48152.

Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. The six winning poems will be published in the fall 1994 issue of The MacGuffin. Winners will be announced at Scott's poetry reading March 21 at Schoolcraft.

For additional data, call Art Lindenbergh at 462-4400, extension 5292.

## YMCA recognizes Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa, an African American holiday which began in the 1970s will be celebrated at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at the Northwest Branch of the YMCA, 25940 Grand River near Beech Daly in Redford Township.

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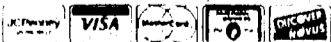
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# Wayne tops Dearborn; Shamrocks gain split

## BASKETBALL

Senior guard Rod Hardison led three players in double figures with 18 points Friday night as Wayne Memorial won its fourth straight boys basketball game at Dearborn, 64-51.

The Zebras are 4-0 overall while Dearborn fell to 1-3.

Senior guard Courtney Howard scored 11 points and freshman forward Lorenzo Guess added 10 points. Jeff Hamilton led with seven rebounds.

Tom Berry led Dearborn with 13 points.

**ROBICHAUD 86, CLARENCEVILLE 60:** Livonia Clarenceville lost for the first time Friday at Dearborn Heights Robichaud, falling behind 46-36 at halftime and being outscored 40-22 in the second half.

The Trojans are 2-1 overall.

Tyris Williams led Robichaud with 22 points.

John Kalaj led Clarenceville with a game-high 24 points and 10 rebounds. Mark Kalaj added 21 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists.

**WILLOW RUN 71, FRANKLIN 51:** Willow Run used a 28-9 advantage in the third quarter Friday to pull away from host Livonia Franklin.

The Patriots, who led 31-28 at halftime, fell to 1-2 overall. Willow Run is 3-0.

Senior forward Jason Maschke led Franklin with a career-high 20 points and 12 rebounds. Senior forward Mark Baluk added 14 points and nine rebounds.

Diann Drake led Willow Run with 22 points. Teammates Larry Fitzpatrick and Garvin Williams scored 15 and 14, respectively.

**ST. ALPHONSUS 58, LUTH. WESTLAND 58:** Lutheran Westland wasted a two-point lead with three minutes left Friday, missing six free throws, including four front ends of a one-and-one down the stretch.

Lutheran Westland fell to 1-2 overall. Visiting Dearborn St. Alphonsus improved to 3-1.

Lutheran Westland trailed 32-23 at halftime and 44-37 after three quarters before staging a comeback.

Junior forward Jon Smolka led Lutheran Westland with 20 points and 15 rebounds. Senior guard Jim Hoefl had 19

points, 16 in the second half.

Senior forward Jamaal Barnett led St. Alphonsus with 16 points.

**REDFORD CC 68, TROY 55:** Redford Catholic Central defeated Troy 68-55 on Friday to win third place in the Clarkston Christmas Tournament at Oakland University.

CC outscored Troy 26-14 in the fourth quarter to gain the victory. The day before, CC was outscored 31-14 in the fourth quarter and it fell to eventual champion Rochester Adams 78-63 in a first-round contest.

"We played smarter than we did against Adams," Holowicki said. "We hustled and scrapped both nights, but we didn't gamble as much against Troy."

Andy Slankater led Catholic Central to its victory with 18 points. He was 3-of-8 from three-point range. Sean Gallagher added 16 points along with eight rebounds and Justin Hoener notched 14 points.

"Troy is a good team. This was a tough test for us," Holowicki said. "We enjoy coming to this tournament because we get a chance to play top-notch teams we don't normally play, see other coaches and see other officials."

"We also enjoy the college setting. That's a treat for the kids. All in all, it's a good experience."

Catholic Central won the Clarkston Classic last year, beating Adams 48-44 in the finals.

In Thursday's game, Adams guard Ryan Ellison came off the bench to make three of four three-point field goals and scored 18 points to help the Highlanders erase a 43-41 deficit after three quarters.

Adams made 10-13 field goals in the second half (77 percent).

For the game, CC made 24-65 shots (37 percent) and Adams was 20-37 (54 percent). The Highlanders made 6-12 shots from three-point range while the Shamrocks were 3-20.

Slankater played all but one minute in the game and led CC with a game-high 24 points, including 3-8 from three-point range, and nine rebounds. Senior center Joe Daly added 15 points and senior guard Andy Kummer contributed 12 points.

The Shamrocks trailed 30-27 at halftime despite making 9-14 shots from the field (64 percent).

# Team Crusaders

## Frosh Marlatt picks up slack for Madonna

By CHRIS MCCOSKY  
STAFF WRITER

There are points in a season that define a team, a game here and there that you can look back on and say, that's the night we pulled together and became a unit; Or, that's the night we began to break apart.

Friday night's 79-75 victory against Indiana Wesleyan provided that kind of benchmark for the Madonna University women's basketball team.

The Lady Crusaders appeared ripe for a fracture. They have come staggering out of the gate with a 3-5 record and started listlessly against a strong Indiana Wesleyan team that brought an 11-3 record to Livonia Friday.

"We just didn't have the intensity that we should have had," Coach Bill Potter said.

### Bannon down, team up

Something else was missing, too. Shawn Bannon. She picked up two quick fouls and was on the bench for all but nine minutes of the first half.

Now, understand the severity of this. Bannon, the Livonia native and former Miss Basketball runner-up from Dearborn Divine Child, came to Madonna after starting for two seasons at Division I Central Michigan. This is the person who, by the time she leaves Madonna, will rewrite the record books for scoring, shooting percentage, assists and steals. She's averaging 18 points, four as-

sists and four steals per game. "She runs the show for us," is how Potter put it.

And there she was, rooted on the bench. And there was Madonna, watching Wesleyan drain three 3-pointers in the first eight minutes, falling behind by as many eight points.

"We look to Shawn to lead the team," said senior co-captain Jill Burt. "When she's in there, she takes charge of the game. She controls the tempo. But I think we showed tonight that we don't depend only on her. We are definitely a team."

It was Burt, who is only 5-7 but plays inside with the power of a 6-footer, and junior Stephanie Creley who helped Madonna fight its way back into the game. Burt tallied eight points and Creley six to cut Wesleyan's lead to three, 37-34, at the half.

"We just pulled each other up," Burt said. "We wouldn't allow ourselves to get down."

### Bannon's burst

The Crusaders fell behind by as many as seven early in the second half as well. That's when Bannon flashed her Division I skills. In a span of about seven minutes, she scored seven points, set up three

other baskets with pin-point passes, made a steal and forced two other turnovers.

Her basket with 10:44 left gave Madonna its first lead since the first minute of the game, 54-53, and set up a frenetic finish that featured four ties in the final four minutes.

"I'm struggling with my shot right now," Bannon said. "And when you aren't hitting your shots, you just have to find some other way to help the team. You can't win if you're just a one-person team and we showed we aren't a one-person team."

### Hero emerges

Bannon air-balled a 3-point attempt and missed a layup late in the game. Instead of setting off a panic, it seemed to bond the team. And up stepped freshman Meegan Marlatt.

Marlatt hit a triple to cut Wesleyan's lead to two, 67-65, with 5:15 left. She knocked down another triple with 3:06 left to tie the game at 71. Then she banged home a running three-footer on the next possession to put the team up 73-71.

Then, after Burt executed a three-point play with 45 seconds

left to put Madonna ahead 78-75, Marlatt locked up the victory with a free throw.

"We weren't together early in the year," Marlatt said. "We were sort of struggling with each other. But now we're definitely together. This was a big win for us."

Burt finished with 19 points, five rebounds and five assists. Marlatt had 15 points. Creley had 12 points and Denise Williams scored 10. Cathy Morris led Wesleyan with 21 points, 12 on 3-point shots.

Bannon finished with eight points on 3-for-13 shooting, seven assists and six rebounds. Not exactly Division I stats, but was she complaining?

"It's been a hard adjustment for both me and for the other girls, but, really, I have no regrets," she said. "I still miss the (Division I) competition and sometimes here I forget some of the things that I learned playing Division I. But the biggest thing is that I've refocused myself. I'm here because I want to be a nurse and to have fun playing basketball. This is the first time I've had fun playing since I left high school."

A defining moment for Bannon and for the Crusaders.

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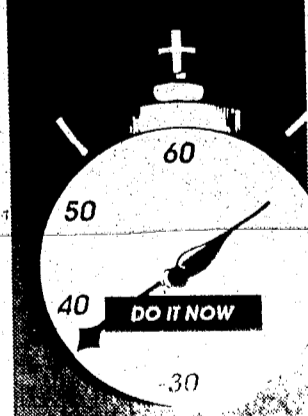
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The humor: Martin Lawrence's CD isn't for the faint of heart.



## Comedy CDs lack laughs

BY BOB SADLER  
SPECIAL WRITER

The comedy album has become a sort of lost art, in this age of 24-hour comedy cable TV channels and an abundance of clubs providing the live stuff to willing audiences. Gone are the days of the scratchy (from overplaying) Bill Cosby, Robert Klein and Bob Newhart long-play vinyl records.

Despite the fact that compact discs and cassettes have replaced vinyl (and provided a higher quality, longer lasting format for listening to comedy), you don't find many stand-up performers releasing their material for the masses to just take a listen.

That's why it's intriguing to see three different comics releasing albums during this gift buying time of year. Would you want something from Adam Sandler, Martin Lawrence or Andrew Dice Clay in your stocking this year? Read on.

they're all gonna laugh at you! — Adam Sandler (Warner Bros.)

Given the wacky talents of this young performer, seen weekly on "Saturday Night Live," my expectations were highest for this album. In Sandler's debut album, the man responsible for hilarious characters like Cajun Man and Opera Man should have the chance to spread his wings beyond the bounds of network television and entertain listeners with a whole new set of characters and soon-to-classic bits.

At least, one would think so.

Despite guest spots throughout from SNL buddies Rob Schneider, David Spade and Tim Meadows and a cameo from new "Late Night" host Conan O'Brien, "they're all gonna laugh at you!" falls short on both the laughter and creativity.

See COM. DY, 5C

## At The Mike

Here's your guide to the best of what's going on — laughter wise — on New Year's Eve:

■ **Boys will be boys, men will be pigs...** The most wanted ticket in town to usher in 1994 is **Tim Allen**, who's doing two sold-out shows at the Fox Theater at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. **Lowell Sanders** will also appear with Detroit's own Master of Masculinity, who (according to the Hollywood buzz) is working on a motion picture project in addition to his gig on television's number one show.

■ **"Toasting" in the New Year...** At Ann Arbor's MainStreet Comedy Showcase, local favorite **Heywood Banks** will appear for two shows. His live act is hilarious — too bad his locally-produced television show (seen on WJBK-TV2) is so unfunny. Call 996-9080 for reservations.

■ **Two heads are better than one...** Especially when talking about the dynamic rock 'n' roll comedy duo of **Malone & Nootcheez**, who will jam at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle for two shows. Call 542-9900 for reservations.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Street Scene next week:

- Christina Fuoco looks at what will be happening New Year's Eve.
- John Monaghan's look at the latest in alternative movies.

# Skanking to a Midwestern beat

■ In the shadow of ska scene founders from the East and West coasts, Midwestern bands are often overlooked. With the release of "American Ska-Thic," its organizers and contributors hope that will change.

BY KYLE GREEN  
SPECIAL WRITER



If the Detroit-based ska band The Exceptions had their way, the ska spotlight would shine upon the Midwest.

Many of the first U.S. ska bands like Fishbone and Bim Skala Bim came out of the East or West coasts. By natural selection, therefore, the Midwestern scene has been largely ignored.

"It's just the way things are," The Exceptions guitarist Ryan Reeves said matter-of-factly. "The first (ska) bands came from Boston (such as) Bim Skala Bim. The Toasters are from New York, and these guys started it in 1986 — Fishbone from California. With bands like these paving the way, many people think it's only the East and West coasts."

## STREET BEATS

Things may change now that Jump Up Records in Chicago has released "American Ska-Thic: A Portrait of Midwest Ska Past and Present" with distribution help from Moon and Cargo records. The Exceptions, who contributed the single "I Hate Mornings," will host and headline a record release party for the compilation on Monday, Dec. 27, at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. The party will also include performances from Livonia-based The Skolars ("Rude Girl") and Grand Rapids' Mustard Plug ("Grow Up").

The CD contains singles from 18 other Midwest bands including several from the Detroit area such as the Parka Kings ("Jacked") and the now-defunct Jack Kevorkian & The Suicide Machines ("Hey"). Detroit Music Award winners and long-time Detroit ska favorites Gangster Fun contributed their cover of AC/DC's "You Shook Me All Night Long" with help from the horn section from Steady Earnest, an offshoot of Bim Skala Bim.

The cover of the CD, by veteran ska cartoonist and Marvel Comic contributor Evan Dorkin, is a parody of the painting "American Gothic," hence the name.



Celebrating release: The Exceptions — Todd Bolton (from left), Chuck Bartels, Johnny Williams, Gene Corwin, Ryan Reeves, Tony Barragan, and Jim Hofer — headline the record release party for "American Ska-Thic: A Portrait of Midwest Ska Past to Present."

BAM BOOM GRAPHICS

The bands on the CD and scheduled to perform at the show share an element often missing in a lot of current music, according to compilation organizer Chuck Wren.

"It is real live music," said Wren who hosts a ska radio show on WNUR at Northwestern University in Chicago. "We went through a trend that went through a very pressed-out musical (style), but ska is live. There are so many bands in the Midwest that keep getting overlooked and I'm sick of it."

According to Gangster Fun's drummer Brian Bowie, compared to its predecessors, Midwestern ska is in its infant stages. It will be recognized more as it matures.

"The Midwestern ska scene is very young when you compare it with New York and San Francisco Bay area a lot of ska bands are young and really don't have it together," he said. "I don't think Mid-

western ska is that good due to the freshness of it."

Ska in general, however, is an often overlooked musical style making it unfamiliar to many people. Ska is Jamaica's first independent musical export, according to Wren. Upon its creation in the 1960s, it absorbed elements of West Indies calypso and American jazz. During the 1980s, English bands such as Madness and The Stranglers added more energy to the beat and popularized the style.

Today's ska sounds incorporate a variety of influences from Fishbone's funk beats to the rock sound of the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Wren said.

What separates ska from reggae is "it's faster and more energetic. Reggae is more of a ska on hallucinogens," explained The Exceptions' trombonist Jim Hofer.

The typical ska band looks like a musical army which uses as its weapons strong percussion, two or more vocalists, a horn section, and guitars and basses which are plucked more than played.

"That is the extra punch," said The Skolars' Mark Penza. "Horns are so unique because it is so against the norm (of modern music)."

The energy generated by the musicians bombards its listeners who hop, jump and run in place to the beat — commonly referred to as "skanking." Most of those who skank are called Rude Boys or Rude Girls ("Rudies") and are generally clad in baggy plaid or black suits, skinny ties, pork-rimmed hats and Doc Marten shoes or loafers.

See SKANKING, 6C

# When Wally sings, people listen

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Commanding the attention of noisy patrons in a college bar isn't an easy task — especially by a fresh-faced man strapped with an acoustic guitar.

But when Wally Pleasant starts singing his "humorous songs with a message" it's almost like E.F. Hutton is talking — everybody listens.

He piques a chuckle out of fraternity guys and sorority girls when he sings "I Was a Teenage Republican."

Most women aren't offended when he tells one of his tales of woe "She's Addicted to Clothes."

The soft-spoken Pleasant even carries over his sly sense of humor into his off-stage life. When the waitpersons at an area restaurant walk through the restaurant singing "Hap-

py Birthday," he looks up and says slyly, "I told them it was your birthday."

Not really, but that's the playful spirit of Wally Pleasant.

Sometimes people take his character too seriously. For example, a woman who was interviewing Pleasant once asked him to answer questions in a "Spinal Tap" fashion. She wanted him to act clueless and push records that didn't even exist, he said, rolling his eyes and smiling.

Pleasant, a graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and Michigan State University, isn't all about humor, however. Some of his "radio friendly" songs — as he calls them — like "I Hate Cops" may have his trademark schtick, but the words are biting, so much so that it's almost

funny. "It's good to have a certain amount (of humor); I use humor to get people's attention," said Pleasant who now lives in St. Johns, north of Lansing.

Pleasant, who's often compared to Jonathan Richman, said he likes people to "go away with a smile" although many of his songs have messages.

"I don't try to give speeches, or divulge my deepest psychological feelings," Pleasant said.

"I try to be entertaining and I want to do records and live shows that people are entertained by. If that's a novelty, so be it."

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Wally Pleasant: Performs Dec. 21 during Lili's Christmas Party at Lili's in Hamtramck.

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# True faith is examined in 'Saints'

BY JOHN MONAGHAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

She sits quietly on the side of her bed, asking for a miracle. "If I sit perfectly still for five minutes," she prays aloud to God, "then please make the message from the Virgin Mary one of peace."

This child-like belief never leaves Therese, one of the heroines in Nancy Savoca's new film "Household Saints." This uncompromising comedy about family and faith, set in New York's Little Italy, plays in a limited run at the AMC Abbey in Madison Heights.

The movie, which spans a 20-year period from roughly 1950 to 1970, begins when bachelor butcher Joseph Santangelo (Vincent D'Onofrio) wins his wife in a card game. The prospect isn't all that horrible for 17-year-old Catherine (Tracey Ullman), who has spent most of her life caring for a father and brother.

She moves into the Santangelo home with Joseph and his mother

## MOVIES

(Judith Malina). According to the old lady, Catherine isn't pretty enough, doesn't cook well, and perpetuates a family curse. When Catherine becomes pregnant, Catherine's head swims with Old Country superstitions.

A first child is still-born while a second, Therese, grows up amidst the standard trappings of Catholic school and church. The difference is that while most of the girls are grabbing smokes in the bathroom and talking about boys, Therese thinks up new ways to serve God.

True inspiration comes when Therese learns about her St. Therese, "The Little Flower," whose ordinary life was filled with acts of faith. She will follow in the saint's footsteps and, once graduated from high school, will join the Carmelite Sisters.

Tracey Ullman, whose Fox

comedy show remains among the past decade's cleverest, still hasn't made the leap to movies well. She's too clownish in her early scenes as a 17-year-old but grows into motherhood well, sporting a classic Carol Brady hairdo from the early 1970s.

Lili Taylor, who plays teenage Therese, captures the bizarre, angelic quality that makes her character so fascinating. She's "the kind of girl who never has a mean thought enter her head. Instead of turning away in disgust from her alcoholic uncle, she prays for him to seek the guidance he needs to become a better person."

Some of the subplots, especially the one about the uncle's obsession with Asian women, are too hokey not to have come from real life. You get the feeling that writer and co-director Savoca wasn't only listening carefully to the stories around her family dinner table, but taking elaborate notes.

It would have made good Hollywood sense for Savoca, who

received positive reviews for her previous "True Love" and "Dogfight," to deliver a popular movie. This would give her the clout to make subsequent projects her way.

What does she do instead? She makes a movie about religion, traditionally box office poison. Despite the financial and emotional backing of Academy Award-winner Jonathan Demme and solid word of mouth, the movie was abandoned by the Main Theatre in Royal Oak, where it might have brought out more of the casually curious.

It's precisely this uncompromising quality that makes Savoca a fascinating filmmaker and her "Household Saints" such a heart-felt and moving work.

If you have a comment for John Monaghan, call him at 953-2047, mailbox 1866, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write to him care of Street Scene, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

## 'Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas'

— Vudu Hippies

## REVIEW

Unlike most Christmas CDs, this one is short and to the point. It includes only two versions of the classic holiday song — an extended version and one that's shortened for radio airplay.

Singer Rene Paquette, accompanied solely by pianist Randall Sly, smoothed out her trademark vibrato voice for the song recorded at The Tempermill studio in Ferndale. Her dynamic version of the song proves that the Vudu Hippies deserve more attention than they get.

As bassist Chris "Tree"

Newberg says, the song will "make you feel warm and fuzzy, yet cold and prickly."

The CD, which features cover art by photographer Tony Spina, is available exclusively at Harmony House. Proceeds from the sale of the CD benefits the Eleanore Glynn Thom Foundation which benefits cancer research, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, and college scholarships.

—Christina Fuoco

## Comedy from page 4C

Perhaps the Beavis and Butthead generation may enjoy some of this, but how many references to self-gratification of a sexual nature can listener stand? Bodily function and anatomical humor can be funny in small doses, but unfortunately, Sandler's writing doesn't leave the gutter for most of the album.

Among the album's highlights are a few songs, which feature Sandler alongside G.E. Smith and the SNL rhythm section. "The Thanksgiving Song" is the song made famous on SNL last year. "Food Innuendo Guy" should be a morning radio classic, and "Lunchlady Land" features Sandler's impression of Axl Rose.

Talkin' S.t. — Martin Lawrence (EastWest Records America)

From the title alone, you have an idea of what to expect from this album, the debut release from the star of the Fox television series "Martin" and the host of HBO's "Def Comedy Jam." Considering Lawrence's influences in comedy, most notably Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy (with whom he appeared in the movie "Boomerang"), the man's humor is not for the faint of heart.

This album probably had the most laughs of the three, although you won't find Lawrence original in anyway. He touches on all the major themes black comics frequently touch on — poking fun at

Michael Jackson, Mike Tyson, Oprah Winfrey and Luther Vandross, among others. He contrasts how blacks and whites differ when it comes to parenting, getting high, boxing and having sex. And, of course, he ends with a discussion of bodily functions.

The Day the Laughter Died Part II — Andrew Dice Clay (American)

There's nothing the former Andrew Clay Silverstein can do anymore to shock us, right? With his latest album, Clay makes a radical departure from his past material and takes his arrogant raunchy persona to new belligerent heights. This man admits that he harbors intense hatred for everything and everyone and is politi-

cally incorrect by design.

Be forewarned, this is not a comedy album by any means. Listening to this 72-minute performance, recorded at Dangerfield's in New York City, reminded me of the latter days of the late Lenny Bruce. The delivery is slow, with frequent pauses and puffs on his ever-present cigarette. The material is brutal, with venomous comments reserved for people who've criticized his work, Kathie Lee Gifford and just about every member of the audience.

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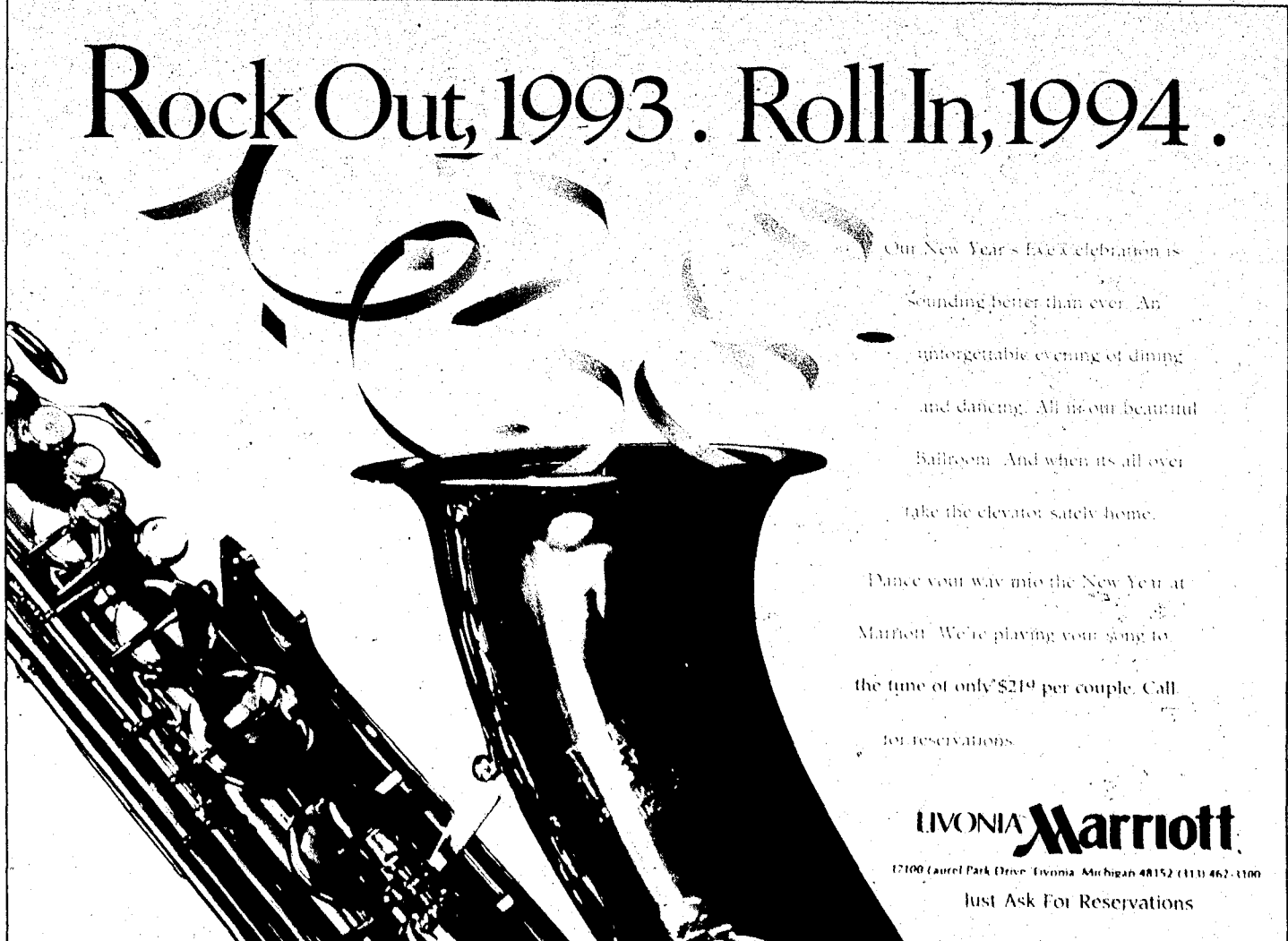
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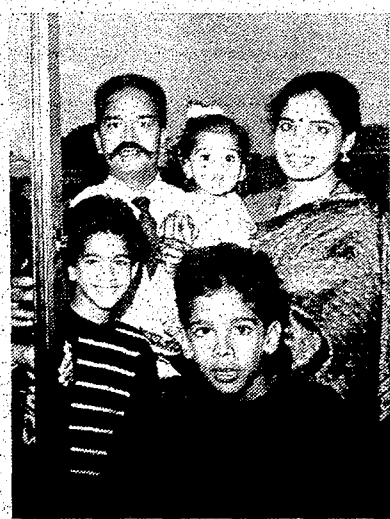
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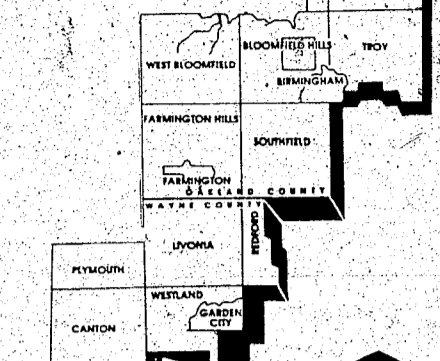


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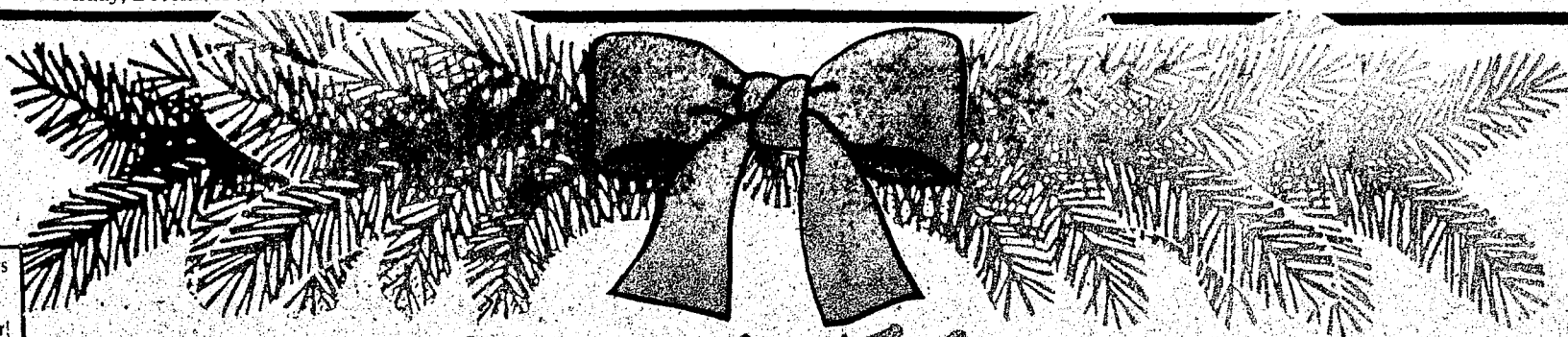


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Livonia  
427-9544

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Happy  
Holidays  
To all our  
Customers & Friends  
from all of us at  
**Alpine Valley  
Ski School**  
6778 E. Highland Rd.  
White Lake, MI 48383  
**887-6010**

Season's  
Greetings  
Wishing You A  
Season Of  
Gladness &  
A Season Of  
Cheer For Happy  
Holidays &  
A Healthy  
New Year.  
Your Friends At  
Livonia Drugs  
**421-3784**

**STEFFS**  
RESTAURANT & LOUNGE  
Now Appearing  
Bobby Lewis  
and the  
**CRACKERJACK BAND**  
Now Thru Christmas  
Season's Greetings  
to all our friends &  
customers who  
made '93 a Happy  
One...  
Looking forward to  
seeing you in '94  
RESERVE NOW  
FOR HOLIDAY PARTIES  
and NEW YEAR'S EVE  
8631 NEWBURGH  
(S. of Joy Rd.)  
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**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**  
to Our  
Friends &  
Customers  
from the staff of:  
**LIQUOR & LOTTO**  
417 S. Wayne Rd.  
Westland, MI 48185  
**722-3017**

**Old Mexico  
Restaurant**  
& Staff  
wishing you a Holly,  
Jolly Christmas & a  
Very Happy New Year.  
28407 5 mile in Livonia  
**421-3310**  
5566 Drake Rd. in  
W. Bloomfield  
**661-8088**

**Redford  
Inn**  
Extends their gratitude &  
best wishes to you  
during this  
Holiday Season.  
Happy New Year!  
25800 5 mile-Redford  
**535-7765**

Wishing You A  
Happy, Safe  
Holiday Season!  
from all of us at:  
**QUALITY INN**  
Hazel Park  
399-5800  
**TRAVEL LODGE**  
Southfield  
353-6777  
**KNIGHTS COURT**  
Dearborn  
565-7250  
**ECONO LODGE**  
Southfield  
358-1800

**Happy  
Holidays**  
to you and your  
family  
from the staff of  
**RAM'S HORN**  
RESTAURANT  
477-4770

Best Wishes  
for the  
Holidays  
**A.E.  
STANDARD  
SERVICE**  
17151 Middlebelt  
at 6 Mile  
Livonia  
522-7222

**Happy  
Holidays**  
To thank you as we  
would like to do, is far  
beyond our power. If  
we had no friends like  
you, there would be no  
shop like ours.  
**JOANNIE'S  
Hair Salon**  
15369 Newburgh  
Livonia  
464-2270

Have A  
Happy Holiday  
And A Safe  
1994  
From the Staff of:  
**MOY'S**  
CHINESE & JAPANESE  
RESTAURANTS  
16825 Middlebelt  
Livonia, MI  
**427-3170**

Merry  
Christmas and  
Best Wishes for  
a Safe and  
Happy New  
Year  
Beyond Painting &  
Decorating  
313-416-5512  
810-478-5250

**Happy  
Holidays**  
**Dad's Meat  
Market**  
Homemade Sausage  
& Perogies  
28430 Joy Rd. Livonia  
**522-4770**

**happy holidays**  
from the  
staff of  
**VENUS CLEANERS  
& DRAPERIES**  
George Benian  
Fred Fernandez  
Elizabeth Gaines  
Frank Robinson  
Carol Lucas  
14349 Schoolcraft  
Detroit  
(313)837-8678

Season's Greetings to  
all of our Clients  
and Friends.  
**RUSSELL  
TRAVEL SERVICE**  
15619 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia 48154  
**427-8200**

"Best Wishes for a  
Happy, Safe and  
Prosperous New Year!"  
**IGA**  
**ORCHARD 10  
IGA SUPERMARKET**  
Located Corner of  
Orchard Lake and 10 Mile Rd.  
Farmington  
**476-0974**

**SEASON'S  
GREETINGS**  
To Our  
Remodeling Customers  
From:  
**Ron Dugas  
Bldg. Co.**  
of Livonia  
**421-5526**

Thank You For Your  
Support in '93  
Hope To See You in '94  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
From The Staff at  
**AMANTEA  
RESTAURANT**  
32777 W. Warren  
Garden City  
Open Daily at 4 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m.  
**421-1510**

Best  
Wishes  
for a  
**Happy Holiday**  
Westland Bowl  
5940 N. Wayne  
Westland, MI  
**722-7570**

Bill, George, Jim  
& Don...  
Wishing all our  
Friends & Customers  
The  
Very  
Best  
for the  
Holidays.  
**SENATE CONEY  
ISLAND**  
34359 Plymouth Livonia  
422-5075  
22375 Ecorse Rd. Taylor  
292-1861

**Head Chef, Jack Dai  
Linda & Staff**  
Wish Our Special Friends & Customers  
**A Happy Holiday!**  
Now is the time to book a Chinese New  
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FOR A HAPPY,  
HEALTHY HOLIDAY  
SEASON  
TO ALL OUR  
CUSTOMERS  
& FRIENDS  
from all of us at  
**BEYER  
DRUGS**  
480 N. Main  
Plymouth, MI  
**453-3400**

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
to all of you  
from all of us at  
**Everything  
Goes**  
Estate Liquidators, Inc.  
**855-0053**

A  
CHRISTMAS  
JINGLE  
from all of us at  
**BLARNEY  
BAY PUB**  
27758 W. Warren  
Westland, MI 48185  
(313) 421-6940

Merry Christmas  
and  
Best Wishes  
for a  
Safe and Happy  
New Year  
**BIG IKES  
ROOFING**  
**474-4920**

Have a Safe  
& Happy  
Holiday  
Season  
from the staff of  
**HOPE'S**  
Fish & Chips  
28370 Joy Rd.  
Livonia  
**427-2130**

**happy  
holidays**  
to you and your  
pets from  
**D'ADAMO  
VETERINARY  
HOSPITAL, P.C.**  
and  
**JOY PET  
GROOMING**  
30000 Joy Rd.  
Livonia  
**421-1800**

Greetings  
for a  
**Happy Holiday  
Season**  
and a  
**Prosperous  
New Year**  
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LIVONIA, MI 48152  
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TO ALL  
OUR FRIENDS  
AND CUSTOMERS!**  
**FOUR SEASONS  
OUTDOOR POWER  
EQUIPMENT CO.**  
30942 Ford Rd.  
Garden City  
**421-3480**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
to all of our  
Friends and  
Customers.  
**LUCY'S  
ALTERATIONS**  
33529 7 Mile Rd.  
Livonia  
**471-7397**

**SEASON'S  
GREETINGS**  
& sincere thanks for  
Your Patronage  
We look forward to  
seeing you  
the New Year  
**SZECHUAN  
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Wishing you a  
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Healthy Holiday  
Season!  
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to all our Clients &  
Friends.  
Looking forward  
to Servicing you in  
1994.  
**La Moda Tailor Shop**  
37277 6 Mile Rd.  
Newburgh Plaza  
6 Mile at Newburgh,  
Livonia  
**953-0455**

Thanks for 17  
Great Years.  
Best Wishes in '94  
to all of our  
Friends &  
Customers  
**Roman  
Forum**  
981-2030  
41601 Ford Rd. Canton

**Happy Holidays  
& Best Wishes  
for the  
New Year**  
**FOODLAND**  
Shelden Center  
33151 Plymouth Rd. Livonia

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS  
TO OUR  
FRIENDS &  
CUSTOMERS**  
**Joe's Produce**  
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Livonia

Season's Greetings  
& Sincere Thanks for  
Your Patronage  
We look forward to  
seeing you  
in the new year  
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Wings**  
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**Gino DeRoma  
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Season  
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of fresh meats,  
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the Happiest  
of Holidays.  
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Greetings &  
Sincere Thanks for  
your Patronage.  
We look forward to  
seeing you in the  
New Year.  
**Bob Vollmer**  
8915 Manton  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
**451-6868**

Merry Christmas  
&  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
FROM THE STAFF OF:  
**MALARKEY'S  
PUB**  
7020 Wayne Rd.  
Westland, MI 48185  
(313) 721-2920

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
to All Our  
Friends and  
Customers**  
**CARMACK  
APPLIANCE CO.**  
32431 Ford Rd.  
Garden City  
**425-1790**

**BEST WISHES**  
for a Happy  
and Healthy  
New Year  
**DUSTY CORNER  
CERAMIC, INC.**  
6315 Middlebelt  
Garden City  
**425-0006**

A Happy  
& Safe Holiday  
Season to all my  
Friends  
from **Robert  
Bennett**  
Mayor of Livonia

**HappyHolidays**  
Thank you for  
your patronage  
in '93  
**MITCH HOUSEY'S**  
in Livonia  
28500 Schoolcraft  
425-5520

Best Wishes &  
a Big Thank You to  
All those who made  
our last 9 yrs.  
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HOLIDAYS  
New  
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Happy  
Holidays  
to You &  
Your Family  
**DESIGNING  
DESTINATIONS**  
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Garden City  
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Have a Happy  
& Safe Holiday  
from the Staff of  
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RESTAURANT**  
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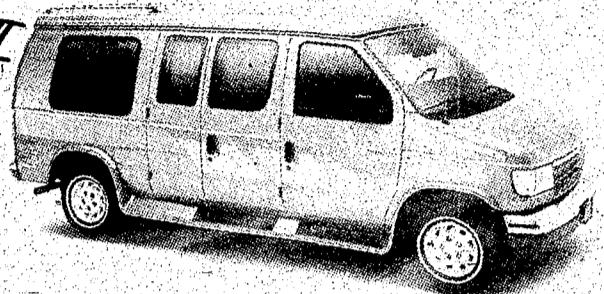
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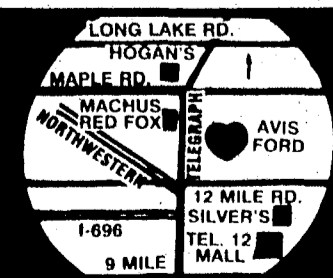
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<p><b>New 1993 TEMPO GL 4 DOOR</b></p> <p>Stock #14698 Was \$13,690 <b>IS \$9969*</b></p>	<p><b>New 1993 MUSTANG LX</b></p> <p>Stock #14936 Was \$15,113 <b>IS \$11,401*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 PROBE</b></p> <p>Stock #15157 Was \$15,833 <b>IS \$12,950*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 PROBE GT</b></p> <p>Stock #11931 Was \$19,141 <b>IS \$16,209*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 THUNDERBIRD LX</b></p> <p>Stock #11583 Was \$17,230 <b>IS \$14,303*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 TAURUS GL 4 DOOR SEDAN</b></p> <p>Stock #14992 Was \$17,436 <b>IS \$12,979*</b></p>
<p><b>NEW 1993 TAURUS LX 4 DOOR</b></p> <p>Stock #12156 Was \$20,136 <b>IS \$14,979*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 CROWN VICTORIA LX</b></p> <p>Stock #14734 Was \$22,259 <b>IS \$17,080*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 RANGER XLT 4X2</b></p> <p>Stock #14507 Was \$12,313 <b>IS \$8713*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 RANGER 4X2 SUPER CAB PICKUP</b></p> <p>Stock #13862 Was \$14,696 <b>IS \$11,080*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 RANGER 4X4 XLT PICKUP</b></p> <p>Stock #14158 Was \$17,690 <b>IS \$14,108*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 RANGER 4X4 SUPER CAB XLT PICKUP</b></p> <p>Stock #13723 Was \$17,990 <b>IS \$14,402*</b></p>
<p><b>NEW 1993 F-150 STYLESIDE PICKUP</b></p> <p>Stock #11529 Was \$11,818 <b>IS \$9580*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 F-150 4X2 SUPER CAB PICKUP</b></p> <p>Stock #14452 Was \$20,164 <b>IS \$14,806*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 AEROSTAR XL PLUS</b></p> <p>Stock #15332 Was \$19,492 <b>IS \$14,101*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 AEROSTAR EXTENDED LENGTH</b></p> <p>Stock #15240 Was \$21,312 <b>IS \$16,462*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 EXPLORER SPORT 4X4</b></p> <p>Stock #14739 Was \$23,993 <b>IS \$19,252*</b></p>	<p><b>NEW 1993 FESTIVA L</b></p> <p>Stock #12108 Was \$7436 <b>IS \$5980*</b></p>

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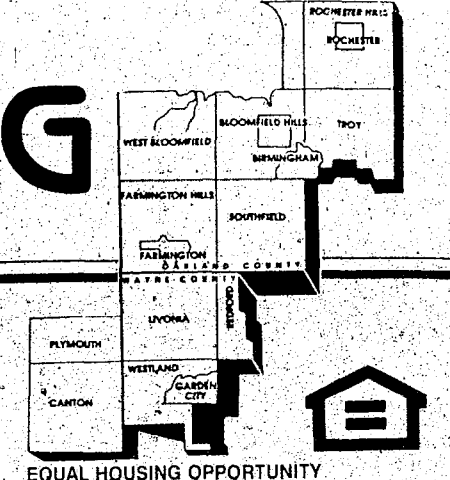
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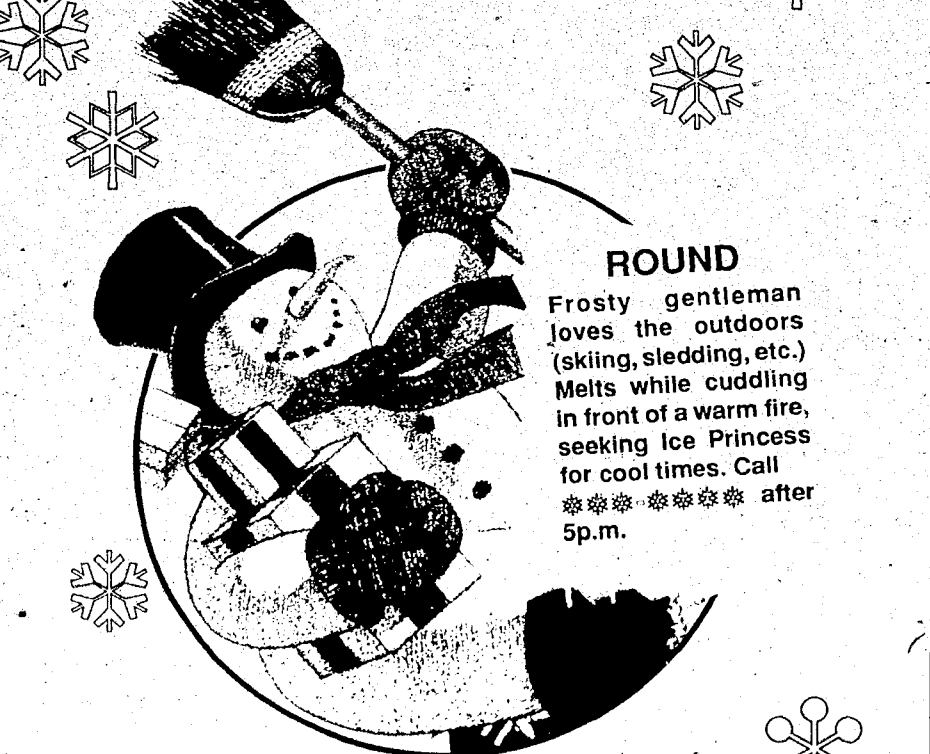
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Large advertisement for ATCHINSON FORD. Features a large graphic of a car wheel and tire. Text includes '1994 TAURUS GL', '1994 TEMPO GL 4 DOOR', '1994 F-150 4x2', '1994 RANGER XLT 4x2', and '1994 CROWN VICTORIA'. Promotional offers: '93 FACTORY AUTHORIZED CLEARANCE', 'COLLEGE GRAD SAVE \$400', 'YOUNG BUYERS PROGRAM SAVE \$300', 'TOP DOLLAR FOR YOUR TRADE!', 'AWARD WINNING SERVICE DEPT. DAILY RENTAL CARS AVAILABLE'. Contact: Belleville/Canton, 9800 Belleville Rd., 697-9161.

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## *Monthly Album*

### On the cover . . .

Sharon Ann Miller of Westland, formerly of Redford, and Gregg Anthony Fisher of Westland, formerly of Hancock, Mich., were married May 29 in St. Agatha Church in Redford by the Rev. Thomas Slowinski. She is the daughter of Lawrence and Susan Miller of Redford and he is the son of Donald and Barbara Fisher of Hancock.

The bride will graduate from Western Michigan University with a degree in occupational therapy in December. She will do an internship at Providence Hospital.

### Szaflarski-Mazer

Matthew and Nancy Szaflarski of Milford announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie, to Christopher Mazer of Garden City, son of Marilyn and Jim Mazer of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Madonna University and is employed by Foster, Meadows & Ballard as a legal assistant.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Franklin High School and is employed by Engineering Development Systems as a computer aided designer.

A May 1994 wedding is planned in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brighton.

The groom is a graduate of Ferris State University with a degree in nuclear medicine. He is employed by the University of Michigan Hospitals.

Heather Armstrong served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Anne Carpenter, Mary Mykolaitis and Deborah Hutek.

Neil Ahola served as best man with groomsmen William Jaehrig, Ronald Fisher and Kevin Hutek.

The couple received guests at St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Southfield before leaving on a trip to Traverse City and Mackinac Island. They are making their home in Westland.

The couple's wedding pictures were taken by Ron Ponkey of Redford.



### Derwinski-LaVere

Michael and Sharon Derwinski of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to John Daniel LaVere, son of Dan and Jean LaVere of Marine City, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a junior at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed on the campus at the dining commons.

Her fiancé is also a junior at Eastern Michigan University.

No wedding date has been set for the ceremony at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington.



### Rosamond-Frescura

Mr. and Mrs. Merin Rosamond of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosemary Kay, to Richard Frescura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Frescura of Livonia.

Both the bride-to-be and her fiancé attend Henry Ford Community College.

A May 1994 wedding is planned.



### Conner-Bokovoy

Cecil L. and Shirley A. Conner of Delton, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Layne Conner of Novi, to Brian James Bokovoy, son of James G. and Linda S. Bokovoy of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by Environmental Consulting and Technology of Detroit as an environmental consultant.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by Enecotech Midwest Inc. of Farmington Hills as an environmental consultant.

An April 1994 wedding is planned in Mt. Hope Congregational Church.



### Ledford-Ratcliffe

Jennifer Anne Ratcliffe of Ferndale, formerly of Canton, and Daniel Thomas Ledford of Ferndale were married July 24 in Ferndale First United Methodist Church by the Rev. George Spencer, the pastor, and the Rev. John DeBoer, chaplain at Grand Valley State University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ratcliffe of Canton and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kenneth Ledford of Waterford.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Grand Valley State University. She is employed as a pre-kindergarten teacher at Herlong Cathedral School in Detroit.

The groom is a graduate of Ferndale High School and Grand Valley State University. He is interning at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak through Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

Susan Ratcliffe served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Krista Manson, Lori Roe, Janet Ledford, Susan Guilfoyle and Beth Riopelle.

Mark Wetters served as best man with groomsmen Jeff Wright, Chad Bergsma, Keith Krueger and Tim



Guilfoyle.

The couple received guests at Ferndale First United Methodist Church before leaving on a trip to Glacier National Park, East Glacier, Mont. They are making their home in Ferndale.

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## BRIDAL DIRECTORY

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## Glasgow-Mortz

Douglas and Carolyn Glasgow of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamara, to Craig Steven Mortz of Dearborn, son of Craig K. and Doreen Mortz of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and is employed as a legal secretary by Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn of Detroit.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Harrison High School and is employed by Mortz Bros. Corp. as a field technician.

A June 1994 wedding is planned in the Dearborn Inn.



## Ryan-Dice

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Ryan of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Michelle, to Gregg Alan Dice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny L. Dice of Big Rapids, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Kalamazoo College majoring in economics.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Kalamazoo College with a bachelor's degree in economics.

A July wedding is planned in the Rose Garden of the Henry Ford Estate.



## Stuart-Phifer

Robert Stuart of Milan and Frank and Rosemary Anderson of Butler, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine Denise Stuart of Milan, to Dan E. Phifer, son of Claude and Jeanette Phifer of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is employed by Red Lobster Inc. of Ann Arbor and J & D Energy Inc. in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is employed by J & D Energy in Livonia.

An April 1994 wedding is planned in Milan.



## Gray-Preston

Gary and Jan Gray of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Jean, to Derek John Preston of Ann Arbor, son of Gretchen and John Preston of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Novi High School and Michigan State University, where she studied business. She is employed by Freeman White Architects in Charlotte, N.C.

Her fiancé will graduate from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., in 1994 with a degree in finance.

An August 1994 wedding is planned in Holy Family Church, Novi.



# Album published on third Monday

The Observer Newspapers Monthly Album is published the third Monday of each month and is reserved for current and former residents of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton.

Engagement and wedding announcements for all of the above communities should be submitted to the Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336. Forms for engagement and wedding announcements are available at that office and at the offices at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia and at Wing and Deer (east of Main and south of Ann Arbor Trail) in downtown Plymouth.

Prospective brides and bridegrooms may also follow the example of published announcements in the Monthly Album. All announcements should in-

clude a daytime telephone number of a person who can verify information.

The next Monthly Album will be published on Monday, Jan. 17. Announcements for that publication should be submitted no later than Monday, Jan. 3, to the Farmington Observer. Announcements run on a space-available basis, and may appear in a later edition than the one for which the announcement was submitted.

Photos are published with engagement and wedding announcements, and may include the bride or bride-to-be by herself or the couple together. Photos should be of professional quality, preferably 5-by-7 inch black and white prints. Color photos will be accepted, but will not reproduce as well as black and white photos.

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## Stacy-May

John and Sharon Stacy of Findlay, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan, to W.J. Scott May of Findlay, son of Walter and Lillian May of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Findlay with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is employed by Marathon Oil of Findlay as an advanced accountant.

Her fiancé, a former Redford resident, is a graduate of the University of Findlay with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He is employed by Solomon Software in Findlay as a regional sales manager.

A July 1994 wedding is planned in First Lutheran Church, Findlay, Ohio.



## Flohr-Kuhn

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Flohr of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lesley, to Kristopher Kuhn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kuhn of Rochester.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Bentley High School and Northwood University. She is employed by EDS as a supervisor.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Adams High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by GMAC Mortgage as a loan officer.

The couple are planning a January wedding at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia.



## Flynn-Moore

Pat and Sue Flynn of Louisville announce the engagement of their daughter, Diedre M. Flynn of Canton, to David Charles Moore of Canton, son of Catherine Dewey of Canton and James Moore of Brighton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed by Livernois Engineering as a human resource manager.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by Chrysler Corp. as a warehouse manager.

A December wedding is planned in St. Thomas A' Becket Church, Canton.



## Harding-Gibbons

Lynne Mary Harding of Lapeer and James Jerome Gibbons of Walled Lake were married Nov. 27 in Shepherd of the Lakes in Walled Lake. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harding of Lapeer and he is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hause of Flushing, Mich., and Dr. and Mrs. James Gibbons of Charlevoix, Mich.

The bride is a graduate of Michigan State University, with a bachelor's degree in social science, and is employed by Schostak Brothers & Co. Inc. in the human resources department.

The groom is a graduate of G.M.I., where he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, and the University of Wisconsin, where he earned a master's degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by Ford Motor Co. as an electrical engineer.



## Leedy-Lempinen

Nance Anne Lempinen and Todd Holzgreffe Leedy were married Aug. 14 in Franklin Community Church. She is the daughter of Gordon and Nancy Lempinen of Farmington Hills and he is the son of Keith and Ursula Leedy, formerly of Mt. Prospect, Ill., now living in Door County, Wis.

The bride is a graduate of Mercy High School and received her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and her master's degree in library science from Wayne State University. She is employed as a reference librarian at Alachua County Library System and Career City College in Gainesville, Fla.

The groom is a graduate of Prospect High School and received his bachelor's degree and his master's degree from Michigan State University. He is a graduate teaching assistant and is pursuing his Ph.D. in African history at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Lori Smith Hoogasian served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Ann Marie Vernier and Corrine Rose.

Gary Knowland served as best man with groomsmen Todd Willoughby and



Edward George. Scott Page and Jory Leedy served as ushers. Program attendant was Sgt. George Page, U.S. Marine Corps.

The couple received guests at Indianwood Country Club in Lake Orion. They are making their home in Gainesville, Fla.

## Walkuski-Platz

Lisa Walkuski of Livonia and George Platz of Oakland were married June 26 in St. Colette Catholic Church by the Rev. Joseph Ferens. She is the daughter of Peter and Doreen Walkuski of Livonia and he is the son of Patricia Platz of Troy.

The bride is a graduate of Franklin High School and Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree. She is attending Wayne State University Law School and will graduate in 1995.

The groom is a graduate of Avondale High School and Michigan Tech University, where he earned a bachelor's degree. He is employed by Spalding-DeDecker & Associates in Madison Heights as a licensed professional surveyor.

Sister of the bride Linda Millard served as matron of honor with bridesmaids Lori Taube, sister of the bride, and Marianne Willaert, sister of the bridegroom. Trista Platz served as flower girl.

Brother of the bridegroom Carl Platz served as best man with groomsmen Kurt Platz, brother of the bridegroom,



and Larry Walkuski, brother of the bride.

The couple received guests at Corsi's in Livonia before leaving on a trip to Alaska. They are making their home in Oakland Township.



## Beggs-Brown

Larry and Jeanette Beggs of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty Michelle, to Alan Ray Brown, son of the Rev. Calvin and Teresa Brown of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and is employed by Dr. Daryl Howell as a medical assistant.

Her fiance is a graduate of Garden City High School and Schoolcraft College. He is a licensed emergency medical technician/firefighter. He is employed by Ford-Michigan Truck Plant.

A December wedding is planned in Garden City Free Will Baptist Church.



## Pogarch-Rimanelli

Sue and Bill Kack of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Christine Pogarch, to James Gino Rimanelli of Livonia, son of Gino and Ghislaine Rimanelli of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, daughter of the late Don Pogarch, is a graduate of Redford Union High School and Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is employed as a unit manager by Phillip Morris.

Her fiance is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is employed by Gino DeRoma in Farmington.

A January 1994 wedding is planned in St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.



## Duckworth-Sage

Benjamin and Barbara Duckworth of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Duckworth of West Chester, Pa., to John Patrick Sage of West Chester, son of Gerald and Virginia Sage of Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Schoolcraft College, where she earned an associate in science degree. She is employed by Total Living Comfort as an office manager.

Her fiance is a graduate of Forest Park High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and of Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He is employed by LNP Engineering Plastics as a product manager.

A March 1994 wedding is planned in St. Paul's Monastery.



## Stefani-Burke

Jeanette May of Canton and William Stefani of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Marie Stefani, to Jeffrey Charles Burke, son of Louis and Helen Burke of Dearborn and the late Carol Burke.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and attends Oakland Community College. She is employed by a publishing company in Troy.

Her fiance is a graduate of Oak Park High School and is employed at a construction company in Romulus.

A January 1994 wedding is planned at Addison Oaks in Leonard, Mich.

## Silver-Arnold

Gary and Geri Silver of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Ann, to Jeffrey Arnold, son of Larry and Joyce Arnold of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Michigan National Bank.

Her fiance is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed by Comerica Bank.

An August 1994 wedding is planned at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford.



## O'Connell-Harris

Michael and Sandra O'Connell of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Marie, to Randal Wayne Harris, son of Russell and Beverly Harris of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of South Lyon High School and is attending Oakland Community College. She is employed by Chili's Grill & Bar.

Her fiance is a graduate of Churchill High School and Lawrence Technological University, where he earned a degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by Bayview Electrical Co.

A March 1994 wedding is planned in St. Paul of the Cross Monastery.



## Brynski-Walz

Henry and Barbara Brynski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynn, to William Robert Walz, son of Robert and Patricia Walz of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is employed by Jacobson's in Livonia as a sales associate.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and is employed by Jacobson's in Livonia in the maintenance department.

An April 1994 wedding is planned in St. Colette Church, Livonia.



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## Hurley-Sheridan

Jerry and Sylvia Hurley of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynne C., to Thomas P. Sheridan of Farmington Hills, son of Maurice and Marjorie Sheridan of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Fordson High School and is working as a legal assistant for the law offices of James F. Schouman & Associates in Dearborn. She is planning to get a real estate license.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Dearborn High School, Michigan State University with a business administration degree and the University of Georgia with a master's degree in business administration. He is a real estate broker for Century 21-Curran & Johnson in Dearborn Heights.

A February 1994 wedding is planned in Divine Child Church, Dearborn.



## Dauncey-Cady

Kristine Sandra Cady and Rudy James Dauncey were married Nov. 13 in Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westland by the Rev. Myron Sordahl. She is the daughter of Gary and Joan Cady of Canton and he is the son of Burton and Wilma Dauncey of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is employed as a dental assistant.

The groom is a graduate of Kennedy Collegiate Institute and is employed by Trillium Communications in Windsor as a service technician.

Jennifer Miller served as matron of honor with flower girl Sara Dauncey.

Jim St. Louis served as best man with groomsmen Robert Cherwak.

The couple received guests at the Plymouth Cultural Center before leaving on a trip to Aruba. They are making their home in Windsor.



## Simonton-Reid

Deborah Reid of Saginaw, Mich., and Jeffrey Simonton of Farmington Hills were married Sept. 18 in Orson, Pa. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Reid of Saginaw and he is the son of Rosemarie Simonton of Farmington Hills and Jack Simonton of Huntington Woods.

The bride is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University, with a bachelor's degree in business administration/finance, and is employed as a financial analyst by First of America.

The groom is a graduate of Michigan State University, with a bachelor's degree in telecommunications, and is employed as a production photographer by WEYI-TV.

The couple received guests at The Inn At Starlight Lake, Starlight, Pa., before leaving on a trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They are making their home in Saginaw.



## Collins-Hinkle

Pamela M. Collins and Bruce A. Hinkle were married Oct. 2 in Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Livonia by the Rev. Kip Gravelle. She is the daughter of Leon and Marie Collins of Westland and he is the son of Duane and Pat Hinkle of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Franklin High School and is employed as an assistant manager at Fashion Bug.

The groom is also a graduate of Franklin High School and is attending Lawrence Technological University. He is employed by Roush Electronics.

Sonja Emmons served as matron of honor with bridesmaids Terry Ramsay, Melissa Hinkle and Ramona Kalinovick. Chelsey Ramsay served as flower girl.

Paul Kalinovick served as best man with groomsmen Bob Ramsay, David Hinkle and David Collins. Jordan Ramsay served as ringbearer.

The couple received guests at the Joy Manor in Livonia before leaving on



a trip to Maine. They are making their home in Redford.

## Bartman-Pitera

James Bartman of Livonia announces the engagement of his daughter, Shellie Lynn, to Robert Anthony Pitera, son of Judith Ann Pitera of Westland and Lawrence Pitera of Fowlerville.

The bride-to-be, daughter of the late Carolyn Bartman, graduated from Franklin High School and received an associate degree in science from Schoolcraft College. She is attending the University of Michigan, pursuing a doctor of pharmacy degree. She is employed by Specialized Pharmacy Services in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Franklin High School and received an associate degree from Schoolcraft College in applied science. He is attending Lawrence Technological University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in engineering technology. He is employed by CPI Engineering in Canton.

A July 1994 wedding is planned in St. Theodore Church, Westland.



## VanWasshnova-Theiring

Richard and Diane VanWasshnova of Trenton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa J., to Scott C. Theiring, son of James and Maureen Theiring of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Carlson High School in Gibraltar and the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is attending graduate school at the University of Michigan for her master's degree in social work. She is employed as a social worker at Wayne County Friend of the Court in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and the University of Michigan, where he earned a bachelor's degree in engineering. He is attending graduate school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., for a materials science engineering degree. He was formerly an engineer for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.



A March 1994 wedding is planned in St. Edith Church, Livonia.

## Stanko-Stoner

Kristen Stoner and Jeffrey Stanko were married May 24 on a cruise ship in Miami, Fla. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stoner of Milford and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stanko of Troy.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Madonna University. She is employed by Allied Electronics.

The groom is a graduate of Warren High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed by Mervyn's.

The couple received guests on the Dolphin IV ship with 44 guests attending the wedding and cruise for five days. Following the trip to Key West, Fla., the newlyweds are making their home in Farmington Hills.



## Griffith-Lucido

Laura Griffith of Plymouth and Michael Lucido of Northville are planning a September 1994 wedding in Northville.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a graduate degree from Loyola University in Chicago. She is employed as an analyst in market research by R.L. Polk.

Her fiancé is a graduate of GMI and is employed by General Motors in the Cadillac Division as a software engineer.



## Celski-Tappan

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Celski of New Baltimore, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Ann, to Keith Allan Tappan Jr. of Livonia, son of JoAnne Tappan of Livonia and Keith Tappan Sr. of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be, a former Livonia resident living in Farmington, is a graduate of Churchill High School and is employed by Hampton Inn in Southfield as director of sales.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is an account executive for his commercial insurance agency, K.A.

An April 1994 wedding is planned in St. Michael's Church, Livonia.



## Huddy-McCallum

Jaime Lynn McCallum of Livonia and Peter Edwin Huddy of Novi were married Sept. 4 in St. Andrew Church by the Rev. Robert Clapp. She is the daughter of Mary-Jo and Michael Calvin of Livonia and he is the son of Barbara and Albert Huddy of Novi.

The bride is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Kalamazoo Community College. She is employed as an office manager by Anderson Debartolo Pon, an architectural firm in San Francisco.

The groom is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed as an operations manager by ABC Management in San Francisco.

Pauline Williams served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Ursula Flemming, Kristen McCallum and Suzanne Huddy.

Jonathan Huddy served as best man with groomsmen Michale Wojick, Robert McCallum and Steve Kuphal.

The couple received guests at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia before



leaving on a trip to Cancun, Mexico. They are making their home in San Francisco, Calif.

## Weaver-Davis

Charles and Gloria Weaver of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Gloria Jean Weaver of Clinton Township, to Keith Allen Davis of Clinton Township, son of Leonard and Kathleen Davis of Clinton Township.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree and Spring Arbor College with a bachelor of arts degree in human resources. She is completing a master's in science administration at Central Michigan University. She is employed by Chrysler Corp. as an analyst.

Her fiancé is a graduate of L'Anse au Loup High School, the University of Detroit with a bachelor's degree in accounting and Wayne State University with a master's of business administration. He is employed by Henry Ford Health System as an accountant.

A May 1994 wedding is planned in Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Detroit.



## Lindman-Micale

Robin Lynn Micale and Brian Patrick Lindman were married Aug. 14 at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton by Dr. Roland DeRenzo. She is the daughter of Tom and Janet Micale of Canton and he is the son of Mark and Pam Lindman of Canton.

The bride and groom are both seniors at Eastern Michigan University.

Wendy Sly served as matron of honor with bridesmaids Rosanna Guimmi, Sheri Aiello and Andrea Campbell.

Todd Lichon served as best man with groomsmen Jason Lindman, Chris Lindman and Mark Micale.

The couple received guests at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor before leaving on a trip to Martha's Vineyard. They are making their home in Redford.



## Lawton-Gaffney

William and Jeanette Lawton of Menominee, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Jane Lawton of Marquette, Mich., to Joseph Anthony Gaffney of Marquette, son of Richard and Betty Gaffney of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Menominee High School and Northern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. She is employed by First of America Bank in Marquette.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Thurston High School and is a student at Northern Michigan University. He will graduate in May 1995 with a degree in speech communications and a minor in management.

A May 1994 wedding is planned in Menominee.



## Mulder-Bauer

John and Elinore Mulder of Farmington Hills, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer A., to Lee H. Bauer of Grosse Pointe, son of Robert and Lynn Bauer of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Michigan State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business. She received a master's of science degree from GMI. She is employed by Ford Motor Co. in the electronics division.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and Wayne State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in engineering. He is employed by R.L. Bauer Inc. as a sales engineer.

A summer 1994 wedding is planned.



## Hauman-Micyus

Shelly Lee Hauman of Farmington Hills and Edward Thomas Micyus Jr. of Sterling Heights were married Nov. 6 in Lake Tahoe, Nev. She is the daughter of Harry and Sandy Hauman of Royal Oak and he is the son of Larry and Mike Hirschfield of Rochester Hills.

The bride is employed by Weight Watchers in Farmington Hills. The groom is employed by Electronic Data Systems in Romulus.

They are making their home in Sterling Heights.



## Felt-Dougherty

Danny and Jennie Felt of Grand Blanc, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Lee, to Martin James Dougherty of Birmingham, son of Robert and Elizabeth Dougherty of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University School of Education and is employed as a first-grade teacher in the Grand Blanc Community School District.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Detroit Business School with a bachelor of science/marketing degree. He is employed by R.J. Dougherty and Associates Inc. in Farmington Hills.

A June 1994 wedding is planned in First Congregational United Church of Christ.



## Monroe-Fisher

Jane Marie Fisher and Christopher Roy Monroe were married Aug. 7 in Immaculate Conception Church in Salem, Mass., by the Rev. Fred Guthrie. She is the daughter of John and Betty Fisher of Fairport, N.Y., and he is the son of Charles and Mary Monroe of Livonia.

The bride and groom are graduates of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

She is an actuary employed by Life Partners Group in Denver. He received a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Colorado and is employed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder.

Beth Fisher and Mary Ann Erickson served as maid and matron of honor.

Douglas Monroe served as best man.

The couple received guests at the Hawthorne Hotel Ballroom in Salem before leaving on a trip to Paris and Brittany. They are making their home in Lakewood, Colo.



## Hellner-Grabinski

Jacqueline Ann Hellner and Terrence Robert Grabinski were married Aug. 28 in St. Patrick's Church, Ann Arbor, by the Rev. Joseph Immel. She is the daughter of David and Ann Hellner of Ann Arbor, and he is the son of Eugene and Sandra Grabinski of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Flint with a master's degree in physical therapy. She is employed by Providence Hospital in Southfield.

The groom is employed by Burger King in Farmington Hills as a manager.

Pamela Donner served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Dawn Reed, sister of the bride, Nancy Hellner, sister of the bride, Debi Reish and Judy Grabinski, sister of the bridegroom.

Scott Reid served as best man with groomsmen Geno Grabinski, brother of the bridegroom, Tony Hellner, brother of the bride, and Paul Cote.

The couple received guests at the Barnstomer in Whitmore Lake before



leaving on a trip to Colorado. They are making their home in Farmington Hills.

## Poupard-Redman

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Poupard of Southgate announce the engagement of their daughter, Shari Lynn, to Michael Thomas Redman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Redman of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Southgate Anderson High School and is employed by Dick Genthe Chevrolet as a service representative.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration/marketing, and is employed as a sign-off planner for Carron & Company, representing Ford Motor Co.

A September 1994 wedding is planned in St. Mary's of Wayne.



## Cotton-Anthony

James T. and Monserrate Cotton of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Georgina, to Kenneth Raymond Anthony, son of Ken and Sue Anthony of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and attended Henry Ford Community College. She is employed by Ryan's Family Steakhouse.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School and graduated from Emergency Education Inc. He is employed by Prescribed Oxygen Specialists.

A May 1994 wedding is planned in Temple Baptist Church.



## Tsoucaris-Woods

Valissa Ann Tsoucaris and Jeffrey A. Woods were married May 30 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Greektown. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James S. Tsoucaris of Northville and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Woods of Muskegon, Mich.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and is an attorney in Denver, Colo.

The groom holds a master's degree in public health and is a medical consultant. The couple met at U-M.

The couple received guests at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle before leaving on a trip to Mexico. They are making their home in Denver.



## Hammer-Thorne

Mary Beth Hammer and Daniel Logan Thorne were married May 8 in Christ The King Lutheran Church in Livonia. She is the daughter of Hewitt and Janice Hammer of Livonia, and he is the son of Walter and Eleanor Wicinski of Fraser.

The bride is employed as a registered nurse in the oncology unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The groom is employed at a life insurance company in Southfield and is a freelance copywriter.

Colleen Dagher served as matron of honor with bridesmaid Marcia Truran.

Mark McCauley served as best man with groomsman Micah Stadnik.

The couple traveled in lower Michigan for their honeymoon. They are making their home in Ypsilanti.



## Williams-Blair

Christine Marie Williams and Stephen Hoyt Blair were married Oct. 23 in Golden Rings Wedding Chapel by the Rev. Elizabeth Cornejo. The bride is the daughter of Lawrence and Jacqueline Williams of Westland, and the bridegroom is the son of Hoyt Blair of Westland and the late Patricia Blair.

The bride is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Providence Hospital as a critical care nurse.

The groom is also a graduate of John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan. He is employed as a security officer at NWS Inc. and in Inkster as an auxiliary reserve police officer.

Susan Williams and Linda Mantey served as maids of honor with bridesmaid Debby Wiczorek.

Matt Blair and Chris Kunkle served as best men with groomsman Matt Lemerand.

The couple received guests at Lerights Banquet Hall in Westland before



leaving on a cruise to Catalina and the California coastline. They are making their home in Westland.

## Neagley-LaFrance

Bruce Neagley of West Bloomfield and Patricia Webb of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Neagley of Northville, to Michael LaFrance of Livonia, son of Ronald and Patricia LaFrance of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Madonna University. She is employed by Universal Electric Products Co. as an industrial sales representative.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is employed by Superior Floors as a sales representative.

An April 1994 wedding in Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi is planned.



## Wojciechowski-Tank

Jerome and Elizabeth Wojciechowski of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Paulette Lynn, to Robert Lewis Tank, son of Robert and Diane Tank of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and is employed as a secretary by Ultracom.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne State University and is employed by Klein and Stoorman as an attorney.

A May 1994 wedding is planned in Divine Child Church.



## Prokes-Feasel

James and Sherry Prokes of Detroit announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Prokes of Dearborn Heights, to Jeffrey Paul Feasel of Dearborn Heights, son of Ronald Feasel of Westland and Gail Hartley of Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Agatha High School and attended Madonna University. She is employed by George Matick Chevrolet.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Garden City High School and is employed by Stage & Co.

A September 1994 wedding is planned in St. Agatha Church.



## Myny-Albanelli

Anna Albanelli and Craig R. Myny were married Oct. 2 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Albanelli of Farmington Hills, and he is the son of James A. Myny of Macomb.

The bride is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed by Ford Motor Co.

The groom is also a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed by Builders Square.

The couple received guests at Vladimir's of Farmington before leaving on a trip to Aruba. They are making their home in Troy.



## Riordan-Templin

Kelley Renee Riordan and Lee Frace Templin announce their engagement. She is the daughter of the late William and Jacqueline Riordan of Metamora and he is the son of Donald and Phyllis Templin of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is employed by NTE Manufacturing in Grand Blanc as an office manager.

Her fiancé is employed by Erickson & Lindstrom Construction Company in Flint as a project manager.

A February wedding is planned at Glen Gables Chapel in Flushing, Mich.



## Carmichael-Smeltekop

Jenna Marie Carmichael of Garden City and Keith Guy Smeltekop of New Boston were married in a candlelight ceremony Dec. 1 in Cupid's Wedding Chapel, Las Vegas, Nev. She is the daughter of Joann Marie Lada of Garden City, and he is the son of Betty Smeltekop of New Boston.

The bride is self-employed. The groom is employed by Wayne County as an equipment operator.

The couple received guests in Las Vegas, where they took their honeymoon. They are making their home in Garden City.



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## McGill-Ozog

Robert W. and Helen McGill of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn-Marie, to David Matthew Ozog, son of John A. and Kathryn Sue Ozog of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as a paralegal at the law firm of Daguanno and Accettura in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed by Hospital Reimbursement Specialists in Novi as director of marketing.

A June 1994 wedding is planned in St. Colette Church, Livonia.



## Monteith-Warren

John L. Monteith of Plymouth and Jacqueline L. Monteith of Temucala, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Ann, to William R. Warren of Plymouth, son of William R. Warren of Charlotte and Ruth Warren of Fowlerville.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is employed by St. Mary Hospital.

Her fiancé is employed by the city of Plymouth Fire Department.

A May 1994 wedding is planned in First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



## Mannes-DeGrazia

Tracy Ann DeGrazia of Plymouth and James David Mannes of Scotts, Mich., were married Aug. 21 in Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth by the Rev. John Sullivan. She is the daughter of Thomas and Sally DeGrazia of Plymouth and he is the son of David and Joyce Mannes of Climax, Mich.

The bride is a graduate of Western Michigan University.

The groom attended Western Michigan University and is self-employed.

Sister of the bride Kim Adler served as matron of honor with bridesmaids Kelly Oliver and Lisa Iselli, sisters of the bride, and Lori Cale.

Andy Wedel served as best man with groomsmen Andy Jerue, Rob Robinson and Steve Mannes, brother of the bridegroom. Andy Mannes, brother of the bridegroom, served as usher. Michael Adler served as ringbearer.

The couple received guests at Fox Hills Country Club before leaving on a



trip to Jamaica. They are making their home on Pickeral Lake, Scotts, Mich.

## Schimizze-Rieboldt

Anthony and Ingrid Schimizze of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Anita Rachel, to Robert Blake Rieboldt, son of Anne and Bob Rieboldt of Marquette, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University and teaches preschool in Canton.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is deputy sheriff in the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.

A fall 1994 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



## Pegrum-Sullivan

Elizabeth Jane Sullivan of Plymouth and Robert C. Pegrum of Northville were married July 17 in First Presbyterian Church, Northville, by the Rev. James Russell. She is the daughter of Jerome and Jean Sullivan of Plymouth and he is the son of Bruce and Edith Pegrum of Northville.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Ferris State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree. She is employed by the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.


The groom is a graduate of Northville High School and Ferris State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree. He is employed by Belanger Inc. in Northville.

Tamara Sierens was maid of honor. David Malinowski was the best man.

The couple received guests at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn before leaving on a trip to Lake Michigan.



They are making their home in Farmington Hills.



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